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## LIBRARY BRANCH CLOSINGS

All 17 branches of the Kent County Library System will be closed Friday, January 31, 1992 for staff in-service training. This includes the Lowell and Alto branch.

## TLC FAMILY WORKSHOPS PLANNED

The TLC Family Celebration Workshops for parents will be held February 1, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Middle School. Workshops will focus on educational and parenting issues.

Free baby-sitting. Information is available at all Lowell Schools or contact Mrs. Pierce or Mrs. Dorrough at the High School.

## LOWELL FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The Lowell Family Medical Center, Drs. Paul R. Gauthier, D.O. and James C. Lang, D.O. invite their patients and the Lowell community to an open house celebrating the opening of their new offices at 147 N. Center St., Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## SKI CLUB PASSES STILL AVAILABLE

Attention elementary students and parents. Ski Club passes are still available. Call Marsha LaHaye at 897-7190.

## ACADEMIC BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Boosters Club will be Monday, January 20, in room A1 of the High School. Please join us to support "academics" at the High School.

## KENT COUNTY LIBRARY STORY TIMES

Kent County Library System offers a series of monthly story times for pre-schoolers, suggested age 3 1/2 to five. Registration is necessary.

For more information, call your local branch, Lowell, 897-9596 or Alto, 868-6038.

## LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT FORMING EXPLORERS POST

The Lowell Area Fire Department is now forming a Explorers Post for anyone interested in learning about the fire service. You must be at least 14 years of age and have completed the eighth grade or be 15 years old and not yet 21.

There will be a sign-up meeting at the Lowell Area Fire Station, 315 South Hudson St. on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. A parent must come to meeting.

For more information call Tom, 897-7607 weekdays between 3 and 7 p.m.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Arrested on a warrant issued out of a Kent County Court, December 31, was Brenda Deible, 27, of Lowell.

Kenneth Clayton, 33, of Orleans was taken to the Kent County jail on a bench warrant for traffic violations, December 29.

Lowell police investigated 28 accident complaints in the month of December, 1991, three of which resulted in injuries.

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## Lowell begins transition from conventional to Vista

Schools are asked to replace a bus at seven years of use. Larry Mikulski, Director of Transportation at Lowell Schools will tell you that doesn't happen at very many schools.

"Lowell Schools is currently replacing buses after 11 years of use," Mikulski said. "Most schools don't have the money to replace a bus after seven years."

Lowell Board of Education member Chris VanAntwerp applauded the school systems concern for safety through the life of a bus. "That cannot be overemphasized. You can't put a price on safety."

At Monday night's January Board meeting, Lowell's School Board approved the purchase of three 71 passenger buses and one 48 passenger bus.

The 71 passenger buses were purchased from Hoekstra Truck Equipment Inc., and Woodland International Trucks Inc. for a total price of \$129, 828.

The 48 passenger lift bus was purchased from Hoekstra Truck Equipment and Woodland International Trucks, Inc. for a total of \$47,323.

Lowell Schools received a discount of \$933 on the purchase of the buses because it was one of the first schools to begin to make the transition to the Vista style bus from the conventional bus.

Mikulski admits that the cost for the 71 passenger is a little more than the standard 68 passenger, but he adds that the cost per passenger drops by \$40.

"By spending a little more were actually saving in the long run," Mikulski said.

## Posthumus applauds school anti-drug effort

### Breakfast kickoff held for

### "Together Lowell Cares" program

Michigan Senator Dick Posthumus highlighted a Together Lowell Cares breakfast for Drug and Alcohol Awareness week which runs Jan. 27 through Feb. 1.

The charge of "Together Lowell Cares" is too offset the negative influences of drugs and alcohol.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, "Together Lowell Cares" will conclude its week of drug and alcohol awareness in Lowell Schools with a family celebration.

The family celebration will offer parents a series of workshops, which will focus on various educational issues relating to parenting. The purpose of the celebration is to explore issues related to children and education.

The sessions offered will include single and step parenting; learning disabilities, attention deficit hyperactive disorders, Public Act 25, Toughlove; school improvement and outcome based education and home issues that impact education.

Dick Korb, Director of Community Education, will be the kick-off speaker for the series of workshops.

A \$3 donation per family is requested. Babysitting will be provided in the Middle School Gym by High School Teens Involved students.

Speaking at the breakfast, Posthumus said drugs, drink-

ing, promiscuity and violence are all part of a crisis of character in our nation's youth.

A committee on Children, Youth and Families discovered that:

\* One-third of all high school students get drunk at least once a week.

\* The average age for first time drug use is now 13-years old.

\* Suicide is now the leading cause of death among adolescents.

\* Teen pregnancy has risen 621 percent since 1940, now accounting for over one million pregnancies a year. 85 percent of teenage boys who father these children eventually abandon them.

\* Teen homicide has increased 232 percent since 1950. Homicide is the leading cause of death among minority youths between the ages of 15 and 19.

"I believe these problems are a part of a much larger issue; the lack of character and values in our nation's youth," Posthumus said.

The Michigan Senator said it is efforts like "Together Lowell Cares" which can offset the negative influences.

"While parents and churches are struggling to do this, our schools must be a part of the process," he explained. "Education has for its object the formation of character."



Senator Dick Posthumus was the guest speaker at the kick-off breakfast for "Together Lowell Cares."



# Obituaries

**BRAFFORD-** Ray A. Brafford, aged 74, of Saranac, died January 8, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Edith; children, Gary and Sammie Massingill of Tenn., Ray and Jenny Danilowicz of Lowell, Dale and Laura Bowen, Frank and Helen Abbott, all of NM, Stan Brafford of Saranac, Michael and Shelly Brafford of IN; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Joe Gerkin of First Baptist Church of Lowell officiating.

**GRAHAM -** Ruth A. Graham, 97, of Reading MI died Monday, January 13, 1992 at Marshall Manor of Marshall, MI. She was a former resident of Bowne Center. At one time she was a manager of Avon Products of Grand Rapids. She was born in Black River, NY on May 31, 1894. Her parents were Fayette and Lizzie (Fisher) Beckwith. A member of the Bowne United Methodist Church, she was preceded in death by three husbands, Reed Nagler,

James McPherson and Leslie Graham; One daughter surviving, Mrs. Richard (Dorothy) VanVoorhis of Reading; six grandsons and sixteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son; one sister, two brothers and one grandson. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the St. John-White Funeral Home in Reading, Elder George Schoun officiating. Committal in Bowne Center Cemetery at 2 p.m. Thursday. Visitation Wednesday, noon to 9 p.m. at the Funeral Home in Reading.

**KEECH -** Maxwell Keech, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, January 12, 1992. He is

survived by his brothers, Charles (Charlotte) of Boyne City, Robert (Daryl) of Lowell, Gerald (Linda) of Niles, Jack (Bea) of Tacoma, WA, and Roger of Lowell; two aunts, Alice Harrison and Jeny Heath; Donna Keech; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Ray Befus officiating.

**LINDERMAN -** Mrs. Agnes Linderman, aged 91, of Cedar Springs, died Wednesday morning. Surviving are her children, Thelma and Harry Jones of Cedar Springs, Alvin and Loretta Linderman of California, Clifton and Frances Linderman of Tampa, FL; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara and Marcus DeVries of Cedar Springs and Mary Ziegenfuss of South Carolina; one brother, Herbert and Sally Snyder of Lowell; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Friday at the First Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, Rev. Donald T. Sunman and Rev. Lloyd J. Early officiating. Interment in Courtland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

**MARLOWE -** Miles Patrick Marlowe aged 3 months passed away unexpectedly Friday January 10, 1992. Dear son of Patrick and Gloria; also surviving are his Grandparents Colleen and Stanley Wierzbicki of White Pine, MI; Harvey and Jean Marlowe of Jenison; his Great-grandparents, Cortlin and David Calhoun of White Pine, MI; Harvey A. Marlowe of Wyoming; his uncle and aunts Joe and Cyndie Wierzbicki of Lowell; Mike and Kim Marlowe of Jenison; his cousins Amber and Nichole Marlowe and Courtney Wierzbicki; several great aunts and uncles. Funeral ser-

vice were held Monday from Grandville United Methodist Church, with Rev. Kim Gladding officiating. Interment Georgetown Cemetery. Memorial contributions to: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation.

**MATHEWS -** Etta Mathews, aged 72, of Lowell, died Saturday, January 11, 1992. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, William and Jeanne Serne, Tom and Tina Serne, Jim and Eleanor Serne, Mike and Joanne Serne, and Pat and June Serne. Mass of Christian burial was offered Tuesday, St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Msgr. James P. Moran, Celebrant.

**SCHNEIDER -** Louise B. Schneider, aged 99, of Lowell, died January 9, 1992. She is survived by her children, Kathryn and Marion Pecote of Sonoma, CA, Robert Schneider of Lowell, Ardis and Donald Merrill of Boyne Falls, MI, Beatrice and John Williams of Lake, MI, Bertha and Richard Gephart of Grand Rapids, Laurence and Dorothy Schneider of Sun City, AZ, Donald and Anne Schneider of Jenison, Judith and Robert Conn of Concord, NC; 29 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday at First Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. William J. Amundsen officiating. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell or Keller Tree.

**POLL -** (Freeport) - Everett Poll Sr., aged 82, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord, January 12, 1992 at Blodgett Hospital. Surviving are his wife Margaret G. Poll; his children, Everett (Thelma) Poll Jr. of Caledonia, Eugene (Mary) Poll of Middleville, Joyce (Joel) York of Sarasota, FL, Larry Poll of Hastings, Jerry (Mary) Poll of Alto,

Ernest (Retha) Poll of Hastings; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; special sister, Mamie Mulder of Grand Rapids; brothers, Al (Marian) Poll of Kentwood, Jay (Ann) Poll of Ada, Robert (Katherine) Poll of Caledonia; sister-in-law, May Poll of Alto; brothers-in-law, Herschel (Joan) Chase of Rockford, Wayne (Gladys) Chase of Coopersville, Delos (Georgetta) Shay of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Beeler Funeral Chapel. Rev. Jerry Drummond officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Freeport United Brethren Church.

## Dudeck wins MSPRA Contest

Louis Dudeck, Elementary Principal for the Lowell Area schools has been named a winner in the annual Michigan School Public Relations Association Communications Contest, receiving a "Commendable" award in the print



Louis Dudeck

media category for the publication *Directions*. School print and electronic media productions were entered from across the state.

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## Primary, continued...

ers may find the political party preference declaration forms misleading. On the form it allows voters to chose Democratic, Republican or no party preference. "If a voter chooses no party preference he or she will not be allowed to vote in primary," Morlock said. "I'm not sure why that selection was even put on the form."

Whichever party a voter claims is the way he or she must vote on March 17.

"If a voter declares Democratic than he or she will be put in a voters booth where they will only be able to choose a Democratic candidate," Morlock said. "The two parties decided on this method to help them determine who the general public wants to represent the party at the 1992 national conventions."

