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Litehouse, Inc., given go-ahead on new wastewater treatment tanks, but must put in sidewalks along Foreman Road

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A local food processing company was the first to get hit with the city's new push on sidewalks.

Last week, Litehouse, Inc., 1400 Foreman Rd., approached the Lowell Planning Commission about the construction of a new wastewater pretreatment system designed to help reduce the amount of fats and oils the company is putting in the city's sanitary sewer system.

The system, which will treat the plant's water before it is disposed into the city

system, met with few questions from the Lowell Planning Commission other than why they were looking at the plans. After some discussion, it was concluded that because it was a new structure being placed on the property, the planning commission had to approve a site plan for it and with that, Litehouse would be required to put



Sidewalk would be required along Litehouse's property line from the creek to just before Gee Drive.

in sidewalk along Foreman Road to its property line. That line is believed to be on the other side of the creek ending just before Gee Drive.

"What you are talking about could be quite costly and difficult if I am trying to put

up a treatment plant and put in sidewalks at the same time," said John Kouba, project manager from Applied Technology, the engineering company overseeing the installation of the pretreatment plant.

For the planning commission, their hands were tied as far as the sidewalk issue was concerned, said planning commission chair Dan Brubaker. The commission is following a directive from the Lowell City Council asking that in such projects, sidewalks not be waived. Brubaker said Litehouse could go before the Zoning Board of Appeals and ask for an appeal on the

planning commission's decision.

Lowell City Manager David Pasquale said Litehouse also might be able to approach the Downtown Development Authority for help with putting in sidewalks along Foreman Road. Litehouse is part of the DDA and does contribute tax dollars to it, and the DDA has

made a pledge to put sidewalks in its area, he added.

Kouba said the project could be very costly. The length of the sidewalk would be

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MEAP Scores Bipolar

••• Lowell Middle School students' writing continues to excel; social studies and science scores deficient.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

The charge is to do in social studies and science what has been accomplished in math and writing.

Using the researched based University of Kansas writing strategies program, Lowell eighth-graders have scored at or near the top on the eighth-grade MEAP test in each of the last five years.

The Chicago Style math approach has enabled Lowell students to fair well on the MEAP math tests.

The MEAP test has not been as kind to Lowell in the science or social studies areas.

"We identified and began addressing problems in our science and social studies curriculums last

year," said Lowell Middle School assistant principal Mark Weber.

There are gaps in the curriculum and in its alignment with the state benchmarks.

"In both science and social studies, we have to design and teach strategies so that students learn the outcomes," Weber explained.

The difficult part for Weber and his colleagues is it will be three years down the line before the benefits are seen.

Next year's eighth-graders will have had only a half year under the new approach.

In both science and social studies, benchmarks have been redone and reassigned across the curriculum.

"We did not do very well on our science or social studies MEAP tests," said Lowell assistant superintendent to instruction Jim White. "We need to improve learning in each area and not just improve our MEAP scores."

White attributes Lowell's success in writing and math to teachers being trained on consistent research-based approaches.

Of the eighth-graders taking the MEAP writing test, 93 percent passed. This was the highest mark in the Kent Intermediate School District. White, could not confirm, but believes it may also be the highest score in the

state.

"The score reflects the hard work our language arts teachers have put in to produce good writers," White explained.

At the fifth-grade level, 75.7 percent of the students scored at the highest level.

White calls the fifth- and eighth-grade social studies tests the hardest of all

MEAP Report Card

	Lowell	KISD	State
Writing			
Eighth-Grade	93	72	66.8
Fifth-Grade	75.7	72.8	67.8
Science			
Eighth-Grade	31.3	30.1	24.2
Fifth-Grade	57.8	26.6	20.6
Social Studies			
Eighth-Grade	34.8	37.3	30.8
Fifth-Grade	30.1	52.3	43.6

* The numbers represent the percentage of students who passed the MEAP tests in writing, science and social studies

MEAP test.

"They have high readability levels. Students are no longer tested just on geography," White said. "Students are now tested on economics, civics, history and geography.

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Taylor named postmaster of the year by her peers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan branch's National Leagues of Postmasters first bestowed its state "Postmaster of the Year" award in the early 1900s.

"This award means a great deal to me. It's a prestigious honor to be selected by your peers," Taylor said.

Because of a recent surgery, Taylor was unable to attend the convention and ac-

cept the award. Taylor is now eligible for the national honor which will be announced in August. Prior to coming to Lowell, Taylor served as station manager in Kansas City, MO.;

After joining the Na-



This award means a great deal to me. It's a prestigious honor to be selected by your peers.

Sylvia Taylor
Lowell Postmaster

Its first recipient in the new century is Lowell postmaster, Sylvia Taylor.

The Lowell postmaster first joined the Postal Service in 1976. Taylor was appointed Postmaster of Lowell in 1990.

After joining the Na-

tional Leagues of Postmasters (NLP), she served as vice president and treasurer for the Michigan League and was elected as the national treasurer for the league's

After joining the Na-

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City may ban overnight parking during winter months

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

If Lowell city residents are planning to have overnight company during the winter months, be forewarned: they can't park their cars on the city streets all night.

The Lowell Planning Commission, after some discussion, decided to recommend to the Lowell City Council that overnight parking be prohibited between November and April. The decision was made to help with snow removal.

During the rest of the year, May, June, July, August, September and October, overnight parking would be allowed.

The planning commission felt that if snow were not a problem, then parking should

be allowed, said Lowell City Manager David Pasquale.

A final decision on the new parking regulation will come from the Lowell City Council. Pasquale said staff

will provide the information to the council at its next meeting, set for Wednesday, July 5 at the Englehardt Library. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

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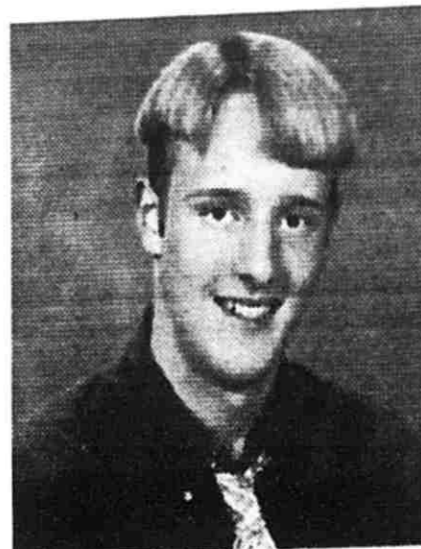
EMELANDER - Stanley H. Emelander, aged 69, of Saranac, passed away July 1, 2000. He was born in Berlin Township, MI on Sept. 7, 1930. He was the son of the late Harry and Frances (Crowell) Emelander. He farmed in Keene Township for 49 years and was a member of Farm Bureau. Emelander married Dorothy Phillips on May 14, 1950 in Ionia. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; five children Linda Emelander of Belding, Kenneth (Cindy) Emelander of Saranac, John Emelander of Saranac, Kathryn (Carl) Werner of Muskegon, Polly Emelander of Elkhart, IN; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; one brother

Douglas (Lorraine) Emelander of Saranac, Dorothy (Don) Ferguson of Ionia. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and a daughter. Services were held Wednesday, July 5, at the Galilee Baptist Church with Rev. James Frank and Rev. Brad Brillhart officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Ionia Area Hospice, Donald Sheritts Scholarship Fund, or the charity of your choice.

MOORE - Keith L. Moore, aged 38, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly June 24, 2000. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael in 1985. He is survived by his

wife Laura; children Keith II, Brittany and Dylan; parents Charles and Evelyn Moore of Lowell; parents-in-law John and Nancy Michels of Caledonia; grandmother Evelyn Flanakin of Arkansas; several aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and co-workers. Keith worked at Amway Corp. Funeral services were held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. Harrison Walls officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Keith Moore Children's Education Fund.

PRINS - Eric Scott Prins, aged 19, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, June 26, 2000. He is survived by his parents Dewey Prins Jr. and Susan Prins (Bill Marlow); sister Jen Prins; grandparents Dewey and Dorothy Prins and Rosemarie



Eric Scott Prins

Newberger; many aunts, uncles, cousins and his cats, Cookie and Katie. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Cascade Christian Church Chapel, Orange St. S.E., Dr. Corky Klingenfus officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Project Rehab of the Second Mile House.

YURKINAF - Joseph W. Yurkinaf, aged 65, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on June 8, 2000. He is survived by his mother, Isabelle Yurkinaf of Lowell; sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and

Thomas Healey of New York; six children, Greg, Cathy, Val, Joe, Vince and Jill; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; uncle, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Cremation has taken place.

Garden tour - largest ever

••• This year's tour to include two Lowell sites.

Two Lowell sites have been added to the July 15-16 Steve's Garden Tour.

There will be a total of nine gardens for the fifth annual event.

The two Lowell stops are Perennial Picket Fence Garden, located at 535 Front Street and A Shade Garden For Country Log Cabin, located at 14100 Spruce Forest Dr.

The locations of the seven other gardens are: A Natural Pond and Bog Garden, 1901 Lonsdale, NE; A Cluster of Charming Cottage Gardens, 61 Auburn, SE; Shirley Workman, 105 Auburn, SE; Janet Dalman, 53 Auburn, SE; Nate and Veronica Phelps, 29 Benjamin, SE; An Exotic Urban Container Garden, 129 Benjamin, NE; and A Neighborly Plantsman's Garden, 1014 Watkins, SE.

The garden tour benefits Gilda's Club, Grand Rapids, a social drop-in center for people with cancer and their families. Proceeds will go toward development of a healing garden on the grounds of Gilda's Clubhouse, now under construction at 1806 Bridge St.

