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## Gerard finds 'room at the top' of Lowell community

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce gave longtime Lowell family medical practitioner Donald Gerard "top billing" as it honored him with the Person of the Year award.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

As Donald Gerard's children were finishing high school, choosing a college and contemplating a career, their father shared this bit of advice with them, "Don't worry about how crowded your occupation is, there is always room at the top."

For 34 years, their father found room at the top as a practitioner of family medicine in Lowell, making many housecalls, delivering a lot of babies, and stitching up cuts.

Gerard has demonstrated professionalism in his practice, community and family, was honored at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Person-of-the-Year banquet Thursday night at Deer Run Country Club.

"Our community is full of wonderful, dedicated, caring people... look around this evening, drive past the school ballfields, go to a YMCA, school, city or township board meeting, count the volunteers at the Fallasburg Fall Festival," said person-of-the-year presenter Bob Pfaller. "Lowell is a great place to live because of its people. Donald Gerard has given of his time... because of that Lowell is a better place to live."

After interning at Butterworth Hospital,

Gerard brought his family to Lowell in 1960 where he hooked up with Dr. Orval McKay to practice family medicine. He retired in 1994.

Gerard considered leaving Lowell just once. "A buddy of Dr. McKay's heard that and gave me a call. He told me if I'm in a place I like and that is good for my family, that I should stay."

Even in retirement, Gerard has continued to serve the community. He has performed athletic physicals for Lowell schools since 1961; he has been the physician for the Lowell football team since 1963 and the Lowell wrestling team since 1997; he is a current member of the Flat River Outreach Ministries; he has served on the deacons board for First Baptist Church of Lowell and has taught Sunday School on and off for many years; and he serves as the Look Committee chairperson.

"Dr. McKay influenced me as to the importance of community service," Gerard recalls. "The quality of a small town is its awareness and appreciation for what a person does. There is more opportunity for community service in a small town."

His activities have also extended to the Grand Rapids area. He was chairman of the department of family practice at Butterworth

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Donald Gerard was honored as the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's 1999 Person of the Year.

## Shelter does not shield operators from disgruntled neighbors

Kent County Humane Society inspections of the stray animal shelter at 3210 Kissing Rock in Lowell Charter Township have uncovered no abuses or violations.

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing writer

A stray animal shelter in Lowell Township is being attacked by concerned neighbors. Randy Smith and Melissa Bilski, of Kissing Rock Road, have been operating their kennel for abused and neglected dogs for the past 10 years.

Lowell Charter Township Board members agreed to permit Smith and Bilski to increase their number of animals from three to six. Township supervisor John Timpson explained that the 17-acre Smith property is privately owned.

"There are always rights to your own land, and so we approved the extra animals being cared for there," Timpson said.

Most of their neighbors have never complained about their shelter service, Smith and Bilski assert. But some nearby residents do not agree with this. John and Paula

Blumm, also of Kissing Rock Road, continue to voice strong objections.

There are little kids here who have been barked at and scared by the wild dogs. The animals are roaming around loose on the property," Paula Blumm said.

Bilski insists that the property is entirely surrounded by a fence with an electronic security gate. And that she keeps only house dogs, which are kept with her at all times, under her constant supervision and control.

"There are dogs everywhere that bark at everyone. This is not anything special," she held.

Paula Blumm insists otherwise. "What if there are power outages? They don't see the danger to the people who walk, jog and bike ride along the road," she exclaimed.

Complaints to the Humane Society about the

Smith property kennel have caused inspections of the animals and facilities. No abuses or violations were found.

Eileen Lysic, of Kissing Rock Road, has kept llamas and sheep on her property for many years.

She has sided with the Blumms against the stray-animal shelter. Smith and Bilski have complained about the Lysic property and animals to the Humane Society, but inspections have also found nothing in violation there.

Smith operates a lawn sprinkling and snow plow service from his property and employs others from outside the area. He and Bilski are members of the local road adoption program.

Kissing Rock is a natural beauty road, and private property along it requires a special use permit to expand a family business into a larger enterprise.

## Lowell Charter Township more comfortable diving into a pool authority as opposed to the broader recreational district

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With a desire to make their own determination on what's best for their future, the Lowell Charter Township supervisor and board have expressed reservations about the proposed recreational district agreement.

The agreement would allow for additional recreational projects in the future.

Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson indicated that he would feel much more comfortable with a community swimming pool authority as opposed to the much broader recreational district.

"I am not sure we have a budget for a recreational district," Timpson said. "A pool authority is specifically for a pool. Let's find a way to do that and not tie it to a recreational authority. Let's build a relationship and confidence one step at a time."

Another possible financial hurdle the township is not confident it can clear, is

stated in section 7 of the addendum. It provides that each municipality shall be jointly and equally responsible for any annual budget deficits. It gives the recreational district board the right to pursue collection against a delinquent municipality for its "aliquot share" of the deficit.

Timpson said this is a significant concern, again questioning how the township could budget for such a contingency.

As for any millage and recreational project, Timpson and the board have indicated to their attorney

Robert Dugan a desire to opt out of any millage and recreational project if a majority of the voters in Lowell Township do not vote for the millage.

Dugan indicates in a letter that he was told such veto power on the part of any municipality would not be acceptable.

Dugan suggests that the right of the township board to opt out of a proposed project prior to a millage might satisfy board members who have expressed concerns.

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## Lowell officer uses all of his charms in capturing king snake

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Police Department received a call Friday morning about something crossing the yellow line.

When Lowell police officer Chris Hurst arrived at 755 Lincoln Lake, that something had left the road and parked itself by the garage.

The suspect called into question by a passing motorist was 5 1/2 foot king snake which weighed approximately four pounds.

Hurst, using a canine pole, fastened the cable ring around the mid-section of the snake and picked it up, placing it in a trash can.



Lowell officer Chris Hurst holds king snake.

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# OBITUARIES

**DeSHETLER (O'HARA)** - Mrs. Virginia Rose DeShetler, aged 83, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Toledo, OH, went home to be with her Lord Jesus and His blessed mother, Mary, Friday, May 21, 1999. She is now united with her husband Woodrow August and parents Marie

Rose and Alfred Jacob Barnes. Surviving are her daughter Ann Marie and George O'Hara; her grandchildren Michael and Judy O'Hara, Kathleen and Todd Hansen, Julie and Benjamin Amato, Jeffrey and Christie O'Hara, Jennifer and David Wormmeester; her great-grandchildren Molly, Patrick, Megan and Micaela O'Hara, Whitney, Spencer and Dexter Hansen, Christopher, Stephen and Kaleigh Amato, Kathryn, Daniel and Colleen O'Hara, Zachary, Kelley and Anna Wormmeester; her sisters Esther Holas, Mary Jane Kushner; her brother-in-law Robert DeShetler. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday at the Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church with Father Louis R. Stasker, Celebrant. Interment Saint Patrick Cemetery, Parnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Association or St. Ursula Fund.

**FEUTZ** - Mrs. Mary "Dolly" Feutz, aged 99, of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, May 21, 1999, in Kalamazoo. A Mass of Christian Burial and Final Commendation was celebrated Tuesday at St. Alphonsus Church, Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Parnell.

**FAIRFIELD** - Ronald Firmie Fairfield, aged 62, formerly of Fallasburg Park, passed away May 22, 1999. He is survived by his children Ron and LuAnn Fairfield of White Cloud, Sherry and Jaun Tagle of Grant, Cynthia Fairfield of Newaygo, Vicki Pantoja of White Cloud, William Fairfield of Grand Rapids; mother Ida Onan of Lowell; brothers Michael Fairfield of Lowell, Samuel VanDenBroeck of Montague, Raymond and Cheri Fairfield of Cedar, MN; sisters Rebecca Grummet of Gowen, Judy and Butch Boynton of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren; one great-

grandchild; several nieces and nephews. Mr. Fairfield was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of American Legion Post #153. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Karl Gruno officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**WALTERS** - William F. Walters, aged 84, of Lowell, died May 21, 1999. He was preceded in death by his wife Florence F. Walters, son Timothy. Mr. Walters is survived by his children Donna

(Dr. Donald) Gerard of Lowell, David (Jackie) Walters of West Bloomfield, Terry (Carolyn) Walters of Naples, FL., William (Mary Jo) Walters, Jr. of Dearborn; brother Clifford (Ann) Walters of CA; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter. Funeral services were held Sunday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Lee Taylor and Pastor Burland Margesson officiating. Interment United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's or First Baptist Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

## BUSINESS MATTERS

Mary Sawka was promoted to administrative manager of Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable Television. Her duties will include supervising office staff, finance and accounting, and human resources.

Sawka has been employed

at Lowell Light and Power for the past 10 1/2 years.

Greenridge Realty announced that Pat Schaefer received Realtor of the Month in April.

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Pat Schaefer

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# Lowell Women's Evening Club closes the book on seven decades of fun and fellowship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Long before Jerry Seinfeld made a "show about nothing" popular, a Lowell Women's Evening Club has decided to end its long and successful tenure.

"We've only been meeting four times a year and it is difficult for many of us to get around in the winter," Fletcher

have been increased three times. They went from \$1 to \$3, \$3 to \$5 and \$5 to \$10.

As with the popular television show about nothing, the Lowell Women's Evening Club has decided to end its long and successful tenure.

Gradually, the two groups became independent

soring club, would entertain the junior club. The large event was held in the downstairs of City Hall. After a few years, the idea was abandoned because it became burdensome for both organizations since many of the older women were not known by the younger women.

On Tuesday (May 11), the club met at McGee's Homestead for dinner. Many of the 18 members in attendance were calling the dinner and program, the club's final meeting. A few were still holding out hope.

"I hope we don't disband," said Rose Roberts, a member since 1966.

Barb Rivette, a member Evening Club cont'd. pg. 4



Attending the final Lowell Women's Evening Club dinner, from left to right, are: Gladys Fletcher, Joyce Stormzand, Barb Brown and Dode Dey.



Lowell Women's Evening Club was founded in 1927 under the guidance of Francis Bergin and Thelma Hahn.

Its vision then, to provide a meaningful entertainment for the girls who worked and could not attend afternoon meetings, remains intact 72 years later.

Members met every two weeks from September to May. Names of aspirants were suggested and then voted on by the club. Ten years ago, that was changed so as to allow anyone who wanted to join.

"It's always been a professional group of ladies getting together without their children for fellowship, fun, book reviews and special programs," said Gladys Fletcher.

"Never a husband," adds Dode Dey. "Maybe a boyfriend or two."

Since 1927, club dues

It's always been a professional group of ladies getting together without their children for fellowship, fun, book reviews and special programs.

Gladys Fletcher



explained.

The club was originally formed under the name of the Junior Literary Club.

Every spring, the Clover Leaf Literary Club, the spon-

of each other. Consequently, the designation Junior Literary was done away with, and became the Fortnightly. Later, it was changed to the Lowell Women's Evening Club.

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**GARAGE SALE**  
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May 27, 28 & 29, 8-6 p.m. 3836 Cherry Lane, Ada.

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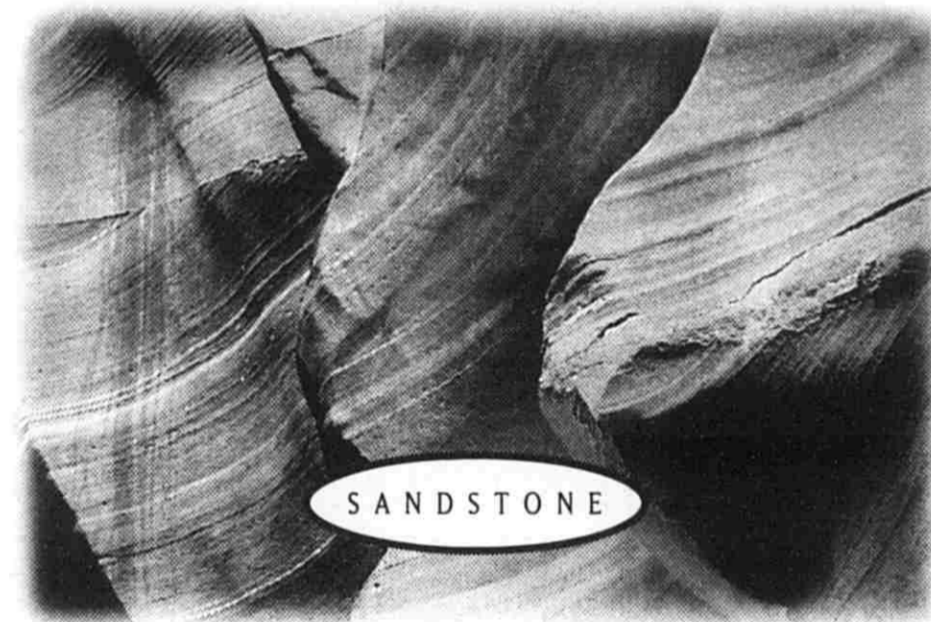
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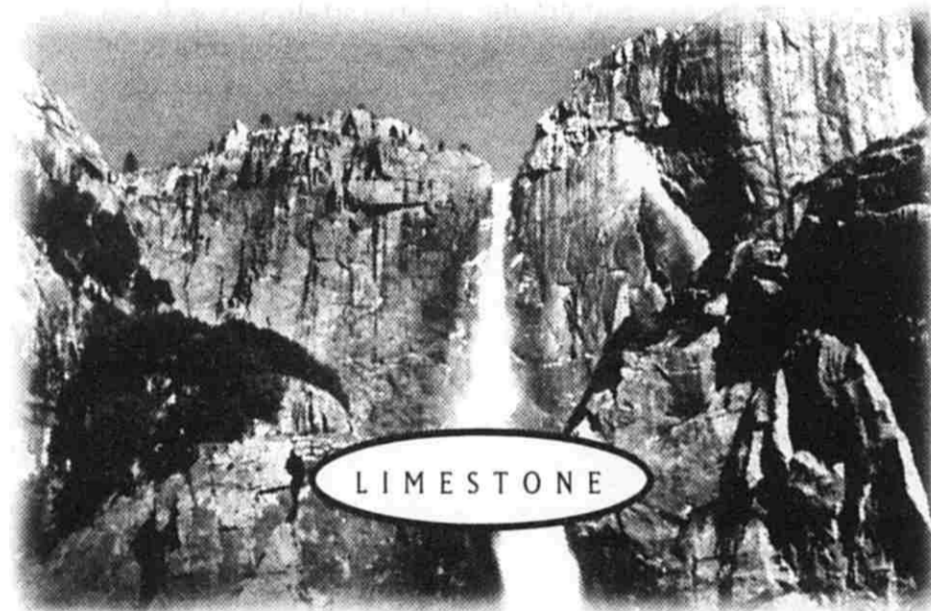
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**AREA BIRTHS**



**Madeleine Rose Haines**

Wayne and Kenda Haines are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Rose, on April 6, 1999. Madeleine weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Herb and Cheryl Haines of

Lowell, Karl and Kathy Reed of Sand Lake and Bruce Peterson of Newaygo. Great-grandparents are Wayne and Marian Morris of Orleans, Charles and Madelin Reed of Sand Lake, Robert and Georgaanna Sorensen of Trufant, Erneste and Keola Conventini of Newaygo and the late Allen Peterson.

