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## House fire revives talks of where medical and fire calls should be received

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The first call regarding the house fire at 717 Amity St. on Tuesday (June 22) went out to 911 at 3:14 p.m.

The second and third calls made by neighbors were within a minute and a half of the first 911 call.

The Lowell Police Department was notified of the fire at the home of Dan Adastik at 3:19 p.m. It then called Kent County to see if the information had been trunked to the center that dispatches the Lowell Fire Department.

"They said they were in the process of toning out the signal," said Lowell police chief Jim Valentine.

The signal was toned out to the fire department at 3:21 p.m.... which raised the question - why such a delay from the time the first call was received to the time it was toned out to the fire department.

The simple answer appears to be that the 911 fire calls do not go directly to the center (Kent County) which dispatches to the Lowell Fire Department.

Instead the calls go to the Walker dispatch who then trunks it out to Kent County Fire who then tones out the Lowell Fire Department.

This process was put into place when Lowell switched its police service from Kent County to the Walker dispatch. "We made the switch because Walker is a smaller operation and could provide Lowell with a better service," Valentine explained.

Valentine said Kent County's policy is that medical

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## M-21 stretch between Lowell and Ada to reopen

.... MDOT officials say the two-lane highway will be open no later than Friday morning and possibly as soon as Thursday afternoon

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A new concept which was started with a value engineer proposal to expedite construction seems to be working.

The six-mile M-21 stretch between Lowell and Ada was slated to take 18 weeks to get through the leveling stage. Instead it will take 18 days.

Ray Browsers, Greenville transportation service center delivery engineer, said M-21, from Lowell to Ada, will be reopened no later than Friday morning and possibly as early as Thursday afternoon.

"We're pleased with the expedited construction," Browsers said. "We were able to cut 15 weeks off the construction schedule."

The top course of asphalt and striping was put down Friday and Saturday, as crews worked until 9 p.m. on both days.

The M-21 portion (Main Street) in Lowell is scheduled to be open to two-way traffic by July 8, putting contractors three weeks ahead of schedule.

The interim date to reopen the M-21 portion in Lowell was Aug. 7.

Browsers warned that meeting the July 8th date will be weather dependent.

Family Fare store director Bob Teitsma said the grocery store has held up pretty good, but is pleased with how construction has been expedited.

"Family Fare sent out fliers in an effort to help get

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## Rodeo and fireworks to highlight July 4th weekend

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A familiar tradition of the past will revisit Lowell on Saturday, July 3.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the return of fireworks to the Lowell community.

The fireworks spectacular will be put on by Pyro Technique of Belding at a cost of \$5,000. The fireworks display will take place at Stoney-Lakeside Park.

The cost is being funded by the Downtown Development Authority and the Laurels of Kent.

Fireworks will share the spotlight with Grand Stampede II which will take place July 2-4 at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds.

Ushering in the Grand Stampede II on Saturday, July 3, will be the Chamber's rodeo parade at 1 p.m.

It will start on Jackson Street, proceed south to Main St., then west on Main to Broadway and then south on Broadway to the fairgrounds.

Parade registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

RS Rodeo Productions will sponsor the Grand Stampede II. It will include three rodeo performances (one each evening at 7:30 p.m.) and a Michigan Ropers Association team roping event. From 4 until 7 p.m. on Saturday, B-93 will do a live remote from the fairgrounds.

The rodeo will include bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, saddle bronco, barrel-racing and bull riding.

Tickets for the rodeo are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children six-12 and free for kids five and under. A three-day

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## Rock Worthy?

.... Lowell Charter Township residents question if graffiti is worthy of "Ye Old Kissing Rock." They would like to see it kept in line with the naturalness of the surrounding area.

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township's famous landmark, the Kissing Rock boulder, is being attacked by too



Some Lowell Charter Township residents question if this was the intended use for the Kissing Rock.

much unwanted and unnecessary graffiti.

Fred Talbot, of 3362 Kissing Rock Ave., a resident since 1959, would like

to organize a group of concerned citizens to keep the rock clean and more in tune with the naturalness of the surrounding area.

"It used to just say 'Ye Old Kissing Rock' in Gothic

script originally," the retired Talbot explains, "but now it's covered in graffiti and even four letter words!"

Lowell Charter Township supervisor

John Timpson would like to see the stone sandblasted and restored to its original appearance.

"Maybe we can get the

Kent County Road Commission to put up a cyclone fence with a gate and lock around it as well," Timpson said.

Talbot complains that the rock has way too many different colors of spray paint and is really an ugly eyesore.

"It's now like a psychedelic stone for a bebop band. Maybe we could hire a real good sign painter and artist

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# OBITUARIES

**AVERY** - Hoyt Louis Avery, aged 75, of AuTrain, passed away at his home with his family and Lake Superior Hospice Care at 1:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 1999. Hoyt was born on May 5, 1924, to the late Norton and Ruby (Willette) Avery in Lansing. He graduated from Lansing Central High School in 1941 and married Dorothy

L. Steward on April 16, 1943. He entered into the U.S. Army in December of 1943 and proudly served his country during WWII with the 227th General Hospital in France. He returned to Saranac where he farmed for 10 years and in 1956, he and his wife started Avery Color Studios producing color photos of his scenic photography of Michigan. He

lived in Saranac and Lowell areas until 1969 when he moved to AuTrain where he and his wife owned and operated Avery Color Studios, Paulsen House Museum and Gifts, and the Hiawatha Folk Craft & Art Center. He retired from the business in 1995. Hoyt was a member of the American Legion Post in Munising and attended Limestone Baptist Church. Survivors include: his wife of over 56 years, Dorothy L. Avery; his children Mary (Terry) Fletcher of Muir, Ronald Avery of AuTrain, Anita (Michael) McCollum of AuTrain; daughter-in-law Cathy Brown Avery of Saranac; brother Keith (Carol) Avery of Roswell, NM; nine loving grandchildren Tom (Shelly) Avery of Escanaba, Traci (Shawn) Sadler of Munising, Brian, Daniel, and Craig Fletcher, Lisa (Brent) Wandell, all of Muir, Brandi (Phillip) Beukema of Green Bay, WI, Michael and Becky McCollum of AuTrain, and eight great-grandchildren Nicole and Natalie Avery, Jarett, Madison, and Hunter Sadler, Autumn, Siana, and Brandi Beukema; sister-in-

law Ramona (Joe) Griffith of Silver Lake, Indiana, and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Hoyt was preceded in death by his son Tom Avery who passed away on April 26, 1999, and by his in-laws, Melvin and Olive Steward. A Memorial Service was conducted at Bowerman Funeral Home on Monday by Rev. Ted Jolls, pastor of the Limestone Baptist Church. Cards may be addressed to Dorothy Avery, N. 7034 Shady Ln., AuTrain, MI 49806.

**CONLEY** - Mr. Jack L. Conley, aged 81, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday morning June 24, 1999 at Bishop Hills Elder Care Community. Jack was general manager of George T. Griffin Trucking and with his family owned Murray Lake Marina from 1961-1977. He had a very dry sense of humor and was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. His cabin in the Upper Peninsula had a special place in his heart. Jack is survived by his wife, the former Josephine "Jo" VanderStiel, whom he married September 6, 1946; his children Jackie and Howard Sullivan of Wyoming, Beth and Robert Bogert of Caledonia, Larry and Lee Ann Conley of Walker, Tim and Nancy Conley of Grand Rapids and Terry and Marilyn Conley of Lowell; 10 grandchildren Kelly (Robert) VanDuinen, Christine (Larry) VandenToorn, Lori (Bob)

McKellar, Michelle (Derrick) Rodriguez, Jack Conley, Tara Jo Conley, Jennifer Conley, Trevor Conley, Brian Conley and Casey Conley; seven great-grandchildren; brother Robert (Mary Jo) Conley of Battle Creek; sister-in-law Mrs. Cora Brown of Wyoming and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Jack was held Monday at Pederson Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Hutchinson officiating. Cremation has taken place. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Visiting Nurse Hospice.

**JUNGLES** - Mrs. Betty Jean Junglas, aged 70, of Newaygo, formerly of Byron Center, died Friday, June 25, 1999, at Spectrum Health-Downtown Campus. She married Kenneth Lyle Junglas on June 25, 1948, in Goshen, IN, and he preceded her in death on April 18, 1992. Surviving are her children Celia Peterlein of Newaygo, Howard and Patti Junglas of Newaygo, Ken Jr. and Kathy Junglas of Lowell, Barbara and Marshall Rekus of Grand Rapids; son-in-law Robert Peterlein of Newaygo; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister Bernice and Roger Voss of Holland; brother Wayne Poppema of Walker. Memorial Services were held from the American Legion Post #381 - Newaygo on Tuesday, June 29, 1999. Memorials to the American Legion Make-a-Wish Foundation.