Founded by local garden designer Steve Rosseler, the tour has always featured a variety of garden styles unique to the Grand Rapids area, and will continue the trend for 2000.

The lineup for this year includes, among others, the nationally-acclaimed natural pond and bog garden designed by Rosseler himself.

The tour will take place Saturday, July 15, and Sunday, July 16. Tickets are \$12.50 (\$15 at the door), and can be purchased by calling Gilda's Club at 776-7064.

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DATE OF MEETING: Monday, July 10, 2000

PLACE OF MEETING: Administration Building Board Room 300 High St., Lowell

HOUR OF MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: 616-897-8415

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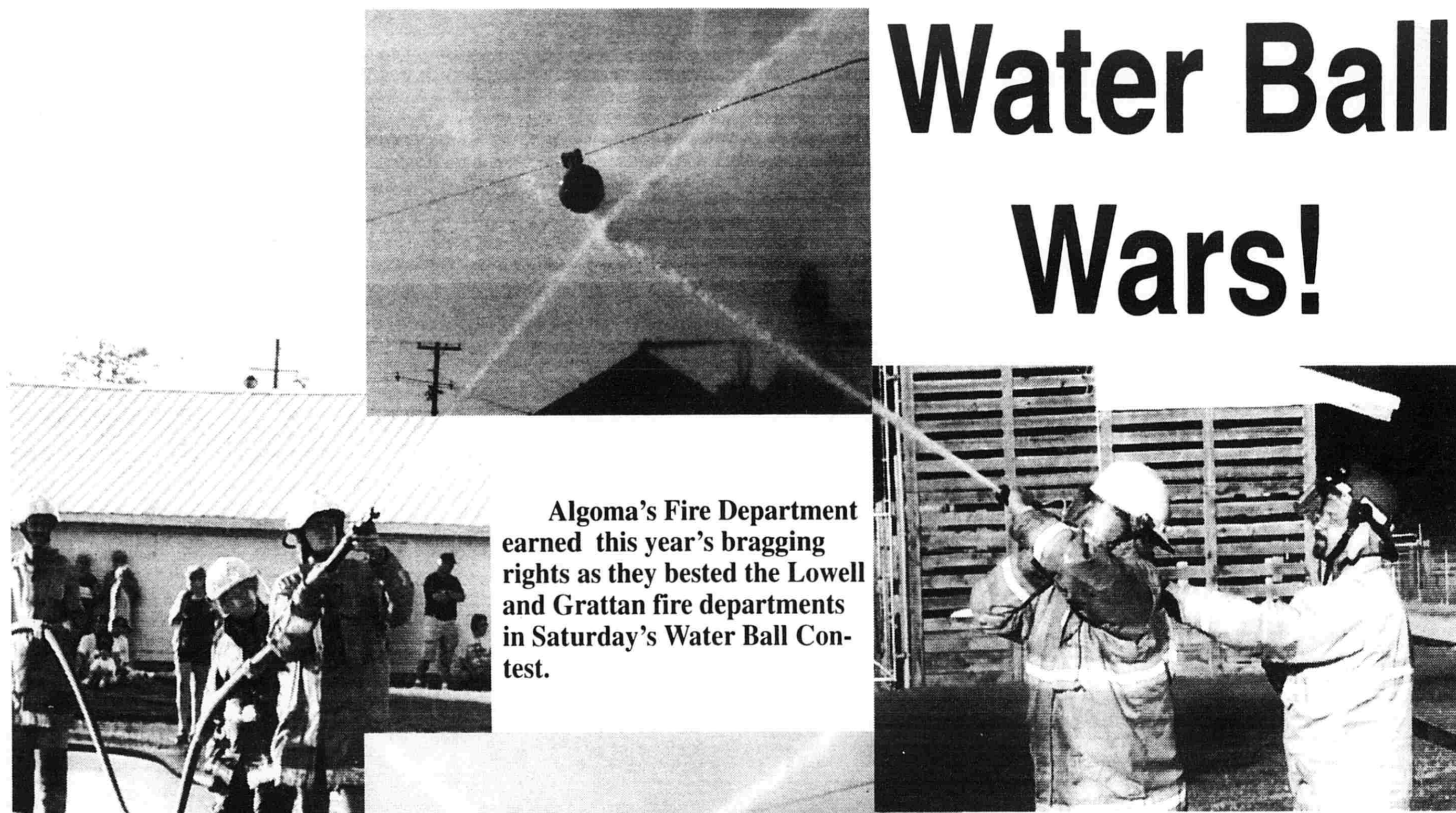
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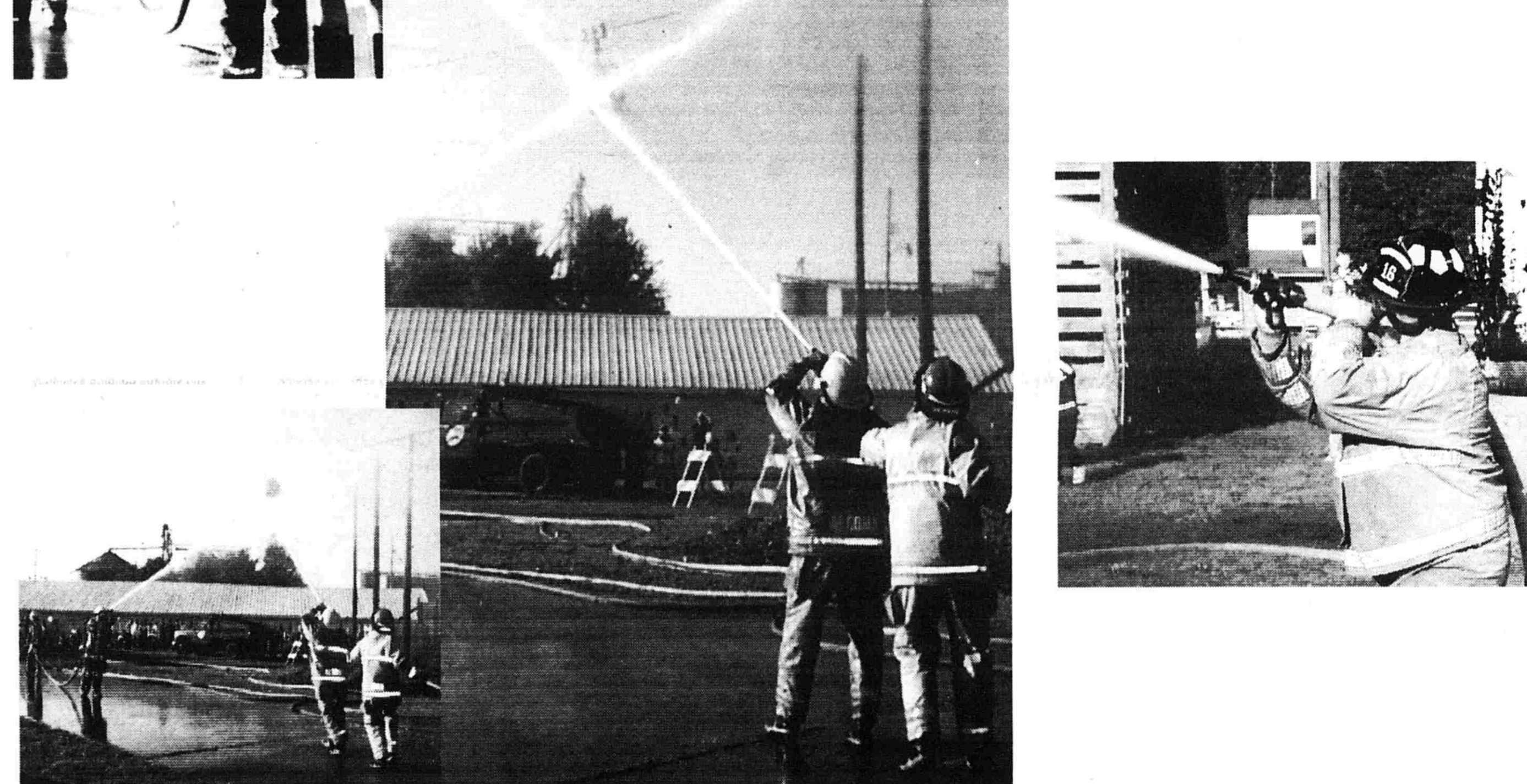
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about 1,000 feet and would include the cost of putting in some type of crossing over the creek, which could be almost cost prohibitive, he said. Kouba plans to bring the issue back to Litehouse officials.

As for meeting state guidelines on construction, Pasquale said all Litehouse would have to do is get bonding for the project when it applies for the building permit. Also, if the DDA should indicate it would put in the sidewalks, that would be good enough for the city to issue the building permit to

Litehouse without a bond.

Litehouse and the city have been dealing with the company's sewer discharge on and off for a number of years. The city has been fining the company when it does surpass its legal limits. The state (the Department of Environmental Quality) said the city does need to require that the company do something about the situation. Litehouse has been working on the issue and came up with the pretreatment plant, which

company officials believe will help solve most of the problem, Kouba said.

"This is vitally important not only to Litehouse, but to the city," Pasquale said. "They have been putting fats and oils in our sanitary sewer system which, of course, is for the entire city."

"Reducing the amount Litehouse discharges will open up to capacity for the city of Lowell," Pasquale concluded.

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Many of us were not taught economics or civics until high school."

