

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Miss Lowell Showboat Pageant now accepting applications through March 10

Applications are being taken for the third annual Miss Lowell Showboat Pageant on March 10.

Pageant chairman Sheila Dubbink said applications for those wishing to be contestants must be received no later than March 10.

"We're hoping to have 20 contestants for this year's pageant," Dubbink said.

Some of the contest rules have been changed. The rules are as follows:

- \* A contestant must be a female, age 16-21.
- \* A contestant must be single and have no children.
- \* A contestant cannot be a professional model
- \* A contestant must be in attendance at the rehearsal.
- \* Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, speech and appearance. Decision of the judges will be final.
- \* There will be no swimsuit or talent competition.
- \* Formal attire will be required.

Applications may be picked up at Lambert Variety and Pfaller's.

For more information call 897-6604 or 897-8280.

## Feb. 18 hearing set for parking variance

Lowell's City Council will consider a parking variance related to Bernard's True Value Hardware's building addition at its Feb. 18th hearing.

Based on parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance, the 3,960 square foot addition would need 39 additional parking spaces. Bernard's addition calls for only six.

Five years ago, Bernard applied for and received a variance to provide 36 spaces where 48 were required.

At the Jan. 27 Planning

Commission, the Commission would not waive the parking requirement nor provide a recommendation to the Zoning Board.

The Commission approved the 3,960 addition by a 5-3 vote.

A Lowell ordinance requires that a new construction be accompanied by sidewalks.

Commission member, Kevin Smith said the commissioners disagreed on whether an addition to an

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## Keeping your credit good during bad times

There's so much month left at the end of the money.

In this period of bad economic times, many people are finding a lot of truth in that statement.

How people cope and deal with their financial crisis is pivotal:

- \* Pivotal to the future of their financial status.
- \* Pivotal to the future of their good credit.
- \* Pivotal to their debt income ratio.

Knowing what to do, how to do it, and who to talk to, can save consumers the embarrassment of bad credit.

FMB State Savings Bank of Lowell Vice President, Chuck Myers says the key to maintaining good credit during tough economic times is communication.

"If a customer knows his or her payment is going to be late, call the creditor, don't wait for the creditor to contact you," Myers said. "Most of the time creditors will work with a customer to get through the crisis."

FMB's vice president adds a precaution for customers, after making a call, don't make a promise of a payment that you'll end up breaking.

Viruses that lead to difficult economic times for customers are not always related to the economy.

FMB loan adjustment manager and security officer, Thomas Kinney, said non-related economy items such as divorce, accident, illness and employment complications, not related to the economy, play a role.

The ease of obtaining a credit card greatly adds to a person's financial problems.

"Credit card holders overextend themselves," Kinney says.

Why are they so easy to obtain? The interest creditors pay for the money is four percent. A credit card holder can pay as much as 18 percent in the State of Michigan.

As Myers points out, that's quite a profit margin. Thus, the more cards out the more the profit.

Kinney pleads to customers in financial straits to see a budget counselor in an effort to circumvent bankruptcy.

"Bankruptcy is a 10-year mistake," Kinney said. "Those that do claim bankruptcy have a hard time finding a creditor who will grant them credit again."

FMB State Savings uses periodicals as an indicator of delinquency rates. While it's not totally related to the economy, it is a good measurement of the economic times.

Recognizing the strain of the economic times and the demands the holiday season puts on the family budget, FMB offered 1,000 of its prompt paying customers a holiday plan which allowed customers to defer their normal December payment to the bank, providing them with extra dollars for the holidays.

Myers said the holiday plan was targeted toward a 1,000 of its customers. "About 25 percent responded," he explains.

FMB State Savings Bank and Myers will offer the public a consumer credit clinic on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Those interested in attending are asked to call Chuck Myers at 897-4153.



Charlie Bernard, Bernard's True Value Hardware, hopes that construction on his new addition can start in 30 days.

## Wilcox appointed to fill Beers' seat

A 1959 Lowell graduate returned to Lowell Schools Monday night. This time to serve the district.

In a special meeting, Marcia Wilcox was approved to fill the seat vacated by 13-year board member Linda Beers.

Wilcox is no stranger to public service in Lowell area and surrounding townships.

\* She is a former member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

\* Wilcox worked on last year's millage campaign and previous millage elections.

\* She is a past County Commissioner.

\* She has served on the Kent Community Hospital Board.

\* Wilcox has worked on the Vergennes Township Zoning Board.

\* She has also served with the Clark memorial Retirement Community Home Board.

"I accepted the seat vacated by Linda Beers because of a commitment to the community of Lowell," Wilcox said. "It's in recognition of the importance of education in a community."

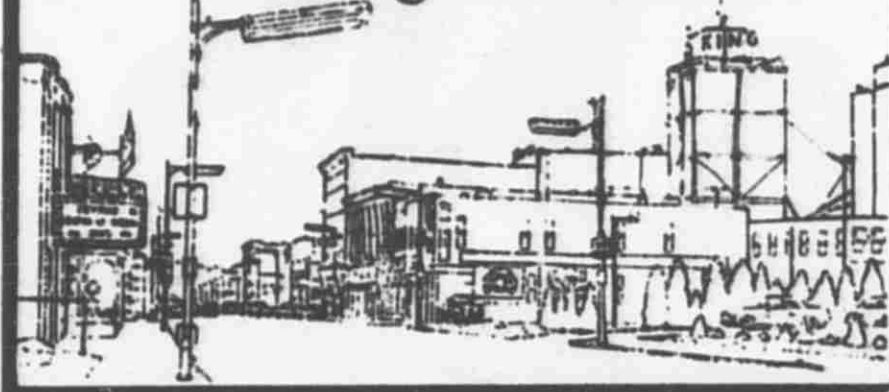
Wilcox says there are a lot of challenges that face the board. Challenges do not make her nervous. "I'm not nervous about facing the challenges," she says. Wilcox believes her previous experience on boards prepares her for the challenge.

The seat vacated by Beers is up for election in June. "I have not decided if I will run for the seat in June. I'll see how things go."



Marcia Wilcox

## Along Main Street



### BLUEBIRDS SPOTTED

Irene Vaughan came into the Ledger office Friday morning, Feb. 7, to report three sets of bluebirds singing in her backyard at 13443 Beckwith Drive.

### 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.

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

### MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Butterworth Mobile Mammography Unit will be at Family Fare, in Lowell, February 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call 776-1372 for appointment. Walk-ins may be accepted if time allows.

### HOLIDAY POST OFFICE CLOSING

The Lowell Post Office will be closed February 17 for Presidents Day.

### ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

You are invited to attend the organizational meeting for the "All Night Senior Party." The meeting will be held at 7 P.M. in room A-1 in the High School. The next meeting date is Tuesday, March 10, 1992. Your involvement will guarantee a successful event for your senior.

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Obituaries

BIERI - Mr. Rudolph O. Bieri, 84, of Grand Rapids, died Sunday, February 9, 1992 at the Hospice Care Unit. Surviving are his wife of 61 1/2 years, Mrs. Betty Bieri; son, Robert Bieri of FL; daughter, Ginger Harris of Grand Rapids; daughter-in-law, Bobbie Bieri of FL; six grandchildren, Steve (Karen) Bieri of CT, Lisa Roccesano of NJ, Tom (Val) Bieri of FL, Eric (Alicia) Harris of Lowell, Michele (Jack) McLain of Grand Rapids, Cathy (Bill) Herman of Rockford; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorotha Biggs of Saranac; several relatives-in-law,

nieces and nephews. Mr. Bieri was owner and operator of Central Engraving Company for many years and was a member of Malta Lodge #465 S & AM and Second Congregational Church. Services and Committal will be conducted Wednesday (today) at Reyers North Valley Chapel, 2815 Fuller Ave. N.E. at 3 Mile Rd. with his Pastor the Rev. Dr. Dewey A. Peterson officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or to the Organ Trust Fund of Second Congregational Church.

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Lowell FFA wins district contests

On Feb. 6, the Lowell FFA hosted the District FFA Leadership contests at Lowell High School. Lowell FFA members dominated the competition receiving seven first place gold awards and one second

place gold award. According to Dave Hildenbrand, Lowell FFA President, "the purpose of the contests is to develop the leadership skills of FFA members through organized competition with other FFA chapters in the area."

Winners for Lowell were: Hayley Murphy, Public Speaking; Krista Posthumus, Greenhand Public Speaking; Renee Nugent, Extemporaneous Public Speaking; Heidi Kaeb, Melanie Kaeb, and Danielle Scott, Demonstration; Dave Hildenbrand, Jen Wieland, Betsy Nugent, Toni Jones, and Matt Craig, Agricultural Forum; Lesley Murphy, Melissa Beute, Kerry Nugent, Ken VanSpronsen, Tim Stencel, Doug Weeks, Lindsey DenBoer, and Loren Kaeb, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings; Jenny Oesch, Jennifer Brown, Jim Nauta, Steve Briggs, Amy Stauffer, Amy Tichelaar, and Jaime Tummino, Parliamentary Procedure. Randy Grieser placed second for Lowell in the Job Interview contest and Niki Gurney received a third place gold award.

All teams will now advance to regional competition at Hastings High School on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Bernard, continued

existing building constitutes "new construction."

Bernard opened his Hardware store in Lowell five years ago and says he is looking at the recession as an opportunity to grow. "The construction rates, and interest rates are better. "A businessman can get good value for his money spent."

Of the 3,960 square feet, 1,000 of it will be used as a service center. Bernard wants to focus a higher profile on service and repair. Bernard's True Value Hardware will service screen doors to vacuum cleaners. "With the addition we will fix, repair and assemble."

Bernard hopes work on the addition can start within 30 days. He will be adding to the building's west end. He also said he expects completion of the project by July 1. "I'd like to be fully operational by then," he explains.

The five-year Lowell businessman says the expansion will allow him to broaden what he is able to offer within each of the store's departments.

"I've been very happy with

the warm and open way the Lowell community has accepted Bernard's True Value Hardware Store, he concludes."



