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Lori Ingraham, right, presents Lowell's Chris Hodges with the Lowell Area Arts Center's 11th annual Arty Award.



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. Dorough at the High School.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"

The Lowell Area Arts Council is presenting "You Can't Take It With You," a comedy in three acts, February 20, 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Thursday, Feb. 20 will be open seating with no reserved seats. The prices for the Thursday performance are \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and students. The performances on Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22; Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Feb. 29 will have cafe style seating with reserved seats. The tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances are \$6 each.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School. Blocks of 20 or more tickets for the Friday or Saturday performances may be purchased for \$5 each. Tickets must be paid for by February 7 to get the discount.

Tickets will go on sale January 27 at the Lowell Area Arts Council Center, 149 S. Hudson. The Center is open 1 to 5. For more information call the Center at 897-8545.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS JANUARY 27 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1

Lowell students and staff in cooperation with the "To-

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GRCC & local businessmen prepare for today's global market

Staying current as the world changes rapidly.

The business district of Lowell, the Lowell School District and Grand Rapids Community College are working to meet those challenges and needs of business leaders in today's global market.

Lowell businessmen and Lowell School officials were the guest at a Business Leaders Luncheon hosted by Lowell Community Education and Grand Rapids Community College on Friday at the Grand Rapids Community College Technical Center.

"GRCC deals with 250 businesses a year," said Grand Rapids Community College's C.J. Schroll.

Friday's luncheon helped Lowell businessmen become more informed about the programs that GRCC can offer them in helping to make their business a better working place.

Dick Korb, Lowell's Director of School and Community Services, outlined how businesses can help them.

* By identifying adult non-grads in the workplace.

* By providing employees incentive programs to encourage non-grads to return to school.

* By providing time for an

Arty's significance is a reflection of Hodges, the 11th annual recipient

The Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) honored Chris Hodges with its prestigious "Arty," Award given each year to one volunteer who, through the years, has supported and worked for the arts in the Lowell area.

Hodges, who works as a part-time paraprofessional, playground supervisor and crossing guard at Runciman- Riverside Elementary, has been an active Lowell Area Arts Council volunteer for many years. She and her husband, Jim, have both worked long hours on a variety of projects.

In her six years as a member of the Board of Directors, 1985-1991, Hodges accepted many challenges and responsibilities. These responsibilities included two terms as vice-president and personnel manager of the art center staff, charged with staff supervision and review. As vice-president she also attended board development workshops, participated in reorganization of committee and officer structure and responsibility and contributed significantly to long range planning and budget development.

As a member of the nominating committee, Hodges helped the LAAC maintain its strength and leadership through re-election of board candidates. She also assisted in the development, preparation and annual updating of a board of directors notebook system.

Above and beyond her board of directors responsibilities, Hodges has supported the Council through Winter Play committees, box office, costumes, and program ads to name a few.

She found her niche more than once in the Fallsburg Fall Festival information booth and brochure preparation.

At the Lowell Area Arts Center, Hodges is one of the most active Gallery docent volunteers, responsible for hosting weekend guests at the Gallery. She also prepares food for buffets and exhibit openings.

In 1991-92 Hodges is co-chairing the annual fund drive, aimed at raising \$12,000 in donations to help offset grant money cutbacks.

Beyond the LAAC, Hodges contributes to the community of Lowell in other voluntary ways, through her church, her school, (PTO newsletter, Odyssey of the Mind) and LLEAP, Local Leadership for Education and Arts Planning.

LLEAP is a community and school based team dedicated to arts planning and advocacy for us all.

In introducing Hodges as this year's Arty recipient, last year's honoree, Lori Ingraham cited Hodges for her SERVICE: Selflessness, Enthusiasm, Reliability, Volunteerism, Interest, Commitment and Energy.

Ingraham said these are seven qualities essential to organizations such as the LAAC.

Ingraham concluded by describing Hodges as "one who sets an example for each and every one of us...asking no recognition, but deserving of LAAC's 11th annual Arty."



Linda Possett gave a group of Lowell businessmen and school officials a tour of the Technology Center at Grand Rapids Community College.

employee to take a class.

* By providing financial rewards.

* By management's recognition of employee's "effort to improve."

Korb also identified how schools can help business.

* By offering adult high school completion programs.

* By teaching specific

skills related to employment.

* By offering programs both on the job and in the school setting.

* By offering Kent Skills Centers' vocational programs.

* By offering programs through GRCC.

The top three educational

goals as identified by the public were to teach every adult to read and write at a level sufficient to compete in the global economy; to require students to demonstrate adequate knowledge of English, mathematics, science, history,

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Obituaries

EMERSON - May Marie Emerson, aged 78, died January 24, 1992. She is survived by her children, Charles and Bertha McMullen of Lowell; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral Services Saturday 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Darrell Wilson officiating.

HIMEBAUCH - Greta J. Himebauch, aged 81, of Wyoming, passed away Sunday January 26, 1992. She is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Shirley and Rodney Slight of Lowell, Kathlene and Thomas Bunce of Lowell, Nancy and John Lipscomb of Wyoming; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service is Wednesday (today) 2 p.m. Interment Blytheheld Cemetery.

MALONE - Mrs. Irene M. Malone, aged 78, passed away on Wednesday morning, January 22, 1992 at St. Mary's Living Center. She is survived by her son, Tom (Mary) Malone; her two daughters, Margaret (Bill) Crothers, Kathy (Bill) Bryant of Lowell; her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; her sister, Mrs. Kathryn (Richard) Jewell of Belding; her brothers-in-law, Pat (Winnie) Malone, John Kurnat; her sisters-in-law, Mrs. Doris Malone and Mrs. Helen Rafferty; and several nieces

and nephews. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday at St. Patrick Church, Parnell. Interment in St. Patrick Cemetery.

POTTER - Maxine A. Potter, of Lowell, passed away at Butterworth Hospital Tuesday evening. She is survived by one son, Bradley and Judith Potter of Lowell; one daughter, Donna Potter of Lowell; one brother, Rollo Dean of Sidney; two sisters, Emma Jane Loding of Greenville, Vivian Tischer of Saranac; two grandchildren, Dawn and Joy. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac, with Rev. Donald McKelvey officiating. Interment Pinckney Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Ionia County Commission on Aging.

STITES (DE RAAD) - Mrs. Lena Stites, aged 78, passed away Monday, January 20, 1992. She is survived by her children, William and Judy Stites, Jerry H. Stites, Shirley and Edwin Wierstra, all of Grand Rapids; Betty and Robert Olson of Lowell; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her cousin, Clyde Wehrle of Grand Rapids; and a special friend, Janice Reed of Wayland. Funeral Services for Mrs. Stites were held Thursday at the

Van't Hof Chapel with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

THEBO - Delbert E. Thebo Jr., aged 61, of Saranac, died Sunday January 26, 1992. He was preceded in death by his son Kenney. He is survived by his wife Leona; his children, Delbert E. III and Pam Thebo of Newaygo, Diana and Jack Gaskill of Lansing,

Walter and Beth Thebo, Keith and Stephanie Thebo, all of Lowell; Ace and Amy Thebo of Kentwood; five brothers; two sisters; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. Robert Roush officiating. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

VANGEEST - Mrs. Erma J.

VanGeest, aged 70, passed away early Monday morning, January 20, 1992 at Metropolitan Hospital. Surviving are her husband, Bernard; her children, Sally and Victor Carnevale of Grand Rapids; Bruce A. and Maryellen VanGeest of Georgia, Mary and Robert Wade of Lowell, Brian A. and Michelle VanGeest of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law.

Dorothy and Harvey Volkers and Mrs. Lorna Dykehouse of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews. Services including committal will be held Wednesday (today) afternoon 1 p.m. at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Rev. David M. Bast officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Those desiring may send memorial contributions to R.C.W. of Fifth Reformed Church.

GRCC, continued

and geography before graduating; and to teach students the skills necessary to get a job.

