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JAYCEES' SPECIAL "M" NIGHT MEETING

Interested area persons are invited to attend a special "M" Night meeting of the local Jaycees Chapter on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Moose Lodge, upstairs, 210 1/2 E. Main, featuring a guest speaker and offering an opportunity to learn about and to join the Jaycees.

The Jaycees is a leadership training organization involved in community service, open to interested persons between the ages of 21 and 39.

If further information is needed, please call 897-6173.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR LAAC WINTER PLAY

Tickets for the LAAC Winter Play, "The Savage Dilemma", will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 25. The dates for the play are Feb. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. The curtain will go up each evening at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School.

Thursday performances are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and Senior Citizens. Seats for Friday and Saturday performances are \$5. Tickets can be purchased in blocks of 20 or more for \$4.50 each. Blocks must be paid for by Feb. 10 to receive the discount.

Tickets for "The Savage Dilemma" are on sale at Cousins' Card and Gift Shop. Call Joanne or Karen at 897-5000, for more information.

SERIES ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEGINS IN LEDGER

Beginning this week, the Lowell Ledger will be offering a three-week series on financial aid available to students who wish to attend colleges and universities.

The deadline for the State of Michigan Scholarship Fund is Feb. 15.

January is "Crunch Month". Now is the time to get figures for the financial forms from your income tax records.

Financial forms may be picked up at the Lowell High School.

ATTENTION COMMODITY RECIPIENTS

Commodities for all those eligible will be distributed on Thurs., Jan. 26 at the regular time and place.

All registrations have to be updated this month. Be sure and have proof of income, ID, and Social Security cards.

Appointments for fuel assistance will also be taken.

Applicants should present heat bills for the past 12 months or the most recent heat bill (if fuel is gas or electric) or at least the past two bills if heat source is a deliverable fuel (propane, wood, oil). Proof of total household income for the past 90 or 120 days (up to date application). Social Security card numbers and Medicaid cards (if receiving public assistance must also be presented).

Call Bernadette Johnson at 897-8519 anytime for more information.

ATTENTION COMMODITY RECIPIENTS

Government Surplus Commodities for all those eligible will be distributed on Thurs., Jan. 26 at the Lowell Moose Lodge, 210 E. Main, Lowell.

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OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident Jan. 14 was James Stoutjesdyk, 35, of Lowell when the car he was driving on M-21 near Ridgeview Dr. struck the rear of a car driven by James Holder, 31, of Grand Rapids.

Jeffrey Smart, 19, of Lowell and Tom Jacobs, 18, of Saranac, will face charges of Breaking and Entering in Ionia County. Lar-

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High School auditorium renovation put on hold

A year ago a group of people, including Linda Zaczek, Dick Graham, Gordon Gould and Dick Korb, got together to think through a program process that would lay the groundwork for a five-year project to renovate the Lowell High School Auditorium.

The benefits from such a project might give a rebirth to the extra curricular drama program, provide a setting for the community education theatre classes, and a place the Lowell Student's Arts Council could perform skits.

Since the extra curricular drama programs were stopped at the high school there has been no attention given to the auditorium, according to Gould.

The first step in this project was the installation of a new \$2,500 sound system. Then, toward the end of the year, the student council, spearheaded by President David Kniola, organized a weekend under the guidance of Gould (council advisor) to re-paint the auditorium. "The job is complete and the students did a super job," Gould said. "The kids had fun and the paint

has given the auditorium some atmosphere. It is no longer dingy."

Gould added that the project was to renovate the auditorium through the use of community education funds. The thought process went beyond a sound system and painting. It was a five-year project that would include replacing the theatre curtain, installing new lights, laying new carpet, increasing the use of the video equipment and expanding the sound booth which would include a compartment for video equipment.

However there has been a snag according to Linda Zaczek, Lowell's Director of Community Education. "The renovation project has been put on hold because of the difference (cuts) in state funding for community education and other priorities for district funds," she said.

As to when the project may be taken off hold, school officials would not speculate.

"The kids did an absolutely beautiful job painting the auditorium," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. "It has



Sitting is Lowell Student Council President David Kniola and standing behind him is student council advisor Gordon Gould in the recently painted Lowell High School Auditorium.

added class to the room."

He continued, "However, in the state's attempt to clean up abuses that have occurred in the community education area it has also hurt the good programs." Esch says "The funding for com-

munity education won't improve until the state betters itself. The school had planned to use some district funds other than that of community education, but will be unable to until locally we're back on track financially."

Showboat board vacancies filled



Four newly appointed Showboat Board members were announced at the January meeting. Pictured, from left to right, are Chuck Myers, Ron Wood, and Denny Thomet. Not pictured is Dale Triplett.

Four new Showboat Board members were announced at the Jan. 23 meeting Monday night.

The Showboat vacancies became available following the resignations of Jim Hodges, Bonnie Grooters, Ray Quada and Roger Brown.

Filling those seats will be Ron Wood, Chuck Myers, Denny Thomet and Dale Triplett.

Wood is self employed at RW Arts. he has lived in Lowell for 26 years. He is active in the First Congregational Church and the Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir and with the Lowell Area Arts Council.

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ICEMAN'S OUTLET - Formerly Village Party Shoppe. Try our new wine rack and get free 3-D Super Bowl glasses with purchase of 12-pack of coke. Northside parking is available. Call 897-8791.

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Obituaries

LUKSO—Mr. John Lukso, aged 76, of Ada, passed away January 18, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Arlene D.; son, Richard (John) and Arlene L. Lukso of Tucson, AZ; two brothers, four sisters, a brother-in-law, four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday, Rev. James C. Kowalski of St. John Vianney Church officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery.

SMITH—Mr. Jay H. Ray Smith, aged 84, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away Monday, January 16, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Ada M. Smith; his son, and step-sons and their families, John Robert and Iva Smith of Lowell, Bruce and Colene Ellis of Sun City, AZ, Paul and Margaret Ellis of Englewood, FL; seven grandchildren and their families; 12 great-grandchildren; many nieces and

nephews. Mr. Smith was an active member, since 1941, and later became an elder of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. A Memorial Service was held Jan. 18, 1989, at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alto.

STEINKE—Florence (Dawson) Steinke, aged 91, of Saranac, passed away January 15, 1989. She is survived by four sons, Donald Steinke of Midland, Harold Steinke of Beaverton, Jack Dawson of Florida, Phil Dawson of Ionia; one daughter, Mrs. Leona Goltz of Big Rapids; one sister, Selora Campbell of Comstock Park; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Jan. 19 at the Lake Funeral Home, Saranac, with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

Michigan outdoorsmen and women express strong views on environment

An overwhelming majority of Michigan sportsmen and sportswomen strongly favor Congressional approval of legislation to curb acid rain and the adoption by the Michigan Legislature of a law to protect from overdevelopment critical portions of the state's Lake Michigan sand dunes.

Those are just two of the findings of an extensive attitude survey conducted by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and published in the January issue of MUCC's Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine. The survey was conducted by MUCC over the summer and early fall to measure public views on environmental protection and natural resource management issues.

More than 59,000 responses were received from a sample selected from among recipients of Michigan Out-of-Doors and

other periodicals dealing with hunting, fishing and conservation and holders of Michigan hunting and fishing licenses. The survey included 12 questions on natural resource management issues and 10 on environmental quality matters.

By margins of 93 percent to six percent, respondents went on record in favor of Congressional approval of federal acid rain legislation and adoption by the Michigan Legislature of measures to protect critical Lake Michigan sand dunes and limit shoreline development.

No less than 96 percent of those returning questionnaires said fines collected in pollution cases should be set aside for environmental enforcement activities.

Eighty-seven percent of the respondents feel state and local prosecutors should increase their efforts to enforce the state's wet-

land protection laws. The same percentage of respondents want the state to acquire unclaimed deposits on beer and soft drink containers and use these funds for environmental cleanup projects, a proposal opposed by 12 percent of those polled.

To the question of whether a minimum building setback should be established for development on Great Lakes shorelines, 86 percent answered in the affirmative and 12 percent in the negative. Seventy-five percent think restrictions should be placed on rivers to ease canoeists' conflicts with sport anglers and to reduce damage to river banks.

Respondents favor a plan for the state to build and operate a toxic waste facility to handle hazardous waste generated in Michigan.

Respondents also expressed strong opinions on hunting, fishing and natural resources management issues.

Respondents said they would not support an increase in hunting and fishing license fees in 1989.

They were solidly opposed to legalizing the use of crossbows during the archery hunting season and to allowing farmers to sell deer crop damage permits to hunters.

Nor did the survey respondents look favorably upon proposals to designate certain lakes and stretches of rivers as "catch and release" fishing areas. They voted against establishing "no-kill" fishing areas.

An even 50-50 split was registered on the hot question of whether the practice of baiting for deer should be made legal. But legalizing the use of tree stands during the firearm season was decisively rejected by survey respondents.

Also rejected was a proposal to open the turkey hunting season to anyone purchasing a license rather than limiting the number of turkey hunters through the draw system.