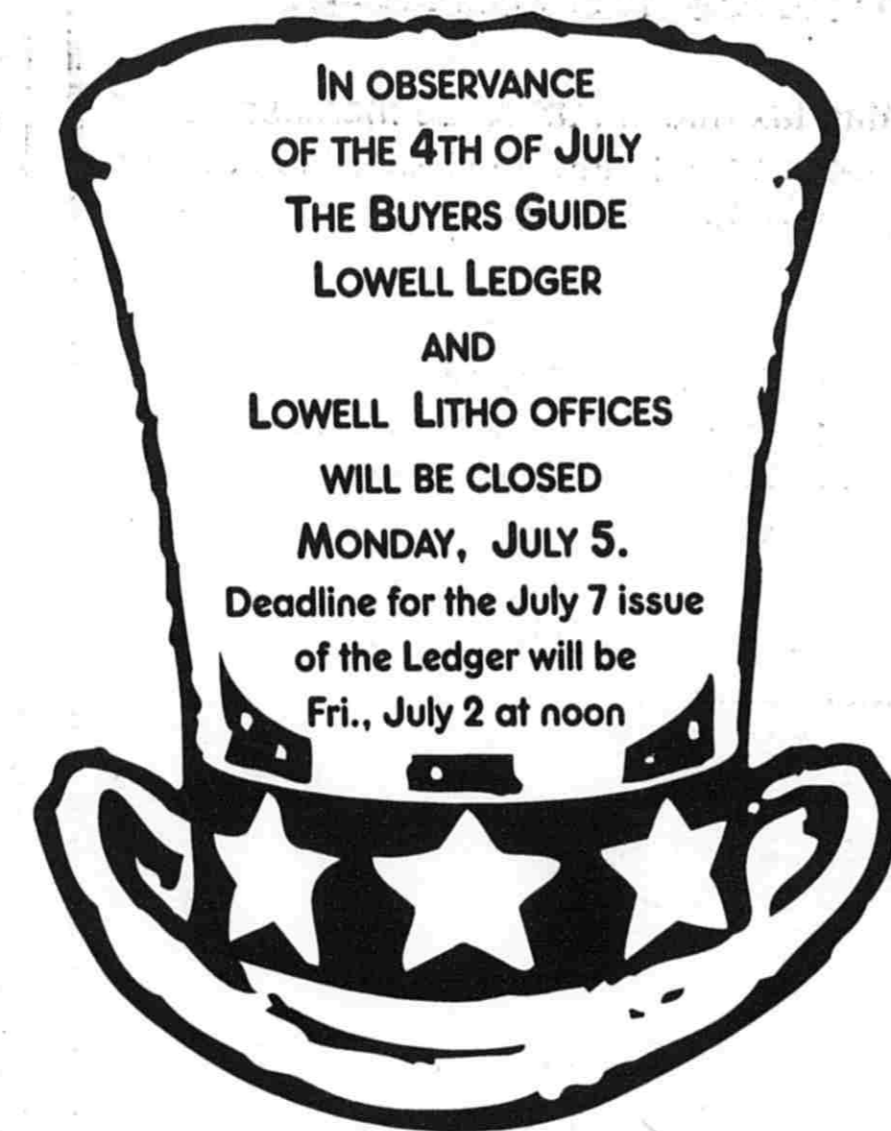
**LUSK** - Alice E. Lusk, of Sparta. Alice's life began October 16, 1923, in Walker, the daughter of Barney and Lucille (Joslyn) Molinosky. Alice grew up on her family's farm in Saranac. Later after she married Louis S. Lusk, she moved to Grand Rapids for a short time and then to Sparta where she has spent the majority of her life. Alice always had a love for music. She enjoyed playing the organ and also loved to dance when she was younger. Over the past few years, Alice enjoyed playing bingo and monitoring her police scanner radio at her home. Members of Alice's family include her children who live in Sparta, Stan Lusk and his wife Marie, Steve Lusk, Greg "Skip" Lusk; sisters Doris Frisinger of Trufant, Eleanor Shimmel of Ada, Mildred Diamond and her husband Jack of Saranac, Marilyn Talcott and her husband Bill of Saranac, Lois Heckman and her husband Chuck of Shelbyville; a sister-in-law Pauline Molinosky of Ada and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Alice was preceded in death by her husband in 1993; brothers Russell Molinosky who died in combat during WWII, Richard Molinosky; sisters Esther Evans and Marguerite Rice as well as her parents. Alice died Thursday, June 24, 1999, at Spectrum Health Care. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations in Alice's memory may be made to Sparta Fire, Rescue and Police Department.

## KDL News:

For our friends who live in Australia, Christmas comes in December when it is warm and sunny—more like our Fourth of July. What better time than July to celebrate an Australian "Pommie Christmas" featuring authentic Australian customs, food (that may include the Australian favorite vegemite) and Christmas ornament craft based on Aboriginal art designs.

The program will be offered at the Alto Branch Library, on Tuesday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information call the Kent District Library at 336-3250 or the Alto Branch at 868-6038.



# 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:

By Kent County:	.84 Mill 1990 to 2009 Incl .25 Mill 1998-2005 Incl
By Grattan Township:	None
By Belding Area Schools:	None
By Lowell Area Schools:	18 Mills 1996 to 2000 Incl
By Rockford Public Schools:	18 Mills 1995 to 1999 Incl

Date: 5/20/99

Kenneth D. Parrish  
Treasurer, Kent County

This Notice is given by the Township of Grattan.

Peggy A. Gurney, Clerk  
Township of Grattan



Pictured above, Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford general manager Ron Russell presented Twila Apol and her family with the keys to the new Ford Explorer. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ron Russell; sitting in the car are Twila Apol and her son Lucas and standing to their left are Tim Apol and their daughter Christianna.

## Apol family wins Ford Explorer

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tim Apol chose to stay home Saturday and finish a tile project before company arrived. His wife, Twila, and their two children Lucas (10) and Christianna (three) left him to his work as they drove out to Parnell for the St. Patrick's Summer Festival.

During their visit, Twila Apol purchased six Ford Explorer raffle tickets from Wendy Jeffrey, the wife of car raffle chairman Charlie Jeffrey.

"I usually put Tim's name on tickets, but this time I chose to put my own name on the tickets," Twila explained.

It was a choice her husband could live with. On Sunday, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Twila received a call from Jeffrey informing her that she had won the 1999 Ford Explorer raffle.

"I didn't believe him at first. My husband and my brother-in-law had just left the house a few minutes earlier and I thought they were playing a prank on the car phone," Twila said.

No prank. The Apol family picked up their new car on Monday at Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell.

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and fire calls must be received at the center that dispatches for the police department - thus any fire calls go to Walker before being trucked over to Kent County.

This set up a scenario whereby a Lowell firefighter heard about the fire before it was toned out by Kent County. The firefighter heard Lowell's inquiry as to whether the county had toned out the call.

"From the time the call is received until the time it is toned out is a concern," Valentine said. "The department has initiated talks before about having medical and fire calls received at Kent County, the center that dispatches them."

The police chief said he will continue to try to get this

change made.

Melissa Miles, of 718 Lincoln Lake, said she smelled smoke around 2:30 p.m. on her way out of the house, but thought it was kids playing with smoke bombs.

"I returned at 3 p.m. and noticed the air conditioner at Dan Adastik's home (717 Amity) was engulfed in flames," Miles explained. "I immediately called 911."

Miles' husband, Jim, thinking their neighbors might still be in the house (they weren't), went over and kicked in the back door, but the smoke and heat were too great to do any further checking, according to his wife.

Another neighbor said they put in a 911 call and were put

on hold three times before they were patched through to Kent County dispatch. "What I didn't know is that 911 calls are connected to Walker and then patched over to Kent County."

The neighbor, not wanting to be identified, said she finally told them that the house would be burned down before anyone got there.

Kelly Baker, of 701 Amity, said the phone rang 20 times before she got an answer from 911.

Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said the fire which destroyed the \$75,000 home started near the electrical panel.

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people to the store," Teitsma explained.

Lowell Food Mart owner Abdul Fassia said the work performance by contractors has been excellent.

Railroad work in Ada will start July 16 with street work expected to begin on July 26. It is anticipating a three-week time frame.

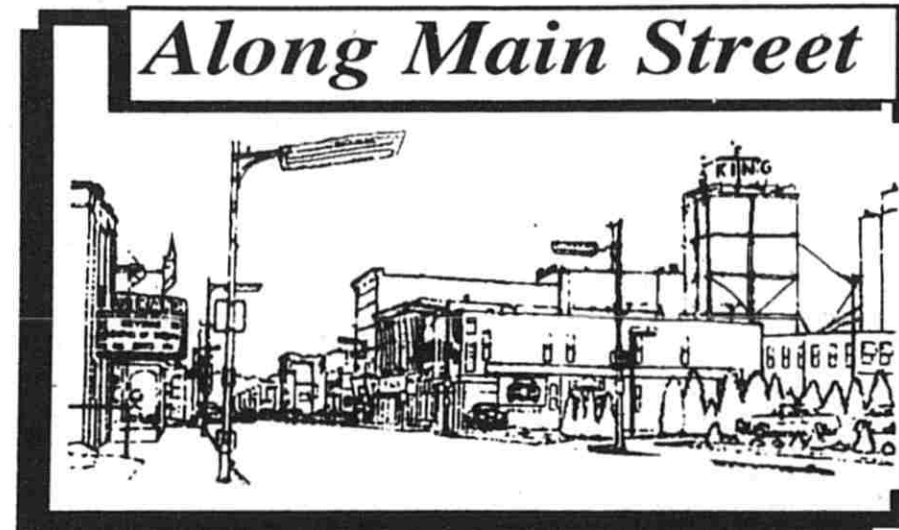
While there will be no detours, the four lanes will be reduced to two, creating some traffic delays.

A portion of the work is scheduled to be completed at night.

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to just put the original slogan on it," he says. "It's a shame other people have to try to destroy what was once so lovely."

Others interested in helping improve the rock and area can contact Talbot at 897-9866. Kissing Rock Avenue is a designated natural beauty area where residents "adopted the road" to help preserve it.



**SHOWBOAT ENTERTAINMENT**  
A local group, Hit & Run Band, will perform tonight (June 30) at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free. In case of rain, the show will be cancelled. Next week, July 7, the First Baptist Church choir will perform.

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

**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. on Jackson Street and fireworks begin at dark from Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road. For more information and applications, call Liz at the Chamber office at 897-9161.

**COOKIE BAKERS WANTED**  
The Fallasburg Historical Society will host an old fashioned cookie baking contest to be judged July 11. For information and entry applications, please call 897-6711; leave your name, address and phone number and we will send you a form.

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adult pass is \$30.  
The cost to camp at the fairgrounds over the weekend is \$25 and that includes a stall for any camper which will be bringing a horse.  
Following Saturday night's rodeo, there will be an arena dance, with the country band "Elixir" providing the music.

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# TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on July 7, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Terry Nugent, a special land use, for approval of a private road to serve three parcels of land, commonly described as 14043 Six Mile Road and are legally described as follows:

The Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, the North 3/4 of the East 1/2 and the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 24, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use.

Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: June 23, 1999  
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Township Hall at 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a proposed Special Land Use Permit.

The Special Land Use Permit Application is for a proposed Multi-use single pole cellular type tower and an unmanned electronic equipment shelter on a leased 75x75 foot parcel.