Ironically those matchup rather closely with the basic employability skills of today and tomorrow.

They included personal skills, critical thinking/problem solving, basic academics and communication/interpersonal skills.

They also address the astonishing fact that 18,000 people in the Kent County work force can't read or write.

"We're not all things to everybody, but we know our strengths and believe we can compliment local business," said GRCC's Linda Possett. "We've got to compliment and support activities that increase production." The Grand Rapids Com-



Looking to help meet the challenges facing their businesses in today's global markets, Lowell businessmen listened to how GRCC could help them.

munity College/Lowell businessmen luncheon challenged local businessmen to dif-

ferent - to put money into its people. Following the lunch at the

Heritage Restaurant business leaders were given a tour of the \$30 million Technical Center.

City purchases a new 450 gallon grass rig

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin thought the new 450 gallon grass rig was custom made.

It had many of the needed grass rig features. The only hurdle that stood in the way was the City's bid process policy.

The policy was waived after Martin explained the terms.

In 1969 the City purchased a Bronco for a grass rig at the cost of \$2,100. After adding needed equipment to the Bronco so it could be of help in fighting grass fires, Martin

said the Department had approximately \$6,000 into it.

Monday night, Lowell's City Council accepted a bid from Marc Jacquain of \$5,050 for the purchase of the Bronco. "The vehicle has approximately 6,700 miles on it," Martin said. Jacquain's bid was one of four considered by the City.

The Lowell Fire Chief stated limited water supply and storage space for fighting grass fires, not enough room to carry extra equipment, and no room for a larger pump as reasons for the need for a replacement.

The replacement will be a 1983 Chevrolet one ton grass rig at a price of \$3,500. Martin said incidental repairs will run at \$600, bringing the total price to \$4,450.

"The rig already has many of the features we would want on a grass rig, including a flat bed, a 450 gallon tank, and a front mounted PTO winch," Martin explained.

The '83 rig was purchased from West Michigan Drilling (Doug Klitz, owner, 13777 28th St., Lowell).

Martin said with the limited use of a grass rig, a new vehicle was not justified.



Rusty Towne, Lowell firefighter, stands next to Lowell Area Fire Department's new grass rig.

Lifetouch Studios' Vogt wins annual competition

Vicki Vogt of Lifetouch National School Studios, Lowell, recently was voted a National Champion in the third Annual Lifetouch Portrait Excellence Competition.

The photographs of over 1,000 photographers from more than 150 Lifetouch offices were evaluated for quality craftsmanship. Vogt was one of nine photographers

throughout the country recognized as a National Champion for consistently creating outstanding school portraits.

Vogt submitted photo-

graphs from Pinewood Middle School, Kentwood, for the competition. Lifetouch National School Studios has been pho-

tographing school children and providing photographic services to schools for over half a century.

Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.

—Ogden Nash



Vicki Vogt

State Charter No. 360 REPORT OF CONDITION FMB - STATE SAVINGS BANK LOWELL

IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1991, PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BUREAU PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 223 OF THE BANKING CODE OF 1969, AS AMENDED.

ASSETS		Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		5,358
Interest-bearing balances		1,000
Securities		25,305
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:		
Federal funds sold		3,200
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		0
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases, net of unearned income		58,104
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses		735
Loans and leases, net of unearned income allowance, and reserve		57,369
Premises and fixed assets		1,147
Other real estate owned		188
Other assets		1,077
Total assets		94,624
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
In domestic offices		84,627
Noninterest-bearing		10,594
Interest-bearing		74,033
Federal funds purchased & securities sold under agreements to repurchase:		
Federal funds purchased		0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		3,269
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		323
Other borrowed money		0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases:		
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		0
Other liabilities		443
Total liabilities		88,662
EQUITY CAPITAL		
Common stock		375
Surplus		2,425
Undivided profits and capital reserves		3,162
Total equity capital		5,962
Total liabilities and equity capital		94,624
Memoranda - Deposits of State Money - Michigan		91

I, James A. Bosserd, SVP, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the applicable instructions, and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James A. Bosserd

Senior Vice President

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the applicable instructions and is true and correct.

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NOTE: All cancellations or corrections on Classified Ads must be in by Monday at 5 p.m. All Classified Payments are due by the last Wednesday of the month. A statement will be sent at the end of 30 days and a 50¢ billing charge will be included at this time. A \$1.00 billing charge will be affixed to all bills 60 days past due and no further ads will be accepted until the total amount is paid in full.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Slippery floors and icy streets cause unexpected tumbles. We once had a neighbor lady whose highly polished floors gave us youngsters many an upset. In the wintertime it pays to watch one's step while walking on ice-glazed sidewalks. The pedestrian must guard against overconfidence. For just about the time he thinks he has it made, out go his feet from beneath him. And falls can be dangerous.

Overconfidence must be avoided in other areas of life, too. When one gets to the place where he feels immune to temptation, trouble is lurking dangerously near. The conceited individual is headed for a fall when he feels too proud of his accomplishments.

It is best for the Christian to tread cautiously at all times, guarding his thoughts and attitudes, lest temptation take him unawares. Humility is a mark of the great. In God's

sight it is of untold worth—for He hates the proud look but gives grace to the humble in spirit. Overconfidence can bring dangerous results, but humility will save the Christian from taking many a tumble.

It pays to be cautious. "Beware of falling."

Prayer: Dear Lord, save me from overconfidence. All I am Thou hast made me. Only as Thy Spirit continues to cleanse me am I safe in Thee. Protect me from the wiles of the enemy. Guard my thoughts and attitudes. Grant that I may ever be pleasing to Thee. Amen.

Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

It makes "cents" to fight drug, alcohol awareness



Katie Lum and Kara Tousley make "hands off drugs" T-shirts at Bushnell. Both the T-shirt activity and the penny donation to Project rehab are a part of "Together Lowell Cares" being celebrated by Lowell all this week. The celebration is an effort to help make kids more aware of drug and alcohol abuse.

OUR CHILDREN ARE WORTH EVERY CENT



Lowell students contributed 40,157 pennies to the Studio 28 theatres' wall of pennies. The coins will benefit Project Rehab's Dakota Family Treatment Center and Shiloh Family. Pictured above, kneeling Ryan Dorough, second row, Lindsey Geer, Shannon Levingston, Gerrid Uzarski, back row, left to right, Dylan Cole, Tommy Fick, Tricia Fick and Diana Fick.



Lindsey Geer, left, and Ryan Dorough pour out the pennies. Lowell students from the Elementary, Middle and High School contributed. The money will be used for treatment of troubled adolescents.

Harris scheduled for Honeycreek concert Feb. 15

For 23 years Honey Creek has provided homes and counseling for abused and neglected children. In recent years, services have been expanded to provide therapeutic and educational counseling for individuals, children and families.

Five-time Grammy winner, Larnelle Harris, is scheduled to appear in concert on February 15, 7 p.m., at Sunshine Ministries in Grand Rapids.

All proceeds from the event will be used to support the ongoing work of Honey Creek Christian Services.

Acclaimed as "one of the most excellent voices in gospel music," Harris has recorded countless hits that have spent weeks at the top of the charts. Harris has garnered a host of industry awards, including eight Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and a Stellar

award for excellence in the black gospel field.

Tickets are available at Baker Bookhouse and Zondervan bookstores. The cost of tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 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. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 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.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service.....7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL 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>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL 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 Barner Free</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Sun. Worship Services.....11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Awana - Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-0017 Dan Nave, Youth Director, 897-6737</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (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 Barner-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services Barner - Free Entrance</p>
<p>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL 10200 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services.....10:30 A.M. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barner Free)</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Armit MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>

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Viewpoint



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 27, 1892
Voters (men only) of Lowell may elect village officers on April 5 at Train's Opera House between 2 and 5 P.M.
Strapped for cash, the state superintendent of schools

suggests taking up collections to make an educational exhibit; Lowell Schools put on an entertainment at 10 cents per and send the state \$20.

England and America are at odds over England's protection of her seal poachers in American waters.

