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## Down But Not Out!

••• McDonald's corporate officials hope to replace the rubble left from Wednesday's fire with a new restaurant by as early as June. •••



Lowell firefighters were aided by departments from Ada, Saranac, Alto and Grattan during the blaze.

Assistant Fire Chief Frank Leasure and McDonald's restaurant manager Tina Blattner toss the first shovel of dirt at a ground-breaking ceremony for the new restaurant.

In less than 45 days after the fire the company expects to serve customers again on June 1.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The news spread Wednesday morning as quickly as the flames did that engulfed the McDonald's restaurant here in Lowell.

The fire, according to state Fire Marshall Sgt. Joel DeKraker, started in a closet holding combustible materials.

Within minutes, employ-

ees and customers had to flee the building to escape the flames which were encroaching the crew-room closet in the back of the building.

Lowell assistant fire chief Frank Leasure said the fire call went out at about 7:56 a.m. and Lowell fire trucks began arriving at about 8:02.

McDonald's employee Elva Anderson said she wasn't sure where or how the fire started. "I just told everyone

to get the hell out of the building," Anderson explained Wednesday morning.

Leasure commended Anderson and the McDonald employees for the job they did getting everyone out of the building safely.

"They did a heck of a job evacuating everybody safely," Leasure said. "The fire spread quickly through the ceiling."

Leasure said after arriving on the scene and assessing the fire, he decided to take a defensive mode and not fight the fire from inside the building. "With the type of construction, I felt it wasn't nec-

essary to risk anybody's life," Leasure said. "With a flat roof and with it being enclosed, you can't observe what's happening from the inside."

Called to the scene to help Lowell firefighters were fire departments from Ada, Saranac, Alto and Grattan.

Almost as quickly as the fire destroyed the fast-food restaurant, McDonald's Grand Rapids corporate officials were drawing up plans to replace the 11-year-old building with a new 90's design.

Bob Pefley, director of food service, and Jim Peterson, field service man-

ager, were discussing plans for a new building even before all the flames were doused.

"It was about noon and they were already discussing plans for the new building," said Dan Spaulding of Seyferth and Associates, Inc., who provides the McDonald's Grand Rapids' region with public relations and communications counsel.

In fact, McDonald's is planning for fast, friendly turn-around time.

At a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday morning Spaulding informed the gath-

ering that a new McDonald's would be serving customers by June 1.

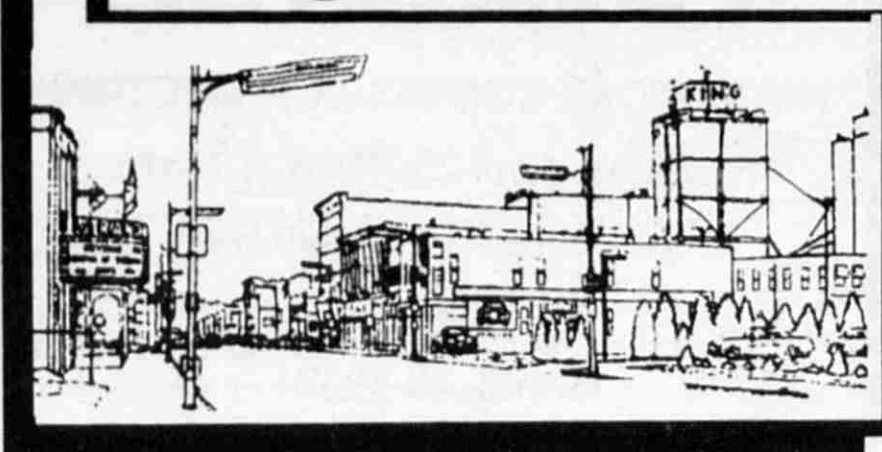
Spaulding said it usually takes six weeks to develop plans for a new building and another two to three months to construct the building.

"Just 45 days after we received the first fire call, we will be up and running," Spaulding said.

The new McDonald's will be almost the same as the old one with the same number of seating and parking, but its Mega Playland will be larger.

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### Along Main Street



#### CAR WASH FUND-RAISER

The World Studies Council from the high school will be having a car wash Saturday, April 27 at Family Fare from 9 to 3 p.m. Donations accepted.

#### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

#### ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Register now to reserve your spot in the Lowell YMCA adult softball leagues. Deadlines are approaching. Only a few spots remaining - Monday night coed, Tuesday night women and men's over 30 leagues and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night's men's leagues.

Call 897-8445 for more information.

#### LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Larkin's "The Other Place," 315 W. Main St., will hold a  
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By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The most politically sensitive issue in regards to the proposed seven block format is the seminar period.

Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw, however, says what is going to improve and impact students is the key issue in determining success. "This will allow for students to be taught more and varied activities in a class session," Vashaw said. "We will not let the seminar period sink this concept. We will adapt and make changes along the way to make the seminar period work."

Board trustee Pete Gustafson said the seminar period must be available and provide for those students who want to learn and explore. "The seminar period must be filled with solid, hard school time. I think it also should be structured so that it positively reinforces students for making good use of time and for challenging themselves."

With over 50 percent of Michigan schools considering or having implemented a block schedule, Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw agreed with board trustee Ellen McClain that replacing the seminar with a

seventh class is the direction the school would like to go.

"I'm an advocate of a seventh hour rather than a seminar. That should be our ongoing goal or target. I think a

seven-block schedule is a step in that direction," Vashaw said.

McClain said while she can support the move to a

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## Bleke outlines his reasoning for supporting the 7-block format

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# OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON** - Robert A. Anderson, aged 66, of Ada, died Saturday, April 20, 1996 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Anderson; children Mary and Donald Wobith, Marie and John Pimm, Robert and Angie Anderson, Katie and Tim Lane, Patrick and Brenda Anderson, Susie Anderson, Maureen and Donald Fenrich, James and Jo Ellen Anderson, Dr. John and MaryAnn Anderson; grandchildren Eric Anderson, James, David and Andrew Wobith, John, Meagan and Rebecca Pimm, Liam, Morgan, Joanie and Maggie Lane, Michael, Cassie and Shannon Anderson, Kristi, Donnie, Molly and Joey Fenrich, Zachary and Taylor Anderson, Joshua, Halie and Jacob Anderson and Kelvin Anderson; brothers Ken (Shirley) Anderson, George (Carol) Anderson; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Anderson was retired from Butternut Bakery and a veteran of the Korean War having served in the U.S. Air Force. The Funeral Liturgy was held Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Wayne B. Wheeler and Fr. Robert Balsler C.Ss.R. as celebrants. Interment in St. Patrick Cemetery. For those who wish memorials may be made to St. Patrick's School Endowment Fund.

**ANDERSON** - Taylor Lynn Anderson, infant daughter of Stacy Martin and Joel Anderson, was born and went to be with her Lord in April, 1996. She is survived by grandparents Frank and Norene Martin and Carol and Emerson Stevens, great-grandparents Ed and Evelyn Martin and Frank and Marion Baker, her sister Britanni, and many uncles and cousins. Services for Taylor will be held Monday, April 29, 1996 at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Taylor Lynn Anderson Memorial Fund at FMB Bank in Lowell.

**BRIGGS** - John W. Briggs, aged 76, of Lowell, died April 19, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children John Jr. (Barbara) Biggs of Morley, Gerri (Terry) Abel of Lowell, Wanda (Keith) Buck of Comstock Park, Caralyn Jamison of Lowell; grandchildren, Taylor and Nicole Jamison, Agela (Brad) Plutschow, Kathie Abel, Michael (Elizabeth) Briggs, Amy (Jay) Stout, Rebecca (Steve) Swanson, Adam (Heidi) Buck, Anthony (LeeAnne) Buck; four grandchildren; sisters Esther (Austin) Ingersoll, Iris (Bob) Clark; brothers Matthew (Neita) Briggs all of Lowell,

Marvin Briggs of Grand Rapids; sisters-in-law Evelyn Briggs of Grand Rapids, Ardith Briggs of Lowell; also nieces and nephews. Mr. Briggs was in the service in Camp Roberts, CA, New Caledonia and the Philippines during WWII. He was a member of the VFW Lowell Post #8303, Lowell Moose Lodge #809, and was an avid baseball player and fan of the Detroit Tigers. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Rev. George J. Fekete, Celebrant. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**BUSH (CALEDONIA)** - Mrs. Edna M. Bush, aged 92, passed away Sunday, April 14, 1996 at Lowell Medical Care Center. She was preceded in death by a son, Richard. Surviving are her husband, Forrest R. Bush of 76 years; one daughter, Betty (Russell) Taylor of Alto; two sons, Fred (Ilene) Bush of Middleville, Orville (Edna) Bush of Caledonia; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral and Committal Services were held Wednesday at the Beeler Funeral Chapel. Rev. Roger G. Timmerman officiating. Interment Lakeside Cemetery, Caledonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

**CLINTON** - Kevin W. Clinton, aged 43, of Wy-

oming, MI passed away Friday, April 19, 1996 at Hospice Care Center, Grand Rapids. Surviving are a son and a daughter Mike and Holly Clinton of Middleville; his mother Barbara J. Clinton of Middleville; brother Robert (Debbie) Clinton of Lowell; sister Annette (Kerry) Walters of Middleville; niece Dina Clinton; nephews Robert and David Clinton; a very good friend Judy and her son Dylan; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceding him in death was his father Robert C. Clinton. Funeral Services were held Tuesday with Rev. Bruce Stewart officiating. Interment Freeport Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

**DAGGETT** - Mrs. Patricia Daggett, aged 66, of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord Friday, April 19, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband Fred. Surviving are her children Barb and Mike Davis, Freda and Ken Daggett-Glaspie; her grandchildren Michael and Terry Davis, Teresa Davis, David Davis, Shaun Daggett, Ken Daggett-Glaspie II, Fred Daggett-Glaspie; her great grandchildren Benjamin and Matthew Davis; her sisters Norma and Roger Raymor, Carol Briggs; her brothers Chuck and Joan Briggs, Dick and Becky Briggs, Lester Jebb. Funeral Services were held Tuesday with Rev. Joseph Culbertson officiating. Interment Floral View Memorial Gardens.

**HOWARD** - Mr. E.A. (Doc) Howard, aged 84, formerly of Lowell, passed away April 16, 1996 in St. Petersburg, FL. Husband of the late Frieda. Surviving are his two sisters Mary Adolphus and Mary Carmeline, both of St. Louis, MO. Doc's memberships included The American Legion Post 0777, Disabled American Veterans, Saladin Temple Shrine, Grand Rapids and The Scottish Rite of Grand Rapids. Funeral Services were held Monday with Committal at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Contributions are suggested to Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, 211 North oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60635.

**PINCKNEY** - Floyd "Bud" Pinckney, aged 73, of Lake City, passed away at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac on Wednesday, April 17, 1996. He was born in McBain on October 19, 1922 to Verle and Bessie (Keelean) Pinckney. He married the former Helen Patterson in 1948 in Lake City. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the American Legion Post #300 of Lake City and the VFW of Manton. He owned and operated Bud's Wrecker Service in Grand Rapids from 1950 until 1985, when he retired and moved from Grand Rapids to Lake City. He was President of the Michigan Towing Assoc. for eight consecutive years, member of the Interstate Towing Assoc. and founding member of Towing and Recovery Assoc. of America. He was installed in the Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame in 1986. Surviving are his wife Helen; children Doug Pinckney, Mrs. Kurt (Beverly) Robinson, Donald and Cindy Pinckney, all of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Rick (Beth) James of Alto; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Virgil Pinckney of Lansing. He was preceded in death by two brothers Robert and George Pinckney; and one sister Edna Wiggins. Fu-

neral Services were held Sunday with Rev. Bruce Brooks officiating and Military Services by American Legion Post #300 of Lake City. Interment Lake City Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post #300 or Lake City United Presbyterian Church.

**ROTH** - Elizabeth (Betty) L. Roth, aged 75, of Lowell, died Wednesday, April 17, 1996. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Ralph, children Beverly (David) Lindau of Wauseon, Ohio, Sally Welch of Laurel, Maryland, Bruce Roth, Brian (Marcia) Roth, all of Lowell; sister, Jeanne (Nolan) Olson of Bearfoot Bay, Florida; grandchildren, Benjamin, Aaron, April Lindau, Jason, Ryan Welch, and Tyler Roth. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Vance Dimmick officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**STEINFORT** - Gerald G. Steinfort, aged 75, formerly of Middleville, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 1996 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Surviving are his wife Dorothy L. (Leasure) Steinfort; one daughter Joan (Terry) Cheeseman of Lowell; one son James R. (Ann) Steinfort of Boise, Idaho; one brother Lloyd (Barbara) Steinfort of Grand Rapids; one sister Lucille Grimberg of Matteson, Illinois; two stepsons Frank (Laura) Leasure of Lowell, Scott (Joelyn) Leasure of Walker; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held Monday morning at First Baptist Church of Middleville - Building Fund or St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church - Building Fund in Grand Rapids.

Western Michigan University has released the names of prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a share of \$8 million in academic scholarships this fall. Among those released are: from Lowell, Lauren Eve Barney and Scott Smith, who received the University Scholars Award and Heather Young and Christopher R. Goggins who received the University Excellence Award. Paul M. Estes, of Ada, received the WMU Academic Scholarship. The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among more than 1,100 leading high school seniors from 15 states who competed for the scholarship during events this past winter on campus. The competition included written testing and group problem solving activities for students and information sessions for parents. To be eligible, participants had to be admitted to WMU by Jan. 10 with at least a 3.7 grade point average in high school, or at least a 3.5 GPA and an American College Test score of at least 30. The top students were awarded Medallion Scholarships. Valued at \$25,000 over four years, those scholarships are among the largest merit-based awards in American

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# Nugent selected as MSU student speaker

••• Lowell graduate's speech selected by MSU senior class council from 30 applications •••

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Renee Nugent will step up to the Breslin Center podium on May 3 to address the 1996 spring graduating class of Michigan State University. While she will address her graduating class, her presentation will be for MSU and her strong ties to the university as well as for her four-year advisor Kirk Heinze.

"The reason I wanted to give the address wasn't for

me; it was something I could give back in return for Heinze and MSU," Nugent said.

Nugent, an agricultural communications' senior, was selected by the Michigan State University senior class council to be the student speaker for the commencement.

"Renee Nugent was a leader in high school. I knew when she came in as a freshman she had the potential to be a leader in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources," Heinze said.

Heinze, as a judge, first heard Nugent speak as a sophomore in high school at a state level FFA public speaking competition. Nugent placed second.

"Renee hasn't let me forget that," Heinze laughed. "I am quick to point out to her that I was one of three judges and I may have voted her first."

Heinze calls Nugent a speaker with a dynamic presentation style. "Renee loves being on the stage. She thrives on it," he said. "Her extraverted personality enhances her public speaking abilities."

As a junior member of

MSU's Junior Holstein Association, Nugent was the lead speaker at a National Agriculture Marketing competition. Her team finished second.

Although Nugent has spoken publicly many times before, the 15,000-20,000 who will gather at the Breslin Center on May 3 will be the largest Nugent has ever spoken to at one time.

"It's definitely the largest, but size doesn't really make a difference," Nugent said.

