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City council opts to put out for bid rather than contract extension

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

By a vote of 3-2, the Lowell City Council voted not to extend its solid waste and recycling contract.

Not because it wasn't pleased with the service, but because it felt obligated to follow the city bid policy.

Policy states that services should be bid out. Denny's Disposal, which has had a contract with the city of Lowell for the past 22 years, was recently sold to Allied Waste Industries, Sunset Waste, based out of Phoenix, AZ.

Denny's current contract runs out Oct. 15.

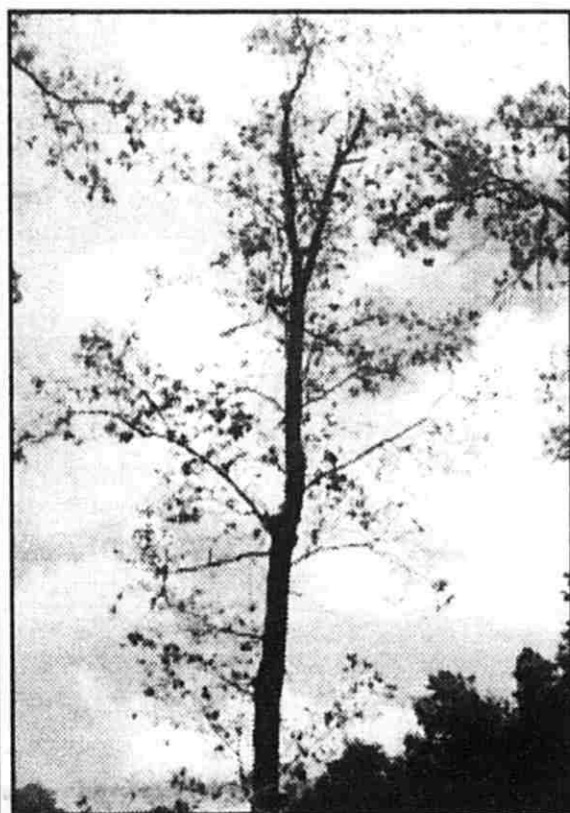
Denny's Brent Goodsell and Sunset's sales manager Frank Schuller asked that the city accept the assignment of the contract to Sunset and that it extend the contract one year (to Oct. 15, 2000).

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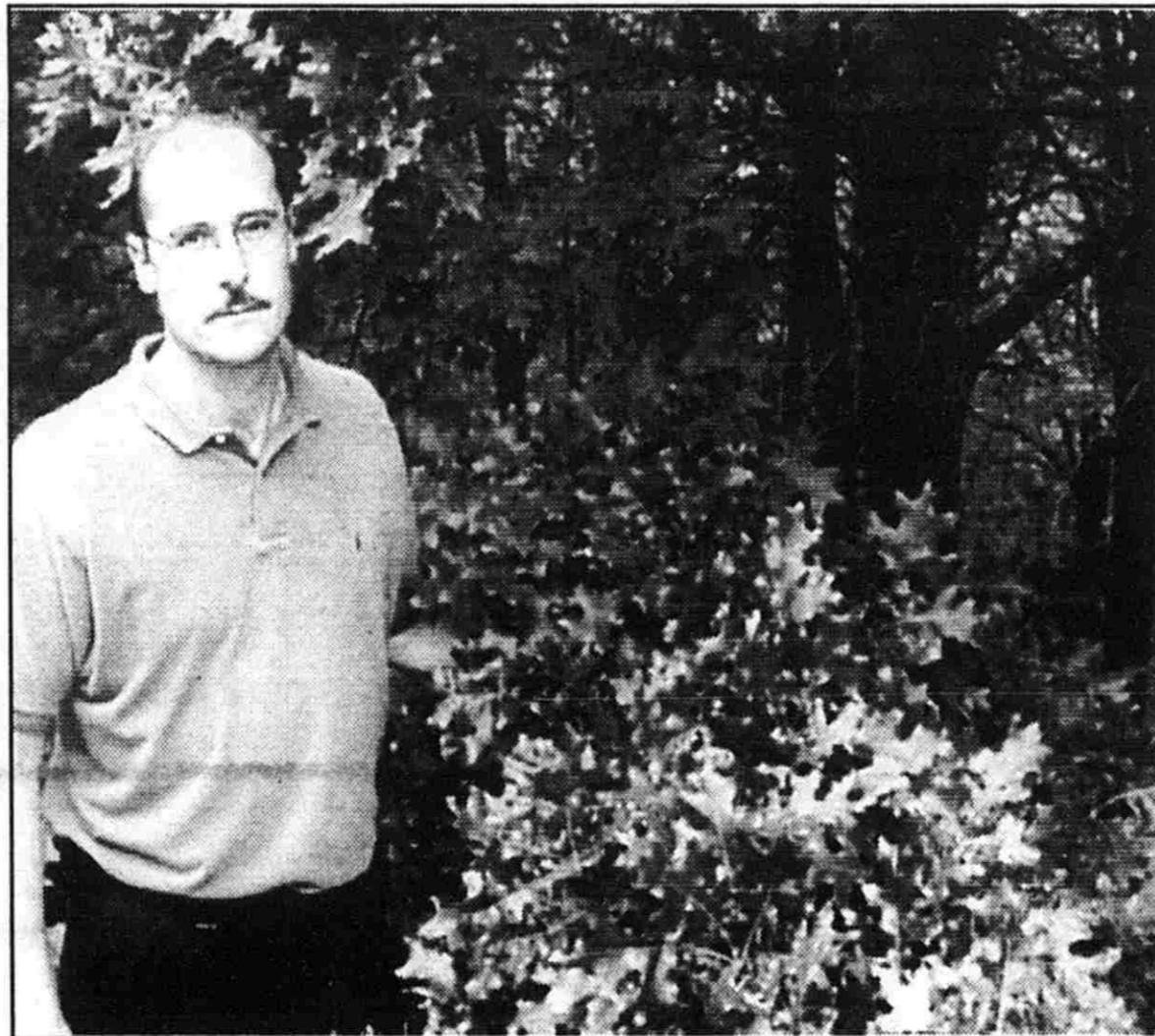


Youth Fair's Opening Night

Michael Barnes was Prince Charming for the evening on this Kent County Youth Fair opening night as he proudly rode this carousel with his mother (Amy Barnes) at his side. Some of the opening day attractions included the Kids Creation Station, Opening Ceremonies, Antique Tractor Pull, Youth Fashion Extravaganza and the carnival rides. More fair pictures are on page 28.



The oak tree pictured above is still showing affects from the gypsy moth invasion. Right, Mike Yost displays the fullness that those branches should be enjoying.



Oak trees in full foliage.... A sight not worth losing

••• Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson says he won't sit on his hands in its fight against gypsy moths.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike Yost and his wife Cheri moved to 1933 Augusta Valley Lane (Augusta Valley Development), from Grand Rapids, for its seclusion and natural beauty.

The foliage from their oak trees neatly shaded their home from view.

Then, as if someone had pulled up the shades, the oaks stood but most of the foliage from the tree was gone.

Yost, like others in Lowell Charter Township,

was victimized by gypsy moths.

"Had you come to my home in June ('98) there wouldn't have been leaves on these trees," Yost explains as he points to the re-foliage that has now taken place.

Yost had his property sprayed in May as part of a 40-acre parcel that extended north of his property.

Not all residents in the Augusta development have had their properties sprayed. They are easily identified by the defoliated tops of their oak trees. Yost fears that

once these properties are sprayed, the gypsy moths will migrate east which would have them re-infecting other areas.

The Lowell Township resident is also using slippery bands to keep gypsy moth caterpillars from climbing trees. Gypsy moth caterpillars use cloth bands in which to hide during daylight hours.

The township had a spray program in place until two years ago. It was discontinued after receiving payment from only 50 percent of the residents who participated in the Kent Conservation District's Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

Left on their own, gypsy moth populations generally

By Jeffrey Redmond
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township Board is going to distribute a survey about the gypsy moth problem.

The one-page survey form will ask area residents to list their name, address and phone number as well as a brief description of the location of their property.

Township clerk Carol Wells explained that there will be a millage proposal next year.

"If there's enough response, we'll put it on the ballot in February," Wells said.

Township supervisor

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Grant has PAC projecting state of the art image

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the last four-and-a-half years, Lowell Performing Arts Center director Richard Graham has talked the talk.

He can now market Lowell Area Schools new high resolution video projection system.

"It's an incredible step forward," Graham said. "Most schools have a video projector, however, few have all the playback devices in one setup (e.g. Hi-8 video, DVD player, and LCD)."

Graham began voicing his request in 1994, which included three years of applying for a grant through the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund.

His request was answered in June. The Englehardt Fund advisory committee announced that the Lowell Performing Arts Center would receive a \$27,700 grant toward the purchase of a video projection system.

"The Performing Arts Center contributed \$500 out of its budget," Graham said with a smile. "But, we're not complaining."

School and outside groups will immediately notice the difference in the screen size. The center had been projecting a seven-foot square image on a 20-by-20 foot screen. It can now project 20-by-20 foot images.

"Before, you had to sit in the lower middle section to easily be able to read words on the screen," Graham said. Now, a person can sit anywhere in the Performing Arts Center

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Lowell's New
Tennis Coach,
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OBITUARIES

BARNES - Mr. James R. Barnes, aged 68, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 1999. Jim proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, was a collector of military memorabilia and a member of the Big Rapids American Legion and V.F. W. Posts. He had worked as an operator engineer for Local #324. Jim is survived by his wife, the former Joanne Huver, whom he married May 25, 1957; his children Candice and Gary, Katherine and Don, and Karen and Don; grandchildren Justin, Brett and Stephanie; brother Charles

and Linda Barnes of Lowell; sister Ernestine and John Preiksha; sisters-in-law Leona and Ed Miller, Marian Misak, Agnes Busha, Yvonne Huver and Doris Huver. The Service for Jim was held Wednesday with Rev. Fr. James Cusack officiating. Military Honors under the Auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the charity of one's choice.

What's a book? Everything or nothing. The eye that sees it is all.
—Emerson

RICHMOND - Mrs. Diane M. Richmond, aged 52, of Lowell, passed away Friday, August 13, 1999, of accidental injuries. She is survived by her husband Jerrold; her children Benjamin (Karen) Richmond of Heath, OH, Mark (Kellie) Richmond of Lowell, Alicia (Timothy) Parker of Ravenna, Andrea Richmond and Elena Richmond both of Lowell; grandchildren Brice, Olivia and Alexander Richmond. Also surviving are her mother Virginia Uzarski of Grand Rapids; brothers and sisters Ronald (Pat) Uzarski of Grand Rapids, Delores (David) Ziegert of Wichita, Kansas, Robert (Krys) Uzarski of Comstock Park, Steve (Linda) Uzarski of Lowell, Paul (Betty) Uzarski, Zygfred (Linda) Uzarski II, all of Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Patrick Church, Parnell, with interment in St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made

to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or St. Patrick's School Endowment Fund.

VROMA - Steven J. Vroma, aged 36, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Friday, August 13, 1999. He was preceded in death by his father Howard. Survived by his mother Lil; grandmother Bea Byrne; sister Christy Huhn of Saranac; brother Phil (Sharon) Vroma of Kentwood; nieces Melanie and Stephanie Huhn; nephew Tony Huhn; aunts and uncles, Norm (Rosemary) Byrne, Bess (Ron) Walthorn, Leona (Mike) Scott, Zeta (Jay) Smith, Margie (Gene) Smith, Rose (Jim) Smith, Gene (Ann) Vroma, Ruth (Pete) Tol, Gert Vroma, Pat (Bob) Vroma, Garrett (Marti) Vroma, Rollene (Gerald) Vroma, Marge Spoolstra and Leona (Jack) Martindale. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell, Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell.

