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Rain slows hunters' pursuit of the "Big" buck

Stormzand wins Ledger's "First Buck" contest



Andy Stormzand stands with his prized five-point, 145 pound buck. Stormzand won the Ledger's "First Buck" contest. He brought his buck in at approximately 7:45 a.m.

State officials anticipated the third best deer season ever in the state of Michigan.

The two-week season, which opened on Friday, was slowed some by the wet and inclement weather.

As it was, only four area hunters brought prized bucks back to the Ledger office on Friday morning, as a part of the annual Lowell Ledger "First Buck Contest."

First in line was Lowell's Andy Stormzand. Hunting in the Ada-Parnell area, Stormzand dropped his prize at about 7:30 a.m.

"I heard a pack of six or seven of them at around 6:15, but I couldn't see the deer," Stormzand says. "There were about seven of them that ran up close to my blind."

About an hour-and-15 minutes later the same pack came back. "It was about 7:30 a.m. They were about 60 yards away when I took my first shot. I hit one of the bucks and before I could get my second shot off, the buck was roughly 110 yards out," Stormzand said. "In all, I shot four times and hit the buck twice." He tracked him down to the edge of the woods before he dropped the five-point, 145 pound buck.

Stormzand was hunting by himself. He's been an active

deer hunter for nine years. He used a 20-gauge shotgun to blast his fourth career buck.

It was his second buck of the season. His first this year came on opening day of bow season, when he connected on a five-point buck.

"The biggest buck I've shot has been a nine-point, 190-pound buck. I shot him with a 12-gauge," Stormzand said.

Not long after Stormzand, Wyoming's Todd Weaver stopped by the Ledger office with an eight-point, 150-pound buck. He sacked his buck out near Fallasburg Park.

It's my second buck in 13 years," Weaver explained. "I got my first buck 13 years ago."

Weaver, only out 30 minutes, shot the buck around 7:30 a.m. with his 12-gauge shotgun.

"I shot twice. I hit him right in the chest. He ran about 100 yards before falling," Weaver said.

Lowell's, Mark Nyp was the third hunter to stop at the Ledger office on Friday morning. He brought with him a 10-point buck.

"I hit him in the shoulder at about 45-yards away," Nyp

School disgruntled with legal fees ruling

The verdict handed down on the battle over the legal fees from the Qua-Ke Club condemnation lawsuit is over, and the rule was followed rather than the exception.

Generally, in condemnation cases, the party bringing the lawsuit must pay the legal fees.

That is exactly how Judge Dennis Kolenda ruled. He stated that the school district must pay fees incurred by the Club between March 11, when the condemnation suit started, and Oct. 25 when the battle over the legal fees was waged.

The school will pick up the Club's legal tab, totaling \$72,573. That was approximately \$8,500 less than the total bill for the Club's attorney fees. "I'm disappointed with the decision, but it fits with the other decisions rendered on this matter," Lowell Assistant Superintendent, Gary Kemp said.

He added, by challenging the club's bill, the school was able to deduct \$8,427 from the Club's legal bill.

The Club's legal representatives say the school district racked up an additional \$3,000 in legal bills trying to save \$1,680. The \$1,680 represented a few hours of legal time and an appraisal fee that Judge Kolenda disallowed. Club attorney, James

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After paying off 1990's \$9,500 credit line, '91 Showboat breaks even

Lowell Showboat Vice President, Laura McCollum released a great big sigh before she exclaimed, "I will be glad when the 1991 Showboat is completely behind us."

McCollum's remarks were in reference to the roller coaster ride of emotions last year's three nights in June at the Lowell Showboat took board members and volunteers on.

The financial heights of a very successful corporate sponsorship, and the much anticipated and exciting sellout of Saturday's Wayne Newton show dissipated in Saturday's rain and the disheartening, realization and disappointment that the alternate Showboat site, the Ford Fieldhouse, would not adequately accommodate the roughly 4,000 spectators.

"Last year proved, no matter how prepared you think you are, there's something you haven't accounted for," McCollum said. "Despite the horrible experience, the Showboat was still able to break even," McCollum said.

Breaking even may not sound all that great to Showboat enthusiasts, but a significant increase in the budget for entertainment and losses incurred through renting out the Ford Fieldhouse (\$4,326), and refunds sent out to bus tours (\$3,976.40) totaled \$8,302.

The losses were not restricted to the Showboat. Because of the inclement weather, crowds of people were discouraged from going to the downtown area, where the arts and crafts displays lined Main Street, and from attending the carnival. The local concessions were unable to benefit from Showboat's biggest single night attendance draw.

While the books will show that the Showboat broke even in 1991, it will also show, that because of its corporate sponsorship success and ticket sale success, it was able to pay off a \$9,500 loan of credit carried over from the previous year.

According to Lu Green, Lowell Showboat treasurer, there was \$150,161.89 in revenue and \$150,161.89 in expenses. She added that there was still an anticipated \$2,000 in revenue that had not yet come in.

"Showboat is a local happening. No one has to make money as long as it is not a year-round event and it remains a community effort," McCollum said. "However, it would be nice to turn a profit so improvements could be made on the amphitheatre."

The Lowell Showboat vice president admits she was nervous when the board stretched the talent budget far beyond the norm in 1991. "Because of the way tickets sold, I feel much more comfortable about extending the talent budget in 1992," McCollum said.

The 1992 Showboat will also include reorganizational changes at the board level. Instead of having the president overlooking all committees, he, along with the two vice presidents under him, will now share the duties.

There will also be a switch in the alternate site. The alternate site for Saturday night's show will be the Ionia Fairgrounds. The Showboat is hopeful it can also be the alternate site for the Thursday and Friday night shows.

"This time a seating chart will be presented to the site's officials and people who would have had a seat in section two, row two, will get the same seat at Ionia," McCollum insists. The vice president is hopeful that the weather will cooperate and an alternate site won't have to be dealt with.



LOWELL ARTS COUNCIL PREVIEW PARTY

The holiday season begins with the Lowell Area Arts Council's Gala Preview party and champagne buffet. This festive opening will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Arts Center Gallery.

Guests may shop from the works of over 35 West Michigan artists while dining on delicious holiday fare. There will be two servings for guests convenience, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Gallery is open until 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$7.50 by reservation only. Guests may pay by mail, 149 S. Hudson, PO Box 53, Lowell 49331 or order by phone, 897-8545.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The annual Santa Claus parade will be on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Line up will be at Bushnell School at 9:30 a.m. Entries of all kinds. Ending at Monroe St. Contact Dee Brown, 897-9161.

FINANCIAL AID MEETING FOR SENIORS & PARENTS

There will be a financial aid meeting in the High School cafeteria for High School seniors and parents, Nov. 20, at 6:30.

LMS PARENTS ORGANIZATION MEETING

All parents are invited to attend the first meeting of the

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Saranac announces high school Honor Roll

SARANAC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL
1st Quarter - 1991-92

Seniors
All A's
Scot Chadwick, Sarah Frank, Amy Jackson, Kristin Lardie, Jill Miller, Ryan

Wingard, Doug Woern.
A's and B's
Heather Abel, Bob Anderson, Missy Beckhorn, Tammi Biggs, Tara Dawson, Brandi DeJong, Sarah DeYoung, Tricia Eddy, Jill Hill, Pam Johnson, Tonya Longwell, Angie Neumann, Andrea Nuessel, Darcie Rutz,

Ryan Sweet, Kristin Trierweiler, Becky Videan, Angie Yaw.

A,B, & 1 C
Eric Carigon, Russ Chadwick, Stacy Curtis, Erik Kelley, Brian Labron, Becky Lewis, Kelly McCollum, Renata Mendonca, Amy Nelson, Chris Rueckert, Sarah Sanford, Kristi Staines, Davor Stipanovic, Jenny Thomas.

Jessy Huver, Dave Litchfield, Dave Minard, Jill Nanninga, Brandei Sigafosse, Brandon Triplett, Caroline Tucker.

