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## SECOND TO NONE

That's how Peter Wege, chairman of the Wege Foundation, described the educational opportunities provided by the Wege Natural Area and the Wittenbach Agricultural Science Center at the dedication ceremony on Friday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ten years ago the farm properties at 11700 and 11715 did not have a vision or dream attached to them.

That all changed in 1992 when Everett and June Wittenbach stepped forward with land at an affordable price so that the Lowell School District could build a dream

high school educational facility.

In October of 1999, the Cridler family offered to sell their property across the road from the high school at a price

far below the appraised market value in order to preserve it as a place where students could learn about nature, forestry, ecology and agriculture.

The Wege Foundation donated \$360,000 to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, which provided Cridlers with the assurance that the property would never be developed and it would take on the management and ownership of the natural area.

In March of this year, the Wittenbach family continued the vision and dream with a \$200,000 donation toward the construction of the Wittenbach Agricultural Science Center which would serve as a gateway and information center for the Wege natural land preserve.

The visions and dreams set forth over the last eight years came full circle Friday with the official dedication ceremony of the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center and the Wege Natural Area.



June Wittenbach, seated, prepares with her grandchildren Stephen Wittenbach II and Allie Wittenbach to cut the ribbon. Standing in back, left to right, are: James Bosserd, Stephen Wittenbach (son) and Mary Dewey (daughter).

"It was important to my father (the late Everett Wittenbach) and my mother June that they give something back to this community," said their son Stephen Wittenbach. "My mother is here today to see this wonderful facility. While I am speaking, it is she who is responsible for this center."

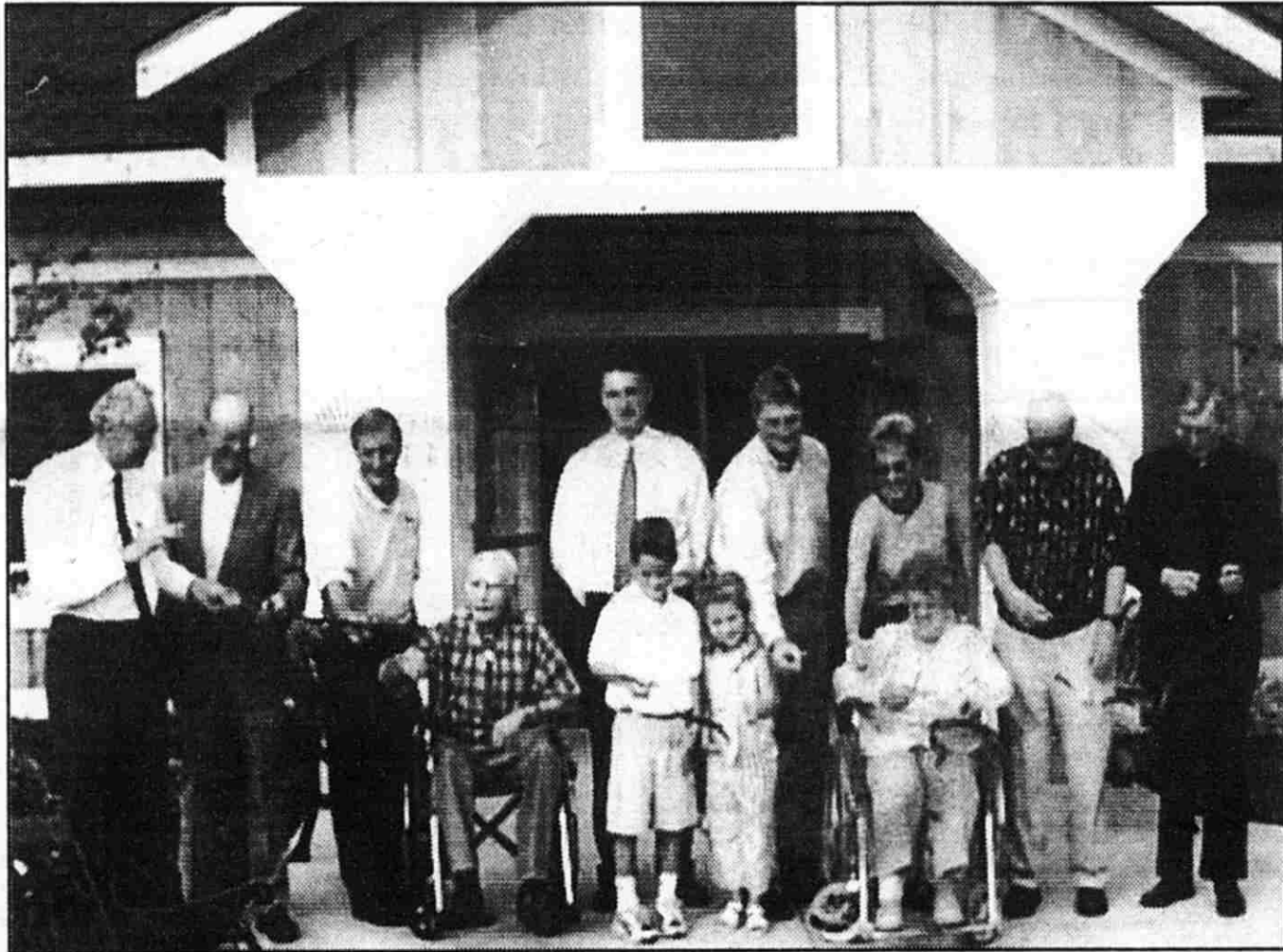
Peter Wege, chairman of the Wege Foundation, said the natural area and the center

will help provide the community with educational opportunities second to none.

In September, the center is providing for FFA, Rotary and Wittenbach Center advisory group meetings. Some second grade classes will start coming out to plant bulbs.

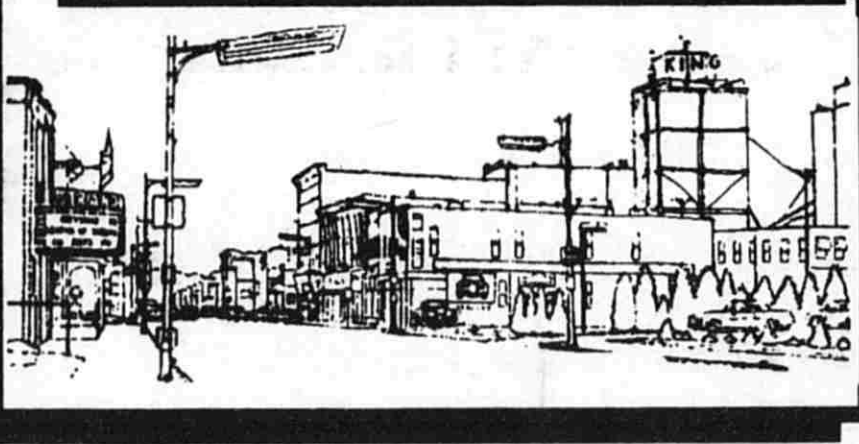
In October, the bulk of curriculum opportunities will begin. First graders and

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This ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the Wittenbach Agricultural Science Center was one of two carried out at the dedication ceremony last Friday. One also took place near the Wege Natural Area (see picture on page 9).

### Along Main Street



#### SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP WITH EUNICE BOLT

The Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell is offering a workshop with Eunice Bolt: Exploring Abstraction (any medium) on Sept. 14-16. Enrollment is limited. Call John Knight at 987-7842 for details.

#### ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY BUSINESS MEETING

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will hold their business meeting in the library's Community Room at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19. September is membership month, and the Friends will renew memberships as well as plan their direction of emphasis.

For more information about the meeting, please call the library at 897-9596.

#### CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT DURING FALLSBURG FESTIVAL

On Sept. 23 and 24, a Civil War Re-enactment will take

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## Peeling Paint:

City takes steps to preserve exterior wood at Englehardt Library. Original painting not holding up.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Englehardt Library is not yet five years old and the city has discovered that the paint on the wood exterior is peeling.

The city will allocate \$7,400 from the library budget to preserve the wood.

City sexton Don DeJong conferred with library project engineer Dan Durkee, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, to see if there is any recourse on the subcontractor who performed the original painting.

Durkee does not believe the city can hold the subcontractor accountable. The warranty was only for one-two years.

Either way, DeJong says the task now is to protect the wood for the future.

"I think it was originally painted late in the season and that a poor job of prepping was done causing the paint to flake and peel now," DeJong explained.

The city sexton first noticed the problem last year. "I

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## YMCA B-day Fest Saturday

There is a birthday party going on Saturday at Creekside Park and the Lowell community is invited.

In celebration of its 40th year, the Lowell YMCA is holding a Birthday Fest beginning at 4 p.m. and running until 9.

"The purpose is to say thank you to this community for allowing the YMCA to be an important part of the Lowell community over the last 40 years," said Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh.

It's going to be an old-fashioned family-like picnic.

Between the pig roast and chicken, there will be plenty to eat. Served alongside it will be potato salad, chips, cookies, drinks and birthday cake.

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OBITUARIES

BUTCHER - Larry Fred Butcher, aged 70, of Ionia, passed away at Spectrum Downtown in Grand Rapids September 9, 2000. He was born in Grand Rapids May 28, 1930, the son of Fred and Grace Witz Butcher. He was an avid member of A.A. in Ionia and Lowell. Retired from the State of Michigan as a guard 10 years ago. He is survived by his wife of four months Evelyn (West) Butcher of Ionia; two sons Michael and Allison Butcher of Alto and Randy and Sylvia Butcher of Grand Rapids; two brothers Duane and Joy Butcher of Ionia and David and Mary Butcher of Fort Gratiot; one sister Sandra and James Reynolds of Saranac; two special grandchildren Bobbie Lee and Amber Louise Baldwin of Ionia; also many other grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Stanley Hagemeier officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Saranac Fire Dept. or a family choice.

HOLMES - Donna E. Holmes, aged 68, of Saranac, passed away in Belding September 9, 2000. She is survived by three sons Steven

Holmes of Saranac, William Holmes of Lakeview and Gary (Phyllis) Holmes of Saranac; one daughter Doreen and James Still of Kentwood; two brothers Dale and Lucille Ward of Saranac and Duane and Shirley Ward of Saranac, one sister Daryl and Robert Keech of Rodney. Also surviving are four grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

LANGRIDGE - Bette Sandra Langridge, aged 52, of Rockford, formerly of Lowell, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2000. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Richard; children Michelle (Jon) McGuire, Jennifer (Tom) Lowrie, Melanie (Steve) Poston, Rich, Matthew; parents Harry and Dorothy Goldberg; grandchildren Megan and Jason McGuire; sister Amy Goldberg. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Laurie TenHave - Chapman of the First Congregational Church of Rockford officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

MULDER - Angeline G. Mulder, aged 99, of Lowell, died Sunday, September 10, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Peter in 1979 and grandson Tom Koewers in 1995. She is survived by her children Flora Jean and Don Beachum; grandchildren Patricia and Gary Leazenby; Donna and Al Miller, Perry and Teresa Beachum, Beth and Kim Stevens; great-grandchildren Jason, Kevin, Brian, Jeffrey, Erin, Kelsey, Zachary, Meghan, Kory, Kelly, Stephanie and Ryan; and one great-great-granddaughter Elizabeth and nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331.

PAROFF - Deacon John A. Paroff, aged 60, of Lowell, passed away, Monday, September 4, 2000. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Rose and John Paroff Sr., his brother, Rev. Leo Paroff CSP, and sister, Theresa Alsheski. Deacon Paroff is survived by his wife of 37 1/2 years, Kathy; sons, Greg (Erica) of Cleveland, Oh., Douglas (Suzanne) of Ravenna, Oh., Jeff (Raquel) of Chesapeake, Va., Michael of Lowell, Russell (Valerie) of Cannonsburg; sister, Magdalen (Frank)

Abramcheck of Hazleton, Pa., seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. John was a consultant in "Quality Control and a past president of ASQ (American Society of Quality) with several professional certifications, including Quality Management Systems Auditor and Quality Engineer. Ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1991, he currently served St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Lowell. He was also active in Keryx Prison Ministry, Chaplain for the Lowell Fire Department, and a member of the C.I.S.M. (Critical Incident Stress Management) Team. Mass of Christian Burial took place Friday, September 8 at St. Mary's RC Church with Most Rev. (Bishop) Robert J. Rose, assisted by several priests and

deacons including Rev. George J. Fekete, Rev. Donald Heydens and Rev. Richard L. Lawie, Celebrants. Memorial contributions may be made to the Diaconate Ministry.

SIMMERER - Catherine Mary Simmerer (nee O'Driscoll), aged 75, of Cascade Twp., died Wednesday, September 6, 2000. She is survived by her eight children, their father, her brother, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She will be missed by family, friends and generations of piano and organ students. Requiem Mass was held Monday.

WINKS - John L. "Jack" Winks, aged 90, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2000. He was pre-

ceded in death by his wife Louise, brother J.B. Hawk, granddaughter Michelle Torres. He is survived by his children Shirley (Harry) Compton of Cedar Springs, Ronald Winks of Grand Rapids, Sally (Robert) Potts of Grand Rapids, Mary Kay (Frank) Wright of Lowell, 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, brother, William Albert "Bert" (Myrtle) Hawk of Wyoming, Mr. Winks was retiring from General Motors Fisher Body. He was a 32nd Degree Mason Lowell Lodge #90F. & A.M., and a member of the Lowell Moose Lodge #809. Services were held Sept. 8 at Roth-Gerst Chapel. The family would appreciate contributions to Alzheimer's Association or the American Lung Association.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, October 2, 2000 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. The mobile home park ordinance amendments are being changed to reflect the recent court case rulings. A summary of the proposed amendments are as follows:

Amend Article II Section 201.202 Definitions: Delete the following current definitions: House trailer or mobile home, House trailer park or mobile home park, House trailer or mobile home site or space Replace with the following definitions: Manufactured home: means a structure, transportable in 1 or more sections, which is built on a chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without permanent foundation, when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained in the structure. Manufactured home development: means a parcel or tract of land under the control of a person upon which 3 or more mobile homes are located on a continual, non recreational basis and which is offered to the public for that purpose regardless of whether a charge is made therefor, together with any building, structure, enclosure, street, equipment, or facility used or intended for use incident to the occupancy of a mobile home. Mobile home: see Manufactured home.

Amend Article III Section 201.306A R-3 Special Residential: Delete 201.306 C 5 to remove Mobile home parks as a special use Add to 201.306 B 3 to add Manufactured home development as a permitted use with review subject to the State Act and Rules. Amend Article IV Section 201.416 Mobile home parks: Delete entire section Amend Article V Section 201.502 B Special Exception Uses: Delete reference to mobile home parks as a special use

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674] during regular office hours of Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Written and oral comments regarding the proposed amendments will be received at the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices.