Maple Syrup race may runneth over

••• Sponsors of the annual Crystal Flash and Thornapple Valley Lions Club are considering requests to lengthen the course.

By Jeffrey Redmond
Contributing Writer

The annual Crystal Flash and Thornapple Valley Lions Club Maple Syrup Run is on again for next year. Lowell Charter Township Board has approved the event for Saturday, March 26, 2000. Township supervisor John Timpson is completely in favor of it. "I think it's a great idea!" Timpson said. Event coordinator David

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David Theule
Maple Syrup Run Event Coordinator


Theule explained that in the past seven years the race has been held, there has been nothing negative to report. "We've never had any accidents or problems that I know of," Theule said. Clerk Carol Wells also supported the event happening

Theule stated. Thornapple Valley Lions Club will receive \$1,000 as a charity contribution for helping to host the event. Police and emergency units will be on hand along the route, though parking will still be a situation to overcome. "We'll work out parking problems next year in time for the event," Timpson said. The chance to participate requires an entrance fee of \$13 for walkers and \$15 for runners. To acquire more information or to register, one may call 676-9568 or 954-6648. A pancake breakfast with real maple syrup from Maple Hills Sugar Bush is served free to all participants, and \$3 to everyone else.

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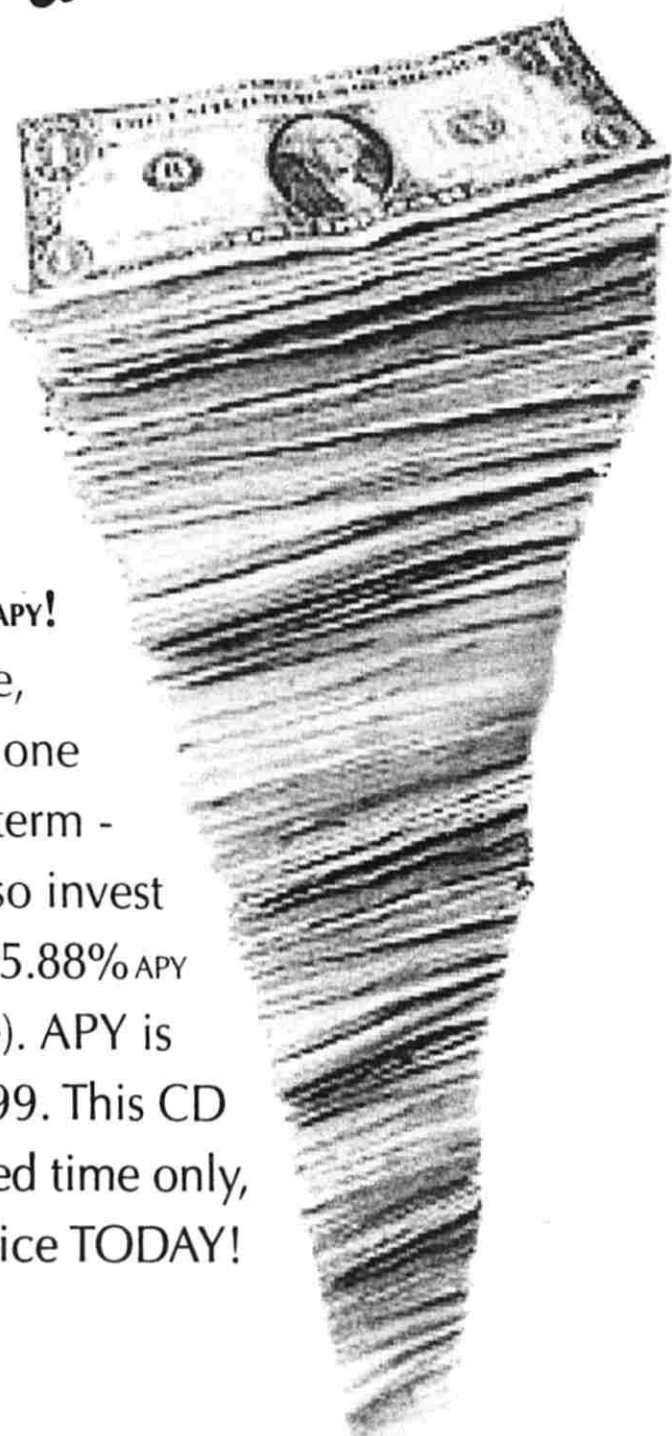
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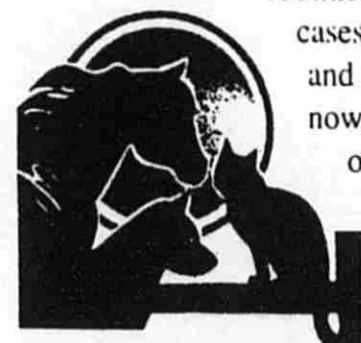
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There is a new Doctor in Town

The Animal Hospital of Lowell is proud to announce the addition of Dr. Rick Banks, DVM to our staff. Dr. Banks graduated with honors in 1995, from the nationally recognized College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. Dr. Banks grew up in Ionia, and now lives in the local area with his wife Dana, and their multitude of pets. Their family consists of Harley the German Shepherd, Sam the Lhasa Apso; Kelli, the Lab; 2 cats named Joey and Nigel; and a military Macaw named Major. The Banks hope soon to add a child to their family.



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News of mother's fatal injuries comes as father holds newborn son

••• Ben Richmond barely had time to hold his newborn son when he learned of the accident which took his mother's (Diane Richmond) life.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ben Richmond hadn't held his newborn son (Alexander) 10 minutes, when he took a phone call telling him his mother had been in a car accident, one which eventually would take her life.

Diane Richmond had experienced the joy that comes with the birth of two grandchildren and was anxiously awaiting the birth of her third.

A fatal accident on Thursday prevented Richmond from receiving word on the birth of Alexander.

"My mother's father was also killed prematurely," Ben Richmond said. "It forced her to play a maternal role at a young age (she was the oldest of seven children)."

Richmond was southbound on Lincoln Lake Road early Thursday afternoon. Her Buick Century was the

leading with Richmond's car as she attempted to execute the left turn.

Krieger told Kent County Sheriff Department officer

drivers indicated they thought it was 50-55 mph.

Richmond was transported to Spectrum Health downtown via AeroMed for



Diane Richmond suffered closed head injuries in Thursday's fatal crash on Lincoln Lake Road north of Lowell.

lead car in a line of five vehicles when she attempted to turn left into the drive at 3250 Lincoln Lake.

Michael Krieger, Lowell, the driver of the last vehicle, attempted to pass the line of vehicles in front of him, col-

Marc Fasse that he did not see the left turn signal until Richmond's vehicle was too far into the left turn and could no longer avoid a collision.

He stated that the pre-passing speed of all the vehicles was 45-50 mph. Other

closed head injuries. She died at 5:20 a.m. on Friday.

Martha Kelly, a friend of Richmond's, was a passenger in the car. She was taken to Spectrum Health by Lowell Ambulance for lacerations and head, neck and back pains.

Krieger was also transported to Spectrum for a broken hand.

Richmond spent the last three years working part-time at Heidi Christine's. She was also an active parishioner at St. Patrick's Church in Parnell.

"My mother also enjoyed her volunteer work with the Lowell Boosters Club," Ben Richmond said.

Richmond, 52, is survived by her husband Jerrold; her children Benjamin (Karen) Richmond of Heath, OH, Mark (Kellie) Richmond of Lowell, Alicia (Timothy) Parker of Ravenna, Andrea Richmond and Elena Richmond both of Lowell; grandchildren Brice, Olivia and

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Township to participate in Clean Michigan initiative

While it is just one component of the \$675 million Clean Michigan initiative, Brownfield (\$335 million) is a large one.

The Department of Environmental Quality is accepting site nominations for the Brownfield Redevelopment and Health and Environmental Protection Elements of the Clean Michigan initiative. Lowell Charter Township

participating in the program. Governmental units wishing to be considered for funding, must send in nominations and supporting criteria no later than Sept. 15.

Lowell Charter Township is asking residents to inform them of potential contamination of waters.

The purpose of the initiative is to remove all contaminated sites that threaten water supply.

The initiative was passed in November of 1998 and the legislature approved spending \$143 million of the total this fiscal year.

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—Albert Camus

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Reflections

Of Faith

Pastor Joe Fremer
Gwisd Shepherd Lutheran Church

One of the great promises in the Bible is found in Romans 8:39. Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Actually, it doesn't say "nothing," but the list of things that can't separate us from the love of God is pretty much all-inclusive.

Water safety classes are pretty important for us folks here in West Michigan, but such classes wouldn't have helped Jesus' disciples in Matthew 14:22-36. Some pretty eerie stuff happened sometime between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., one night when the disciples of Jesus were rowing against the wind across the Sea of Galilee.

I won't tell you the whole story, but there were miracles aplenty: Jesus walking on water, Peter walking on water, instant weather control... miracles to be sure, but we have to focus on what the real miracle is. They are in trouble, and Jesus is there. Never mind the obstacles. Never mind the impossibility of a man walking on water. They need him—he's there. As the Romans passage above says, Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At one point the focus of

and the wind died down. Problem solved. Peter's distracting fears and doubts ruined his little walk, but they didn't stop Jesus from saving him. Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

the story moves from a boatload of disciples in trouble, to one man in trouble. Peter hopped out of the boat and found that Jesus was giving him the ability to walk on the water! He began walking to where Jesus was. Then God's Word says, "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"

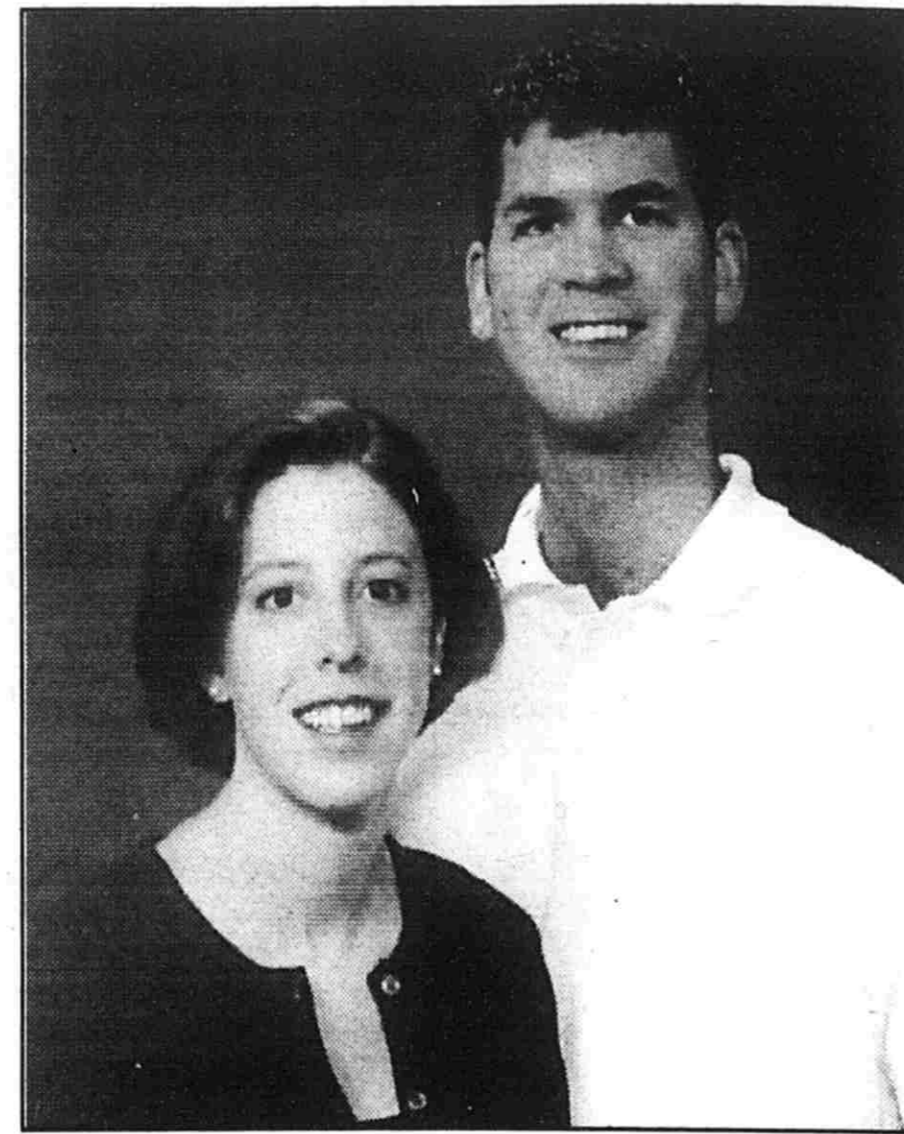
Now if I were Jesus, I would have said, "Hey, you're the one who wanted to be out here..." and let him get real wet before saving his doubting hide. But Jesus immediately pulled him out of the water, saying, "Why did you doubt?" They got into the boat

