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## Nugent leads school board election; Haefner takes other seat

By J.N.Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

With less than four percent of its registered voters coming to the polls, the Lowell Area School District selected two candidates to fill two seats on the board.

Pat Nugent, who was seeking re-election, received the highest number of votes

with 387. Coming in second was newcomer, Peter Haefner who, with 314 votes, edged out James Van Buren, 105 votes.

"I would like to thank Jim Van Buren for putting his hat in the ring," said current board president, Pete Gustafson, who announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election. "Someone has to

win and someone has to come in second place . . . or third, as the case may be," Gustafson said, adding he was pleased to see Van Buren and Haefner both run for the office he was vacating.

Nugent said little at the Monday night board meeting when the results were announced, although throughout the meeting he did a little ribbing with out-going Gustafson and Superintendent Bert Bleke.

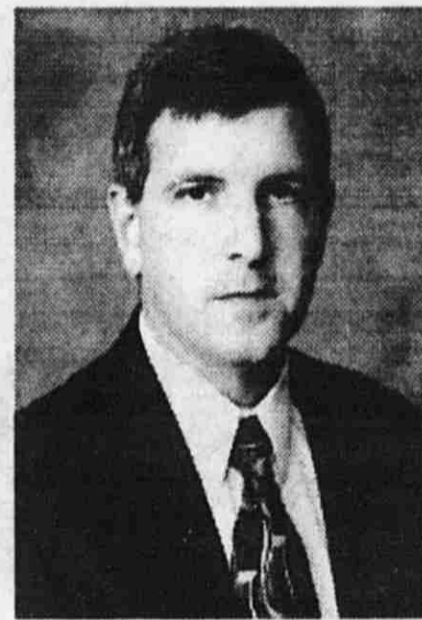


Pat Nugent

Both Nugent and Haefner had identified finances and the search for a new superintendent as key issues for the new board. Superintendent Bert Bleke officially leaves Lowell June 30 to assume his new duties as superintendent of the Grand Rapids Public School District.

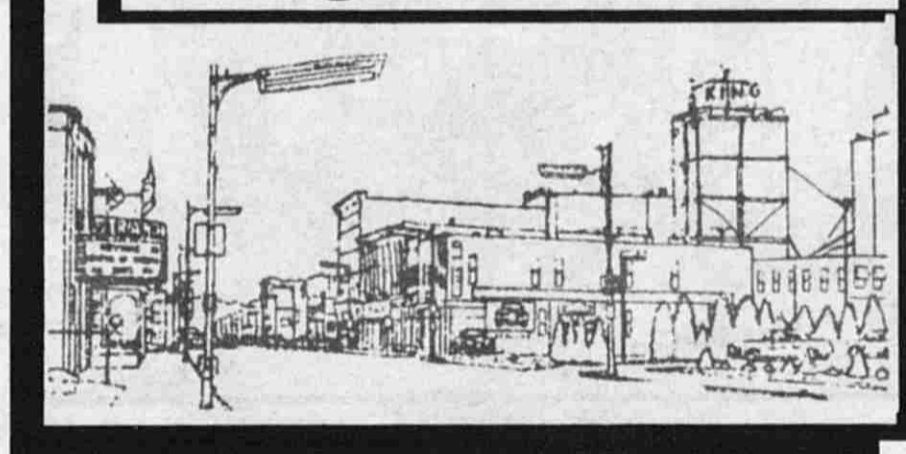
Haefner is a past presi-

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Peter Haefner

### Along Main Street



#### FONNMHOR OPENS CONCERT SERIES

Fonnmhor, a Celtic music group, will perform from 7 - 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 on the Riverwalk. This will be the first Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert of the season.

#### MICHIGAN ARTIST AT RIVERWALK GALLERY

Kathleen Mooney, a Michigan artist, has an exhibit at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce through July 12. A reception will be held Saturday, June 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The show is called "Fire and Water - Worked Surfaces." Call 897-9161 for viewing.

#### FALLSBURG CUBS ARE REGROUPING

The Fallasburg Historical Society is looking for people to play baseball with the Fallasburg Cubs. Call 897-7161 if you are 17 or older and interested in playing organized baseball.

#### MULTI CLASS REUNION

Lowell Grads: Visit PHarkness.com for information on a multi class reunion, Saturday, July 20th.

#### HELP US FIND GRADUATES OF 1972

Lowell High School class of 1972 will be having a reunion on Aug. 3 and need your help in locating the following graduates: Pam Erdman, Gordon Desotell, Elaine Haywood, Deb DeVries, Steve McKewin, Warren Judson, Cheryl VonEhr, Bob Yalacki and Brian Whittemore. Call Karen Ford at 897-7700 for any info.

#### REGISTER NOW FOR CLASS REUNION

The Lowell High School classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 are having a reunion on Saturday, Aug. 3. Registration and payment (\$30 per person) are due by June 21. Make your check payable to Maureen Kissinger, Rockin' Reunion.

#### WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT AT HUNTINGTON

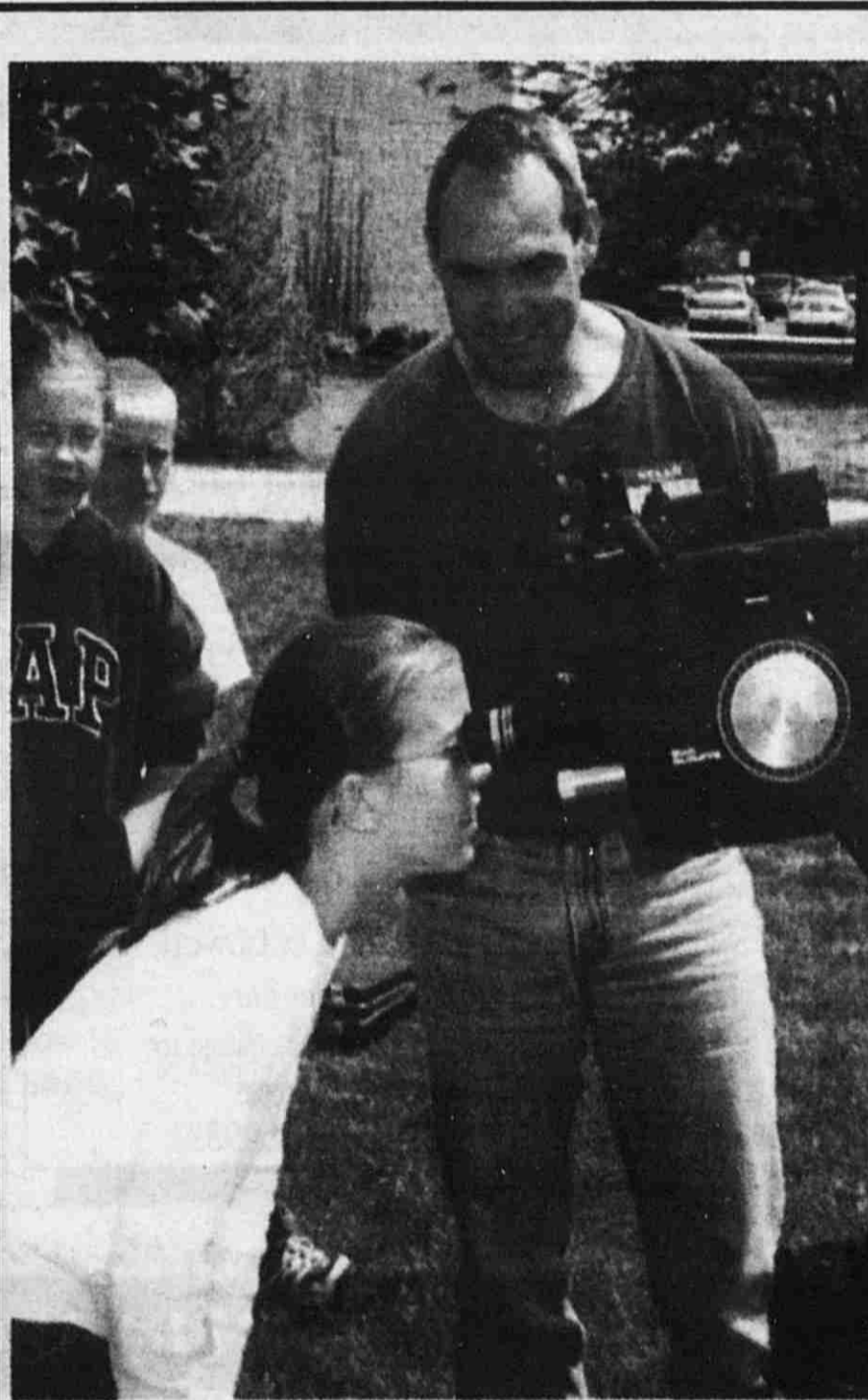
The Lowell Area Arts Council is pleased to present an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Doris Larson on display at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main St., Lowell, through July 9 during regular business hours.

#### BOTANIKA '02 PHASE II LOOKING FOR ARTISTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council will be presenting a visual exploration of the natural world from July 9 - Aug. 3. Images for consideration will include floral botany and entomology in all media. Interested artists should call 897-8545 for more information.

#### CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS

The Fallasburg Historical Society invites the public to their general meeting on Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor. If you have any history pertaining to Fallasburg to share, please bring it along - we need to fill in the gaps. Dessert to be served.



Jeff Dickerman works with students from Mike Fillman's fifth-grade class as they take turns viewing sites through the telescope.

## Kids take flight on aerospace/tech day

Cherry Creek Elementary students were provided with an exciting look into space technology, aviation, math and science during its Aerospace and Technology Day on Friday.

Students experienced a variety of technology by crawling in a portable planetarium, investigating NASA's "Exploring Aeronautics" program in the computer lab, building and launching their own rocket ships (with Alka Seltzer fuel), visiting an on-site helicopter, glider, hot air balloon, and a single engine airplane.

The day's activities were kicked off by keynote speaker, Jerry Pahl from the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Jim Fitzgerald, from the NASA Glenn Research

Center in Cleveland, Ohio, showed students moon rocks, meteorites, space suits and more.

The Civil Air Patrol sent Alice Noble, regional director of Aerospace Education from Dayton Ohio's Wright Patt Air Force Base. She did a story presentation with young students about Uncle Wiggly Wings... the fleet of planes that dropped candy to children in Europe during WWII immediately following the massive U.S. airlift.

The goal was to motivate students in science, math and technology.

"This is quite an amazing operation to hold this kind of event for this many children," Pahl said.

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## Community Farewell planned for Bleke

The Community Farewell for outgoing superintendent, Bert Bleke will be a celebration of his seven years in the Lowell Area Schools system. The Lowell Education Foundation and Lowell Area Schools will host the event on Thursday, June 20, at Lowell High School.

"This is a golden opportunity to pay tribute to Bert for all he has done for the district and the community," said Dave Thompson, vice chair of Fund Development for the Education Foundation. A desert reception will be held at 7 p.m. in the hallway outside the Performing Arts Center with a program at 8 p.m. in the

center. "In a polite Lowell way, we're going to do a family-friendly roast of Bert," added Thompson.

A long and impressive list of guests has been invited to donate \$100 each to the Education Foundation for the privilege of having five minutes to roast Bleke. Confirmed as speakers are: Brian Craig, president of the Grand Rapids Board of Education; Bert's sister Corinne Beutel; Gloria Graber, principal of Forest Hills Northern High School and former Lowell staff member; Larry Mikulski, Lowell transportation and maintenance administrator; Jon McDonald, artist and friend;

Jim McLean, past president of Meijer, Inc.; Jim Pfaller, Lowell city councilman; Mari

Stone, clerk of Vergennes Township; Mike Washburn. Bleke, cont'd., pg. 8



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## OBITUARIES

**DAVERMAN** - Jean Daverman, aged 64, of Kentwood, went home to be with her Lord Saturday, June 8, 2002. She is survived by her children Duane Daverman of Grand Rapids, Micki (John) Osburn of Gowen; grandsons Michael and Kyle Osburn; brother Doug (Sandy) Antonides; many special friends, Visitation 10-11 a.m. Thursday. Funeral services will be at Roth-Gerst Chapel on Thursday, June 13 at 11 a.m. Rev. Thurlan Meredith officiating.