Morlock and other clerks in Kent County are afraid of people's reaction on March

17 when they find out they can't vote because they didn't declare their party.

"A primary like this will be expensive. It costs \$2,317 to run a small city election. This primary election will cost more," Morlock says. "Small City elections take three workers per precinct. This one will take up to four. I also believe voters will be upset that they have to declare a party."

Unlike other partisan primaries held in the state, the Presidential Primary will be a "closed" primary as opposed to an "open" primary.

A "closed" primary is where voters are presented a ballot that shows a single political party.

An "open" primary shows voters all of the political parties qualified to participate in the primary.

A "closed" primary was necessary because the Democratic party does not recognize the results of an "open" primary.

The City of Lowell precincts will be set up at Bushnell and Runciman Elementary Schools.

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

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

**2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS:** Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12685 Foreman Road.

**EVERY MONDAY EVENING:** Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

**MONDAYS:** Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

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

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

**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 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.

**TUESDAYS -** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M1372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING -** Ladies, join us for Coffee Break Bible Study and Children's Story Hour at Calvary Christian

Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30-10:45 Nursery provided.

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

**2ND WEDNESDAY:** Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY -** Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

**EVERY THURS.:** Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

**THURSDAYS -** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M1, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne first. Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. No December meeting.

**SPECIAL KIDS NEED YOU!**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FOSTER CARE: 897-4114

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

**2ND THURSDAY OF MONTH:** All Lowell Area Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Lowell Community Ed Lunch and Learn at 12:15 p.m. given at the Lowell High School. Cost of lunch is \$2.10

**SATURDAYS -** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**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.

**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING:** Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kids 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 center meeting.

## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 1992 at 7:30 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, for the purpose of receiving comment on a Special Exception Use application from the Lowell Area Schools to construct a high school and accompanying athletic facilities in the NE1/4 of Section 33.

The application, with the proposed site plan, includes an approximately 100 acre parcel, plus a five acre strip for an ingress/egress road from Alden Nash road to the primary parcel.

The application and proposed site plan can be examined at the Vergennes Township Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Written comments will also be considered if received at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331, before 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 1992.

Gil Wise  
Chairman

Assembly of God at 897-7047. Phone 897-8545.

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

**QUA-KE-ZIK** Sportsmen's Club - meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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

**LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS** - Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**MUSEUM NOW OPEN** Admission is free to the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum - Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 4 miles north of Lowell in eastern Kent County.

**THURS. JAN. 16:** Keenagers will meet at Vergennes United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. We will play cards and have a potluck. Bring dish to pass and own table service.

**THURS. JAN. 23:** The Lowell Area Fire Department is forming a Explorers Post. Sign up meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Fire Station, 315 South Hudson Street. All interested persons 14 years old and having completed eighth grade and those between 15 and 20 years of age. For information call Tom, 897-7607 weekdays, 3 to 7 p.m. A parent must come along to meeting.

**FRI., JAN. 29:** Lowell Area Historical Association annual meeting at Look Memorial Fire Station at 7 p.m. All members invited.

**Samuel Johnson's Dictionary** was first published in 1755.

# CARS That Fit Your BUDGET

- 1991 BONNEVILLE SSE, Loaded, blue .....\$17,695.00
- 1991 PONTIAC LEMANS LE, 4 door, air .....\$6,995.00
- 1991 OLDS 98 ELITE, loaded, gray .....\$17,795.00
- 1991 PONTIAC 6000 LE, 4 door, blue .....\$10,995.00
- 1991 GRAND PRIX, 4 door, gray .....\$11,895.00

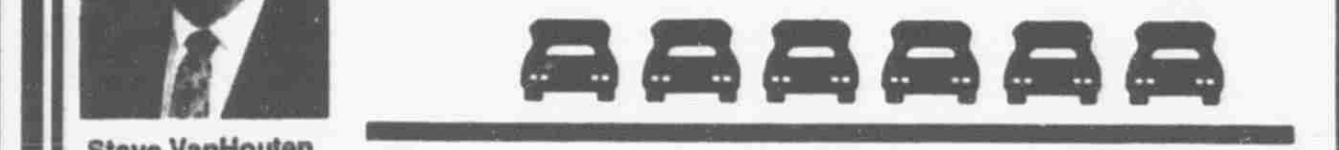
- 1991 SUNBIRD CONVERTIBLE, white .....\$11,595.00
- 1991 OLDS CALAIS, 4 door Quad 4 .....\$9,695.00
- 1990 CHEVY LUMINA EURO COUPE, red .....\$10,695.00
- 1990 TORONADO, loaded, maroon .....\$14,495.00

- 1990 OLDS 88 ROYAL, 4 door, gray .....\$12,495.00
- 1990 BONNEVILLE LE, 4 door, maroon .....\$11,895.00
- 1989 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL, signature series .....\$14,295.00
- 1989 FORD F-250 PICKUP, V8, black .....\$8,995.00

- 1989 OLDS 88 BROUGHAM, 4 door, light blue .....\$8,795.00
- 1989 GEO SPECTRUM, 4 door, air, blue .....\$3,695.00
- 1989 BONNEVILLE LE, 42,000 miles, blue .....\$9,395.00
- 1988 GMC S-15 EXT. CAB PICKUP, low miles .....\$6,795.00

- 1988 DODGE DAKOTA PICKUP, red, 34,000 miles .....\$7,995.00
- 1988 ESCORT GL, red, 4 door .....\$3,995.00
- 1988 SUNBIRD, 4 door, air, stereo .....\$5,195.00
- 1987 MUSTANG GT, V8, 5 speed, air .....\$6,995.00
- 1987 DODGE 600, 4 door, burgundy .....\$3,295.00
- 1987 BONNEVILLE LE, silver, 4 door .....\$6,295.00

- 1987 RANGER XLT, 4x4, pickup, red .....\$5,595.00
- 1985 OLDS CALAIS, 2 door, red .....\$2,895.00
- 1987 DODGE CHARGER, light blue .....\$2,395.00
- 1985 MUSTANG LX, 57,000 miles, blue .....\$3,595.00
- 1987 CHRYSLER LEBARON, 4 door, blue .....\$3,495.00



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## FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month"



LINDA DESJARDEN

The January 1992 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Linda DesJarden. Linda has been a bank employee for 12 years and works as a Teller.

When asked about her job at the bank, she replies, "Working at the Westown Office, I have seen incredible growth over the years. Our staff has grown to accommodate that growth. We are all friends, as well as co-workers. We have a job to do, but because of them, I have a lot of fun, too. What I like most about my job is that our branch has many loyal customers. I've made a lot of new friends over the years and like recommending accounts that best fit their needs." When not on the job, Linda enjoys being with her husband, Dan. He is employed by the City of Lowell as Parks and Streets Foreman. Both of them were raised in Lowell and love small town life.

Congratulations January Employee of the Month, Linda DesJarden.

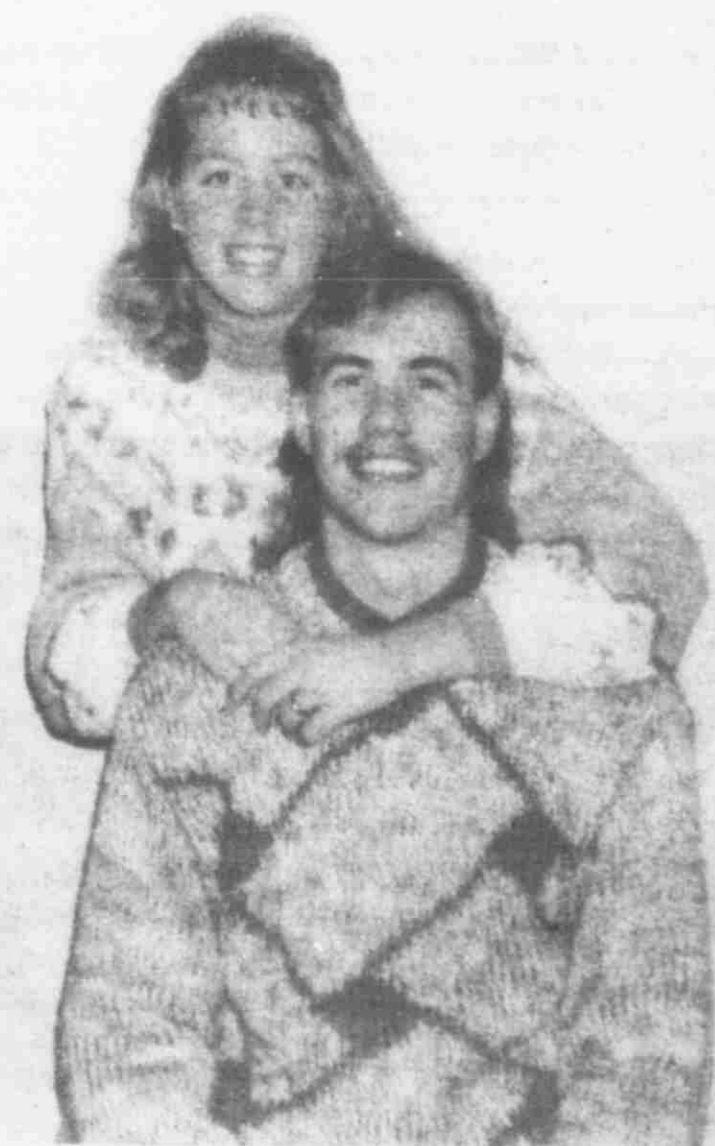


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WESTOWN 1425 West Main Street  
ROCKFORD 6835 Belding Rd., N.E. 874-8330



# Engagement Told



Melissa Noel Post and Mark Edward Deans

Wedding vows will be exchanged on May 30, 1992, by Melissa Noel Post and Mark Edward Deans. The bride-to-be, of Grandville, is the daughter of Gary and Beth Post of Muskegon. She graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and is currently attending Grand Rapids Community College.

The future groom, of Lowell, is the son of Dave and Betty Deans, also of Lowell. He graduated from Lowell High and American Travel Schools, and also attended Grand Rapids Community College.

# Happy Birthday

**JAN. 16:** Dorothy Potter, Bob Dine, Don Sterzick, Ida Onan.

**JAN. 17:** Betsy Eldridge, Deborah Wieland, Jim Moore, Eric Hendrix, Cindy Kline.

**JAN. 18:** Ruth Ann King, Duane Dickerson, Sue Wittenbach, Hazel Baird, Arleen Biggs.

**JAN. 19:** Tim Stencel, Evelyn Powell, Susan Korte, Gloria Frasier.

**JAN. 20:** Megan Kirby, Lyle Johnson, Karen Lyn Serne, Dale Andrews, Ed Gahan, Jodi Bishop, Wesley Adrianse, Frances Kropf.

