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A Rivers' Reflections

We never fished together, but we shared a lot of good fishing stories with one another. Gary Rivers was strict and demanding, but he loved every kid. The wrestling family in Michigan lost a great, great coach and man.

Don Gohn
Former Sparta Wrestling Coach

Gary Rivers was big on hard work, having a big heart, never backing down and never giving up. He genuinely cared about the kids who came through his wrestling program whether they could help out on the mat or not.

Scott Vashaw
Lowell High School Principal

I regret most that our two programs (Rockford and Lowell) were really never able to compete against one another on a regular basis. Gary was an outstanding coach. I have a great deal of love and respect for the man. He had a positive effect on many lives.

Don Rinehart
Rockford Wrestling Coach

We were friends for 27 years. Gary helped me with my freestyle wrestling program. He was a good friend and I will miss him.

Tom Lehman
Middleville Wrestling Coach

Emotions and respect for Rivers run deep

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

He was a life toucher, as reflected by the volumes who were affected positively by the "Chief" they respected and loved.

Gary Rivers, 62, Lowell's Hall of Fame wrestling coach, died of a massive heart attack on Tuesday (July 14), leaving a collective lump in the throat and an ache in the heart of the many lives he impacted.

Three generations of Lowell wrestlers learned from Rivers of the rewards that come from hard work, heart, and never giving up.

Their high school wrestling experiences were such that many returned as college students or fathers, in their post high school years, to assist Rivers in coaching.

Lowell Athletic director Barry Hobrila recalls going up to a practice for the first time. "Gary was laying on the mat with his head propped up in one hand and his thermos of coffee in the other," Hobrila explains. "There were probably six-eight former wrestlers up there instructing small groups of wrestlers. I think that speaks to the respect they had for Coach Rivers and his wrestling program."

That family wrestling atmosphere did not go unnoticed by those on the outside looking in.

"I respect most the wrestling tradition Gary developed at Lowell. He built a family atmosphere type program. It is one big family," Rockford wrestling coach and friend Don Rinehart said.

That family which wrestled together also fished together. Many former wrestlers knew and experienced the love Rivers had for fishing.

"Gary's love for fishing was pretty darn close to that of wrestling," said Mary Ellen Rivers, his wife of 39 years.

Bob Rodenhouse, as student teacher, coached freshman baseball under Rivers. He recalled how the "Chief" found time for fishing even during practice.

"The baseball team practiced at Recreation Field. Gary would put his pole out and sit by some trees, where the Flat River

1991. "Gary had damaged arteries which were not operable," Mary Ellen Rivers said.

With the help of medication, he was living "tentatively." His wife said there were no warning signs of the heart attack which took her husband's life.

"Gary had been in to see the doctor and

had tests done about a month ago and everything was fine. He hadn't been doing anything strenuous. I guess it was just his time," she said.

Rivers, in the midst of remodeling his Bitely cabin, was shopping at an area Menard's when he was struck down by the heart attack.

"He still enjoyed woodworking," said his wife, "which is evident by the remodeling he was doing at our cabin and our two houses which he

Record by the Numbers



Gary Rivers

Lifetime Record	499-133-6
Tri-River Titles	12
OK White Titles	8
District Titles	14
Regional Titles	6
Invitational Titles	46
Individual State Champs	3
State Quarterfinal Wins	2

came into the Grand River, while the boys took batting practice," Rodenhouse explained.

For Scott Hays, his first fishing trip up to the cabin was when he realized Rivers was more to him than just a coach. "He taught me a thing or two about fishing," said Hays. The former Lowell wrestler (1993-97) was first introduced to Rivers as a second-grader in the Lowell Freestyle program. "His leadership is why wrestlers wanted to do things for him."

Rivers had a history of heart problems. He survived a heart attack in December of

helped build."

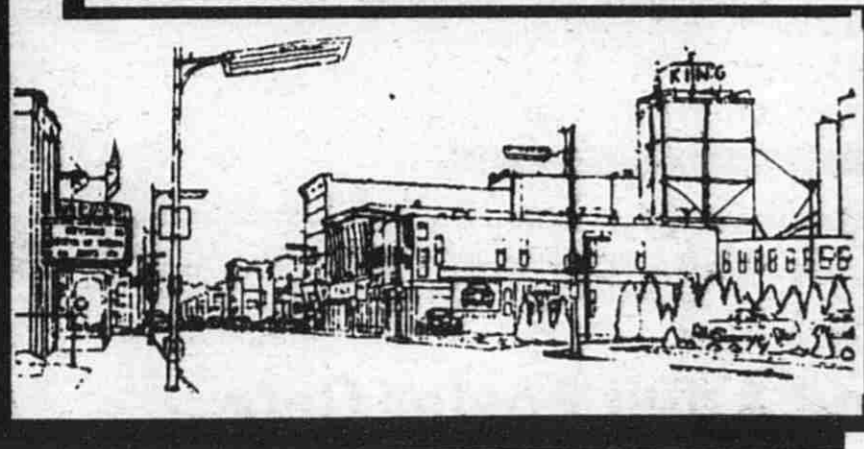
Whether it was baseball, football or wrestling, Rivers' coaching style and approach were apparently the same.

Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School principal, also taught and coached with Rivers.

"I coached football with him (1975-77). I think his football coaching style was probably like wrestling," Vashaw said. "Gary was big on hard work, big heart, never backing down and never giving up."

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Along Main Street



BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department on behalf of the Grand Valley Blood Program is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, July 22 from 3-7 at the Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

SHOWBOAT BOARD MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Board will meet Tuesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall for its monthly general meeting. Guests are welcome.

2ND ANNUAL BASEBALL AND BRUNCH

Grand Rapids Whitecaps will visit the Franciscan Life Process Center on Saturday, Aug. 1st at 9:30 a.m. Participants will be able to enjoy a pancake brunch, ask questions about baseball, see demonstrations, have photos taken with players and get autographs.

For reservations contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

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Township weighs need for national flood insurance

By Amy Briggs
Contributing Writer

Does Lowell Charter Township need to participate in a national flood insurance plan?

That question was brought before the township board at their regular meeting July 20. The township has been approached by a federally-funded flood management program offering an insurance package for the township as a whole. The township can choose to accept or reject the program since it is a township-wide plan.

The program's details include a flooding assessment of risk factors and an in-depth study of the township's flood plain. If the area is deemed high-risk and the program is implemented, homeowners' insurance premiums could double.

City to discuss possible water rate increase with Township

We've heard talk of a water rate increase in Lowell Charter Township, but, to date, it is still just talk.

At the regular board meeting July 20, Township Supervisor John Timpson stated that nothing has been decided at this time. He explained that the township engineer, Gary Voogt, had reviewed the water rate increase carefully.

"A letter voicing our concerns was forwarded to the city of Lowell," Timpson relayed. "They've agreed to discuss an adjustment to the water increase, so perhaps that is good news."

The water rate increase meeting is set for Aug. 13.

"In the past Lansing has handled [the township's] flood insurance," explained township clerk Carol Wells. "Now the decision has been given to us."

It was noted, however, that funding for the program is limited, and even if the township was pronounced a flood risk it could be bumped to low priority.

Currently, persons wishing to build homes on a flood plain must first obtain permission from the Department of Natural Resources. Flood insurance is then made available for homeowners through the city commissioner.

"I don't see our Township as a high-risk flood area," stated board member Alyn Fletcher. "Perhaps there are risks for those living downriver, though, so we must assess this plan to determine its value for our community."

The board tabled the flood insurance issue until further information becomes available.

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OBITUARIES

BRIGGS - W. Matthew Briggs, aged 84, of Lowell, passed away Friday, July 17, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife Neta. He is survived by his daughter, Joyce Angell, of Lowell; grandchildren, Matthew, Tara and Paula Krebs; brother, Marvin Briggs of Grand Rapids; sisters, Esther (Austin) Ingersoll, Iris (Robert) Clark, both of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Private services were held by his family.

RIVERS - Gary E. Rivers, aged 62, of Lowell, died unexpectedly July 14, 1998. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Mary Ellen Rivers; children, Elizabeth (Richard) McCoy of Longmont, CO, Ann (Nelson) Replogle of Hastings, Michael Rivers of Ft. Collins, CO; grandchildren, Patrick McCoy and Nicholas Replogle; brother, Jon (Edie) Rivers of Marion, IL. Mr. Rivers was retired from Lowell Area Schools after 28 years as an industrial arts teacher. He was the wrestling coach for 38 years and also coached football and baseball. Mr. Rivers was inducted into Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in 1993. He was the founder of Lowell Little League Baseball and Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club. Funeral services were held Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev.

Gordon Barry officiating. Interment Ft. Custer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Area Schools, Gary E. Rivers Scholarship Fund.

STURGEON - Douglas "Doug" L. Sturgeon, aged 39, of Lowell died Thursday, July 16, 1998. He was preceded in death by his sister, Terese. He is survived by his special friend for 17 years Gary Haling of Lowell; father, Eugene W. Sturgeon, Sr. of Lowell; mother, Marie (Ray Chapman) Sturgeon of Belmont; brothers and sisters, Sharon Stiles of Lowell, Ed (Sandy) Drougal of Sparta, Gene (Linda) Sturgeon, Jr., of Lowell, Victor (Karen Rypma) Sturgeon of Lowell, Janice (Don Moore) Sturgeon of Cedar Springs, Laura (Keith) Wilcox of Clarksville, Lenora Sturgeon of Saranac; dog, Loki; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. Services were held Monday at the Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. (Cascade Rd.), Lowell. Rev. Robert Roush officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Home of Hope, 1488 E. Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 or Aids Resource Center, 1427 Robinson Rd., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

WEEKS - Erma E. Weeks, age 87, of Saranac passed away at Metron Nursing Home in Belding. She was born in Sunfield Twp. to the parents of Roy (Retta Shafer) Litchfield, on July 14, 1911. She married Charles Weeks October 4, 1930 in Elkhart, Indiana who preceded her in death September 8, 1978. She is survived by one son Gene (Carol) Weeks of Greenville, one daughter Virginia D. Jones of East Lansing; a brother Durwood Litchfield of Ionia and one sister Maxine (Clair) Stahl of Clarksville; one daughter-in-law Geraldine (Gerry) Weeks of Saranac; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son C. Daryl (Bing) in 1992. Cremation has taken place. A memo-

rial service will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Interment of ashes Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contribution to the Saranac Fire Dept. or Alzheimers Association.

WILTON - Helen J. Wilton, age 76, of Saranac, passed away Monday, July 20, 1998 at Butterworth Hospital. She was born September 4, 1921 in Ewart, MI to the parents of Clede A. (Jennie E. Peterson) Pitcher. She was a member of the Saranac American Legion Women's Auxiliary, sold Avon products for many years. She married Woodrow Wilton August 21, 1938 in Rockford, MI. Besides her husband she is survived by one son Donald (Kay) Wilton

D.D.S. of Grand Haven, 2 daughters Carol (Gene) Weeks of Greenville, Tammy (Ron) Hank of Grand Haven; two brothers Richard (Fran) Pitcher of Wayland and Gerald (Doris) of Grand Haven; two sisters Ruth (Al) Bishop of Martin and Lois (Ted) Jancha of St. Joseph; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 23, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives Wednesday (today) at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac from 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. Anyone wishing may

make contributions to the Saranac Fire Dept.

WISSMAN - Mrs. Virginia Lois Wissman, aged 73, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 1998. Surviving are her husband, Merritt Wissman Jr.; her children, Connie Wissman, Sharon Wellman, Tom Wissman, all of Clarksville, Alan and Anne Wissman of Middleville; her granddaughters, Jennifer, Kimberly, Darcy, Kelly Jo; a great-granddaughter, Taylor Elizabeth; special aunts, uncles and cousins. The funeral service was held Monday at the funeral chapel. Rev. Bradley P. Kalajainen officiating. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery.

Youth Fair 5K Run gets Township's blessing

By Amy Briggs
Contributing Writer

The race is on again this year in Lowell Charter Township!

At their July 20th meeting, the board approved the use of the roads in Lowell Township for the Youth Fair 5K Run Aug. 15 at 8 a.m.

It's no secret that the run, which starts an hour earlier this year than last, ties up some of the township's busiest intersections. Though the board agreed the race is fun, the inevitable traffic delays also needed consideration.

The run circles the area of Alden Nash, Segwun, Emery,

Lowell View, and Grand River. Those roadways will be blocked off for the duration of the two-hour race due to a permit through the Kent County Road Commission.

"Everyone loves the run and I support it, but tying up these streets will mean no entrance into Lowell," explained board member Carlton Blough. "It could be a hindrance for fair traffic."

Though the board unanimously approved the road usage for the run, discussion followed regarding possible alternative routes for races in the future. Township Supervisor John Timpson brainstormed that perhaps a more practical route next year would be one weaving through the city of Lowell.

However, the board was

happy to approve the run and noted that youth activities like this one are good for the town-

ship. "It's true that the run really unites the town," remarked Blough. "Traffic's an issue that can be worked on."

Chickenpox vaccination an important childhood immunization

The Kent County Health Department wants to remind parents to be sure their children are vaccinated against varicella as part of routine childhood immunizations.