M.S. Pep Band has Spirit

This year 38 seventh-graders and 21 eighth graders participated in the Middle School Pep Band.

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, 12675 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 - Lowell Community Education invites you to a line dance class from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Methodist Church on 621 E. Main in Lowell. This is a fun way to exercise using repeated pattern steps to dance with music. Come join the fun and exercise your way to a healthier you. \$1 donation.

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 WEDNES-

DAYS: 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

Coming Events

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.

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

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 #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 8:30a.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.

LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed.,

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.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

SAT., 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.

THURS., FEB. 20: Keenagers will meet at 10 a.m. at the Vergennes Methodist Church. There will have a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We will play cards. Come and bring a friend.

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.,

In the longest tennis match in Wimbledon history, Pancho Gonzales (41) defeated a much younger Charles Pasarell in a 112 game match taking five hours and twelve minutes over two days.

WANT AD INFORMATION Advertising Deadline is TUESDAY AT 12:00 NOON

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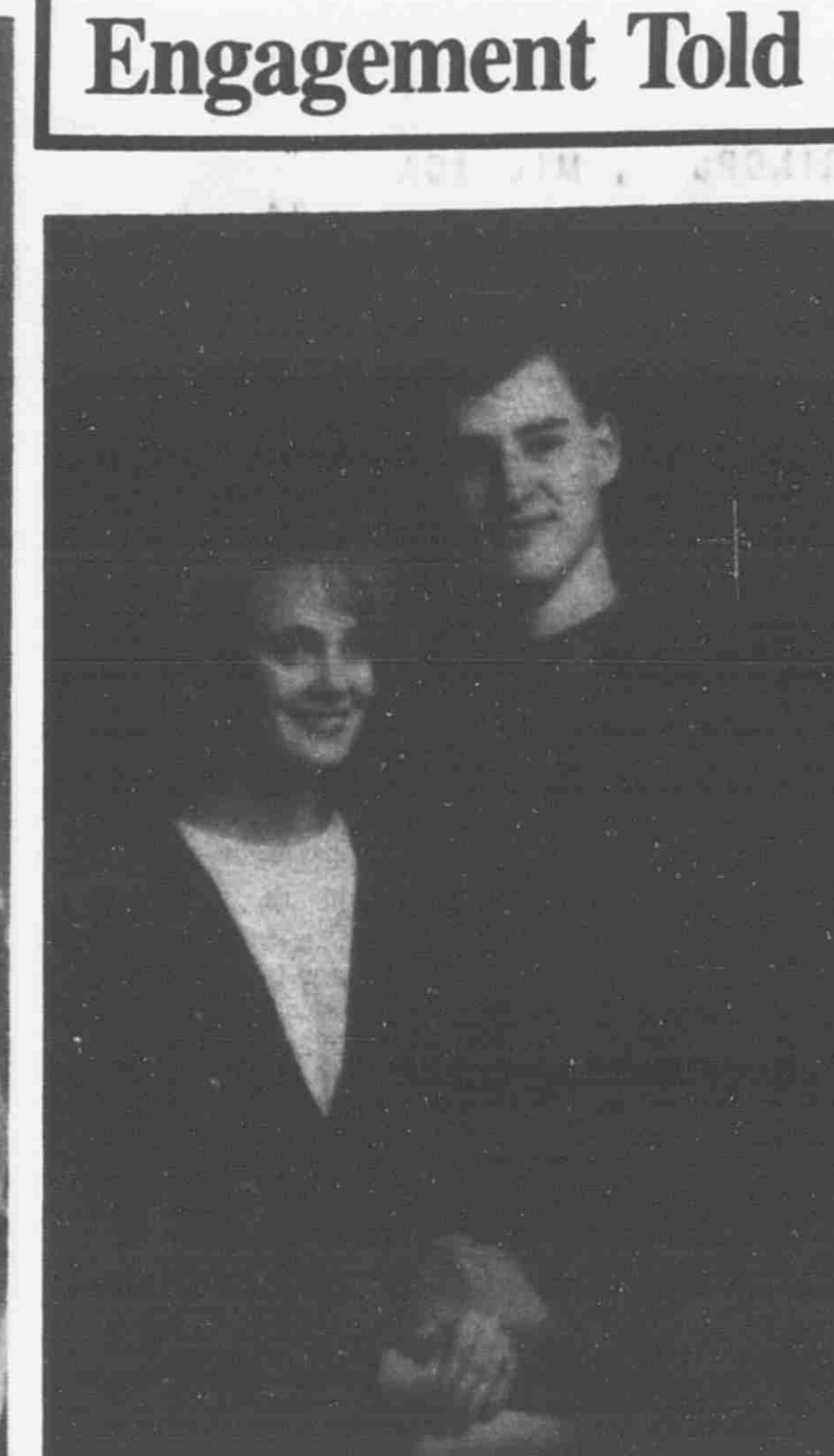
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Leo and Minnie Markham

### Markhams celebrate 50th anniversary

Leo and Minnie Markham will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with an open house on February 15 at Key Heights Clubhouse, in Lowell, from 2 to 6 p.m., no gifts please.



Leslie Hutfliz and Travis Schnicke

Leslie Hutfliz and Travis Schnicke will wed March 28, 1992. The ceremony will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

### High School musicians perform at CMU

Paula Hansen of Alto, (flute), will be one of 68 high school musicians from around the state who will perform with the Central Michigan High School Honors Band February 16 at Central Michigan University. Approximately 130 students auditioned for parts.

The 4 P.M. concert in CMU's Warriner Auditorium is free and open to the public.



Taylor J. Buckley and Heather L. Ray

### Lowell graduate plans August wedding

Wendell and Deborah Ray of Ada are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather L. to Taylor J. Buckley, also of Ada.

### Straub joins MADHS Board of Directors

Jeanne Straub of Lowell, Editor, West Michigan Deaf News has recently joined the Board of Directors of Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Services, a statewide association based in East Lansing.

### Engagement Told


Schnicke are Davenport College of Business graduates. Parents of the couple are Thomas and Gloria Hutfliz of Lowell and Dennis and Connie Schnicke of Crystal Falls, (U.P.), MI.

Both Hutfliz and Schnicke are Davenport College of Business graduates. Parents of the couple are Thomas and Gloria Hutfliz of Lowell and Dennis and Connie Schnicke of Crystal Falls, (U.P.), MI.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and is currently attending Davenport College. The groom-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School. An August 15, 1992 wedding date is planned.

Parents of the groom-to-be are Thomas and Kathleen Buckley of Ada.

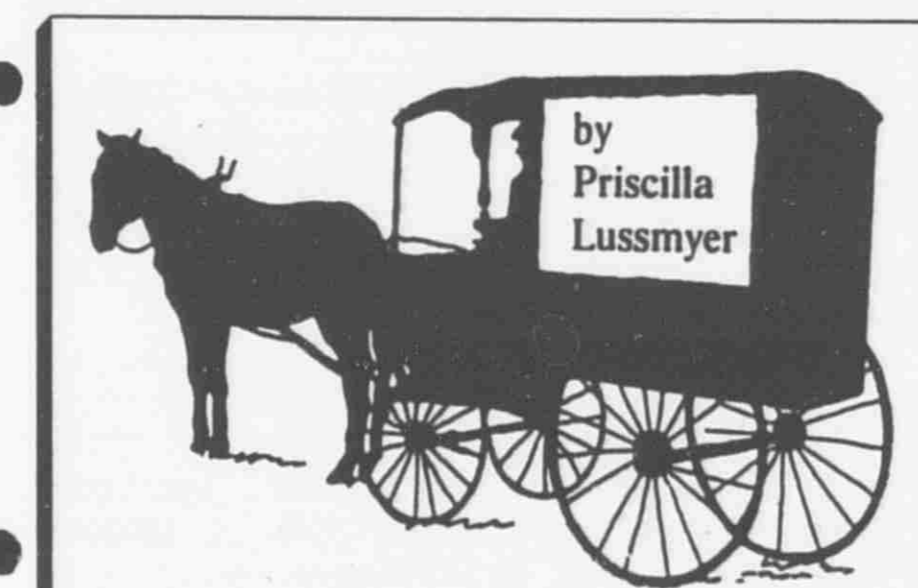
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<b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Roger MacNaughton.....Director of Music Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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 Barrier - Free Entrance	<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. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier Free)	<b>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
<b>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL</b> 10200 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services.....10:30 A.M. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307	<b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.	<b>Area Births</b> Rex and Michelle Hyzer are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Holly Sue born January 10, 1992 at Blodgett Memorial Hospital. Holly weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Michael and Linda Deur of Sparta and Roger and Marilyn Hyzer of Grant. Aunt and uncle are Angie and Mike Poll of Lowell. Mrs. Susan Andrzejewski Dear Editor, I am writing a family history book on the ancestors and descendants of my grand-

# Viewpoint . . .

## Thad's Thoughts

I was flipping through channels Monday night after returning home from a Board of Education meeting. I'm seldom home on Monday nights with School Board, City Council and Lowell Showboat Board meetings all falling on the first day of the work week.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 10, 1892 The editor complains that only Lowell businesses advertise in other towns but only thirty cents worth in two years here, and hints that he can fill the paper with Grand Rapids ads easily.

### Letters

To the Editor, I live on Bailey Drive near Cumberland in Lowell. As I neared my home on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 5, I noticed blood stains and flesh on the road in front of my house extending about two-hundred feet. I thought someone had hit a deer but after asking my husband, he replied, "No, it wasn't a deer, it was Sam."

later on ESPN, that Mike Tyson was found guilty on all three counts in the well publicized rape trial in Indianapolis. Tyson faces up to a maximum of 60 years in jail. According to the attorney on ESPN, realistically, Tyson is looking at six to 10 years.

Ice harvesting has been difficult with all the freeze-thaw cycles, so is very active during the current cold snap. A pound social for Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas leaves them with a good supply of food and dry goods.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 8, 1917 Judge Harry Jewell's wife speaks to the Lowell Literary Club on the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders through proper care and environment.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 12, 1942 Five sons of Rotarians put on a humorous program for the group. Houseflies are named as carriers of infantile paralysis, and the polio virus can be transmitted on food, say scientists.

