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SOURCE	\$ AMOUNT	PROGRAM
LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS	\$80,000	Tots on Track for Schools (TOTS)
LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS	\$80,000	Technology Plan
FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC., 1ST CONG. UCC	\$50,000	Food Pantry & Thrift Shop
LOWELL CHARTER TWP	\$50,000	Community Park & Recreational Area
CITY OF LOWELL	\$40,000	Englehardt Public Library (reducing bond payments)
CITY OF LOWELL	\$30,000	Stabilize & preserve the many historic buildings in Lowell
CITY OF LOWELL	\$30,000	Creation of a multi-functional space to house LACC & Visitor's Center
LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS	\$25,000	Scholarship opportunities for children
KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR	\$20,000	Renovate the "B" horse barn & King Memorial Building
LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS	\$17,000	Scholarship program for graduating seniors from the Lowell Area
LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL ASSOC.	\$10,000	Create a Lowell Area Historical Museum
LOWELL SHOWBOAT	\$10,000	Repair & maintain the historic Lowell Showboat
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$10,000	Construct two Lowell Community Habitat homes for low-income families
CITY OF LOWELL	\$7,500	Cover Preliminary planning related to establishing facilities for recreational & community purposes
LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL CTR.	\$5,000	Bring together and enhance the arts
LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION	\$1,000	To produce & mail a calendar to all Lowell Area School students.

## Grant Day Arrives

••• There were 16 programs ranging from the establishment of a food pantry and thrift shop to a historical museum to innovative educational opportunities which were awarded grants from the first of "lifetime dividends" from the Englehardt bequest/Lowell Area Community Fund.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grants totaling \$465,500, from the nearly \$600,000 of earnings available, were awarded through the Lowell Area Community Fund Tuesday.

The grants, supported by earnings derived from the \$12 million bequest left to Lowell by Harold Englehardt, are awarded one year and six days after the Lowell community learned of it.

Of the 21 requests, 16 programs were awarded with grants. The sum of all grants requested was \$1.154 million. "Harold would be incredibly proud to see his vision and love for Lowell moving

forward," said John Darling, a great nephew of Englehardt and one of five members of an advisory committee overseeing the fund with the Grand Rapids Foundation.

The grants awarded ranged from educational opportunities for kids, a community recreation area, a historical museum, and improvements to the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds.

(\$30,000 in 1998) to establish a food pantry and thrift shop in the Lowell area.

Lowell Charter Township will use its \$50,000 grant to help develop a community park and recreational area.

"I am pleased the township was recognized and rewarded. This will help us get it off the ground," said township supervisor John

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A great nephew of Harold Englehardt and one of five members of an advisory committee.

## Gustafson and Nugent win four-year seats in school board election

••• Incumbent garner highest number of votes; Nugent edges Canfield by a mere six votes.

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

One incumbent and a newcomer will fill two four-year term school seats on the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education.

With about eight percent of the voters going to the polls

VOTE	LOWELL	BOWNE	VERGENNES	TOTALS
	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	
Deb Canfield	247	30	156	433... 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pete Gustafson*	295	43	250	588... 1 <sup>st</sup>
Pat Nugent	182	48	209	439... 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Paul Young	52	11	53	116... 4 <sup>th</sup>

Monday, incumbent Pete Gustafson received the most votes with 588. Coming in second was newcomer Pat Nugent with 439 votes. Candidate Deb Canfield came in

at a close third with 433 votes while candidate Paul Young (fourth) received 116 votes.

The top two vote-getters, Gustafson and Nugent, will fill the two vacant seats. That

is, of course, unless the Board of Canvasses says otherwise. Because of the close race between Nugent and Canfield,

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## "No boat rocking" in LHS's 120th commencement

••• The first class to attend the new high school all four years, begins life's next chapter.

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

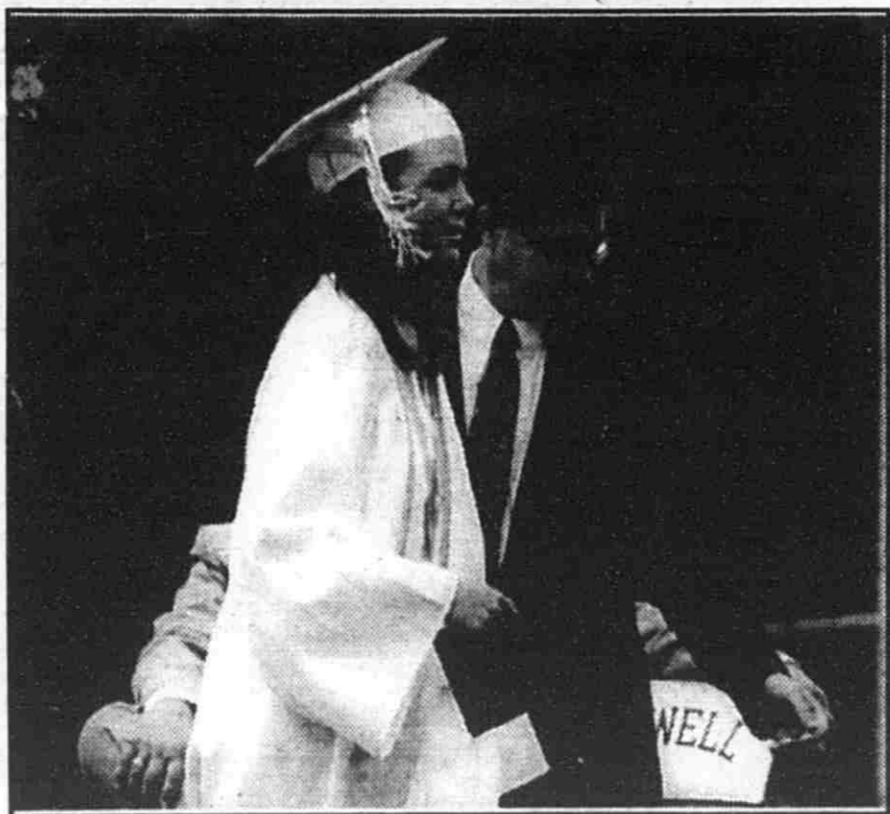
Mother Nature gave a threat of raining on their parade. And except for the cloudy skies and occasional feel of rain, that was all it was—a very vague threat.

The Lowell High School's 120th Commencement, featuring the Class of 1998, went off pretty much without a hitch. That is if you don't count the water droplets in a few par-

ents' eyes and the "hooray" from relatives and friends as the graduates accepted their diplomas Sunday afternoon at the high school's Red Arrow Stadium.

The 201 students marked a milestone in the high school's history, according to Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw. They were the first class to attend all four years at the new high school, located on Alden Nash Road, which Vashaw said perhaps "best reflects the location of this service." Breaking a long tradition of having

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Angie Young was one of 201 graduates to receive their diploma on Sunday. More graduation pictures, page 25. Grad Photos are courtesy Skye Fisher.

Four of the 15 grants awarded went toward the continuing development of children's education.

"That is in direct relationship with Englehardt's desire and the importance he placed on education," said Grand Rapids Foundation president Diana Sieger.

The amount of the 16 grants ranged from \$80,000 to \$1,000. Sieger said it is safe to assume that what was requested by each organization and what they were awarded did not match.

There were two \$80,000 grants. These were for a Tots on Track for Schools (TOTS) innovative program (\$40,000 for 1997-98) geared for children 0-5; and for the Lowell Area Schools technology plan to provide hardware, software and training for students, staff and the community.

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc., received \$50,000

Timpson. "It will also help in our request for a matching grant from the DNR. The township will continue to work at it until there is enough money for the park."

Earnings from the return on investment were used for grant funds.

"If there is an exploding need to have more money invested back into the community, then an adjustment can be made," Sieger explained.

Of the \$600,000 available for grants, \$134,500 was not distributed. Sieger said the remaining money would be available to be spent in the next fiscal year.

The Kent County Youth Fair received a \$20,000 grant to renovate the "B" horse barn and the King Memorial building.

"We're thrilled. It really means a lot that the Lowell Englehardt, cont'd. pg. 8

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## OBITUARIES

**DAVERMAN** - Star J. Daverman, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Lowell, passed away peacefully at her home Friday, June 5, 1998, after a long fight with lung disease. She is sadly missed but will finally rest in peace. She was born in Grand Rapids on December 25, 1940. She spent many years in radio broadcasting at station WATT in Cadillac before becoming a full-time mother. She is survived by her loving husband Gary; children Damian and Tom of Indianapolis, IN, John and Kendra Harris of Grand Rapids, MI, Delaire and Ed Tibbits of Mobile, AL, Dresden and Hank Taylor of Jacksonville, Florida, Ramsey and Sandy

Harris of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Duane Daverman of Kentwood, Micki and John Osburn of Gowen; two brothers Matt Howerda, Malcolm Howerda; sister Kathy Bontekoe; mother-in-law Claudia Daverman; 12 grandchildren, along with many other special friends and relatives. As she requested, no memorial service is being held.

**KAMPS** - The Lord took to glory our beloved wife and mother, Lisa Kamps (Tamminga), aged 33, of Alto, on Friday, June 5, 1998. She is survived by husband Paul; her children Travis, Tyler, Lexi and Luke; her parents Louis and Eleanor

Tamminga; brothers Todd, Tim and his fiancée Kristin Rozema and her son Dustin; her father-in-law and mother-in-law Marminus and Marjorie Kamps; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Bernie and Laurie Kamps, Eugene and Sharon Kamps, Darlene and Larry Bertsch, Doreen and Joe Dykstra, Rebecca and Steven Barnard; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Brian and mother-in-law Doris Kamps. Funeral services were held Monday at the Beverly United Reformed Church with the Rev. Pete Adams officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Dutton Christian School.

**OSBURN** - Clare P. Osburn, aged 38, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, June 7, 1998. He was preceded in death by

his father Mark L. Sr. He is survived by his wife Kimberly; children Jessica and Clare II; mother Freda Osburn; brothers James Wert, David (Marilyn) Wert, Mark Jr. (Susan) Osburn; sisters Francis Radds, Roseanne Osburn; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**PAULSEN** - Euphemia (Effie) Paulsen, aged 80, of Fenton, formerly of Lowell, passed away May 31, 1998 at her home. She was born on December 14, 1917. She was preceded in death by her husband Ival and son John. She is survived by a daughter Beverly (Jerry) Welch and a son Vern (Sue) Paulsen; four grandchildren Bradley

Paulsen, Noelle (Dave) Hone, Stephen and Lisa Paulsen. She was a life member of Cyclamen Chapter O.E.S. of Lowell and a dual member at Fenton chapter. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 4, in Holly, MI.

**STRUTZ** - Mrs. Elizabeth Strutz, aged 86, widow of August, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Monday, June 1, 1998. She is survived by one daughter Dorothy and

Patrick Hoag of Lowell; one son Robert Strutz of Grand Rapids; two granddaughters Beth and Susan Hoag; one sister Lanta Tafelsky; nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held Saturday at South Congregational Church, corner of Madison and Alger, the Rev. Ronald Skidmore officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International.

### Teen dances begin June 22 at the Showboat Park

Summer is here! What can our teens do? We have an answer for six Monday nights. There will be dances held at the Showboat Park from 8-11 p.m. on June 22 and 29, and July 6, 13, 20, and 27. The Lowell High School Student Council has been very active in the support and planning of these dances. We thank the Showboat committee for their gracious support and encouragement of this community event. To get the area ready, there will be a "general clean up" on Friday, June 19, beginning at 1 p.m. Do you remember how much we got done last spring when we cleaned up the river? We will do the same this year with the Showboat and area. We invite all area teens to come and help this day, and then come to ALL the Monday dances. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Gordon Barry (897-5936, office; 897-8267, home).

### SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY 18, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

- Public Hearing - Jordan Meadows PUD Request
- Minutes of the April 20, 1998 Meeting
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices, including Williams & Works invoice for Comprehensive Plan project
- Designated Open Space Easement with Specifications for William Schreuer, Jr.
- Amendments to FY '97 Budget
- Preliminary Approval for Jordan Meadows PUD
- Appointments to: Planning Commission, Construction Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, and Historical Commission
- Petition to Planning Commission for Consideration of Ordinance Change Regarding Licensed Child Care Facilities
- Road Commission Work Order to Gravel Burroughs Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Mari C. Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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### Internet VA Insurance hoax resurfaces

**Editor's Note:** In the June 3 edition of the Lowell Ledger a story entitled "Bill entitles veterans to monetary dividend" was printed. The information contained in the story is incorrect and should be dismissed. The Ledger apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

A message on the Internet has caused some confusion among veterans who have VA insurance policies. False information about dividends appears periodically. These announcements declare that Congress has recently passed a bill which entitles veterans and service persons to a dividend based upon their prior years of service and are part of a recurring problem of misinformation that dates back to 1965.

Unfortunately, this misinformation unnecessarily raises the expectations of veterans and service personnel and detracts from the VA's ability to serve veterans. The dividend "hoax," as it is referred to, had its origins in a special dividend that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), then known as the Veterans Administration, did pay to World War II veterans who had National Service Life Insurance policies.

Approximately \$2.7 billion was paid in 1950 to over 16 million of these veterans under the "1948 special divi-

dent." Some time in 1965, the special dividend news announcements of 15 years earlier resurfaced and were mistakenly published by several newspapers. The special dividend had already been paid out to virtually all eligible government life insurance policyholders and there was no new special dividend. VA moved quickly to educate the news media, but some well-meaning individuals and organizations began to publish the announcements in smaller publications, newsletters and fliers.

The actual scope of the original dividend became fictionalized and some publications declared the dividend available to all veterans (not just World War II) and even to those who never carried government life insurance while in the service.

