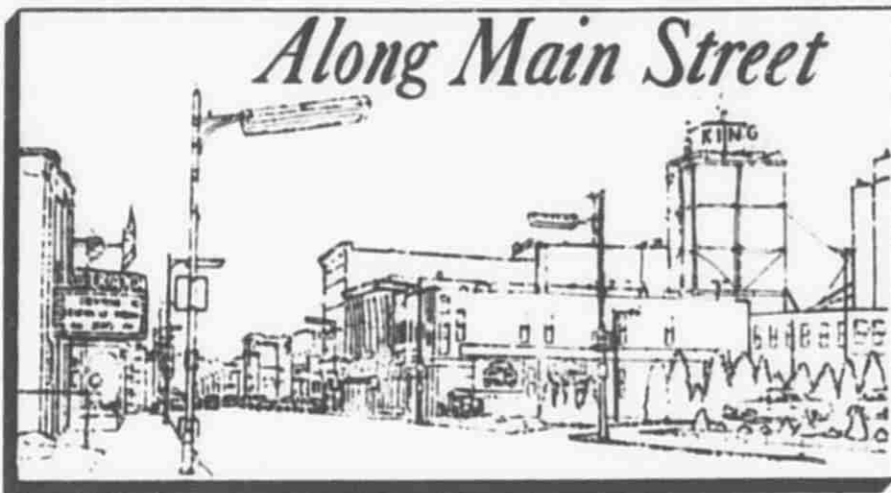


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## LIBRARY STORY TIMES

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.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS CPR TRAINING

Hop to it and learn CPR. The Lowell Area Fire Department will be sponsoring an American Heart Association adult CPR course April 9, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Fire Department.

Cost is \$5. To register call 897-9679.

## MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Butterworth Mobile Mammography Unit will be at Family Fare on April 10.

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

## NO CHARGE TAX RETURNS FOR SENIORS

Tax returns for senior citizens are being prepared at no charge by A.A.R.P. trained counselors at the Senior Center on South Hudson Street.

Appointments can be made by calling 897-5949.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The Lowell Area Schools parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the following dates: March 11, Full day for elementary students, conferences 6 to 8 p.m.; March 12, One-



## Snow!

See what March brings Lowell when snow is absent in January and February. Lowell received approximately 3.5 inches of snow Tuesday.

## City to ask James Street property owners to split cost of road replacement & curb and gutter

The Lowell City Council will recommend at the James Street Public hearing set for March 16 that the City and property owners split the road replacement and curb and gutter cost half-and-half.

At the Feb. 18 City Council meeting, the Council requested that City Manager, Dave Pasquale research what costs for the improvements were charged to property owners for the sewer separation program in the early 1970's. The cost allocation as of Oct. 20, 1972 was as follows: (See Box)

Total assessments - \$1.2 million were based on \$1,000 for each benefiting parcel and \$3 per square foot of property. The general fund contributed the planned remainder.

"In reviewing the minutes at that time, the Council didn't state a specific percentage breakdown between the City and property owner," Pasquale said. "An assessment was determined from the full intent of improvements. From the costs shown, property owners paid approximately 50 percent of the project costs."

Pasquale further explained that street overlay projects such as North Jefferson, Monroe, and Church were funded totally by state shared revenues.

After a review, the Council agreed to recommend at the March 16 public hearing that the City cover the \$19,000 cost to replace two inch water mains with eight inch mains

The Council also agreed that the \$32,000 for sanitary sewer be covered by special assessment. That would break down to \$20.84 per lineal foot per property owner.

The \$52,000 for road replacement and \$24,000 for curb and gutter would be split by the City and James St. property owners. That cost would be \$38,000 each.

The fee for road replacement and curb and gutter would be \$24.75 per lineal foot per property owner.

While this is what will be suggested by the Council it is all subject to change following the public hearing with property

owners on March 16.

The Council also designated Block Grant funds to street improvements be utilized toward the booster pump station. "This would reduce cost to everyone in the district," Mayor James Maatman explained.

A public hearing was established for March 16 to establish use of the Block Grant Funding. These monies total \$27,737.

### Total Estimated Project Cost:

**\$2,428,390.59**

Federal Grant (HUD) .....	528,390.59
Amount of Bond Issue .....	1,800,000.00
Cash on Hand ( <i>general fund</i> ) .....	100,000.00

## School administration closes on land; brings elementary and middle school projects within budget

While it has been considered a done deal for quite some time now, Lowell Schools officially closed on the 185 acres of land on which the new high school will sit.

The formality of signing all the papers was completed. Lowell Schools paid Steve Wittenbach \$455,243.87 for its 180 acres. It also purchased five adjacent acres belonging to Adrian Hayes for \$20,000. The total purchase price was \$475,243.87. That came in under the \$500,000 budgeted for the purchase of land.

"We are hopeful of beginning construction by June," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. "Drawings have not yet been completed on the site plan."

The most significant roadblock now remains the availability of water and sewer. Talks continue between the governing bodies.

Because of the distance the school will have to run pipe to get water/sewer utilities to the land, the approximately \$1.6 million budgeted will fall substantially short of the mark. Esch agreed the school's cost to run the lines could run up to \$2.5 million.

In an effort to make up for the added costs in providing water and sewer, to the new high school, Esch said some items have had to be put out as ad alternates.

Because of the anticipated increased cost for water and sewer, four items will be put out to bid as ad alternates. What this means is, if the bids come in low enough so the items can be completed and still remain within budget, the work will be done. If not, the work would have to be delayed until a later date.

Items that will be bid out as ad alternates include all asphalt paving of parking lots, press box building, and concession building.

These reductions would total \$340,000.

"We're trying to cut and delay projects within the bond issue that we feel we can complete at a later date," Esch said.

Project one, the three elementary buildings, reductions of \$187,000 had to be made to bring the project within budget.

Project two, the new Middle School, reductions of \$108,000 will be made to bring the project within budget, according to Lowell School's director of instruction, Jim White.

Some of the deletions being made for the elementary project include:

- \* Painting lines for basketball and four square on the asphalt.

- \* Specialized fire protection for the audio visual and telecommunications room.

- \* Eliminating performance bonds for any contracts under \$50,000.

- \* Eliminating louver blinds at the new elementary building (previously the Middle School).

- \* Acoustical panels at Bushnell Elementary in the music room.

- \* Cleaning and relamping all florescent lights in Alto, Bushnell and new elementary building.

- \* Under counter lighting fixtures at new elementary and Bushnell.

- \* Delete gym equipment to lower backboards.

- \* Delete most of landscaping in new elementary on playground area.

- \* Outdoor drinking fountains at new elementary school.

- \* Eliminating some repair of mechanical work and temperature control.