**JAN. 21:** Erik Hays, Jamie Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Tonya Stepek, Margery Ritzema, Chayne Avery, Nick Fonger, Eunice VanderVeen.

**JAN. 22:** Fran Walling, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva.



# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

## HOMESPUN

*In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion (Psalm 71:1)*

Driving on icy roads is hazardous. Riding with some drivers on a clear highway is about as dangerous. It is only after your destination has been reached that you feel free to

take a deep breath.

Although there is no need, Christians are often guilty of going through life "holding their breath." If they allow fears to envelop them, worry when they should trust, try to work out their problems instead of allowing an all-wise Heavenly Father to do it for them, they are doing just that, "holding their breath." Too

often Christians fret when they should rely upon Him to work out all things in accordance with His will and divine plan. Instead of expecting God's best, they "hold their breath" and anticipate the worst. They ponder what the next calamity will be when they could recline in peace and confidence.

It is our privilege, Christians, to enjoy the journey heavenward in absolute confidence and safety. We need not go through life "holding our breath." There is rest for those who put their implicit trust in the Lord. They can "relax and trust."

*Prayer:* O Lord, I surrender my fears into Thy keeping

Hinderson of Dallas, TX  
Great-grandparents are Warren and Jane Bearup of CA.

# Area Births

It's a girl! Brad and Angie Plutchow of Grand Rapids are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Melissa, on January 11, 1992. Katie was born at Butterworth Hospital and weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Stan and Colleen Wierzbicki of White Pine and Ken and Dorothy Erickson of Escanaba.

Great-grandparents are Terry and Gerre Abel, of Lowell and Dave and Sharon Plutchow of Ada.

Great-grandparents are Gus and Doris Abel, and John and Evelyn Briggs, all of Lowell, Thea McNitt of Ada and Les and Lucy Plutchow of Muskegon.

Joe and Cyndie Wierzbicki of Lowell, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Courtney Lyn, born December 18, 1991. Courtney weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Stan and Colleen Wierzbicki of White Pine and Ken and Dorothy Erickson of Escanaba.

Great-grandparents are Erma Erickson of Greeland and David and Cotten Caloun of White Pine.

Jim and Sandy Bewell announce the birth of Christopher Allen on December 27, 1991.

Proud grand parents are Bob and Ginny Stone of Grand Rapids and Dick and Jean Bewell of Lowell.

Roger and Judy Ramirez of Clarksville are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Britteny Anne born January 1, 1992. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Welcoming her home are big sisters Misty, Amberly and Lindsay.

Grandparents are Don and Margaret Videan of Ada and Ramon and Mary Ramirez of Orleans.

Great-grandparents are Oscar and Lucielle Backstrom of Ada and Florence Videan of Lowell.

Ashley Black announces the birth of her son, Tyler Scott, born on December 23, 1991. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming Tyler home were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Black of Lowell and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Strang, Antioch, IL, who arrived at the Kent County airport that same afternoon and received the news of Tyler's birth.

It was a very special Christmas with four generations celebrating together.

and trust Thee to protect me on my journey heavenward. Let me never be put to confusion. Amen.

He'll keep you when the storm is wild,  
And when the flood is near;  
O trust him, trust him as a child  
And you have naught to fear!

# Dudeck, cont'd.

Publications are judged on readability, content, and appearance, while projects entered in the electronic media category are evaluated on product quality, content and appeal.

In order for an entry to receive "commendable" honors, it must have received 800 to 920 points in judging. "Distinguished" honors are awarded entries that have received 930-1,000 points.

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# Viewpoint



## Cozy Corner by Roger Brown

I often wonder if this column shouldn't have a subtitle. Something like, "Another in a series of my more embarrassing moments" or "Yup, I really am this stupid". With that in mind, here we go on yet another idiotic, not to mention embarrassing, adventure.

Yesterday I was out and about dropping off copies of ads in this week's Buyers Guide to our advertisers. About mid-morning two things simultaneously occurred to both my stomach and I. Number one, we had again skipped breakfast. And two, lunch was a fair ways off. I was just entering a convenience store in a nearby town to drop off a stack of papers on their counter when this sensation overwhelmed us. An internal argument soon ensued. My nose told my stomach, "I smell food!". My stomach told my brain "Give me, give me, give me!". My brain said, "No way! All this place has for food is candy bars, Twinkies, potato chips and sweet rolls!". The brain and I are on a diet again. Well sort of. The stomach was still screaming when we left.

Back in the car I knew something had to be done. I swung into the local grocery store while promising my stomach that a nice apple was on its way. The stomach mumbled something

like, "That's not really what I had in mind, but if it's the best you can do go ahead. Just hurry it up you fat oaf". We've never gotten along all that well, but I guess we're stuck with each other. At least in this life. Heaven forbid I should ever come back as a cow. Don't they have five stomachs? Wait, maybe it's an earthworm that has five stomachs. Heck, I don't know, biology class was a long, long time ago.

I headed straight for the produce section, grabbed two really great looking delicious apples. At the urging from my stomach, I practically ran to the check out counter. The owner of the store, whom I've known for years, was near the check out talking to an employee. We said hello to each other as a cashier rang up my apples. The total came to \$1.52 and I reached for my money. You of course know what happens now.

I carry some folding money, my driver's license and two credit cards in my left front pocket. A Chiropractor once told me that the thick wallet in my hip pocket might have something to do with my back problems. Since then, I've carried the bare essentials in my front pocket and have left my wallet full of worthless membership cards, business cards, receipts, etc. in my glove box. The money wasn't in my left pocket, and mild panic set in. When I couldn't find it in my right pocket my face began to turn red. I then began patting all my pockets, hip, shirt, coat, etc. You've seen people do this. They look like their underwear just spontaneously combusted.

With a now very red face, I nervously said, "I guess I left my wallet in the car". This was not a lie, but I also knew there was no money in the wallet. Back in the car I hurriedly emptied the change holder in the console. It yielded \$1.10. I found four pennies on the floor and a dime in the ashtray. I was 28 cents

short. I fumbled through the glove box and discovered my check book. I felt pretty silly writing a check for \$1.52 but my stomach was not to be denied!

On the way back to Lowell I munched my apple and wondered where the heck I'd left my money. I stopped by the house and checked the bedroom, assuming I'd simply failed to pick it up in the morning. It was nowhere to be found. Now I was really puzzled. I left thinking about all the hassles involved in cancelling credit cards, getting new ones, applying for another driver's license, etc. And, there was that sick feeling you get when you lose a fair amount of money. Kinda' like backing into your wife's car in the driveway. The one lifting thought was that I might not take such a goofy looking picture on my new driver's license.

As I continued my rounds I continually tried to retrace my steps for the day. It finally dawned on me that I'd had on a pair of slacks that didn't go well with the sweater I planned to wear. I hurried home, and sure enough, my money was in the left front pocket of those slacks. Feeling whole again, and a bit smug for remembering the first pair of slacks, I went on about my business. About then my stomach said, "Nice goin' dummy, now take that money and get us some real food!". I told you we didn't get along very well.



Book Review by: Joan Wittenbach

\$14.43 per week wages is the lower limit for a single person to file income tax.

Bruce Raymor, Robert Sayles, William Dawson, John Jones and Donald Yeiter are all in the Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Red Cross First Aid classes are being set up, (Minga Herrmann will teach them), and Red Cross sewing centers are in process, so materials will no longer be given out for work, but sewn on the premises, except for knitting materials.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 12, 1967**  
The North Bell School District asks to join Lowell instead of Saranac, where it was voted in last month.

The bond election to build classrooms at Alto will be next Monday; classrooms are being rented now.

Most of 600 dairy farmers who quit over the past three years named "high investment, low returns, long hours, low prices" as their reasons.

Names and addresses of 62 area servicemen are published by the Ledger for letter writers.

Her big smile with two front teeth missing. AMAZING GRACE (by Mary Hoffman) coaxed me into her story. From there it only took the first paragraph to steal my heart and to keep me reading.

"Grace was a girl who loved stories. She didn't mind if they were read to her or told to her or made up in her own head. She didn't care if they were in books or movies or out of Nana's long memory. Grace just loved stories."

From there, the book amazed me. Quietly and with a smile of understanding, I turned each page and saw Grace act out the stories she loved. She not only knew stories, she let them come alive in her life when she played the part herself. The artwork is an inspiration.

A turning point in her determination to act out characters in stories came in school, when the teacher announced that they would be doing the play, PETER PAN. Many wanted to be Peter, but especially Grace. "You can't be Peter, that's a boy's name," someone remarked, and then another whispered, "You can't be Peter Pan, he isn't black." Still she was determined.

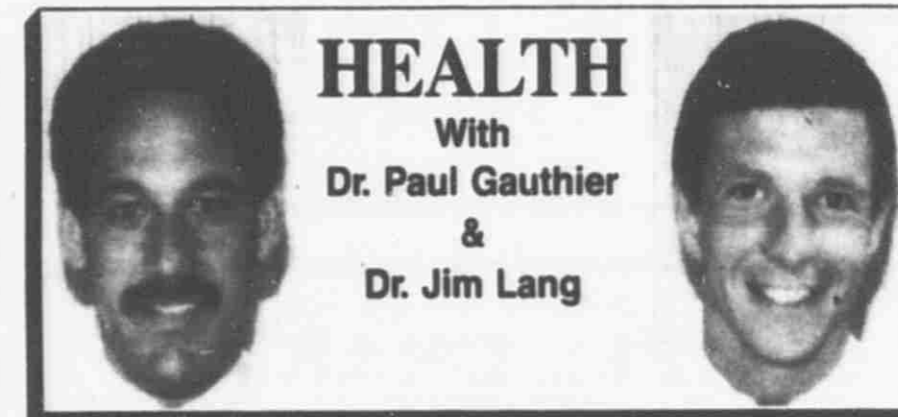
Grace's grandmother becomes the heroine when she shows grace an example in real life, "You can be anything you want, Grace, if you put your mind to it."

Grace did her homework on PETER PAN and won the part.

As I finished the book, I heard myself clucking, "Atta girl, Gracie. You are amazing!" There are lessons to be learned in this winsome book. It is ideal for four to seven year old children.

This book is available at your local library and bookstores.