The latest rumor is that active service persons, reservists and personnel separated within the last few years are eligible. The 1948 special dividend program required veterans to apply for the payment. Over the years the dividend story has prompted hundreds of thousands of veterans to write and "apply" for this benefit. Although the amount of letters has fluctuated, the VA has received as

**The answer to this week's Whitecaps trivia question: Name the youngest Detroit Tiger to win a major league batting title? Al Kaline, he was 20.**

many as 15-20,000 inquiries per week about this dividend in the past.

Because of the volume of these requesters for a nonexistent benefit, Congress passed a law in 1970 that prohibited payment of any special dividend declared prior to 1952 unless the application was received before 1954.

There has been no recent legislation authorizing any special dividends. Dividends are not payable to current service members insured under Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) or Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI). SGLI and VGLI are group policies and, therefore, do not pay dividends.

For your information, VA continues to pay routine dividends on several policy series, but only to veterans who have kept their policies in force. These veterans receive their dividends automatically on the anniversary date of their individual policy. They do not have to apply. Contact your local VA Regional Office, 1-800-827-1000, or the VFW Service office, 313-964-6510 for additional assistance or information on your VA insurance policy. Or contact the VA web site - [www.va.gov/oig/hotline/news1.htm](http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/news1.htm)

### School district inks a one-year deal with food service employees

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a one-year contract with its food service employees at its Monday night regular board meeting.

The new contract would give the employees a 3.75 percent increase, which is in line with what other school employees are receiving, according to school administrators. The contract would also

### School district receives two gifts of \$500

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education accepted \$1,000 in donations at its Monday night meeting.

The Alto Lions Club donated \$500 to be used by the Alto Elementary School to provide books for the second grade Reader Computer program.

Also the Marie Crowley Charitable Foundation donated \$500 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools Readiness program.

Board president Pete Gustafson thanked the donors for their generous gifts.

## CONGRATS

To Our Two Awesome Nephews:  
**JOHN & JOE MENDEZ**

On their 1st and 3rd place finishes at the State Freestyle Wrestling Tournament!  
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See you at the family reunion in August!

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Uncle Norm & Aunt Marianne  
Uncle Joe & Aunt Marie  
Uncle Mike & Aunt Therese  
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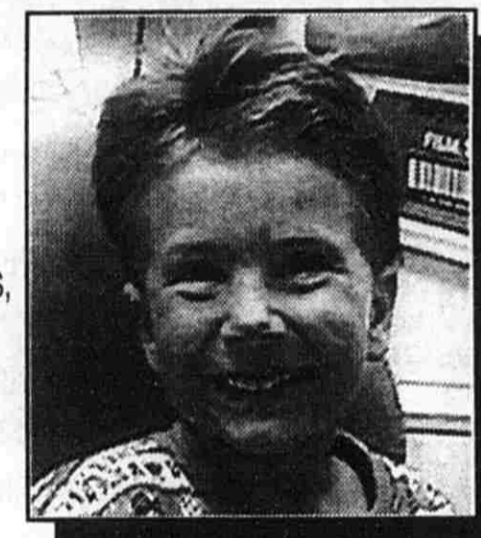
#### MAY SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Jeffrey Baker

AGE:.....4 years old

BIRTHDAY.....3/30/94

HOBBIES.....Playing with cars, Indians, cowboys & guns.



Jeffrey receives a prize for his great checkup.

### May "No Cavities" Club Members

Jenny Humphries  
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Amanda Ezinga  
Krista Foster  
Nate Morrison  
Ricky Owens  
Joe Sweet

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# Reflections

By Faith

By Robert Holmes  
Pastor of Christian Life Center  
Assembly of God, Lowell

## The Greatest Miracle of all

Have you ever stood and gazed up into a starlit sky on a clear night? Have you ever viewed the mysterious Northern Lights in the northern United States? Have you ever stood in wonderment at the beauty of a sunset as the sun dips behind a mountainous horizon?

I'm sure we've all been awestricken as we viewed these and many other spectacles of nature. Is it any wonder that David wrote in the Psalm, "The heavens declare the glory of the Lord, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Psalm 19:1.

There are about 3,000 stars visible to the unaided eye. The ancient Greeks thought there were only 1,080 stars. The Bible indicates that man cannot number the stars. (Gen. 15:5) Modern astronomers agree with the Bible.

Each new telescope man builds reveals more distant stars in space. Estimates are that the stars number in the trillions; however, no estimate can be considered. As far as man is concerned "the host of heaven cannot be numbered." (Jer. 33:22).

The Bible also indicates, the great distances that exist in space. "Behold the height

God is the Creator-Participant in your life. He created you in His image and breathed into you the breath of life. If you are humbled when you consider the universe and its greatness—so was David. He said in Psalm 8:3,4, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers: the moon, the stars, which thou has ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? And the Son of Man that thou visitest him?" The Bible says in Matthew that a sparrow doesn't even fall from its nest that God doesn't see it. The Bible goes on to say, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Yes, the Lord knows about you and me, and our individual circumstances. He created us, and is concerned and cares about us. We may be humbled by the universe—we should be. But that is not enough. We must humble ourselves before its Creator.

The songwriter must have the magnitude of the universe in his mind when he penned these words: "It took a miracle to hang the world in space; it took a miracle to put the stars in place, but when He saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole, it took a miracle of love and grace."

Has that miracle taken place in your life?



Kathleen Marie Johnson and Steven Thomas Barnhart

Larry and Martha Johnson, of Lake Odessa, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Marie Johnson to Steven Thomas Barnhart.

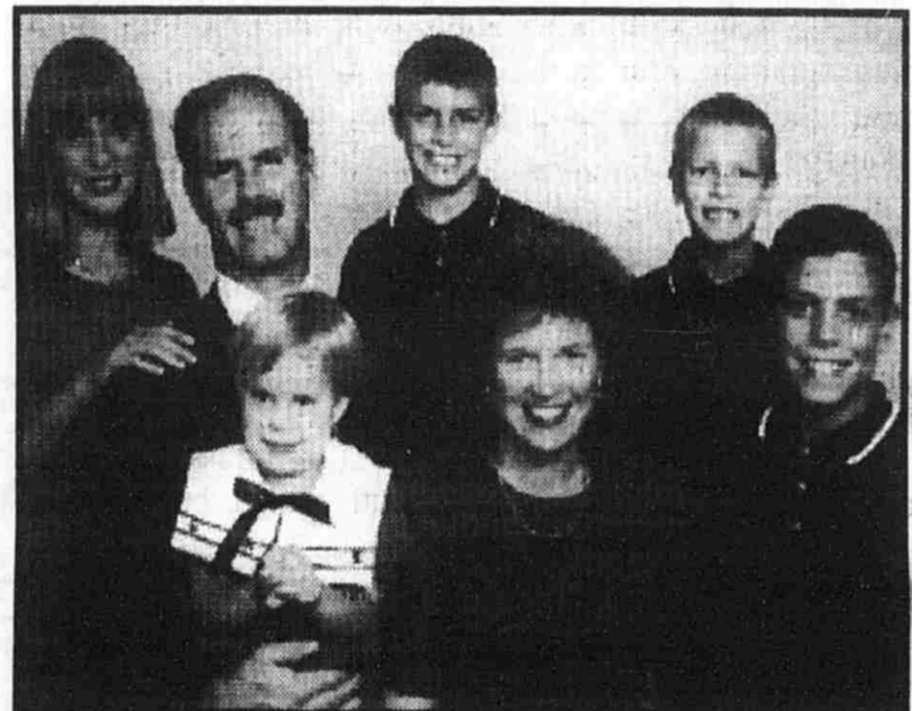
The groom-elect is the son of Frances Barnhart of Alto and James and Barb Barnhart of Lowell.

A July wedding is being planned.

## Ecuador missionary to speak at Christian Life Center

Rev. Tim Anderson, Missionary to Ecuador, will be the special guest speaker Sunday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian Life Center Assembly of God.

Ecuador is one of the most beautiful countries in the world," say missionaries Tim and Debbie Anderson of the Assemblies of God. They have served there some 10 years and feel that the towering snow-capped Andes Mountains, expansive coastal beaches and rugged, primitive jungles make Ecuador one of the best hidden secrets. "People who come here can't believe that there aren't more tourists," remarks Anderson. "All this diverse natural beauty in a country about the size of Nevada."



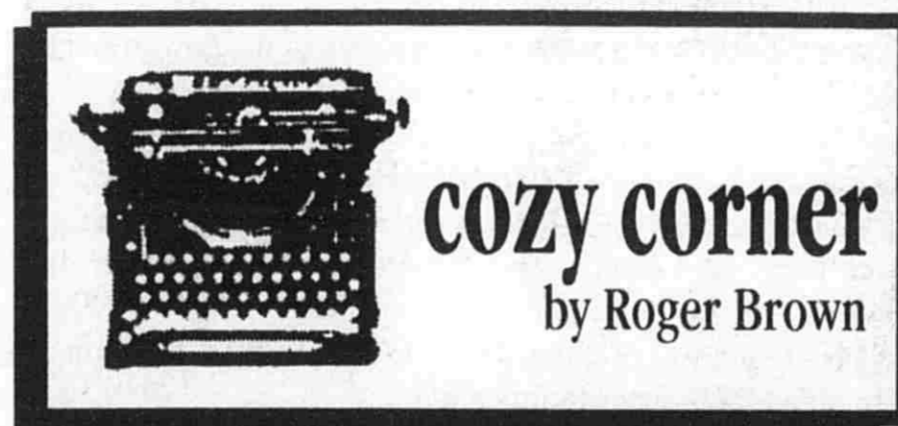
Rev. Tim and Debbie Anderson and family.

Anderson's live in the nation's capital, Quito. Quito is the third highest capital city in the world, rising to nearly two miles high in elevation. The major exports of Ecuador are petroleum, bananas, cocoa, coffee, shrimp and minerals.

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# Viewpoint . . .



Way back in February I first reported my son's purchase of an old farmhouse in Belding. Last week's column was based somewhat on "the farm," as I chronicled the amazing lack of damage we had there in the storm. Other than that, I don't believe I've written about the place since that first column. Historically, this space has more or less been a chronicle of my life for the past 20 some years. With that in mind, I find it hard to believe I haven't written about our restoration work more frequently. I feel like I'm living with a paintbrush or hammer in my hand.

My personal list of virtues is excruciatingly short. I could pencil them, and my groceries, on the back of a matchbook. It comes as no surprise that patience is nowhere to be found in with the virtues or vegetables.

Consequently, our progress on this restoration seems agonizingly slow. However, when I recount the things we've accomplished with our limited amount of free time, even I am reasonably satisfied.

A couple more nights of painting and the entire upstairs will be done. The second floor is comprised of four bedrooms, two baths and a hallway with numerous built-in cabinets and closets to paint. Our work up there included new windows, new light fixtures, all new electrical outlets, some new bathroom fixtures, etc. One bedroom had been paneled. We tore all that out and restored the plaster walls. All the floor coverings were ripped up and original hardwood floors were restored. All the ceilings, walls, doors and most of the trim have been painted. Most, not all, but most of that work has been accomplished by you-know-who. No wonder I'm tired all of the time.

The above list alone would be pretty impressive for the average handyman over a four-month period, but there is more. We've installed new garage doors. Several dumpsters have been filled as we've cleaned and ripped and torn away at the old place. The three- or four-acre yard hadn't even been mowed in two years. We have that whipped into reasonable shape. The kitchen cabinets have been painted and new

appliances installed. All the old shutters were removed in preparation for the exterior painters. (Yes, I have to admit, we hired that done. They are nearly done prepping and priming, and should start finish coats soon.) Toss in countless little projects, and all I can say is, "Whew!!!"

My parents have taken a tremendous interest in the project, and they've been a huge help. The kitchen painting and much of the yard work has been their baby. My son helps when he can, but his real job chews up most of his available time. Work is progressing, but not nearly at the pace my impatience dictates.

All this brings me to the picket fence. When I was a kid, growing up just a couple of blocks from this historic old farm, there was a white picket fence that ran along the 350-foot road frontage. The house sits up high and well back from the street, so the picket fence served to accent the property beautifully. The fence was a local landmark. It had rotted away, and the previous owner had removed it. One of the first things on my restoration list was to rebuild the fence. By the way, my restoration list is as long as my virtue list is short.

After our purchase, we found a cache of over 1,000 forty-inch 2x2s piled in one of the barns. A previous owner apparently had the same intention. It wasn't the Atocha treasure, but the pickets were a real find, nonetheless.

A design for the sections was drawn, my dad built a jig, and in one weekend he and my son constructed 35 ten-foot sections of fence. There are 21 pickets per section, each requiring four cuts to point them and four nails to attach them to the horizontal rails. No small project. Just doing the arithmetic wears me out.

Two weekends ago, the weather was simply too nice to work indoors, so we began erecting fence. The fence is constructed behind a low stone wall that fronts the property. My son was helping me, so I put his young, strong back on the post hole diggers.

His first stab at the ground was met with a resounding,

"CLUNK." Our tedious archeology soon revealed that the stone wall had been constructed atop a foundation of rocks. The rocks, ranging in size from a baseball to much larger than my head, and I have a fat head, were probably the result of clearing the land way back when. To make matters worse, the rock foundation seemed to be held together with some crumbly old mortar. This was very bad news to an impatient guy like me. My lack of virtues was quite evident in my language as we struggled with our digging, chipping, chiseling, hammering, etc.

A neighbor stopped by to compliment our work after the first few sections were up. He noticed our dilemma and brought us a heavy pry bar. My grandpa always called them a pinch bar. It was tremendous work, banging away in the holes to loosen rocks, but the big pinch bar certainly speeded up our progress. I don't remember the last time I've worked that hard. I also learned why grandpa called it a pinch bar. I got a finger in between it and a rock.