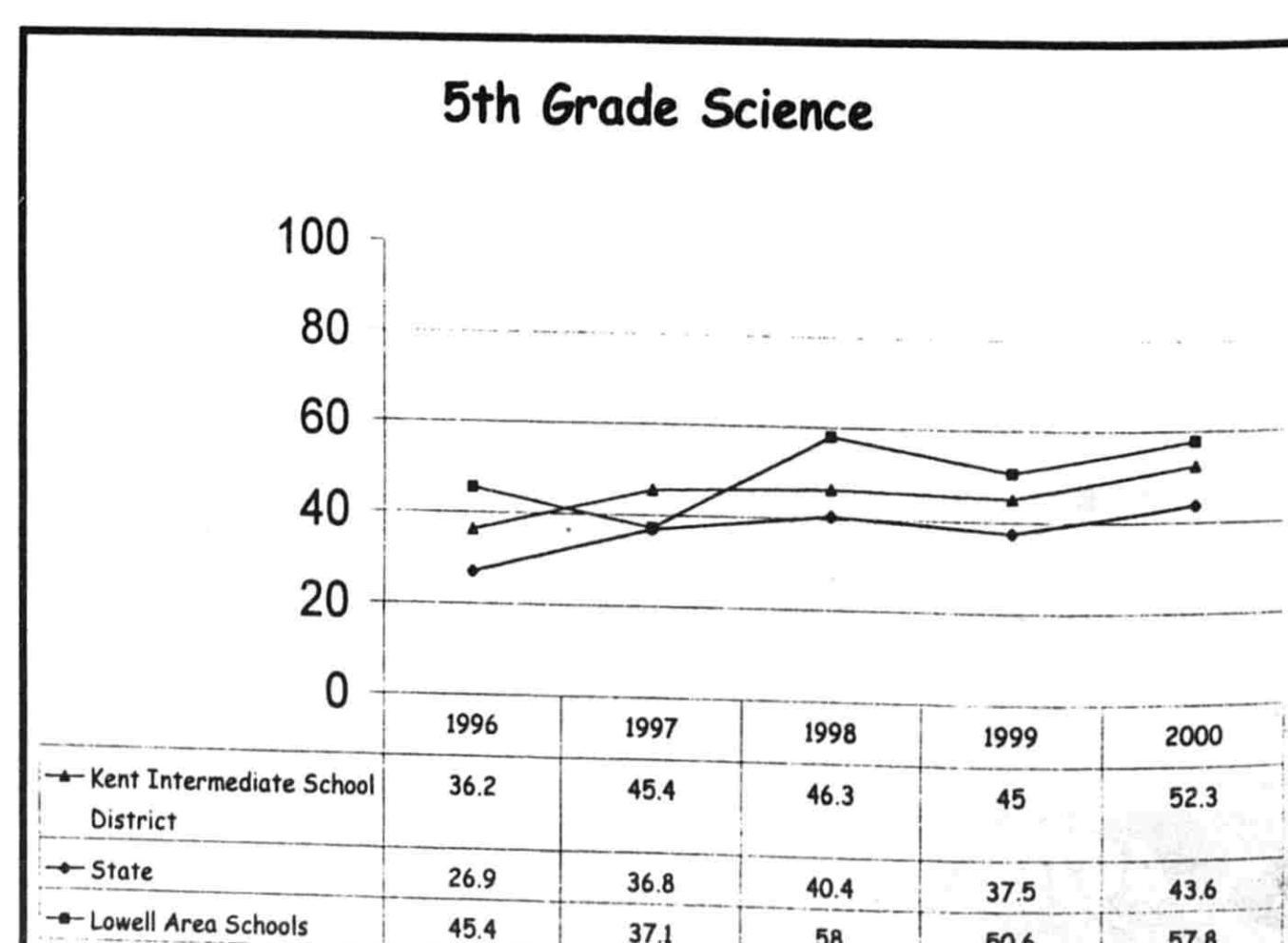
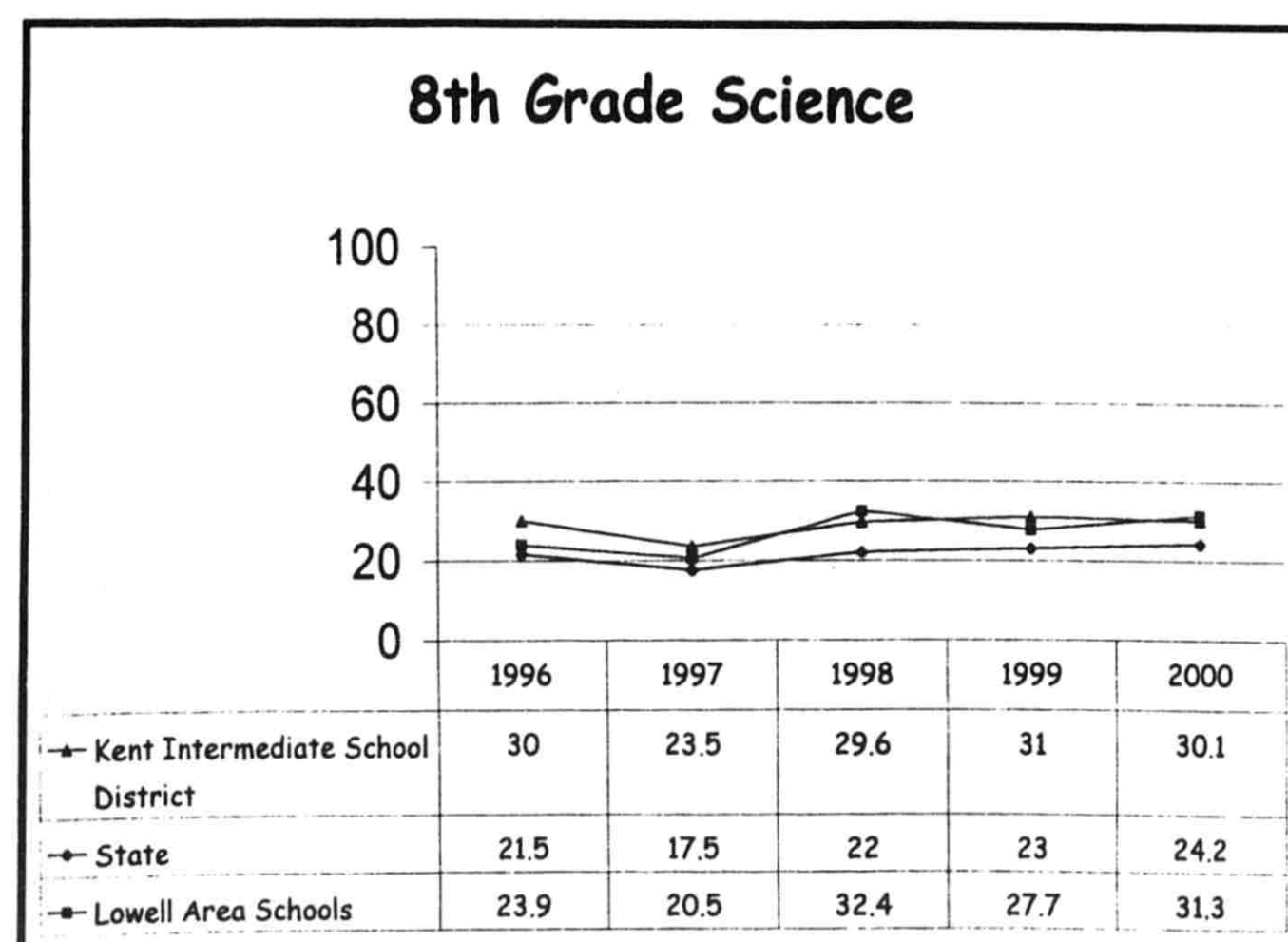
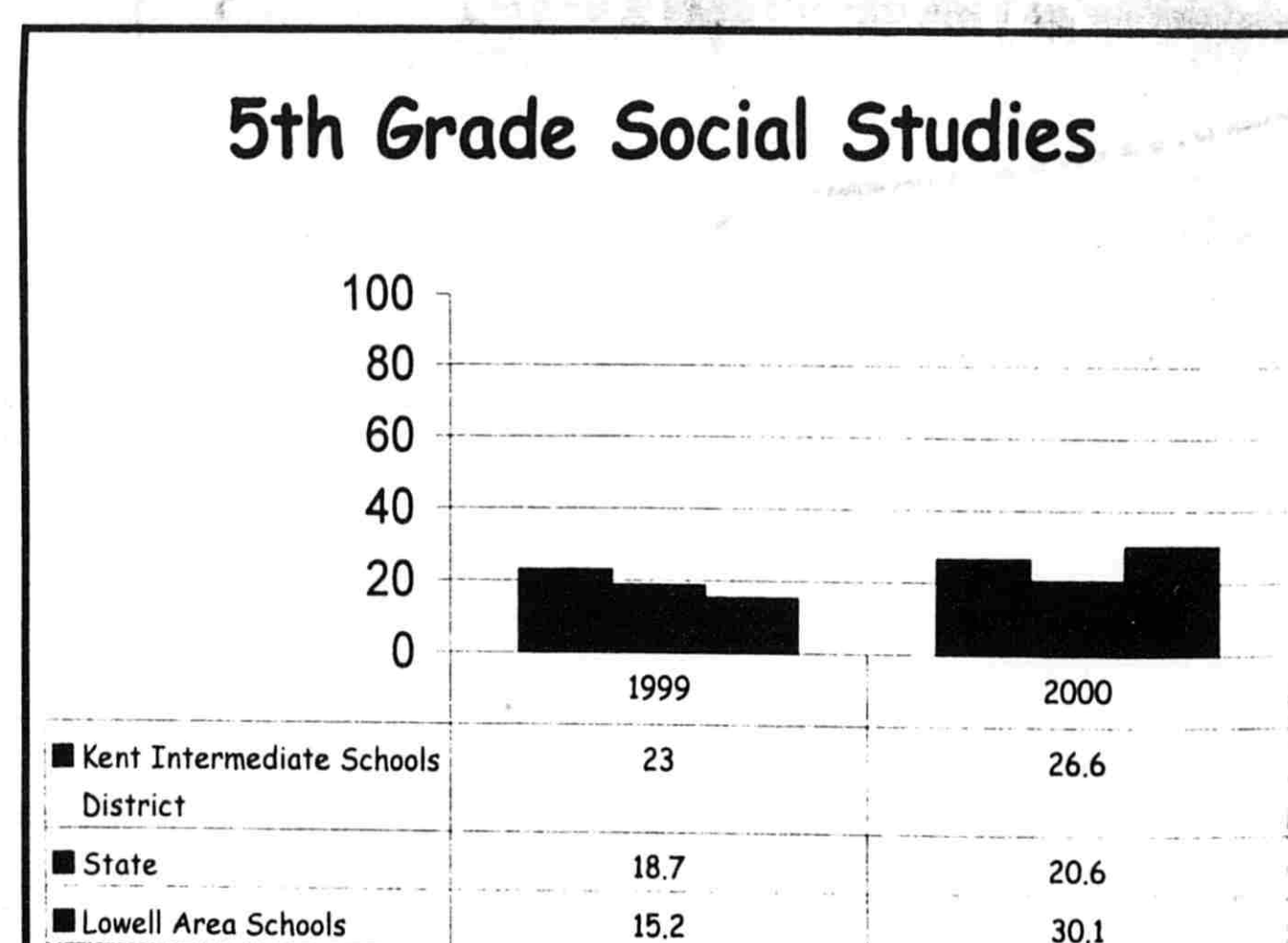
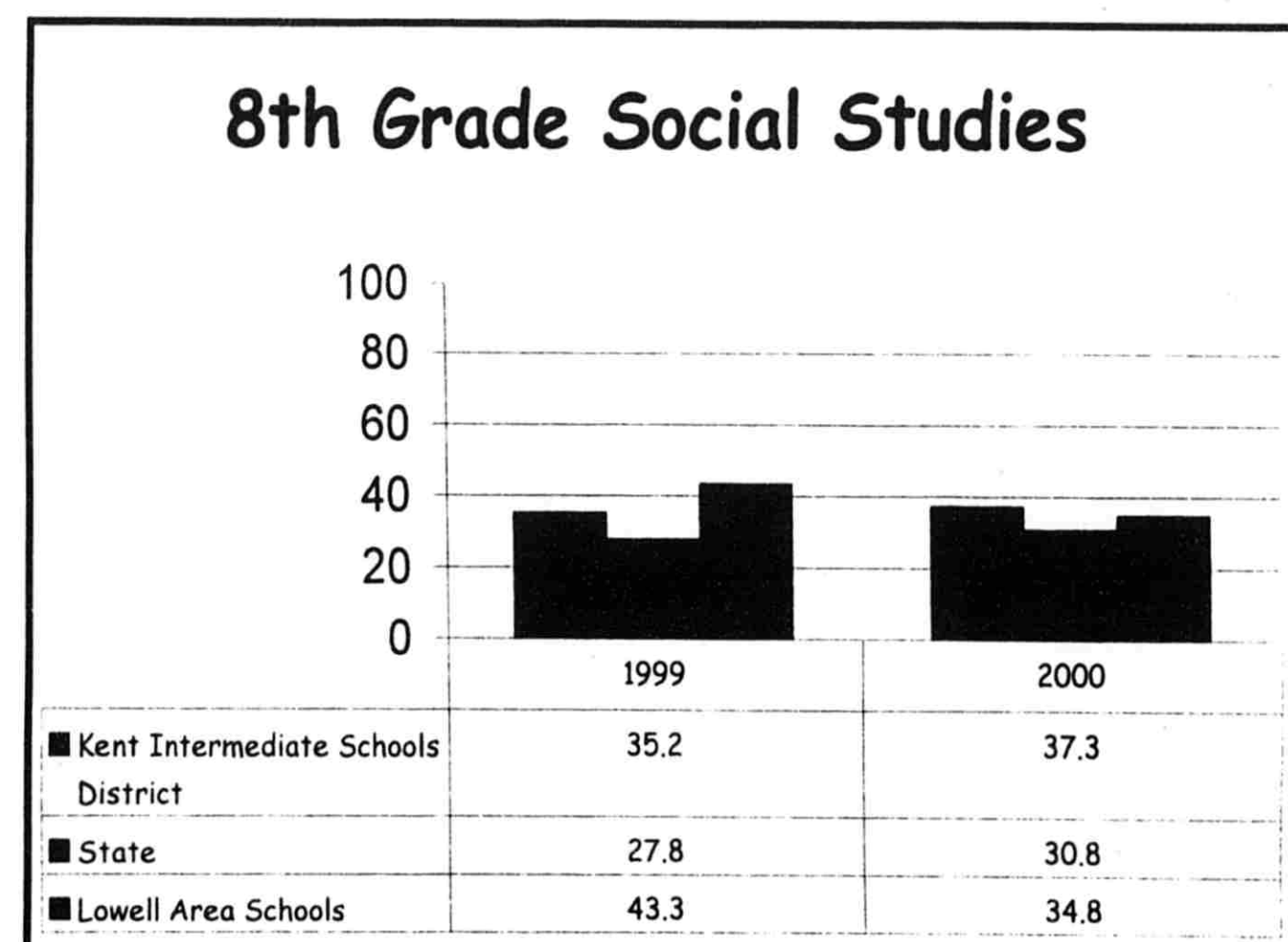
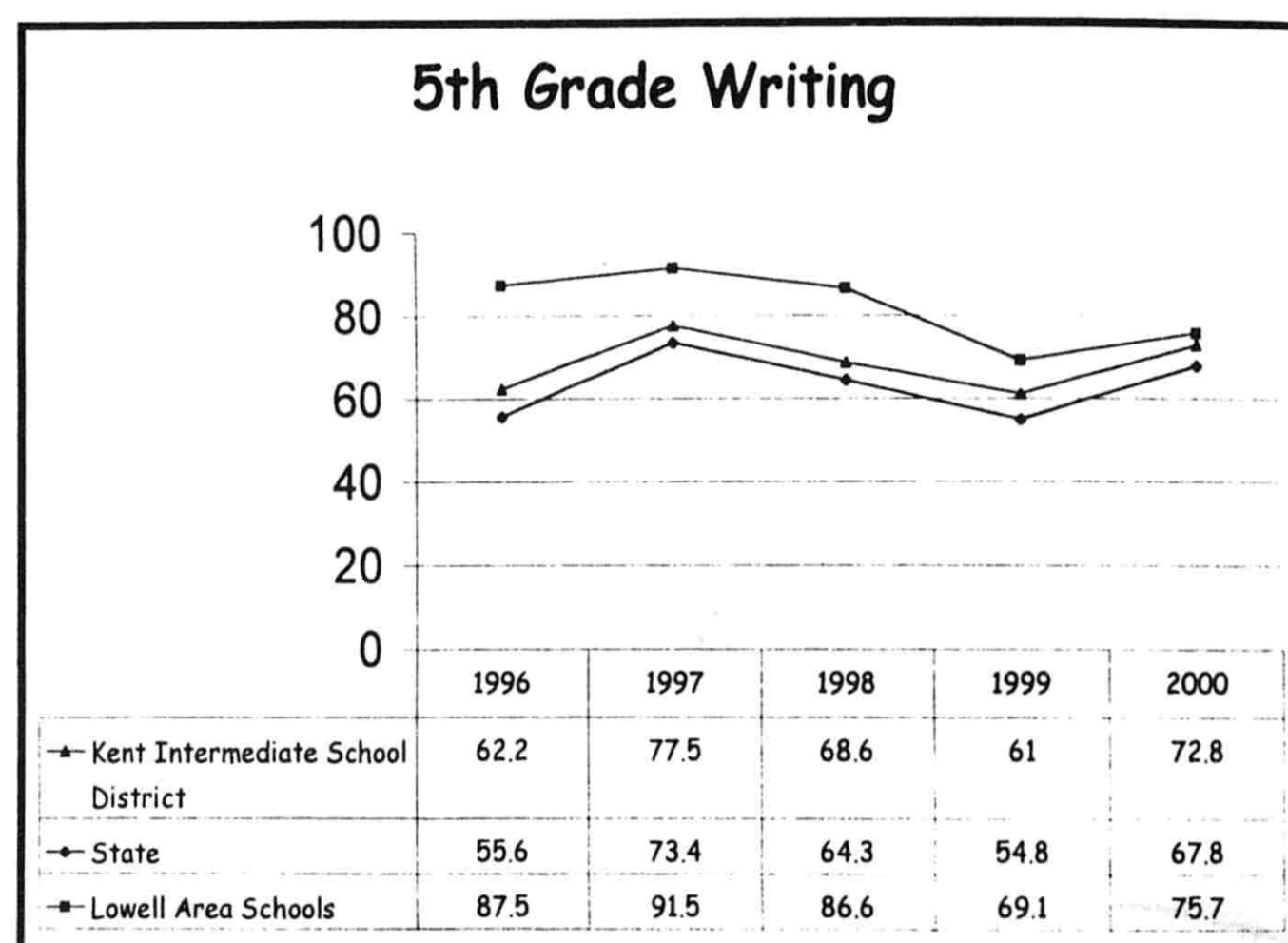
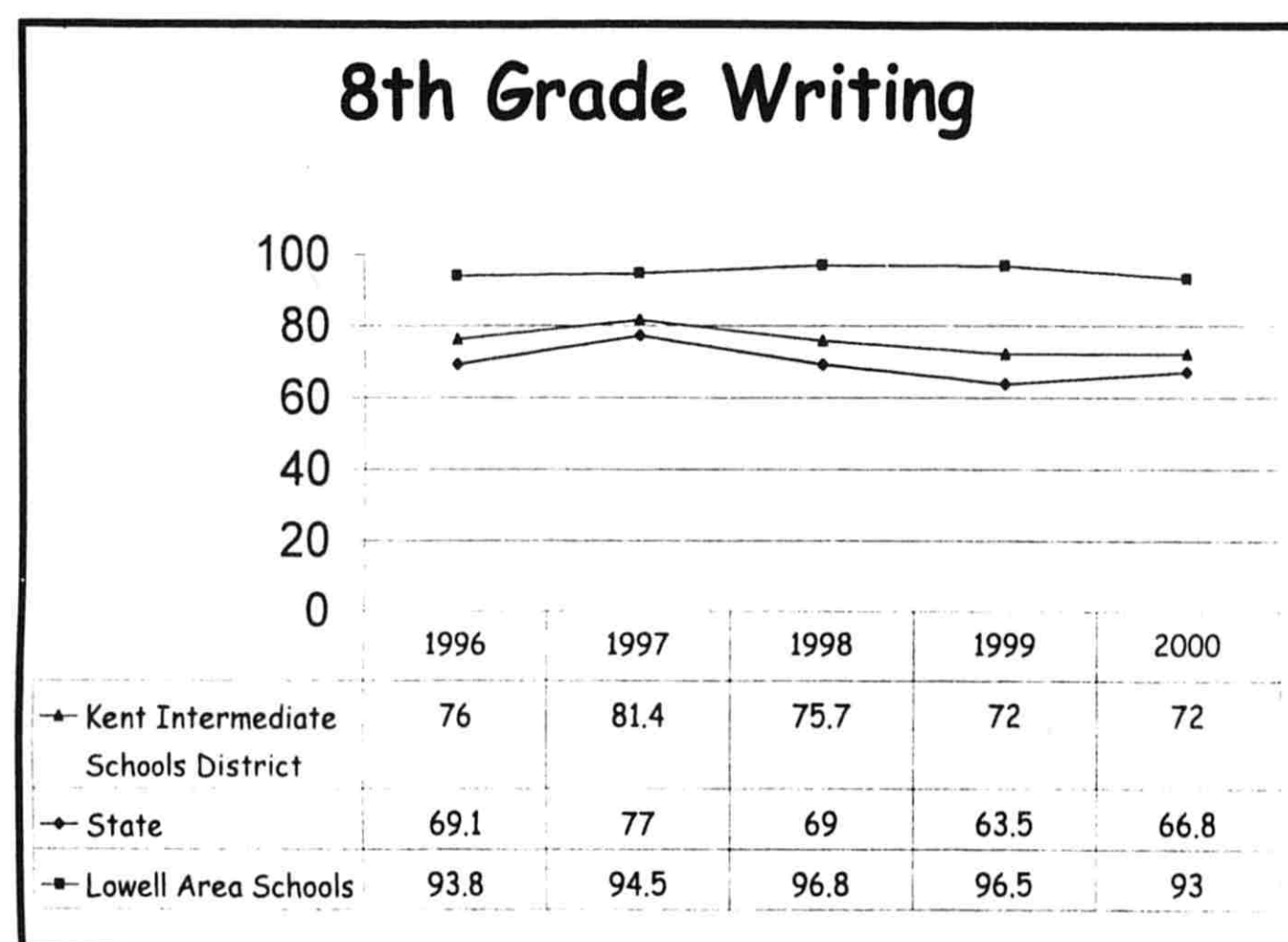
Lowell had double the number of fifth-grade students score at the highest level this year on the social studies test than a year ago. The bad news is only 15.2 percent accomplished that feat a year ago - 30.1 percent passed at the highest level this year.