Generally located at 12490 60th Street SE, Alto, MI 49302. And more fully described as follows: 41-24-03-200-001.

Any written comments regarding this Special Land Use Permit Application may be addressed to Sandy Kowalczyk, Clerk, Bowne Township Planning Commission, 6059 Linfield Ave. SE, PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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# Lowell Community Day at Old Kent Park

Lowell Little League Galaxy Signs and Awards team took to the field with the Grand Rapids Whitecaps, Sunday, in celebration of Lowell Community Day at Old Kent Park.

The Little League team earned the honor by selling the most tickets to the game, with over 700 tickets sold in the Lowell community. The event was organized locally by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. It raised \$1,400 which will be used toward the renovation of the new chamber office along Riverwalk Plaza.

Local organization and/or businesses which purchased 20 or more tickets were Cumberland Retirement Village, First Congregational Church of Lowell, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Galaxy

Signs & Awards, Harold Zeigler Ford, Huntington Banks, Ionia County National Bank, L.A. Trim, Life Touch Studios, Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Area Schools Transportation Dept., Lowell Lions Club, Lowell Little League, Lowell Rotary Club, Lowell Vision Center, Lowell YMCA, Lowell Youth Football, Speerstr Carr Insurance, Springrove Variety and Laurels of Kent.

The Lowell Rotary purchased 100 tickets which were distributed to needy area families.



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**SALE**  
Family clothing, Nintendo & Super Nintendo, tapes, race track, towel sets, pod, RV parts, TV, stereo, tape player, girls bike, bird cage, Little Tikes play table, Yamaha organ. 901 Flat River Dr., July 1, 2 & 3.

**LARGE GARAGE SALE**  
Fri. & Sat., July 2 & 3, 10 a.m. until 7:52 N. Lafayette. Household, easy-glider, jewelry, clothes, books, puzzles, computer, etc.

**MOVING SALE**  
at 7814 Timpson Ave. Thurs. & Fri., July 1 & 2, 8:30-4:30 p.m. Toddler & twin bed, entertainment center, TV, Soloflex, washer & dryer, portable dishwasher & more. All in good condition. Or call 868-0137.

**5-FAMILY SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., 9-5 p.m. 2880 N. Lincoln Lake. (1st. house N. of 3 Mile). Lots of baby-adult clothes, toys, household stuff, china, camcorder, etc.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Wed, Thurs, Fri. 30th - 2nd. Collectibles, household items, books, magazines, tools - 220 N. West St.,

**GARAGE SALE**  
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**YARD SALE**  
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**YARD SALE**  
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# CITY COUNCIL

## CITY OF LOWELL

### KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The adoption of the following Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Shores, seconded by Councilmember Myers.

**ORDINANCE NO. 99-2**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL**

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

- That the "Official Zoning Map" as referenced in Section 3.02 of Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to change the zone district classification of real property located at 1351 Bowes Road legally described from C-3 General Business District to LI Light Industrial District
- W 66 FT OF E 947 FT OF THAT PART OF SE 1/4 LYING S OF S LINE OF FULTON ST/100 FT WIDE/ EX N 400 FT ALSO W 29.91 FT OF E 881 FT OF THAT PART OF SE 1/4 LYING S OF S LINE OF FULTON ST/100 FT WIDE/EX N 330 FT ALSO W 53.09 FT OF E 851.09 FT OF THAT PART OF SE 1/4 LYING S OF S LINE OF FULTON ST/100 FT WIDE/EX N 300 FT\* SEC 3 T7N 9W 1.38 A.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lowell.

YEAS: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.  
NAYS: Councilmembers none.  
ABSENT: Councilmembers none.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

I, David M. Pasquale, City Clerk of the City of Lowell, do hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the Lowell City Council at a regular meeting held on June 21, 1999 and that the Ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger on June 30, 1999.

A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, during regular business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.





MONDAY - FRIDAY LATENIGHT JULY 2, 1999 - JULY 8, 1999. BROADCAST CHANNELS, CABLE CHANNELS, PREMIUM CHANNELS. Includes channels like WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WTLX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX, FX, MTV, VH1, WGN, CNN, ESPN, etc.

SATURDAY MORNING JULY 3, 1999. BROADCAST CHANNELS, CABLE CHANNELS, PREMIUM CHANNELS. Includes channels like WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WTLX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX, FX, MTV, VH1, WGN, CNN, ESPN, etc.

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ESPN Sun. 4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer World Cup Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. From Palo Alto, Calif. (Live)
ESPN Thu. 7:30 p.m. Major League Soccer San Jose Clash at Tampa Bay Mutiny. From Raymond James Stadium. (Live)

BICYCLING

WOTV Sat. 3 p.m.; WZZM Sat. 3 p.m. Cycling Tour de France. A stage of the world's most prestigious endurance cycling race. (Taped)
ESPN Sat. 3 a.m. Cycling Tour de France Prologue. The beginning of the world's most prestigious endurance cycling race. (Same-day Tape)

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SKATING

TNN Fri. 9 p.m. Rollerjam Founder's Cup Western Conference Final -- Nevada or Texas vs. California. From Universal Studios Florida in Orlando, Fla. (Taped)
TNN Fri. 10 p.m. Rollerjam Founder's Cup Eastern Conference Final -- Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)

RUGBY

FOXDT Wed. 1 p.m. Rugby France vs. New Zealand. (Taped)

BASEBALL

TBS Fri. 7:35 p.m. Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. From Shea Stadium. (Live)
WGN Fri. 8 p.m. Major League Baseball Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. From Comiskey Park. (Live)
FOXDT Fri. 8 p.m. Major League Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. (Live)
WXMI Sat. 1 p.m.; WSYM Sat. 1 p.m. Major League Baseball Regional Coverage -- Atlanta Braves at New York Mets or Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. (Live)
WGN Sat. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies. From Veterans Stadium. (Live)

AUTO RACING

WWTM Sat. 2:30 p.m.; WLNS Sat. 2:30 p.m. Auto Racing NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series -- Milwaukee 200. From the Milwaukee Mile in Milwaukee. (Live)
WWTM Sat. 8 p.m.; WLNS Sat. 8 p.m. Auto Racing NASCAR Winston Cup -- Pepsi 400. From Daytona International Speedway, Fla. (Live)
ESPN Sun. 5:30 a.m. Auto Racing Pikes Peak 18-Wheeler Hill Climb. From Pikes Peak, Colo. (Taped)

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SATURDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT JULY 3, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday evening/late night, including stations like WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX and their respective programs.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday evening/late night, listing various channels and their content.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday evening/late night, including HBO, Showtime, and others.

SUNDAY MORNING JULY 4, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday morning, including stations like WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX and their respective programs.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday morning, listing various channels and their content.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday morning, including HBO, Showtime, and others.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JULY 4, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday afternoon, including stations like WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX and their respective programs.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday afternoon, listing various channels and their content.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday afternoon, including HBO, Showtime, and others.

Advertisement for 'STRETCH YOUR ADVERTISING BUDGET!' featuring a cartoon character and the text 'RUN 1 Ad IN THIS SPACE - 4 WEEKS Only \$50!'.

Table of premium channels for Sunday afternoon, including HBO, Showtime, and others.

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

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Advertisement for 'Rookies' sports cards, featuring logos for MasterCard, Visa, and Star Wars, with text: 'Celebrating our 7th Anniversary! Rookies SPORTSCARDS PLUS CARDS • COMICS • COOL STUFF'.

Advertisement for Wittenbach automotive services, featuring logos for GM Goodwrench and Wittenbach, with text: 'LUBE, OIL CHANGE, FILTER \$17.95' and 'Real People-Real Difference'.

TUESDAY EVENING JULY 6, 1999. Broadcast Channels: Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, JAG, 60 Minutes II, 48 Hours, News, Late Show. Cable Channels: M\*A\*S\*H, Show Me the Funny, X-Files, The X-Files, etc.

PREMIUM CHANNELS. SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX. "The Odd Couple II", "U-Turn", "Vendetta", "Absolute Power", "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves".

WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 7, 1999. Broadcast Channels: Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, "A Perfect World", News, Late Show. Cable Channels: M\*A\*S\*H, Show Me the Funny, X-Files, The X-Files, etc.

PREMIUM CHANNELS. SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX. "Little Man Tate", "Mean Streets", "The Big Lebowski", "The Negotiator".

