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## Power and cable companies replace old, outdated logos

••• New, more modern and competitive logos for Lowell Cable and Lowell Light & Power are selected over new city flag emblem. There was discussion of how well the city flag emblem would reproduce.

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Cable Television and Lowell Light and Power have a new look.

Soon residents will see two new logos on vehicles, clothes, stationery, etc. representing the two different departments.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council approved two designs created by Fluid Design in Muskegon. The logos are similar in that both have a circle-type design with the

that the companies' old designs were rather outdated. With a fairly competitive market for cable, and light and powerservices, heads for both departments felt they needed a logo that was a bit more modern and competitive.

Discussions for the new designs came about after a logo was selected for a city flag. The original plan was to use the flag logo to represent the entire city on stationery, vehicles, etc. Debate, however, developed over whether the logo, which features the

While not wanting to detract from the city flag, Myers said he wasn't certain that the flag's logo could be used as a citywide logo. Instead, he wanted to see a more simple cleaner look, perhaps using the Light and Power, and Cable Television designs as a basis for the city logo.

Councilor Jeanne Shores, who was one of the people behind the city flag, said she could accept the designs for the Light and Power and Cable Television, but did feel that the rest of the city should use

### Designated Designs



**Notable:** While the logos are similar, at the top of each circle is a symbol representing the different departments - a light burst for Lowell Light & Power and a series of squares which look like a plug for Lowell Cable Television.



individual department names. At the top of the circle is a symbol representing the different departments such as a light burst for Lowell Light and Power and a series of squares that look like a plug for the Lowell Cable Television.

Tom Richards, director of Cable TV Services, said the reason for the new designs is

two rivers, showboat, lamp-post, and city clock, would reproduce well for a city logo.

"The logo is great as a flag," said councilor Charles Myers, "but to give an example, the American flag is the American symbol, yet the U.S. flag is not what every U.S. government (office) uses on every piece of stationery."

the flag logo.

City manager David Pasquale said he was torn between the issue.

The council approved the two designs and asked Pasquale to seek further input from the city's other departments on logos.

## County road and park commission set to begin slow process of developing county park

••• The proposed park would include areas for picnicking as well as a playground, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, hiking trails, restrooms, and two designated parking areas.

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

The rumors have turned out to be true: Kent County Road and Park Commission has made clear its intent to purchase several consecutive parcels of land in Lowell Charter Township for a county park.

At the township's regular board meeting Oct. 19, Roger Sabine, director of parks for Kent County, addressed the board and a large number of township residents. After a short slide presentation, Sabine explained the details of the projected project.

The land the county wishes to acquire is a block of 700 acres on the Grand River with perimeter streets of Alden Nash, Cascade, Segwun, and 36th. Sabine indicated that he

has begun the process of notifying all existing landowners in that area of the county's intent to purchase.

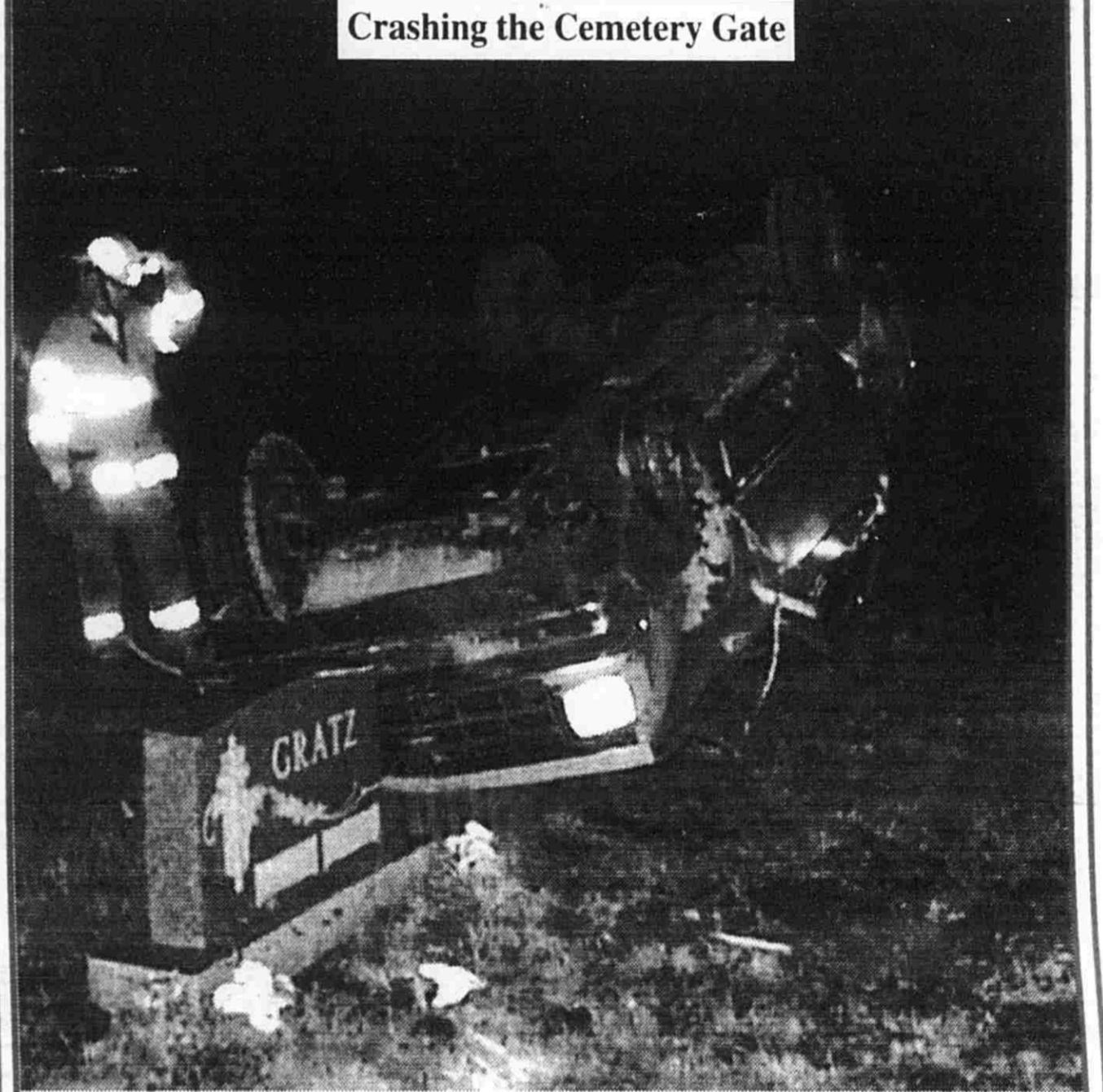
"There are 350 of those acres already [in buy-sell agreements]," Sabine stated, "yet we are not trying to move anyone off land who doesn't want to be moved."

The proposed park would include areas for picnicking as well as a playground, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, hiking trails, restrooms, and two designated parking areas. Sabine said that the park would observe dawn-to-dusk hours with staffers on-site during park operation.

Landowners with properties bordering on projected park boundaries voiced their concerns at the meeting. "What about hikers

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### Crashing the Cemetery Gate



Three Grand Rapids subjects (names not available) were injured when the car in which they were traveling left the road and crashed through the St. Mary's Cemetery fence before rolling to a stop. Kent County Sheriff's Department Deputy Gary Vickery said the vehicle was southbound when its driver failed to negotiate a curve in the road at a high rate of speed. The vehicle went off the road, through the fence and knocked over a number of headstones before resting on its hood. One of the subjects was transported to Spectrum via AeroMed and the other two subjects were transported by Lowell Rockford Ambulance. Vickery said none of the injuries were life-threatening.

The deputy said while it appears alcohol was involved, the accident remains under investigation.

## Vergennes appoints Vandersloot as its new zoning administrator

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jeanne Vandersloot has been named the new zoning administrator of Vergennes Township. She began her tour of duty on Friday, Oct. 2.



Jeanne Vandersloot

Vandersloot has served as zoning administrator for Keene Township the last three years.

Her duties have included issuing zoning permits, site inspection, answering appraiser and realtor zoning questions, assisting residents with the Zoning Board of Appeals, and rezoning and

special use requests.

In addition to those duties, Vandersloot handles Keene Township land divisions, and produces a monthly report for each planning commission and board meeting.

"I've learned a fair amount and gained experience at Keene Township," Vandersloot said. "I think that will help me in Vergennes. I also think the experience I gain at Vergennes will help me with my duties at Keene. The job of zoning administrator is a specialized skill and it is one I enjoy."

Vandersloot was one of six people to apply for the

position. Others were John Maliepaard, Paul Young, Richard Dwyer, Richard Rasch and Bob Meyers. All six candidates were interviewed for 20 minutes at a special Vergennes Township Board meeting on Sept. 28. Following the interview process, the board voted.

Vandersloot replaces Debbie Rashid who served as Vergennes Township zoning administrator the past two years.

The new Vergennes Township zoning administrator will continue to hold her current position at Keene Township.

## Inside the Ledger

Lowell Area Schools  
**DIRECTIONS**

# OBITUARIES

**BULLMAN** - Raymond "Red" Bullman, 74, of Lowell, died Tuesday, October 19, 1998, at his home. He was born in Lowell, Michigan, and was a member of the Lowell United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna. He is survived by three children: Robert, David, and Susan. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gert Funeral Home.

**DEWANEY** - Mrs. Doris E. Dewaney, 88, of Lowell, died Tuesday, October 19, 1998, at her home. She was born in Lowell, Michigan, and was a member of the Lowell United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter. She is survived by two children: Robert and Richard. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gert Funeral Home.

**COLLIER** - Robert M. Collier, 67, of Lowell, died Tuesday, October 19, 1998, at his home. He was born in Lowell, Michigan, and was a member of the Lowell United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. He is survived by two children: Robert and Susan. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gert Funeral Home.

**WELLS** - Arthur W. Wells, 82, of Lowell, died Tuesday, October 19, 1998, at his home. He was born in Lowell, Michigan, and was a member of the Lowell United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen. He is survived by two children: Arthur and Susan. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gert Funeral Home.

