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Wednesday, February 26, 1992

All three Showboat acts are aboard!

The Letterman - June 18 • Smothers Brothers - June 19
Oak Ridge Boys - June 20

Continuing in its effort to re-establish the Lowell Showboat as a venue for top-notch entertainment, it was announced Tuesday evening that the 1992 Showboat will have the 1950-60 sounds of the Lettermen, the zaniness of the Smothers Brothers, and standard country music act of the Oak Ridge Boys aboard the Showboat.

The Lowell Showboat office is now taking reservations on tickets for all three nights. Tickets will be available for purchase and pickup starting March 10.

Tickets for the Thursday, June 18, Lettermen performance are \$12, \$15 and \$18. Tickets for the Friday, June 19, Smothers Brothers show will cost \$20, \$22.50, and \$25. The ticket price for the Saturday, June 20, Oak Ridge Boys performance will be the same as the Smothers Brothers.

"I think it's an excellent package. It offers a little bit of everything for the general public," Lowell Showboat President Gordon Gould said. "I think it's an excellent package that will appeal to the majority of folks."

Twenty million records and seven thousand concert shows ago, three young men in letter sweaters hit the music charts with their first single, "The Way You Look Tonight." The Lettermen's live performances still capture the interest of the general public.

"I'm excited about the potential of the three-night package," Lowell Showboat Vice President Dick Korb explained. "The Lowell Showboat has made a valid effort to bring back top name entertainment. This package I believe shows we're doing it right."

Korb likes the idea that the three nights of entertainment crosses all generations. "We have the contemporary sounds of the Lettermen, the family comedy act of the Smothers Brothers, and the outstanding draw of the Oak Ridge Boys."

No one is really sure who their mother liked best, but Smothers Brothers' fans have thoroughly enjoyed Tommy and Dick equally for over 30 years.

The Las Vegas Sun reported, "If laughter is the best medicine, then Tom and Dick Smothers are the best practicing physicians around."

There's not much left to be said about the Smothers Brothers their longevity and enduring popularity speaks for itself. Their unique and superlative talent have kept audiences laughing for over 30 years.

The Lowell Showboat Board was a week or two late in announcing its 1992 lineup, but neither Gould or Korb see that as a real problem.

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The Lettermen

Council says its preliminary cost estimates to provide water too high

Lowell's City Council balked at a preliminary estimate of the cost apportionment for the work required within the City to provide water service to either the Township or to the new high school site.

The preliminary estimate was prepared for the City of Lowell by its engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc.

"The City's share indicated on prepared preliminary esti-

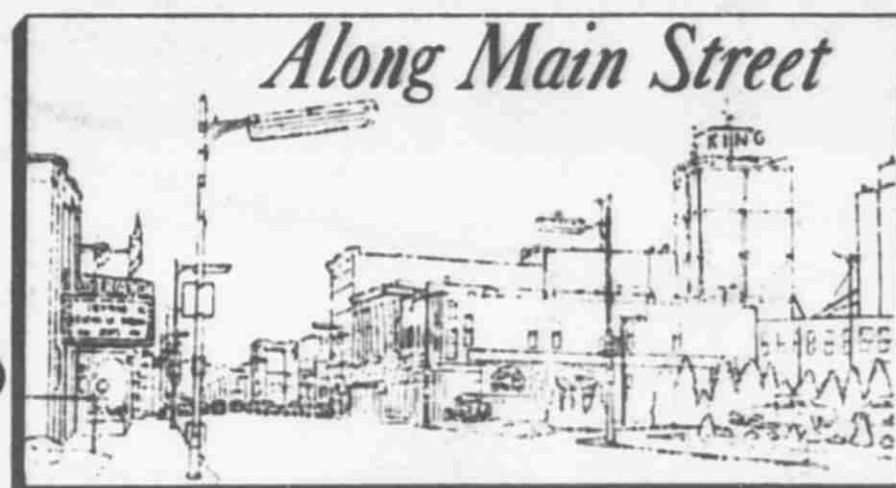
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Oak Ridge Boys



The Smothers Brothers



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 27, 28 and 29.

The prices for the Thursdays performance are \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and students. The performances on 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 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 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.

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 4, 1992. Your involvement will guarantee a successful event for your senior.

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.

LOWELL FREESTYLE WRESTLING

Lowell freestyle wrestling has sign-ups Thursday, Feb 27
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Obituaries

BACKSTROM - Oscar A. Backstrom, aged 78, of Ada, passed away Wednesday, February 19, 1992. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Lucille; son, Arthur of Lowell; daughters, Patricia (Jack) Tousignant of Ada, Dorothy Jean (Bob) Mercer of Lowell, Francis Kooiman of Kissimmee, FL, Margaret (Don) Videan of Ada, Ellie Harrington of East Grand Rapids; 24 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles Backstrom of Reed City; sisters, Edna (Charles) Furniss of LeRoy, MI, Charlet (Erwin) Nash of Tustin, MI; a sister-in-law, Willie Mae Backstrom of Hattisburg, MS; aunt, Grace

Drayton of Comstock Park; a cousin, Irene (Clifford) Loop of LeRoy; several nieces and nephews. He was retired from GM Plant No. 1. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. William J. Amundsen officiating. Interment Findley Cemetery, Ada.

DICKERSON - Rosa Charolett Dickerson, 98, formerly of Lowell, died Friday, February 14, 1992 in Elmwood Nursing Home, Green Springs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Lowe Dickerson and three sisters. Surviving are her daughters Mrs. James (Rosalyne) Carothers, and Mrs. David (Louise) Palmer. Fu-

HEMINGSEN - Bertha E. Hemingsen, aged 78, of Lowell, died Saturday, February 22, 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert E. Hemingsen.

Doug Ybema

Ybema accepts Executive Director position with Wyoming YMCA

Charles Kettering, Chairman of General Motors was quoted as saying "My interest is in the future because that's where I'll be spending the rest of my life."

In part, that played a role in Lowell YMCA executive director, Doug Ybema's decision to accept the position as the executive director of the

Survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Angela Hemingsen of Lowell; a brother, Earl (Jo) Thomas of Belding; a granddaughter, Kailey; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. William Amundsen officiating.

Wyoming YMCA (44th St.) effective April 1.

"This move enables me to continue in pursuit of my career goals," Ybema explains. "I'd like to continue to move up through the YMCA organization."

Ybema came to the Lowell YMCA nearly four years ago. Ironically, prior to coming to Lowell, he served as program director from Jan. '86 until May of '88 at the Wyoming YMCA.

MC CONAUGHY - Howard McConaughy of Lowell, died Saturday, February 22, 1992. He is survived by his wife Jan; his daughter, Kathryn Anne and his parents, Robert and Elenore McConaughy of Beaver Falls, PA; brother, Paul McConaughy of Lansing; sisters; Mrs. Louis

years ago." The YMCA executive director believes a balanced budget has been a key in the start of many Y programs. "Lowell's budget has been balanced the last three years. That's a factor when you're trying to add new programs," Ybema said. "Another factor is the support and participation of adults and parents in the community. We have also received a great deal of back-

ing from contributors in the support of low income families that cannot afford to participate in YMCA activities." Ybema's wish is that future decisions that concern the Lowell YMCA are made with the children foremost in mind. "They should be the focal point," he says.

Ybema said he expected a decision to be made this week on his replacement.

(Ruth) Roperi of Beaver Falls, PA, Jean McConaughy of Atlanta. Mr. McConaughy was a member and deacon of Grace Presbyterian Church (C of R.P.C.N.A.) and an English Professor at Calvin College. Funeral Services will be held in Beaver Falls, PA.

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Coming Events

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

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

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

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

ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS: Jan. 29, Feb. 12 & 26, March 11 & 25. Com-

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.

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.

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munity 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 MI, 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.

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 #MI 1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins 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 THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

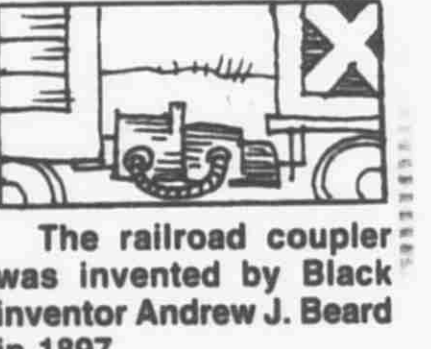
LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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.

THURS., FEB. 27: Lowell freestyle wrestling has sign-ups at the Lowell High School, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sign-up fees are \$30 plus fund-raiser to participate. Birth certificates are a must. Practice will start Monday, March 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the LHS wrestling room.

SUN., MARCH 1: A Spring ring concert, featuring three handbell choirs, will be presented at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. This lighthearted program is for the entire family. Public is welcome.

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WANT AD INFORMATION

Advertising Deadline is **TUESDAY AT 12:00 NOON**

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The Lowell Ledger is in the process of computerizing the classified system. As a result, our billing process and rates will change slightly. NOTE: All cancellations or corrections on Classified Ads must 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. All Errors in Telephone Advertisements at Senders Risk Out-of-Town Ads must be accompanied by remittance.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise (Hebrews 6:15). It's part of a homemaker's job to replace buttons. The washing machine is responsible for some being lost. Many of them are pulled off because Freddy and Billy do not take time to unbutton their clothes properly. In haste and impatience the garment is given a yank and off pop the buttons one by one.

"Patience," said someone, "is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears." It takes patience to get along with people. Some are slow. Others are awkward. Not a few are weak; they do not possess the will power to resist life's baneful temptations. Often the Christian is faced with the problem of exerting patience with himself. He is apt to grow impatient when he does not bear as much



Brian Lee Bruinekoel and Lyndee Star Daisy

DeWitts announce daughter's engagement

Harold and Beverly DeWitt, of Shelbyville, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cindy Marie to Daniel Arlen Bolhuis of Hudsonville. The bride elect's mother was the late Gerry DeWitt.

Parents of the groom-to-be are David and Joyce Bolhuis of Hudsonville. The bride elect is a graduate of Lowell High School. The groom elect is a

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Cindy Marie DeWitt and Daniel Arlen Bolhuis

Engagement Told

Mr. Pete Daisy and Mrs. Sally McIver are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lyndee Star Daisy to Brian Lee Bruinekoel. A June 20, 1992 marriage is planned.