Building Excellence through Volunteers



Volunteers appointed to the Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence program, sitting from left to right, are: Rob Applegate, Joyce Stormzand, Debra Hinton, Betty Morlock, Michelle Theisen, Cynthia Boyce and Jim Pfaller. Standing, left to right, are: Paula Blumm, Sally Gunberg, Perry Beachum, Peter Haefner, Joanna Williams, Ray Wolfe, Gary Fredline and Heather Koltz. These people were selected because of their ability to get involved and lead in the community. "What a significant role they can play in the growth and improvement of the Lowell community," said Lowell superintendent and Lowell Leadership committee member Bert Bleke. "The volunteers chosen for the "LIVE" program can make an incredible difference."

Cancer takes the life of St. Mary deacon, John Paroff

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Theresa Marie Paroff wasn't even a week old when the infant and her parents Doug and Suzanne drove 12 hours so she could meet her grandfather.

"John was so happy and so proud to hold his granddaughter," said his wife Kathy. "He loved his grandchildren. He loved to take them to festivals and parades."

Paroff died eight days after the visit, following a three-year battle with prostate and lymphoid cancer.

Paroff moved to Lowell in 1987. He served over 20 years in responsible management/technical positions. His last place of employment was with Quality Resource Group, Cannon Township.

He was a consultant in quality control and a past president of American Society of Quality, with several professional certifications including quality management systems auditor and quality engineer.

In 1991 Paroff was ordained a permanent deacon at St. Mary's Seminary in



John Paroff Cleveland, OH. He currently served St. Mary's Roman

Catholic Church in Lowell.

"He loved his role as a deacon," Kathy Paroff said. "He felt the calling to do something following the unexpected death of his older brother, Rev. Leo Paroff.

He is also preceded in death by his mother and father, Rose and John Paroff Sr., and his sister Theresa Alsheski.

In his spare time, Paroff was an avid reader of the Bible and of technical books and magazines.

He was a member of the

Knights of Columbus, Lowell Area Fire Department (chaplain) and the Critical Incident Stress Management team. He also served in the Keryx Prison Ministry and with the YMCA Indian Guides program.

Deacon Paroff is survived by his wife of 37 1/2 years, Kathy; sons, Greg (Erica) of Cleveland, Oh., Douglas (Suzanne) of Ravenna Oh., Jeff (Raquel) of Chesapeake, Va., Michael of Lowell, Russell (Valerie) of Cannonsburg, sister

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AUGUST SMILE OF THE MONTH:

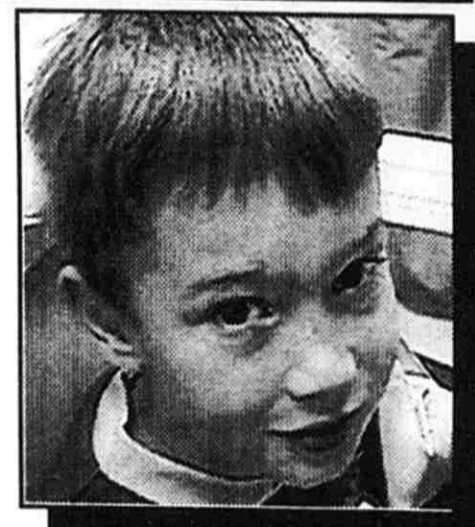
NAME:.....Danny Wernet

AGE:.....8 years old

BIRTHDAY .....6/28/92

HOBBIES .....Sports; baseball, soccer, football

He receives a prize for his great checkup.



August "No Cavities" Club Members

- Justin Everitt Andrew Perry Samijo Olson
Molly Clark Ashley Colon Macaela Perry
Becky Green Danny Wernet Nicole Hough
Ryan DenBraven Katie Haan Aleesha DenBraven
Jeremy Kaminski David Santiago Logan Race
Grace Inda Ben Gerig Johnathon Wenger
Luke Baylis Kelly Brunett Ashley White
Shelby Young Carolyn Affholter Mathew Strawser
Hannah Green Hannah Smith Brandon Lee
Brian Miller Aaron Wenger Hannah Gerig
Justin Hewitt Anthony Cornell Nick Poulias
Rebekah Kontlin Andrew Gerig
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Lowell Branch YMCA 40th Birthday Fest

Saturday, September 16 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at Creekside Park

In case of rain, event will be held at Cherry Creek School.

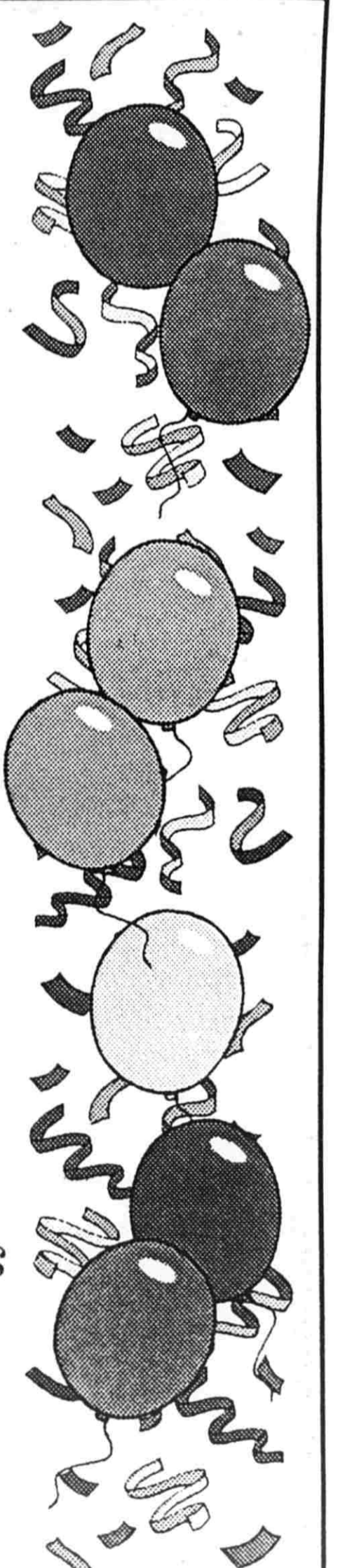
\$3 per Adult • \$2 per Child under 12

Tickets available at the YMCA and all YMCA Child Care Centers. Advance ticket purchases recommended!

Pig Roast, Chicken, Potato Salad, Chips, Cookies, Birthday Cake, Drinks

Five FREE Carnival Tickets included!

Moon Walk, Inflatable Maze, Inflatable Caterpillar, Arts & Crafts, Old-fashioned Picnic Races, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Balloons, Raffle Prizes



# Reflections

Of Faith

*Dr. Roger LaWarre, Pastor  
First Congregational UCC*

In John's gospel, chapter 6, beginning at verse 25, we read the human drama of people seeking to follow Jesus because they hope to have their material needs met. Jesus, on the other hand, seeking to address their deepest needs and hungers. John reports that Jesus finally tells the crowd following him, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that

endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give you."

A story was reported in the August publication of "Pulpit Resources." A rabbi died in England and the obituary told of his life, how when he was a young boy, he and his family were prisoners in a Nazi death camp. "In the camp, the prisoners were given just barely enough food to survive - some grain, a bit of stale bread, and a few grams of lard each week. Despite their harsh environment, this boy's family continued to observe the Sabbath. Somehow managing to scrounge up a piece of candle and a little food each week, they said the Sabbath prayers and pronounced the Sabbath blessings.

"One week, however, there was no candle. So, when the evening came and the Sabbath was at hand, the boy's father took some of their precious lard and molded it around a bit of string. Light-

ing this makeshift candle, he began to lead his family in the prayers and blessings.

"His son was enraged. When the prayers were done, he confronted his father. 'How could you do that? How could you waste what little lard we have to make a candle? It's the only food we have.'

"His father answered, 'Son, without food we can live for several days. Without hope, we cannot live an hour.' " "Do not work for the food that perishes," says Jesus. Yet, you and I spend vast amounts of time and a tremendous amount of energy so that we can make a more than adequate living. The sad reality is we often put our hope, base our happiness, and reflect on the goodness of God based on the material and financial resources we have accumulated. We take on the mind set, "I worked for it, I deserve it, I am worth it."

The challenge of the gospel is the challenge to grasp God's power in our lives. The power that leads us to cherish the lasting gifts of hope, faith and love. We can build a life on these eternal qualities. We dare not get too busy making a living and lose the power to make a life. "Do not work for the food that perishes." (John 6:27a).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dewey Francisco, Yvonne Swift, Dennis Denton, Noelle Dewey.

SEPT. 14: Christian Barnes, Dan VanDyke, Michael Timmers, Missy Osseward, SEPT. 15: Brandi Phillips, Mark Trierweiler. SEPT. 16: Doris Malone. SEPT. 17: Nicholas Blough.

SEPT. 18: Jon Osseward. SEPT. 19: Abbey Goff, Megan Claypool, Brian Ryder, Renae Heinicke, Griff Brenk, Julie Kline. SEPT. 20: Donald Rittersdorf Jr., Patrick Parish.

## Clardie guest speaker at tent revival

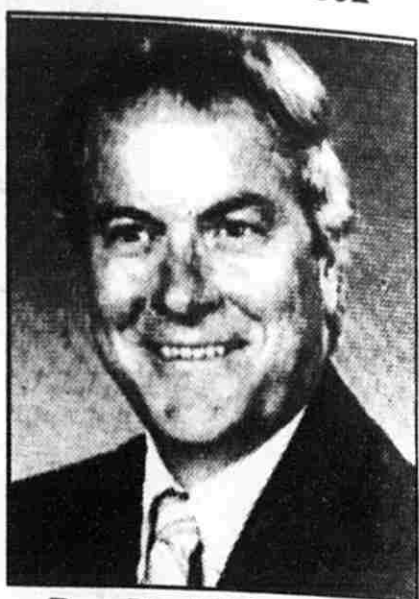
Rev. David E. Clardie will be the guest speaker for the Community Tent Revival that will be held at the Lowell City Airport on Friday (Sept. 22: 7pm - 9pm), Saturday (Sept. 23: 7pm - 9pm), and Sunday (Sept. 24: 3pm - 5pm).

Clardie was in the pastoral ministry from 1969 until 1984. In October of 1984, he entered in full time Evangelism. Currently he is on the road approximately 45 weeks a year holding meetings. He had growing pastorates with building programs in two of the churches. His last pastorate in Richland Center, Wisconsin, grew from 150 to 450 in average attendance. In that time, approximately 250

people made first time commitments to Christ. The church growth came about, he emphasizes, because of two main priorities: Evangelizing and Discipling people for the Kingdom.

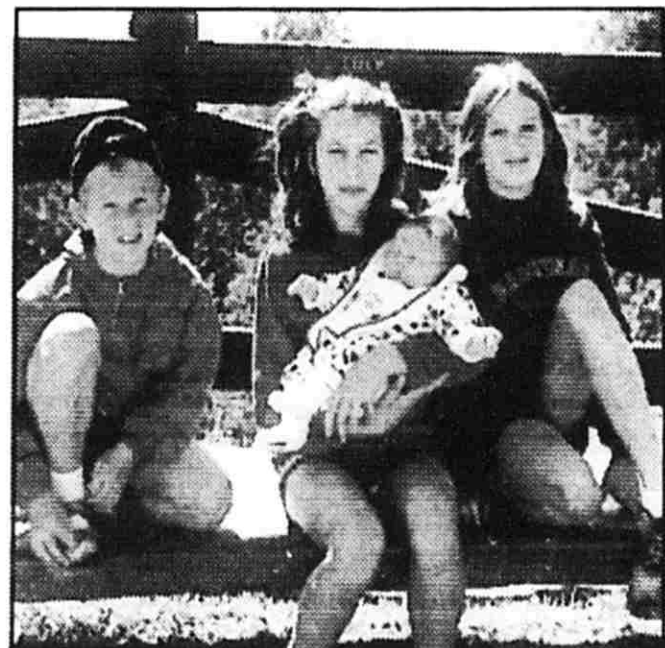
Along with local church work, he has served in many different forms of outreach ministry. He is a member of Staley Foundation Christian Scholar Lecture Program which ministers to college campuses. He has addressed Pastor's retreats, Laymen's retreats, Family Camp meetings, Youth conferences, Citywide, County, and Holiness crusades.

In his ministry, Evangelist Clardie emphasizes: "Preaching, Teaching, and



Rev. David E. Clardie

Living out of God's Word." He is a strong preacher of Biblical Holiness and stresses a life-style of purity. Clardie adds: "I have an intense desire to be a good communicator of Biblical truth."



### AREA BIRTHS

Jay and Wendy Hobbs are proud to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Parker J.C. Hobbs.

He was born July 27, 2000, at Spectrum East at 5:30 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches long.

Big sisters Kelleigh and Haley and big brother Tyler welcome Parker home as well as his grandparents Maynard and Deb Baer and Helen and Howard Hobbs, great-grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Michigan State University lists 2,489 candidates for summer 2000. There are 1,670 candidates for bachelor's degrees, 519 for master's degrees and 256 for doctoral degrees. Twelve students are

candidates for educational specialist, eight are candidates for doctor of osteopathic medicine, 21 are candidates for doctor of medicine and three are candidates for doctor of musical arts.

Students from this area include: **Matthew David Carstens, Tamara D. Froese, Jamie L. McCaul and Jolene J. Scheeringa** of Lowell.

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To most people nothing is more troublesome than the effort of thinking.

—James Bryce



**Week of 9/18 - 9/22**

### ELEMENTARY

\*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.  
\* Lunch: \$1.35 \* Milk: 30c

**MON:** Chunky chicken gravy w/breadstick or pizza burger on bun (w/ mozzarella & pizza sauce), whipped potatoes, seedless red grapes.

**TUES:** New Beefy Frito pie w/cornbread or turkey & cheese sub sandwich, baked beans, sweet cherries.

**WED:** Hot dog on a bun or beefy burrito w/roll, pears, peas, vanilla raspberry pudding.

**THURS:** Grilled Mozz. cheese sandwich w/pepperoni or ravioli w/cheese & garlic toast, rainbow apples, green beans.

**FRI:** Chicken nuggets or ham & scalloped taters, biscuit, applesauce, mixed vegetables.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

\*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.  
\* Lunch: \$1.50 \* Milk: 30c

**MON:** Chicken gravy w/biscuit or turkey bacon sub sandwich, whipped potatoes, fresh grapes.

**TUES:** 2 egg, ham & cheese English muffins or tuna salad croissant, tater tots, sweet cherries.

**WED:** Chicken nuggets or French dip on bun au jus, pears, vanilla rasp. pudding, corn, potatoes.

**THURS:** Baked potatoes, soup, diced ham, cheese sauce, broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, black olives, onions, choice of fruit.

