

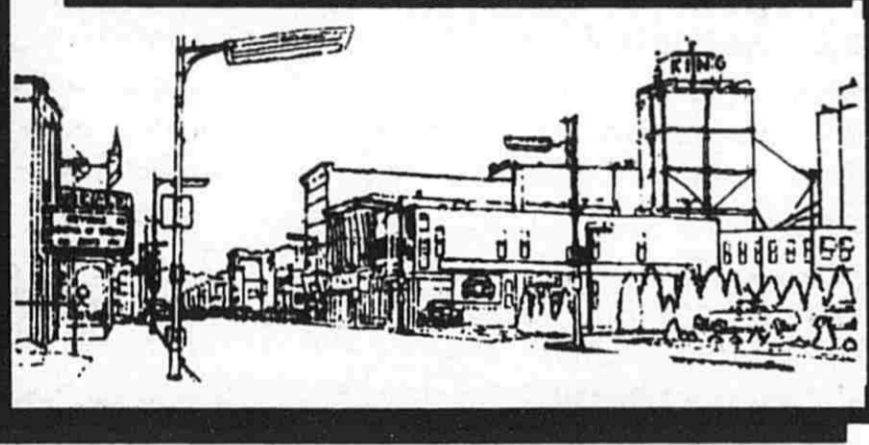
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Along Main Street



### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a parade and fireworks on July 3. The parade begins at 1 p.m. and fireworks begin at dark from Stoney Lakeside. For more info and application, call 897-9161.

### SHOWBOAT ENTERTAINMENT

Angie's Angels will begin the program this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater. At 7:15 the Silver Tones, a group of 30 senior citizens, will perform until 8:15 p.m. Admission is free. In case of inclement weather, the show will be cancelled.

Next week, June 30, the band Hit & Run will perform from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### YMCA 3 ON 3 HOOPS TOURNAMENT

The Lowell YMCA will be hosting the 12th annual "Showboat City" Hoops Classic on June 25 and 26 at Cherry Creek Elementary School. Games may start as early as 4 p.m. on Friday evening and as early as 8 a.m. on Saturday morning.

For more information call Lowell YMCA office at 897-8445.

### LAHA HERITAGE CELEBRATION DAY

The Lowell Area Historical Association is hosting a Lowell Heritage Celebration Day to commemorate its 10-year anniversary on Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Festivities to take place at the Riverwalk/Showboat Plaza. In case of rain, it will be moved to Riverside School.

### PROM VIDEOS

The videos are in for the '99 Lowell High School prom. They can be picked up at the high school office.

### EAT PIZZA, EARN \$\$ FOR BOY SCOUTS

Help Troop 71 Boy Scouts raise funds for a trip to Canada by purchasing a pizza at the Little Caesars at 505 W. Main on Monday, June 28, and Little Caesars will donate 15% of the sales to the troop. For more information call Terry Callaghan, assistant scoutmaster, at 642-9271.

### GRAND STAMPEDE II

The Rodeo is coming to town July 2, 3 and 4. Rodeo performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. For more information call RS Rodeo Productions at 616-696-0158.

### COOKIE BAKERS WANTED

The Fallsburg Historical Society will host an old fashioned cookie baking contest to be judged July 11.

For more information and entry, please call 897-6711 and leave your name, address and phone number and we will send you an entry.

### LEADERS CLUB CAR WASH SATURDAY

The Lowell YMCA Leaders Club will be holding a car wash on Saturday, June 26 from noon-4:00 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary School. All of the proceeds will help club participants attend Leaders Training School at the end of July.

### LASSO TRYOUTS AT CREEKSIDE PARK

LASSO (Lowell Area Select Soccer Org.) will hold make-up tryouts at Creekside Park on Tues., June 29 at 6:30 p.m. Please be present 15 minutes prior to registering. All interested players must wear shin guards and bring a soccer ball. Parents must attend the entire tryout time.

## Student Boom...Building

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

When the demographic task force was first charged with assessing the ability of the Lowell Area Schools to respond to growth facing the area, the remarks were if and when additional desk space would be needed.

Three years later, the comments have changed to how the district should plan on providing additional space and how much is needed.

The most compelling reason for the change is in this year's building enrollments. With the exception of the high school, the student enrollment at each of the other buildings has exceeded capacity.

The report presented to the district indicates all buildings in the district will surpass their functional capacity by school year 2002-2003. That is based on a study completed by John Wallace of DPM Design Group.

That report projects student enrollment in Lowell will rise to 4,102 in 2003-2004.

Stanfred Consultants, a longtime provider of enrollment estimations for Lowell Schools and many other schools in Michigan, projects a high, a suggested and most likely enrollment total.

DPM's total falls between Stanfred's most high (4,170) and suggested (3,977) projections.

Rick Seese, a growth committee member, noted that neither of the reports account for any major events such as a major industrial or commercial development or any major housing development.

"They also didn't account for any major impact from the construction and completion of the South Beltline

project," Seese said. "A major event could be a 300-plus unit mobile home park, a 200-plus housing development or a sizable factory supplying a substantial increase in local employment."

From the facts, estimations and projections provided by the demographics growth committee to the facilities and programs committee, three feasible options were created to address increasing student population.

"To the extent possible, the designs aim to use existing facilities to their best degree, which in some cases results in a change in which grades attend a given facility," said Kate Dernocoeur, facility and program committee member. "The options for managing student population growth are not an all-or-nothing matter. The school board may elect to use a combination of temporary and long-term solutions."

The three basic options, in dealing with growth, presented to the district were:

1. Altering the use of time. In essence this means school facilities would be used throughout the year, except for certain all-district holiday/vacation periods. "There are numerous models to this concept," Dernocoeur explained.

2. Expanding facility capacity by adding on to existing facilities. The report indicates it is not realistic to add on to many of the existing buildings. "Both Bushnell and the middle school have design features which preclude sensible additions," Dernocoeur said.

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Kate Dernocoeur

## Decision on pool vote 'wading' for clarification of municipality veto power

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

For some, the proposed recreational district represents a threat of unwanted future projects.

Others see it as a way to create a mechanism for future political cooperative effort.

Whatever view one may take, it is clear that it may represent a threat to a Lowell future which includes a community pool.