Nugent's speech will address strength, pride, academ-

ics, respect, tradition, attitude, noise and support.

Unlike most of her class, Nugent won't be looking for a job immediately. "I will be looking for an internship dealing with working on a farm, traveling and individual communications," Nugent said.

The Lowell native credits home, FFA, 4-H, Jr. Holstein Association and MSU for the success that has come her way. "All of these together have always stressed ... if you're going to get involved, do it right," Nugent said.

Nugent began formulating her speech in early January and submitted it in February. It was selected from 30 speeches submitted.

Heinze called the competition to be student speaker at a class commencement one of the toughest competitions on campus.

"An often asked question is whether leadership is nature or nurture," Heinze explains. "I think it requires both. Renee has had great family support and she's taken advantage of her opportunities."

# COLLEGE NEWS

Michael Galvin Vanderploeg, of Alto, has made the dean's honor list for the fall term 1995 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

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The top students were awarded Medallion Scholarships. Valued at \$25,000 over four years, those scholarships are among the largest merit-based awards in American

public higher education. Several other top participants won Boards of Trustees Scholarships of \$16,000 over four years.

The rest of the students received one of three types of awards: University Scholars Awards of \$12,000 over four years; University Excellence Awards of \$8,000 over four years; or WMU Academic Scholarships of \$4,800 over four years.

A total of 1,130 students achieved placement on the winter quarter 1995-96 dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, Dean of Students, reported that 222 students earned straight A averages of 4.0 (Indicated with an \*).

Included in the list from Lowell are: Gregg Grooters, a senior majoring in Electrical Engineering and \*David Rottier, a senior, also majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Michael L. Kropf, of Lowell, was among more than 150 top business students at Central Michigan University who will be inducted into Sigma Iota Epsilon on April 28.

Sigma Iota Epsilon is a business administration and management honorary society that awards membership to students who earn outstanding academic achievements. The CMU chapter of Sigma Iota Epsilon was founded 26 years ago. The national organization, established in 1928, has 55 chapters.

The Lowell School District's school election is Monday, June 10. Two board seats will be voted on along with the request to levy the renewal of the 18-mill non-homesteaded tax for five years. Vying for the two seats are incumbent Norm Byrne, and candidates Joe Barnella, Marv Hasso and Mark Blanding.

Byrne, Lowell School Board secretary, has watched as the continuity on the Lowell School Board has grown and with it so has his desire to continue serving Lowell Schools.

Byrne is completing his 10th year as a member of the Lowell School Board. He recently decided that he would run in an effort to maintain his seat on the board. "I truly believe the continuity of this board is coming together and beginning to gel," Byrne said. "That takes time on any board. I want to see that continuity continue to grow. I believe that will be easier to do with one new board member."

The incumbent added that he also wants to see the continuous upgrading of the level of education at Lowell.

Barnella, who sought a board seat in 1994, will try again - this time for one of two seats, Byrne's or the one left by exiting board member Steve Idema.

"If elected to the board I would represent the commu-

nity in a fair and equitable way," Barnella said.

The two key issues facing the board are spending and the seven block program, according to Barnella.

"I think the board needs to be more accountable with its spending," Barnella said. "I am just not convinced that the seven-block format is the way to go."

Steve Idema has chosen not to run for a second term so that he can devote more time to his law practice and family.

"I need to devote more time to the law practice," Idema said. "It has suffered some since becoming a board member."

Idema said he has found his time on the board to be very rewarding and challenging. "It has helped me learn more about education, our community and the school. I will take more away from this experience than I gave."

Idema said the biggest challenge facing the new board is communication with the public.

Idema said during his four years he feels the board has worked well together. "Yes, there has been strife among

board members, but it hasn't caused the board to be dysfunctional, nor has it affected its decisions," he said.

Hasso was a write-in candidate in 1994. He will use the conventional method as he tries for a second time in June.

"I think there has been a lot of change in the past year," Hasso said. "I believe Bert Bleke has made a difference."

Hasso said funding and technology are two challenges that will face the board over the next number of years.

"Funding is always a challenge. I think the board must be aggressive in controlling its costs," Hasso said. "Technology and how it is used will also be a big issue. I think the tools are there, but not all the infrastructure is in place."

Hasso has served as vice president of the Lowell Edu-

cation Foundation and is co-chair of a school technology committee.

Blanding will take his second shot in June at attaining a board seat.

Blanding first ran in 1994. "I am always at meetings and paying attention to what is happening in the school district," Blanding said. "I believe I have some wisdom that I can offer."

Blanding currently serves on the education and business plan technology committee.

Immediate challenges Blanding sees facing the school district include the seven-block schedule, pay to play, curriculum, and testing (MEAP).

He added that financing and accountability are always key issues that a board must handle.

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# Correction

Developer Leonard DenHouter had his name misspelled in an article regarding his proposed development in Lowell Charter Township. The Ledger apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

It has been my experience that folks who have no voices have very few virtues.

—Abraham Lincoln

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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

*And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm (Mark 4:39).*

Spring brings flowers, sunshine, and sudden storms. The world is bright and beautiful. All is calm and peaceful. But in a few hours time, clouds have gathered. Then the storm strikes, unleashing all its fury. Trees bend and break in the wake of the wind's destructive blast. The rain comes down in torrents. Darkness prevails everywhere.

Sudden storms strike in the lives of Christians - and when we least expect them. All is calm and peaceful until adversity lashes out in all its fury, threatening us with panic and hysteria. Even as we try to pray, it seems God does not hear.

However, when the storm has ceased and everything is quiet once more, we are able to think clearly and pray intelligently. God assures us He was with us in the midst of the blast. He never has, He never will forget nor forsake one of His children. He cares. He understands. He sympathizes. He protects.

From these experiences, fellow Christians, we learn how to trust. If God is piloting our lives, He will guide us aright and bring us safely into harbor when "sudden storms" strike.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Thou wilt guide me safely through the journey of life if I keep my hand in Thine. Teach me to remain confident and serene when "sudden storms" strike. I am trusting in Thee, Amen.

While life's dark maze I tread,

And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my Guide.  
Ray Palmer



Jeff Pitsch and Allison Hess

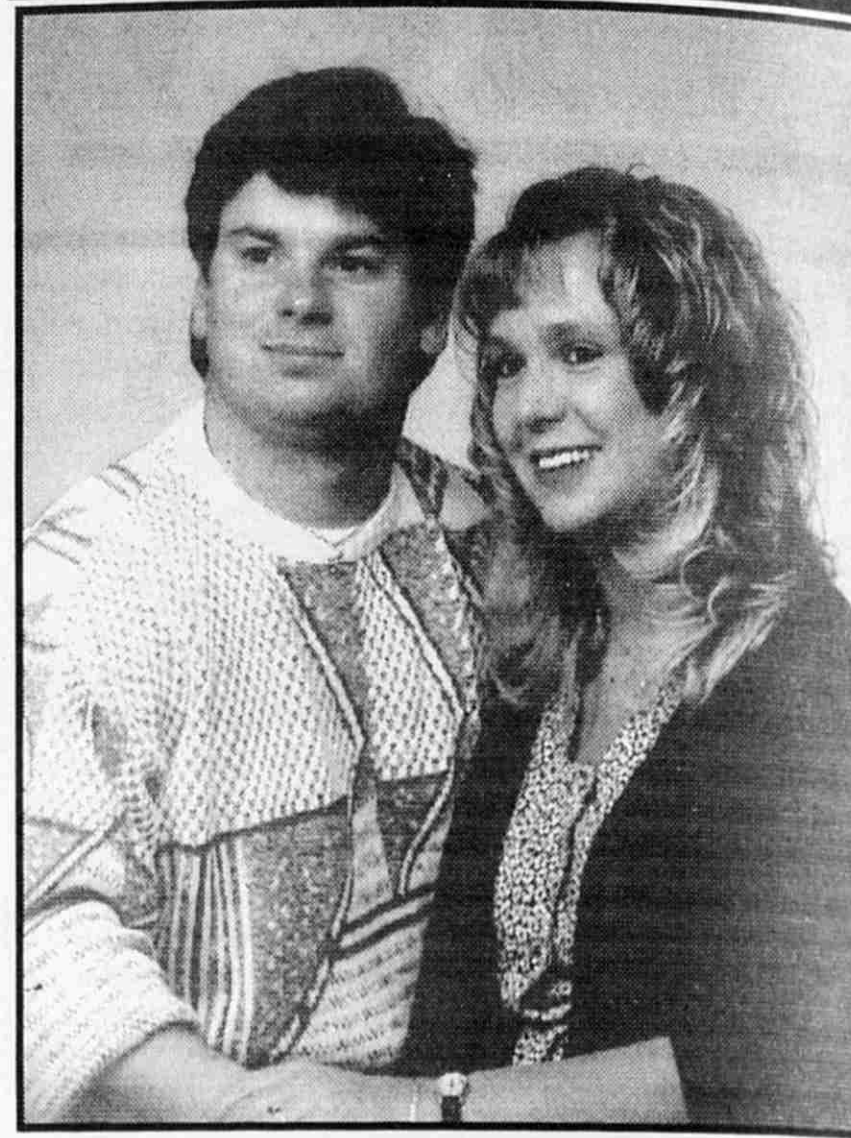
An August 3, 1996 wedding is planned for Allison Hess and Jeff Pitsch.

The future bride is the daughter of Bob and Barb Hess of Alto. She is a 1992 graduate of Lowell High School and is attending the Dental Hygiene program at Grand Rapids Community College.

The future groom is the son of Ed Pitsch and Marianne Hughes of Alpine Township. He is a 1989 graduate of Kenowa Hills High School and is attending Aquinas College in computer science.

The wedding will be held at St. Roberts Church in Ada.

## ENGAGEMENTS



Trent Siciliano and Donna Harkins

Ms. Diane and the late Tone Siciliano proudly announce the engagement of their son Trent to Donna Harkins.

A September 21, 1996 wedding is planned at St. Mary's in Lowell.



Week of April 29, 1996  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**MONDAY:** Ravioli or burrito, corn, French bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Cheeseburger in a bun, later tots, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken Nuggets or chef salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, homemade dinner roll w/ margarine or peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni, nacho tortilla pieces with meat & cheese, fruit juice, carrot sticks & dip, butterscotch pudding or fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Grilled cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, baked beans, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

**MONDAY:** Ravioli or burrito or chef salad, choose 2: corn, side salad or fruit juice, French bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Cheeseburger in a bun or chili dog in a bun or chef salad, choose 2: baked potato, side salad or carrot sticks, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken nugget, s Swiss steak or chef salad, choose 2: mashed potatoes w/gravy peas or side salad, homemade dinner roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, nacho tortilla pieces w/meat & cheese or chef salad, choose 2: fruit juice, cole slaw or side salad, pudding or fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Grilled cheese sandwich, or salmon fishwich in a bun or chef salad, choose 2: baked beans, soup or side salad, crackers, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**APRIL 26** - Casey Brown, Marsha Ray, Bonnie Baird.  
**APRIL 27** - Janice Ryder, Dennis Pretzel.  
**APRIL 28** - Terese Brown, Timmy Vezino, Shawna Austin, Kattie Hildenbrand.  
**APRIL 29** - K.J. Vezino, Bryan Roth.  
**APRIL 30** - Carmen Roudabush.  
**MAY 1** - Dennis Anchors.

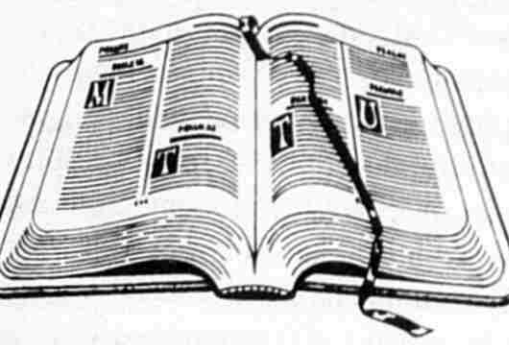


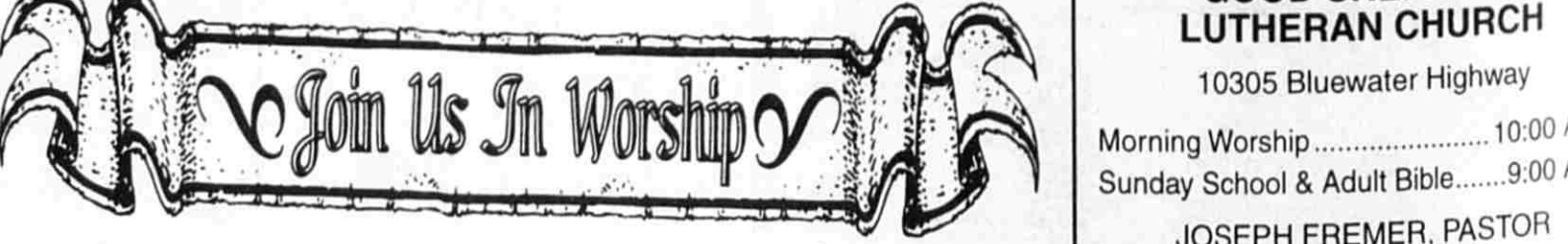
## IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman David L. Thelen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.



Airman David L. Thelen

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  We invite you to make this community church your church home. <b>WELCOME TO ALL</b>	 <b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free	<b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price
<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.  REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV; Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168	 <b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.
 <b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)		
<b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906  Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarr.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided milk.	<b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road - Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!	<b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore

# Viewpoint ..



*Around The Corner*  
By: Joan Wittenbach

Today I share with you the first article that I wrote eleven years ago. It is reprinted as a memorial to my husband, Gerald, who went to be with the Lord, April 8, 1996, just three days after his sixty-fourth birthday. It happened so suddenly.

This is also my thank-you note for all who so lovingly attended to my children and me during this time. The cards of comfort still attend to my aching heart. The food given to us in those blur of days kept us strengthened physically and emotionally. "Thank you" seems so empty... it doesn't say enough but, I write it with love and a grateful heart.

"A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist."

I had never thought of a farmer fitting that description. He does! Searching through bookstore shelves labeled with various crafts, I also came to the conclusion that a farmer was not only an artist but a craftsman. He deals with wood, with nails and a hammer, pipe wrenches, bolts and all sorts of tools. He is called upon to have understanding about animals: their health, diets, breeding, offsprings, and their full cycle of life and death. If an orchard man, he is once again challenged with a knowledge of various sorts. His hands and brain and heart function artistically different.

No matter the line of farming, the maintenance of equipment alone calls on him to keep thinking of how to keep things running. With spring just ahead of us, that challenge is very real. The equipment put away in November begins to be pulled out and looked over. How many times our husbands come in late for a meal mumbling, "Something else broke down and it took longer to fix than we thought." After sitting around all winter, equipment, just like people, has a hard time getting its parts to move. Machinery has a way of grunting out its complaints, too.

We took the sprayer to be checked over last week. It needs to be in working order the last of April, so now is the time to get it ready. I listened to my husband share his thoughts about the orchard.

Winter has been long and difficult with so much snow. The

barns need to be cleaned daily and the manure hauled out. The cows have been in for so long. It's about time for them to be put out; perhaps another month. Hurray! Things and people will smell better around here.