Coming Events

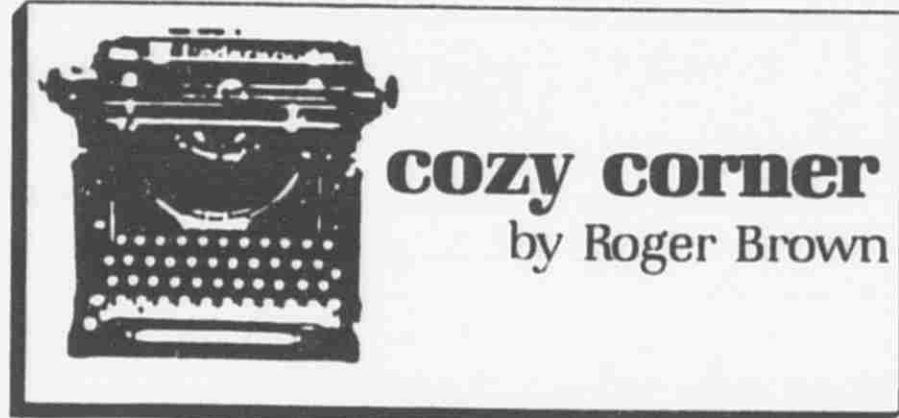
THURS., MARCH 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club starts the new year at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Grace Kutchev, Betty Wierenga, Pauline Burtle, Lucille Curtiss and Olive Bieri. Program, "Women's History Month." Speaker, Kyle Irwin, from Women's Resource Center. Sponsor, Alice Baut. Friends welcome.

SAT., MARCH 7: Myles/Schoenborn Benefit and Dinner Dance. 6 to 11:30 p.m. at F.O.P. Lodge 97 Hall, 1770 Grand River Dr., Ada. \$15 per person donation. Live polka music. For more information or reservations call Denny Malone, 794-1578; Parnell Grocery, 691-8511; or Lisa Myles, 459-6241.

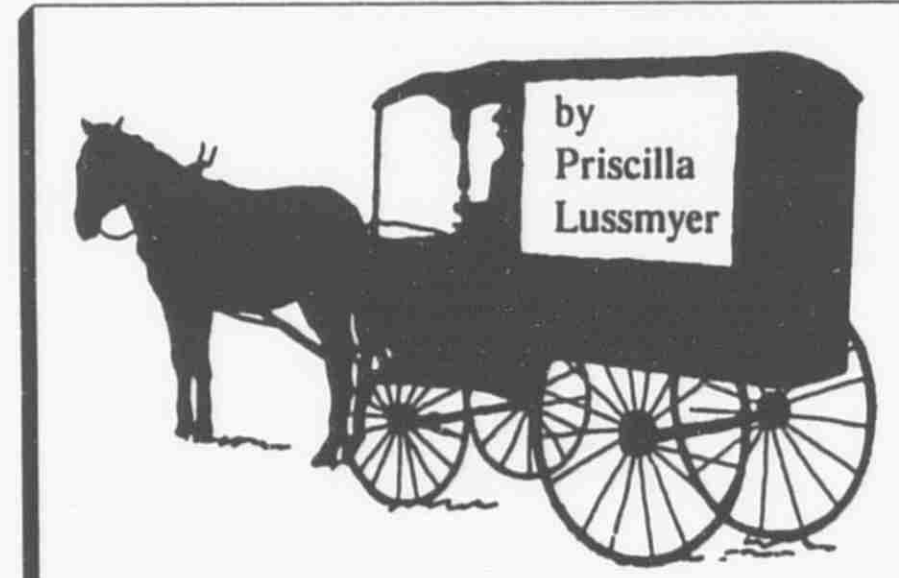
FRI., APRIL 10: The Lowell Area Fire Dept. will be sponsoring an American Heart Association adult CPR course, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Fire Department. Cost is \$15. To register call 897-9699.

TUES., MARCH 4: Parents of seniors organizational **SAT., MARCH 14:** The Smyrna St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Smyrna meeting for the "All Night Senior Party" will be held at the High School in room A-1 at 7 P.M.

cozy corner by Roger Brown



I had the opportunity, if you want to call it that, to take a battery of tests to determine whether I suffer from stress. You know what stress is. It's that health care catch-all that doctors use as a diagnosis when they can't figure out what's really wrong with you. Say your big toe shrivels up and falls off. If the doctors don't know why, dollars to donuts says they'll lay it to stress. They'll tell you to reduce your stress level at work and at home or risk losing your other big toe, then charge you a Mercedes payment for the advice.



Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB 24, 1892 The wheat market rises and ten thousand bushels have been sold here since last Friday.

Letters

Dear Editor, I am writing in regard to a recent article in the Grand Rapids Press about the increased costs for the paving project on Bewell Avenue. I live on Bewell and this issue has me very concerned.

Area Births

Kendall and Susan Witherspoon are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born February 12, 1992 at Metropolitan Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz, measured 19 1/2 inches long and was named Kyla Jane.

Grandparents are Bill and Marlene Blazak of Mishawaka, IN and Bob and Ruth Witherspoon of Muskegon.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Lil Blaszcak of Cheboygan and Stan and Helen Michalski of Bay City.

Scott and Sue Homolka, of Ada, are proud to announce the birth of their first born, a son, Anthony Joseph. Anthony was born February 22, 1992 weighing 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. David Baerwalde and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Homolka, all of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Mildred Baerwalde of Royal Oak, Edward Kujawa of Anchorville and Mr. Anthony Loizzi of Lowell and the late Josephine Loizzi.

Foster homes needed

The Kent County Juvenile Court is in need of foster parents for teens. Foster care is assigned to provide a home for youth who need an alternative to their own home for a temporary period of time. The Court provides board and care, clothing, medical, and dental needs for each youth.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomapple 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.	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	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 Barrier Free	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	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 Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided	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 Barrier - Free Entrance
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	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	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! (Barrier Free)	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.		

Lowell Middle School Students-of-the-Month



January Middle School Students-of-the-Month are from left to right: Corrine Arnett (7th), Todd Johnson (7th), Michelle Osterhaven (8th), Matt Inman (8th), Mackenzie Bennett (7th), Julie Wisner (6th).

"Play dolls" help children relieve their hospital anxieties

The Leaping Lizards Camp Fire Boys and Girls made "play therapy" dolls to be given to Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. Blodgett Hospital has a Child Life program that provides services for children and their families while in the hospital. Being in the hospital is often a terrifying experience for a child and "play therapy" dolls can help with the anxiety they have. By treating the dolls for injuries like their own, the children can overcome their fears. The dolls become friends, someone who is going through the very same things. With the exception of a Lizards, cont'd., pg. 9



Teens Involved members include, back row, left to right: Julie Fox, Michelle Feusse, Anna Lietzke; second row, left to right: Marsha Roudabush, Veronica Ramirez, Carrie Sadler; and kneeling: Shannon Sisson.

Lowell students to celebrate TI Day, March 14

What exactly is Teens Involved (TI)? Unfortunately, many do not know the answer to this question. TI is Lowell's expansion of (SADD) Students Against Drunk Driving. It combines this nation-wide organization with other substance abuse programs. Anyone attending Lowell Senior High can be involved. TI sponsored many projects already this school year, including the TI picnic, promotion/fund-raiser and TI week activities just to name a few. The next project is TI Day, March 14.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Board of Review of Vergennes Township will meet at the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive on:

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1992

from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1992

from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

Taxpayers may appeal in person or by letter addressed to: Kevin O'Malley, Assessor, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331. Appeals must be received by March 10, 1992.

Kevin O'Malley
Assessor
Vergennes Township

Carol's Gingers

Inventory Reduction Sale on all Merchandise except Fish Products

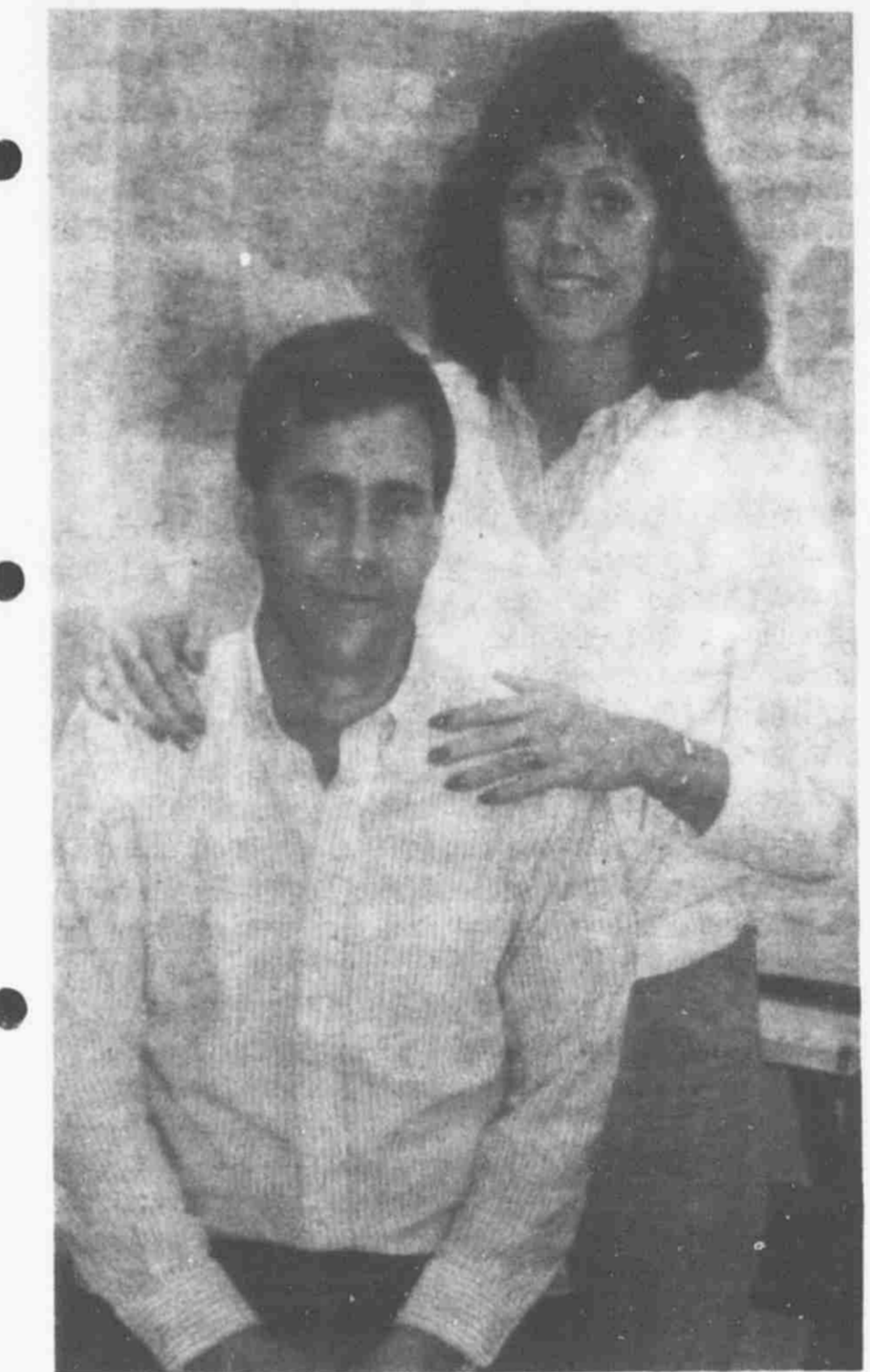
40% Or More

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Sat. - 10 - 5; Sun. & Mon. - 12 - 5
206 E. Main, Lowell, MI
Phone 897-5577

Reconstruction of old farm houses kindles warmth and feasibility

Barn and/or house raising gathered people in a community together for the purpose of erecting a barn and/or house. Many times the builders were inexperienced, and measurements were left to the eye or to what looked good. What it may have lacked in level doorways and walls, it made up for in nurturing a community feeling and warmth.