After two days of that, I felt pretty much like jello. My only consolation was 23 sections of fence were installed and my 23-year-old construction worker son was just as whipped as me.

It may have been fortunate that a windstorm, not the big one but a storm a couple of days prior, had dropped half a big maple tree right in the way of completing the fence. The tree was resting in some powerlines and we have been waiting for the power company to remove it. My muscles have just recently quit aching.

Two days ago, the utility crews finally got to our little problem. They cut the branches away from the powerlines and left the rest to us. Now we have a big tree to cut up and haul away, besides 10 more of those blankety-blank holes to dig. Oh boy. My mind is itching to get at it, but my bones may have some patience as a virtue after all. They're saying, "Let it wait, let it wait."

## 100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 9, 1898

Local boy, Sergeant Clarence E. Long, writes from Camp Alger, Virginia: monotonous food, but the Lowell boys in his tent get along well and the 33rd Mich. Infantry is the best in camp.

Fred L. Fallas takes a half-page front-page ad to say that his store offers the finest J.H. Bell & Co. coffee and tea.

A.R. Pattengill, Michigan School Moderator, says that most young men who are rejected for military service have weak hearts brought on by smoking and too much bicycling.

The old law that township supervisors must furnish a list of male residents 18 to 45 years old, is being observed again, at least by a few (the Spanish-American war).

## 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JUNE 7, 1923

The class of '23, all 44 of them, will have Bacchalaurate on June 10 at City Hall, Class Night June 13, and Graduation June 14.

Elizabeth Lalley buys the Sugar Bowl sweet shop and is managing it with her brother, Arthur McMahon.

A brick-veneer oil station will be started in a few days on John Layer's corner across from the Baptist Church.

Henry and Clayton Johnson of Bowne plant 20 acres of corn in one afternoon.

Comes the yearly reminder that anybody with noxious weeds growing on their land must cut and destroy them by July 15.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - June 10, 1948

Thursday a deer munched strawberries on Riverside Drive and Friday a cock pheasant wandered into Hartman's drug store. No harm done with either.

The editor says that nobody of that 8 percent of people with no opinion in the polls lives in Lowell.

Rotary buys the materials, and 4-H members and leaders furnish labor for the two new buildings at the fairgrounds for sheep and hogs.

Four organizations treat the 70 boys and girls of the school Safety Patrol to a picnic at Fallasburg Park.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - June 7, 1973

Water & Sewer for James Street, the ordinance requiring hookup to the new sewer, width of sidewalks and gravel pit racket are subjects for city council and numerous residents.

Cary's loses 25 Ship n' Shore halters (sun tops) to shoplifters.

Avery Block is the new commander of the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post.

Eighth-grader Mike Moore finds an eight-inch morel mushroom in his back yard.

The vote approaches for a community college for Kent County.

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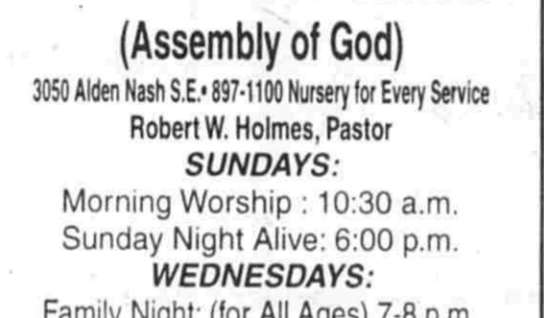
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By Priscilla Lassmyer  
**Ledger Entries**  
of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY - JUNE 11, 1873**  
Edmond Lee of the Lowell Woolen Co. says it is open and ready to card wool.  
The editor has been enthused about the horse races in Lowell, criticizing only the races on Sunday.  
The most successful jockey at the races was a woman, who owns the trotter, Joe Udell.  
The fields are alive with potato bugs, but a tiny black parasite has been found in St. Joseph and sent to Washington for examination.

## To The Editor

To the Editor,  
Community spirit and togetherness is alive and well in Lowell. May 3rd marked the fourth annual CROP walk with another good turnout of adults and children, young and old, to walk for others less fortunate.  
More than 200 walkers raised over \$15,000 in money. This will be used locally through Access 6 Food pantry and the Lowell Senior Neighbors as well as needed areas nationally and internationally.  
It is a wonderful feeling to see and experience a community in action. Thank you for the support and commitment you give in helping others.  
Lowell Area CROP Walk coordinators,  
Lee Watterworth and  
Rev. Gordie Barry



## Airport board and city look to a cooperative approach in clearing up tree issue

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Property owners on the east side of the airport who fail to keep trees trimmed will assume liability should anything happen while the condition exists.

This according to a letter written by Robert J. Riffel of the aviation safety section of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

According to Riffel, trees on the east side of the airport are obstructing the approach slopes for runways 24 and 30.

*I have notified each of the property owners in person. We discussed safety issues and working on getting the trees trimmed. They seemed receptive.*

**Jim Sowle**  
Lowell City Airport assistant manager

While the law does allow for these to be declared public nuisances and abatement procedures to be used, Riffel and the Lowell City Airport Board prefer that easements or some other cooperative solution be worked out.

"We're glad for support from the state," said Roger Brown, chairman of the Lowell Airport Board. "We'd like to reach a solution to keep trees trimmed and approaches clear without creating any hard feelings."

Rick Hammond, Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics aviation specialist, said it is the responsibility of the governmental entities if there is obstruction.

"There is a section in the law to take care of obstruction. Exercising it, though, is tougher," Hammond explained.

No one is really sure how a court would rule on such a case, according to Lowell City Airport assistant manager Jim Sowle.

Hammond added that there hasn't been a law suit in Michigan that relates to this issue.

Some property owners thought the trees would protect them in case of an accident. In reality, they could create an accident, according to Sowle.

"I have notified each of the property owners in person," Sowle said. "We discussed safety issues and working on getting the trees trimmed. They seemed receptive."

The city airport board will now wait to see what the city wants to do with the letter from Riffel. "I think it wishes to continue a cooperative effort to work out any differences," Sowle said.

The next airport board meeting is June 30. Sowle said this is a chance for anyone who would like to discuss this matter further to do so.

## Ecuador, continued.... From Page 4

In recent years has been improving dramatically. Anderson notes that in a recent three-day evangelistic campaign, twenty thousand people crowded into the Ruminai Stadium nightly. "Several years ago we couldn't have hoped for half that number," remarks Anderson. "In open-air street evangelism, preaching in the prisons, and jungle church planting we've seen a spiritual hunger that is on the increase." The greatest need for this hour, cites Anderson, is to raise up mature and dynamic Christian leaders to prepare for the upcoming harvest of souls. "We have seen the beginnings of Revival, yet we expect much more in the near future," proclaim the Andersons.

Within the Assemblies of God in Ecuador, there are 10 missionary units. Nationally, there are approximately 150 ministers. There are 150 churches and preaching points and four Bible Schools.

The Anderson's have raised up four Amazon jungle churches among the Shuar Indians, as well as a Christian High School. Under their direction, Christian prison leaders started an in-house "Teen Challenge" program in two pavilions that house 110 men. In August 1996, they opened the first Teen Challenge of Ecuador in north Quito. The Anderson's have five children ranging from two to 13 years old. They hail from the same hometown, Baldwinsville, NY, just outside Syracuse and are anxious to share the vision and show how the Lord made His call real, and how He is fulfilling it.

A Fellowship Dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. before the service begins. Christian Life Center is located approximately two miles south of Lowell at 3050 Alden Nash. Robert Holmes, pastor of the church, invites the public to attend.

## Planning commission approves antenna installation for wireless/cellular communication

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

What do Omnipoint Communications and Consumers Energy have in common? The answer could be Lowell Charter Township.

At the June 8 planning commission meeting, Chuck Forrest, a representative from Omnipoint, proposed that three antennas used for wireless and cellular communication be installed in Lowell Township. The desired site for the antennas is within the Consumers Energy's tower at Snow Ave. between Cas-

cade Rd. and the expressway.

Supporting this projection was Ernie Sakraska, area manager for Consumers Energy. Both explained that placing antennas within existing tower structures is beneficial for all. "Cellular service expands, Consumers Power gets a fee, and the township is less cluttered with large formations," Sakraska explained.

Last February, the commission enacted a moratorium which prevents the erection of new towers within Lowell Township for 18 months. The Commission concluded, however, that these three antennas are a separate issue since the

formation is pre-existing. "It's called co-locating," said Sakraska.

Forrest assured citizens that the antennas would not be "eyesores" and that Omnipoint would act as a "good neighbor" to the township. As well, he stated that, with proper approval, other companies could collaborate with them to use the formation.

The planning commission approved the antenna installation. Upon issuance of a Special Use Permit, a public hearing will be scheduled for June 29.

"I don't like the look of those structures," remarked commission vice chair Richard Bryan, "but I see the need."

## Bryan voted in as new chairman of Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

The election of new officials took place at the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission meeting June 8.

The term of commission chairman Mel Beers expired on May 18. After recognizing Beers' faithful service to the township, clerk Carol Wells remarked that he has not been reappointed at this time. Nominations were held for a new chairman and vice chair Richard Bryan was voted in unanimously.

Bryan's new position vacated the slot of commission vice chair and, therefore, nomi-

nations were secondly accepted for that. Commission member Mark Batchelor was the accepted candidate "for reasons of seniority," explained secretary David Simmonds. Batchelor, who was not present at the meeting, has the right to accept or refuse the position.

"In January, we elect new officers for the year," stated Wells. "Terms are for a three-year period."

Newly-elected officers assume their responsibilities effective immediately.

## Fallasburg Schoolhouse and Misner home opened to visitors

...The Misner House Museum and the Fallasburg Schoolhouse will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 2 until 6 p.m. through the middle of October.

The Fallasburg Historical Society is opening the 1867 Schoolhouse and the newly-built Misner House Museum each Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. now through mid-October.

Admission of \$1 for each adult and 25¢ for children 5 to 12 will entitle visitors to tour both buildings. Members are free. The Misner House features a permanent exhibit of materials and building tech-

niques from its origin in 1851, plus Blue Monday and Tuesday, featuring washing machines and sadirons and other materials for doing the laundry in the 19th century. The Schoolhouse, completely restored a year ago, features the 1867 classroom and an archives room with the village model and many printed materials.


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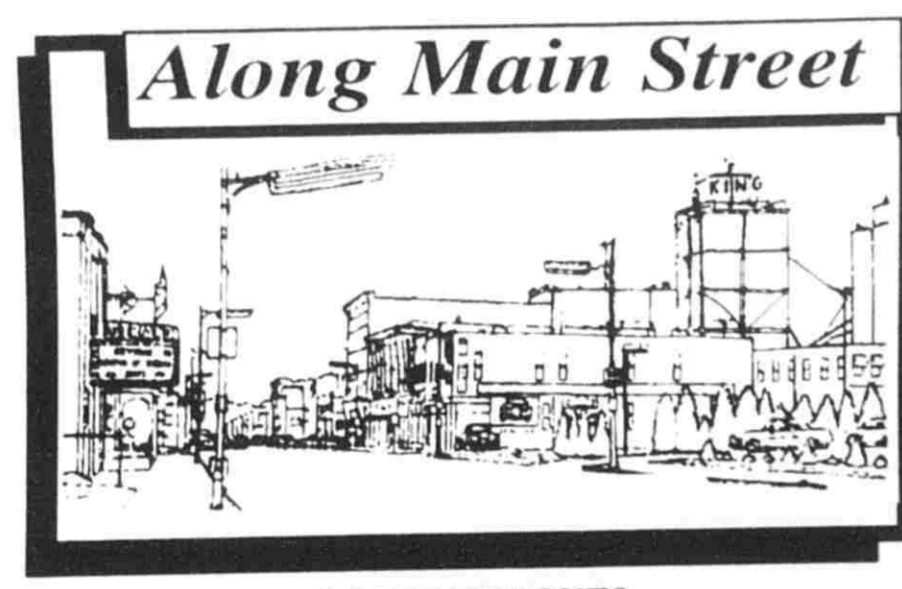
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**SOCCER TRYOUTS**

Lasso soccer tryouts are mandatory for the fall 1998 season and will be held on Monday, June 15 at Creekside Park in Lowell. Registration is at 4:45 p.m. and tryouts are at 5 p.m. sharp. There will be a parents' meeting at 5:15 p.m. Make-up day and callbacks will be held Wednesday, June 17. For more information or questions call 897-6816 or 691-9840. Wearing your shin guards and cleats is recommended.

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

Area Community Fund thinks so much of us," fair board president Ron Wenger said. "I admire Mr. Englehardt for coming up with the program and I admire the way they have gone about carrying it out."

Wenger added he hopes the Lowell Area Community Fund does not separate the community and there are no hard feelings because one organization got more money than another.

"From my understanding, the fund's intent is only to help get you started. It is supposed to help organizations help themselves," Wenger said.

Sieger added the fund is not intended to be an endless funding pit for organizations. "We don't want to create an unrealistic dependence on the fund," she said.

Other organizations to be awarded with grants are the city of Lowell, Lowell Area Historical Association, Habitat for Humanity, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell Showboat and the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation (see chart for amounts and use).

Englehardt, who died April 1, 1997, at the age of 96, left his community \$12 million to initiate a fund to be used for charitable purposes for Lowell and the surrounding areas of Lowell Charter Township and Vergennes Township.

**WOOD CARVING**

The Lowell Area Arts Council presents a wood carving workshop with Fran Mendez and Gil Wise. The workshop will run for 6 weeks beginning Tuesday, June 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ages 12 to adult are encouraged to sign up.

Knives are available or bring your own. Projects are available or you may bring your own. Workshop fee is \$65. Call the Arts Center to reserve your spot, 10-student limit, 897-8545. Master/Visa card accepted.