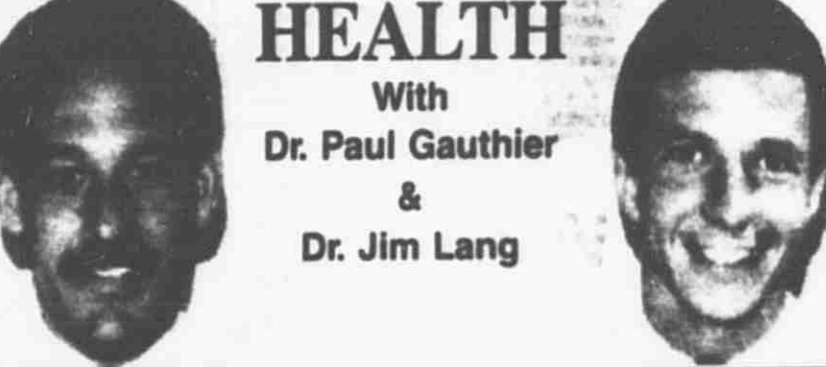
parents, William and Hetie Richardson. They were married in Lowell in 1882. For over three years, I have been searching for the birthplace and names of the parents of my great-grandmother, Martha (Van Deusen) Richardson. Martha was born December 24, 1818 in New York.

believable to the jurors. So, here's Tyson a prominent champion (boxing) responsible for his own demise as is Ervin Magic Johnson. But what a difference there is and will be in the public's perception. Both men used poor judgment. My guess is one (Tyson) the public will hardly miss and maybe even forget.

ter Farmer at MSU's Farmers Week. Glendon and Kathryn Swarhout visit British owned Grenada, Island of Enchantment, via sailboat.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 9, 1967 Bruce Fahrney's farm in Boston Township is designated a Centennial Farm by the Michigan Historical Commission.

**HEALTH**  
 With Dr. Paul Gauthier & Dr. Jim Lang



PAP SMEARS Pap smears were first developed in the 1930's as a means of detecting cervical cancer at an early stage. Despite the widespread availability of pap smear screening more than 50,000 cases of cervical cancer were reported in 1990 in the United States alone.

# Main St., cont'd.

## LAAC WORKSHOPS BEGIN SOON

The Lowell Area Arts Council winter workshops get underway this month. The Arts Center is offering workshops for both children and adults.

Life Drawing, Oil Painting, Kids Drawing and Kids Dance, Batik, Basketmaking, Quilting and Kids Klay are the Workshops being offered.

Class size is limited to twelve members. Early registration is advised. For further information or to sign up phone the Center at 897-8545.

### LHS ACADEMIC BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Lowell High School Academic Boosters Club will be Monday, Feb. 17 at 7 P.M., room A-1.

## 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, 27, 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 with reserved tables for four or six available.

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 are on sale 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.

## LAAC SPONSORS COMPETITION

The Lowell Area Arts Council has entry forms available for its sixth annual West Michigan Regional Competition. It will be judged by Ann Treadwell, Director of Pontiac's Creative Arts Center and area artist, educator Jose Naezo.

The competition is open to West Michigan artists who may submit up to three entries in any medium. Deadline for entries is February 21.

For entry forms write to the Council at 149 S. Hudson, P.O. Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331 or phone, 897-8545.

### LIBRARY STORY TIMES

Kent County Library System offers monthly story times for pre-schoolers, suggested ages three and one half to five. Pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, call your local Kent County Library branch or Youth Services Department, 774-3253.

The story time schedule for the Lowell branch, 325 W. Main, 897-9596, is Friday, March 13, 1 P.M. The Alto branch story time, 6059 Linfield, 868-6038 is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2 P.M.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Kieron Breckon, 18, of Alto was involved in a property damage accident in the High School parking lot Jan. 23, when she slid into a vehicle driven by Diane Bassett, 38, of Ada. No one was injured.

A vehicle owned by Robert Myern of Lowell was reported damaged by a hit and run driver, Feb. 3, while it was parked on Riverside Drive near Chatham Street.

Robert Schneider, 30, of Fowler was involved in a property damage accident, Feb. 4, on Main near West Street when he attempted to pass a vehicle driven by Steven Hausserman, 38, of Saranac, and struck it in the side.

A 16 year old juvenile from Lowell reported that his car was struck in the rear by a hit and run driver Feb. 8 on Main Street at Valley Vista Drive.

Arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail, Feb. 9 for driving while license suspended, second offense, was Ronald Conley, 24, Lowell.

Arrested Feb. 9 on a warrant issued out of 63rd District Court and another out of a court in Lansing, was Blake Hoekzema, 32, of Caledonia.

A 16 year old juvenile from Saranac was apprehended shoplifting from the Family Fare store on West Main, Feb. 8. Douglas Palmerton, 31, of Lowell was arrested by Lowell officers, Feb. 4, on warrants issued out of 63rd District Court and courts in Lansing and East Lansing.

Timothy Thompson, 27, of Ada was involved in a property damage accident at Main and Valley Vista Drive, Feb. 5, when a vehicle driven by Matthew Bernard, 28, of Grand Rapids, collided with him. The Thompson vehicle was reportedly going against the red light.

## In the Service



Jackie Beckhorn

Airman Jackie S. Beckhorn 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 associated degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Shirley J. Derteen of Grandville and Robert L. Beckhorn of Lowell.

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## Letters, continued

games and some for the basketball games.

Mr. Misner publishes the dates of the games. Anybody who is in seventh or eighth grade band can sign up for the Pep Band, but can't sign up unless they make a commitment to be at the games. This is so the kids will realize the importance of making a commitment and so they will also understand that it is a performance. Mr. Misner indicated that this is his only involvement in the Pep Band, the leaders do the rest!

This year a Pep Club was also started. This group of students provide all those cheers we hear and sit with the Pep Band. Most of these kids are sixth graders who will join the Pep Band the following year.

A big thanks for your spirit, enthusiasm, and time! You provide a service to the athletes, parents and your school.

Carol Schuster  
Diana Bittrick

# St. Mary's students exchange art with students from China

An Art Exchange through the Michigan 4-H Youth Program helped bring China and its culture a little closer to St. Mary's Elementary students, through its month-long study of the country.

The program was designed by Betsy McPherson Knox of Michigan State University.

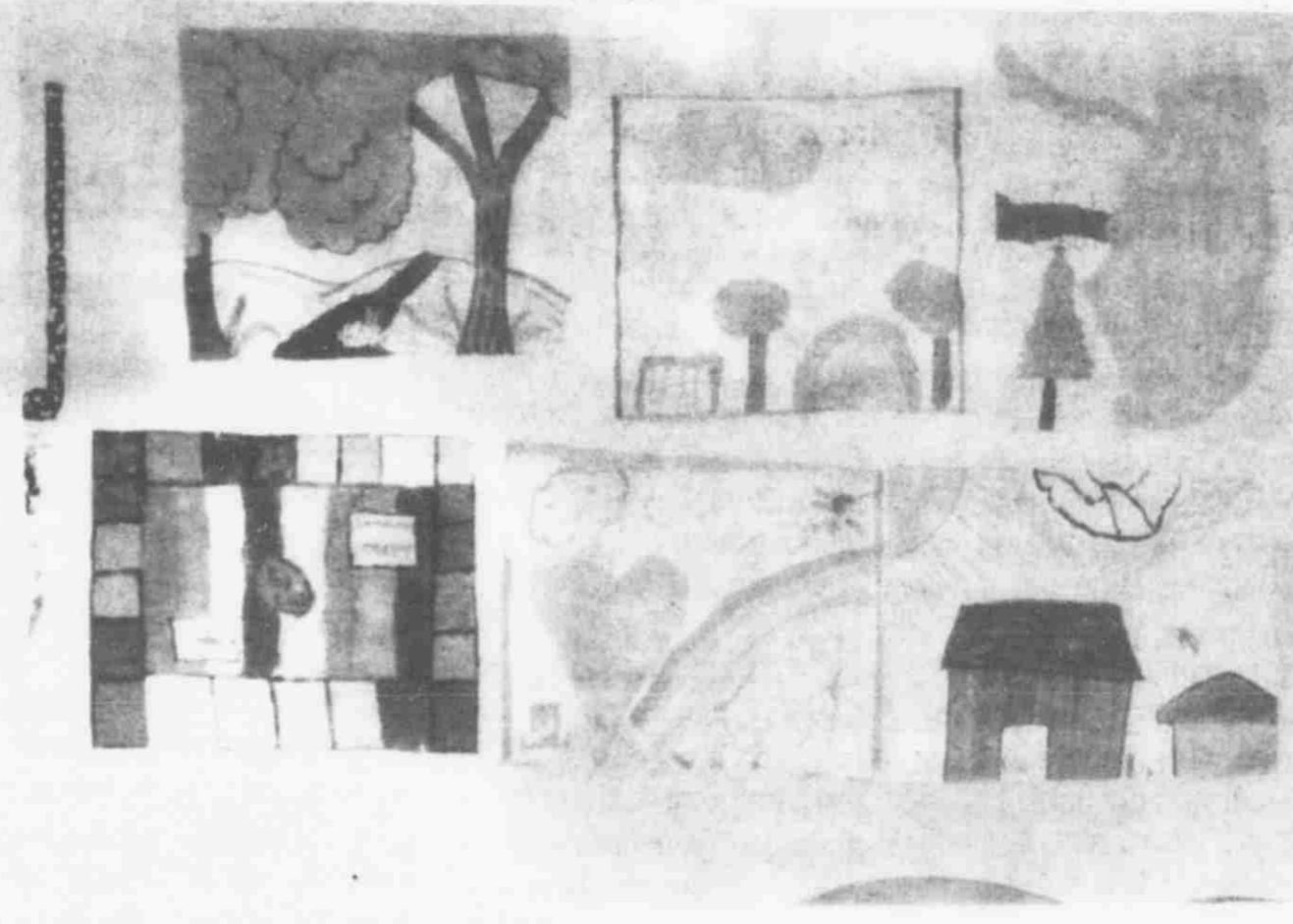
The art work was received by Dave Davis of the Lowell Area Arts Center, who then shared the work with the students. Davis also teaches art to the St. Mary's students.