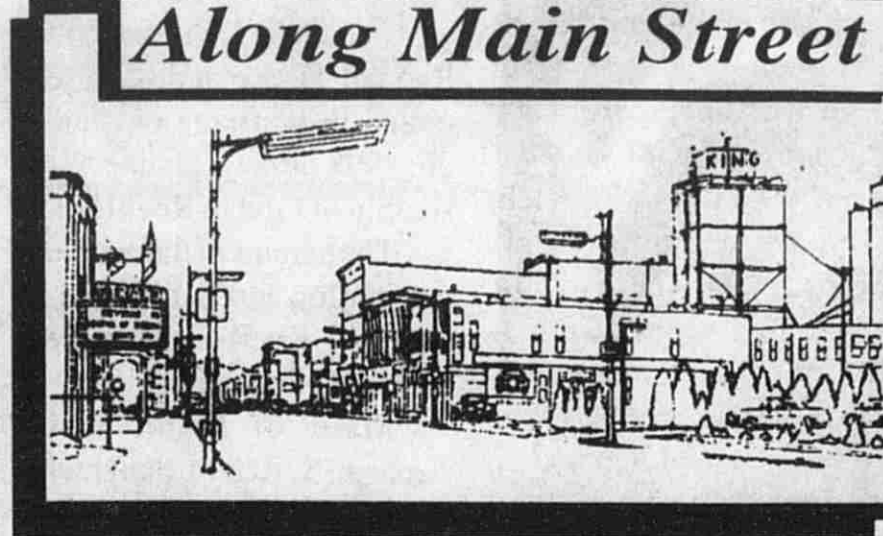
According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, varicella, commonly known as chickenpox, is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children in the U.S. and is responsible for approximately 100 deaths and 10,000

hospitalizations each year. Children age five to nine have the highest incidence of varicella.

Children should receive the varicella vaccination between 12 and 18 months of age, but may receive it at any age if they have not previously had chickenpox. Children who have had chickenpox do not need the varicella vaccine because they are immune to the disease.

The Kent County Health Department provides varicella vaccination at all Kent County Public Health Clinics. The one-time vaccination is provided free of charge to persons born after January 1, 1983 (per federal Vaccine for Children program guidelines), and for a fee of \$45.00 for those born prior.

For more information about varicella vaccination, contact the Kent County Health Department Immunization Clinic at 336-2233.



LHS CLASS OF '78
The Lowell High School class of 1978 will host a party with entertainment provided by The Bimini Brothers Band this Friday, July 24 at Fallsburg Park pavilion from 5 to 10 p.m. Fans, family and friends are welcome to join in. A \$10 per person donation is required.

CREEKSIDE KINGDOM MAINTENANCE DAY
On Saturday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to ??? please come and help with the yearly maintenance at Creekside Kingdom. Workers, and a variety of tools are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Phillips, 897-0709 or Betty Morlock at Lowell City Hall, 897-8457.

Families needed to host foreign exchange students

Lowell and surrounding areas: Families needed to host foreign exchange students.

Foreign high school students will be arriving into the local area for homestay programs for the 1998/1999 school year. Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) needs local volunteer host families.

PIE is a non-profit educational organization. The students are between the ages of 15 and 18 years of age. They bring their own spending money, have full medical insurance and are anxious to

share their cultural experiences with their new American families. PIE's academic homestays range in length from one semester to a full academic year, while the students attend local high schools.

PIE representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the "perfect match."

The playground and pavilion will be closed all day during the maintenance work.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
The regular meeting of the Fallsburg Historical Society will be held Monday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. at Englehardt Library (note the change).

The speaker will be Don DeJong, caretaker of Oakwood Cemetery, who will talk about cemetery care, restoring old gravestones, etc. Visitors are welcome. Call 897-6430 for more details.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
Commodities will be distributed Thursday, July 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreational building. This month the commodities include: apple juice, refried beans, vegetarian beans, cereal, canned chicken, corn, frozen ham, cooking oil, syrup, canned tomatoes.

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
The Kent County Youth Fair is holding a tile-painting fund-raiser. Come to one of four pottery studios: The Mud Room, Naked Plates, Bare Bisque or the Clay Art Studio to paint a 4" x 4" tile for \$6.50.

Proceeds go to renovating the Fair Center. The tile you create will become part of a permanent display inside the Fair Center. For more information about this project, call the MSU

Extension office at 336-3265.

BLUE RIBBON STREET MARKET

Wanted: flea marketers, crafters, farm marketers or people who just want to turn their junk into someone else's treasure. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Blue Ribbon Street Market on August 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A 16'x8' spot is \$30 for two days.

Application forms for registration are available at Lowell Bed & Linen Shop, Springrove Variety, Rupert's Drop, Victorian Thymes or by calling the LACC at 897-9161. Stop by Rupert's Drop, 214 E. Main St., to register and pick your spot.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Amazing Science & Wonders" vacation Bible School will be held August 10 - 14 at Creekside Park for kids in grades K-6. School will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A bike parade will begin each day at the Rite-Aid parking lot at 9 a.m. to pick up neighborhood children who want to attend. Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Lowell.

Elbow grease is the best polish.

—English proverb

The answer to this week's Whitecaps trivia question: What states do the Whitecaps travel to during the regular season? Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois.

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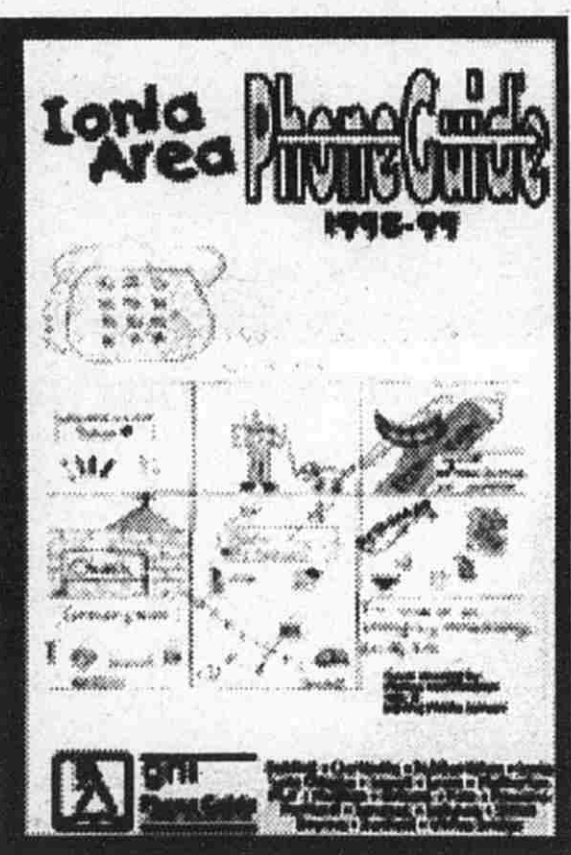
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Reflections

Of Faith

By: Rev. Gordon Barry
First United Methodist Church

The Monk and the Woman
Two Buddhist monks, on their way to the monastery, found an exceedingly beautiful woman at the riverbank. Like them, she wished to cross the river, but the water was too high. So one of the monks lifted her onto his back and carried her across.

His fellow monk was thoroughly scandalized. For two hours he berated him on his negligence in keeping the rule: Had he forgotten he was a monk? How did he dare touch a woman? And worse, carry her across the river? What would people say? Had he not brought their holy religion into disrepute? And so on.

The offending monk patiently listened to the never-ending sermon. Finally he broke in with, "Brother, I dropped that woman at the

reminds me of how God is. Thank goodness and thanks be to God, who has a short memory. When God forgives, it is gone. God also leaves our sins at the river through Jesus Christ. As you and I experience God's grace, we are given new life.

Take some time and reflect on whether or not there is anything you can leave at the river. Leave it - let it go - feel the burdens being lifted - go knowing the grace of God surrounds you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 23 - Dave Fosburg, Nathan Swift, Heather Pretzel, Robert Jahnke.

JULY 24 - Ella Tuinstra.

JULY 25 - Ella Tuinstra.

JULY 26 - Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird.

JULY 27 - Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander.

JULY 28 - Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.

JULY 29 - Rachael Vegter, Matt Lee, Mary Acosta.

AREA BIRTHS

Matthew and Kelly Kelley are proud to announce the arrival of Cole Grant Kelley born on July 6, 1998. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 21 inches long. He is welcomed home by big brother Liam.

Grandparents are Jeanne and Ed Smit of Lowell, Jim and Jeanice Breimayer of Saranac, Sherry and John Free of Lowell and Darroll Kelley of Morley.

river. Are you still carrying her?"
You and I have the choice every day to continue carrying burdens or leave them at the river. It takes a lot of energy to keep something... some past hurt, some past injustice or pain. How long do you fume and burn after someone cuts you off in traffic? We all have the choice to spend our lives keeping the past alive and active or let it go and leave those things back where we found them. When we choose to carry these hurts, issues or memories, we are using that energy and portion of our lives which could be used for the NOW. I found out a long time ago that it takes all my energies, commitment, and time to continually work on being the kind of disciple I believe God has called and created me to be. I can't afford to focus on things that are in the past.

At the same time, all this

Kaufman-Reynolds/Wedding



Candis L. Kaufman and Randall H. Reynolds were united in marriage on June 26, 1998 at the Calvary Assembly of God in Rockford. The parents of the couple are Gordon and Toni Valentine of Lowell and Onilee Reynolds of Sparta.

Maid of honor was Amanda S. Reedy, daughter of the bride. Bridesmaids were Holli L. Kaufman and Autumn R. Kaufman, daughters of the bride.

Best man was Patrick R. Kaufman, son of the bride. Master and mistress of ceremonies were Matt and Mary Hauschild.

The couple honeymooned in the Upper Peninsula and Mackinac Island.

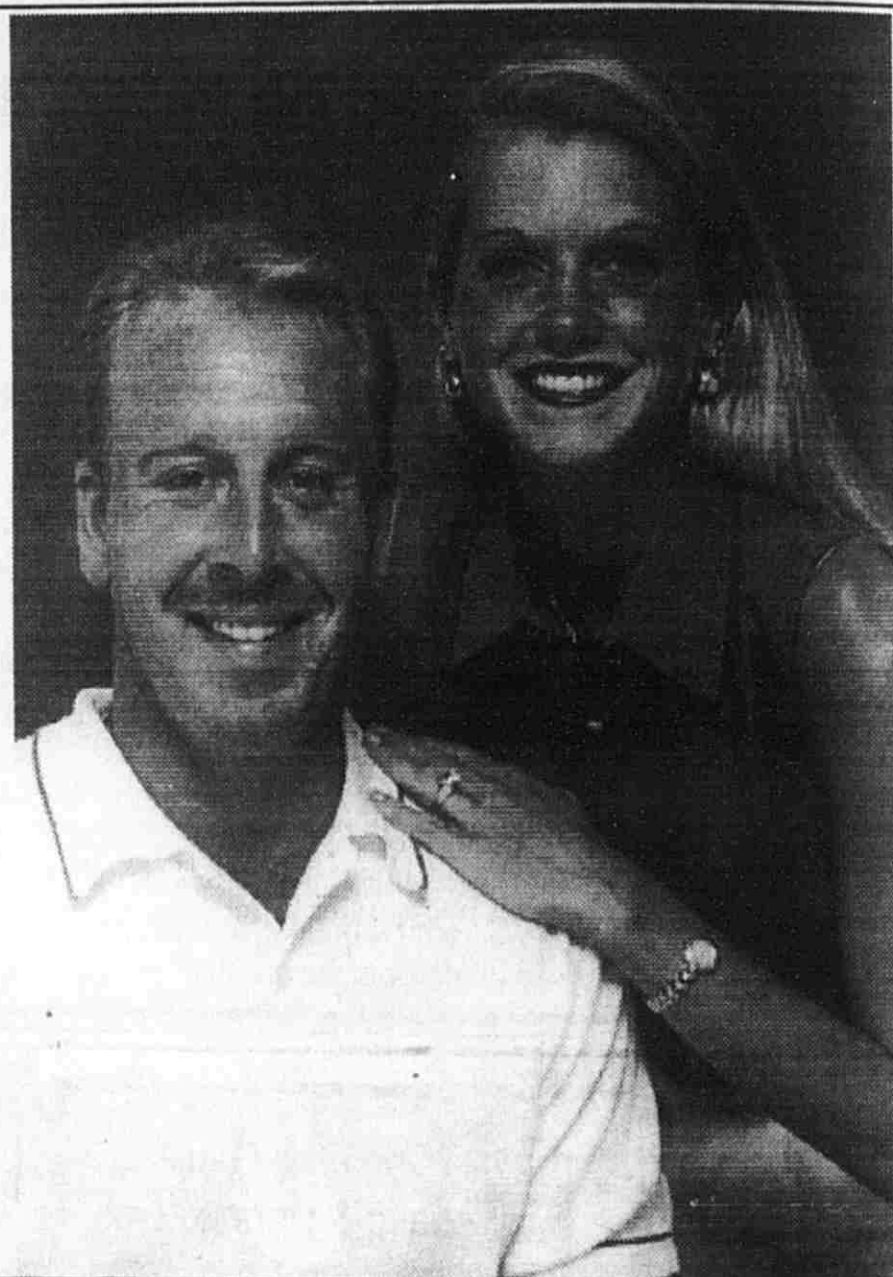
Kaechele and Anderson plan August wedding

Charles and Donna Kaechele, of Caledonia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Kaechele, to Bernie Anderson Jr. of Lowell.