At the eighth-grade level, 34.8 percent of Lowell students passed the social studies MEAP test. The percentage is down from 43.3 percent in 1999.

Lowell's science scores at the fifth-grade level rose by seven percent over last year. The 57.8 percent was well above the state average (43.6) and a handful of percentage points above the county mark (52.3).

Lowell's eighth-grade science score of 31.3 percent is well above the state average (24.2) and just above the county average (30.1).

"I'm happy our eighth-grade science percentage is up roughly four points from a year ago, but we still have a long way to go," White said.



Two-time wrestling state champion chooses Mills and GVSU

Bill Stouffer became just the second male athlete in Lowell High School's history to earn the maximum 12 athletic letters in four years. The Red Arrow will also compete in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's all-star football game on July 29.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The right coach and the right reason all influenced Bill Stouffer's decision to attend Grand Valley State University.

Stouffer passed on an offer of a four-year scholarship to Michigan State University so he could wrestle at the club level for GVSU.

Laker coach Dave Mills made the two-time Lowell state champion a program priority.

"I chose GVSU because of coach Mills' philosophy of keeping wrestling fun. I also think it will better allow me to concentrate on school," Stouffer said.

Other area wrestlers who will join Stouffer at Grand Valley in 2000-01 are Andy Coleman, Forest Hills Central; Rick Bolhuis, Jenison; Jeremiah Gitcheil, Tri County; and John Shelton, a transfer from Central Michigan University.

They all join Grandville's Allen Smith who begins his second season at GVSU.

"It was a pretty big decision, but the right decision for me," Stouffer said.

This is only the second year for the Laker program

and it is Mills first year as its coach.

The former Forest Hills Central wrestling coach is working to graduate the Grand Valley wrestling program from club status to the team level in one-two years.

Another pretty big decision which Stouffer didn't make, but is equally proud of, is his selection onto the 19th

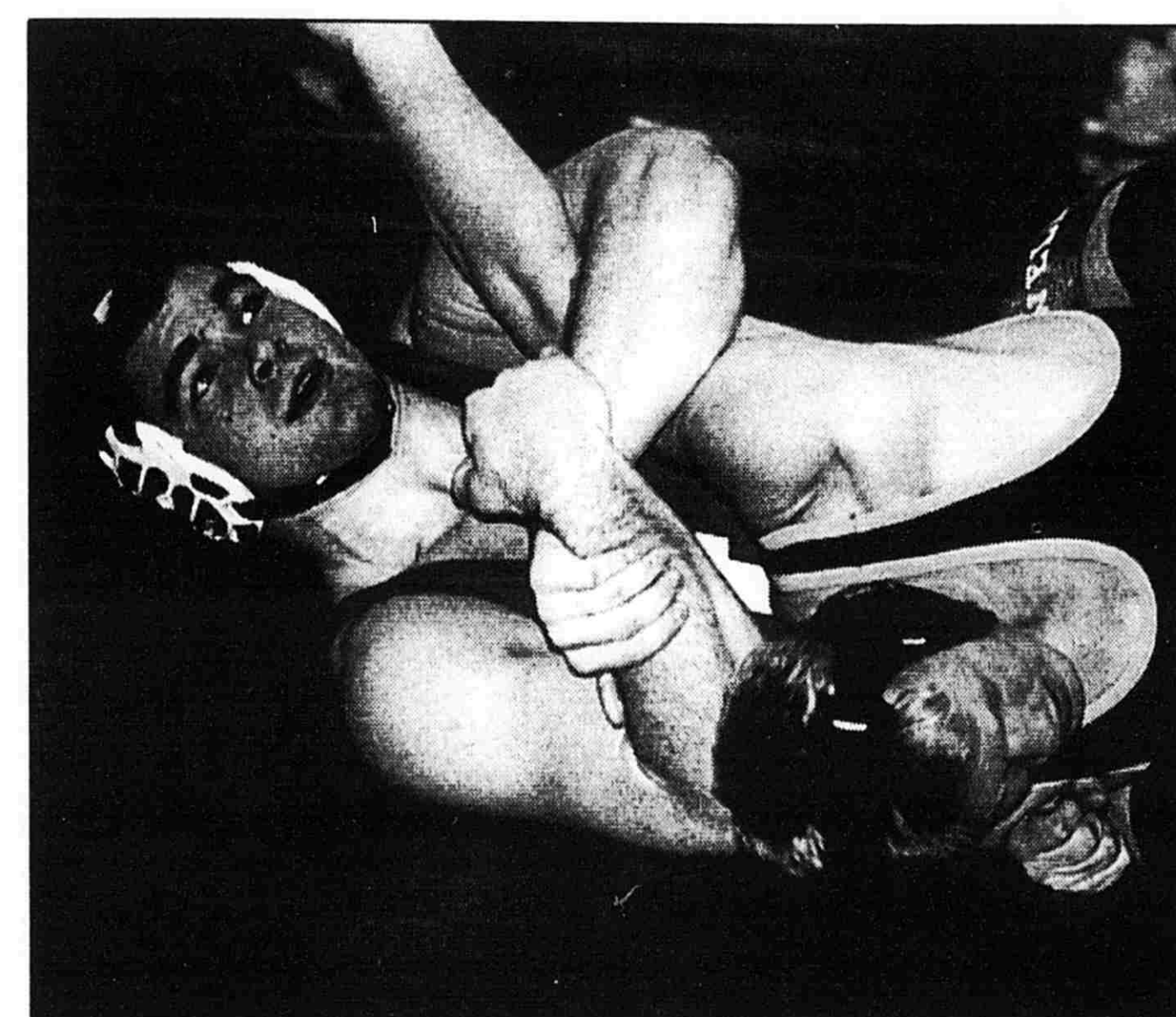
All-Star committee select the rosters.