**HEATY** - Gene Heaty, 87, of Lowell, died Tuesday, October 19, 1998, at his home. He was born in Lowell, Michigan, and was a member of the Lowell United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. He is survived by two children: Gene and Susan. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gert Funeral Home.

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# VanAntwerp's life achievements in arts education the Governor's choice

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Chris VanAntwerp

**- Chris VanAntwerp**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Arts education has played a significant role in the life of Chris VanAntwerp. The 1968/69 MSU graduate will be honored at the 1998 Governor's Awards for his significant contribution to arts and culture in West Michigan. VanAntwerp is one of seven distinguished honorees who has been selected for the award at the annual gala reception, ceremony, and dinner on Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit. "It's the best thing that could have happened to me," VanAntwerp explained. "To be honored in the same way as art educators that I hold in high esteem is a tremendous honor." Winners of the Governor's Awards in addition to the Lowell resident include novelist Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, receiving the Inter-

national Achievement Award; dancer Peter Sparling, receiving the Michigan Artist Award; Mosaic Youth Theatre in Detroit; The Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival in Kalamazoo, and Pine Mountain Music Festival in Hancock, receiving the Cultural Organization Awards; Frank Stella, president of F.D. Stella Products Company, receiving the Civic Leader Award; and Crystal Mountain Resort and its Michigan Legacy Art Park, receiving the Business Honor Roll Award. VanAntwerp has been involved in arts education in some capacity since graduating from MSU. He taught high school art in Saranac Community Schools from 1969 through 1986. In 1986, he became the full-time executive director of the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies (MACAA). During his eight-year tenure (two years part time) with MACAA, VanAntwerp assisted arts agencies throughout the state with development of arts education programs and arts education ad-

vocacy strategies. Art is a large part of who VanAntwerp is. "It affects the way I think, live, the things I choose to have around me, and where I go on vacation," he says. "I wouldn't change anything. I am happy with where I've gone and what I've done." In 1991, shortly after leaving MACAA, VanAntwerp began working for the Kelloggsville Public Schools, teaching elementary art. VanAntwerp has taught at Kelloggsville Middle School since it opened in 1994. Through lessons designed by VanAntwerp, his students are provided an opportunity to learn the decision-making process through making independent choices as they work. "The process the students go through is what's most important," says the longtime member of the Michigan Art Education Association who has chaired two of its annual state conferences. VanAntwerp and his wife Jill are charter members of the Lowell Area Arts Council, of which Chris served as founding president. He currently serves on the LAAC Board of Directors as president. Because of his interest in promoting arts education in the Lowell area, VanAntwerp ran for a seat on the Lowell Board of Education. He served 12 years on the board as treasurer, vice president and president. "Arts education has provided me with a quality of life. It has enabled me to work with students and make a little difference on how they view the world." VanAntwerp said.

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# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

**REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 1998**

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Erin Ormaai, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that Homecoming week was a great time for all. The Student Council will be helping with the Snowout event on Saturday in October and will also be involved in helping to fix up the old Barton Church for the new Lowell food and clothing pantry.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHING STAFF** - Connie Gillette introduced the new high school teaching staff to the Board of Education.

**ACTION ITEM** - received the following gift:  
\* Jerry and Kim Wheeler donation of chairs to the Lowell High School Music Department valued at \$750.

**CONSENT ITEM** - approved/recommended were:  
- September 14, 1998 Regular Meeting  
- The following payment of bills:  
**GENERAL FUND** \$744,076.14  
**SCHOOL SERVICES FUND**  
A. Food Service Fund \$27,092.85  
B. Athletic Fund \$12,699.23  
**TREASURY AND AGENCY FUND** \$18,041.82  
**SCHOLARSHIPS FUND** \$3,250.00  
**SERVICES & MAINTENANCE FUND** \$63.05

- The student 98K trip to the national convention at Kansas City from November 9 through November 1, 1998.

**DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE** - Bert Biele reported that the Demographics Committee met last week and have formed the following working groups: Finance, Community & Student Services, and Academic Program. It is the hope of the committee to be able to make recommendations to the Board at the end of the school year. Another meeting has been set for Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.

**CHARACTER DIVERSITY COMMITTEE** - Bert shared with the Board that the Character Diversity Committee has met and is off to a good start in incorporating character and diversity for the betterment of the school organization, the students, and the community.

**WEIGHTED GRADES** - High School Principal, Scott Vestlund, shared the desire to incorporate a change in policy to enable weighted grades for AP/Advanced Placement courses. AP classes are offered to students wishing to earn college credit prior to entering college. Since these classes are harder than normal high school classes, the administration feels that students should receive a higher credit. The Board will discuss this concept at their sub-committee meetings later in October and the item will be placed on the November Board agenda for action.

**SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT** - Bert Biele brought the Smoke Free Environment issue to the Board for discussion. This change would allow the outdoor facilities and grounds to be smoke free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Board will discuss this issue further at their sub-committee meetings and the item will be on the November Board agenda for action.

**SOFT DRINK MARKETING CONCEPT** - The Board discussed the issue of submitting an exclusive contract with a soft drink vendor for the purpose of receiving additional revenue. The Board will discuss this at their sub-committee meetings and this item will also be placed on the November Board agenda for action.

**LANGUAGE ARTS & READING UPDATE** - Jim White reported the Curriculum Review Calendar and the process involved in reviewing the Language Arts and Reading portion of the curriculum.

**FINANCE UPDATE** - Connie Gillette gave an update on the recent legislation that was passed relating to school finance. The Lowell area schools will receive a 5% per student one-time payment to be paid in 7 installments. Also, the foundation allowance has been set for the 1998-2000 school year which means the budget can be established with no guesswork. Other good news was that the retirement rate was reduced allowing savings to the district.

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE** - Pam Thomas began the first of a 3-part series on the changes to special education laws and how that relates to the Lowell program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Carol Burger, Food Service Director, urged the Board to consider the importance of keeping the school food services at their current level of nutrition by not allowing competitive foods to be sold during the student day. Peggy Koop read a statement concerning the action taken in releasing her husband, Ken, from his baseball court position.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Biele announced the establishment of a new program entitled "Understanding Lowell" through the Lowell Area Community Fund. The purpose of such a concept is to bring together community leaders to increase learning opportunities for Lowell residents and organizations. Bert also responded to Peggy Koop's statement regarding her husband, Ken, and commented Ken's dedication to the students during his many years as basketball coach.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
Educational Forum - Monday, October 26, 1998 - 7 p.m.  
Lowell Middle School - Media Center  
Board Finance Personnel Committee Meeting  
Thursday, Oct. 26, 1998 - 7:00 a.m.  
Saranac Area High School - Room 3030 South  
Board Curriculum Policy Committee Meeting  
Thursday, Oct. 29, 1998 - 7:00 a.m.  
Saranac Area High School - Room 3030 South  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Saranac Area High School - Board Room  
Nov. 19, 1998 - 7:00 p.m.  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**  
CASE # 98-07624-DO

**HALL OF JUSTICE**  
333 MONROE AVE. NW  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503  
616-336-3679

**DONNA J. ROSAS PLAINTIFF**  
vs  
**ANTONIO ACOSTA-ROSAS a/k/a JOSE LUIS ROSAS**

**TO ANTONIO ACOSTA-ROSAS, a/k/a JOSE LUIS ROSAS**

IT IS ORDERED: 1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for a DIVORCE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before **NOVEMBER 15, 1998**. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. 2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. 3. A copy of this order shall be sent to ANTONIO ACOSTA-ROSAS a/k/a Jose Luis Rosas at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. October 13, 1998 Judge George S. Buth

**LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**  
By: Leslie C. Curry (P31222)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
89 Ionia, NW, Suite 400  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-774-0672, ext. 116

# Lowell Charter Township renews gypsy moth spraying program

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

Is the gypsy moth prevention program necessary for another year? That question was presented at the regular board meeting in Lowell Charter Township Oct. 19. The board assessed the township's three-year involvement with the program and decided to renew the spraying contract another year. Several board members

and citizens did not agree with the decision. "The spraying is so hodge-podge. Can't they get it together?" one citizen remarked. Another said, "The program is a waste because it didn't do any good—we still had moths!" Township clerk Carol Wells was against the program renewal. "As poorly-run as that program is, I think the county should handle it themselves. At 12 cents an

acre, it gets expensive, too." The gypsy moth prevention program begins with a count of how many "egg masses," or larvae cocoons, are located in the trees on a piece of property. Then, if the area is deemed as risky, the property is sprayed and a bill is sent. Board member Jean Huver was skeptical. "I need more substantiation about this counting of egg masses be-

fore I can support this," she said. Township supervisor John Timpson told the board that this past summer's weather postponed the hatching process of the moths so

the spraying technique was not as effective. "We need to stick [this program] out to get the full effect," Timpson said. "I think it's a worthwhile program."

## Wisners donate instrument to school district

Lots of people have them in their homes—probably serving as good dust collectors. Instruments once played in school often find their way to the back of the closet, the corners of basements, and under other items in the attic. However, one Lowell couple, Jerry and Kay Wisner, decided to give an instrument they had a second lease on life. The Wisners donated a clarinet, valued at \$350, to the Lowell High School Music Department. Vice president Mark Blanding said this is something that the district could use more of. "Many instruments go through the system, only to gather dust when no longer needed," Blanding explained. The board accepted the Wisner's donation at its Monday night board meeting.

The Lowell Ledger will be taking pictures of local businesses on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30** for the annual **Ledger Halloween Costume Contest**. Please call 897-9261 & make an appointment for your picture!