A,B, & 1 C
Eric Eliason, Craig Endres, Jeff Jacobs, Brian Jumo, Ryan Kelley, Jason McMyler, Gary Meyers, Brad Stull, Becky Welsh.

Kronewitter, Peter Lawson, Jim LeSarge, Jamie Longwell, Karen McGlamery, Corey Kolve, Jessica Rutz, Seth Rutz, Kristin Salka, Diane Whorley, Nathan Wight.

A,B, & 1 C
Stephanie Irving, Mike Ruid, Chris Satterlee, Aaron Vroman, Billie Jo Willison.

Kimble, Kris Marcussen, Derek Neumann, Wade O'Boyle, Tara Powell, Annie Rutz, Erica Simmons, Heather Smith, Patricia Soules, John Sterzick, Nicole Stewart, Aaron Swiger, Shonda Washburn, Melissa Yarrington.

A,B, & 1 C
Brenda Bowen, Fred Brickley, Tricia Goff, Samantha Graham, Dena Maynard, Miranda Nash, Ted Nelson, Amanda Palmitier, Joe Rasmus, Danette Rutz, Sara Seelye, Amber Smit.

Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE
File No. 91-152-963 IE

Estate of **GEORGIA LEE ANNA WARD, DECEASED**
SSN: 352-42-9560

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 629 Sheldon S.E., Grand Rapids, MI, 49503, died February 2, 1991.

Creditors of the de-

ceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, **IDA COLLIER**, 619 Logan S.E., Grand Rapids, MI, 49503, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. **John T. Conroy (P43709) Attorney-at-Law** 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

I. Meeting date change. The regular November meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission is changed from November 27 to December 4, 1991.

II. Notice of Public Hearing. The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on December 4, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance:

Section 3.04 "R-A" Rural Agricultural District C. Special Exception Uses
Add (new wording):

"8. Public or private elementary, middle and/or high schools offering courses in general education and not operated for profit."

The proposed amendment can also be examined at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:30 p.m. on December 4, 1991.

NOTE: Although it was earlier planned to also hold a second hearing on December 4 on a Special Exception Use request (with site plan review) for the proposed new high school, this has been delayed due to the concern of the Lowell School Board over the timing of that hearing.

When a new hearing date is decided upon, the public will be notified by published notices, and by individual notices mailed to residents living within 300 feet of the proposed site.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. on the 11th of December, 1991 of the Township Planning Commission.

The following changes of the zoning will be considered:

PAUL & CYNTHIA TUTHILL, applicant has requested rezoning of property located at 11827 Fulton, S.E., Lowell, Michigan from the present zoning classification of Rural Low Density Residential to General Commercial for the purpose of a chiropractic doctor's office. Tentative text and zoning map may be examined at the Township Office during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

cycles at a Kent Optimist Club meeting held at Duba's Restaurant in Grand Rapids. Approximately 60 children competed in the bicycle rodeo skill test and registration. Ten skill tests were given to each participant, with a maximum of ten points for each of the skill tests administered. The best score possible was 100.



An elephant's trunk has about 40,000 muscles.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

Bowne Township is now accepting bids for snow removal during the 1991-92 winter season. Specifications are available upon request from the Township Office - 868-6846 or 6059 Linfield S.E., Alto, Michigan, 49302. Deadline for bidding is November 15, 1991.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

Kent Optimist Club and Lowell Police Department announce rodeo winners

The Kent Optimist Club and the Lowell Police Department, co-sponsors of the recently held bicycle rodeo, have announced the winners.

The winners in the five six and seven year old category for boys and girls are: Ryan Gannon and Kristen Maki, respectfully.

In the eight, nine and ten year old category the winner for the boys was Jim Justifer. Courtney Shaffer and Dixie Eckman tied for the girls.

In the eleven through thirteen year old category, David Despres came in first and had the highest score (96) for the

boys. Betsy Eckman was the winner for the girls. Eckman won a bicycle last year and is

eligible for a \$10 cash award. The winners were recognized and awarded new bi-

The Kent Optimist Club and the Lowell Police Department, would like to thank



The winners of the Kent Optimist Club and the Lowell Police Department co-sponsored bicycle rodeo.

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Channel	Station	City
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2	NASH	
3	WSYM	Lansing
4	WOTV	Grand Rapids
5	WXMI	G. Rapids
6	WGUV	Grand Rapids
7	WKAR	East Lansing
8	WZZM	Grand Rapids
9	HBO	Premium
10	TBS	Atlanta
11	MAX	Premium
12	DISN	Premium
13	USA	
14	FAM	Family
15	WGN	Chicago
16	ESPN	Sports
17	CNN	News
18	CNNHEAD	
19	NICK	
20	A&E	
21	PASS	Troy
22	WWMT	Kalamazoo
23	WUHQ	Battle Creek
24	WILX	Lansing
25	WLNS	Lansing
26	DISC	
27	TNT	Atlanta



LISTINGS FOR FRI., NOV. 22 THRU THURS., NOV. 28

During his many years on television, former newspaper columnist Ed Sullivan played host to a dazzling lineup of show business greats, introducing many acts, including The Beatles, to national audiences. On Sunday, CBS looks back with *The Very Best of The Ed Sullivan Show II*.

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\$9,595.00



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FRIDAY

November 22

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6:00 MOVIE: The Mural Storm...
7:30 SportsCenter...
7:45 MOVIE: The Competition...
8:30 MOVIE: Amber Waves...
8:50 MOVIE: Johnny Dark...
9:00 MOVIE: Diabla A school teacher asks an aging gunslinger to help him rescue a woman from the dreaded bandit...
10:00 MOVIE: Rainier County...
10:05 SportsCenter...
11:00 MOVIE: Little Monsters A boy meets the whimsical monster who lives under his bed...

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: The Island at the Top of the World...
1:00 MOVIE: Apprentice to Murder...
1:30 MOVIE: The Red Badge of Courage...
2:00 MOVIE: America's Horse...
3:00 MOVIE: The Hunt for Gold A woman who stop at nothing to obtain the riches of a gold-mining mine...

EVENING

6:00 MOVIE: All Dogs Go to Heaven...
7:00 MOVIE: The Fifth Monkey...
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SATURDAY

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AFTERNOON

12:00 More Sex in the '90s...
1:00 Remodeling and Decorating...
2:00 MOVIE: The Best Years of Our Lives...
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SATURDAY cont.

- 2:20 (HBO) MOVIE: Wildcats (Stereo) (CC)
2:30 On Stage (Stereo)
2:45 MOVIE: Jeanne Engels An actress rises to success...

- 8:00 Music Videos
8:05 Christopher Closeup (CC)
8:10 Highway to Heaven (CC)
8:15 Midwest Outdoors Magazine
8:20 World Tomorrow
8:25 News/Future Watch