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- \* Performance bonds for any contract under \$50,000.

- \* Acoustical wall panels.

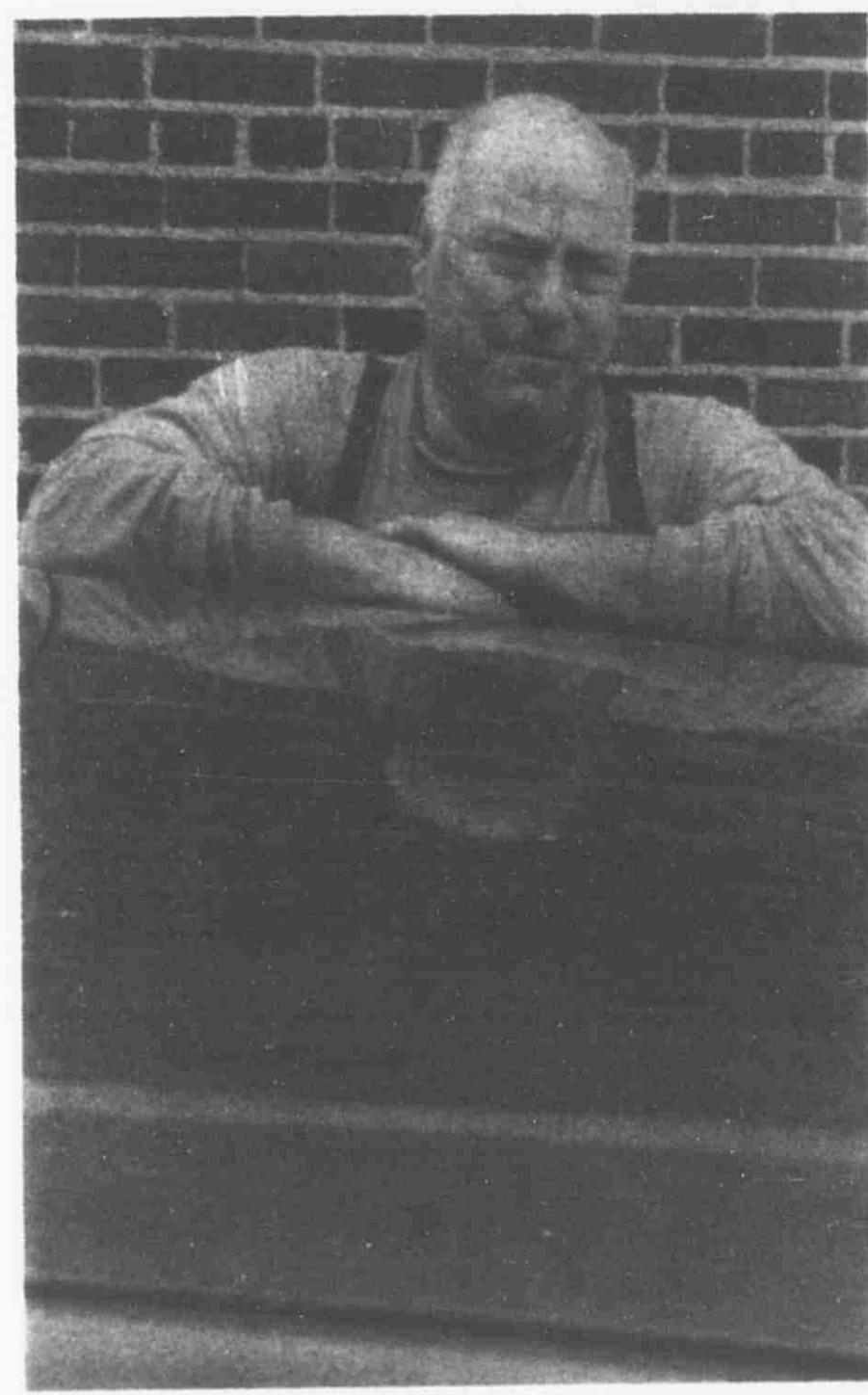
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# McCaul says it's his time; retires after 17 years

Clare McCaul, maintenance supervisor of Lowell Schools, doesn't hold any special interest or a hidden agenda for his



Lowell School's maintenance supervisor Clare McCaul will step down after 17 years in the district.

life in retirement. "I have no special reason for retiring other than it's time," McCaul said. "I've put in my time." The maintenance supervisor said he intended to wait until 1993, but decided 1992 was close enough. "Retirement will allow me to spend more time outdoors, hunting and fishing," McCaul said. "The things that work prevented." The 1951 Lowell High School graduate has been an employee of Lowell Schools for 17 years. He started out as the head custodian at Lowell High School. In 1982 he moved to maintenance supervisor. McCaul's last day will be Tuesday, June 30. While he wasn't solely responsible for the energy maintenance program McCaul did help push for its start.

"The energy and maintenance program in which the taxpayers have supported has saved the school district thousands and thousands of dollars," McCaul said. "That's something we can be proud of." His hopes are, that when it comes time to support the energy and maintenance program in the future the district does. "I've enjoyed my job, but that doesn't mean it's always been fun," McCaul states matter of factly. Lowell's maintenance supervisor believes Lowell has a first rate school system. "I think it is one of the best," he says. The biggest problem facing Lowell and other Michigan school districts is funding. "Every school has funding problems. Financing is a concern this year and will continue to be

McCaul, cont'd., pg. 7

## Coming Events, continued...

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.

**FRI., MARCH 13:** The regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter 94 O.E.S. at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple. We will

be making final arrangements for the reception.

**SAT., MARCH 14:** The Smyrna St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Smyrna Maccabee Hall. Roast beef dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation for dinner is adults \$5, children 12 and under \$2.25. Hot beef supper serving 5 to 7 p.m. Donation for supper, adults \$4, children 12 and under \$2. Children under 5 free with parent for both meals. Euchre tournament upstairs at 1:30 p.m. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Magic Power D.J. Spencer "Pep" Geisen. Everyone is welcome.

**SAT., MARCH 14:** Pancake Supper, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at The Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & M-50. Sponsored by U.M.Y.F.

**SAT., MARCH 14:** St. Roberts Youth Ministry is having a Second Best Sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Roberts Church in Ada,

6477 Ada Drive. This sale will help send youth of the parish to Work Camp in Philippi, West Virginia and to work with Newaygo's Habitat for Humanity.

**SAT., MARCH 14:** Pancake supper, 5-7:30 p.m., Day Bible Chapel, Centerline Rd. Homemade desserts.

**MON., MARCH 16:** 6:30 p.m., Fallasburg Historical Society potluck supper and annual meeting. Program "Show and Tell." Bring antiques to tell about or ask about. Schriener Manor, sponsor, Ida Onan.