Those artistic hands have had a hard winter. They are swollen and the large cracks just never seem to heal. The fingers are taped most of the time. The palms seem to drink in bottles of hand lotion for extra dry skin. They are better in the summer.

The first flush of the coming of spring on a farm is MUD. You work with that for a bit and then you notice other new beginnings and start to think about what needs to be done.

The event I look forward to every spring is the call through the house. "Come here, I have something for you." I know it is his spring gift to me. It is very special. It has been for almost thirty years.

"A bouquet of pussy willows! How beautiful! Did you have a hard time getting them?" (He fell in the marsh one year reaching over just a little too far.) We laugh, remembering!

Spring is just around the corner and with bouquet in hand, I pause to appreciate his labor, his craftsmanship, and artistic abilities in being a farmer.



*Ledger Entries*  
of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - APRIL 22, 1896**  
The Foresters are fitting out and meeting in the halls in Ort Hill's building, above Loveland's Shoe Store.

Almost all of the one- and two-liners in the "Here and There" column are ads, with an occasional news-type item here and there.

"The notice signed by B.B. VanCourt contains a mistake that I feel obliged to correct. I never left his bed. He never owned one, the furniture was mine. I sold it and as he had made no preparations for the care of a wife, I was obliged to seek a home elsewhere." *Gertie VanCourt.*

Fallas & Clark advertise that they got the hardware contract for the new electric plant with their lower prices.

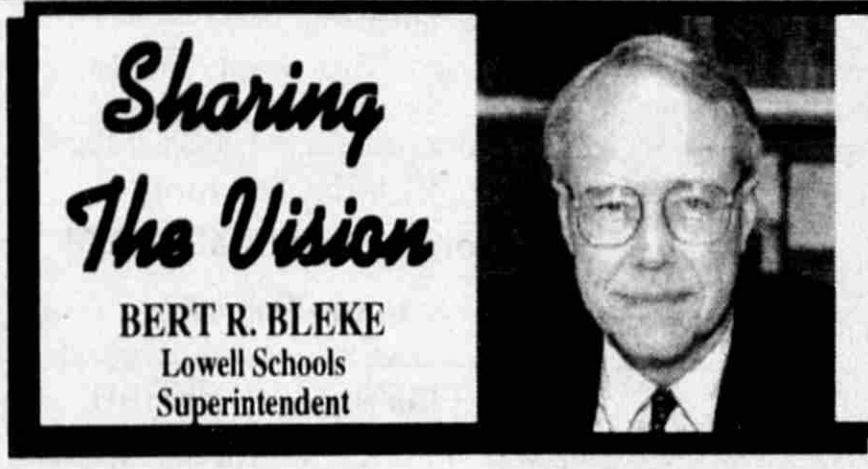
**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 21, 1921**  
The American Legion will build a grandstand at Recreation Park if the Board of Trade will furnish materials.

Belding is known as Silk City because of its huge silk mill. Alfred Anderson is appointed sexton of Oakwood Cemetery, and a new procedure for cemetery bills is announced: henceforth, all billing and payments will be made through the clerk's office.

The Grand Rapids Press complains that the legislative bill designed to silence Henry Ford's virulent attacks on Jews has gone too far and will kill all freedom of the press.

Clair and Grandville school reps visit Lowell to get ideas for their own school building plans.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 25, 1946**  
Citizens at a community meeting vote to ask for bequests to be made to the school building fund. Only \$75,000 of the needed \$200,000 is in the sinking fund, but state and federal help is hoped for.



*Sharing The Vision*  
BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools Superintendent

While there are many factors that influence the quality of a school system, perhaps none are as important as the organization's desire to improve and the meaningful involvement of parents in the school system. On Monday, April 22, dozens of parents, teachers, administrators, and board members gathered to hear the final report of the Education and Business Plan. Since October, over 150 individuals have dedicated their time and effort to improve the quality of the

Lowell Area Schools. Monday's report to the Board of Education was the conclusion of that six-month effort.

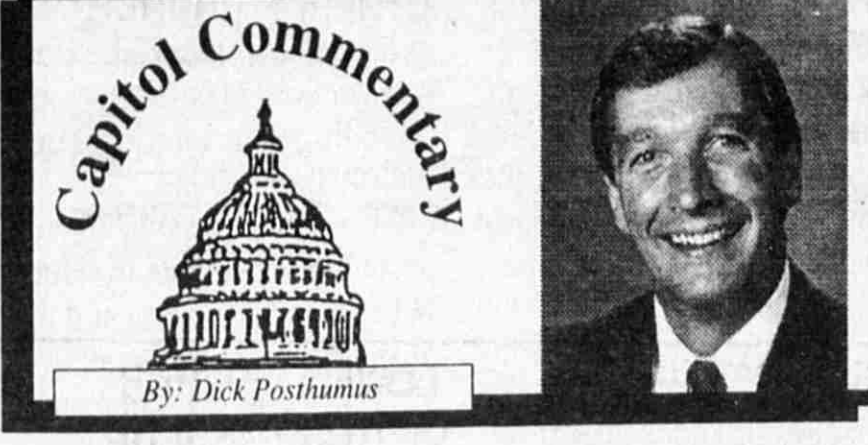
The second phase of this improvement process will now begin as the Board of Education and school employees begin to tackle the many excellent recommendations found in the committee reports. While it may not be possible to respond to all of these many recommendations, the Board of Education and staff will fully consider all recommendations and implement those suggestions that most clearly focus on the district's mission of the improvement of education for all children. Future sessions for the public and the community members involved in the study have already been planned to assure communication and follow-up.

The Lowell Schools are grateful for the leadership of Jim Bosserd and Dick Korb, the general co-chairs of the study, as well as for the superb leadership of the following subcommittees: Dr. Jim Reagan, Educational Vision; Marv Hasso, Technology Plan; Liz Baker, Marketing; Mike Blough, Financial Planning; Allan Dorough, Business Advisory/School to

Work; Andy Johnson, Pre-School Learning Readiness; Lynn Brown, Instructional Time/Professional Development; Bruce Boyce, Organizational Culture.

To those many community members, teachers, administrators, who made this study such a rousing success, a sincere thank you and a commitment to follow up on your excellent work. If any community members are interested in the executive summary of the committee reports, they are available in the superintendent's office by calling 897-8415 or stopping by at your convenience.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.



## SENATE REINFORCES ITS COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING CRIME BY PASSING THE FY 1997 CORRECTIONS BUDGET

In my last column, I wrote about the high priority the Senate places on the education of our children and how we reinforced this commitment by passing three very important budget bills for fiscal year 1997 that will continue to improve education in

our state. This week, I would like to touch on another important priority before the legislature, the Department of Corrections.

I've always felt that one of the primary functions state government has is guaranteeing the safety of our families. This function is so important, in fact, that our Constitution says we must "establish justice and insure domestic tranquility." It's our responsibility and duty to make sure that families are secure in their homes and neighborhoods. In order to do this, we've demonstrated a continuing commitment to being tough on crime.

This commitment to providing safety for families shouldn't be limited to just throwing money at the problem. The Senate has been dedicated to finding new and innovative approaches to battling the onslaught of crime.

Over the past few years, we've demonstrated this by creating one of the toughest anti-stalking laws in the country. We've created truth-in-sentencing laws which guarantee that violent criminals serve their entire sentence behind bars. Our

efforts in providing for victims' rights have been unparalleled. For instance, we've passed laws to ensure that when a convicted felon changes his or her name, the victims are made aware of it.

We're also working to complete legislation to stop the growth of violence among juveniles. More than 20 percent of all violent crimes—murders, rapes and assaults - are now being committed by young people. The average age of murderers in this state is now under 20 years. These aren't kids that have just "gone wrong." These are street-smart thugs. Our new legislation is going to send a message to those kids. We're going to say in Michigan, if you do an adult crime, you'll do adult time.

Senate Bill 848, which funds the Department of Corrections budget for fiscal year 1997, is yet another example of our commitment. Because of our tougher approach to crime, anticipated sentencing and the utilization of alternatives like community corrections facilities for nonviolent offenders, this

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# Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



## CAN CAR AIRBAGS ENDANGER YOUR CHILD?

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the answer to the above question is yes, they can. Airbags, required for drivers and front seat passengers in all new cars by 1999 because they save lives, have recently killed

at least eight children. Some of these deaths occurred in slow-speed collisions that should have been mere fender-benders. The safety agency has strongly urged parents "to insist that their children under age 13 ride belted in the back seat whenever possible."

Here is the current dilemma: To be protective, an airbag must deploy in less than a second after a crash, so as it exits the dashboard, the bag expands with explosive force. The most obvious risk is to babies in rear-facing infant seats. When placed in the front seat - as makers strictly warn against - the infant seats are too close to the dash and directly in the airbag's line of fire. Two infants suffered fatal head injuries this way. If a full car forces you to put a toddler or older child up front, use the appropriate child seat or booster, move the car's seat as far back as possible, and buckle both the lap belt and shoulder harness.

Safer airbags are being developed. In the meantime, follow the above advice and remember: all experts agree that the danger from safety devices pales in comparison to the risk of riding unbuckled. Seventy-two percent of children killed in 1995 in a car's front seat were riding unrestrained.

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year's budget increase was not as great as some of the increases in Corrections spending over the past few years.

This bill includes money to be spent on security enhancement at 15 of Michigan's correctional facilities. These improvements will include implementing guard tower operations and alert response vehicles. We are increasing the county jail reimbursement program so that counties will receive help defraying the cost of housing state prisoners who have been sentenced to jail terms of less than a year.

This bill is just one of many fiscal year 1997 budget allocation bills that the Senate will address. The House of Representatives has been working on a number of other bills in this package and will send them to us for consideration in the next couple of months.

As always, I welcome your input. Feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or comments on the budget or any other issue that affects the way you live or raise your family.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Hi, my name is Jim Palmeri and I'm the director of job placement at Grand Rapids Community College. I would like to tell your community about one of the best kept secrets in Kent County. Did you know that our job placement office is open to all KISD seniors? That's right and we have been for the last ten years. Let me explain.

Some ten years ago, I visited several area high schools and invited the seniors to register at our job placement office if they were looking for employment. They were told that they didn't have to be enrolled at GRCC. I also encouraged them to tell family members, friends and relatives looking for a job, that they could also use our services. We have offered these services over the years and have relied on word of mouth advertising. It is time to get the word out again and that is why I'm asking for your help. Would you please inform the seniors of my offer?

Our motivation today is the same as it was ten years ago. We are continuing our outreach efforts in the community and we need your seniors to help us fill our job openings from area employers. We have more job listings than GRCC students. We need and want your seniors.

We are located in downtown Grand Rapids, at 143 Bostwick N.E., room 103 main. We are open Monday

through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointments are necessary and all applicants will be interviewed. One of our interviewers, Lettie Slusiewicz from the M.E.S.C., has helped hundreds of students find employment over the past ten years.

I look forward to working with your seniors. If you have questions please call me at 771-4170.

Sincerely,  
Jim Palmeri  
Grand Rapids  
Community College

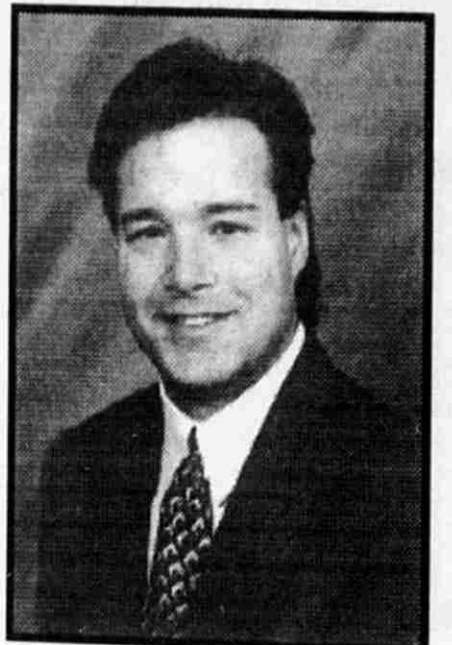
Dear Editor:

We would all like to publicly thank Alto School and Mrs. MaryAnn Schramm for the wonderful Science Fair and Technology Exhibit last Thursday, April 18. It is truly amazing what children and families can come up with when asked to be innovative. There were experiments from rocks to flowers, astronomy to molecules and chicks, and even a homemade computer that worked.

Please keep on challenging our future scientists. And thanks from all of us as parents.

Sincerely,  
Shawn and Winnie  
Eshragh

## Business Matters



Greenridge Realty announced that Pat Schaefer received Realtor of the month in March. This award recognizes Schaefer for his outstanding success and achievements.

An intellectual is a person whose mind watches itself.

—Albert Camus

## Attwood recognized for '95 safety record

The Safety Council for West Michigan is pleased to announce 105 winners of the 1995 Safety Awards for West Michigan. These companies will be recognized on April 25 at the 49th Annual Safety Awards luncheon at the Fetzer Center, WMU Kalamazoo.

Locally, Attwood Corporation, of Lowell, has attained recognition and will be congratulated for its success in having a safer workplace with a reduction in their accident/incidence rate.

The Safety Council has for forty-nine years recognized safe work practices

through this competition among business and industry. Nearly 4,000 businesses and industries in thirteen counties were invited to participate by providing their accident rates for 1994 and 1995.

Companies have an opportunity to compete in safety with other businesses and industries similar in size as well as themselves by improving their record from the previous year. The Safety Council for West Michigan is the only organization in West Michigan that acknowledges the efforts that business and industry make to provide a safe workplace for their employees.

## Healthy fund equity has Lowell Schools in "fairly sound" financial shape

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sound financial shape hasn't been a commonly used phrase around many Michigan schools over the last number of years.

So you can imagine the satisfaction that came with Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke's overview that the Lowell School District is in "fairly sound financial shape and that it bodes well for the future as long as we protect the fund equity."

Lowell's fund equity is expected to increase slightly from a year ago.

At the end of the 1995 fiscal school year, the fund equity stood at \$2.3 million. Lowell finance director Dale Folkert said that figure could rise by as much as \$9,000 for this year.

Board trustee Ellen McClain asked Folkert what the school's cash base was at the end of March. Folkert noted that it was at \$3.9 million. He also added that the school has five months of con-

tracts to pay out and four months of insurance.

Lowell's fund equity represents 13.3 percent of its total budget. Bleke noted that the \$2.3 million is equal to about one month of the operating budget.

One factor, Bleke said, which needs to be considered over the next few months as the school looks at the budget process is the 18-mill non-homestead renewal which will be voted on in June.

"It is an important piece of the budget," said Bleke. "At this time, it is an unknown factor. The budget will be prepared with the assumption that the 18-mill non-homestead renewal will pass."

Folkert explained that the renewal of the non-homestead mills is not an increase. Passage will just allow the school to continue operating with the monies it is currently receiving.

Another factor in the budget will be the board's decision on the pay-to-play program.

"The other factor that I think needs to be considered is the uncertainty on the revenue side," Bleke said. "The packages put together by the Governor and Senator Dan DeGrow are far apart. It may be October before we know what will come out of Lansing." School officials are hoping they will hear something in May.