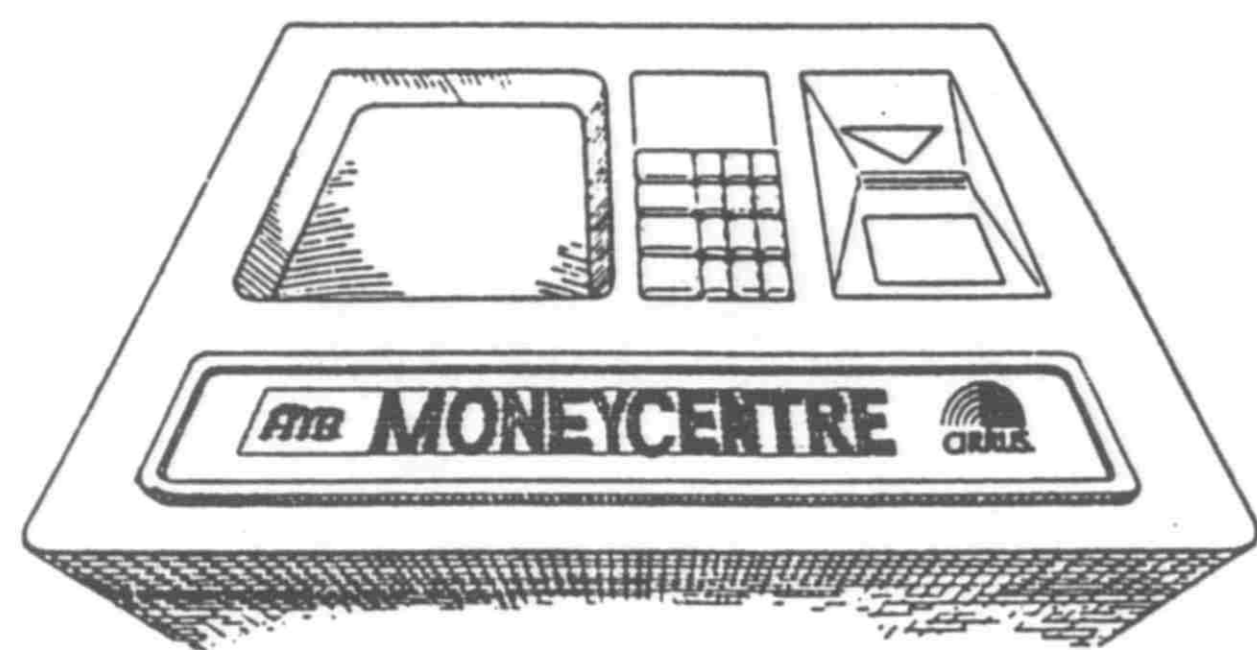
Respondents favored the reintroduction of timber wolves in limited areas of northern Michigan. Continuation of the December ruffed grouse season was favored.

Introduction of new game species like Hungarian partridge and European hare was backed by the survey respondents. They also voted for more public access facilities like boat ramps on land owned by the state on lakes and rivers near urban areas.

They voted yes to the question of whether the Department of Natural Resources should place a higher priority on the construction, maintenance, and operation of more public shooting ranges throughout the state, although the vote was close.

Results from the survey will be forwarded to Governor James J. Blanchard, members of the Legislature, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission and other leaders to give these decision makers a profile on how Michigan sportsmen and women feel about the issues.

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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.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD THURS. — Lowell Area Jaycees, meet at the Lowell Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement. Interested, call 897-9152 or 897-6539.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY — V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY The Lowell Area Fishing Club now meets at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Road, just East of Montcalm Ave., at 7:00 p.m. All prospective members or interested individuals are cordially welcome.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Woman's Club meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Schneider Manor at 12:00. Luncheon and program.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 8:00 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. A Potluck is at 12:30 p.m. with business meeting following. New members and guests are welcome.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY — Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash, (just south of town). Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

THURSDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #MI 1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 8:30 a.m. 'til 9:00 a.m.

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EVERY MON. & TUES. MORNING — Coffee Break Bible Study, Monday 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd.

3RD SAT. OF EACH MONTH — V.F.W. Post No. 8303 in Lowell, 307 W. Main. Steak dinner, serving 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Public invited.

EVERY TUES. MORNING — Ladies join us for Coffee Break/Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell 9:30 thru 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided.

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THURSDAY EVENING — Ladies Joy Fellowship. Various topics and special speakers. For more info call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING — Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7 thru 12 grades). Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts and basic moral learning. For more info call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

LOWELL LIBRARY — will be open: Mon. 9:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE — 60 years and older, welcome. Roll-Away Ltd. Lanes on Wed. at 1 p.m.

WED., JAN. 25: National poet of Scotland, Robert Burns will perform music readings and piping at LLC Classical Theatre, 61 Sheldon Blvd. SE. at 8 p.m. The

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MON., JAN. 30: The students at St. Mary's School will do Bible Squares to open Catholic Schools Week.

TUES., JAN. 31: Students at St. Mary's will be putting together a time capsule and having a pizza lunch to celebrate CSW.

events will take place on the 25, 26, 27 and 28th. Reservations are \$10. Call 459-6322.

THURS., JAN. 26: Senior Citizen tour of churches sponsored by Lowell Community Education. Call 897-8434 for reservations and information.

THURS., JAN. 26: Tops Club Open House at 7 p.m., Saranac Public Library, rear door. Make your resolution now to lose weight. Join Tops. All ages welcome.

FRI., JAN. 27: St. Cecilia Music Society will present a recital of vocal and piano music at 10:15 a.m. in the music building, 24 Ransom Ave., NE, preceded by an informal get-together coffee at 9:30 a.m. Free to members; non-members, \$4 adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

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WED., FEB. 1: Historical Dress Up Day at St. Mary's School and a fact presentation from the 7th/8th grade as CSW continues.

THURS., FEB. 2: The Annual Home and School Potluck dinner will be held at St. Mary's All-Purpose Room for all parents and their children to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at 6:30 p.m. Ham, Rolls, and Table Service are provided. Dish to pass determined by grade.

FRI., FEB. 3: St. Mary's Church will hold an All-School Liturgy as a finale to the Catholic Schools Week.

SAT., FEB. 4: Travelogue No. 3 at United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Public welcome. Subject: China, presented by Stuart Sauber.

TUES., FEB. 7: Music Boosters will meet at the Middle School Band Room at 7 p.m. All Parents of band and choir members are invited to attend.

THURS., FEB. 9: Michigan Masons and Children's Hospital of Michigan are sponsoring a "free" regional clinic in Grand Rapids to help children with diabetes. A team of specialist in management and education of diabetes will evaluate each child. Discussion groups also. In the Lowell area call David Miller at 897-

7195; Saranac call David Hunter, 642-9767; and Clarksville call David Caswell 868-7467 for more info. Arrangements can be made for transportation up until January 30.

SAT., FEB. 25: Grand Rapids Junior College Alumni Association sponsors a Las Vegas Night. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live auction begins at 10:30 p.m. \$4 in advance and \$5 at door. Both ticket prices include \$2.50 worth of playing chips. Proceeds go to Alumni Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships to students attending GRJC.

SAT., FEB. 18: Lowell Women's Bowling Association 39th Annual City Tournament to be held at Roll Away Lanes and Lowell Lanes on Sat. Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 4; Sundays Feb. 19, 26 and Mar. 5. Contact team captains or bowling establishments. Hope to see everyone this year.



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Catholic Church 'holds the line' on subjective norms



Monsignor James Moran has been watching over St. Mary's Church since 1982. He was first ordained into the priesthood in 1945.

Growing up in Manistee, life seemed more easy-going. There was not the rush of activity, the running around to be entertained. A surge might be felt when a young tot felt a tug on his fishing line, or even something stronger - a jerk.

"I think people lose much of life's real pleasures because of this running around," Monsignor

James Moran of Lowell's St. Mary's Catholic Church said. Moran, 70, ordained in 1945, spent 30 years in the St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids, 17 of those years as director of the seminary. "Being a director at a seminary is much like a principal at a high school or a president at a college," he says. Monsignor moved on to St. Mary's Church

in Big Rapids for nearly eight years (1974-82) prior to relocating in Lowell (St. Mary's) in July of 1982.

"There's a greater variety of people in a parish. It's not as academic as a full time teacher or an administrator," Monsignor Moran said.

While he may not be in the same academic climate as that at the seminary, he still does teach to some extent at St. Mary's School. He adds "I present a résumé of the church history to the seventh and eighth-graders at the school." Whetting the students' interest in history. The major difference is at the seminary the students wanted to be there, wanted to learn and had an appreciation for study. Monsignor Moran doesn't expect and is smart enough to know that the same interest and desire to learn and study is a little different at the grade-school level. "I try to make it fun and keep it simple," he says.

What's on the minds of grade-school students today differs a little from his boyhood days in Manistee. Monsignor Moran and other grade-school kids were

considering their vocations. "I had an idea of what I wanted to do in the fourth-grade. I never entertained any other idea," Monsignor Moran said. "I was attracted to the priesthood through my association with the Catholic church in grade school and with the church priest."

The number of people answering the call to the priesthood are down, but efforts to encourage people to consider the vocation are still strong. "There are efforts to encourage the vocation through the diocese. The Serra Clubs make efforts to find individuals, young people who are giving thought to life," Monsignor Moran said.

He added that the church is finding a number of older men coming into the priesthood as a second vocation. "Businessmen who have never married, their wives have passed away, divorced men - all interested in devoting their life to spiritual things."

In part, the decline in interest may have encouraged the church to utilize the abilities and talents of the lay ministers. "Actually

lay ministers are a revival of the Deacons, who go back to the early church days," Monsignor Moran said.

He added that the difference today is that the lay people have access to education.

In an overview, Monsignor Moran added that the Catholic Church was larger in numbers in the early 60's. "In many areas there isn't as much interest in the church, yet in some there is more," he said. "In the early 60's families were more knit together than they are today - in large part because there is more to draw people out of the house."

According to Monsignor Moran, young people become attracted to cults in their desire to grow independent. "They're searching for fulfillment."

Some believe the church could help itself if it would change with the times - with society. "The church doesn't change in fundamentals - it believes the objective norms (standards) are true for every generation," Monsignor Moran said. "In today's society we have a wave of suggestivism 'what sounds good to you.'"

He chuckles, "The church has held out for 20 centuries and will hold out for 20 more centuries. The church adjusts to the temporalities, but always comes back to the objective norms."

Monsignor Moran uses materialism and subjectivism to characterize the philosophies of our day.