Alto section hands made a mile in two minutes this morning on a hand car

Freeport's churches have been making extra efforts for seven weeks and have gained in membership and mission offerings. 50 new members at the Congregational Church.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 25, 1917
It takes two weeks to report the Board of Trade banquet, including menu, treasurer's report and speech texts.

The teachers' retirement fund act is declared constitutional, so an office is being set up in Lansing to administer it.

The Senate is expected to pass a bill for universal military training (the draft), but the house probably won't.

All except 50,000 men on the Mexican border are being sent home.

Billy Sunday fails in his attempt to turn Boston dry, but collects over \$50,000 for his ten week's campaign.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 29, 1942

Carlton Runciman has been in the elevator business in Lowell for 25 years. He bought the business from the late C.E. Jakeway.

Columnists Glendon and Kathryn Swarhout take a lot of flak on British-owned Barbados about America's unpreparedness for Pearl Harbor.

President Roosevelt signs a Daylight Savings bill effective February 9. Michigan farmers and factory hands are upset.

The patriotic rally draws 250 for speeches and movies, and sells over \$22,000 in defense bonds. Names and amounts are listed.

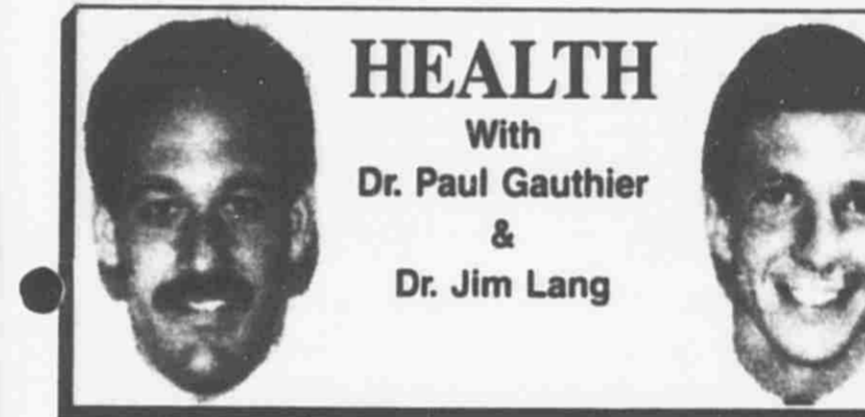
The Strand Theatre gets new, fully upholstered seats.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 26, 1967
The oldest bridge in the state highway system will be torn down when the new M-91 bridge south of Lowell is built. Vandals have already broken flashing traffic lights at the site.

A untimely spring storm with high winds and temperatures in the 60's causes some damage. A newly constructed wall at Bushnell School is blown down.

Application forms are available for Selective Service college deferment tests.

Mike Foss, Marty Eickhoff, Charles Marshall and Dan Moore will go to the West Michigan Golden Gloves tournament this year. Jim Hutson is the coach.



HEALTH

With Dr. Paul Gauthier & Dr. Jim Lang

THE NICOTINE PATCH

Recently the FDA has approved the release of a transdermal delivery system containing nicotine for use as an aid in a smoke stopping program. We have had several requests for this new prescription drug and in today's column we are going to review this new entity. Smoking eventually leads to physiologic and

psychologic addiction. This is why it is so difficult to quit smoking. The nicotine patch was developed to assist the smoker to overcome the physiologic addiction to nicotine. The patch, when applied to the skin, gradually releases nicotine into the bloodstream reportedly decreasing the physiologic craving for nicotine when the individual stops smoking. Over a period of several weeks the amount of nicotine delivered by the patch is gradually reduced and the individual is weaned completely off the patch at 6-8 weeks.

Studies provided by the manufacturer have shown increased quit rates in groups that used the patch when compared with those using a placebo, however, figures are only available for up to six months after using the patch. Side effects have been seen in some individuals using the nicotine patch and include diarrhea, upset stomach, insomnia, abnormal dreams, nervousness and muscle aches. Several other possible side effects have been reported but it is difficult to determine if these

were a result of the nicotine patch or from the stress of quitting?

The patch is relatively easy to use. It is applied daily to a non-hairy area of skin and replaced 24 hours later. Some skin irritations may be seen at the site of application. Users can still bathe or shower and regular exercise is encouraged. You should not smoke while using the nicotine patch because significant side effects can occur from nicotine over dosage. You should keep the patches (even used ones) away from children and pets because they are particularly sensitive to the toxic effects of nicotine.

In summary, the nicotine patch has shown some benefit in helping smokers quit. It should only be used by smokers who are committed to quit smoking and we recommend they enroll in a smoke-stopping program concomitantly with the use of the patch.

Letters to the Editor

Mr. Editor

I am expressing my concern over the situation of the athletic programs at the middle school level, particularly basketball. From what I understand, the West Michigan Middle School League program has been in effect for 4 years now. When I look at our High School basketball team, I have to wonder if the Middle School programs are preparing their students for the challenge to come as they enter the High School level.

Years ago when I was a growing youngster, the way you advanced in any sport was through your individual ability to excel and achieve. I was not a basketball player, I chose other sports which I felt I had a better chance of performing well in. Why do the students of today need to be given false hopes about excelling in a sport that they more than likely will do poorly in. I don't believe in the "hidden talent" theory either, that is, maybe this child is excellent at this sport and he/she just needs to be exposed to the

sport. I believe each student knows what he/she is capable of performing and that it is the parents job to open the doors to all sports for them, the child will choose the path he/she feels comfortable with.

Other questions that must be asked are, what was wrong with having A and B leagues? Were there too many students wanting to play? How about creating a C league? Would this demand more money? Perhaps fundraisers, i.e. candy bar sale, car washes, etc..... could be options, they seemed to work for the school system before.

The whole point is, students who are physically and mentally better at a sport should be recognized for their ability regardless of their age. Also, these athletes should be competing with fellow students who share these same abilities. Do the C and D grade students receive B's for their performance in the class room? Why should a student strive for good grades if they can only make a B grade? Whether you believe it or not,

it is the same principal with athletics. Maybe we should try this concept of "equality among players" in the classrooms and see how the students and parents react.

I also wonder how the coaches feel. How can a coach make any team feel good

about themselves when they lose almost every game throughout the season? Do the less talented players really feel good about themselves when they go out there and get the ball stolen every other play because their playing against a sculptured opponent?

I think we should all stop and again ask ourselves a few questions about this system. Why did we change in the first place? What was wrong with the old way of letting talent supersede desire. America was built on dreams of being the best you can be,

regardless of your age. Let's put the better athletes together as a team and give them the chance to taste the sweetness of victory and achievement.

Sincerely, Jeff Barber



Book Review by: Joan Wittenbach

There is something about the adventures of author Roald Dahl that keeps me reading them; JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY and especially, DANNY, THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD are among my favorites.

And now, the newest adventure, THE MINPINS, has grabbed my attention. The first paragraph would hook any young reader into the story, and I'm sure that is the purpose.

"Little Billy's mother was always telling him exactly what he was allowed to do and what he was not allowed to do. All the things he was allowed to do were boring.

All the things he was not allowed to do were exciting." From there, the adventure begins as Little Billy ventures into the world just beyond his home into a forest. A forest filled with Wandoodles, Hornswogglers, Snozzwangle, Vermicious Knids and the worst of all, the Spittler. So says his mother.

But the voice that whispers in his ear and entices Little Billy into the forest didn't tell him about the horrifying Gruncher. Thus the adventure begins!

The title of the book, THE MINPINS, is an introduction to another part of the story and it is here that the dream of any child comes true: he becomes the hero or heroine of a situation that only he can master, not adults.

The artwork by Patrick Benson is fascinating and believable as he and Dahl pull the reader with words and art into this heart pounding experience.

This book is available at local bookstores and public libraries. I recommend eight to 10 year old readers for this book.

The Minpins by Roald Dahl Price: \$16.95

TOWN TALK

Should Earvin "Magic" Johnson be allowed to play in the Olympics?