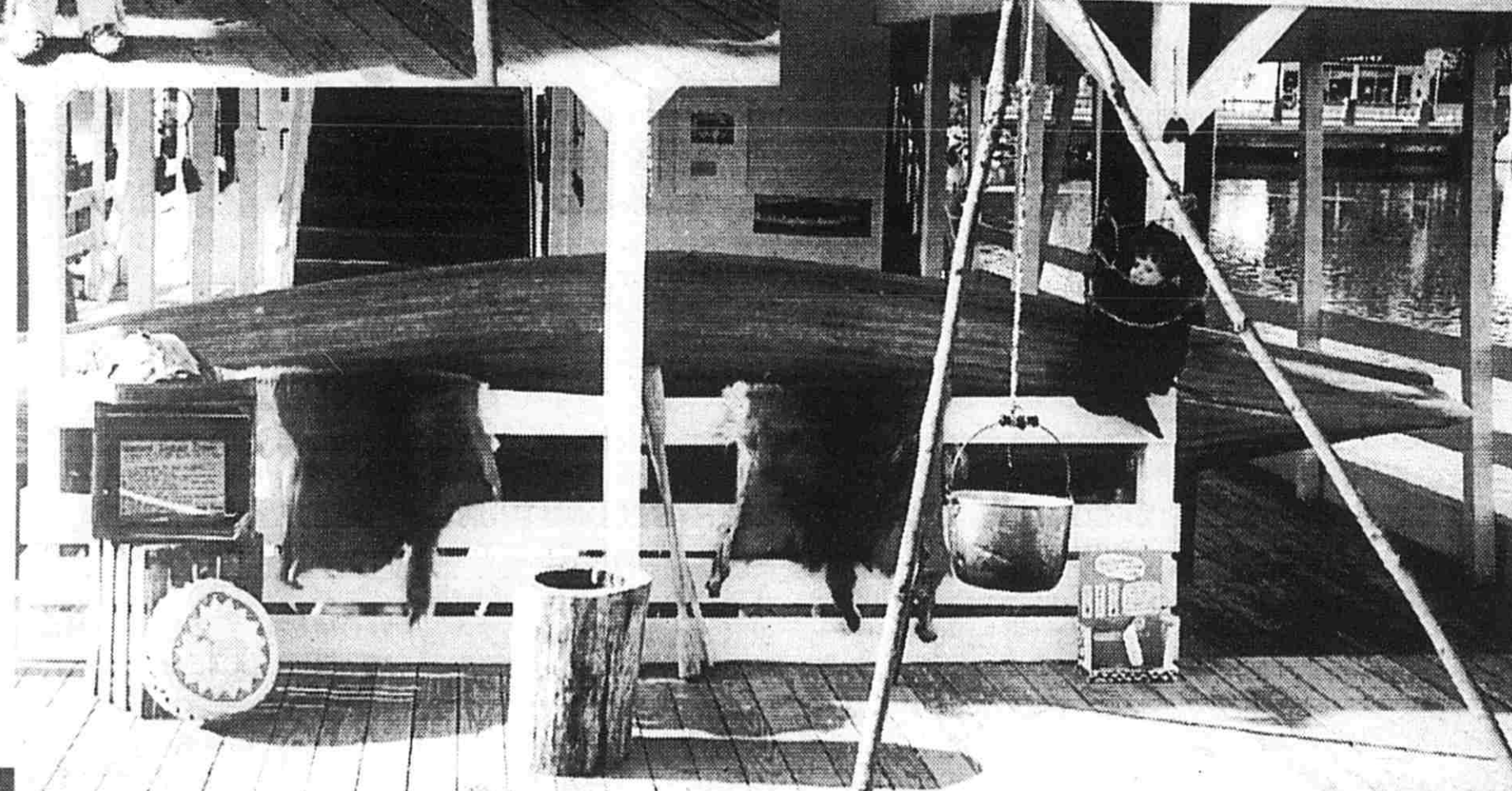
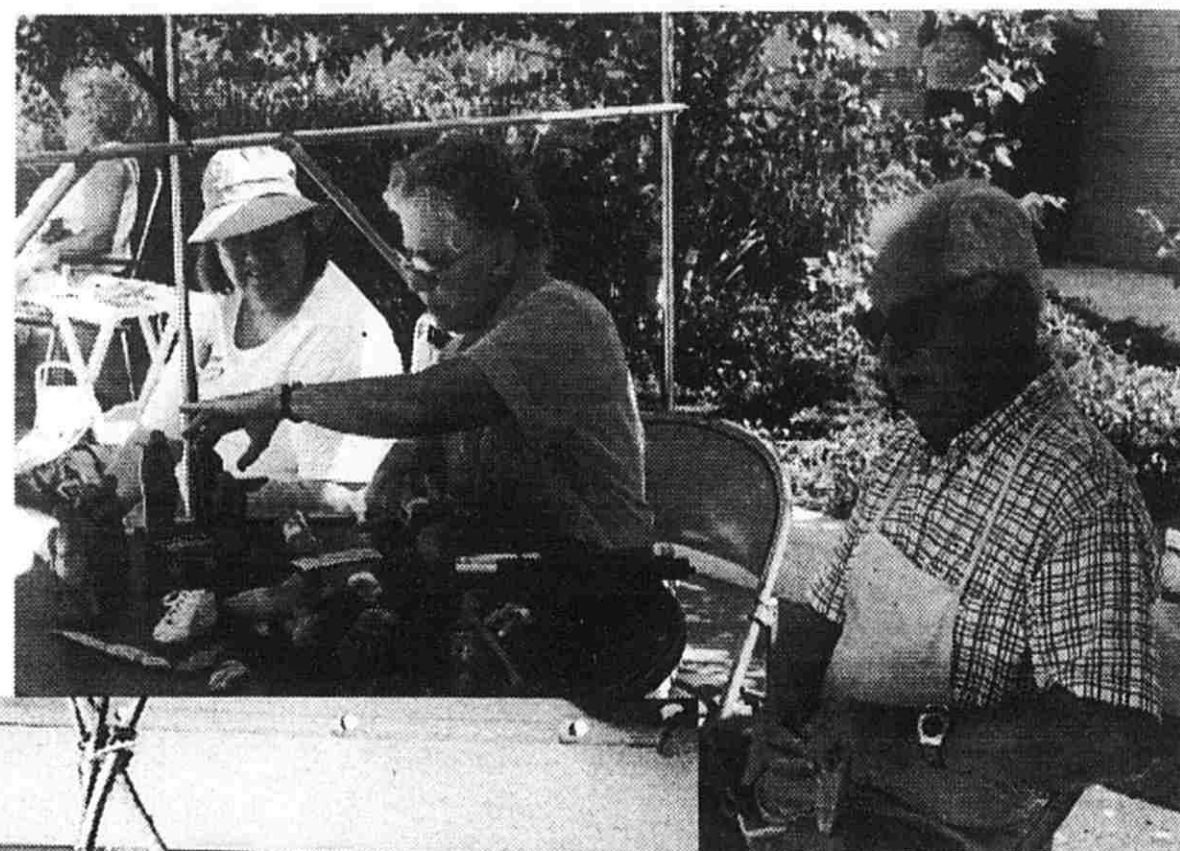
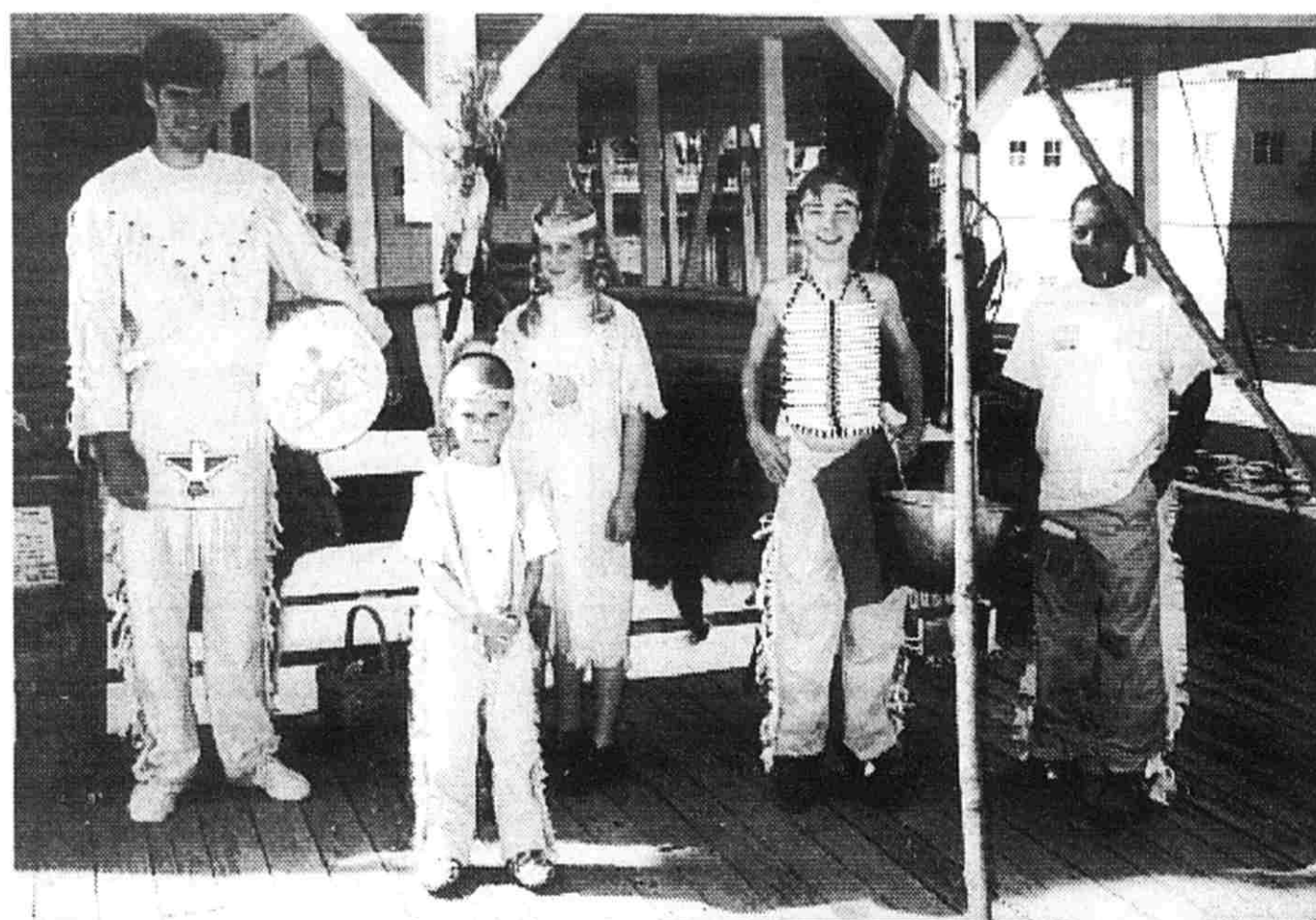
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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's 'Coming Events' are free of charge to any non-profit organization... EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom... WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling... FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting... EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church... NOW HIRING ALL POSITIONS ALL SHIFTS... LITEHOUSE Great Foods... Exceptional Service... WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949... SPECIAL EVENTS... THOMET CHEVROLET BUICK... A Great Selection Of Used Cars & Trucks & New Car Trades



## LAHA Heritage Celebration

A celebration of Lowell's historic heritage took place on the Riverwalk Saturday.

The Lowell Area Historical Association (LAHA) used the opportunity to display some of Lowell's history it has collected and preserved since 1989.

LAHA president, Judy Straub, was encouraged and warmed by the response of the patrons at the Heritage Celebration.