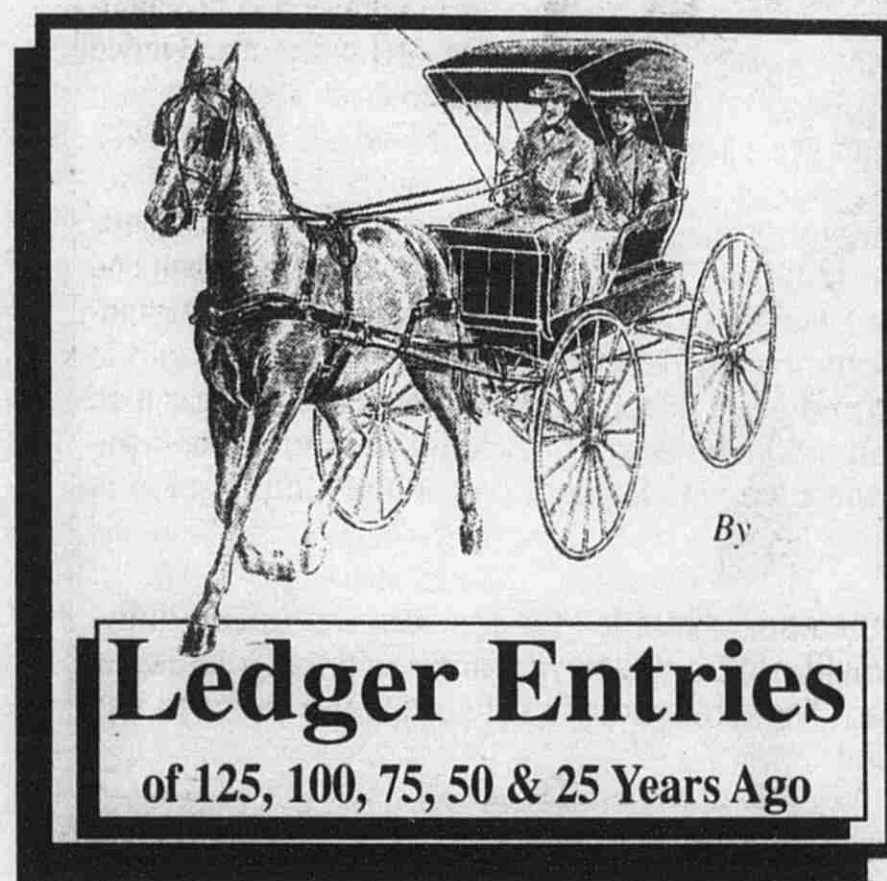
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Caledonia High School and Grand Rapids Community College.

The future groom is the son of Bernard Sr. and Laura Anderson, of Newaygo. He is a graduate of Lowell High School.

An August 29, 1998 wedding is planned.



Viewpoint . . .



Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

"Worthless dogs" have killed or mauled eight of Adelbert Odell's spring lambs in Vergennes. There should be a bounty established, says the correspondent.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JULY 12, 1923

An unusually large annual school meeting (86) results in, among other things, election of the first female school board member, Miss Grace Walker.

John A. Andrews of Vergennes has a clock whose works are 200 years old, the case 80 years.

The coming of trucks is phasing out the need for large oat crops to feed horses.

A "chicken dinner special" at Harry's Restaurant will set you back 50 cents.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 15, 1948

Showboat will hold another jumping frog contest for the pre-show this year, but will make it a hop, skip and jump instead of a single leap.

Gerald R. Ford Jr., Grand Rapids lawyer and navy veteran, will run against Bartel J. Jonkman for the Fifth Congressional District nomination for U.S. Representative.

Veterans may reinstate lapsed insurance policies before July 31, 1948.

Showboat Chorus is the largest ever, 97, to go with the new and larger showboat.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - JULY 12, 1973

The proposed sidewalk construction to the new middle school meets with opposition from residents who will be charged for the walk construction.

County improvements to Lincoln Lake north of Lowell call for relocation of Bailey Drive entrance to 200 feet north.

The new seats in the Showboat stands give more space to stretch one's legs.

Barb Brown delivers Showboat brochures to all the ticket outlets in Michigan.

The Showboat and School boards will get together to talk about Showboat's request for a piece of school property to help reconstruct the Showboat area.

To The Editor

To the Editor:

May I call your attention to the eyesore that is Noon Equipment at 11930 Fulton Street East. Many who drive to and from Lowell on M-21 would agree with me that the mess this farm equipment company has made of its commercial area close to the Bows/Alden Nash traffic light does not present our fine city in a favorable light. What does all the work downtown do to make anything any better when we have this establishment that leaves several pieces of equipment to lie helter-skelter all over their property.

Can something be done to give them an idea that they should take pride in our city? Or do all our efforts to make our city look like less of a tawdry place go down in defeat? I think that this should be an issue brought up at Lowell City Council for them to recommend that this business be asked to tidy up its commercial area or face some punishment that fits the crime of defacing our fair city.

Let's lift this black mark from our cityscape before we become so entrenched in trying to make downtown look so nice while we let others like Noon Equipment get away with a junkyard by the side of the road.

Michael F. Lessens

Dear Editor:

Knock, knock. You answer your door and the person waiting says, "Hello, I'm the Vergennes Township Zoning Administrator and I've received an anonymous complaint from one of your neighbors saying that there are too many cars going in and out of your driveway. I would like to inspect your home to certify that you are in compliance with our new home-based business and home-based occupation ordinance."

You respond, "But I've done nothing wrong... do you have a search warrant?"

Their response is "No, I don't need one, and by the way, if you don't comply your permit to operate will be revoked."

Music lessons or whatever, this could very well have been the scenario affecting such an activity you are carrying on now or decided to start in the future.

Fortunately, after residents' strong vocal opposition, township officials reluctantly removed the provision from an already questionable ordinance.

The provision is gone, so what's the big deal? I ask you this: what kind of township government are we dealing with who can't even remember our basic constitutional rights? Why should we residents even have to run to our township hall to oppose this kind of nonsense in the first place? These officials are here to serve us, not us to serve them.

It's clear to me after talking to residents about this and other issues that we need a positive change at the township level.

Do you think our current township officials have the experience and knowledge that we are looking for? Shouldn't we also be examining personal character and virtues in the people we elect? I see our biggest opportunity for change for quite some time to come, as our present supervisor has been challenged by at least one candidate for that position. The time for change is now. Please don't miss this opportunity. Vote on August 4.

Daniel Parker

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to the letter published in the July 15, 1998 edition of the Ledger signed by Ken Ewing. Mr. Ewing's letter contains several errors, one of which refers to me, and I would like to respond.

The cost of a Zoning Board of Appeals request for a variance in Vergennes Township was raised from \$200 to \$300 in October of 1996. The Planning Commission had done a study of the true costs associated with a variance request, and found that \$200 no longer covered it. They also checked with other jurisdictions around the county and found that the \$300 range was average. Mr. Ewing states in his letter that "...the township clerk was quoted as saying that the board raised the cost of a variance application... because the board doesn't want people asking for variances."

I am insulted by the thought that someone would even believe this grossly inaccurate statement. Property owners who have a reason to ask for a variance are, and have always been, encouraged to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The costs their appeal incurs should not, however, be paid for by their fellow residents. To call this "an earmark of an excessively controlling government" is to miss the point.

The other issues I have with Mr. Ewing's letter have to do with his misunderstanding, misinterpretation and misinformation.

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CREEKSIDE KINGDOM PLAYGROUND TEMPORARY CLOSING
Due to the need for annual maintenance to keep Creekside Kingdom's playground equipment safe and fun for our children, the playground will be closed on Saturday, July 25, 1998. Also the pavilion will not be available during this time.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN E.L.C.A. Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP: Sunday Worship 10:45 A.M. Thursday Evenings Summer Service 7 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M. Church office 956-6695</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship.....8:30 A.M. Fellowship Time.....9:30 A.M. Worship.....10:00 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3650 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service Robert W. Holmes, Pastor SUNDAYS: Morning Worship : 10:30 a.m. Sunday Night Alive: 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7-8 p.m. Your invitation to a "Church on the Grow"</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.iserv.net/~goodshep Sunday Worship.....9:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarra.....Pastor Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed. Director Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service, 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/J.V. Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>NO WORRIES FOR 6 MONTHS. Buy a new air conditioner and don't pay for six months. Just call Bryant to the rescue. bryant Heating & Cooling Systems Since 1962 Arctic, Inc. 1301 BOWES RD. LOWELL MI 49331 (616) 897-4123 Our no money down payment plan on new or used equipment is available to our Bryant Comfort Care Program accounts only. Subject to credit approval. 24% financing. Annual percentage rate may vary after January 1, 1998. Minimum finance charge 5% on annual fee.</p>

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



SWIMMER'S ITCH

Swimmer's itch is a common skin rash seen in the summer months all over Michigan. This rash occurs in individuals who have been exposed to a parasite after swimming in shallow inland lakes. It occurs about a day or so after exposure and typically lasts 3-5 days. The rash appears as red patches on the skin exposed to the water. Intense itching is usually present and skin covered by a bathing suit is usually spared.

The parasite responsible for swimmer's itch is found in ducks, geese, muskrats and snails. The parasite invades the human skin, but dies shortly thereafter resulting in an allergic reaction and rash.

Treatment of swimmer's itch consists of applying topical creams like calamine lotion or 1 percent hydrocortisone cream. Oral benadryl will help relieve the irritating itch. If the rash lasts more than 3-5 days or becomes secondarily infected, you should consult your physician.

Swimmer's itch can be prevented by avoiding swimming in lakes that are known to have high populations of the parasite. The rash may be partially prevented by thoroughly drying the skin immediately after swimming. This may prevent penetration of the skin by the parasite.

The parasite causing swimmer's itch is not dangerous to humans, but it sure can be a nuisance during your summer vacation.

JOURNAL ENTRIES

June 25, 1998

I can't believe this week has gone so fast and yet at times the anxiety made the days seem slow. My family has been waiting the arrival of a new baby; our youngest son and his wife Amy's first child. All of us have been so excited that the anticipation of this child nearly did us in. We've experienced so many events that literally enveloped us in death the past two years that looking forward to a new baby fills us with a wonderful sense of anticipation.

June 26, 1998

WE HAVE A NEW BABY! A girl. Morgan Anne. 8 lbs. 14 oz. When the phone rang at 7:30 p.m., and I heard my son Gordie say, "Hello Grandma, you have a new granddaughter" and he put the phone over by the baby so I could hear her cry, I laughed with delight. How can it be - our youngest son - a father! Oh God, where did all the years go? It seems like

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yesterday my husband did the same thing to my mother and our three other children except it was "It's a boy; almost twelve pounds! That was twenty-six years ago - that was Gordie.

June 27, 1998

This morning while recouping from all of yesterdays "up in the air" emotions and all the phone calls from family and friends, I lay back against the pillows thinking of the Lord. All of a sudden from either my mind or heart (sometimes I think they are the same) I heard a bit of poetic prose I learned years ago I smiled in recognition. "God has been better to me than all my hopes, better than all my fears; for He made a bridge of my broken sighs and a rainbow of my tears." Bridges and rainbows! That little bit of truth brought joy to my overly tired heart.

I now have five granddaughters and one grandson. This is the first child that will not have her dear Grandpa to love her (he died two years ago). But in another sense he is in all the others and somehow the remembrances of him that they have will perfume this lovely girl. Morgan and I will have a special name-bond between us - Joy. She will always be that to me. Tonight I am most grateful for all my children and grandchildren. How blessed I am to have them in my life. My husband and I were blessed together, and I am left with the continuance of it.

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided - Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll.

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

Absent: None.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the June 15, 1998 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Pasquale noted due to the close of the 1997-98 Fiscal Year, the Accounts Payable contained only prepaids to June 30, 1998.

Councilmember Myers requested less acronyms be used when preparing the Accounts Payable.

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

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

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/06/98)

GENERAL FUND	\$84,429.36
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,234.27
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,234.24
DDA FUND	334.49
AIRPORT FUND	15.88
WASTEWATER FUND	29,693.16
WATER FUND	26,397.93
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,572.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,628.03
LEE FUND	53.40
LOOK FUND	7,866.92

Item #1. REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING THE VACATION OF WATER STREET AND DELETING A PORTION OF RECREATION PARK FROM THE MASTER PLAN. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at its June 22, 1998 meeting to review the proposal from King Milling to vacate Water Street from one block south of Main Street to the end so the company can upgrade the road for their truck traffic.

The Parks Commission, at its May 9, 1998 meeting, recommended a revised plan for Recreation Park which consider address and the reorientation of its facilities. Through Design Plus, the cost is \$9,800 to produce this plan. King Milling has pledged \$5,000 toward this cost, which the budget has a \$4,800 allocation from the Lee Fund.