Kathy Breen
Yes, he should be allowed to play in the Olympics. I don't think they can say the virus will lead to AIDS. They do say it could.



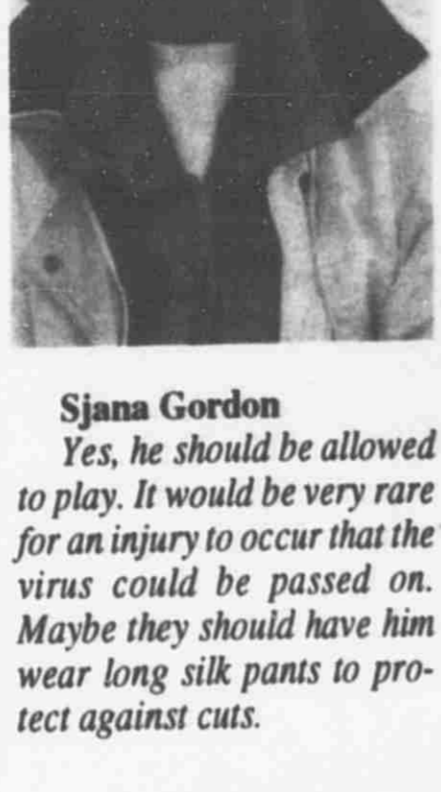
Tom Zbikowski
If he's putting others at risk no matter how small, he shouldn't play. The AIDS virus can be transmitted through blood and saliva. I work with a high risk group and we are told to watch carefully for saliva contamination.



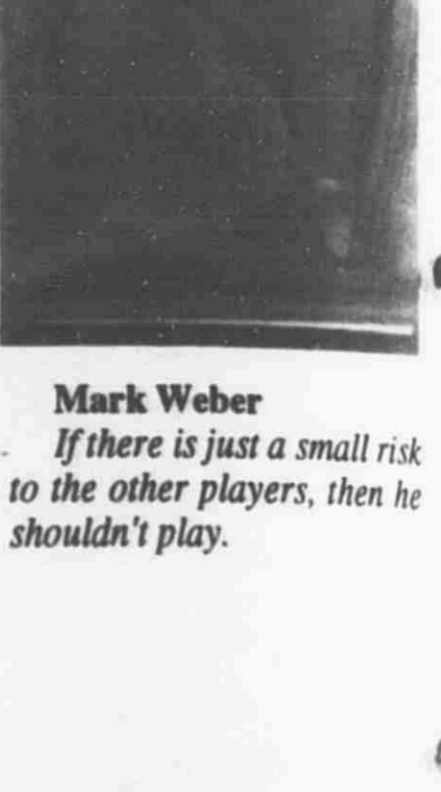
Ann VanderMeulen
If Magic is representing someone or is looked to set an example, then he should not play in the Olympics. I believe the question is more than should he play in the game. As a role model you are asked to set an example. If a person does wrong, there is a penalty or consequence one must pay.



Phyllis Reil
Yes, he should be able to play in the Olympics. I feel it would help to pass along information about the disease. It would also help remove some of the paranoia and advance society. This is also a country of freedoms.



Sjana Gordon
Yes, he should be allowed to play. It would be very rare for an injury to occur that the virus could be passed on. Maybe they should have him wear long silk pants to protect against cuts.



Mark Weber
If there is just a small risk to the other players, then he shouldn't play.

College News

A total of 536 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate's, bachelor's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University during the fall quarter, which ended November 20, 1991.

Lisa D. Bird graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in Studio Art. With a 3.7 G.P.A., Bird was also on the Deans list. Bird is the daughter of Marie Font of Lowell.

The names of recipients of degrees and certificates from Ada and Alto are as follows: Tammy Lyn Jann, of Ada, BS in Business and Gary Bloemers, of Alto, with a BS in Health Systems Management.

Olivet College set two enrollment records for spring semester. The student body now numbers 706 including an all time high 85 students

who were not in attendance during the fall semester.

According to Vice President for Enrollment and Strategic Planning Tim Nelson, this is significant because "...This is a market indicator that our programs and services continue to provide value, even in times of economic hardship. Our guaranteed student employment program and historical commitment to minorities and cultural diversity continues to be recognized as vital preparation to help our students become successful in tomorrow's world."

Founded as a private, liberal arts institution in 1844, the college is affiliated with the Congregational Christian Church and the United Church of Christ. It is the only four year college in Eaton County and is preparing to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 1994. It is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), the oldest collegiate conference in the nation and the NCAA, Division III. Olivet's student body includes students from Michigan, 17 other states and three foreign countries.

For further information about the college or its programs, contact the admissions department at 616-749-7635.



Lannie Phillips
Yes he should be allowed to play. His personal life should not distract from his athletic greatness. I don't believe there's a chance that he can pass on the virus through playing basketball.



Kevin Smith
Yes, he should be allowed to play. He's one of the best basketball players to ever play the game.



President and Mrs. John Adams became the first occupants of the White House in 1800.

Coming Events

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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 interested individuals are cordially welcome.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. at the Vergennes Township Hall. This meeting is being held for the purpose of consideration for the Special Exception Use application from the Lowell Area Schools and proposed site plan for the new high school.

Gil Wise
Chairman

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 #M 1372 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.

ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS: Jan. 29, Feb. 12 & 26, March 11 & 25. Community Soup Kitchen, Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. No reservation necessary. For information call 642-6322. To donate some food items or help serve call the church or Emily Laird, 642-9197.

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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Groups meet at 1 p.m. at Lowell Medical Center and at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone, 897-4810 for information.

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 #M, 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.

every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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.

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 #M 1493 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 Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY: The Michigan Antique Radio Club is holding a swap-meet from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Hilton Inn, 2747 28th St., Grand Rapids. The swap session begins at 8 a.m. for early buyers. \$5 admission per person. Regular admission starts at 9 a.m., with the customary \$1 per person charge. There will be a "best of collection" display and silent donation auctions. Call 616-363-7889 for more information.

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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. Phone 897-8545.

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.

THURS., JAN. 30: Commodities will be distributed between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreation Building, 1320 E. Fulton.

FRI., JAN. 31: Lowell Area Historical Association annual meeting at Look Memorial Fire Station at 7 p.m. All members invited.

SAT., FEB. 1: The Michigan Antique Radio Club is holding a swap-meet from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Hilton Inn, 2747 28th St., Grand Rapids. The swap session begins at 8 a.m. for early buyers. \$5 admission per person. Regular admission starts at 9 a.m., with the customary \$1 per person charge. There will be a "best of collection" display and silent donation auctions. Call 616-363-7889 for more information.

SAT., FEB. 1: Saranac Community Church offers a seminar at 9 a.m. You can discover your spiritual gifts and abilities at the one-day seminar, "Discover your Gifts." Register by Jan. 29. Bring sack lunch, beverages provided. Cost is \$5 for SCC members and \$6 for people of other churches. For more information call Pastor Hagemeyer, 642-6322.

TUES., FEB. 4: Meeting for the "Senior All-Night Party" will be held in room A-1 in the Lowell High School at 7 P.M.

TUES., FEB. 15: The Grand Rapids Coin Club's next show at the Grand Village Mall, Grandville will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be coins, paper money, tokens, baseball cards. Buy, sell, trade. Raffle drawing, 1st prize, \$5 gold coin or \$100. Free admission. Non-profit organization.

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TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

ORDINANCE 91-3
ORDINANCE 91-4
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ORDINANCE 91-6

Ordinances to amend the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES HEREBY ORDAINS:

Adoption by Reference the following:

BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE/1990
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE/1990
BOCA BASIC MECHANICAL CODE/1990
BOCA BASIC PLUMBING CODE/1990

These ordinances shall take effect upon its publication.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be true copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Vergennes Board held on December 9, 1991. The text of the ordinance may be read in the Township Hall on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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gether Lowell Cares" committee will focus on drug and alcohol awareness January 27 through February 1.