**BIMINI BROTHERS BAND PLAYS FALLASBURG**  
The LHS class of 1978 invites their classmates, brothers,

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

the board will review the results to double check the election's outcome.

"I am pleased to win," Nugent said. "There were four really good candidates and I was impressed with what they all had to say."

As to why he won, Nugent, who teaches history at West Catholic and is a 1989 Lowell High graduate, said he believed part of his success was because of his experience in education and an idea of what is taking place in that realm.

"I have a feel for the community and I believe the voters felt I could speak for them," he said.

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

graduation ceremonies at the Lowell Showboat, the Class of 1998 chose to have their ceremony at the school's stadium.

The students were witnesses to other changes in the high school. Washaw said, which included a new restructuring effort in scheduling, 15 new teachers, new administrators, and heightened expectations in excellence. During their tenure at the high school, the Class of 1998 saw the formation of the Youth Development Program and the Multicultural Program. The music program has also taken new heights to have more than 200 members in its marching ranks this school year, along with high scores at music festivals, he said.

"Lowell has been the best kept secret in Kent County," Washaw said. "The word is out."

Class president Chris Wieland credited much of the change to the students' courage.

"We were not afraid to rock the boat," Wieland said, adding that the class had the courage to take risks and make changes that the students believed would serve the best interest of everyone.

Wieland encouraged his fellow classmates to hang on to

and sisters, friends and fans of the Bimini Brothers Band to join our class party at Fallasburg Park Pavilion on Friday evening, July 24, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Reservations and a \$10 contribution per person are required. Please send your reservations to Tom Smith at 2255 Boston St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

**LHS CLASS OF '88 REUNION**

The Class of '88 10-year reunion is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 12. They still need some help finding lost classmates. Any questions, call Tom and Kathy (616) 693-2817.

Nugent will replace Ellen McClain, who opted to step down from the board after serving one term.

Incumbent Gustafson, who currently is the board president, will serve his second year on the board.

"I am happy to be able to serve another four years and hope we can continue the kind of effort on the things such as we discussed tonight," Gustafson said.

A total of 846 people showed up at the polls Monday. The district has about 12,300 registered voters.

Precinct 1 had the highest turnout with 415 voters. Precinct 2 had 68 voters and Precinct 3 had 363 voters.

that courage as they push forward to face new challenges and opportunities. Valedictorian Julie Wisner and salutatorian Jessica Winsor, in their individual speeches, encouraged their classmates to "reach for the stars" and follow their dreams. "Who knows where those dreams will take you," Wisner said. "Maybe as the next NBA coach, the next famous author, even maybe the 54th president of the United States."

Recognized for their high academic achievement were the Top Ten, which included Wisner, Winsor, Jeffery Nethercut, Misty Kooienga, Jonathan DenHouter, Kelly Biener, Michael Befus, Adam Mix, David Luyk, and Susan Clark. Washaw said the district was proud of all the graduating students, as it should be, since more than half gained such honors as a 3.0 grade point average for seven semesters, National Honor Society, and HSPT proficient at all levels. A quarter of the class earned scholarship awards from various school, business, and church organizations.

The hour and a half program was over in a blink, with the Class of 1998 marching into the history books at Lowell High School and the students marching on to their own futures.

**Vergennes Township's futuring session reveals a pattern of likeness**

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

It is a process to guide Vergennes Township and to ensure that it creates its own futuring plan.

"A futuring plan is a tremendous asset in shaping a township," said Williams and Works, Larry Nix.

The futuring planning session brought approximately 45 residents from the township together.

After three hours of engaging in the process, it was clear there was a consensus among those in attendance to preserve the township's rural character.

"There was a solid thinking pattern of likeness," Nix said. "Preserving the natural environment weighed more heavily than farmland."

The nominal group process is structured to give each participant an opportunity to assist in the effort to build a community consensus regarding growth and development.

**Doug Lindhout**

*This futuring session process was really good organizational brainstorming. I came to this because I really like this township and what happens to it is important to me.*

In groups of approximately eight people, members listed opportunities and threats that may impact their vision of the township.

Opportunities were defined as things that may help a vision become a reality. Threats were defined as things which would hinder their vision from becoming a reality.

Opportunities listed by the groups during this exercise included preservation of natural resources, creative open space preservation, space for farming and wildlife, balanced and diverse land uses, and rural character.

Threats included poor land-use planning, loss of natural features, limiting the use and taking of private property, annexation, commercial demands, government intrusiveness

**Cherry Creek students successfully complete D.A.R.E. program**

By **Emma Palova**  
Contributing Writer

Hurst stressed that during the summer vacation and in the D.A.R.E., cont'd pg. 10

Cherry Creek Elementary fifth grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program last Thursday. Seven classes successfully completed the 16-week-long program led by officer Chris Hurst.

The program walked the students through the dangers of various substance abuse. The students practiced drug resistance methods through hands-on experience of simulating certain situations, requiring a strong stance of NO. The program also presented the effects of abuse on the human organism, as well as the philosophy of not starting at all, because once you start "quitting is not that easy."

In a rally-like ceremony, the fifth graders gave a strong manifesto of what they had learned. Dressed in black T-shirts with the D.A.R.E. insignia, sporting black shades and pants, they made a strong impression on the audience, consisting mainly of parents, grandparents and some Lowell High School SADD (Students Against Drunk Drivers) students.

A representative from each class read a commitment paper. Julie Dunn read: "I commit to say no to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. I promise to participate in sports and other activities, instead of wasting my future on drugs. I will not have nicotine stained fingers."

Student Kelly Foote touched the audience by naming all the people in her family who died of lung cancer.

Among the special guests attending the ceremony was WOOD TV 8 meteorologist, Terri DeBoer. She encouraged the students to never stop dreaming. "You have to believe in yourself," DeBoer said. "Keep the D.A.R.E. info handy; eventually all the decisions will have to come from you, yourself."

Under the direction of Susan Stouffer, the students presented a musical on the theme of "Forever Free. I Will Be."

Mottos like "We're the new generation set on to say NO to drugs" sounded throughout the auditorium. In the closing comments,

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

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

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

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

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

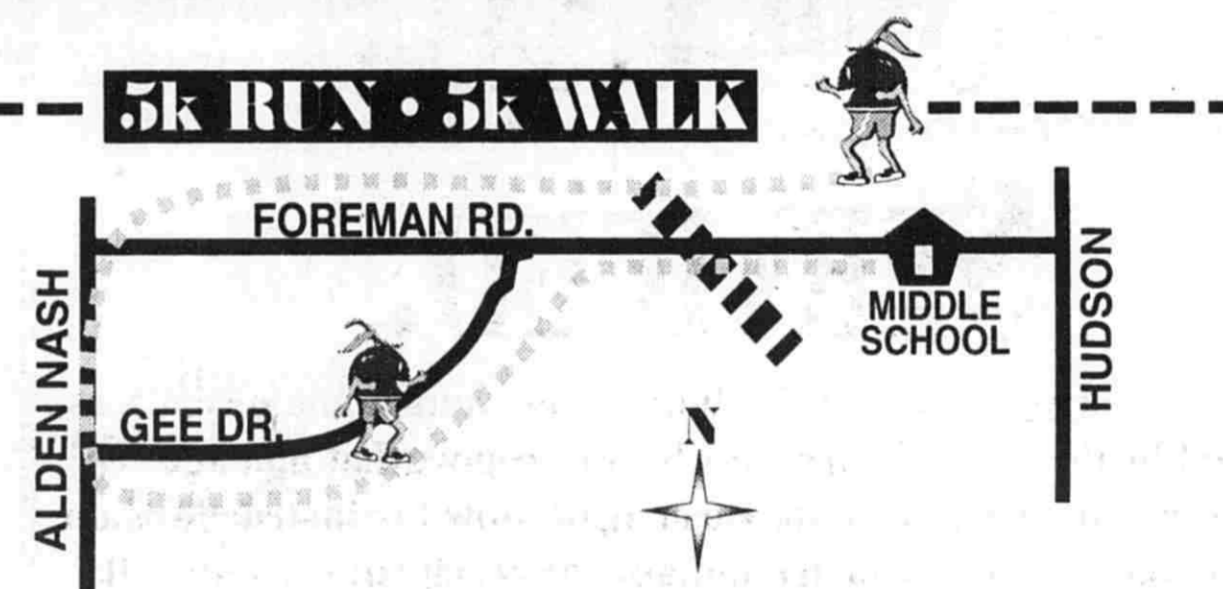
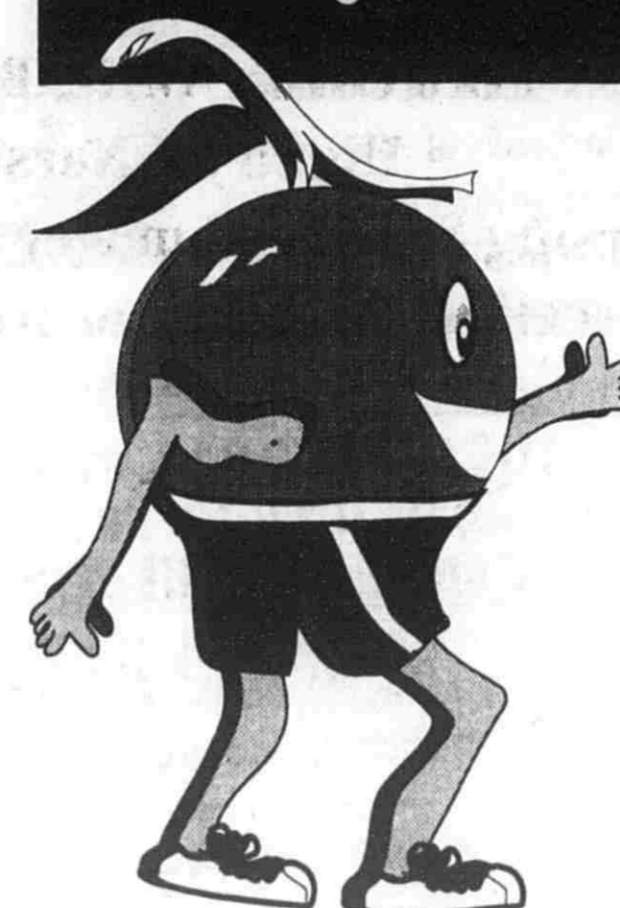
**LOCATION FOR PICK-UP:** Middle School (old high school) north entrance.

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

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

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

Proceeds To D.A.R.E. Program



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 MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 5K RUN \_\_\_\_\_ 5K WALK \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent (If under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

I know running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high and low temperatures, traffic and conditions of the road, all risks being known by me. Having read this waiver and knowing all the facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone to act on my behalf, waive and release the city of Lowell, Vergennes & Lowell townships, Cherry Creek Classic and all personnel, Race Director, and all sponsors involved in this event their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant my permission to all of the foregoing to use photographs, motion pictures, recording or any record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

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Timothy Award Recipients

Lowell First Baptist Church presented Timothy Awards to Larinda Marker, Jon Ossewaarde and Tiffany Gauger. To receive the Timothy Award, recipients must memorize 393 Bible verses over a four-year period. The Timothy Award is the third highest award given by the AWANA Clubs.

**D.A.R.E., continued... From Page 9**

future, he will not be there to guide the students; they have to learn to make the right choices themselves, based on what they have just learned. Hurst recognized the community sponsors of the D.A.R.E. program, as the program is not financed through the sheriff's department. Special thanks went to Faro's Pizza, who will provide free pizza for the students graduating from Cherry Creek Elementary. Other community sponsors include Kent Optimist Club, Cherry Creek PTO, Huntington Bank, Roll Away Lanes, Lowell High School SADD, Family Fare and Mancino's. The students received certificates of completion and free coupons to the lanes.

**Aviation's economic realities to community real and large**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Aviation touches lives in a variety of ways... whether it's in the everyday purchase of foods and goods, the return of cancelled checks or the use of Aero Med in emergency situations. The economic benefit is real and large. There are 234 public airports in the state of Michigan. They produce \$9.8 billion. Of that, Detroit Metro Airport produces \$7.6 billion. The 19 community service airports (e.g., Grand Rapids) bring in \$1.8 billion. The general aviation airports (214) post earnings of \$371 million. "Oftentimes, planes in small airports are considered a nuisance, a noise problem and an inconvenience," said Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics aviation specialists Rick Hammond, speaking at the Lowell Rotary luncheon. Communities without these airports are often flown over by businessmen looking for a site to build. "This is just one way it can bring business into a community," Hammond explained.

The economic benefits brought into the Lowell area in 1997 totaled \$1.83 million, according to a community benefit assessment survey done on 32 airports across the state. Benefits that occurred on site (direct) totaled \$514,000. Indirect benefits added up to \$581,000 and the sum of induced benefits was \$783,000 at the Lowell City Airport. Each year, there is roughly \$18 million doled out to airports in Michigan. Precision approach runways get roughly \$13 million of those funds. Long runway airports get \$2.7 million; short runway airports receive \$1.6 million and turf runways are beneficiaries of \$369,000. Hammond explained that general aviation airports can secure their place in a community by not isolating themselves. This can be done by:

- Attending meetings;
- Introducing kids to activities dealing with aviation;
- Communicating with public officials;
- Forming user groups;
- Holding open houses;
- Creating an airport authority.

Jim Sowle, Lowell City Airport assistant manager, indicated that the airport board already does a number of these things.