**FRI:** Pizza wedge or burrito with roll, applesauce, mixed vegetables.

# Viewpoint . . .



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

This week at the computer finds me desperately groping for something to prattle on about. I've been awake since 3:30 or so. The bursitis in my right shoulder was bothering me. When I finally got up, the bone spur in my left foot screamed when I put weight on it. As I bent over to make the bed the deteriorating disc in my back reminded me I am another day older. I thought about taking this "cripple" theme and running with it. (Please pardon the pun.) Then I remembered I try to keep things humorous in this space. Take it from me, it's tough to get chuckles out of bursitis.

While I was mired in my little pity party I considered trying these ailments to getting old and making a column out of it. Most of these problems have cropped up with this turning fifty business. My theory is that the A.A.R.P. is somehow infecting us aging "Boomers" with microscopic stuff in their never ending mailings. My lengthy list of ailments includes: the sudden need for glasses, an expanding waistline, root canals, a little skin cancer, rapidly thinning hair and a nagging Katie Couric guilt trip about getting the old colon roto-rootered. Add it all up and I think I have a case about an A.A.R.P. plot to get us before we can draw on our retirement funds.

Just when I had myself worked up to writing a column complaining about all this getting old stuff, I had a change of heart. Remember the old fable about the boy crying because he didn't have shoes, then he saw a man with no feet and suddenly felt like he'd hit on "power ball"? This doesn't have anything to do with that. Well, maybe just a little.

I spent last weekend in Galesburg, Illinois, at the National Stearman Convention. There were 140 of the old WWII open cockpit biplane trainers registered. Some of the pilots that showed up actually learned to fly in these crates during the war.

Any one of them is old enough to be my father and they think of the guys my age as kids. It's often said age is merely a matter of attitude. Maybe it's time for me to take a cue from these old guys and start acting more like a kid.

Hanging out with these old WWII guys reminded me of an article I clipped from the May 2000 A.O.P.A. Pilot magazine. I've been saving it for a rainy day when I couldn't think of anything except bursitis to write about.

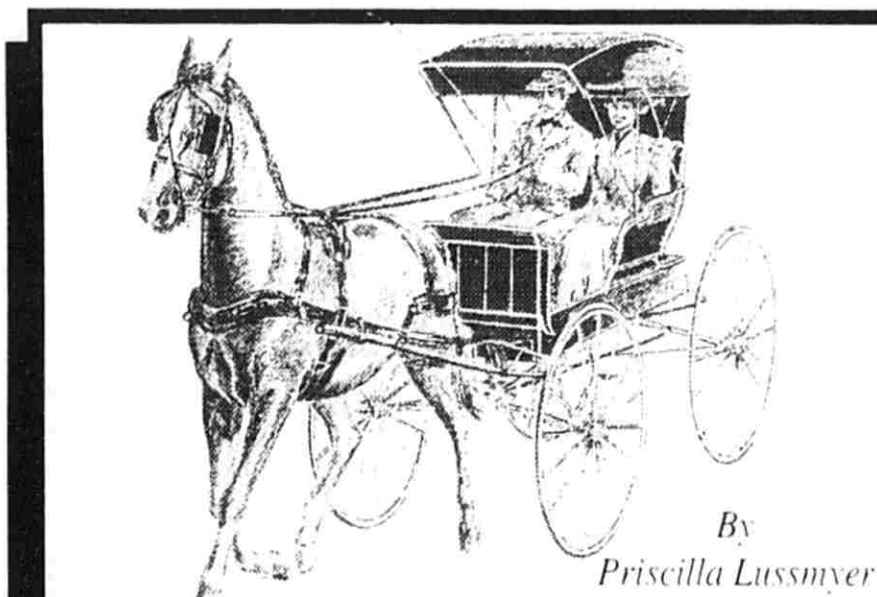
The piece was a one-page feature on 78-year-old Harris B. "Wil" Wilhoite. Wilhoite was a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot in WWII. He flew 78 missions escorting bombers over Europe. During the Korean War he flew 101 missions in an F-80 jet fighter. All of that is very commendable, but not necessarily remarkable. Read on.

When Wilhoite left the military, he stayed in aviation. He flew corporate jets for awhile before signing on with an upstart package delivery company in 1972. The company was FedEx. Wilhoite became a captain flying Boeing 727's. Wilhoite remained with FedEx as a captain until 1981 when the FAA's age-60 rule moved him out of the left seat. You might think that's the end of the story. Wrong.

Wilhoite admits moving out of the pilot's seat was the toughest thing he's ever had to do, but he did take a back seat as a flight engineer. Here's the kicker. Wilhoite is still flying huge DC-10s over Europe as a flight engineer for FedEx! At 78 he's thought to be the oldest active airline pilot in the world. And, get this, he has no plans to call it quits even though he's flying the same skies he flew as a fighter pilot nearly 60 years ago. Incredible!

Using the no shoes, no feet, principle, I applied it to relative age and did a little arithmetic. Wilhoite is 28 years older than me and still working. I've been in the publishing business for just about 28 years. If I use Wilhoite as an example, that means I'm only at the halfway point in my career. If you multiply 28 years by 52 editions, that means I have to write another 1,456 "cozy corners." I don't think so!

Look at it this way. If at the halfway point I'm already stooping to writing about bursitis and bone spurs, what in the world am I going to write about at age 78? I don't want to think about trying to find humor in walkers, bladder control products and BINGO.



By  
Priscilla Lusmyer

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 15, 1875

The marshal requests that everyone pay their taxes at first call, as money is needed to pay for improvements.

Last Friday's storm sent two ships to the bottom of Lake Michigan.

The morning express train will take you to Saginaw by noon. You can see the state fair and come home whenever.

The Young Men's Quadrille Club has put out invitations and will dance to the music of O.O. Adams tonight. Some Portland dealers have been convicted of selling bad meat.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 13, 1900

An argument over change for a beer leaves John Albright with a bad glass cut and bartender Edward Alexander with a summons.

Telephone lines are being set up around Pratt Lake, and a dozen workers are boarding with Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Morion.

Theodore Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan started their presidential campaigns on Labor Day with non-political speeches, but are expected to talk politics from now until November.

The Deutschland liner makes a westward Atlantic crossing in record time of five days 12 hours and 29 minutes.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 10, 1925

\$375 is Lowell's quota in raising the American Legion's endowment fund to assist disabled veterans and war orphans.

The airplane manufacturing company is fixing up the old Chase Furniture Co. and the new Grand Rapids owners of the Hotel Waverly are planning to renovate and reopen.

The Edwin Fallas Canning Co. incorporates and sells stock. L.W. Rutherford continues as General Manager.

A new house and poultry buildings are being built 2 1/2 miles east of Lowell, for a projected extensive poultry operation.

Two street lights, posts and all, are demolished in two separate accidents by autos.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 14, 1950

Hartman's Drug Store put eight clerks at the counters to handle schoolbook sales for Lowell schools and area country schools.

The 1950 Showboat broke all records and put almost \$8,000 in the bank.

"Who Said You Can't Lose a Democracy by Default?" quote: in 1896, 83% of registered voters voted: 1919, 71%; 1944, 56%; 1949, 51%.

Lowell schools report enrollment of 787, highest ever, with 377 in the high school. Only grades 7 and 8 were lower than expected.

A 27-inch, 4 1/2 pound pike was caught on a bluegill hook on Consumers pond (Burroughs dam) Monday by Mrs. James Roberts.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE SEPTEMBER 11, 1975

Interest earned on school bonds, now that construction is nearly finished, will pay for tennis courts, greenhouse and maybe more.

First-class mail goes to ten cents for the first ounce, nine cents thereafter and postcards go down to seven cents. And Postal Service goes back to printing the name of the town on postmarks. For a while it was only the state and zip.

East Kent Community Center offers home weatherization help in response to the energy crisis.

The city buys the house at the southwest corner of Avery and Monroe for parking lot development.

Leonora Tower and Doris Myers are co-chairing the Third Annual Fallburg Fall Festival, sponsored by the West Central Michigan Historical Society at the park pavilion and Fallburg schoolhouse.

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## TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,

A drive into the rural areas surrounding our community makes us aware of how rapidly many of the rolling acres of farmland are being transformed into housing developments. Change is coming and it is coming much more quickly than most of us had envisioned.

In these new homes reside many children who will be enrolling in our schools. In fact, many have moved into our community because of the good reputation of our school district.

Currently all of our school buildings are near to or at capacity. Committees representing the entire community have studied the demographics and our board of education has spent numerous hours deciding on the options available to us.

Please study carefully the bond proposal that will be voted upon on Tuesday, Sept., 26. We owe it to our children and the future of our community to support this plan.

I trust you will join me in saying "yes." In so doing, you will be demonstrating your commitment to the importance of education.

Sincerely,  
Ann Mulder

Dear Editor,

We have lived in the Lowell area most of our lives. As a farm boy, I remember graduating from the eighth grade country school and anticipating the honor of being able to go to Lowell High School. We have fond memories of these four years and graduating with the class of '49.

Since then, we have continued to live in Lowell, raised our four children here and saw them take part in many activities our community had to offer while greeting a well rounded education from Lowell Schools. These activities prepared them for college and later taking part in the communities in which they have settled and are raising their families.

We have seen many changes in our educational system, both in curriculum and physical layout since 1949. Some of those changes were done in a proactive way, while sometimes the community and/or the school system has waited too long and things had to be done in a hasty reactive way.

We feel the Neighbors Who Care has put in a real effort to bring to the community a proposal that:

1. Allows for the flexibility for the many changes our educational system will face in the future.

To The Editor,

We can't deny the reality of the need for more classrooms. The Lowell Area School District is experiencing continued growth as the flight from urban areas to suburban and rural school districts continues. While the Grand Rapids Schools are closing eleven buildings, outlying districts are growing almost too fast.

Just as our neighboring districts, Caledonia and Forest Hills are burgeoning and seeking bond issues for new construction, so is Lowell Area Schools. Since the building of the new high school along with the reshuffling and remodeling of the other buildings, Lowell Schools have taken on a new image. It is no longer a rural school district, but rather a suburban one. We enjoy new respect from our neighbors on the west, north, south and east. Our buildings and athletic facilities are the envy of many other schools.

As parents, grandparents and responsible citizens, we are again faced with the bittersweet task of voting for a construction bond issue. But keep in mind that as the district grows with new housing and new businesses, our tax base will expand, thus reducing the payment obligation to each taxpayer.

Because it is undeniable that we will continue to see at least a ten percent growth rate in our district over the next several years, our job is to support the efforts of the school administration and board. We must vote positively for the bond issue coming up on September 26, 2000.

Donald Gerard, M.D.

Dear Editor,

To the drivers on the road: Are you "saving" your left turn signals? Are you saving your lights at dusk and dawn and during misty weather?

Please be more courteous and safety conscious for other drivers, if not for yourself.

Phyllis Lessens

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# OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



## DETOUR

After visiting our new granddaughter in Wisconsin, Gwen and I decided to avoid the traffic in Chicago by taking a detour through the Upper Peninsula on our way home. We actually drove to DeTour Village at the east end of the U.P. and rolled into the last space on the ferry leaving for Drummond Island.

The salmon run was under way, so we made the stop to see if we might have some luck fishing. The fish swim through the DeTour Passage between the mainland and Drummond Island on their way to the St. Marys River. King and pink salmon were being caught in the water around the DeTour Light.

This is an interesting place to fish. The DeTour Passage is the route that lake freighters—up to 1000 feet long—and foreign ocean going vessels travel to get to the Soo Locks. The

large vessels pass through regularly, so one must be vigilant while boating in the area. Car ferries continuously ply the water between DeTour Village and Drummond. The water level in Lake Huron is down significantly and the area has many reefs and shoals. Water depths can range from one-hundred foot plus to a few feet in a hurry. Throw in some wind and heavy seas, and even if the fish don't bite, it can be an exciting experience. When operating watercraft in the area, it is no place to snooze.

We maneuvered around the shoals near Whitney Bay and headed for the vicinity of the DeTour Light. Fishing was slow, but we did manage to pick up a nice king and several pinks. They hit spoons pulled behind down riggers at 35 to 45 feet down in 120 feet of water. The wind picked up and when we took a wave over the bow, we decided to head back to Whitney Bay.

If a person can't get out fishing, there are lots of interesting things to see and do on Drummond. About half of the island is owned by the state. The Maxton Plains on the north side were formed when glaciers left the bedrock surface flat and exposed. The thin layer of topsoil that developed is host to unique flora and fauna. The Nature Conservancy purchased land in the area to preserve and protect the rare plant and animal life found there. We have seen lots of wildlife, including deer

and bear, while out exploring. Home of the pudding stone, Drummond Island is a rock hound's delight.

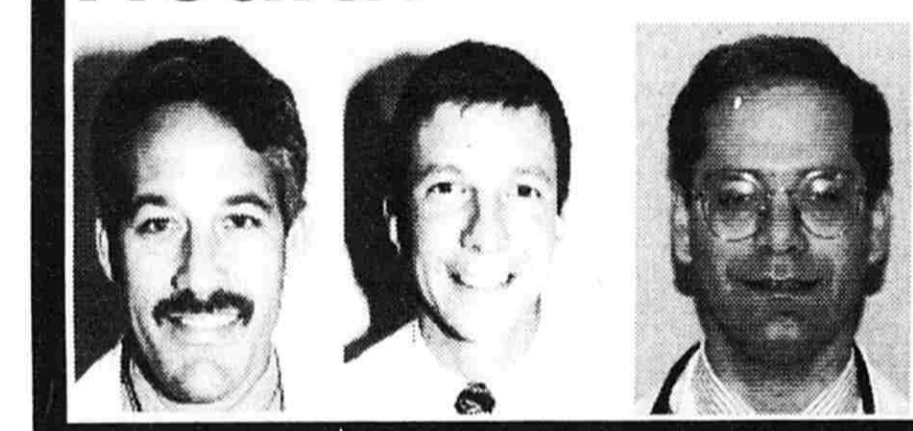
Fishing for perch, walleye, northern pike, smallmouth, and herring is popular. The many smaller islands in Potagannising Bay provide shelter for all types and sizes of pleasure craft cruising the Great Lakes. Several marinas provide dockage and fuel for large boats.

You can visit a museum that will reveal the island's rich history. Golf enthusiasts can play a nine hole township course or accept the challenge of The Rock.

A township campground and many resorts provide a variety of accommodations. Places to buy food and shop for gifts and crafts are easy to find. Water color paintings by resident artist Sandy Leedy capture the charm and personality of the island.