**HIESHETTER** - Dorothy Dark Hieshetter, aged 74, passed away at the home of her daughter on June 8, 2002. A native of Grand Rapids,

Dorothy graduated from Mount Mercy Academy and went on to live briefly in New York City. She returned to Grand Rapids where she lived the rest of her life. As the mother of six, Dorothy became expert at juggling family, work and friends long before it was fashionable. Known as a superior baker and cook, Dorothy also loved people, swimming, gardening and a good joke. She was always the belle of the ball. Dorothy was preceded in death by her former husband Donald G. She is survived by her six children: Ann Koning of Grand Rapids (Jan Vandenberg), John Hieshetter of Rockford (Marta), Kurt Hieshetter of Lowell

(Stephanie), Janet Hieshetter of Chicago (Eric Greenberg), Susan Frank of Saranac (James) and Robert Hieshetter of Rockford (Terri); eight grandchildren; several granddogs; her sister Mary Kathryn Dark; brothers John and Michael Dark; many dear friends. She will be missed. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Wednesday at noon at St. Isidore Church, 628 Diamond NE, Rev. Henry J. Dondzila presider. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Hospice of Michigan.

**JONES** - Crystal L. Jones, aged 104, of Lowell, died Friday, June 7, 2002 at Cumberland Retirement Village, Lowell. Crystal was born

March 27, 1898 at Lowell where she lived most of her life. She graduated from Lowell High School and was a legal secretary. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Lowell. She and her husband Charles lived in East Lansing for a number of years and she returned to Lowell in 1991 to reside at Cumberland Retirement Village. Crystal was a very special lady, dearly loved. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Crystal was the oldest of three girls born to Charlotte (Carey) Anderson and Peter Anderson. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles (1971) and son Lester Jones, MD JD (1994) and two sisters Viola Goodridge and Marion Le

Duc. Surviving are a daughter-in-law Virginia Jones; two grandchildren David C. Jones and Carol M. (Chris) Oberg; three great-grandchildren Zackary, Ian and Samantha Oberg of Haslett; niece Mildred Stauffer of Alto. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Those desiring may make contributions to Hospice or First Congregational Church in Lowell in memory of Crystal L. Jones.

**ROARK** - Izzetta (Frost) Roark, aged 83, of Ada and Brooklyn, Michigan, went to heaven to be with her husband Allison C. Roark on June 5, 2002. "Love is Kind", she taught her surviving children: Conrad (Marcia) Roark, Joann Gerald (Deb) Roark, Joan

(Terry) Thomas, Bruce (Jane) Roark, Maureen (Fred) Roslanic, and Blair Roark. Also her many beloved grandchildren Brian (Anita) Roark, John (Karen) Bonhomme, Jodie (Todd) Broskey, Jeff (Janet) Roark, Jeremy (Isabella) Roark, Phillip (Kristina) Pitman, Heidi Roark, Tracy Thomas, Tyler (Mary) Thomas, Sara Roark, John Roark, Tom Weibel, Deb (Robert) Garza, Melissa (Mark Perez) Roslanic, Chris Hayes, Julie Hayes; 21 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, sisters-in-laws Dorothy M. Frost, Mazine Johnson and Darlene Jousma. Izzetta will be forever in our hearts. The family will hold a memorial service Sunday, June 16 at the Frost Family Orchard.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals and Council, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following.

- 751 Grindle - Sundry Development Corporation, Inc., has proposed to develop this 8.89 acre parcel (41-20-01-126-007), where it is zoned Suburban Residential, into nine residential lots on a private road off of Grindle Drive. The following variances and waivers have been requested:

- request waiver of public water main and sanitary sewer (refer to Section 4.20 Private Streets E.5)
- request waiver of maximum dead end road length from 800 to approximately 1140 lineal feet (f.2.b)
- allow a 22 foot wide bituminous surface with valley gutter (City standard: 34 foot wide bituminous surface with curb and gutter)
- request waiver from sidewalks
- allow each homeowner a street light rather than the developer installing
- lot width variance for Lots 2, 3 and 7 (165 feet required.)

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



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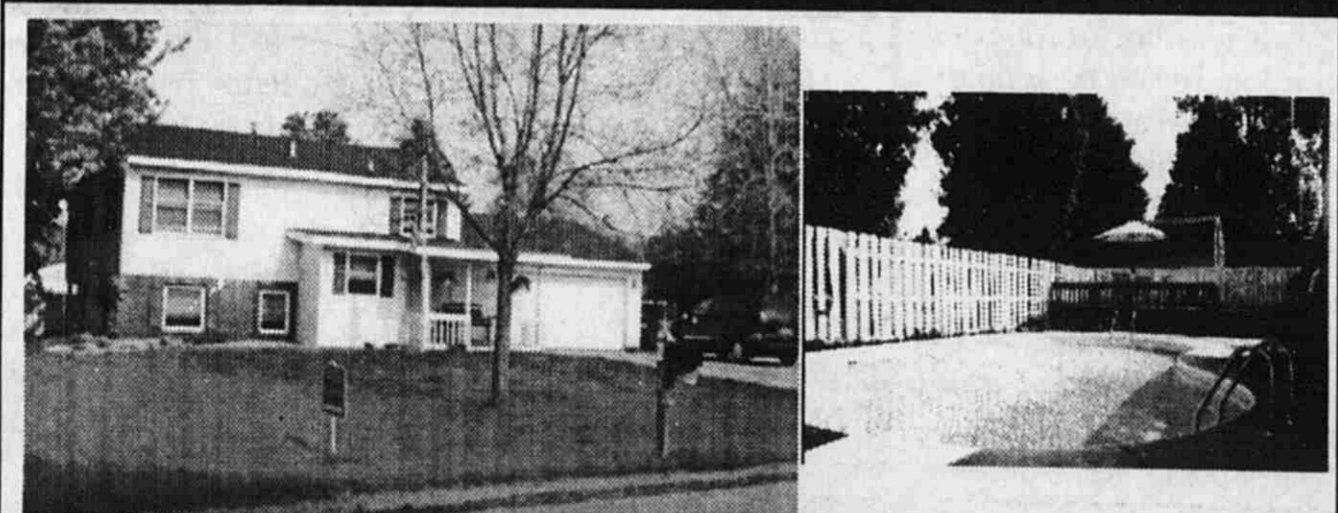
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## St. Patrick students visit Wittenbach Center

Kindergarten and first grade students from St. Patrick School recently enjoyed spending time at the Wittenbach Center. John Schut, teacher at Lowell High School/ FFA advisor, along with FFA students presented a wonderful program for the elementary students. They met the Michigan Apple Queen, milked a cow, planted seeds and participated in other planned activities.