The purpose of the game is to promote high school football in the state of Michigan and to showcase the great high school football players. The game also generates money for the MHSFCA Scholarship Fund.

Besides two individual wrestling state champion-

I chose GVSU because of Coach Mills' philosophy of keeping wrestling fun. I also think it will better allow me to concentrate on school.

Bill Stouffer



Bill Stouffer will wrestle at GVSU in the fall.

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Former exchange student makes return visit to Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Nils Driessen received an honorary diploma from Lowell High School during the 1997-98 school year before returning to his homeland in Lage, Germany.

"It seems like that was just a week ago," Driessen said during a return visit to Lowell which will keep him here through July 9. "I love America. There is so much opportunity and variety here."

Since returning home in

1998, Driessen graduated from high school and is now doing public service work prior to enrolling in Detmold University (to study architecture).

"In Germany there are 13 grades. Following high school boys must either enroll in the military or take part in public service," Driessen explained. "I chose public service."

Driessen said the year he spent as a foreign exchange student (with Jack and Valerie Briggs) in the United States

changed him in subtle ways.

"In the U.S. when you walk past someone on the street, you say hello to them. In Germany, people don't do that," Driessen explained.

The German student says he does now because of his stay in America.

With two years to reflect on his time in Lowell, Driessen believes American high school students enjoy their lives more. "We grow up too fast in Germany," he explains.

Driessen brought two friends on his return visit his girlfriend Katharina Landermann and Manuela Pollmann.

They are staying with Dan Vosovic and his family

(Dan and Sharon Vosovic) at 417 High St.

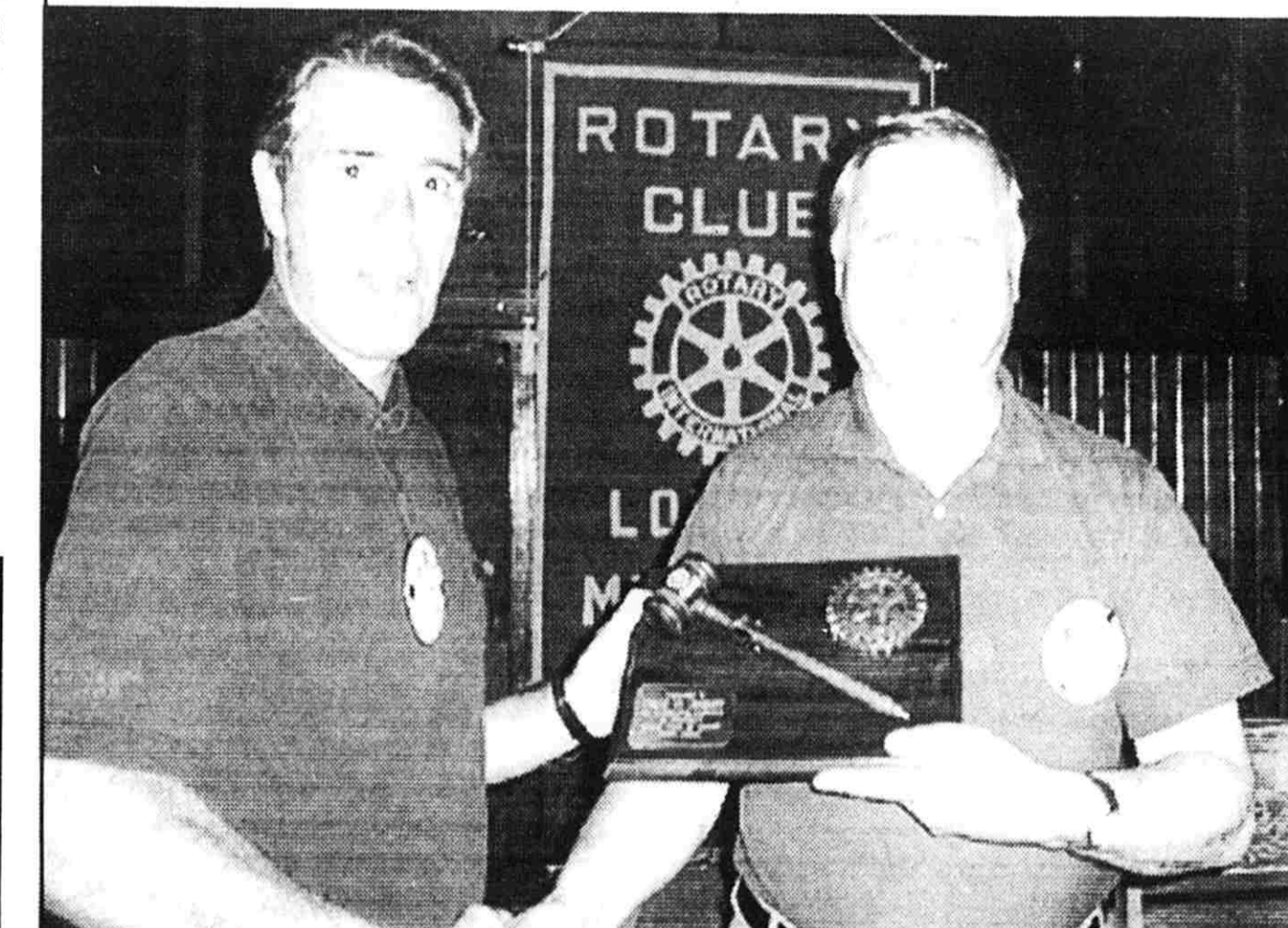
Driessen and his friends don't understand all the talk about gas prices. "We pay \$4 a gallon in Lage," Driessen explained.

He also doesn't understand the big cars and big engines. "Americans have cars with a lot of horsepower but can only go 70 miles per hour - what's the point?"



Pictured from left to right are: Dan Vosovic, Katharina Landermann, Nils Driessen and Manuela Pollmann.

ROTARIAN PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL PASSED



Lowell's 1999-2000 president Dave Pasquale, right, passes the gavel to incoming president (2000-01) Tony Asselta. At its annual year-end picnic, the Lowell Rotary swore in its new officers for the 2000-01 year. They are Tony Asselta, president; Betty Morlock, first vice president; Dale Triplett, second vice president; Greg Flick, secretary; Chuck Myers, treasurer; and Dave Pasquale, past president. The 2000-01 Lowell Rotary Board of Directors are Roger Chapman, Bill Renkema, Bill Lee, Bert Bleke and Jennifer Village.

COLLEGE NEWS

James Platte of Ada has been named to the dean's honor list for the fall term, 1999, at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

Northwood University has released the names of the students named to the dean's list for spring term. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, acting academic dean of the university. Included on the list are:

Andrea N. Rickert, daughter of Jeffery and Julie Rickert of Lowell; Holly M. Byars, daughter of Dale and Lois Byars and Jerifer L. Reimann, daughter of Charles and Lynne Reimann, all of Alto.

To achieve president's list recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Northwood University is a private, accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.

Jeffrey S. Nethercot, son of Sharon Nethercot of Lowell, has been named to Northwood's president's list

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As our Township faces the pressure of suburban sprawl we all need to work together to keep and protect our rural environment and to preserve the Township's natural beauty. It is important that we prevent improper types of development that would destroy what we have in Vergennes Township.

Paid for by the Committee to re-elect Jean Hoffman Treasurer 345 Cumberland Lowell MI

VISIT THESE GREAT SALES!

LET THEM KNOW YOU SAW IT IN THE GARAGE SALE PAGE!

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE 5978 Jackson Rd., Saranac (corner of Peck Lake & Jackson Rd.), Thurs and Fri., July 6-7, 9-6 pm. Canopy bed, dresser, nightstand, touring bike, lamps, vacuum, toys, books, clothes, many misc. items.	802 SHEPARD DRIVE Baby swing, excersaucer, high chair, baby clothes, and toys - deals! Furniture and other odds and ends. Sat. July 8, 9:00 -3:00
MOVING SALE Blonde china cabinet, 2 occasional chairs, blue recliner, TV, card table set, cheval mirror, file cabinet, lots of misc. Schneider Manor, F3. Leaving July 13.	YARD SALE Saturday, July 8, 8-5. Guy stuff, fishing poles, tools, some clothes, bear coffee table and matching end table, toys, blue canning jars, cookie jars, teapots and more. 11659 Wheat Lane off Ware.
FLEA MARKET IN ADA Thornapple River/Buttrick in the park. Free adm. July 4.	GARAGE SALE Lots of baby things, furniture, carpeting, 1354 Sibley. Fri., 7/7, 9-5 p.m. & Sat., 7/8, 9-3 p.m.

GARAGE SALE PAGE AD RATES:
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897-9555



Sam Miller

IN THE SERVICE

Sam Miller, son of Lloyd and Suzanne Miller of Alto, recently accepted a pilot position with LeGrand Airlines. Miller is a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School and has spent the last few years flying for an airline in Detroit.

LeGrand is a new entrant airline based in Dallas, Texas, offering all first-class service

to cities from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. LeGrand began service this spring using the proven DC-9. Plans for next year include buying Boeing 717's and adding service to more cities.