Michael and Ani Nosko, Michael Nosko Inc., 1665 Fawns Ridge, Ada (Private Drive) use their Sunday drives in the country in hopes of recapturing the warmth, standards and values that were kindled within those old farmhouses. Nosko, a residential contractor, first started in the business with his mother and father. Over the last five years he has branched out into a business of his own.



Michael and Ani Nosko, Michael Nosko Inc., remodel and reconstruct old farm houses.

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red heart, the dolls are left plain. The staff and the children will add details and personalize them. The club also made a doll for the Lowell Fire/Rescue Department and the Ada Fire Department to be given to a child injured due to accident or injury. This project along with others that the children work on throughout the year in Camp Fire, will be entered in "Colgate's Youth for America" campaign which contributes cash grants to clubs and troops for community service projects. The Leaping Lizards, Camp Fire boys and girls are sponsored by King Milling Company, Knappe and Vogt and Koning Dairy Farm.

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The residential contractor will remodel and construct any sort of home, however if he had his preference, he'd just remodel and reconstruct older farmhouses. Those who share the same love for older farmhouses soon learn that many are dilapidated and the cost to remodel them is as high as building a new home. With this in mind, Nosko offers floor plan replicas of the older farmhouse models. "For many people remodeling an old farmhouse is a 'Money Pit,'" Nosko said. The Ada businessman offers the old style look with the energy efficiency and conveniences of today. The replicas of the older style farm homes, if desired, Nosko, cont'd. pg. 10

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Off with the beards!



Gary Heitz has his fourth-grade student, Angie Schmidt, trim away at his beard.



Runciman Riverside Principal shaves off his beard at a school assembly on Thursday. Dudeck, three teachers and a custodian shaved off their beards as a payoff in a reading bet with students. They bet students that they could not read over 100,000 pages outside of school in a little over a month's time. The students shocked them as they read 168,000 pages.



"Just the beard," Louie Dudeck tries to explain to his wife, Mary at Friday's assembly.



Runciman/Riverside fifth-grade teacher, Jim Blodgett cleans his face of any hair.



Brian Drake, school custodian, takes a final look at his beard and mustache.

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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Nosko, continued

can be complete with such old features as porcelain door knobs, pedestal sinks, free-standing - claw footed bathtubs.

"The neat thing about this is that it allows people to recapture the important things of the past without stepping back," Nosko explained.

Ani Nosko adds that the family is an important part of society. "It's an establishment we have to protect. Older homes capture that warmth and standard," she says. Noskos believe older style homes foster family bonding.

"Lowell's a perfect setting," Ani said. "The area fits with and meets our beliefs, ethics and standards."

Noskos point to the ability to satisfy a couples desire for an old style farmhouse and yet keep it feasible. "We're able to build to the needs and values of the middle income," Michael Nosko

states. "I think those interested in the older style home have a desire for a healthy American lifestyle.

Michael and Ani each have their roles in the family business. Michael takes care of the technical and drafting end and Ani works on the layout of the homes. "I tell her if things aren't practical and she tells me if things won't work."

People interested in having older style homes reconstructed, should have an idea as to what they want in the house (the floor plan). Noskos encourage them to put the ideas on paper, including rough sketches.

"When they come talk to us we can establish a budget and tell them what's feasible within the budget. I'm not interested in selling people things they may not be able to afford. I want to take the input and build an affordable home," Michael Nosko said.



The Coat of Arms of Saudi Arabia features a palm tree and two swords.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB

Re-stated Constitution and bylaws

A.

Article VII shall be amended to include paragraph K. as follows:

Varsity Coaches from all sports active in the Lowell Area Schools shall assign Parent Representatives to the Athletic Boosters Club. Duties shall include representing their sport at meetings, obtaining concession workers, helping on fund-raisers and wherever else volunteers are needed.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MARCH 2, 1992 GENERAL MEETING OF THE LOWELL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE K-QUAD OF THE HIGH SCHOOL. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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LISTINGS FOR FRI., FEB. 28 THRU THURS., MARCH 5

John Forsythe and Holland Taylor star in Norman Lear's *The Powers That Be*, debuting Saturday, March 7, on NBC. Forsythe stars as William Powers, an affable U.S. senator cajoled into pursuing the presidency ... if he can keep his personal life out of the picture!

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FRIDAY

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MORNING

6:00 MOVIE: The Devil's Brigade A special unit trained for heroic action in Italy during World War I consists of disciplined Canadians and American recruits. William Holden, Cliff Robertson. 1968.

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: Toby Tyler or Ten Weeks with a Circus A little boy's dream of running away to join the circus comes true when he joins the traveling circus visiting his town of the century small town. Kevin Corcoran, Henry Cavill. 1960.

EVENING

6:00 MOVIE: The Woman in Black A legal assignment turns into a nightmare for a young lawyer when he becomes entangled in a macabre case involving a gypsy girl, Adrian Rawlins, Pauline Moran. 1989.

Video Power
Time Machine With Jack Perkins
Night Games
Investigative Reports
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with a divorced alcoholic policeman who is almost ready for retirement. Robert Foxworth, Paula Patton. 1980.

FRIDAY cont.

1:05 MOVIE: Rattlers Visitors to the Mojave Desert area are subjected to seemingly unprovoked snake attacks. Sam Chew, Elizabeth Chavet. 1978.

SATURDAY

February 29

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MORNING

5:00 Music Videos
The Africans
MOVIE: Charlie Chan in Honolulu

MOVIE: The Hard Man A deputy sheriff investigating the murder of a young woman who becomes attracted to a ruthless cattle baron's wife. Guy Madison, Valerie French. 1957.

AFTERNOON

12:00 House of Style
Remodeling and Decorating Today
MOVIE: Close Encounters of the Third Kind

star Isiah Thomas battles poverty and gang violence to raise his nine children on Chicago's West Side. Alfre Woodard, Garland Spencer. 1991.

EVENING

6:00 World Championship Wrestling
MOVIE: Aloha Summer
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SATURDAY cont.

- News/Pinnacle
Dick Van Dyke
Home Shopping
WWF Superstars of Wrestling
America's Top Ten
Music Videos
Church Street Station
Movie: Vision Quest
The Achievers
Jewish Voice
Monsters
SportsCenter
International
Dick Van Dyke
Home Shopping
Movie: Body and Soul
On Stage (Stereo)
Movie: Dragonlayer
Movie: The Journey of Natty Gann

- 4:30 MOVIE: A Mother's Courage: The Many Thomas Story
Dick Van Dyke
Home Shopping

SUNDAY

March 1

- MORNING
6:30 Wall Street Journal Report
Paid Program
The People Ask
Outer Limits
2:40 [MAX] MOVIE: The Adventures of Ford Fairlane
3:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Cold Front
3:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Night Night Part 2
5:00 Music Videos
My Sister Sam
Paid Program
Love Boat
Fishin' Hole
Sports LateNight
Dick Van Dyke
NBC NightSide
Night Tracks (Stereo)
Midwest Outdoors Magazine
My Sister Sam
Jimmy Houston Outdoors
News/Moneyweek
Dick Van Dyke
Christopher Closeup
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HBO MOVIE: Men Don't Leave
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MAX MOVIE: Bachelor in Paradise
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All Creatures Great and Small
To Be Announced
Poppy's House
Flintstones
Destiny
Sesame Street
Wonderful Wizard of Oz
Larry Jones
HBO MOVIE: Daffy Duck's Quackbusters
Donald Duck Presents
Denver, the Last Dinosaur
Captain N
Scholastic Sports America
News/Your Money
Most Wanted: Yogi Bear
Paid Program
Miraculous Planet and the Planetasers
Top 20 Video Countdown
Exciting World of Speed and Beauty Off-road champion iron

SUNDAY cont.

- AFTERNOON
12:00 Lip Service
Race Day (Stereo)
MOVIE: Five Corners
Alice Paul: Crusader for Equality
HBO MOVIE: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach
The Pinballs
Women's Tennis Evert Cup, final
News/World Report
CNN Headline News
The Pinballs
ATP Tennis Final from Scottsdale, Ariz.
Nature (Stereo)
Newton's Apple (Stereo)
All American Wrestling
MOVIE: The Great Lover
National Geographic Special
Austin City Limits
Life Goes On
MOVIE: Big Jake
Jesse James
Silk Stalkings
Ben Haden Changed Lives
Monsters
SportsCenter
News/Sports Tonight
Dick Van Dyke
An Evening at the Improv
Wings (CC)
MOVIE: Never Forget An Auschwitz Survivor
Championship Rodeo
World Now (Stereo)
Ron Mason Michigan State
Street Justice
America's Defense Monitor
Truckin' USA
That's My Dog
Looney Tunes
Air Combat
60 Minutes
Nature of Things
The Big Picture
Parker Lewis Can't Lose
Ernie, Indiana
Prince Valiant
ESPN's SpeedWeek
News/Sports Sunday
Looney Tunes
English Soccer
MTV's Weekly Most Wanted
Living Color
Hot Country Nights
Nature
America's Funniest Home Videos
HBO MOVIE: Home Alone
MacGyver
Zorro
Star Search
HSA Racing From Miami
PrimeTime Live
MOVIE: The Closing of Joan
The Making of a Continent
Murder, She Wrote
Hodge, Brian Cox
The Making of a Continent
House of Style
Michigan Outdoors
HBO MOVIE: Making Mr. Fixer
It's Your Move
Travel and Adventure
Best of Like We Care
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Tarzan
Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous
Watch on Washington
Just the Ten of Us
Great Skating
EarlyPrims
Family Double Dare
Detroit Tigers Diary
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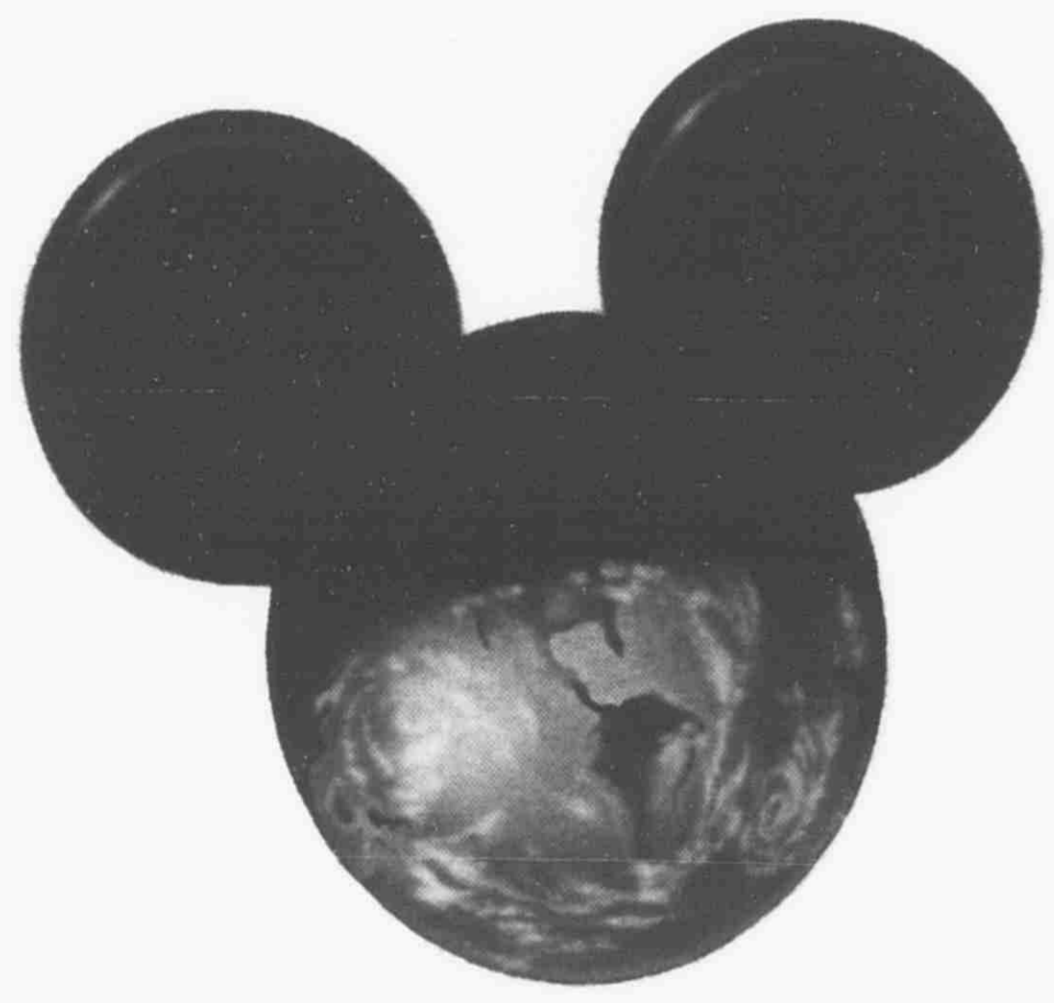
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Nick Arcade
Golf in Paradise
Firepower
Captain Planet and the Planetasers