**CITY OF LOWELL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM**

Starting the week of October 19th, leaves will be picked up weekly through the week of November 16th by Denny's Disposal. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

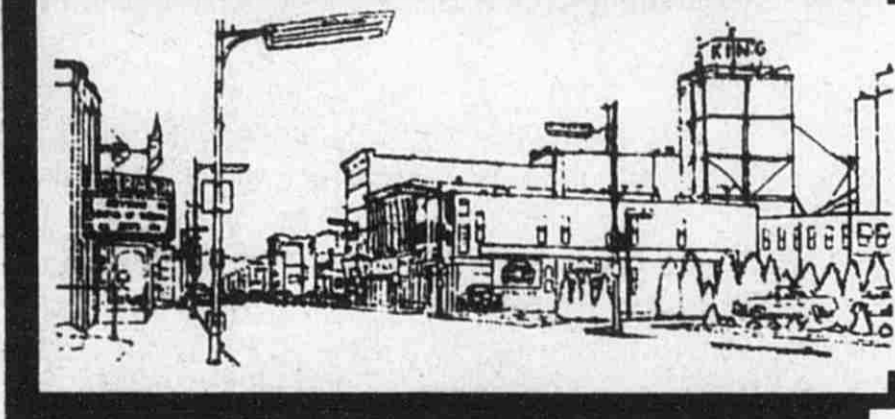
City Hall	Hahn's Hardware
Family Fare Supermarket	Crystal Flash (1002 W. Main)

These bags are sold in lots of 20 for \$5.00. They hold 30 gallons and are made of a paper, biodegradable material. The leaves are taken to a compost area. This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags. If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday. If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal (691-8530) or City Hall (897-8457).





## Along Main Street



### LHS CLASS OF '89

The Lowell High School class of 1989 is planning its 10-year reunion. The next meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the White Swan. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deb Duiven at 897-6348 or Barb Roth at 897-6954.

### DRIVER EDUCATION SEGMENT 2

Lowell High School will be offering driver education segment 2 on Nov. 9, 10 and 11. All students must pre-register by contacting Sue Phillips before Wednesday, Nov. 4. Students not enrolled in Lowell High School, please call 897-4125.

First session summer driver education students will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; second session will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students must attend all three days to receive their certificate.

### SNOWMOBILE TRAIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Flat River Snowmobile Club is looking for volunteers to help with trail work on the W. Michigan Snowmobile Trail which runs through Lowell.

If you have ridden the trail and would like to see it continue, your help would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, call Brad Potter at 897-7398.

### CLEAN UP DAY

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be having a *Clean Up Day* on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the old Body Works building on Main Street, just east of downtown Lowell. Anyone who would like to help the needy of our community is invited to join us for this project.

Donuts and coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m. The work will

conclude with a complimentary lunch at noon. You are encouraged to bring work gloves and wear hard sole shoes. For more information call Roger LaWarre at 897-5906.

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SHOWBOAT AUCTION

The Lowell Showboat auction is being planned for Friday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Larkin's The Other Place. Please note date correction.

If you have any donations, new or old, big or small, contact Karen or Laura at 897-5360. They will pick up items donated.

## County Park, cont'd.... From Page 1

trespassing on my land?" and "Who pays for fire and police coverage of this land?" were some questions citizens presented.

Sabine assured landowners that the county intends "to be a good neighbor." He said that reported cases of safety problems have been low at similar park atmospheres like Townsend and Fallasburg.

When township residents asked Sabine what the county's next move would be, he explained that the land would have to be rezoned in order to accommodate a park. Currently the land

is zoned for farmland.

"The process could be a bit slow," Sabine said. "I wouldn't expect construction in the next five years, but most likely within the next ten."

When asked if he supports the county park proposition, township supervisor John Timpson answered, "What's the alternative? It is very difficult to make a farm work in today's day and age. I support the park personally, though I know it will put more farmland on the chopping block."

## AREA BIRTHS

Rob Reese and Laura Alexander are pleased to announce the arrival of Taylor Lynne Reese who was born September 21, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Big sister is Tiffany. Grandparents are Don and Cheryl

Alexander of Lowell, Jean Farrell of Middleville and Chuck and Jackie Reese of Nashville.

Jasmine and Jordan Lillie are happy to announce the arrival of their little sister Isabel Susan, born September 27, 1998. She weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Parents are Mike and Jennifer Lillie. Grandparents are Hugh and Joan Cosgrove and Jim and Carol Lillie.

Great-grandparents are Margaret McGalliard and Harold and Helen Lillie.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 22 - Troy Abel.  
OCT. 23 - Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.

OCT. 24 - Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller.  
OCT. 25 - Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison.  
OCT. 26 - Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings.  
OCT. 27 - George Cook, Tim VanLaan.  
OCT. 28 - Aaron Stencil, Bonnie Essich.

## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### Public Testing Of Optec Equipment

A public test of the Optec Voting Equipment to be used in the November 3, 1998 General Election in Vergennes Township will be held on Monday, October 26, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at: 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt Fund) Leadership Lowell

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Area Community Fund is considering the development of a community leadership concept. A planning meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 12, 1998 at the high school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. If you want more information or would like to attend this planning meeting, please call Rose Hartley at 897-8415. Call early as space is limited.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be conducting an Educational Forum to review educational programs with school staff from the Lowell Middle School

Monday, October 26, 1998 - 7 p.m.  
Lowell Middle School - Media Center  
750 Foreman Rd., Lowell

Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend.

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Grattan Township would like to update the list of residents interested in serving on any appointed committee, commission, or board.

Any resident who would like to make a contribution and become more involved in the community should submit letters of interest to:

Richard A. Herweyer, Supervisor  
Grattan Township  
12050 Old Belding Road  
Belding, MI 48809

## Local scouts participate in 41st annual Jamboree on Air

The 41st annual Jamboree on Air had approximately 500,000 scouts and guides participating from around the world.

The Jamboree enables scouts to experience and exchange ideas with other scouts via amateur radio.

Scouts and leaders from Lowell Troop 102 and

Saranac Troop 71 took part in the worldwide scouting event.

Locally, the event was held at Lowell High School with the Lowell Amateur Radio Club.

The scouts made contacts throughout the U.S. and Canada.

There were four different

ham radio stations available.

The highlight of the event was a greeting from the MIR space station.

The local troops plan to participate in the event again in 1999, according to John Walker, advancement chairman of Troop 102.

## Township may borrow money rather than wait on grant monies

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

In order to fix up the Grand River Drive park, Lowell Charter Township would need a grant, right?

Not necessarily, as the township board discovered at their regular meeting Oct. 19.

Township supervisor John Timpson explained that repairs need to be made on

the entranceway and railroad crossing areas at the park located between Gulliford and Bewell streets on Grand River Drive.

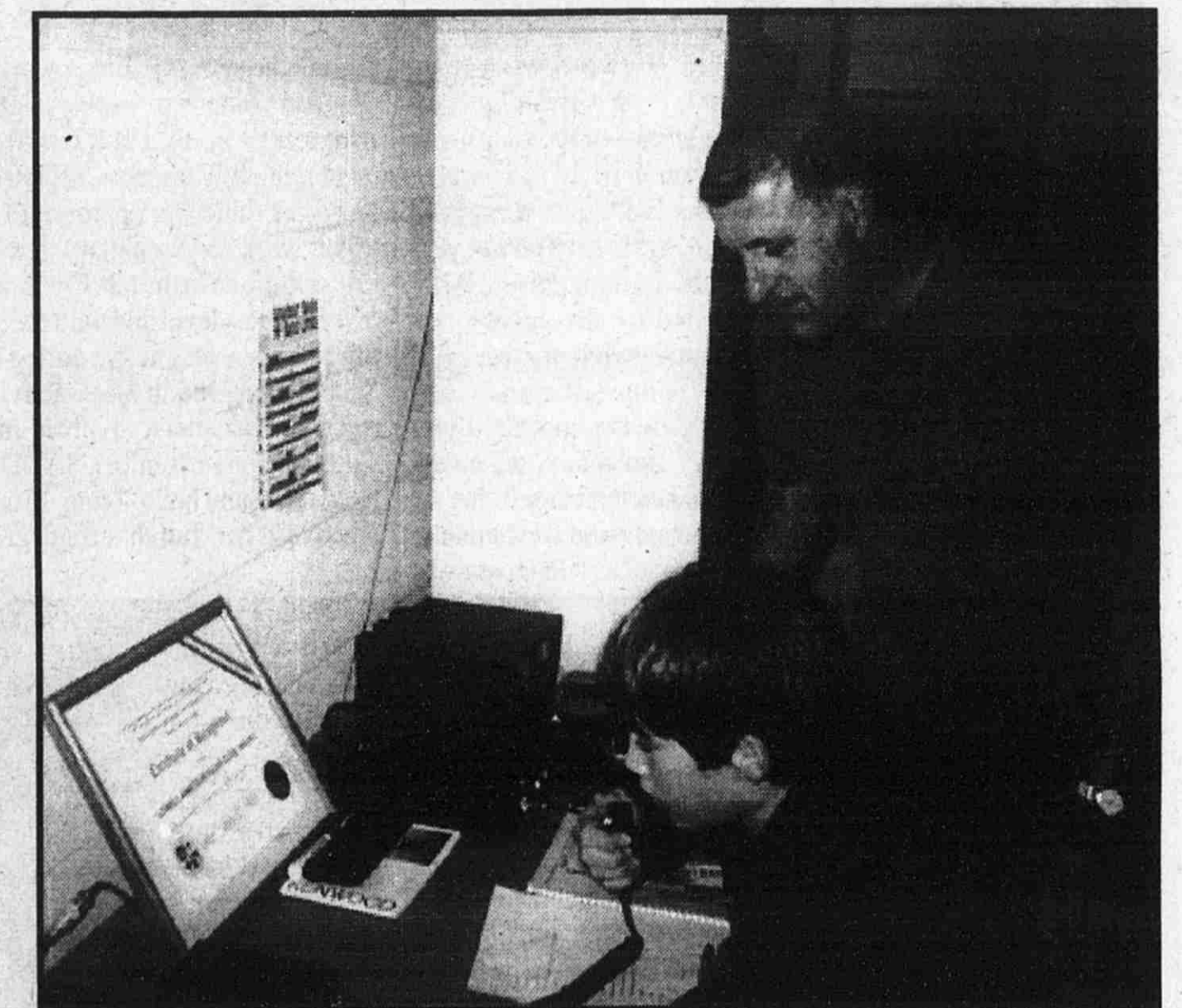
"The area is not safe," Timpson explained. "This really needs to be done."