Marie, Steph. Cole and Erin are proud to announce the birth of their new little sister, Lucy Ellen Wade. She arrived Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 10:28 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 21 1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Rich and Patty Wade of Lowell.

Grandparents are Bob and Carol Reagan of Lowell and Betty and Lefty Wade of Newark, OH.

This is the Reagan's 18th grandchild.



**Barb Pierce honored by Women's Club**

The Lowell Women's Club held their last meeting of the season on May 12 at Schneider Manor.

Seventy members of the Lowell High School choir, under the direction of Paul Balaam, performed several beautiful numbers from their yearly concert.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Schneider Manor.

**Liz Webber, president of LWC, presented the following four senior girls with scholarships. They are, from left to right: Shannon Finnegan, Katie Akers, Kelly O'Dell and Megan Geer.**



**The Woman of the Year presentation was made to Barb Pierce, counselor at Lowell High School. She has been the sponsor of the honorary senior high girl members for many years.**

**Lowell and Ionia join together for Mayor Exchange Day**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ionia mayor Dan Balice's

strong value for public service was passed on to him from the same man who

passed him the potatoes at the dinner table.

"My father was a huge proponent of public service," said Balice.

Tony Balice served as the mayor of Ionia from 1949 to 1965. His son is currently serving in his tenth year as mayor of Ionia.

Ionia government officials visited Lowell on Thurs-

day as part of the "Mayor Exchange" program.

"Lowell has a strong sense of community and is very proud of its town," Balice said following a dinner at Deer Run Country Club.

"Its new school, the upgrade its done to its downtown through the Downtown Development Authority, and the

Mayor, cont'd. pg. 6

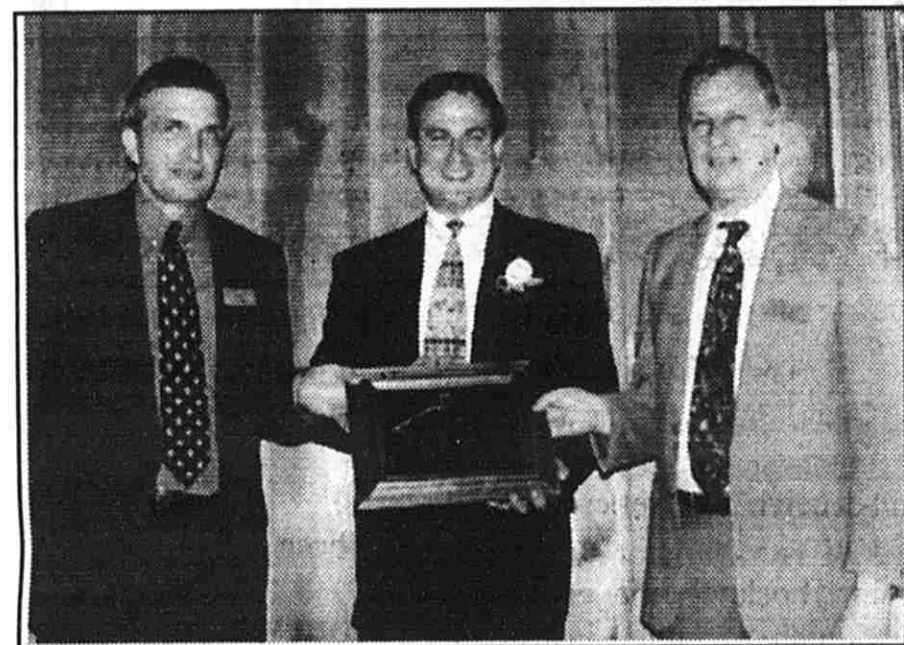
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since 1960, added, "I would like to see us try to meet in the afternoon."

The feeling of tradition and fellowship harnessed through the club is still shared by all.

"It's always been about fellowship and getting out with other people and enjoying oneself," said Virginia Fonger.



Presenting Ionia mayor Dan Balice with a plaque to commemorate Mayor Exchange Day are Lowell mayor Bill Thompson (left) and Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale (right).

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**Viewpoint . . .**



**cozy corner**  
by Roger Brown

I've graduated! In fact, I was summa cum Audi. No need for you to rush out and buy me a graduation card with Rudyard Kipling's "If" with a fifty dollar bill in it. This was only Florida traffic school. It was just four hours, not four years. However, if you happened to have a spare fifty...

Florida is one of only a few states that offer a traffic school. The idea is to educate drivers who have received a citation. In return for attending the class and learning the error of your ways, the state partially redeems you by forgiving the points. They still want the cash for the ticket, and tuition is another thirty bucks. Now you know why a few extra fifties would come in handy. At least you don't get the dreaded points that haunt your record for years and are monitored by the insurance companies. I say, "Traffic school is cool, fool!"

About a month ago, I wrote about the parking lot backing accident in which I bumped into a beat up old taxi that had been parked behind my vehicle and left running while the driver went into a nearby building. There was no damage to my vehicle and only a small dent in the driver's side rear door of the cab. A Key West motorcycle cop, summoned to the scene by the cab driver, wrote me a citation for improper backing. The fine was \$75, and a whopping three points were levied! Traffic school, here I come!

This was my second time at traffic school. The last go around was a little over two years ago. That was a speeding ticket. Of course, I didn't deserve that ticket either, but that's another story. I found out during this session that drivers are allowed to exercise the traffic school option every 12 calendar months. As Homer Simpson would say, "WooHoo!" Unfortunately, there is a limit of five enrollments. As Homer would

say, "Dooope!" At my current rate, that means I can only stay in the good graces of the traffic point gods another six to eight years. Then I'll be forced to move to a new state that offers a traffic school. I know Arizona has one... my daughter is a graduate. That's good... I like Arizona.

The last time I went to traffic school, it was held in the conference room of a nice hotel in Key West. During our breaks we could hang out by the pool and get a beverage at the cabana bar. Cool! This traffic school was held at a run down little community center in Bahama Village, the low, low rent district of Key West. During our breaks one could probably score a bag of dope or hook up with a prostitute. I simply checked to see if my car was still where I had parked it and had all its wheels.

The first thing our instructor did was have each person in class stand, give their name, state their offense(s) and tell us what the dollar amount of the fine was. The instructor kept a tally of fines on his chalkboard. There were at least 60 people in the class, so this took awhile. The vast majority of the citations were for speeding. There were scattered driving offenses like: reckless, careless, impaired, under the influence, failure to yield, failure to stop, running red lights, etc. The good stuff.

I sat near the middle of the class, and as my turn to stand approached, nobody had a citation for anything as insignificant as my "improper backing." One young blond girl had a ticket for 110 in a 50 m.p.h. zone while her license was suspended. Her fine was \$500. I was feeling terribly inadequate in the presence of such accomplished lawbreakers. When my turn came I stood, stated my name and blurted out, "vehicular homicide... twenty to life."

When 60 some jaws had dropped and an equal number of heads had turned to lay eyes upon the undisputed "head of the class," I sheepishly said, "Just kidding...improper backing, \$75." Somebody had to step forward to take the role of class clown.

Our instructor liked class participation, and it made the class a hot hoot. There was a big fat truck driver with a booming voice and New York accent sitting way in the back. He had brought a cooler full of food and drink. He was very

vocal, hated the cops, the courts, other drivers, the instructor and life in general. He spouted off about everything, usually with a mouthful of ham sandwich. The instructor used him pretty much as his pet "bad example." That spared me the duties.

So it went for four long hours. The truck driver bad-mouthing everything. A few of us comedians were trying to add some levity. Cell phones going off. People excusing themselves to go to the bathroom (sneak a smoke). All this while the instructor was trying to maintain control. It was just like my high school freshman English class minus the spit-balls. The only difference is, I actually learned something at traffic school. What did I learn? I told you up front. I can only go three more times before I have to find a new place to live.



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

**125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - MAY 27, 1874**  
"The Journal adorns a great many pantry shelves."  
"Horse Jockey Avenue was crowded with poor whiskey and deceiving horseflesh, Saturday."  
U.B. Williams' vacant building has been rolled from the Union Block to a spot on the bridge.  
Common Council instructs the marshal to have planks nailed along the open spaces in the bridges on the south side of Bridge St.

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 25, 1899**  
A new law requires every "druggist, grocer, peddler or other person" who sells gasoline to plainly label the container "explosive when mixed with air."  
The sexton warns that dogs found digging in the cemetery will be shot on the spot.  
Chandler Johnson is having a cement walk laid in front of Music Hall block.  
Clark & Spraker will give ice tongs, ice pick, ice tray and a month of free ice with every refrigerator sold.  
The breaks in the city water mains have been repaired. No more shutoffs for the present.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - MAY 22, 1924**  
The Board of Trade votes to set up a local Credit Exchange, and to assist the base ball team to build a grandstand.  
The annual play festival of country schools is tomorrow. Neighboring towns have also been invited and there will be a parade at noon.  
A Civil War veteran coughs up the bullet he's had in his body since Vicksburg.  
The School Night with regular classes, held last week, drew 300 visitors.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 26, 1949**  
Remodeling and sprucing up comes with the season in Lowell businesses: the Lowell Beer Store, Gee's Hardware, Kroger, Cary's Weekes, for some.  
Local businessmen furnish the barrels and have them cut, filled and painted, and the Showboat Garden Club places the petunia-planted tubs along Main Street. Meanwhile, the Garden Lore Club is planning benches for the bridge.  
The undefeated Lowell baseball team takes the Grand Valley championship by beating undefeated Godwin, 1-0.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - MAY 23, 1974**  
Industrial expansion in the city makes possible a one-million decrease in the tax rate.  
A rash of bicycle thefts prompts police to remind owners to lock bikes and record serial numbers just in case.  
East Kent Community Center will sponsor a summer park program for kids at Bushnell playground.  
Suggestions are presented for filling the needs of Lowell pre-school children in a second pre-school conference held at the United Methodist Church.

**To The Editor**

To the Editor,  
Recently, at the sixth/seventh grade band concert, I found myself feeling so proud of our community. Mr. Latva showed real courage in publicly apologizing for previous words spoken. He received an outpouring of support and forgiveness from the parents. Yet, one angry parent publicly spoke angry words. Instead of a mob scene or screaming obscenities, there was a resolve to peacefully and supportively just end this ordeal. The crowd simply left quietly and calmly.

The examples shown to our students on how to handle difficulties were outstanding. I left feeling thankful for many people: our principal Mr. Harden, our band directors (especially Mr. Latva), our parents and our kids.

Let's make the most out of the worst and give everyone a pat on the back.

June Serne  
Sixth-grade band parent

involved in church, teach them to respect you and others. Be involved in their lives. Teachers, please go to your principal or school board if you feel that your class is difficult to control. You should not have to teach in these situations. It isn't fair to you or to other students.

I don't mean to down play the seriousness of Mr. Latva's comments but it is just the tip of the iceberg. Let's learn from his mistake but we need to move forward. Lowell has an excellent school system. Let's continue to support our students, teachers and our schools.

Thank you,  
Sherris Hoard  
Parent of a sixth-grade band student

Dear Editor,  
With the summer holiday season just around the corner, my family and I are looking forward to an active summer. Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day are days of celebrating our nation and the men and women who serve in the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force and for those who have given their lives to protect our right of freedom.

We have been brought up to have the utmost respect for our country and its flag, and we have done the same with our children and our grandchildren and to be grateful to have the daily freedoms that our flag represents.

It pains us when we travel on Main Street and see the deplorable way Burger King displays their sign of freedom. It also remains out in all kinds of weather.

We have contacted them by phone and so far nothing has changed.

Are we the only ones who are offended by this total disrespect of the flag? If you are, give them a call - let them know how you feel.