MONDAY

March 2

- MORNING
5:00 ESPN's SpeedWeek
Sports LateNight
MAX MOVIE: The Ambush
Up Close
HBO MOVIE: Home to Stay
SportsCenter
MOVIE: Mr. Robinson Crusoe
MOVIE: A Force of One
MOVIE: Betrayed A World War II Dutch underground officer searches for a spy who's giving information to the Germans.
HBO MOVIE: Pilot No. 5
World Tomorrow
Paid Program
Crosfire
MOVIE: Leviathan
Avonlea
MAX MOVIE: Happy Birthday to Me
Home Shopping
Antarctic: The Last Frontier
Paid Program
Love Boat
News/The Big Story
Dick Van Dyke
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Lowell educators ponder discontinuing senior release

Lowell High School's Senior Release program was implemented approximately 10 years ago when LHS was experiencing an overcrowding situation.

For economic reasons, the decision was made to give seniors a first or last hour release, if requested, to help alleviate the problem.

For educational reasons, a committee made up of high school teachers and administrators would like to see Senior Release discontinued.

Lowell High School Principal Jim DeWeerd points out that over the past 10 years, at both the state and district level, requirements for students have been changed.

*Lowell High School has increased its graduation re-

quirement from 18 to 22 credits.

"The state has mandated a new core curriculum.

The elective classes are most hurt by senior release. These are the classes not being signed up for by seniors to make room for senior release.

"Bob Rice's music/band classes are hit hard by senior release," Lowell Student Counselor, Barb Pierce said. "Music/band is dropped to get senior release."

DeWeerd adds that a high technology society has brought about changes in course offerings that at one time did not exist. "Quality education continues to be a top priority but students are having a more difficult time

in getting all the classes they need for a well rounded education," DeWeerd explains.

Adding support to the committee's rationale for discontinuing senior release, is a survey that indicates that the majority of students favor more class choices for additional academic opportunity.

The committee believes eliminating senior release will help provide this opportunity to seniors.

Lowell Student Council Board representative, Melanie Kaeb stood in agreement with the push to discontinue senior release. "I don't believe senior release will stand going into the next century," Kaeb said. "People are not allowed to stay in bed an extra hour in the morning and then come into

work, just as they are not allowed to go home for an hour in the afternoon to take a nap."

Thoughts behind the committee's rationale for eliminating senior release include:

* To help alleviate scheduling problems; all seniors will decide a class schedule based on a six-hour day, not five.

* To support LHS' school improvement goal of promoting high academic expectations.

* To give seniors the opportunity for another class or a study hall. If a study hall is chosen, they will have better access to the media center, the student services center, teachers, and other services.

* To eliminate the pressure on seniors to take senior release instead of making sound educational choices.

"Every afternoon I see 20 kids going out of the building to go to McDonald's or to go home to vegetate in front of the television. These are students I could be impacting," Lowell arts teacher Robin White said. "Why should they be allowed to vegetate when we can be teaching them?"

Pierce agreed that students

should be encouraged to try different areas of study instead of coming in late or going home early.

"The problem is the state is wiping out what students should be exposed to. It has put a squeeze on electives with its curriculum mandate," Mark Weber said.

Ray Quada, board vice president, said he'd like to see senior release available in job related situations. "I also believe we need to encourage students to take advantage of the education available to them," he explained.

Asked how this would be policed? Quada said parents would be asked to sign a paper stating their son/daughter would leave school early for employment opportunity.

Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp said he thought there should be a compromise. "Maybe allowing a senior to have senior release for just one semester. Maybe we need greater control, but not total elimination."

DeWeerd said policing students to make sure senior release is being used for em-

ployment would be a headache.

Board Trustee Norm Byrne said any action needs to be phased in. "Parents should be notified at least 60 days before any change in policy is made," he explained.

The committee pointed out many of the senior release students hang around the school the final hour because of athletic involvement after school.

"We're interested in giving the students the best education possible," Pierce said.

Through P.A. 25 and the School Improvement process efforts have led Lowell High School to also review its existing policies regarding grade point average and semester grading system.

As part of this process the committee decides that a new system of computing the grade-point will encourage greater student achievement and give students more opportunities to succeed.

The existing system is based on the four-point scale.

The proposed GPA system will be a 12-point scale. This

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Students, cont'd.

will provide different values for pluses and minuses. Under the current system a B+, B, and B- all earned three points.

Lowell High School Principal Jim DeWeerd said the system would not be grandfathered in.

Byrne suggested that the committee drop the D- mark.

Board Trustee VanAntwerp suggested he thought graduates should be required to have nothing lower than a 1.0 GPA (D average).

The committee stated that the new system will give a more accurate computation of a student's grade-point average. Pierce added, "hopefully it will motivate students to strive for the highest possible grade."

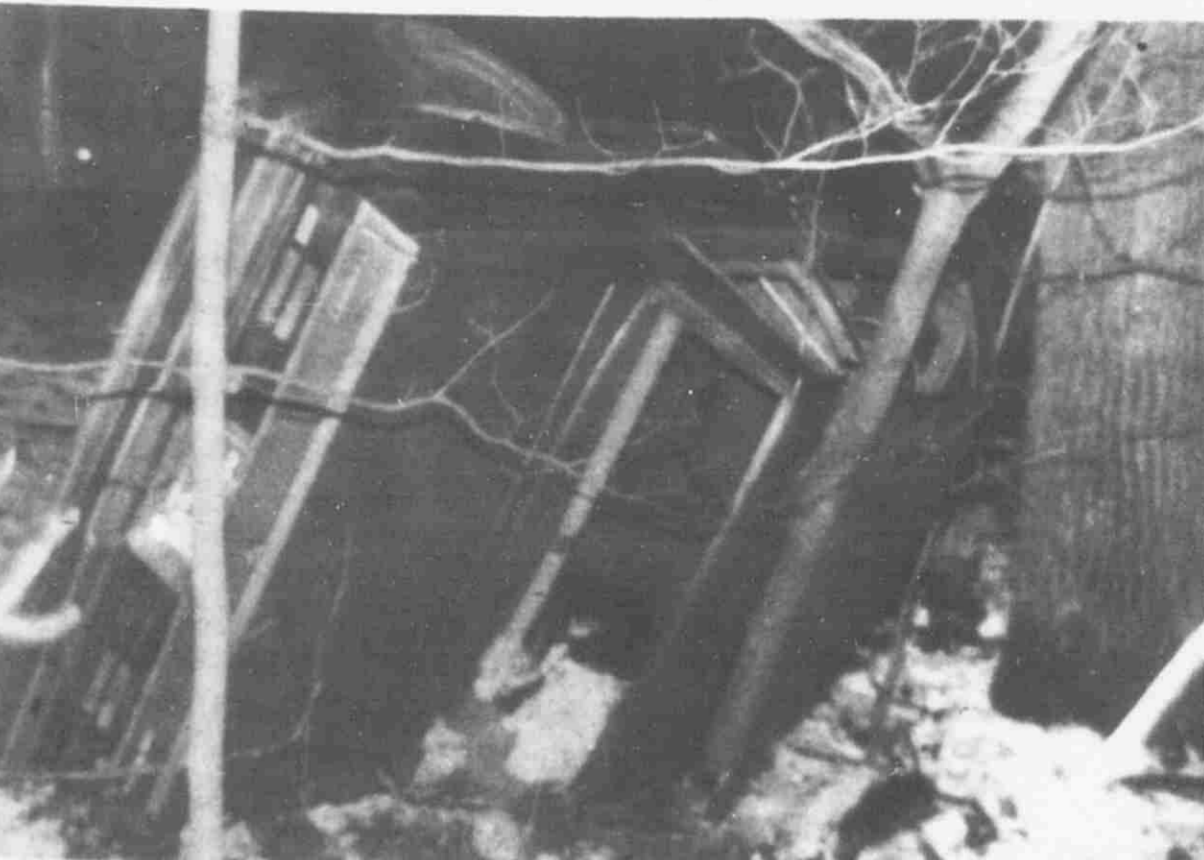
The new system would be consistent with the current

Board of Education classroom grading system. "Teachers use a plus/minus system when grading tests, projects, and other assignments," DeWeerd explained.

"Final exams given at the end of a semester would become more meaningful because they offer an opportunity for a student to raise a grade."

The new semester grading system would protect against students failing up to 80 percent of the semester and still receiving a passing grade.