Hoover and Zillmer plan October wedding

Bruce R. and Carol Zillmer of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Jeffrey Bruce Zillmer of Durham, NC, to Rhonda Marie Hoover of Decatur, GA.

The future bride is the daughter of Ronald D. and Jane Hoover of Greensboro, GA. She earned her doctor of pharmacy from the University of Georgia in 1998 and completed a pediatric pharmacy residency at The Children's Hospital of Denver. She now works at University of North Carolina Hospitals as a pediatric pharmacist.

The groom-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. After serving six years as a naval officer, he is now a project engineer at Underwriters Laboratories.



Rhonda Marie Hoover and Jeffrey Bruce Zillmer

An October 23, 1999, wedding is planned and will take place at Chapel Hill, NC.

Rottschafner and Snell to exchange Sept. vows

Karen Elizabeth Rottschafner and Aaron Jon Snell will unite in marriage on Saturday, September 18, 1999.

The bride-to-be, from Lowell, is the daughter of Dr. Walter Rottschafner of Holland and Eileen Rottschafner of Zeeland. She is a graduate of Holland Christian High School and Grand Rapids Community College.

The future groom, also from Lowell, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Snell of Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University.



Karen Elizabeth Rottschafner and Aaron Jon Snell

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

I have to take you back a few weeks for this one. It's another piece about the time I spent with my granddaughter at our place in the Florida Keys. Oh sure, my daughter, grandson and my wife were there too, but all the good stories are about Maddie. We get along real fine.

Maddie is a little over two years old and going on her teens. She is constantly testing everybody. She likes grandpa because she knows she can test me all she wants and still get a passing grade (no spanking). She not only gets all "A's"... she gets candy, spending money, scooter trips to the store, etc. I especially like the fact she doesn't want me changing her diaper. That's a big bonus in my book!

One of our little outings was a boat ride through the canal system for gas. It's a long ride at no wake speed. I take along a big iced tea, listen to the radio and let my wife's dog bark at all the other dogs along the way. Maddie thought the expedition was a hoot. And why wouldn't she? Grandpas, grandkids, dogs and boats equate to an automatic good time.

At the gas dock Maddie thought it would be cool if she could pump the gas. She held the nozzle and felt big and important like an adult. That lasted a half-minute or so. She poked around in the boat for awhile. She inventoried everything stowed in the gunwales and asked what each item was. I gave her made-up answers. For instance, I told her grandpa uses the boat hook to smack grandpa when he is bad. I told her a twelve-pound lead downrigger ball was one of Max's dog toys. This lasted awhile, but not nearly long enough. Two-year-olds have a tough time holding still while about 100 gallons of gas is being pumped.

Maddie soon noticed that the gunwale was level with the dock and it was an easy climb up and onto dry land. I immediately began with, "Now, you stay right here. Stay right by grandpa. Be good for grandpa," and so on. Here's where our relationship has a problem. Maddie knows there is no bite to my bark. She knows she will get gummi dolphins and chocolate milk no matter what she does. She began a stroll down the dock.

When she was about 20 feet away I began with, "That's far enough, now come back to grandpa." I kept pumping gas. At 30 feet I began with promises like, "Come on. Let's go in the store for candy." She kept walking and only glancing back occasionally. At 50 feet grandpa started with the idle threats, "Maddie! You get back here right now or grandpa's going to spank you." Fat chance of that.

Okay, so now I had a potential problem on my hands. Time to take action. I shut off the pump and took off down the dock after the little runt. I wasn't running, but was "moving

with purpose." She saw me coming and started running. I broke into a trot in my flip-flops. The sight would not remind you of impalas and gazelles.

We were running along a concrete walkway at the edge of the canal. I was gaining steadily. As I ran, I had to duck under the fronds of palms planted along the walk. While trotting, ducking and keeping a sharp eye on Maddie, I missed spotting a dock cleat at the edge of the walkway.

I instantly discovered that flip-flops offer very little protection in such instances. The toe next to the big one on my left foot took the full force of the impact. My first thought was, "Damn... that's gonna hurt!" My second thought was, "Hey... I'm off balance here and I'm going in the canal."

Sure enough, in that terrible slow motion that your mind shifts into during such situations, I began to topple toward the water. The sight would not remind you of diving kingfishers or leaping porpoise.

When I surfaced I surveyed the situation. Maddie had stopped running and was checking out grandpa. I hollered at her to come over by me. Fortunately, curiosity got the best of her and she did come over to see what was going on. Now I could get to her quickly if she fell in. Max was barking idiotically.

The seawall was flush concrete block construction. There were no footholds. It was about three feet from the water surface to the edge of the walk. I tried several times to kick and then pull myself up. I'm convinced that 15 or 20 years ago I could have accomplished the feat. As if I needed one, the situation was a reality check on my advancing age.

As I assessed my options, I noticed something floating in the water. It turned out to be a couple hundred bucks. No, it wasn't my lucky day. It was the cash I'd brought along to pay for the boat gas, oil and treats for Maddie. It had come out of my pocket in all the flailing around. That would have added insult to injury. Imagine a grandpa with no money to buy his little granddaughter treats at the store. Not to mention no money for the gas.

My options were swimming back to the gas dock, which was closer to the water, or on down to a ladder... either was about 70 or 80 feet away. I selected the gas dock and slowly worked my way in that direction while coaxing Maddie along with me. Max continued to bark. I was reminded of a friend, who always asks in such situations, "Are we having fun yet?" Actually, I was chuckling at my own stupidity.

Long story short, I made it back on shore without further incident. We finished pumping gas and Maddie shopped for treats with her dripping wet hulk of a grandpa. We paid for our gas and junk food with soaked bills and offered no explanation to the clerk. I didn't feel like recounting the experience just yet. Also, my toe hurt like hell.

On the way home I debated whether I should tell Maddie's mom what happened. She might not trust me with her daughter in the future. I ended up spilling the beans. I just hope Maddie isn't old enough to remember grandpa coming to her rescue. I really don't want her to think of me as some clumsy old buffoon. Of course, it is difficult to mask the truth from children.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUG. 19, 1874; THIS ISSUE IS MISSING.

WE SUBSTITUTE AUGUST 16, 1871
The sidewalk from the Franklin house up Water Street is in sad shape - "more holes in the planks than planks in the holes."

Mr. Husted, of Husted Nurseries, brings Canada Egg plums and Hale's Early peaches to the editor. Delicious!
Henry B. Fallas, Kent County Superintendent of Schools, announces several locations for teacher examinations.

Capt. Cargill of Grand Rapids has a freight barge, capacity 50 tons, starting to run between Lowell and Grand Rapids twice each week.

Talks are started for a proposed Lowell-Hastings Railroad.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 17, 1899

The proposed Grand Rapids-Belding Electric Railway will run Plainfield-Cannonsburg-Bostwick Lake-Parnell-Grattan Center-Belding.

A mare stolen two years ago recently had a colt. Who owns the colt? The sheriff left the colt with the farmer who bought the mare from the horse thief.

Prof. J.B. Nicholson of Almont becomes the new Lowell school superintendent, at a salary of \$900.

The Early Michigan brand of peaches is starting to come in commercial quantities. It was developed twenty years ago, and has been quite successful.

Kent County issued 83 marriage licenses in July and 36 suits for divorce were filed.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUG. 14, 1924

The Lowell Harvest Picnic on August 27 promises speeches by four gubernatorial candidates plus other state candidates. Picnic and program at Island Park. Melville McPherson chairman.

The speeches will be followed by a 3:30 p.m. baseball game of seven innings between the Fat Men and the Lean Men. "Sheriff Smith will umpire the game and maintain order...Queensbury rules will be followed."

Yet another fatality from a car turning over, cause unknown, this one near Murray Lake.

The editor of Health magazine warns that our national crime is overeating of sugars, starches and fats.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 18, 1949

WLAV-TV starts programming, and people gather at three businesses and several homes to watch.

The new Masonic Temple on Vergennes Road near Main Street is well under way.

The Lowell Community Picnic will be August 25 at Fallsburg Park, with games and 6:30 basket lunch, sponsored by the Board of Trade.

Schools open September 6. The new high school addition is ready.

Clark Parsons exhibits his state Grand Champion Angus cow at the Lowell 4-H Fair.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE AUG. 15, 1974

Gerald Rudolph Ford becomes President of the United States on August 9, a year and a day after he was last in Lowell, speaking to the Rotary Club.

It's been "the worst drought since the Dust Bowl of the '30's" in the prairie states, but now heavy rains are threatening to create gullies.

A proposal to remove the sales tax on food and increase the income tax will go to Michigan voters this November.

School lunch supervisor Marilyn Boveas asks for a five-cent price increase, to 35 cents for elementary and middle school lunches and 40 cents for senior high. Food costs are up.

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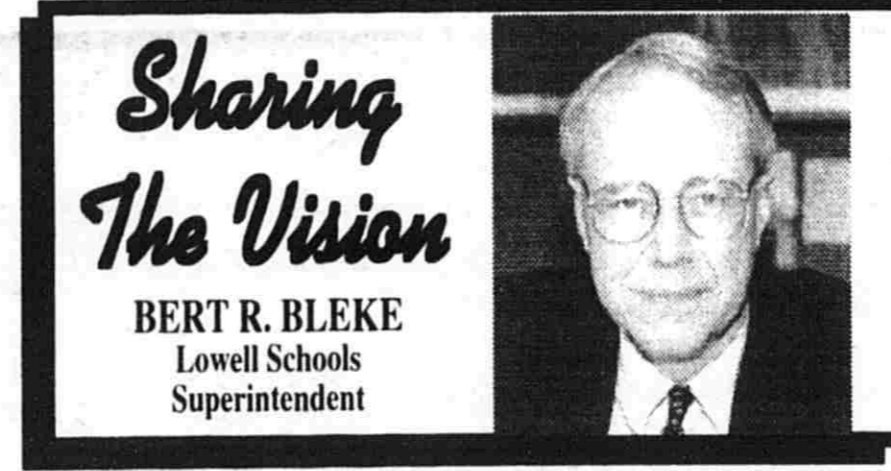
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Sharing The Vision
BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

David Letterman, the well-known late-night talk show host, is best known for his top 10 lists. Following this lead I thought it would be fun to compile a top 10 list of important actors that assure a quality public school district.