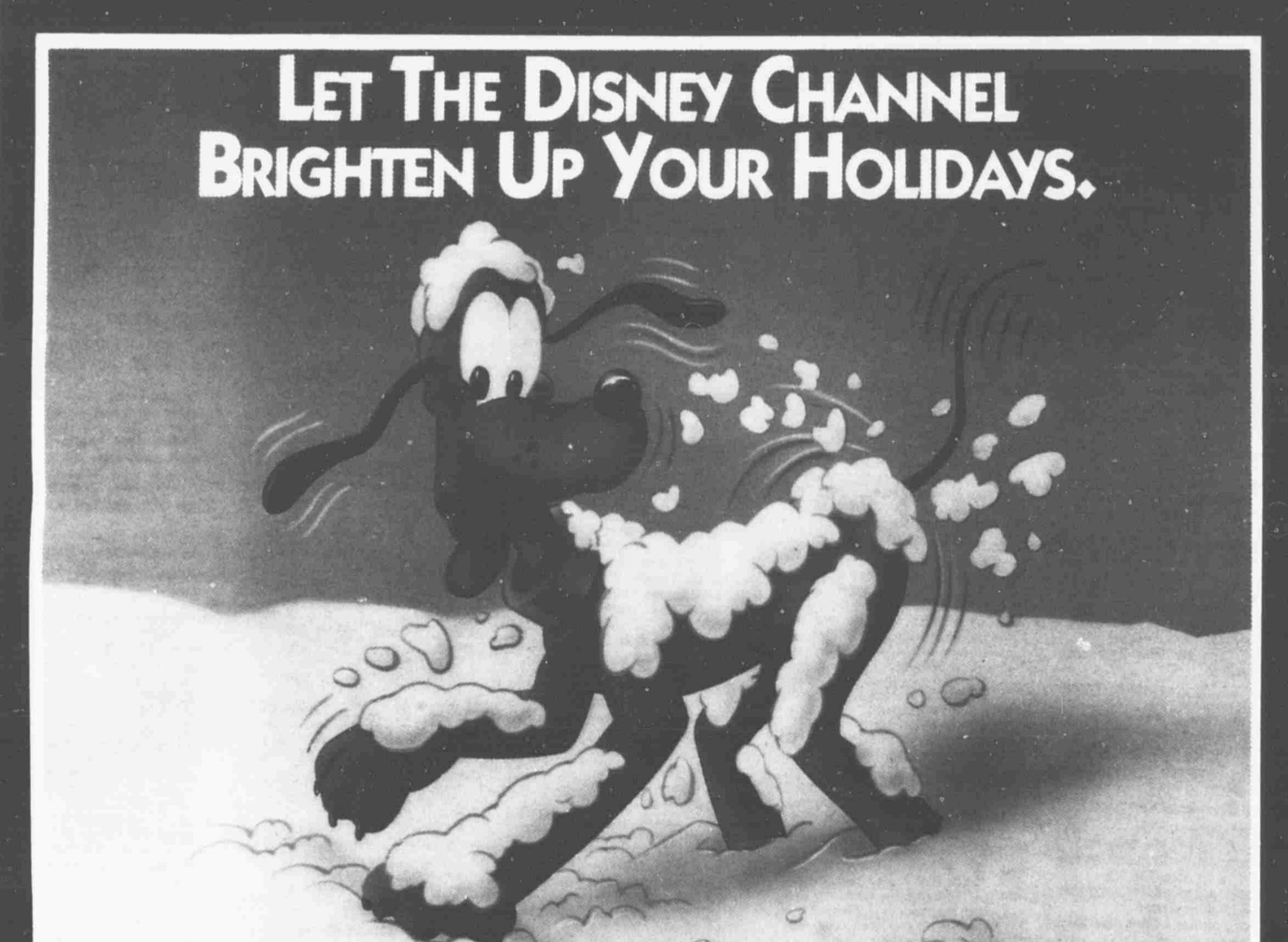
- 8:30 Daybreak
8:35 Captain Planet and the Planeteers
8:40 Exciting World of Speed and Beauty
8:45 Captain Planet and the Planeteers

SUNDAY

- November 24
MORNING
5:00 (1) CNN News
(2) [MAX] MOVIE: The Invisible Maniac (Stereo)
(3) Private Eye

- 7:00 The Concessions Don Ayr...
7:05 The Concessions Don Ayr...
7:10 The Concessions Don Ayr...

- 8:00 Donald Duck Presents
8:05 Captain N (CC)
8:10 The Week With David



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MORNING

- 5:00 Sports LateNight
5:10 (HBO) MOVIE: Tropical Snow (CC)
5:30 (HBO) MOVIE: Beetlejuice (Stereo) (CC)
5:40 (HBO) MOVIE: The Adventures of Milo and Otis (Stereo) (CC)
5:50 SportsCenter
5:55 (MAX) MOVIE: When Hell Was in Season

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Little Monsters (Stereo) (CC)
12:05 (MAX) MOVIE: Mom's Big Parade of Comedy (Stereo) (CC)
12:10 (HBO) MOVIE: Five Families Jazz trumpeter Red Nichols gives up a promising career...

EVENING

- 6:00 (MAX) MOVIE: Boom Town (Stereo)
6:05 (MAX) MOVIE: Boom Town (Stereo)
6:10 (MAX) MOVIE: Boom Town (Stereo)
6:15 (MAX) MOVIE: Boom Town (Stereo)
6:20 (MAX) MOVIE: Boom Town (Stereo)

SUNDAY cont.

- 12:30 Hank Parker's Outdoor Magazine Lagniappe bass. (Stereo) (CC)
12:35 NFL Live
12:40 Wall Street (Stereo) (CC)
12:45 (HBO) MOVIE: Young Guns II (Stereo) (CC)

- 1:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Green Man An alcoholic innkeeper is haunted by the ghost of a murderer...
1:05 (HBO) MOVIE: The Green Man An alcoholic innkeeper is haunted by the ghost of a murderer...
1:10 (HBO) MOVIE: The Green Man An alcoholic innkeeper is haunted by the ghost of a murderer...

EVENING

- 6:00 Like We Care
6:05 Truckin' USA Montana's Glacier National Park (Stereo)
6:10 Mr. Belvedere (CC)
6:15 Austin City Limits
6:20 New Yankee Workshop (CC)
6:25 (1) (2) (3) News
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6:35 (1) (2) (3) News

- 6:30 Remote Control
6:35 Parker Lewis Can't Lose (Stereo) (CC)
6:40 The Tortoise (Stereo) (CC)
6:45 Star Trek: The Next Generation (CC)
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Lowell girls paste 1st league loss on Rogers; Fall to Vikings

Lowell's girls basketball team did Tuesday night what no other team in the O-K White could, it defeated league champion Rogers 55-51.

Making the victory more significant, was the fact that the Red Arrows did it on the road.

After 12 consecutive conference wins, Rogers stumbled for the first time all year in the O-K White.

There were a lot of keys to the victory, but what pleased Akers most was Lowell's execution in its half-court offense. "We have not done a good job scoring out of our half court offense all year," Akers said. "Tonight, the girls were patient and were productive in the half court offense."

The Lowell coach also

praised the play of sophomore guard, Amy Stauffer. "She did a tremendous job of handling Roger's press. She also hit some key foul shots down the stretch."

The win was Lowell's third straight, and fifth in six games. The Red Arrows improved their league record to 8-5 and for the first time this year went a game above .500 at 10-9 overall. In round one of league games, Lowell went 3-4. In the second round, Lowell is now 5-1.

Lowell was led in scoring by its three seniors, Renee Nugent, Angie Brown and Brandi Phillips. Nugent netted a game-high 16 points, Brown tallied 14 and Phillips contributed with 12 points.

"I told Phillips before the

game, whichever Brandi (Phillips or Rogers' Brandi Kogler) had the better game would determine which club would win."

Kogler finished with 11 points. "Phillips came up to me after the contest and said, 'Well coach, I guess I had the better game,'" Akers said. "I guess she did."

Another key in the team victory was the bench play of Jodi Bishop and Krista Posthumus. Rogers took its first lead of the game in the fourth quarter with five minutes to play. Akers then inserted Bishop and Posthumus. "I told them we needed to exert some defensive pressure, causing some turnovers and creating some easy baskets," Akers said. "They did. We scored six quick points and re-established a five point lead."

Rogers got as close as two points with roughly 2:30 to play. A three-point shot by Brown pushed the lead back to five and was the final nail in Rogers' coffin.