**MON., MARCH 16:** The Clark Ellis Post #152 American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Sponsor is Angeline Mulder.

**TUES., MARCH 17:** The Cannon Township Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Cannon Township Historical Museum. Charles F. Johnson, historian and a former columnist for the Grand Rapids Press will talk about early settlements of Kent County, mainly from 1850-1910. You are cordially invited to attend this glimpse into our exciting past.

**THURS., MARCH 19:** Keenagers will meet 10 a.m. at Vergennes Methodist Church. Potluck dinner, bring dish to pass and own table service. We will play cards. Come and bring a friend.

**SAT., MARCH 21:** Cyclamen Chapter 94, O.E.S. will be holding a reception honoring Mrs. Nancy Wood who has been appointed Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter. Registration is at 3:30, dinner at 5 p.m. The grand officers will be having a G.O.E.X. at 7:30.

**SAT., MARCH 28:** Lowell Area Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast. All you can eat. Serving from 7-11 a.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson, Lowell. Adults \$3.50, children \$1.50. Proceeds go toward a rescue vehicle.

**THURS., APRIL 9:** The Lowell Area Fire Department will be sponsoring an American Heart Association adult CPR course, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Fire Department. Cost is \$5. To register call 897-9679.

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## Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MARCH 9, 1892**  
This issue is missing. In its stead we present a summary of the national news from the front page of the Journal for March 16, 1892, which is not missing, watch for it next week for the local news.

Rope in elevator breaks, kills three and injures two in St. Louis.

King Oscar II of Sweden is thinking of attending the Chicago 1893 Exposition.

Prairie fires do heavy damage in North Dakota and Oregon Territory.

A brakeman removes the body of a tramp run over by a train in Fort Wayne, and an hour later dies when he falls between cars.

11,000 railroad cars are needed to move cattle from Texas to Indian territory in the annual trek north.

More than 200 miners are entombed in a mine explosion in Belgium.

Kate Smith, at one time the "handsomest girl in southern Indiana" commits suicide with strychnine on the Louisville-Indianapolis train.

The senate introduces a bill to fix the duty on opium at \$5 a pound.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 8, 1917**  
Attorney R. M. Shivel addresses the Clover Leaf Club on "Michigan Laws for Michigan Women, noting that now women can engage in any business except the saloon business, a far cry from the old English chattel law.

Meanwhile, Lee Bierce of the Grand Rapids Chamber

Adolescence is the time between pigtails and cocktails.  
—Dan Benet

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of Commerce speaks to the Board of Trade for more than an hour about how it can improve Lowell business. Germany tries to get Mexico and Japan to fight America, and America tries to get China to fight Ger-

## In the Service

Airman April D. Wheelock has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

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

She is the daughter of Bruce D. and Marge A. Wheelock, of Saranac.

The airman is a 1988 graduate of Saranac High School.



April D. Wheelock

Navy Seaman Recruit Daniel A. Barger, son of Kathy A. and Charles A. Barger III, of Saranac, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

He joined the Navy in April 1991 under the delayed entry program.

many. Or so the published "secret reports" say. A proposal to raise railroad rates from two cents per mile to two and one half cents, three cents in the U.P. is certain to face a stiff fight in Michigan.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 12, 1942**  
Following several hours of rain, the worst storm of the winter deposits a foot of snow drifted by gale force winds on Sunday and Monday.

New Ag teacher Albert Hall succeeds Captain John Kleinhessel.

The word is out that "You can't beat the Axis on a 40 hour week."

The Swarthouts alternately prepare for possible submarine attacks and sit in boredom because the war makes it impossible to land anywhere in the Caribbean without much official to-do.

Superintendent of Schools, Walter Gumser, is named to the Kent County Draft Board Number One.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 16, 1967**  
Gertrude Schlemitzauer wins the 1967 Michigan State Indoor Pistol Championship at Jackson, taking both the civilian state championship and the women's division crown.

Buck Matthews, popular WOOD weatherman, will speak to the Child Study Club next week.

The county health department is offering smallpox, tetanus and diphtheria immunizations to fifth and tenth graders.

Lowell's Leo Taylor wins the Class B state championship in the 120 pound weight class in wrestling.

Letters to the Editor discuss the pros and cons of the Viet Nam War.

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# LHS March Students-of-the-Month

March Students-of-the-Month at Lowell High School are seniors Dawn Berry and Marc Denman; junior Dave Johnson; sophomore, George Ponchaud, and Freshman Paul Allison.

Berry is the daughter of Stephanie Jones of Lowell and Richard Berry of Grand Rapids. Her activities show she is eager to meet new people and volunteer her help to others. She was a Youth for Under-

standing Exchange Student in Australia last year. She is a member of Greenpeace and a volunteer for the Red Cross. She belongs to the LHS Close-Up Club and the International Club. She has also been a member for three years of the Art Club and the FFA. Recently Berry had a work of art selected for the Region 9 MAEA show in Grand Rapids.

Her teacher nominator describes Berry as an outstanding student who works for an A because she wants to learn. She is described as helpful to other students in her class. Berry's future plans are to enter the University of Illinois to study Criminal Justice, then attend law school. Accordingly, her favorite class is government. Berry would also like to travel in the future. Favorite sports include windsurfing, skateboarding and basketball. She also enjoys writing.

Denman is the son of Gary Denman of Lowell and Martha Cantu of Houston, TX. He enjoys sports and works afternoons as co-op in the LHS athletic office. He played basketball and baseball in his freshman year and continued with baseball all four years. He lettered in his junior year. He also enjoys football, hockey and volleyball. A favorite class is Advanced Physical Education. Denman doesn't ignore academics, however, and received a Red Card in the Renaissance program this year.