Miller was hired among the first groups of pilots and is excited about the airline's growth ahead.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **JULY 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, review an application and site plan for a private road and review a special use permit application for construction of an accessory building in the zoning front yard area.

PRIVATE ROAD APPLICATION:

Marsha Wilcox, 9654 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, owner of property on the north side of Vergennes beginning approximately 400 feet east of Boynton and then continuing approximately 780 feet east and approximately 940 feet to the north in the SW 1/4 of Section 30, has submitted an application and site plan for a private road to serve 4 parcels of land.

SPECIAL USE APPLICATION:

Michael Mastrovito, owner of property located at 13900 Clear Creek, Lowell, MI 49331, in the SW 1/4 of Section 12, is applying for a Special Use Permit to construct a proposed accessory building in the zoning front yard area that would project 6 feet into the front setback plus a proposed corner porch roof overhang of 6 feet.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Amend Article II, Section 201.202 Specific Terms Definitions - to remove alphabetical letter for each word definition and replace with an ascending section number for each letter group of definitions and amend all corresponding section number reference pointers. This will provide for all current and future definitions to be placed in alphabetical order for an expeditious accurate review. Summary as follows:

Current definition ordinance:

201.202 Specific terms.
2.02. The following terms shall have the following meanings when used within the Ordinance:

- A. Accessory building: Shall mean a...
- B. Accessory use: A use of...

Proposed definition ordinance:

201.203 Definitions - A

- Accessory building: Shall mean a...
- Accessory use: A use of...

201.204 Definitions - B

- Basement: That portion of...
- Bluff: The top of... (And so forth through the entire alphabet)

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments and private road application and special use permit application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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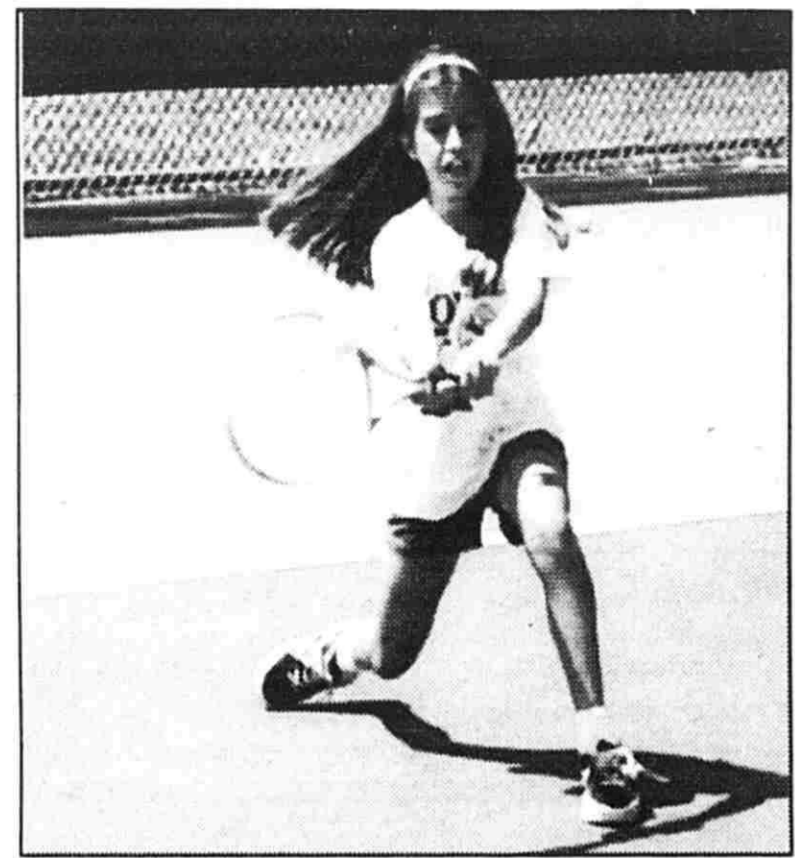
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TENNIS ANYONE?

Two summer camps brought 60 Lowell kids to the high school tennis courts for week-long camps.

Lowell tennis coaches Bonnie and Roger Wall coordinated the efforts.

The high school tennis camp was held the week after school was out, and the elementary camp (third through eighth-grade) was held last week.

"It was a total success. Both camps worked out perfectly," Bonnie Wall said.

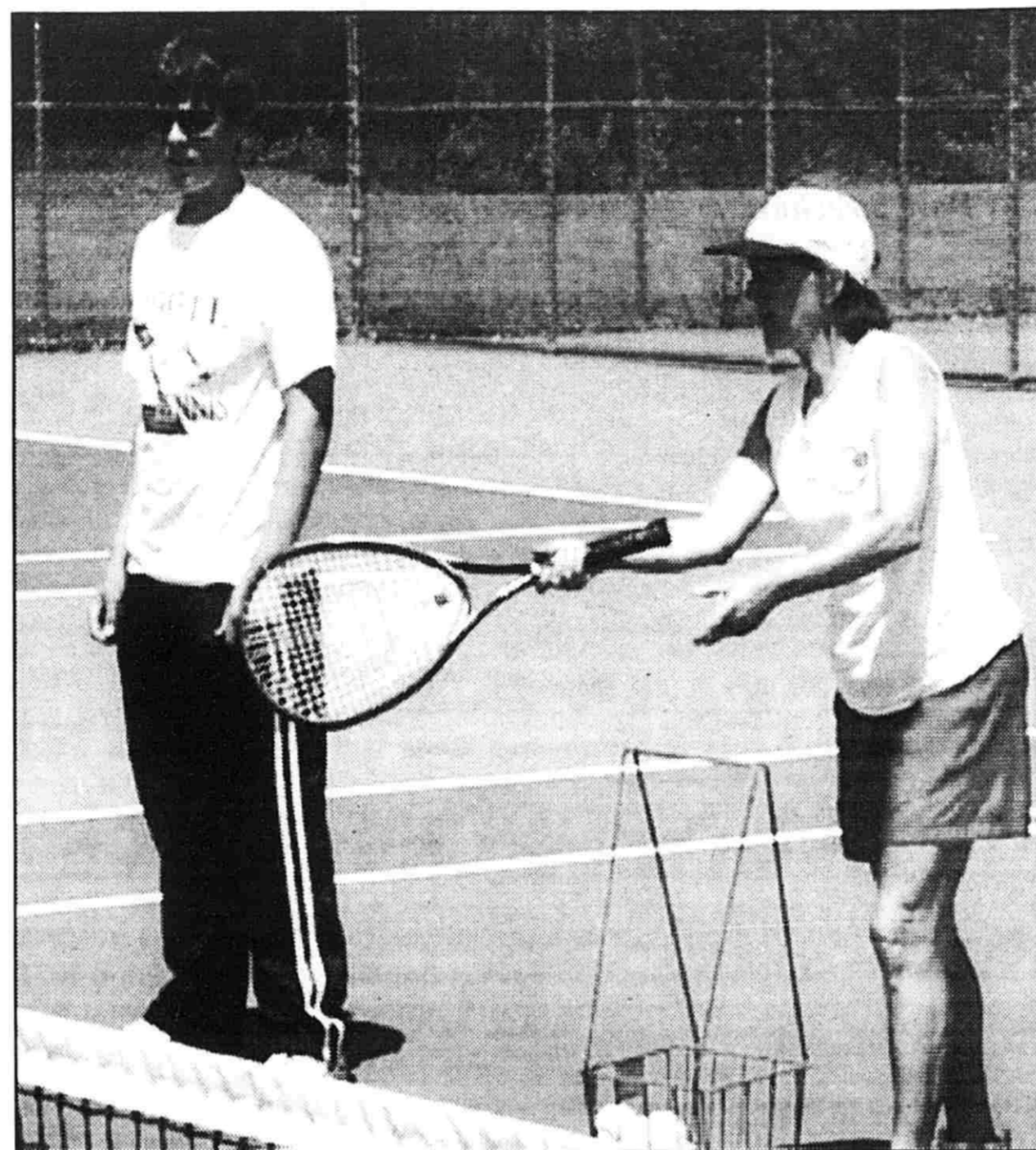
The elementary students were taught strokes and enjoyed participating in a number of tennis games (King of the Court, Baseball and Around the World).

"We're hoping to conduct a bigger program next year," Wall said. "These camps enable high school players to keep playing and younger kids to become interested in tennis."

Helping Wall with the camps were high school players Gavin Vincent, Ryan Phillips, Shaun Koning and Alan Stiver.

Lowell high school players will also compete in some inner-city matches around the area this summer.

Beginning Friday, anyone who is interested can participate in supervised play at the high school courts from 10 a.m. until noon and on Monday evenings from 6 until 8 p.m.



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Sharing The Vision
BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

projections from the citizens demographics committee will demonstrate clearly both the large change that has taken place in our school population over the past 10 years as well as the projected growth that we anticipate in Lowell.

Lowell Area Schools Student Enrollment				
1990	2000	2005 (projected)	2010 (projected)	
3086	3762	4215	4926	

In the 2000-2001 school year that will begin in several months, all of our schools will be filled or be very close to capacity. Over the past several years our school board and the demographics committee have studied very carefully the challenge of student growth. Their proposed solution is to build additional school facilities but in a carefully planned, phased-in approach that will build only when essential. This approach will provide excellent learning facilities but only when necessary, thus spending as little of the taxpayers' money as possible.

Indeed time does fly. Clearly, the Lowell community and its schools are growing. This growth demands excellence in planning. As you review the upcoming bond information I am sure you will agree that the bond proposal will provide both for the short and long term needs of the district and community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed bond issue or student growth, please do not hesitate to call me at 897-8415. Your comments and concerns are important to us.