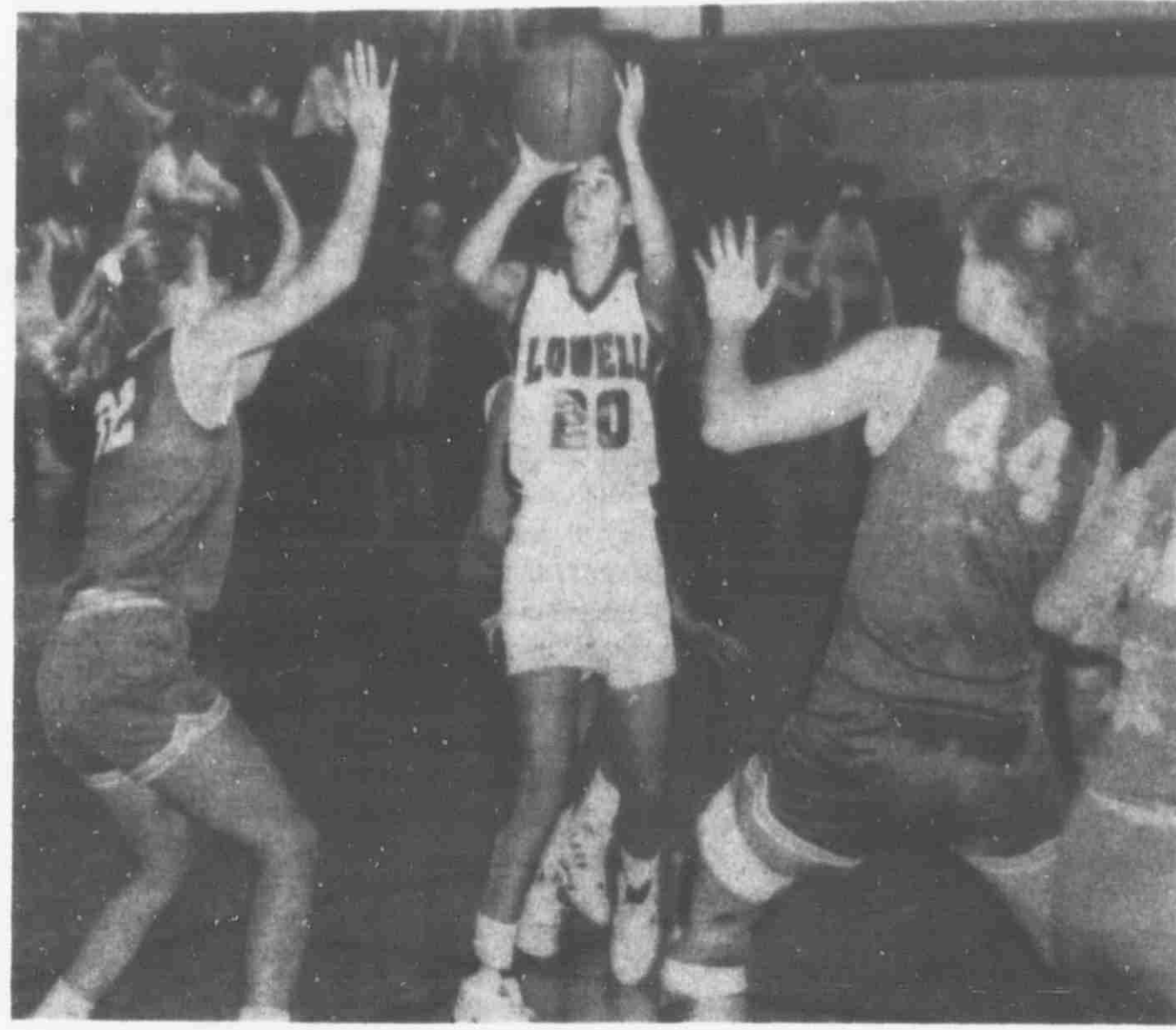
"This is a big win for the girls. It gives us some momentum going into the districts," Akers said. Lowell was lucky enough to draw a bye, but will have to play the winner of the East Grand Rapids/West Catholic game. West Catholic is the defending Class B state champion.

The win over the Golden Hawks also gave Lowell an opportunity to finish in a second-place tie with Park, provided the Arrows could shoot down the Vikings on Thursday.

Wyom. Park 53
Lowell 48

Despite a dismal four-point third quarter, the Red Arrows found themselves in position to win Thursday night's final conference game against the Vikings.

"We were in position to win the game, we just couldn't put down the shots," said Lowell's Ken Akers. With the loss, the Red Arrows finished the sea-



Amy Stauffer pulls up for a jumper in the lane against Park.

son at 8-6 in the O-K White and 10-10 overall.

"The girls were 13-14 points down in the third quarter. They could have quit right then," Akers explained. "Had they made a few key buckets down the stretch, they could have won this game."

Lowell trailed 43-29 after three quarters of play. The Red Arrows used a full court press to battle back. The same press Park riddled for easy buckets in their first contest. "Our girls played well on defense in the second and third quarter. I think they let up after that. Lowell's press bothered them because they didn't do what they were taught. The girls started to free-lance and then, when Lowell got things going, our girls panicked a little," Parks' coach said.

While Park was wiling under pressure, Red Arrow senior guard, Angie Brown was heating it up from the outside. Brown netted three fourth-quarter three pointers. She led Lowell in scoring with 15 points. Her backcourt partner, Amy Stauffer, finished with 14 points.

"We did not press the whole game this time. I decided to wait until Park looked a little tired and sprung it on them," Akers said. "It almost worked."

Nicole Wilcox led Park in scoring with 14 points. She

nailed four from three-point range. Leslie Wagner contributed with 12.

"We thought we had a good chance at winning the conference going into the season. We put ourselves in a bad spot by losing the opening league game to Zeeland," Park's coach explained. "Give Rogers credit, that club did what it took to win, we didn't." The Vikings were second in the league with a record of 11-3. Lowell was third at 8-6.

Akers recognized Krista

Posthumus for her fine play. "She made some mistakes down the stretch, but the fact she was in the game when it counted, says a lot for her. She's the type of player who wants the ball late."

Lowell's coach said he was very pleased with the way his girls played in their last two games against Rogers and Wyoming Park.

Lowell now waits for the winner of the EGR West Catholic game. The game will be played Wednesday at Forest Hills Northern at 8 p.m.

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Main St., cont'd.

Middle School Parents Organization. It will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

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JAYCEES SPONSOR "EVERYONE SHOULD BE WARM AT CHRISTMAS" PROJECT

The Lowell Area Jaycees, along with Access 6, are sponsoring the project "Everyone Should Be Warm At Christmas." The Jaycees are collecting warm items (coats, hats, mittens, sweaters, blankets, boots, etc.) for the needy and will be participating in this year's Christmas parade.

Jaycee members will be walking beside their float to gather articles along the parade route. Drop off boxes will also be located at Family Fare, Food City, West Side Deli and FMB State Savings Bank through Saturday, Dec. 7.

Donations will be distributed by Access 6 through their distribution centers.

LOWELL TRAVELERS PLAN TRIPS

Two Christmas shopping trips are being planned by the Lowell Travelers. The first is on Nov. 21 to the Water Tower Plaza in Chicago and then on Dec. 6 to the Fairlane Mall in Detroit.

Call 897-7092 for information and reservations.

BUSHNELL BOOK FAIR

The Bushnell Book Fair will be held Nov. 20, 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DOWNHILL SKI CLUB

Any elementary student interested in being part of a downhill ski club, please contact Marsha LaHaye at 897-7190 after 3:30 p.m.

LAS VEGAS NITE AT LARKIN'S OTHER PLACE

A Las Vegas Nite will be held Sat., Nov. 23 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Larkin's "The Other Place", 315 W. Main St. All proceeds will benefit the Lowell Showboat. Black Jack, Slot Wheel, Dirty Queen, Razzle Dazzle, cash prizes. Admission \$2. For more information call, 897-8280, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

The Kent County Library System's monthly story time for pre-schoolers, ages 3 1/2 to 5 will be held at the Lowell branch, 325 W. Main St., on Friday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. and at the Alto branch, 6059 Linfield, on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call, 897-9596 (Lowell), 868-6038 (Alto).

POST OFFICE LOBBY CLOSING EARLY

The Post Office lobby will close Friday, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. instead of the usual 5 p.m. There will be regular mail delivery.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED AT MOOSE LODGE

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, Nov. 21 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Fulton.

TRYOUTS FOR THE LAAC WINTER PLAY

Tryouts for the Lowell Area Arts Council's winter play production of the Moss Hart and George Kaufman production, "You Can't Take It With You," will be held Monday, Dec. 2, through Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson.

The comedy, which is set in New York in 1936, will need: 12 men, ages 20 to 55+, and seven women, ages 20 to 50+. Performance dates are February 20 - 22 and February 28 - 29.