**Perkins' nonconforming lot deemed buildable**

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

To build or not to build... that was the question presented to the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission by Robert Perkins at the June 8 meeting. Perkins, a land owner from Lowell Township, approached the commission regarding his land parcel on Settlewood near Parnell and his desire to build on it. It is a one-acre parcel with lots to the right and left of it and 250 feet of frontage. The township's current ordinance labels such land a "nonconforming lot," meaning the lots that surround it do not have the same ownership. The minimum zoning requirement is four acres for parcels such as the one Perkins has owned for just over one year. Commission vice chair Richard Bryan explained that some dissent about overriding the zoning regulations. In the end, the commission deemed the lot buildable. "Allowing something like this won't set a precedence since it is necessary to look at each piece and each situation separately."

Carol Wells  
Lowell Charter Township Clerk

Members discussed that the land is usable and it could perhaps be helpful for future developments to have a house situated there. Yet there was a public hearing will be scheduled for final determination.

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**"DALE & GLADYS SHADE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY"**

Dale & Gladys Shade of Chandler, Arizona, formerly of Alto, will celebrate their golden anniversary on Friday, June 19, 1998. They will celebrate by returning to Michigan for an open house, in their honor, hosted by their family.

**THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 13, FROM 2 TO 5 P.M.**  
AT THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL, 2910 ALDEN NASH ROAD, SE, LOWELL.

Dale and Gladys will renew their original wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. The family requests the honor of the presence of friends and relatives to help celebrate this joyous occasion. (NO GIFTS PLEASE. YOUR PRESENCE IS THE ONLY GIFT WE REQUEST.) The Shade's children are Bonnie Anderson, Joni Fairbrother, Jackie Scramlin and the late James Shade. They have 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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**FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12 THRU JUNE 18**

Actress Jodie Foster, who is no stranger to fine films (*Taxi Driver* and *The Silence of the Lambs* are eligible for consideration), co-hosts *AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Movies*. Sally Field and Richard Gere join her for the three-hour event, which airs Tuesday on CBS.

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Their respect is mutual; the work of Cook and Wise has set the foundation for Vergennes Township's future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some people have to tell you they believe in public service.

Others, like Jim Cook and Gil Wise, have lived it. Cook served as Vergennes Township supervisor for 14 years while also serving time on the board of review and as township assessor.

Wise, during his 18 years in Vergennes Township, has served on the planning commission, zoning board of appeals, board of review and as advisor to the planning commission.

Both men were recognized at a "thank you" reception Thursday night honoring them for their years of service in the township.

"There is an individual responsibility people have in our government," Wise says. While many people choose not to participate, Wise and Cook have over the years, "I like to know and have a part in what's going on. I like participating in the argument," Wise explains.

The Vergennes Township veteran divides those who accept the responsibility and those who don't into two classes. "There are the givers, and the takers. The latter wait for someone to give and then complain that it's not enough."

The challenge and interest in local government are what hooked Cook, who is recovering from early May back surgery and is preparing for knee surgery on June 22. "I remember complaining at a board of review and then someone saying, 'You're so good, do it yourself.' I accepted that challenge and be-

came involved," Cook says with a smile. In their years of working together, Wise and Cook have gained a great deal of respect for one another.

They haven't always agreed on how things should be done, but they have shared the same philosophy on public service. "To agree on how everything should be done would not have been much good to the township," Wise said. "We have always agreed on the system used by the township."

"That system is an open one, with no hidden agendas, no special treatment, and uniform enforcement of township requirements."

"The township has matured significantly in 14 years," Cook explains. "When I first started, it didn't have a mailbox or office hours. Now there are many new homes being built, property values have escalated and the township is adjusting to serve the people." The challenge seen by the former supervisor is for the township to continue to provide leadership in all appeals and commissions, and to maintain the quality of work



Between the two men, Jim Cook and Gil Wise have labored in Vergennes Township public office for 32 years. They were honored by the township for their service and dedication.

that has been completed. Wise adds, "I hope people don't get lazy and don't lose interest. Local government is a lot like disease. It either gets better or worse. It is not static."

Unlike the township millage, which for the past 20 years has remained the same, "Vergennes Township has never asked citizens for a

penny more in tax money. The tax base has been the same for 20 years. Only real estate has increased," said Wise.

If the township is to ever buy into, acquire utilities, that will have to change, according to Cook.

At the age of 76, both men are now moving on. For

Wise (a 1939 graduate of Ot-tawa Hills), that means more time for painting and wood carving, gardening and mowing grass.

Cook, a 1939 graduate of East Grand Rapids, says he's helping his granddaughter with her new home.

Wise says his friend will probably continue to help

anyone who calls with a real estate need. "Everyone who calls Jim gets help and there's not a charge.

"He reminds me of the story of the guy who had a clothing store and lost money on every pair of pants he sold. 'If it weren't for the volume,' he said, 'I'd be out of business.'"

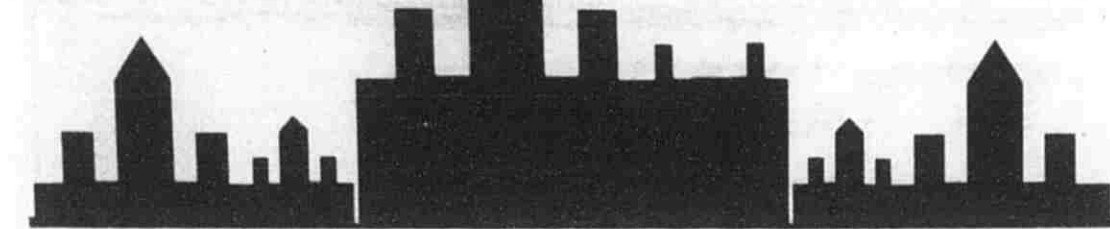
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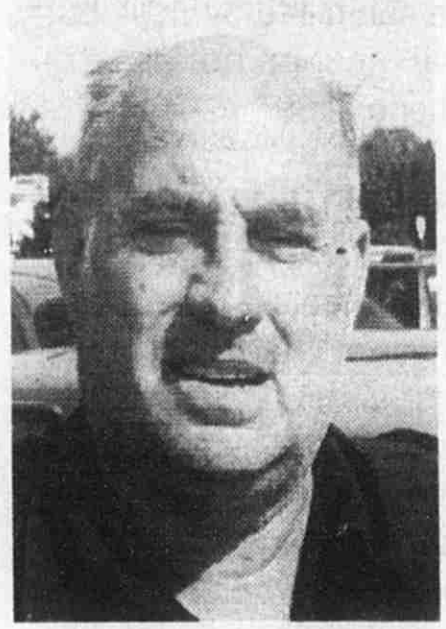
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# TOWN TALK

The senior class of 1998 graduated Sunday. With that in mind, do you have any memories of your high school graduation day and what advice or wisdom would you share with this year's seniors?



**Marion Clemens**  
I graduated in 1976. I remember most that all of my children were there. My advice to this year's seniors is to stay in school.

**Kathy Smith**  
I remember the sense of accomplishment that I felt. I had finished something. My advice would be to listen to your parents, they really do know what they are talking about.

**Donna Hathaway**  
I remember it was hot. My advice is to dress coolly, be careful and to think first.

**Jack Amelar**  
I was glad to get out of school and to move on. Remember to think of the future. Start sticking away a little money now, you'll never regret it.

**Chris Siembar**  
I remember that nobody showed up to my party. My advice would be to reach for your dreams.

**Tim Monroe**  
Nothing really stands out. I was relieved that school was over with. Students should stay in school as long as they can. John Wayne once said, "The longer you take to get an education, the longer I have a job. Once you come into the workforce, I'm out of a job."

I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it.  
—Mae West  
My Little Chickadee



**Denise Neubecker**  
I did the party scene with family and relatives. I also took a ride in a corvette convertible. My advice is to take school as serious and do the best you can do.



**Debbie Land**  
I remember being in the procession, going out to eat with my mom and dad, and being excited about going to college. My advice would be not to count anything out. Keep all your choices open for as long as you can.

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## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on June 17, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11675 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Richard E. Samrick and Judy Samrick for an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan so as to rezone the following described lands from the A Agricultural District to the R-L Lake Residential District:

That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said section; thence S0°20'W 1630.35 feet along the West line of said section; thence S89°40'E 1400.45 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence continuing S89°40'E 259.35 feet; thence N0°17'E 100.77 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Cowan Lake Drive; thence Southeasterly along said Southerly line of Cowan Lake Drive 1030.48 feet; thence S34°55'57"W 439.34 feet; thence N47°02'43"W 807.92 feet; thence N63°04'31"W 213.69 feet; thence N0°20'E 245 feet to point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the office of the Grattan Township Clerk, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.

Dated: May 21, 1998  
Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

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Ken and Brenda Lopez have made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance 7.03, requiring a side yard setback of 10'. The Lopez's have requested a variance to locate a building 0.7' from side lot line. Said parcel is located at: 11199 Crooked Lake, Lowell, MI, permanent parcel #41-12-20-476-059.

Description:  
Lot 26\* Crooked Lake Park \* Also that part of govt lot 2 lying SLY of NELY line of lot 26 of Crooked Lake Park ext SELY to waters edge of Big Crooked Lake and lying NLY of SWLY line of SD lot 26 ext SELY to waters edge of SD lake and lying ELY of ELY line of SD plat\* Sec 20 T8N R9W.

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

# COMING EVENTS

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

**EVERY 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.

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

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

**EVERY SECOND THURS- DAY:** 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 THURS- DAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY MONDAY:** Senior Men's Golf Club at Arrowhead Golf Course. 9 a.m. tee-time. Come join us!

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

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

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

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. and shop - Woodland Mall; 1:00 p.m., Euchre; 9:30, Crafts.

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

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

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

#### Special Events

**WED., JUNE 10:** 12:30 p.m., Movie *You Were Never Lovelier*.

**MON., JUNE 22:** 12:30 p.m., Roger's Plaza shop.

**WED., JUNE 24:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

**FRI., JUNE 26:** 11 a.m., Noels Restaurant luncheon.

**MON., JUNE 29:** 12:45 p.m., Close Enuff for Jazz, at the Center.

**WED., JUNE 17:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

**FRI., JUNE 19:** 12:30 p.m., Gerontology Network.

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)



# Gun sounds Saturday for fourth annual Cherry Creek Classic

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Approximately 300 participants are expected to run or walk the 3.1 miles known as the Cherry Creek Classic on Saturday.

The race, entering its fourth year, has raised \$6,500 for organizations within the community.

Last year, \$3,000 was given to the Lowell Area Education Foundation.

The race will begin at the Lowell Middle School at 8 a.m. Runners will follow Foreman Road west to Alden Nash; south on Alden Nash to Gee Drive; and east on Gee Drive

back to Foreman where they race at the middle school.

Runners and walkers registered before their race pack-12, from 4 until 6 p.m.

Packets will pickup on the morning until 7:45 a.m.

Registration cost \$15.

The top overall male and female runners will receive trophies. Medals will be given out to the top three



will finish the race on Friday, June 9 can pick up

walkers who registered before their race pack-12, from 4 until 6 p.m.

also available for of the race from 7 until 7:45 a.m.

Registration cost \$15.

The top overall male and female runners will receive trophies. Medals will be given out to the top three

runners/walkers in each age group.

Proceeds from this year's Cherry Creek Classic will go to the D.A.R.E. program.

Sponsoring this year's race are Springrove Variety, The Lowell Ledger, King Milling, Huntington Banks, Sneakers, Judd Carroll D.D.S., David G. Durkee O.D., Roger Chapman Ins., Metric Mfg., Erb Lumber, Chadalee Farms, Lowell Lanes, TCBY Treats, Arctic Refrigeration Inc., Thomet Chevrolet, Harold Zeigler Ford, Greenridge Realty, Speerstracarr Agency, Curtis Cleaners, Softee Creme, Newell Mfg., Larkins, Animal Hospital and Pet Complex of Lowell, Ionia County National Bank and Fitness West Michigan.

# Bushnell and Alexander elementary children embrace diversity

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

They are different for having the experience.

The students from the two elementary classes of Nancy Misner and Lanie Rice gained respect and compassion for one another's cultures.

Misner is a second- and third-grade teacher at Grand Rapids' Alexander Elementary.

Rice is a first-grade teacher at Bushnell Elementary.

The two classes shared in a two-day multi-cultural exchange in an effort to better understand their diversity.

"The kids really took to one another. They made friendships," Rice explained. "We wanted to remove the fear and misconceptions. The kids were great. If interaction can happen, then the fear is less and less."

During Bushnell's visit to Alexander, the two classes made their own kinte cloths.

The cloths, part of the African culture, represent family

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## Come Grow With Us

The Cascade D&W Food Center is expanding



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# CITY OF LOWELL

## PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 15, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

A Zoning Ordinance amendment to provide clarity in the front yard landscaping requirements for the Neighborhood Business (C-1), Light Industrial (L-1) and Industrial (I) Districts of the city of Lowell.

A copy of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment is on file and may be examined at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting to City Hall or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

## COMPARE AND SAVE ON ELECTRIC APPLIANCES



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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

The following sealed bids will be accepted at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, Michigan until Monday, June 29, 1998 where they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

At 2:00 p.m. - Construction of three 24' x 20' pavilions. Two to be constructed at Creekside Park and one at Stony Lakeside Park in the City of Lowell.

At 3:00 p.m. - Reroof and renovations of 113 Lafayette Street.

At 3:30 p.m. - Purchase of a 1998 or 1999 1/2 ton pickup truck.

Contact Dan DesJarden or Tom Hartman at the Department of Public Works at 897-5929 for additional information.