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.

Lowell YMCA
'00 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS
Posted 7/2000

MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED OPEN DIVISION	W	L
PPC Electric/Larkins	7	0
Rainbow Travel	5	2
Los Coyotes	5	2
Noon Equipment	4	3
Reliable Auto	0	7

MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED CHURCH	W	L
Bowne Center United	5	2
Lowell Nazarene B	4	3
First Congregational	4	3
Lowell Nazarene A	1	6
St. Mary's	1	6

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION	W	L
Ball Busters	7	1
MOP	5	3
Germaines/Saranac Dental	3	5
Chiro Maniacs	0	7

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION	W	L
P.B.I.	8	0
Straight Steel/Rickert Electric	7	2
Magna Mirrors	3	4
Tom Dodge	2	6
Precise Engineering	0	7

FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION	W	L
Main St. Banquet	6	0
Ada Beef	5	2
Graham Framing	4	2
Ostrander Roofing/Clark Tire	3	3
Larkins	3	3
Magna's Misfits	2	4
Lowell Moose	2	4
ALPHA 2	0	7

Along Main Street

LHS CLASS OF 1930 REUNION
The Lowell High School class of 1930 reunion will be held at noon on July 29 at Keiser's Kitchen. The class of 1929 and 1931 are invited. Call 897-5331 for reservations.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, July 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE
PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Zoning Board of Appeals has denied Richard and Paula Averill's variance request to build at 2585 Gulliford Drive S.E. (PP#41-20-10-200-020) which has insufficient road frontage.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD
JUNE 19, 2000 - 7:00 p.m.
MOTIONS APPROVED:
• Minutes of May 15, 2000 Regular Meeting
• Treasurer's Report/Invoices
• Motion to give final approval to Sudan Dr., private
• Motion to appoint Doug Olin as representative to Airport Board
• Motion to enter into contract with North Kent Transit/Hope Network to provide senior/handicapped transportation for 2000-2001 fiscal year
• Motion to adopt form - permit for private road construction
• Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
Next regularly scheduled meeting July 17, 2000

Mari C. Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

OUTDOORS
By Dave Stegehuis

TAKE A KID FISHING
The few walleyes we caught in the morning were filleted, and the boat was squared away on the trailer. After lunch, it was time for a nap in the shade of the pickup camper which was set up in a campground on the west shore of Little Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
This peaceful scene was soon interrupted by the noisy banter of two pre-teen boys. Nothing unusual about that. The

Financial Focus
With Christopher J. Bouma

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Women Now Play Key Role in Investment Decisions
Today, women aren't just making more money than ever before — they're investing more, too.
Just how active are women in investing? Consider these statistics:
• Forty-five percent of women report that they are primarily responsible for investment decisions in their households, according to one recent survey of stock investors.
• Two-thirds of working women participate in a retirement plan, such as a 401 (k), through their employer.
Obviously, it's just as important for women to become informed, active investors as it is for men. In fact, it may even be more essential for women. Why? For one thing, women still outlive men, on average, by about seven years. This helps explain the fact that, at one time or another, 90 percent of women become wholly responsible for their own financial welfare.
Furthermore, because women typically earn less than men, the amount of their retirement benefits is lower. Women's pensions and retire-

ment plan accumulations are smaller than men's, and women receive lower Social Security payments.
In short, with less money and longer life spans, women run a bigger risk of outliving their resources than do men. That's why the trend toward women's increased investment activity is so encouraging.
On the other hand, some evidence suggests that women are not yet as confident as men when it comes to making the right investment

decisions. Forty-two percent of women worry about making a bad investment decision, compared to just 32 percent of men, according to the National Center for Women and Retirement Research. Also, a larger percentage of women than men report they lack the money, knowledge and time to save adequately for retirement.
What can be done to overcome these hurdles? Time will take care of some of them. Women now hold a larger percentage of management-level jobs than ever before, so their average incomes will continue to rise. And women are taking the lead in education as well; since 1982, women have earned more bachelor's degrees per year than men.
With increased income, greater job responsibilities and better education, women's confidence in their

ability to invest successfully should rise significantly. And women, like men, also will benefit from the virtual explosion of financial and investment information that has become available over the past few years through the Internet and other sources. Finally, an increasing number of prominent female investment experts are now appearing in print and on the airwaves. Hopefully, these women will serve as role models to all women interested in seizing control of their financial futures.
In the final analysis, successful investing is based on attributes such as perseverance, resourcefulness, inquisitiveness and drive. And those are traits that are shared equally between men and women.

well as most other outdoor activities, exposes us to uncontrollable variables like weather, insects, natural habitat, and wildlife behavior and must be dealt with by using acquired skills. These skills are often handed down from one generation to the next. If one generation fails to pass on these skills, they may be lost within that family. Sharing these skills and facing natural challenges together can strengthen the bond between family members.

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Re-Elect
MARI STONE
Vergennes Township Clerk
August 8th Primary

I am very concerned about the safety of our roads, and have been working with County and State officials to improve them. More and more vehicles are traveling our roads. We especially need to address the engineering, speed, and traffic control problems that exist at the intersection of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. There have been far too many injuries and deaths at this intersection. How many more accidents or even close calls do we need?

A promising piece of legislation has been adopted that allows township input on speed limits. House Bill 4206 was signed by Governor Engler on June 20th, and County Road Commissions and the State Police are currently studying the effects of this new law. It is not clear at this time how it will be implemented, but I will continue to research this and propose improvements as opportunities arise.
Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Mari Stone Clerk 14024 Thompson Dr., Lowell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JULY 5: Dave Burdette, Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis, Phyllis Condon, Brennan Page, Devinnie Ossewaarde, Bob Canfield.
JULY 6: Marty DeYoung, Jason Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling.
JULY 7: Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach Meiste.
JULY 8: Jason White, Tony Stencel, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica Tulppo.
JULY 9: Elaine Haines, Leo Pfaller.
JULY 10: Barb Rivette, Pete VanLaan, Austin Bieri.
JULY 11: Dina DeCator, Jodi Hutchinson.
JULY 12: Cole Burdette, Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor, Hayley Fritz, Georgan Watrous.

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Joey Johnson
Christy McCarthy
Chad VanHoutten
Wade Willingham

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7-10-2000
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LEGAL NOTICES
STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 00-169,742-DE Estate of IRWIN S. KOROPAS, Deceased Date of birth: 04/23/1915
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, IRWIN S. KOROPAS, who lived at 1450 Walker N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 05/24/00. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CHERYL M. DEBRI, 1651 VanderJagt N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49525, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 6/27/00

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 00-169,743-DE Estate of FREDA ROSE SWOVELAND, Deceased Date of birth: 08/09/30
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, FREDA ROSE SWOVELAND, who lived at 1316 Covell N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 04/15/00. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ALANA BOON, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 6/8/00

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ (P46249) 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119
ALANA BOON 725 133rd Wayland, MI 49348

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Planning commission grants rezoning request to apartment developers

Parcels of land at 11627 and 11729 Fulton were rezoned from R-1 to R-3. A small 600 foot area was rezoned R-2.

A future phase would include a single family housing development. It would be contiguous to the apartment complex.

We requested that the parcel be rezoned to R-3 based upon a recommendation from the township's engineering company. We have no major objection to the concept of rezoning a portion of the 14-acre parcel to R-2 as long as it does not adversely affect the development.

DeVries said the development group had met with representatives from Veen Observatory and had reached some agreements on the lighting. Most of the lights would be on the building; they will use low pressure sodium lamps and high pressure sodium lights where necessary. All outside lighting will average 3.5 foot candles at ground level. The planning commission will address phase II once the developers are ready to begin activity on the second set of apartment buildings.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron DeVries
Developer

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY WILL BE: MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Grattan Township, who is not already registered to vote for the August Primary Election may register at any Secretary of State Offices; County Clerk; or Local Clerks Office on or before Monday, July 10, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age on or before July 10, 2000
- Resident of Grattan Township

You must be registered to qualify as a voter.

Peggy A. Gurney
Grattan Township Clerk

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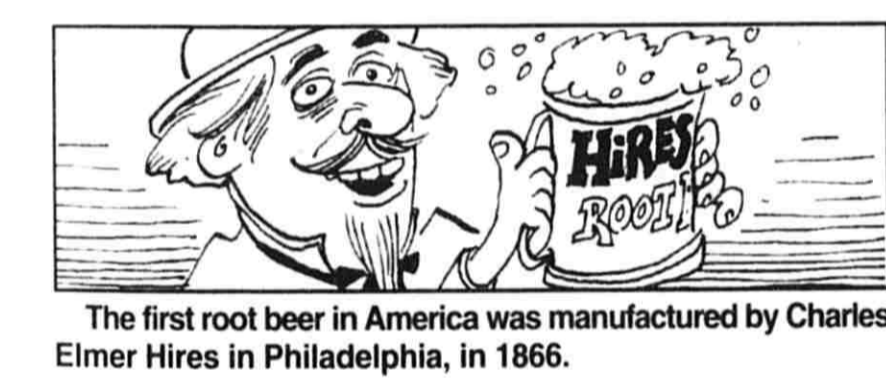
OPEN SPACE/LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2000

Citizens interested in attending meetings of or joining the Vergennes Township Open Space/Land Preservation Committee are encouraged to do so. Meetings will be held from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, on the last Wednesday of the month. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are scheduled as follows:

July 26	October 25
August 30	November 29
September 27	

For more information on the mission of the Open Space/Land Preservation Committee, you may contact Kate Dernocoeur at 682-9899.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk



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