When the church is compared to where it will be in 10 years, Monsignor Moran believes historians looking back are in better position to judge. "Things run in cycles. Is the church at a high or low now - again I'll leave that to the historians."

Monsignor Moran, who has been with St. Mary's since 1982, no longer adheres to the six or nine-year cycle of change that priests follow. "It doesn't apply after the age of 65," he says.

Monsignor Moran points to helping people, bringing people to the Lord, and taking the Lord to the people, as his vocation's reward.

"People should pray as if they depend on God and work as if they depend on themselves," Monsignor Moran adds.

Happy Birthday

JAN. 26: Andy Grindle, Bobbie Kietzman, Andy Nowak, Irene Pawloski, Roland Doyle, Dorothy Biggs, Bernadette Johnson, Scott Duckett.
 JAN. 27: Nancy Roth, Agnes Dawson.
 JAN. 28: Renee DeBold, Kris Stremler, Ryan White, Gloria King, Kathe Biggs, Jeannie Dintaman, Caree J. Eastmead.
 JAN. 29: Joy Hecht, Stacey Bill, Bob Waner, Margaret Ramsdell, Brenda Kinsey, Erin Johnson.

Homespun Devotions
 By Pauline Spray

For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me (Psalm 31:3).

It was like spring outside. The snow had entirely disappeared during the "January thaw." Our daffodils were sending shoots up through the dark, damp earth. Then the weather turned suddenly. Cold wind roared around the corners of the house. Snow

came down in blustery swirls. The ground soon was covered again and the birds searched frantically for food. I grew concerned about the daffodils. What has happened to them. I fretted. Has their premature awakening caused their ruination?

How often, I thought, we act like the daffodils. It is easy to get ahead of the Lord and act hastily instead of waiting on Him for guidance and direction. A word spoken impetuously is sadly regretted. An unpremeditated act is sorrowfully lamented. If only we always sought God's leading, how much happier all of life would be! Much pain would be spared us if we waited for His guidance before acting. This applies to all the issues of life - big and little. Premature action too often brings regret. But we are bound to succeed if we "let Him lead the way."

Prayer: Precious Lord, take my hand. I seek Thy guidance and wait for Thy direction. Show me Thy plan. Lead me in the path wherein Thou wouldst have me walk. Trusting Thee I shall not stray, nor can I ever lose my way. Amen.

Thro' this changing world below
 Lead me gently, gently as I go.
 Trusting Thee, I cannot stray.
 I can never, never lose my way.
 Fanny J. Crosby

Michigan, the site of winter dog sled competitions

Wintertime means ice-skating, building a snowman, and gliding down a mountain on a pair of skis. But to a growing group of athletes known as mushers, wintertime has a very different meaning as December marked the beginning of sled dog racing season. Throughout Michigan, as well as other areas of the Northern United States, thousands of sled dog competitors and spectators travel to compete in and observe the exciting sport.

Known as the fastest growing winter sport, sled dog racing is currently being considered for exhibition status in the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville, France. With support from Tuffy's Dog Food, mushers are continuing their pursuit of this goal, and this season's sled dog event schedule will offer Michigan residents a chance to witness these future Olympic athletes in action.

"There is a feeling of anticipation in the air as the sport moves closer to Olympic status," said Chuck Orvik, product manager for Tuffy's Dog Food. "Sled dog racers are finally beginning to see formal recognition of their exciting sport." Tuffy's is the official sponsor of the Olympic drive and also sponsors one of the most prestigious races on the circuit, the Tuffy's Triple Trail.

Sled dog racing is unique among winter sports. Intense training, strength, and outstanding physical conditioning are necessities, just as they are in other such competitions. But sled dog racing also requires the ability to train, condition, control and motivate a team of 3 to 20 dogs for a distance of 3 to 15 miles. And while one might consider sled dog racing to be male-dominated sport, 40 percent of the mushers are women who compete right along with the men and often win.

"There's no gender gap in sled dog racing," said Orvik. "Women of all ages compete in the various classes." In the northern tier states, Olympic-hopeful

Amy Kondos is among the growing ranks of racers. Seventeen-year-old Kondos was recently chosen by Tuffy's Dog Food to serve as a teenage spokesperson for the sport. "Amy represents the future of sled dog racing," said Orvik. "The teenagers of America will someday accept Olympic medals on behalf of their country."

Many of the annual sled dog races that take place across the country each year are staged in conjunction with winter festivals where the variety of activities for the entire family is endless.

Some events scheduled in Michigan are The Alpena Sled Dog Race on Jan. 28-29 at Alpena; Millersburg Sled Dog Race, Feb. 4-5 at Millersburg; Kalkaska Sled Dog Race, Feb. 11-12 in Kalkaska and The Michigan-Wisconsin Challenge, Feb. 18-19 at Curtis, MI.

For a complete schedule of sled dog events, write to Tuffy's Sled Dog Campaign, 211 East Ontario, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60611.



Sled Dog Racing is considered to be the fastest growing winter sport and is currently being anticipated as an event at the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France. There are several events scheduled throughout Michigan this winter.

YWCA issues chocolate challenge

The Grand Rapids YWCA invites all professional chefs, media representatives, and individual bakers to compete in the 7th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Festival to be held Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2-5 p.m. at the L.V. Eberhard Center.

Chocolate Lovers' Festival is a time to indulge in Grand Rapids' famous sampling of chocolate masterpieces created by the city's outstanding professional chefs. The Professional Category has been expanded this year to include both fine dining establishments and casual eateries. The top three entries in the professional and media categories will be chosen by a panel of local culinary experts, and winners in the individual category will be chosen by popular vote during the event. Each individual submitting a competitive entry will receive a free ticket to the event. Deadline for entries is Feb. 3.

Last year's winners in the professional category were Gibson's Restaurant, Charley's Crab, and Guthrie's Restaurant. Top media winner was radio station WYCE, followed by Grand Rapids Business Journal and Advance Newspapers.

In addition to the excitement of viewing and sampling chocolate delights, the Chocolate Lovers' Festival provides funding for important YWCA programs including the Domestic Crisis Center, the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Center, Camp Newaygo and Youth Programs.

For details and entry forms call the YWCA, 459-4681. Tickets for the event are available at the YWCA, 25 Sheldon Blvd., E and at WDOG Restaurant in McKay Tower. Adult tickets are \$10, and children's tickets (12 and under) are \$5.00.

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MORNING

5:05 **MOVIE: Angel Heart** An enigmatic man sends a confused detective to New Orleans to find a once popular singer who disappeared from an asylum shortly after World War II. Mickey Rourke, Robert DeNiro. 1987. (Stereo) (CC)

5:30 **MOVIE: Taffin** When a sleazy tycoon tries to scamp the town's sports field for a chemical plant, strange things occur and Taffin is left to take on the tycoon. Pierce Brosnan, Alison Doody. 1988.

7:00 **MOVIE: Monster Squad** Creature and Frankenstein attempt to retrieve an amulet, which controls the balance of good and evil from the Monster Squad. Andre Gower, Robby Kiger. 1987.

8:00 **MOVIE: The Man Who Broke 1,000 Chains** The compelling story of Robert Elliot Burns, a World War I veteran wrongfully convicted of a crime and sentenced to a brutal work camp. Val Kilmer, Charles Durning. 1987. (Stereo) (CC)

8:30 **MOVIE: The Living Daylights** James Bond takes on the KGB, squelches the world's leading heroin supplier, and falls in love with a lethal Czech cellist. Timothy Dalton, Mandy Patinkin. 1987. (Stereo) (CC)

9:00 **MOVIE: Mountain Rhythms** Andy helps a group of ranchers protect their land from the raising of a resort hotel. Gene Autry, Maude Eburne. 1958.

MOVIE: Unicorn in the Island of Magic A lonely little unicorn finds adventures with a magical orange cat who lives in a magical forest. Barbara Goodson, Michael Sorich. 1983.

College Basketball

10:00 **MOVIE: Dreamscape** A young psychic discovers a world of fantastical adventures when he develops the power of projecting himself into other people's dreams. Dennis Quaid, Max von Sydow. 1984. (Stereo)

10:05 **MOVIE: Mary Jane Harper** Cried Last Night A deeply troubled young mother's serious psychiatric problems lead her to take frustrations out on her young daughter Susan Day. Bernice Casey. 1977.