The township is applying for a grant through the Department of Natural Resources, but was told that the

waiting process is long. Policy maintains that state legislation needs to approve DNR grants, and it would not be voted on until spring 1999.

Rather than delay construction for the estimated \$15-25,000 project or jeopardize grant monies by proceeding without approval,

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Al Eckman, right, helps this young scout explore the ham radio airwaves.

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**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, October 26, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following rezoning request:

David Anderson petitioned to rezone parcel 41-20-02-101-054 (730 Godfrey), which is located on the south side of Godfrey, west of Beech Street, from R-1 (Residential, Single Family) to R-2 (Residential Two Family and Multiple Family by Special Use Permit) or R-3 (Residential, Single, Two and Multiple Family).

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

# Outstanding student performance recognized at high school

Each month several of the Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area. Each of these students has shown exemplary work and added effort in a particular content area.

For the month of October they are as follows: Courtney Baker, Agriscience; Rachael Fredline, Science; Ted Dwyer, Technology; Julia Ennis, Drama; Abby Denton, Visual Art. Baker, a sophomore, was selected by the agriscience department for her leadership and dedication to the FFA program during the past year. She is enthusiastic and energetic, and the FFA has profited greatly by her contributions. Baker is also involved in cross country and soccer at Lowell High School. In addition, she has served as secretary of her 4-H club and was a state finalist for environmental stewardship

During the summer, Baker works at Arrowhead Golf Course. She also volunteers weekly in her church's nursery. She is the daughter of Louis and Karen Baker of Lowell.

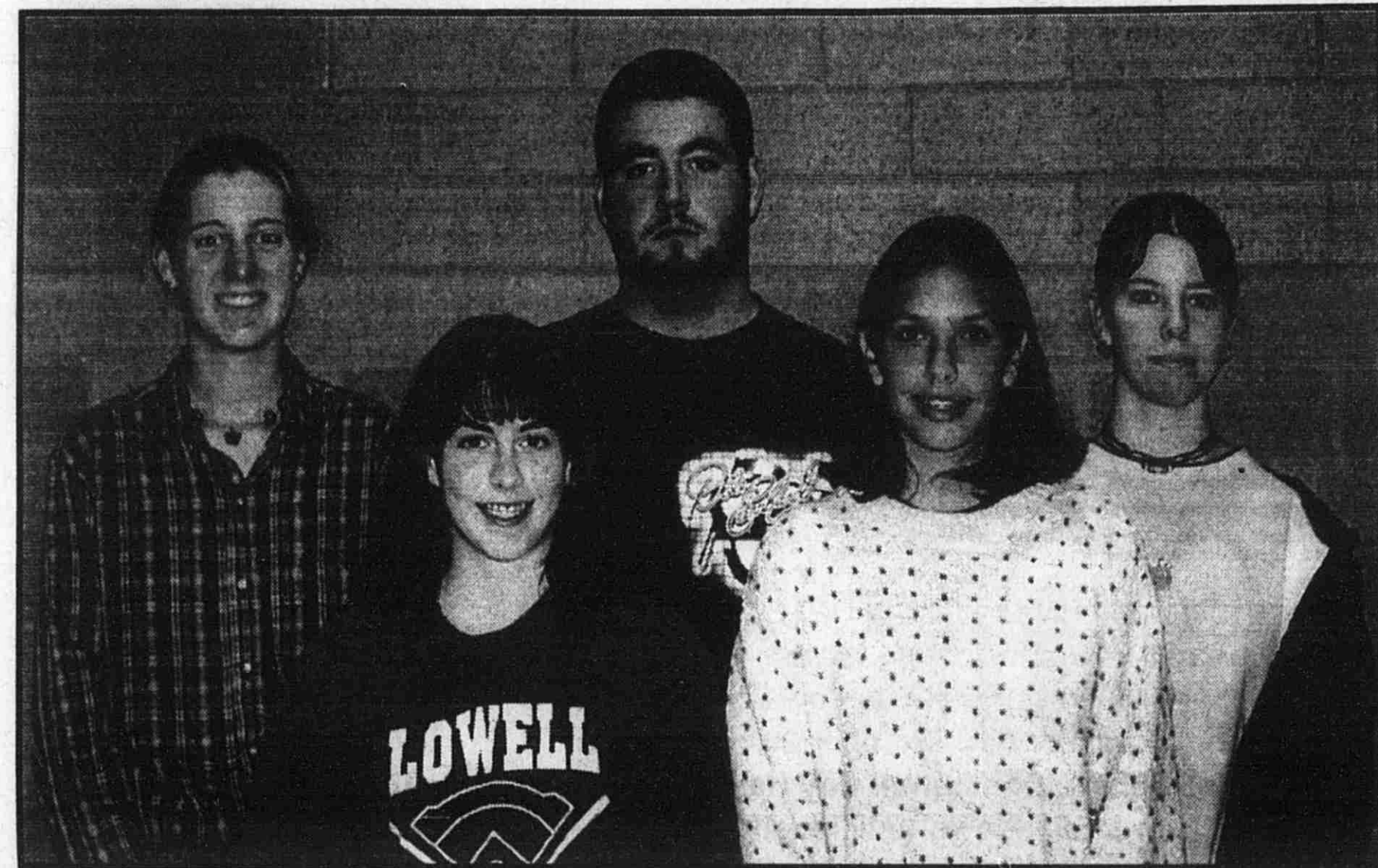
Fredline is a senior, selected by the science department. Her work ethic, her approach to her education and the quality of her work are exemplary. She is a leader by example in the classroom and in the lab. Fredline constantly strives to achieve at the highest level and with the greatest degree of excellence. She has been very active during her four years at Lowell High School, involved in many activities and taking on leadership roles. She has been involved in basketball (captain-senior), softball (captain-senior), SADD (advisory board), NHS, Peer Resistance and Nico-Team. In addition to these activities, she is active in her church's youth group. Fredline was honored by

being selected as MVP for the girls' basketball team (1997 season) and was chosen as scholar athlete for basketball and softball. She plans to attend MSU in the fall to pursue a career in education. She is the daughter of Gary and Vicki Fredline of Lowell.

Dwyer, a senior, was selected by the technology department. He is a very motivated student who loves to learn and apply new skills. Dwyer has worked at Lyonais Landscaping for the past two years and plans to continue working there in the future. He enjoys hunting, fishing and 4-wheeling. His favorite classes are materials processing and technology. He is the son of Dick and Joanne Dwyer of Lowell.

Ennis is a senior and was selected by the drama department. She has been a giving student in drama who looks for ways to make the class more enjoyable for everyone. She is brave and confident in presenting material for class. She brightens the whole class with her enthusiasm. During her four years at LHS, Ennis has been very involved. Activities include: golf, drama club (freshman representative, treasurer, both junior and senior year), Jazz band, and marching band (drum major). Ennis also has a job at the Ada-Lowell 5 Theater. She is also active in her church's youth group. Ennis' future plans include majoring in computer engineering at either MSU or U of M. She is the daughter of James and Rose Ennis of Lowell.

Denton, a senior, was selected by the visual art department. She is working in two areas of art this semester, both of which are very challenging. She is creating daring and exciting pieces from the digital aspect as well as ceramic sculpture. Denton has been involved in art club and powder puff football. She also works at Egypt Valley Country Club as a cook. She plans to attend GRCC majoring in culinary arts and minoring in fine arts. She eventually plans to attend Kendall School of Art and Design. Denton's hobbies include drawing, reading and playing chess. Her favorite class is advanced art. She is the daughter of Lisa Denton of Rockford, who continues to encourage her, and Chris Denton of Cedar Springs.



Lowell High School's October students-of-the-month, front row, left to right, are: Rachael Fredline and Courtney Baker. Back row, left to right, are Julia Ennis, Ted Dwyer and Abby Denton.

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I have mixed feelings about ambivalence.  
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—Bob Nickman

# Meeting of two city boards clarifies variance review process

J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

A meeting between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Lowell Planning Commission may be the step toward building better communications between the two city groups.

The two groups met Oct. 12 to review a variance process. From that meeting it was decided that each group would work

on developing better communications between each other, said Lowell City Manager David Pasquale.

To help toward that, the two groups decided:  
• That granting of variances would be based upon the meeting of all six criteria as stated in the Zoning Ordinance. A denial of the variance request can be justified by having at least one of the criteria not met.

• In the motion to grant, the ZBA must state the facts for each of the criteria.

• If the decision from the ZBA is different from the recommendation of the planning commission, written comments will be provided back from the ZBA to the commission.

• More precise feedback will be provided from the planning commission, regarding its review of variance criteria.

• A memo from the planning commission on the recommendation of the variance will be given, including minority opinions.

• A planning commission representative will be present at the ZBA meeting.

Mayor Bill Thompson said it is a rare occasion that the ZBA acts opposite of the planning commission. In the past six years, the ZBA has gone against the planning commission's recommendation five times and only once with the new zoning ordinance, Thompson said.

# Lowell's Parker wins "Women of Courage" essay contest

Lowell High School's Casey Parker has been named a winner in the "Women of Courage" essay series sponsored by the research on Women in Education organization.

This year, the "Women of Courage" conference is being

held at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center.

Parker, and other essay winners, will be recognized and introduced to conference attendees at the concluding luncheon.

Ellen Cassidy, chairperson of "Women of Courage" essay series, said each of the essays submitted was well done and each young woman deserves recognition for her efforts.

For her achievements, Parker will be presented with a plaque citing her award.

Parker is the daughter of Joseph and Gail Parker, 983 Lincoln Lake Ave.

The senior plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall of 1999.

# Park, cont'd...

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Timpson approached the board about borrowing funds from the township's general fund.