The week will culminate with the Lowell Family Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Lowell Middle School from 8 a.m. until noon.

"Together Lowell Cares" buttons are now on sale at FMB State Savings Bank and Lowell City Hall.

For more information call Sue Burt or Karen Latva at Bushnell Elementary, 897-8471 or Barb Pierce and Maureen Dorough at the Lowell High School at 897-4125.

SCOUT SPONSORED CHILI LUNCHEON

The community is invited to a Sunday Chili Luncheon, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Lowell First United Methodist Church. Take-outs for at-home or sit-down dinners are both available. All tickets are \$2, with seconds for heartier appetites for a small donation. All profits will go to Church Trustees' Van Fund. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 102.

"GETTING TO KNOW THE JAYCEES"

The Lowell Jaycees will be hosting a "Getting to Know the Jaycees" meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall.

Lowell Police Chief and past Jaycee member, Barry Emmons will be the guest speaker. His presentation is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

LOWELL LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

The Lowell Little League Board meeting will be at Lowell High School in the biology lab on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

The Lowell Showboat Corporation and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce cordially invite all to attend the Annual Valentine Dinner Dance, Feb. 15.

Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, dancing at 8:30 p.m., just \$15 per person. Music by Professional Sound Systems. Reservation due by Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Phone 897-8280, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 to 5, or 897-8356 anytime.

Off the Blotter

Apprehended by store employees Jan. 22, was a 12 year old shoplifter in the Crystal Flash Service Station.

Involved in a property damage accident on Jan. 20, on Main Street near Valley Vista Drive, was Sherril McGee, 53, of Lowell. McGee attempted to change lanes and struck a car driven by Margaret Harkness, 52, also of Lowell.

Three juveniles will be referred to Probate court at a later date on two charges of assault on two juveniles on Jan. 23.

Lowell officers are investigating the breaking and entering of Speerstra and State Farm Insurance companies on the night of Jan. 21. Thieves made off with a small amount of cash from Speerstra company, but got nothing from the State Farm company.

Involved in a property damage accident Jan. 23 on Main and Valley Vista Drive were Briganta English, 27, of Lowell and Charles Pardee, 42, of Shelbyville. English failed to stop for the traffic light and slid on icy pavement into a pick-up truck driven by Pardee.

Richard Depew, 18, of Alto slid on icy pavement in the Lowell High School parking lot and struck a parked vehicle owned by Diane Bassett of Ada, Jan. 23. No one was injured.

Involved in a property damage accident Jan. 27 at Valley

Vista Drive and M-21 was Alice Monks, 50, of Alto when she made a left turn into the path of a vehicle driven by Martha Shattuck, 44, of Hastings.

Danny Holt, 44, of Belding backed the truck he was driving into a parked pick-up truck on North West Street near Heffron on Jan. 23. No injuries were reported.

Arrested on a warrant Jan. 24, by Lowell officers was Tracey Lee, 20, of Ionia.

David Havens, 51, of Belding was arrested by Lowell officers Jan. 24 on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for destruction of property over \$100.

John Jones, 33, of Lowell was arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids court on Jan. 26. Injured in an accident Jan. 25, was a 10 year old passenger of a pick-up truck driven by Anthony Osterberg, 34, of Grand Rapids. Osterberg slid on icy West Main Street near Valley Vista Drive, left the road and struck a utility pole.

Janine Whittemore, 27, of Wyoming, MI, lost control of the car she was driving and struck a speed limit sign on Bowes Road near M-21 Jan. 25. No one was injured.

Leslie Van TatenHove, 62, of Lowell made a left turn off of Monroe Street onto North Street Jan. 18 into the path of a car driven by Tammy Cantrell, 20, also of Lowell. No one was injured.

Arrested by Lowell officers and taken to the Kent County jail charged with driving under the influence of alcohol was Debra Crout, 30, of Lowell, Jan. 26.

In the Service

Airman Donald C. Rittersdorf has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

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 associate degree through the Commu-

nity College of the Air Force. The airman is the son of



Donald Rittersdorf

Donald C. Rittersdorf and stepson of Kim K. Rittersdorf of Lowell.

Rittersdorf is a 1991 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

Marine Pfc. Randall L. Wieland, son of Terry L. and Cynthia A. Wieland of Lowell, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course.

During the course at Schools Battalion, Marine

Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA, students are provided with the basic skills and knowledge required to perform the job of administrative clerk.

Course studies include typing and preparation of Navy correspondence as well as basic office functions.

The 1990 graduate of Lowell High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1991.

Navy Firearm Apprentice Gerald E. Ladd, son of Gerald A. and Pamela Ladd of Ada, recently returned to Mayport, FL, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal following a seven month deployment to the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

Ladd deployed with the ten ship battle group while they conducted operations, as well as provided support for the Kurdish Relief effort.

USS Forrestal assisted in President Bush's visit to Greece and Souda Bay, Crete, in July.

Before leaving the Mediterranean, Ladd also participated in several multi-national training exercises with Spain, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Greece, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

This is the last operational deployment for the USS Forrestal. The 36 year old carrier will transfer to Pensacola, FL in late January, 1992, to become the Navy's aviation training vessel.

Ladd joined the Navy in November 1990.

Area Births

Chris Pethers and Dianna Verlin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth Pethers, January 20, 1992. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dean and Sue Pethers and Virginia VanHulst of Kingman, AZ., Lesley Verlin of Lowell and Joseph Verlin of Smyrna. Great-grandmothers are

Norma Inman of Ada, Irene VanHulst of Kingman, AZ and Margaret Verlin of Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Sean Healy now residing in Johnson City NY, wish to announce the birth of their son, Kevin Christopher, born on January 3, 1992.

Proud grandparents are Bob and Shirley Hinz of Sun City, CA and Myron and Betty Jacyna of Johnson City, NY.

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LISTINGS FOR FRI., JAN. 31 THRU THURS., FEB. 6

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AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: The Sky's the Limit An elderly man tries to win his grandson's affection... 1:00 MOVIE: The Wizard of Oz Dorothy and her dog Toto experience various adventures...

MORNING

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- 7:00 (M) Midwest Outdoors Magazine
7:00 (M) Sports LateNight
7:00 (M) Get Smart
7:00 (M) Comedy on the Road
7:25 (M) MOVIE: Back Home A family comes into conflict after being reunited at the end of World War II.
3:00 (M) MOVIE: Bloodspell A troubled teen inherits powerful and unwanted telekinetic abilities from a father he doesn't know.

- 4:00 (M) Night Flight (HBO) Joe Piscopo in Concert (Stereo) (CC)
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Strong wrestling and a flip of a coin assists Sparta, in 37-21 league victory over Lowell

Uneasy lies the crown of a champion, for someone may be gaining on him.

Not! The defending O-K White wrestling champions of the past two years, Sparta, hand delivered a message to Lowell and to the rest of the league Thursday night.

It simply read: To all O-K White wrestling teams,

Coach Ron Helmboldt and his Spartan grapplers will not be relinquishing its crown in 1992.

See you in 1993. Sparta then convincingly did away with its toughest challenge over the last three years, Lowell, 37-21.

"I think a few people underestimated our senior class this year," Helmboldt said. "I'm not taking anything away from Lowell, but we came here tonight expecting to win."

That became evident as Sparta won the first four matches, building an insurmountable 15-0 lead.

"We looked at the first five weight classes and wanted to win four of the five and no less than three," Helmboldt said. "We thought Lowell was tough from 135 and up."

Helmboldt was a prophet, as his Spartans won the first four matches and five of the first six.

Lowell's Mike Rottier, 103, lost in a technical fall 17-1 to Sparta's Tom Young.

Dave Rottier was deci-

sioned at 112 pounds, 18-14 by John Amott.

Doug Weeks, wrestling at 119, was edged by Ryan Witte, 7-5.

Sparta's Blair Kerr dominated Chad Chertos 13-0.

"Sparta's a strong aggressive club," Lowell assistant coach Jim Fleet said. "You can't take anything away from their performance here tonight."