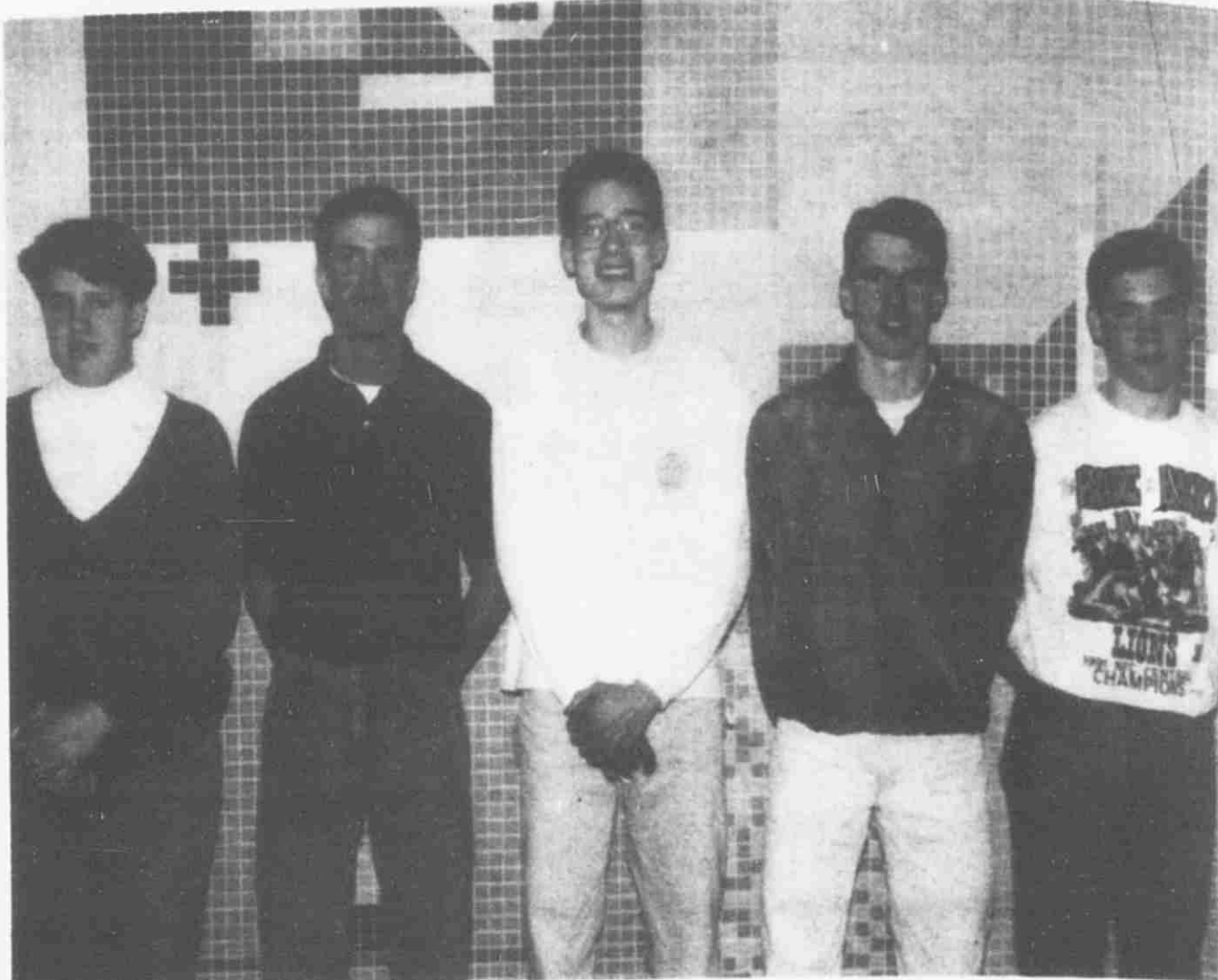
His teacher nominator describes Denman as a conscientious and dedicated student, adding that he is always polite and courteous to everyone. Denman's summer work was with the Lowell Department of Public Works. He hopes to attend Davenport College to obtain a degree in business and enter a business related field as a career.

Johnson is the son of Victoria and Linda Johnson of Lowell. He enjoyed two years on the baseball team, then in his junior year switched to golf. He also joined the National Honor Society, the International Club, Forensics and Young Republicans this year. He holds a Gold Card in the Renaissance Program. Johnson's teacher nominator describes him as an outstanding student with a wonderful attitude. He helps other students in and out of class when they have trouble with homework. During his leisure time Johnson enjoys many sports both as a participant and a spectator. He also collects baseball cards.

Ponchaud is the son of Jim and Carole Ponchaud of Lowell. His extra-curricular activities include football, basketball and track. He lettered as a freshman in track and was voted Rookie of the Year. He is on the honor roll for his academic achievements including his favorite class, advanced algebra.

His teacher nominator says "his enthusiasm to learn is evident by his unselfish involvement with his peers in class and his desire to know why things work." He is also described as extremely polite and cooperative. Other activities which Ponchaud enjoys include scuba diving boating and other water sports, hunting and fishing.

Allison is the son of Rhonda Spofford of Muskegon. He was very proud to have received a Red Card in the Renaissance Program



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## Saranac Honor Roll

**SENIORS**  
All A's: Scot Chadwick, Sarah DeYoung, Kristin Lardie, Jill Miller, Darcie Rutz, Ryan Wingard.

A's and B's: Heather Abel, Kris Albright, Missy Beckhorn, Tammie Biggs, Eric Carigon, Russ Chadwick, Stacy Curtis, Brandi DeJong.

A's, B's & 1 C: Bob Anderson, Jill Hill, Erik Kelley, Kelly McCollum, Michelle Perry, Chris Rueckert, Kris Trieweiler.

this year. His favorite class is algebra. His teacher nominator says he comes to class prepared and happy to be there each day, seeming to enjoy the challenge of new material and conquering the tests. When not doing his homework, he enjoys learning martial arts, playing basketball, working on models and playing Advanced Dungeons and Dragons.

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**JUNIORS**  
ALL A's: Julie Nelson, Randy Powell, Larissa VanderZee.

A's and B's: Steve Austin, Bob Barger, Laura Bullen, Jim Helmer, Jeff Jacobs, Dave Litchfield, Annette McCarty, Jason McMyler, David Minard, Jill Nanninga, Carol Pitt, Brandei Sigafoose, Brandon Triplett.

Honor Roll, cont'd., pg. 17

## Land, continued

- \* Playground equipment.
- \* Landscaping.
- \* Several electrical items.
- \* Some physical education equipment.
- \* Mechanical and temperature repair reductions.

Another road block that faces the Lowell School system as well as every other school system in the state, is the decreasing amount of state funding.

The State is now charging schools the amount of FICA tax on salaries which it previously paid. The Governor's Proposal calls for the schools to pay the charge and the State would then pay them back the following year.

Esch said schools are looking at a six-seven percent cost increase in doing business, while the best schools can hope for from the state is an eight-tenths of one percent raise in state funds.

"It will be worse in 1993-94," Esch claims. "There will be another five to six percent increase in the cost of doing business and probably a negative two-tenths of one percent decrease in state funding."

Leaving schools to ponder the inequities of financing for public education. The real imbalance is the state is increasing the amount of programs and requirements it requires of schools.

"It forces local districts to increase taxes to survive and to maintain status quo," Esch said.

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## CITY OF LOWELL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

The City of Lowell receives yearly allotments of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through Kent County. These Community Development Block Grant funds can be used for a variety of public improvements activities, benefiting particularly low and moderate income people.