Your concerned American neighbors,  
Louis and Louise King and family

**Letters, Letters, Letters...**

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.  
"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.  
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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

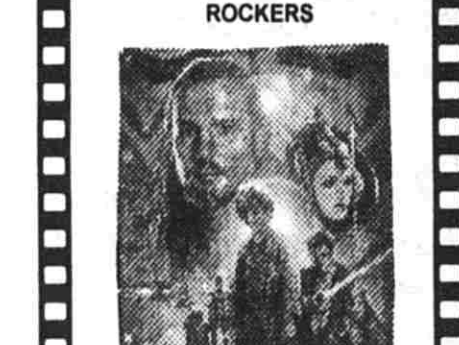
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If rationality were the criterion for things being allowed to exist, the world would be one gigantic field of soya beans!  
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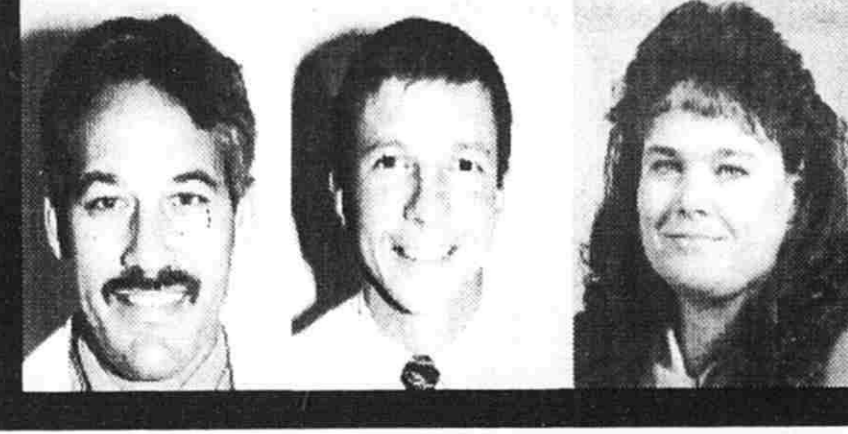
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ABC'S OF MELANOMA

Summer is the time for outdoor activities and basking in the sunlight, and time to learn the ABCD's of melanoma. Melanoma is the most feared and one of the most potentially lethal of cancers. Malignant melanoma occurs when pigmented cells (melanocytes) multiply uncontrollably for reasons that aren't known yet. Malignant melanoma affects 32,000 people a year and kills nearly 7,000.

Melanoma is more common in fair-skinned individuals with a history of sun exposure, especially intense exposure in childhood. Melanoma presents as a changing or growing pigmented area, usually on the backs of men and on the lower legs of women. It is estimated that approximately 60 percent of melanomas arise from pre-existing moles, and the other 50 percent occur from unknown reasons.

There are other risk factors besides sun exposure and

exposure in childhood. Other factors include: one's personal or family history of melanoma, numerous moles, abnormal appearing moles, light skin type, blue or green eyes, blonde or red hair, Northern European ancestry, living in areas with high intensity sunlight.

The "ABCD's" of melanoma describe its characteristic features. A=asymmetry of the lesion (flat or slightly raised). B=border irregularity. C=color variation (shades of tan to brown to black & red may be seen in the same lesion).

## Mayor, continued.... From Page 4

municipal services it offers are tremendous." Ionia is recognized for the State Fair, American Bumper and the State Prison. "That is what people associate Ionia with, but we have a lot of historical treasures that we need to do a better job of at marketing," Balice said.

D=diameter greater than six mm (pencil eraser size). The treatment of melanoma is surgical removal. The risk of metastasis (spread to other organs) is directly related to the tumor thickness (depth of growth of the tumor). Protection from UV exposure beginning early in life is important. Protective clothing and hats, and sunblock are important. People with a history of melanoma or other risk factors should have regular skin exams.

Lowell mayor Bill Thompson called Mayor Exchange Day an opportunity for communities to share what they have accomplished and to see how other cities deal with similar problems.

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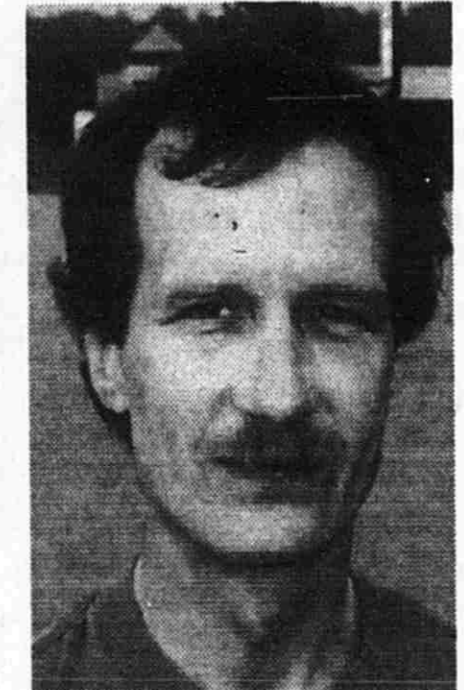
There is talk that Barry Sanders is thinking about retiring or asking that the Lions trade him to another team which would have a shot at winning the Super Bowl. What would you do if you were Barry?



**Lorna Ezinga**  
I think he should stick it out one more year and see how things go.



**Rick Osborne**  
I'd like to see him stay with the Lions. I don't blame him for wanting to leave. He has no support in Detroit.



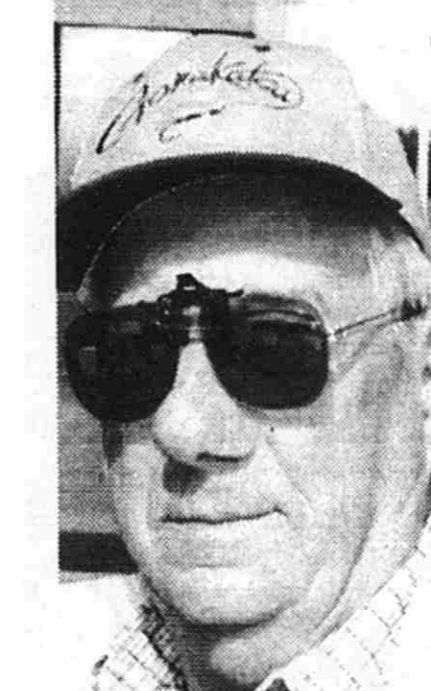
**Don Ackerson**  
I think I would shop around and then go to the Cowboys



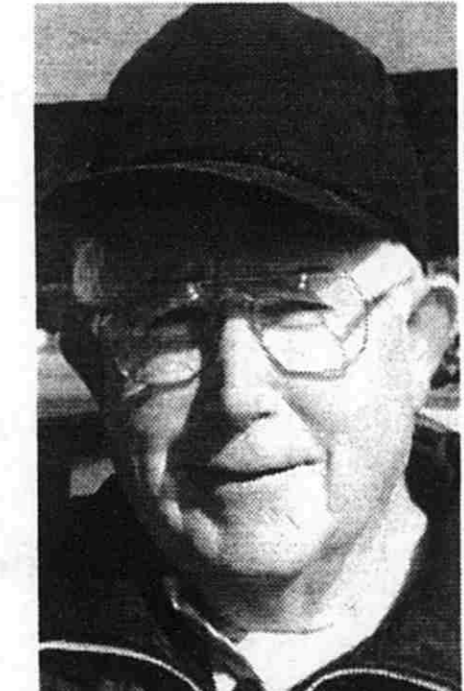
**Bill VanderKlok**  
With his talent he should look for another team. He has given so much effort, I think he deserves to go to the Super Bowl.



**Troy Nietling**  
I don't know if he should remain playing for the Lions, but I think he should continue to play. He still has some records to claim.



**Robert Petersen**  
I think he should push to go to another team. He's wanted to see the Lions go to the Super Bowl, but he hasn't had the backing. I don't blame him. Barry's a good player and good person.



**Rod Adgate**  
If he took and signed a contract, I think he ought to fulfill it. We're a country of laws and this is his part of it.

**Roxanne Lichte**  
I think he should go for it. Barry is a good player and the Lions are going nowhere.

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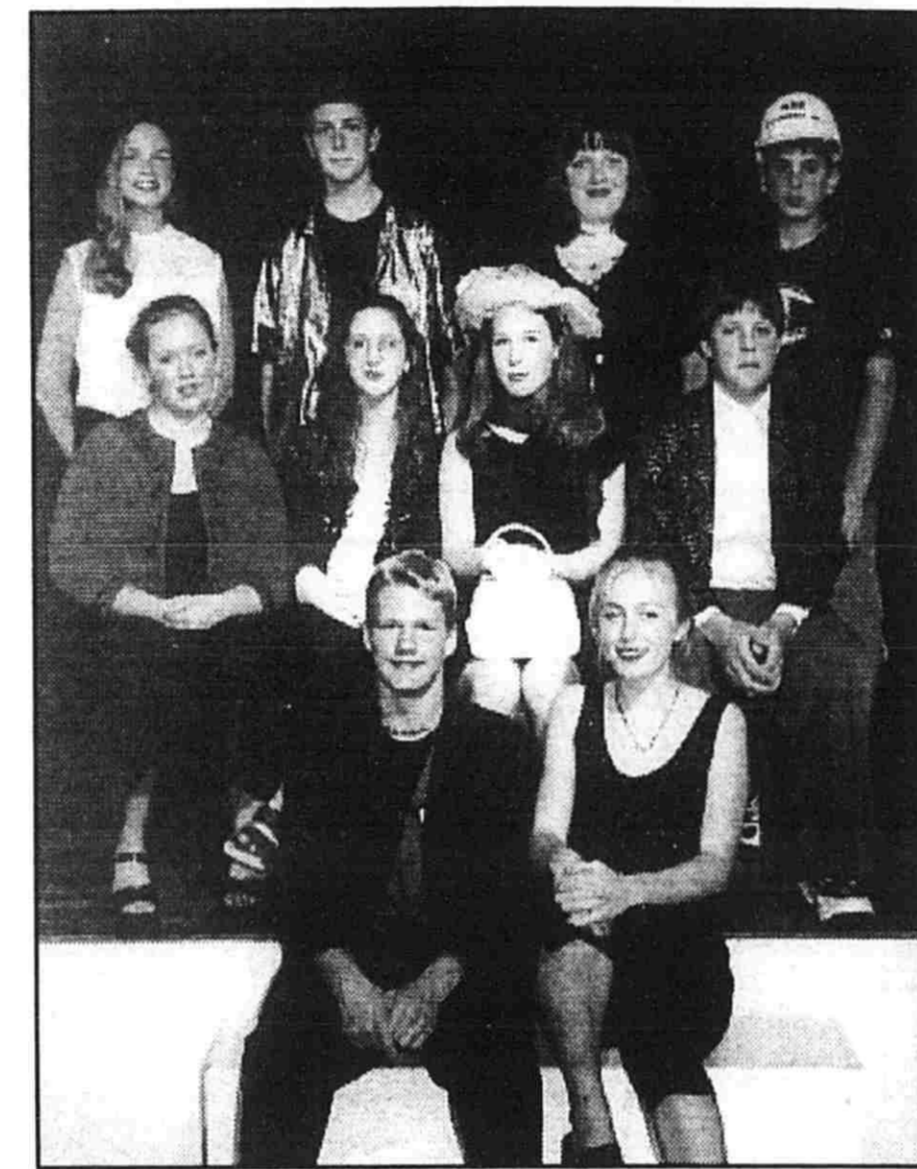


# LMS drama class presents "Hollywood Hillbillies"



The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class, under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett, will present the comedy *Hollywood Hillbillies* on Thursday, June 3. Gram and Gramps Hawley and their lovely granddaughter, Cindylou, run the general store/post office and hotel in Happy Hollow, Tennessee. Their warm and lively hospitality draws everyone around, including Cousin Clem who provides vittles for the hotel...fresh road kill; Cousin Bubba who is partial to crawling around like an alligator and hiding under the hen house; shy and lovable Sheriff Tom who is partial to Cindylou, as well as an odd and eccentric assortment of other regulars...and then the "guests" arrive, adding intrigue, action and hill-arity: Hollywood producers who are intent on producing a movie about hill folk; state engineers who discover the Hawley property contains the biggest store of natural gas ever; charmingly bumbling crooks who conjure a plan to cheat

the Hawleys out of their fortune, and the Seabury's - distant Hollywood snob relatives who make a wonderful discovery about what can happen when different cultures meet.

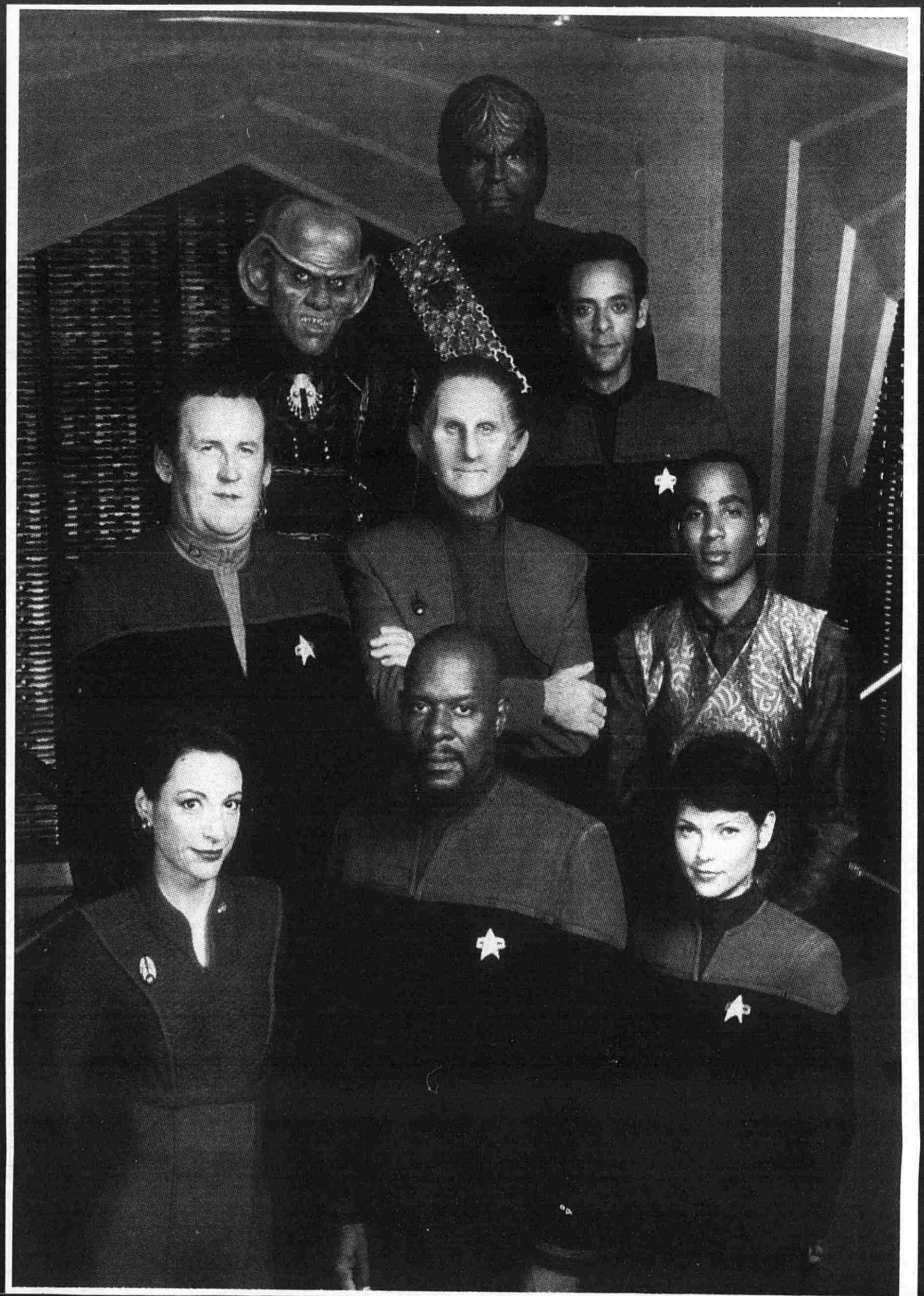


Front row, left to right: Bryan Posthumus and Kelsey Capps; middle row: Heather Befus, Lena Dhayni, Katie Hettinga and Shaun Koning; back row: Nicole Gillikin, Tim Price, Megan Thompson and Braton Fredline. Not pictured, John Wilder.