Bleke and Folkert believe the school will be within \$25,000-\$30,000 of the projected budget which, if correct, will be much tighter than any of the budgets over the past three years.

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## Lowell principals' Washaw and Harden granted contracts

In July of last year, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke recommended the appointment of Scott Washaw as interim high school principal and Jim Harden as interim middle school principal.

At its April meeting, the Lowell Board of Education removed both Harden and Washaw from their interim status positions on the recommendation of Bleke and granted both men contracts. "I have had nearly a year now to watch Scott and Jim, and they have done an outstanding job," Bleke said. "I just did not feel there was time to conduct a well-

rounded search before school started and that's why we filled the positions on an interim basis."

The Lowell superintendent said over the last eight months both Washaw and Harden have done an extraordinary job. "They have shown leadership, knowledge, a work ethic and a service attitude," Bleke said.

Bleke said in May he will ask the board to approve removing interim status from the assistant principal positions of Phil Christensen (high school) and Mark Weber (middle school).

There is only one thing about which I am certain, and that is that there is very little about which one can be certain.

—Somerset Maugham.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan tentatively intends to proceed pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, and to make certain public improvements consisting of extending the sanitary sewer by constructing a gravity sewer and a pump station and related appurtenances along M-21 from Alden Nash Avenue westerly approximately 3400 feet to provide sanitary sewer service to certain properties along M-21 in the proposed special assessment district described below (the "Improvements"). The Township Board has tentatively determined that a portion of the cost of said Improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise proposed M-21 Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District #96-SS.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Lowell Charter Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Hall located at 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., and consider any objections to the Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the Township prior to the public hearing in order to protect his/her right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to appeal a special assessment the record owner of land must file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after written confirmation of the special assessment roll.

This notice was authorized by the Township Board of Lowell Charter Township.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

John R. Timpson, Township Supervisor  
2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E.  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
Telephone: (616) 897-7600

Dated: April 24, 1996

Carol L. Wells, Township Clerk

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Permanent Parcel Number	Street Address
41-20-04-476-002	11930 Fulton, S.E.
41-20-09-200-003	11992 Fulton, S.E.
41-20-04-476-003	11998 Fulton, S.E.

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41-20-04-476-001	11826 Fulton, S.E.
41-20-09-200-002	11840 Fulton, S.E.

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## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

Las Vegas Night on Saturday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Black Jack, roulette, horse race, dirty queen, etc. Cover charge \$2. Hosted by The Lowell Showboat, must be 18 to play. All proceeds go to the Showboat.

For more information call 897-8280.

### YOUTH T-BALL REGISTRATION

Registration is still open for youth T-ball. Four-year-olds and kindergartners, now through May 2. Limited space is available. Call 897-8445 for further information.

### ON VIEW AT THE 300 HIGH COLLECTION

The Governor's Traveling Exhibit will be on display at 300 High showing the top 30 art works of Michigan's high school students. This exhibit is part of the Michigan Youth Art Festival exhibit of last May 1995 and Lowell is one of 11 stops made in 1995-96.

The show is coordinated by Karen Lambert who represents MAEA on the MYAF board as visual art chair. Joe Zeeuw, LMS freshman, has been honored by having his "Russian icon, LMS style" displayed in this exhibition.

### LOWELL AREA HUNGER C.R.O.P. WALK

Mark your calendars for May 5 and plan to walk against hunger. The second annual Lowell Area C.R.O.P. Walk will begin with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk will start at 2 p.m. from the First Congregational Church.

Lowell School superintendent Bert Bleke will be the Grand Marshal. 25 percent of all pledges will be distributed to the Lowell Food Pantry and Lowell Senior Lunch program. Last year's walk raised over \$15,000.

For more information about the C.R.O.P. Walk or to sponsor a walker, please call First United Methodist Church at 897-5936.

### ANNUAL HOG ROAST AND AUCTION

The annual hog roast and auction will be held at the Lowell High School cafeteria. Thursday, May 2, serving from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5; age 5 and under, free and can be picked up at the door.

For more information call Mr. Siler at the high school, 897-

## Bleke, continued...From Page 1

seven-block format, she still has questions regarding the reduced number of minutes students will be spending in a classroom. "Can all the regular information be covered and learned with less classroom time?" McClain questioned.

The board trustee said she expects the proposed new format to bring the dropout rate down and increase student learning as well as what is covered.

Vashaw said block scheduling will allow for true learning and understanding, along with in-depth application. "This is a better education

delivery system. We have in place a number of tools to measure and confirm how it is working," Vashaw said. "Measuring tools that will be used are student learning, instructional delivery and behavior."

School board president Marsha Wilcox said she believes the classes offered for credit during seminar time should be seen by the board before it is asked to make a decision on the seven-block format.

Students will take six core classes and have the choice of an elective course during seminar period.

4125 or Tom Mauric at 874-6906.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

The parenthold/child development class at Lowell High School will be holding its annual free learning preschool from April 30 to May 23. The preschool will take place at the high school.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Joseph Dyer, 36, of Lowell, collided with a vehicle in a private driveway April 14 owned by Harvey Merklinger, 50, also of Lowell. No one was injured.

Mary Brower, 34, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident in the lot of the Lowell Medical Care Center on Center St. April 16 when she struck a parked vehicle belonging to Julia McEwen, 35, of Crystal. No injuries were reported.

Robert Stiles Jr., 44, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident April 8 on Hudson St. near Grand River when the vehicle he was driving struck the curb on the bridge.

Jeffrey Peterson, 28, of Cedar Springs, switched lanes April 17 on West Main near Church St. causing a collision between Jeffrey Anway, 22, of Ionia and Robert Marsman, 29, of Lowell. No one was injured.

Corey Lake, 18, of Middleville, was released after posting bond on a warrant out of Ionia County for failure appear in court April 17.

Larry Mendoza, 37, of Muir, was arrested by Lowell officers April 18 for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense.

Courtney Miller, 17, of Lowell, was apprehended by store security April 19 for retail fraud in Family Fare.

A 15-year-old and a 16-year-old juvenile will be referred to probate court at a later date for violation of a controlled substance which occurred April 20.

Jose Rodriguez, 32, of Lowell, reported to Lowell officers April 20 that his vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in the lot of Family Fare store on West Main St.

Thomas Mooney, 20, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident April 21 when he backed from a private drive onto Pleasant St. and struck a parked car owned by Robert Watters, of Lowell.

## Fire, continued...From Page 1

The ceremony honored the work of McDonald's restaurant manager Tina Blattner and Leaseur.

"Blattner was thanked for her work at the Lowell restaurant. She's been an outstanding manager and is responsible for the great relationship between the community of Lowell and McDonald's," Spaulding said.

Spaulding's words are supported by the fact that corporate officials and Lowell employees presented Blattner with a sympathy card and their thanks for her work on Thursday.

"The Grand Rapids' corporate office and the Lowell store and its employees are a close group - like family," Spaulding said.

Peterson, while firefighters were at work putting out the fire, said McDonald's loves Lowell.

Pefley added, "McDonald's will be back."

Spaulding said he believes the new McDonald's store will open possibly as early as some time in June.

The 40-60 employees at the Lowell branch will be offered jobs at other

McDonald's locations until the new building is opened. Corporate officials met with Lowell employees Friday at Lowell High School.

Spaulding said the design of the new building will be different. "The new building will emphasize light with more glass and window space. They will also emphasize fun and helping to make the family experience an enjoyable one."

Pefley, Peterson and Spaulding said they were grateful to the Lowell Fire Department and all area departments who helped on the scene. "McDonald's is just appreciative of what Lowell has done for it over the last 11 years," Spaulding said.

A couple fireside notes:

Following the fire, soot was found speckled on new cars at Thomet Chevrolet. Stu Thomet said with the help of a degreaser solution all spots from the vehicles were removed over a two-day period. There was no damage done to any of the cars.

Burger King, a neighbor and competitor of McDonald's, provided food for the firefighters.

## Science a big "affair" for Alto Elementary students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It had been eight years since Alto Elementary School had held a Science Fair.

One thing was evident Thursday - the delay did not cause a drop in participants or attendance.

There were approximately 340 different science or technology/computer displays.

When Science Fair onlookers grew tired of displays, a break in the form of an ice cream social was as far away as the school cafeteria.

"The Science Fair was great because the kids really got involved," said Alto teacher Kathy Luneo. "It required them to work with their parents, making it a family effort. All the work was done at home."

Luneo added that the fair brought children's interest back to science.

All students, first-through fifth-grade, participated in the Science Fair. Some kindergartners also worked on science projects.

"We got a wonderful response and a lot of positive comments," Luneo said.

The Alto students, along with displaying their projects to the public, had to give their classmates an oral presentation on what they had learned.

Lowell's K-5 computer

lab advisor Gary Heitz helped students prepare and get ready for their computer program displays.

"It allowed students to learn, show and teach how to run their program and use its different features," Heitz said.

Alto resident Theresa Umlauf approached Alto

School at the beginning of the year about holding another science fair.

"I just remember how much fun it was for my kids when they were young," Umlauf said. "It also gets kids involved and interested in science. They learn how science is a part of their everyday life."



Josh Vaught a fourth-grade student in James Kovach's classroom, showed onlookers what happens when you heat the end of an inverted bottle.

## AREA BIRTHS

Susan (Stormzand) and Todd Murphy of Indianapolis are proud to announce the arrival of their son Patrick Ryan Murphy. He was born March 19, 1996 and weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. He joins sister Autumn.

Grandparents are Tony and Carol Stormzand of Lowell and Rose Ellen and Dave Murphy of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Great-grandmothers are Cora Stormzand and Ada Denkema.

Tom and Linn Plett of Lowell are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Samuel Thomas Plett. He was born April 15, 1996 at 8:36 a.m. in Ionia County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

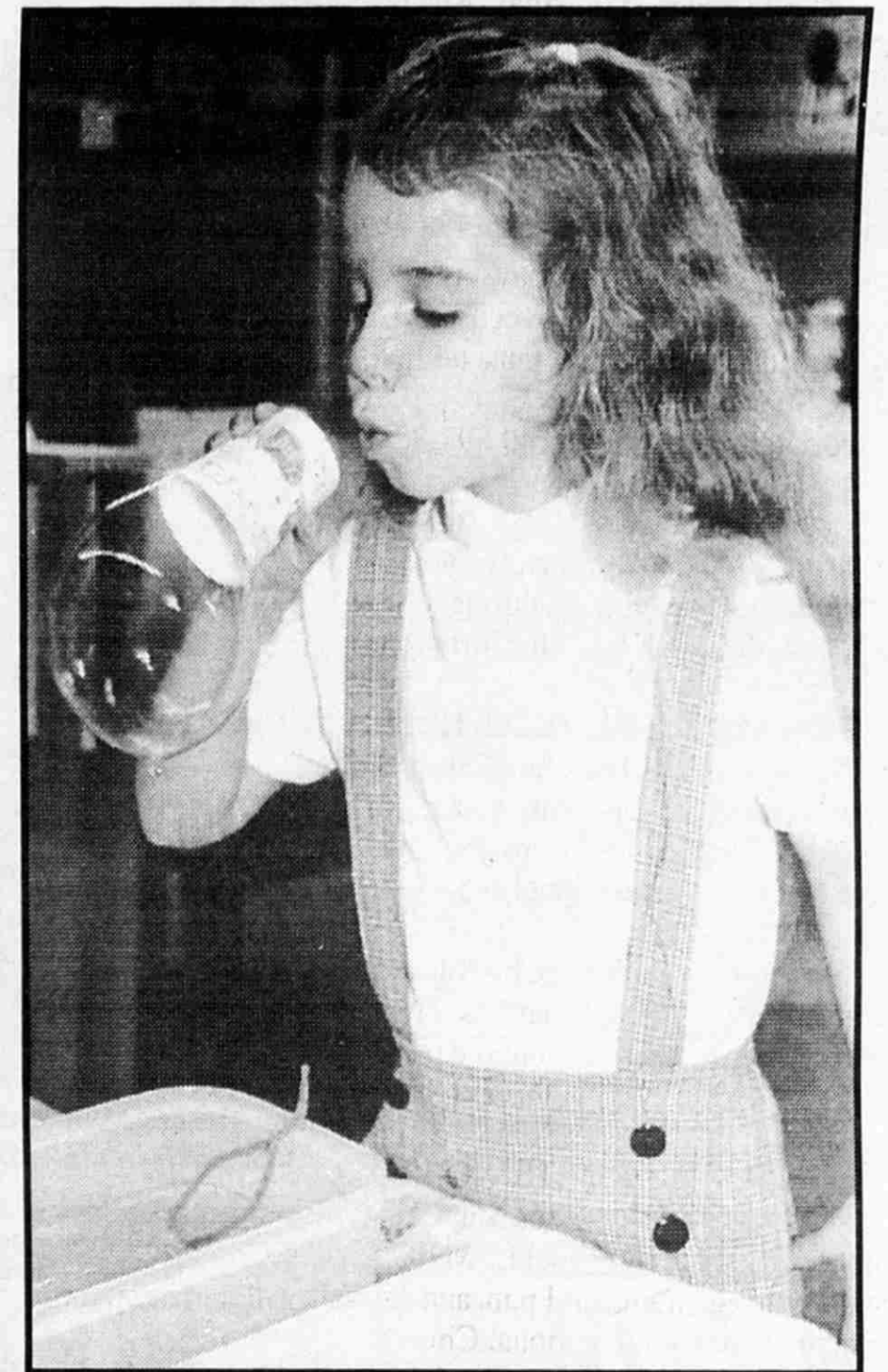
Grandparents are Carol and Dick Fosburg of Ionia and Tom and June Plett of Ingliis, Florida.

Greg and Deb Canfield are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Katherine Sue Canfield, born April 11, 1996. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her big brothers Brad and Brian and big sister Lindsay and Leslie are very happy to have a new baby sister.

Proud grandparents are John and Evelyn Miner of Lowell, Pat Canfield of Grand Rapids and Bob and Shirley Canfield of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Del and Leona Miner of Lowell.

Tom and Tammie Blackport are proud to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Mitchell Blackport, born April 2, 1996. He



First-grader Hollie Gunderson blows a bubble as part of her "Dance of Mothballs" display.

## Brubaker, Ballard & Rice earn top honors at state band competition

Four Lowell High School band students medaled at State Instrumental Solo and Ensemble competition held at Kalamazoo State College.

The students qualified for State by earning a superior rating at the District competition held in February.

Senior Sarah Mitchell received a second place medal for her French horn solo performance. Melodie Brubaker, a junior, performed a piano solo and received a first place medal. Troy Ballard, also a

junior, performed a saxophone solo at proficiency level II and earned a superior rating first place medal. Senior Dianna Rice completes her competition at the high school level performing French horn solos by earning a superior rating first place medal at the highest proficiency level III. Students who compete in proficiency must play a solo, major and minor scales, and sight read a piece of music.



Can a ball be balanced in the air? Pictured left to right, students Brook Van Eck, Lyndsay Huver, Katie Huver and Ashley VanEck learn how as they study Shawn Moore's science fair project.