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman Price: \$13.95



## HEALTH

With Dr. Paul Gauthier & Dr. Jim Lang

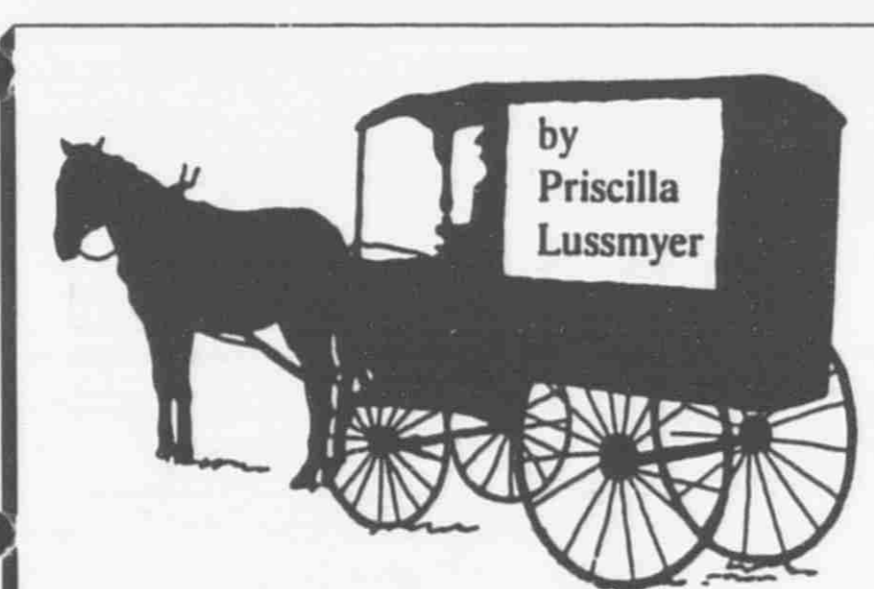
## TENSION HEADACHE

Muscle contraction or tension-type headache is the most common form of headache seen in the office of the family doctor. These recurrent tension-type headaches afflict over 30 million persons and are actually vocationally disabling for short periods of time for many of those affected. These types of headaches are significant: they account for millions of dollars of medical costs, employee absenteeism, and lost productivity.

Tension-type headaches are believed to originate in part from sustained contraction of muscle in the head and neck. Recent evidence, however, tends to suggest that muscle contraction alone does not completely account for the symptoms this disorder presents. Other accompanying factors may include chronic muscle strain (poor posturing, occupational trauma), mal-alignment of the cervical spine, stress, anxiety and depression.

The symptoms described by those suffering from tension headaches, regardless of cause, are usually quite similar: a steady, non-pulsating, aching sensation, or a tight pressure-type discomfort surrounding the head "like a vise."

Treatment of these headaches is often difficult secondary to the fact that the causes may be so varied. Non-



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

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 13, 1892**  
A St. Johns farmer manages to hold on to a double handful of eggs until help comes, when a rat runs up his pant leg.

A man accused of stealing \$40 from his employer implicates a gang of thieves who have been stealing from Lyons residents for years and selling to a stock and produce dealer.

For Sale: Modern brick residence in the east part of town on high ground with circular well, city water, cistern, barn, ice house, chicken house, stables and fruit trees, all on a half acre.

The Freeport correspondent reports that Miss Kate Johnson finds great attractions in Bowne and invariably spends her Sabbaths there.

Good snow on the ground, and cases of the grip are decreasing.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 11, 1917**  
The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church will serve the Annual Banquet for the Board of Trade, and of course that means a good feed.

The Lowell Businessmen's Athletic Association has its first meeting at the High School gymnasium.

A partial recount shows Dexter Look won the the county road commission seat, but Rial McArthur is in it and isn't budging, he says.

The Grand Rapids Tigers, a very good basketball team, will play the Lowell Five on Friday night.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 15, 1942**  
No more alcohol is to be used in cosmetic products after April 1; it's needed to make explosives.

Secretary of State branch offices are collecting old license plates for recycling into weapons.



An open-ended eyeglass case can be a great place to keep pens, pencils, nail files, small scissors and the like in a handbag.



## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week of Jan. 20, 1992

**MONDAY:** Fruit juice, pizza with meat and cheese, carrot sticks or salad, chilled fruits or gelatin, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chili dog, potato chips, seasoned buttered corn, fruit crisp or fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast for lunch, fruit juice, breakfast sausage and egg breakfast sandwich, tater tots, assorted fruits, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, seasoned green beans, homemade dinner rolls and almond butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Fishwich on a bun, lettuce salad, baked beans or soup, fruit or pudding, milk.

There is also a 3rd choice everyday of a chef salad for students in the middle and high schools. Weekly prepaed lunches welcome.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY			
<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 727 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p><b>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH</b> 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS Morning worship.....9:50 A.M. (Broadcast 10 A.M. WMAX 1470) Sunday School.....11:15 A.M. Evening Service.....8:00 P.M. Wednesday Service.....7:30 P.M.</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> Meeting at the Lowell Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities.....10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier Free</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Sun. Worship Services.....11:00 A.M. &amp; 8:00 P.M. Awana - Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-0017 Dan Nave, Youth Director, 897-6737</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M.</p> <p>REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Roger MacNaughton.....Director of Music Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. &amp; 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>
<p><b>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL</b> 10200 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services.....10:30 A.M. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>	<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M.</p> <p>JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlewood Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier Free)</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</p>



The safety pin was patented by William Hunt of New York City in 1849.



## "Friends and Neighbors Youth" club sent homemade personal holiday greeting to the elderly

The "Friends and Neighbors Youth Club" enjoyed their December 14 meeting by making Christmas cards and later, delivering the cards to residents at the Lowell Medical Center.

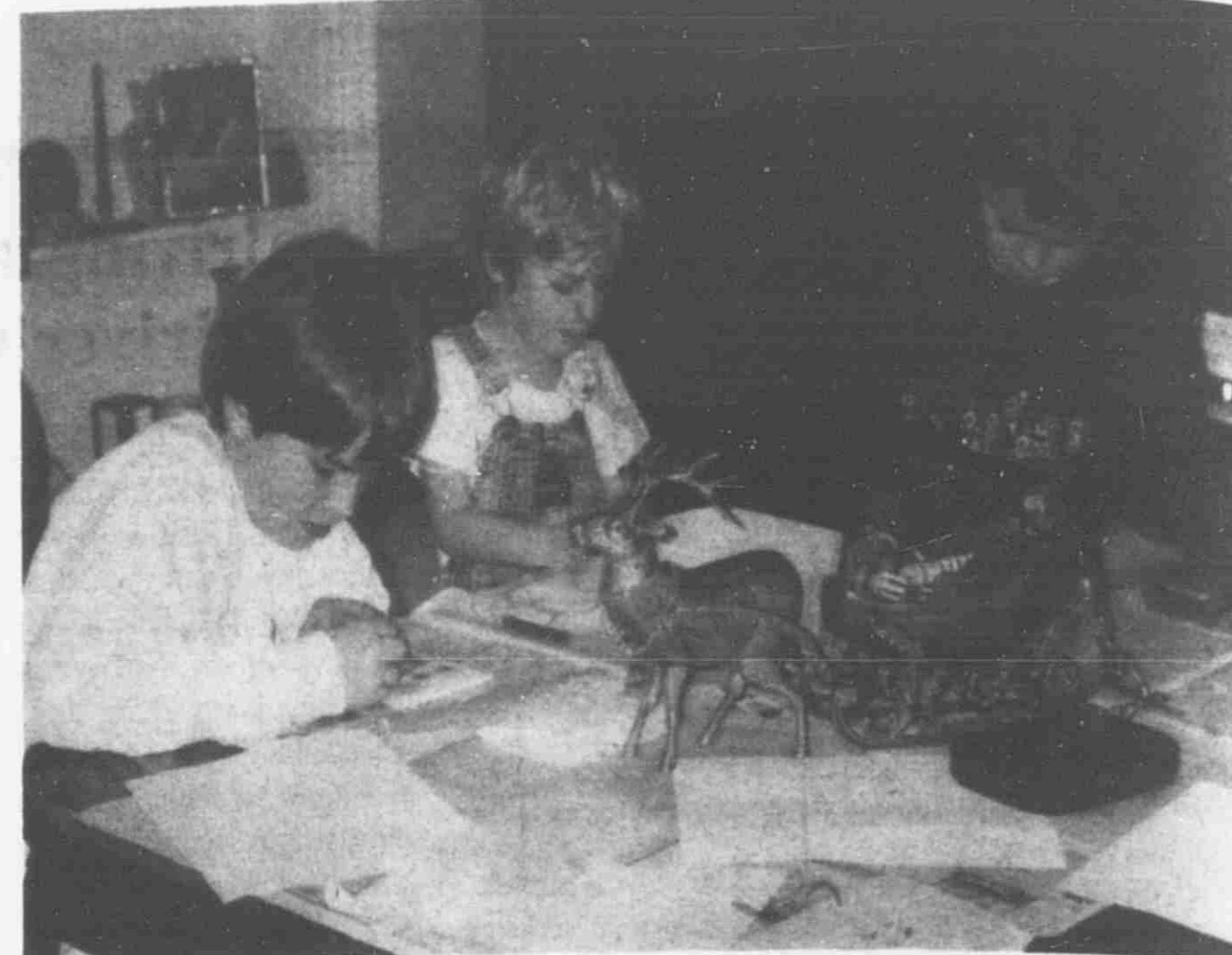
The club members decided this would be a great way to share the season and

remember others in the community.

Members are: Jennifer Wisner, Steven Koning, Joe Wisner and Julie Wisner. The children will be exhibiting at the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair. Projects include dairy, beef, horticulture, arts and weaving.



In land area, Montana is the fourth largest state.



Friends and Neighbors Youth Club members Jennifer, Steven, Joe (not pictured) and Julie.

## In the Service

Airman Gregory B. Hiser has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associated degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman is the son of Douglas E. and Lynn M. Hiser of Lowell.

The 1990 graduate of Saranac High School, joined the Navy in June 1991.

Navy Seaman Recruit Jeffrey C. DeBoer, son of Michael R. and Susan J. DeBoer of Lowell, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields. Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

The 1991 graduate of Lowell Senior High School joined the Navy in September 1991.



Gregory B. Hiser

## Main St., cont'd.

The total for the year 1991 was 246, which is a significant drop over the 287 reported in 1990. This also marks the lowest accident rate since 1984.

Involved in a property damage accident January 4, on Main Street near West Street, was Shirley Graig, 44, of Grand Rapids when she pulled from a parking lot into the path of a car driven by Paul Tousley, 51, of Lowell.

Donald VanAllen, 66, of Stanton failed to stop for the traffic signal at Main and Hudson Streets, January 6, and collided with a vehicle driven by Martin Wehzel, 31, of Palo. No injuries were reported.

Gregory Canfield, 34, of Lowell backed into a vehicle driven by Susan Ostema, 34, of Ionia, January 2 on South Hudson near Main Street. No one was injured.

Harold Kreager, 53, of Lowell was not injured in an accident, January 2, when he struck a deer on Alden Nash just north of M-21.

Arrested January 12 for driving under the influence of alcohol was Nelson Kelley, 46, of Lowell.

Wayne Chatman, 28, of White Cloud, was arrested January 7 on a warrant issued out of 78th District Court for larceny. Jodi Schaefer, 31, of Lowell, had the car she parked, in a private lot off Main Street, roll backwards into a vehicle that was parked in the lot and owned by Michael Miller, 35, of Grand Rapids. The accident occurred January 6.