Drummond is out of the way and always peaceful. The next time you are in the eastern U.P. you may want to take a "detour" yourself.

## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



### HEART ATTACK

A heart attack (myocardial infarction) occurs when the

blood supply to the heart is cut off, usually as a result of cholesterol buildup in the lining of blood vessels. This causes the heart muscle to die, and as a result the heart is unable to function as it is designed. Statistics show that over 50 percent of first heart attack victims die.

Typical symptoms of a heart attack are a squeezing vice-like pressure around the chest which may be left sided, and may radiate to the left arm or neck. It is usually provoked or made worse by exercise, and also causes shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting and sweating. A heart attack victim may experience any or all of these symptoms.

There are certain risk factors which increase your chance of a heart attack. These are: high cholesterol, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, family history of a heart attack at an early age and being male.

If you are experiencing these symptoms, you should seek immediate medical attention for evaluation.

## Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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### COMING SOON TO A FINANCIAL MARKET NEAR YOU: DECIMAL PRICING

If you weren't all that good in math at school, then you may have never really liked the way stocks are priced - in fractions of a dollar, rather than dollars and cents. To make it more confusing, most stocks generally trade in increments of one-sixteenth of a dollar. And some stocks are even offered in increments of sixty-fourths.

These numbers can be a bit hard to deal with. If that's the case with you, then you'll be glad to know that the Securities

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# To see or not to MSNBC?

By Debbie Deane

On Friday of this week, we will get our first look at the Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. One of the great benefits of cable television is the ability to see what we want to see when we want to see it. Sometimes you may think... "When is enough, enough?" I thought that more than once, whenever I heard the Elian fiasco mentioned... again.

This year, and through the year 2008, NBC will deliver the Olympic goods. You may remember an effort in years past to bring in additional Olympic revenue by selling more coverage on a cable pay-per-view basis. That effort continues and you will, in the coming weeks, no doubt be wondering why we choose not to carry the additional Olympic programming on

MSNBC. It's a simple matter of NBC attaching too much value to a product that only benefits you for two weeks every Olympic year and duplicates extraordinary coverage already available to you by the mainstream NBC network.

Currently, Lowell Cable TV participates in the National Cable Television Cooperative, Inc., which allows us to acquire quality programming options for our subscribers using the same kind of negotiating muscle that much larger systems are able to flex. After reviewing and negotiating with NBC Cable for the last year, we and most of our Co-op partners could not agree to the outrageous expenses that would be required of us. Those same expenses would eventually land on the bottom line of your monthly

statements in the years to come. NBC's final proposal was so expensive and unrealistic that we could not agree, in good conscience, to accept it on your behalf.

You will be happy to know that primetime coverage begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and continues until midnight on Lowell Cable TV Channel 8. In addition to 20 hours or so of

Olympic Sports Coverage this weekend, look forward to another 115 hours served up in primetime over the next two weeks.

coverage and know you will agree that we know when enough is enough and "we will see with no MSNBC." Please forgive any confusion this may cause.

We think this is sufficient

## Financial Focus, continued...From Page 6

and Exchange Commission (SEC) has ordered U.S. securities markets to begin quoting securities prices in decimals. The change will start rolling out in late August and is expected to be complete in spring 2001.

When decimal pricing is completely phased in, you should find it much easier to understand stock prices. For example, a stock that trades today at \$4 3/4 would be quoted at \$4.75. This change also should make it simpler for you to compare prices of different stocks.

If stock quotes eventually get priced in 1-cent increments, you also may benefit in another way. This penny pricing system could narrow the "spread" the difference between the best buying price and the best selling price for a stock. Consequently, you may find it easier to buy a stock at the price you want to pay. Of course, decimal pricing, by itself, really shouldn't change the way you invest. You still need to find stocks of companies that have strong economic fundamentals, competitive products and a clear plan for future growth. And

you also need to diversify your holdings among a variety of different stocks. This need for diversification has become even more apparent with the stock market's recent turmoil, in which the technology sector was particularly hard-hit. By spreading your investment dollars among many stocks, in many different sectors, you should be able to minimize losses affecting just one area - while giving yourself more opportunities for success.

Although decimal pricing won't affect your choice of investments, it should still be a positive step in the actual mechanics of constructing a well-diversified portfolio. And, from a psychological viewpoint, dollars and cents pricing should take some of the complexity out of the investment process.

So, get ready for a new way of looking at the stock market. It's time for decimal pricing - a simple idea in a sometimes complicated world.

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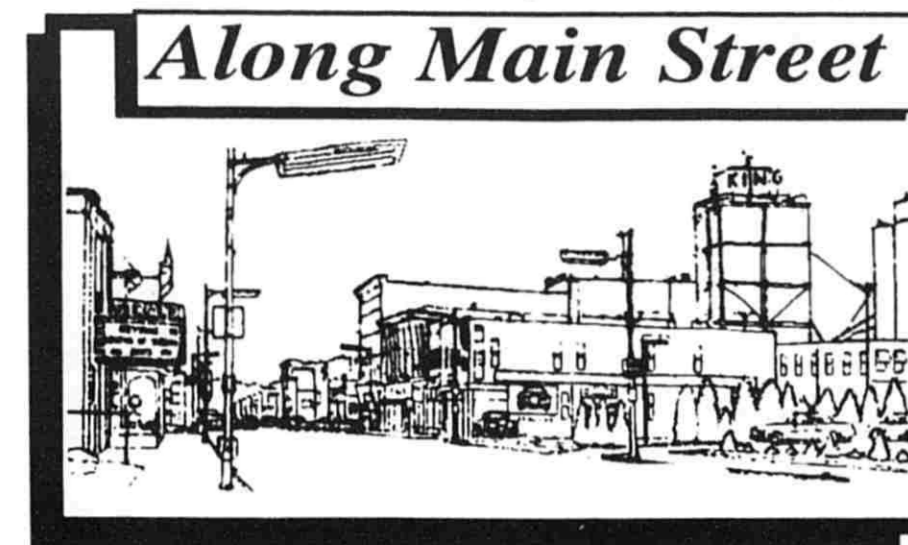
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place in the village of Fallasburg, north of Lowell. Demonstrations of early crafts and museums will be available as well.

### Ceremony, cont'd... From Page 1

younger students will be out studying such things as the senses, and observing land formations. Seventh- and

For more information contact Priscilla Lussmyer at 897-6430.

#### ORCHESTRA CLASS BEING OFFERED

An orchestra class will be offered to high school students and any interested musicians Tuesdays and Thursdays during seminar class (1:49 - 2:34 p.m.) throughout the school year. Call Lowell Community Ed. at 897-8235.

#### LOWELL ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wed., Sept. 27 from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

#### DECORATIONS NEEDED FOR FALLASBURG FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fallasburg Fall Festival, sponsored by Lowell Area Arts Council, is Sept. 23 and 24. Cut flowers such as marigolds, sun flowers and cone flowers are needed for table decorations. Also plumes, corn stalks, pumpkins and gourds are needed by the stage and pavilion entrance. Contact Carol Briggs at 897-5501 to donate.

#### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Lodge Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. The state requires that your card be current in order to receive commodities.

### YMCA Birthday, cont'd... From Page 1

Tickets are \$3 per adult and \$2 per child under 12. They are available at the YMCA and the YMCA child care centers.

Five free carnival tickets are included in the ticket purchase. They will allow kids to participate in the inflatable maze, inflatable caterpillar, moon walk, arts and crafts, tug-o-war and old-fashioned picnic races.

complete without cotton candy, balloons, popcorn and raffle prizes.

In case of rain, the birthday fest will be held at the Lowell Middle School.

No carnival would be

### Peeling Paint... From Page 1

noticed some peeling near the back entrance used by the staff," DeJong said. The wood exterior will be repainted the last two weeks in September by Diversified Pressure Clean.

The project is expected to take two weeks to complete. Diversified was also contracted to do the Chamber building. That project was completed over the weekend.

eight-graders will be studying the changes in seasons. "The dream of the families who partnered this effort and provided this wonderful opportunity was to assure that we never forget the meaning of and the connection between agriculture and ecology," said Tammy DeBaar, the director of the science center.

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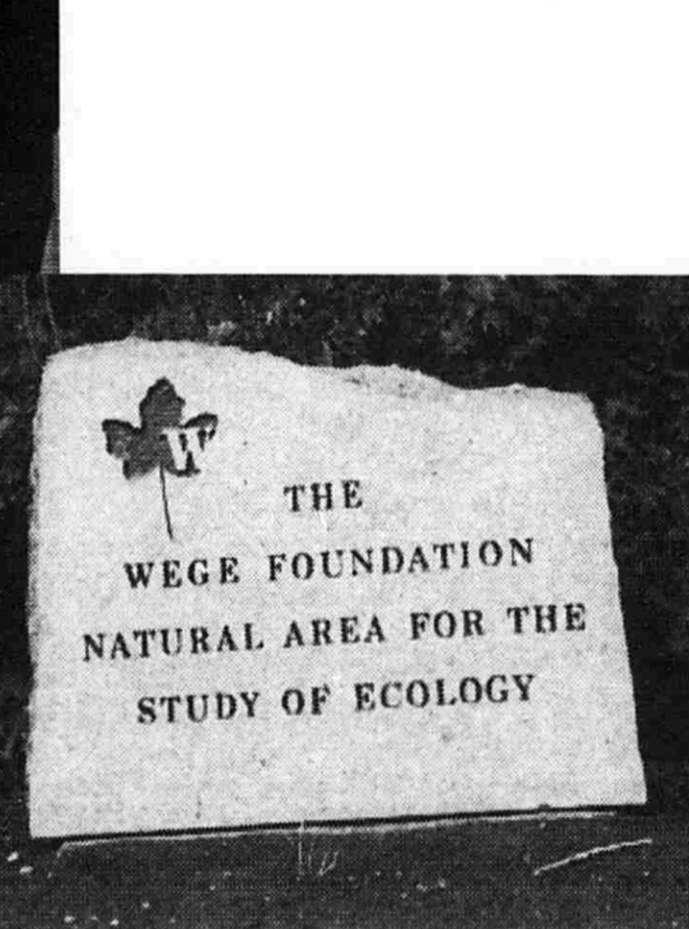
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One of the many visitors to the ceremony, Ada Denkema takes a closer look at the Wolverine on display inside the center.



Bishop Rose, left, chats with Harold "Mike" Wittenbach and June Wittenbach prior to the dedication ceremony.



Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Wittenbach Agriculture and Science Center director Tammy DeBaar share a few moments with Peter Wege following the dedication.



Following the dedication ceremonies, many patrons took part in a pig-roast dinner before heading off for the Lowell/Hastings football game.



Noreen K. Balaam has been promoted to vice president. Balaam currently serves the Lowell business community as vice president in business banking. She is responsible for building and maintaining business relationships, which include all of the banking needs of business customers and their owners.

## BUSINESS MATTERS

Balaam lives in the Lowell area with her husband and daughters; and has worked in commercial banking for more than 10 years. She has a master's degree in German from the University of Michigan, and a master's of business administration degree from Indiana University. She graduated from the ABA National Lending School, Norman, Oklahoma, in 1994. Balaam is currently involved in the following community organizations: Lowell Invest in Youth Campaign, Lowell Women's Club, Rotary Club of Lowell, and is past treasurer of the Lowell Area Arts Council.



Noreen Balaam

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### Kent District Library presents cartooning workshop for young adults

Whether they doodle while on the phone or have drawn their own comic book, teens can explore their creative genius and stretch their imagination in a cartooning workshop at Kent District Library branches in October. The program, for ages 11 and up, features comic book artists Matt VanderPol and Jeff Zoet from Rockhouse Arts who will demonstrate and teach cartooning techniques. Registration is required, and participation is limited to 25.

A variety of comic books will be on sale after the program for one dollar each. Proceeds will support future programs for teens.

VanderPol writes and illustrates the comic book series *Life Quest*, for which he gained national attention when he received the 1998 Russ Manning Award as the Most Promising Newcomer in the comic book arena. He and Zoet also produce the syndicated monthly comic series, "In Human Nature" for the Christian music magazine, *All Access*.

VanderPol is part of the Cartoonists in the Classroom project, a dynamic outreach program involving over 25 cartoonists nationwide. The program aims to share the inventive American art form of comic storytelling, promote active reading and challenge kids to use their imaginations to design their own comics and stories.

The program will be at Englehardt Library on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. For more information about the Cartooning Workshop, please call Kent District Library at 336-3250.

### Alto Library presents "American Girl Crafts from the Time of..."

The Alto branch of Kent District Library invites children, ages 6 to 15, to take a look back at the American past with "American Girl Crafts from the Time of..."

The program gives kids the chance to create some simple crafts made by youngsters throughout American history such as a homemade checkerboard and checkers. Registration is required and participation is limited to 20.

The program celebrates the American Girl books, a best-selling fictional series that brings history to life through the adventures of a group of lively girls growing up long ago.

The program will be held at the Alto Branch, 6071 Linfield Ave., on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. Call 868-6038 for information.

## Antique tractors pull in plenty of enjoyment and boyhood memories for local collectors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

On a rare occasion Keith Feldman will turn Feldman Farms, at 7275 Wingieer, into a showroom that showcases International Harvester and McCormick-Deering Farmall antique tractors.

The tractors, ranging from the early 1930's to late '50's, are displayed like lawn ornaments between his house and the building in which they are stored.

Each tractor has a different story, shape and size. They all have the same controls, but each one requires a certain combination of touch and feel to get them started. It may be how "one holds their mouth when trying to start it," according to Feldman.

The collection was borne through his father's (Lyman Feldman) 1949 Farmall "C" tractor. "That is the one sitting up by the house. That's the tractor I rode on with my dad as a boy, the one I was born and raised on," Feldman explains.

His father also contributed a late 1950 tractor to the collection. Feldman, his father and partner Vercel Bovee (father-in-law) began their collection in 1993. It has grown from the two his father purchased 50-60 years ago to a fleet of 20.

"Vercel bought a Farmall 'A' in September of '93 and we've been collecting tractors ever since," Feldman said. There are two kinds of collectors: Those who col-

lect red tractors and those who collect green tractors. Bovee and Feldman acknowledge that there is a rivalry between the two. "We respect the other collectors, but our tractors have

he farmed with on his uncle's farm in Illinois.

On an average, each tractor has needed four-six months of restoration work



Keith Feldman and Vercel Bovee stand beside their 1950 white demonstrator model.

to be red International Harvester/McCormick-Deering Farmall."