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Fiction, after all, has to make sense.  
—Mark Twain

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"We think we have a plan that will cover all contingencies," Vashaw said.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke explained that he has been pushing for block scheduling for a number of years.

Bleke outlined four reasons for his support of the program:

1. It creates improved instruction time for teachers and students.

2. It creates an improved learning environment that has less student movement, more in-depth student/teacher relationships and interaction, less students for teachers to deal with on a daily basis, and less classes per day for students.

3. It provides a situation whereby what students know

and should be able to do is better defined.

4. It has more flexibility for students who need and want more opportunity and time for classes.

"I think there is worry about seminar time. I believe the seminar period is doable, but we need to understand what the questions are," Bleke said. "I think the potential of block scheduling outweighs the concerns and problems."

Board secretary Norm Byrne said he felt accountability was key. "It needs to be monitored and checked and compared to the existing system. I don't want to see us get locked into it and then decide two years down the road that it is not working."

Happy 10th  
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**CITY OF  
LOWELL  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, May 6, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

A Subdivision Control Ordinance which provides regulation for the platting of land.

A copy of the proposed subdivision control ordinance is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

**CITY OF  
LOWELL  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL  
WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing west of the Flat River will occur the week of April 29 - May 3, and east of the Flat River will be undertaken the week of May 6-10.

Some customers will experience low water pressure.

City of Lowell  
Water Department

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## Lowell company interested in having sanitary sewer service extended

The engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was given the okay to begin preparing bid documents for the sanitary sewer extension on the west side. Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said there has been interest, particularly

from Michigan Wire, to have sanitary sewer extended to serve West Main properties, west of Ridgeview. It has been determined that by extending the sewer on Sibley directly west to the city limits, it would be able to serve West Main to Alden Nash

without the need of another lift station. "That is only if Sibley followed directly west," Pasquale said. "Some upgrading of the Sibley lift station would be required though." The cost for having the

bid documents prepared will be \$11,400. Pasquale said Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber has been involved with the project from the beginning and has provided all the study and documentation to this point.



The first blood transfusion to a human being was carried out on June 12 1667. The patient received animal blood and died. The first transfusion of human blood was in 1818 but that patient also died. The first record of a life being saved by transfusion was in 1825.

## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 15, 1996

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Jenny Jansma reported to the Board that there will be a second blood drive held on Friday, April 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Elections will be held in May for the student council. There is clean-up day on April 28 at 1 p.m. for the Adopt-A-Road. The SADD group will be meeting with Cherry Creek 5th graders and will be conducting a gym night for middle school students. Also the musical "Little Mary Sunshine" will be held from May 2-4 in the Performing Arts Center.

### ACTION ITEMS -

Adopted the election resolution which sets matters to be voted upon. Two four-year-terms are on the ballot. The Board candidates running are: Norm Byrne (incumbent), Joe Barnella, Mark Blanding, and Marv Hasso. Also on the ballot is the request to renew the 18 mill non-homestead property tax for five years.

Approved the removal of interim status from the positions of Jim Harden, Middle School Principal, and Scott Washaw, High School Principal.

Adopted a resolution designating May 7, 1996 as Michigan Teacher Day. A copy of the resolution will be placed in the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide.

### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:

- March 11, 1996 regular meeting minutes, March 20, 1996 special meeting minutes; and the March 25, 1996 dialogue session minutes.
- Bond Expenditures:
  - Rieth-Riley Co ..... \$139,836
  - Parking Lot Resurfacing
  - Rieth-Riley Co ..... \$119,145
  - Tennis Courts
  - Rogers Lawn Sprinkling ..... \$39,000
  - Irrigation System
- The following payment of bills:
  - School Services Fund
  - 1. Athletic Fund ..... \$ 39,141.81
  - 2. Food Service Fund ..... \$ 59,083.15
  - Trust and Agency Fund ..... \$ 27,065.32
  - 1990 Building and Site Fund ..... \$ 2,815.00

• Career Exploration Leave for Sheila Dubbink for the 1996-97 school year.

• Art Club Trip to Toronto, Canada from May 9-11, 1996.

**GENERAL FUND BILLS** - The Board approved the general fund bills in the amount of \$1,012,805.79.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE** - Business Manager, Dale Folkert, reported that the Board would see a preliminary 1996-97 budget at the May Board meeting with a budget hearing and budget adoption taking place at the June Board meeting. Bert Bleke presented fund equity comparisons for schools in Kent County, as well as explained the process for the 1996-97 budget.

**BOARD POLICY #4117 "EVALUATION"** - The Board approved revision to Board Policy #4117 entitled "Evaluation." These revisions brought the district in compliance with the revised Michigan Tenure Act. The policy will come back for a second reading at the May Board meeting.

**7 BLOCK DISCUSSION** - Bert Bleke explained reasons for supporting the 7 block schedule for the high school in the fall. Board members shared questions and concerns that they would like to see answered and addressed. A community forum will be held on Monday, May 6, at the high school at 7 p.m. to discuss the high school 7 block schedule.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Community Forum - Monday, May 6, 1996 - 7 p.m.  
Re: High School 7 Block Schedule  
Lowell High School - Performing Arts Center

Board Meeting - Monday, May 13, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.  
Administration Building - Board Room

The Lowell Area Schools "Action Line" (897-1219) is a phone service available to anyone who has a question or wishes to leave a message for an administrator or members of the Board of Education.

## Cemetery bid awarded

The bid for a cemetery mower was awarded to George Hofacker of Grand Rapids. The city received bids on April 10 for the purchase of a hydro commercial walk-behind mower with a 36-inch mowing deck. Hofacker's bid of \$3,496.20 was the bid approved by the city. The city received three bids, one of which did not meet specifications.

## Vergennes board reviews face lift plans for historical twp. hall

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Following in the footsteps of its neighbors to the south, the Vergennes Township Board is reviewing plans to renovate its township hall. Doug Necci, AIA, director of architectural services for JCK and Associates, presented plans to renovate the current facility instead of building a new one.

The township hall, built in the late 1800's, consists of 1,160 square feet on each of two stories, one of which is not currently used. The hall carries historical significance because it once was Grange Hall, a gathering place for the township's agricultural, business and social interchange. However, the improvements would not constitute historical preservation.

The plan discussed, based on the township's projected growth during the next 10 years, a growth that could see the township increase office hours or add employees to accommodate the influx of new residents to the area. The upper level is not presently utilized because it lacks barrier-free access.

By building a ramp to the second floor, the township could start using the second floor for its meetings and save a tremendous amount of money. Building a new facility, with the same square footage as the current hall, could cost

\$230,000 and that doesn't include the cost of purchasing land, installing septic and water systems, building parking lot and other costs associated with new construction.

Renovating the current hall is estimated to cost only \$50,000, which includes building a ramp, improving the upper level's heating conditions, and strengthening the roof system.

Utilizing the upper level will allow the township to expand its meeting room from 470 square feet to more than 1,100. The capacity is currently 25 people, while the upper level can handle 100 people.

Moving the township meeting area to the upper level will free up the bottom level for improved office spaces, according to Necci.

"We interviewed employees and they discussed the need for more privacy," Necci said. "There are private phone conversations that spill out to the office because there is no private office space."

Under Necci's plan, the treasurer, clerk, supervisor and other employees would have offices separated by portable walls.

Township officials listened to the presentation without deciding whether or not to go ahead with the renovation project.

## Split decision "KO's" Bennett Road work in Vergennes Township

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

To pave or not to pave—that's the question facing Vergennes Township officials.

In a split vote the township board could not agree to submit a work order to the Kent County Road Commission for improvements on Bennett Avenue.

Township supervisor Jim Cook and clerk Mari Stone would like to submit the order so the road can be paved in the future.

"I would like to see the cycle continue," Stone said. However, township treasurer Jean Hoffman and

trustee Allen Baird don't want the project submitted until other road concerns are cleared up.

Baird believes the township needs to prioritize road projects depending on traffic counts and the "will" of the people.

"Other people in the township pay taxes and I feel we should spread (road projects) around the township," said Baird.

Baird contends that the township can wait until next January to submit the work order. In the meantime, the township can clear up issues surrounding the extension of

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## FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 THRU MAY 2

Larry Drake, Karen Sillas and William Petersen (from left) star in *The Beast*, a two-part made-for-TV movie about a seaside community terrorized by a hungry giant squid. The movie, based on the best-selling novel by Peter Benchley (*Jaws*), begins Sunday and concludes Monday on NBC.

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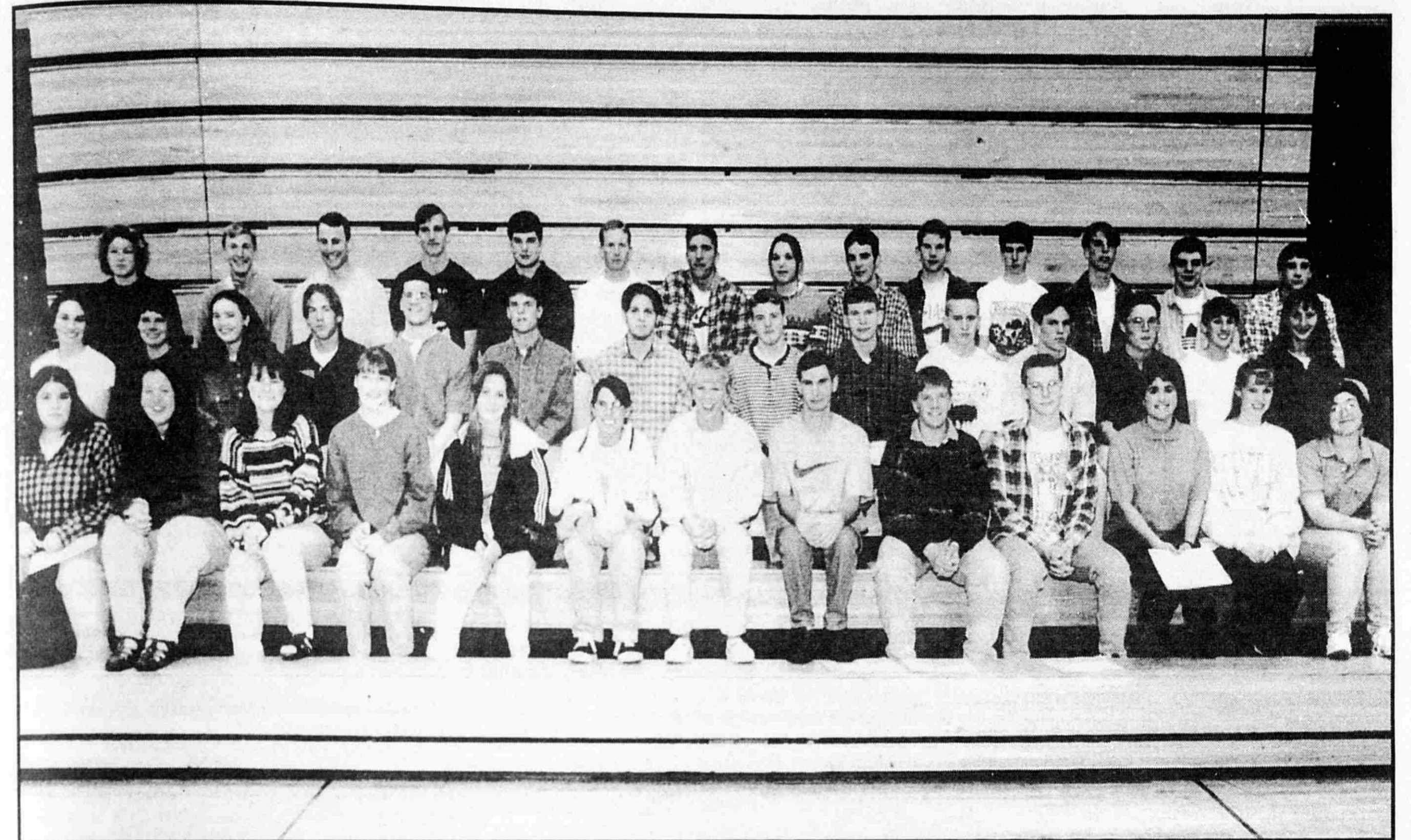
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# High School student athletes honored nationally



Lowell athletic director Barry Hobria recognized 49 varsity athletes who have accumulated a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. These student athletes were recipients of a Certificate from the National Consortium for Academics and Sports and the National Collegiate Athletic Association in honor of National Student Athlete Day which was celebrated nationally April 6.

Pictured front row, left to right, are: Hollie Smith, Corrine Arnett, Julie Wisner, Jessica Winsor, Lindsay Gustafson, Tammy Stauffer, Tammy Froese, Mike Roudabush, Charlie Johnson, Brandon Grove, Jennifer Wilkins, Sandy Spicer and Beth Hoag. Second row, left to right, are: Diana Fick, Cheryl Anderson, Shelly Staal, Andy Smith, Joel Uzarski, Jack Livingston, Chris Goggins, Brett Plattner, Brian Knudstrup, Casey Harper, Eric Myers, Eric Reibold, Amy Meiste, Cynthia Briggs. Back row, left to right, are: Elena Richmond, Scott Smith, Aaron Brander, Matt Dykstra, Nathan Lietzke, Brian Willmarth, Jeff Catlin, Sara Triplett, Jon Dean, Matt Langridge, John Wojciakowski, Denny Briggs, Aaron Skidmore, and Aaron Hanson. Missing from the picture are Kyla Cochran, Amy Tennis, Paul Estes, Dave Luyk, Matt Inman, Melissa Luyk and Troy Ballard.

# Lowell bats sizzle in this week's softball victories

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lowell bats came alive as Lowell's softball team defeated Grand Rapids Central in a double header.

A first game victory of 18-10 was complimented by a 25-4 victory in the second game.

Down 5-0 in the first inning of the first game, softball coach Bob Rodenhouse was a little worried, but by the second inning his worries were eased.

The Red Arrows collected eight consecutive hits in the second as 12 hitters went to the plate to score seven runs.

"After being down 5-0 after one, I was a bit worried," Rodenhouse said. "The second inning the ball flew off the bats. Two doubles, a home run and seven runs help relieve a coach's mind." Tammy Stauffer's home

run, along with doubles from Lisa Murphy and Tami Froese, helped Murphy to her second victory in as many starts.

Karen Dykstra, Tracy Loughlin, and Katie Rooker added to the Red Arrow hit parade.

Dykstra ended the game 5-6 with three RBIs as teammates Murphy, Stauffer, and Rooker also had multiple hit and RBI games.

"We came out flat in the first inning and our outfield play must improve, but overall I was pleased with the way we played after the first inning," Rodenhouse said.

The hot hitting and pitching continued in the second game as Lowell took command early and never let up.

The Red Arrows scored seven in the first and three in the second before exploding for 10 in the fourth and five in the fifth inning to put the game away.

Amy Larabee picked up the victory allowing only four runs and five hits. She struck out one and walked eight.

"I was pleased to see Amy throw well; she needed that after her last start," Rodenhouse said. "She has worked hard between starts and knows she must cut down on the walks."

Twenty-four walks given up by Central's pitching staff led to the Red Arrows' scoring, but Rodenhouse has a lot of admiration for Central's "freshman fireballer."