Off The Blotter

Richard Denkema, 58, of Lowell reported to Lowell Police that his car was struck by a vehicle, driven by Glenn VanBuskirk of Saranac, pulling from the curb into the traffic lane, November 8, on Main near Lafayette Street.

Jamel Muhqueed, 23, of Ionia failed to stop at the intersection of Main and Center Streets, November 14, and struck a car driven by Margie Lovell, 41, of Grand Rapids. A 13 year old passenger in the Lovell vehicle suffered minor injuries.

Shelly Topping, 32, of Lowell failed to yield at the corner of Kent and South Jackson Street and hit a car driven by Carol Marker, 34, also of Lowell on November 14. No one was reported injured.

Randy Klitz, 18, of Lowell was cited into 63rd District

Hunting, continued...



Todd Weaver displays the eight-point, 150-pound buck he shot near Fallsburg Park Friday.



Mike Vezino landed a four-point, 200 pound buck on Friday just east of Saranac.

said. "This is my seventh buck."

He dropped his buck at 7:30 a.m. with a 12-gauge. The last deer hunter to stop by on Friday was Lowell's Mike Vezino.

He blasted his first buck east of Saranac. "He just about ran me over," Vezino said. "He was real close when I shot, approximately five feet away."

Vezino dropped a four-point, 200-pound buck. He shot him with a Remington 12-gauge at about 9:30 a.m.

It was Vezino's second buck of the season. "I got a deer with my bow two weeks ago," Vezino said. "I hit him once and tracked him for about 100 yards."

Hunters in 1989 set a record in Michigan killing 452,490 deer. The second best year was 1990 when hunters took 432,690 deer.

This year hunters are expected to go home with 24 million pounds of boned venison and expend \$350 million in food, lodging, transportation and equipment.

For being the first deer hunter to arrive at the Ledger office with a buck, Stormzand received a \$20 gift certificate from Thompson's Gun Shop, Alto; a \$20 gift certificate from Pfaller's Clothing; a \$20 gift certificate from Cousin's Card and Gift Shoppe; a free oil, lube and filter at Vennen Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth; free processing for his deer at Gary's

Country Meats; dinner for two (excluding drinks) at Germaine's in Saranac; a free two-year subscription to the Lowell Ledger; a free sportsman hatchet from Hahn Hardware; a \$20 gift certificate from Family Fare; and a collectible 1/16" scale model Chevy Pickup from Thomet Chevrolet, Buick, Geo.



Mark Nyp was the third deer hunter in on Friday. Nyp bagged a 10-point buck south of Lowell.

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MADD sponsors holiday sober driving campaign

Law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan are once again leading the way to safer holidays by their community-wide promotion of the MADD Red Ribbon "Tie One On...For Safety" sober driving public awareness campaign.

In an effort to discourage alcohol-impaired and drugged driving during the holidays,

Lowell Police Department will participate in the sixth red ribbon campaign initiated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Red ribbons will be displayed on agency vehicles on the antennas or outside mirrors throughout the campaign, November 18, 1991 through January 1, 1992.

The Red Ribbon cam-

paign urges motorists to help make the holidays happier by pledging to be alcohol-free when they get behind the wheel. The red ribbons are symbolic reminders to others to drive safe and sober.

"We support this effort because we know public involvement and heightened awareness to the dangers of intoxicated driving can help

bring down the number of alcohol-involved traffic crashes, especially during the holidays when there are more alcoholic beverages being served and consumed. The red ribbons may cause some drivers to not get behind the wheel if they've been drinking, and remind others to make alternate plans for safe rides home," said Barry Emmons, Police Chief of the Lowell Police Department.

The MADD Red Ribbon "Tie One On... For Safety" campaign has grown rapidly

as law enforcement agencies have cooperatively sponsored local efforts for this popular traffic safety program. Last year in Michigan nearly 5 million red ribbon reminders were distributed - about 1,387 miles!

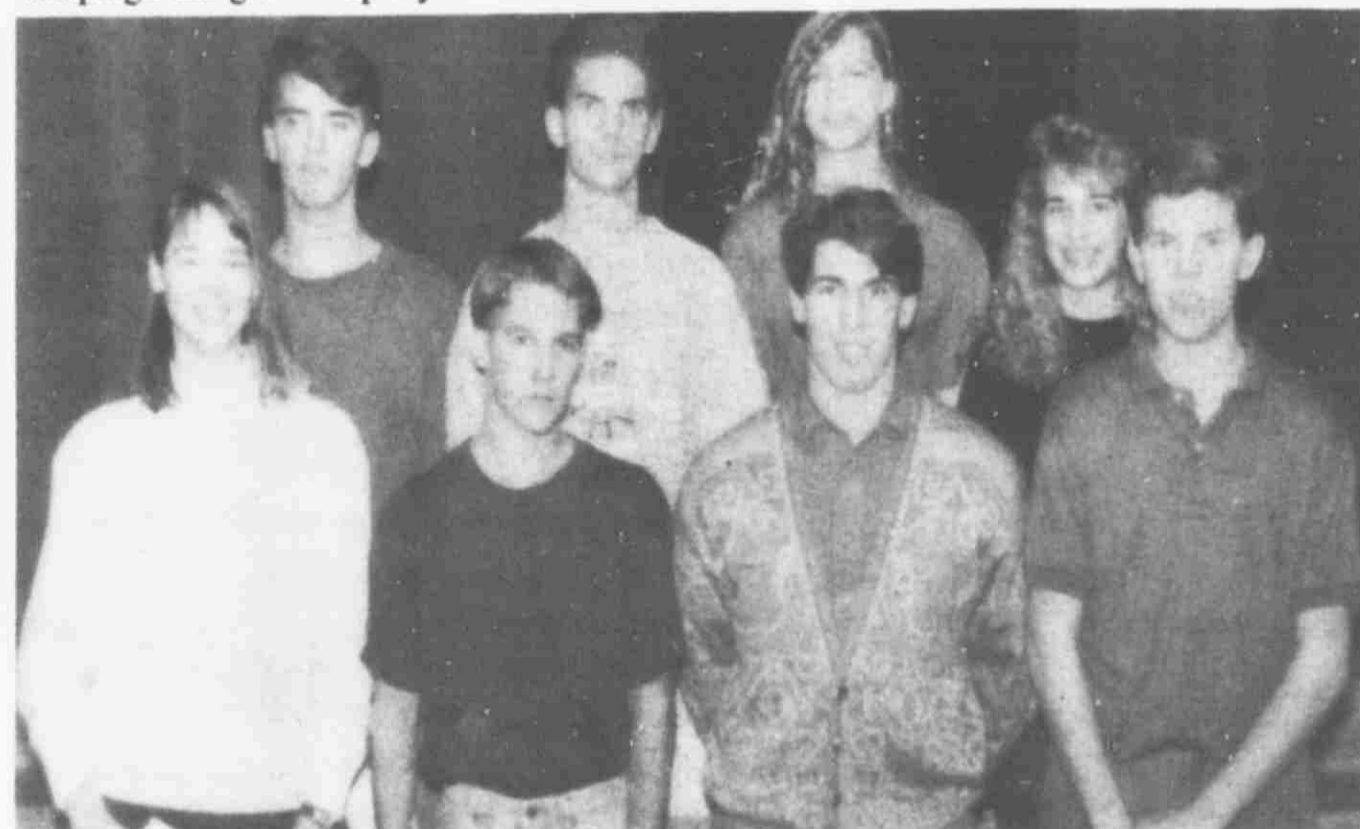
MADD began this national program in 1986 because of the surge in alcohol-related traffic crashes during the holidays. While there has been a reduction in the number of deaths and injuries, preventable tragedies still occur.

Last year in Michigan during the holidays alcohol was involved in a significant number of the total traffic fatalities: Thanksgiving - 10 of the 19 traffic fatalities involved alcohol, 52.6 percent; Christmas - seven of the 18 traffic fatalities involved alcohol, 38.9 percent; and New Year's - nine of the 15 traffic fatalities involved alcohol, 60 percent. Two of these three holidays were above the annual state average of 47.2 percent.