"If a community pool is the primary purpose, then other stuff (recreational district) just clouds the issue," said Lowell Charter Township trustee Herb Vanderbilt.

While the recreational district is the proposed vehicle for creating a pool, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale explained that it doesn't have to deal with anything else.

"It puts into place a mechanism whereby it might create other projects in the

future, but it doesn't have to," Pasquale said.

Any future project would take a unanimous vote of all participating governmental units.

*It's time for the governmental units to put the pool on a ballot and let the people vote on it. It's time we quit walking around the same circle and let the four jurisdictions vote on it together.*

Mike Blough  
 Lowell City Councilman

Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson said everyone could get a lot of rest if the Community Pool Statute was the vehicle used to finance the project.

Using the statute would

require an affirmative vote of every citizen in every municipality of the district. It would create a situation whereby people who have no ties or interest in what takes place in Lowell would be asked to vote.

According to Justin Michael, an appointed representative to the pool committee from Vergennes Township, the 1995 community pool statute requires that the municipality cross counties and that the smaller

of the two represent at least 15 percent of the municipality. "The counties would be Kent and Ionia; however, Ionia does not represent 15 percent of the school district," explained Michael.

There is a contingent of people who would like the vote on a pool set up where the vote within a municipality could veto the entire project. Under this arrangement, if voters in the city, Lowell Township and the school dis-

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## OBITUARIES

**LYONS** - Clara Jeane Lyons, aged 76, of Alto, died Monday, June 14, 1999. She was preceded in death by her four sisters. She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Smith and Michelle Bassler; brother Herbert (Marion) Brown; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; special friends, Lila Rosenberg and John Lyons. Funeral Services were held Thursday with Rev. Robert Lignell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of One's Choice.

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**SISSON** - Craig Alan Sisson, aged 41, of Morley passed away Sat., June 19, 1999. He is survived by his brothers & sisters, Dennis & Joan Sisson of Florida, Barb & John Briggs of Morley, Diane & Don Lasby of Belding, Jim & Laurie Sisson of Lowell. A memorial service will be held Sat. at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Church in Howard City, Rev. Phong Q. Pham, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

# LAAC winter play falls back to October

After 22 years of winter community theater performances, the Lowell Area Arts Council has moved their annual winter play to the fall. A play steering committee has been gathering information since the curtain closed on "Blithe Spirit" in February. In May, the LAAC board of directors decided that the annual play would best meet the objectives of the new LAAC Strategic Plan by moving to a fall 1999 date. Three key LAAC strategic plan objectives will be addressed in the play process:

1. Increasing the use, understanding, and the enjoyment of the performing arts in the daily life of local citizens.
2. Continuing to provide the community with quality performances in a joint theater production.
3. Effectively utilizing volunteers and local talent to produce a community production.

The LAAC will present "Father's Been to Mars" by William Dalzell at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Oct. 21, 22, and 23. This comedy about a television star, his space show, and family takes place in the 50's. After three and a half years of blasting through outer space on his TV show, Larry Gibson finds it difficult to make the change every evening from space hero Captain Galaxy to husband and father. Even his wife Mildred rebels against this interplanetary world when he brings Countess Vilma, the ruthless and sultry space villainess of his program, home just in time to "disintegrate" her sewing circle. Twelve-year-old Corky Gibson, a devout junior space scout, is the only one in the family "in father's orbit."

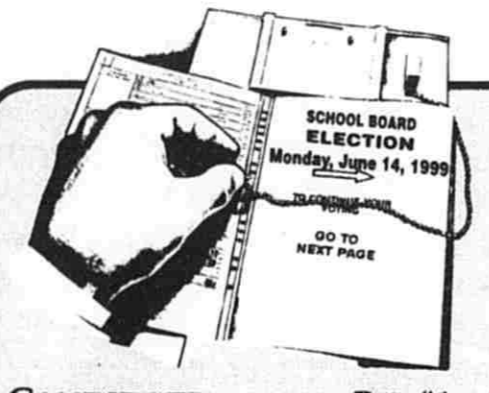
Sue Bradford returns to direct this comedy. Other volunteers are needed to serve on a wide variety of play committees. Forming now are publicity, patrons, box office, advertisement, costumes, props, and program committees. Anyone interested in serving on a committee, trying out, or with questions please call the LAAC office. Play committee meetings will be held on June 24 and July 13 at 7 p.m. at the LAAC center. Tryouts will be held on Aug. 3, 4, and 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the center. With 11 cast members, there is a part for any age group in this space comedy.

# Voting electorate produces tight tally

Just 20 votes separated the three candidates who were running for two Lowell Board of Education seats. Nancy Hopkins and Mark Lessens garnered the two highest vote counts in winning four-year terms.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A mere 20 votes separated the three candidates vying for the two Lowell School Board seats. "It tells us there were three good candidates to choose from," said Bert Bleke, Lowell Schools superintendent. "Competition like this is good for the community

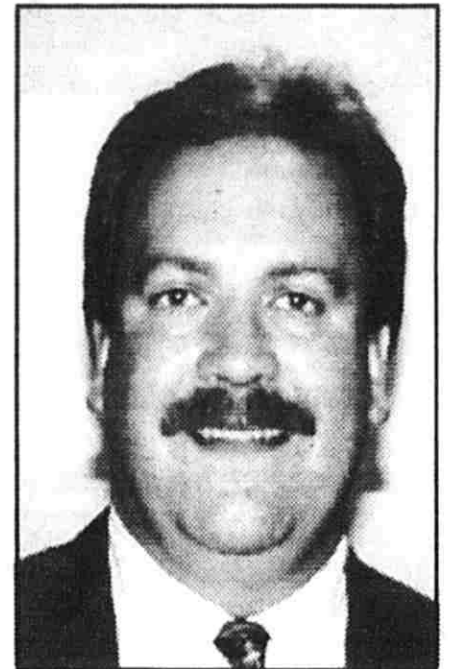


CANDIDATE	Pct. #1	Pct. #2	Pct. #3	Totals
• Deb Canfield	225	33	146	404
• Nancy Hopkins	218	35	171	424
• Mark Lessens	212	39	165	416

and great for the school district. The unfortunate thing is that only two of the candidates could win." The election brought out 702 registered voters. Nancy Hopkins garnered 424 votes, the highest number of the three candidates. "Becoming a candidate and going through the election process was a worthwhile experience," Hopkins explained. The election supported what Hopkins already believed were the district's strengths. "It brought into focus what I thought - that Lowell is a quality school district, that it had strong leadership at the board and administrative levels, and that the involvement and interest of parents was also very strong," she explained. Hopkins said an opportunity to be involved in the planning process is why she decided to get involved. Mark Lessens received 416 votes while Deb Canfield tallied 404. "It's my first time running for an elected office. I am very happy and pleased to have won a seat on the board of education," Lessens explained. "I think all three of us (candidates) did a good job of encouraging and getting people out to vote. I am just amazed at how close the election was. I feel for Deb because of what happened a year ago." Canfield missed being elected onto the board in 1998