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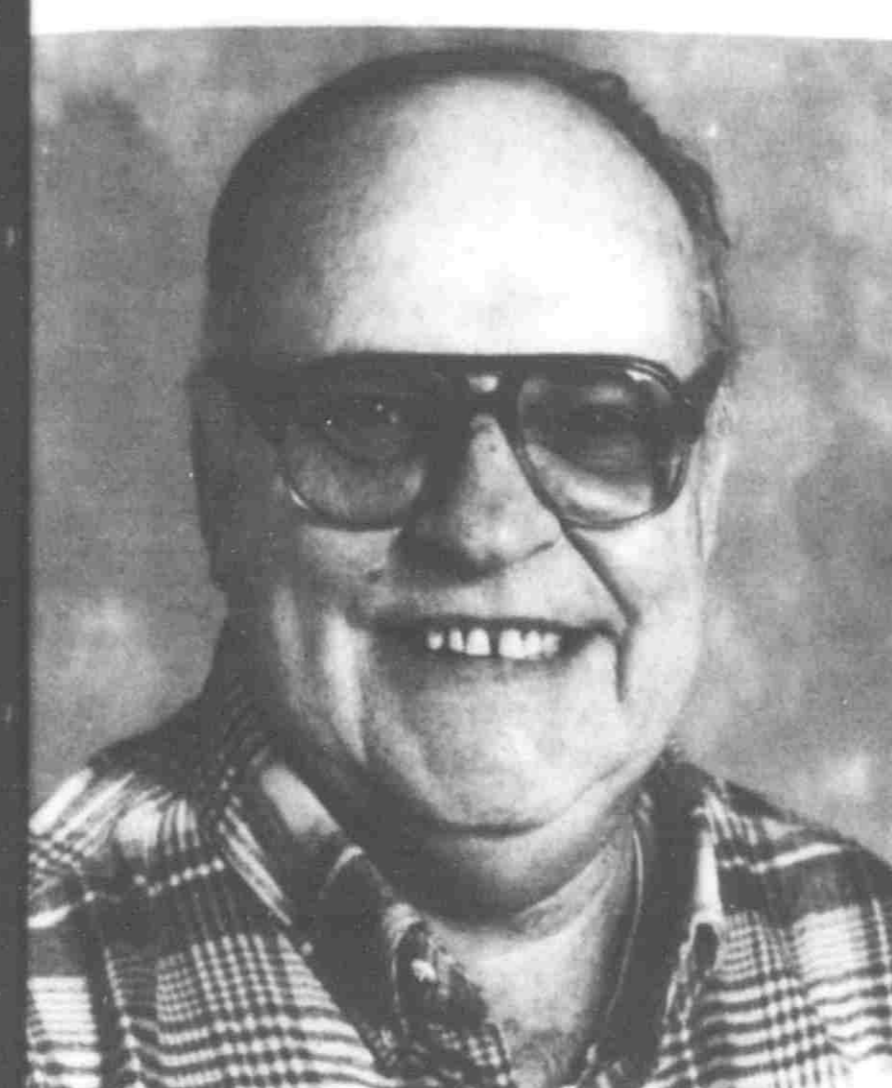
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Arty Awards given
Lowell Area Arts Council
honors George Dey and FMB



George Dey

FMB State Savings Bank and George Dey each received ARTY awards from the Lowell Area Arts Council at their annual membership meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the LAAC Center. This was the second time the Arts Council awarded the award to a business for its continued support of the arts in the Lowell area. The first business so honored was King Milling Company in 1986. George Dey was presented his ARTY for dedication and support

for all the LAAC projects since its beginning in 1977. Dey is a charter member of LAAC and has been on the Board of Directors for several years, this past year serving as President of the Art Council. He has either been in, or actively involved in, every one of the Arts Council winter plays and has been on numerous committees for the Fallburg Fall Festival through the years. Members were treated to a preview of this year's winter play,

Krause at the House
Vic Krause
19th District
State Representative

Two months after Michigan voters approved a \$660 million environmental bond proposal to clean up toxic dump sites, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants to cut nearly \$15 million from its 1989-90 general fund spending for pollution cleanup and replace it with money from the bond program. Environmentalists are angry over the plan, saying it means the state would spend less for cleanup and recycling projects than promised when they backed the massive bonding program. DNR Director David Hales defended his proposal, which is believed to have come from the Governor, as the best way to meet general fund cuts required of his agency in Blanchard's anticipated tight budget for next year. He calls it a "fund switch," not a cut.

Along with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, a group that helped promote the bond measure, I and many other concerned state officials believe

Crossword Puzzle



The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- Across:
1. Weathers or Rainer.
4. Hawaii's Don.
6. Actress Bonet.
9. Plays Judge Stone; init.
10. Actor Brosnan.
13. Puttin' on the Hits.
14. Coolidge's monogram.
16. Marie or Jimmy.
18. Favorite Martian.
19. Holbrook or Linden.
20. A Gabor.
21. Charles' Lady.
22. Law.
24. Played Barnaby; init.
25. Sport's Simpson.
26. Enemy.
27. Seeming eternity.
28. Springfield's monogram.
29. Comedienne Gilda.
32. Mary Hart show, for short.
34. Threat to 3D, perhaps.
36. Actress Stevens.
40. '60s singer Danny.
42. Donny's insignie.
43. An Amaz.
Down:
1. Bono's ex.
2. Arkin's insignie.
3. Album, for short.
4. Truth & Consequences.
6. Ellbacher's monogram.
7. Thus' partner.
8. Williams or Gibb.
11. A Living.

In Uniform

Staff Sgt. Willard S. Stawski, son of Ted and Barbara Grevers of Alto, has earned a bachelor degree from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Stawski has completed college studies through participation in the U.S. Air Force off-duty education program. The program has the Air Force paying 75 percent tuition for active duty Air Force members and 90 percent tuition for career non-commissioned officers with less than 14 years military service. The sergeant is a deficiency report manager with the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, SC. He is a 1981 graduate of Caledonia High School.

Airman 1st Class Rodney W. Brock has graduated from the U.S. Air Force turboprop propulsion mechanic course at Chanute Air Force Base, IL. During the course, students were taught repair and maintenance on aircraft with hydraulically operated propellers. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Elizabeth and Russell Brock of Clarksville, MI.

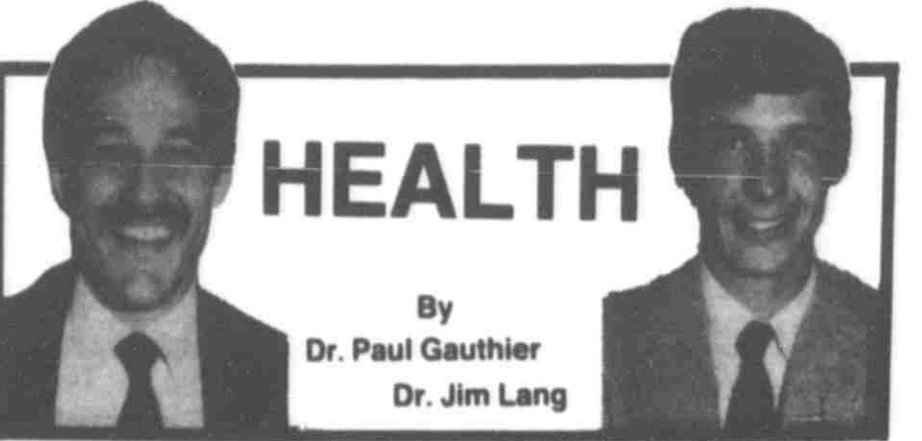
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HEALTH
By Dr. Paul Gauthier and Dr. Jim Lang
VARICOCELE - A CAUSE FOR MALE INFERTILITY
Approximately five percent of American men and women are infertile, and fifteen percent of couples who attempt their first pregnancy are unsuccessful. Studies have shown that in over fifty percent of infertile couples there is a fertility problem in the man. One of the more common causes of male infertility is the varicocele, which is an abnormal dilation (ballooning) of the veins which surround the spermatic cord in the man's scrotum. The vast majority of varicoceles occur on the left side, with only seven to twenty two percent occurring on the right side.

Several theories have been advanced regarding possible mechanisms by which varicoceles may induce infertility in males. One of the more popular theories has it that sperm production is decreased in varicocele victims due to the elevated temperature caused by the dilation of the veins surrounding the spermatic cord. Consistently elevated scrotal temperatures tends to not only retard the production of sperm, but also to adversely affect their shape and their ability to move well. Men with varicoceles are generally without symptoms. Many men never even realize that they have a varicocele until an examining physician points it out. Classically, varicoceles have been described as feeling like a "bag of worms" in the scrotum. To detect a varicocele in himself, a man should examine his scrotum in the standing position. A varicocele will feel, as described earlier, like a "bag of worms" usually just above the left testicle. They are generally nontender.

Varicoceles in and of themselves do not need to be treated unless there is an accompanying problem such as infertility, pain or unacceptable swelling. If any of these conditions exist, the treatment is usually surgical correction. Seventy percent of men who undergo surgical correction of their varicocele will have improvement in the quality of their semen. Because of the relative simplicity of diagnosis and treatment of varicocele, we urge any couple with an infertility dilemma to both be examined; if a varicocele is present in the male, much unnecessary testing and drudgery can possibly be avoided.



Ron Hunt, an infielder who played with various National League teams holds the record for getting hit by pitched balls.

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find a person qualified for the vocation of interest, we tell the individual, and suggest to them ways to become better qualified," Snelling Temporary Personnel Manager Linda Conde said. Testing time can take from one to three hours. company is invoiced for the service. The temporary service pays the employer's wage. "Up until the employee is hired full time," Snelling Temporaries Service President Sheldon Kahn said. "we guarantee the performance of every temporary worker who a wide range of skills," Kahn said. The ages of people using the temporary service, range from 18 years of age to senior citizens. Many of the people using the service cross register - use more than one temporary service.



Snelling Temporaries has been serving the Grand Rapids area for a little more than two years. Helping others achieve the success they desire are front, sitting, Linda Conde, standing, left to right Kay Elmer, Marian Wybenga, Lois Danzo and Sheldon Kahn.

"People unwilling to be tested we assume do not have the qualifications," Snelling Account manager Lois Danzo said. Kay Elmer, Snelling Vice President adds, "This is a job interview and people coming in to use the service should prepare oneself along those lines."

How many people seek this type of service? According to a report by the U.S. Department of labor, temporary workers are engaged in productive work 90 percent of the time. Furthermore, it suggests that temporary workers are more productive because they are not concerned with office politics, are not involved in maintaining social networks, and bring a fresh attitude to the tasks at hand. The temporary work may last one day, one week or one month. The client

fills a need of an employer. If the employee doesn't work out, there is no fee."

Kahn adds, "Temporary services similar to Snelling, help handle employer staff needs; permits employers to be flexible with payroll cost; increases production without high cost; and is ideal for employees who don't want to work year around."

He adds that often this temporary working condition can work into full-time employment. "If the employee performs well and if the employer and employer get along, temporary can work into full-time work," Kahn says.

The employee skill and employer needs are matched through heavy testing in as many as 79 different skill areas (e.g., word processing and math skills). "We cover all the areas -

Prior to opening Snelling Temporaries Service, Kahn owned and operated Beverly's, a retail chain store. "Two years ago a publicly held international corporation bought out the company."