Red Arrow Harriers

Lowell's boy and girl cross country team members held a season ending banquet Thursday.



Cross country award winners

Lowell cross country award winners at the 1991 banquet were, front, left to right, Anna Lietzke, Coach's Award; Dude Kanoza, Most Improved; Dave Stouffer, MVP and O-K White All-Conference selection; Mike Wojciakowski, Coach's Award; back row, left to right, Tom Mull, O_K White Honorable Mention selection; Jason VanderWarf, O-K White Honorable Mention selection; Sara Lesky, Most Improved and O-K White All Conference; and Michelle Oliver, MVP and O-K White All-Conference.

Fees, continued

Wernstrom said he thought the Judge did what it had to do.

Lowell Superintendent, Fritz Esch said he was disappointed with the decision. "I thought the school should have received a better break."

Apparently the Club's attorney, James Wernstrom, thought the school might get a better break too. In September he approached the school and asked that it pay \$78,000 in legal fees and call it even. "The Board of Education decided it would not submit itself to legalized extortion," Esch said.

The Club's bill, plus the school's legal fees, \$43,000, will be paid out of the \$30 million bond issue for building and renovating.

According to school officials, \$500,000 was set aside for land acquisition. The school has agreed to pay

\$425,000 for the 180-acre Wittenbach property. Their legal fees of \$43,000, and the Club's, \$72, 573, totals \$115,573, pushing the school well over the \$500,000 mark.

Kemp said the school has accrued interest on the bond issue money at an average rate of \$156,000 per month. "Because of the scope of the project, the amount over the \$500,000, should not have an affect," Kemp said. "Had we purchased the Cooper/Cook properties the school would have been even further over the budgeted amount."

Superintendent Esch said the budgets are still intact on the basis of the bond issue. "Nothing will be cut from the school building program," he said.

Both Kemp and Esch said they are both thankful the issue is behind the school and it can now look ahead.

Stamp buyers get a break

Several stamp-buying services that help postal customers year-round are particularly handy during the holiday season, Grand Rapids Field Division General manager/Postmaster, Paul Vogel points out.

"We want our customers to get their Christmas mail in early, but we don't want them to have to wait in line to buy stamps," he says. "Through Easy Stamp Services you can have stamps delivered to you within three days by filling out a form you can get from your letter carrier. We provide this service at no charge to you over the face value of the stamps."

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Snell & Peel receive All-Conference honors

Aaron Snell, left, received O-K White All-Conference honors at the Lowell soccer banquet. Not pictured, but receiving All-Conference honors was Ryan Peel.

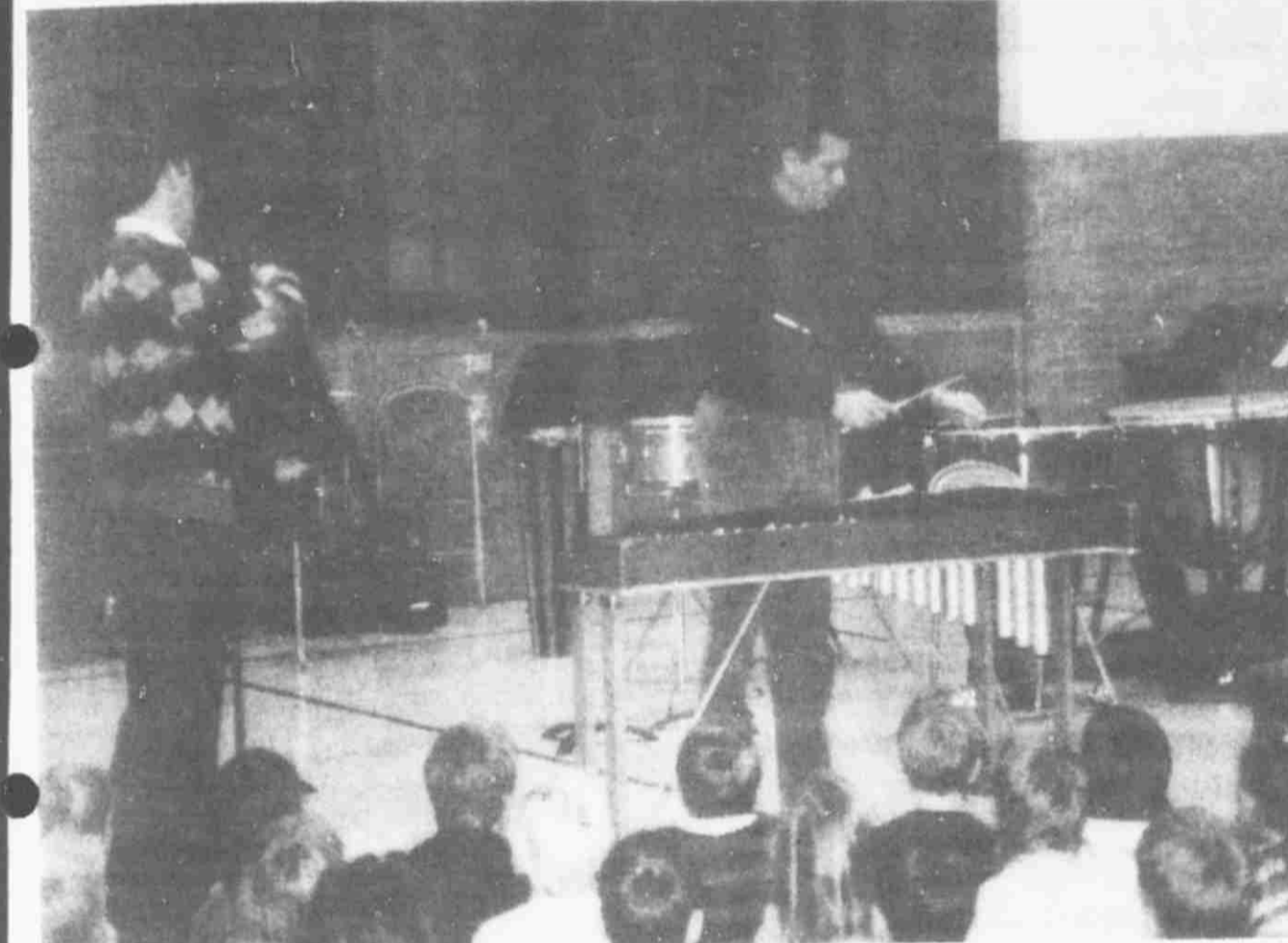
Alto students entertained by Bill Vits and David Gross