While Sparta definitely outperformed Lowell wrestlers on the mat, Helmboldt said that the match was weird in that a coin flip before the match may have decided as much or more than any one match.

"The coin flip was big. It decided who had to declare their wrestlers for each weight class first," Helmboldt said. "I believe it made a difference in a win or loss at 140 and 171."

Fleet agreed, losing the flip hurt Lowell. "But our kids did not wrestle to their potential. We spent way too much time on the mat," he explained.

Only four Red Arrow wrestlers did a good job of getting off the mat.

Three of them were seniors. Dave Stouffer wrestling at 140 pounds pinned Sparta's Rico Strunk at 57 seconds of the first period.

Rich Depew pinned his Spartan counterpart, Mike Deitch, at 5:16 of the third period.

Heavyweight, Andy Wester pinned freshman, Mark Wolcott, in 46 seconds of the first period.

At a 130 pounds Justin Anes won a 4-2 decision over Sparta's Steve Kutzli.

Red Arrows who were pinned included, Brad Harrall, 152, second period; and Ryan Scott, 189.

Lowell's Jim Inman, 140, lost a 6-3 decision. Cory Kirkbride, wrestling at 145, was beaten 7-2 by Nate Barr.

Jamie Compton, 160, was defeated 10-2.

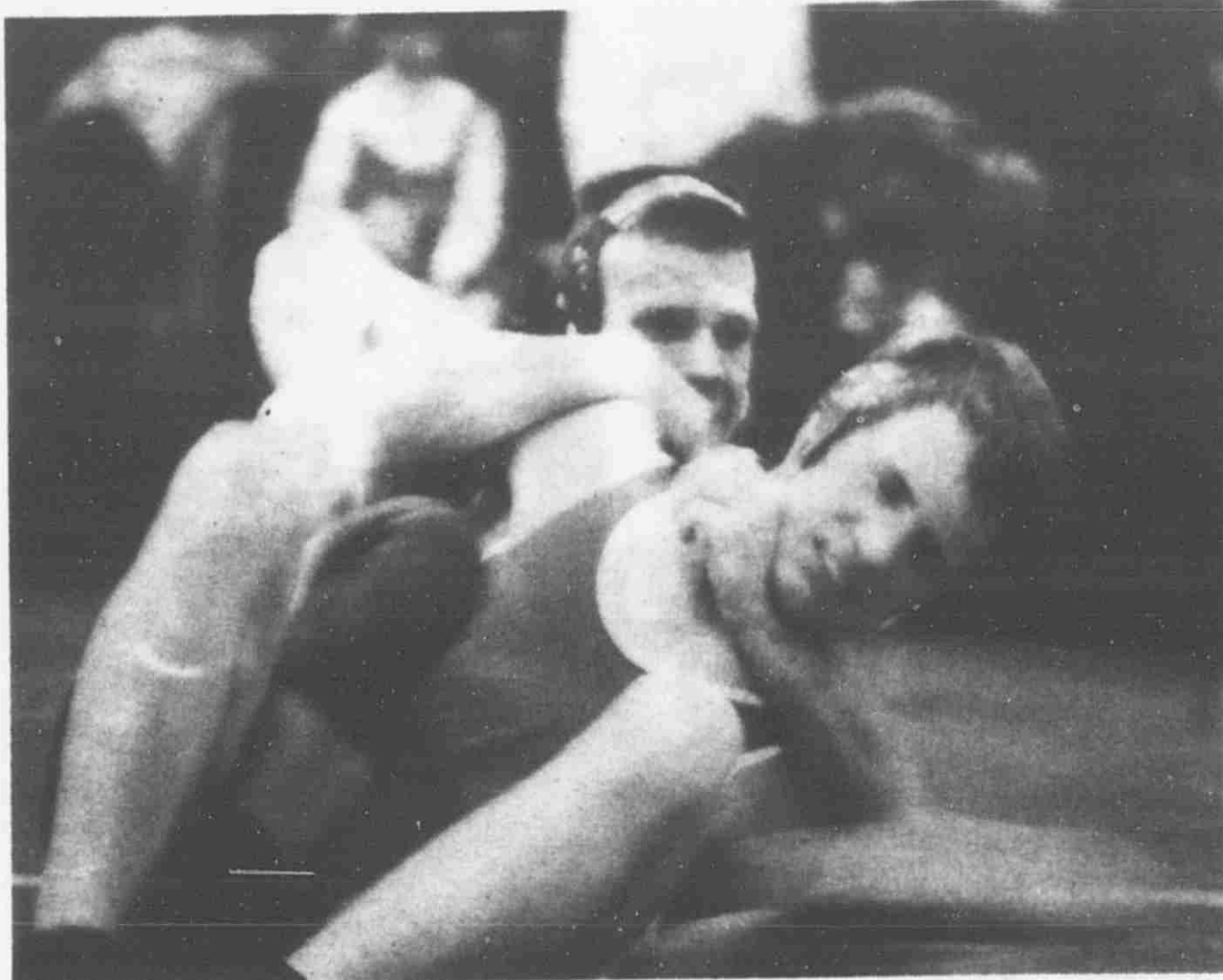
"We match up with Lowell real well," Helmboldt said. "We have tough matches with Zealand and Northview still left. Lowell has already beaten both clubs, so it's not out of the hunt for a league title. We don't match up as well with Zealand or Northview."

High School wrestling doesn't come any finer than what the Lowell Quad offered fans last Tuesday evening.

Three of the areas finest teams were in Lowell for the meet - the host Red Arrows, Northview and Cedar Springs.

Lonnie Armstrong knew the task of beating Lowell and Northview in the same evening was monumental. Win or lose it would only strengthen his team for the post season.

His club further strengthened the belief of Lowell's



Cory Kirkbride gets caught in an unfavorable position Thursday against Sparta.

Jim Fleet and Northview's Bob Daley, that the Red Hawks are a strong candidate to advance deep into the state team tournament.

Cedar Springs bested Lowell in the evening's first match 36-27. It followed that up with another hard earned win over the Wildcats, 36-34.

Fleet said his Red Arrow squad missed on a number of opportunities to pick up points on the Red Hawks. "It was a close match. A match I believe we could have just as easily won," Fleet said.

As he has done throughout much of the year, freshman, Mike Rottier got Lowell off to a fast start.

The Red Arrow pinned Red Hawk Don Bowen at 3:05 of the second period.

Cedar Springs fought back with three consecutive pins of their own - Tim Tomkins (112) pinned Dave Rottier at 1:33 of the first period; Adam Alderkin (119) pinned Chad Chertos in 1:40 of the first period; Chris Smith (125) pinned Ron Osmolinski just under the bell at 5:59 of the third period.

Leading 18-6, Hawk, Shawn Depree (130) decisioned Justin Anes 8-5, increasing the visitor's margin to 21-6.

Lowell's Jim Inman (135) retaliated with a 14-8 victory over Aaron Armstrong.

1990 state-runnerup David Wright gobbled up Jason DesJarden in 49 seconds of period one.

David Stouffer wrestling at 145 decisioned Luke Branan 7-2, cutting the Red Hawk lead to 27-12.

Cory Kirkbride (152) made the difference between a close, entertaining match and a Cedar Springs' cake-walk.

The Red Arrow posted an impressive pin at expense of Eric Hudson, closing Lowell's deficit to 27-18.

In the most entertaining match of the evening, Lowell's Brad Harrall was beaten seconds before the buzzer on a take down by Kevin Miller, 13-12.

Rich Depew, 171, then battled Phil Scheer for three periods before earning a 4-3 decision.

A near Sean Smith pin turned into Ron Anderson pinning Smith at 1:11 in the first period.

In the final match, Andy

Wester of Lowell pinned Chad Hawley.

"We figured it would be tough," Fleet said.

Armstrong concurred, "Lowell's got a good program and we expected a tough match," he said.

Lowell 72
Creston 6

The Red Arrows dominated in this match with the

outmanned Polar Bears.