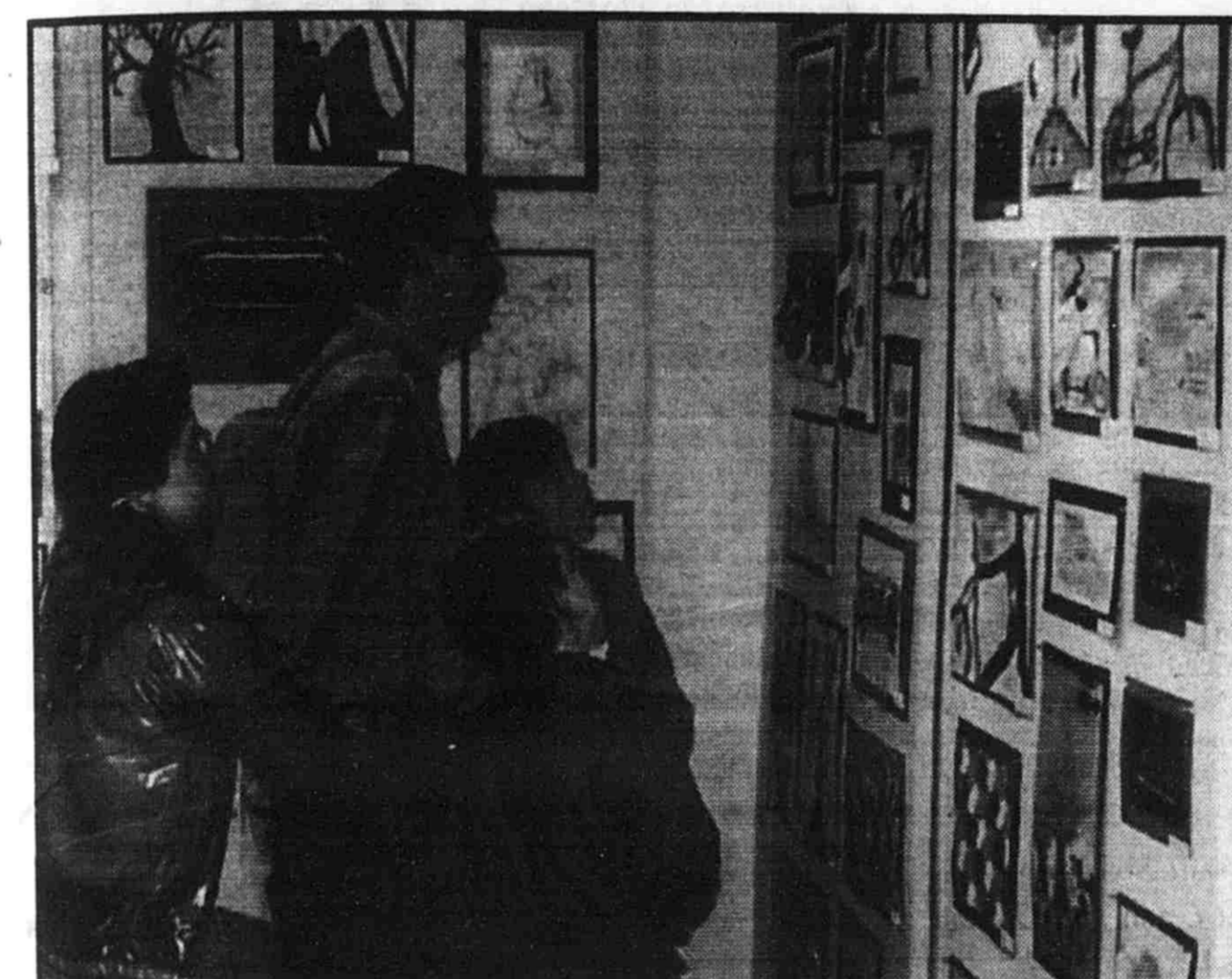
The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.



Denise Southland, left, Samantha Mundt, middle and Devin DeCator, right, browse through some of the 400 pieces of art displayed at the Lowell Area Art Gallery.



Kyle Galbreath discusses art with his father.



Abbot Kastanek, far right, shows his family some of the art work.

## Students display their appreciation for art

Art work from approximately 4,000 Bushnell, Cherry Creek and Alto K-5 elementary students was on display at their annual art show reception. The work of the students represented a series of curriculum projects.

"The support of parents coming out to see the student's work was great," said Alto and Cherry Creek elementary art teacher Anna Marie Beduhn.

Gene Ellens, a Cherry Creek Elementary art teacher, credited the Franciscan Life Center and the Lowell Area Arts Center for the appreciation of art in the Lowell community.

Ellens also points out Lowell is one of several schools which has both an art

curriculum and text books.

Theresa Wasciuk, an art teacher at Runciman, Cherry Creek, the middle school and high school, noted that Lowell's art program is supplemented by the Art Club, the extension program and

Discover Art at the middle school.

This was the third consecutive year that Lowell elementary students have had a show at the Lowell Area Art Gallery.

## AREA BIRTHS

Ann and Stuart Berman are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby boy Nathan Clark, born May 13, 1998. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 21 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Lorraine Woodhead of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Gael Himmah of Vail, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berman of Pacific Palisades, California. Also welcoming little Nathan is his great-grandma, Maria Freymuth of Nurnberg, Germany.

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The applause of a single human being is of great consequence.  
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—Samuel Johnson

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Jerrel DeKok has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance 7.03, requiring a front yard setback of 50'. Mr. DeKok has requested a variance to locate a dwelling 16' from the high water mark of Tower Lake. Said parcel is located at approximately 12535 Belding Road, permanent parcel #41-12-15-200-024.

Description:  
Part NE 1/4 com 600 ft WLY along NLY line of hwy M-44 relocated from E line of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 TH WLY along NLY line of SD hwy to W line of E 880 ft of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 TH N along SD W line to S line of N 1020 ft of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 TH E along SD S line 230 ft TH SELY to beg' Sec 15 T8N R9W

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

## Lowell YMCA '98 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Posted 6/8/98

MONDAY NIGHT COED CHURCH	W	L
Corona	4	0
Alto Baptist	3	1
Ogden	2	1
Ist Congregational Church	1	2
Lowell Church of Nazarene	1	2
Bowne Center United Methodist	1	3
Ist United Methodist	0	3

TUESDAY NIGHT Over 30 MEN'S	W	L
Alto LP Gas	4	1
Germaines/Saranac Dental	3	1
Larkins	2	2
Sneaker's	0	5

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S	W	L
Architectural Specialties	6	0
King Milling	4	1
Ball Busters	2	4
Valley City Linen	2	4
Lowell Engineering	1	6

FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S	W	L
River City Fire Protection	4	0
Ostrandors Siding & Roofing	4	1
Driftway/Warner Trucking	4	1
Ada Beef	3	2
Overbeck Construction	2	2
Col.-Mel.	2	2
Thomet Stables	2	3
Lowell Moose	1	4
Church of Nazarene	1	4
Alpha II	0	4

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# LHS recognizes its May students of the month

Lowell High Schools students of the month for May are Angie Sparks, Alana Valentine, Jessica Winsor, Casey Parker and Susan Clark. Also, Kent Career/Technical Center honored the following students of the month: Josh VanSpronsen, agriscience; Genie Trudell, graphic communications; James Bristol, diesel and equipment mechanics.

Angie Sparks, a senior, was selected by the business department. She is a very hard working and responsible young lady and continually volunteers her free time to work on special projects for the business department. The daughter of Dan and Liz Sparks of Lowell, she works at Front Row Video and is planning on going to college second semester at Grand Rapids Community College; she plans on getting a full-time job during the summer until she goes back to school. Her hobbies include swimming, reading and boating. Her favorite classes are computerized accounting and student aide for the main office.

Alana Valentine, a senior, was selected by the English department. She has taken all

of the advanced English classes during her four years and has progressed to being one of the best language arts students in the department. Her writing is exceptional. She is punctual and friendly, polite and respectful. Her work is top-notch. The daughter of Jim and Cheryl Valentine of Lowell, she has been involved in cheerleading (being co-captain this year) and NHS. She plans on attending Ferris State University for a pharmacy degree. She has been accepted into FSU Honors Program and was awarded residential Life and a Dean's Scholarship at Ferris.

Jessica Winsor, a senior, was selected by the English department. She has consistently been one of the best English students in English classes during her four years and has always done her very best on assignments. Her work is interesting and very correct. Winsor is a person who does not let her setbacks sink her. She has perseverance and dedication to her education. Her friendly nature has made her a welcome addition to the English classes. The daughter of Sigi Winsor of Alto, she has been involved in soc-



Casey Parker



Alana Valentine



Angie Sparks



Jessica Winsor



Susan Clark

cer, volleyball - captain 11 & 12, and NHS. She has participated in Leaders' Club. She works at Blimpie and TCBY of Lowell and plans on attending MSU to study veterinary medicine/research. Winsor won the MSU Outstanding Junior Award and MSU Honors College.

Casey Parker, a junior, was selected by the foreign language department. She picks up the Spanish language very quickly and is always willing to help her classmates figure it out. She puts a lot of time and care into her projects and this will come in handy in her "real world" Spanish career. Parker is the daughter of Joe and Gail Parker of Lowell. She was in the All-School play, Raw Talent Nights, writing contest and president of '98 Equestrian team. She belongs to the Leather-n-Lace 4-H Club, Working Paws 4-H Club and creative contributor for WWWYPWC News. Parker has won the Creative Writing contest 1998 - 1st in essay, 2nd in short story and 3rd in poetry, and likes to show her quarter horse and tap dance.

Susan Clark, a senior, was

selected by the social studies department. She has done an outstanding job in the social studies classes she has taken and has been an active participant in the extracurricular activities offered by the social studies department. She has taken both honors history and honors government, displaying outstanding ability in these classes. She has been an active member of the world studies council and will be participating in this year's study tour. Clark has been a member of the high school's award winning Model United Nations team - this year serving as the lead lawyer before the International Court of Justice. She had also served as a lawyer before the court in the previous year. This year she applied her experience to the honors government class - Model Supreme Court in which she argued her case alone and won. She is the daughter of Jim and Carole Clark of Ada and has been involved in soccer, Model UN, International Club, boys' basketball manager, National Honor Society, student council secretary-at-large and annual staff. She is active in her

youth group at Calvary Un-denominational Church. She will be attending the University of Michigan for Chemical Engineering and then she wants to go to law school (for corporate law in a chemical corporation). She has earned her academic letter and a full tuition academic scholarship at U of M. She won the soccer excellence award, was on the honor roll all four years,

was named to the top ten list and was in the Who's Who in America's High School. Clark plays soccer and enjoys going out with her friends. She likes to watch soccer and plays all other sports. Her favorite classes are chemistry and AP government. She feels that Mr. Kamfschulte makes the class very interesting and fun. His style of teaching makes it easy to learn and remember.



Greenridge Realty announced that Mary Clark received Realtor of the Month in May.

This award recognizes Clark for her outstanding success and achievements.

## Bushnell, cont'd...

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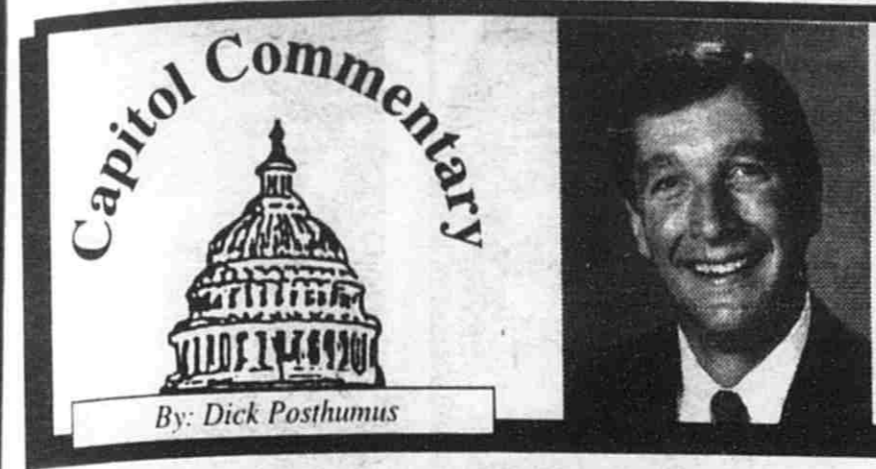
crests. Each individual kinte cloth was representative of a student.

After the cloths were made, Dode Dey made a quilt out of them.

When the Alexander Elementary students visited Lowell, they traveled to the farm of Fred and Donna Oesch.

Many of the city children had never been on a farm. "Some of the children got sick from the smell," Rice said. "But the two days were an awesome experience for Nancy and me and the kids."

Rice said she would like to see the two schools hook up. "Maybe at first just as pen pals, but eventually have an exchange day."



INSURANCE COMPANIES SAY, "I.O.U."

How many times have you sat at your kitchen table or desk to pay your bills and dreamed that there were people writing checks to you instead? Well, that is taking place as you read this article.

In 1978, the Michigan Legislature established the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) to provide additional protection for Michigan's no-fault auto insurance policies. The MCCA reimburses insurers for medical claims exceeding \$250,000.

In April of this year, the MCCA announced that a surplus of \$1.2 billion would be returned to policy holders in the amount of \$180 per vehicle. This surplus was created due to high investment returns and a lower number of claims over the past years.

Due to the fact that these funds were collected through insurance policies, the funds are being returned to insurance

companies, who will then return the \$180 per vehicle to their auto policy holders. This provides an efficient solution, as the companies have greater ability to quickly process the return.

In response to the MCCA Board's decision, Acting Commissioner D.A. D'Annunzio told insurers that equity demands the surplus be passed through to policy holders directly and promptly rather than being given back gradually as a reduction to future premiums.

Governor John Engler praised the commissioner for delivering the correct message.

"I know the commissioner has been working hard to ensure a speedy return of this money to policy holders across the state," the Governor said. "I'm glad that this message to the industry moves them in that direction."