The art work was sent from the Secua Province.

During the month-long celebration St. Mary Kindergarten through first-graders made fish kites; and students grades 2-5 painted

large art panels to send to students in China.

On Friday, students prepared Chinese food for lunch. Overlooking their work was the replica of a Chinese Kitchen God.



Large art panels were also sent to China



## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

## Service, continued

The airman is a 1991 graduate of Grandville High School.

and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Marine Pfc. Matthew E. Miller, son of Arlene Hall of Lowell, recently completed recruit training and was promoted to his present rank.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine

The 1991 graduate of East Kentwood High School, Kentwood, joined the Marine Corps in October 1991.

## Happy Birthday

FEB. 13: Jack Richards, Jim Kehoe, Ciji Eickhoff, Jodi Kennedy.

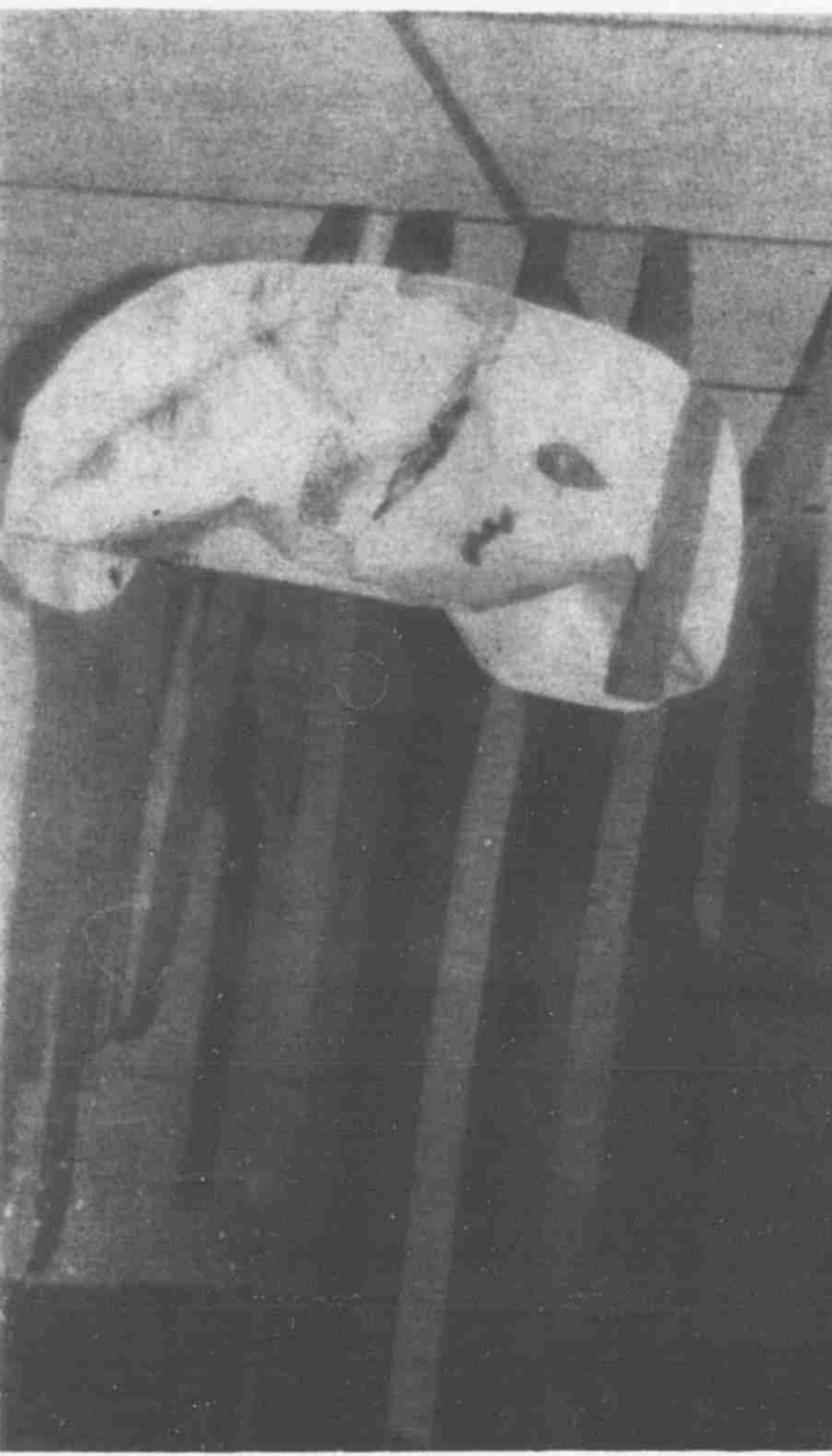
FEB. 17: Chris Hodges, Ken Hall, Jr., Justin Stanford, Rheta Johnson.

FEB. 14: Heather Claypool, Carol Baird Leyman, Mary Jamison, Brandy Bouck, Michael Tschirhart, Sandy Onan, James Downs, Shana Barclay.

FEB. 18: Richard Claypool, Courtney Phillips, Ann Booth, Mildred Stauffer.

FEB. 15: Merit Kathan, Louis Ebling, Lesley Murphy, Marcus Kline, Deanne Newell.

FEB. 16: Todd Johnson, Tracy Davis, Jason Alderick,



St. Mary's first-graders made fish kites.

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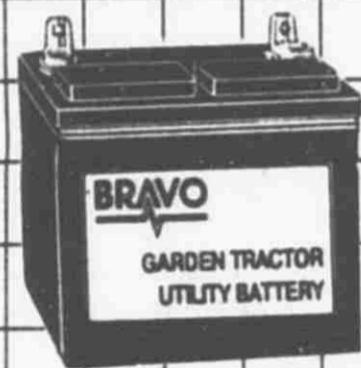
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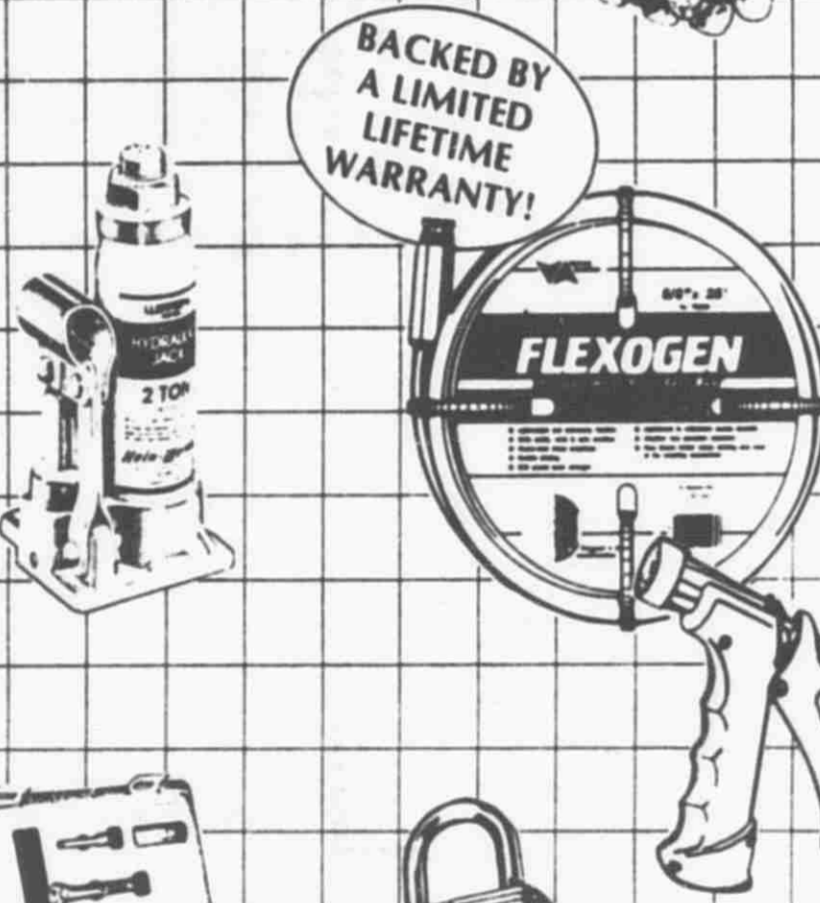
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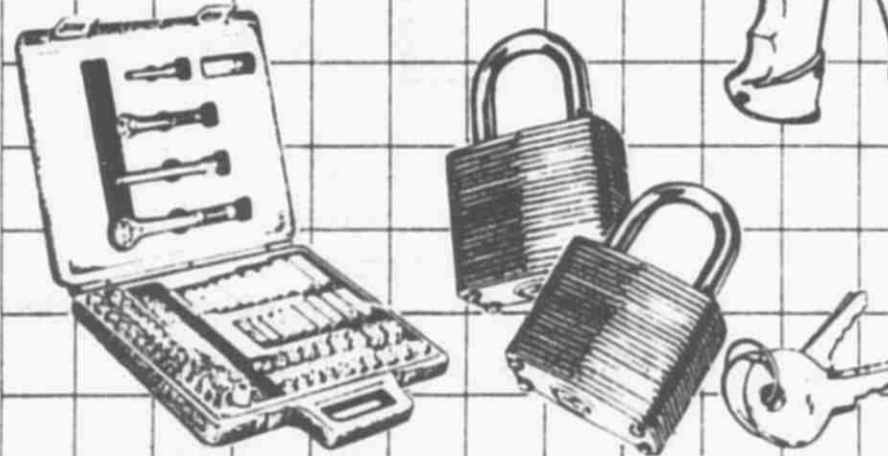
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Local America & Me Essay Contest winners were from left to right: Cara Thaler, Denise Roekkoek, Holly Stouffer.