Lowell posted eight pins in nine matches with one decision. The Red Arrows won three matches by void.

Creston was victorious in one match, by way of pin.

Recording pins for Lowell were Mike Rottier, Justin Anes, Jason DesJarden, Cory Kirkbride, Jim Inman, Rich Depew, Ryan Scott and Andy Wester.

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public information session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 1992 for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a proposed water, sewer, streets program in the Grindie Drive neighborhood. Consideration will be given by the City Council to initiate a special assessment district to pay for these projects in part.

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Pressed, rattled and rolled, Rogers bounces Lowell 88-63

Wyoming Rogers made sure a Wyoming Park victory over Forest Hills Central wasn't wasted Friday night as it leveled Lowell, 88-63.

The win moved the Golden Hawks to within one game of Northview and the Rangers, a team they play Friday night at Central.

"Offensively we played a great first half," Rogers coach Perry Paganelli said.

The Hawks opened the game with a 30-12 first quarter. They extended that lead to 48-25 at halftime.

"The third quarter started off okay and then I pulled off the press and that's when Lowell started to frustrate younger players off the bench," Paganelli said.

Lowell cut the deficit to 66-45 at the end of three quarters. The Red Arrows contin-

ued their surge into the fourth quarter, cutting the deficit to 66-51 before Paganelli called time-out and reinserted his starting five.

"On the positive side, the boys never gave up and actually made things exciting with five minutes to play," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "On the down side, we were not able to handle their press. We couldn't make a diagonal pass.

Following the time-out, Lowell got a bucket from its leading scorer, Chad Dunn and a free throw from Matt Kemp cutting the deficit, once as

large as 25, to just 12 points at 66-54.

A Justin Berkley three-pointer, ended the Lowell charge and started a 22-9 Rogers' run to end the game.

We have to play better defense if we are to challenge for the league crown," Paganelli said. "We have a good offense. Defensively we

did a good job with our press in the first half.

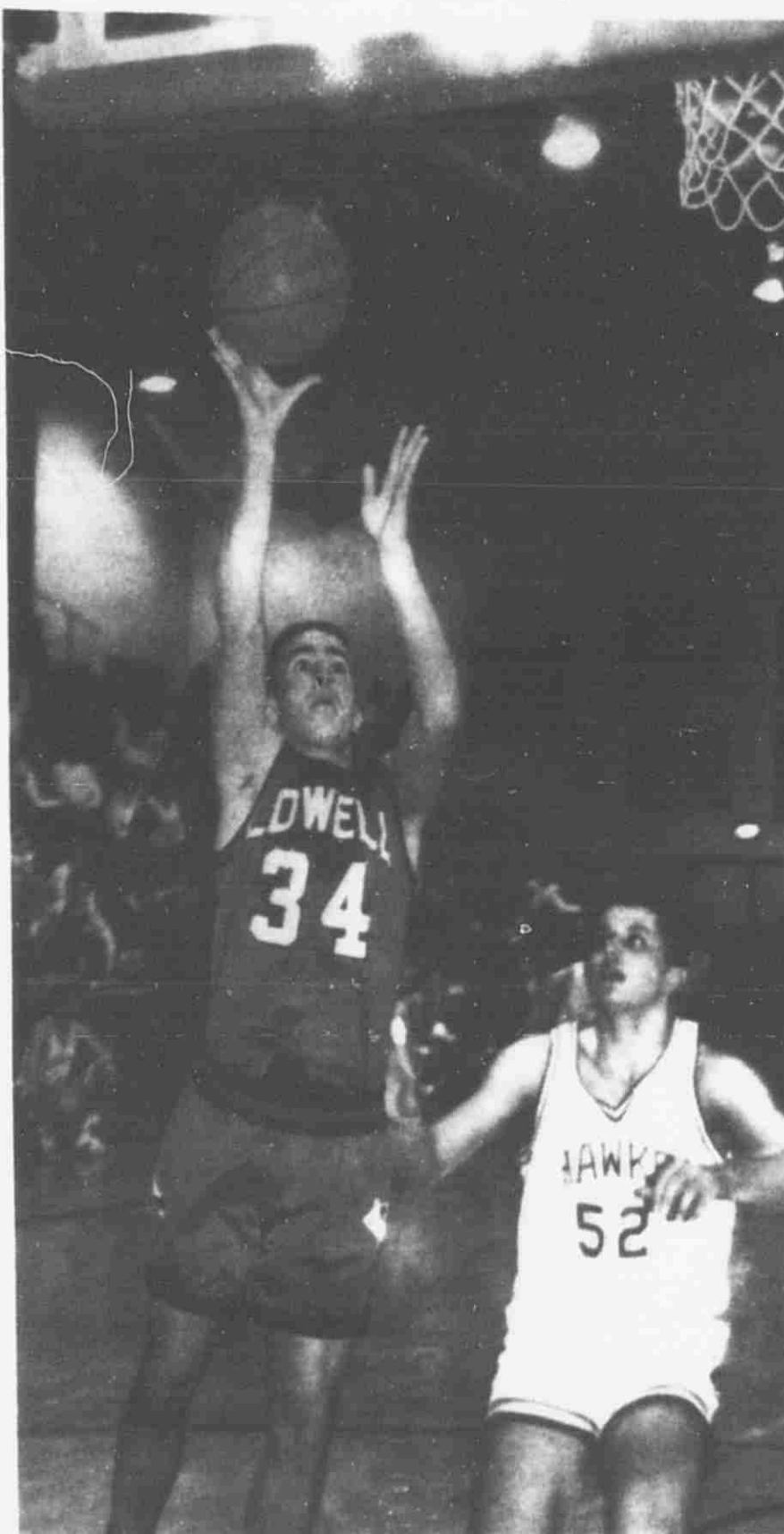
Chad Boelma led Rogers with 23 and Justin Berkley added 21 points. "Both of

those players did great jobs in the first half."

Dunn led Lowell with 21 points. Nate Jones added 16 and David Jones netted 11.

Rogers is now 5-5 overall and 4-2 in the league.

Lowell falls to 1-8 overall and 1-5 in the O-K White.



Matt Craig drives to the hole.

Dave Jones puts one in off the glass in action against Rogers.

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FAMILY FARE Athletes of the Week



Andy Wester
The Lowell senior wrestler continued his fine season with a pin over his Sparta counterpart Mike Wolcott. Wester finished off Wolcott in 46 seconds of the first period. The win was one of only four posted by Lowell wrestlers against the victorious Spartans.

Heather Gowen
Lowell's top hitter, senior Heather Gowen had 14 kills in three matches against Ionia, Middleville and Sparta in helping to lead Lowell to a 6-1 mark this past week.

Chad Dunn
The Lowell senior scoring ace has averaged 24 points a game over the last three games. Dunn tallied 27 against Ionia, 26 against Zealand and netted 21 against Rogers on Friday night. Lowell coach Phil Beachler applauded Dunn's offensive efforts, but adds he is encouraging Dunn to continue to work on his defensive skills so that he can become an all-around player.

Congratulations

LAAC offers a pallet full of classes and activities

The Lowell Area Arts Council Center promises to be jumpin' with activity during the upcoming gray days of winter. David Davis, workshops coordinator, announced that a large roster of winter workshops will be offered at the Arts Center beginning in mid-February for both adults and children. Three workshops are offered to children this winter, two of which are after school specials.

Offered first, is a drawing workshop taught by Sandra Bartlett. It is geared for both beginning and advanced students, ages eight to 12. They will explore the techniques of shading, perspective and three dimensional drawing. Rather than a dull afternoon, this offers an exciting and valuable learning experience for those interested in drawing. Classes begin on Thursday, Feb. 20 for eight weeks, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fee is \$30 for LAAC members and \$38 for non-members. All materials are furnished.

The second after school special being offered is a workshop about dance, movement and the history of a number of dances. This fun and informative workshop is taught by Karen Christensen. It is geared for both boys and girls ages six to 12. It begins Thursday, March 5 for four weeks 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$24 for LAAC members, \$30 for non-members. Costumes and props provided.