DeWeerd explained that there are cases where a student passes the first nine-week marking period and then fails the second nine-week marking period and fails the semester exam but still passes the class based on numerical computation.



Slippery roads land car on side

A slippery road was the cause for this early morning accident on 36th St. west of Alden Nash. An area driver lost control of her vehicle after hitting a slick spot in the road. The car road down into a gully and onto its side before stopping.

College News

Junior, Robert Dine of Alto is among the 57 members of the Alma College Kiltie Band touring during winter term break in February. The tour opened with a performance at Portage Northern High School in Portage on Feb. 21 and ends on Feb. 26 with a performance at Royce Auditorium, St. Cecilia Music Society in Grand Rapids.

Other concerts scheduled on the tour are Naperville, IL and Mishawaka, IN. As a tour highlight, the band also attended a performance by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Feb. 22.

In addition to the tour, the band is also gave off-campus concerts in Saginaw on Feb. 14 and will be performing in Grayling on March 24.

The Alma College Kiltie Band, conducted by Douglas Scripps, has been a part of Alma for over 50 years. Many of the 57 band members receive both music and merit

scholarships. Alma's music department is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music and offers three degree options in music.

Dine, a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Robert and Judith Dine, Alto. He is a history major and plays percussion in the Kiltie Band.

A language is a dialect that has an army and a navy. —Max Weinreich

Spelling, continued

Josh Phillips, Amanda Sabados, Morgan Scheid, Erin Umlauf, Joe Boruta, Kelli Jo Carney, Josh Croshaw, Chris Cunningham, Julia Ennis, Kim Fish, Sam Hauser, Jen Hubenet, Shelly Hyzer, Cory London, Tanya Mapes, Gretchen Marsman, Shaun Precious and Amy Smit.

Kelly O'Dell, Ryan Sauber and Jon Ballema.

Runciman-Riverside's students were: Heather Halbeisen, Annie McMahon, Bill Sanborn, Ryan Shupe, Rachel Zalokar, Jeff Pfaller, Susan Rozman, Nick Collins, Josh Ford, Heather Reddy, Kaily Wittenbach, Amber Mettermick, Shelby Williams, Eric Howes and Dan Vosovic.

The finalists from each school: Runciman: Howes and Williams; Bushnell: Snell and Thaler; Alto: Umlauf and Koopman, will face this challenge and pressure once again, as they advance in the playoffs to the Regional Bee on February 26.

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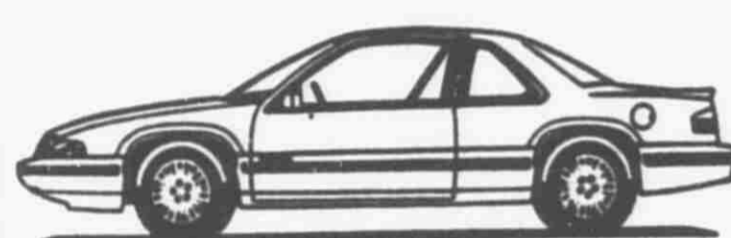
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TOWN TALK

At the Feb. 18 City Council meeting, Lowell's City Fathers took action on the purchase of a 1992 police cruiser. Policy states the Council is supposed to accept the low bid. Thomet Chevrolet's bid was \$423 higher than the low bid from Grand Rapids. A councilman suggested that the Council forego policy and accept Thomet's bid since there was less than a three percent difference. The Council rejected the proposal and accepted the low bid from the dealer in Grand Rapids. Do you agree with the decision?



Dave Potter
I think the Council did the right thing. It should have stuck with policy. There is no reason the local car dealer couldn't have matched the price, he has less of an overhead. Supporting local is great, but policy is policy.



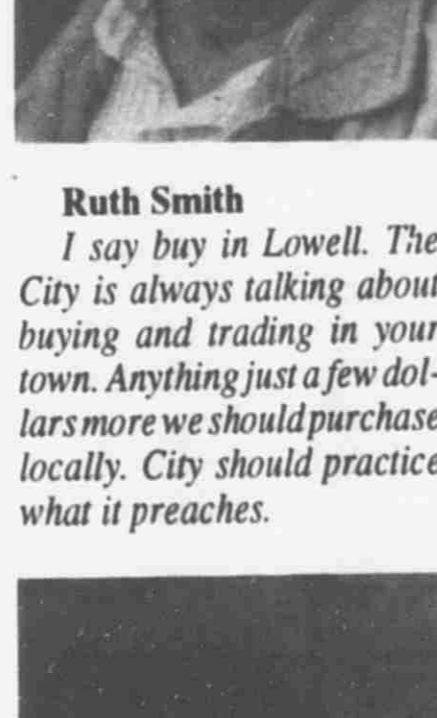
Jim Reagan
I believe the Council should have purchased locally. It's a tough decision, and the councilmen are elected to make those decisions.



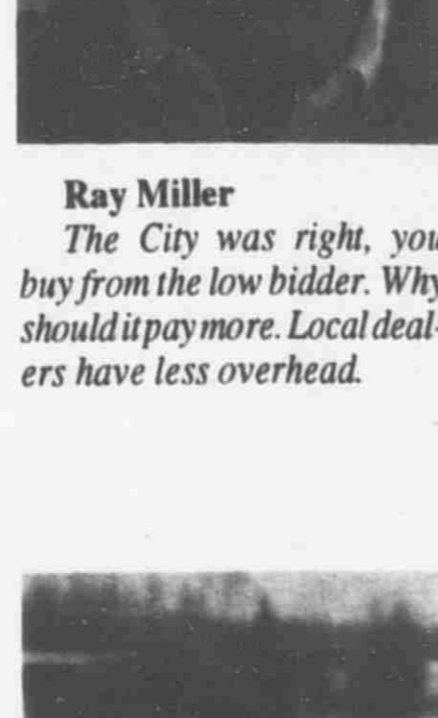
Tony Beachler
I say they should have kept it local. You do business with those that do business with you. I'm sure the City could have talked the local dealer down.



Orion Thaler
I favor buying locally. It helps support the community. There should be a cutoff on how much over is too much. I'm not sure what that would be - maybe \$500. I buy my cars locally.



Ruth Smith
I say buy in Lowell. The City is always talking about buying and trading in your town. Anything just a few dollars more we should purchase locally. City should practice what it preaches.



Ray Miller
The City was right, you buy from the low bidder. Why should it pay more. Local dealers have less overhead.



Sheryl Lillie
The City should go with the low bid. You can't just switch policy. Taking the low bid saves taxpayers money.




Sharon Johnson
The City should follow policy. With the way the economy is, I think you have to take the low bid.

Counseling offered by the Franciscan Development Center

A Counseling Program offered by the Franciscan Life Process Child Development Center now offers individual, family and group therapy addressing family problems, illness, anxiety and depression. The Child Development Center is a service of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist based in Lowell, Michigan.

The program features flexibility in response to manifest needs and special case approaches, according to the announcement. There is particular sensitivity and expertise in areas of life threatening illnesses, children's play therapy, single parent issues and chronic emotional problems. Expansion of the Counseling Program has been facilitated by completion of the Franciscan Life Process Child Development Center. Situated in a rolling meadow on the Sisters' 212 acre farm near Lowell, the 18,800 square foot building is designed and equipped to accommodate a wide range of activities.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Synopsis of minutes from Regular Meeting February 17, 1992.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 5 Board members present. Minutes of January 20, approved.

Approved bills totaling:

General Fund	\$16,115.58
Sewer Fund	\$4,852.40
Tax Fund	\$1,183,003.84

Business Conducted: Timpson authorized to sign work order on Bewell overrun; received Kent County Road Commission's letter on the Belmont/Jupiter Corridor; moved to send David Simmonds to a planning workshop April 22; moved to consider developing a per diem compensation policy; received franchise fees from UA Cable, to be TCI, and C-Tec Cable; received notice of a sporting event planned for May by the Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club; received monthly reports from the Sheriff's Department, Lowell Ambulance, and the Building Official.

Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 1992 at City Hall on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1992
AT 9:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals, and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1992
AT 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., & 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 6, 1992. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

Commercial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Industrial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Residential Property	50.00%	1.0000
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

James Maatman, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

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.

Ratio-50% Multiplier - 1.00

Debbie S. Rashid, Assessor
Grattan Township

Red Arrows pin a 31-25 district loss on eighth-ranked Vikings

Oh what a sweet tooth! Seven days earlier, Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers celebrated his sweetest moment as a high school coach, winning his 400th match. Four days earlier Rivers celebrated his sweetest crowning of an O-K White Championship with a victory at the O-White Conference meet. And last Thursday evening, at the Class B, District Number 143 in Lakewood, Rivers celebrated his greatest of nine district titles with a classic 31-25 win over the fifth ranked Lakewood Vikings.

The 32-year veteran of high school wrestling wars was pleasantly surprised with his club's performance Thursday evening. Lowell got to the finals with wins against Caledonia (13-13); and Portland (56-10).

"I didn't expect it," Rivers stated. "This team has peaked at the right time. The boys really come together."

While the Red Arrows got healthy just in time for post season, Lakewood suffered a devastating loss at 152 pounds. Jason Makley injured his neck in the Capital Circuit League conference meet. The senior Viking was 27-0.

"No doubt not having Jason hurt us," Lakewood coach Bob Vitch said. "It was a good match that went exactly the way I thought it would. The difference was I thought Moore would beat Wester (Andy). Nine out of 10 times I think he would. Give Wester credit. He made a good throw to get Moore on his back."

Lowell's senior heavy-weight was trailing 1-0 as the final minutes of the second period were winding down. Wester, went to his bread and butter move, the head throw, and put Moore on his back. Wester applied the head lock and, with three seconds left on the second period clock, the referee hit the mat and with it Lowell's celebration began.

Lakewood finished its season at 19-2. "It's a tough loss, especially at district time," Vitch said.

The Vikings are extremely strong in the middle weight classes. Knowing that, Lowell needed a quick start.

As he has done so often this year, Mike Rottier got Lowell rolling. Rottier trailed most of the match, fell behind

District Wrestling Champions

For the ninth time a Lowell wrestling team was crowned District Champions. The 31-25 win over Lakewood advanced the Red Arrows to the regionals where they will

wrestle Godwin Heights in the opening round at Delton. The winner will wrestle against the Delton/Wyoming Park winner.

early, but battled back. After tying the score at 5-5, Rottier applied the pin at 4:57 of the third period.

Dave Rottier, 112, was decisioned 11-3 by Lakewood's Jerry Jordan.

Leading 6-4, Lowell got a key victory at 119 pounds from Chad Chertos as he decisioned Merwin Sutherland 10-8. "I thought Chertos' victory was key. He wrestled extremely well," Rivers said.

Chertos trailed 7-6 after two periods. The match was tied at 8-8 with 12 seconds left, when the Red Arrow recorded a take-down.