## City okays creation of a Lowell/Vergennes Airport Zoning Board

A resolution to create a Lowell/Vergennes Airport Zoning Board was approved by the Lowell City Council to help enforce and to prevent future obstructions in the designated hazard areas within the runway approaches. "This is a means to provide protection of runway approaches," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said. "This has nothing to do with land use zoning."

The idea was originally recommended by Vergennes Township, according to Pasquale.

The plan calls for a joint airport board with Vergennes Township enforcing the airport zoning regulations regarding obstructions in designated hazard areas within the runway approaches.

There are currently obstructions on some of the runway approaches. Pasquale said trees have shortened the amount of usable runway.

The Lowell City Manager added that current obstruction around the airport, such as a grove of pine trees owned by William Schreur, would still be the jurisdiction of the current Airport Board.

"This newly created board Airport, cont'd., pg. 17

## Three Lowell eighth-graders local winners in essay contest

Three Lowell Middle School students have been named local winners in the 23rd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second and third place awards are Cara Thaler, first; Holly Stouffer, second; and Denise Roekkoek, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement.

The school's first place winner, Cara Thaler, will have her name engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Cara's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in May, will receive plaques and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing and at a meeting with Michigan's top governmental leaders in late May.

All three students are from Laurie Wagner's eighth grade English class. "This was not just a one shot deal and turn in the paper," Wagner explained. "The three girls spent time after school brainstorming, revising and rewriting their essays. All three did a quality job."

A team of finalist judges that includes top governmental leaders will determine the top statewide winners.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from almost 500 Michigan schools participated in the 1991-92 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1991-92 contest was "How I Will Make A Difference In My Corner Of America."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



Runciman/Riverside Students-of-the-Month are from left to right: Chad Ayers, Jeremy Marchido, Jason Yeiter, Julie Shoults, Aaron Hall, Kyle Rozema, Jake Porter.

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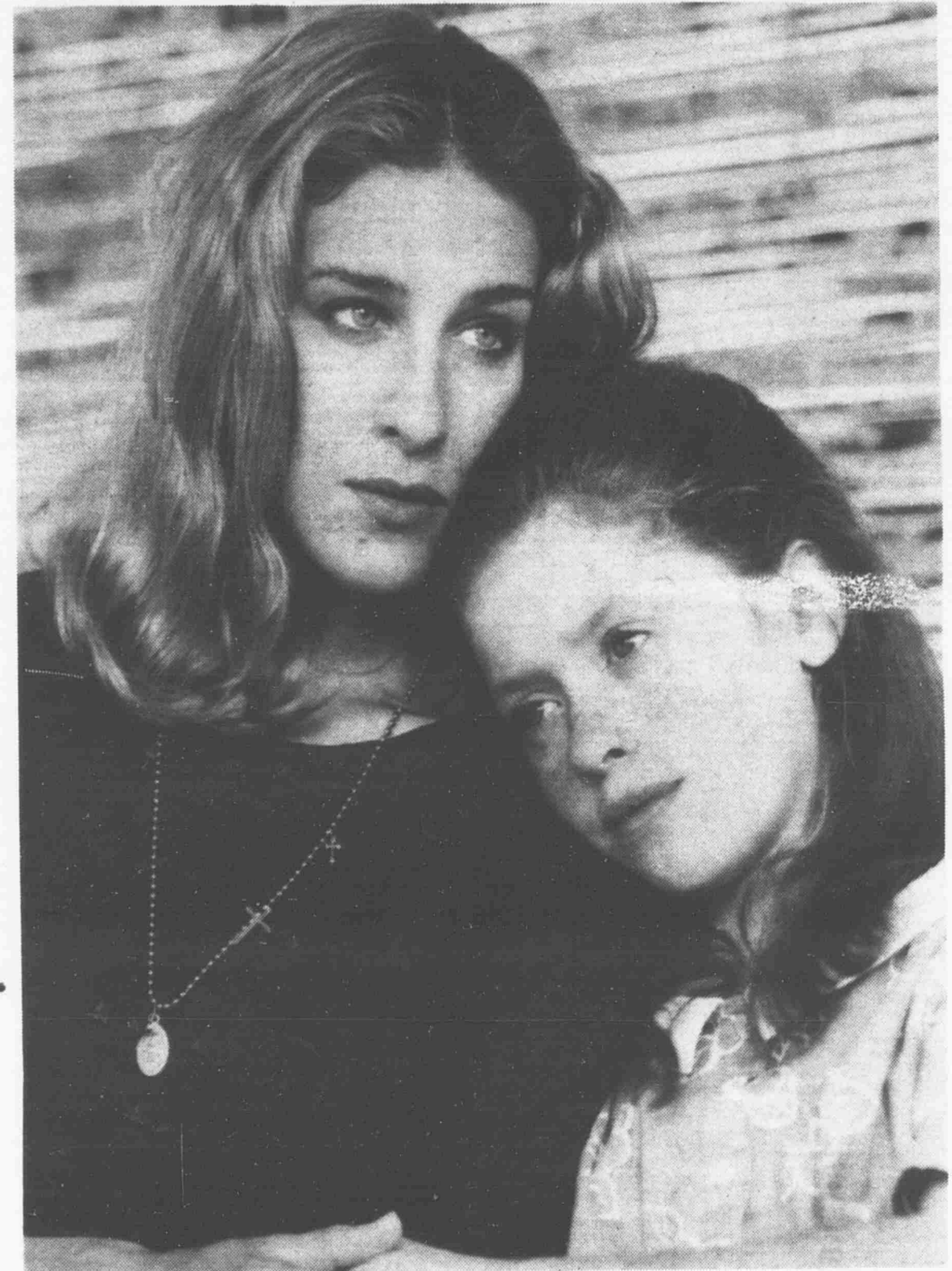
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24	FAM	Family
25	WGN	Chicago
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## LISTINGS FOR FRI., FEB. 14 THRU THURS., FEB. 20

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MORNING

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AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: The Strange Monster of Strawberry Cove Three teenage detectives are involved in mystery and intrigue when they discover a band of smugglers. Agnes Moorehead, Burgess Meredith. 1982.

Valentine's Day Under the Umbrella Tree (CC)
MacGyver (CC)
MOVIE: Private History of a Campaign That Failed During the Civil War, a young man enlists with a Confederate troop whose members prefer horseplay and good times to the grim reality of war. Pat Hingle, Harry Crosby. 1982.

EVENING

6:00 Motoworld
Mama's Family
Mr. Belvedere (CC)
Newly Brown's Journal
Asia Now
A Duck Takes Valentine
Smurfs (CC)
Rin Tin Tin, K-9 Cop (Stereo) (CC)

Always Been Cowboys An injured rodeo star returns to his Oklahoma hometown for the first time in years. Confronting figures from his long-forgotten past. Scott Glenn, Kate Capshaw. 1991.

MORNING

6:00 Music Videos
The Africans
MOVIE: Charlie Chan on Broadway Chan finds murder has taken to the stage, and a missing diary holds the key to a political scandal. Warner Oland, Joan Lincoln. 1937.

Winter Games (CC)
Secret Life of Machines
Tonight Show
Starting Johnny Carson (Stereo)

AFTERNOON

12:00 Music Videos
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MOVIE: Charlie Chan on Broadway Chan finds murder has taken to the stage, and a missing diary holds the key to a political scandal. Warner Oland, Joan Lincoln. 1937.

Club Dance (Stereo)
World News Now (Stereo)
MOVIE: Sleeping Beauty sprits curses a princess to die, but a resourceful good fairy alters the spell so the princess will only sleep until awakened by her true love. Morgan Fairchild, Tahnee Welch. 1986.

MORNING

6:00 Music Videos
The Africans
MOVIE: Charlie Chan on Broadway Chan finds murder has taken to the stage, and a missing diary holds the key to a political scandal. Warner Oland, Joan Lincoln. 1937.

SATURDAY

February 15

MORNING

5:00 Music Videos
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AFTERNOON

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SATURDAY cont.

Twin sons of an Indian mother and a white settler find themselves in a traditional struggle... [MAX] MOVIE: Streets (Stereo)...

River At the turn of the century, an Australian horseman faces opposition in his attempt to marry his longtime sweetheart... [MAX] MOVIE: She's Back (Stereo)...

SUNDAY

February 16

MORNING

5:00 Music Videos The Absent-Minded Professor Harry Anderson, Cory Danziger (Stereo) (CC)...

7:35 Flintstones Animated Fraggie Rock Smurfs (CC) Super Mario 3...

8:00 Music Videos Nature (CC) Newton's Apple (Stereo) (CC)...

9:00 National Geographic Special (CC) Austin City Limits (Stereo)...

10:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Love Story Two students from different backgrounds face economic problems and family opposition when they marry Al MacGruber, Ryan O'Neal, 1970...

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SUNDAY cont.

10:05 [MAX] MOVIE: Treasure Island A boy finds a treasure map and falls in with a band of pirates. Bobby Driscoll, Robert Newton, 1950 (CC)...

10:15 [MAX] MOVIE: Shag, the Movie (Stereo) (CC) [MAX] MOVIE: Steel Magnolias (Stereo) (CC)...

10:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Treasure Island A boy finds a treasure map and falls in with a band of pirates. Bobby Driscoll, Robert Newton, 1950 (CC)...

10:45 [MAX] MOVIE: 18 Again! (CC) Top 20 Video Countdown Inside Winston Cup Racing (Stereo)...



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MONDAY

February 17

MORNING

6:00 Like We Care Truckin' USA West Coast Mini-Tour National (Stereo)...

6:00 SportsCenter [MAX] MOVIE: The Fifth Monkey (Stereo) (CC) [MAX] MOVIE: Around the World in 80 Days...

7:05 NHL Hockey Blues at Red Wings (L) Best of Saturday Night Live Be a Star (Stereo)...

EVENING

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THURSDAY cont.