As we begin yet another school year, the last of this century, our staff will be working diligently to produce the best student learning results of which we are capable. We know that our efforts will be supported by our parents and our community. Our pledge to you is to work with you to provide the best student learning for all children.

Throughout the school year you may wish to refer to the top 10 list to help assess how we are doing. A phone call to discuss these or any other issues is always appreciated and welcomed.

TOP 10:
1. The school district is open and actively encourages parent involvement in student learning - the community and parents are supportive of the efforts of the school.
2. The school staff is comprised of dedicated, knowledgeable and caring individuals.
3. There are adequate financial resources to provide the necessary tools for teaching and learning.
4. There exists a culture of high expectations for staff and students.

- The school organization has a clear vision and purpose that is focused on student learning.
- The curriculum of the schools is focused on the knowledge, skills and character traits necessary for all students to be successful - the district can answer the question "How do you know you are being successful?"
- The school district utilizes sound instructional practices based on brain research to maximize student learning.
- The district fosters an environment that is accepting of all students while placing a high priority on student behavior.
- There exists a culture of continuous improvement.
- The district possesses excellence in leadership at the Board of Education and organizational level.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting, MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1999.

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Shores.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to excuse the absence of Councilmember Shores.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN that the meeting minutes of the July 19, 1999 meeting be approved as submitted.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (08/02/99)

GENERAL FUND	\$222,698.10
MAJOR STREET FUND	444.83
LOCAL STREET FUND	344.84
DDA FUND	14,314.55
AIRPORT FUND	31.30
WASTEWATER FUND	99,470.34
WATER FUND	2,924.87
DATA PROCESSING FUND	9,930.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,164.19
CURRENT TAXES	88,099.75
LEE FUND	100.00
LOOK DALEY FUND	5,000.00

Item #1. 136 S. CENTER - REZONING FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS VENNEN CHRYSLER DODGE - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION-ADOPT ORDINANCE OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (8/16). The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their last meeting on July 26, 1999 to consider a recommendation on the rezoning of 136 S. Center Street. This is a vacant lot which adjoins the Vennen Chrysler Dodge property. Vennen has proposed to rezone this lot from R-2 Residential to C-3 General Business to allow expansion of their parking. Both written and verbal comments were received by the Commission at the public hearing. Those neighbors supporting the rezoning saw Vennen as a good neighbor and foresaw no problems with the utilization of the lot for additional parking. Some concerns were mentioned verbally by other nearby property owners who opposed the rezoning considering this a further intrusion of commercial usage into a residential area.

After receiving the comments and discussing the issue with representatives from Vennen and the current property owner, Ormand Lyons, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the rezoning of 136 South Center Street to C-3 General Business.

Councilmember Myers asked if this was lot 54 of Sweet and Smith's Addition and would it square off the back property line. City Manager Pasquale responded it encompassed the south 6 feet of lot 54 and all of lot 55 and would square off the back property line.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to establish a public hearing for August 16, 1999 to consider the Vennen Chrysler Dodge request to rezone 136 South Center Street from R-2 Residential to C-3 General Business.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

A. Landscaping requirements in the Commercial and Industrial Districts - set public hearing date (8/16). The proposed zoning ordinance amendments in Sections 10.04, 12.04, 12A.04 and 13.04 arose from reviews of site plans and the need to provide additional flexibility. The Planning Commission found site plans which had adequate landscaping, but did not have the exact number of plantings within the side and front yards required under the Zoning Ordinance. This would allow the Commission flexibility to approve a site plan with the trees and shrubs covering the site.

Planning Commission held a public hearing at their July 26, 1999 meeting on the proposed ordinance amendments. Receiving no written or verbal comments, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the City Council adopt the proposed zoning ordinance amendments in Sections 10.04, 12.04, 12A.04 and 13.04.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to establish a public hearing on August 16, 1999 to consider the adoption of the proposed amendments in Section 10.04, 12.04, 12A.04, and 13.04 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding landscaping requirements in the Commercial and Industrial Districts.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. HEIGHT LIMITATIONS TO ACCESSORY BUILDINGS - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (8/16). As requested by the City Council, the Planning Commission studied the issue of whether the height of residential detached accessory buildings should be raised from its present 14 feet. The issue was examined in light of Robert Rittenger's (745 Foreman) petition to have a 16 foot 4 inch motor home port. The proposed ordinance amendment to Section 4.08H stated "no detached accessory building in a residential district shall exceed the height of the residence". At its July 26, 1999 meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and received no comments. The Commission then recommended adoption of the proposed amendment.

Councilmember Blough commended Rittenger for attending all meetings and following the process through.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing regarding Section 4.08H on August 16, 1999 to set limitations to accessory buildings so that these shall not exceed the height of the residence.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Pasquale noted Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker would be present at the public hearings.

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 422 East Main Street - Steven Morrison - variance to allow multi-family dwelling in General Business District - request to table from the Planning Commission. City Manager Pasquale noted the Planning Commission, at its July 26, 1999 meeting, wish to have the variance application tabled until rezoning this parcel and adjoining properties is studied.

Pasquale stated Steven Morrison was present at the Planning Commission meeting and is aware of the concerns from the Commission. The Commissioners indicated they desire to review the option of rezoning this property and two adjacent parcels to R-3 Residential during their August meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to table the variance request received from Steven Morrison for multi family usage at 422 East Main Street until a recommendation is received from the Planning Commission regarding possible rezoning.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. INSTALLATION OF FENCE AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT - AWARD OF BID. Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan proposed the installation of a fence on the west boundary line, which would provide additional security to the Plant.

The following bids were received:

• AAA Fence Company (G.R.)	\$13,976
• Grand Rapids Fence Company (G.R.)	\$14,400
• Cedar Springs Fence Company (Cedar Springs)	\$14,670
• Outback Fence Recreation (Comstock Park)	\$14,825

Regan recommended the project be awarded to AAA Fencing at a cost of \$13,976 as allocated from the Water Fund.

Councilmember Myers asked if the Water Treatment Plant would then be completely enclosed with fencing. Regan responded the land would be surveyed to insure the placement of the fence. He was hopeful the fence would not have to be placed where the water flows. Pasquale said the plant already has fencing along the front and east sides leaving access only by the Grand River.

Councilmember Blough questioned what the lineal footage of the fence would be. Regan responded AAA Fence Company measured 993 lineal feet. He noted all bids were based on 1230 feet of fencing.

Mayor Thompson verified all companies had bid on the same area.

Councilmember Green asked if any of the bids would be lowered, if there was less footage than expected. Regan was unsure. He noted the measurement may vary depending on the level of the river.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to accept the bid for the installation of fence along the west side of the Water Treatment Plant from AAA Fence Company in the amount of \$13,976 as allocated from the Water Fund, noting four other bids were received.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. INSTALLATION OF SECOND ROOF AT 113 LAFAYETTE (OLD NAPA BUILDING)-AWARD OF BID. After installing a new roof over the office section of 113 Lafayette, it was discovered the roof over the storage section would need to be replaced in order for the building to be fully utilized.

Pasquale noted the City sought sealed bids, advertised and submitted bid packages to several local contractors. The following bid was received:
• Richard Anderson Builders \$24,500

Though only one bid was received, the proposal was under the budget amount (\$27,500) within the Public Works Department allocation.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the project had to be completed immediately. Pasquale responded the Chamber of Commerce is very interested in moving into the building soon.

Councilmember Blough wondered if the other bids were not received because the selection criteria utilizes the lowest bid. He could understand why a builder may feel not to bid on such a project if they had a bid on numerous other projects and not been awarded.

Mayor Thompson noted Richard Anderson Builders was the lowest bidder on another project.

Myers asked if Anderson had completed other projects for the City. Regan responded Anderson repaired the roof on Well House #1.

Thompson questioned if the size of the roof was comparable to the last one done. Pasquale responded doors and windows were included in the last project as well as the roof.

Former Forest Hills tennis coach accepts challenge of Lowell's varsity coaching position

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After coaching established and respected high school girl tennis programs, what does Bonnie Wall find so appealing about the varsity coaching position in Lowell?



Bonnie Wall

Wall, who coached nine years at Forest Hills Central and the last seven at Forest Hills Northern, accepted the Red Arrow girls tennis coaching position last week. She replaces Wendy Ackermann who resigned after seven years as varsity coach.

"Wendy did a wonderful job in getting girls interested in tennis in Lowell," Wall said. This year, 32 girls came out for tennis.

Wall retired as an English

teacher in the Forest Hills School district five years ago, but decided to stay on as a tennis coach before resigning at the end of last year.

"I live in the Lowell School District and my hus-

band (Roger) and I thought it would be nice to get involved and be a part of the community," Wall said.

The coach led her Forest Hills Northern squad to a second place finish in the state in Division II.

"I am excited about the opportunity to build a program, teach the game of tennis and watch the growth of the players," Wall explained. "The girls want to learn and work at the game."

As a coach at Forest Hills,

Wall admits she was given a lot of good players. "A lot of good players came out for the team. I didn't have to teach skills - just strategy."

The new Lowell coach is ranked number one in the USTA Midwest Section for

her age group in a five-state area (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin).

She is anxious to teach some of that skill to her players. It is a challenge she is eager to begin.

Landscaping amendment allows planning commission some leeway

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An amendment to Lowell landscaping zoning ordinance for commercial and industrial property will allow the Lowell Planning Commission more flexibility when dealing with landscaping issues.

"Commercial and industrial sites come to the planning commission with site plans wonderfully landscaped, but our ordinance requires more in the front yard," said planning commission chairman Dan Brubaker. "In some lots, equivalent landscaping is better placed in an area other than the front yard."

This amendment will give the planning commission the flexibility to determine when that is the case.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said the current landscaping ordinance tends to be controlling and that a variety is needed.

"The planning commission should not be required to go strictly by the ordinance when sites are amply landscaped," Pasquale said.

The amendment reads that equivalent landscaping may be located in areas other than the front yard and the street side.

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Pasquale noted he wanted to see the building utilized.

Police Chief Jim Valentine stated Overbeck Construction advised the City to replace the roof over the storage building before parking any vehicles in this location. The contractors were unsure of how long the roof would stay intact. Valentine noted much water runs through the roof when it rains.

Blough questioned if there were any project amendment costs on the first roof project. Pasquale responded no.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN to award Richard Anderson Builders the project of installing a second roof at 113 Lafayette in the amount of \$24,500 as allocated from the Public Works Department budget.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (9/7). A meeting was held on April 15, 1999 between the Downtown Development Authority and the City Council regarding the issuing of tax increment financing a second bond. Currently, the City has a 1.3 million dollar TIFA bond which was sold in 1993. City Manager Pasquale stated there was sufficient room for a second bond to undertake additional work within the downtown district. As part of the process, the updating of tax increment and development plan, which the DDA adopted in 1993, must be considered. This is required before bonding can be undertaken.

The amendments involve the maximum amount of indebtedness. Originally, the bonding authority was no more than one million dollars. Because there will be two bond issues, it has been proposed three million, dollars is not to be exceeded.

The amendment to the plan would also allow for additional projects, such as the expansion of parking at Avery and Monroe and the King Milling lots. Also included, the City Hall - Police Station renovation, extension of street lighting to the west City limits, sidewalks, assistance with property acquisition and demolition and handicapped access in public facilities. The DDA is also reviewing the possibility of assisting business owners who wish to renovate their buildings.