It has been proposed that \$27,737 of these federal funds be used for the following: installation of a booster pump station to be located near the Shepard Drive reservoir to supply adequate water pressure for the City's northeast side.

The City Council will hold public hearing on Monday, March 16, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to receive comments.

Any comments before the hearing should be directed to David M. Pasquale, City Manager, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331, 897-8457.

Betty R. Morlock  
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## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held:

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1992 AT 1:00 P.M.

at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. A budget shall be submitted for consideration.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Vergennes Township Hall.

Jean Hoffman  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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- 6:45 [HBO] MOVIE: Home to Stay
7:00 [HBO] MOVIE: To Be Announced
7:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Abduction From the Seraglio

SUNDAY

March 15

- MORNING
5:00 Music Videos
5:15 [HBO] MOVIE: Committed
5:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Midwest Outdoors Magazine

- 6:45 [HBO] MOVIE: Home to Stay
7:00 [HBO] MOVIE: To Be Announced
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8:05 Flintstones
8:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Untouchables

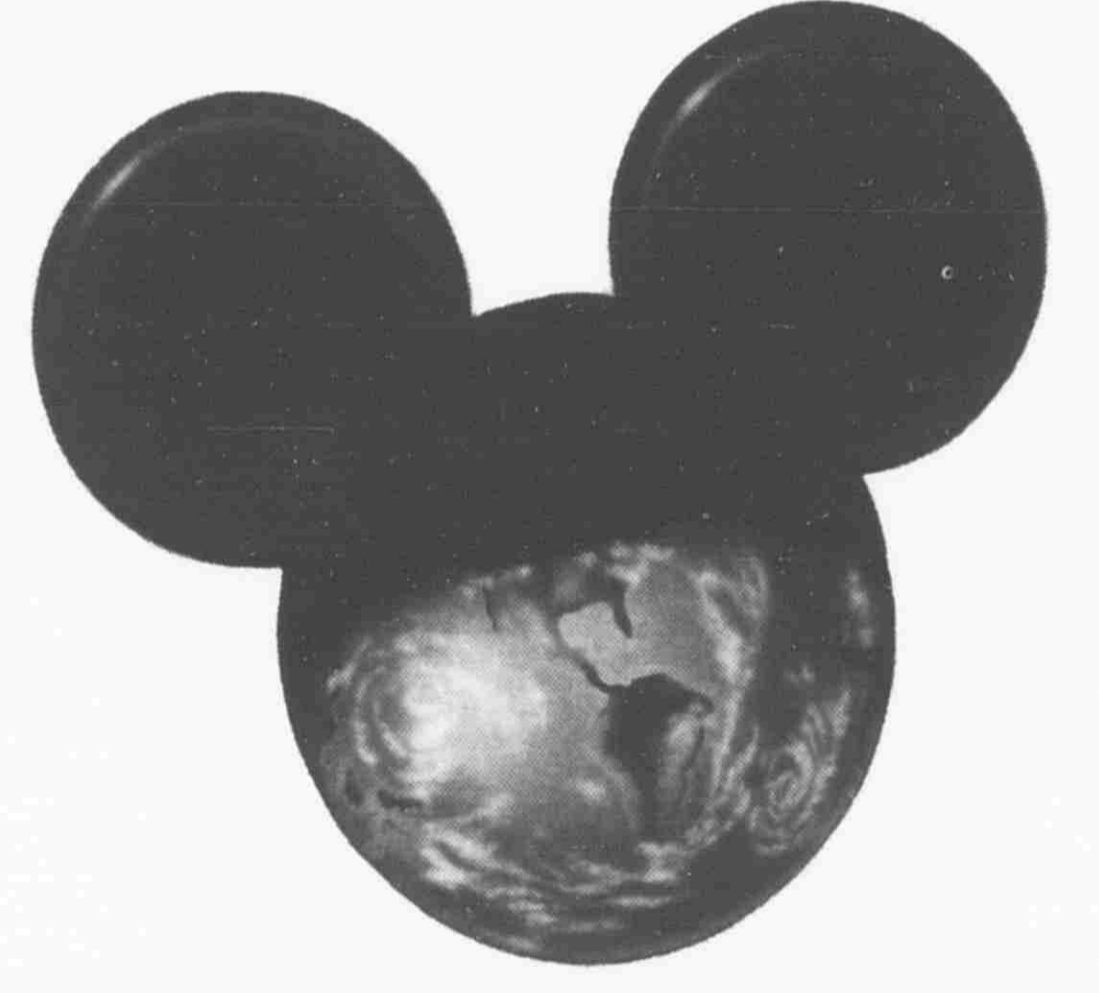
- World Vision
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[Max] Please Don't Eat the Daisies
[Max] America's Funniest People

- SUNDAY cont.
[Max] Horowitz in Moscow
[Max] Best of Walt Disney
[Max] MacGyver

- 1:05 [HBO] MOVIE: The Man With the Golden Gun
1:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Rocker's Outdoor Magazine
1:55 [HBO] MOVIE: The Man With the Golden Gun

- 2:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Untold Stories
2:45 [HBO] MOVIE: The Rescue A group of Navy brats band together to rescue their kidnapped fathers

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- 11:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Fede to Black
11:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Untold Stories
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MONDAY

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MORNING

- 5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture
5:30 [HBO] MOVIE: We're No Angels
5:55 [HBO] MOVIE: We're No Angels

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Best Foot Forward
1:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Beverly Hills Brats
1:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Aestrix in Britain

EVENING

- 4:15 [MAX] MOVIE: Home Alone
5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: We're No Angels
5:30 [HBO] MOVIE: We're No Angels





THURSDAY cont.

Hogue left to die of thirst in the desert, a prospector discovers a water hole and establishes a profitable way station. Jason Roberts, Stella Stevens. 1970.
3:30 (MAX) MOVIE: Fight Night (Stereo) (CC)
Bob Newhart
College Basketball NIT. 1st round (R)
News Overnight
Get Smart
3:35 (HBO) Sports Illustrated Swimsuit '92 (CC)
3:45 (HBO) Newsroom (CC)
4:00 MOVIE: The Outsiders in 1960s Oklahoma, violence erupts between rich, college-bound teens and their counterparts from the wrong side of town. C. Thomas Howell, Ralph Macchio. 1983.