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Greenridge Realty announced that Sigi Winsor received Realtor of the Month in May. This award recognizes Sigi for her outstanding success and achievements.

## Lowe's Great Safety Adventure stops at Cherry Creek Elementary

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There is an injury in an American home every five seconds, equating nearly seven million injuries in homes every year.

Lowe's Great Safety Adventure is teaching children and their parents how to avoid injuries from happening in their own home.

Roughly the size of a small house, the Lowe's Great Safety Adventure is a 1,200 square foot animated home that unfolds from two semi-tractor trailer trucks to create a replica of a living room, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and backyard.

Second- and third-grade classes from Cherry Creek Elementary took on the challenge of ranger as they went on Lowe's safety adventure last Friday.

Lowe's Great Safety Adventure concentrates on four safety risk areas: Fire and burns; poisonings; choking and suffocation; and slips and falls.

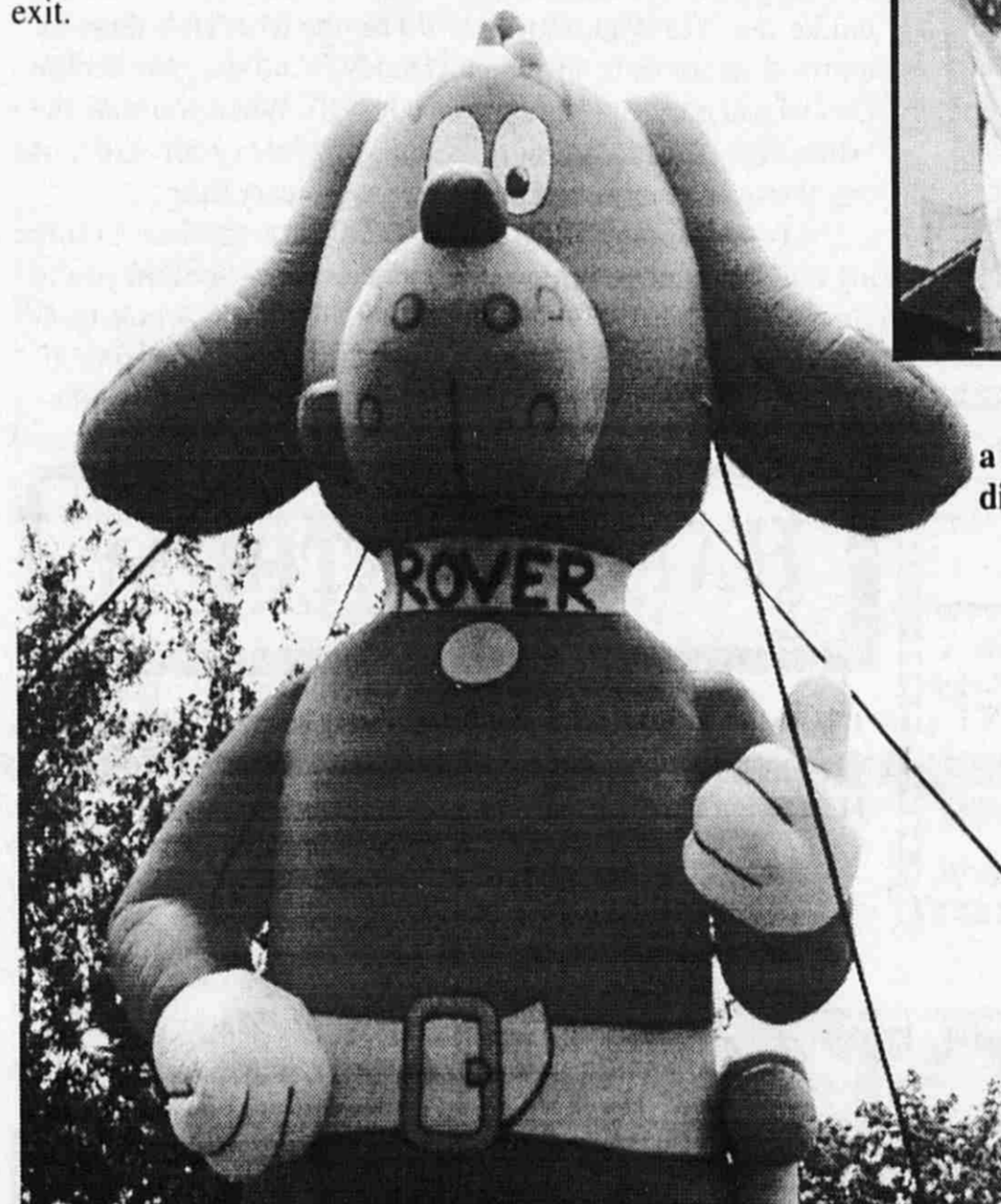
The adventure begins with children entering the oversized front door of the living room.

Once inside the exhibit, the "safety rangers" are on the lookout for hazards such as poisonous cleaning supplies, protruding pot handles on the stove, and an electric hair dryer too close to a sink with running water.

The adventure ends when a smoke alarm sounds and actual smoke fills the hallway outside Rover's (Lowe's home safety hound) bedroom. Having learned of Rover's fire escape plan moments before, children quickly escape from the correct exit.



Cherry Creek Elementary second- and third-grade students learned to spot home safety hazards by shining a flashlight on the danger. They called out, "Code Red Rover, grown-up come over," and the hazard "magically" disappeared.



Rover, Lowe's safety hound, helped educate students on how to avoid high-risk dangers in the home, including: fires and burns, falls, choking, suffocation and poisonings.