Amid all their red tractors is a white demonstrator model issued in 1950. "It was a demo showcase in a showroom, with orders to paint it red when the show was over," Feldman explains. They found it and restored it back to its short-lived but original color of white.

Their tractors were found through auctions and individual sales, and by word of mouth. Most were found in Michigan. "The cost to transport the tractors from out-of-state makes it prohibitive," Feldman explained.

The corn, soybean and wheat farmer bought his father an F-20 for his 65th birthday. It is the same tractor model

after their purchase. Bovee and Feldman do all the work except the repainting.

Their tractors are shown at the Clarksville Steam and Gas Show in August and the Alto Fall Festival.

Each of the men have their favorite. When asked if they had to sell one tractor a week until they were all gone each had a different response. For Feldman it would be the Farmall C; for Bovee it would be the 1958 140 International. "There are just so few of those tractors still around," Bovee says.

Like any collectible, their investment is for retirement. That will come later... For now it's all enjoyment. Like their tractors, there seems to be plenty of that.

There are two kinds of collectors: Those who collect red tractors and those who collect green tractors. Bovee and Feldman acknowledge that there is a rivalry between the two. We respect the other collectors, but our tractors have to be red International Harvester/McCormick-Deering Farmall.

Keith Feldman

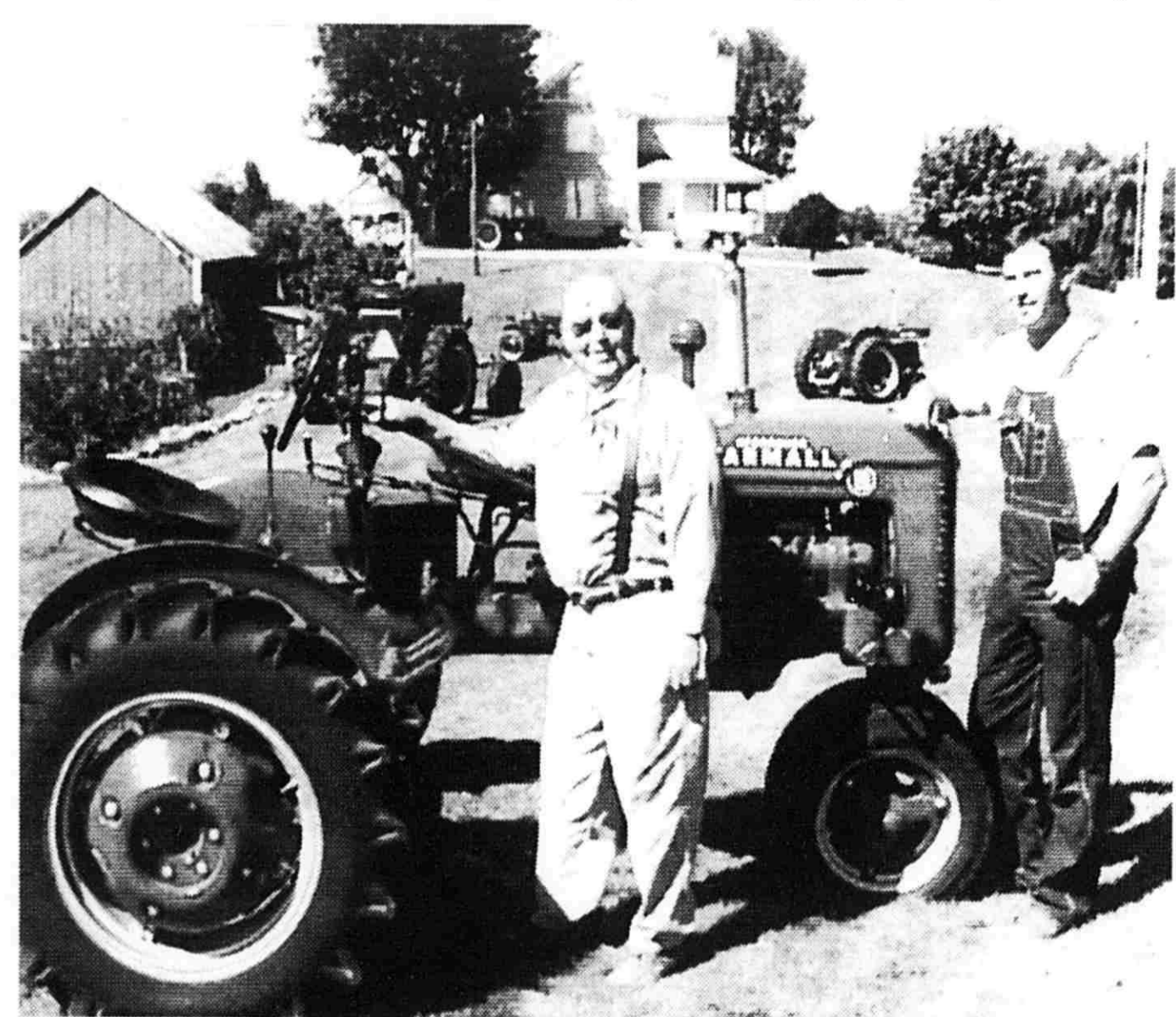
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Bovee and Feldman display their 20 antique tractors at Feldman's farm and at selected festivals.

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—Sydney Smith

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., in the Historic Township Hall, located at 8260 Alden Nash Avenue (M-50), Alto, Michigan, to hear citizens' comments regarding a proposed zoning district change from U-R to C-2 for that parcel commonly known as 11635 - 64th Street, Alto, Michigan, part of Permanent Parcel Number 04-200-019.

The proposed zoning district change may be inspected at the Township offices Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan

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## Communications towers ordinance revisions sent back to city council

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

After reviewing the planning commission's revisions for the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for commercial wireless communications towers, the Lowell City Council set a public hearing for its Sept. 18 meeting.

"I don't like all the revisions, but I will second a motion for a public hearing," said councilmember Jeanne Shores.

The planning commission authored the changes during a workshop session in early August.

The following changes were forwarded to the council:

- No inclusion of amateur antennas, consistent with federal regulations.
  - Keep the suburban residential district by special land use for towers, allowing greater flexibility for location.
  - Eliminate "just a monopole design," allowing for more types of poles.
  - Increase setback distances from one-half tower height to full height of tower.
  - Include an enclosure as an option along with security fence.
  - No new commercial wireless communications towers within one mile (rather than half mile) of existing towers.
  - Allow for placement of commercial wireless communications on existing towers or structures by right if the height of the tower is not increased along with the footprint of related buildings, structures or supports. Otherwise, a site plan review is needed.
- Councilman Chuck Myers believes the revisions are an attempt to control placement of the towers at the planning commission level, but the restrictions put towers outside of the community.
- "The amendment doesn't allow room to wedge a tower between, let's say, Landman and Michigan Wire because of the setback requirements," Myers said.



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## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Richard Rowlands, of 11748 5 Mile Road, has made application for variance from Article 7, Section 7.03 (B) requiring a 10' side yard setback. The request is to construct an enclosed porch with a side yard setback of 6'.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

# SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Tuesday, September 26, 2000.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

**BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$27,505,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in two or more series, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping two new elementary school buildings and additions to existing school buildings; partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements; acquiring additional land for site purposes; developing and improving playgrounds, play fields, athletic facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 30 years, exclusive of refunding. The estimated millage rate for the first year is 1.56 mills (\$1.56 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and the estimated simple average annual debt millage rate for the repayment of this bond issue is 2.38 mills (\$2.38 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.**

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Runciman School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan.

Pat Nugent  
Secretary, Board of Education

# COMING EVENTS

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

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

**EVERY SUN.:** Misner House and Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park.

**SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH:** 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

**FIRST MON.:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallsburg Historical Society will hold its monthly board meeting, to which the public is invited, in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

**MON. OR TUES.:** Cub Scouts for boys in 1st-5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

Girls ages 8-13 are welcome. Call 897-8694.

**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30 - 8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for more details.

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

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

**TUES.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

**TUES.:** Summer play group for 3-year old/ preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY TUES.:** Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

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

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

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

lescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURS.:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY SECOND THURS.:** Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

**SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

**THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

**FOURTH THURS. OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 897-4922.

**EVERY SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a

Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

**THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting held third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon-5 p.m.; Thurs., noon-7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

**WED., SEPT. 13:** Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style turkey & dressing dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$2.

**SAT., SEPT. 16:** Lowell Athletic Boosters 5th annual Golf Outing, 8 a.m. Shotgun start. Quail Ridge Golf Club 8375 36th St., Ada.

**SAT., SEPT. 16:** Lowell YMCA 40th Birthday Fest from 4-9 p.m. at Creekside Park. In case of rain, it will be held at Lowell Middle

School, \$3 per adult, \$2 per child under 12. Tickets available at YMCA; 5 free carnival tickets included. For info. call 897-8445.

**MON., SEPT. 18:** The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program by Treva Johnson. Hostess is Doris Ellis and and sponsor is Nora Belle Rash.

**WED., SEPT. 27:** The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

**THURS., SEPT. 28:** Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to ? at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, E. Main. Current cards are required by the state in order to receive commodities.

**MON., OCT. 2:** Lowell Athletic Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

**TUES., OCT. 17:** Harvest Dinner at Lowell 1st United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m. \$7 adults; \$3 children 6 thru 12; free 5 & under. Buffet style turkey dinner; take-outs available.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES  
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897-5949**

<b>MON.:</b> 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall.	<b>THURS.:</b> 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
<b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.	<b>FRI.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.
<b>WED.:</b> 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.	

**Special Events**

<b>WED., SEPT. 13:</b> noon, movie "On the Waterfront".	<b>THURS., SEPT. 21:</b> noon, dance Westside complex.
<b>THURS., SEPT. 14:</b> 9 a.m. Salute to seniors - Crossroads Village.	<b>FRI., SEPT. 22:</b> 12:40 p.m. Gerontology Network.
<b>FRI., SEPT. 15:</b> 1:15 p.m. Saint Andrew's Cathedral.	<b>FRI., SEPT. 22:</b> 12:40 p.m. Shop - Meijer.
<b>TUES., SEPT. 19:</b> 7:15 a.m. McDonalds - Rockford - music.	<b>TUES., SEPT. 26:</b> 7:15 a.m. Soaring Eagle.
<b>WED., SEPT. 20:</b> 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 2:30 p.m. Open house at Central office - G.R.	<b>WED., SEPT. 27:</b> 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.
<b>FRI., SEPT. 29:</b> 12:40 p.m. Tour Fallsburg Park & Village.	

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

# Mulnix gets private road application approval from commission

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson asked that its planning commission trust the private road ordinance in place but leave policing it to him.

"It is our ordinance; administer to it," Timpson said. "The ordinance says private roads must be paved. Leave the policing of it to me."  
The discussion stemmed from Nancy Mulnix's request for approval of a private road application.

"I came before this commission in January. I've complied with all the rules and have spent over \$10,000," Mulnix said. "I will comply with the ordinances, but I need approval from this commission."  
Mulnix is developing 10-plus acres into five lots. Commissioner Dave Simmonds questioned whether emergency vehicles could access with an eight percent grade. The township engineer gave approval for the grade which Simmonds questioned. Timpson noted that the grade is in accordance with ordinance guidelines.  
The commission approved Mulnix's application under the condition that the development is in accordance with the township private road ordinance.

## Thank You

In addition to the Wittenbach, Cridler and Englehardt families and Mr. Peter Wege, much appreciation is felt for the following people and their hard work to make the grand opening of the Wittenbach Agri Science Center and the Wege Natural area a huge success. Thank You!

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## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD AUGUST 21, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

- MOTIONS APPROVED:**
- Minutes of July 17, 2000 Regular Meeting
  - Treasurer's Report/Invoices
  - Motion to give approval to Lowell Wesleyan Church to hold tent revival at Lowell Airport grounds September 22, 23, and 24, 2000
  - Motion to Grant Request by Bruce Doll, 2193 Fallasburg Park Dr., to Erect accessory building prior to residence providing purchase of bond
  - Motion to approve YMCA Corporate Sports Walk/Run at Fallasburg Park September 16, 2000
  - Motion to grant preliminary approval of Farmstead Dr.
  - Motion to adopt resolution 2-2000, designating September 15, 2000, POW/MIA Recognition Day
  - Motion to request Planning Commission Review Mobile Home Section of Ordinance for possible amendments to conform to State Mobile Home Act
  - Motion to approve language for November ballot question regarding reinstatement of annual meeting
  - Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting  
September 18, 2000  
Mari Stone,  
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## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP AND LOWELL AREA RESIDENTS

Please consider carefully the proposed rezoning of the 157 acres on the corner of Alden Nash and Foreman Road.

If this property is rezoned R-3 high density, there is the possibility of looking at up to 6 "dwelling units" per acre including "manufactured housing" and multi-building units.

- Are Alden Nash and Foreman designed to handle this much added traffic? And would this excess traffic be a safety issue for our high school students?
- Can Lowell's Waste Water Treatment Facility take on this development in addition to the Meijer Store and the houses/town houses being planned near it?
- Is a possible high density trailer park what we want visitors to the high school games to drive by before turning into the High School?
- How would such a development affect surrounding property values and enjoyment of property?
- Chapter 9 of the Land Use Plan states that one of the criteria considered for a development of this type is the "reasonability level to minimize mass earth changes, size of parcel and existing land use pattern." A high density development is inconsistent with the surrounding properties.

If you believe Vergennes Township does not need a high density development (trailer park?) on this property, write a letter to Vergennes Township offices and/or plan to attend a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. at Vergennes United Methodist Church on the corner of Bailey and Parnell.

# Lowell equestrians open season by drubbing Rockford

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell equestrian team's sweep in the Hunt Seat Showmanship set the tone, and its sweep in Western Horsemanship shut the door.  
In the first of three meets, Lowell defeated Rockford 285-56.  
Lowell shut out Rockford in 10 of 17 events.  
The Red Arrows, fourth in the state last year, were led

by their tri-captains Kirk Johnson 29 points; Michelle Strzyzewski 27 points; and Beth VanEns 26 points.  
Leading scorers were Katelyn Bush 39; and Jess Hamp 38.  
Van Ens, Bush, Jess Richardson and Hamp claimed the top four spots respectively in Western Horsemanship.  
In Hunt Seat Showmanship it was Bush, Hamp, Van

Ens and Tracy Seif.  
In the final event of the meet at Cedar Springs show grounds, Johnson and Jordan Steele took top honors in the two-man relay race. Teammates Molly Balaam and Strzyzewski finished second.  
"This team has talent, experience and the dedication to win at Districts, and as far as the state goes... bring it on!" said coach Gail Parker.



Jessica Hamp and her champion quarter horse "Ain't Got the Time."