(TU) Dalvecchio
(WE) O'Hara, U.S. Treasury
(TH) Mrs. Columbus
(WE) Despairing Women (CC)
Metlock (CC)
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Laverne & Shirley
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(TU) The Muppets at Walt Disney World (CC)
(WE) The Roots of Goofy (CC)
(TU,TH,WE,TH) ATP Tennis
Sonya Live
Noozies
The Avengers (CC)
(MO,TH) Travel and Adventure
(TU,TH) Best of Europe
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Be a Star
(MO,TU,FR) Bewitched
(WE,TH,FR) Paid Program
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5:00 Music Videos
(MO) Movie (CC)
(WE) Best of Walt Disney Presents
(TU) Paid Program
(WE,TH) My Sister Sam
(MO) Love Boat
(TH) Jimmy Houston Outdoors
(TU,WE,TH,FR) ShowBiz Today
(MO) Sports LateNight
(TU,WE,TH,FR) Mr. Ed
(MO) Dick Van Dyke
(MO,TH,FR) NBC Nightly News
(MO,TH,FR) Home Shopping
(TU,WE,TH,FR) Gomer Pyle
(MO) Hogan's Heroes
(TU,WE) NBC Nightly News
(WE) Movie (CC)
This Morning's Business
(TU,WE,TH,FR) Andy Griffith
(MO) It's Your Business
Hooked on Aerobics
(WE) Movie
(WE,TH,FR) Paid Program
Getting Fit
DayBreak
Dobie Gillis
(TH,FR) New Wilderness
(TU,WE,TH,FR) Home Shopping
AG Day
(TU) Comedy Shorts
CNH Headline News
(FR) Musical Shorts
6:00 Awake on the Wild Side
Jim Henson's Muppet Babies (CC)
NBC News at Sunrise
Kenneth Copeland
(FR) Business of Management
(MO) Write Course (CC)
(TU) Against All Odds: Inside Statistics
(WE) Personal Finance and Money Management
(TH) Here's to Your Health
ABC World News This Morning (CC)
Mousercise
Today With Marilyn
Shepherd's Chapel
Bodies in Motion
CNH Headline News
Lasale
Rising Damp
CBS Morning News
News
Woody Woodpecker
7:05 I Love Lucy
7:10 (TU) Movie (CC)
7:15 (MO) (TH) Movie (CC)
7:20 Flintstones
(TU) News
Video Power
(FR) Business of Management
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(TU) Against All Odds: Inside Statistics
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(TH) Here's to Your Health
Sesame Street (CC)
Live With Regis & Kathie Lee
Movie
World Entertainment News Report
Under the Umbrella Tree
Smurfs (CC)
The Waltons
Basic Training Workout
Morning News
CNH Headline News
Lasale
Sally Jessy Raphael
Jean Rivera
(FR) Adam Smith
(MO) Beyond 2000
(TU) Keepers of the Forest
(WE) In Celebration of Trees
(TH) Art of the Western World (CC)
Pink Panther
Little House on the Prairie
Facts of Life
Bullwinkle
(FR) Marcia Adams: Heartland Cooking
(MO) Lap Quilting With Georgia Bonesteel (CC)
(TU) Sewing Connection With Shirley Adams
(WE) Welcome to My Studio
(TH) Ciao Italia
(MO,TU,WE) Movie (CC)
Dumbo's Circus
Cartoon Express
Bewitched
BodyShaping
Mays the Bee
(WE,FR) New Wilderness
(FR) Economics USA (CC)
(MO) Invention
(TU) Treasure Chest
(TH) The World: A Television History
Brady Bunch
Highway to Heaven (CC)
Wonderful World of Disney
ITV Programming
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood (CC)
Garland
(WE) (TH) Movie (CC)
Donald Duck Presents
Murder, She Wrote (CC)
700 Club With Pat Robertson
Perry Mason
SportsCenter
World Day
Eureka's Castle
(FR) City of Angels
(MO) Elly Queen

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Cast members from "Calling the Hawk" are: left to right: (front row) Ryan Odell, Nick Staal (as Hannibal Cooper, Jr.), B. J. Barber, Lez Zeeuw (as Vultura); (back row) Jamie Clore, Ryan VanderHoek, Jennifer Hill, Laurie Roth, Rachel Brown, Melissa Anderson, Jenny Jansma.

Lowell Middle School to present "Calling the Hawk"

On Thursday, March 19, the Lowell Middle School Eighth Grade Drama Class will present the play, "Calling the Hawk," for the public. The play is about Hannibal Cooper, Jr., who follows in the footsteps of famous father (the "Hawk"), and bravely defends his high school against the devious school who plots to take over, not only his high school, but the entire world. Hannibal's classmates and teachers find themselves in some pretty frightful situations as the forces of good and evil clash. The play, directed by Cheryl Blodgett, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. Admission is free.

Honor Roll, cont'd...

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Garland, Jessy Huver, Caroline Tucker, Becky Welsh.
A's, B's and 1 C: Dean Emmons, Stacie Ferris, Troy
SOPHOMORES
ALL A's: Kyle Carigon, Zach DeYoung, Paula Horste, Jamie Longwell, Angelia Whorley, Diana Whorley.
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Council intent is serious on agreement for a district library