- CNN Headline News
Donna Reed
Kingdom of Nature
NHL Hockey Maple Leafs at Red Wings (R)

- America 2Night
Brute Force: The History of Weapons at War
Home Shopping
Nature of Things

- AM Weather
Tiny Toons Adventures (CC)
Sesame Street (CC)
Care Bears (CC)

- Wuzzles (CC)
Divorce Court
Heart to Heart With Sheila Walsh

- Motion Picture
The Untouchables
The Untouchables: The Legend of Lyle Stenson

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DAYTIME

- MORNING
The Bee Gees: Going Home (CC)
The Best of Abbott and Costello

- Mousercise
Today With Marilyn
Shepherd's Chapel Documentary

- ITV Programming
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood (CC)
Geraldine

- Best of National Geographic
Days of Our Lives (CC)
Love Lucy

- Frontline (CC)
Mystery (CC)
Michigan at Risk

- Tom and Jerry's Funhouse
Top Card
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (CC)

Council denies variance on reduced floor area

Steven and Amy Meeuwenberg attended the Feb. 3 Lowell City Council meeting seeking a first-time variance allowing them to reduce the floor area requirement on their proposed new house at 714 Hillside Court.

Reedy said four years ago it wasn't considered living space. The Council said if the basement is a living area it can be counted as part of the necessary square footage.

Valentine's Day has a long and strange history

For thousands of years, Valentine's Day has been a time for love, a time for romance. More to the point, it's a time for admitting your affection for that special person, and for demonstrating it.

Enter Pope Gelasius II, who not only knew his Church history but understood human nature and public relations. He found the love link by invoking St. Valentine, an obscure early Christian martyr who made a suitable Christian symbol for lovers.

Grocery bags have "Heart"



Alto fourth-graders adorn 500 Family Fare grocery bags with Valentine's Day decorations. Pictured left to right are Alto fourth-graders, Jennifer DenHouter (Sharon Vensas's room); Ryan Fisk (Vensas's room); Melanie Wieland (Mike Fillman's room); and Lara Robertson (Mary Ann Schramm's room).

While this was more a "coming of age" celebration than a revelry of love and sex, the young Christian Church, anxious to erase the still-strong pagan influence, denounced the Lupercalia as a year-long orgy-by-lottery.

Since the early Christian Church consciously absorbed pagan holidays by changing them into Christian holidays, Church fathers decided to create a mid-February Christian holiday to replace the Lupercalia.

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# TOWN TALK

**In measuring up political/presidential candidates how much of a role does scandal play in your voting decisions compared to the issues?**



**Diane Gamache**  
Scandal probably wouldn't play that big of a part if I agreed with the politician on the issues.



**Babe Wingeier**  
It would depend on how serious the scandal is. Before I'd make a decision I'd make sure the scandal was proven.



**Sandy Caswell**  
If it was a proven scandal I wouldn't vote for him or her. The scandal would have to be current. I don't care what a person did 10 years ago. I think people can change.



**Pam Miller**  
It would play a pretty big role. Morals and values are important to me. The only way scandal wouldn't play a big role is if there was evidence of a drastic life change.



**Christine Allison**  
I don't get involved in politics. I am neutral. If I did, scandal wouldn't play a role in my decision. My decision would be decided on issues. I look to God's Kingdom to solve political problems.



**Vicki McFaden**  
If it's true, not much. I'd stick to the issues. Some of it is not true and is used to make people look bad.



**Marie Doyle**  
If a candidate cheats once he or she will cheat a second time. Scandal would definitely influence my decision - man or woman. I think it's important a person study the politician. If the politician had no history of scandal and had a good record on the issues I may still vote for him or her.



**Orie Groenenboom**  
Scandal would make an influence on my decision. How much would depend on the type of scandal. I'd weigh scandal and issues 50/50. Most importantly I'd look at how successful they were politically before running for the office.

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.

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## Michigan Travel & Tourism honors Amway Grand Plaza

The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel has been honored by the Michigan Travel & Tourism Association for outstanding advertising and public relations projects in the association's 1991 Lodging Promotion Contest.

A news conference and national publicity effort designed to inform media and meeting planners about the Grand Plaza's 1991 renovations earned first place in the category for Public Relations/Amway, cont'd., pg. 19

## NOTICE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the Township Hall at 2910 Aiden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan at 7:00 P.M. on the 4th of March, 1992 of the Township Planning Commission.

The following changes of the zoning will be considered:  
TERRY & JOICE SMITH, applicants, have requested rezoning of property located at 3790 Pratt Lake, S.E., Lowell, Michigan from the present zoning classification of Prime Agriculture (AG-1) to Rural Agriculture (AG-2). Application and zoning map may be examined at the Township Office during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Grattan on:

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1991

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1991

between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to Grattan Township Assessor 11676 Old Belding Rd, Belding, MI 48809. Appeal must be received by March 10, 1991.

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## NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

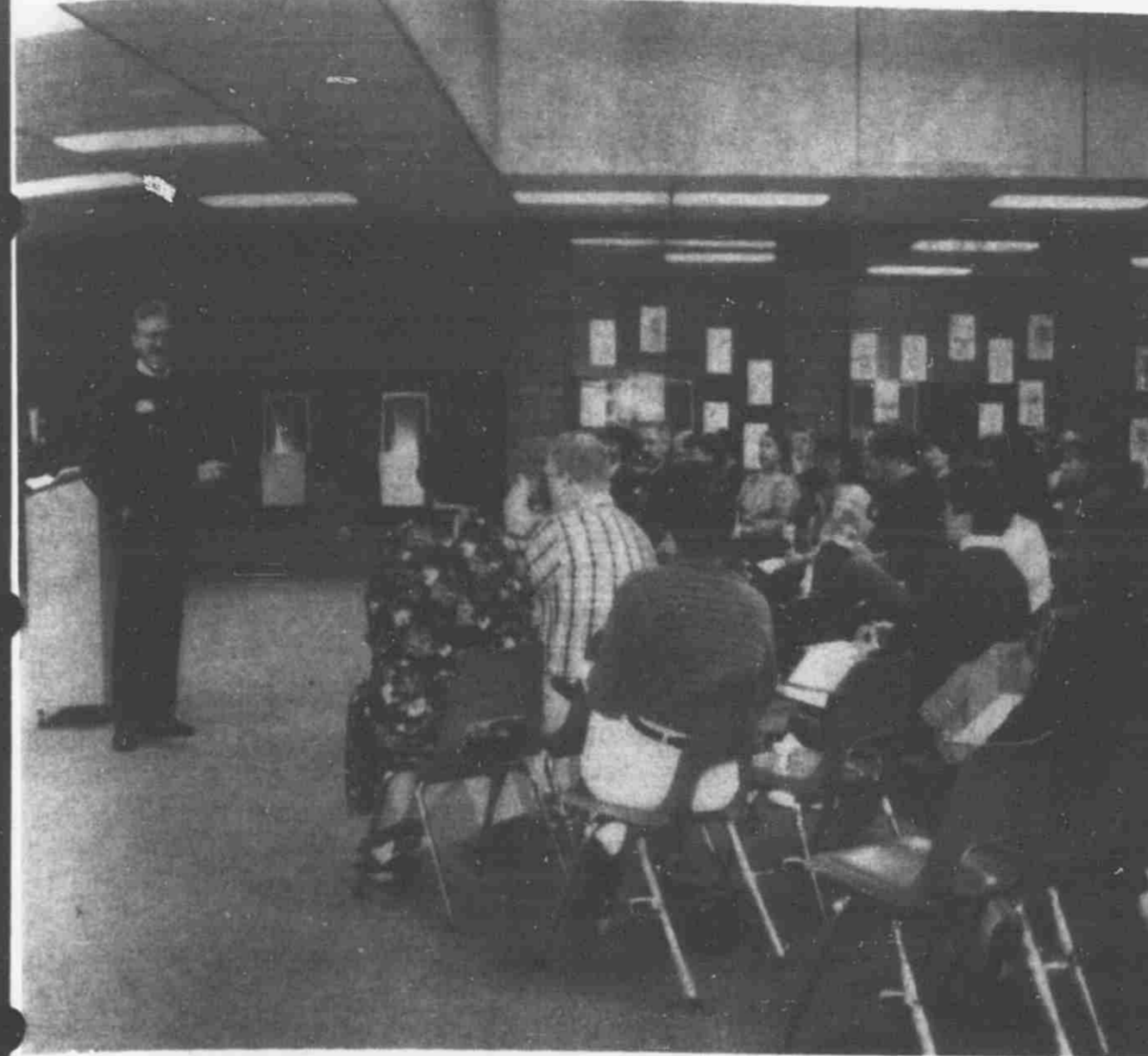
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

Wednesday, February 19, 1992

at the Grattan Township Hall at 7:30 P.M. at which time the following subjects will be considered and at which time any interested persons will be heard.

Stephen J. Eipper requests a variance to construct a house with an attached garage such that there would be less than the required front yard, side yard and rear yard setback distances. Property located at 7281 Larned Drive N.E., Parcel Numbers 41-12-10-276-017 & 018. Current owners are Dennis and Katherine Larsen.

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Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals



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## Informative workshops keep community parents attentive

Lowell's Family Celebration was held at the Lowell Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 1.

The TLC Committee sponsored the day which was filled with informative workshops for parents. The workshops included "Attention Deficit Disorder, Single Parenting, Step-Parenting,

Home Issues and How they Impact Education, School Improvement Process, Toughlove and Grade-level Informational Panels." The keynote speaker was Dick Korb.

The High School Teens

Involved students provided complimentary baby-sitting in order to allow parents the flexibility to attending the workshops. Apples and cider were donated by Kropf's Orchards and Family Fare provided a discount on the refreshments.

The main focus of the TLC committee is to focus on substance abuse prevention by building and supporting the family structure and providing education on the dangerous effects of drug and alcohol abuse.

The TLC committee plans on being an on-going

committee by providing support for the community of Lowell. The ideal committee would consist of school personnel, parents, business people, church involvement and more.

This would enhance the committee and provide a congruency between school and community.