## Lowell boys edged by Hastings at Johnson Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
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The times of Lowell boys cross country team came down against Hastings; unfortunately one of its top runners also went down.  
Pat Cavanaugh sustained a twisted ankle on the Johnson Park course and was unable to finish in Lowell's 26-29 loss to Hastings.  
Kevin Frazier led the Red Arrows with a time of 20:04, placing him in third overall.  
Caleb O'Boyle was fourth, coming off the course in 20:15. Mike Wierenga was

sixth and finished in 21:06. He was followed by Craig Myers, seventh, 21:07 and Scott Riddle, ninth, 21:21.  
Hastings' Chris Rounds (19:21) and Joe Gibbons (19:53) claimed the top two spots.  
Following them home were teammates Jon Katje, fifth, 20:44; Craig Laurie, eighth, 21:20 and Chris Sensing, 10th, 21:53.

Sioux Area won the invitational with 33 points followed by Gladwin 47. Essexville-Garber was third with 80.  
"We ran well against some quality competition. We're beginning to get our running legs," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said.  
Kevin Frazier placed 17th in a time of 19:19. He was followed home by Craig Myers, 22nd, 19:42; Scott Riddle, 25th, 20:14; Caleb O'Boyle, 30th, 21:12; and Mike Wierenga, 34th, 21:35.



LHS equestrian Steven Koning exhibits "Jubilee Miss" in trail.

## Lowell freshman FB defeats Hastings

The Lowell freshman football team exploded for five first-half touchdowns en route to a 36-0 shutout over Hastings.  
Red Arrow quarterback Chris Curtis scored the game's first two touchdowns on runs of 60 and 55 yards in the first quarter. Dustin Van Loon

added the two-point conversions.  
Van Loon added a 10-yard touchdown run later in the first quarter giving Lowell a 24-0 advantage.  
Both Van Loon and Curtis added second-quarter touchdowns.  
Also recognized for their

offensive play were teammates Alan Nugent, Kyle Rozema, Sean Myers and Nathan Huismann.  
The defensive shutout was led by Grant Daggett, Jeff McPherson, Luke Baker, Mike Nearing, Ben Lemke, Andrew Benedict, Ryan Moore and Nat Pabon.

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# Lowell's doubles team takes third at invitational

A third and two fourth-place finishes helped the Red Arrow girls tennis team place sixth at the North Muskegon/Reeths-Puffer Tennis Invita-

tionai on Saturday. Lowell's top doubles team of Virginia Butema and Erin Barnes won two of three matches in earning a third-place finish. They defeated Norrick and Reeths-Puffer. Their only loss came at the hands of Port Huron.

"They played stronger at the net and were more aggressive," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

Second singles player Jenny Gunberg placed fourth. The Red Arrow netter defeated Portland in her first

match 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. "It was a tough match but Jenny battled back for a win against a quality opponent," Wall said.

## Red Arrow girls second at Bullock Creek

Lowell girls cross country team claimed five of the top seven spots en route to a 23-38 win over OK White foe Hastings.

Lisa Wojciakowski led the way coming off the Johnson Park course in 21:37.

Saxon Heidi Schroeder (22:17) and Karey Schlachter (22:59) placed second and third respectively. Lowell's Holly Plattner (23:05), Katie Anderson (24:03), Molly Kirsch (24:06) and Abby Vos (24:11) claimed positions four through seven.

Hastings' Erica Newton stopped the clock in 26:16, finishing 14th overall. "Looking at last week's numbers in the OK White, it looks as though it is going to be a tough conference this year," said Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf. "Once we get a couple of our girls healthy I think we're going to be okay."

VanderWarf is referring to Ashley Cunningham and Katie Clements. The good news as VanderWarf sees it is the Red Arrow girls are running in a pack. The bad news is the times need to come down to be successful.

**Bullock Creek** Lowell fell short in defending its 1999 title. The Red Arrows finished second with 69 points. The Souix Area was first with 62 points and Tawas was third with 72 points.

Lisa Wojciakowski placed fourth in 21:17. She was followed by teammates Holly Plattner, eighth, 21:56; Abby Vos, 15th, 23:00; Natalie Kent 25th, 23:47; and Sarah Swab, 28th, 23:58.

**Junior varsity FB defeats Hastings** The Lowell JV football team extended their perfect record to 3-0 Thursday by delivering a 52-6 bulldozing over the Saxons of Hastings. The sophomore-only wrecking crew made their presence known early when spe-

played the ball deep into her opponent's court," Wall said. Lowell travels to East Grand Rapids on Thursday.

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct the following public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, September 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An ordinance amendment providing for Commercial Wireless Communication Towers (regulate antennas and towers).

Copies of proposed ordinance amendment are available for review at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell MI.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.



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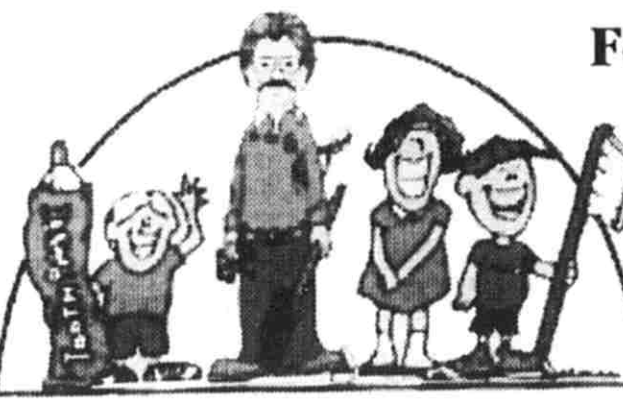
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The maximum allocated allowable operating millage rate for Vergennes Township is .9169. In February of 2000, residents voted an extra one half mill for the purpose of establishing a gypsy moth suppression program, which translates to .496 after reduction by MCL 211.34d. If adopted, the total millage collected from ad valorem property taxes for operating revenues will be 1.4129.

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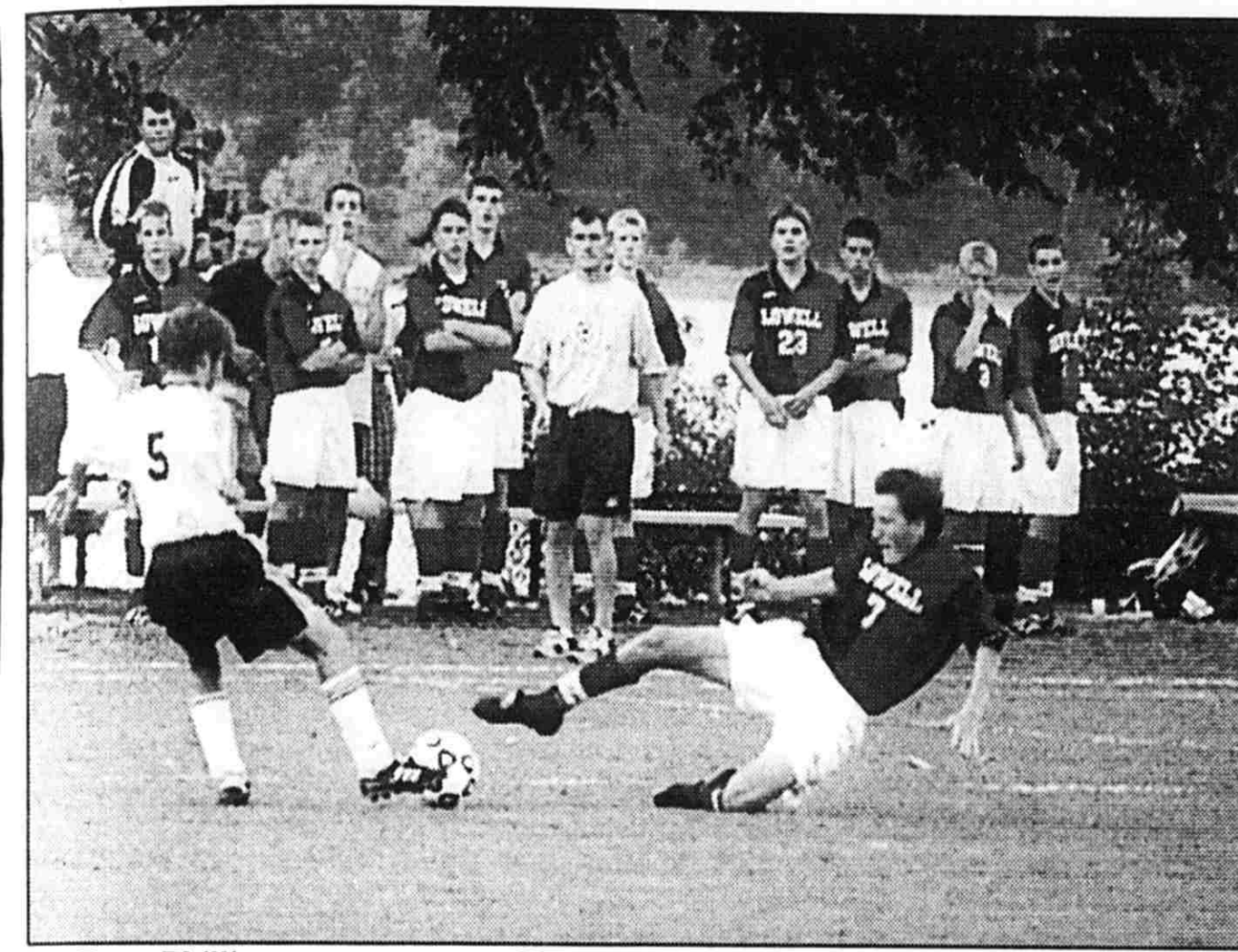
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Ryan Phillips attempts to stop Pioneer penetration with a slide tackle.



Lowell's Troy Gillan attempts a shot on goal in the second half of its game against EGR.

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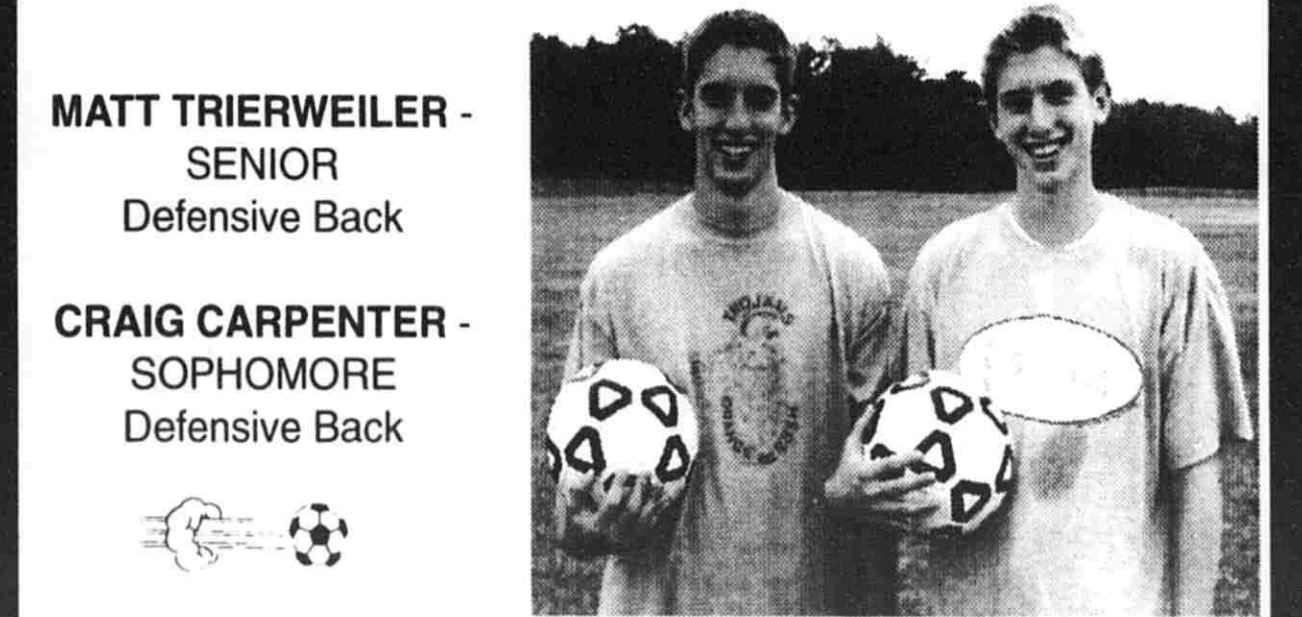
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# Brown and Red Arrows run over Saxons, 27-9

••• Lowell's quarterback rushed for 152 yards, scored three touchdowns and threw for a fourth.

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Hastings came to Lowell Friday night to play some football and got rolled by a Red Arrow monster truck. The Saxons left Lowell bruised and defeated 27-9.



Lowell's Mark Catlin makes the catch and comes down inbounds for a first-quarter touchdown against Hastings.

Many of the bruises may have been sustained while trying to tackle Lowell's 230 pound monster truck better known as Josh Brown.

"He's a monster truck that runs over people." Lowell



Red Arrows' Nate Borth (#40) and Ken Palcowski (#22) close in on the Saxon quarterback.

football coach Noel Dean said.

The Lowell QB, arguably the most punishing runner in the OK White, racked up 152 yards on the ground, scored three touchdowns and threw for a fourth.

He had touchdown runs of one, five and 74 yards and he threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Mark Catlin on Lowell's first possession.

"He's a tough, strong runner," said Hastings' coach Jeff Keller.

All of that could not erase the memories of the numerous mental mistakes the Red Arrows were guilty of in the first quarter.

"By far this is the worst game we've played this year. We were not in the game mentally. The kids were not ready to play," coach Dean said afterwards.

Poor play aside, Lowell showed why many picked the Red Arrows to finish at or near the top of the league.

After a 34-yard Hastings' punt pinned Lowell back at its one yard line, the Red Arrows began a 99-yard touchdown

march. They consumed 6:06 of the second quarter clock and took 15 plays, culminating on Brown's one-yard scoring run. The touchdown and extra point by Todd Drenth gave Lowell a 13-3 lead.

With the exception of an incomplete pass and a 19-yard Brown to Catlin connection, Lowell ran the ball right at Hastings.

"Lowell's a big, strong team and that's what they do. We couldn't stop them during that drive," Keller said.

Hastings' only points in the first half came on a 34-yard field goal by Zach Fulmer with 47 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

A Hastings' fumbled punt early in the fourth quarter set Lowell up on the Saxons' 27 yard line.

Four plays later, Brown rumbled home from five yards out.

Five minutes later, Brown broke through the line on a third and one and raced 74 yards for his third touchdown of the

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evening. A two-point conversion run by Ken Palcowski gave Lowell a 27-3 advantage.