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- U12 .....under 12 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 11:00
- U11 .....under 11 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 11:00
- U10 .....under 10 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 1:00
- U9 .....under 9 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 1:00

Girls:

- U13-14 .....under 14 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 9:30
- U11-12 .....under 12 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 11:00
- U9-10 .....under 10 years of age after July 31, 2002 @ 1:00

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# Lowell's agriscience program receives state award

The Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators selected the Lowell Agriscience Program, under the direction of FFA advisor John Schut, as the Outstanding Program for 2002. Lowell's application was selected as the state winner and was forwarded to the national level for competition.

Six regional winners, representing different areas of the national level, will be named in July. The program has a different focus at the various levels in the district. The award evaluates a program on the following areas: instruction, youth

development, experiential learning, partnerships, and marketing.

The high school program serves over 150 students in courses such as animal and plant science, landscape horticulture, natural resources and leadership. The FFA chapter has 135 members who serve in leadership roles in the community.

The middle school FFA has 35 members involved in many leadership and community service activities. At the elemen-

tary level, the PALS program connects high school students who serve as mentors to elementary students.

A unique component of agriscience in Lowell is the Wittenbach Agriscience Center and Wege Natural Area. The center serves over 6,000 students annually, teaching the essential concepts of agriculture's dynamic relationship with the environment. The center has many aspects including over 100 acres of woodland, a trout pond, animals such as sheep and beef cattle, community gardens and 20 acres of grassland.

# Lee earns top honors at state FFA's communication event

Lowell High School sophomore, Kristen Lee earned another state honor in the FFA by placing first as an individual in the state communications career development event. Lee, along with Katie Clements, Molly Balaam and Courtney Perkins earned second place as a team in the event.

Other Lowell teams in Communications included Teresa Leasure, Emily Roth, Megan Stubbs, Melody Democour, Marie Wade, Shelly Wernet, Katie Serne and Cassy Wheat. While Lee took first individually, Stubbs, Clements and

Perkins were 4th, 5th and 6th place individuals, respectively. Lowell's Landscape-Nursery team of Samantha Hoekstra, Bryan Hoekstra and Mike Shinberry earned a fifth place award. The Agricultural Mechanics team of Brian Zook, Tim Zook, Nathaniel Canfield and Brian Rasch earned a 10th place award. Lowell FFA's Horse Judging teams performed well against 24 other teams. The team of Kelsey Scheider, Jasmine

Steele, Michelle Strzyzewski and Jessica Richardson earned 6th place while Nathan Clements, Travis Craig, Lisa Roth and Julie Dunn placed 7th.

The Lowell FFA is 170 members strong and provides real world experiences for students interested in leadership and career development through agriscience and natural resources.

# Council to show City Hall/police station contractors "the money"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

City officials are ready to begin entering into contracts based on selling bonds for the City Hall/police station project.

The council, at its June 3 meeting, voted 4-1 to construct the entire police station, the common lobby, both the first and second floors of City Hall, the entire exterior and to replace its roof.

"The process started with a needs assessment in 1997. We've done our due diligence; now it's time to put up the money," said Lowell councilman, Mike Blough.

Actual construction cost for the project is \$3.391 million. After allowances (e.g., engineering, furniture, telephone, security costs) and reimbursable expenses from the general fund, the total cost

for the project will be \$4.55 million.

In January, the bid estimate for the work was \$4.273 million. The actual bids came in approximately \$380,000 less than that. The second floor will be completed for \$255,287; a reduction of \$207,784 would be realized.

Financing of the project will involve levying 1.98 mills. This assumes there is support from the Downtown Development Authority (one mill equivalent to \$82,893), Lowell Area Community Fund for the clock tower (\$30,000) and the Look Memorial Fund (\$20,000).

Jim Pfaller, the only dissenting vote, said he could not support the project without knowing that there's long-term support for the project from the DDA.

"My understanding is the DDA is committed to long-term support for the project, but they want to look at it, on a year-to-year basis," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale. "The DDA can support its projects and still provide mill support."

Chuck Myers, Lowell city councilman, added that even a worst case scenario (without DDA support), the total mills levied are still within the Headlee limit (17.9985).

Pasquale based financing for the project in year one on current assessed value. Year two was based on the conservative figure of zero percent growth.

"That is very conservative. Last year we had six percent growth," Pasquale explained.

With additional growth in the community plus seeking additional monies not just from the DDA, Pasquale believes the community can support the project.

"I think it is fiscally responsible to do the project now," councilman, Dan Brubaker explained. "It needs to be done. There is an excel-

lent bid climate right now and to carry out the project piece by piece would cost much more."

# Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship goes to local student

Discover Card is awarding nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships to high school juniors as part of the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship program. This year marks the 11th year of this program.

Sara Bailey, a junior at Lowell High School, was awarded a \$2,500 state scholarship. To receive this award, students must maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average and also

demonstrate accomplishments in three of four areas: special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, and community service.

Bailey was one of nearly 7,500 applicants.

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Dwain Scheller introduces Cherry Creek Elementary students to model aviation.

**SYNOPSIS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
VERGENNES  
TOWNSHIP BOARD  
May 20, 2002 - 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the April 6, 2002 Special Meeting and April 15, 2002 Regular Meeting Accepted as Read. Motions Approved:

Motion to draft and sign an agreement with Bob Morgan for use with a Special Use Accessory Building Permit

Motion to grant request for re-zoning from R-2 to Commercial for property located at the SE corner of the intersection of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes

Motion to approve an amended lot line for Jordan Meadows Planned Unit Development

Motions to approve an amended lot line for Valleywood Site Condominium contingent upon receipt of minutes of the homeowners association minutes of approval, Health Department approval, a site plan with building envelope for lot 9, and a letter of approval signed by lot owners of 8 and 10

Motion to deny R-3 rezoning request by Landon Companies/Cook

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-5, amending rear setback requirements in the R-2 and R-3 districts

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-6, regulating Manufactured Home Developments

Motion to appoint Judy Baird, Craig Wood and Dawn Crook to three year terms on the Historical Commission

Motion to create a Recreation Commission and designate Dan Edwards, Jan Bieri and Gordon Gould to represent the township on the Lowell Community Trails committee

Motion to direct the Recreation Committee to begin work on an update for the Recreation Master Plan