Earlier this month, the \$1.2 billion was sent to insurance companies across the state. Currently, more than 82 percent of insurers have decided to send refund checks to their customers, as opposed to premium rebates. Many have even viewed this situation as a race to see who could get it back to their customers the quickest. AAA Michigan, the state's largest auto insurer, was mailing checks to its policy holders within 48 hours.

Although the Senate introduced legislation which would have required the refunds, as the insurance industry responds to policy holders' demands, these initiatives have become unnecessary.

So, your dream of having a check made out to you will soon be a reality.



The Lowell Showboat Board had its general meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 1998. One of the first items of discussion were the results from the May 23 fundraiser "An Evening of Barbershop" featuring the Grand Rapids Sweet Adelines and the Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus. Receipts were \$1,187 and expenses totaled \$796.46. Judging from the feedback from the audience, it was an entertaining and exciting presentation! Both the men's and women's choruses opened the show with "Here Comes the Showboat/Are You From Dixie" medley, as sung by the traditional Showboat chorus, and we closed the show by inviting former Showboat chorus members on stage to sing "Waitin' for the Robert E. Lee!" The audience responded with enthusiastic applause and we knew they had thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

We also discussed our next fundraising event and that is "The Robert E. Lee Birthday Bash" featuring the Bimini Brothers. The celebration is scheduled for Friday, July 3, and will be held at the Showboat Amphitheater. The gates will open at 8:30 p.m. and the entertainment begins at 9:00. There will be a \$5 cover charge, a beer tent, and food booth. This event is geared toward an adult crowd.

We have also been approached by an area church interested in sponsoring teen dances during the summer and we'll keep you posted on further developments. August will bring "Side-walk Walks" to Lowell and we plan to have the Showboat open for tours. The Showboat will have a booth at Fallasburg Festival and you can be thinking about volunteering your time to work in the booth. October 23 is the date scheduled for an auction to be held at Larkins' Other Place.

As you can see, there are many opportunities ahead to support the efforts of the Showboat Board. Please show your concern for the past and future of the Robert E. Lee by becoming involved in a project that is part of our community, appreciating the memories of past days and preserving the boat, and its unique form of entertainment, for future generations.

Sharon Vosovic, Secretary



By: Joan Wittenbach

Tom! Just an ordinary, curious boy, or at least he seemed that way. I did wonder - how in the world does such a boy get into so much trouble? Just ask his father who gave him a lickin' when his curiosity burned down the barn. Or the time he wondered if he could sit on a nest of eggs and hatch them like the old hen. All he had to show for that was a backside of smashed eggs, and I'm sure someone yelling, "You did what?"

And one of his teachers? "He's just not smart enough to learn his lessons," he announced impatiently. Tom was too restless and was always thinking about something - somewhere; everywhere but in the classroom. Sizing up the situation, Tom's mother pulled him out of school and taught him herself. But even at home his curiosity continued even to the point of his take over of the cellar for a laboratory. Small explosions from the cellar, smoke and smells were clues. Tom was learning - something.

I was told that when he was 12 years old, he became a "candy butcher." I laughed out loud at that one. "Just like my boys when they were younger." I mused. Tom had been hired to work with the Grand Trunk Railroad and his job was to sell candy, sandwiches, fruit and newspapers to the passengers as they got off the train. This was being a candy butcher.

He even found a place to set up a laboratory on the train the baggage car! Once a fire broke out there, but later he used the car to house a secondhand printing press. He wrote his own newspaper and sold it to passengers and then bought chemicals to experiment with the money.

Tom wasn't the only boy I thought of the week the electricity went off in our area. Ben almost took first place as I sat in the dark, one evening. Dear Ben Franklin. He learned how to channel electrical power, and we've been addicted to his find ever since. Tom Edison and all his curiosity led to many inventions that we use today: electric lights, the phonograph, the movie camera and projector. The list goes on, and would you believe - that Tom found time to fall in love and raise a family. Twice.

In just a few minutes of reading David Adler's *A Picture Book of Thomas Alva Edison*, I found myself once again reminded of how easily we take for granted the comfort and pleasures that are given us. More than not, gratitude comes wrapped up in sorrow and calamity's dress. We have so much to learn, do we not?

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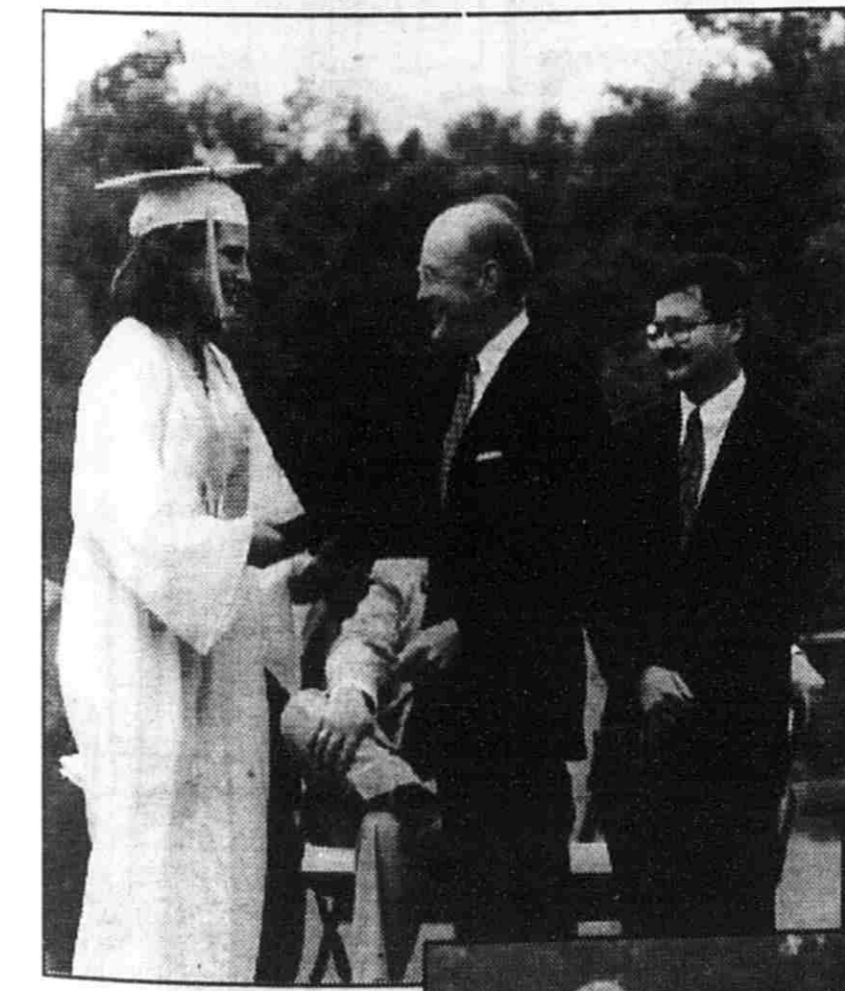
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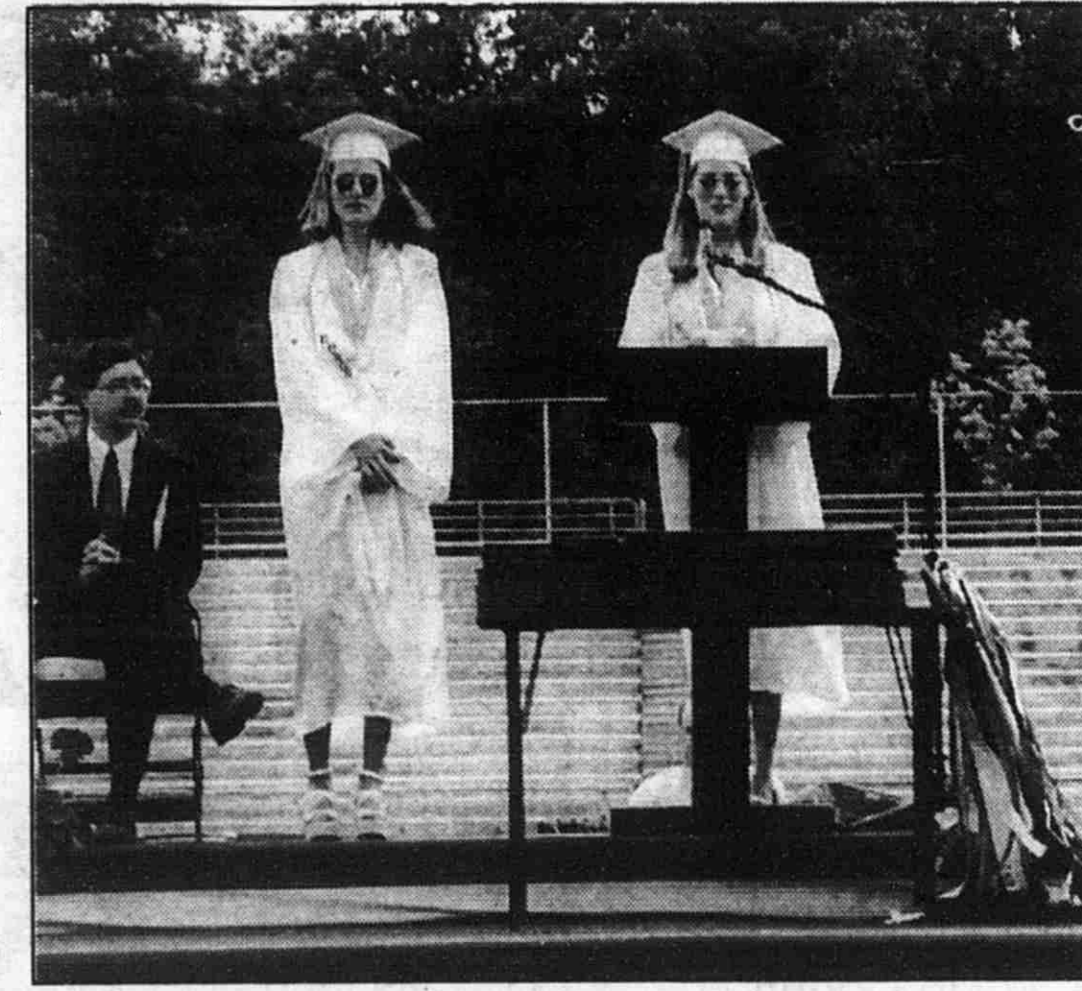
All seats are free, and all are encouraged to attend this inspiring service.

## Graduation pictures, continued...From Page 1

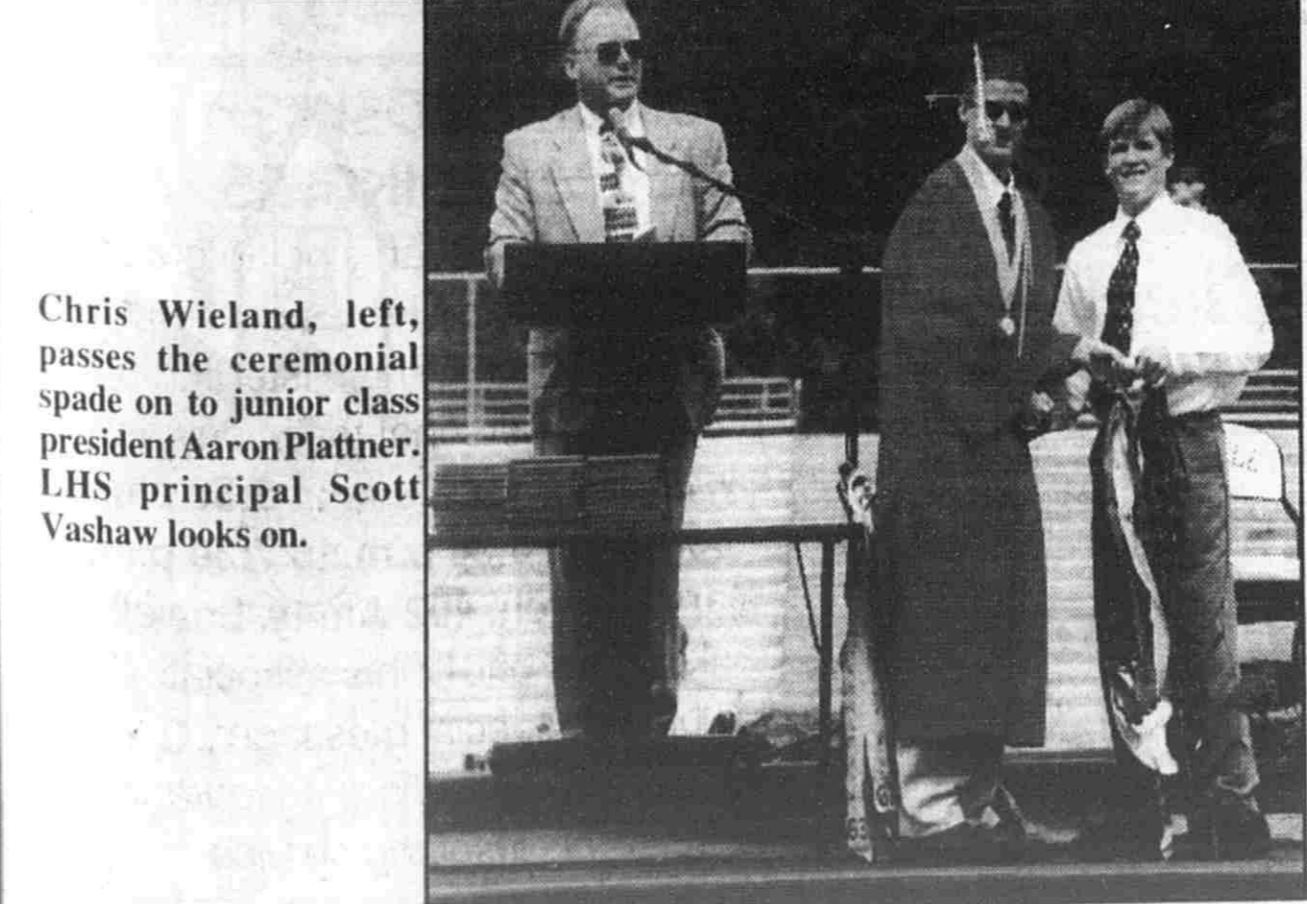


School board president Pete Gustafson presents class valedictorian Julie Wisner with her diploma.