Front row, left to right: Bobby Gingerich and Hannah Stout; middle row, Karly Batt, Nathaniel Vos (as Gramps), Rachel Heinicke (as Gram), Alex McMahon (as Cindylou); back row: Aubrey Weeks, Reshanna Burr, Eric Soules, Jordan Whitman and Rob Latva.

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FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28 THRU JUNE 3  
The cast of the syndicated space drama *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* bids farewell as the show airs its final episode this week (check local listings). Front: Nana Visitor, Avery Brooks, Nicole deBoer. Center: Colm Meaney, Rene Auberjonois, Cirroc Lofton. Rear: Armin Shimerman, Michael Dorn, Alexander Siddig.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

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

Thursday, June 3, 1999 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Administrative Building Board Room  
300 High Street, Lowell

Candidates are:  
Deb Canfield, Nancy Hopkins, Mark Lessens  
Each candidate will be given 3 minutes for opening remarks and then there will be 30 - 45 minutes for written questions from the audience.  
Candidates will then be given 2 minutes for closing remarks.

The public is encouraged and invited to attend this forum.

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### NOTICE

TO: Residents and property owners of Big Crooked Lake  
Members of the Lake Improvement Board

SUBJECT: Meeting of Lake Improvement Board

There will be a meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for all residents and property owners of Big Crooked Lake. The agenda will include the following items for discussion:

1. The special assessment district for the weed program.
2. The possible abolishment of the Lake Improvement Board.
3. Any other items of general public interest.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., at the Grattan Township Community Room.

If you have any comments, or wish to provide a written comment, please address the letter to: Charles R. Palazzolo, Treasurer and mail to the township office to arrive prior to June 8, 1999.

Charles R. Palazzolo, Secretary  
Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board

## NOTICE

### Parents of Lowell High School Seniors...

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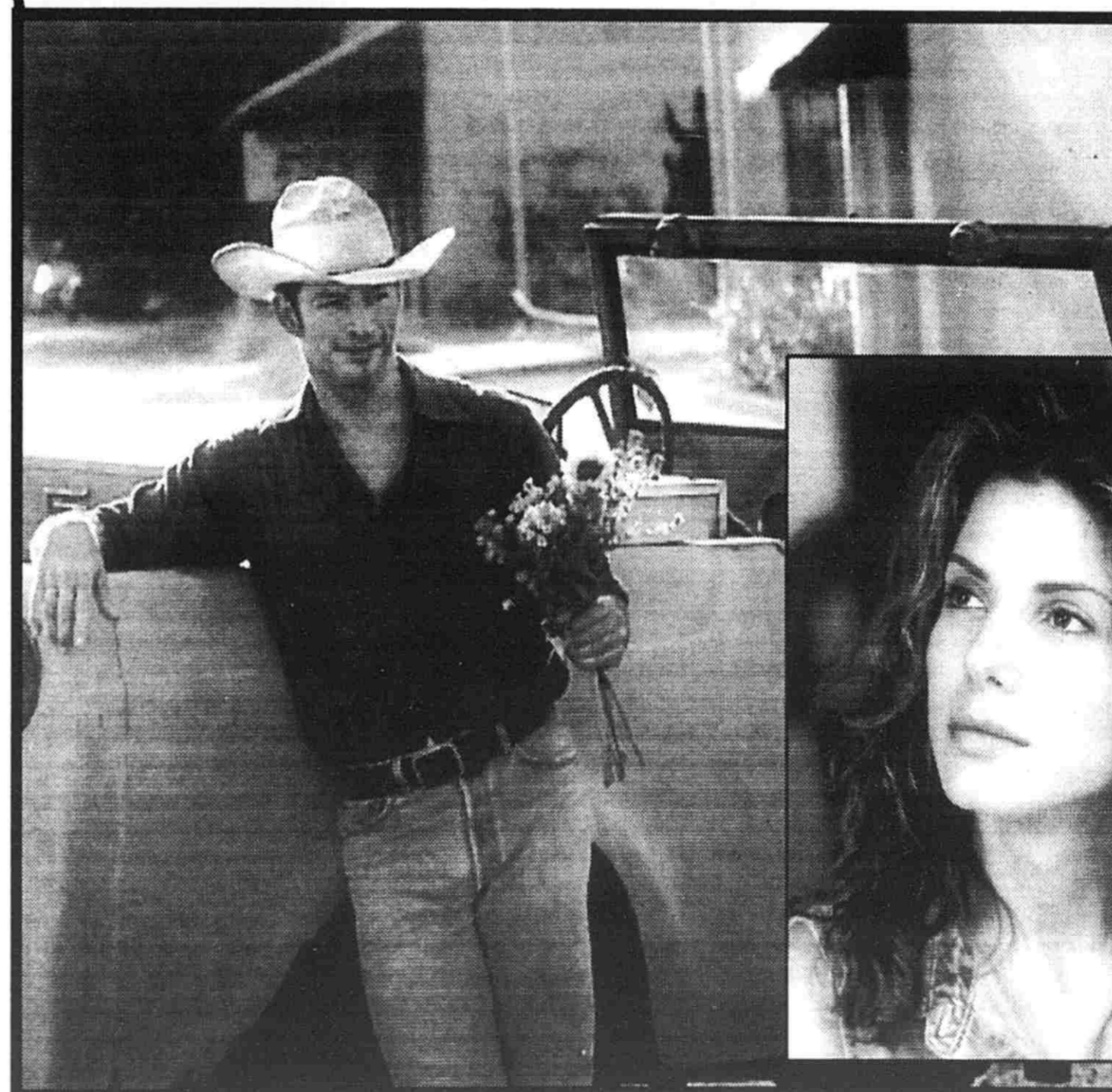
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SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

TENNIS: USA Fri. 10 a.m. Tennis French Open - Third Round. From Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (Live)
WOOD Sat. 12:30 p.m.; WILX Sun. 12:30 p.m. Tennis French Open. From Paris. (Same-day Tape)
WOOD Sun. 12 p.m.; WILX Sun. 12 p.m. Tennis French Open. From Paris. (Same-day Tape)

BASEBALL: WGN Fri. 3:10 p.m. Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field. (Live)
WGN Fri. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)
TBS Fri. 7:35 p.m. Major League Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field. (Live)
FOXDT Sat. 1 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)
WGN Sat. 2:10 p.m. Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field. (Live)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MAY 29, 1999

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SATURDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT MAY 29, 1999

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and rows for various TV channels (WVMT, WOVU, WXTV, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and rows for various cable channels (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table with columns for time slots (6:15-11:00) and rows for premium channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

SUNDAY MORNING MAY 30, 1999

Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WVMT, WOVU, WXTV, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

CABLE CHANNELS

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PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table with columns for time slots (3:35-6:30) and rows for premium channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MAY 30, 1999

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CABLE CHANNELS

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PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table with columns for time slots (10:45-11:00) and rows for premium channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

Advertisement for BALL'S SOFTEE CREME 503 E. MAIN • LOWELL, featuring a turtle sundae for \$2.50.

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Advertisement for Star Wars Rookies featuring sports cards, comics, and trading cards. Includes logos for MasterCard, Discover, and Visa.

Advertisement for Wittenbach Lube, Oil Change, Filter, and Fluids. Features a price of \$17.95 and includes the slogan 'Real People-Real Difference'.

TUESDAY EVENING BROADCAST CHANNELS TABLE. Columns: Time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30). Rows: Channel call letters (e.g., WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZWM, WWSM, WZPX) and program titles with descriptions.

PREMIUM CHANNELS TABLE. Columns: Channel call letters (e.g., SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) and program titles with descriptions.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BROADCAST CHANNELS TABLE. Columns: Time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30). Rows: Channel call letters (e.g., WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZWM, WWSM, WZPX) and program titles with descriptions.

PREMIUM CHANNELS TABLE. Columns: Channel call letters (e.g., SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) and program titles with descriptions.

Advertisement for Victorian Thymes Florist & Gift. Text: 'SILK FLOWERS NEED SOME WORK? Let Victorian Thymes Spring Your Old Silk Flowers Back To Life! Order Early! 897-5767'. Includes floral illustrations.

Advertisement for Swan Coffee House & Gifts. Text: 'Let Us Cater Your Graduation Open House Or Your Next Business Meeting For More Information Call Sue...897-2505'. Includes illustration of a swan and a coffee cup.