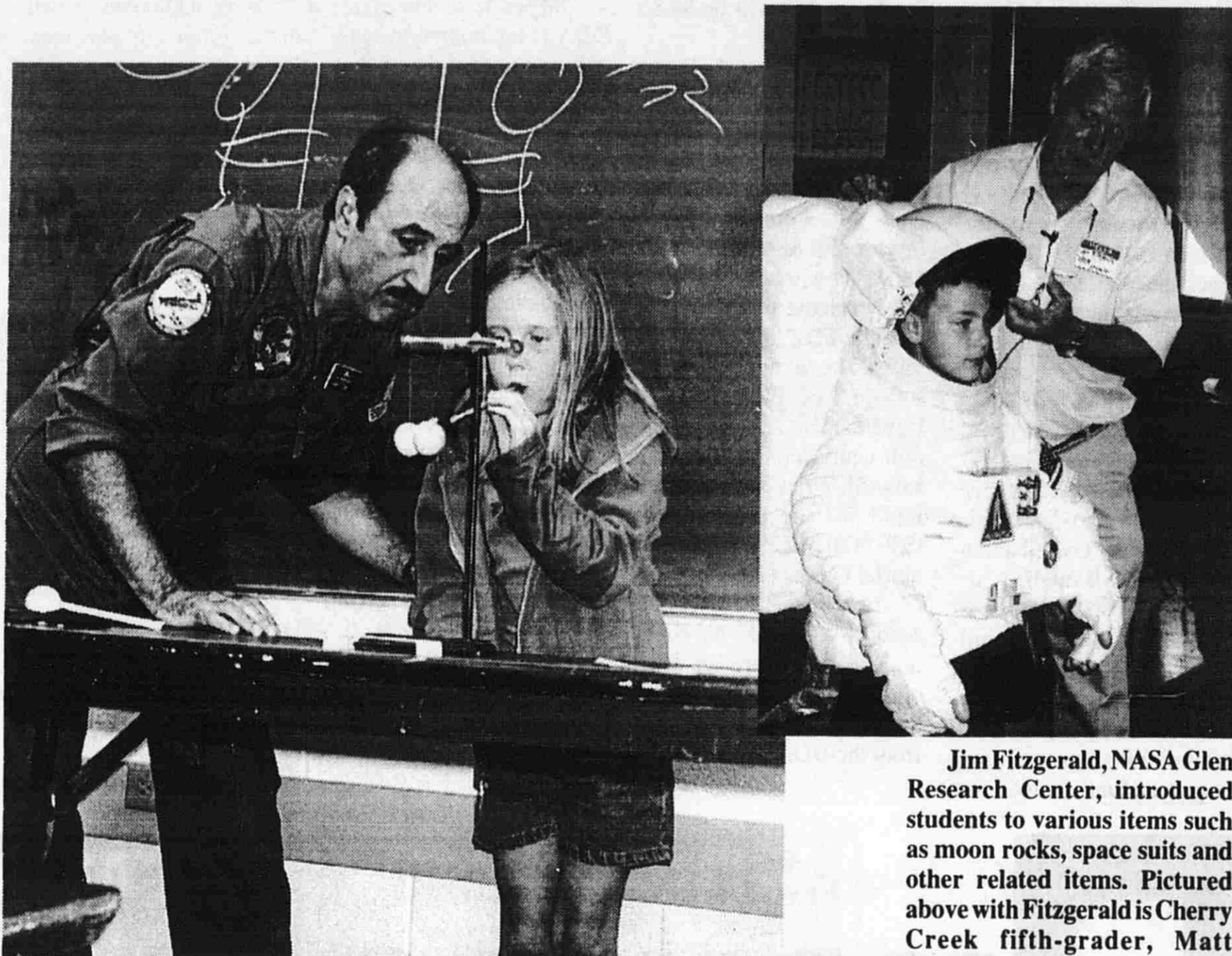
Motion to approve a request by the Kent County 4-H to include an insert in the summer tax bill mailing

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting June 17, 2002

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

**Tech day pictures, cont'd...From Page 1**



Jim Fitzgerald, NASA Glen Research Center, introduced students to various items such as moon rocks, space suits and other related items. Pictured above with Fitzgerald is Cherry Creek fifth-grader, Matt Mockerman.

Jerry Pahl, Kalamazoo Air Zoo Museum, explains to students how an airplane flies. He used a number of different hands-on activities to demonstrate.

**Bleke farewell, cont'd...From Pg. 1**

superintendent of Forest Hills Schools; Jim White, interim superintendent of Lowell Schools; plus others yet to be confirmed.