According to Kahn, Grand Rapids, a city with a number of employment agencies, believes cities are always in need of a service that is operated well. "I learned while at Beverly's that temporary service is a practical way to staff an organization," said Kahn, explaining as to why he opened such a service.

Kahn added that the pay from temporary services is comparable to the salaried personnel. "Snelling also offers medical benefits and holiday pay," he says. Fulfilling the needs of the employer and employee, Kahn wouldn't want it any other way.



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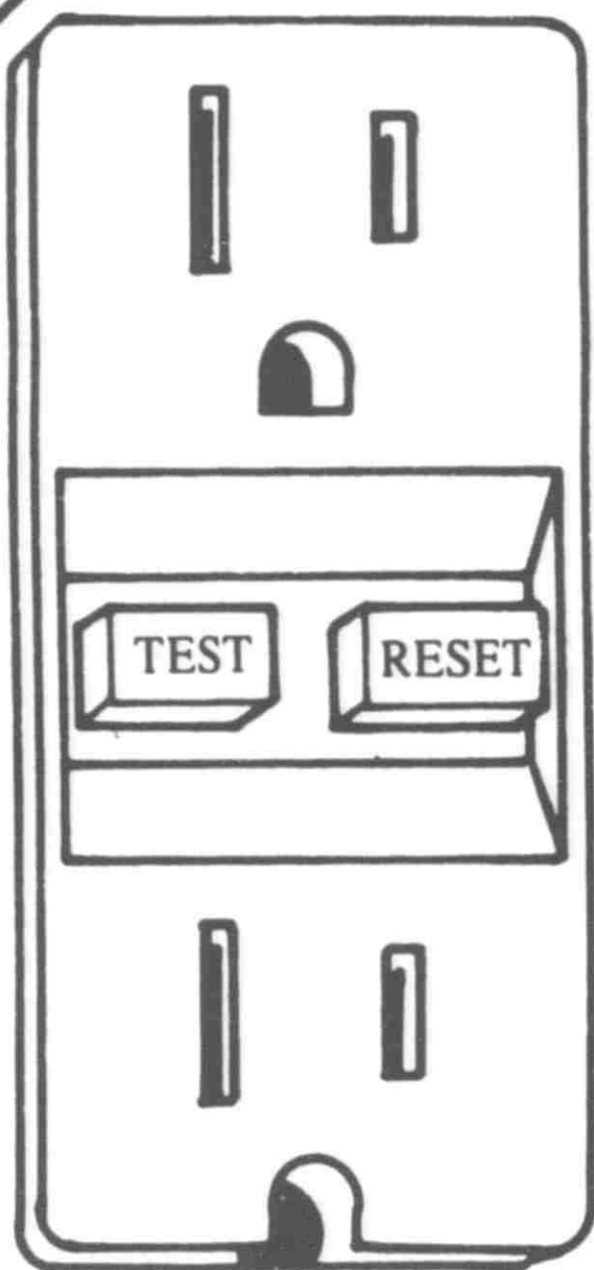
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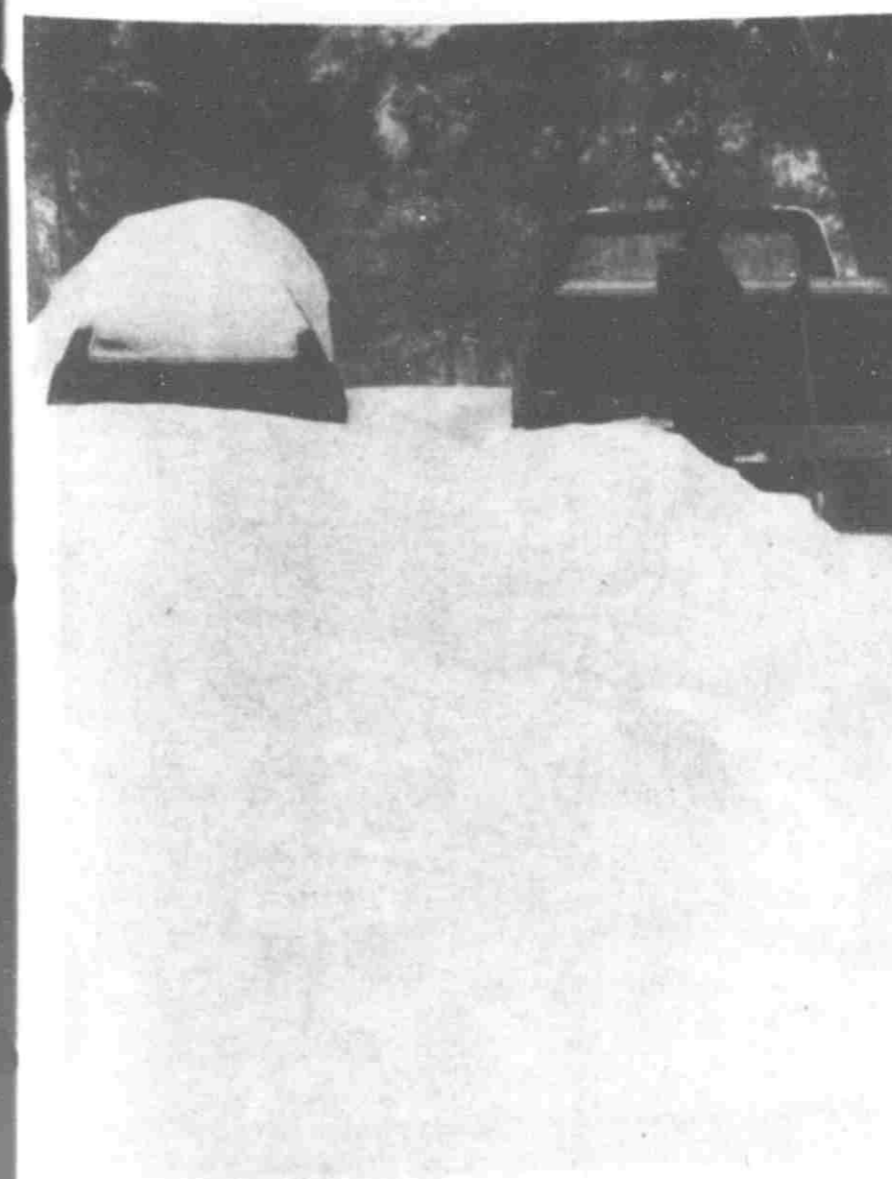
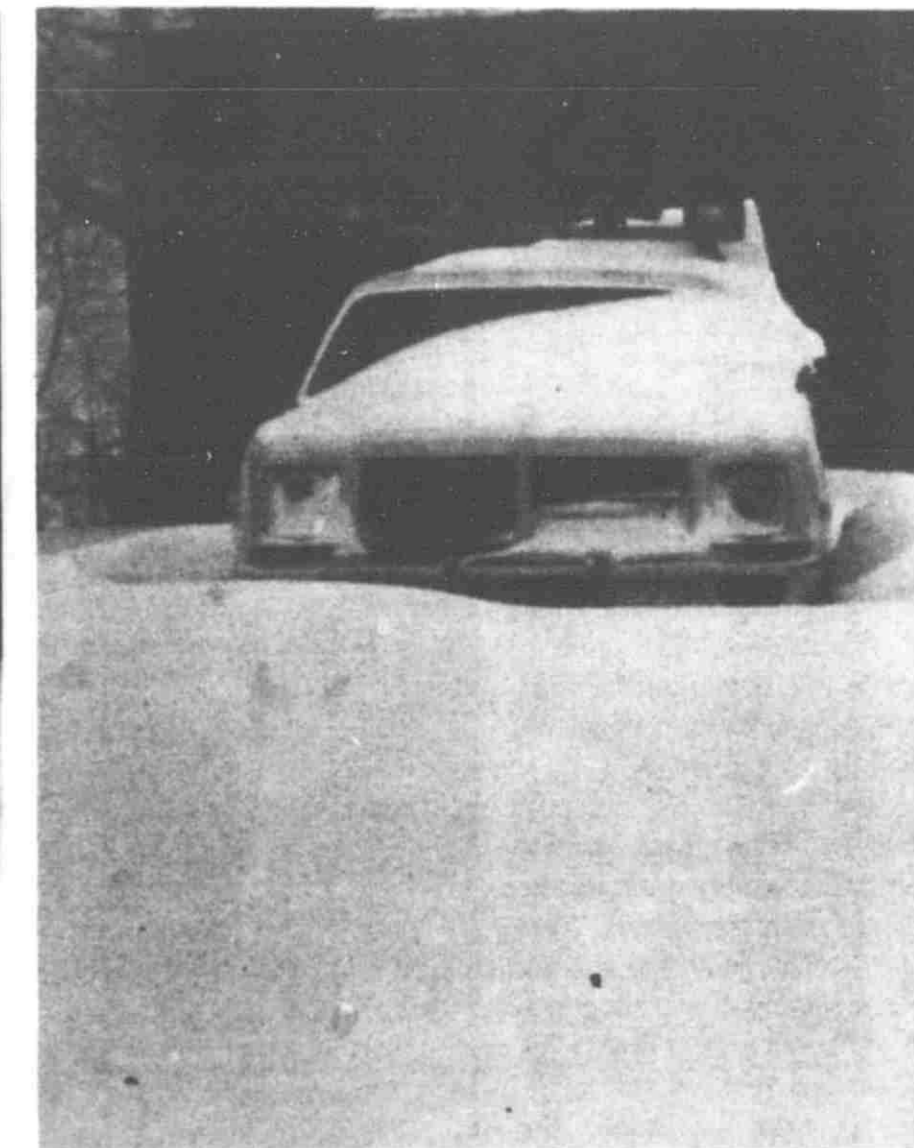
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With another unusually mild winter in progress, "thinking about snow" is about all a good ole Michigan winter lover can do. We ran across some Ledger file photos from various heavy snowfalls over the past few years. Winter lovers can savour them, the rest can simply be reminded of what we're not missing.