THURSDAY EVENING											JUNE 3, 1999
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "Restoration" Dinah develops bulimia; Russell and Claire work on an old mansion.	Diagnosis Murder	48 Hours	News	Late Show					
Extra	Real TV	ALMA Awards The American Latino Media Arts Awards honor positive portrayals of Latinos.	Power of Belief A report on superstitions and beliefs includes a coal-walking ritual.	News	Nightline						
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	This Old House Subslab ductwork.	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing Trout fishing in New Mexico.	Fast, Cheap & Out of Control	Round Eyes in the Middle Kingdom					
Fraser Martin's favorite bar's due to close.	Seinfeld "The Shower Head" Jerry tells jokes about his uncle.	World's Wildest Police Videos A car collides with a police cruiser.	Fox Files	News	M.A.'S'H "Morale Victory" Hawkeye and B.J. are morale officers.	Fraser "Author, Author" Niles co-hosts on Frasier's show.	M.A.'S'H "L. Radar O'Reilly" Radar is promoted to lieutenant.				
Inside Edition	Friends Joey and Chandler baby-sit Ben.	Friends	Jesse	Fraser	Will & Grace	ER	News	Tonight Show			
Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Promised Land "Restoration" Dinah develops bulimia; Russell and Claire work on an old mansion.	Diagnosis Murder	48 Hours	News	Late Show					
Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Friends	Jesse	Fraser	Will & Grace	ER	News	Tonight Show			
Marriage and Family Magazine	Billy Joe Daugherty	TCT Today	Hal Lindsey	Something Good Tonight: The Hour of Healing	Praise the Lord						
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House Installing a weathervane.	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions "Richmond, Virginia" Virginia.	Mystery! "The Sculptress" An author becomes convinced of a convicted killer's innocence.	Michigan Out-of-Doors					
Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	ALMA Awards The American Latino Media Arts Awards honor positive portrayals of Latinos.	Power of Belief A report on superstitions and beliefs includes a coal-walking ritual.	News	Nightline						
Home Improvement "What a Drag" Tim and Jill find marijuana.	Fraser Martin's favorite bar's due to close.	World's Wildest Police Videos A car collides with a police cruiser.	Fox Files	News	Fraser Martin's favorite bar's due to close.	Newsradio "Christmas" Christmas Eve at the station.	Coach "The Gardener" Hayden must confront the gardener.				
Highway to Heaven "Time in a Bottle" Jonathan persuades a lawyer-turned-vagrant to defend a fellow bum.	Touched by an Angel "Reunion" Maya Angelou stars as the mother of a man who loves a woman with AIDS.	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "The Abduction" Dr. Mike leads Gen. Custer's men to the renegades' camp.	Diagnosis Murder "Murder in the Air" Mark and Amanda race to cure an ill pilot before his plane crashes.	News	Fraser Martin's favorite bar's due to close.	Newsradio "Christmas" Christmas Eve at the station.	Coach "The Gardener" Hayden must confront the gardener.				
CABLE CHANNELS											
M.A.'S'H "Bombshells"	M.A.'S'H "Run for the Money"	NYPD Blue	X-Files	M.A.'S'H "Fads In, Fads Out"	M.A.'S'H	X Show					
World's Greatest Magic Las Vegas.	Top magicians from around the world gather to perform at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.	The Reluctant Astronaut	A fear of heights joins the space program.	Knotts, Leslie Nielsen, Joan Freeman, A klutz with a	700 Club						
Nine Movie Moments That Made the '90s	Say What? Karaoke	TRL	Celebrity Deathmatch	Tom Green	Loveline						
VH1 Rock (In Stereo) Pop-Up Video	KISS: Second Coming	Behind the Music "Motley Crue"	KISS: Second Coming	Behind the Music "Motley Crue"	Behind the Music "Motley Crue"						
Xena: Warrior Princess "Ties That Bind" Xena meets a man claiming to be her long-lost father.	Walker, Texas Ranger "Angel" Trivette tries to capture a former love who is now a paid killer.	School Ties	A young Jew endures anti-Semitism at a 1950s prep school.	New York Undercover "Young, Beautiful and Dead" Posing as a model, J.C. looks for the perpetrator of an ugly crime.	Star Command "1986, Science Fiction" Chad Everett, Morgan Fairchild, Graduate cadets face warning colonists from a far planet.						
Wild Discovery "Kalahan" How the Kalahan's wildlife has adapted to the harsh environment.	Supertours Early luxury cruise ships, including Titanic, Britannic and Olympic.	Science Mysteries The U.S. armed forces have engaged people with extrasensory perception.	Creatures in the Shadows Scientists uncover bizarre creatures.	Supertours Early luxury cruise ships, including Titanic, Britannic and Olympic.	MacGyver MacGyver helps an actor and his wife who are being pursued by counterfeiters.						
Family Matters "A Pain in Harassment"	Family Matters "Original Gangsta Dawg"	Wayans Bros. "Misery"	Jamie Foxx	Steve Harvey "Big Mouth on Campus"	For Your Love "The Height of Passion"	News	MacGyver MacGyver helps an actor and his wife who are being pursued by counterfeiters.				
Sportscenter	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Final Game 6 - Teams to Be Announced.	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter								
Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline					
Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News					
Doug	Rugrats	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter	Brady Bunch "The Hardware Store"	Wonder Years "The Hardware Store"	Jeffersons "Marathon Man"	Jeffersons "Put It On"	I Love Lucy "Lucy Writes a Novel"	Bewitched "Darlin' the Warlock"		
Law & Order "Slave" A murder case leads detectives to a 13-year-old boy enslaved by a drug dealer.	Biography "Ava Gardner" The on-screen and personal lives of actress Ava Gardner.	Biography "Frank Sinatra: The Voice" Profile of actor-singer Frank Sinatra.	Unexplained "The Twin Connection" Stories that help support the claim of a powerful bond existing between twins.	Law & Order "Indifference" Stone taps a crooked lawyer accused of fatally beating a child.							
Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Florida Marlins. From Pro Player Stadium. (Live)	FOX Sports News										
ER "Sleepless in Chicago" Dr. Benton refuses to get rest; Hathaway's plans to adopt hit a snag.	"Hang 'Em High" Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens, Ed Begley. A rancher swears revenge on the men who tried to lynch him.	"Joe Kidd" Clint Eastwood, Robert Duval, John Saxon. A man becomes caught in a Mexican-American range war.									
Roseanne "Little Sister"	Roseanne "Guilt by Disassociation"	WCW Thunder	"Gladiator" Cuba Gooding Jr., James Marshall, Robert Loggia. A promising pugilist falls prey to an illegal promoter.	Music Videos	Wall Disney Presents "The Legend of El Blanco" Hernando Cortes' white stallion.						
"Frankenstein and Me" A 12-year-old boy and his friends attempt to reawaken a legendary creature belonging to a traveling carnival.	So Weird "Escape" A girl leaves her earthbound body.	"Can of Worms" A teen-ager finds himself in a jam when both friendly and hostile aliens answer his messages to outer space.									
Waltons "The Matchmakers"	Life and Times of Owen Bradley	Prime Time Country	Championship Bull Riding	Dallas "Jessica Redux"							
Adventure Bound "New Zealand, Part 2"	Lonely Planet "Pakistan"	Travel Daily	Amazing Destinations	Lonely Planet "Pakistan"							
Beating the Odds Men and women who have survived tragedy.	Medical Detectives "Talking Skull"	Without Warning	Landslides Exploring scientific reasons for landslides.	Forces of Nature Forces of nature, including tornadoes, earthquakes and volcanoes.	Star Trek "Tomorrow is Yesterday" The Enterprise is thrown back in time and is mistaken for a UFO.						
SCI FI "The Star Trek 'Tomorrow is Yesterday' The Enterprise is thrown back in time and is mistaken for a UFO.	Sliders The sliders land in doomed world where they can save some people by sliding them.	"The Star Trek 'Tomorrow is Yesterday' The Enterprise is thrown back in time and is mistaken for a UFO.									
Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money	"I Love You to Death" Kevin Kline, Tracey Ullman, Joan Plowright. An adulterous lout survives numerous attempts on his life.	Saturday Night Live Matthew Broderick, Natalie Merchant.	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money						
WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	
20th Century A look back at the 1993 flood of the Mississippi River and its tributaries.	Lost City of Atlantis A new look at the world's oldest geographic mystery.	Ultimate Autos "Million Dollar Cars" A look at a rare Ferrari and the Isotta-Fraschini from the 1920s.	Big Dig Massachusetts Central Artery-Tunnel Project.	Trains Unlimited "Presidential Trains" How U.S. chief executives traveled the country.							
"A Letter to Three Wives" A 1949 drama. Jeanne Crain, Linda Darnell. A letter advises three women that a husband is unfaithful.	"Peyton Place" Peyton in this adaptation of Grace Metalious' novel.	Lloyd Nolan, Hope Lange. The secret life of a small New England community is revealed in this adaptation of Grace Metalious' novel.	"Return to Peyton Place" Carol Lynley, Jeff Chandler, Eleanor Parker. Residents are outraged when a first-time author publishes a book exposing her small town's "dirty laundry."								
This Old House	New Yankee Workshop "Console Table"	Home & Garden Almanac "Felt Making"	How's That Made? "Car Seats"	Room for Change "Cheery Day Nursery"	Designing for the Sexes	Location, Location, Location	Dream Builders	Home & Garden Almanac "Felt Making"	How's That Made? "Car Seats"		
Any Day Now "Blue" Collar and Mary Elizabeth prepare for their first client meeting.	Chicago Hope "Over the Rainbow" Dr. Geiger faces the executive committee; Dr. Shutt does battle with an HMO.	"Life of the Party: The Pamela Harriman Story" A charismatic woman becomes the U.S. ambassador to France.	New Attitudes Hot jobs for the future.	Golden Girls "Till Death Do We Volley" Dorothy tops a former rival.							
Timon & Pumbaa	101 Dalmatians: The Series	Tale Spin	Bonkers	Goof Troop	Quack Pack	Darkwing Duck	Aladdin	Gargoyles	Gargoyles	Gargoyles	
MSNBC	InterNight	Equal Time	News With Brian Williams	Hockenberry	InterNight						
CSPAN	House of Representatives	Prime Time Public Affairs	We Are One Body	Rosary-Land	Heroic-Life & Legacy of Solanus Casey	Blessed Escriva	Mater et Magistra				
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
"Places in the Heart" A Texas widow fights to maintain her Depression-era life.	"Inherit the Wind" Jack Lemmon, George C. Scott, Piper Laurie. Based on the acclaimed play about an educator put on trial for teaching Darwinism and the attorney who defends him.	"Hush" A pregnant woman becomes the target of her husband's psychotic mother when they move onto her horse farm.									
"Splash" Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah, John Candy. A New York bachelor falls in love with a woman who just happens to be the mermaid who saved him as a child.	"Shot Through the Heart" Linus Roache, Vincent Perez, Lia Williams. Two Yugoslavian friends end up on opposite sides in their country's civil war when one is ordered to kill the other.	Real Sex 13 Dante Amore's electro-stimulating sex toys; filmmaker Jocelyn Taylor.									
"Harem Nights" Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor, Redd Foxx. The owners of an elegant 1930s nightclub are pitted against a local gangster threatening to move in on their business.	"I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" Keenen Ivory Wayans, Bernie Casey, Jim Brown. A former soldier leads street vigilantes against organized crime in this parody of the '70s black exploitation films.	"How to Be a Player" Bill Bellamy, Natalie Desselle, Lark Voorhees. A disapproving sister convinces to teach her woman-crazy brother a lesson about toying with women's hearts.									
"In & Out" Kevin Kline, Joan Cusack, Matt Dillon. A Midwestern schoolteacher is outed on national television.	"U.S. Marshals" Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Robert Downey Jr. Chief deputy marshal Sam Gerard attempts to capture an escaped convict who allegedly killed two federal agents.	"Overkill" Aaron Norris, Michael Nouri, David Rowe. A maverick police officer and a computer expert are stalked by a land developer through the Central American jungle.	"The Replacement Killers" Mira Sorvino, Michael Rooker								

# Lowell High School recognizes its April Students-of-the-Month

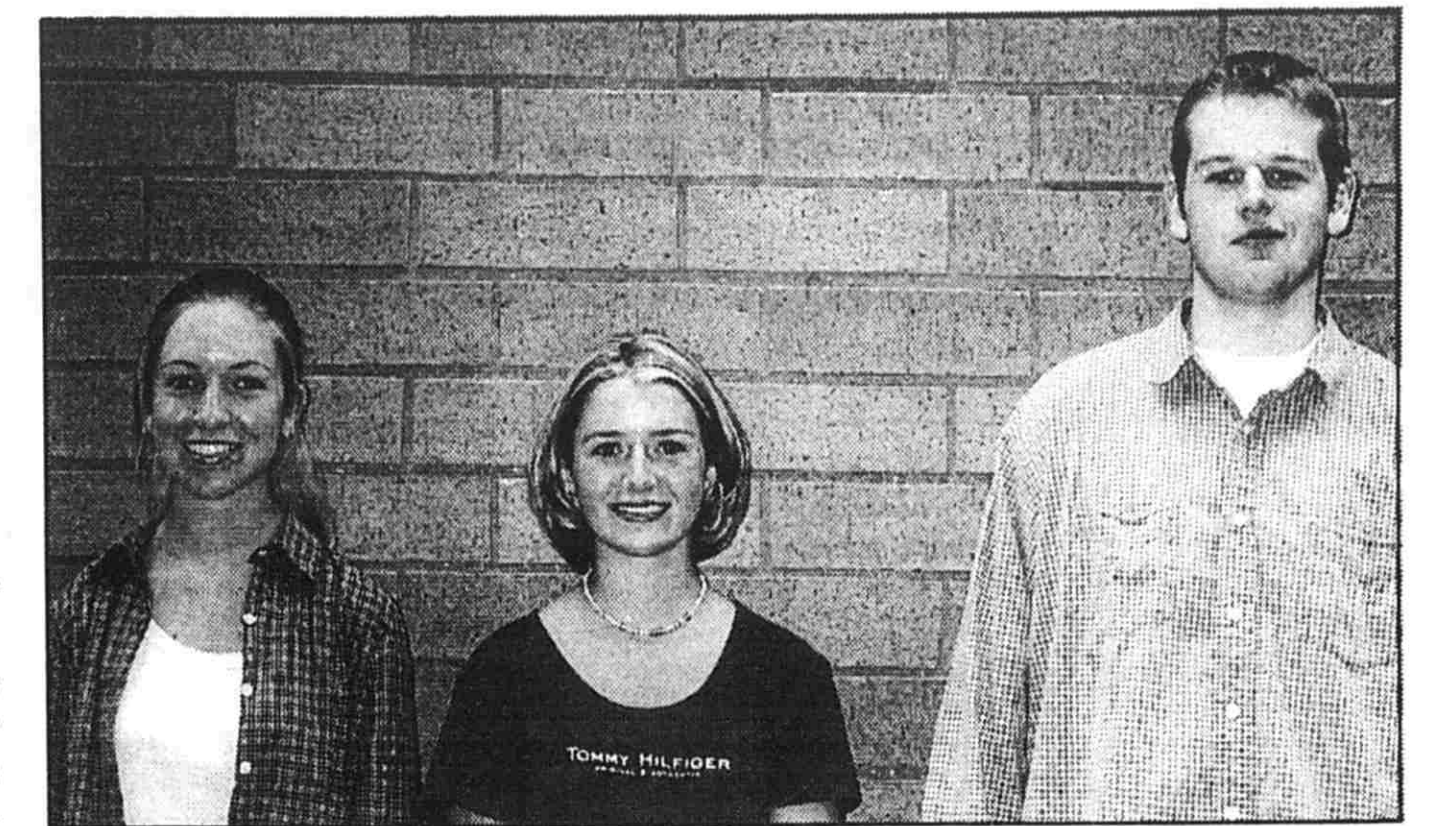
April students of the month at Lowell High School include Kyle Hines, Kyle Hoffman, Heather Halbeisen and Callie Boyce. Each of these students has been selected for this honor because they have shown extraordinary interest and talent in a particular area.

Hines, a sophomore, is the son of Mark and Sharon Hines of Lowell. Chosen by the social studies department, his teacher nominator cites his top level grade in AP history and his strong finish at the Model United Nations as reasons for his selection. Besides Model U.N., he is a member of jazz band and marching band, and plays varsity golf and tennis. He is employed at Egypt Valley Country Club.

Hoffman, a senior, is the son of Douglas Hoffman of Lowell. He was selected by the business department because he has been an outstanding student in all of the business classes he has taken. Next year, he will attend G.R.C.C. and plans to work toward a master's degree in health care administration.

Halbeisen, a senior, is the daughter of Alan Halbeisen and Linda LeSage of Ada. The foreign language department chose her because of her motivation and ambition to be successful in class. She is active in art/drama club.

Boyce, a junior, is the daughter of Bruce and Cindy Boyce of Lowell. She was the choice of the English department because she is constantly striving toward success and makes positive contributions to class each day. She is active in Project Pals, Youth Ambassadors and Ladies' Ensemble, and plays varsity golf. She is employed by Magna Mirror Corporation.



Lowell High School April students-of-the-Month, from left to right, are: Heather Halbeisen, Callie Boyce and Kyle Hoffman. Not pictured is Kyle Hines.

## Lowell Township to continue worthwhile H.U.D. program

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing writer

Investments Partnership programs. "We will continue to participate in the program by not notifying them otherwise, and we will continue to receive extra funding. There is now no specified ending date, and the agreement will simply continue to remain in effect," Timpson said.

Lowell Charter Township will continue to participate in the Kent County Community Development Block grant program, supervisor John Timpson announced.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) grants are awarded to counties to provide funding for local communities. Through these grants, public improvements, repairs and restorations are made possible.

Clerk Carol Wells explained that the township has found the program to be worthwhile.

"We've been a part of it for many years, but we've had to renew and reapply to rejoin it each year. But now they've changed the procedure so that we automatically belong," Wells pointed out.

By continuing in the program, Lowell Township is also eligible to apply for other H.U.D. grants under the state CDBG and the County Home

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or probably yes to creating a community recreation authority, although slightly more than one-third (36 percent) said "definitely yes."