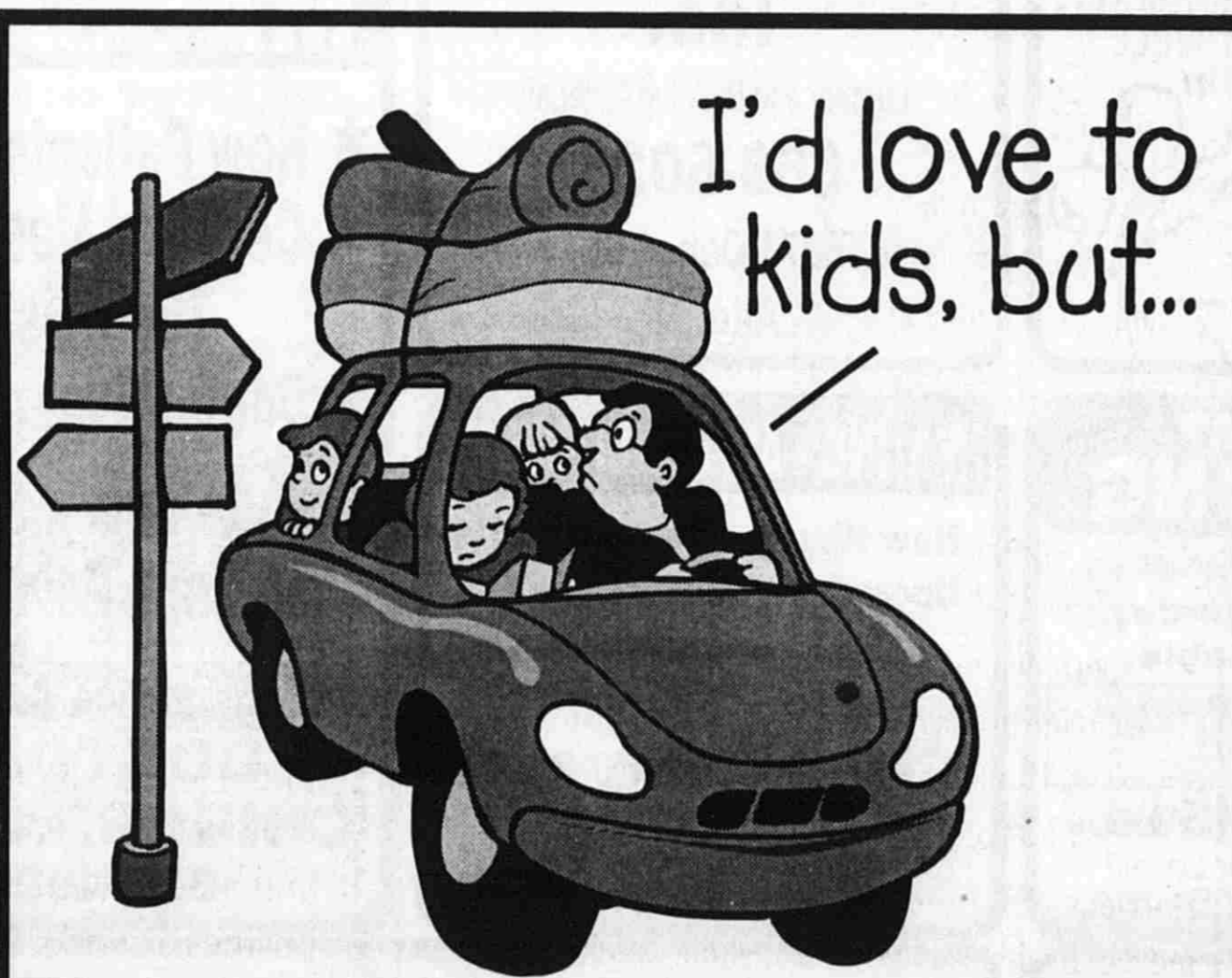
"Getting on Bert's busy calendar was a real challenge," said Marsha Wilcox,

chair of the Lowell Education Foundation. "All of this had to come together in just over one month, but people were pleased and anxious to share stories about their life and times with Bert Bleke. There are going to be a lot of laughs

at Bert's expense. Then, we will probably allow Bert a minute to speak at the end," she said.

The event will be a fundraiser for the Lowell Education Foundation. Tickets for the dessert and program are

\$3 per person and are available at any school building office or by calling Pinky McPherson at 897-7203. There will also be a Book of Letters put together for Bert. If you would like to contribute one 8 1/2 by 11 page, please send it to Rose Hartley at the Central office, 300 High St., Lowell, by June 14.



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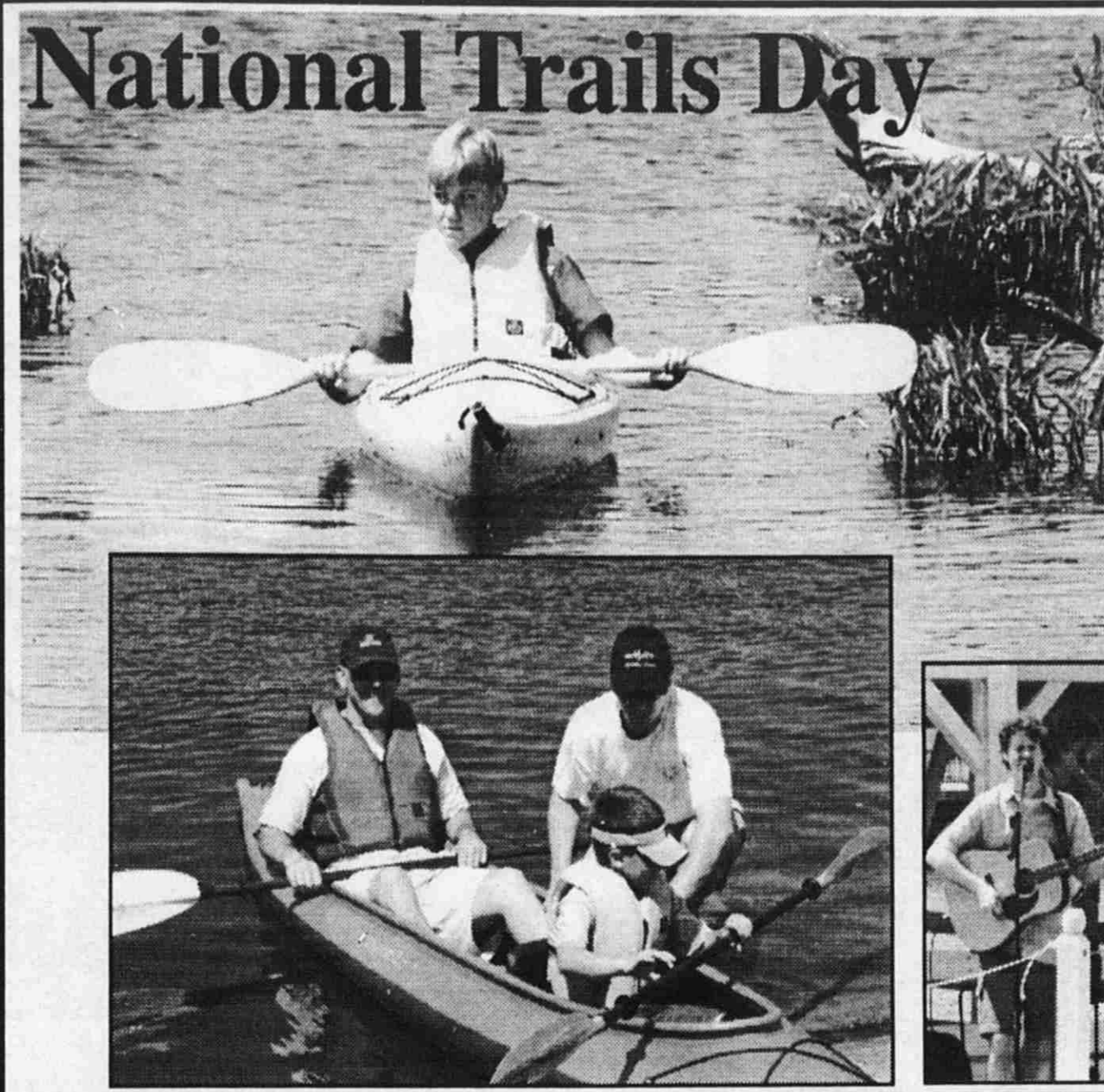
**Election continued...  
From Page 1**

dent of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and is active with the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Nugent has lived in Lowell all of his life and is a graduate of Lowell High School. He just finished his first four-year term with the board.