As a more immediate project, access to the ballfield was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission immediately north of the King Memorial Pool Building through the Michigan Wire property. In consideration of this access, Dean Lonick has proposed the acquisition of park property immediately adjacent to the Michigan Wire property and north of the ballfield to assist with their access.

In order to consider this sale, the Planning Commission may delete this park property from the Master Plan. This was accomplished with Chadalee Farms for the acquisition of a portion of Creekside Park in 1991.

At its June 13, 1998 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended to the Planning Commission that the portion of Recreation Park be deleted from the Master Plan.

Thus, the Planning Commission unanimously deleted

the portion of Recreation Park from the Master Plan as well as recommending vacation of Water Street.

Lonick stated that Water Street is in need of repairs and the park needs safe access. These actions will provide both. Jim Doyle of King Milling concurred.

Green questioned if the strip along the river is part of the proposed sale or remain as park. Pasquale said only the roadway is involved.

Further, Pasquale mentioned the vacation of Water Street, sale of the former Recreation Park property and acquisition of right of way from Michigan Wire for ballfield access should be accomplished at the same time.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to establish a public hearing on August 17, 1998 considering the vacation of Water Street one block south of Main Street to the end of the road right of way and the sale of the former Recreation Park property north of the ballfield.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SIBLEY AND RIDGEVIEW (MAPLEWOOD SQUARE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL) - REZONING FROM R-2 TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (7/20). Michael Nosko of 1665 Fawns Ridge Dr., Ada had presented a preliminary plan for a fourplex development called Maplewood Square, to be located at the southeast corner of Sibley and Ridgeview. The plan provided 30 fourplex buildings on this site.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing at their June 22 meeting and unanimously recommended approval to the City Council of this ordinance amendment rezoning the southeast corner of Sibley and Ridgeview as requested to R-3 Residential, encompassing 3.8 acres.

Councilmember Blough asked if there was any public comments at the hearing. City Manager Pasquale responded only one comment was received mentioning neighborhood problems, but did not specifically address the proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to establish a public hearing for Monday, July 20, 1998 to consider the adoption of an ordinance amendment rezoning the southeast corner of Sibley and Ridgeview from R-2 to R-3 Residential, encompassing 3.8 acres.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 2401 W. MAIN - TODD LANDMAN - REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SELF STORAGE WAREHOUSE - PUBLIC HEARING. Todd Landman (owner) stated his intention to construct a self storage warehouse addition at this W. Main Street property. Because this property abuts a residential district, a 50 foot rear yard setback is required. Landman petitioned to have a 30 foot setback for the westerly of two buildings. He noted no housing exists in the abutting area as well as being in wetlands and unbuildable. Landman stated this property had been recently acquired by the First Baptist Church. At this time, the Church has no plans for construction in this area. First Baptist could possibly have this property rezoned to Public Facilities. With this non residential district, Landman could have a 25 foot rear yard setback.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their June 22, 1998 meeting and recommended against the approval of the variance. While noting no disagreement with the proposed setback, the variance application failed to meet the established criteria for granting such a request. The Commission stated there were no unusual circumstances or undue hardships proven.

ZBA Chairman Shores opened the public hearing. No public comments were received. City Manager Pasquale read letters of support or no objection of the rezoning request from the First Baptist Church of Lowell (2275 W. Main), Admiral Petroleum Company (2001 W. Main), Sam's Service Center (2400 W. Main) and D & D Trucking Company (2485 W. Main).

In supporting his petition, Landman also noted his property is not squared and his proposed structures would screen the dust and noise from D & D Trucking and Michigan Wire located to the west of the Church.

Boardmember Blough noted the letter from First Baptist Church of Lowell did not state their property would be rezoned. He said the Zoning Ordinance, which the Planning Commission must follow, is very strict on the criteria for recommending approval of variances. Blough also recalled setbacks being discussed at length when the initial site plan was brought before the Commission in 1996.

Boardmember Myers felt the residential property to the rear would not be developed and Landman's lot is not squared. Thus, reasons for supporting the variance can be found.

Shores concurred with Myers stating she respects the Planning Commission work but believed unusual circumstances are present.

The public hearing was closed.

Boardmember Thompson questioned if there were any other options. Pasquale responded Landman could consider purchasing a portion of property from the Church or wait until First Baptist plans to rezone it.

Boardmember Green asked what the time frame was for rezoning from the Church.

Pasquale responded First Baptist is having a meeting on July 8 and will most likely discuss this issue. But, he could not give a time frame.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to approve the rear yard setback variance for the construction of a self storage warehouse addition at 2401 W. Main Street within 30' of the lot line, where 50' is required.

YEA: 3. (Boardmembers Green, Myers and Shores)

NAY: 2. (Boardmembers Blough and Thompson)

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF THE POLICE LABOR CONTRACT. City Manager Pasquale has been in negotiation with the Lowell Police Officers Association regarding a new three year agreement. At the request of the Association and himself, a two month extension of the current contract from June 30 to August 31 had been proposed, so negotiations could be completed in an orderly manner.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the two month extension of the Police Labor Contract with the Lowell Police Officers Association from June 30 to August 31, 1998.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

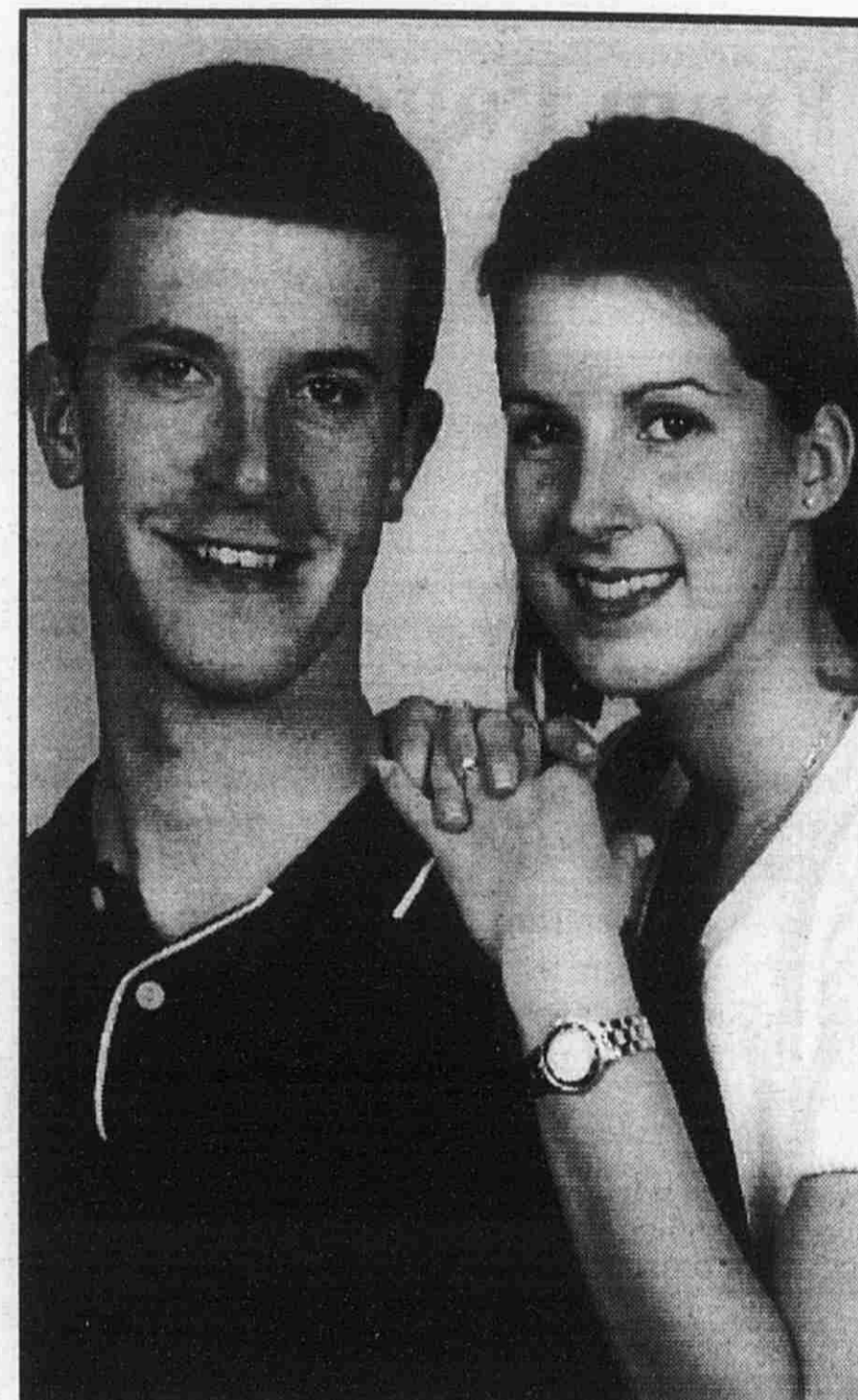
Item #5. BIDS - CONSTRUCTION OF THREE PAVILIONS AT CREEKSIDE AND STONEY LAKESIDE PARKS. Councilmember Blough had removed himself from discussion and voting on this item because of immediate family working for one of the companies involved in bidding the project.

Sealed bids were received on June 29 for the construction of three 20' x 24' pavilions (picnic shelters) at Creekside (two) and Stoney Lakeside (one) Parks. The bids were as follows:

Overbeck Construction Co. (Lowell)	\$15,840.00
D'Agostino Builders (Lowell)	24,838.82
Richard Anderson Builders (Lowell)	27,000.00
Cycon Enterprises (Grandville)	40,728.00

After careful review of the bids, DPW Director DesJarden recommended the contract be awarded to Overbeck Construction at a cost of \$15,840. He noted the project can be completed by mid August. A total of \$12,000 was budgeted from the Lee Fund and \$3,840 would be allocated from the General Fund - Parks as a budget amendment.

Councilmember Shores stated her concerns with the large range between the bids. DesJarden met with Overbeck to review his bid and was in accordance with specifications.



Luke Michael Davidson and Danielle Marie Johnson

Johnson and Davidson set November wedding date

Danielle Marie Johnson, of Lowell, and Luke Michael Davidson, of Byron Center, are engaged and planning a November 14, 1998 wedding.

Parents of the future bride are Phil and Charlene Johnson. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor of science in dietetics.

The groom-elect is the son of Steve and Nancy Hubbard of Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in general business.



New Flag Given to Franciscans

Gordon Marshall, Flat River VFW Post 8303 commander, left, presents Franciscan Life Process Center's Sister Valorie with a new American flag.

The Franciscan's flag was severely torn and tattered in recent storms.

The VFW has donated both U.S. and POW/MIA flags to the City and Township of Lowell, the veterans memorial and Lowell Schools.

"This is what the VFW does. I was glad to be able to make this presentation," Marshall said.

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Councilmember Myers was pleased the bids were received from local businesses.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to award contract to Overbeck Construction Company for the construction of three 20' x 24' pavilions to be placed at Creekside and Stoney Lakeside Parks for \$15,840 allocated from the Lee Fund (\$12,000) and General Fund - Parks (\$3,840).

YEA: 4.

ABSTAIN: 1. (Councilmember Blough)

NAY: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. BIDS - 113 LAFAYETTE (OLD NAPA) BUILDING RENOVATIONS. Councilmember Blough again removed himself from discussion and voting on this item because of the same reasons as stated previously.

On June 29, sealed bids were received for the renovation of the 113 Lafayette (old NAPA) building. The work involves the construction of a new pitched roof with installation of new doors and windows. The bids were as follows:

Overbeck Construction Co. (Lowell)	\$22,393.00
D'Agostino Builders (Lowell)	34,212.50
Richard Anderson Builders (Lowell)	36,000.00

DPW Director DesJarden reviewed the bids and recommended the low bid of Overbeck Construction to perform the work at 113 Lafayette at a cost of \$22,393. The project is budgeted from the General Fund - Public Works. Overbeck Construction stated the work would be completed by the end of August in their bid.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to award contract to Overbeck Construction for the roofing, windows and doors installation project at 113 Lafayette at a cost of \$22,393 allocated from the General Fund - Public Works.

YEA: 4.

ABSTAIN: 1. (Councilmember Blough)

NAY: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. APPOINTMENT OF NEW AIRPORT MANAGER. City Manager Pasquale stated the current Airport Manager Roger Crawford will be leaving by August 7. Jim Sowle, a member of the Airport Board since 1992 and an adjoining property owner to the facility had offered to assume this role, pending certification from the State, for one year. Marv Tyler, President of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology, the organization having an overall management agreement with the City, approved Sowle as Manager.

The Airport Board had formally recommended Sowle as Airport Manager to the City Council at their June 30, 1998 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to appoint Jim Sowle as the Airport Manager, pending certification from the State, for one year.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. REPORT ON THE PLEASANT STREET - SCHNEIDER MANOR PARKING ISSUE. Mayor Thompson, Police Chief Valentine and City Manager Pasquale had the opportunity to discuss with Board members the parking issue on Pleasant Street by Schneider Manor. Based on these discussions, there is no need to restrict the on street parking, noting sufficient off street parking on site.