Justin Anes, 125, dominated Ted Blakeley 17-5, increasing Lowell's lead to 13-4.

John Wilcox pinned Lowell's Chris Kamphuis (130) at 4:47 of the third period. At the time of the pin, the score was tied at 6-6.

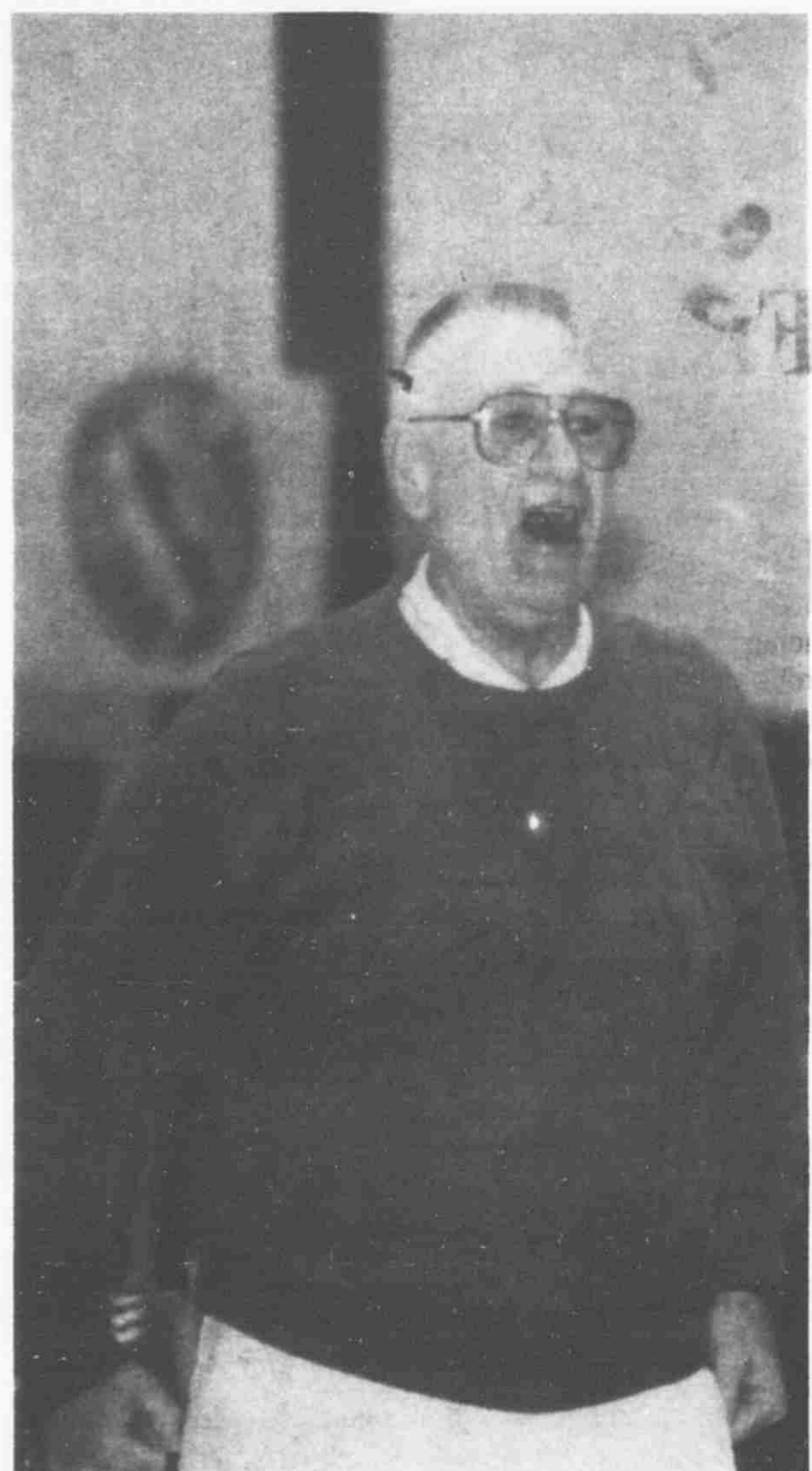
Lowell's Jim Inman (135) narrowly escaped with a 5-4 decision over Vikings' Dusty Rowell.

Trailing 16-10, with the strength of its Viking team yet to wrestle, Lakewood's coach watched on as his club won three of the next four matches to gain its only lead of the night at 22-19.

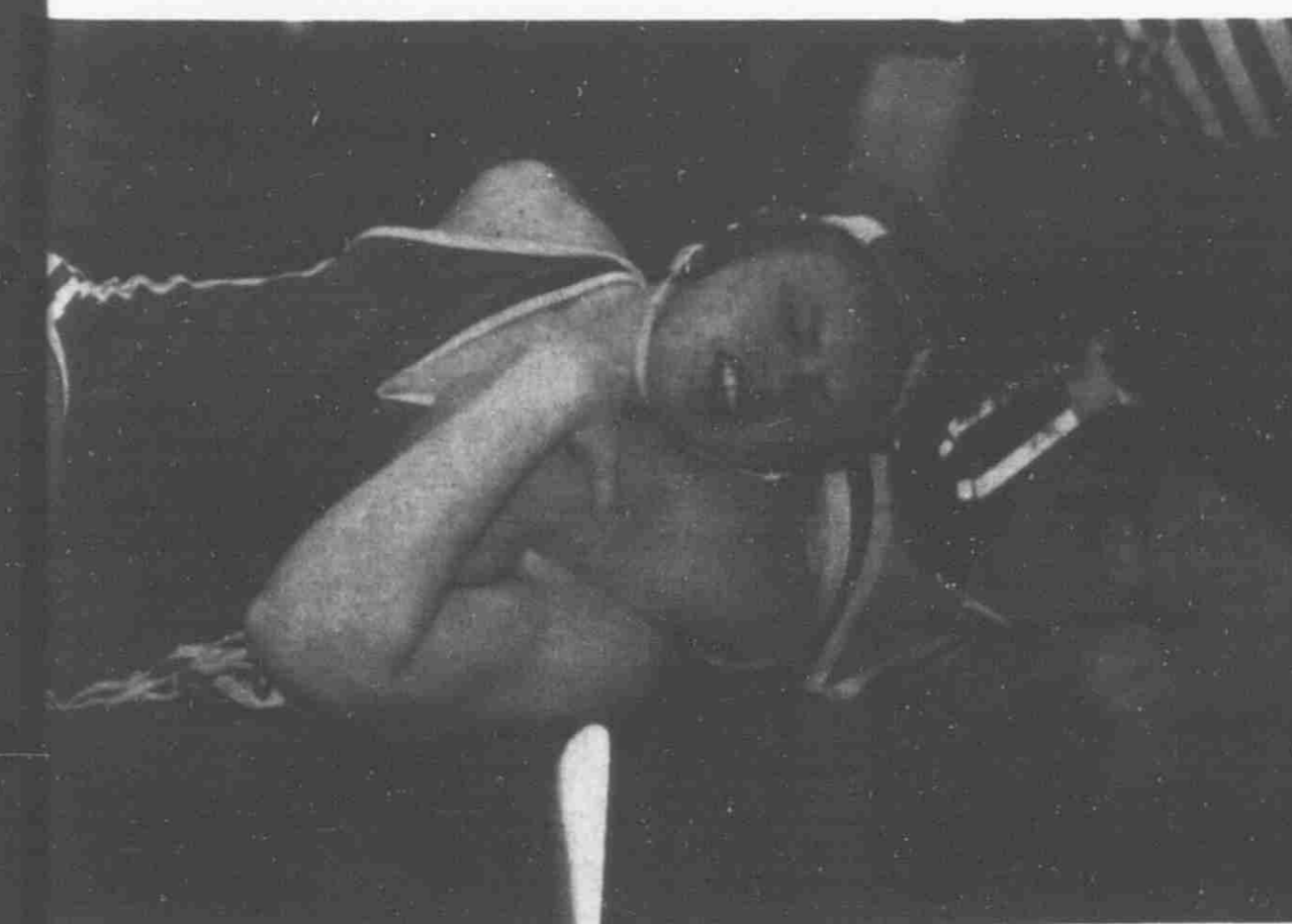
Viking Carl Fedewa, 140, decisioned Jason DesJarden 18-9 at 140 pounds. Kyle Durkee technical falled Cory Kirkbride (152) 16-1. Andy Michayd decisioned Rich Stouffer (160) 5-3.

Sandwiched in between those Viking victories was a methodical 8-3 win by Lowell's David Stouffer.

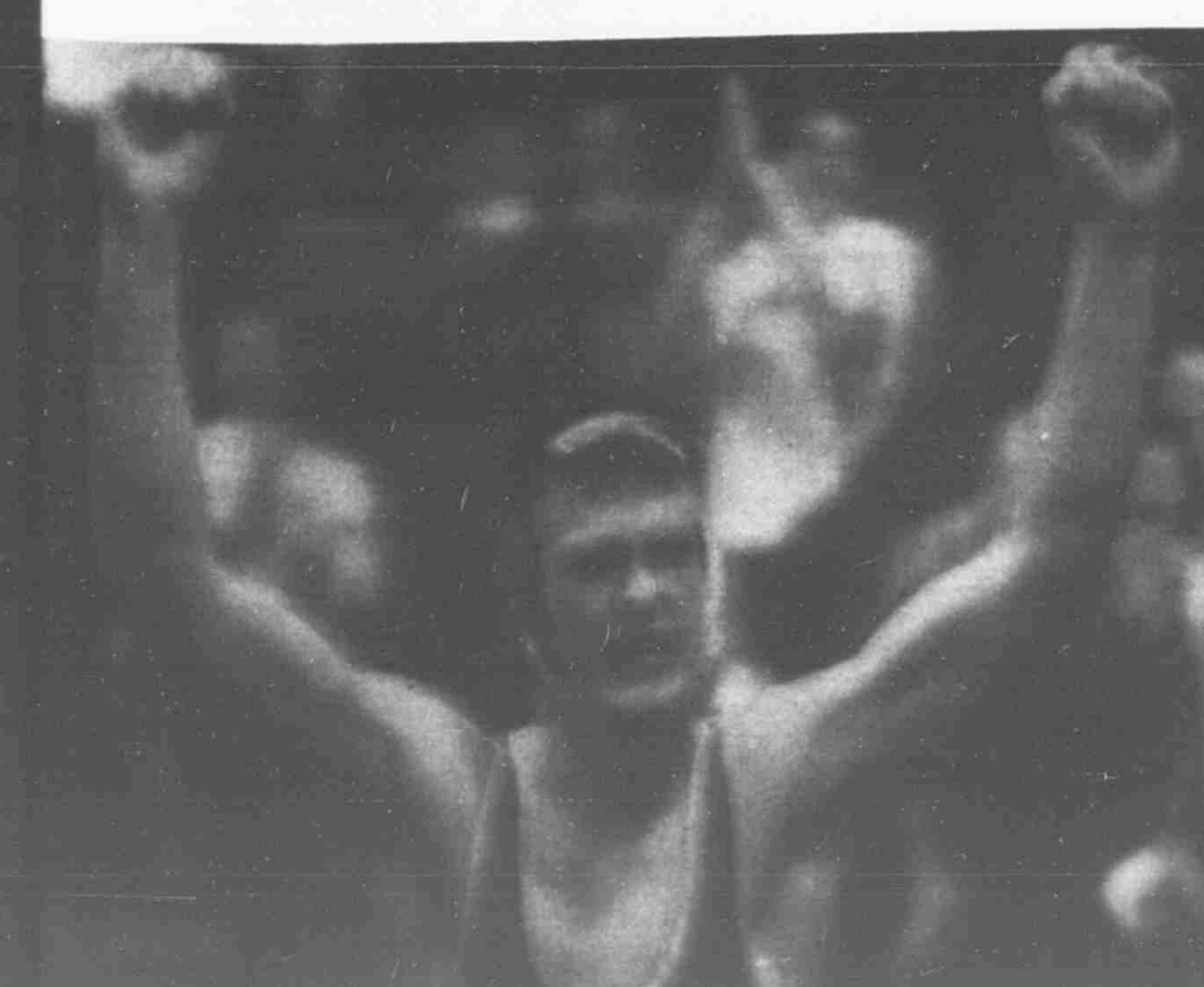
Lowell senior co-captain Rich Depew wasted little time



Lowell's wrestling coach Gary Rivers still had fire in his eyes in the District Championship against Lakewood. Lowell won the match 31-25.