"She throws hard and is going to be a great pitcher when she gets her control," Rodenhouse said.

Froese collected four RBIs in the second game and Cherelle Weber added two hits to the Red Arrow scoring.

Lakewood 5  
Lowell 3

Strong pitching overcame

the Red Arrows in a loss to the Vikings.

"Opposing pitching has been far beyond what I expected," said softball coach Bob Rodenhouse. "Lakewood's pitcher was very slow and meticulous, but

the ball rose and our girls couldn't hit her."

Not believing his hitters could be dominated, the Red Arrows managed only four hits while striking out 15 times in the loss.

Laurie Barton and Lisa Murphy collected one hit a piece while Tracy Loughlin had two of her own. "We must hit the ball," Rodenhouse said.

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
33 WWTM	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Smithsonian Fantastic Journey 2 (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
41 WOTV	Highway Patrol	LAPD (In Stereo)	World Videos	Before Stars!	Movie: "Wiseguy" (1996) Ken Wahl, Jim Byrnes. Premiere. (In Stereo)	News	Nightline			
35 WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Mystery! "Chandler & Co." "Family Matters"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)				
17 WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Martin "Why Can't We Be Friends"	New York Undercover "Deep Cover"	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Babel" (In Stereo)			
4 WOOD	Extra (In Stereo)	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy "Kids"	Seinfeld "The Bottle Deposit" (In Stereo)	ER "Fevers of Unknown Origin" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
6 WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Smithsonian Fantastic Journey 2 (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
16 WILX	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy "Kids"	Seinfeld "The Bottle Deposit" (In Stereo)	ER "Fevers of Unknown Origin" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
23 WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Wild America	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Chandler & Co." "Family Matters"	Mystery! "Chandler & Co." (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4)			
13 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	World Videos	Before Stars!	Movie: "Wiseguy" (1996) Ken Wahl, Jim Byrnes. Premiere. (In Stereo)	News	Nightline			
15 WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Martin "Why Can't We Be Friends"	New York Undercover "Deep Cover"	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones			
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17 TBS	Funniest Home Videos	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Movie: *** "Rocky II" (1979) Sylvester Stallone, Burgess Meredith. Time Approximate.							
46 FAM	Waltons "The Obstacle"	Highway to Heaven "Code Name: Freak"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	In Living Color	In Living Color	Vegas "Lady Ice"			
20 FX	Fall Guy "Lucky Shift"	Hart to Hart "With This Hart I See Thee"	Trapper John, M.D. "Russians and Ruses"	Movie: *** "Good Morning, Vietnam" (1987) Robin Williams. Based on the exploits of Armed Forces DJ Adrian Cronauer. (In Stereo)	Highlander: The Series	Highlander: The Series	Silk Stalkings (R)			
35 USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Wild Discovery "Rush: The Fallow Deer" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Time Traveler (R)	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000		
23 DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step (R)	Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium. (In Stereo) (Live)	News (In Stereo)	Night Court	Sportscenter	Simon & Simon			
23 WGN	Family Matters	Major League Baseball: Conference Semifinal Game 1 -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Baseball Tonight							
23 ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)			
23 CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		
27 NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Tiny Toon Adventures	Munsters	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Paper Marriage"	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	
40 A&E	Equalizer "The Confirmation Day"	Biography "Bruce Lee: The Curse of the Dragon" Interviews present the life of Bruce Lee. (R)	Ancient Mysteries	Press Box	Press Box	Trackside	Senior Golf America			
21 PASS	Major League Baseball: Texas Rangers at Detroit	Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Comedy Jam	*** "The Professional"				
11 TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country Dick Stoner, Buster Wilson. (In Stereo)	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News	Country News				
15 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Dukes in Hollywood"	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country Dick Stoner, Buster Wilson. (In Stereo)	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News	Country News				
15 SCIFI	Twilight Zone "Miniature"	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Planet of the Apes "The Gladiators"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Dr. Jack" (In Stereo)	Twilight Zone "Miniature"	Twilight Zone "Miniature"				
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
41 DISN	Movie: *** "In Search of the Castaways" (1962), Hayley Mills, George Sanders 'G' R	Movie: **** "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969), Robert Redford (In Stereo) 'PG' R	Movie: *** "The Paleface" (1948), Jane Russell							
41 HBO	(6:15) Movie: ** "The Philadelphia Experiment II" (1994), John Larroquette (In Stereo) 'PG' R	Movie: * 1/2 "Bank Robber" (1993), Lisa Bonet (In Stereo) 'R' R	Comedy Jam	*** "The Professional"						
41 MAX	(6:15) Movie: "In the Line of Duty: Siege" (1995), Victoria Dillard, Yaphet Kotto (In Stereo) 'R' R	Movie: * 1/2 "To the Limit" (1995), Joey Travolta (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, nudity, violence) R	Movie: "Love and a 45"							

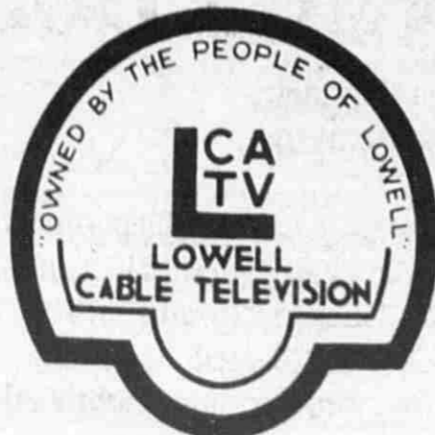
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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
33 WWTM	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree (Left In Progress)					
41 WOTV	Top Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)						
35 WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
17 WXMI	Richard Bey	Psychic Pheline	Murphy Brown	Cosby Show "Auction"	(Off Air)	Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers			
4 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Carnie (In Stereo)	NBC News Nightside				
6 WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Cosby Show	Home Shopping Spree (Joined In Progress)	Home Shopping Spree (Left In Progress)					
16 WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	News (R)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside (Joined In Progress)	Headline News			
23 WKAR	(Off Air)									
13 WZZM	Current Affair	Most Wanted	Cops (In Stereo)	Gordon Elliott	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now (Joined In Progress)				
15 WSYM	Ricki Lake (R)	LAPD (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17 TBS	(10:00) Movie: "Rocky II" (1979) Sylvester Stallone, Burt Young.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Rocky V" (1990) Sylvester Stallone, Dolph Lundgren.	Gomer Pyle, USMC							
46 FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
20 FX	Rawhide "Incident at El Crucero"	In Living Color (R)	In Living Color (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
35 USA	(11:30) Silk Stalkings	Highlander: The Series	Movie: *** "Do the Right Thing" (1989, Drama) Danny Aiello. A pizza delivery boy finds racial tensions escalating. (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program			
23 DISC	Wild Discovery "Rush: The Fallow Deer" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Time Traveler (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program			
23 WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night	The Creek (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: ** "Final Notice" (1989) Gil Gerard, Steve Landesberg. (In Stereo)			
23 ESPN	Baseball Tonight	Cycling: Tour Dupont	Inside the PGA Tour	Inside St. PGA	Sportscenter	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Semifinal Game 1 -- Teams TBA				
23 CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Inside Politics (R)	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latenight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	
27 NICK	Bob Newhart	Lucy Show	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	I Love Lucy	Taxi "Paper Marriage"	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Lucy Show
40 A&E	Biography "Bruce Lee: The Curse of the Dragon" Interviews present the life of Bruce Lee. (R)	Ancient Mysteries (R)	Law & Order "Blood Is Thicker..."	Police Story "The Big Walk"	Kung Fu "The Squaw Man"	Kung Fu				
21 PASS	Major League Baseball: Texas Rangers at Detroit	Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (R)	This Week in NASCAR	Motorsports Hour (R)						
11 TNT	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA	Inside the NBA	Movie: * 1/2 "Gymkata" (1985) Kurt Thomas, Richard Norton.	Kung Fu "The Squaw Man"	Kung Fu					
15 NASH	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country Dick Stoner, Buster Wilson. (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	(Off Air)						
15 SCIFI	Quantum Leap "Moments to Live - May 4, 1985"	Planet of the Apes "The Gladiators"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Dr. Jack" (In Stereo)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "Papa Benjamin"	Paid Program	Paid Program				
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
41 DISN	(11:00) Movie: "Son of Paleface" (1952), Jane Russell, Roy Rogers	Movie: *** "In Search of the Castaways" (1962), Hayley Mills, George Sanders 'G' R	Movie: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" R							
41 HBO	(11:45) Movie: ** 1/2 "The Professional" (1994) (In Stereo) 'R' R	Movie: *** "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle" (1994), Matthew Broderick (In Stereo) 'R' R	Movie: * "Beyond the Law" (1992), Linda Fiorentino (In Stereo) 'R' R							
41 MAX	(11:20) Movie: ** "Love and a 45" (1994) 'R' R	Movie: "The Howling: New Moon Rising" (1995) (In Stereo) 'R' R	Movie: * "Marilyn Chambers' Bedtime Stories" (1993), Brian Carpenter 'R' R	Movie: *** "Barton Fink" (1991) (In Stereo) 'R' R						

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## Varsity coach candidate awaits board approval

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Athletic Department has recommended the hiring of Noel Dean as the district's new varsity football coach. The hiring is pending Board of Education approval. Dean comes to Lowell from the Burton Bendle High School program. The Tigers are a class C school located near Flint. Athletic director Barry Hobria said Dean will also teach at the high school, but doesn't know which course he will be assigned. Dean majored in chemistry and minored in social studies while attending college.

# Lowell boy thinclads earn first win of the year against Pioneers



Jim Stoutjesdyk, left and Nathan Reibold, right, hurdle against the Chics.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve gave his team a

list of things it needed to do if it was to earn its first win of the year.

Lowell's thinclads were successful in seven of the eight

points listed by Boeve and that proved good enough as the Red Arrows beat up the Pioneers 80-56.

Boeve's list was made up

of the following goals:  
• Taking a first in the 3200-meter relay - Those who had a winning leg in the relay were Ryan Wittenbach, Jon Dean, Jeff Ortowski and John Wojciakowski.

• Taking first, second and third in the 1600-meter run - Wittenbach won the event with a time of 5:04.03. Wojciakowski was second in 5:05.91 and Dean was third in 5:09.16.

• Taking first and second in the 800-meter run - Wojciakowski was first with a time of 2:10.69 and Jeff Ortowski was second at 2:14.69.

• Taking first, second and third in the 3200-meter run - Wittenbach was first at 11:01.01, and Dean was second in 11:03.74.

"The boys did what they had to do," Boeve said. "I was most pleased by the fact they improved on their times and distances from the first meet."

Lowell also benefitted from the return of Denny Briggs. The junior won the 100-meter dash in a time of 12:28. He also tied the Pioneer's Machioratti for first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.09.

"Denny returning obviously helps us a lot," Boeve said. "He ran well in both the 100 and 200 dashes."

Freshman Jeff Ortowski continues to impress Boeve. "He has really stepped up and surprised us," Boeve said.

The freshman had a leg in both the 1600- and 3200-meter relays. Ortowski joined Wojciakowski,

Bill McPherson, and Jim Stoutjesdyk for a winning time of 3:47.86 in the 1600 relay.

It was Ortowski, Wittenbach, Dean and Wojciakowski stopping the clock in a winning time of 9:28.66 in the 3200 relay.

"The key to our success against East was in the distance events," Boeve said.

In the hurdles, Stoutjesdyk earned a first in the 110 hurdles, stopping the clock at 16.77. He was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.16.

East's Williams came home in 44.06.

Stoutjesdyk had the second leg in Lowell's winning effort in the 800-meter relay.

He teamed with Brian Bellechasses, Briggs and Ryan Teelander for a time of 1:40.12.

Teelander also won the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.99.

In the field events, Bellechasses and Matt Dykstra tied for first in the pole vault with a height of 9'.

Nathan Lietzke took top honors in the discus with a mark of 105.5.

**Zeeland 93 Lowell 43**

Shot Put - 1. Z. 42.99; Long Jump - 1. Z. 19.77; 2. Brian Bellechasses 17' 11"; Discus - 1. Z. 137' 4"; 3. Nathan Lietzke 109' 4"; High Jump - 1. Z. 6' 2"; Pole Vault - 1. Matt Dykstra 10'; 2. Bellechasses 9' 6"; 3200 M. Relay - 1. Z. 9:28.66; 100 Hurdles - 1. Jim Stoutjesdyk 16.42; 100 M. Dash - 1. Z. 11.52; 3. Denny Briggs 12:08; 800 M. Relay - 1. L. 1:37.96; 1600 M. Run - 1. Z. 4:41.24; 3. Ryan Wittenbach 5:03.53; 400 M. Relay - 1. Z. 47.7; 400 M. Dash - 1. Z. 53.07; 3. Bill McPherson 55.46; 300 Hurdles - 1. Z. 42.66; 2. Stoutjesdyk 42.70; 3. Nathan Reibold

event were Bill McPherson, Denny Briggs, Wojciakowski and Stoutjesdyk.

"It was nice to see Briggs, Bellechasses, Wojciakowski, Wittenbach and Stoutjesdyk all step up and get points for us," Boeve said. "The sophomores and juniors are doing the job."

Boeve said he is also impressed with the freshmen's focus on working to improve.

**Lowell 80, EGR 56**

Shot Put - 1. EGR 42' 11"; 3. Albert Huver 36' 3 3/4"; Long Jump - 1. EGR 19' 9 1/4"; 3. Don Cross 17' 9 1/2"; High Jump - 1. EGR 5' 6"; 3. Matt Dykstra 5' 2"; Pole Vault - 1. Brian Bellechasses & Dykstra 9'; Discus - 1. Nathan Lietzke 105' 5"; 3. Richie Toutsley 94' 5"; 3200 M. Relay - 1. L. (Ryan Wittenbach, Jon Dean, Jeff Ortowski, John Wojciakowski) 9:28.66; 100 Hurdles - 1. Jim Stoutjesdyk 16.77; 100 M. Dash - 1. Denny Briggs 12:28; 800 M. Relay - 1. L. (Bellechasses, Stoutjesdyk, Briggs, Ryan Teelander) 1:40.32; 1600 M. Run - 1. Wittenbach 5:04.23; 2. Wojciakowski 5:05.91; 3. Dean 5:09.16; 400 M. Relay - 1. EGR 42.82; 400 M. Dash - 1. Teelander 54.99; 800 M. Run - 1. Wojciakowski 2:10.69; 2. Ortowski 2:14.69; 300 Hurdles - 1. EGR 44.06; 2. Stoutjesdyk 44.16; 3. Nathan Reibold 44.9; 200 Dash - 1. Briggs & EGR 24.09; 3200 M. Run - 1. Wittenbach 11:01.01; 2. Dean 11:03.74; 1600 M. Relay - 1. L. (Ortowski, Wojciakowski, Bill McPherson, Stoutjesdyk) 3:47.86.

The Red Arrows managed just four firsts against the Chix.

Matt Dykstra was first in the pole vault with a height of 10 feet. Teammate Brian Bellechasses was second with a mark of 9-6.

Jim Stoutjesdyk won the 110 hurdles in a time of 16.42.

John Wojciakowski won the 800-meter run, stopping the clock at 2:04.38.