The approximately 300 people in attendance also learned that after a lot of hard work by a lot of people, the Lowell Area Historical Association will open Lowell's Historic Museum prior to the summer of 2000.

The museum will be in the west wing of the Graham Building where the library used to be located.

"It's been our dream since the beginning to open a museum for Lowell," said Straub. "It will allow us to display artifacts representing Lowell's heritage and history on a permanent basis."

Straub says the museum will have changeable exhibits. "We don't want people to feel as if they've seen everything after one visit," she explained.



Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other.

—Edmund Burke

**72-HOUR PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 FOR: All Public Officials, by the and through the Office of the Secretary of State, the State of Michigan, a.k.a. MICHIGAN, a.k.a. STATE OF MICHIGAN, a.k.a. MI. a.k.a. "this State."

Public Officials are failing to take any exception to, refute, rebut, and/or object to, by the Lawful Protest, within thirty days of the first (1) day of publication the following Public Notices:

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3. APPOINTMENT OF NOTARIAL OFFICER : Mary-Jane David which became effective the day: 25 of the Month: six, anno Domini: 1999.

Public Officials have seventy-two hours for answering or the Entry of Fault and Default is, "Res Judicata."

Public Official's written communication must be by Registered Return Receipt Mail to: Donald-Gene Kraus, Attorney in the Fact General delivery Greenville Post Office; near, Greenville, Michigan 48838

**CITY OF LOWELL**  
**KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**Summary of Ordinance No. 99-3**  
**Adopted by the Lowell City Council**  
**on June 21, 1999.**

Ordinance No. 99-3 amends Section 13-214 entitled "Dishonored Checks Offense" of Article IX of Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. It provides that it is unlawful for any person to make, draw, utter or deliver any dishonored check of less than \$100.00 or cause directly or indirectly such a check to become dishonored.

Ordinance 99-3 is effective 10 days after this publication.

David M. Pasquale  
 City Clerk

*Thank You!*

Our first fishing derby of the year went well. We had a turnout of 48 kids and about 47 parents. The weather was kind to us with lots of sun and warm temperatures.

*In the four categories the winners were:*

- 6 & under - Matt Fredricks
- 7 to 10 - Corey Hurley
- 11 to 13 - Charles Smith
- 14 to 16 - Manual Rodriguez

We had lots of fun eating, drinking and fishing. I'd like to see more kids there next time. The next derby is scheduled for July 17, 1999.

Many thanks go out to Al Seely, Lyle at the Riverview, Back Alley Bait and to all of the donators.

See you next time!  
 Chairman, Roger Miller

# TOWN TALK

The Lowell School District recently hired an outside firm to come in and run its food service program. Those opposed to using the private sector were concerned with the quality of food and what it would mean to current employees. Those favoring the decision pointed to an increased choice for students and with it an increase in the number of students using the school lunch program. What do you think?



**Wayne Potts**  
 As long as the quality of the food service program and prices are not affected, I don't have a problem with the decision.



**Bonnie Stouffer**  
 I like the idea of more choices for students, but I'm afraid of the higher cost that may come with it.



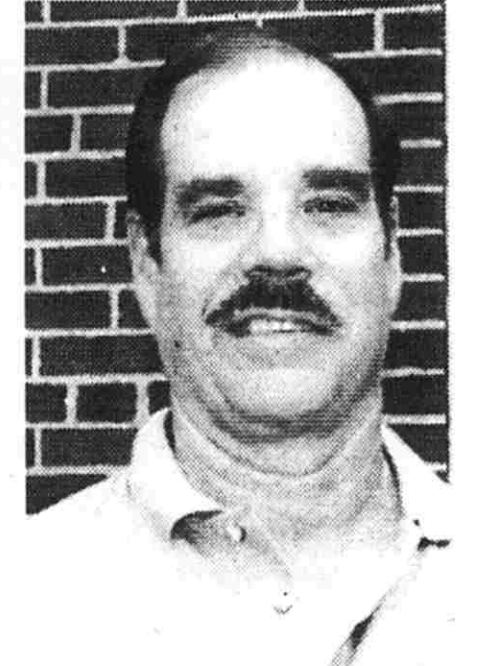
**John Smith**  
 I think had the district been able to find someone qualified from the public sector, it would have. If a private company can offer more choices, that is good.



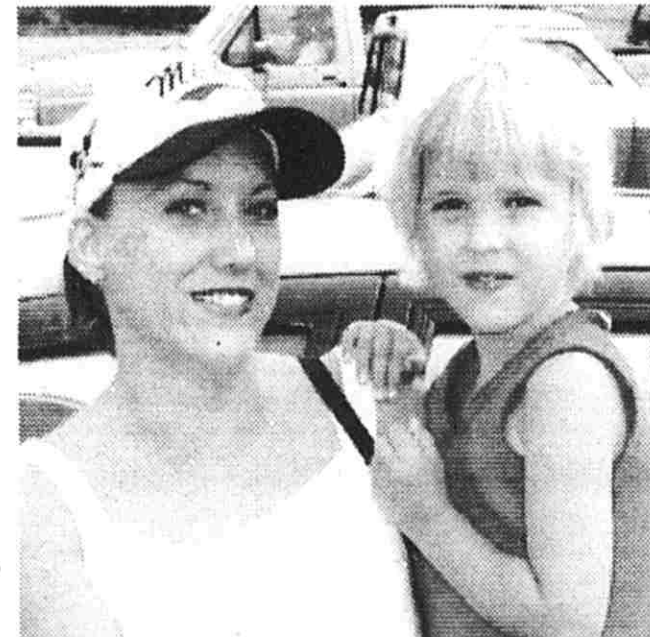
**Angie Anderson**  
 I'm not opposed as long as no one's job is at risk because of the change.



**Phyllis Weesies**  
 I think it should be tried and see how it works.



**Dave Roush**  
 I don't see a problem with it, as long as the cost and quality are kept.



**Janice Cloud (Jordan)**  
 I prefer public (local) sector rather than someone from the outside. I didn't see much wrong with the way it was being run.

**Linda Clemens**

*It would depend on the company's reputation. If it doesn't harm the reduced and free lunch program and the nutritional value, I don't mind.*

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

### COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Pat and Iris LeMasters for a special land use, for approval of a private road to serve eight parcels of land, and for approval of related matters. Such lands are commonly described as 12575 Belding Road and 12601 8 Mile Road and are legally described as follows:

parallel with the East section line 388 feet, thence Southwesterly to a point 150 feet Westerly along the North line of said Highway M-44 from the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence Westerly along said North line 150 feet to a line bearing South 13°08' West from beginning, thence North 13°08' East 450 feet to beginning, and also

Part of the Northeast 1/4 commencing 150 feet westerly along the North line of Highway M-44 relocated from the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence Easterly along said North line to the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence North to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence West to the Northwest corner of the East 600 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence South to the Southwest corner of the North 630 feet of the East 600 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence East along the South line of the North 630 feet of the Northeast 1/4 520 feet, thence South parallel with the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 388 feet, thence Southwesterly to beginning, all in Section 15, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: June 24, 1999

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Program Testing for the July 13, 1999 Special Election will be conducted on Wednesday, July 7, 1999 in the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan at 2:00 p.m.

Peggy Gurney, Clerk

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE OF REZONING OF PROPERTY FROM "RA" RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO "RI" LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

Public notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Board has amended the zoning ordinance to rezone the following described property from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Low Density Residential (R1). The property is owned by John and Fran DeVries, of 775 Alden Nash, Lowell, Michigan 49331, is approximately 9.09 acres and is legally described as:

South 400 feet of south 20 acres of east 60 acres of NE 1/4 of section 33 Town 7 N., Range 9 W. Permanent parcel #41-16-33-200-008

This zoning map change is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be inspected during regular office hours of 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Mari C. Stone  
 Vergennes Township Clerk

# Lowell Showboat Hoops 3-on-3 champions



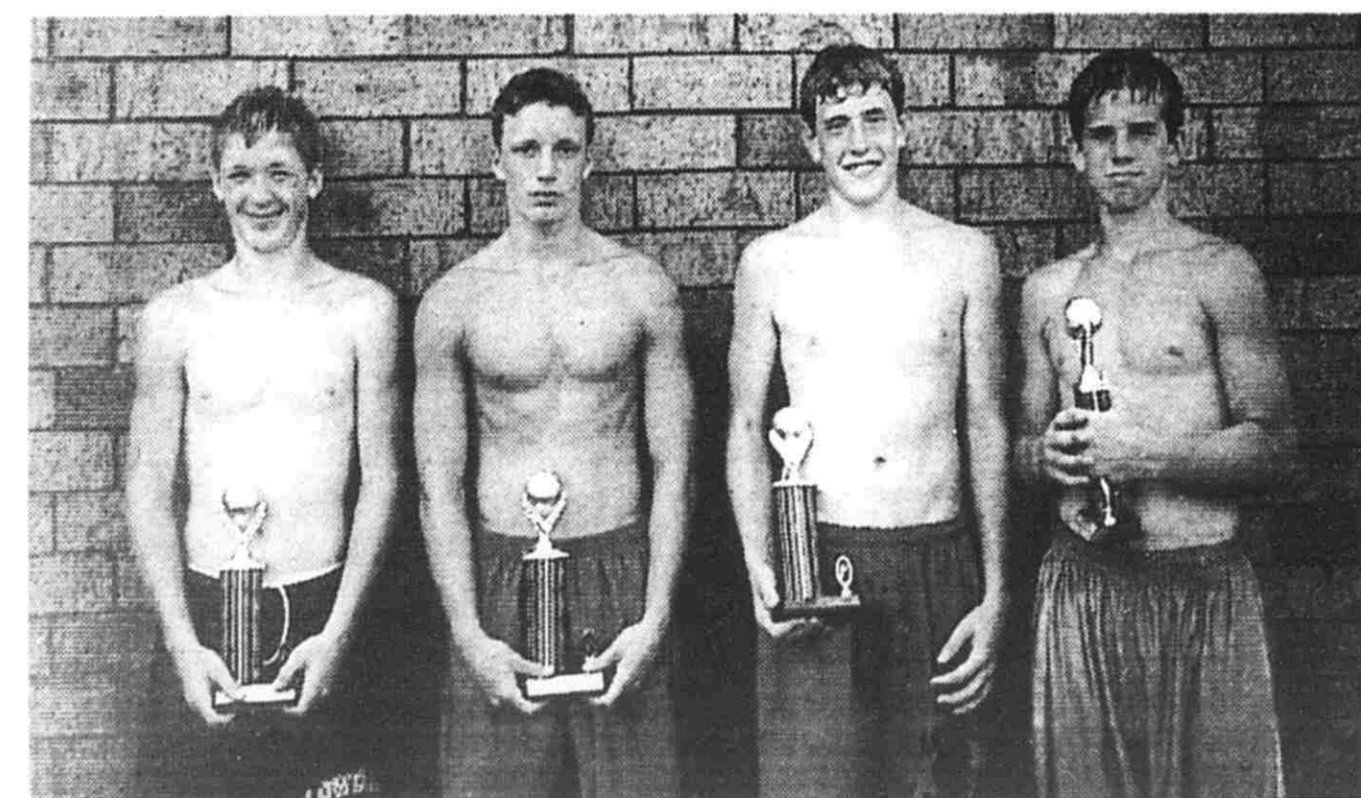
"Orange Blaze" was the winning team in the girls 10-12-year-old division. Pictured, left to right, are: Emily Gerard, Amanda Rau and Maliree Trierweiler. Not pictured is Abbie Debiak.