At its meeting, held on July 22, the DDA approved the amendments as proposed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to set a public hearing for September 7, 1999 to discuss the amendments of the Downtown Development Authority Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. REQUEST OF LOWELL YMCA TO UNDERTAKE REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GRAHAM BUILDING. Penny Chamberlain of the Lowell YMCA stated their desire to start interior improvements to the Graham building. She mentioned the walls and ceilings would be painted. All rooms will be newly carpeted, except the bathrooms, which will provide linoleum. The bathrooms will also have new counter tops and shelves, along with new sinks, vanity and toilet. A door would need to be replaced, because of termite damage.

Chamberlain also mentioned new hinges would be placed on all doors so that these close tightly. She stated exterior improvements such as a new screen door on the east side, rebuilding of steps and repairing the overhang on the east side, will be accomplished.

City Manager Pasquale noted all exterior improvements need to be reviewed by the Downtown Historic District Commission.

Councilmember Myers questioned if a budget had been prepared. Chamberlain responded nothing had been finalized.

Mayor Thompson did not want the design of the interior changed. Chamberlain responded the only structural work on the inside would be the face on a door, due to termite damage. She noted this would be replaced with the same molding.

Myers inquired if any wood grain molding would be painted. Chamberlain responded much of the molding is already painted.

Myers asked how long the YMCA planned to stay in the Graham Building. Chamberlain was unsure, but there have been no plans to move.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to allow the Lowell YMCA to undertake repairs and improvements to the Graham Building as long as nothing structural would be changed except for repairs and cosmetic items.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers commented on the road improvements provided for Sibley.

Myers also thanked City Treasurer Suzanne Olin for preparing figures on the Lee Fund. He stated a total of \$93,000 of grants had been made from the Lee Fund over the past five years. Myers noted these were provided through the Parks and Recreation Commission for park improvements.

Myers asked if any action could be taken to clear the area where the tree fell upon an old motel building along West Main Street. Pasquale responded a notice has been sent to the owner. He stated if the area is not cleared shortly, the City would take action.

Mayor Thompson commented on the long grass between the curbs and sidewalks along West Main Street. He stated either MDOT or the property owners need to mow this. Pasquale responded letters have been issued to some property owners.

ITEM #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. A letter was received from the Michigan State University extension office inviting the City to attend the opening of the Kent County Youth Fair. The Fair is celebrating its 65th anniversary from August 16th through the 21st. The theme is "Our Youth Shine in '99". The Council's presence has been requested on Monday, August 16, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

2. The following meetings minutes were provided:

- Planning Commission meeting of June 28
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting of June 24
- Building Authority meeting of March 31
- Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of May 8 and June 19

3. Through a contract with the Kent County Road Commission, Rieth-Riley will be repaving North Hudson Street from Chatham to Lincoln Lake. This will take place from Friday, August 6 to Monday, August 9 (before the Fair) The Department of Public Works has been notifying affected residences and businesses about the project. No detours will be involved.

4. In response to a request from City Councilmember Myers, a listing of expenditures over the past five years from the Lee Fund was provided to the Council.

5. A letter was received from Roger LaWarre for the cooperation shown sharing costs involving the tree removal by the Flat River Outreach Ministries building renovation project.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson noted the vacancy on the Airport and the Downtown Development Authority Boards. He stated the Cable TV Board has currently been placed on hold.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, August 16, 1999

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



Stephen and Debra Hoeksema

Hoeksema and Wieland exchange vows

Debra Wieland and Stephen Hoeksema were united in marriage on June 18, 1999, at First Protestant Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

The bride's parents are Bill and Carol Wieland.

The groom's parents are Mark and Ruth Hoeksema.

The bride was attended by matron of honor, Heidi Boven. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Dougherty, Sarah Wieland and Sarah Hoeksema.

The best man was Michael Hoeksema. Groomsmen were Tim Kamps, Philip Hoeksema and Christian Wieland.

Ushers were Dan Kamps, Dean Veltman and Aaron Cleveland.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Phil Dougherty and Marci Hoeksema.

AREA BIRTHS

Robert and Wanda Johnson of Clarksville are proud to announce the birth of their son, George Burton, on Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at Spectrum Health East Campus. He weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 22 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Clyde and Eula Curtiss of

Lake Odessa and Lester and Millie Johnson of Greensburg, IN.

Great-grandmother is Semmie Johnson of Sharpsville, IN.

Scott and Laurie Benjamin of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their

son, Gabriel Joseph. He was born at Spectrum Health East Campus on July 29, 1999, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Also thrilled with his arrival are brother Mitchell and sister Olivia.

Grandparents are Chuck and Mary Benjamin of Lowell, the late Nancy Benjamin and Gary and Donna Cantrell of Battle Creek.

Great-grandparents are Luben and Rada Chochoff of Battle Creek.

Council amends accessory building height limitations

After months of studying the issue as to whether the height of a residential detached accessory building should be raised from 14 feet,

the Lowell City Council, through a recommendation of the planning commission, amended the ordinance to read "no

detached accessory building in a residential district shall exceed the height of the residence."

The issue was first examined in light of Robert Rittenger's (745 Foreman) request to have a 16 foot, four inch motor home port.

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FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20 THRU AUGUST 26

Former child stars Jaleel White and Soleil Moon Frye (top row) star with Marissa Ribisi and Dave Ruby in *Grown Ups*, a new sitcom about young adults living through what White calls "the uncertainty years." The series premieres Monday on United Paramount Network.

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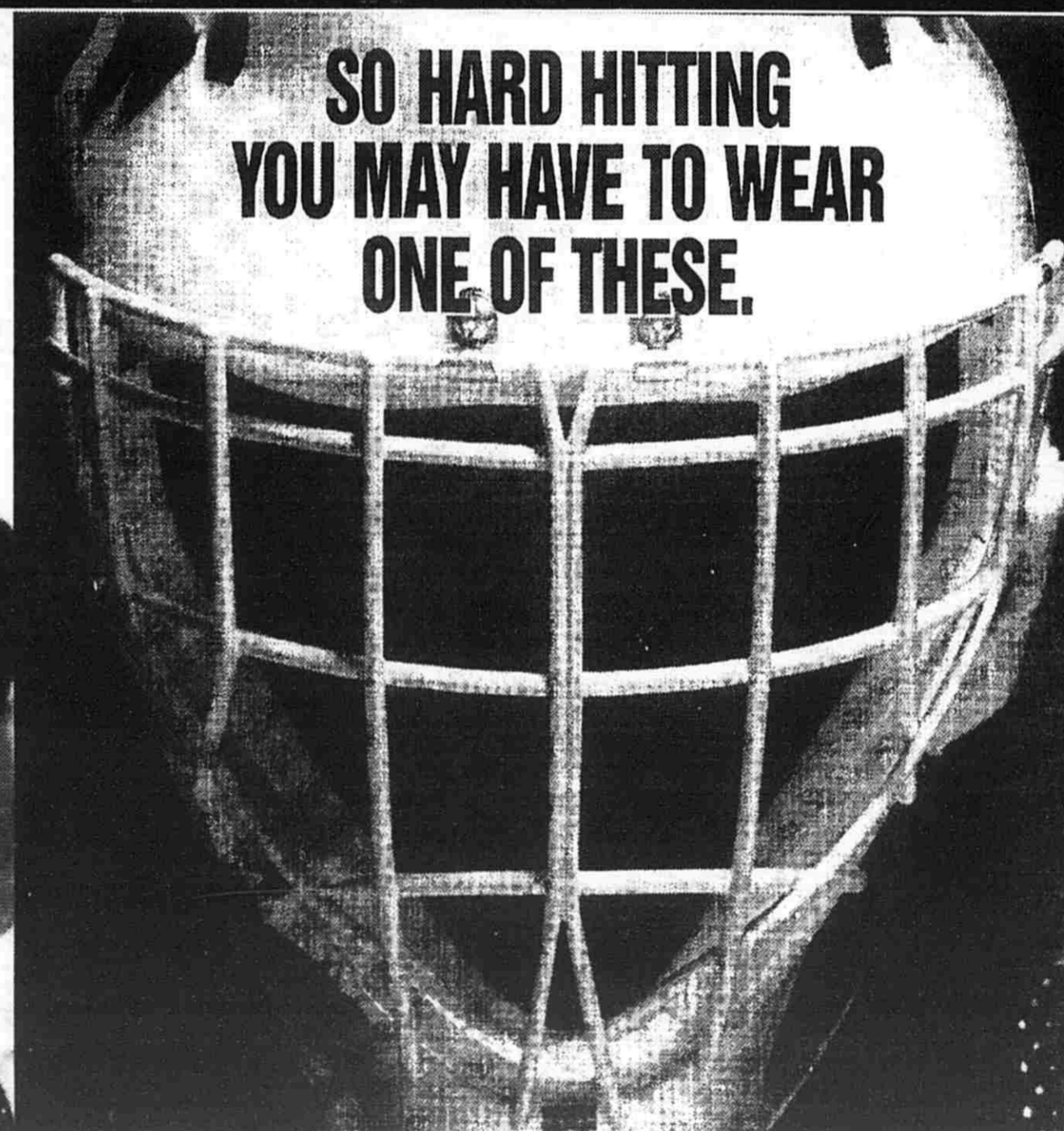
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SATURDAY MORNING AUGUST 21, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTL, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX), Cable Channels (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TRN, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN), and Premium Channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX).

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

RUGBY: FOXDT Wed. 1 p.m. Rugby Road to the World Cup -- Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
HOCKEY: ESPN Tue. 3 p.m. Pro Beach Hockey Championship Game 2. From Huntington Beach, Calif. (Taped)
SOCCER: FOXDT Sat. 3 a.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
FOXDTE Mon. 1 p.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
EQUESTRIAN: ESPN Sat. 4 p.m. Horse Racing Alabama Stakes. From Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (Live)

AUTO RACING: ESPN Fri. 8:30 p.m. Auto Racing NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series -- Ram Tough 200. From Madison, Ill. (Live)
GOLF: ESPN Fri. 1 p.m. Senior PGA Golf BankBoston Classic -- First Round. From Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord, Mass. (Live)
USA Fri. 4 p.m. PGA Golf Sprint International -- Second Round. From Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colo. (Live)
WVMT Sat. 4 p.m.; WLNS Sat. 4 p.m.; WLX Sat. 4 p.m.; WILX Sat. 4 p.m. Golf U.S. Amateur Open Championship -- Semifinals. From Pebble Beach, Calif.

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SATURDAY EVENING/LATENIGHT AUGUST 21, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, August 21, 1999. Columns include time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WWMT, WOVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, August 21, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (3-15) and channel names (FX, FHM, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, August 21, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (16-20) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, etc.).

SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 22, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Morning, August 22, 1999. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (WWMT, WOVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Morning, August 22, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (16-30) and channel names (FX, FHM, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Morning, August 22, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (31-35) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, etc.).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 22, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Afternoon, August 22, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WWMT, WOVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Afternoon, August 22, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (31-45) and channel names (FX, FHM, etc.).

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SUNDAY EVENING/LATENIGHT AUGUST 22, 1999. Broadcast Channels: 7:00-4:30. Cable Channels: 5-48. Includes programs like 'The Amazing Panda Adventure', 'X-Files', 'Seinfeld', 'Survival', 'Major League Baseball', etc.

MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 23, 1999. Broadcast Channels: 7:00-11:30. Cable Channels: 5-48. Includes programs like 'Wheel of Fortune', 'Jeopardy!', 'King of Queens', 'Frasier', 'The Sopranos', 'Survival', 'Major League Baseball', etc.

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TUESDAY EVENING AUGUST 24, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and channel numbers (WVMT, WVTV, WGVU, etc.).

Cable Channels table with columns for channel numbers (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.) and program titles such as 'M*A*S*H Goodbye, Cruel World', 'The X-Files', 'Dick & Paula Celebrity Special', etc.

Premium Channels table with columns for channel numbers (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) and program titles like 'The Tiger Woods Story', 'The Sopranos', 'Titanic', etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 25, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and channel numbers (WVMT, WVTV, WGVU, etc.).

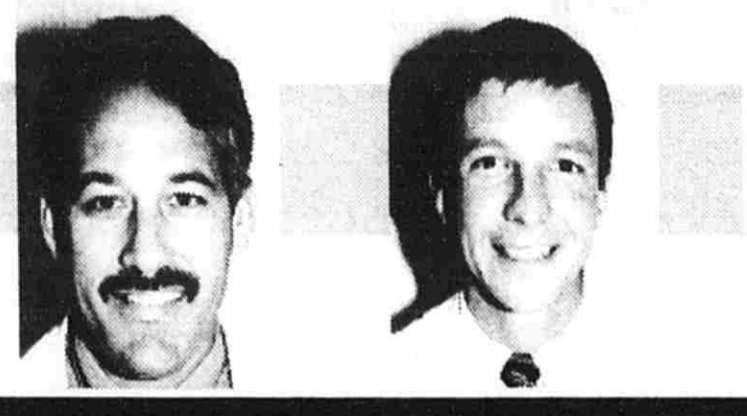
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Hepatitis B is an illness caused by a virus that results in inflammation of the liver. Most cases of hepatitis resolve spontaneously over a couple of months. Sometimes this infection can last for years leading to long term liver damage, liver cancer and even death.

About one million people in the U.S. have chronic hepatitis B infection. It is estimated that 200,000 young adults are infected annually, 11,000 are hospitalized every year with the infection and 5,000 people will die from chronic hepatitis infection. These statistics show why the vaccine is so important.

Hepatitis B is spread through contact with blood or body fluids of an infected person. Infection can occur by having sex with an infected person, injecting drugs with contaminated

needles, or being accidentally struck with a needle on the job. Even sharing personal items like a razor or toothbrush can spread the infection. You cannot get hepatitis B by casual contact with an infected person.

The vaccine is recommended for all individuals under 18 and any adults who are at risk for the disease. Three doses of the vaccine are needed for full immunity and are usually given over a six-month period.

There are very few problems with the virus. Occasionally mild soreness occurs at the injection site. A fever may occur in one out of every 14 children receiving the vaccine. Most people who get the hepatitis B vaccine do not have any problems with it.

Sykes wins Ariat national medal

Katie Sykes, an adult equestrian from Lowell, won the Ariat National Adult Medal of Excellence at the Motor City Horse Show in Bloomfield Hills. Sykes, who rode the 12-year-old Danish Warmblood, Imajca, to the win, trains with Rush and Carl Weeden of Brookwood Farm in Lake Forest, IL. Sykes comes from a family involved in horses. Both her parents show in the adult jumper division.

Ariat International, a

leading manufacturer of equestrian footwear, has sponsored the Ariat National Adult Medal for five years. The program has shown outstanding national success due to the growing numbers of adults who ride to compete.

Designed specifically for adult amateur hunter riders showing at the three-foot level, the Ariat National Adult Medal is a national equitation program where participants are judged on their riding skills and control of

their mounts as they negotiate a course of at least eight jumps. Points are accumulated by those riders who place in the top six and the riders are then ranked in a national point standings list. Over 400 horse shows will hold the Ariat National Adult Medal class in 1999.

As the winner of the Ariat National Adult Medal class at the Motor City Horse Show, Sykes received the Ariat Medal of Excellence and was awarded points that will include her in a nationwide ranking system. At the close of the qualifying period, the top 20 riders in the Ariat National Adult Medal points standings and the 10 Ariat National Adult Medal Regional Series Champions will be invited to compete in the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals to be held at the Capital Challenge Horse Show in Washington, DC, in October.

Lowell Beute named as NSFP finalist

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There are no ifs, ands or buts about it from where Jim White, Lowell assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, sits.

"Sue Beute is responsible for how well our mathematics curriculum is coordinated at the elementary level," White explained.

The knowledge of that is what inspired White to nomi-



Sue Beute

nate Beute for recognition in the National Science Foundation Presidential Award for math and science teaching.

The Lowell elementary at-risk math teacher was one of three teachers given state finalist recognition.

It's an award that requires a lot of work from the candidate.

Beute was asked to give a

narrative on how she uses math assessments.

The paper work was also used to judge Beute on her knowledge of math and the national standards.

For being named one of the three finalists, Beute was awarded \$750 to further her education and/or to purchase supplies and materials for her classroom.



Minor injuries result from crash

Minor injuries were incurred in a two-car accident Monday morning at the intersection of Vergennes and Parnell Ave. Michel Andreason, Grand Rapids, was northbound on Parnell, when she pulled into the path of an eastbound vehicle driven by Spencer DuBridge of Lowell.

Neither driver incurred serious injury. Andreason was transported to Spectrum Health downtown for treatment and then released.

DuBridge complained of a sore hand, but was not taken to the hospital.

Renee Lesiewicz, a passenger in Andreason's car, incurred a bump and lacerations on the leg.

Andreason and Lesiewicz were enroute to Diane Richmond's funeral. They worked with Richmond at Heidi Christine's in Ada.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cornerstone University recognizes **Tricia Raimier** for her inclusion on the dean's list for the spring of 1999. This distinction is reserved for those who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Raimier is a 1998 graduate of Saranac and is the daughter of George and Sue Raimier of Saranac. Her major is secondary education in math and science.

Brian S. Gessler, of Lowell, was among 45 students who graduated from Davenport College - Holland this spring.

Gessler received his AAS, C.I.S. in Microcomputer Network management.

As a college of nontraditional students, the graduating class consists of students who average 32 years of age who already have many adult responsibilities including generally full-time employment and family. "We congratulate each and every one of our graduates. They have shown great self-discipline and a strong desire to succeed. They can be very proud of their accomplishments. I know the college is," stated Dean Craig Schrotenboer.

democratic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall.

The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among the 787 leading high school seniors from 10 states who competed for the scholarships during events this past winter on campus.

The competition included essay writing and group problem solving activities for students and information sessions for parents.

To be eligible, participants had to apply to WMU by Dec. 31 with at least a 3.8 grade point average in high

school and an American College Test score of at least 25.

The top students were awarded Medallion Scholarships. Valued at \$32,000 over four years, those scholarships are the highest honor WMU can award to an incoming freshman.

The rest of the students received one of two types of awards: Board of Trustees Scholarships of \$24,000 over four years; or WMU Academic Scholarships of \$4,800 over four years.

Howes is the son of Steven and Linda Howes of Lowell.

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YARD SALE 11990 Potters Rd. near Fallsburg Park & Montclair. August 21 & 22, 9-5, some school clothes, all season wear & odds & ends.	GARAGE SALE Back to school clothing, misc. Something for everyone. Sat., Aug. 21, 1 day only, 9-1 p.m. 11419 Lally NE Lowell (Murray Lake area).
HUGE SALE Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 19 & 20, 9-6 p.m. 3275 Timpson bet. 36th & Gd. River. Lots of toys - housewares, like new brand-name clothes children & adult, boys sz. 4-10, girls 24 mos. - 5; wood table, 4 chairs, king soft side, 35" BF Goodrich tires, lamps, student desks, lots & lots of misc. Everything priced to sell.	HUGE SALE AT PERRY'S Lots of quality back to school clothes & winter coats. Snowblowers, lawn mowers, household items, toys & misc. 6939 Alden Nash, Fri., Aug. 20 (5 mi. S. of Lowell on M-50).
GARAGE SALE Aug. 20 & 21, 1111 Alden Nash, bet. Foreman & Vergennes.	CENTER COURT APARTMENTS YARD SALES Aug. 20 & 21, 10-7 p.m. N. Center Street, Lowell. Many families, numerous items.
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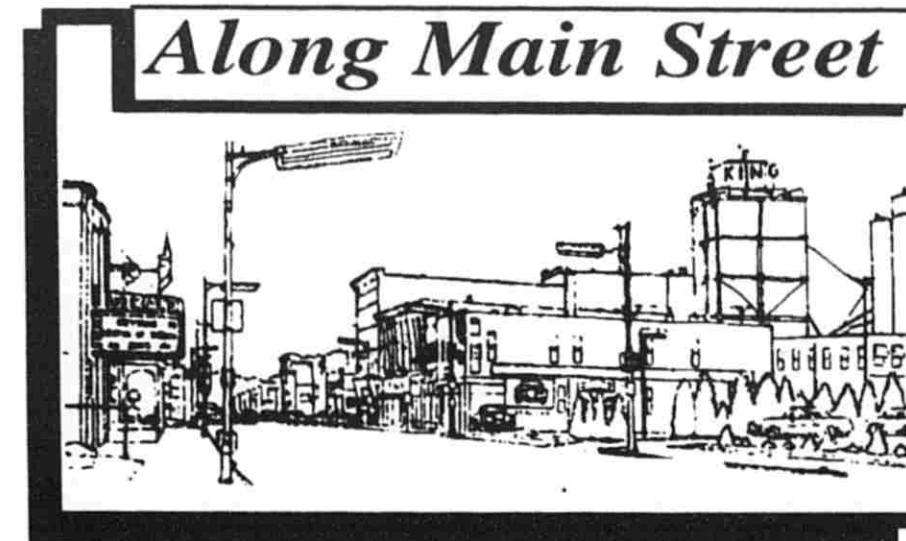
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Grand Valley Blood Program mobile blood bus will be at the Lowell First United Methodist Church parking lot, corner of Main and Jackson streets, on Thurs., Aug. 19 from 4-8 p.m.

SHOWBOAT ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater will be provided by the Thunder Floor Cloppers on Wed., Aug. 18 from 7-8 p.m. The last performance of the season will be Hit & Run Band on Wed., Aug. 25 from 7-9 p.m.

LMS ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Lowell Middle School will host athletic physicals for

seventh and eighth grade students who plan on participating in interscholastic athletics during the 1999-2000 school year on Wednesday, Aug. 25. Physicals will be held in the middle school locker rooms from 6 to 7 p.m. for girls and 7 to 8 p.m. for boys.

Physicals are provided courtesy of Drs. Gauthier, Lang and Miller and the cost is \$5 cash. Students should pick up physical cards in the middle school office or the high school athletic office and bring completed cards to the physical.

LAAC CLOSED REST OF AUGUST

Due to exterior and interior construction, the main gallery located at 149 S. Hudson in historic downtown Lowell will be closed for the remainder of August 1999.

A juried exhibit of members of the West Michigan Pastel Society will open in new surroundings Tuesday, Sept. 21. Call the center 897-8545 for business hours during renovation on Fridays.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Fallsburg Historical Society general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 at Schneider Manor. The program: Fallsburg Village has been elected to the National Register of Historic Places. Michael Page, speaker.

will tell about what this honor means to the community and the historical society.

They will also have "Show and Tell" so bring an antique object and tell about it or ask if anyone knows what it is. Visitors welcome.