After voting, the board approved the lending of \$20,000 to the township project for improving the Grand River Drive park's entrance and railroad crossing on the north side of the road. If the township receives the grant in the spring, the general fund will be repaid in full. If the grant is denied, the township will repay the debt in installments over the next several years.

# Knauf performing at First United Methodist Church of Lowell

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main St., will be filled with the sounds of gospel and contemporary Christian music on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Deborah-Kay Knauf, pianist, keyboardist and vocalist, will entertain beginning at 3 p.m.

Admission is free.

# CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 3, 1998 General Election will be conducted Monday, October 26, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan

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Wednesday, 28th October, 1998  
at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE. The Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance requires a special use hearing for single-family residential developments not connected to a community sanitary sewer system.

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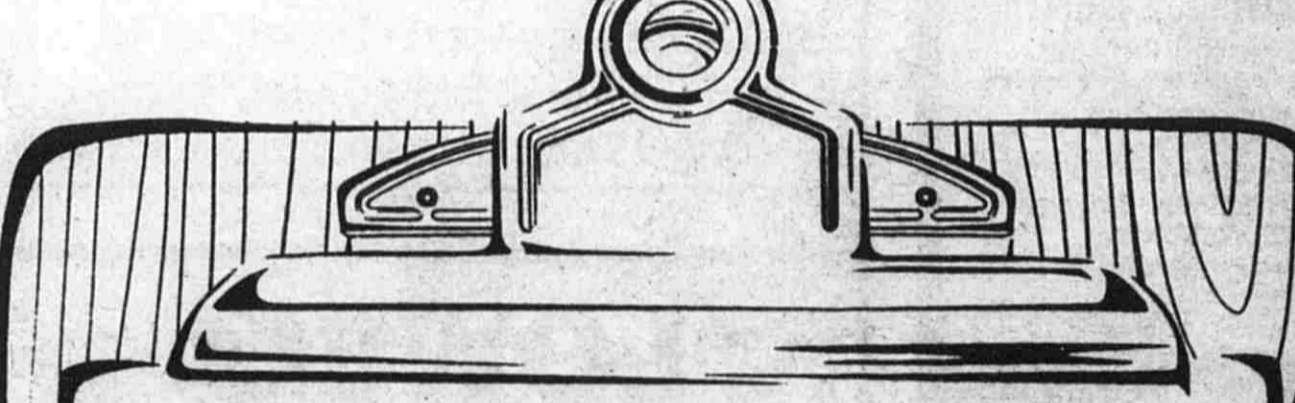
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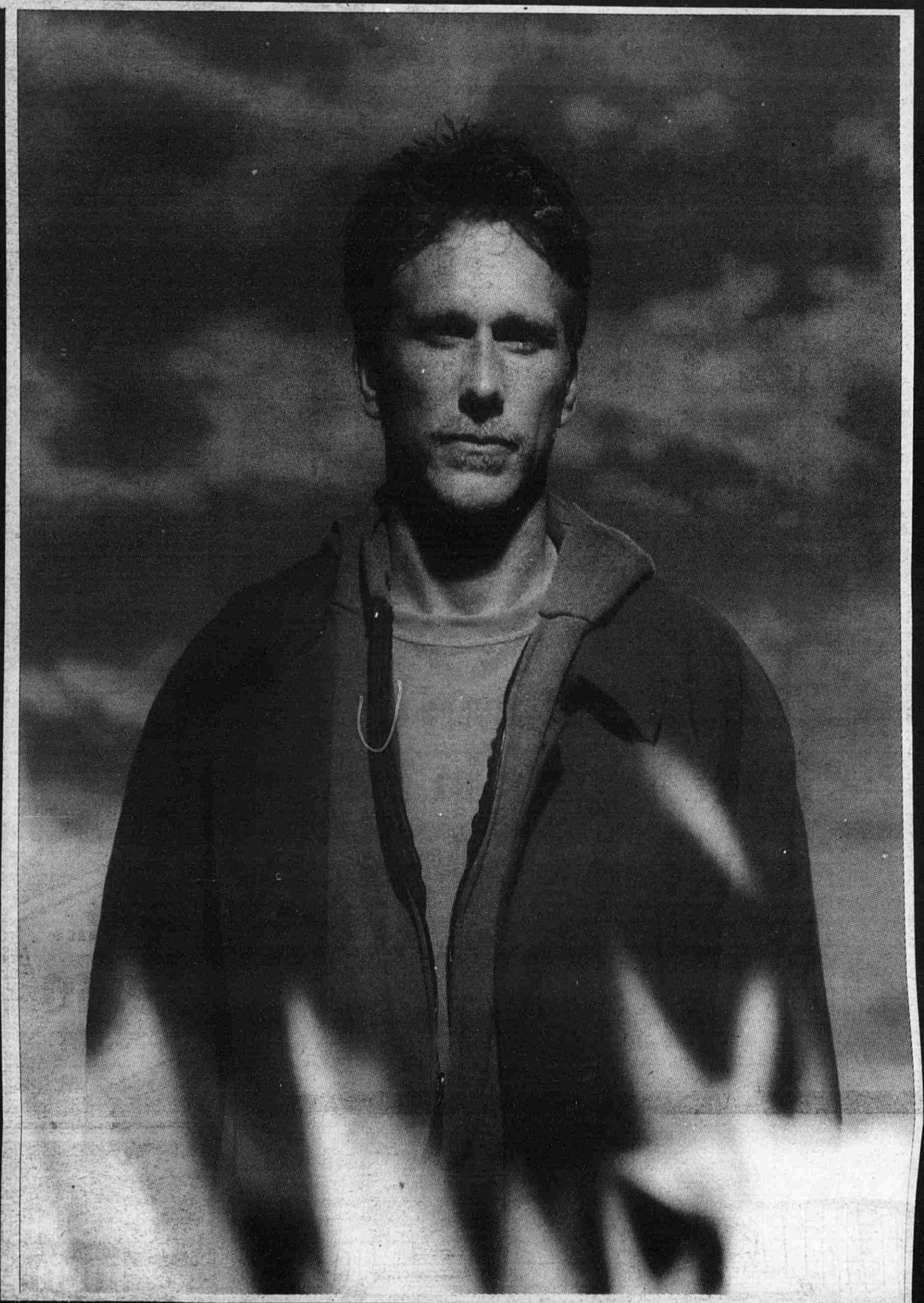
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# City approves the re-emergence of Lowell's motorcycle patrol

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

When residents hear the roar of an approaching motorcycle, they may just have to double-check their speed before ignoring it.

That's because for the second time this century, the roar may just be the Lowell Police motorcycle patrol. The department had such a patrol in the 1930s.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council approved entering into a lease agreement with Town and

Country Sports Center, Inc. in Cement City, Michigan, to lease a new Harley Davidson for \$300 each year for three years.

The motorcycle will be equipped with emergency lights and siren.

"Just like with the bike patrol, people tend to be caught off guard when they see an officer on a motorcycle," said Lowell police chief Jim Valentine.

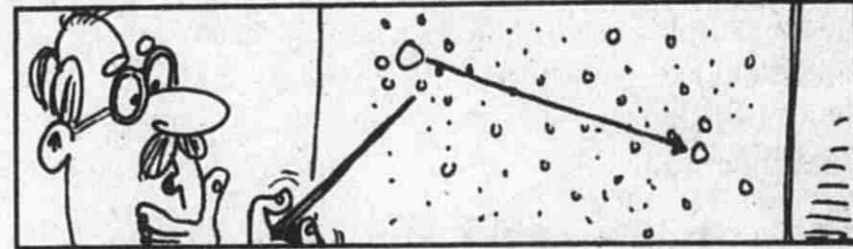
It is the plan of the department to use the vehicle for traffic violations, especially speed. The motorcycle also is an excellent tool for public relations, Valentine said.

"In the right setting, with a captive audience and the opportunity to see such a unique vehicle, it makes the public fair game to us so that we can hand out fliers or talk about public safety."

Valentine said he has one officer with motorcycle certification and plans to send the officer to motorcycle training in the spring. This training is provided by the Michigan State

Police. If in the future the West Michigan Training Consortium provides similar training, Valentine said he would send additional officers.

A law enforcement agency can participate in this program for up to three years. After that, the motorcycle must be either purchased by the department or returned to the distributor. Valentine said the department has no interest in purchasing a motorcycle.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES**  
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A public hearing will be held to amend the Township Ordinance, Section 202.005 Private road construction specifications.

Section 5.0(a) Other construction specifications, such as depth of subbase, slopes, thickness and quality of bituminous mixture, and requirements for drainage and/or valley gutters shall be based on the Kent County Road Commission Local Road Specifications, as amended from time to time, and may be modified with the approval of the Zoning Administrator or the Township Engineer.

(b) A private road which is to serve five (5) through ten (10) residential lots or parcels shall be built to meet or exceed the specifications of the Kent County Road Commission Local Road Specifications.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance changes can be obtained at the Vergennes Township Hall during regular business hours.

Rick Gillett, Chairman  
Vergennes Township  
Planning Commission

**NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 2, 1998, to be held at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The hearing concerns the Historic Districts Commission Ordinance, Section 201.427 of the Vergennes Township Ordinance. A new version is proposed to replace the entire current version. A summary of the proposed version is as follows:

**Section 1**  
Title: Historic Districts Commission Ordinance

**Section 2**  
Purpose: To safeguard the heritage of Vergennes Township, stabilize and improve property values in historical districts, foster civic beauty, strengthen local economy and identify and promote historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the citizens of Vergennes Township.

**Section 3**  
Definitions: A list as used in this ordinance.

**Section 4**  
Establishment, appointment, qualifications and terms of members; commissions previously established by charter or ordinance.

**Section 5**  
Permits, applications, certificate of appropriateness or notice to proceed; issuance; permit fee; appeal to review board and circuit court; plan review standards, guidelines and considerations; scope of review; preservation plan; approval; conditions; public meeting; availability of writings to public; rules of procedure; approval of minor work; finding of demolition by neglect; restoration or modification of work done without permit.