Just recently said "definitely no" to a community recreation authority, although 15 percent cite the recreation authority as one of their reasons to vote "definitely or probably no" on either of the two pool options.

Lowell and Vergennes township boards must still consider the proposal. If all entities agree, voters will have an opportunity to determine whether a millage to operate the pool as well as a construction bond (through the school district) would be authorized.

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To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance.  
—Oscar Wilde  
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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Offices, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV will be closed on Monday, May 31, 1999 in observance of Memorial Day.

The City of Lowell refuse schedule will be delayed one day from Monday through Friday due to the holiday.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

**FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR**

(NAPS)—To get a free Check Your Pulse brochure from the National Stroke Association, call 1-800-STROKES.

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

### LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS

#### JUNE 22, 1999 4:00 P.M.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulations and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 22, 1999. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Deputy Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

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## LOWELL FREESTYLE WRESTLING RESULTS:

The Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club has ended its season with all of the wrestlers having a great year. The latest results are from the regionals, hosted by Lowell and the state finals.

Regionals - May 15 - Lowell  
Group 1: Timmy Gingerich, 1st  
Group 3: Brock Graham, 3rd  
Ryan Karasiewicz, 4th  
Group 4: Craig Carpenter, 2nd  
Joe Mendez, 1st

State - May 22 - Battle Creek  
Group 4: Craig Carpenter, 4th  
Joe Mendez, 1st  
Cadet: Bobby Gingerich, 3rd  
John Mendez, 2nd

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# COMING EVENTS

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

**EVERY MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**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 MONDAY:** Men's senior golf club at 1 p.m. at Arrowhead. Come join us.

**EVERY SECOND MONDAY:** Attention mothers of preschoolers. MOPS meetings are held at Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. Cost is \$3 and meetings are from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy crafts, food, free child care and new friends. For information call Meghan at 616-642-6748 or Trisha at 616-527-1333.

**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.

**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 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & 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 Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

**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.

**TUESDAYS:** Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

**EVERY FOURTH TUES.:** Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall.

**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. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY 1ST TUES:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

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

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

**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."

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**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 Rebecca, 897-6734 for more information.

**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.

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**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. 10:40 a.m., Exercise (1st UMC) **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

**Special Events**

**WED., MAY 26:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. **FRI., MAY 28:** 12 p.m., Potluck & Center shower  
*(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)*

## MSU program to bring awareness on how to improve and maintain quality of life in Township

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township Board has announced they will participate in a land growth training program offered by Michigan State University. The MSU Extension Land Use Area of Expertise educational program will also be offered in Bowne and Vergennes townships.

It is designed for local land use decision-makers and all others interested in learning how to effectively incorporate conservation principles into plans and zoning regulations.

## Use of abandoned railway a Township concern

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township Board is looking into use of an abandoned railway in the area. The Mid-Michigan Railroad (MMRR) line in Kent and Ionia counties is being sold to CSX Transportation, Inc. which will salvage the old rails for scrap metal.

In Lowell Township, the rail line runs in close proximity to Kopf Creek in sections 12, 13 and 24. It crosses the creek in 11 places.

Supervisor John Timpson pointed out the benefits of protecting the creek.

The MSU Extension program is called Better Designs for Development in Michigan: Putting Conservation into Land Use Regulations. It will offer four seminars of three hours each, for a total of 12 hours of training. Each seminar is expected to cost \$50-60 and will make participants aware of how to preserve natural resources in the community.

Clerk Carol Wells explained that 30-40 people are needed for the seminars to be held in Lowell. Interested residents can obtain more information by contacting the Lowell Township office at 897-7600.

Supervisor John Timpson pointed out that almost all members of the boards, planning commission, and trustees plan on attending the session.

"But we hope to get enough others to have the 30 persons necessary for the classes," Timpson said.

"Kopf Creek is a very high quality trout stream, with self-sustaining populations of brook trout and steelhead rainbow trout," Timpson said.

The state of Michigan has been acquiring abandoned railroad right-of-ways to convert them into linear parks. This has been termed the Rails to Trails project, and helps

preserve natural resources. "The railroad section from Lowell to Allendale is also being abandoned. We will look seriously into this Rails to Trails idea," Timpson added.


The Lowell Township Board is concerned about what effect abandoning the bridges could have over the creek. Deterioration of the structures could cause soil erosion and sedimentation impacts upon the cold water fishery resource.

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Lowell Area Fire Department	Wittenbach Thymes
Lowell Area Historical Association	Wittenbach Olds Pontiac, GMC
Lowell Area Rescue	Harold Zeigler Ford

## LaWarre, Lowell's guest baccalaureate speaker

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

\*\*\*\* Baccalaureate is this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in Lowell High School's Performing Arts Center.

"I want the graduates to realize they need to live their lives with integrity and that they shouldn't wait for others to set the pace, but join in and help set the pace themselves." LaWarre said.

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**Roger LaWarre**  
Lowell First Congregational Church Pastor

This year's baccalaureate, sponsored by the Lowell Area Clergy Ministerium, will take place on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

Lowell High School senior Kim Meiste will perform a musical piece entitled "We Can Make a Difference."

The music will be provided under the direction of Curt Hines.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria.

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## Community Based Instruction program recognizes merchants for their participation



Lowell High School students Phyliss Wittenbach, left and Patricia Land, right, present Family Fare store director Bob Teitsma with a plaque commemorating the store's two-year involvement with the Community Based Instruction Job-Site program. Standing behind Land is program coordinator Keith Boeve. Other local businesses which participate in the program are Burger King, Rupert's Drop, Lowell Area Schools copy center, Lowell Area Schools bus garage, Laurels of Kent, Little Caesar's, Lowell Ledger, Cumberland Manor, Cherry Creek Elementary and Lowell Middle School.



Community Based Instruction Job Site coordinator Keith Boeve, second from the right, and Lowell High School student Dave Church, third from the left, present Springgrove Variety owner Mike Sprenger with a plaque commemorating his third year of participation in the program. Standing in between Sprenger and Church is Springgrove employee Pat DeYoung. Pictured, far right, is Marilyn Sitzler.

## Lowell's Fast 50 success has other schools becoming involved

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Silent Observer's Fast 50 program, which was piloted by Lowell Schools a year ago, is rapidly picking up momentum in Kent County. Students, from 13 schools in Kent County, who want to make their schools a safer place, are utilizing the Fast 50 Program by reporting instances of drugs, weapons, stolen property and vandalism.

very helpful. While we haven't had a lot of calls, the ones we've had have been very reliable," said Lowell High School assistant principal Kevin Pearson. "It's a great program and obviously we're for anything that helps secure the safety of the building for all."

Due to recent events of school violence in Colorado and Atlanta, many schools are creating new security measures.

"The program has been

of directors has also created a new security measure. It has increased the reward to \$100 for the recovery of illegal weapons in schools.

Students who use the Fast 50 Program begin by calling the regular Silent Observer tip line at 774-2345.

After students give their information about drugs, weapons, stolen property or vandalism, they are given an ID number. That tip is then faxed over to the appropriate school.

If school administrators recover the illegal contraband or clear up a vandalism, that student caller receives a \$50 reward or it is doubled for the recovery of an illegal weapon.

Schools participating in the Fast 50 program are Lowell Middle and High School, Byron Center Middle and High School, South Christian High School, East Kentwood freshman campus, Caledonia Middle and High School, Comstock Park High School, Northview High and

Hills and Dales Middle School, Godwin Heights High School and Rogers High School.

The program is available to any school in the Kent

County area. "Because of the program's success, more and more schools are becoming involved," Pearson concluded.

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DATE	DESTINATION	LESSON
June 6	Horse Farm	Taming the Tongue
June 13	Warehouse	Storing Up Treasure
June 20	Cannonsburg Ski Hill	Temptation of Christ
June 27	Creekside Kingdom	Working as a Team
July 4	High School Track	Running The Race
July 11	Water Treatment Plant	Christ can cleanse your heart
July 18	Humane Society	Christ knows where you are
July 25	Police Station	Freedom in Christ
August 1	Lowell Airport	Pre-flight check/steps in your Christian life
August 8	Molding Company	Christ can mold your life
August 15	Sheep Farm	Good Shepherd
August 22	Local Hiking Trails	Straight & narrow path

Each Sunday we leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return around noon. We'd love to have your children join us as we have a lot of fun while learning God's truths.  
**QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 897-7168**

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## Red Arrow girls third at regional; qualify for state golf tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Division II regional at the Deer Run Golf Course was more a test of survival than golf.

Three clubs did, however, overcome the 28 degree wind-chill and advance to the state tournament in Lansing at East Akers on June 4&5.

"I told the girls before they went out that they had a chance to sneak in the top three if they ignored the weather and went out and did the job," Lowell girls golf coach Rich White said.

A month-and-a-half of golf has taught White one thing - "Whether the course is tough or easy; or the weather is good or bad our scores have fallen between 208-218," White explained.

The top two teams going into the regional were clear. They were Coldwater and Portage Central. After that it was which team had more mental toughness.

"Regionals in the past teams in the range of 420-430 are usually in the hunt for that third qualifying spot," White said. Coldwater won the regional with a 377 total. Portage Central was second at 393 and Lowell placed third with an 18-hole total of 433.

"That's about 216 per nine which is where we've been all year," White said. "The girls shot that in the worst of conditions. On a nice day, with easier conditions things may not have worked out. To the girls credit they showed mental toughness, did their job and survived."

Laura LaHaye led all Red Arrows with a 101 total. Kate Gunberg followed four shots back at 105. Amber Kuipers carded a 109 and Elizabeth Baker finished with a 118.

The top round of the day was carded by Coldwater's Jennifer Petzko. She came home in an 86. Portage Central's Katie Bengston finished four strokes back at 90.

Other area schools to compete in the regional were Ionia, fifth (442) and Hastings, sixth (444).

## Stouffer and Wiering qualify for state track meet in Midland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two Red Arrows will advance to the state track meet in Midland on June 5.

Bill Stouffer reserved his spot at the state tournament with a throw of 50-4 in shot put, placing him second in regional.

The top two places in each event advance to the state tournament plus all additional qualifying times and distances.

Bill Wiering finished

third in the high jump, but advanced to the state tournament as an additional qualifier by clearing 6-2. Teammate Mike Williams placed sixth overall but cleared the state qualifying height of 6-2.

Lowell's Jeff Ortowski placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.6. It was three-hundredths of a second off the state qualifying time (2:00.3).

The Lowell boys placed seventh overall.

Two Red Arrow girls also

just missed qualifying for the state meet.

Celena Risner placed third in the long jump with a distance of 16-3. The state qualifying distance was 16-6.

Kristi Ford cleared 4-11 but failed to clear 5-1, which was the state qualifying height.

In the Champions of Champions meet, Kristi Ford placed seventh in the high jump with a height of 5-0.

**Baker Bags First Turkey**

Kevin Baker landed his first turkey about three miles south of Lowell. The 22-pound turkey had a nine inch beard and one inch spurs. Baker was out with his brother Joe, who did the calling.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following local propositions shall be submitted to the registered electors of the Township of Grattan at a special Township election to be held July 13, 1999:

**PROPOSAL NO. 1**  
**1.0 MILL FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES RENEWAL OF CURRENT AND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MILLAGE**

Shall the increase in the Township of Grattan tax rate limitation, currently .9828 mill (\$.9828 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied in the years 1999-2003, both inclusive, and shall an additional .0172 mill (\$.0172 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township?

The purpose of this levy is to provide fire protection within the Township, including the operation of the Township Fire Department, and the acquisition and maintenance of fire and rescue vehicles and apparatus and real property and improvements used for fire protection purposes. It is estimated that a levy of 1.0 mill would provide revenue of \$86,086 in the first calendar year, of which \$1,481 would result from the additional .0172 mill.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2**  
**0.5 MILL FOR ACQUISITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT**

Shall the Township of Grattan tax rate limitation be increased by .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township for the years 1999-2003, both inclusive?

The purpose of this levy is solely to acquire fire and rescue vehicles, apparatus and equipment used for fire department purposes. It is estimated that this levy would provide revenue of \$43,043 in the first calendar year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN SAID ELECTION IS JUNE 14, 1999.

In addition to the regular hours of the Township office, the Township Clerk will be at the Township office, located at 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, on June 14, 1999, to accept registrations.

Peggy A. Gurney, Clerk  
Township of Grattan

# Lowell softball team shows character; doubles up Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Character is not measured by the number of wins and losses. It is, however, measured by how a team handles victory or defeat.

After suffering two decisive losses to Hudsonville, Lowell High School softball coach Bob Rodenhouse told his club they still could make it a great season or they could cash it in.

Rodenhouse got his answer on Wednesday, when the Red Arrows traveled to Northview to play two games against the traditionally softball-strong Wildcats.

Lowell not once, but twice, scored two runs in their last at-bat to hand Northview a pair of 7-6 defeats.

"To come back both times against a team like Northview shows a lot of character," Rodenhouse said. "These girls have no quit in them."

In game one, Lowell led 5-1, only to see Northview battle back.

In the bottom of the sixth, trailing 5-3, Northview tallied three runs on three hits and an error to take a 6-5 lead.

Lowell came back in the seventh inning. With one out, Andrea Rickert singled. Amy Smit followed with a single,

sending Rickert to third.

A Becky Brander ground ball scored Rickert and sent Smit to second.

"That was an unbelievable heads-up running play and dive at home plate by Andrea," Rodenhouse explains. Rickert dove head first beating a high throw to the plate by Northview's first baseman.

Rachael Fredline, batting with two out, ripped a go-ahead single into left center scoring Smit and giving Lowell a 7-6 lead.

Fredline was 3-for-4 against Northview pitchers in the opener.

"She had a great game. The last couple of weeks Rachael has really started to hit the ball," Rodenhouse said.