Nancy Hopkins



Mark Lessens

The race for the two board seats was decided in Precinct III (Vergennes Township) where Hopkins picked up 171 votes and Lessens 165, separating themselves from Canfield who tallied 146. Both Hopkins and Lessens will serve four-year terms. They replace Jack Lane, who served 12 years on the board of education, and Ann Mulder who sat on the board for five-and-a-half years.

Editor's Note: Last week's edition of The Lowell Ledger failed to print the entire board of education election story.

## Piano donated to TOTS program

Children in the Runciman TOTS program will have some new furniture to gather around next fall. Jim and Carol Nauta, of 10376 3 Mile Rd., donated a piano and sheet music valued at \$950 to the program. Nautas' gift was one of four accepted by the school district. Byron Johnson donated an electric stove valued at \$450 to be used by Unity High School to teach cooking skills. Al Heemstra donated a refrigerator valued at \$450 to be used by Unity High School to teach economic skills. The United Methodist Women of Lowell United Methodist Church donated kitchen utensils valued at \$250 to be used by Unity High School.



## Lion Inductees

Michigan Lions District Gov. Judy Van Aman (left) inducts Jerry Churches and Dr. James Dumas into the Alto Lions Club. Both new members were sponsored by Lions member, Dale Johnson. Alto Lions' membership is now 38. Alto Lions president Barry Breckon also presented Lions member George Anderson with an award for sponsoring 10 new members into the club since its charter in 1975.

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# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

**PUBLIC HEARING OF JUNE 14, 1999**  
**PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGETS** - The Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed 1999-2000 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
**REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 1999**  
**MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** - The Board presented the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award to Dr. Jill VanAntwerp and Chris VanAntwerp for their outstanding service to the students and community members of Lowell.  
**BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS** - Board president, Pete Gustafson, presented Jack Lane and Ann Mulder with plaques in appreciation for their service on the Board of Education.  
**ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following gifts:  
 • Byron Johnson donation of an electric stove valued at \$450 to be used by Unity High School to teach cooking skills.  
 • Al Heemstra donation of a refrigerator valued at \$450 to be used by Unity High School to teach home economics skills.  
 • United Methodist Women of Lowell United Methodist Church donation of kitchen utensils valued at \$250 to be used by Unity High School.  
 • Jim and Carol Nauta donation of a piano and sheet music valued at \$950 to be used by the Runciman TOTS Program.  
 • Awarded the workers compensation bid to Hinds - VanderPoorte-Manz for Amerisure  
 • Adopted the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) Resolution for the 1999-2000 school year  
 • Approved Tammy Mosher and Evelyn Zalis as members of the Parents' Advisory for Special Education Committee.  
**DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE REPORT** - Kate Dernocour presented the Demographics Task Force Report to the Board of Education. Bert reported that the community, school board members, and staff will get a chance to look in-depth at the report and that a game plan will be formulated for the upcoming months.  
**MEAP UPDATE** - Jim White gave a brief report on the MEAP results. Scores were somewhat down and Bert Bleke reported that the schools will take a look at how to address these concerns.  
**ELECTION RESULTS** - Pete Gustafson announced the unofficial election results which revealed Nancy Hopkins and Mark Lessens as the new Board members.  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke thanked everyone for a great school year. He stated that he understood the controversy over the food service issue and that the administration would work with staff to make sure this is a successful venture. Bert thanked the Demographics Committee for their hard work and also thanked Jack Lane and Ann Mulder for their contributions on the Board of Education.  
**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
 Tues. June 29, 1999 - 7:25 a.m.  
 Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room  
**Organizational Meeting**  
 Mon. July 12, 1999 - 7:00 p.m.  
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**Regular Board Meeting**  
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# Lowell Middle School fourth marking period honor roll

The Lowell Middle School has released the names of the students achieving the fourth marking period honor roll.

## SIXTH GRADE

Nathan Arnett, Katie Baker, Rebecca Batt, Laura Baum, Meghan Beachum, Katrina Beatson, Kristin Befus, Jennifer Blattner, Lerin Bommarito, Karl Bouwhuis, Jeffrey Braden, Hillary Briggs, Sean Butterworth, Paul Buttrick, Kaitlyn Callihan, Kelly Carson, Alyssa Coffey, Devon Collins, Erin Craig, Jason Crandell, Matthew D'Agostino, Abigail Debiak, Kalen DeCenzo, Melody Dernocoour, David Devroy III, Andrea Dewey, Jamal Dhayni, Jenna Dickerman, Joshua Dietz, Matthew Dood, Timothy Droese, Julie Dunn, Joseph Dykhuizen, Kevin Eggebeen, Roya Eshragh, Danielle

Ettinger, Matthew Fink, Matthew Flanagan, Audrey Fleet, Kelly Foote, Lindsay Foster, Keegan Geldersma, Emily Gerard, Nicole Gibbs, Rachael Gilliard, Kevin Gillman, Nicole Glover, Rachael Goeman, Benjamin Graham, Amanda Gunberg, Daniel Harden, Alan Hasso, Rebecca Heinicke, Tyler Hoard, Devon Huisman, Josiah Hull, Jodi Hutchinson, Haley Irwin, Brian Janeschek, Jonathan Sper, Jessica Stephens, John Stevens, Jessica Stinchcomb, Megan Stubbs, Nichole Swift, Lauren Thomas, Stephani Thompson, Chantal Todociuk, Maliree Trierweiler, Heather VanderHeide, Lauren VanHouten, Tiffany Venneman, Ashley Waldron, Jonathan Walker, Sean Walsh, Catherine Ward, Jason Welsch, Kurt Werny, Rachelle Wernet, Henry Westerhuis, Jenna White, Gregory Wierenga, Michael