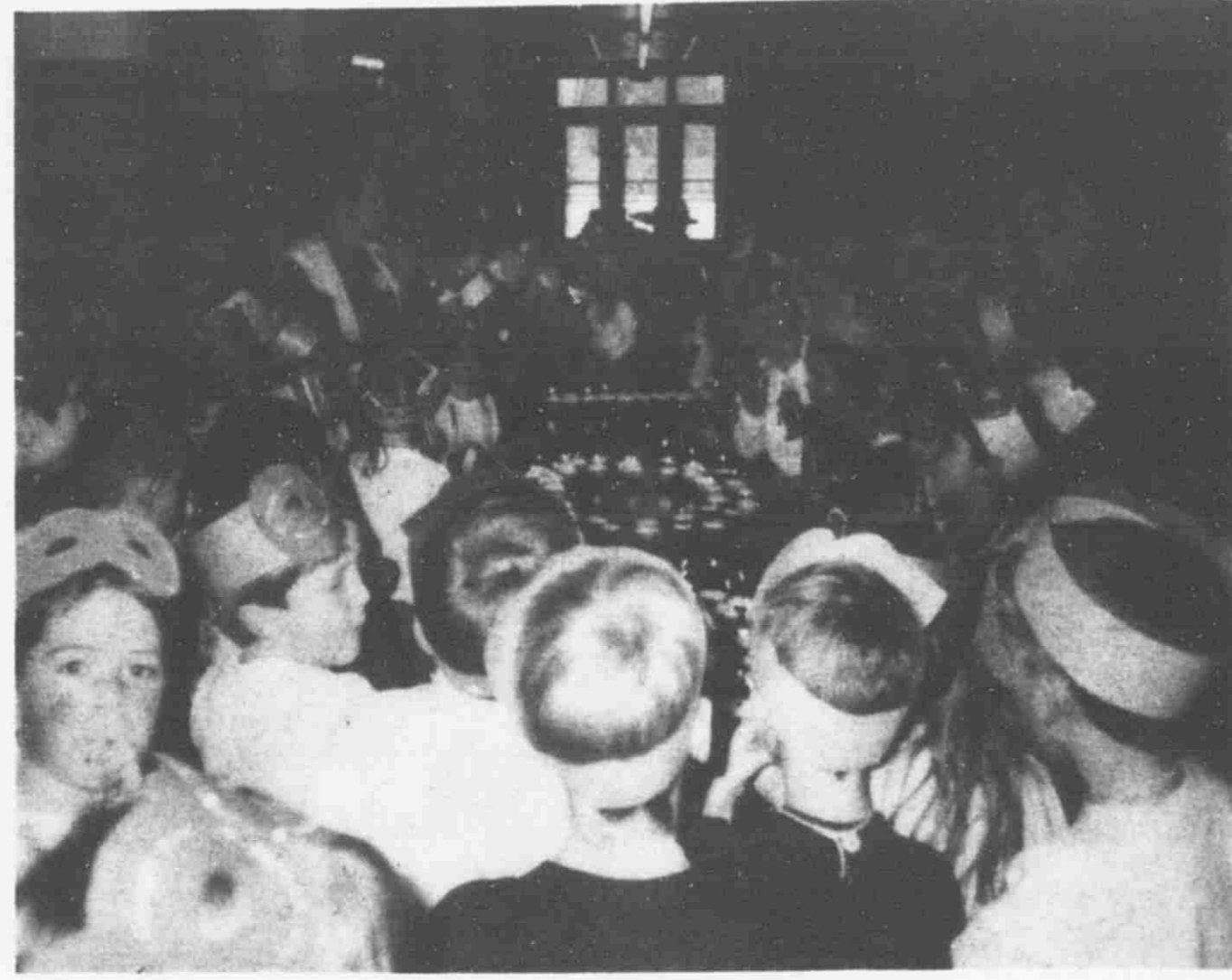
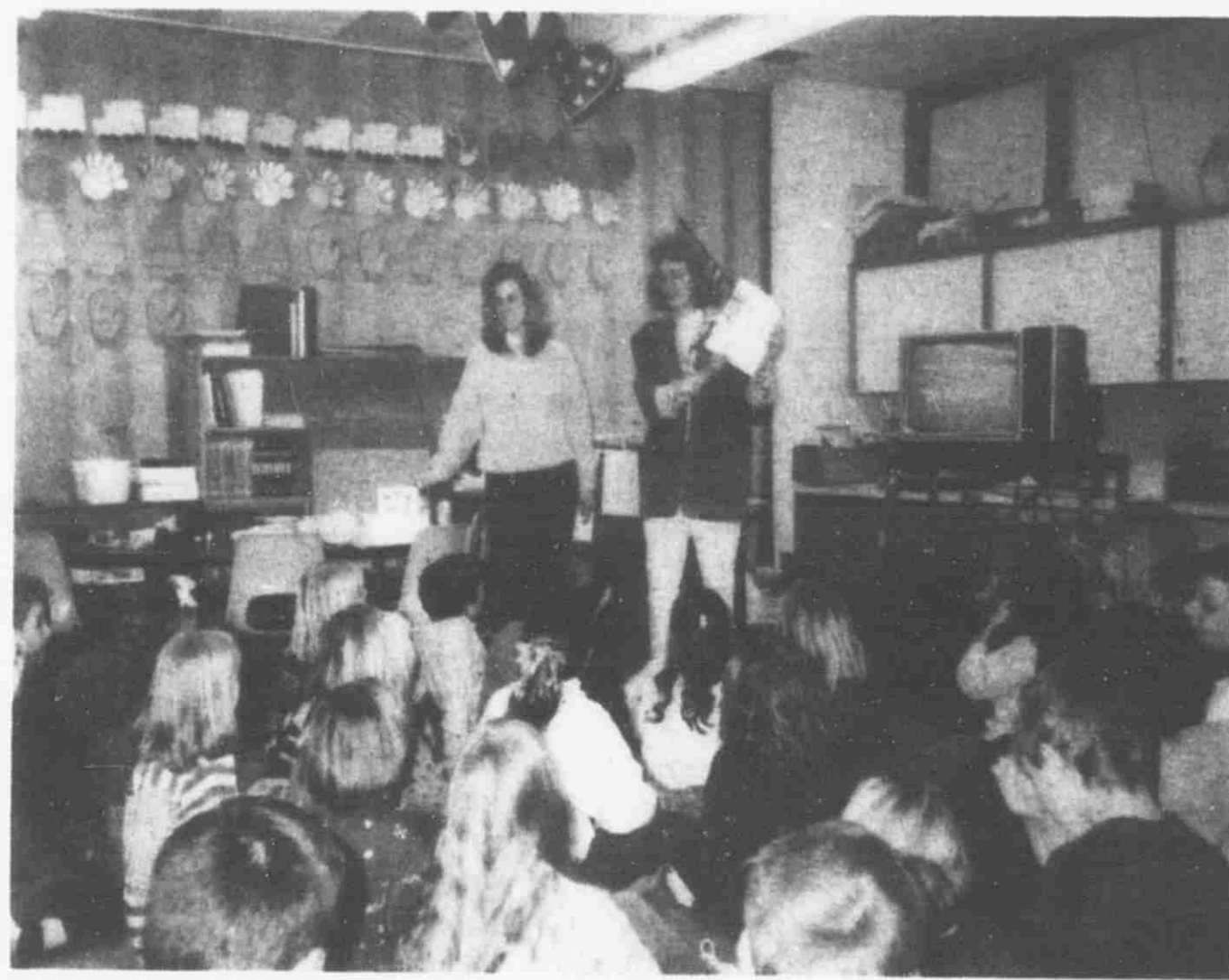
In January, Bruce Robinson, district library project manager for the Kent County Library Board, asked the Lowell City Council to consider a resolution for a new district library program. At its March 2 meeting, Robinson was back, this time asking for a resolution of serious intent on the part of the Council to adopt an agreement for a new district library. Robinson got his wish, as the Council okayed a resolution of serious interest by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Robinson said technically there could be as many as 29 municipalities in the proposed new system. "There are 26 in the current system," he explained. Grand Rapids would not be part of the new system. It has its own library system and would have to change its charter to make the switch. Of the 26 municipalities, 16 have local branches. The major concern of those showing an interest in a new library system is its fairness. What happens to those municipalities that say "no" to the resolution. "For those that chose not to the decision will be left up to the district library," Robinson said. He provided three scenarios. 1. Charging a user fee of no less than \$65. 2. Contracting with a municipality for use of the system. 3. The third and most unlikely scenario would be recommending a 4-6 millage hike. The key provision in the new district library proposal recommends that the district library be funded through a voter approved millage, not to exceed one mill, no further financial commitment for operations would be required of Library, cont'd., pg. 18

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### Kindergartners learn good dental health habits Alto first graders celebrate One Hundreds Day

The kindergarten, first and second grade classes at Alto learned about good dental health habits in February, which is Dental Health Month.