Valentine stated the distance is shorter for residents to use the north door to the parking lot rather than to the Pleasant Street sidewalk. He also noted from a safety aspect, it is probably better for residents to use the north door to the parking lot. If there is an actual emergency that occurs, parking for emergency vehicles can still be in the street, if necessary.

The consensus of the Council was not to restrict the on street parking on Pleasant Street by Schneider Manor.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores was pleased with the new channels on the Cable TV.

Councilmember Myers suggested the City consider renaming the King Memorial Pool Building to the King Memorial Building, because the pool no longer exists.

Valentine responded that the Lowell Youth Fair, which is leasing the facility, is researching this.

Myers also stated his appreciation of East Main Street being repaved and questioned the next phase. Pasquale stated the contractors are now working on Valley Vista and West Main installing stormdrains. Councilmember Blough requested the status of the City entrance signs. DesJarden said the sign to be located at Bowes Road and West Main will be installed Tuesday, July 7, with the others commencing on Thursday, July 9, 1998.

Item #11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

a. For Council information, the following meeting minutes were enclosed:

- Planning Commission meeting of May 26, 1998
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of May 28, 1998

b. The joint meeting with the City Council, Planning Commission and the Downtown Historic Commission to review progress on the City Hall - Police Station Building Needs and Assessment Study is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 1998 from 7 to 9 p.m. at City Hall.

c. A Goal setting session was proposed, facilitated through the Michigan Municipal League, for the City Council. Pasquale suggested other Boards and Commissions could be invited.

The council determined to have only itself participate in the session at this time. The other Boards and Commissions could be involved at a later time. Also, the Council preferred to schedule a Goal setting session either on a second or fifth Monday of the month.

d. A total of 29 entries were submitted to the City Logo contest. The following have been proposed by Councilmember Shores to serve as a selection committee recommending a logo to Council.

- City Manager David Pasquale
- Liz Baker (Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce)
- Wendell Christoff of Litehouse-Chadalee Farms (business)
- Teresa Beachum (resident)
- Karen Thomure (Lowell Middle School Art Teacher)

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson reappointed Gordon Barry and Clark Jahnke to the Planning Commission for three year terms, expiring June 30, 2001 and appointed Michael Harding (617 W. Main) to the Planning Commission expiring June 30, 2000. Also, he reappointed Norm Borgerson and Jim Wood to three year terms, expiring June 30, 2001 to the Light and Power Board respectively.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to adjourn to a Closed Session involving a personnel matter pursuant to Section 8A of the Open Meetings Act at 8:37 p.m.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return to open session at 9:05 p.m.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, July 20, 1998

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

Habitat for Humanity seeking alternatives

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Habitat for Humanity's effort to clear the title in the Bowes Road site has not yet been successful and ceasing further efforts is a distinct possibility according to Deb Stalsenburg, associate director for the Habitat for Humanity for Kent County.

In a meeting with Francis Swearingen, 206 S. Pleasant, Habitat asked Swearingen for her cooperation in exchange for help it might be able to provide on her home.

Swearingen dismissed the offer out of hand. "She gave no consideration to our offer and is completely convinced that she has a claim to the property," said Habitat for Humanity executive director John Kuiper.

Swearingen's lawyer is preparing a suit to quiet the title. Kuiper said Swearingen would be suing the City of Lowell and/or Habitat for Humanity.

Taking the issue to court and getting a decision would take months and leaves no guarantee how the court will decide on the issue.

"Even if the court would rule in our favor, this would create a hostile environment for the Jill Sloma family (the family the house would be built for)," Kuiper said.

Swearingen and her lawyer believe Swearingen has legitimate claim for "adverse possession."

Kuiper said Habitat will seek other alternatives. Swearingen said she is pleased with Habitat for Humanity's decision but knows there is work that needs to be done with the city.

"I began pursuing the city about taxes on the property back in 1975 and the city never responded," Swearingen explains. "I just want to get this thing settled once and for all."

Swearingen does not feel as if she should have to pay back taxes. "The property never should have been taken from me. I believe it was a city error caused by a split parcel number."

Rivers, continued... From Page 1

He rode that prescription to success in all three sports. "When Gary was hired as football coach, he said the team would be competitive in year one, break even in year two and win a conference championship in year three. Sure enough, that's what happened," Rivers explains.

His wrestling teams combined the aforementioned and were highly respected for their technical skills.

"I admired Gary's wrestling teams for their technical skill and their mental toughness," said longtime friend and coaching peer, Don Gohn.

The former Sparta coach started in 1964 and says in the early days Gary and he were young, volatile and hated one another. As the years progressed, they remained tough competitors but became fast friends.

"The Michigan wrestling family has lost a great, great coach and man," Gohn said.

The highest coaching honor was bestowed on Rivers in 1993 when he was inducted into the Michigan Wrestling Hall of Fame.

In 1996, he was named the state's coach of the year. Last year Rivers, along with fellow coach and friend Tom Lehman, was named regional coach of the year.

"I first came in contact with Gary as a high school wrestler," Lehman reflects. "When I got into coaching, he was one of the people you looked up to."

Lehman described Lowell wrestling teams under the tutelage of Rivers as good technical wrestlers.

"Gary's teams always seemed to win big, close matches," Lehman explained. "His kids were always gentlemen and very competitive. He was my friend for 27 years. I will miss him."

In 38 years, Rivers accumulated 499 wins to go against 133 losses and 6 ties. He was expected to claim win number 500 against East Grand Rapids next season. It would have made him only the fourth high school wrestling coach in the country to reach that plateau.

Rivers founded the Lowell Freestyle Wrestling League and the Lowell Little League. He was also a Michigan Wrestling Association board member.

"Gary was focused and set in his ways, but he was

successful because he recognized the need to change, but still keeping the soul, flavor and tradition of the Lowell wrestling program," said Lowell assistant wrestling coach Dave Strejc.

Rivers retired from Lowell Area Schools after 28 years as an industrial art teacher.

"Gary loved kids. He had a special knack for getting the most out of them. I don't know what it was. It just came naturally," Mary Ellen Rivers said.

Mr. Rivers earned your respect and gave you respect in return. He knew the kids in the elementary levels. Mr. Rivers went to almost all of the eighth-grade matches. As a kid you know that and appreciate it. He had the respect of everybody in wrestling. Mr. Rivers was a legend.

Dave Stouffer
Former Lowell Wrestler

I will always remember how Gary disciplined. He could throw a block of wood at a student and get away with it. The parents and students wouldn't say anything. They had a respect for him. I think it was due to coaching. Kids looked up to him. He had his own style and way. Athletes found his size and gruffness appealing and they responded to him.

Gary Kemp
Former Lowell High School Principal

The only man I respected more than Gary Rivers was my father. He treated wrestling as a sport. He was the coach in the purest form. I don't care if he never won a state championship, Gary Rivers is "the coach." He always was and always will be. He was the leader when it came to coaching wrestling. He told me that coaching my own son would be a great opportunity that I shouldn't pass up. He was right. I am glad I did.

Tom Krepps
Former Grandville Wrestling Coach

Gary Rivers was a great coach. He had a lot to give to kids. He was a great competitor who understood the sport. I loved coaching against him. We battled on the mat, but away from the mat we were friends. I thought a lot of him and I will miss him. He will be hard to replace.... no, Lowell will never replace him.

John Baum
Belding Wrestling Coach

Gary Rivers was a life toucher. He made a difference in the lives of so many people, programs and schools. He was intense, focused, dedicated and kid oriented.

Dick Korb
Former Lowell High School Principal

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Business Matters

Ferrellgas employees across the country will soon become owners of the company, district manager Duane Bredahl announced today. "Our local Ferrellgas employees are proud to join more than 4,000 employees throughout the United States in truly owning

our company. We consider Ferrellgas to be the industry leader, and employee ownership is one more way to demonstrate that leadership."

Employees recently attended a special meeting during which president and chief executive officer Dan Sheldon announced that em-

ployees will acquire majority ownership of the company from Ferrellgas chairman James E. Ferrell. The company is funding the purchase from Ferrell through a federally qualified employee stock ownership plan, or ESOP. The remaining equity of the company is owned by public

unitholders and will continue to trade on the New York Stock Exchange. "We take pride in serving customers quickly, safely and professionally," says Bredahl. "As employee-owners, we have even more reason to make Ferrellgas the first choice for propane service.

This is an exciting development that will allow all of us to more actively participate in building this company."

Ferrellgas is the nation's second-largest retail propane marketer serving approximately 800,000 customers in 45 states. Revenue in 1997 was \$804 million.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Apprentice Scott M. Dykstra, son of Robert W. and Carol A. Dykstra of Lowell, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, Dykstra completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval

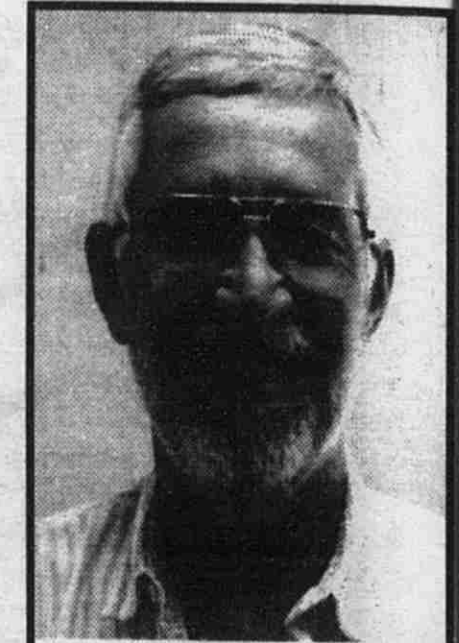
customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. Dykstra and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

Dykstra joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

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

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Dykstra are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training.

He is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School



Jim Sowle

Sowle named new airport manager

Jim Sowle, an airport board member since 1992 and an adjoining property owner to the facility has been appointed the new Lowell City Airport manager. The city council's approval pending his certification from the state.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION FILE No. 98-165,430-IE

ESTATE OF MARCELLA MISHLER DECEASED SS# 367-22-6440

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Including all first cousins whose addresses and whereabouts are unknown. Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was PILGRIM MANOR, 2000 LEONARD NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49505 died December 29, 1997. An instrument dated June 30, 1995 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative MADELYN WIERSMA, 1640 RIDGEVIEW SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH-

GAN 49506, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

The estate is not being supervised by the Probate Court. Any interested party may file a written petition with the Kent County Probate Court, located at 320 Ot-

tawa Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and with the Independent Personal Representative, objecting to the appointment and to the admission of the decedent's will to probate. Objections to the admission of the decedent's will to probate must be filed within 90 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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CREEKSIDE KINGDOM SAND & SEAL SATURDAY, JULY 25 FROM 8 A.M. TO ?

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If you have any questions, please contact Dan Phillips (897-0709) or Betty Morlock at Lowell City Hall (897-8457).

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 1998

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITION OF #3 UNDER NEW BUSINESS, INSURANCE ON NEW BUILDING.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

MOTION TO APPROVE LAND DIVISION AND ACCESS ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN IN DRAFT #3

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER NOT TO EXCEED \$1500 FOR COMMUNITY ROOM TABLES AND CADDY.

MOTION TO APPROVE INSURANCE RATE OF \$500,000 FOR NEW BUILDING, \$50,000 FOR CONTENTS, AND \$50,000 FOR ELECTRONICS.

MOTION TO DIRECT CLERK TO OBTAIN APPRAISAL ON ALL BUILDINGS AND BID FOR UNIFORM COVERAGE BEFORE OCTOBER MEETING.

MOTION TO ELIMINATE OVERHANG FROM EAST SIDE ENTRY AND OCTAGON VENT FROM FRONT ENTRY ON NEW BUILDING.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Program Testing for the August 4, 1998 Primary Election will be conducted on Wednesday, July 29, 1998 in the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan at 3:00 p.m.

Peggy Gurney, Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 27, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following rezoning request:

Pete Odland, owner of White's Bridge Tooling (1395 Bowes Road), petitioned to rezone the northeast corner of Valley Vista and Bowes Road from C-3 (General Business) to L-1 (Light Industrial).

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock Deputy City Clerk 616-897-8457

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40	HISTORY
41	AMC
42	WZPX-43
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44	LIFETIME
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TUESDAY LATE NIGHT JULY 28, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WZZM, DISN, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, NASH, TLC, SCIFI, COM, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, HBO, MAX).

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WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 29, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WZZM, DISN, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, NASH, TLC, SCIFI, COM, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, HBO, MAX).