Nicholas Myers, Nicholas Olson, Kelsy Payne, Mandy Phillips, Karis Prill, Justin Quist, Amanda Rau, Timothy Ross, David Roth, Iain Scheid, Kayla Schuivens, David Sefton, Kyle Selli, Katherine Serne, Kyle Serne, Stephanie Sherry, Meghan Silverman, Hugh Skiffington, Dennis Smith Jr., Andrew Smith, Sarah Smith, Mitchel Solon, Allison Bault, Heather Becker, Evangeline Bender, Andrew Benedict, Aaron Benmark, Stefany Bieber, Andrea Black, Dereck Blackall, David Blair, Mellissa Blattner, Joe Blumm, Edward Boeve Jr., Amy Bogner, Amanda Bouwkamp, Daniel Brinks, Elizabeth Brower, Dennis Bruinekool, Rebecca Bruinekool, Zachary Butts, Elizabeth Carr, Renee Catlin, Jamie

Clark, Ashley Claypool, Christopher Corlett, Amanda Craig, Helen Crimmins, Christopher Curtis, James DeLiefde, Annie Didion, Christina Dixon, Nicholas DuBois, Thomas Eldridge, Nancy Elmer, Jennifer Emser, Heather Essich, Claire Evans, Jared Felling, Jamie Fink, Stacy Fleet, Christopher Gallagher, Stacy Grasman, Amanda Grochowalski, Mackenzie Hacker, Julie Halbeisen, Jessica Hamp, Matthew Hansen, Brendon Harden, Sarah Harmon, Daniel Harrison, Blair Hendrick, Mallarie Hiaeshutter, Zacharias Horan, Lynda Horsley, Katherine Huver, Andrew Ingraham, Taylor Jamison, Diane Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Matt Johnson, Stacy Jones, Andrew Jousma, Stephan Kansman, Ashley Kehoe, Brian Koehn, Leslie Koehn, Andrea Kropf, David

Kropf, Christopher Lechner, Kristen Lee, Melissa Liszewski, Jay MacDougall, Kristen Maki, Sarah Manion, Lariida Marker, Clayton Marvel, Tabitha May, Heather McCready, Cassandra McKinley, Jeffrey McPherson, Heather McQueen, Adam Meis, Daniel Miller, Jessica Miller, Andrew Min, Cara Mooney, Colin Moore, Sean Myers, Rachel Nawrocki, Emily Nurmikko, Dustin Osborne, Patrick Persons, Justin Peterson, Terese Phillips, Brian Randolph, Andrew Reed, Scott Riddle, Adrienne Ripley, Charles Roelofs, Erin Rolfe, Kyle Rozema, Tara Russo, Bayley Sadlak, Matthew Scheider, Paul Schellenberger, Amy Scheller, Corey Scudder, Wendy Seif, Megan Shellenbarger, Lindsey

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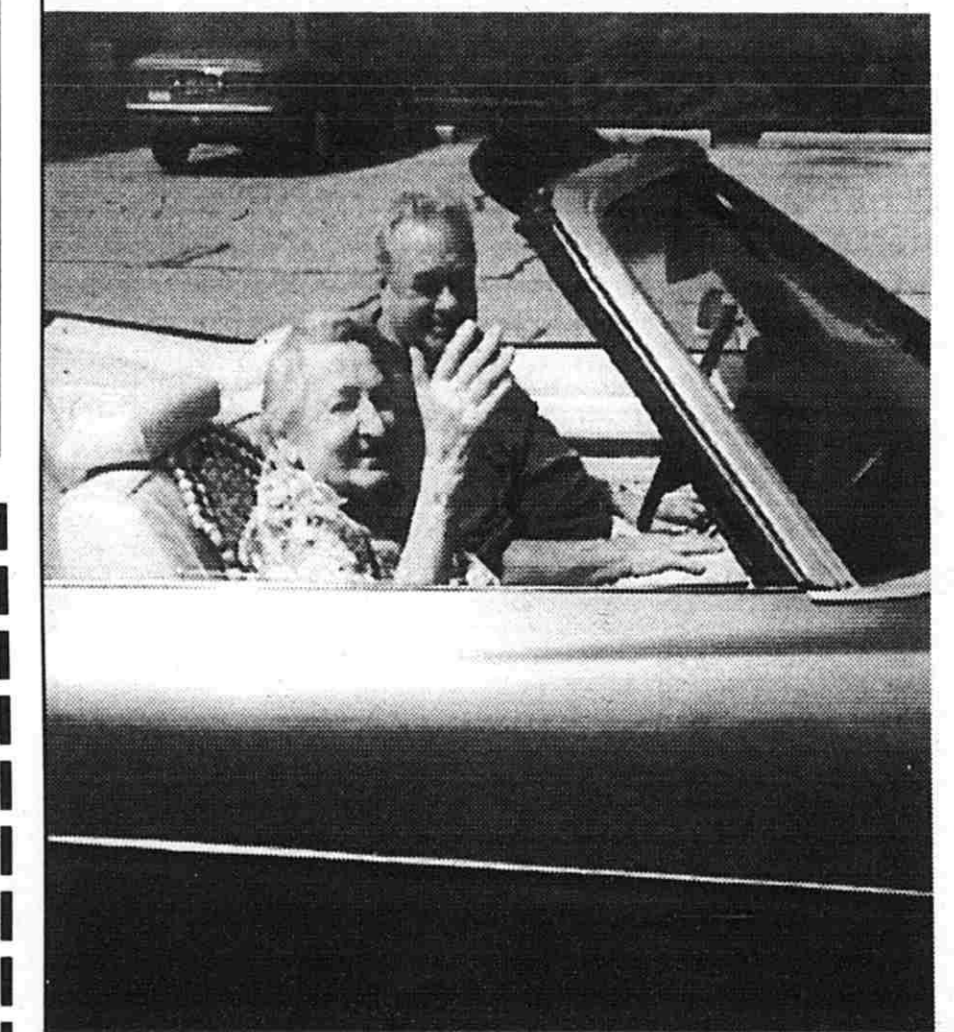


## "Numbers" for Laurels of Kent

Members of Life's A Stage Performing Arts Club participated in a community service project by performing at the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. Club members entertained residents with numbers from the children's musical, "The Castaways." Members of the 4H Club are Lisa Westbrook, Eric Westbrook, Chelsea Babler, Chris Wojcik, Chad Coulson, Aubrey and Arielle JerRue, Steve Koning, Christian Koning, Anna Parker, Kristin Overbeck, and Shelby Newman. They also performed at Festival '99 on the Kendall Stage.