Palcowski finished the night with 104 yards rushing. Travis DeVoid garnered 72 yards.

Lowell finished the game with 372 yards on the ground. Hastings scored its only touchdown late in the fourth quarter to pull within 18 at 27-9.

Hastings was held to 135 yards rushing by the Red Arrow defense. The Saxons were 3-of-9 through the air for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Hastings is now 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the league.

"If you're going to beat Lowell, you can't make mistakes. We made too many mistakes tonight," Keller said.

Lowell is now 1-0 in the OK White and 3-0 overall.

The Red Arrows travel to East Grand Rapids on Friday. "We've come up a play short in three of our last four meetings with them," Dean said.

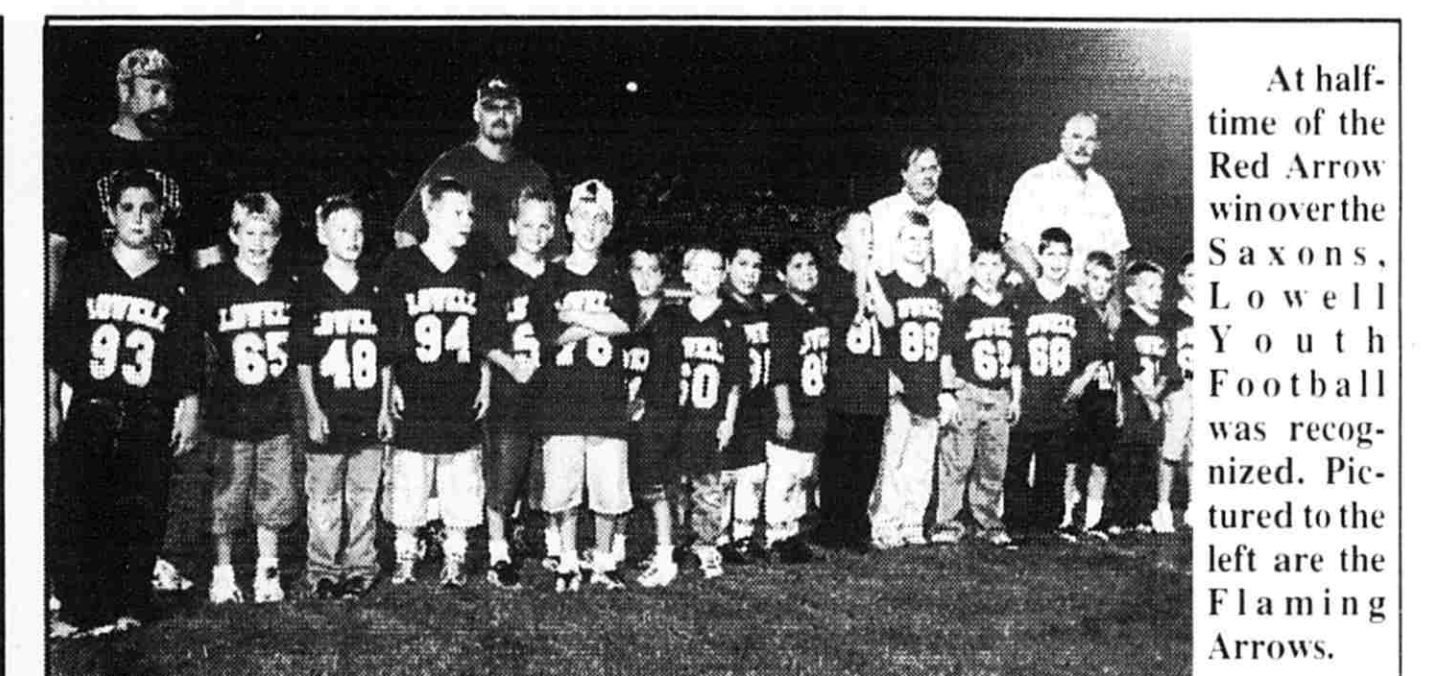
As for EGR's change in coaches, "I think they are going to find that coaching isn't going to make a difference. East is just a good football community," Dean concluded.



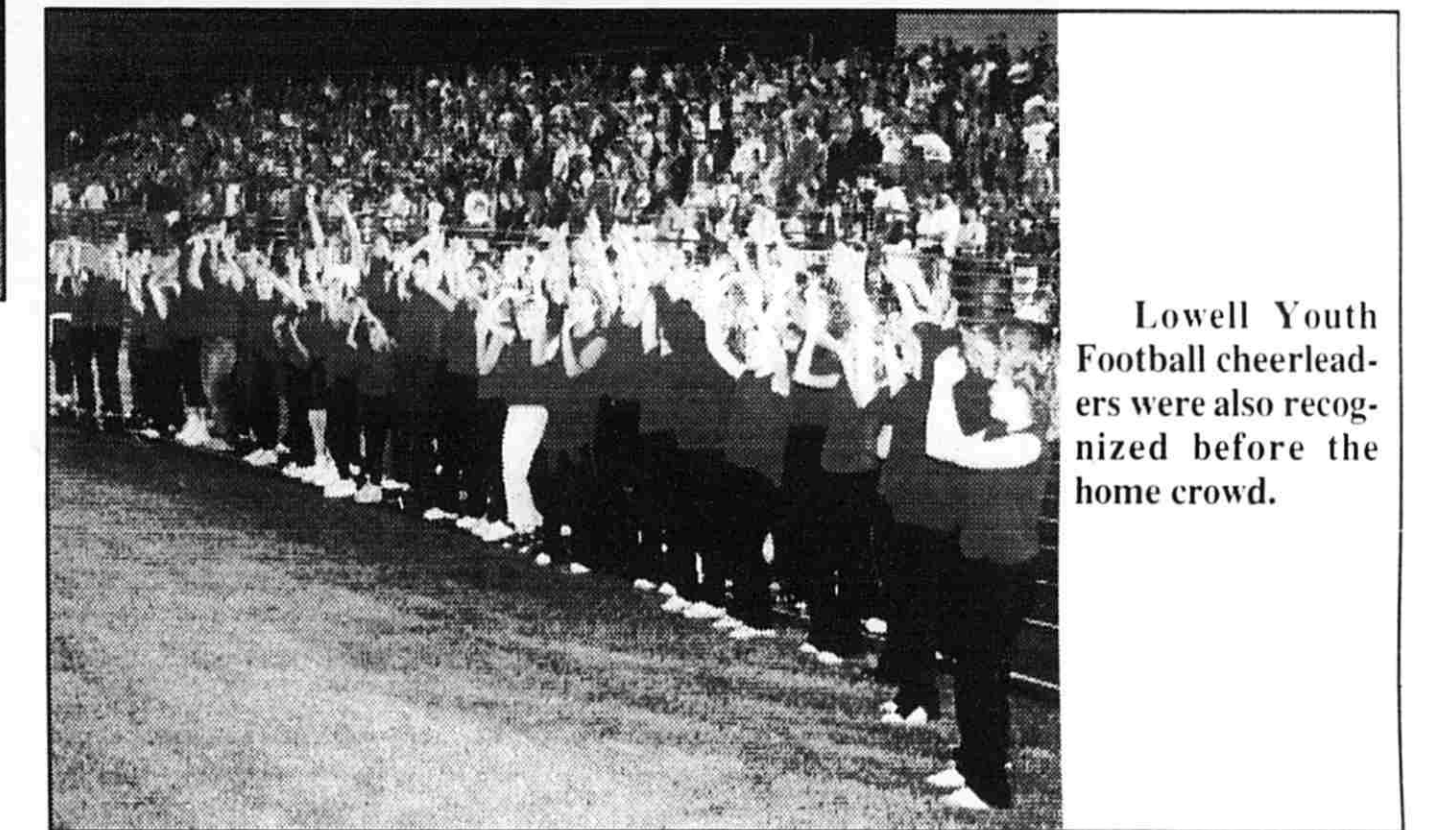
Lowell High School Band's halftime performance saluted the Temptations.

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The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, and the young know everything.

—Oscar Wilde



At half-time of the Red Arrow win over the Saxons, Lowell Youth Football was recognized. Pictured to the left are the Flaming Arrows.



Lowell Youth Football cheerleaders were also recognized before the home crowd.

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Red Arrow freshman football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Jeff McPherson, tight end; and Jake Cosgrove, guard.

Lowell junior varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: David Hefferan, tackle; and Bryan White, tight end/defensive end

Lowell varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Ben Fleet, offensive guard; and Kurt Umlauf, offensive right guard.

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# Red Arrow girls blast Greenville; lose in overtime to Kenowa Hills

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley was beginning to wonder what had happened to the Red Arrow basketball team that she saw playing this summer.

Much to her delight, "The team I saw play this summer was out there tonight," she said, following Lowell's 67-25 thumping of Greenville. "The girls took control from the start. They played with more intensity and desire in the beginning of the game."

The Red Arrows, 2-2, had been suffering from lack of intensity at the start of games and far too many turnovers.

"I talked to the girls about locker room and pregame protocol and a play-hard mind-set," Crowley said. "I think it had an impact."

The first-year coach admits that the pressures from expectations have also had an impact in the season's early games. "The girls believe in themselves and their talents. With the expectations, opponents are coming at them with their 'A' games; therefore, the girls have to be more focused and ready each time out," Crowley explained.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk led the Red Arrows with 16 points. Leslie Crowley netted 12 points, 11 of which came in the first half. Kelly Fitzpatrick came off the bench and contributed with 10 points while Blair Meyer and Becky Bosserd tallied nine and eight points respectively.

Lowell shot 52 percent from the floor. Its defense was responsible for 31 ball deflections. The Red Arrows committed 16 turnovers.

## Kenowa Hills 54 (OT) Lowell 51

The Knights outscored Lowell 7-4 in overtime to post a three-point win over the Red Arrows.

"We didn't take care of the ball, we didn't finish our shot opportunities, and we lacked the intensity needed at the start of the game," said a disappointed Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley.

The lack of intensity and 15 first-half turnovers accounted for Lowell's 20-11 halftime deficit.

The Arrows, which trailed 30-23 after three quarters of play, outscored Kenowa Hills 25-18 in the fourth quarter, tying the game at 47-47.

Becky Bosserd hit a couple of huge threes in the fourth stanza. "With our post play, the outside shot is there for Becky," Crowley said.

Bosserd led all Lowell scorers with 14 points. Blair Meyer and Amanda Stoutjesdyk tallied 12 points each and Leslie Crowley contributed with eight points.



## Ledger's Top 10

1. **Creston (2-0)** - Big plays helped Polar Bears turn back a good FHN squad.
2. **Hudsonville (2-0)** - Eagle football program continues to fly high with 28-27 win over Jenison.
3. **Rockford (1-1)** - Week one's 14-10 loss to Brighton stirred the Rams. Traverse City Central paid the price.
4. **Lowell (2-0)** - Red Arrow lines stepped up in second half against City League power Catholic Central.
5. **Forest Hills Northern (1-1)** - Siegler coached teams win - ask Belding. In loss to Creston, Huskies prove they're among area elite.
6. **Zeeland (2-0)** - The Chix are never short on size and athletic ability, just ask the two OK Red teams they've beaten.
7. **Jenison (1-1)** - A tough loss to a good Hudsonville squad won't prevent the Wildcats from competing for an OK Red title.
8. **East Grand Rapids (2-0)** - Their glorious history dictates that the Pioneers shouldn't be overlooked. That and East hasn't lost yet.
9. **Coopersville (2-0)** - The defending OK Blue champions are undefeated, enough said.
10. **Catholic Central (1-1)** - A good squad which played a tough nonconference schedule. Remember the Cougars are the defending City league champions, not the Polar Bears.