In Northview's half of the seventh inning, Rickert coaxed the leadoff batter to pop out to Fredline at short. She then gave up a base hit to Northview's fifth-place hitter, Rickert struckout the next batter and got the final out of the game on a grounder to short.

"The game could have gone either way. To their credit, they got the big two-out hit," said Northview softball coach Tom Judson.

Lowell hit Northview ace Katie Acheson for five runs on

six hits in five innings before Judson pulled her in the sixth.

"She hasn't given up five hits in a game more than twice this season," Judson said. "I pulled her after five innings because Lowell was hitting her pretty hard."

Lowell scored three runs in the fourth on three hits and an error. The big hits were an RBI double by Smit and a two-out, two-run double by Angie DeWit.

The Red Arrows tallied two more runs in the fifth on two errors, a single and an RBI double by Rickert.

In the nightcap, a one-out, two-run double in the bottom of the eighth by Kelly Kemen against Northview ace Katie Acheson (in relief) plated the tying (Beth Fredline) and winning (Angie DeWit) runs.

Northview had broken a 5-5 tie in the top of the eighth on a two-out, RBI single by its leadoff hitter.

Trailing 6-5, Lowell tied the game in the bottom of the seventh when Becky Brander beat out an infield grounder, enabling Amy Snell to score the tying run from third.

"It was a great hustle by Brander to beat the throw at first in a bang, bang play," Rodenhouse said. "It was a great

Softball, cont'd. pg. 29

# Errors costly in losses to Northview and Central; Red Arrows defeat Chix

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's 18-6 record ties a school record for the most wins ever by a Red Arrow baseball team in a single season.

With seven nonconference games remaining, the 1999 club is expected to break that record this week.

The Red Arrows finished the league portion of their season with a 9-5 mark, splitting its final four games.

Two Lowell errors opened the gates to a three-run Northview uprising in the seventh inning as the Wildcats rallied for a 4-2 win over Lowell in the second game of a doubleheader.

"We haven't been making the routine plays," said Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel. "With the exception of Dustin (Gless), we don't have pitchers that are going to strike people out, but we do have pitchers that change speeds and have good control."

Red Arrow Jim Gilchrist is a good example. The senior held Northview hitless for 6 1/3 innings. Two Lowell errors, wrapped around three Wildcat singles, enabled Northview to break through against Lowell in the seventh inning of a 2-1 game.

"That's the difference between a fourth-place finish in the league and winning a championship," Antel said. "We did not make the plays behind our pitcher."

Lowell won the opener 3-2. The Red Arrows scored the winning run in the seventh when Keith Valentine singled, went to second on a wild pitch, and then scored on an error by Northview's shortstop on a ball hit by Shane Teelander.

"We gutted out a win, but we're not doing the little things," Antel explained.

FHC 9  
Lowell 8

Forest Hills Central rallied for two runs in the bottom of the eighth to defeat Lowell and claim at least a share of the league title.

Lowell took the lead in the eighth inning on an RBI single off the bat of Keith Valentine, scoring Steve VanLaan from second.

Central's eighth-inning rally got started on a Lowell error. Following a pop out, the Rangers got a single and a game-winning two-run double.

The two clubs completed a game suspended earlier in

the year after seven innings of play with the two clubs tied at 6-6.

Lowell 10  
Zeeland 8

The Red Arrows also completed a suspended game with Zeeland on Friday.

The two teams picked up from where they left off on April 30.

Zeeland and Lowell were tied 7-7 at the end of eight innings when the game was suspended.

After both clubs were retired quietly in the ninth inning, Lowell struck for three runs in the tenth inning.

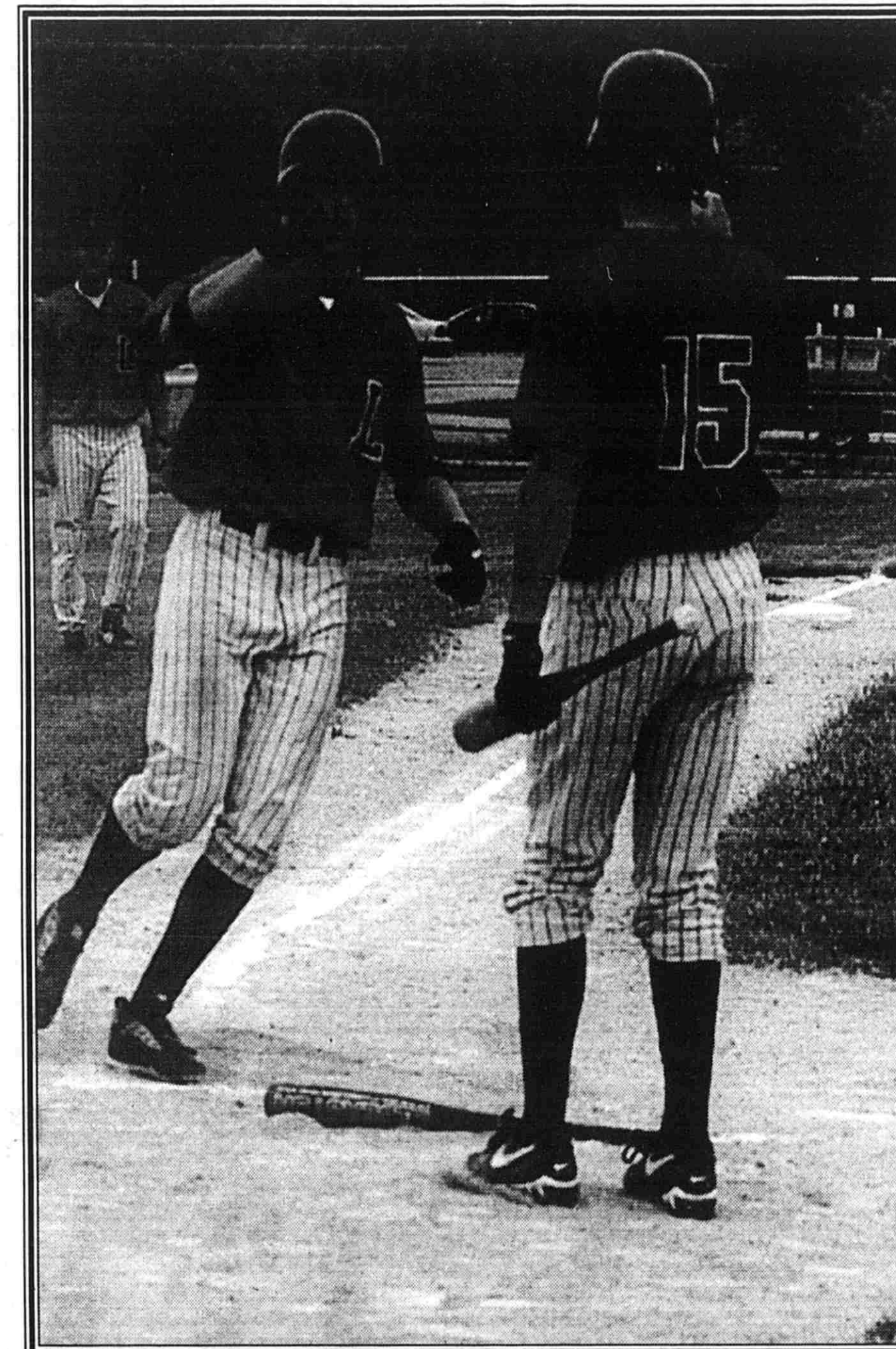
Steve VanLaan doubled, Keith Valentine singled him home.

Bryce McMahon, running for Valentine, was gunned down attempting to steal second.

Shane Teelander followed with a solo shot over the center field wall, increasing Lowell's lead to 9-7.

Dustin Gless followed with a single, stole second and then scored on an RBI single by Bill Sanborn.

Zeeland scored once in its half of the 10th inning, as Lowell tallied its ninth league win of the year.



Shane Teelander celebrates his fifth home run of the year against Zeeland.

# Lowell baseball team lands five players on all-conference first team

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Victories bring recognition. The league honored five Red Arrow baseball players by selecting them to the OK White all-conference first team.

Dustin Gless, pitcher; Keith Valentine, catcher; Andy Graham, second baseman; T.J. Thayer, utility/shortstop; and Steve VanLaan, right fielder were all recognized by the conference.

Gless was 8-2 with an ERA of 2.03. The senior also has an opportunity to set a new season strikeout record. Through Monday, Gless had 83 strike outs for the year, the record is 86.

## Softball, cont'd... From Page 28

game. The girls never gave up. Everyone is contributing." Jody Seif, Kemen and Amy Smit all had two hits while Andrea Rickert pounded out two doubles and a single.

Lowell 4  
Wyoming Park 2

The Red Arrows and Vikings completed a game that was

He is likely to get three more starts this season.

Valentine, a junior, is considered one of the best receivers in the league. He carries a .456 batting average. He and senior Steve VanLaan are battling for the most total hits. Valentine, through Friday, had 36 - three behind VanLaan's 39. Both players have surpassed the school record of 31.

Graham, hitting .396, also a senior, was named first team all conference for his defensive play at second.

Thayer, batting .429, has played shortstop all season, was named to the league's first team as its utility player. The senior broke the team's single season record for stolen bases. He currently has 34 - the record was 29.

Finally, VanLaan led the OK White in hitting with a .478 batting average. Along with leading the team in hits, the senior leads Lowell in extra base hits with 17 through Friday, (breaking the the school record of 15).

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

**ENTRY FEE:** Now until June 8th, \$12; June 9th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

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

**PACKET PICK-UP:** June 11th, 1999 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

**LOCATION FOR PICK-UP:** Middle School - north entrance.

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

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

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Week of 5/31 - 6/4

### ELEMENTARY

MON: Memorial Day - No school.

TUES: Cheeseburger in a bun, baked beans, cookie bar, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat & cheese & pepperoni, tater tots, fruit selection, milk.

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

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots, pasta salad, choice of fruit, milk.

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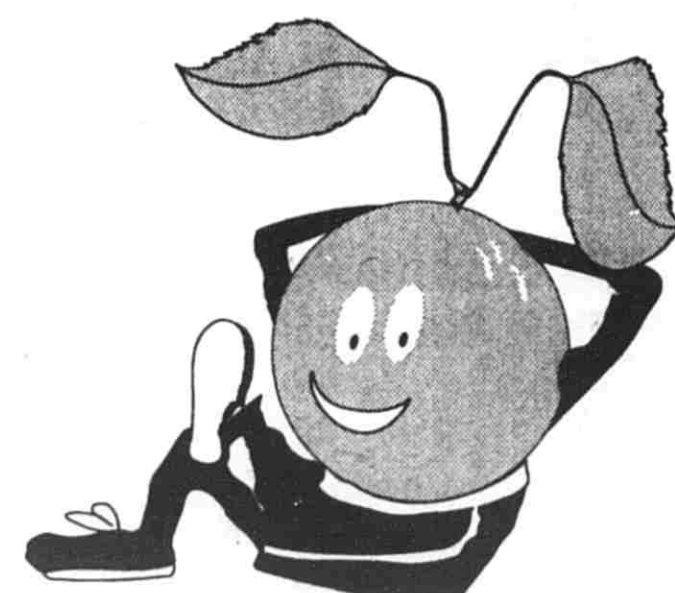
MON: Memorial Day - No School.

TUES: Grilled chicken patty, western beef & cheese, cheeseburger, chef salad w/bread, yogurt; choose 2: baked beans, side salad or pasta salad; cookie bar, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni; chili w/giant pretzel, cheeseburger, chef salad w/bread, yogurt; Choose 2: baby carrots, side salad or Calif. blend; fruit selection, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, roasted turkey, yogurt, cheeseburger, chef salad; choose 2: green beans, side salad or mashed potatoes & gravy; dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

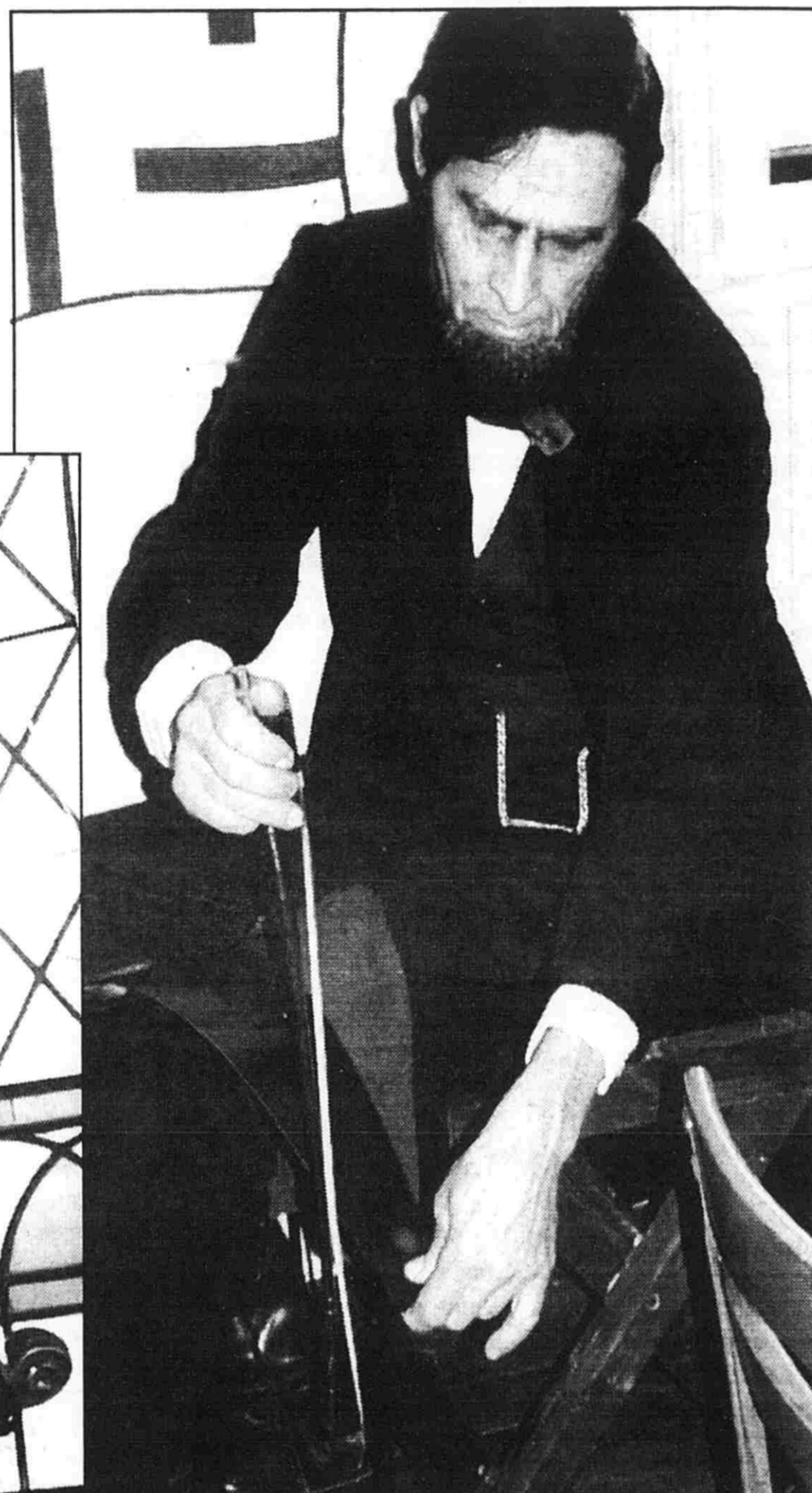
FRI: Grilled cheese, fish-wich in a bun, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: tomato soup w/crackers, pasta salad or side salad; fruit selection, milk.