## Father's Day Drive



Cumberland Retirement Village celebrated Father's Day early with a Father/Son Breakfast. After breakfast, croquet and horseshoes were played on the front lawn. Later in the day, the Grand Rapids Antique Car Club provided rides in eight of their cars to village residents in the rumble seat of a 1933 Ford owned by Dick Olmstead. Village residents Joseph and Mable Bishop celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary with a ride in a 1966 red Plymouth convertible owned by Carl Esakson. Residents were able to ride in all the cars over a 90-minute period.

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## New projector system to advance Lowell's performing arts facility

Lowell Area Schools is excited to announce the ability to install a video projector system in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. Through a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund/Grand Rapids Foundation, the long awaited equipment will be installed starting the last week of June.

Center coordinator, Richard Graham, said, "This will be a huge advancement for visual presentations at our facility." The equipment will allow VHS, S-VHS, Hi-8, DVD, and LaserDisk programs to be projected in an extremely professional manner. "We will have the added capability to use computer imaging from the stage or control room," said Graham.

Using the facility's 20 by 20 foot screen, the high resolution projector will fill it with a bright, consistent image using all of the input devices listed above. Graham added, "We also will be having two slide projectors installed as part of the projection system."

Originally a slide to video unit was included but it was less expensive to have the slide projectors installed with the added advantage of a much higher picture resolution.

Another part of the installation will include a document camera which will replace any applications for an overhead projector. All of the equipment can be activated from the control room or by a 'touch screen' portable remote that will be functional from anywhere in the performing arts center.

"We have been talking about this project for 4 1/2 years now and it's very satisfying to see it close to completion," Graham said, adding that "without the Lowell Area Community Fund, this project would be years away."



## Sharing Cultures

In an effort to create cultural understanding and remove any preconceived fears, Cherry Creek Elementary first-grade teacher Lani Rice and Grand Rapids' Alexander Elementary second-grade teacher Nancy Misner created a program in which their classrooms could work and learn together.