**Section 6**  
Grants, gifts and programs.

**Section 7**  
Historic resource; acquisition by the Vergennes Township Board

**Section 8**  
Historic district commission; filings with delegated authority; duties of local public officials, employees, and bureau of history.

**Section 9**  
Construction of act

**Section 10**  
Appeal of Decisions

**Section 11**  
Local units; establishing, modifying or eliminating historic districts; study committee; considerations; review of applications within proposed historic district; emergency moratorium.

**Section 12**  
Violation, fine, payment of costs.

A complete copy of this proposed ordinance is available at the township offices Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Written comments will also be considered if received by the township clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 1998.

Rick Gillette - Planning Commission Chair

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## Non-resident numbers in school district continue to rise

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School District is 120 students richer this year than it was a year ago.

Of that total, 49 (41 percent) are non-resident students. The accumulative number of non-resident students coming into the district, over the last three years, now totals 101.

The 49 non-resident students means an additional \$267,638 for the school district.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke is mindful that the district cannot project non-resident students as a long-term situation due to the fact that each year, non-residents must reapply for release from their resident district.

The non-resident students have gradually migrated into

Lowell Schools from 14 other school districts over the last three years.

"I think people like the Lowell program. They feel it has a lot to offer and that Lowell is a nice place to be," said Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance. "Lowell has a good reputation academically and offers students a great academic opportunity."

Bleke identified convenience as a factor in the equation. The Kent Intermediate School District (KISD), of which Lowell is a member, opted out of the governor's state schools of choice program. It was identified as being too restrictive.

The KISD then went ahead and drafted its own schools of choice plan... one it identified as being friendlier to schools and parents.

It gave parents a bigger window of opportunity to apply for a release from its district and under the KISD plan, the school gets the resident district foundation grant.

Under the state plan, a school receives the lower of the two schools' foundation grants for a non-resident student.

There are 24 resident students in Lowell attending another school.

Under both the state and KISD plans, schools can release students after the identified time lines.

"The time lines are more for organizational purposes," Bleke said. "The needs of a kid should always come over the need for a time line."

## Barking dogs, stray cats an increasingly annoying problem

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Rising complaints of barking dogs and stray cats have heightened the need for pet owners to abide with ordinances currently in place.

According to Jill Moore, Lowell animal catcher, barking dog complaints have doubled in recent months within Lowell city limits.

Upon a complaint, owners will be given a written and verbal warning and asked to provide proof that the dog is licensed (state requirement).

A second complaint regarding the dog barking results in a monetary fine being assessed.

The city ordinance clearly specifies that all pets

be confined to the owner's property. "This is true of dogs as well as cats. There is no such thing as an 'outside cat' within the Lowell city limits," Moore said.

When a stray cat or dog is found, the animal is housed for a minimum of one day at the impound garage. After that, the animal will be transported to the Kent County Animal

Shelter. The shelter keeps the animal for a minimum of three days before either placing the animal for adoption or euthanizing it.

Owners may claim their animal either at the impound garage or at the animal shelter for a fee. The fee escalates each time the owner is found

in violation of a city ordinance.

Lowell's ordinance restricts residents to three animals per household.

"If an owner cannot work with the animal(s) and control the barking and/or keep them out of their neighbors' yards, perhaps they should look into giving the animal to someone who has the time and ability to train it," Moore concluded.

## "Hats and Mittens" at Kent District Libraries

Chase away those winter chills with a head, hand and heart-warming program from Kent District Library. Throughout the month of November, Kent District Library branches will be presenting Hats and Mittens, a special program of tales, games and other fun activities about hats and mittens.

This program is for all ages and registration is required.

The Hats and Mittens program is part of a donation drive sponsored by Kent District Library to collect new hats and mittens for needy children. Donate a new hat or pair of mittens

from now until December 31 at any KDL branch library and WGVU/WGVK will match your gift with a free copy of Jan Brett's book *The Mitten*. Hats, mittens and books will be given to children in the Head Start program. Donor names will be included on the *Mitten Tree* found at each KDL

branch.

Hats and Mittens is scheduled at the Englehardt branch for Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. Call 897-9596 to register. The Alto branch has scheduled the program for Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. Call 868-6038.

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### SALES

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SKI PATROL SKI SWAP - Nov. 5 - 7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Nov. 8, noon to 5 p.m. At Cannonsburg Ski Area.



### EVENTS

HARVEST FEST ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR - Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Ottawa Hills High School, corner of Burton & Rosewood, Grand Rapids. Food available all day.

LOWELL MOOSE LODGE #809, ANNUAL SPOOK HOUSE - 210 1/2 E. Main, rear entrance. Fri., Oct. 23, 7 p.m. - midnight; Sat., Oct. 24, 1-5 p.m. & 7-midnight; Sun., Oct. 25, 1-5 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 30, 7-midnight; Sat., Oct. 31, 1-5 p.m. & 6-10 p.m. \$2 donations but only if you dare.



### FOR RENT

LOWELL HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, screened porch, large yard. Available early Nov. \$775 per month + deposit. Call 975-1754 or 676-1887.

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

### HELP WANTED

CONSTRUCTION - Boss's helper, general labor, good pay, future advancement if wanted. Will train. 897-7712.

MACHINE OPERATORS - Join our innovative manufacturing team with benefits, vacation & 401(k). Apply in person at Concept Industries, 4950 Kraft SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

LOWELL CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE SEEKS PART-TIME HELP - Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sat. AM. Must be health oriented. Office experience necessary. No smokers. Send resume: Doctor, 6592 Forest Valley SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

ADA AUTO RESTORATION SHOP - seeking shop & building maintenance person, part-time, perfect for a retired gentleman. Call John Twist at University Motors, 682-0800.

DIETARY AIDES - The Laurels of Kent currently has 2 openings in its dietary department. These are both day positions from 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Every other weekend is required. Please contact the Laurels of Kent at 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, MI 49331. 897-8473.



### IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Wesley Adrianse who left us four years ago on October 20, 1994. Deep in our hearts His memory is kept To love and to cherish To never forget. Love always, Lucile, Bonnie & Gary Denman, Bob & Becky Adrianse, David & Tammy Adrianse, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

### CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS Thank you for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. The cards and calls, flowers and all are greatly appreciated. Ella Thompson.



### LOST

LOST KITTY - Kissing Rock Road. 1 year old, grey & white tiger, front paws declawed, female, extremely tame. Family is heartbroken, missing 2 weeks. Please call Vriesema's 897-7563.

### BUSINESS SERVICES

BRAND NEW TO OUR AREA! - Home & garden party plan. Booking parties now! Call Nita at 616-642-0569.

PRIMESTAR - Mini-satellite system, no equipment to purchase, \$49 installation, lowest price ever. 1-800-459-7357.

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### KID'S CORNER DAY CARE

• Loving christian environment  
• Fenced in yard  
• Fun activities & games  
• 4-C's member  
• Reasonable rates  
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Call Carrie today for an appointment!  
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**We've Moved**

**Emmaus Lutheran Church**  
Now Meeting At:  
**Kettle Lake Elementary School**  
8451 Garbow Drive SE  
Just South of 68th Street on Whittneville Road

**Welcome To:**

**October Quest!**  
& Open House  
Oct., 18 & 25

Worship Service.....9:30 AM  
Fellowship & Refreshments..... 10:30 AM  
Sunday School For All Ages..... 10:45 AM

For More Information Call:  
EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH-OFFICE #127  
6115 28th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Pastor Bill Brandner • Phone 956-6695

## Attention Seniors!

Here are some good reasons to use the gni Ionia or Montcalm PhoneGuide...

- Large Easy-to-Read Type
- Front Community Interest Section
- Maps -Zip Codes
- 800#'s - Area Care Services
- Dining Guide
- NEW! Golf Guide in the yellow pages!
- Residents listed in Alphabetical Order

**Need A PhoneGuide?**  
Call 754-2266 or 1-800-968-2267

**gni PhoneGuide**  
COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

109 N. Lafayette, PO Box 340  
Greenville, MI 48838  
616-754-2266  
1-800-968-2267

The Lowell Ledger will be taking pictures of local businesses on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 for the annual **Ledger Halloween Costume Contest**  
Please call 897-9261 & make an appointment for your picture!

# Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS

A MONTHLY COMMUNICATION PUBLICATION TO PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

October 1998

## FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULES:

<b>Mon., Nov. 2</b>	
Alto Elementary .....	4:30-6:30p.m.
High School .....	2:30-5:30p.m.
Unity High School & New Dawn.....	2:30-5:30p.m.
<b>Tues., Nov. 3</b>	
Bushnell Elementary.....	4:30-8:30p.m.
Cherry Creek Elementary.....	4:30-6:30p.m.
Middle School .....	5:00-8:00p.m.
<b>Wed., Nov. 4</b>	
Middle School .....	6:00-9:00p.m.
High School .....	5:00-9:00p.m.
Unity High School & New Dawn.....	5:00-9:00p.m.
<b>Thurs., Nov. 5 AM ONLY FOR K-12 STUDENTS/FULL DAY FOR ALL STAFF</b>	
Alto Elementary .....	1:30-4:30p.m. & 5:30-8:30p.m.
Bushnell Elementary.....	1:30-4:30p.m. & 5:30-8:30p.m.
Cherry Creek Elementary.....	1:30-4:30p.m. & 5:30-8:30p.m.
Middle School .....	12:00-4:00p.m.
High School .....	12:00-4:00p.m.
Unity High School & New Dawn	
Professional Development - PM.....	12:00-4:00p.m.
<b>Fri., Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF</b>	
<b>Mon., Nov. 9</b> Alto Elementary - Kindergarten Only.....	
<b>Tues., Nov. 10</b> Bushnell Elementary - Kindergarten Only .....	
<b>Thurs., Nov. 12 NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS</b>	
FULL DAY FOR GRADES 1ST - 12TH	

## KINDERGARTEN PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Alto Elementary - Kindergarten Only.....	1:30-4:30p.m. & 5:30-8:30p.m.
Bushnell Elementary - Kindergarten Only.....	1:30-4:30p.m. & 5:30-8:30p.m.
<b>Fri., Nov. 13 NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AND STAFF</b>	
FULL DAY FOR GRADES 1ST - 12TH	
<b>Wed., Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K-12</b>	
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	
<b>Thurs. &amp; Fri., Nov. 26 &amp; 27 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF K-12</b>	
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	

## HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN

MiChild (pronounced 'My Child') is a new statewide program being implemented to provide health care coverage to uninsured children of working families. It is part of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) initiative.