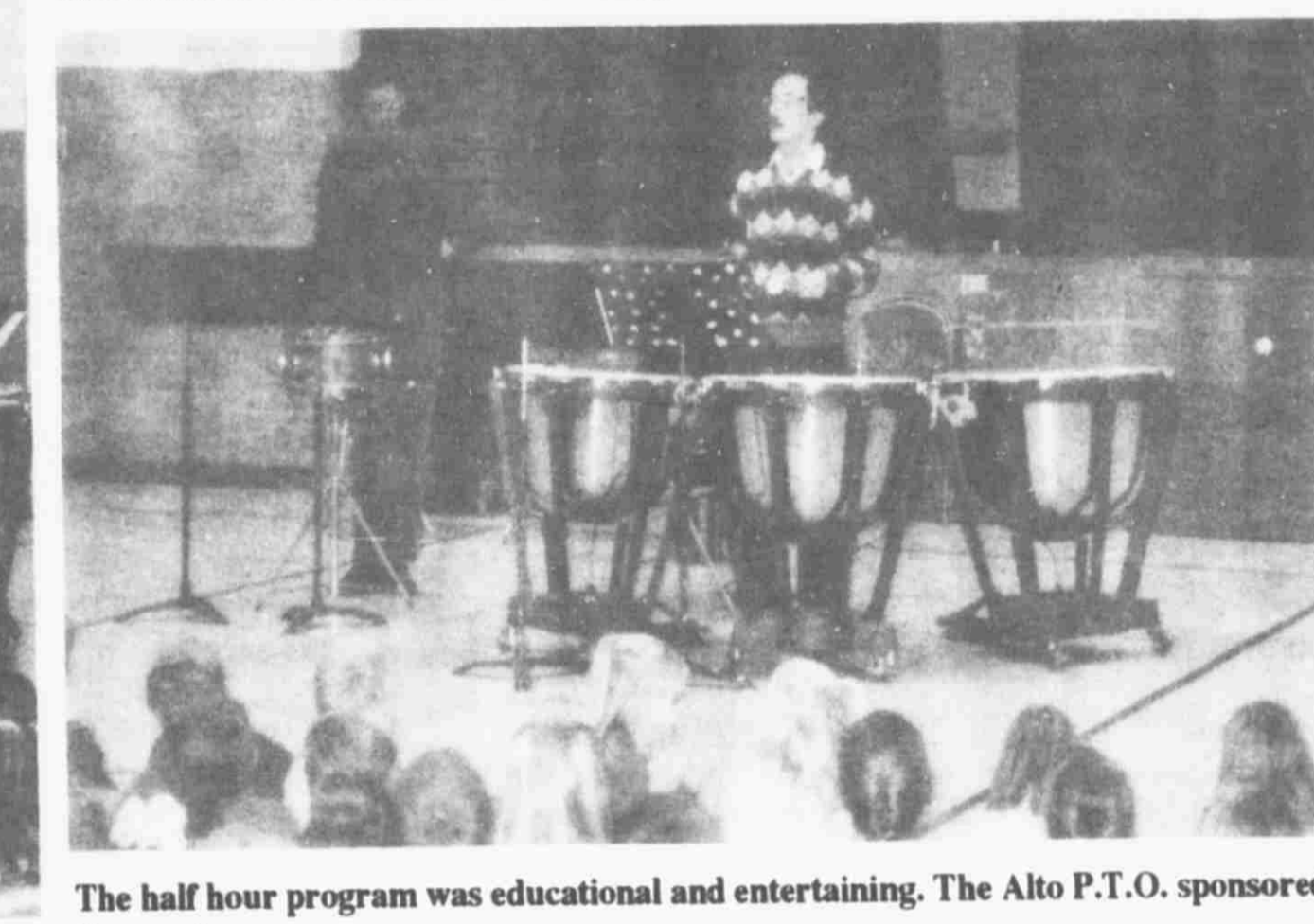
Bill Vits and David Gross informed the eager listeners about the instruments of the percussion family and demonstrated various ways of playing. They also gave a brief history of how percussion instruments were used as a form of communication.



Alto Elementary students were entertained by the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra's Percussion Duo on Thursday, Nov. 7.



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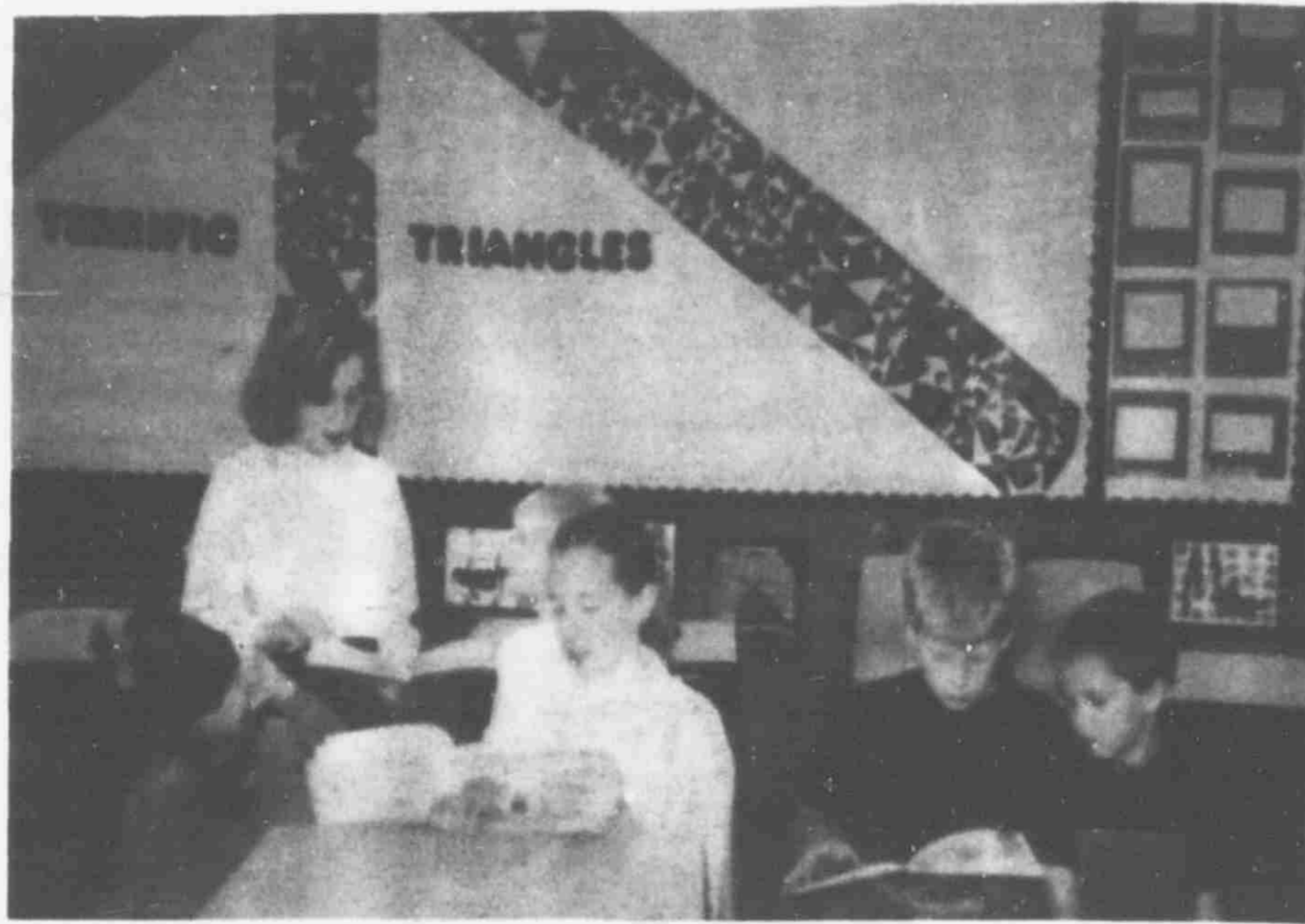
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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #91-08

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 11, 1991
EFFECTIVE: On the day of publication.

An ordinance to create and establish an annuity or pension plan for certain employees of Grattan Township and to authorize the township supervisor and township clerk to contract, in the name of the township, for such plan; to define those classes of and employees who shall be covered by such annuity or pension plan; to set forth the respective per centum which Grattan Township shall contribute to the premium or charges arising under such annuity or pension contract. To establish the time at which present and future employees shall become eligible for such plan and to further establish the normal retirement date for all employees; to provide a method for non-coverage of an employee of the annuity or pension plan shall have a vested right or interest in such plan; to ratify and confirm the validity of any annuity or pension plan in existence on the effective date of this ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of any ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDAINS:

SECTION I.

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE."

SECTION II.

Pursuant to Act #27 of the Public Acts of 1960, as amended, the Township of Grattan hereby creates and establishes an annuity or pension plan and program for the pensioning certain of its employees, and, for such purposes, also authorizes the township clerk and the township supervisor to contract, in the name of the township subject to approval of the township board, with any company authorized to transact such business within the State of Michigan for annuities or pensions.

SECTION III.

The annuity or pension plan created, established and contacted for under this ordinance shall cover each person within the following classes of officers and employees:

All members of the township planning commission.

All members of the township zoning board of appeals who earn minimum qualifying compensation.

The township building inspector.

The zoning administrator.

The electrical inspector.

All township volunteer firemen who earn minimum qualifying compensation.

The township assessor.

All employees who meet minimum premium requirements based on annual compensation of the employee.

SECTION IV.