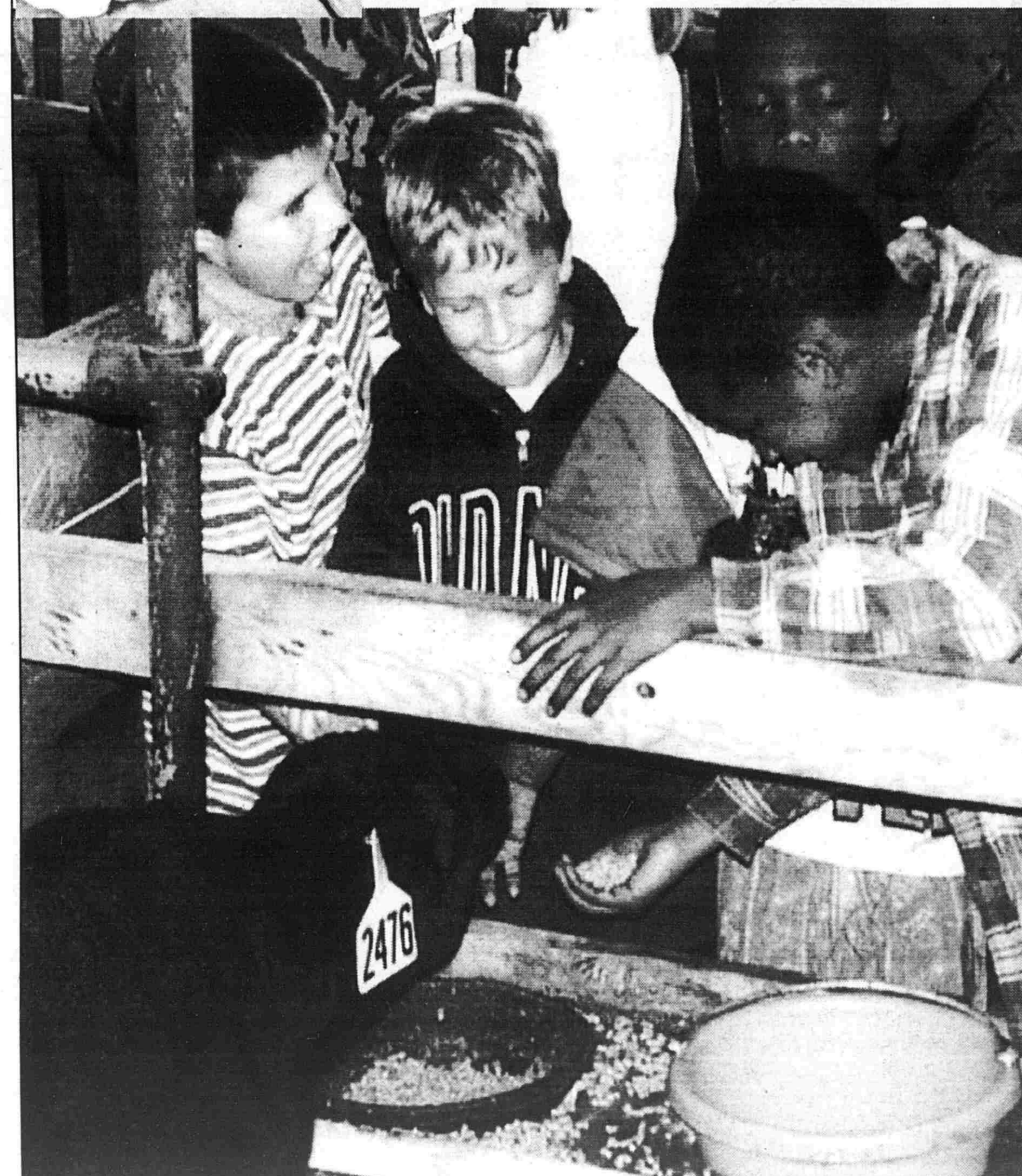
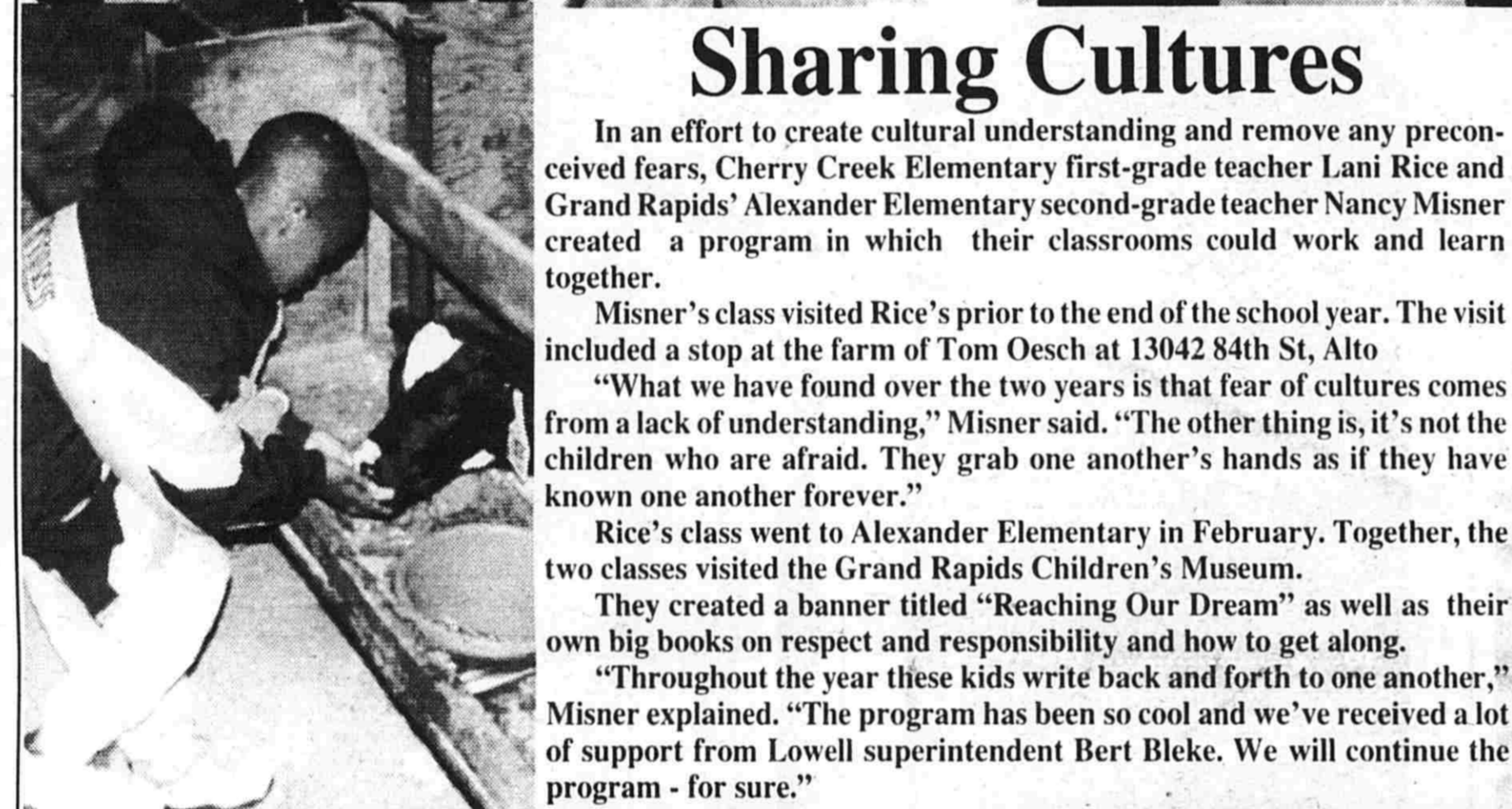
Misner's class visited Rice's prior to the end of the school year. The visit included a stop at the farm of Tom Oesch at 13042 84th St, Alto.

"What we have found over the two years is that fear of cultures comes from a lack of understanding," Misner said. "The other thing is, it's not the children who are afraid. They grab one another's hands as if they have known one another forever."

Rice's class went to Alexander Elementary in February. Together, the two classes visited the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

They created a banner titled "Reaching Our Dream" as well as their own big books on respect and responsibility and how to get along.

"Throughout the year these kids write back and forth to one another," Misner explained. "The program has been so cool and we've received a lot of support from Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke. We will continue the program - for sure."



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4	WOTV-41
5	FX
6	WGVU-35
7	WXMI-17
8	WOOD-8
9	WLNS-6
10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	SHOWTIME
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO
17	THE MOVIE CHANNEL
18	C-MAX
19	FAM
20	LOCAL PROG./WEATHER
21	MTV
22	VH-1
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A&E
31	FOX SPORTS
32	TNT
33	TBS
34	DISNEY
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39	COMEDY CENTRAL
40	WEATHER
41	HISTORY
42	AMC
43	WZPX-43
44	HOME & GARDEN
45	LIFETIME
46	TOON DISNEY
47	MSNBC
48	C-SPAN
49	EWTN

\* Denotes Premium Channels



FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25 THRU JULY 1

Dressed in Edith Head's Oscar-winning costumes, Audrey Hepburn won the 1954 Academy Award for best actress playing Princess Ann, the royal swept off her feet by American Joe Bradley (Gregory Peck) in *Roman Holiday*. The film is the subject of the first *Backstory* documentary, airing Sunday on American Movie Classics.

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SATURDAY MORNING JUNE 26, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various channels and program types (Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, Premium Channels).