"4.U.2.N.V." was the winning team in the boys 9-10- year-old division. Pictured, from left to right, are: Miles Martinus, Jason Nugent, Richard Martinus and Dan Stoffer.



"Swoosh" was the winning team in the boys 16-18- year-old division. Pictured, from left to right, are: Bill VanderKlok, Bill Sanborn, Matt Brocker and Josh Manion.



"Charismatic" was the winning team in the boys 14-16-year-old division. Pictured, from left to right, are: Nathan Clark, Mark Catlin, Michael Fosberg and Andy McQueen.

The Lowell YMCA's fifth annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament raised roughly \$5,000 to help subsidize programs for kids.

This year's 46 teams, four players per team, squared off in seven different age brackets.

Along with handing out seven first-place trophies, teams were also honored for practicing good sportsmanship. They were "Hoops Rookies," "Vipers," "Feud," "The Don Johnsons," "Orange Blaze," and "Queens of the Court."

The concession stand was run by the Lowell YMCA child care program. Proceeds went toward child care equipment and supplies.

This year's corporate sponsors were King Milling and Luscious Landscape.

Michigan Wire was the title sponsor. More pictures on page 27.



"Queens of the Court," was the winning team in the girls 13-15-year-old division. Pictured, from left to right, are: Amanda Eickhoff, Jenny Wagner, Renee Fox and Kelly Fitzpatrick.



"The Notorious Flying Rats" was the winning team in the boys 12-13-year-old division. Pictured, from left to right, are: Joe VanLaan, Kyle Rozema, Jeff McPherson and Chris Curtis.



"L.T.P." was the winning team in the boys 11-12-year old division. Pictured, from left to right, are: Thomas Spitzley, Andrew VanderSchaaf, Jordan Torres and Daniel Spitzley.

# A public school supporter ends her tenure on Lowell School Board

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

An election count faux pas nearly kept Ann Mulder from serving on the Lowell School Board.

Mulder's willingness to fight for what she believed in, however, showed she had the votes.

She felt a little less comfortable asserting herself once on the board.

"It took awhile to become comfortable asserting myself and to absorb all the information which board members are given and how to properly evaluate it," Mulder explained.

By the end of her five-and-a-half year tenure, Mulder spoke softly but firmly on where she stood on issues. The most recent example was the debate on contracting a food service management company to manage Lowell Area Schools' Food Service program.

In defense of her "no" vote, she stated the board's choice separated the haves from the have nots. "I don't think school is a place where business should reign," Mulder explained.

## Miller donates land to city

Property located predominantly within the floodway, minimal development opportunities and property taxes all weighed heavily on Donald K. Miller's decision to donate a 4.2 acre parcel of land to the city.

The city was first informed of Miller's decision back in September of 1997.

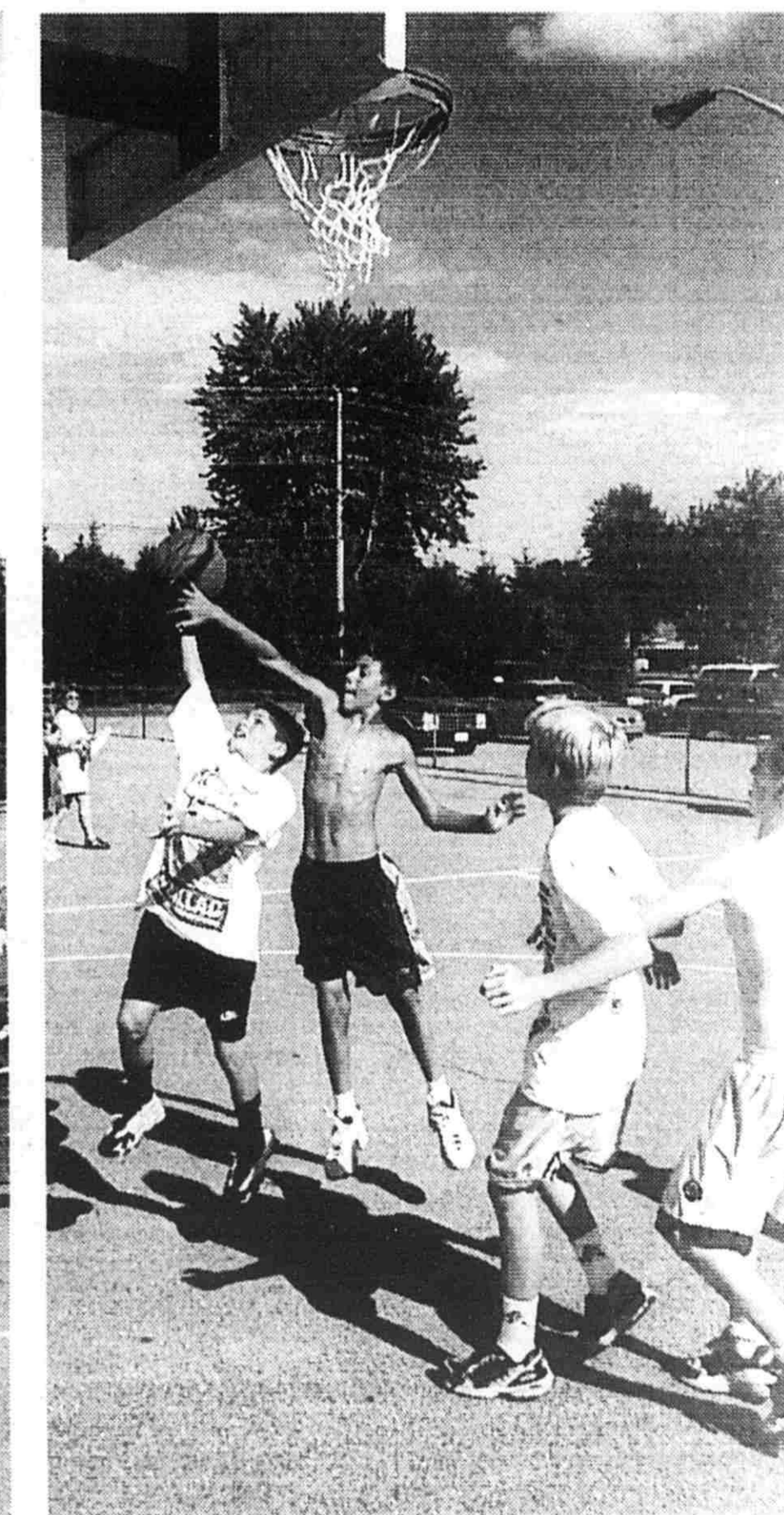
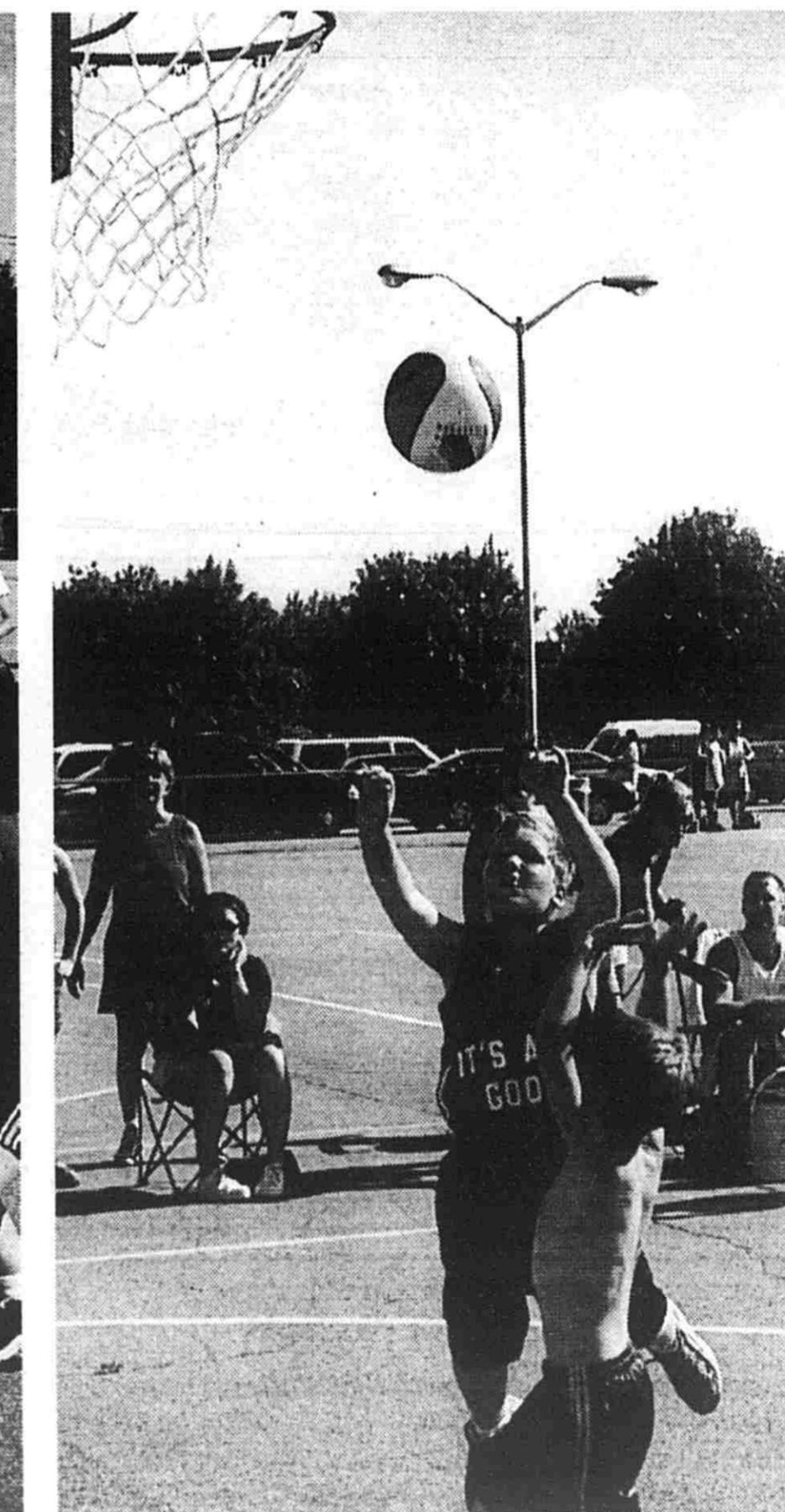
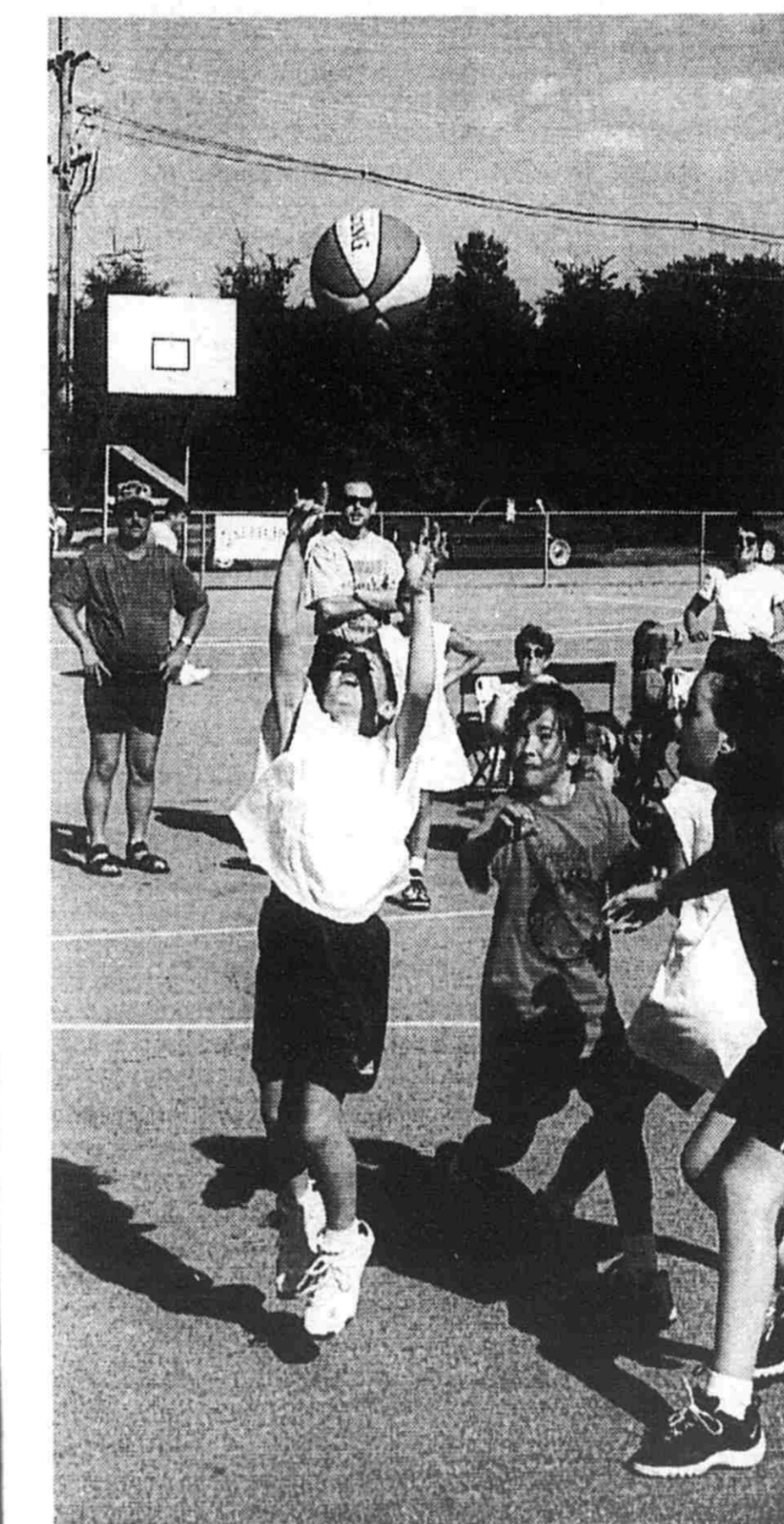
After drafting a deed for Miller, the city secured a resolution from the Lowell City Council accepting Miller's donation.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said the property is located predominantly within the floodway, making development opportunities minimal. "There is, however, a potential for trails and passive recreation development," he explained.