Thomas Koewers, 39, of Lowell reported to Lowell police that his vehicle had been struck by a hit and run driver while it was parked in the parking lot of Family Fare on West Main Street.

Involved in a rear end property damage accident, January 12, on West Street near Main Street were Thoral Shaw, 77, of Ionia and Robert Gillett Jr., 29, of Lowell.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Bowne Township Planning Commission will be on the following Thursdays at the Bowne Township Historical Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Ave. at 7:30 P.M.:

January 9, 1992  
March 12, 1992  
May 14, 1992

July 9, 1992  
September 10, 1992  
November 12, 1992

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Secretary

## TOWN TALK

Do you favor the new drunk-driving law provision which allows police to cut up a driver's license?



**Tom Smith**  
I think it's going too far. I believe it just agitates the situation. The cutting up of the license is just symbolic. They rewrite a temporary permit the next day for the individual. Other than that, I'm all for the tougher laws.



**Scott DeWitt**  
I'm for it. I think it may help teach people not to drink and drive. Yes, it may antagonize a little, but not enough to not.



**Eric VonMyhr**  
It's a dumb law, since they issue the person a permit. With the tougher laws the guys already being penalized. I'm basically for tougher laws - drinking and driving is bad. I'm also for pressuring people to drive more safely when they are sober.



**Marley V. DeCarmen**  
I think many people have suffered from drunk driving - innocent people. I'm for tougher drunk driving laws. I'm not sure of the ramifications of cutting up a license.



**Doug Hunter**  
I'm for tougher drunk driving laws. But I think this one may be found to be unconstitutional. I think people who drink need to take responsibility for their driving.



**Tom Maitner**  
I don't think it is a good idea for policemen to do the cutting. I think a judge should. I have no complaints with the tougher penalties.



**Lynn LeGrow**  
I like it. No, it's not antagonistic. They are getting what they deserve. I lost a cousin because of a drunk driver. I'm in favor of tougher laws.



**Doug Hiser**  
I'm favor cutting up the license, but only when the guy is sober, so he can appreciate what's being done. I'm in favor of the law. I know too many people who have been killed because of drunk drivers.



The first Bible society in the U.S. was formed in Philadelphia on Dec. 12, 1808.



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## Copy Cats!

School Board approves another five-year lease with Xerox.

Lowell's School Board approved a 60-month lease agreement with Xerox Corporation for the purpose of updating the copy center equipment.

The lease will cost the school \$2,991 per month for all nine machines.

The Board of Education also okayed the waiving of Board Policy 3323.1 governing the specifications of seeking competitive bids.

The lease is for the use of four Xerox 5028's, three Xerox 5014's, one Xerox 1075, and one Xerox 9900 duplicator.

Lowell assistant superintendent Gary Kemp said the breaking of the old lease falls in line with what the school has done in the past. "It is advantageous to the school to break the previous five-year lease and approve a new one," he said.

Kemp added that prior to the installation of a centralized copy system, the school used 500 cases of paper a year. "In the first year we cut the usage in half," he said. "However, over the years the use has raised back up to 500 cases a year. This is due to demand and use. It should also be remembered that five years ago there were 2,700 students in the Lowell school system. Today, there are over 3,200."

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Before the beard challenge, five well groomed men at Runciman/Riverside pose for a picture.



Weeks later the beards distract or add to their appearance, depending on who you talk to. Pictured left to right are Brian Drake, Brent Noskey, Louie Dudeck, Gary Heitz and Jim Blodgett.

## Beards come off - only after students read 100,000 pages

Imagine five scruffy, grizzly beards. Imagine, being a student at Runciman/Riverside Elementary and having a teacher who looks more like an unshaven "Festus" than Grizzly Adams. That's the dilemma facing students at Runciman/Riverside Elementary. After diagnosing the problem, there seems to be just one way to clean up the mess - for students at Runciman/Riverside Elementary to collectively read at least 100,000

pages of reading material by the end of March (National Reading Month). "The five male staff members at Runciman/Riverside have decided to grow beards and use it as an incentive to get students to read during the month of March," said school principal Louie Dudeck. The only way the staff will depart from their scruffy look is if students read.

If the students accomplish the reading task Dudeck, Jim Blodgett, Gary Heitz, Brian

Drake and Brent Noskey will have their rough looking beards snipped off in a full school assembly. "There's been thought given to allowing our wives to do the snipping," Dudeck said. The Runciman/Riverside Elementary Principal said the staff of five feel pretty smug and believe their beards are safe because students won't be able to reach the goal of reading 100,000 pages. Students have their minds set on changing the staff's attitude. Each evening throughout

the month, parents will be asked to fill out a slip which their child will bring home, giving the title of the book, pages read, and the parent's signature. The hair-raising competition started on Jan. 14, following an assembly. Lowell reading teacher, Norma Lane will keep track of all the pages and record the number each day on a chart near the Principal's office.

## City of Lowell first to react favorably to reorganization of library system

It's charge is to search and find stable funding for the Kent County Library District. The reorganization of the current library system into a district library will ask current member municipalities to okay a voted millage to support library services. At its January meeting the Lowell City Council agreed to consider a resolution for a new district library program. Bruce Robinson, district library project manager for the Kent County Library Board provided the Council with information on the proposed library district. The key provision in the

new district library proposal recommends that the district library be funded through a voter approved millage, not to exceed one mill. Upon collection of a millage, no further financial commitment for operations would be required of the participating units of government, nor Kent County. All staff and material expenses would be met by the district library. Until collection of a millage, the Library will continue to be funded according to the formula currently in place, relying upon contributions from the county and participating units of government. If a millage has not been approved by Dec. 31, 1993 the county will then consider a continuation of the present funding arrangement. The new funding formula recommends that the local units of government continue to own and provide for the maintenance of the branch library facilities within their communities, with complete local control. This is the same arrangement that presently exists. The current funding system is limited in what it is able to provide so far as books, staff and service hours. In 1991 the City of Lowell budgeted to give the Kent County Library System a contract payment of \$12,500. The new proposal would be funded through an approved millage of not more than one mill. With Lowell's current SEV, one mill would mean \$59,000. Such a funding system would provide a much more stable source of revenue. The benefits of this would be, that it would not be included as a part of the city budget, it would cover materials, staff hours (additional staffing), increased hours and possibly maintenance. Local governments would remain

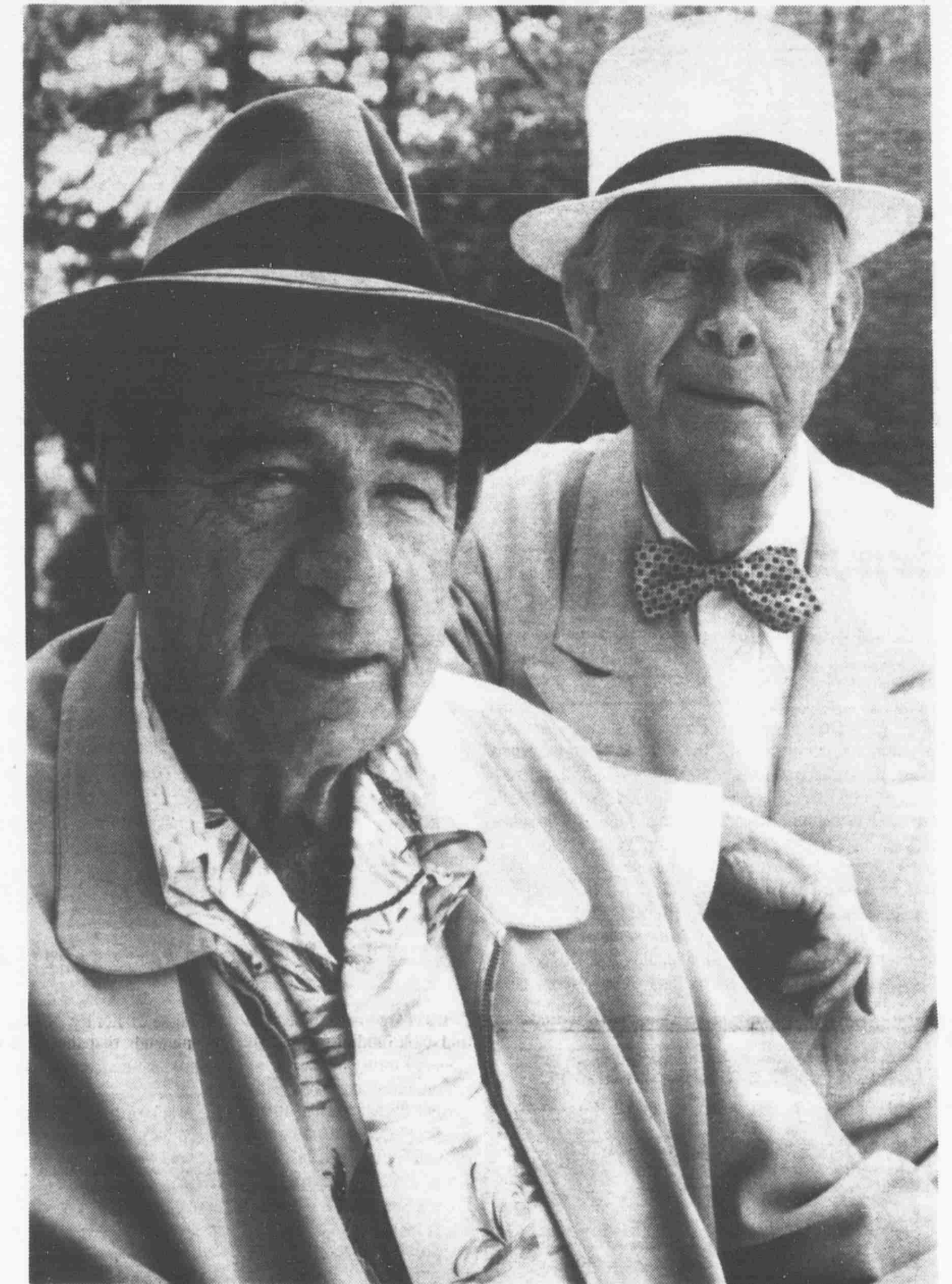
in control and be responsible for providing a building. It will take the combined vote of all municipalities that supported the resolution to create a district library. For the municipalities that say "no" to the resolution their residents will be asked to pay a user fee or a contract will be made with the governmental boards to cover the costs. Kalamazoo currently practices that. Families in districts not participating are charged up to \$80 for library use. "The Lowell City Council has always been supportive of the library system as long as it benefits the community," Lowell Mayor Jim Maatman said. Councilman Bill Thompson added that the Council was sensitive to fairness. "The Council will need to know what is going to happen with the municipalities that say "no" to the resolution," Thompson said. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said participating municipalities will be asked to adopt a resolution indicating their approval of the District Library Agreement by spring. It would then be put before the people for a vote in August.