GOLF
ESPN Fri. 1 p.m. Senior PGA Golf Ford Senior Players Championship -- Second Round. From the TPC of Michigan in Dearborn, Mich. (Live)
ESPN Fri. 3 p.m. PGA Golf Buick Classic -- Second Round. From the Westchester Country Club in Rye, N.Y. (Live)
FOXDT Sat. 12 p.m. Golf Villages Charity Challenge. From Tierra del Sol Golf Club in The Villages, Fla. (Taped)
WOTV Sat. 2 p.m. Senior PGA Golf Ford Senior Players Championship -- Third Round. From the TPC of Michigan in Dearborn, Mich. (Live) [E]

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SOCCER
ESPN Sat. 12 p.m. Women's Soccer World Cup -- Canada vs. Russia. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live)
ESPN Sat. 2:30 p.m. Women's Soccer World Cup -- Australia vs. China. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live)
ESPN Thu. 7 p.m. Women's Soccer World Cup Quarterfinal -- Teams to Be Announced. From Rajljon, Md. (Live)

BASEBALL
WGN Fri. 3:10 p.m. Major League Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field. (Live)
WGN Fri. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park. (Live)
TBS Fri. 7:35 p.m. Major League Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field. (Live) [E]
WXMI Sat. 1 p.m.; WSYM Sat. 1 p.m. Major League Baseball Regional Coverage -- New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles or Cincinnati Reds at Houston Astros. (Live) [E]
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SATURDAY EVENING/LATE NIGHT JUNE 26, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, June 26, 1999. Columns include time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, June 26, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (3-13) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, June 26, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (13-15) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 27, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Morning, June 27, 1999. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Morning, June 27, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (13-25) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Morning, June 27, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (13-15) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 27, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Afternoon, June 27, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Afternoon, June 27, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (13-25) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

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MONDAY EVENING JUNE 28, 1999. Broadcast Channels: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLA, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX. Cable Channels: FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TNN, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN.

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Harpers U.P. bound; begin work on bed & breakfast

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Carol Harper refers to the 27 years she has spent with her husband Tom as a mixed marriage.

"He's a troll and I'm a Yooper," she explains. "We used to wave to one another on the bridge. He was going north and I was going south."

Actually, that isn't too far from the truth. The girl from Engadine and the boy from St. Johns first met while attending Lake Superior State College.

"We got married just before I took a job at Lowell," Tom Harper says.

That was 27 years ago. The Harpers have lived in the same house in Lowell, at 13318 Beckwith Dr., for the past 23 years.

During that same period of time, Tom has served as an eighth-grade math teacher for the Lowell School District, the assistant high school wrestling coach for 15 years, and the middle school wrestling coach for 12 years.

For the past nine years, Carol has served as the director of food service for Lowell Area Schools. In each of those nine years, the food service program has operated in the back; and has enjoyed in-

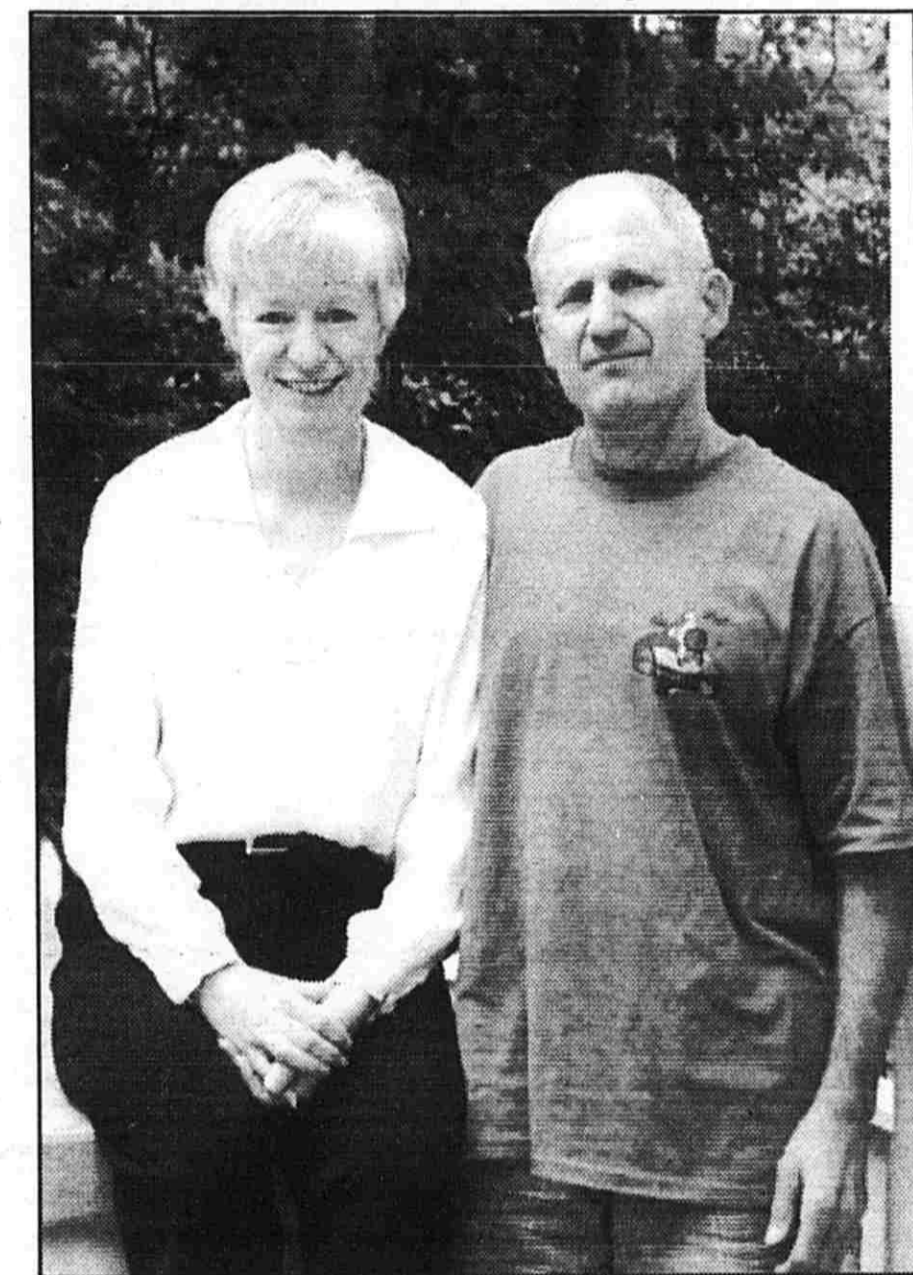
creased participation. "Lowell's lunch program now offers more choices to students than ever before," Harper explains.