Red Arrow wrestlers win their invitational

You could point to Gary Rivers, Lowell's wrestling coach for the past 30 years, as to why the Red Arrows are 11-2 overall and 6-0 in the O-K White Conference. Rivers has proven he is able to motivate, inspire and most of all, he is able to teach his grapplers.

You could point to the young wrestlers themselves. Rivers would. Their desire, strength and self discipline keep them at the top of the league every year.

But take a deeper look and the reason for success is clearer. The Lowell Elementary freestyle and the Middle School wrestling programs are strong in numbers, strong in teaching, and they give the kids a feeder program that is equal to any in the area.

The strength of the two programs was directly responsible in the Red Arrows victory at their own Lowell Invitational Satur-

and off at the varsity level, but brought varsity experience with him from a year ago. "Wester has been given a chance to perform this year and he's done better than we expected, although we knew he had the ability," Rivers said.

Wester claimed first by pinning Paul Schoenborn of Comstock Park at 1:15 of the first period.

Lowell won the invitational with 165 1/2 points. Following the Red Arrows were Cedar Springs 149; Reed City 114 1/2; Comstock Park 90; Shelby 88; Lakeview 76 1/2; Kalamazoo Central 50 1/2 and Ionia 32.

Red Arrows finishing the day with one loss and claiming second were Scott Nagy, Todd Nauta and Jeff Hoffman.

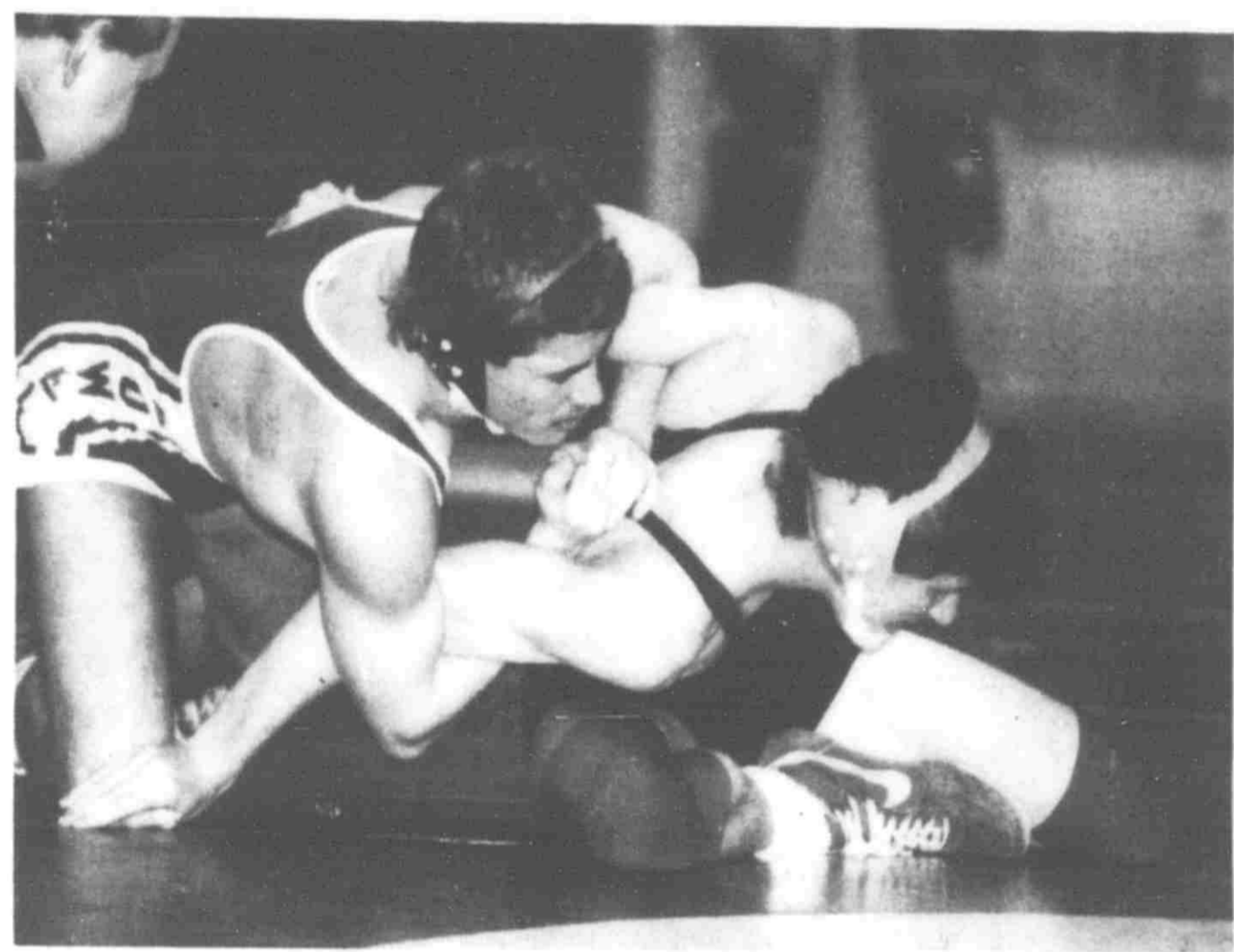
Nagy at 112 pounds was superior decided 16-0 in the title match against Nick Baccon

place finishes were Aaron Adams and Nate Nauta.

Not placing were Rob McGee, Aaron White and Dave Rottier. McGee and White came off the mat at 1-2 and Rottier finished the day at 0-2.

"The club anticipated winning the invitational," Rivers said. "I felt the field was strong. We had some strong individual wrestlers and some quality clubs here this year."

Lowell will close out its regular season at Forest Hills Central Thursday in hopes of capturing its third consecutive conference title.



Lowell's Aaron Wester claimed a first at the Lowell Invitational with a pin against Comstock Park's Paul Schoenborn at 1:15 of the first period.

Nate Nauta uses this arm lock in early action at the Arrow Invitational. Nauta placed fourth in the all-day event.

Kropf 8th at Rockford

Lowell's gymnastic team finished sixth out of 11 schools in the Rockford Invitational over the weekend.

"I was pleased with the way the team performed. We competed against many Class A schools," Lowell gymnastic coach Tammie Fitzpatrick said.

The host team, Rockford, won top honors with 136.25. It was followed by Holland 132.6; Mona Shores 120.85; Ottawa Hills 114.75; East Kentwood 113.45; Lowell 107.8; East Lansing 106.7; Cadillac 93.65; East Grand Rapids 88.4; Lansing Waverly 80.95; Grand Haven 59.85.

Laura Kropf was the only Red Arrow to place at the invitational. The Red Arrow was seventh on the vault, fourth on the uneven bars, eighth in the floorexercise and finished eighth all-around out of 88 participants.

Kropf failed to place in the beam exercise, due to a terrible

There's not a wrestler in our lineup that doesn't have the freestyle and middle school background," Rivers said.

A recent example of the feeder program success is Lowell sophomore John Rupp. He earned a first at the Invitational Saturday. Although Rivers anticipated the strength of Rupp's ability, like anything else until its proven on the field, on the court or on the mat it remains just that - ability.

Rivers doesn't hesitate to give credit for Rupp's early success to the elementary and middle school wrestling programs. "I believe the background of coming up through those two programs has attributed a great deal to his success this year," Rivers said.

Rupp, who just made the lineup after dropping his weight to 171 pounds went 3-0 at the invitational, earning a top spot. In the title match he pinned Andy Hopkins of Comstock Park at 4:23 of the third period.

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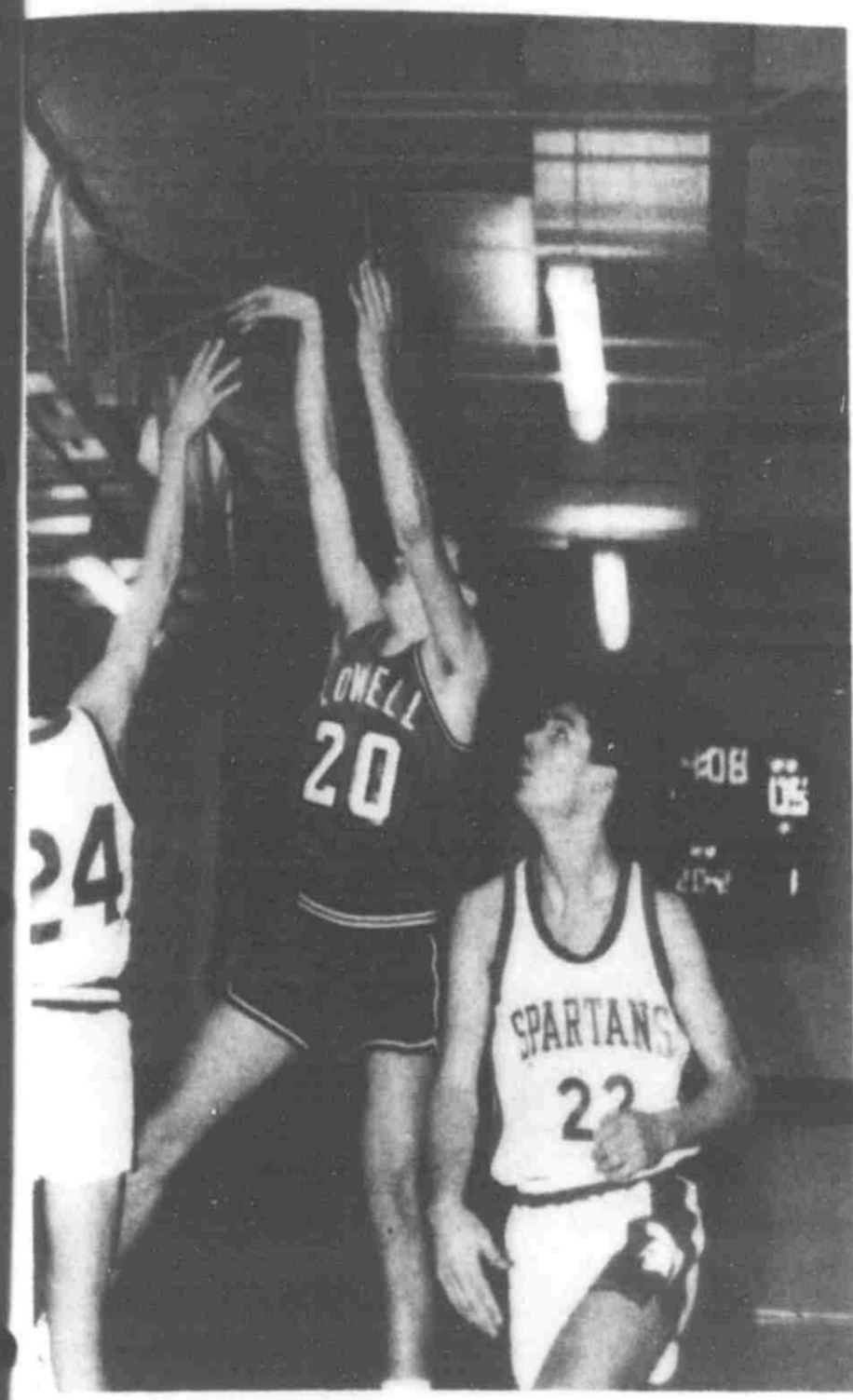
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Lowell outguns Sparta; falls to Zeeland