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## LISTINGS FOR FRI., JAN. 17 THRU THURS., JAN. 23

Walter Matthau (left) and Harry Morgan star in *Against Her Will: An Incident in Baltimore*, airing Sunday on CBS. In the sequel to the Emmy-winning *The Incident*, Matthau reprises the role of methodical attorney Harmon Cobb. Morgan plays Judge Stoddard Bell, now retired.

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9	NASH	Music
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12	WXMI	G. Rapids
13	WGVU	Grand Rapids
14	WKAR	East Lansing
15	WZZM	Grand Rapids
16	HBO	Premium
17	TBS	Atlanta
18	MAX	Premium
19	DISN	Premium
20	USA	
21	FAM	Family
22	WGN	Chicago
23	ESPN	Sports
24	CNN	News
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26	NICK	
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# Lowell falls to 4-6-2 with two three-set defeats to Saranac & Cedar Springs

Lowell volleyball fans may have thought David Copperfield was in attendance at the dual meet in Saranac on Thursday.

The Red Arrows played well in segments. The good play was there one minute and gone the next. As if Copperfield was performing some sort of an illusion.

"The girls were not consistent. We need to focus on keeping our concentration for all three games," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "Both Cedar Springs and Saranac are decent ballclubs, but not unbeatable."

In its first match of the evening, Lowell went three games with Cedar Springs before losing 4-15, 15-12 and 10-15.

"Mental mistakes hurt us against the Red Hawks," Kuna said. "Although I thought we passed well and dug well defensively."

Erin Nausieda was a dynamic server for Lowell. She hit all seven of her serves for points against Cedar Springs. She also contributed with three kills and three blocks.

Teammate Heather Gowen tallied a team-high nine service points. She also added three kills and three blocks.

Carolyn Kline led the Arrows in assists with eight.

Stacy Tousignaut contributed with four kills and three digs.

"The girls had problems with depth perception on their serves in both matches against Cedar Springs and Saranac," Kuna said. Lowell missed on 12 serves against the Red Hawks. She added that the team's positioning could have been better.

In match number two against Saranac, Lowell went three sets before falling to the Redskins 10-15, 15-2, 2-15.

"The girls stood around in game three. They played great in game two to tie the matches up at one apiece, but were unable to maintain any of the momentum in game three," Kuna said.

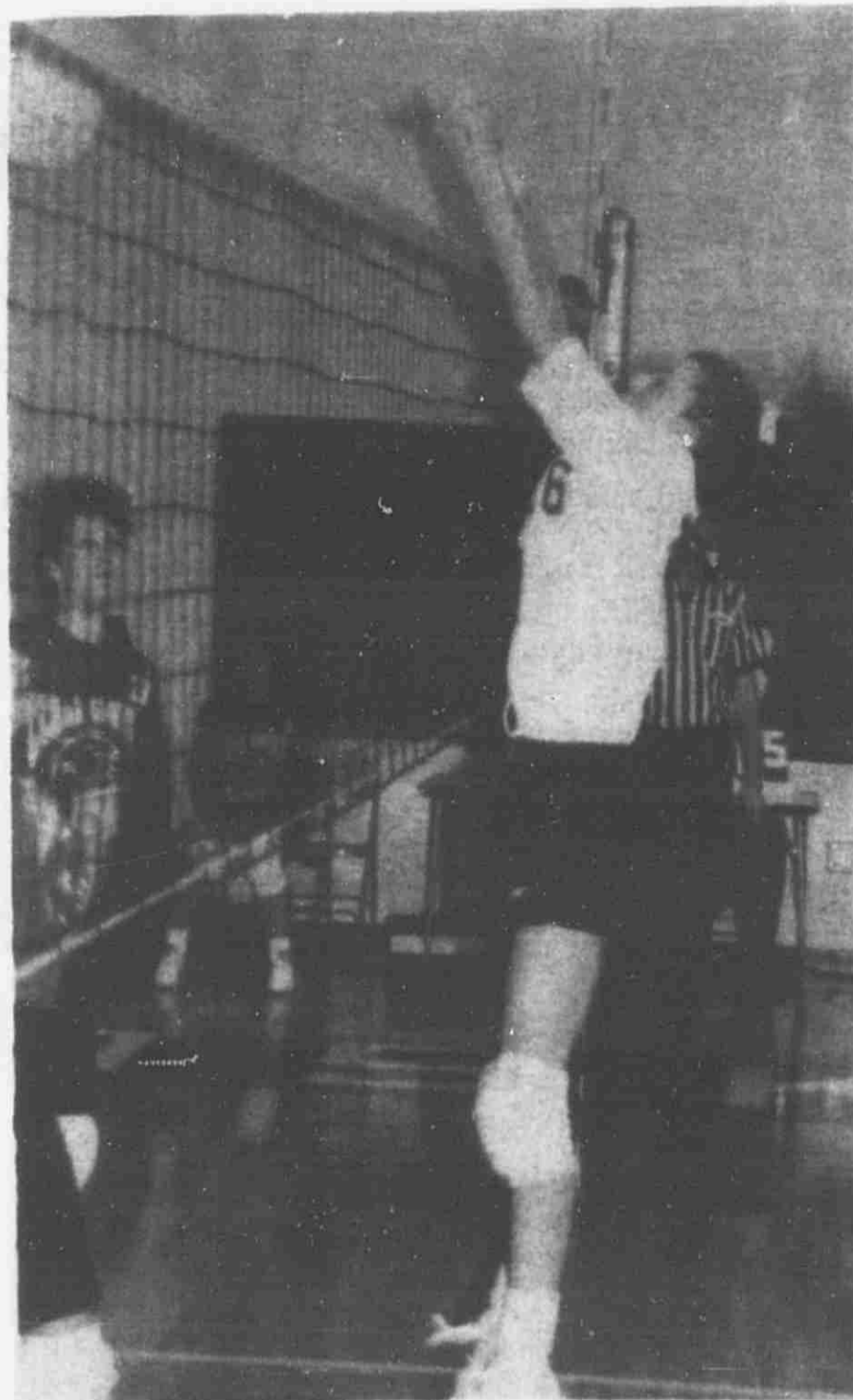
Kuna praised the play of Erin Nausieda "She was in another zone tonight. She did everything well. She did not miss a serve in either match."

Lowell's coach was also pleased with how Gowen, Nausieda, Tousignaut and Alison Zillmer passed.

"Again we were caught standing around a lot against Saranac. We need to work on our movement," she said.

Nausieda recorded 10 service points, four digs and two kills. Angie Nauta led Lowell in assists with eight. Gowen contributed with four service points and five kills.

With the two losses Lowell fell to 4-6-2.



Heather Gowen goes high for a block in action against Cedar Springs.

## Zeelands' press forces 20 Lowell turnovers in Red Arrows' 70-43 conference defeat

There was good news and bad news to report from Zeeland Friday night.

The good news was Lowell's basketball team did a good job of getting the ball inside the paint to its big men - Nate Janes, Dave Jones and Jon Amundsen. The Red Arrow frontline put up 23 shots inside the paint and within five feet of the bucket.

The bad news is the Red Arrows only connected on nine of those 23 shots in Lowell's 70-43 defeat at the hands of Zeeland. The loss dropped Lowell's record to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the O-K White Conference.

"I was pleased with how effective we were getting the ball inside," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "Zeeland beat us tonight because of our turnovers and the Chix ability to make open shots."

Beachler was not happy with the turnovers Zeeland's press created.

"If we continue to get the ball inside like we did tonight our offensive production is going to pick up," Beachler said. "Our guards have got to do a better job of handling the press. We are going to work on that."

Zeeland used the press to break out to a 20-7 first quarter lead.

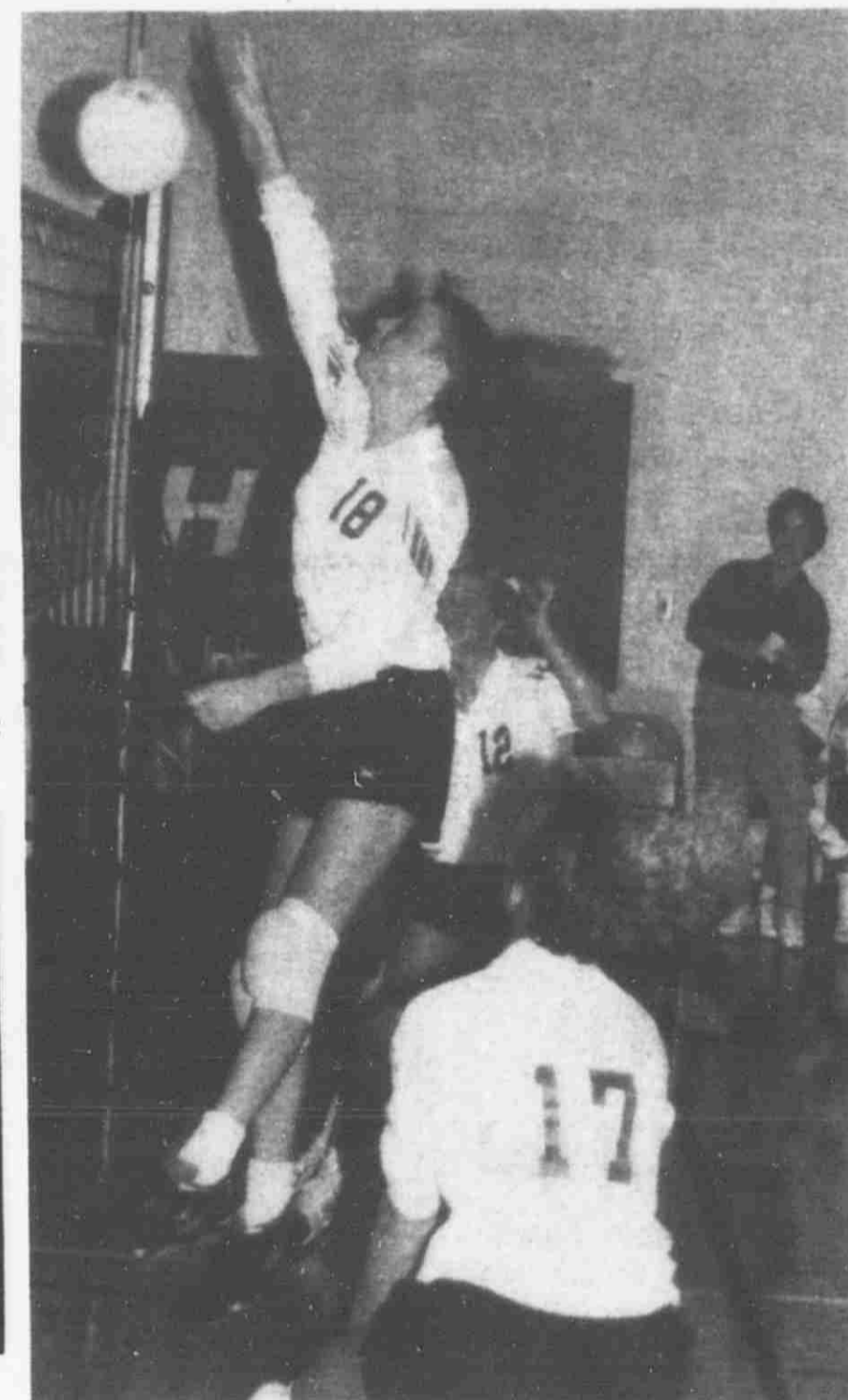
In the second quarter Lowell used its half-court offense to outscore the Chix 12-7, cutting Zeeland's lead to 27-19.