Nugent and Haefner will each serve a four-year term on the board. Both will be sworn in at the first meeting for the 2002-2003 school year which traditionally is in July.

The race in all three precincts was pretty much between Nugent and Haefner. The precinct breakdowns are as follows: Precinct one: 173 votes for Nugent, 153 votes for Haefner, and 41 votes for Van Buren; Precinct two: Haefner nudged Nugent by three votes - Haefner receiving 43, Nugent 40 and Van Buren, 16; Precinct three: Nugent received 174 votes, Haefner 118, and Van Buren 48.

About 400 of the district's 12,000 registered voters turned out for the election which was held on Monday, June 10. Since there were two seats open, voters could vote for two of the three candidates.



**4,400 Miles of Hiking Trail Celebrated**

The Western Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trail Association hosted a celebration on June 1 in honor of local volunteers who are building the 4,400 mile long North Country National Scenic Trail. The event was held along the Riverwalk in downtown Lowell.

The day's activities began at 10 a.m. as local Eagle Scout Scott Cooper was recognized for the construction of a new kiosk to be installed near the trail at Fallasburg Park. Compared to many local hiking and biking trails, the North Country Trail is unique in that it is being built principally by volunteers rather than hired labor. Cooper is one of the hundreds of local volunteers working with the Western Michigan Chapter to build the trail as it passes through Kent and Newaygo counties.

**LMS student  
All-American Scholar**

Hayley K. Getzen, a Lowell Middle School student, has been named an All-American Scholar.

Getzen was nominated for this national award by Sara Guile and for this honor, her name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

To receive this award, the student must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and be selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor.

She is the daughter of Barry and Jean Getzen of Ada.

The Western Michigan Chapter hosted guided hikes along the seven miles of completed trail in the Lowell State Game Area and Fallasburg Park. Information on joining the local Chapter and volunteering to help build the trail was also available.

Activities continued until 4 p.m. and included an edible and medicinal plant walk with

Dr. Tom Zennie and kayak demonstrations by Bill and Paul's Sporthaus as well as local history tours, food and prizes. Local author Lou Adsmund was at the celebration to sign copies of her newly-released book, "The Appalachian Trail Food Planner." Local outdoors organizations provided informational booths while outdoor

recreation retailers conducted clinics and demonstrations.

Event coordinator, Paula Wilbur said, "We're proud that Lowell is home to the North Country Trail and want to celebrate."

North Country Trail Association, located at 229 E. Main, celebrated National Trails Day (June 1) on the Riverwalk and along its trails. Many area residents took the opportunity to participate in kayak and gear demonstrations, history hikes on Main Street, also trail hikes; and enjoyed food, fun and prizes along the way. There was also a presentation on edible and medicinal plants. Pictured, upper left, is 11-year-old Daniel Gualandi; upper right is Karen Gualandi and her dog "Maine."

The North Country Trail runs the length of both Michigan's lower and upper peninsulas and is being built between eastern New York and western North Dakota. National Trails Day is an

annual national event sponsored by the American Hiking Society. The local event was organized by the Western Michigan Chapter of the NCTA.

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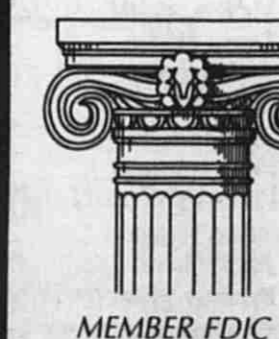
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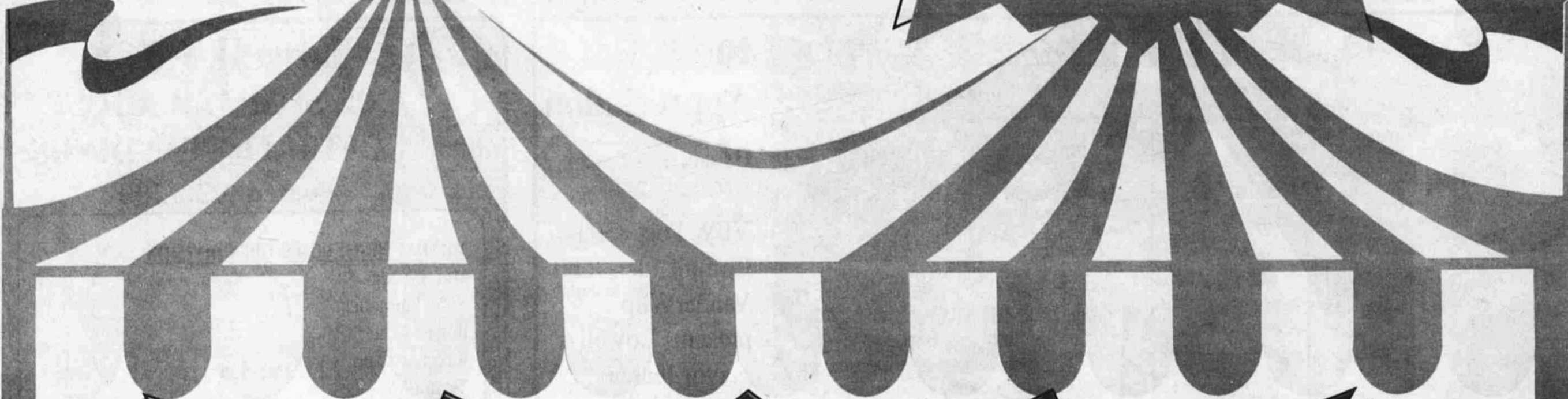


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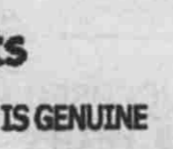
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