Lowell's 1600-meter relay team won with a time of 3:44.7. Teaming up to win the



Lowell harriers race to victory.

## Lowell girls show their hunger following hurtful track loss to EGR

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tammy Eteo placed third with a time of 56.58. The Pioneer's Clay sisters were clocked in at times of 54.4 and 55.19.

Lowell led 51-27 10 events into the meet. East posted scores of 8-1 in three consecutive events (400-meter dash, 800-meter run, and 300-low hurdles), outscoring Lowell 24-3 and closing the deficit to 54-51.

The Red Arrows built their early lead on the strength of their 800- and 400-meter relay teams.

The team of Celena Risner, Julie Wisner, Tammy Eteo and Dawn Burrows stopped the clock in a winning time of 1:56.90 in the 800-meter relay.

Jenny Jansma, Wisner, Risner and Burrows won the 400-meter relay in a time of 55.33.

Burrows and Risner teamed up to take first and third respectively in the 100-meter dash.

Lowell also had strong performances in the field events. Skye Fisher was first in the shot put with a mark of 27-4 1/2. June Munroe was third at 27 feet.

East surprised Lowell in the 300 hurdles by taking the top two spots. Lowell's

undermanned Chix squad.

"The girls were anxious to come back and run hard," Lowell girls' track coach Kathy Talus said.

The Red Arrows had strong performances handed in by Jenny Jansma in the discus, Sarah Jannenga in the shot put, Kelly O'Dell in the hurdles and Kaily Wittenbach in the 3200-meter run.

Jansma earned a first in

# Girls' track, cont'd...From Page 20



Dawn Burrows competes successfully after conquering a "slippery" baton on Thursday.

Wisner and Burrows were first and second respectively in the long jump. Wisner won the event with a mark of 16-8. Burrows finished with 15 1/2.

EGR's Kurlandsky won the discus with a throw of 74-8. Lowell's Jansma was second at 71-11 and Munroe was third with a toss of 69-7 1/2.

Lowell took the top two spots in the high jump. Gena Buhler took the top spot with a height of 4-6. Kelly Beiner was second at 4-4.

In the 100 hurdles Pioneer's Bosscher was home in 18.34. Lowell's Eteo was second at 18.66 and Julie VanLozenoord was third at 20.09.

**Lowell 110 Zeeland 18**

Shot Put - 1. Sarah Jannenga 26' 5 1/2"; 2. Sheila Yeiter 26' 3 1/2"; 3. June Munroe 26'; Long Jump - 1. Julie Wisner 16' 7 3/4"; 3. Celena Risner 14' 4 3/4"; Discus - 1. Jenny Jansma 83' 8"; 2. June Munroe, 3.

Timing is everything. Zeeland couldn't have picked a worse time to run at Lowell against the Red Arrows.

Still smarting from the hurt it suffered on Tuesday against EGR, Lowell's girls were hungry and anxious to erase the bad memory with a strong performance against an



Lowell Red Arrow girls, Katie Stouffer, left and Rachel Zalokar, right.

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Lowell Red Arrow, Jenny Jansma, passes baton to Julie Wisner.

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Jansma earned a first in

the discus with a distance of 83-8. June Munroe was second at 71-4 1/2 and Kim Foss was third with a mark of 70-5 3/4.

Jannenga was first in the shot put with a mark of 26-5 1/2. Sheila Yeiter was second with a toss of 26-3 1/2 and Munroe was third at 26'.

O'Dell helped Lowell sweep the 300 hurdles by taking third with a time of 58.5. Teammates Julie Van-

Lozenoord and Tammy Eteo were first and second respectively with times of 52.94 and 53.07.

Wittenbach finished the 3200-meter run in third place with a mark of 14:21.5. Annie Oesch won the event in 13:22.12.

Jessica Winsor finished second in the 200-meter in 29.45. Julie Wisner won the event in 28.1.

Association will host the state meet at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek on May 11.

The following wrestlers placed in competition: April 13, Belding High School: Group 1: Troy Kerr, 3. Group 2: Joe Mendez, 2; Kasey Kysler 2. Group 3: Beau Wilder, 3; Pieter Serne, 1; Nathan Junglas, 3; Bob Gingerich, 2. Group 4: Travis Lake, 3; John McKay, 1; Caleb O'Boyle, 2.

April 13, Cedar Springs: Group 3: Mark Kimberlin, 2.

April 20, Grand Haven: Group 1: Tylor Meppelink, 1; Alex Carpenter, 3; Philip Bur-

ton, 1; Matthew Burton, 3. Group 2: Andy Jousma, 1; Matt Meppelink, 4. Group 3: Jayme DeLiefde, 3; Craig Carpenter, 1. Group 4: Travis Lake, 4; John McKay, 1 at 80# and 2 at 85#. Cadet: Dan Rottier, 1.

April 20, Portland: Group 3: Beau Wilder, 4; J. J. Wilder, 1; Bob Gingerich, 2.

April 6, Coopersville: Group 0: Luke Brower, 2. Group 1: Tylor Meppelink, 2. Group 3: Jake Brower, 4.

April 6, Plainfield: Cadet: Dan Rottier, 2.

## Freestyle wrestling season winding down

The freestyle wrestling season is winding down with the final developmental tournaments being held on April 20. District competition begins April 27. Wrestlers must place within the top four positions in order to advance on to regionals.

Shelby, Northview and Grandville schools will host the districts. Wrestlers from these tournaments will then proceed to Lowell High School for regionals. The top four finalists in groups two through junior will then be eligible to compete at the state level. The USA Wrestling

**EGR 67, Lowell 61**

Shot Put - 1. Skye Fisher 27 4 1/2"; 3. June Munroe 27'; Long Jump - 1. Julie Wisner 16' 8"; 2. Dawn Burrows 15' 1/2"; Discus - 1. EGR 74' 8"; 2. Jenny Jansma 71' 11"; 2. Munroe 69' 7 1/2"; High Jump - 1. Gena Buhler 4' 6"; 2. Kelly Beiner 4' 4"; 3200 M. Relay - 1. EGR 10:54.45; 100 Hurdles - 1. EGR 18.34; 2. Tammy Eteo 18.66; 3. Julie VanLozenoord 20.09; 100 M. Dash - 1. Burrows 13.94; 3. Celena Risner 14.4; 800 M. Relay - 1. L. (Risner, Wisner, Eteo, Burrows) 1:56.90; 1600 M. Run - 1. Annie Oesch 5:49.15; 400 M. Relay - 1. L. (Jenny Jansma, Wisner, Risner, Burrows) 55.33; 400 M. Dash - 1. EGR 1:02.09; 3. Cindy Briggs 1:09.56; 800 M. Run - 1. EGR 2:31.91; 3. Andrea Baker 2:45.88; 300 Hurdles - 1. EGR 54.4; 3. Eteo 56.58; 200 M. Dash - 1. EGR 27.47; 2. Wisner 27.3; 3. Risner 31.06; 3200 M. Run - 1. EGR 12:43.14; 2. Oesch 13:04.26; 1600 M. Relay - 1. EGR

**COUNTY OF KENT CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE**

**FILE NO. 96-161,902-IE**

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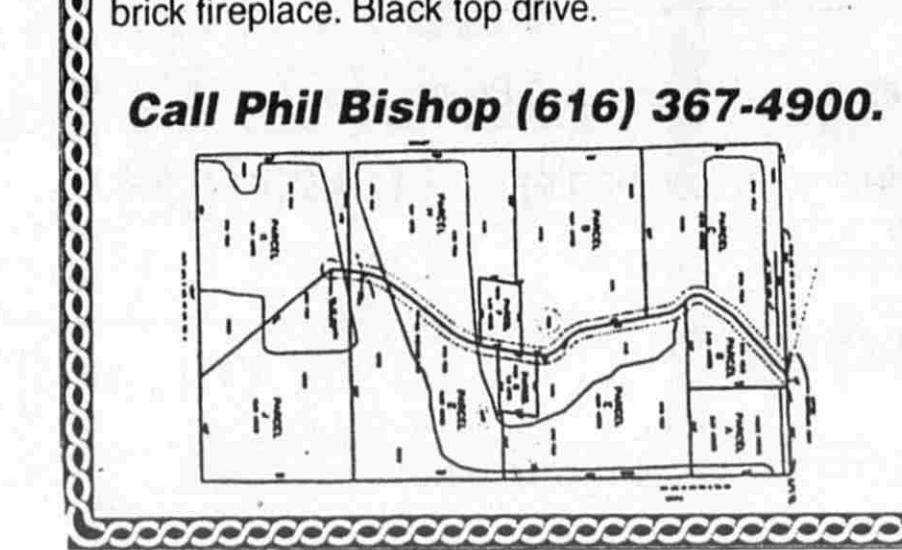
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### Vergennes signs pact to provide supplemental fire protection

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Vergennes Township Board has agreed to take part in a county-wide program that provides supplemental fire protection.

The board signed an agreement that allows neighboring emergency personnel and vehicles to assist in emergencies that are deemed too much for local responders to handle.

The agreement, which began circulating to municipalities in 1991, was recently signed by officials from the cities of Greenville and Lowell and from Lowell and Grattan townships.

"We were never approached by them before. I don't know why, but this type of protection has been in place for a while," said supervisor Jim Cook. "I guess this makes it more official."

Municipalities are not required to pick up the cost of outside personnel attending an emergency and does not relieve any party the necessity of providing protection in their own areas.

"I view this as a backup to the Lowell fire department in case we have a fire and they can't handle ours," said clerk Mari Stone.

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin will be in charge of determining if outside assistance is needed, Cook said.

Municipalities can withdraw from the agreement with a 30-day written notice to each of the other parties.

### Cowles plays waiting game with development as Lowell Charter Twp. talks improvements

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

While Lowell Charter Township officials proceed with plans to conduct a public hearing regarding extending sewer and water lines down M-21, developer Curt Cowles must just sit and wait.

"I'm not upset at anybody (about the delays). I think this thing blindsided everybody, myself and the township," Cowles said. "The thing is out of my control. But, hopefully, it will get sorted out in time so I can start to build this construction season."

Cowles, who proposes developing a 96-unit apartment complex, said he would need final site plan approval and the water and sewer issues cleared up by May 30 in order to start his project no later than July 1.

"If it goes any later than that, then this is a dead project for this construction season," Cowles said.

Township officials will listen to residents' comments on May 8 regarding the extension of services more than 3,500 feet along M-21. The proposed improvements would cost \$1 million for sewer and \$400,000 for water and affect approximately 32 properties.

When Cowles first approached the township's planning commission, he had contingent approval to buy the land if it could be rezoned and financed - both of which have been accomplished.

Now he must wait to see what direction the township takes.

Originally, Cowles proposed extending the water line, but not the sewer line.

He planned on installing a grinder pump, which he would own and operate and would not cost the township any money.

If residents vote down the proposals and the township feels the improvements must be made before any additional construction then Cowles' entire project will be dead.

"I can't afford to pay for these improvements myself; the cost would be astronomical," he said. "It would cost me \$50,000 a year just to pay for those two extensions - that not including hook-up fees and other fees which would drive the expenses up considerably."

Cowles understands the need for the improvements and believes they are necessary, in due time.

"I don't think the timing is right to get all the property owners to agree on the need," Cowles said. "Is this needed, yes; is it desired, absolutely. But who pays for it is the bottom line."

While many questions remain unanswered for the township and Cowles, he is proceeding like normal.

"I'm still getting quotes from construction companies in case everything is worked out in time," Cowles said. "I've alerted the township of my construction time table and they're doing everything they can to help."

### Bennett Road, continued...From Page 10

Alden Nash and can prioritize its road schedule.

Cook agrees the township needs to prioritize its projects and said traffic counts would be favorable, but wants to keep submitting work projects so the township is not forgotten by the county.

"We need to schedule future projects or we won't get roads built in Vergennes," Cook said. "Other communities are getting their projects on the board and we need to also."

Even if the township submits Bennett as a project, the county must first engineer it to determine the cost. Cook said after the engineering is done, it could take three to five years before the work is actually started.

"They are so far behind on projects it will take them at least that long," said Cook.

Cook and Baird disagree on whether the township will be held liable for the cost of engineering Bennett if the township decides to pass on the project this year.

Cook said considering the county is behind on projects, there is no chance the township will have to pay the cost.

Trustee Mark Weber wasn't in attendance to cast the deciding vote, but voiced support for submitting road projects last month.

Weber said since costs increase 10 percent yearly, the township should keep moving on projects before they get prohibitively expensive.

"We need to follow a predetermined sequence that keeps us building new roads," Weber said last month.

### TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

**COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**


**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 1, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11675 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Robert L. Stevenson for a special land use for construction and use of an accessory building to be located on lands not devoted to a principal use, under Section 13.24A(2) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The special land use covers the lands commonly described as 4284 Causeway Drive, and legally described as follows:

Part of Lots 50, 91 and 188 of Island Park Murray Lake, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 27 of Plats, Page 38, described as beginning at a point on the Westerly line of Lake Shore Drive which is 100.0 feet Northwesterly from the most Northerly corner of Lot 82 of said plat; thence Northwesterly 136.6 feet along said Westerly line to the most Easterly corner of said Lot 91; thence Northwesterly 30.0 feet along the East line of said Lot 91; thence Southwesterly 163.2 feet parallel with the Northwesterly line of said Lot 91; thence Southeasterly 105.73 feet (along a line which, if extended, would intersect the extended Southerly line of said Lot 82 at a point which is 105.0 feet Westerly from the Southwest corner of said Lot 82); thence Northeasterly 159.37 feet to the place of beginning; and also the Northerly 10.0 feet of Lot 50 of Island Park Murray Lake, and that part of Lot 188 of said plat lying between the Northwesterly line of said Lot 50 and a line which is 10.0 feet Southeasterly and parallel with the Northwesterly line of said Lot 50, extended Northeasterly to the water's edge of Murray Lake, Section 33, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11675 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

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# Early defeats chalked up as learning experience for netters

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lack of experience has made winning difficult for Lowell's tennis team, but improvements have been made in a relatively short time.

The Red Arrows opened their season with a nonconference match with Portland that ended in a 7-1 defeat.

"With no experienced players at any flight, we are looking for improvement this year," said Lowell tennis coach Terry Abel. "I thought we played well at all singles flights and maybe better than I expected in doubles."

Lowell's lone victory came in singles play as Ed Wahlberg defeated Portland's Jeff Anderson 6-4, 6-4.

Ryan Teunis and Matt Langridge both provided tough matches for their opponents before being defeated.

Teunis lost to Nathan Clark 6-4, 7-5 and Langridge was defeated by R.J. Niklas 6-2, 7-6 and 6-2.

In the final singles match,

Jeff Grove lost to Dan Kelly 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles play, the brother team of Tom and Mike Roudabush lost to Portland's own brother team of Damian and Terry Sloan 6-4, 6-1.

Other doubles matches saw Brad Richardson and Jason Grover lose to Chris Abbott and Andy Marlatt 6-2, 6-1; Brandon Grove and Charlie Johnson lost to Nick Martin and Casey Ries 6-4, 7-6; and Ryan Jones and Ben Michael were defeated by Mike Gosselain and Nate Kusch 6-4, 6-0.