Chris Miedema struggles for control in the district title match against Lakewood. Miedema lost the match 11-5, but Lowell won the Districts.



Rich Depew raises his fist in air following a district title pin at 171 pounds against his Lakewood counterpart.



Chad Chertos earned a key victory at 119 for Lowell in its win over Lakewood.

Council reviews inquiry to purchase cable system.

Through a 4-1 motion the Lowell City Council instructed the Lowell Cable Board to draft a letter to C-Tech Cable System, Traverse City, stating the City would look at a bid to purchase the Lowell Cable System.

"I think we need to keep an open mind and allow a bid

process as long as there is no cost to the City," Councilman Jack Fonger said. "We have a first-class system it doesn't hurt to see what its value is out in the market."

In reviewing the letter, the Lowell Cable Board said it was not interested. Lowell Cable Board member and

Councilman Jim Hodges said the Cable Board prefers to maintain control and is not interested in pursuing its worth.

Mayor Jim Maatman disagreed. "We must keep an open mind. It doesn't hurt to see what people are talking about. You won't know if

there is an interest unless you get information."

There was also discussion about funds from cable system staying in the area.

Money paid by subscribers does not leave the area. It stays and is used to help support the system and subsidize local bodies. The only

money from Lowell Cable that leaves the area is the money used for satellite usage."

Other concerns raised were will the system grow outdated? Can Lowell Cable keep up with changing technology? "I think we must decide if we're going to be stuck with

something in 10 years that people have no interest in," Councilman Bill Thompson said. "If that happens then we've lost. Can we afford the technology that's coming. Currently we're just maintaining the system."

Maatman responded, "The Cable, cont'd., pg. 25

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Lowell shoots past Sparta, 91-70

Championships are not always for league titles. Celebrations don't always follow district clinching victories.

Friday night when Lowell traveled to Sparta, the two teams had two O-K White Conference wins between them. On the line, was a ticket out of the league basement for the winner.

Lowell purchased that ticket with a 91-70 win over Sparta.

Talking in his wet suit, following an attack from the water bottles, Lowell coach Phil Beachler found more to smile about than the final score. "What was nice was the fact the boys were looking and executed bounce passes inside the lane," Beachler said. "They played the game. They saw and made the passes. As a teacher it's nice to see that."

Lowell came out of the gate fired up, out-scoring Sparta 17-12 in the first eight minutes.

"We did a good job of getting the ball inside," Beachler said. "That opened things up for Dunn (Chad) on the perimeter."

The junior sharp shooter didn't disappoint, as he buried four three pointers and finished up with 38 points, 21 of which came in the first half.

The Red Arrows broke the game open in the second quarter as it netted 27 second quarter points, opening a 44-24 halftime lead.

Defensively Lowell was able to bother Sparta with its full-court press. "It didn't cause a lot of turnovers, but I thought it helped to take them out of their offense a little," Beachler said.

Lowell outscored Sparta in the second half 47-46.

Jon Amundsen tallied 15 points and David Jones added 11 as three Lowell players finished in double figures.

Sparta got a game-high 39 points from Rob McPherson (eight three pointers).

The victory improved Lowell's league record to 2-10 and its overall record to 4-12.

Sparta falls to 1-11 and 2-14 overall.

Chad Dunn and Nate Janes were the only two Red Arrows to break into double digits as Lowell got by Caledonia 47-44.

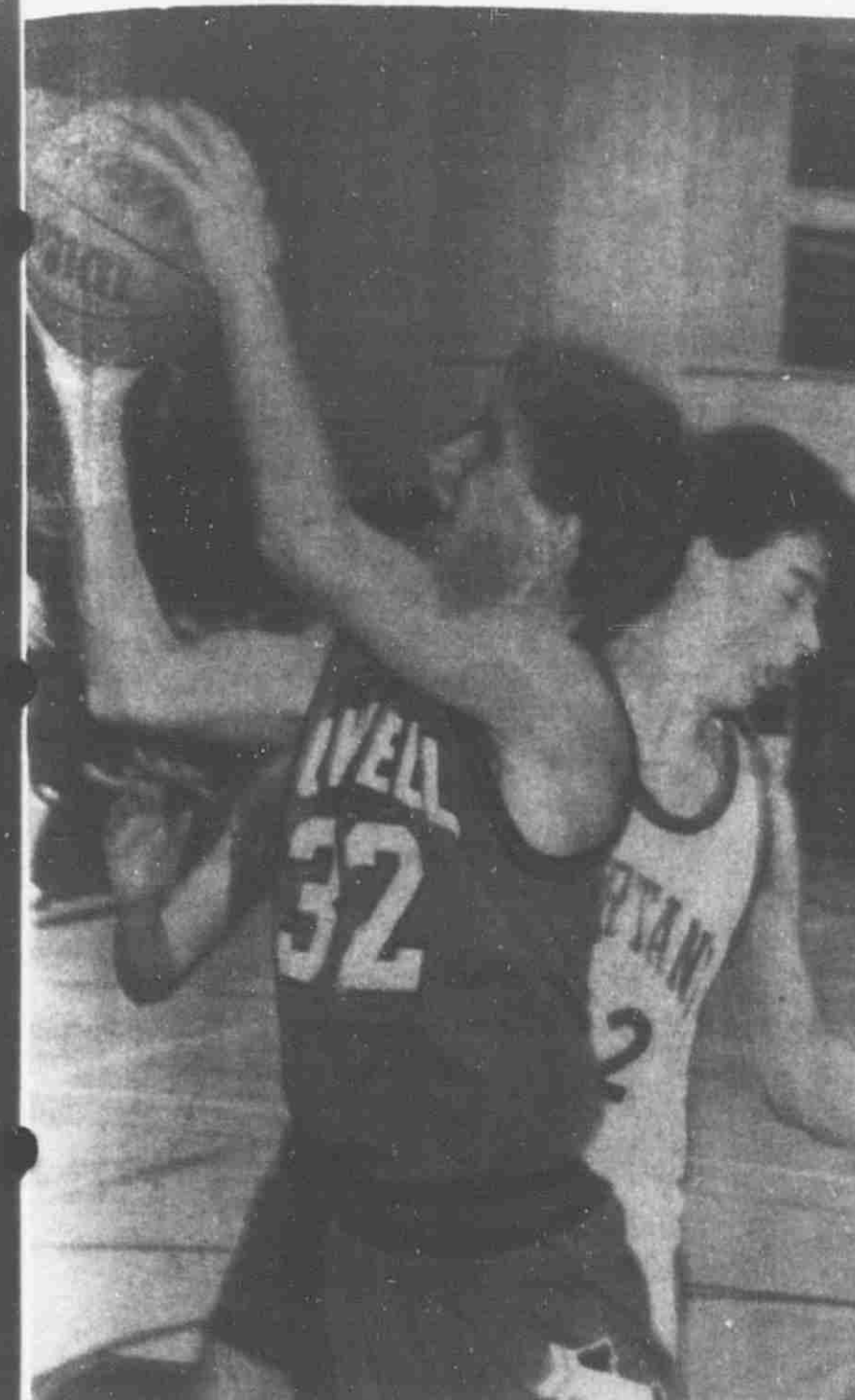
The game was marred by poor shooting on both sides. Lowell opened a 22-9 half-time lead. It led 38-25 with eight at the end of three quarters.

The fighting Scots rallied with a 19-9 fourth quarter advantage. Lowell was able to connect on some key foul shots in the final minutes to hold off Caledonia.