The third quarter started the way the game did with Zeeland scoring buckets off its press. Lowell committed 20 turnovers for the game.

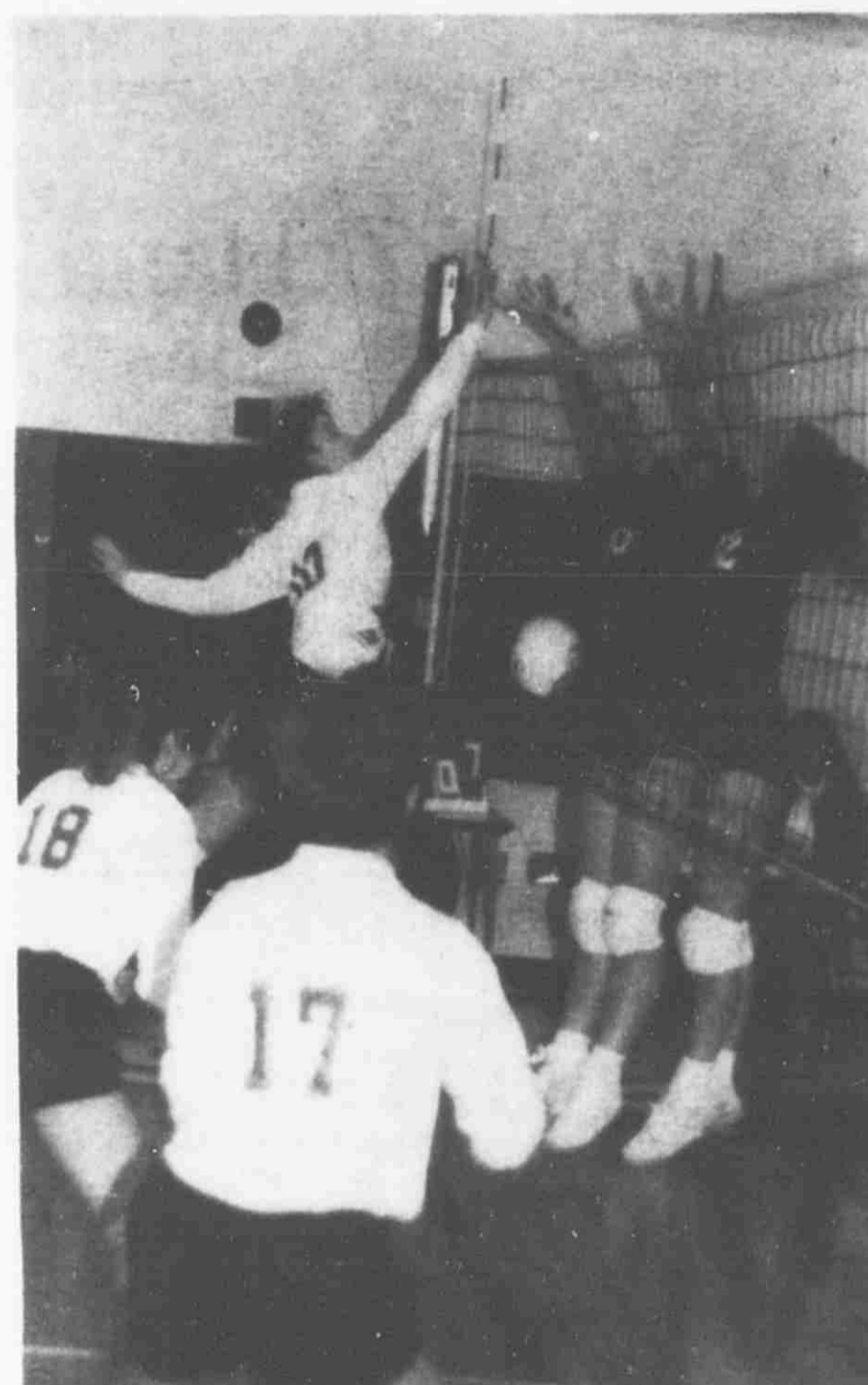
"We played well defensively in our 3-2 zone, but after their press opened up their lead in the third quarter we had to go man-to-man," Beachler said.

Jones led Lowell with 11 points and seven rebounds.

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Erin Nausieda bats the ball back in action against Cedar Springs.



Stacy Tousignaut nudges the ball past two Saranac defenders.

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## Middle School students of the month

Lowell Middle School December students of the month are left to right: Jon Antcliff, 6th grade, Suzanne Inman, 7th grade, Joel Uzarski, 8th grade, Denise Koelkoek, 8th grade, Cindy Briggs, 6th grade.



Despite the slow start, the Red Arrow cheerleading enthusiasm has remained.

## Freshmen edge past Zeeland

Lowell's freshman boys' basketball team improved its record to 4-1 with a 51-46 win over Zeeland. Leading the Red Arrows in scoring were Ron Acheson with 13 points, Scott Breslin had 12 and Brandon Eisenstrager netted 11.

## Lowell J.V. drop one to Chix

Lowell's junior varsity basketball team dropped a 74-54 decision at Zeeland Friday night. Lowell was led in scoring by George Ponchand with 11. Ryan Boersma netted nine and Curt Coleman tallied eight. The Red Arrows are now 0-6 overall.

## Basketball, continued...

"Dave has been playing good basketball for us. He's really helped on the boards," Beachler said. Amundsen scored nine points and collected a team-high 11 rebounds. Nate Janes added seven points. Zeeland is now 1-3 in the league and 3-3 overall. Lowell will host Sparta Friday night.



Lowell's junior varsity volleyball teams celebrates a third-place finish at the Saranac Holiday Invitational.

## J.V. volleyball team takes third

Starting out the season as a new coach and not having seen the J.V. team compete in a match or scrimmage left Junior Varsity coach Heather Kohtz a little uneasy as to what to expect of the team. But that uneasiness was soon replaced by confidence in a hard working and determined team.

The Lowell girls' J.V.

volleyball team placed second in their pool at the Saranac Holiday Invitational placing them in the semi-finals against Greenville, where Lowell was defeated 15-6 and 15-9.

The girls played extremely well all day, winning eight of 12 games total, and defeating Lakeview in the finals to take home a third

place trophy. Top scorers were Kathryn Krull with a total of 38 service points for the day, Cortney Morse with 20 service points and Allison Kissingner with 26 service points. Krull had seven aces, Morse six aces, Tera Hammond five aces and Jody Hoffman, three aces.

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# Public supports Engler's schools of choice

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polled support the idea of the state establishing a system to let parents select any school within the local public school district, while 31 percent oppose the idea.

Sixty-two percent of the respondents support a system where parents can choose any private school in Michigan, with most parents agreeing

with the statement that "most students can get a better education in private schools than in public schools."

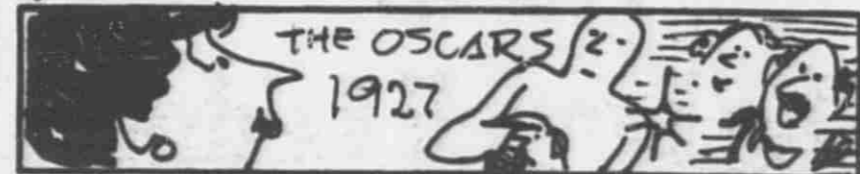
While the schools of choice idea received support, 56 percent of the public opposed the creation of "charter schools." The Legislature is currently considering a proposal that would allow certi-

fied teachers to establish their own charter schools. These schools would be monitored by the state and would receive the same amount of funding as local public schools. Only 32 percent supported the idea, with the heaviest support coming from Detroit (46 percent).

The survey asked Michi-

gan residents about their perceptions of the state's K-12 education system and about their local schools. The survey was conducted by Public

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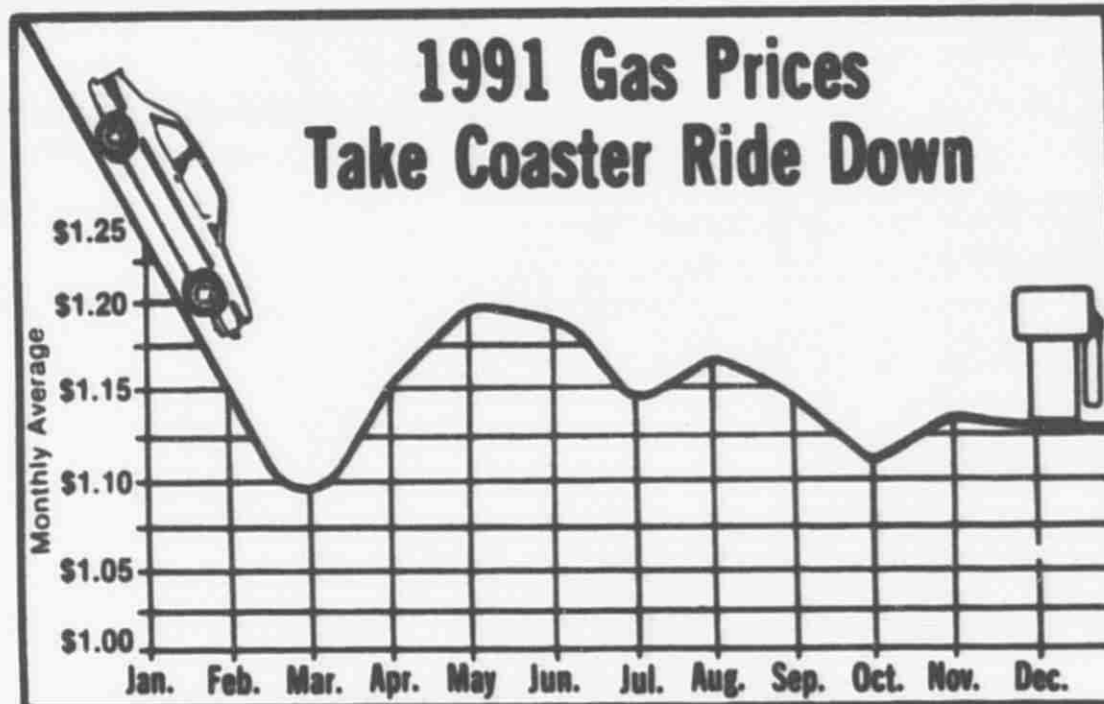
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## Danielle Hill wins Christmas drawing

Danielle Hill, four years old, was the lucky winner of the John and Lucille Erickson Christmas drawing. Pictured above, front, left to right are Dan Hill, Danielle, Lauri Hill, back row, John Erickson and Lucille Erickson.