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COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 30, 1998		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "Recycled" (R) (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Talked to Death" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
4	WVTV	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	C-16 (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Peter Jennings Reporting: "The American Game"	News	Nightline			
5	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing (In Stereo)	Anyplace Wild	Great Lakes Outdoors	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	
7	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Doll"	World's Scariest Police Chases 3 (R)	Fox Files (In Stereo)	(1997) Jaclyn Smith, Kim Coates. (In Stereo)	Psi Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (R)	Waiting for God	Fraser "Fraser Grinch"	M*A*S*H "Father's Day"	
8	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Suddenly Susan (R)	Seinfeld "The Burning"	Just Shoot Me (R)	ER "Family Practice" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	C-16 (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Peter Jennings Reporting: "The American Game"	News	Nightline			
15	DISN	Movie: "Escape to Witch Mountain" (1995), Elisabeth Moss (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Magic Island" (1995) (In Stereo) PG (Adult language)	N Sync In Concert (R)	Walt Disney Presents "Escapade in Florence"						
17	TBS	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Goodwill Games Women's swimming, figure skating - ladies short program; women's beach volleyball. (Live)							
18	FAM	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Miracles and Wonders (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: "Married to a Stranger" (1997) Jaclyn Smith, Kim Coates. (In Stereo)							
20	FX	Miami Vice "Red Tape"	X-Files "The Erlenmeyer Flask" (In Stereo)	NYPD Blue "Dirty Laundry" (In Stereo)	In Living Color	Bobcat's Big Show	X-Files "Roland" (In Stereo)				
22	USA	Highlander: The Series "Comes a Horseman"	Walker, Texas Ranger "Deep Cover" (In Stereo)	Movie: "His Bodyguard" (1998) Mitzzi Kapture, Anthony Natale. (In Stereo)							
23	DISC	Gimme Shelter (R)	Wild Discovery "The Red Desert" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Whispering Death" (R)	Justice Files "Behind Closed Doors" (R)				
25	WGN	Family Matters	Major League Baseball	Chicago Cubs at Arizona Diamondbacks. From Bank One Ballpark. (In Stereo Live)	News (In Stereo)						
26	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Sumo West.	Auto Racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series -- Cummins 200. From Indianapolis Speedway Park.	Sportscenter						
28	CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Happy Days	Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		
29	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	You're on Nick, Charlie	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Bewitched	
30	A&E	Law & Order "Misconception"	Biography "Tanya Tucker: Country Rebel" (R)	New Explorers "The Man Who Would Be Chief"	Miss Marple "A Pocketful of Rye" (Part 1 of 2)	Law & Order "Life Choice"					
31	FSD	Major League Baseball: Texas Rangers at Toronto	Blue Jays. From the SkyDome. (Live)	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News						
32	TNT	Bayblon "A Day in the Strife" (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Breakheart Pass" (1976) Charles Bronson, Ben Johnson.	Movie: ** "The White Buffalo" (1977) Charles Bronson, Jack Warden.							
33	NASH	Waltons "The Song" (In Stereo)	Championship Rodeo (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (In Stereo)	Dallas "Brothers and Sisters" (In Stereo)	Medical Detectives (R) "Without Warning" (R)				
37	TLC	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Medical Detectives (R) "Without Warning" (R)	Bradymania: A Very Brady Special	Alien Encounter (R)	Medical Detectives (R) "Without Warning" (R)				
38	SCIFI	Sightings (R) (In Stereo)	Sequester DSV "Daggers" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)	Movie: ** "The Scour" (1994) Albert Brooks, Dianne Wiest.	Bill Maher: Stuff That Struck Me Funny (R)	Modern Marvels (R)	Trains Unlimited "The Engineers"				
39	COM	Daily Show (R)	Win Ben Stein's Money	Movie: ** "The Scour" (1994) Albert Brooks, Dianne Wiest.	Bill Maher: Stuff That Struck Me Funny (R)	Modern Marvels (R)	Trains Unlimited "The Engineers"				
40	HIST	20th Century "Gang Violence in America" (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation" (1962), Maureen O'Hara, John Saxon. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Young Philadelphians" (1959), Barbara Rush, Alexis Smith.							
42	AMC	(6:30) Movie: "Wil Success Spoil Rock Hunter?"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation" (1962), Maureen O'Hara, John Saxon. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Young Philadelphians" (1959), Barbara Rush, Alexis Smith.							
43	H&G	This Old House	House Doctor (R)	Home-Garden	Location (R) (In Stereo)	Furniture "Lane Chest"	Homes by Design	21st Century Home (R)	Breaking Ground (R)	Home-Garden	Location (R) (In Stereo)
45	LIFE	Intimate Portrait "Melissa Gilbert" (In Stereo)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)	Real Sports (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "City of Industry" (1997) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Goodwill Games (In Stereo Live)					
46	HBO	(6:30) Movie: ** "Mr. Write" (1994) PG-13	Real Sports (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "City of Industry" (1997) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)							
48	MAX	(6:15) Movie: ** "Steel" (1997) PG-13	Movie: ** 1/2 "Addams Family Values" (1993) (In Stereo) PG-13	Cinemax-Double Team	Movie: ** "The Relic" (1997), Tom Sizemore (In Stereo) R (Adult language, graphic violence)						

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JULY 30, 1998		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Geraldo Rivera							
4	WVTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
5	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
7	WXMI	Magic Hour (In Stereo)		Vibe	Murphy Brown	Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	(Off Air)			Blossom (In Stereo)
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	NBC News Night					
13	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Program	News (R)	Access Hollywood					
15	DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: ** 1/2 "The World's Greatest Athlete" (1973), John Amos 'G' (In Stereo)	Windwagon	Movie: *** "That Dam Cat" (1965), Dean Jones, Dorothy Provine (In Stereo) 'G' (In Stereo)					
17	TBS	(11:05) Goodwill Games (Time Approximate) (R)			Movie: ** 1/2 "Perry Mason Returns" (1985) Raymond Burr, William Katt.	National Geographic	Beverly Hillsbillies				
18	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
20	FX	NYPD Blue "Steroid Roy" (In Stereo)	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
22	USA	Highlander: The Series "Homeland" (In Stereo)	La Femme Nikita "Inside Out" (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Dead Ringers" (1988, Suspense) Jeremy Irons. Twin Toronto gynecologists are rivals for the same woman.							
23	DISC	Wild Discovery "The Red Desert" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Whispering Death" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
25	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Poor Relations" (R)	Simon & Simon	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: *** 1/2 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (1954) Kirk Douglas, Paul Lukas.					
26	ESPN	Baseball Tonight	America's Horse (R)	Tour De France	Wheelchair Sports	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	Rodeo: Calgary Stampede Showdown. From Calgary, Alta. (R)			
28	CNN	Larry King Live (R)	Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly (R)	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	Showbiz Today (R)	Sports Tonight (R)	CNN International	Newsroom		
29	NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Latka's Cookies"	Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days		
30	A&E	Biography "Tanya Tucker: Country Rebel" (R)	New Explorers "The Man Who Would Be Chief"	Miss Marple "A Pocketful of Rye" (Part 1 of 2)	Law & Order "Life Choice"						
31	FSD	Last Word (R)	Sports News	Auto Racing: Legends Summer Shootout Series. From Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
32	TNT	Movie: ** 1/2 "Orca" (1977) Richard Harris, Keenan Wynn.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Cyber-Tracker 2" (1995) Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Tony Burton.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Hercules in New York" (1970)							
33	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Treasure of Soggy Marsh"	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
37	TLC	Bradymania: A Very Brady Special (R)	Alien Encounter (R)	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
38	SCIFI	Sequester DSV "Daggers" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)	Movie: "Adieu, Galaxy Express 999" (1981)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "The Impulse"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
39	COM	Saturday Night Live	Make Me Laugh	Daily Show (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Pretty Smart" (1987) Tricia Leigh Fisher, Dennis Cole.						
40	HIST	Lost City of Atlantis (R)	Arms in Action: "Mail and Plate Armor" (R)	Modern Marvels (R)	Trains Unlimited "The Engineers" (R)						
42	AMC	(10:00) Movie: "Arch of Triumph" (1948), Charles Boyer, Charles Laughton	Movie: *** "Ivy" (1947), Patric Knowles, Herbert Marshall	Movie: *** "The Light That Failed" (1939)							
43	H&G	Furniture "Lane Chest"	Homes by Design (R)	Breaking Ground (R)	This Old House (R)	Hands On (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
45	LIFE	Golden Girls (In Stereo)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)	Homicide: Life on the Street "The Hat" (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Normal Life" (1996), Luke Perry (In Stereo) R (In Stereo)	Comedy Jam					
46	HBO	(11:00) Goodwill Games (In Stereo Live)	Arliss (R) (In Stereo)	Sex and the City (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Sunchaser" (1996) R (In Stereo)						
48	MAX	Movie: ** "Gang Related" (1997), Tupac Shakur (In Stereo) R (Adult language, nudity, violence)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Alien" (1979), Sigourney Weaver (In Stereo) R (Adult language, graphic violence)	Movie: "Same Tale, Next Year" (1997) NR							

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

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

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

EVERY MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

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

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

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American

Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

TUES. & THURS: Flat River Running Club, 7 p.m. at Fallsburg Park-main parking lot, during summer months starting June 23. For more information call Mike Wojciakowski, 691-7455.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College

in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

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

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

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."

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at

the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

FRI., JULY 24: The Lowell High School class of 1978 will host a party with entertainment provided by The Bimini Brothers Band at Fallsburg Park pavilion from 5 to 10 p.m. Fans, family and friends are welcome to join in. A \$10 per person donation is required.

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.

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THURS, JULY 30: Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreational building. This month the commodities include: apple juice, refried beans, vegetarian beans, cereal, canned chicken, corn, frozen ham, cooking oil, syrup, canned tomatoes.

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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.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **MON.-FRI.:** Senior meals program, noon.

THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk

Special Events

WED., JULY 22: 9:30 a.m. Advisory council. **FRI., JULY 31:** 10 a.m., tour & lunch,



As an avid film goer, I was delighted to learn of the addition of the Ada-Lowell 5 and since it's debut, I have often thought how great it would be to have a few lines dedicated to the films currently appearing at our hometown theatre. My aim is to pan the films and offer some insight as to what may or may not be suitable for viewers. - Pam Jones

The first of my reviews are as follows:
Lethal Weapon 4 exploded onto the screen July 10 starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. Without a doubt some critics will be quick to say that they have seen it all before. But, in my opinion, the outlandish stunts, the all-to-witty remarks made at the peak of danger all still work.

The chemistry between Gibson and Glover remains as they are once again reunited with Joe Pesci and Rene Russo. Chris Rock adds his fast-paced, quick witted standup talent, offering some funny moments.

As in previous LW films, Riggs (Gibson) and Murdock (Glover) are in pursuit of justice and hot on the trail of an Asian counterfeiting and smuggling ring.

With action packed adventure, big guns, bad guys and karate chops the plot holds one's interest. The subplot finds each of our leading men standing on the precipice of life altering events which pique the viewer's curiosity.

Even the not so die-hard fans will find Lethal Weapon 4 entertaining. It is deserving of its R rating due to violent content and adult language.

In a film directed by Joe Dante, small toys are causing lots of big trouble in *Small Soldiers*.

The last film I saw depicting toys as main characters was Toy Story.

Small Soldiers brought to life children's toys, but not with the lighthearted touch of a Disney film.

The only similarity being Major Chip Hazard was like a hybrid between GI Joe and Buss Lightyear.

Major Hazard and his band of commandos are state of the art action figures as are their counterparts, the Gorgonites.

The Gorgonites are programmed to lose and from the moment they break free from their packages the war is on.

While the 'soldiers' seem to have been given an overdose of testosterone (they pillage and plunder wherever and whom ever gets in their way), the Gorgonites are seemingly docile,

peaceful creatures and perfectly willing to except their fate.

The animated creatures in *Small Soldiers* are endearing, in particular Ocula, of which reminds my son of a Gecko with one huge eye attached to a very long tail and some suction cups.

There are several scenes in this film that are violent in nature. There is a scene of mutant armies of Barbie look alikes threatening bodily harm to humans with such things as knives, nails and razor blades. It was a moment from which nightmares could easily be made. It was also one I'm glad my five-year-old daughter did not view.

Small Soldiers is rated PG 13.

To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

tion concerning the Vergennes Township Ordinance. I will not go into the details, but I would encourage Mr. Ewing, or anyone who has questions or concerns, to call me or anyone at the Township office for clarifications and answers. We would be happy to talk to you about anything that concerns you and give you the true facts. Our Board and Staff make it our first priority to communicate with our fellow residents. All you need to do is ask.

Mari Stone
 Vergennes
 Township Clerk

To whom it may concern:

Lowell City Council members, Lowell Police Department and City Manager.

A year ago July (97) two of us residents of J-Bldg. Schneider Manor (Pleasant Street side) went to the police department to check about 24-hour parking on the east side of the street in front of two existing sidewalks for visitors and pick up of residents.

For example, going to church on Sunday morning, going shopping as some no longer can drive their own car but are of sound mind and able to shop. Police assured us they would speak to the party involved. As a result of this, three residents received nasty phone calls stating "we did not own Pleasant Street." Would you please park back a few feet from these sidewalks. Nothing happened.

I personally went to the council meeting in the late fall to pursue this issue. Nothing happened. They'd look into it (police).

In the spring, upon returning from Florida, I found out the police had driven by several times, but evidently, looked neither to the right or left to see the availability of these two entrances. I was told by one council member that I was the only one complaining.

Also, I was told by another member we should have the area reconfigured like a driveup funeral home or restaurant maybe?

One member did see our point and said, "Good manners are hard to legislate."