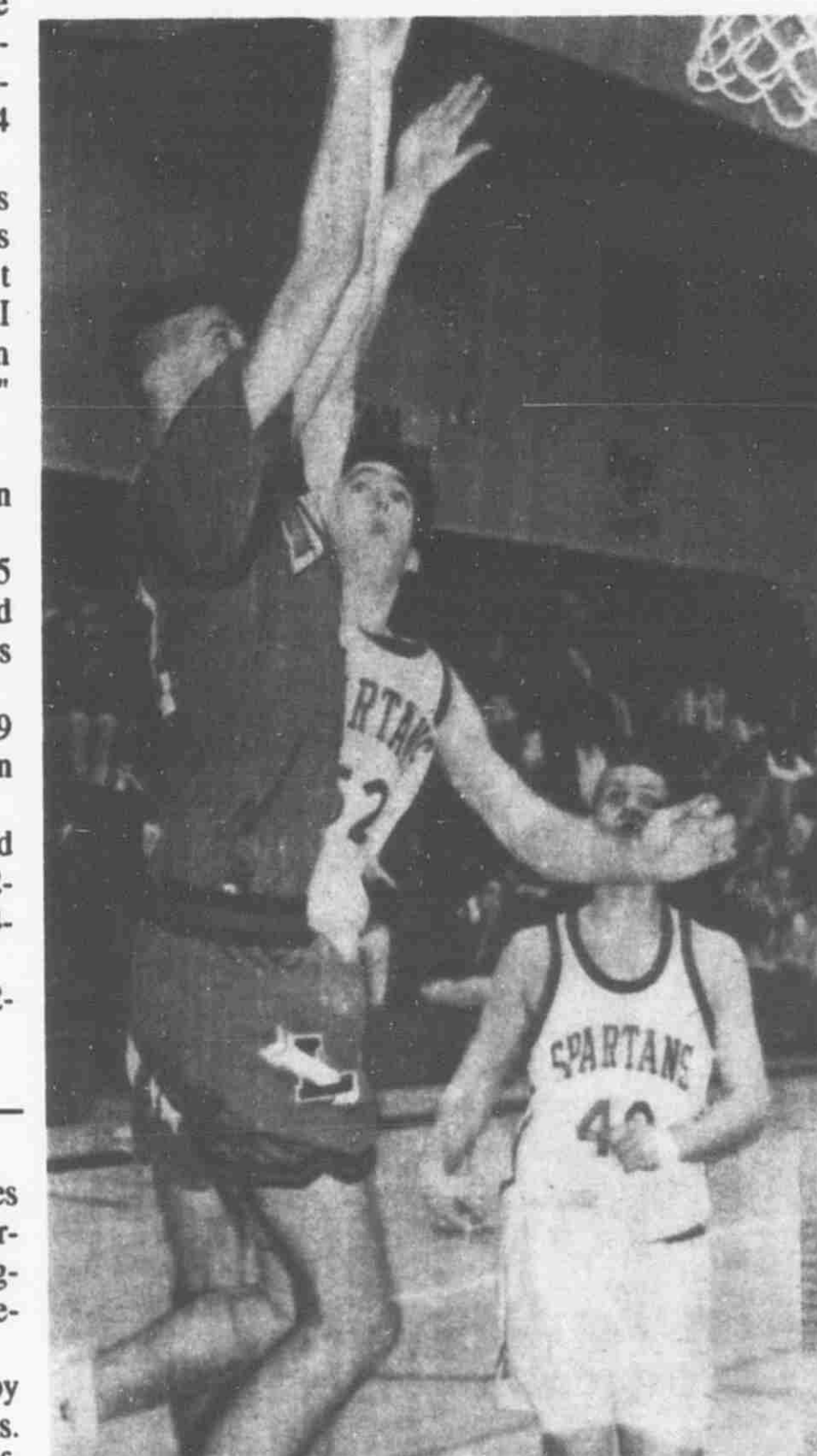
The Red Arrows also got some huge buckets from Nate Janes to seal the victory.

"We played a 2-3 zone with our big lineup," Beachler said. "It helped us control the first half of play." The zone helped force 26 Caledonia turnovers.

Caledonia used some good shooting and a fourth-quarter press to get back into the game. Lowell out-rebounded the Scots 35-27.



Mark Lyon takes the baseline route in Lowell's 91-70 win over Sparta.



Nate Janes pulls up for a short baseline jumper in league action against Sparta.

Wrestling, continued

in regaining Lowell its lead. He was dominant in a match which saw him pin Lakewood's Dusty Seavolt at 4:45 of the second period.

Lakewood tied the score at 25-25 as Marty Landis decided Chris Miedema 11-5 at 1:59 to set up the heavy-weight dramatics.

"It was a tough loss. But I'm happy for Gary. He deserves it. He's been coaching for 32 years and recently got his 400th win," Vitch said.

Lowell travels to Delton for regional action on Wednesday (Feb. 26). Lowell will wrestle Godwin Heights, with the winner taking on the Delton/Wyoming Park victor.

The three wins at the districts push Rivers' win total to 403, surpassing Keith Williams (402), Snake River, Idaho. Rivers is now fourth on the all-time victory list.

Lowell junior Chad Chertos picked a perfect time to rise to the occasion.

Chertos won a critical match in Lowell's heart-stopping win over Lakewood at the team districts.

On Saturday at Hastings, he continued his prime time performance with a perfect 3-0 mark at the Class B Individual Wrestling Tournament.

Chertos decided Forest Hills Northern's Shawn Carrel 11-7 to earn top honors at 119 pounds.

"Chertos wrestled extremely well," Lowell coach Gary Rivers explained. "He beat the number one and two seeds to get to the title round."

Chertos was one of five Red Arrow wrestlers to advance to the Class B Individual Regionals in Godwin Heights on Saturday. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advanced.

Dave Stouffer, wrestling at 140 pounds, was seeded second but finished the day in first as he went 4-0. The Red Arrow defeated Lakewood's Carl Fedewa 13-7 in the championship match.

Lowell's Rich Depew climbed to within three victories of 100 as he notched wins

95, 96, and 97. Wrestling at 171 pounds, Depew went 3-0, defeating Hastings' Jason Hetherington 3-0 in the finals.

"Rich faced some tough competition," Rivers said. "I thought he was a little defensive against Hetherington. I'd like to see him attack more."

Depew improved his clean slate to 34-0 with the three victories on Saturday.

Cory Kirkbride, wrestling at 152 pounds, finished third (2-1). He decided Rogers Matt Jaklinski 16-7.

Rich Stouffer placed fourth at 160 pounds advancing to the regionals.

"I didn't know what to expect," Rivers said. "I'm very happy getting five wrestlers into the regionals. I was anticipating two or three."

Cable, continued

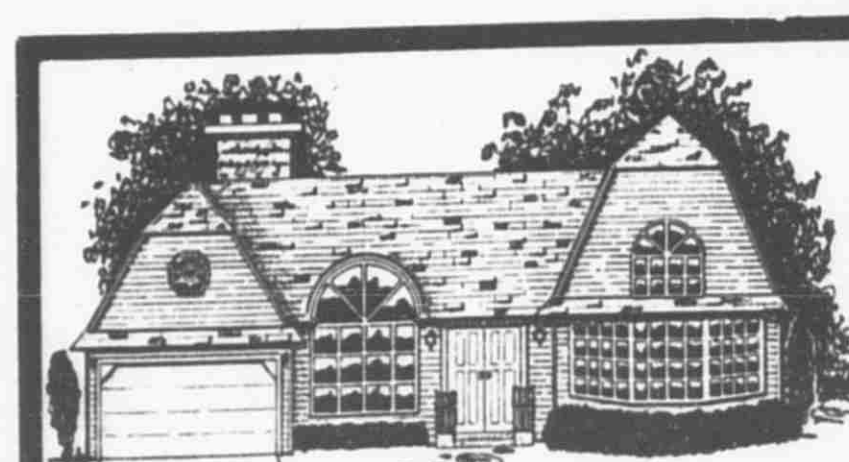
increased rates were to help us pay off the debt and keep up with technology," he explained. "Let's remember we don't have to change to keep up, if the system is good. There are people still pushing lawn mowers."

Hodges said he believes

the people should have a vote on any consideration of turning the public cable system over to private industry.

Maatman assured Hodges just because the City looks into a possible offer doesn't mean the City has to sell it.

Soft words are hard arguments. —Thomas Fuller



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FAMILY FARE Athletes of the Week



Chad Chertos
The Lowell junior won a key match in the district title tilt against Lakewood at 119 pounds. Chertos recorded a take-down with less than 10 seconds remaining in the third period to defeat his Lakewood opponent 10-8. On Saturday in the Individual Districts at Hastings, Chertos went 3-0, earning a first and a place in the regionals.

Cheryl Kirkbride
The senior has been a cheerleader all four years. Kirkbride has served as a key person in Lowell's mounting routines. "Cheryl is a team player and works extremely hard," Lowell cheerleading coach Christine Beachler.

Leslie Murphy
The freshman Lowell gymnast was a top three team performer in three of the four events at the O-K Rainbow Conference meet on Saturday. Murphy tallied a 7.6 on the vault, a 5.7 on the balance beam and a 7.05 in the floor exercise.

Congratulations

Bernard's True Value Hardware gains parking variance

For the second time in five years Charlie Bernard, Bernard's True Value Hardware (1610 W. Main) got what he asked for from the Lowell City Council.

Bernard went before the Council asking for a parking variance on his proposed 3,960 square foot addition.

The zoning ordinance calls for an additional 39 additional

parking spaces. Bernard requested that he only be asked to provide an additional six spaces.

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

Bernard stated that currently 250 cars per day patronize his place of business. That's 21 per hour.

"Currently the parking will hold 40 cars. In five years it has never been more than half full," Bernard said. "On an average customers are in and out of the Hardware Store in five minutes."

Bob Pfaller, Pfaller's Clothing and Shoes, suggested that the early 1980 ordinance he helped to write is fairly restrictive and requires many more parking spaces than what's

needed.

Jim Sowle, Lowell Water Works (1941 W Main) wrote a letter to the Council stating he had no opposition to the variance. He added he's never seen the current parking lot full and anytime he's went to Bernard's he's never had to park more than a parking spot away from the door.

There was one letter of opposition, stating that it would

be the second variance allowed for that one site.

The variance was passed 4-1. It was a use variance, which means if the Hardware store was ever to close and a new business went in, it may fall under different parking requirements. The City would

then not be limited by the variance it approved for Bernard's. "If there would be different use under different parking requirements the City could then change the variance," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said.

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Posthumus supports "Build Michigan" program

Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto) announced support of Governor Engler's five billion dollar "Build Michigan" transportation plan. He added that West Michigan transportation projects will get a much needed boost from the combination of state bonding and maximizing the use of federal dollars.

"The Governor's announcement represents a major investment in rebuilding our vital transportation net-

work and providing additional construction jobs for our people," Posthumus stressed.

"The Governor is taking the necessary steps to make sure we get back every penny we deserve from Washington," Posthumus continued, "and I believe that means we will match federal dollars required for completion of the South Beltline Project. This is great news for West Michigan, Kent County and all the residents and businesses in our area."

Pool repair - Is it cost prohibitive?

Discussions were held at Tuesday's Lowell City Council meeting about the issue of whether or not to re-open King Memorial Pool.

That's a sure sign that Spring can't be far away.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the pool be re-opened again this year based on the need to provide a local facility for swimming lessons.

Lowell YMCA director, Doug Ybema, went before the City fathers asking if the City would split the repair costs and operating deficits with the YMCA while also providing a \$6,000 subsidy.

The Council's response was it would need a report from the Kent County Health Department detailing the condition of the pool and costs incurred before the pool could be licensed to be opened.

"The key in the whole mat-

pool, a subsidy should be provided to the YMCA covering transportation costs for swimming lessons.

The Commission also recommended that the City initiate conversations with the YMCA, the Public Schools and the Townships (Lowell and Vergennes) regarding the construction of an indoor pool. This has been felt by the Commission as a long-term solution to the pool dilemma.

If the pool is determined unusable, kids will be transported to the Southeast YMCA for lessons.

ter is repairs. It is not known whether required repairs would be cost-prohibitive," Parks and Recreation Commission member and City Councilmember Don Green said.

Gymnastics, continued

a 5.5. "I really thought we were capable of scoring higher marks on the beam," Pearson said. "Although, the scores for all the teams on the beam were down."

In the floor exercise, Schneller led the way with a 9.7. Lowell's Amy Pullen had

a club-leading 7.2, Murphy followed with 7.05 and Kropf scored a 6.75.

"We've been consistent on the floor all year," Pearson remarked. "I'm happy with the overall improvement the girls have shown. We placed fifth this year. Last year we were seventh."

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