E.G.R. 8  
Lowell 0

Taking its defeat earlier in the week, the Red Arrows faced one of the top tennis teams in the area.

"East Grand Rapids has been a tennis power for years and were simply too good for us," said coach Terry Abel. "I

did see improvements and bright spots in our play. As a team I feel we were much more sound than in our opening match against Portland."

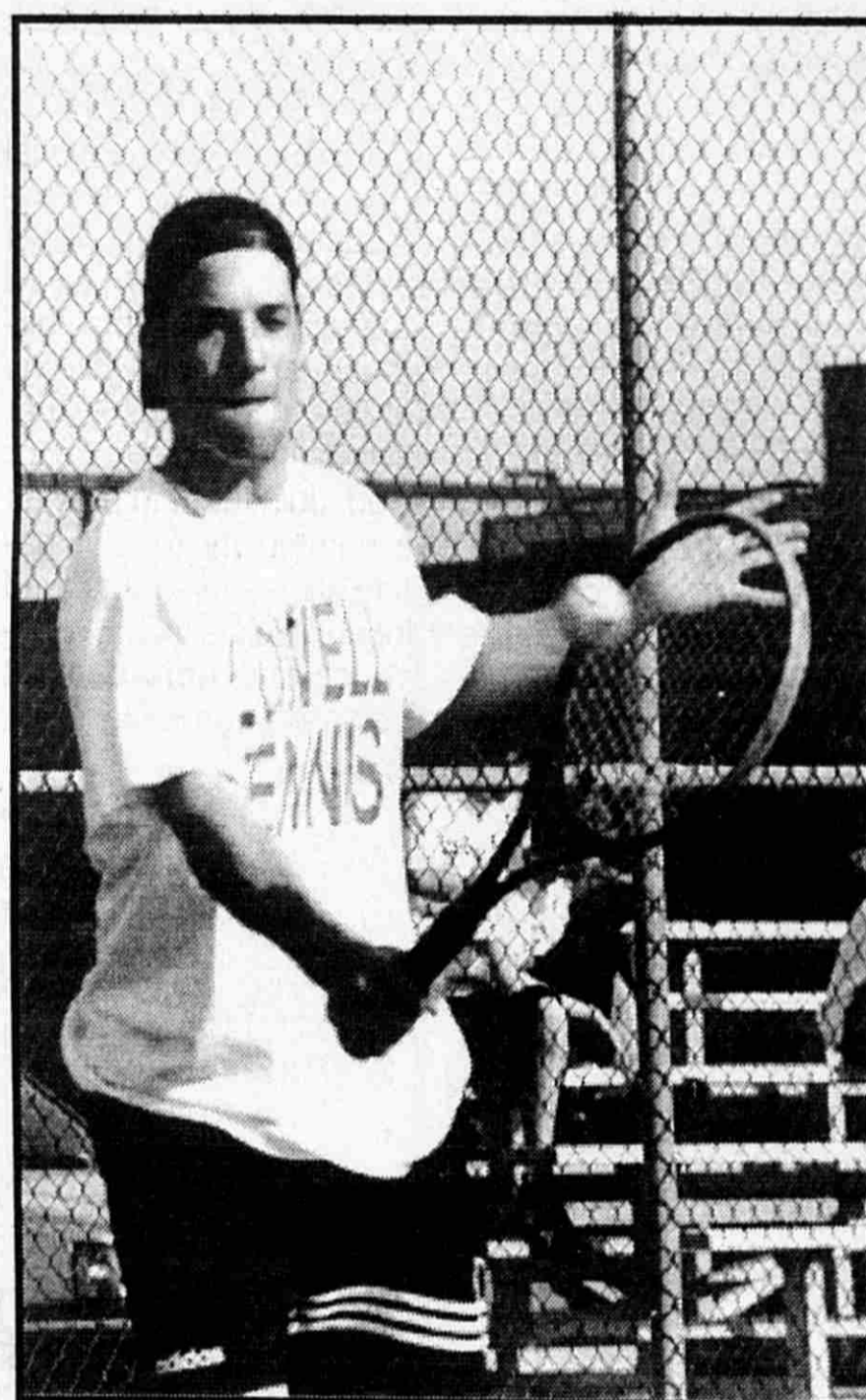
One of the team's bright spots was the play of Ryan Teunis.

Teunis' 7-6, 6-3 singles loss to Casey Madura was the closest match of the day.

In other singles play, Ed Wahlberg was defeated by Colin Irwin 6-0, 6-0; Matt Langridge fell to EGR's Rob Bowman 6-0, 6-4; and Lowell's Jeff Grove lost to Scott Jones 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Lowell's Tom and Mike Roudabush lost 6-0, 6-0; Brad Richardson and Jason Grover fell 6-2, 6-2; Brandon Grove and Charlie Johnson lost 6-0, 6-0; and Caleb Moore and Mark Kirsch lost to the EGR counterparts 6-2, 6-2.

Hudsonville 7  
Lowell 1



Matched against an equal opponent, the Red Arrows still showed some growing pains in defeat.

In singles play, Lowell provided tough opposition in every match, but were only able to post one victory.

Ryan Teunis pushed Hudsonville's Jason Tooker, but in the end lost 1-6, 6-0, 7-5.

Ed Wahlberg was able to dispatch his opponent fairly easily in a 6-2, 6-3 victory.

Lowell's Matt Langridge and Jeff Grove provided exciting matches but lost to respective counterparts 6-2, 6-3 in one match and 6-4, 6-3 in the final singles match.

In doubles play the team of Brandon Grove and Charlie Johnson played well before falling 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In other doubles matches, Tom and Mike Roudabush lost 7-5, 6-4; Jason Grover and Brad Richardson were defeated 6-1, 6-0; and Caleb Moore and Mark Kirsch fell 6-1, 6-4.

Lowell 7  
Rodgers 1

Lowell's early losing streak came to an abrupt end as the Red Arrows proved too much for the Hurons.

"We were happy to get our first win of the season even though Rodgers' program is down right now," said coach Terry Abel. "The competition at the singles positions was near our level. We haven't had much success, so I was pleased."

Ryan Teunis led the Red Arrow charge with a victory over Cliff Hui 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in singles play.

Other singles matches included victories by Ed Wahlberg 6-3, 6-3 and Matt Langridge 6-0, 7-6.

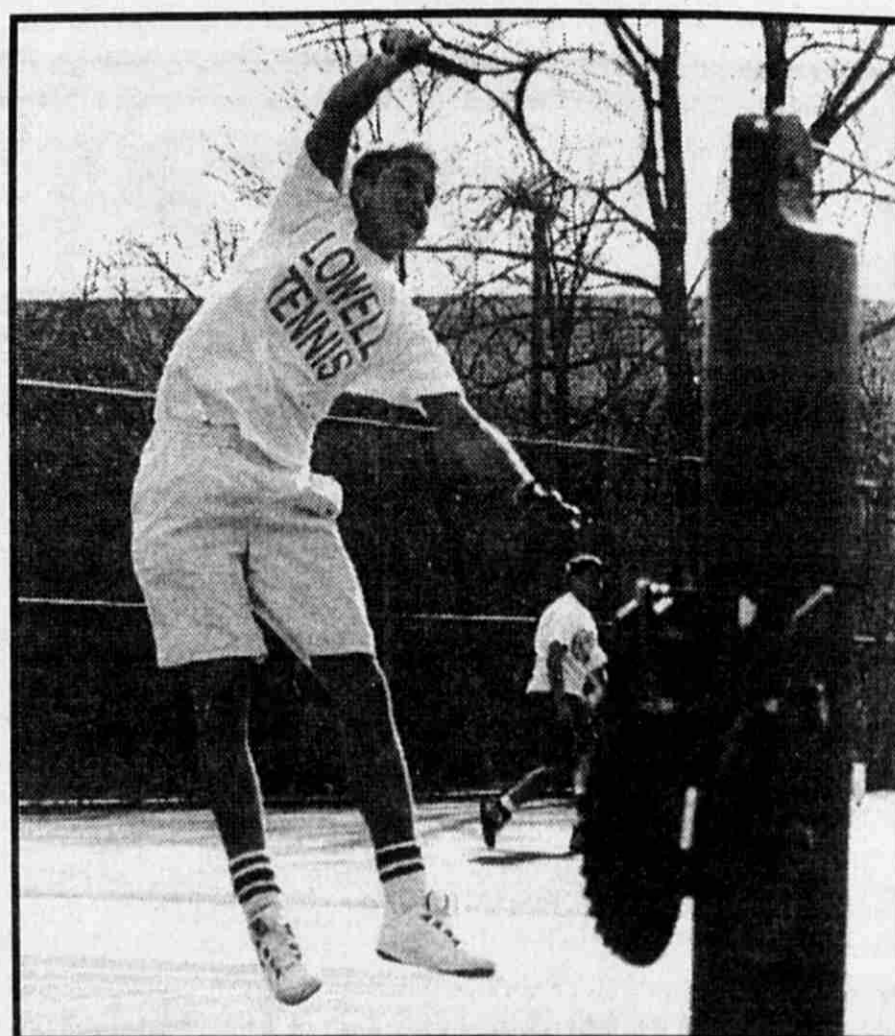
Brad Richardson fought hard in his singles match, but fell to Rodgers' Darrick Eargood 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

In the lone doubles match, the team of Tom and Mike Roudabush defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-0.

The remaining doubles matches were forfeited by Rodgers.

Big Rapids 5  
Lowell 3

In a rain shortened dual



meet, the Red Arrows showed much improvement in facing an opponent with the same talent level.

"Big Rapids has about the same talent level as we do and they simply won the big points to win the match," said coach Terry Abel. "We're improving, but we're inconsistent."

The doubles teams of Brandon Grove and Charlie Johnson and Caleb Moore and Mark Kirsch provided two victories with scores of 6-1, 7-5 and 7-5, 6-3.

The doubles teams of Tom and Mike Roudabush and Brad Richardson and Jason

Grover played hard but unfortunately were defeated 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2.

In singles play Jeff Grove defeated Adam Lougren 7-6, 6-3 to round out the Red Arrows' victories.

The other singles matches were close, but victory slipped out of the Red Arrows' grasp.

Ryan Teunis lost to Chad Cruz 7-5, 6-4; Ed Wahlberg lost to Nereo Delgado 6-4, 6-4; and Matt Langridge was defeated by Matt Vendinski 6-1, 7-5.

The day's second matches were called off due to rain.

**Art, if it is to be reckoned as one of the great values of life, must teach men...tolerance.**

—Somerset Maugham

## Confidence builds for Lowell golfers as victories pile up

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Red Arrow girls' golf team is realizing its potential and bringing home some hardware.

The golf team tied for first place with Comstock Park at the Forest Hills Northern Invitational at the Grand Rapids Golf Club.

Due to a tie-breaker formula, the championship trophy was awarded to Comstock Park, but Lowell managed to bring home the runners-up trophy.

"I'm very proud of our performance today," said Lowell coach Rick White. With three scores in, the Red Arrows were only four strokes back, but in the end FHC's depth was too much for the Red Arrows to overcome.

Emily Dunn shot a 46 to lead Lowell, while Cheryl Anderson posted a 48, Denise Moore shot a 55, and Carrie Hubbarth recorded a 56.

Lowell 210  
Greenville 239  
The Red Arrows dispatched the Yellowjackets at Deer Run Golf Course.

Leading the charge was Emily Dunn who shot a 49. Teammate Cheryl Anderson shot a 52, while Denise Moore shot a 53, Deanna Anchors shot a 56 and Hollie Smith also recorded a 56.

Lowell 206  
Wyoming Park 220  
Zeeland 333  
In a three-team match, the Red Arrows parlayed good putting and chips to defeat its competitor.

Cheryl Anderson led Lowell with a 48 while Denise Moore finished a close second with 51.

Emily Dunn posted a 52 and Deanna Anchors shot a 55 to lead Lowell to the victory.

# 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 area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

**FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH:** The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

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

**MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous** meet 6 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 7 p.m.

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

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and 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 North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops Mt#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights trailer park pavilion. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Qua-Ket Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

**EVERY TUES.:** Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

**EVERY TUES.:** 10 a.m - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

**LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES:** Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

**EVERY 1ST TUES:** Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just s. of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

**EVERY TUES.:** Good News Club for children, ages 5-12, meets at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. The Good News Club is an hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun. For more information please call Phyllis Bender, (616) 897-7571.

**FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at the whole family, pre-school thru 6th-grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

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

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

**EVERY WED.:** Clubhouse Ministries for children (ages 2 thru 6th-grade). Lowell Wesleyan Church at the 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. 7 to 8 p.m. Complete program of activities to help kids grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. Formore

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**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

**EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation! For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

**EVERY THURSDAY:** Good News Club for children, ages 5-12 meets after school in the Community

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**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

**MON.-FRI:** Senior Meals program, noon.

**WED., APRIL 24:** Women's breakfast, 8 a.m.

**SAT., APRIL 27:** 3 - 8 p.m. - Fiddler's Jamboree.

**WED., MAY 1:** 9:30 - 11:30, Blood pressure.

**WED., MAY 1:** 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.

**FRI., MAY 3:** Bank popcorn all day.

**WED., MAY 8:** 9:15 a.m., Evergreen Commons.

**TUES., MAY 14:** 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

Center at Key Heights. This activity for kids is one hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun! For more information, please call Phyllis Bender, 897-6890.

**THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** Tops Mt, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

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

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY FRIDAY:** Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**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.

**EVERY THIRD SUN.:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd.

Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038, 8045 Cannonsburg Rd. Any questions call Frank at 874-6861.

**SAT., APRIL 27:** World Studies Council from the high school will be having a car wash at Family Fare from 9 to 3 p.m. Donations accepted.

**THURS., MAY 2:** National Day of Prayer, noon - 12:20, rain or shine. Meet at the Look Memorial Fire Station (next to the fairgrounds) in Lowell. Millions of Americans will gather across the nation to honor God. Join them to pray as a community for our nation, its leaders, state and local officials school officials, law enforcement personnel and our families.

**SAT., MAY 11:** Pancake breakfast, serving from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd. N.E., Rockford. Country run to follow - rain or shine. Cost: donation. Proceeds for "The Run For The Son." Sponsored by Christian Motorcyclists Association.

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Words can never express our feeling of gratitude of all your acts of kindness & sympathy during the long sickness and loss of our father and grandfather Keith Graham. The prayers, cards, flowers, memorials, food and the kind words of support will never be forgotten. Thank you ladies and gentlemen from the Alto Methodist Church for the luncheon, men of the Alto American Legion and Pastor Brian for portraying Dad the way he was for all of us to remember.

In Love,  
Mike, Liz, Jake & Nick Baker;  
Garbutt Graham.

We would like to thank everyone for the kind acts at the time of our loss of our beloved Chancey. Thank you to Gordie and Vance for their calls, the Ladies of the church for the luncheon. Lowell Engineering for the food, the flowers and cards. The Lowell Fire Dept., the VFW, The American Legion the Men and Ladies of the Moose, the people that came, the memorials made to the church and other charities. The outpouring of love from the community, words can't express our thanks. You will never be forgotten. God bless you all.

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