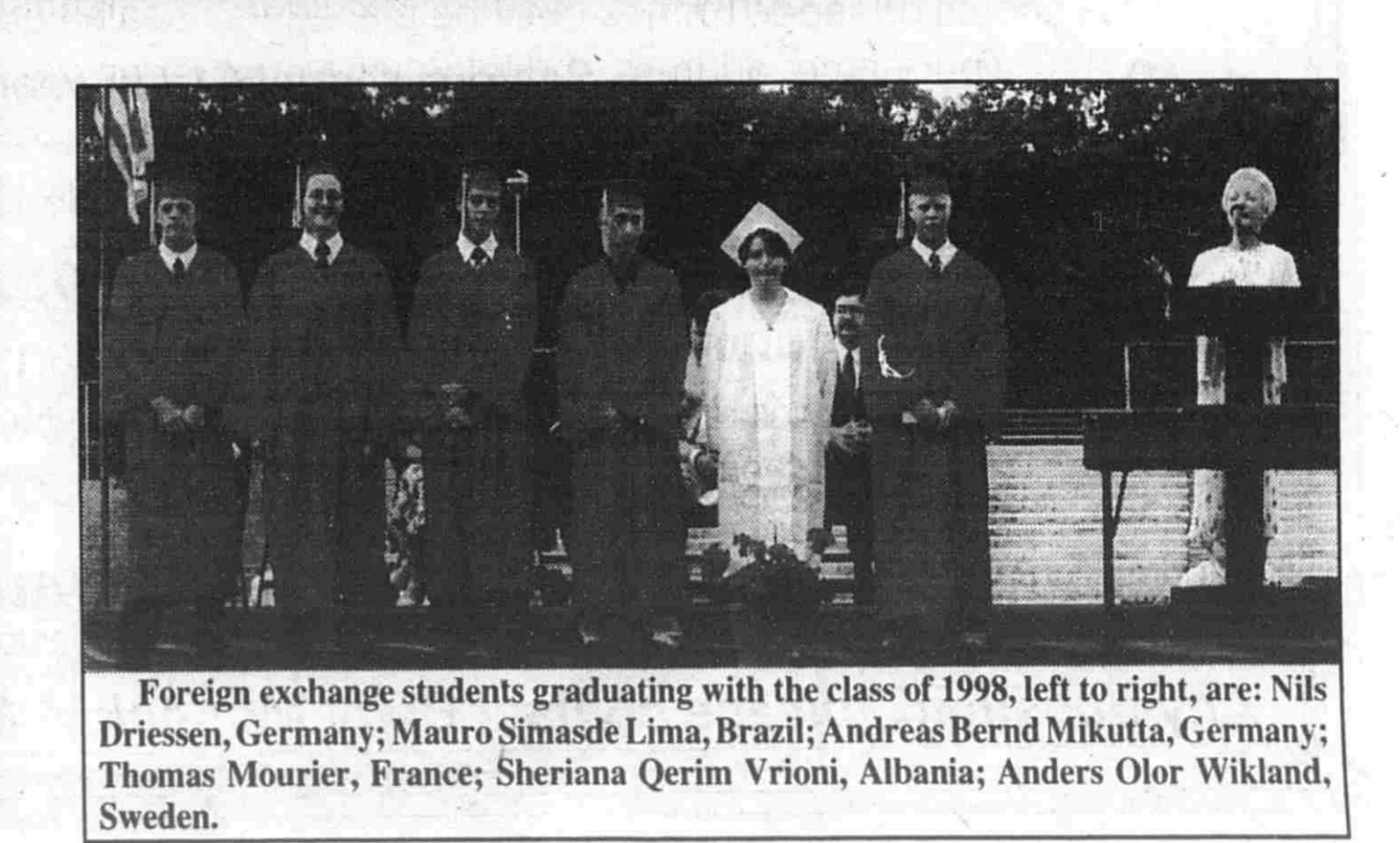
Graduation Pictures Courtesy Skye Fisher



Jessica Winsor, salutatorian, addresses the Class of '98 while Julie Wisner, left, listens on.



Chris Wieland, left, passes the ceremonial spade on to junior class president Aaron Plattner. LHS principal Scott Vashaw looks on.



Foreign exchange students graduating with the class of 1998, left to right, are: Nils Driessen, Germany; Mauro Simasde Lima, Brazil; Andreas Bernd Mikutta, Germany; Thomas Mourier, France; Sheriana Qerim Vroni, Albania; Anders Olor Wikland, Sweden.



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**A SINCERE THANKS** - To everyone who helped by calling, bringing in food, visiting, sending cards and gifts and just being there for us. Bill is doing much better. It is totally amazing how many people helped us and what a great community we live in. A special thanks to Dave, Cindy & Nathan Clark, Brian & Cheryl Doyle, Carmen Reynolds, the 7th grade A. quad, Birdie Callahan, Ruth & Elmer Collar, Gene & Beth Drier, Peg & Jim VanStee, Bob & Gay Pfaller, Kitty Dintaman, Erin Curtis, Amy Gless, Maruska, Tim & Kristen Hufstader, Bonnie Ball & family, Dr. Bruce Langlois, Fr. Fekete, Fr. Golas, Fr. Mitchell, Fr. Leyrita, Fr. Malewitz, Brenda & Eric Traetz, Dolores & Marty Alexander, LaVon, Annie & Amber Hobbs, Jamie & Melissa Miles, The office staff at Lowell Middle School, John & Karen Wilder, Sam & Etta Wilder. Our families who helped out with various duties and visits, Fran, Bob, Dan, Judy, Meghan, Patrick, Sammy (good casserole Sammy!) To all area churches that prayed and are praying for Bill's recovery. Words cannot really express our gratitude. Last, but not least, to Carol Leyman who definitely, went above and beyond the call of duty. We really are appreciative of all of you. If we left anyone out, we're sorry and thank you too!

Love,  
Tom, Katie, John, Bill,  
Joe & Mary Mendez

## IN MEMORIAM

**IN APPRECIATION** - We, John, Bill and Joe Mendez would like to thank "Our Coaches" for their time and effort. We had a lot of fun too! To: Mr. Gary Rivers, Mr. Harper, Mr. Fleet, John Wilder, Sam Wilder, Scott Carpenter, Joe Karasiewicz, Matt Inman, Charles Schlosser, Greg Zimmerman, Matt Hauschild, Mike Gannon, Dave Strecj and to our Dad, Tom Mendez, who continues to pound and wrestle us into oblivion!!! (Just kidding Dad, We Love You and Happy Father's Day!)

Thank you  
John, Bill and Joe Mendez

## CARD OF THANKS

Many, many thanks to friends and family members who so overwhelmingly supported me in the loss of my wife, lone Schwab with your prayers, gifts, flowers, food and presence at the funeral home and funeral. It has been a blessing to me to know so many people care. May God richly bless Dr. Mogor and staff and Rev. Hagemeyer for their tender loving care.

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June 12, 1998 at 13547 Beckwith, Lowell, 9 to 5, one day only. 30 gal. Boondocking sewage tank, 30 gallon LP water heater, motorcycle saddlebags, small air hockey table, several bicycles, free bicycles parts, (2) p/c printers misc. parts, a whole bunch of miscellaneous items. Come one, come all!

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## Louie Dudeck delighted in his job; students enjoyed their principal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For three summers in the early '70s, Louie Dudeck did whatever he had to do to sell Electro Lux sweepers.

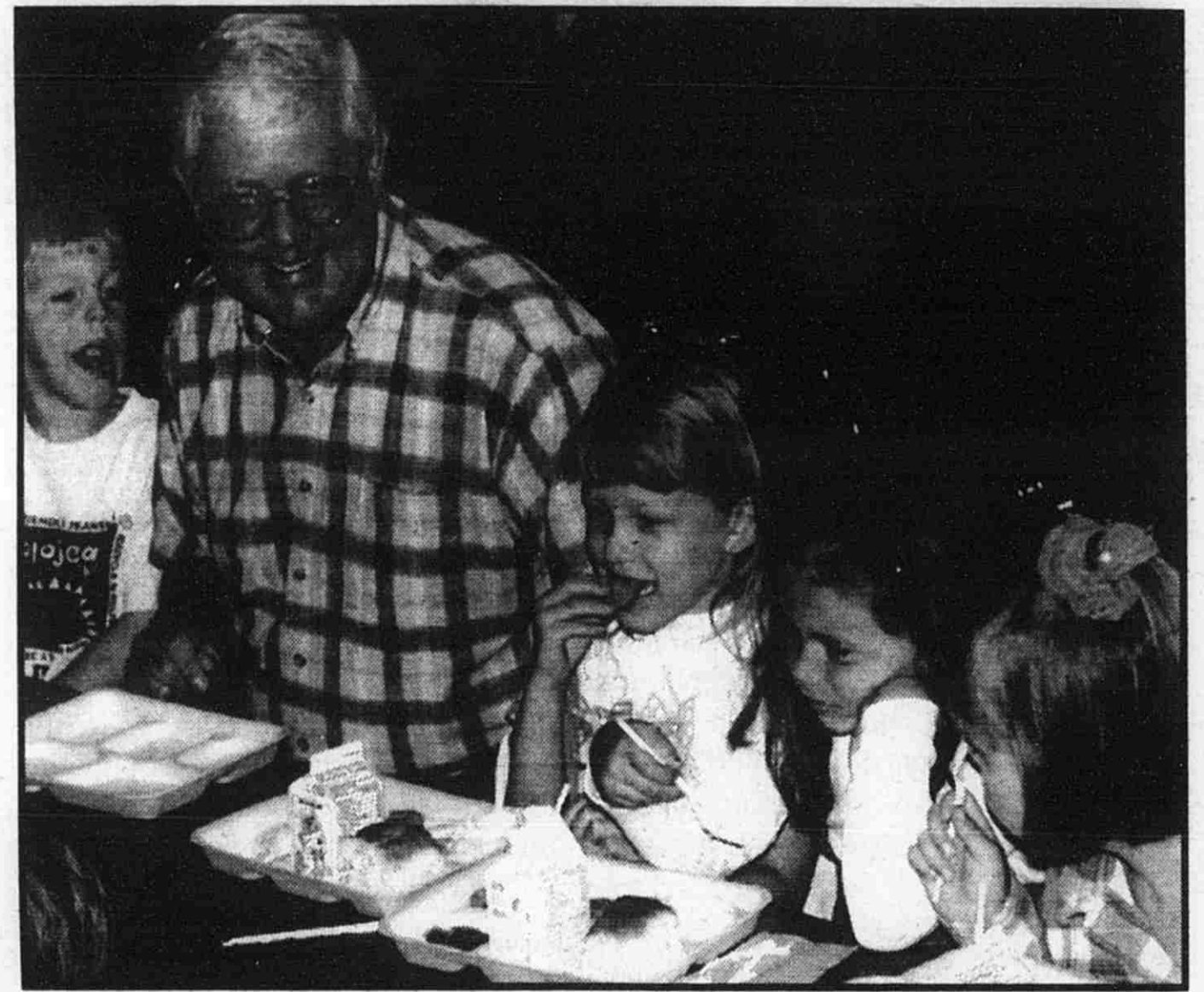
"I was a high school so-

dren to shave his beard, throw a whip cream pie in his face or dressing up as Zero the Hero) gains or enhances a child's interest in reading, math or a school event - then the uninhibited Dudeck has always been willing to do it.

be some restrictions.

"I am open to any job (not full time) that allows time for fishing, hunting and metal detecting."

Yes, metal detecting. "It is great fun. Almost as fun as fishing," Dudeck explains.



Having lunch with Principal Dudeck is always a laughing good time for students.

Kindergarten and first-grade students are a stitch. I have mixed feelings about leaving because I have always loved these kids.

**Louie Dudeck**  
Bushnell Elementary Principal

cial studies teacher in Plainwell," Dudeck recalls. "The money wasn't real good, so I sold sweepers during the summer."

Dudeck has taken that "do whatever is necessary" approach as an elementary principal in the Lowell School District for the past 12 years.

Often that has meant doing the goofy, silly things. The results have motivated and excited young children about reading, math, science and other school events.

"More and more today, schools are competing with television and Sesame Street for children's attention," Dudeck said.

If doing something silly and dumb (e.g., allowing chil-

His reward has been arms around his knees as kindergartners and first-graders give him hugs daily. "Kindergarten and first-grade students are a stitch. I have mixed feelings about leaving because I have always loved these kids."

Dudeck is also overwhelmed by the involvement of parents. "We have more parents actively involved in school on a daily basis than any other building."

The Bushnell Elementary principal says he is leaving but that doesn't mean he has ruled out working.

Dudeck may explore interest in administration subbing and student teacher training...although there will

It has given him the prized possession of old artifacts.

His metal detecting hunts have found him late 1930 toy medallions, a 1938 Nazi ten penny and a multitude of rings.

"I found the Nazi ten penny in Fallasburg Park," Dudeck said.

Dudeck also labels the current school administrators as prized. "This is the best administration I have ever worked with," Dudeck said. "I have really been lucky and blessed because I've also worked with the most dedicated, responsible teachers there are anywhere."

He is quick to point out that good principals are a result of good teachers.

"Good teachers make a good principal and good principals make for a good superintendent," Dudeck explains.

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