Also, in the roster for kids is a two day workshop creating a dreamscape of their very own! Using an armature, plaster gauze, paint and other materials, children will create an environmental sculpture with instructor, Mary Kingsbury. This workshop is designed for children ages eight to 12 and will take place on Saturday, March 7 and Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., both days. The fee is \$12 for LAAC

members and \$18 for non-members. All materials will be furnished.

Adults will have several opportunities to relax and unwind. The live drawing workshop is an opportunity for area artists to paint and draw from professional life and costume models. This is a non-instructional workshop, it is held on Monday nights and begins March 16 for six weeks, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The fee is \$35 for LAAC members and \$45 for non-members.

"Oil Painting with Dixie" is an ongoing workshop for those who have supplies and would enjoy an afternoon of painting with other artists. Get away from hectic schedules and learn how to paint landscapes, mountains, skies and florals. You will work from books, photos and your imagination. Classes are every Monday and Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on a four week rotating schedule.

You can learn the ancient art of Batik in just two afternoons. Create beautiful works of art by applying wax and dyes to fabrics. Taught by Jennifer Flynn, this workshop will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 26 from noon to 5 p.m. each day. Each artist will create a 36" x 36" cotton scarf, a two color silk scarf and a cotton sheeting painting or wall hanging. No experience is required. Fee is \$36 for LAAC

members and \$42 for non-members. All tools and materials furnished.

Instructor Dolores Dey has developed yet another quilting project for those interested in the art of hand stitching fabric pieces and creating a work of art. Quilting classes will be held evenings at the center and run for eight weeks. Fee is \$30 for LAAC members and \$36 for non-members. Call the Arts Center at 897-8545 for further information.

Be advised! Weaving baskets can be addictive! Join instructor Laura Leasure for six weeks of pulling, counting and weaving only to be surprised and excited at the beautiful handmade baskets you have created. This workshop is held on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9:30 p.m., and begins on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Each participant will construct four to five baskets, including an Easter basket. Fee is \$30 for LAAC members and \$36 for non-members. Supplies are extra.

All workshops are limited to number of participants due to studio space. Early registration is advised. Pre-payment is required for all workshop enrollments and may be charged to Mastercard or Visa.

Be an early bird. Phone the Arts Center today at 897-8545 and join the fun.

Vergennes Township planning commission questions school's back up utility plan

It doesn't seem to matter which meeting, or who it is discussing the plans for the new high school site, the conversation always ends with the question does the school have commitments for the extension of public sewer and water onto the Vergennes Township site which was selected for the new high school?

Last Wednesday night's special Vergennes Township Planning Commission meeting to review the school site plan was no exception.

To date there has been no commitment from either Township stating it has agreed to purchase the utilities from the City. Without some sort of an agreement it is doubtful the City could afford the storage tanks and booster station

necessary to get the utilities to the school property. It is also doubtful whether the school budgeted that type of bond money for utilities.

Pete Tully, Vergennes Township Planning commission questioned how much the welfare and health of the neighbors would be affected if public water and sewer was not available.

"If it would, does the school have any other means of providing the utilities?" Tully asked.

The response given by school officials' included wells and a lagoon. The Vergennes Township Planning Commission members weren't in agreement that the second choice would not affect the welfare of the neighbors.

Tully also questioned that if public water was not available what the school's fire plan was?

WBDC's Ralph Moxley said due to State Fire Marshal laws and guidelines the school's 5,000 gallon sprinkler system is designed to meet the fire codes.

Tully inquired as to once the 5,000 gallons had been sprayed would the school, without the high pressure of a public water system be able to fight a major fire?

Tully and the planning commission were assured discussions have and would take place with the Lowell Fire Department Chief in the event public services were not available.

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin said a plan could be worked out. "It would have to include neighboring fire departments. A tanker shuttle water operation is a major

deal, but it can be done," he explained.

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission also asked the school and WBDC officials to address soil erosion during site construction.

Officials said site construction excavating will be completed during the summer and early fall. While weather will play a part in the actual amount of dust being blown around, WBDC officials said they will be prepared to water soils in order to try to minimize the amount of dust.

The 100-acres on which the new high school building will sit will hold three detention ponds. "The ponds will allow a measured meter flow of water to be absorbed into the ground," Lowell Board member Ray Quada said.

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Meeuwenberg public hearing set for Feb. 3

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The variance request is to reduce the floor area requirements of a new house.

Meeuwenbergs have requested the variance so they can have a new house con-

structed with less than the required floor area.

In the R-1 district, 1,500 square feet is needed with 1,359 square feet of floor area requested. In their application Meeuwenbergs state the reduced floor area would considerably lessen the cost of their first home.

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Todd Thompson and his wife for their service. Thank you so much to the ladies of the Alto Methodist Church for the luncheon they served. Our mother will be greatly missed, and you will always be remembered for your kindness. Her children, Darrel & Alice Hesche Ray & Cleo Hesche Sam & Nila Norden

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The "Mackinaw Island poet" finds freedom in nature and his work

Nature has provided Robert Nixon with the freedom to reflect.

Travel has provided Nixon with the freedom to satisfy an inner need.

Poetry has provided Nixon with the freedom of unrestricted creative communication.

Nixon, a Saginaw native, who likes to call Mackinac Island his home, has clothed himself in life's simplicities and has wrung out enlightenment.

The 1960 graduate of Boston University, and current Lowell resident, has published

two books of poetry entitled "The Color of Winter" and "Shades of Autumn."

"I live for poetry," Nixon exclaims. "It gives a writer a freedom of movement that you don't find in journalism, fiction or non-fiction."

In his 20 years of writing poetry, Nixon has traveled the outdoors, which naturally has provided him a base for material.

"Nature has a freedom to it which goes together with poetry," Nixon explains. "It's been the meat for my creativity."

Poetry has also given



Robert Nixon

Nixon a sense of enlightenment. He's used it as a measurement, as to where he's been, who he is, and where he's going.

The Mackinac Island poet challenges anyone to watch the sunset, listen to the leaves rustle in the trees, the squirrels chattering on a ledge and not be changed.

For Nixon, poetry and nature have helped to relieve some of life's tension.

They have helped him find the exit ramp off the "endless haze of nothingness" trail he found himself on.

It was alcohol that led him

to that trail. He also attributes other hurt in his life to alcohol.

"It was alcohol that got me married, it was alcohol that got me divorced and alcohol which caused me to lose my two children," he says.

The pain from those experiences helped Nixon make that journey down that long road back.

"I'm no longer a practicing alcoholic. I can drink but I choose not to," he explains. "It's been seven wonderful years since my last drink."

It hasn't been easy he explains, "A day hasn't gone by where I haven't thought about it."

Alcoholics Anonymous got him this far. "It's a wonderful organization and I still use it when I'm feeling weak."

Nixon is comfortable with his media and with a lifestyle that's prone to wander from place to place.

He has the manuscript ready for a third book. He is currently hunting for a publisher. The context for this book will mix nature and his brash, rude experiences with urban life in Los Angeles.

The T.S. Eliot admirer and harsh self critic is not happy and completely fulfilled by his work, but he continues to search. "I will know when I get there."

Site, continued

the noise and sight pollutions.

"I was pleased with the meeting and thought there were some legitimate concerns raised by the Vergennes Township Planning Commission members," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. "Nothing stark or objectionable was raised. The School is willing to make changes to help ease legitimate concerns."

A case and point, Gary Knotternus, 11900 Vergennes, explained at a neighborhood forum meeting for

neighbors of the new school, that he thought fencing was needed to help protect his horses and farm from student trespassers. The school agreed to a eight-foot high fence along the property on the school side of the berm.

"The fence will help provide protection," Knotternus said. "Hopefully it will serve as a deterrent to students wandering off school property."

The school is attempting to do the best it can to make things as easy as possible on the neighbors."

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