## Red Arrow gymnasts show improvement in losses to Creston and Holland

Two evenly balanced gymnastic teams opened their high school seasons last Monday night at the Lowell Middle School.

The young Polar Bears of Creston vaulted their way past the Red Arrows 93.2-89.5. "It was a good opening match. Both teams are at the same level," Lowell coach Annette Pearson said. "Our girls were a little nervous."

Lowell was short-handed in its weakest event. Pearson was only able to enter four Arrow gymnasts in the uneven bars event. Teams are allowed six in each event. "The uneven bars is our weakest event," Pearson said. Creston outscored Lowell on the uneven bars 21.05-17.65. "I believe we should be able to score 25 points in this event," Pearson said.

Polar Bear Joy Breen took top honors with a mark of 7.0. Lowell's Anna Lietzke was second at 5.5 and teammate Sarah Kropf was fourth with a 4.65. On the vault, Creston edged Lowell 26.35-24.95. Creston's Valerie Imdacho took top honors with a score of 7.0. Lowell's Kropf was second at 6.7. She was followed by teammate Amy Pullen, fourth, 6.6 and freshman Leslie Murphy tied for fifth with a mark of 6.55.

"Leslie has not competed in gymnastics before, but she has gymnastic experience," Pearson said. "Murphy is energetic, flexible, has strength and shows a lot of potential." On the balance beam, Kropf took first with a 6.55. Lowell's Stacie Stickney tied for second at 5.85. Murphy was fifth with a score of 5.05

and Pullen was sixth at 4.4. Lowell outscored Creston on the balance beam 22.35-21.20. In the floor exercise it was Creston squeaking past Lowell 24.60 to 24.55. Kropf was first with a mark of 7.40. Murphy was third at 7.10 and Pullen followed in fourth at 6.55. "Kropf's strongest events are in the floor exercise and on the vault. I think she's capable of pulling up her bar scores by a point or more," Pearson said. "I thought she did quite well on the beam tonight."

Holland 125.20 Lowell 89.75 Annette Pearson's Red Arrow gymnasts performed better, their confidence was better, but Pearson was hopeful that wouldn't be lost in the point differential between Lowell and Holland. "Holland is a regular participant at the state finals," Pearson said. The caliber of the Dutch came shining through against the Red Arrows. Holland won all four events. The widest margin of victory came on the uneven bars where the Dutch outscored Lowell 30-15.45. Lydia Alspach claimed top honors with a mark of 8.1. Lowell's Anna Lietzke was the only Red Arrow to place, finishing sixth at 4.55.

On the vault, Holland's Jennifer Steimle was first with an 8.3. Sara Kropf, the only Red Arrow to place, was sixth at 7.45. Holland outscored Lowell 32.30-26.30 in the event. Ellary Petchaven, Holland was first on the balance beam

with a score of 7.8. Lowell's Kropf was fifth at 6.8. Holland tallied 30.20 points in the event compared to Lowell's 23.30. In the floor exercise, Steimle was first at 8.55. Kropf was the only Red Arrow to place with a mark of 6.75. The team score in the floor exercise was Holland 32.70 to Lowell's 24.70. Lowell's Kropf was third in the all-around balloting with a score of 25.15. Petchaven was first with a score of 32.10.

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Dick Korb, Director of Community Education, will be the kick-off speaker for a series of workshops which will focus on various educational issues relating to parenting. The purpose of the Celebration is to explore issues related to Children and education.

**TLC FAMILY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:**

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee
- 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker, Dick Korb
- 8:50 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Session 1 - Choice of Topics
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Session 2 -Choice of Topics
- 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Grade Level Discussions

**SINGLE PARENTING:** Presenters: Brief Therapy Center; Chris Protos, Charlene Wicking, Cynthia Protos. The speakers will look at the dynamics of single parenting with emphasis on the potential pressures and strategies to alleviate the problems.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES: PRESENTERS:** Pam Thomas, Lowell's New Director of Special Education, with a panel of experts in the field of L.D. The purpose of this program will be to provide the audience with an understanding of the term learning disabilities and its effects on a child's progress in school. In addition, this presentation will provide the audience with some suggestions for managing their learning disabled child at home.

**ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDERS (ADHD):** Presenter: Steve Vandyke, Forest Hills Therapist. Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder is a condition where inattention, distractibility and impulsivity interfere with ones ability to compete socially and academically. This presentation is designed to help recognize the condition. Causes of ADHD and ways of coping with it will also be introduced.

\*Note: This program will last for two hours: Sessions 1 & 2. Sing up for ADHA for both Sessions 1 & 2.

**STEP-PARENTING:** Presenters: Brief Therapy Center; Chris Protos, Charlene Wicking, Cynthia Protos. The speakers will look at the dynamics of step-families with emphasis on the potential pressures and strategies to alleviate the problems.

**PUBLIC ACT 25 (P.A. 25):** Presenter: Jim White, Director Of Curriculum. This session will discuss P.A. 25 as it relates to schools in ensuring quality education and State mandated incentives for schools that meet that criteria.

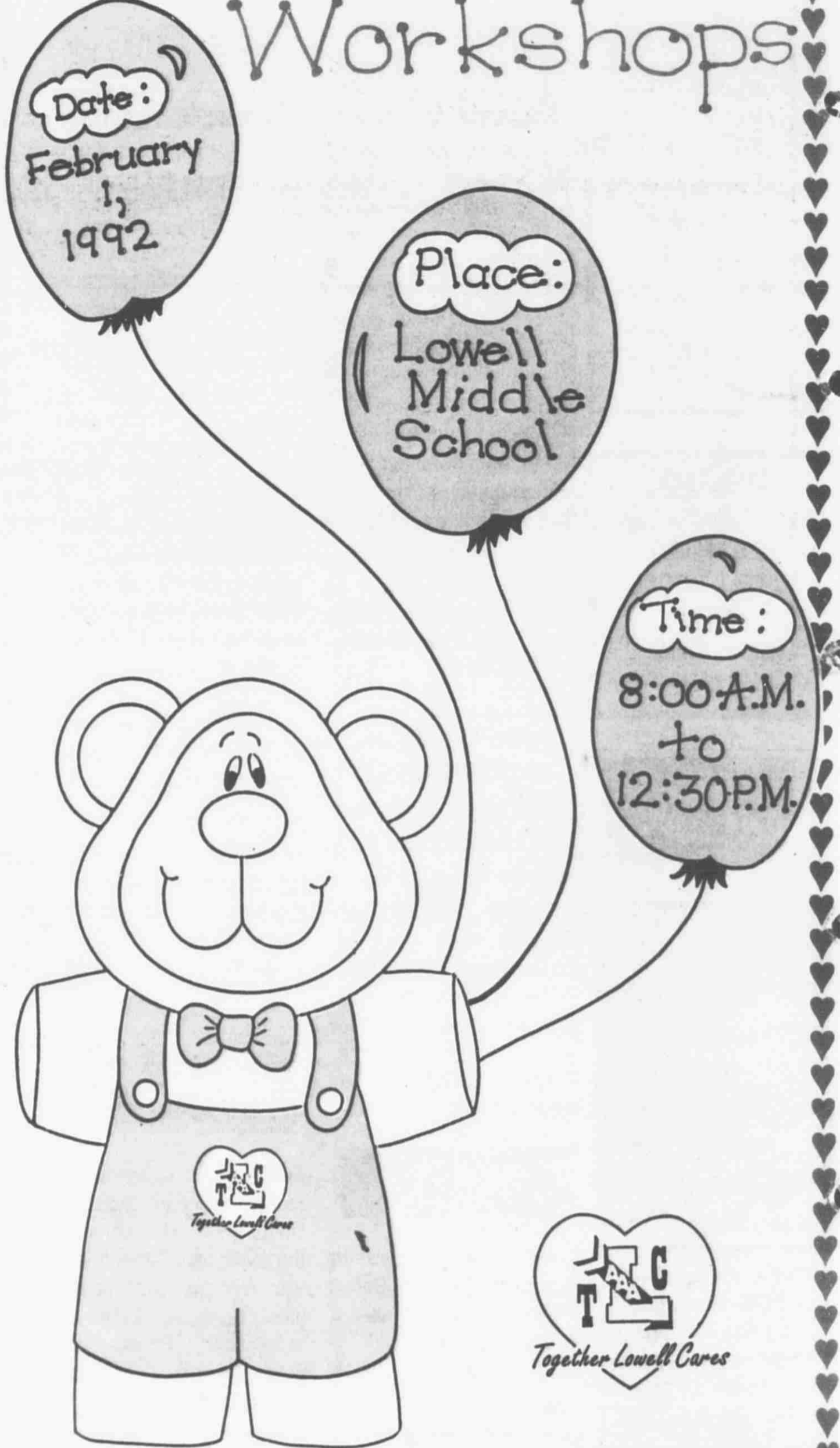
**TOUGHLOVE:** Presenter: Win VanVugt. *Toughlove* is a national program for families that explains how to discipline your child with structure and consistency. *Toughlove* offers successful methods and techniques to "love" your child.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION:** Presenters: Roxanne DeWeerd, Moderator, and panel of representatives from the Lowell School Improvement Teams. A brief introduction to the restructuring of our schools and improvement of existing programs will be discussed.

**HOME ISSUES THAT IMPACT EDUCATION:** Presenters: Wayne Townsend, Jackie Schnackenberg, Sr. Colleen. A discussion of dynamics in the home and their effects on educational success.

**GRADE LEVEL DISCUSSION PANELS:** Session 3 will be devoted entirely to grade level discussions. Sessions will be broken into: Kindergarten-2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grades, 6th - 8th grades. 9th - 12th grades. Teachers, administrators, counselors and social workers will be available at the above listed grade levels to answer questions about educational goals and curriculum.

# TLC Family Celebration Workshops



**TLC LOWELL FAMILY CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORM**  
(Please use one registration form for each person attending)

Registration for the Celebration will assure a place in the workshop of your choice. A \$3 donation per family is requested. Please complete and return the registration form by January 27, 1992. (Babysitting will be provided in the Middle School Gym by High School Teens Involved Students.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshops Choices:** Workshops will run concurrently. Choose 2 Workshops and 1 Alternative (if you choose ADHD, do not pick an alternative because ADHA will run 2 sessions). Also, choose the Grade Level you will attend for the last session.

1st CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level Panel K-2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need babysitting? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this registration form to: Sue Burt or Karen Latva, 700 Elizabeth St. Bushnell Elementary School, Lowell, MI 49331.