The TLC Committee consists of teachers and counselors from all grade levels. They are looking for more involvement from parents and community members. If you are interested please contact Sue Burt or Karen Latva at Bushnell Elementary, 897-8471.

## New information & techniques learned at veterinary clinic

Dr. Bruce Langlois has returned from the 1992 Michigan Veterinary Conference held recently in Lansing. The annual conference, the largest professional gathering of veterinarians in the state, is cosponsored by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University.

New information and new techniques are constantly and rapidly evolving in all areas of veterinary medicine. This four-day conference provided the veterinarian, the veterinary technician, and office staff personnel with the opportunity to keep their skills current through an intensive schedule of lectures and demonstrations.

Laboratory sessions provided the opportunity to experience hands-on the advances in small animal dentistry, the use of ultrasound in

horses, and advanced radiographic procedures for the diagnosis of digestive problems.

Lecturers came from as far away as Texas and California, and from as close as East Lansing. Many lecturers were from MSU. Others were specialists from universities and institutions scattered all over the country.

Distinguished lecturers included Dr. Corinne Raphael Sweeney from the University of Pennsylvania on bleeding problems in race horses, and Dr. Steven Arnoczky who outlined advances in veterinary research which have benefited the management of sports-related injuries and problems in humans—especially the human knee.

## Amway, continued

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# Red Arrows fumble away lead in 68-66 loss to EGR

East Grand Rapids' John Cvangros picked up his little girl and gave her a hug and kiss following his club's 68-66 win over Lowell last Tuesday.

and less than inspiring 2-11 season (2-6 in the O-K White).  
"This is a fun game when you win," Cvangros said. Tuesday's win and a victory greeting from his daughter helped the Pioneer coach

forget the struggles the 1991-92 season have brought. "We thought we had a chance to win this game," Cvangros explained. "There are three of us (Lowell, Sparta and EGR) who are at 1-6 entering the second half of the league season. We want to finish sixth or better."

His club showed the determination of a champion against the Red Arrows. Lowell built an 11 point lead, 49-38, with 3:32 to play in the third quarter.

Following a time-out, the Pioneers went to a 2-3 zone, it proved effective in a couple of ways. It helped prevent Lowell from getting the ball inside and most importantly, the Red Arrows started rushing perimeter 15-20 foot jump shots.

The end result, the Pioneers ended the third quarter on a 9-0 run, pulling within two points at 49-47 with

eight minutes to play. Behind the strong inside play of Chris Davis and perimeter play of Geoff Miller East Grand Rapids controlled the fourth quarter.

Trailing 55-50 with 6:17 to play in the game, EGR outscored Lowell over the next three minutes of play 13-2, to take a 63-57 lead.

The Red Arrows responded with a 7-0 run, including two foul shots by David Jones, a jumper by Nate Janes and a three-point shot by Torrey Gemmill.

The final 1:13 of play belonged to East Grand Rapids, outscoring Lowell 5-2. The Red Arrows bucket came in the waning seconds.

"We didn't execute down the stretch," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "We worked as individuals, and not a team."

For the better part of three quarters Lowell controlled the

contest with a good mixture of inside and outside play.

"Once East went into the zone, it did a good job of giving us only one shot," Beachler said.

Davis led all scorers with 31 points. He tallied 14 second half points. Miller followed with 24.

Lowell received a team-high 14 points from David Jones and Chad Dunn. Matt Kemp contributed with 13 points.

"It's a disappointing loss. But it's a learning experience for the four juniors we started," Beachler said. "We must put this behind us and look to the next game."

While Zeeland was handing Forest Hills Central its second loss in the O-K White, Northview surged into first

with a 94-52 win over Lowell. The Wildcats were never challenged by an overmatched Lowell team.

Northview started the game on a 12-0 run. Lowell clipped the lead to seven at 16-9 before Northview finished out the quarter on a 12-2 run, building a 28-11 advantage.

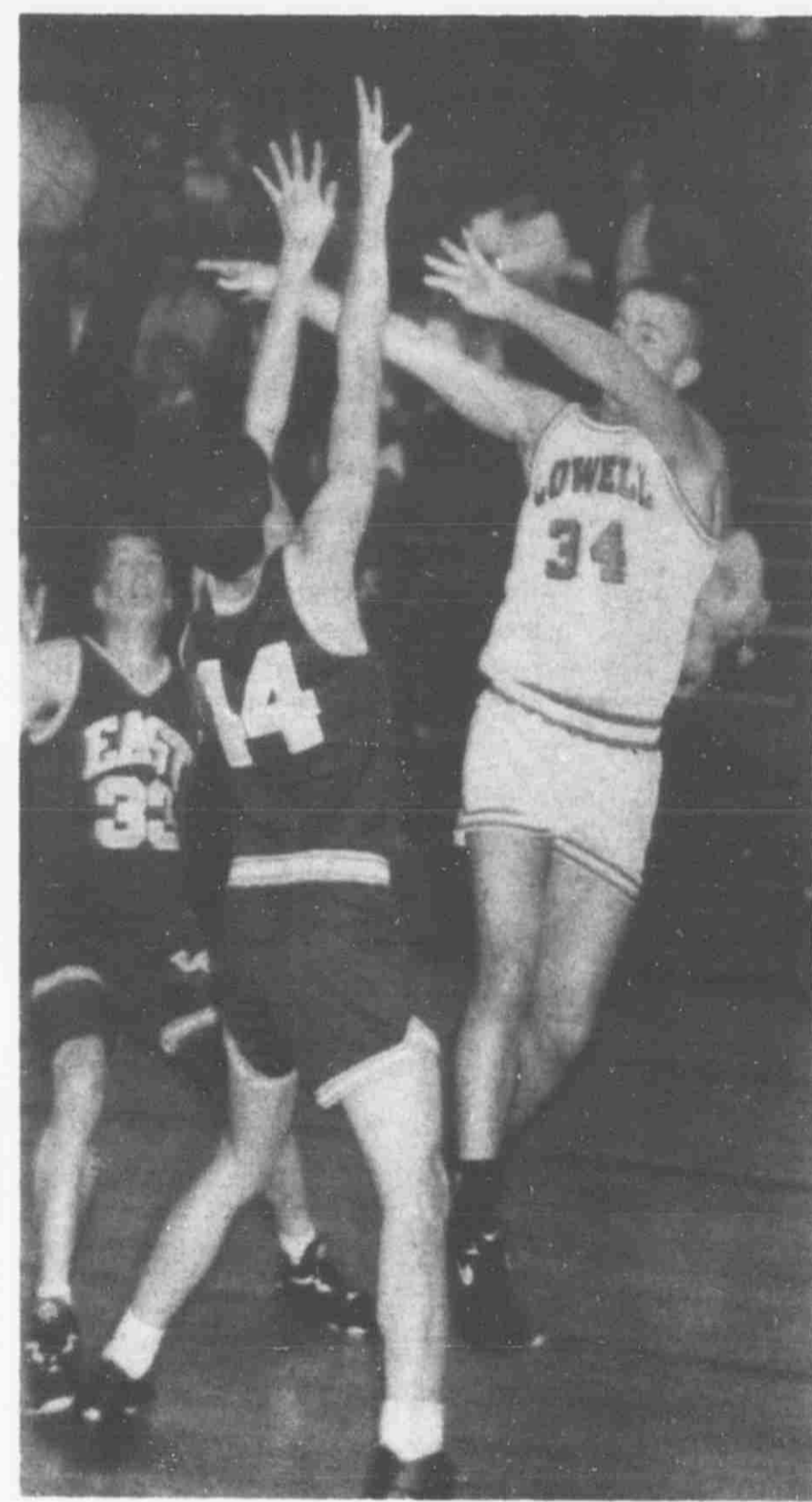
Four Northview players finished in double figures. Trevor Chalmers finished with a team-high 14 points. Tim Felix tallied 13, and Ed Barnes and Mike Harvey each added 10 points apiece.

Lowell was led by David Jones' 16 points and Nate Janes added 11.

The Red Arrows were outscored in every quarter except the fourth which it beat Northview 20-19.



Matt Kemp struggles to get a shot off against Northview Friday night.



David Jones, Lowell, works to avoid a double team.



Nate Janes goes to the basket with determination in Lowell's 68-66 loss to East Grand Rapids.

## What a turnaround! Lowell's JV bounces Pioneers, 63-53

What a turn around. Back on Dec. 19, Lowell's junior varsity was waxed by East Grand Rapids 82-46. Last Tuesday, the Red Arrows did the unthinkable, they beat EGR 63-53. "Give all the credit to the boys. We've played this well

in spurts, but tonight, we finally put four quarters together," Lowell coach Keith Boeve said. "I couldn't be more proud of our kids." Lowell led 31-16 at half-time. The Pioneers cut the advantage to 46-38 at the end

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# Red Arrow gymnasts exude confidence in vaulting past Pioneers

It's taken longer than she thought, for her young Red Arrow gymnasts to perform with the confidence she knew they were capable of, but following Wednesday's meet Lowell coach Annette Pearson was all smiles after her girls confidently disposed of East Grand Rapids 103.60 to 95.55.

Lowell's 103.60 points was their highest meet output of the year.

"The girls showed the improvement I expected from them when the season began," Pearson said. "By far, this was our best meet of the year."

Lowell cut its number of falls on the uneven bars in half. "We usually have eight to 10 falls on the bars, against EGR we had three or four."

The result was the Red Arrows highest point total (26.6) in the event this year.

Lowell's confidence was not only evident on the bars, it was also apparent in the vault exercise. The Red Arrows tallied 28.80 points.

Four Lowell gymnasts stuck scores higher than seven. Laura Kropf was fourth with a score of 7.3. Becky Finkler was fifth at 7.2 and Amy

Pullen and Leslie Murphy tied for sixth at 7.15.

EGR's Laura Caldwell won the event with a mark of 7.7.