Parks and Recreation board member and city councilman Donald Green said the park and recreation board expressed support.

"The property is not being used and with the donation, the city will own all of the shoreline from south of the Division Street bridge to the Hudson Street bridge," Green explained. "The city will now own up to the railroad on both sides of the Flat River."

## More Hoops Pictures.... cont'd. from Page 26



Serving on the school board is something Mulder always wanted to do, but raising a family never permitted it.

"I've always been very interested in public schools and seeing to it that they remain strong and meet the challenges of the future," Mulder said. "The challenge has been to provide programs parents want for their children with the amount of funding available to us."

Mulder is proud of the fact that during her tenure a gifted and talented program was started and continues to grow, and that the arts curriculum has grown significantly.

"I think there is also much more participation from parents and volunteers in helping the board evaluate growth

needs," Mulder explained.

The Ada resident identified not teaching values to children as the biggest misconception about public education. "It is simply not true that public education doesn't teach values," she said.

The biggest challenge she identified was preparing students with the skills they will need as technology progresses.

"There is also the challenge of making people aware of what is happening in public education -and that the positives far outweigh the negatives. In the end, it is up to the people to vote in legislators who support public education," Mulder concluded.

## Lane leaves board as he began; with public confidence

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a weird concept 12 years ago, and it remains a mystery to Jack Lane today.

"It always seemed a little weird to me that a group of lay people manage a district of professionals," said the former school board treasurer who decided not to run for another four-year term.

"It was a great learning experience. It was, however, time to get out before I fizzled out," Lane explained. "It was time for new blood. Mark (Lessens) and Nancy (Hopkins) will do a great job."

Lane leaves the board as he joined it. "I believe there was community confidence when I was elected onto the board 12 years ago. There was some troubled times in between, but I think confidence has been restored again," he said.

As a new board member Lane said his biggest challenge was understanding the inner workings, policies and procedures.

Lane credits his father, a former teacher and administrator in the Forest Hills district, with giving him great advice.

"My dad told me to keep my mouth shut the first year and just learn," Lane explained. The former board member's advice to the new members is to be able to reach consensus, and don't hold any animosity if their view is not shared by the majority of the board.

Lane said if he were to change one thing during his term of office, it would be the board's decision to go to a five-hour day. "I think we may have overreacted. Part of the reason for that is the funding came through so late," the political science major said.

After 12 years of knowing where he was going to be on the second Monday night of each month, how will Lane fill the void? "I am in the middle of a house expansion project and I may at some point get involved with the district again or maybe the township," Lane said.

## Public hearing set for Vennen rezoning

A public hearing was established for Vennen Chrysler Dodge, in its effort to get 136 S. Center St. rezoned from R-2 residential to C-3 general business.

The dealership is proposing the rezoning so as to allow for expansion of Vennen Chrysler Dodge parking.

Vennen's Clark Galloway said the proposed expansion would allow the dealership to construct a new facility and demolish the existing buildings.

The new building would be set further back on the property allowing the vehicle inventory to be front and center.

"It will allow our customers to better view our inventory while visiting the dealership," Galloway said.

As for the purchase of Ormand Lyons lot at 136 S. Center, Galloway said Vennen would be discussing the type of barrier neighbors would like to see prior to the public hearing.

All neighbors within a 300-foot radius will be notified by the city of the public hearing on July 26.

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## Melton will represent Michigan in Miss American Preteen Pageant

Shirley Melton, age 10, daughter of Hendrik and Teri Melton of Lowell, has been selected to represent Michigan at the 1999 Miss American Preteen Pageant.

As the 1999 Miss Michigan American Preteen, Melton will be attending the national pageant for her age group in Florida and Disney World during the week of Thanksgiving 1999. She will compete for the national pageant title of Miss American Preteen and more than \$25,000 in cash awards, prizes and scholarships.

Nationwide, state winners and state pageant finalists will compete in the sixteenth annual national scholarship competition organized

by American Coed Pageants, Inc. National Talent, Speech, Academic Achievement, Community Service, Photogenic, Personality, Most Promising Model, Best Actress, and National Cover Girl and Hostess contests will be held in addition to the National Pageant Winner's Contest. In 1999, cash awards and prizes totaling more than \$750,000 will be presented to outstanding girls ages 3-20 at state and national competitions.