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSES

Cherry Creek Elementary will have two nights of open houses for grades 2-5. On August 24, new family orientation for third and fifth grades will be at 6 p.m. The parent information meeting for third grade will begin at 6:35 and fifth grade parent information meeting will be at 7:25. The fifth-grade camp meeting for parents will be at 8:15.

On August 25, new family orientation for second and fourth grades will be at 6 p.m. The parent information meeting for second grade will begin at 6:35 and the fourth grade parent information meeting will be at 7:25.

CAR WASH

The Lowell Fastbreak Baseball car wash will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Fare parking lot.

Come out and support the great players of the Lowell baseball teams.

PAC, cont'd....

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and read the screen without any effort.

"The only comparison between what we had and this video projection system is we use a screen," Graham explains.

Beyond school functions, it will enable Graham to market the use of the Performing Arts Center to a more diverse clientele.

"In the past, there have been major groups who did not use our facility because we didn't have a video projector," Graham said.

The purchase of the system will make the center's use of the overhead projector a thing of the past. Now, Graham will take a picture of the document with the camera and then send that electronically to the projector.

With the DVD device, most programs can be done in three languages. "The voice can be in Spanish and the subtitles in English or any variation like that.

"Studies have shown the level of comprehension is higher when there is the potential to hear and read," Graham explained.

It took six weeks to install the new system. The work was completed by Midwest Audio Visual.

Extension, cont'd....

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The same current terms and conditions for price and service levels would remain throughout the extension.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said he felt comfortable recommending the assignment and extension of the contract.

"It will be the same management and personnel providing the same service," he explained. "The Lowell community has been served well by Denny's. If at the end of the year, we're not happy with the service under new ownership, the city can put it out for bid."

The last time the city put the solid waste and recycling contract out for bid was three/four years ago.

Councilman Chuck Myers said if the council is to follow policy, why reward a contract? "It should be put out for bid."

The council moved to assign the contract to Sunset Waste to Oct. 15 and asked that Pasquale put the service out for bid so that a new one-year contract can be awarded.

Based on service and stable reasonable rates, council members Jeanne Shores and Don Green favored giving Denny's/Sunset a one-year extension on its contract.

Survey, cont'd....

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John Timpson hopes that a slight millage increase can be forthcoming.

"A half mill will give us enough funds for an effective spraying and suppression program," Timpson explained.

All surveying will be conducted in October and November of this year, when the moth egg masses are most noticeable. Gypsy moths are becoming a major problem in many areas throughout the state. Other local communities, such as Cascade, have participated in spraying programs in recent years.

Charm: that quality in others of making us more satisfied with ourselves.
—Henri Fredrick Amiel

Lowell Rotary makes plethora of donations to area organizations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's an unlikely link, but economics has given Cherry Creek Elementary second-graders and the Lowell Rotary Club a commonality.

While Lowell Rotarians, through the years, have made the most of their business opportunities and have garnered an understanding about economic choices they make in their daily lives, Cherry Creek second-graders, through the economics section of their social studies curriculum, are being introduced to those issues.

The Lowell Rotary Club presented Cherry Creek teachers Kim Lum and Jackie Tousley with a check for \$1,200 toward teaching economics to Cherry Creek Elementary second-graders.

It was one of seven checks presented by the Lowell Rotary Club at its weekly Wednesday luncheon.

Rotary distributed \$20,185 in proceeds from its April community auction to local organizations.

"The money will assist us in teaching our kids to be good consumers and to understand the difference between needs and wants," Tousley said.

Teachers will discuss with children the personal choices they make and how those choices impact them.

The eight second-grade classrooms also run the Cherry Creek Cookie Company, whereby students are responsible for advertising, baking, packaging, taking orders and delivering the cookies.



Seven checks totaling roughly \$20,000 were handed out at the Lowell Rotary's luncheon Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Portions of that profit (\$1,000) will be used toward start-up money for the 1999-2000 school year, a donation to the Flat River Outreach Ministries and the accelerated readers program.

The Lowell Rotary Club's donation will be used to hire a consultant to teach economic terms to second-graders and to buy books and related supplies for the program.

In addition to the economics program donation, Tony Asselta, Rotarian special projects and funding chairman, said the Rotary Club will donate \$5,000 toward the Bob Hahn Scholarship to help build the endowment for future annual scholarships.

Ron Wenger, Lowell Youth Fair board president, was given a check for \$5,000 toward the King Memorial Youth Center facility. It will provide the fairgrounds with permanent bathroom, shower and kitchen facilities. The entire renovation project when completed is expected to cost \$150,000.

Cherry Creek Elementary received a check for \$2,000 toward its Cherry Creek Pond Outdoor Classroom site. The money will be used toward providing a viewing platform for children, specialized gardens, teacher training and earth windows.

Dale Triplett accepted a check for \$2,500 toward the renovation of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce community center.

Cherry Creek Elementary's Accelerated Readers program was awarded \$2,500 for funding the purchase of books for grades three through five.

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center was presented a check for \$1,000 and the 4-H Performing Arts Club - Life's a Stage received \$885.

Tami Doran was the chairperson for this year's Rotary auction.

Thomet Chevrolet awarded bid on pickup truck

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

DesJarden therefore recommended that the city purchase a 2000 Chevy extended cab from Thomet at a cost of \$30,424. The monies will be allocated from the equipment fund.

In a second motion, the council approved the sale of its 1988 Chevrolet pickup to Chris Crawford for \$6,000.

In a second motion, the

It wasn't the lowest bid, but Thomet Chevrolet was the only vendor responsive at bid opening.

In taking bids for the purchase of a 2000 pickup truck, the city found itself in unchartered waters.

The only responsive bidder also happened to be the highest.

Both of the other bidders omitted three necessary items in their opening bid. After review, one of the two determined it could provide all three items. The price was lower than Thomet's sealed bid.

Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden explained to the city council that in considering the bid process, the bid should be given to the bidder (Thomet) responsive at bid opening.



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On site inspection must be scheduled with Dan DesJarden between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by calling 897-5929 and specifications will be given at that time.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