We use these two spots for Meals-on-Wheels delivery, church pickup, Senior Neighbor drop off, after weekly grocery shopping and friends who drop by for a very short visit.

Our J-Bldg. has two east and west halls not one running north and south as article implied.

One of our maintenance men saw two strange men pacing off the area one day and they did not have the courtesy to come to either of our doors to have us show them exactly what we meant by our June 15 meeting when four of us were at the council meeting.

We were told we would each get a letter when it was resolved by July 4, 1998. We have received no letters as of July 20, 1998. We were told they would take it up with Schneider Manor Board and we were told by them it is a city problem not Schneider Manor.

Sincerely,
 Phyllis Lessens
 Marie Rickert

p.s. When winter comes we will be anxious to see if we have to use the street to get in and out of our cars and vans.

Umlauf, student council president, to serve on Lowell School Board

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Erin Umlauf, president of Lowell High School's student council, believes the community has given her class a lot to be thankful about.

"The community has always been there with its support," Umlauf said. "Being involved in the community and doing community service oriented projects, I think, is a way our class (1999) can say thank you."

The new student council president will ask each member of the student council to provide five hours of community service above and beyond what they already do.

Some areas Umlauf outlined where community service could be focused includes the Showboat, visiting the elderly and working with the Lowell Area Historical Association.

Besides student council, the 17-year-old senior is active with the school annual, S.A.D.D., National Honor Society, and fall and winter cheerleading.

Umlauf plans on attending college in the fall of 1999. While the university has not yet been chosen, the senior wants to study foreign language and some day work as a stewardess.

"First, I must get through my senior year," she explains. "Umlauf is this year's student representative on the school board. 'I'm kind of in awe. I don't really know what to expect.'"

Umlauf didn't expect Jill VanAntwerp to leave for Grand Valley State University or for Gary Kemp to retire.

"Their announcements upset me. They were both good teachers. I liked them a lot. I feel real fortunate to have had them as teachers," Umlauf said.

Favorite Area of Study....
 I don't think I have one. It's all work when it comes down to it.

Favorite Summer Movie.... I saw the *X-Files*, but I was bummed about it. It wasn't as good as I'd hoped.

Favorite TV Show.... The *X-Files*.

Favorite Ice Cream.... Glacier Mint.

Favorite Music Group.... Matchbox 20.

Favorite Song.... Real World by Matchbox 20.

Favorite Book You've Read.... I just finished it. *A Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*.

Role Model.... My parents John and Theresa Umlauf.

Favorite Athlete.... Katie Akers and Beth Fredline. They're so together and handle pressure so well. They always seem to get the job done.

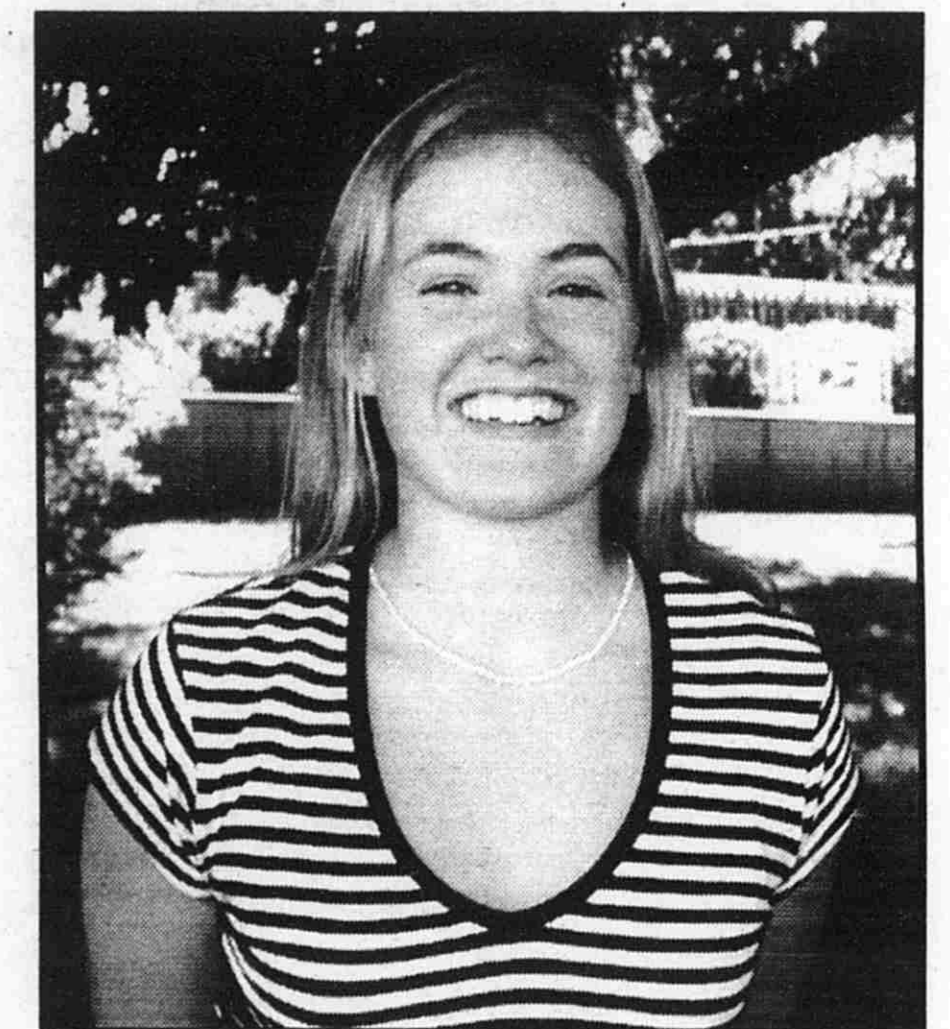
Favorite Sport Team.... Lowell's girls' basketball team.

What's Good About Lowell High School? The facility and the fact it gives students a lot of opportunity and choices as far as classes go. It also has good teachers.

What I'd Change About Myself.... That I wasn't so serious and was able to laugh things off more.

My Strength.... My ability to be a leader.

Favorite Food.... Mexican Pizza at Taco Bell.



Erin Umlauf Lowell High School's student council president for the 1998-99 school year.

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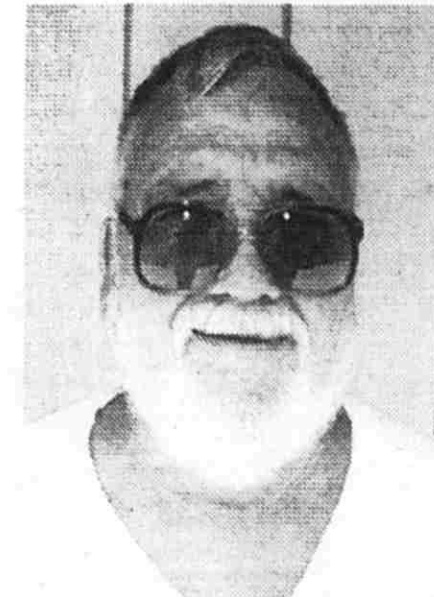
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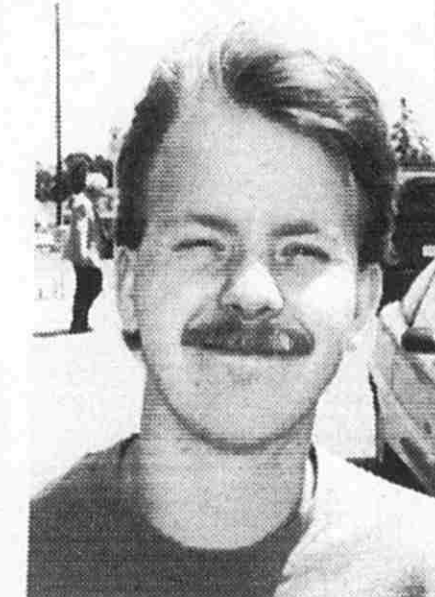
The Supreme Court ruled the Secret Service does have to testify before the independent council grand jury. Those opposed to the decision say having to reveal words or actions of the president would undermine trust and increase the chance of the president being harmed. What do you think?



Phil Dibble
I don't agree with the court's ruling. The secret service shouldn't have to testify. They are there to protect the president. I think Starr can take a flying leap on a rolling donut.



Glen VanSpyken
The ruling stinks. That means the President has no private time because he's being hounded all day by Secret Service and the press. This whole thing doesn't make a lick of sense. It's all being done to find out if he had sex.



Jeff Bean
I don't think they should have to testify.



Deborah Knauf
I don't think it has anything to do with endangering the President's personal safety. I also don't think it is the job of the Secret Service to listen in on the President's personal conversations. I don't care to hear about the President's sex life.



Marsha Kuiper
Yes, they should have to testify. Everyone else has to. I don't think it hinders the President's safety.



Barb Roth
The Secret Service should not testify to what they see or hear while on duty.

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NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 4, 1998 PRIMARY ELECTION will be conducted Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.
Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Dave French
No they shouldn't have to testify. I have a problem with the whole independent council. I don't think it is any of our business what the President does in his private time. Some may have a moral problem with it, but many do this sort of thing and it's not something they get fired from their jobs for

Harry Baughan
I don't believe the Secret Service should have to testify. They should be immune from it. I agree with the President's safety issue.

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Posthumus chosen as Engler's running mate in 1998

In the same room of the Capitol where he made his announcement for lieutenant governor eight years ago, Governor John Engler announced Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus as his choice for lieutenant governor.



Dick Posthumus

"In 1990, I had a single standard for selecting my running mate: who was the most qualified. That is the same criteria I applied to my decision this time," said Engler. "That is why I am pleased to announce that Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus is my choice to be nominated at the State Convention, to run with me this fall, and to serve the people of the Great State of Michigan as my Lieutenant Governor. "Dick is the most qualified, the most experienced, and he has proven himself over a lifetime. He is capable of stepping in and leading, and just as he has led the Michigan Senate with distinction for the last eight years. "And Dick Posthumus is right on the issues. He is one of Michigan's foremost tax cutters. He's been a fighter for children and quality public education. He believes deeply in reforming welfare. And he has supported smaller government, less spending, and reforms to make state government more accountable and more efficient."

"I've always been proud to call Dick my friend. Today, I'm proud to call Dick my choice for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan." Posthumus said he was honored at the request. "It is an honor to be asked to join

John Engler's administration, one of the truly outstanding administrations in America, and I believe, the boldest administration in Michigan history." "Over the last eight years, I have been pleased and privi-

leged to serve with John Engler, and accomplish historic achievements such as cutting taxes 24 times, making Michigan a national leader in job creation and economic growth, reforming education, fixing a broken welfare system and passing common sense environmental legislation.

nor Engler's aggressive agenda for the 21st century, including: making education quality the state's number one priority and helping all children succeed by becoming good readers; cutting the state income tax again; moving Michigan forward with more welfare reforms; and doing even more to protect Michigan's glorious natural resources by passing the Clear Michigan Initiative.

Storyteller to visit Englehardt Library, July 27

Miss Nettie, a diverse and creative storyteller, will bring her gift of storytelling to the Englehardt Library on Monday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Her unique blend of stories, songs and audience participation is fun for all ages. Miss Nettie will share folktales, familiar children's stories and her own original works, including her Great Grandma Annie stories, with the audience. Her infectious enthusiasm and her intuitive delivery style, which expands

imagination, will captivate the audience. Miss Nettie, the Storyteller, is offered in conjunction with the Kent District Library's *Catch the Reading Bug*, Summer Reading Club. For more information about Miss Nettie, the Storyteller, please contact the Englehardt Library at 897-9596.

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Favorite Vegetable.... Salad, tomatoes.
Vegetable I Don't Like.... Lima beans.
Favorite Fruit.... Apples. I love applesauce.
Brothers and sisters.... Kurt (sophomore) and Kelly (seventh grade).
What Is It Like Being the Oldest Child... It has its ups and downs. The rules are stricter for the oldest child.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on July 13, 1998, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, adopted the Township of Grattan Land Division and Access Ordinance. The principal provisions of the Ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- Land Divisions.** The Ordinance is adopted to carry out the provisions of the Land Division Act and Act 246 of 1945 It provides that any division of land, including any partitioning or splitting of land, which requires the approval of the Township in order to qualify as a land division under the Land Division Act, must satisfy certain requirements
- Application for Approval.** A proposed land division must be filed with the Township. Such filing must include a completed application form, proof of ownership interest, evidence of land title, a tentative parcel map, including means of access and proof that all other applicable Township approvals have been obtained, including but not limited to any applicable special land uses, planned unit development approvals, and other approvals, if any, relating to lot area, lot width, lot frontage and access to bodies of water, and other matters. Any specified application fee must be paid.
- Minimum Requirements.** The ordinance states minimum requirements for the approval of land divisions. These include the filing of a completed application form, compliance with minimum lot area and lot width regulations, the providing of satisfactory means of access, the obtaining of other applicable Township approvals, and other requirements.
- Recording of Deed or Survey.** Within 90 days after approval of a land division, or 90 days after a decision on an appeal to the Township Board, a deed or other recordable instrument of conveyance, or a survey accurately showing the resulting parcel(s), must be recorded with the County Register of Deeds and filed with the Township.
- Appeal to Township Board.** An applicant aggrieved by a land division decision by the Township may file a written appeal of the decision to the Township Board within 30 days of the decision. The Township Board shall decide the appeal by a majority vote of its members present and voting at a public meeting. The Township Board has the option of affirming or reversing the decision of the Township Assessor in whole or in part.
- Violations.** Any parcel which violates or is created inconsistent with the Ordinance is not eligible for the issuance of building permits, zoning ordinance approval, or other land use or building approvals.
- Penalties.** Violation of the ordinance is deemed a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000 for subsequent offenses, in addition to other costs, expenses and remedies provided by law.
- Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective August 21, 1998, 1998. A copy of the ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Township office during regular Township office hours.