Harper says she would have preferred that the school district to hire someone to oversee the lunch program as

she has and as did Marilyn Bovee before her, rather than contracting with a private sector.

The Harpers announced earlier in the year that the 1998-99 school year would be their last.

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON SPECIAL TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Township of Grattan on July 13, 1999, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the following local proposals:

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.

Voting shall take place at the following polling location: Grattan Township Hall 12050 Old Belding Road, NE, Belding, MI 48809

The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended:

STATEMENT OF ALL VOTED INCREASES IN THE TOTAL TAX RATE LIMITATION

I, Kenneth Parrish, Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of May 20, 1999, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Grattan Township, is as follows:

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Kenneth D. Parrish Treasurer, Kent County

This Notice is given by the Township of Grattan.

Peggy A. Gurney, Clerk Township of Grattan

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on July 7, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Joseph Knauf, owner of property located at 1950 Parnell, Lowell, MI 49331, in the NW 1/4 of Section 17, is requesting a variance to place a home occupation sign closer to the road and higher than the ordinance requires and to display home occupation items for sale by the road and driveway where the ordinance requires items to be enclosed in a building (201.430 B 3). A variance is also requested for rental storage (201.304 C 10 special exceptions) on acreage of less than 40 acres (39.67 acres) and to store vehicles outside rather than in an enclosed building as the ordinance requires.

Michael and Colleen Lenihan, owners of property located at 11960 Finn, Lowell, MI 49331, in the SE 1/4 of Section 9, is requesting a variance to place a horse stall in a building located less than the required front 150 foot setback (201.404 B).

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be discussing ordinance 201.413 "Lighting and screening requirements" to make a second determination of lighting at 9694 3 Mile Rd at Boynton, in the NW 1/4 of Section 7 as to possible nuisance or annoyance to adjoining premises or to the traveling public on public highways. A copy of ordinance 201.413 is available for viewing at the township offices.

Wayne Willemstein, owner of property located at 13046 Lincoln Hills Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, in the SW 1/4 of Section 11, is requesting a variance to build a pole barn 10 feet from the side lot line where 25 feet is required. (201.304 F 2).

The complete applications can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the township office prior to 6 p.m. on July 7, 1999.

Tim Howard, Chairman

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# Pasquale delivers first state of city address

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It wasn't quite the Oval Office and it wasn't made with the same delivery as that "Man from Hope," but it did accomplish its objectives.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale delivered his first State of the City address at Monday night's Lowell City Council meeting.

It touched on challenges and goals facing the city along with the growth it has inherited over the years.

For the past six years, the city has averaged 78 building permits per year providing an investment of almost \$18 million to the community. Additionally, the city's taxable property value has risen from 67.8 million dollars in 1994 to

82.2 million dollars this year or a 21 percent increase in six years.

"Growth can easily be seen on the West Main Street commercial corridor, numerous homes and improvement projects and several industrial upgradings over these past years," Pasquale added.

With growth, come challenges that come with it. "There will be new demands for infrastructure, particularly streets and utilities. Finding revenues for necessary improvements will be a formidable task," Pasquale said. "Further, state revenue sharing for roads has not been at the levels necessary to meet growth demands."

Pasquale went on to mention the challenge in restoration and renovation of the downtown's historical buildings and the need for additional space at City Hall and the police station.

"With greater demands for more park and recreation facilities, the city must find cooperative means with the schools as well as Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships to meet the growth," Pasquale said.

Goals for the coming year are:

- Initiating bonding for Downtown Development Authority improvement projects totalling \$1.3 million.

- Continuing to support the Downtown Historic District Commission's efforts to preserve and upgrade downtown buildings.

- Providing a street and sidewalk master plan.
- Seeking cooperation with Lowell Area Schools and Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships to construct a new \$6.9 million community swimming facility.

"While the projects have been mentioned in our goals, the city must never forget its service to its citizens," Pasquale concluded.

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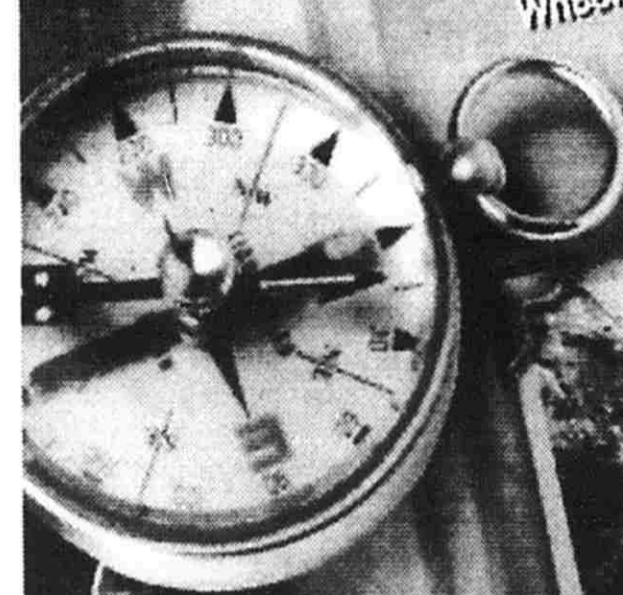
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For qualified retail lessees. Based on MSRP examples of Grand Cherokee Laredo 4-wheel drive with 26F pkg. and Cherokee Sport 4-wheel drive with 26J pkg. after application of \$1,200 consumer lease cash (Cherokee Sport). Also assumes dealer participation of \$1,870 (Grand Cherokee Laredo) and \$1,180 (Cherokee Sport), which may affect final price. Due at signing: down payment of \$1,025 (Grand Cherokee Laredo) and \$999 (Cherokee Sport), 1\* mo.'s pmt., and security deposit of \$0 (Grand Cherokee Laredo) and \$275 (Cherokee Sport). Pay for excess wear and mileage of \$0.15/mi. for each mile over 12,000 mi/yr. if vehicle returned at end of term. Offers end 7/6/99. Dealer has details. \*\*Offer applies to both Sport and Sahara models. Dealer participation may affect final price. Jeep is a registered trademark of Daimler-Chrysler.