Melton won several of the Michigan state competitions including the state speech contest titled "My Favorite

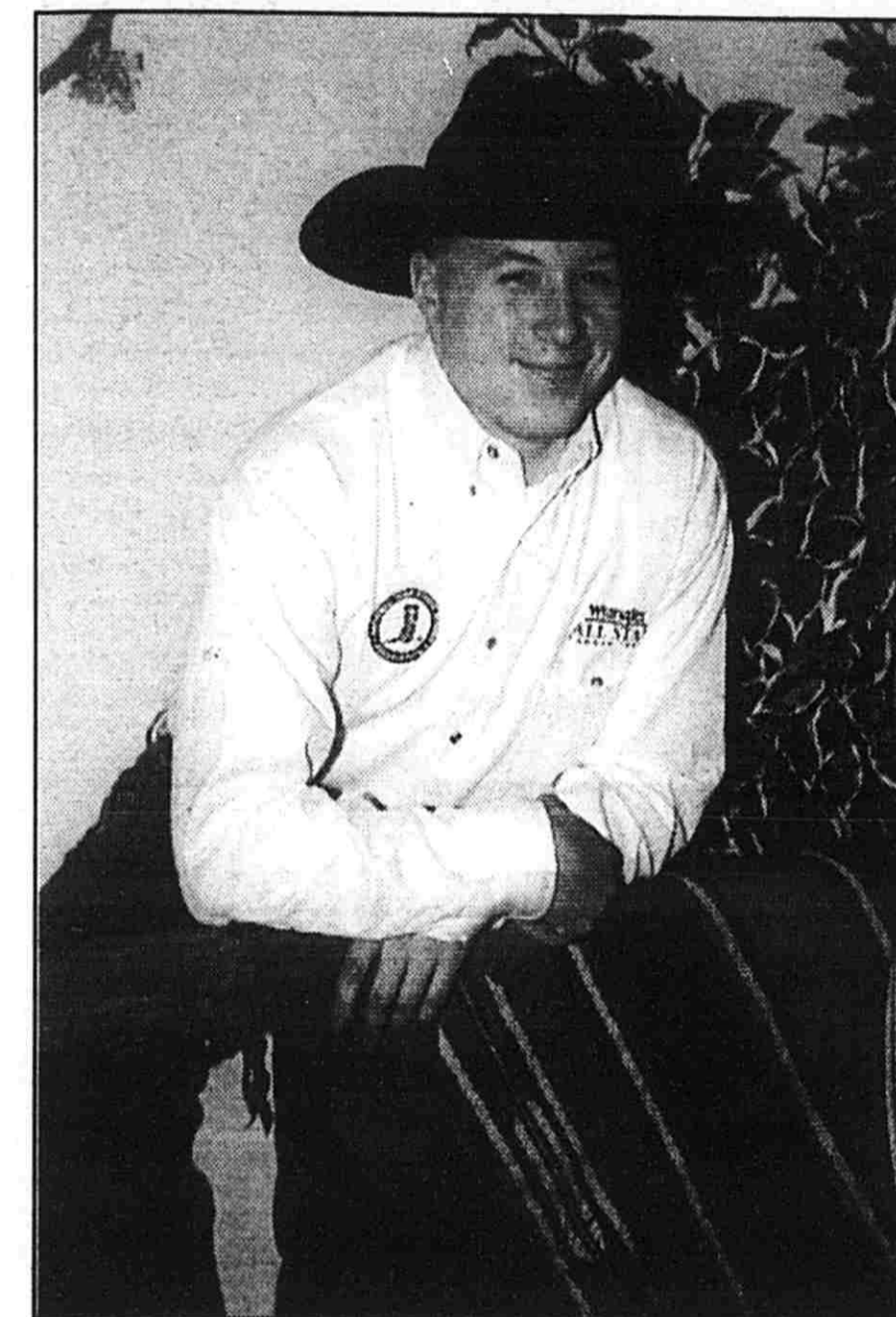
American," the state talent competition performing a jazz dance, and the state photogenic contest.

American Coed Pageants, Inc., annually holds state pageants for the purpose of recognizing and rewarding outstanding young women between the ages of 3 and 20 for their past and present accomplishments and to encourage them to set and achieve high goals for the future. In states where pageants are not held, selection of state representatives is made through written applications and photos.



Shirley Melton

## VanSpronsen appointed to all star rodeo team



Leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), the oldest youth rodeo organization in America, appointed Christopher VanSpronsen of Lowell to the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team, the first-ever corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team.

The Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team is fashioned after Wrangler's Champion Pro Rodeo Team which includes superstars like Ty Murray, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortensen and Hall-of-Famer Jim Shoulders. VanSpronsen earned a position on the All Star Rodeo Team based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements.

"We are excited to expand Wrangler's rodeo sponsorship program at the high school level," said Karl Stressman, special events manager for Wrangler Rodeo. "It gives us a tremendous sense of pride to associate the Wrangler brand with promising young men and women. We're confident each member of the team will be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo."

Members of the All Star Rodeo Team receive official competition apparel consist-

ing of Wrangler Twenty X shirts embroidered with the team logo and two pairs of competition jeans. In addition, team members receive an official team certificate signed by rodeo greats Jim Shoulders and Ty Murray.

In addition, VanSpronsen, a junior at Lowell High School, has earned a position on the Michigan high school rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gillette, Wyoming, from July 19th - 25th to compete at the 51st annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) in the bareback bronc riding competition.

Featuring over 1,500 contestants from 38 states and four Canadian provinces, the National High School Finals is the world's largest rodeo. In addition to competing for over \$70,000 in prizes, NHSFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$150,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National High School Rodeo champion.

"Wrangler's NHSRA sponsorship is a natural extension of our professional and collegiate rodeo programs," said Louis Russo, director of Western Wear marketing for Wrangler.

## Marsha Wilcox award recognizes VanAntwerps' work in arts & education

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
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Chris VanAntwerp was at the June Lowell Board of Education meeting because his wife, Jill VanAntwerp, said she was going to receive the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award.

Jill unknowingly told a half truth. Board secretary Ann Mulder, instead, made a dual presentation to both Jill and Chris VanAntwerp for all they have given and done for the school district and community.

Jill VanAntwerp taught at Lowell High School for 22 years. During that time she was the National Honor Society advisor, English department chairman and organizer of the LHS Academic Recognition night. She also served on the Michigan English Language Arts Framework Project as well as the Michigan Department of Education Literacy Committee.

In the fall of last year, she began instructing students at Grand Valley State University on how to teach English.

Chris VanAntwerp served on the Lowell School Board for 12 years (five years as vice president, two as president, three as treasurer and two as trustee).

He teaches art in the Kelloggsville school district; received the Art Educator of the Year Award in 1985; the state Art Educator Award in 1998, and has taught summer courses at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and Cranbrook Art Academy.

Chris and Jill were co-recipients of the Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award in 1984 and remain active in the Lowell Area Arts Council.

"They both have been active in arts and education in so many ways," said Mulder.



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## Skin cancer nearing epidemic rates

If you think a good sunburn is the best way to prepare your skin for the summer sun, think again. Peeling sunburns, particularly on children, are the best way to develop melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer.

Whether you're a weekend gardener, a sun worshiper or a fan at the ballpark, it's important to protect yourself - and your children - from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. It's most serious form is melanoma; while the least common of skin cancers, it accounts for six of every seven skin cancer deaths.

"Melanoma turns out to be problematic in Michigan. You wouldn't think that because we're so far north, but part of the problem is the winters are so long that when the summer comes or when people go south to vacation, they tend to get sunburned," says Glen M. Bowen, M.D., assistant director of the Melanoma Program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"They tend to go out and get intense sun exposure. It appears that the sun exposure that leads to peeling sunburns is the most causative factor in getting a melanoma," Bowen adds.

Skin cancer typically develops in areas exposed to the sun - the face, neck, forearms, hands, back and ears.

There are three types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, typically a reddish nonhealing lesion in the head or neck; squamous cell carcinoma, often a red scaly patch on the face, lips, mouth or ears; and melanoma, which looks like an irregular-shaped mole.

People with fair complexions and lighter hair are at greatest risk of developing skin cancer. The chances of developing skin cancer increase if at-risk people receive heavy sun exposure as children.

"For parents, it's particularly important to get children in the habit of protecting themselves from the sun," Bowen says. "It's those peeling sunburns that the children get that's going to do them in when they're adults."

"If we can get the parents to teach their children how to avoid the sun, be careful with the sun and avoid those cumulative peeling sunburns, it can help reduce the risk of melanoma when those kids grow up."

Limiting exposure to the sun during its peak hours - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - is one preventive step, as is wearing brims and loose-fitting clothes that protect the skin. Sunscreen lotions also are important, although they do not completely block UV rays.

"People gain a false sense of security with sunscreens. They think, 'Because I'm wearing a sunscreen, I can stay out on the beach most of the day.' Well, it's not true. It's like a filter for a cigarette: it will decrease some of the ultraviolet light that hits the skin, but it doesn't block it all out," Bowen says.

Sunscreens with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher are recommended.

Along with taking steps to prevent skin cancer, people should examine their skin for any unusual signs. Bowen recommends a monthly self-skin exam.

"If there's anything good to say about melanoma, it's that you can see it. And even though it's one of the most deadly cancers in the human population, it's very easily treated if caught early," he says.

A simple way to check for skin cancer is to look for the "ABCD" features when identifying a mole that may be melanoma:

- Asymmetry - the mole is unevenly shaped.
- Border - the mole's edges are blotchy or ragged, rather than smooth.
- Color - the mole has multiple colors, such as black, brown and red.
- Diameter - the mole is wider than a pencil eraser and is increasing in size.

Facts about skin cancer:

- Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers.
- One person dies of melanoma every hour in the United States.
- Skin cancer can be prevented by limiting one's exposure to the sun, wearing brimmed hats and using sun screen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.

Use the web to learn more about skin cancer:

- U-M Health System Health Topics: Skin Cancer [www.med.umich.edu/libr/cancer/skin00.htm](http://www.med.umich.edu/libr/cancer/skin00.htm)
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