Five Michigan counties (Kent, Lake, Newaygo, Saginaw, and Washtenaw) began enrollment in May, 1998. It was expected that by September, 1998, all Michigan counties will be enrolled in this insurance program for children.

MiChild provides health care coverage to children, up to age 19, in families who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty line, who do not have health insurance through an employer, and who are not eligible for Medicaid. In a family of four this could include income up to \$32,000 per year. The cost to the family is \$5 per month, totaling just \$60 per year. There are no co-pays or deductibles, and families have a choice of medical and dental plans. Covered services include well-child physicals, immunizations, diagnostic services, prescriptions, emergency services, mental health and substance abuse services, vision and hearing screening and dental care.

Enrollment includes filling out a short MiChild application and providing proof of income (e.g. previous year's W-2, paycheck stub, or recent bank statement). If you have not received a brochure on this program from your school, please call your child's building office to request this. Questions regarding filling in an application may be answered by phoning the MiChild toll free number of 1-888-988-6300.

## DRIVER EDUCATION SEGMENT 2

Lowell High School will be offering Driver Education Segment 2 on November 9, 10, and 11. Students must pre-register by contacting Mrs. Sue Phillips at the high school before Wednesday, November 4. If you are not enrolled in Lowell High School, but would like to take part in this training, please call 897-4125 to sign up.

First session summer driver education students will meet from 2:30-4:30p.m. and second session summer driver education students will meet from 3:30-5:30p.m. YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE DAYS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATE.

## TUTOR AVAILABLE

If your child is needing help in math, reading or history, we have a person who is willing to tutor him or her.

Call Carol Briggs (897-8415) at the Administration Building if you would like to make contact with a tutor.

## IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN AN ART CAREER?

On Sunday, October 25th, a National Art Portfolio Day will be held at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. Premier art schools from around the United States will be present to talk about their programs, scholarships and other aspects of their programs. This is a tremendous opportunity provided here in our area.

If you have a son or daughter that will soon graduate or a past graduate that is interested in an art career or an advanced degree in art, this will be an excellent event for him or her to attend. For more information on this, please contact Robin White, High School art teacher, at 897-4125 (ext. 443).

## THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Lowell FFA Club would like to thank the community for attending their annual hog roast and auction, held October 2nd. The money raised will be used to help send FFA members to the Washington D.C. Leadership Conference next summer.

## RIGHT TO ACCESS AND PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS

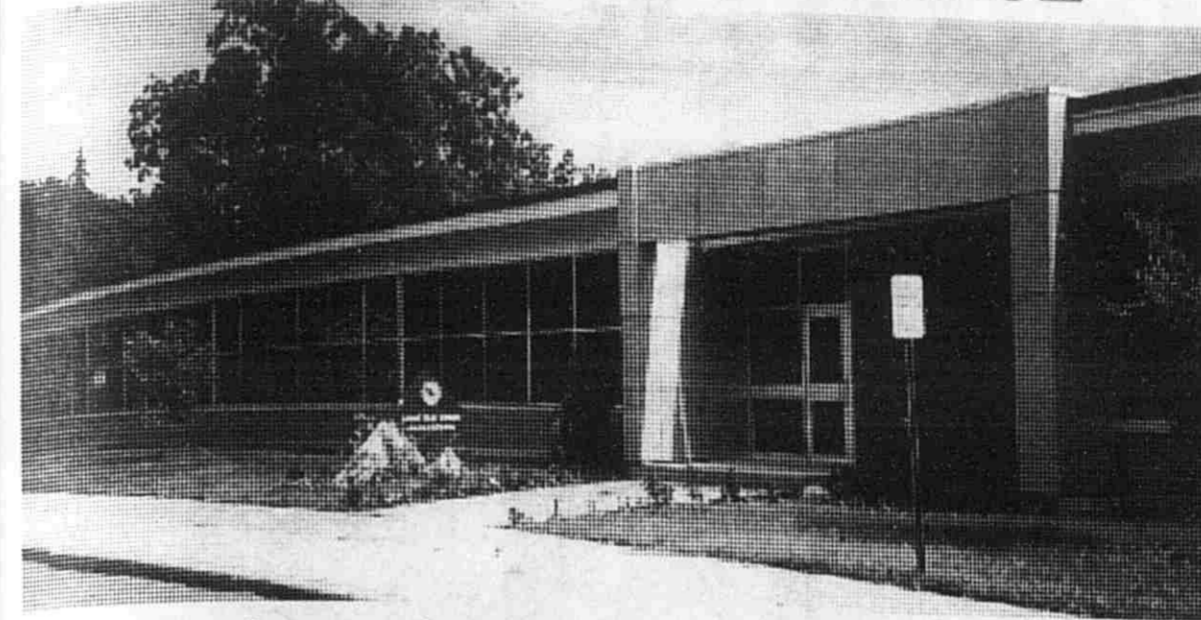
All parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age and all students 18 years of age or over have the right, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to examine the official records, files and data of the school district directly relating to the student. They also have the right to challenge any of the contents of said records to insure their accuracy and fairness. Procedures for such examination and challenge, including hearings on a challenge, have been established by the Board of Education and will be made available upon request.

No records, files, or data directly relating to an individual student shall be made available to anyone without the consent and notification of the student or of the parents or guardians of a student under 18 years of age, except 1) the teachers and officials of this school district who have a legitimate educational interest in such information; 2) there has been a federal request for submission of student records in connection with a student's application for financial aid; or 3) when a request for transfer of records is made by a school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

All requests for examination of records made by parents or guardians and eligible students shall be directed to the office of the principal having custody of such records.

The school district may disclose "Directory Information" from the educational records of a student. Lowell has defined the following as "Directory Information": name of student, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received and class designation. If a parent or student (18 years or over) refuses to permit the disclosure of any or all of the categories of "Directory Information," the school district must be notified in writing.

## FOCUS ON OUR SCHOOL



Each month we would like to share information with the community regarding our buildings and what special things they are doing to make education beneficial and interesting for the students they teach. This month we would like to put our focus on the Runciman and Riverside buildings, located at the east end of Lowell on High and Monroe streets.

## RUNCIMAN BUILDING PROGRAMS:

A Pre-Primary Impaired (PPI) program serves children 2 1/2 - 5 years old who have special needs as defined within state special education guidelines. To be eligible, a preschooler must demonstrate significant delays in certain areas. A major purpose of P.P.I. is to enable young children to participate more fully in school and community experiences. There are four classes which meet 2 1/2 hours per day, 4 or 5 days per week. A number of days each month are set aside for a parent component of the program. A full-time teacher, paraprofessional and part-time support persons staff our classrooms.

Lowell's 4-Year Old Readiness Program is designed to promote the overall development of children, who turn four by December 1st each year. These children will be attending Kindergarten the following year and just need a little boost before entering the regular classroom setting. There are eligibility factors which must be considered in order for a child to be enrolled in this program. The Readiness Program meets 4 days per week for a 2 1/2 hour session. Parents are involved through home visits, school conferences, workshops, field trips and classroom visitation.

Our New Dawn program is an alternative high school setting for pregnant teenage girls and young mothers who choose not to attend the regular high school. Following the birth of their babies, the girls may make use of the Nursery provided in the same building and return either to New Dawn or to the regular general education setting. In addition to academics, classes offered include pre-natal and post-natal care, nutrition, parenting, and child development.

## NATURE'S PLACE AT CHERRY CREEK

The Cherry Creek Elementary School students, teachers and parents started an outdoor education program during the last school year. Work has been done on developing the pond, meadow, forest and wetland area just west of the school, which is located on Foreman Road.

Currently students and staff are in the process of clearing trail areas and covering these trails with wood chips. There are several ways the community can help in this worthwhile endeavor:

- donation of shovels, rakes, clippers, trimmers, or wheelbarrows
- donation of wood chips needed to cover the trails
- volunteer hours to help this project see completion

If you are able to help with anything mentioned above, please call either Brent Noskey, Pam Kinnucan or Kim Lum at Cherry Creek Elementary, 897-9257. This new outdoor classroom will provide a wealth of information and experience to our elementary students.