Tim Weststrate shoots a short jumper in the early going against Sparta. The senior led the Red Arrows with 25 points.

Red Arrow spikers get bit by Bulldogs

Hoping to build some momentum for O-K White Conference play, Lowell's volleyball team traveled east to Ionia. The Bulldogs cramped the Red Arrow plans as they turned back Lowell 15-12, 15-11.

"We were not in sync. We played poorly and beat ourselves," Lowell Volleyball coach Laurie Kuna said. "I was hoping to get some momentum built before conference play."

The Red Arrows had just four kills in two games. All four were recorded by Tammie Knottnerus. "What makes it tough is that we wasted a strong performance by Doreen Schneider," Kuna said. "I don't believe she missed a free ball or serve reception all match."

She continued, "Schneider has strengthened her game 100 percent from a year ago. I think her confidence reflects in her play."

Schneider was five of six in attempts on serve reception and six of seven on placing free balls

The banana plant is not a tree. It's an herb. The stalk is made of leaves that overlap each other, like a celery stalk.

where they belonged, according to Kuna. The senior also added a save.

Tammie Knottnerus was also singled out for a fine performance. "It may have been her best all-around game this year. The senior had six service points, one ace, and four kills.

As a team, the Red Arrows were 38 of 53 serving for a percentage of 72.

Other individual totals included Jennifer Murphy with five service points and two aces; Melanie Nelson had seven service points and three aces; and Stacy Davis had two assists.

Lowell's record is now even at 2-2.

The Red Arrow junior varsity volleyball team posted its first win of the year against Ionia, defeating the Bulldogs 12-15, 15-2, 15-4.

Top scorers for Lowell were Sherry Hildenbrand with 15 points and Heather Gowen with 11.

Lowell is now 1-3 on the year.

In a see saw game where neither team ever established complete dominance or control, Lowell's Red Arrows were able to grasp a 90-82 O-K White Conference victory over Sparta, improving their record to 4-4 in the league and 5-7 overall.

"We're happy with the win, but we did not have a consistent effort," Lowell coach, Mark Thomas, said. "Our offense was getting high-percentage shots but at the other end our defense was allowing Sparta high percentage shots."

In what Thomas described as the "dog days of the long basketball schedule," he feels it is important to keep the interest and energy level up. "As a coach I must find a way to keep things fresh."

"Games like this one (Sparta) are difficult especially with a young team, because if you win you're supposed to and if you lose, it's 'gees, what's happening,'" Thomas said.

That may be exactly how Lowell was feeling after the first quarter. The Arrows trailed 19-18 against the Spartans, a team that was winless in the conference. The second quarter saw Lowell surge with a 31-22 spurt, finishing the half on an emotional three-point shot by Jason Douma. Lowell led at halftime 49-41.

"We looked tentative against Sparta and were reacting instead of anticipating," Thomas remarked. "We didn't show a lot of life and Sparta was hungry and grabbing for that first league win. We couldn't put the Spartans away."

Led by the fine defensive play of Pete Kemp, Lowell was able to open up a sizeable 21 point lead late in the third quarter. The scrappy Sparta club however, refused to quit as it cut Lowell's lead down four late in the final stanza.

"Kemp worked hard on denial defense in the second half on one of their key players and I think it was a key to our success," Thomas remarked. "I was pleased that when the game was on the line late we hit our foul shots."

Leading Lowell in scoring was Tim Weststrate with 25 points. Douma tallied 20; Holtz, with a bad ankle, netted 14; Bob Adams contributed with 11; and Dave Organek added eight.

Rebounding was near even, with Sparta holding a slight 28-26 advantage.

"It was an ugly game, but we're pleased to be where we're at this far along in the season," Thomas added. "I stress to the boys that you play the game and not the opponent."

Zeeland 96, Lowell 56

Lowell coach Mark Thomas simply said "we ran into a buzz saw," after watching his Red Arrows get leveled by the best team it will see all year, the number two-ranked Class-B Chix from Zeeland, 96-56.

Displaying the patience and unselfishness fitting of a second ranked team, Zeeland handled Lowell's man-to-man, deny-the-pass type pressure better than any opponent this year as it jumped out of the gate quickly, putting a comfortable cushion between itself and Lowell.

Zeeland opened a 12-3 lead in the first three-and-a-half minutes of the opening quarter and was never seriously challenged by the Red Arrows. That lead was increased to 23-12 at the end of eight minutes.

"Zeeland did a good job of penetrating and then dishing off to the open man," Thomas said. "They're an unselfish and well coached ballclub."

One of Zeeland's strengths is its balance scoring. Against Lowell,

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ell, all 13 of the Chix tallied points. Three of its starters finished in double figures.

Toby Gruppen led the way with 17 points, followed by Chix center, Steve Carigon, who netted 15 and Dan Overbeek added 12.

For Lowell, Tim Weststrate netted 18 and Jason Douma added 17 points. The Arrows were outbounded 44-21.

"I thought it was important that we played well tonight. Lowell beat Forest Hills Central handily and the Rangers gave us all we wanted in a one-point vic-

Local golfers battle game and elements

The professionals golf during the winter months, in the balmy settings of Florida and Arizona, but the men who really define golf, are those who challenge a game that humbles all of its daring conquerors, "and Gol-lee," Elzinga adds, "We carried shovels to clear spots for our next shot."

On this day though, everybody but McKelvey are roughly five shots off their average (80-85). McKelvey's cheeks crack a smile, "I'm shooting better than when it's warm out," he says.

Potter continues as the foursome gets ready to tee it up at the 18th hole, "with the extra clothing, you don't over-swing."

The Lowell foursome, for entertainment reasons, add some of their own lingo to the game. Snakes is a term for three-putting a green; dingies are when players reverse their scores with their

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CITY OF LOWELL

LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR CITY BOARD OF REVIEW - PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell City Council is requesting letters of interest from City residents wishing to apply for either the recently vacated Board of Review position or the Planning Commission position. The letter of interest should include reasons why interested in these positions.

Letters are to be directed to James D. Maatman, Mayor, Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331. Letters will be accepted no later than February 6, 1989.
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Golfing, cont'd

partner. Others include high and low ball, ladies tees, reversals, and skins.

Potter, who was the loser on the back nine and is responsible for the party that will follow, lost the round on a slice that settled into the turf five feet into the corn field. Elzinga is smiling though, for he reached the green in regulation three. "I didn't do that all summer," he chuckles.

All four say they will continue the tradition, to challenge golf in climates in which it is seldom challenged.



Oh My! It was cold, but nothing these four golf crazies couldn't handle. From left to right are Bob Elzinga, Mike McKelvey, Dave Potter and Dennis Anchors.