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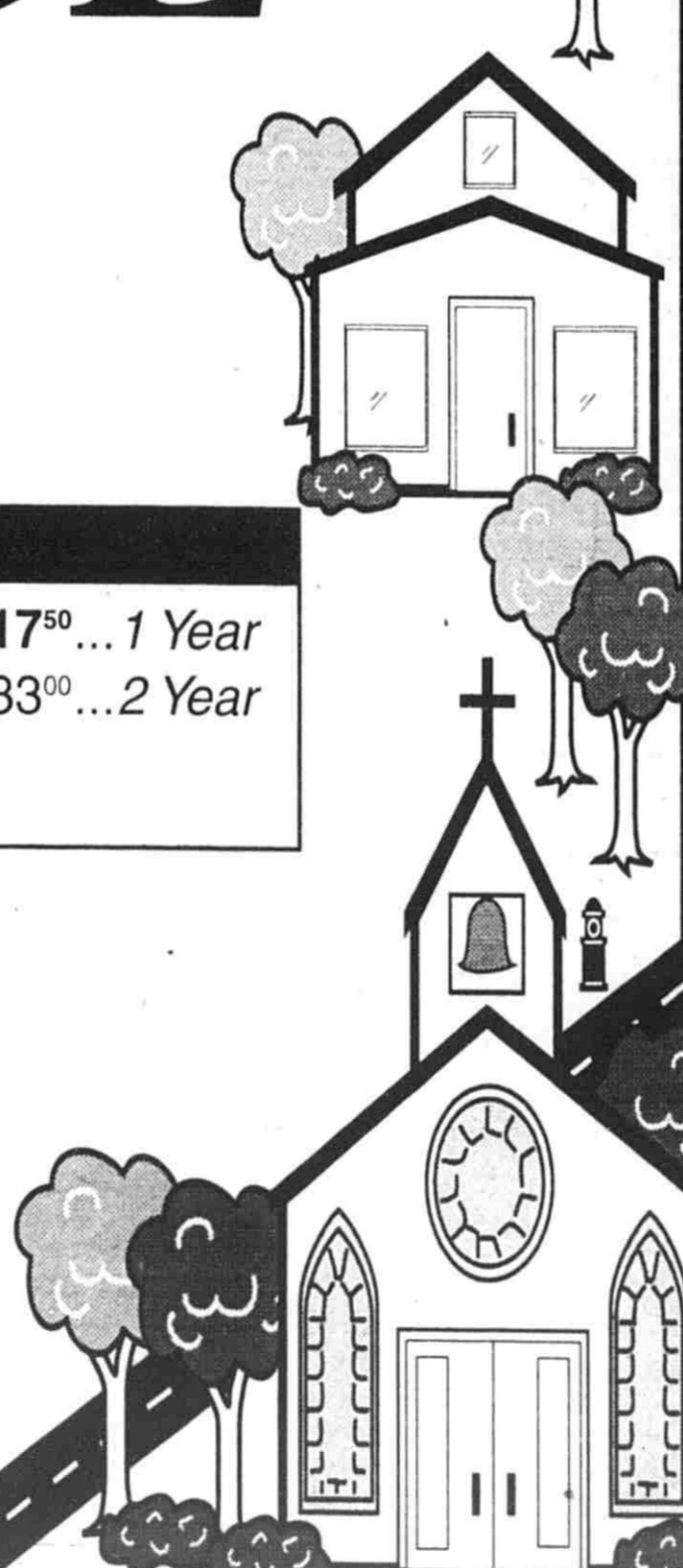
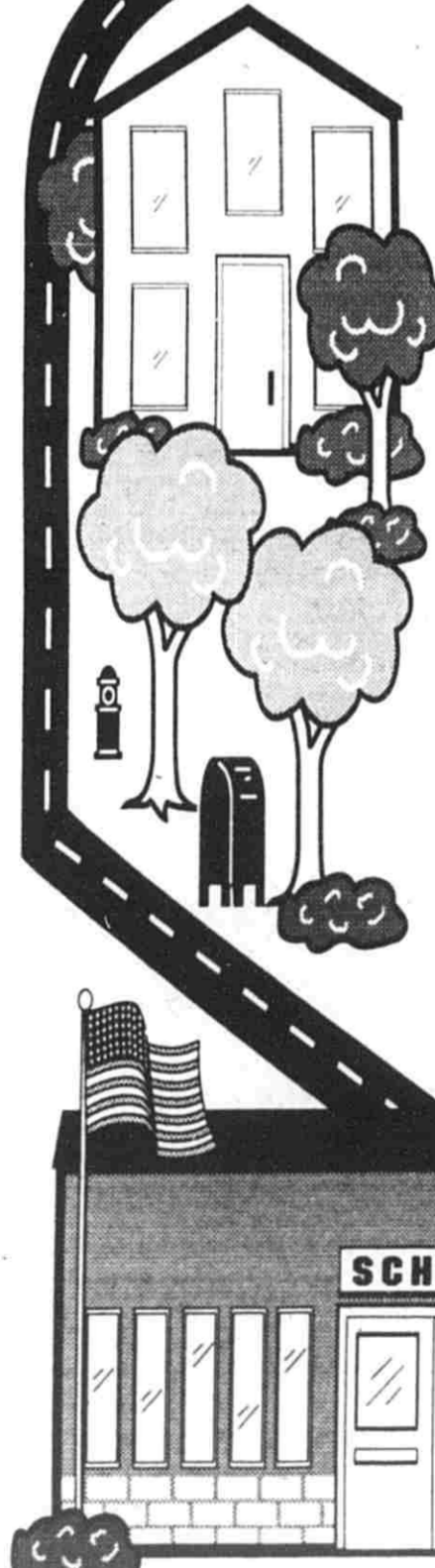
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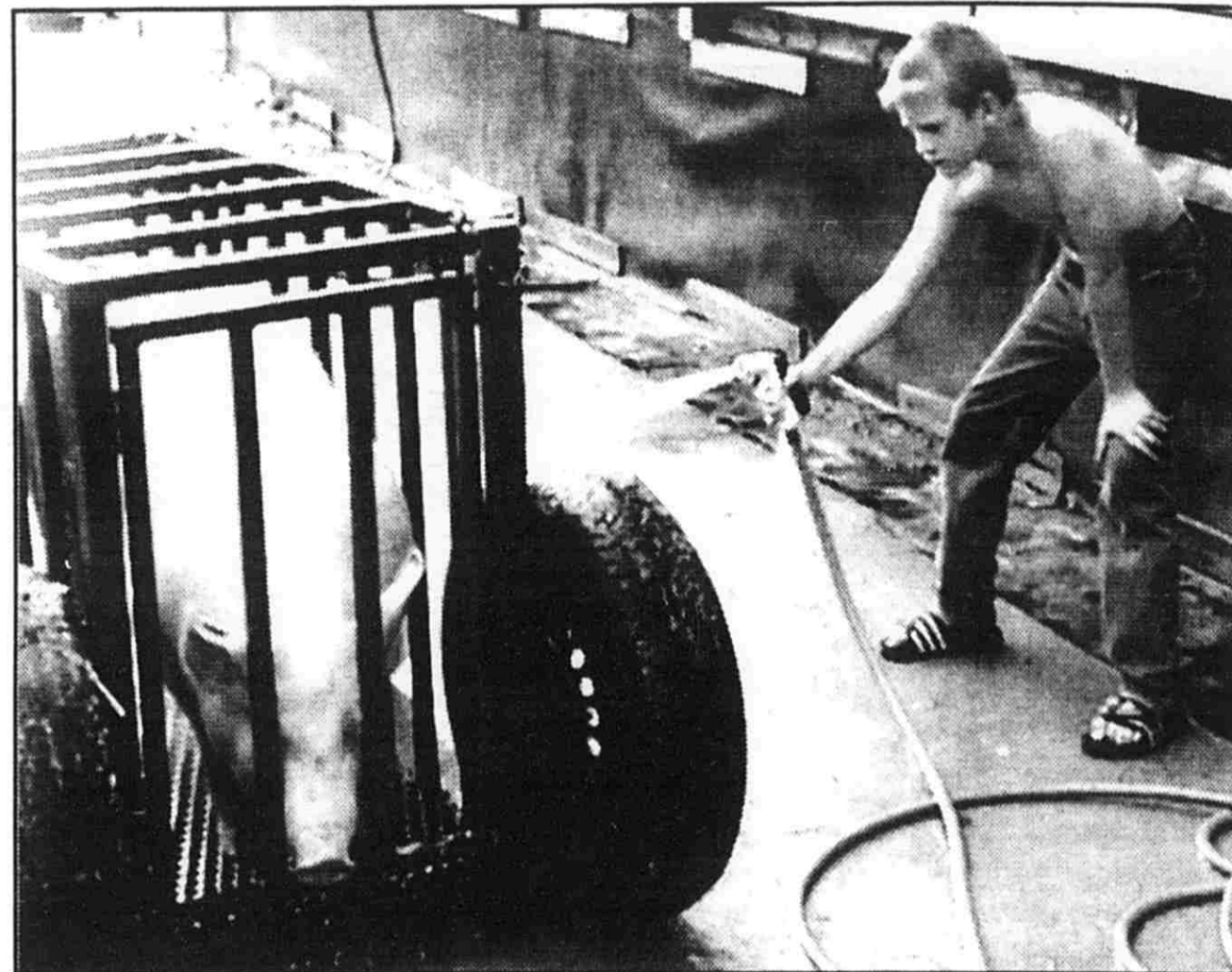
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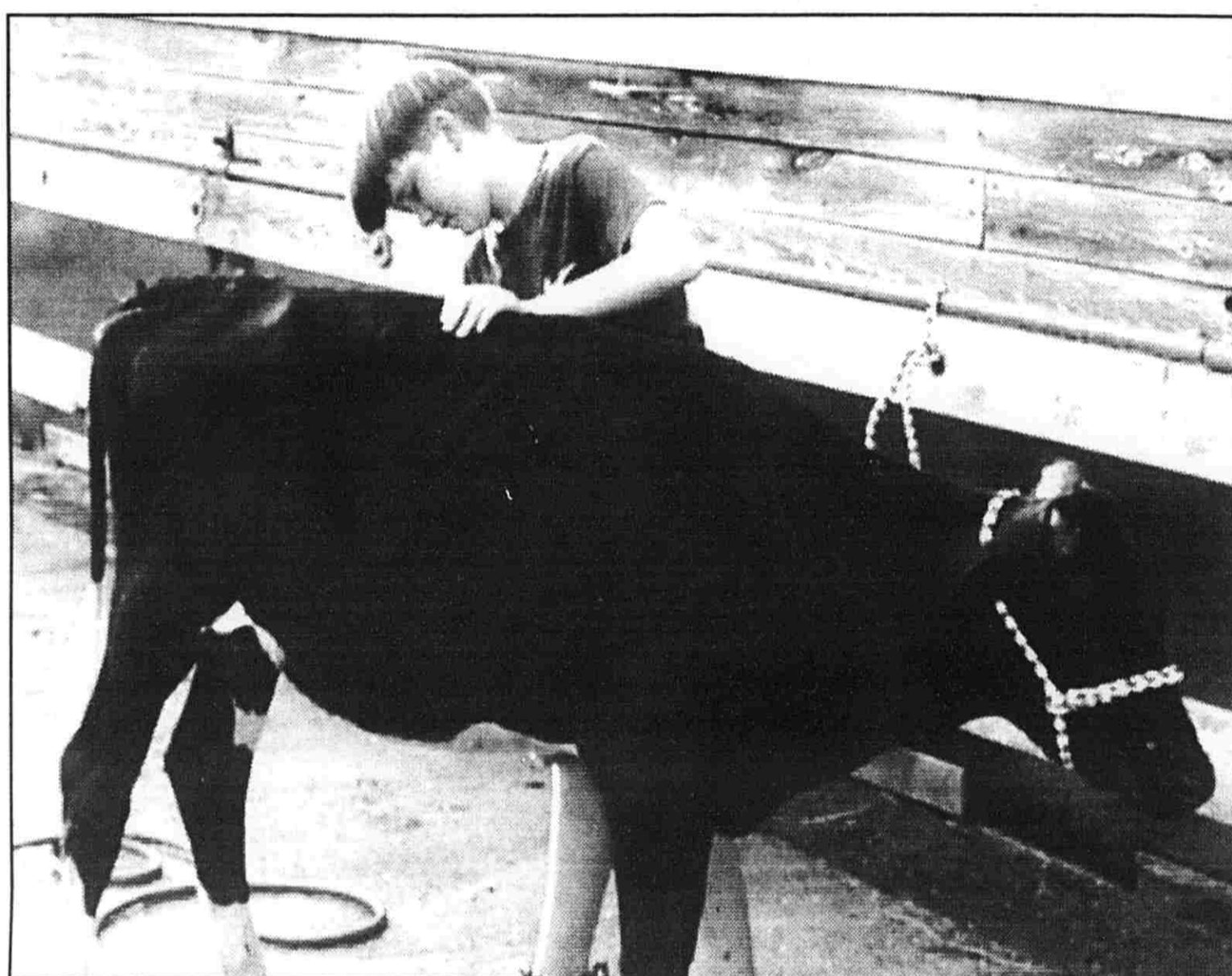
Animals and activities attract kids to the fair



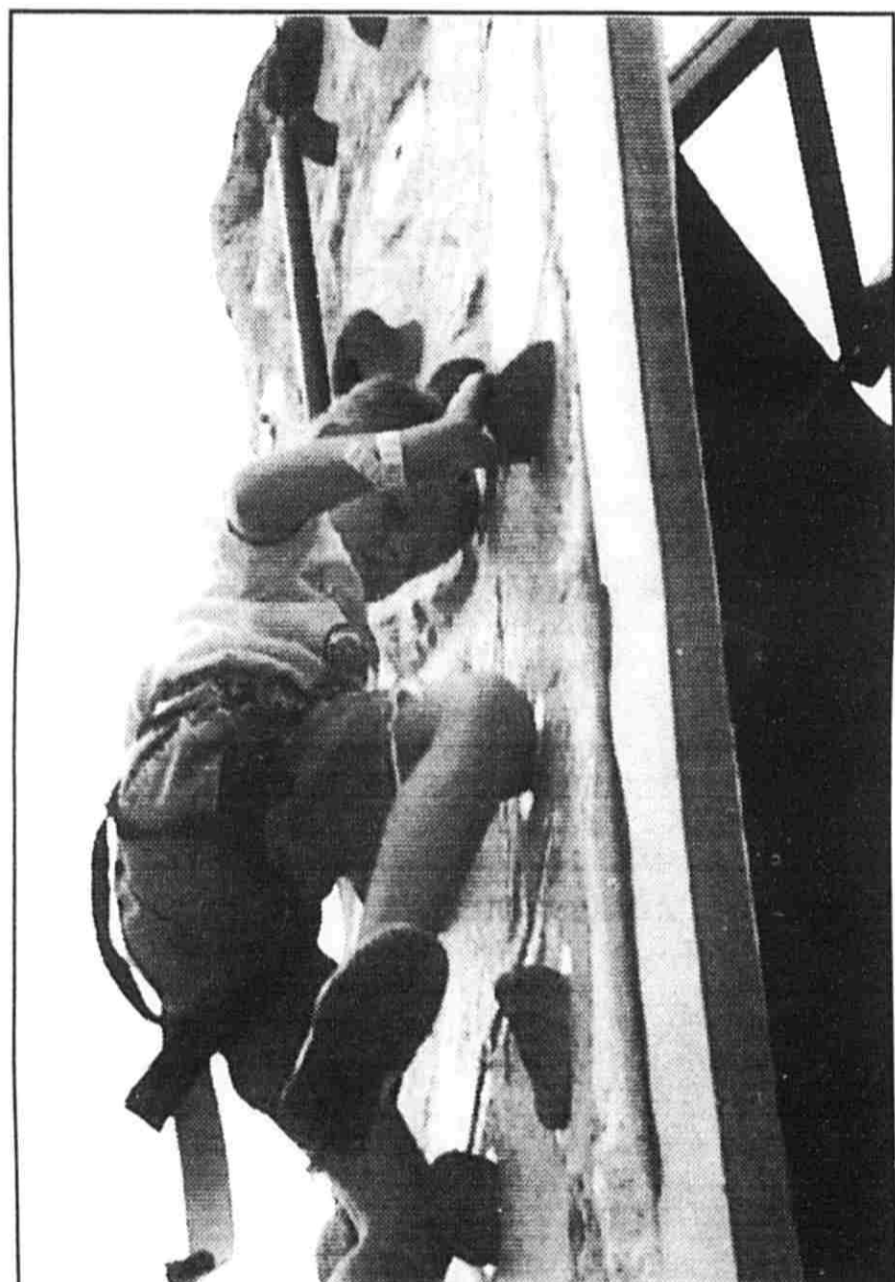
A cautious mother makes sure her toddler views the geese without incident.



Troy Kerr, 10, of Lowell, keeps his market hog, Freckles, clean and cool.



Kyle Malone, 11, with his heifer, Midnight Bell.



Bryan Kars, 7, left, of Freeport, scales the rock wall.



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