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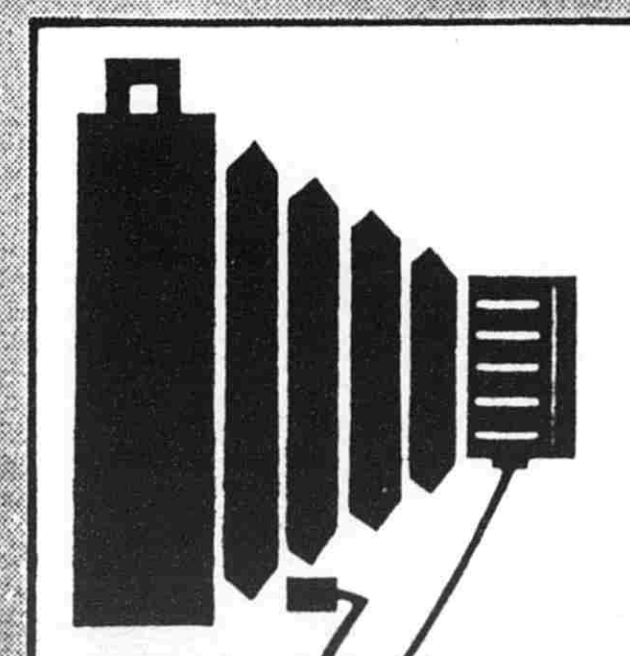
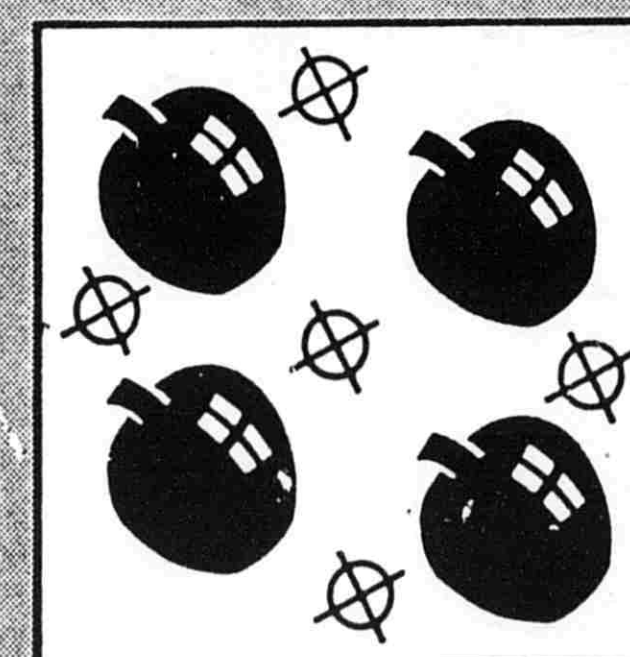
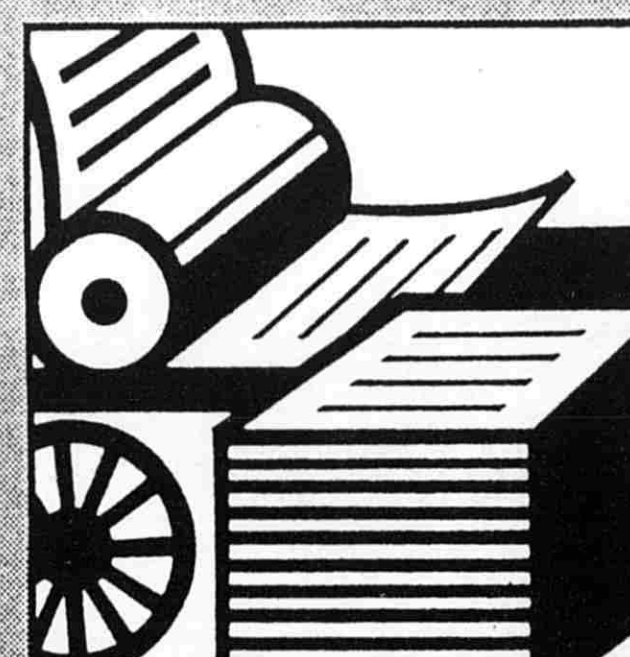
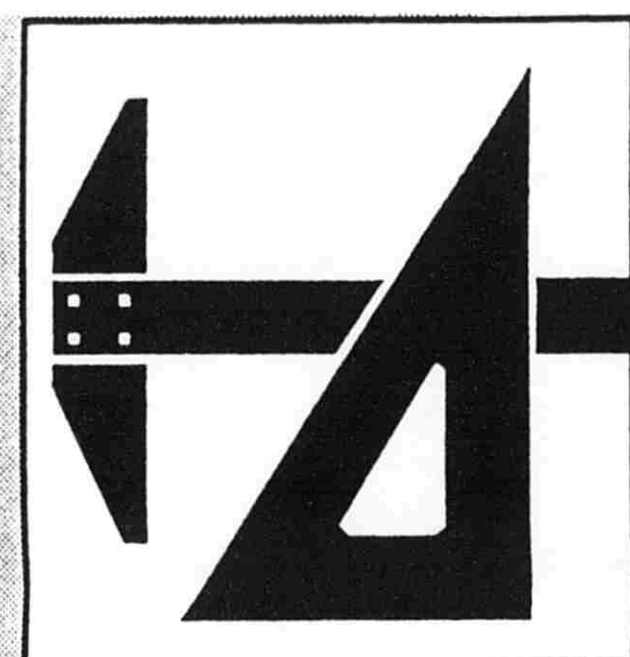
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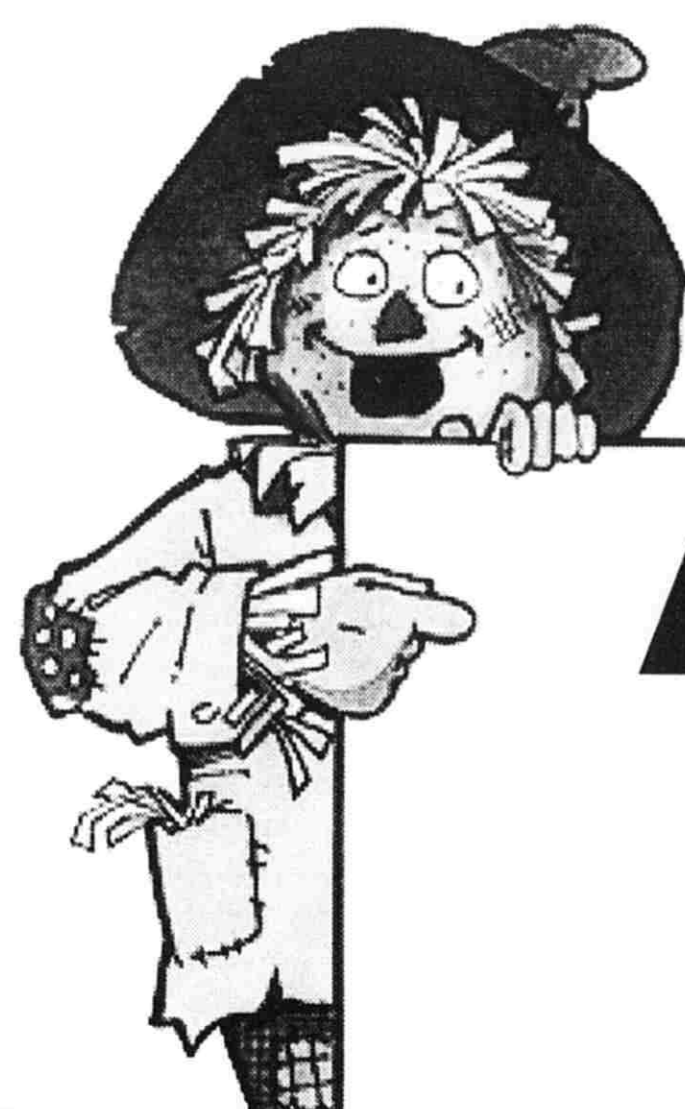
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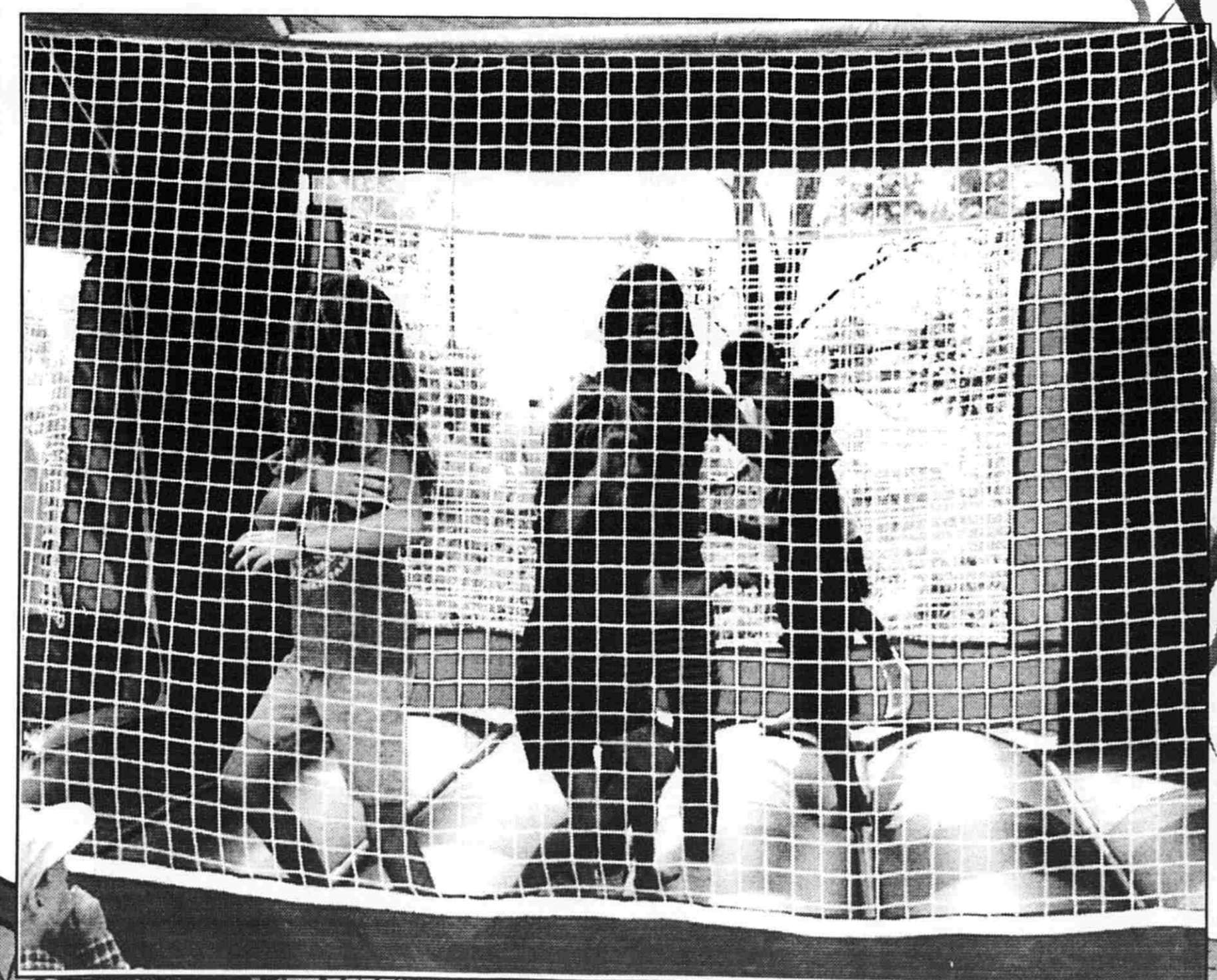
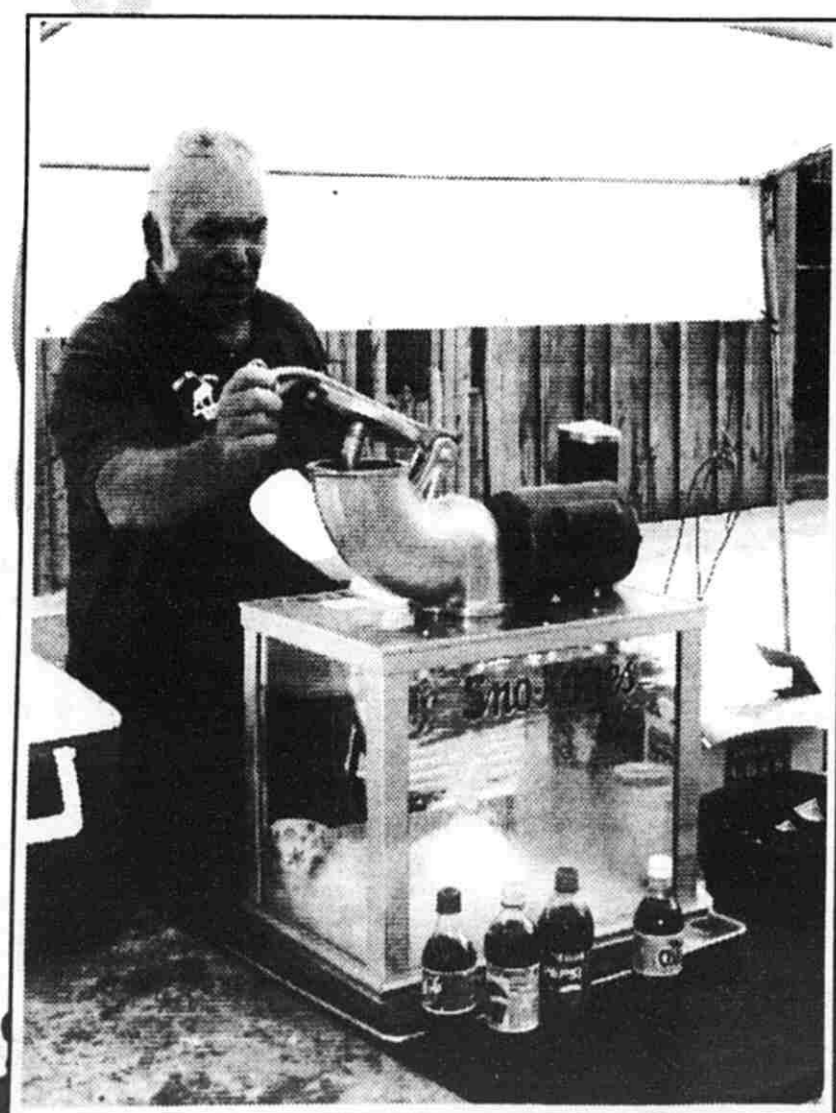
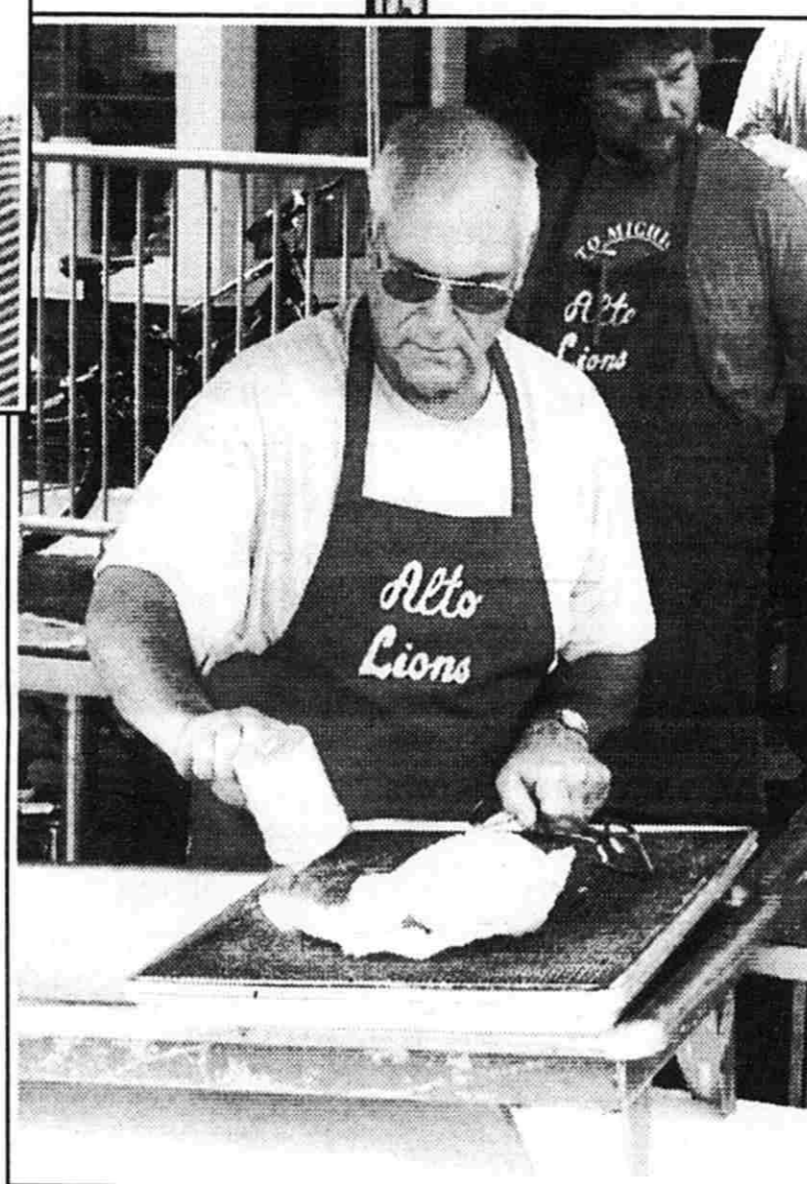
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