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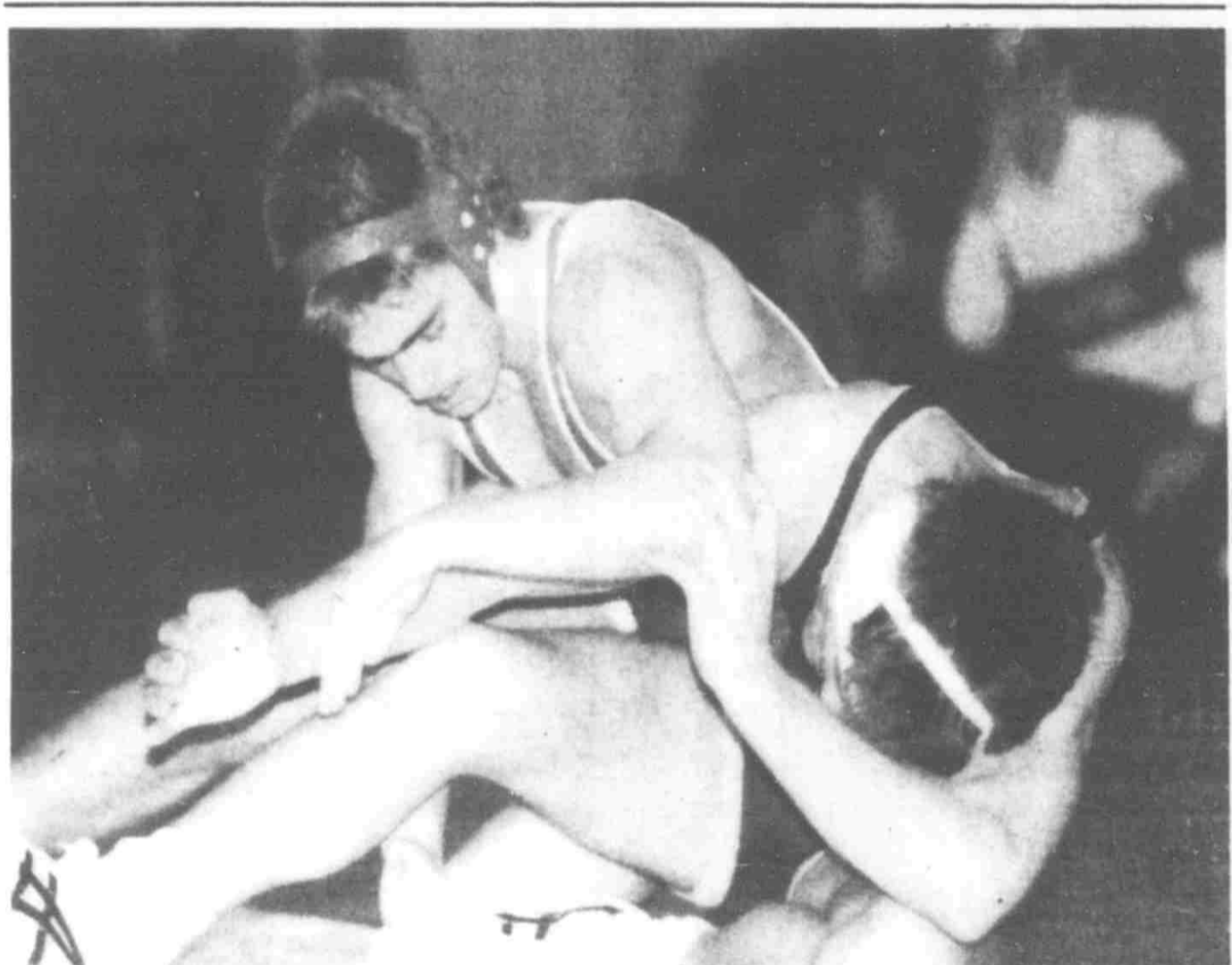


Dave Potter pitches one from the "ice trap" on hole 17 at the Deer Run Golf Course on Thursday, Jan 19.

Village Inn correction

In the January 18 edition of the Lowell Ledger it was incorrectly stated in a headline that the Village Inn was the country's top wreath seller for Cerebral Palsy.

While Jane Feutz, owner of the Village Inn sold many wreaths, her 400 total was tops in the country not in the country.



The Red Arrows Aaron White did not medal at the Lowell Invitational, however, he did walk off the mat with a victory in three attempts.

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Revival meetings have been going on at Sweet School and the Baptist Church for several weeks.

A Portland man dreams three nights in a row that his wife's missing fur collar was hidden in a stump on the farm. Sure enough, he pulls a handful of fur out of the cavity, and then goes home to change his skunk-damaged clothes.

Lieutenant Governor, James H. McDonald is killed in a train derailment at Marquette, when a track breaks.

Lynchings are reported in Missouri and Georgia.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 22, 1914
The Board of Trade annual banquet and Farmers Institute are scheduled for successive nights at city hall.

Postmaster Perry receives an order to make rural delivery available to Lowell residents living on streets leading to rural routes. Residents must make the request and put up a box.

H.V. Getty of Vergennes Center is selling Maxwell automobiles.

A large dog walks into Fashbaugh and Jones' Market, helps itself to a long string of wieners and strolls out again.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 26, 1939
The 33rd Annual Board of Trade dinner will be held in the high school gym. Thomas Crawford of the Halloran National Detective Agency will tell about the capture of Al Capone.

A reporter on another newspaper says that Mel (McPherson) makes the snowballs and Runci (C.H. Runciman) throws 'em, which causes Fitz (Gov. Fitzgerald) to wonder who's governor anyway.

H.C. Callier's Northern Ice Co. has been bought out by Consumers Ice Co. of Grand Rapids, which makes artificial ice. The old ice house on the pond will be razed in the spring. Is that the one up near the dam powerhouse?

Wm. Christiansen will open a rental frozen food locker plant in the unused portion of his ice cream factory.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 23, 1964
Business telephone service is disrupted and a phone line system fire alarm goes off for four factories when a cable is shorted out.

Incumbents, Richard Schlieritzauer, Arnold Wittenbach and Phillip Schneider have no competition for their City Council seats, neither does Justice of the Peace, Howard Rittenger.

The Lowell Showboat Corporation proposed to erect permanent bleachers across Lafayette Street.

Area Chamber seeks info for Lowell Booklet

With the cooperation of over 300 services and businesses, Lowell may soon have its own information booklet.

The booklet will provide a brief synopsis of each business, and information about the City of Lowell.

"I believe Lowell is and would be attractive to many people, but the city needs to provide information," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's acting president Denny Thomet said.

An information booklet was discussed by the Chamber in the latter part of 1988, and Thomet is hopeful that such a booklet or magazine can be published before the 1989 Showboat.

Other than a listing of services and businesses, the information booklet would include a detailed Lowell area map, a listing of churches and schools, and the assortment of events and happenings that take place in Lowell throughout the year.

"People don't have to be a chamber member to be included.

Put the telephone pole over here please: According to International Wildlife magazine, an ant weighing .0086 grams can carry a caterpillar five times its weight and 15 times its length. If the average adult male had comparable strength, he could carry an 810-pound object measuring 86 feet long!

Only three percent of the earth's water is fresh.

There won't be any recruiting and there's no charge for having your name and business put in the magazine," Thomet said.

He added that many surrounding cities have such magazines. "Chesaning, Hastings, Greenville, Ionia and Grand Rapids all have published this type of magazine," Thomet said. Thomet said he thought the magazine would have to be updated yearly. "Grand Rapids updates its magazine quarterly."

Lowell's Area Chamber of

Commerce is sending out a questionnaire to all area merchants. It is hopeful that all the business people will fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Chamber office in care of Denny Thomet.

The information asked for is very basic and simple. It asks for the business' name, the type of business, the business' address, the owner's name and address, and a brief history of the business, and how it got started, plus other business interests.

Name of Business:

Type of Business:

Address:

Owner's Name & Address:

Please give a brief history of the business, how it got started, other business interests, etc. below.

Please return to: Denny Thomet, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331

or: Main Office in the Flat River Antique Mall



Tom Sawyer production

Lowell's eighth-grade drama class performed its version of Tom Sawyer on Wednesday, Jan. 18. The play was directed by Cheryl Blodgett.

State searches for top seniors program

The search has begun for nominees for the 1989 Michigan Project Independence Award, sponsored by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA).

Programs are nominated by the 14 statewide Area Agencies on Aging according to a criteria, and two winners, an urban and a rural program will be selected by a prestigious selection committee comprised of representatives of the Michigan Commission on Aging, the State Advisory Council on Aging, OSA Staff and an expert in the field of intergenerational programming.

The service area from which nominations are being sought is Intergenerational programming also the theme for Senior Power Day.

For this, the fifth year of this award, Consumers Power Company has donated a cash award to go to each of the two winners who will be presented with their checks and honored as one of the scheduled activities at 1989 Senior Power Day, May 16.

The deadline for submission to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is January 31, 1989 at 5 p.m.

Along Main St., cont'd

ceny and Destruction of Property over \$100 in Kent County, and Larceny Over \$100 from the City of Lowell, following their apprehension Jan. 17 by State Police in Ionia. Allegedly both took part in breaking into and taking parts off vehicles in Vennen's Dodge lot, and breaking into and taking a radio from a farm tractor in Alto.

Robert Kopernik, 34, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident in the parking lot of Food City on West Main St. Thurs., Jan. 19, when he backed into a car driven by Susan Anes, 35, also of Lowell.

Arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for Malicious Destruction of Property Under \$100, was Vince Yurkinas, 23, of Lowell Friday, Jan. 20.

No injuries were reported Friday, Jan. 20 in an accident at Main and Hudson St. when Peggy McCaul, 34, of Lowell Failed to Stop for the red light and struck a car driven by Jill Simon, 38, of Orleans, MI.

James Ennis, 36, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident Saturday, Jan. 21 on Main near Hudson St. when he struck a vehicle driven by Michael Goos, 19, of Ada exiting a private drive.

Arrested and taken to Kent County Jail on charges of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Saturday evening, Jan. 21 was Robyn Cook, 22, of Lowell.

Thomas Clemens, 52, of Ada was involved in a property damage accident in the parking lot of the FMB Bank on West Main St. when he backed into a car driven by Barbara Reagan, 40, of Saranac, Jan. 21.

William VanHarken, 39, of Ada, was injured in an accident Jan. 12 when he collided with a light post on Main St. near Lincoln Lake St. after attempting to avoid a collision with a car driven by Nicholas Missad, of Grand Rapids.

—Letters to the Editor—

Dear Editor:

I read the article about King Memorial Pool and was surprised to learn that the city owned the pool.

For a long time I've thought it would be a good idea for the city to enclose the pool and make it a year round facility. Perhaps the city should seriously consider building a new pool and enclosing it.

Another suggestion would be to offer special reduced fees for families, senior citizens and residents living within the city limits. I realize that the YMCA offers special rates, but some of us aren't interested in joining the YMCA.

I agree with you, Mr. Brown, about the need for better recreation close to home for our youth and families.

It may be worth the increase in millage. Maybe a little community effort and volunteers could help reduce building costs.

Christine M. Ellison

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