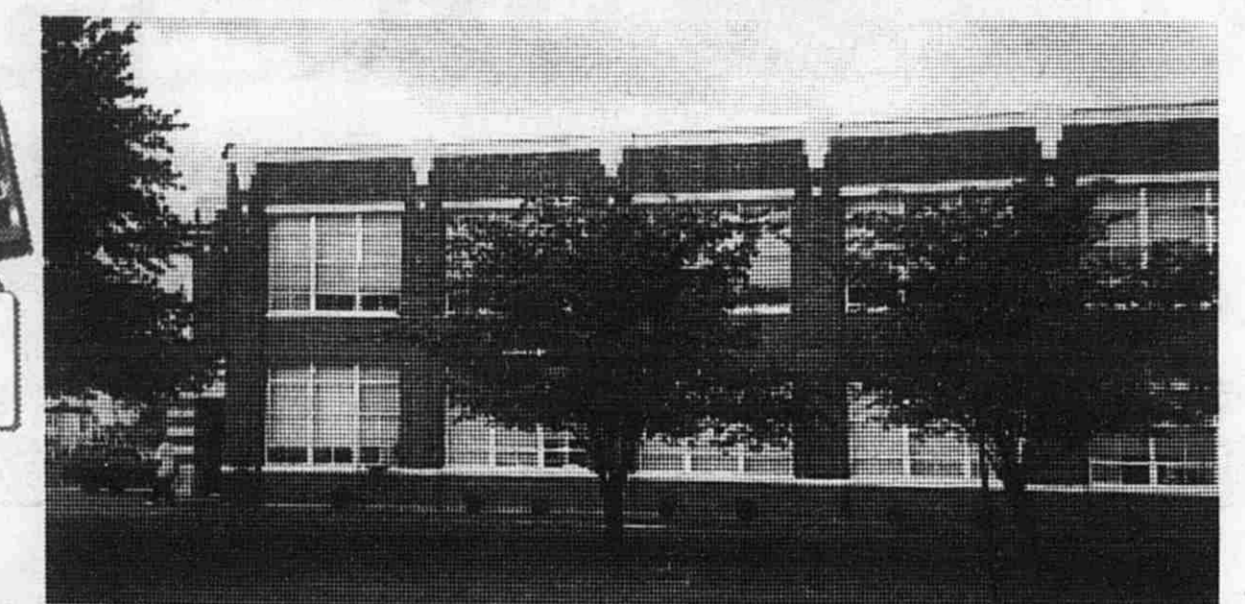
## SPIRIT STORE

The Lowell High School Spirit Store is open for the 1998-99 school year. There is lots of new merchandise, like umbrellas, new sweatshirt designs, and even car flags! For students' convenience, the Spirit Store is open every day from 1:30-2:15 p.m. and "White Days" (this refers to our block scheduling days) from 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. For parents and the community, the store goes mobile and plans on being available for sales at as many extra-curricular activities as possible and all home football games. All of our stock is very popular, so don't miss out! Watch for us at the next sporting event, and show your LAS spirit by purchasing a Lowell item from the Spirit Store!

## BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

On any school day, when the weather is bad, school postponement or closing will be broadcast over these radio stations: WCUI, WGRD, WJFM, WKTH, WLAV, WLHT, and WOOD TV, and WZZM-TV. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school postponement or closing on the air by 6:45a.m.

## RIVERSIDE BUILDING:



Unity High School is another alternative education setting for boys and girls who cannot be successful in the regular general education setting at Lowell High School. As well as receiving their daily academics, these students learn life skills from on-site visits, such as their recent trip to the Grand Rapids Press. On September 23, fifty students learned the inner workings of a metropolitan newspaper by touring each department.

They were able to interact with the employees, finding out the specific job responsibilities each had, as well as observing each in their work setting. The information they learned at the Press, along with other forms of written media, are incorporated into their daily course work. The timeliness and relevance of using copies of the Grand Rapids Press within the classrooms provide teachers and students with real-life experiences and information which can be applied during daily lessons.



## NEW FACE AT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Recently hired to work in Jim White's Curriculum and Instruction Office is Chris Maldonado. She will be filling the position vacated by Kathe Biggs, whose husband was transferred last January to Marshall, Michigan. Chris and her husband, Dan, have a 3 1/2 year old son, Alex, who keeps them very busy. Currently they live in Grand Rapids, where Dan works for Erb Lumber. They are hoping to buy or build a house in the Lowell area in the near future.

Spending time with family is very important to Chris and she does so as much as possible. She also enjoys reading when she can find time and listening to country music. We are pleased to have Chris as a member of our Administration Offices staff. Welcome!

## ECONOMICS ON THE SECOND GRADE LEVEL

This year some Cherry Creek second graders will learn about economics by participating in a mini-economy. This simulation will allow students to see what it is like to have a job, pay bills and budget money. Students will be "employed" in the classroom and receive a biweekly pay check. After cashing their checks for classroom cash, students have to pay rent, taxes, utilities and decide if they want to buy health insurance. Fines will be collected for not following classroom rules and turning in late assignments. Bonuses will be paid for good deeds and extra work, to name just two.

The second graders will have the opportunity to purchase items from the Econo-Mart located in their classrooms. The outcome is that students will better understand some of the decisions their families must make when creating a budget and choosing which bills to pay and what items to purchase. It is hoped this simulation will be a great motivation and give students an active rather than passive role in the learning process.

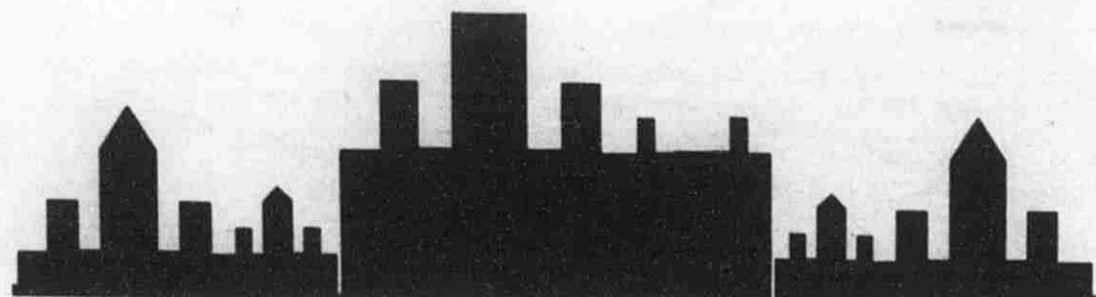
## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month. All interested people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Pete Gustafson.....	President	Norm Byrne.....	Trustee
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Pat Nugent.....	Trustee	Jim Reagan.....	Trustee
Ann Mulder.....	Secretary	Erin Umlauf.....	H.S. Student Council Rep





# TOWN TALK

## With regard to the University of Wyoming student being murdered for being gay - what do you feel makes some people react so violently toward others who are different?



**Luke Brogger**  
*A lack of understanding.*



**Kathy Akers**  
*A fear of anything that is different and small-mindedness. They want everybody to be like them.*



**Pam Miller**  
*A proneness to physical problems and some kind of mental disturbance. I also think the stresses they live with.*



**Kathy Casler**  
*Fear. I think those who are most violent are also most afraid.*



**Carol Drenth**  
*I don't know. I can't relate to disliking someone that much because they are different.*



**Eva Cain**  
*Ignorance; never being taught to respect others' views.*



**Nancy Hinds**  
*A combination of anger, fear, and our human condition - who we are by nature.*



**Shannon Lambert**  
*Ignorance, close-minded, and the inability to accept people for who they are. We live in America because we value freedom - that includes freedom of choice.*

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 3, 1998 GENERAL ELECTION will be conducted Tuesday, October 27, 1998 at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

## Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS Continued... LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

There are many, many areas of instruction taught within the walls of our school buildings. We'd like to give parents and the community the opportunity to read how certain subjects are taught and what takes place within those classes to keep Lowell students interested in learning. Each month we will feature a curriculum taught at Lowell Area Schools. This month we will learn together about Social Studies.

Social Studies is taught with a curriculum developed by our Curriculum and Instruction Dept.-using guidelines from the Kent Intermediate School District to encompass and teach the facts students must possess. To help teachers present the material in a fashion that students can remember and retain, Lowell's staff uses many forms of learning. In Margaret Hoats' elementary class, Mary Helen DeLiefde was a guest speaker and spoke about Brazil during the class's Social Studies unit on Brazil. Mary Helen was an exchange student to Brazil in high school and after graduation, visited the country and her exchange family for nine months. She shared with the elementary students first-hand facts about the country and its people.

A wide variety of techniques are used in our 7th grade classes. Here is a sampling of some middle school teaching tools which make learning fun and interesting.

- thematic maps • food fair • guest speakers
- visual displays • role playing • editorials
- predicting/analyzing • research using computer technology

Eighth graders get to explore and learn about our world as never before. One medium that is used is computer technology. It offers students the opportunity to see our world in "3-D." They can "zoom in" from space to view the earth; "investigate" major cities with high-resolution satellite images; and "fly over" breathtaking terrain, all within their 3-D simulation and never having left their classroom!

Lowell Area Schools is proud of its Social Studies Dept. and the knowledge it presents to our district's students. Next month join us as we learn more about math as it is taught here at Lowell.

### PARENT-TO-PARENT GROUP CONTACTS NEW FAMILIES

The kids are in school, important routines have been established, and teachers are offering the guidance and special support often needed by new students. Old friendships are rekindled as students walk down the halls together. New friendships develop on the playground and in the cafeteria. The kids are doing pretty well!



But sometimes new parents may feel out of sync. Our Parent-to-Parent group can help change that feeling. During the next month, new families from our elementary schools are being personally contacted by one of our volunteer mentors. They will introduce themselves and are available to answer questions about our community and schools, as well as provide an ongoing support network to new families.

If you are new to our area and would like a mentor to call on you, please contact one of our coordinators: Nancy Underwood/Alto coordinator--868-7186; Marcia Bieber/Bushnell coordinator-897-6908; or Nancy Hopkins/Cherry Creek coordinator-897-0056.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWS



Call 897-8235 today to sign up for these classes:

**ACTIVE PARENTING** (for parents of teens)  
\$25 per person or couple

6 wks. - 2 1/2 hr. sessions beginning Tues., Oct. 27  
6:30-9:00p.m.

Runciman Building - 300 High St.

Instructors: Maureen Dorough and Jackie Schnackenberg

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** \$10 per semester  
Basic volleyball skills needed

Fun has begun on Tuesday nights! 7:30-9:30p.m.

Riverside Building Gym - on Monroe St.  
next to Englehardt Library

**PUPPY 101** \$70

6 wks. - 1 hr. sessions beginning Thurs., Oct. 22  
5:45-6:45p.m.

Riverside Building Gym

For puppies 10 wks. - 18 wks. of age

**ADULT DOG 101** \$70

6 wks. - 1 hr. sessions beginning Mon., Oct. 26  
5:45-6:45p.m.

Riverside Building Gym For dogs 5 months and older  
who have not had Puppy 101 or other obedience classes.

**ADULT DOG 202** \$70

6 wks. - 1 hr. sessions beginning Wed., Oct. 28  
5:45-6:45p.m.

Riverside Building Gym for dogs who have  
had either Puppy 101 or Adult Dog 101