Kropf earned top honors on the uneven bars with a score of 6.45. Finkler was second at 6.25, Anna Lietzke was five at 5.0 and Betsy Elzinga was sixth with a 4.9. Lowell outscored the Pioneers 26.6 to 15 on the bars. The two teams tied at 25.10

on the balance beam. Caldwell was first at 7.15. Kropf was second at 7.05 and Murphy and Stacie Stickney tied for fourth at 6.3.

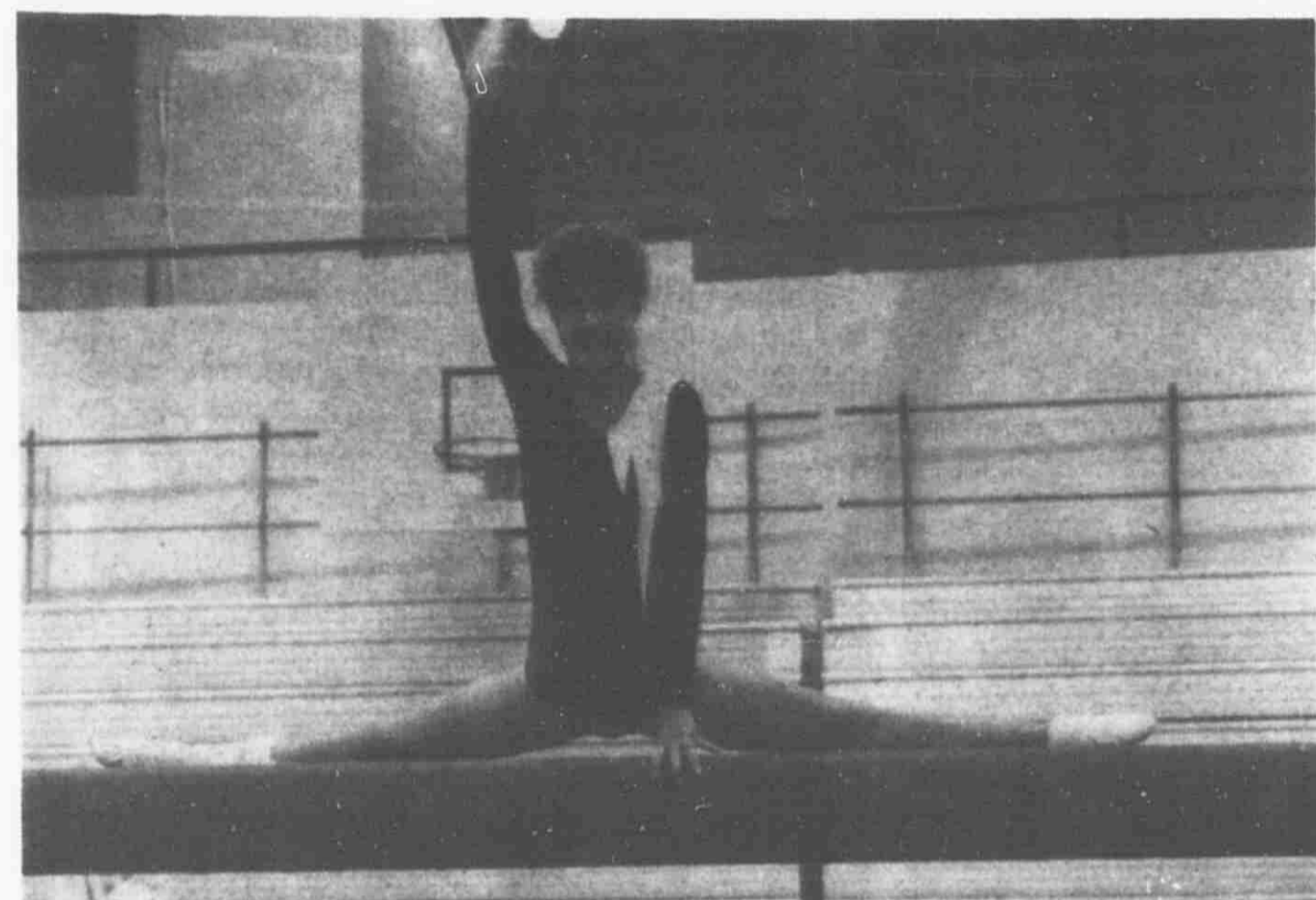
In the floor exercise Lowell held a 27.10 to 25.90 advantage. Kropf had the top score at 7.3. Lowell's Murphy and EGR's Caldwell tied for third at 6.75. Red Arrow Laura Witherell and Pioneer Laura Harris tied for fifth at 6.7.

"The girls were more relaxed and less nervous which enabled them to concentrate better," Pearson said. "I was really pleased with our effort on the uneven bars. We improved our score by four points."

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Becky Finkler works on the uneven bars in Wednesday night's match against East Grand Rapids. Lowell defeated EGR.



Stacie Stickney's balance beam routine earned her a 6.3.



Sara Kropf earned a 7.3 for her floor exercise routine.

## Freshmen lose to East

Lowell's freshman basketball team fell behind East Grand Rapids by seven points in the first quarter and was never able to catch up in suffering a 60-46 defeat.

Kris Vydareny led EGR with 21 points.

Lowell's Brad Holtz tallied a team-leading 14 points. Scott Breslin followed with 11 and nine points respectively.

The loss drops Lowell to 8-3 overall.

## JV, continued

of three quarters. The Red Arrows, however, outscored EGR 17-15 in the fourth quarter to savor the victory.

Ryan White led all scorers with 26 points (four three-pointers). George Ponchaud added 10 points and a team-high 10 rebounds. Ryan

Boersma added nine points and nine rebounds. Joe Minier chipped in with eight.

Lowell junior varsity was defeated by Northview 70-54.

George Ponchaud led all Lowell scorers with 19 points. Joe Minier tallied 10 and Ryan White and Ryan Boersma each added eight.

Minier and Ponchaud led the Red Arrows in rebounds with seven a piece. White and Boersma each grabbed five.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF LOWELL**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

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

1601 W. Main - Bernard's True Value - Charles Bernard has requested a parking variance where 39 additional parking spaces are required and 6 have been provided for a 3960 square foot addition.

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

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF LOWELL**

The Lowell City offices will be closed on:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1992**

in observance of Presidents Day.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

There will be a meeting held in the Township Hall on Wednesday, February 12, 1992.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION at 6:30 P.M.  
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# Lowell drops dispatching service with County; signs one with Walker

The City of Lowell okayed a contract with the City of Walker for off-hour dispatching services under a three-year agreement for \$15,000 per year.

The agreement will provide a substantially upgraded system. It is also anticipated that Walker will handle 911 calls at no change in cost.

Over the past few years, Lowell has been one of the worst areas for receiving transmissions from the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

The problem has stemmed from the terrain between the

City of Lowell and the Kent County Sheriff's Department. Lowell is in a valley with several hills between it and the Sheriff's Department.

The transmission tower at the Kent County Jail was moved when the new additions and renovations to the Kent County Jail facilities were started. "The change in location of the tower has negatively affected our reception of their transmissions," Emmons said.

"Quality of transmissions received from the Kent County Sheriff's Department

is sometimes very poor. This directly affects the safety of all Lowell police officer's. There are times Lowell police officers cannot make contact with the Kent County Sheriff's Department or they cannot make contact with the police officers from the City of Lowell."

Frequency currently used is extremely busy and many times is over-loaded with radio traffic from police agencies.

The City of Lowell presently pays the Kent County Sheriff's Department between

\$12-\$15,000 per year for dispatching services.

The Kent County Sheriff's Department is the largest user, with Kentwood being the second largest user. Lowell is the third largest user.

Equipment costs incurred through the change-over are \$14,170.20.

The contract with the City of Walker would be a three-year contract, locked in at \$15,000 per year. At the conclusion of three years, the contract can be extended or terminated by either the City of Lowell or the City of Walker.

Walker has agreed to pay, at no cost to Lowell, for a repeater, tower equipment, telephone lines, and a telephone at their location which would reduce the total amount by four or five thousand.

"Walker's Police Department

was instrumental in obtaining a new frequency for the Lowell Police Department, and 'tying' in that new frequency with their state-of-the-art equipment," Emmons said.

The new agreement between Lowell and Walker goes into affect March 1.

## Academic Advising With, Feb. 24-28

Feb. 24 through 28, is Academic Advising Week at Lowell High School for the 1992-93 school year.

Starting Monday, Feb. 24, Freshmen orientation for this year's eighth graders and parents will be held at the High School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, is academic advising day for upperclassmen (classes of '95, '94 and '93) at the High School during the school day. Curriculum guides will be distributed and presentations will be made by staff, covering required and elective courses. Students can sign up for tomorrow's "Open House" opportunities.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 during the lunch hour there will be an "Open House" in some elective classrooms at the High School for upperclass students to view class at work and gain hands on knowledge of courses.

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 26 and 27 high

school teachers will advise students during class time about course choices for those in the classes of '93, '94 and '95. Counselors and teachers will work with students making course choices for the class of '96.

On Friday, Feb. 28, finalized course selection forms will be returned to second hour teachers.

Parental approval, in the form of a signature, is required for each students' course selection form.

## Method of monitoring student athlete's academic standard updated

Due to a miscommunication between all parties during the fall sport season, the method for monitoring student athlete's academic standings has been updated by the Lowell Board of Education.

A Lowell High School fall athlete had to be told just prior to the start of a league event that he was not eligible.

The Lowell Personnel Committee of the Board of Education, upon reviewing the situation, agreed that the method of monitoring student athlete's academic standings need to be updated.

Therefore the following changes were instituted:

1. All students placed on the ineligible list for any seven day period will not be allowed by their coaches to dress in uniform.

2. A "paper trail" including student and parent signatures on the newly developed forms will identify athletic status (warning or ineligibility) will be required to insure the parent, teacher, student, coach and athletic director understands the academic status of the students.

"The Board and I feel badly that this situation occurred with a Lowell athlete and we hope that by updating our internal communication system it will serve to avoid miscommunication between all parties in the future," said Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch.

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**FRIDAY:** Italian spaghetti, cabbage salad or vegetable, French bread with peanut butter, choice of fresh or canned fruit, milk.

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