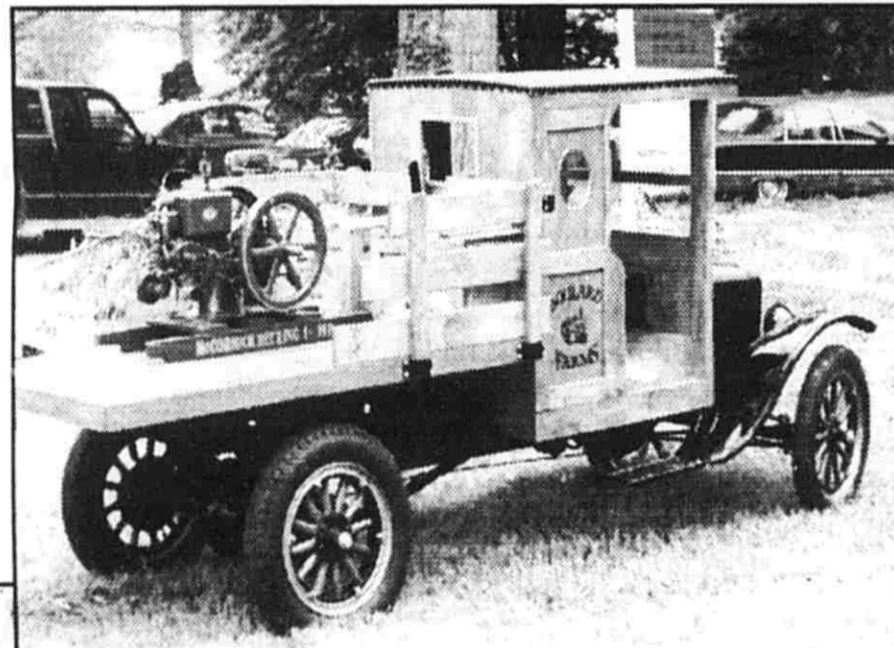
# Artifacts & crafters bring Bowne Township Sesquicentennial to life



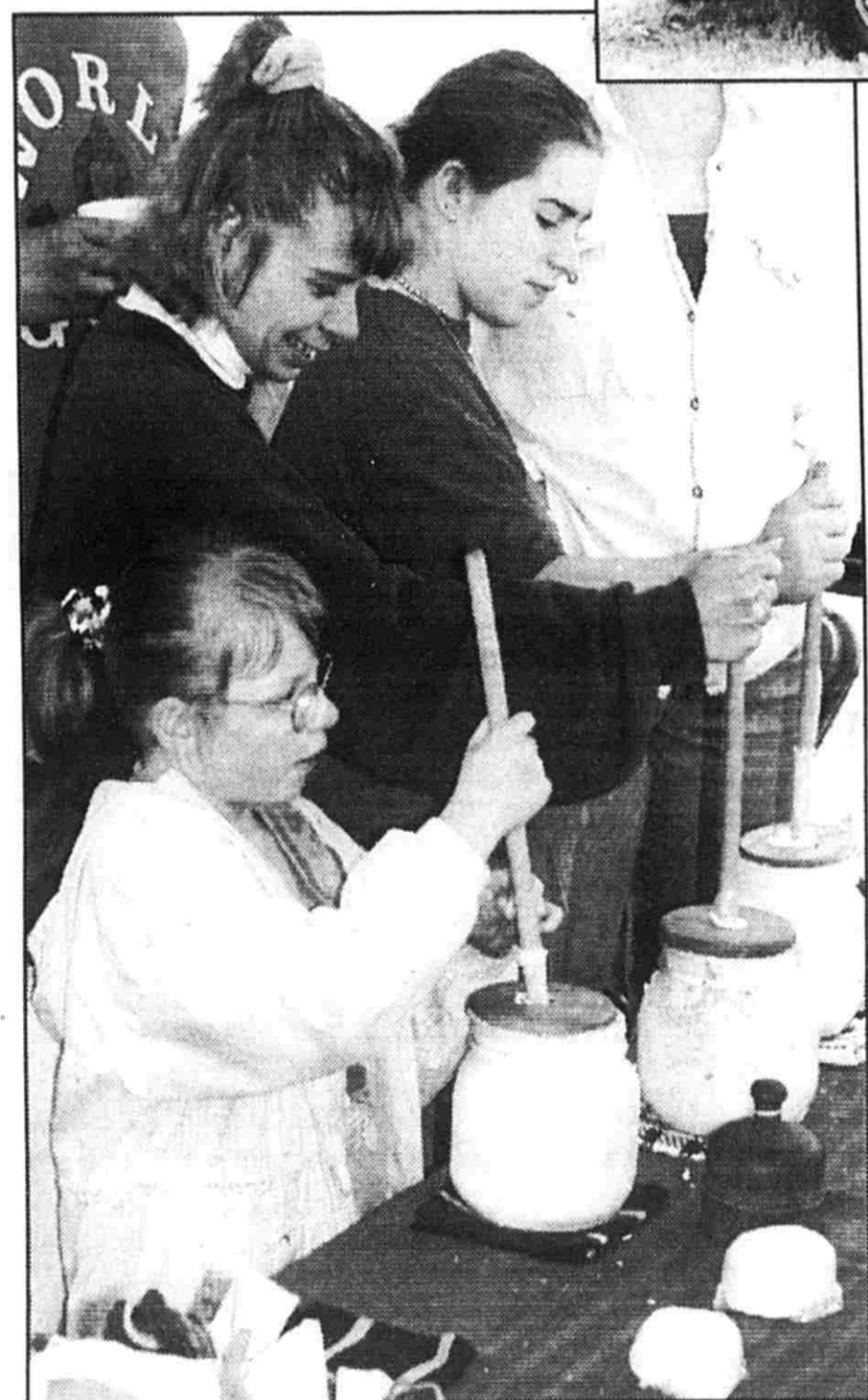
Fiddler Chuck George.



Abe Lincoln (alias Gerald Bestrom) was part of Bowne Township's sesquicentennial celebration on Saturday. Francis Campau played the pump organ and Bestrom joined in with his saw as the two played a rendition of the "Old Rugged Cross."



The only original, authentic item left on this 1917 Model T is the 1 1/2 horsepower McCormick Deering engine made by the International Harvester Company. Through a kit provided by Ford, the Model T was turned into a truck in the early 1930's by the late Ward Boulard. The truck has been refurbished over the years by his son Dwight.



Many took their turn at churning butter on Saturday. Pictured here, from left to right, are: Felicia Rash, Tina Grochowalski and Cassie Bujak.



Marian Price (playing the organ) and fiddler Leslie Raber entertained spectators at the sesquicentennial celebration in Bowne Township on Saturday.



Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus cuts the ribbon during the opening ceremony at the Bowne Center School. The one-room school is being restored as a museum that will represent all the one-room schools that were in the township.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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In loving memory of our son, brother and uncle, Bob Schafer, who passed away suddenly  
May 28, 1977.

If we could have a lifetime wish  
A dream that would come true, we'd pray to God with all our heart for yesterday and you.

A thousand words cannot bring you back.  
We know because we tried.

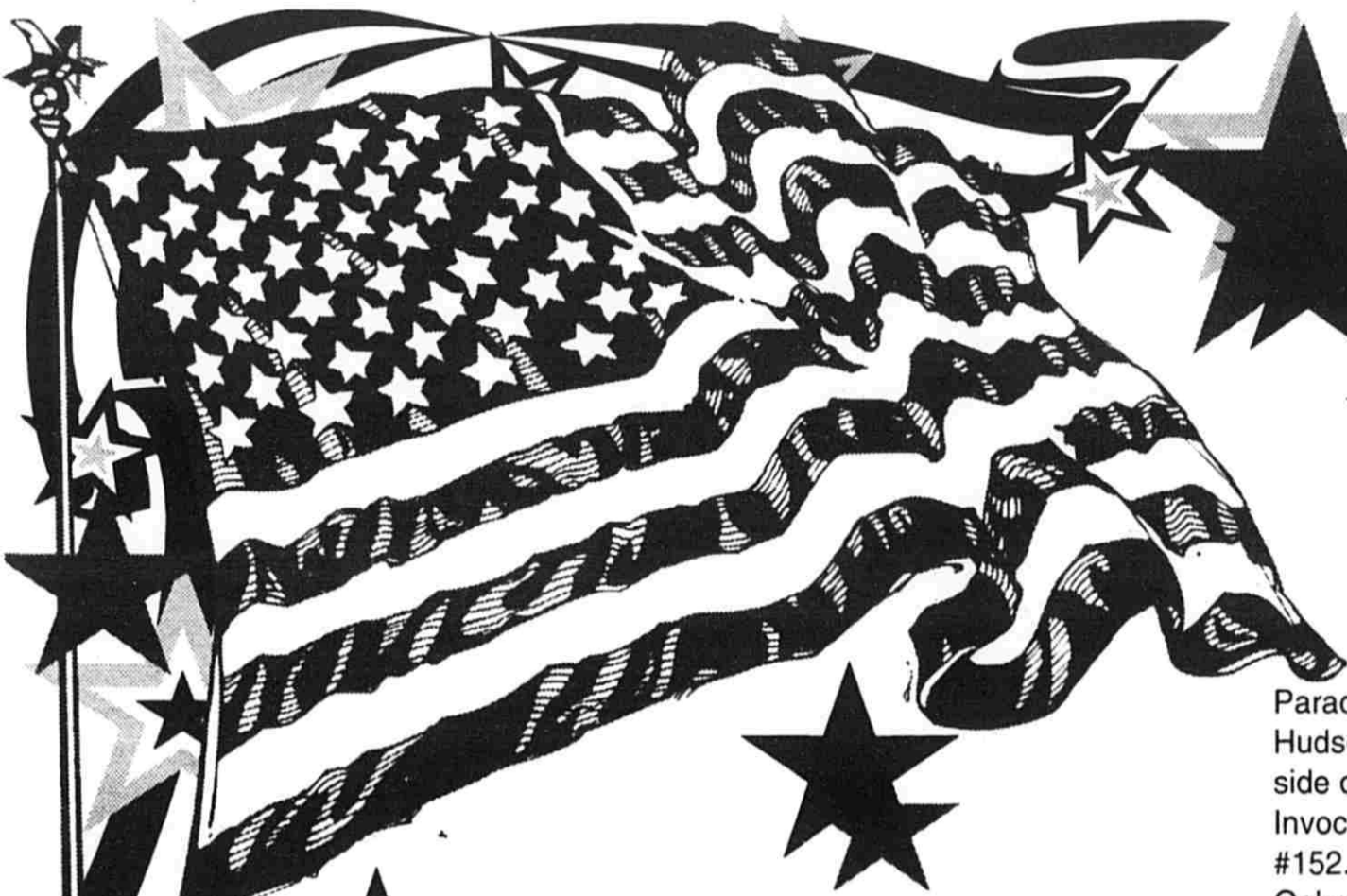
And neither will a million tears, we know because we cried.  
You left behind our broken heart, and happy memories too, but we never wanted memories, Bob, we only wanted you.

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May 31, 1999**

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**PARADE STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.**

**INVOCATION:** Ed Rash, Chaplain. Guest speaker is Gary Hauck, Chaplain, US Army (Ret).

**MUSIC:** Lowell High School and Middle School bands directed by: Bob Rice and Dale Latva.

**PARADE MARSHAL:** Gordon Marshall, Commander, V.F.W. Post 8303. Gordon Marshall at 897-8625.

**FLOATS ARE WELCOMED BUT NO CANDY TOSSING PLEASE!** Floral tributes by civic organizations and clubs are encouraged. All veterans, uniformed or not, are invited to participate.

**BOWNE CENTER**

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

**GRATTAN**

11th Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute. This year set foot in a new direction. We will walk west from the bridge to the new Township Hall.

**CHALK THE WALK:** 10:30 - 11:00

**BRIDGE WALK & MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE:** 11 a.m.  
Lunch and refreshments available

**PROGRAMS FOLLOWING:** Parade of decorated bikes, bake sale, meet Babble the Clown, visit the new Township Hall. Visit the Historical Museum's new location.

Join us for celebration and fun!  
Park by the new Township Hall.

**Come  
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**SARANAC**

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

Speaker, Gail Benda  
Ionia County Prosecutor

**CASCADE**

10 a.m. - Program at Cascade Public Library, 2870 Jacksmith St.

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

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