A. The Township of Grattan shall annually contribute eight per centum (8%) of the premium or charges arising under such annuity or pension contract for each person within the class of employees enumerated in Section III hereof. Such contributions shall be paid from the general fund of the township.

B. Each employee who is employed on the effective date of the annuity or pension plan shall be eligible for coverage on that day provided he or she then meets the following requirements, otherwise to be eligible on the first policy anniversary on which he or she meets them:

1. His or her age (nearest birthday) is at least eighteen (18) years and not more than seventy five (75) years.

C. Every employee who becomes subsequently employed shall be eligible on the first policy anniversary on which he or she meets the following requirements:

a. His or her age (nearest birthday) is at least eighteen (18) years and not more than seventy five (75) years.

D. An employee's normal retirement date shall be the policy anniversary of the annuity or pension plan nearest his or her 65th birthday.

E. Any person desiring not to be so covered shall give written notice to the township clerk that he desires not to be covered, and if the notice is received before the person has become covered under the contract, he shall not be covered thereunder. If the notice is received after the individual has become covered, his coverage under the contract shall cease as provided for in the contract.

SECTION V.

Each person so covered under the annuity or pension plan shall have a vested right or interest in such plan zero (0) months from the date the plan becomes effective for such person.

SECTION VI.

The Township of Grattan hereby ratifies and confirms the validity of any annuity or pension plan in existence on the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION VIII.

This ordinance shall take effect on the date of its publication. All ordinances or parts of any ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

James R. Lally
Township Clerk

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 14, 1991

- Members present: J. Nowak, R. Lally, L. Hefferon, T. Nugent and R. Herweyer.
- The Township Board Minutes of September 9, 1991 were approved.
- The treasurer's report received and payment of accounts payable were authorized.
- Citizen's hearing: Home occupation violation, construction violation and petition to move Abrahams Dr.
- The Zoning Administrator activities report included 2 site visits, 4 interpretations & 2 Planning Commission meetings.
- The Inspection Department reported a total of \$2,299.00 in permit fees with a construction value of \$95,300.
- The Planning Commission report by D. Kurylowicz told of the special use permit for Don Osborn.
- A Public Safety report was given by Terry Nugent.
- The Fire Department Report was received.
- Amendment of the Budget was given by Rex Lally.
- Slayton Lake Special Assessment Meeting was set for October 29, 1991, at 7:30 P.M.
- Supervisor Report: Barry Bittrick spoke of hydro-geological study of the sanitary drain, and discussed what to do with the orchard at the Grattan sanitary drain site.
- Board Members' Report (none).
- Adjournment of the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Rex Lally, Clerk
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The G.A. (Bob) Ford family.

IN MEMORIAM

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In memory of Billy Kuehle.

Although it's been two years, it seems only a short while. You're in our thoughts all the time. You're memory makes us smile.

We keep in our hearts the neat things you use to do, we'll never let them go. We'll cry a little and pray a lot. Because we love you so. Love you always, Uncle Jim, Aunt Cheryl & Keven

IN MEMORIAM
Billy, There's so many things to be missed about you... That I don't know where to begin... so I'll just mention a few...

I miss the vacuum kisses, the butterfly kisses and the bear hugs just before we went to bed.

January 6, 1981
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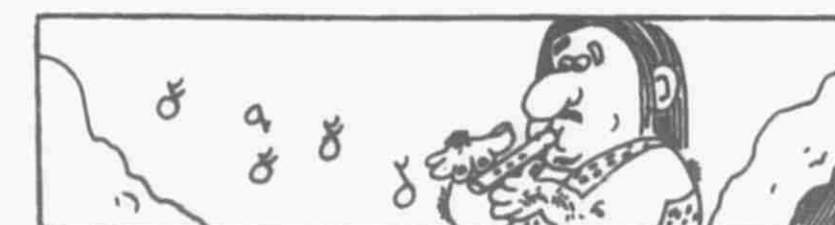
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The pipe is probably the oldest of all musical instruments.

Council debate over rail fencing for park is split

When does a park become a penal system?

That may depend on what kind of fence is used to define its boundaries.

At the request of the Park Commission, Lowell's City Council discussed purchasing and installing a split rail fence for the boundaries of Stoney Lakeside Park.

Much like the fence in discussion, the Council's thoughts on what kind of fence, or if a fence is even needed, was split.

"I want better security for the park than what a split rail fence is going to provide," Lowell City Councilman Charlie Doyle said. "Aesthetically a split rail fence would be nice, but it doesn't provide enough security."

Councilman Jim Hodges disagreed. "It's not the intent of a park to fence people in or out. A park is suppose to be open and available to the public."

Councilman Jack Fonger disagreed, "I believe the impression is that there is a certain time of the day you don't want people in the park. The split rail fence is great for photographs, but it is not going to help security. I'd like to see a cyclone fence, similar to the one that was put up at the water plant."

Councilman Jim Thompson disagreed, "This is a park not a corrections institute. You can't fence in a park. Whether there is a fence up or not, there is going to be vandalism. I think we must ask our police department to take care of it. When we catch the vandals, we must fine them good. The fence is intended to direct traffic."

Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said park security would be a problem. It is something that will have to be

addressed. It will require access and frequent inspections.

Emmons wasn't sure that the type of fence used would make that big of a difference. "I think a split rail would be okay," he said.

The question of liability was also brought up. "I don't want the City to become liable over the swimming area. I think we need to check on our liability," Doyle said.

Thompson said he felt at some point people must be

responsible. Mayor James Maatman asked if having a fence lessened the City's liability. The Council did not think it would. However, the degree of liability was not clear.

The lowest quote for the installation of a split rail fence came from Good Fence (\$3,025) out of Wyoming.

The decision as to if a fence would be purchased, or what kind of fence, or if one was necessary, was tabled until March.

Affordable housing looked at by task force

A recently released House Republican task force report has offered 20 recommendations that would help provide more affordable housing in Michigan.

The House Republican Task Force on Affordable Housing, which issued its report after a series of statewide hearings, said that Michigan must make affordable housing a state goal.

The gap between demand

and supply of affordable housing is growing wider not only in Michigan, but throughout the entire United States. Our country has a serious economic problem when 40 percent of married couples and three of every four single adults cannot afford a median-priced house, which is \$60,000 in the Midwest.

The task force's recommendations include: calling

for a review by federal, state and local governments on ways to reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing and help provide model codes and technical assistance, enacting legislation to shorten the property tax foreclosure process for unoccupied abandoned property; developing "one-stop" permit centers for building and development approval processes; urging the Michigan State Housing De-

velopment Authority to develop a statewide databank on available financing and advice on partnerships.

Recent evidence shows several funding sources are required to finance a low-income housing project; supporting an across-the-board reduction in property taxes; urging Congress to enact permanent low-income housing tax credits while preserving deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes.

The process needs to be streamlined at every level and government should assist and coordinate instead of being an obstacle to overcome. The power to regulate is delegated to localities by the state, and while state government may not be responsible for all regulatory barriers, it can use leverage to eliminate them while putting its own house in order.

Michigan's welfare recipients and low-income residents would continue to receive heating assistance to help them through upcoming winters under legislation recently passed in the Michigan House.

House Bill 5235, allows low-income taxpayers to claim credits against their income tax to partially offset the cost of heating their homes.

The home-heating credit is a state payment to low-income people based on the number of income tax exemptions claimed. The program is a means of protecting families, particularly senior citizens, from rising heating bills.

Offered since 1978, the credit was cut from the Department of Social Services budget earlier this year, and reinstated legislatively at Governor Engler's request.

With winter coming sooner than expected, many low-income families are finding it difficult to pay their heating bills. This tax credit will alleviate the high costs of heating their homes and help protect them from losing this necessity.

The heating assistance bill also would: extend the credit through the 1994 tax year, require the Treasury Department to mail an application by December 1 of each year to people who were recipients of AFDC or General Assistance during the tax year, and require the Treasury Department to provide a simplified procedure for those making direct vendor payments to an enrolled utility company or fuel provider.

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