Dated: July 16, 1998

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY GO TO A GARAGE SALE!
2265 Lincoln Lake, 9-6 p.m. Thurs., July 23, Fri., July 24 & Sat., July 25. Everything must go. Refrigerator, corner desk, chest freezer, day beds, single bed, clothes, lawn tools & more.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE! CALL 897-9555!

YARD SALE
July 23 & 24, 9-5, 241 Donna Drive. Baby items, toys, kitchen items, dress clothes, misc. items.

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YARD SALE
Clothing, toys, Beanie Babies. Free to good home 2 female shepherd/huskie mix, 1 year old dogs, prefer to keep them together. 9-4 p.m. Sat., July 25, 10931 Settlewood.

GARAGE SALE
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Dr. Kyser a little wet and chilled following Friday evening cart accident

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

A 12-hour search for Robert Kyser ended early Saturday morning. The retired Lowell dentist was found lying in an embankment by the bridge on South Hudson near Bowes Road. Kyser took a drive late Saturday afternoon in his battery operated cart.

"He was a little sore and wet," said his wife Nona Kyser. "But he's going to be okay."

Robert Kyser told his wife that he was riding along on Hudson when a car horn scared him.

"Bob said it scared him. The cart went off the sidewalk and then went down the embankment," Kyser said. Kyser was left lying there. The retired dentist who has a history of strokes, was unable to move.

"I returned from grocery shopping with my son, Kerry and Bob wasn't back yet. He's usually gone only about 20 minutes," Kyser said.

Kyser sent her son out looking for his father. He returned about 4:30-4:45. "He didn't see him. That's when I decided to call the police," Kyser said.

Lowell Police began their search at approximately 6:20 p.m. A search, that before the evening ended, would include the help of Lowell's Amateur Radio Club, the Kent County Emergency Team and the Lowell Area Fire Department. The

Saranac Fire Department also donated equipment to help in the search.

Unable to locate Kyser Friday evening, the search started up again at 6 a.m. Saturday morning.

Lowell Area Firefighters, searching South Hudson on foot spotted Kyser lying in the embankment at approximately 7:15 a.m.

He was transported to Spectrum Health where he was kept overnight on Saturday before being released.

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin said he was conscious and alert when firefighters spotted him on S. Hudson Street.

"I am very, very grateful to all those who helped to find Bob," Nona Kyser said.

Clemence wins four medals at senior olympics

Sara Clemence brought home six medals from the Michigan Senior Olympics. The Lowell resident won gold medals in the 50- and 100-meter backstroke.


She stopped the clock at 1:26 in the 50 meter and 3:10 in the 100 meter.

Clemence brought home silver medals in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events and in 50- and 100-meter breaststroke races.

The Senior Olympics swimming events were held

at Saginaw Valley State University. The field events took place in Frankenmuth. The National Senior Games will be in Orlando, Fla., on Oct. 19-29, 1999. Clemence said Grand Rapids will host the Michigan Senior Olympics for the next two years. Dates and facilities are to be announced.

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A: Surprisingly, chiropractic doctors are the safest and most effective form of treatment for tension headaches. A new medical study from Denmark compared different treatments of severe tension headaches. Tension headache is defined as coming from the neck, either from movement or prolonged posture and may be related to numbness in the hands. Headaches cause a yearly loss of 50 billion dollars to the U.S. economy.

To study tension headache, one group was treated by chiropractic doctors and the other group was given low level laser treatments in the upper neck and deep friction massage, medical treatments of physical therapy.

After six treatments, both groups improved but the chiropractor-treated group improved much more. The results for the chiropractic group were a 69 percent reduction of headache hours per day, a 36 percent reduction in severity of headache pain and a 36 percent reduction in use of pain killers. (Journal of Manipulative and Physiologic Therapeutics, June, 1997)

All test participants had five or more headache days per month and none had prior spinal adjustments. The diagnostic criteria was set by the International Headache Society and clearly showed that if you suffer from tension headache you need to see a Doctor of Chiropractic first.

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THE CLASSIFIEDS

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ASSOCIATE RESEARCH INTERVIEWER - full-time or part-time. Days, evenings & weekends. Temporary or permanent position. Call Della for details, T-F, 10-4 p.m. 363-7643.	DIETARY AIDES - The Laurels of Kent currently has an opening in our dietary department. This will be a 2nd shift position from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Every other weekend will be required. Experience is a plus! Please contact us if interested at the Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, MI 49331.	FOR SALE - '96 Chevy Cavalier. Teal green, 5 spd., new condition. \$6,500. 897-1597.	4 BEDROOM - 1 large bath, updated utilities with plumbing & heating, large yard. 721 N. Washington. Also have a 3 bedroom in Lowell. 897-9357.	IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of our dear son and brother Mark Taylor Kropf on what would have been your 33rd birthday. July 21, 1965 - June 18, 1970. Time may pass and bring its changes, Fresh with every coming year; But his memory will be cherished In the hearts that hold him dear. The world may change from year to year, And friends from day to day, But never will the one we loved From memory pass away.
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LAUNDRY AIDE - Currently we have an opening in our Laundry department. This is a 3 day per week position & every other weekend from 3:30 a.m. to noon. This person will be responsible for all personal laundry. Please contact us at: The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, MI 49331.	FOR SALE - Ivory wedding gown, elbow length sleeves, embroidered beaded top, full skirt, size 10-12. Veil, candle, knife included. \$600 new, asking \$350 obo. Call 957-1382.	HOME FOR SALE - 5 bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, central air, 5 years old. \$149,500. OPEN HOUSE Sun., July 26, 2-5 p.m. 541 Forstrom, Lowell.	BIRCHWOOD GARDEN APARTMENTS - is accepting applications on 1 & 2 bedroom apartments currently available. No rental assistance available. No pets. 897-8049.	CHICKS ON THE HILL - Drop off & pick up every Tues. & Fri., at Rayborn Hardware, Belding; Shoppers Guide, Saranac; L&A Rent-All, Lowell, for all your sharpening needs from carbide blades to hair clippers. Call 897-7854.
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Korb takes nearly 30 years of educational experience and fond memories to Ipswich position

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a young, first-year college student, Richard (Dick) Korb had a chemical reaction to veterinarian studies.

"It took one college chemistry class for me to realize that it wasn't my profession," Korb explains. "My professor said, 'Let's talk,' and then asked me, 'Are you sure becoming a veterinarian is what you want to do?'"

His love and caring for animals was nurtured through the time he spent on his grandparents' farm as a youth.

Ironically, that was also

where his educational influence was harvested.

"My grandmother taught in a one-room schoolhouse. She was my childhood role model," Korb said.

After earning a degree in education, Korb taught at Kalamazoo Central and then three years at Mattawan High School before being hired as Lowell High School's assistant principal by Gary Kemp in 1977.

Korb recently retired from education in the state of Michigan after 30 years (one year was bought). He will take his years of educational training

in Michigan and a retirement pension to Ipswich, Mass., where he will begin the challenge of superintendent in the Ipswich School District.

The role of superintendent is one Korb hasn't filled over the last 29 years (21 in the Lowell School District).

"It is something I wanted to try," Korb explains. "It will provide me a new set of challenges and opportunities in a part of the country I really like."

Korb describes the Ipswich School District as Lowell without the townships. "Ipswich is defined by its city limits."

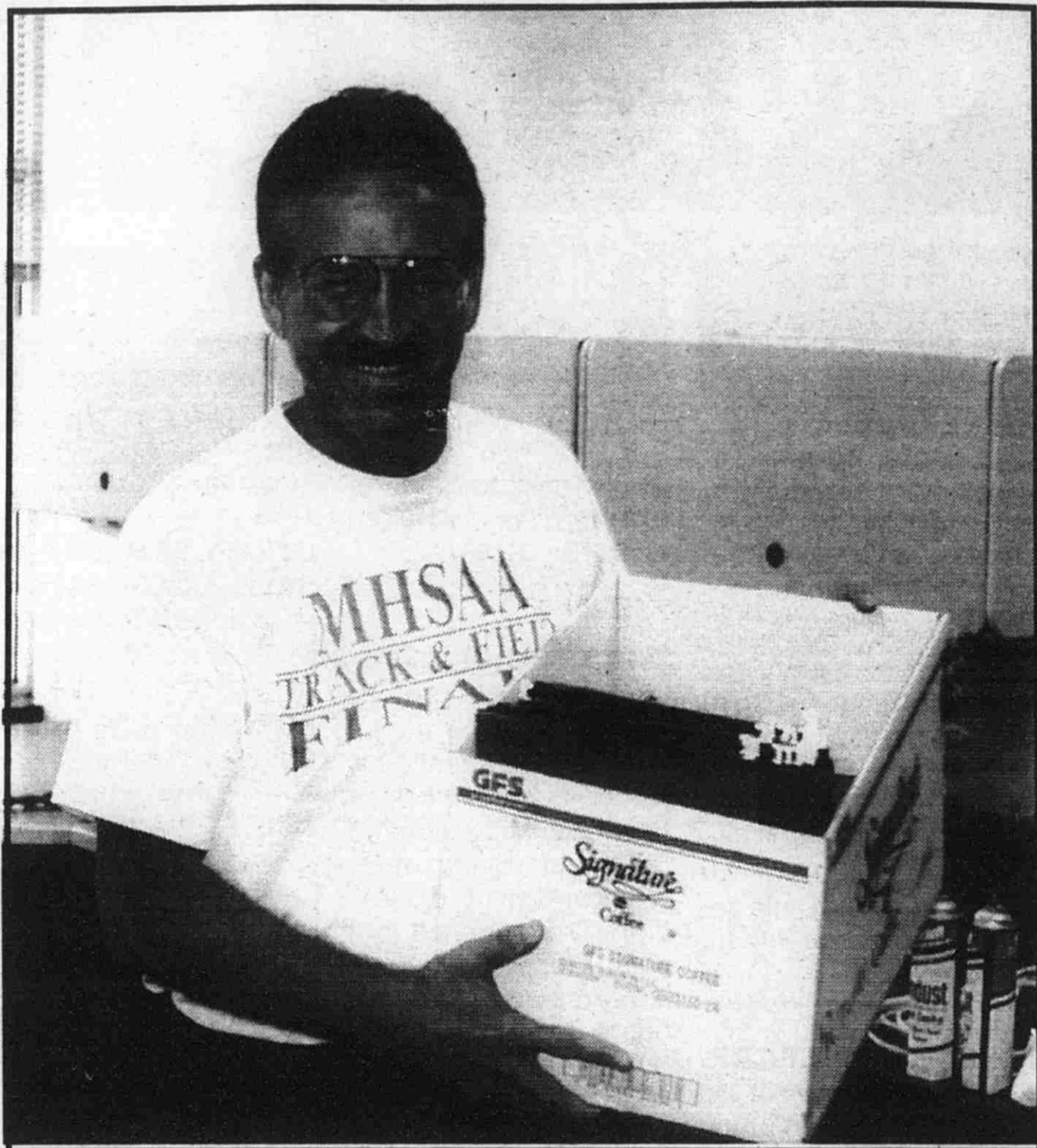
It is something I wanted to try. It will provide me a new set of challenges and opportunities in a part of the country I really like.

Dick Korb

The east coast school is a little over half the size (1,900) of Lowell. Korb learned of his new opportunity on a visit to the east coast.

"Ipswich is right on the ocean. It has about 20 miles of shoreline in its school district," Korb explains.

It is also a historic area filled with first period (1600-



Dick Korb hauling one last box from his office in Lowell to his new office in Ipswich, Mass.

1700) homes. "Ipswich is very preservation conscientious with a community historical society and many historic markers," he adds.

Korb leaves behind many friends and a "great" community.

"I truly believe Lowell is now one of the flagship school districts in Kent County," Korb said. "Lowell has gone through a lot of positive, constructive growth over the years.

"When I first came to Lowell, it was much more rural. It did not have the cultural tie-in with the Grand Rapids area," Korb says.

The longtime Lowell ad-

ministrator said he appreciated the community's support for new education ideas and wanting what's best for students.

Korb's longevity and popularity within the community can be attributed to the dignity and respect he treated all he came in contact with. "I have great memories and thoughts of the people, parents and students in the Low-

ell School District."

Korb was reminded of that on a recent flight from Boston to Atlanta.

"I was asleep when a stewardess tapped me on my arm and asked, 'Mr. Korb, would you please put your seat up?'"

The stewardess was Kristin Serne, a former Lowell High School student of Korb's.

The butterfly counts not months but moments,
and has time enough.

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