Kim and Melissa, Dental Hygienist and Hygiene Assistant at Dr. Gillan's office talked to the students about choosing snacks that are good for their teeth. Two videos presented the importance of proper brushing and flossing.

Each child received a toothbrush and many good suggestions for keeping their teeth healthy.

"One Hundred Day" was filled with tasks relating to 100. Many children brought their collections of 100 things to be displayed for all to see. The highlight of the day was lighting the candles on 100 cupcakes and a visit from Alto's special Zero the Hero.



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### LHS' DeWeerd starts "Parents Back to School" program

Just when Lowell parents thought their school days were behind them, Lowell High School Principal, Jim DeWeerd introduces a new program to the Lowell School District.

DeWeerd started his "Parents Back to School" program Wednesday (Feb. 26).

The new program invites

30 school district parents each month to come meet with DeWeerd, assistant principal, Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School guidance counselors and any available teachers to talk about parents' concerns, policy changes, curriculum changes, the renovation work, information concerning the new high school and/or any other concerns parents may have.

The program takes place once a month. The times of the meetings are rotated from morning, noon and night.

The agenda is kept loose, so that we can discuss whatever the parents want to focus on.

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### Spirited junior class wins \$100

Lowell High School's junior class was the winner of "Together Lowell Cares" spirit week. For its effort, the class was presented \$100 by Lowell FMB Bank. Pictured left to right, are: Carleen VanStrien, Chuck Myers, FMB Bank Vice President, and Andrew Breimayer. The money will be used to help finance this year's prom.

### Library, continued

the participating units of government or Kent County. All staff and material expenses would be met by the district library.

The new funding formula recommends that the local units of government continue to own and provide for the

maintenance of the branch library facilities within their communities, with complete local control.

The Kent County Library Board is hopeful of putting the District Library Agreement before the people for a vote in August.

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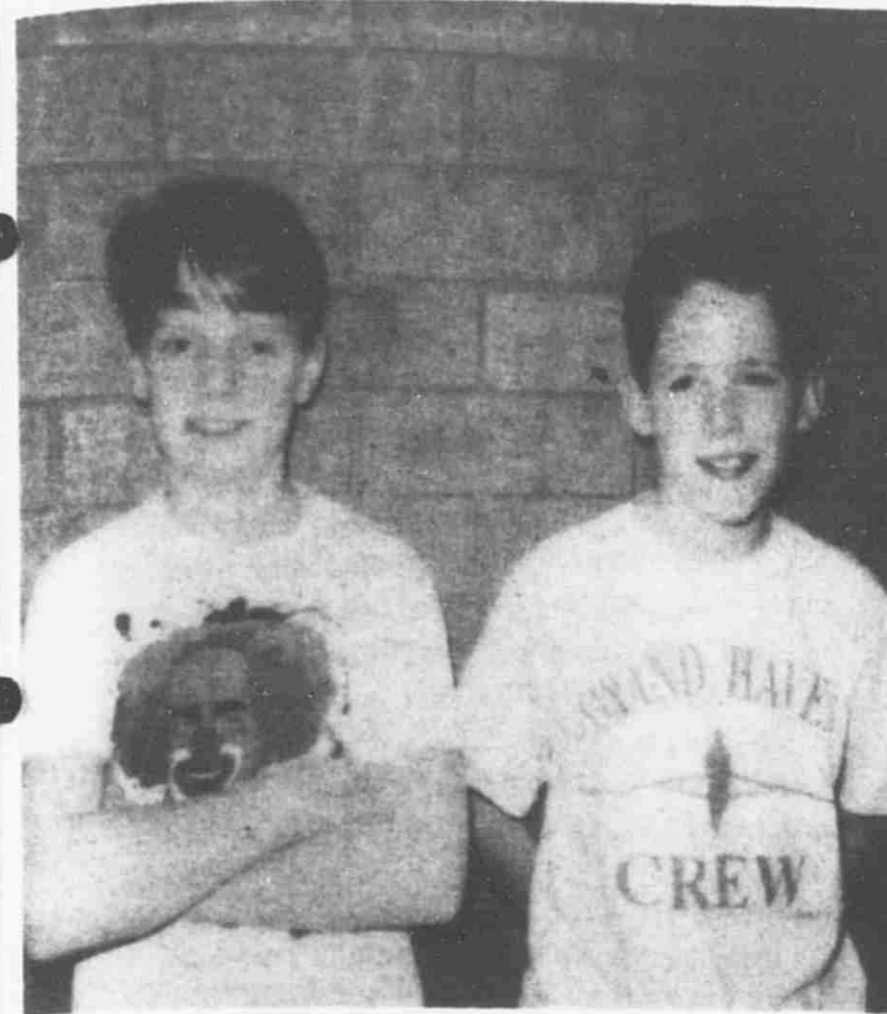
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### Four LMS students honored at art show

The Michigan Art Education Association Region 9 art teachers are hosting their annual Student Art Show, March 2 through 13.

ates to Skye Fisher, seventh grade, for her first place award on a computer design, "Jazzy Formations." Jim McQueen, sixth grade, received an honorable mention for his "Shoe Creature."

A reception was held March 3 at the First of America Bank in Grand Rapids to honor the students whose work was selected. Each art teacher could submit five entries. Ten entries were chosen, five from all elementary schools and five from the middle schools in a three-county region. The majority of the show consisted of high school work.

Karen Lambert, LMS art teacher, presented certifi-

The three remaining art works from LMS were selected to hang at the Michigan Reading Association Conference at the Grand Center March 14 through 16. Among the fifteen works chosen are those of Bill MacPherson, sixth grade, "Shark Attack;" Joe Spencer, sixth grade, "Shoe Creature;" and Nick Bladey, seventh grade, "Untitled" computer design.

### Renovation work begins



Renovation work on the high school has begun on the west end. The plans call for the high school to be turned into a middle school.



Moving ground in preparation for renovation work on the west end of the high school.

### Cancer Society links aspirin to lower cancer risk

The risk of fatal colon cancer may be reduced by as much as 50 percent through regular low-dose aspirin use, report American Cancer Society researchers in the December 5, 1991, issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers found the risk of colon cancer death among persons using aspirin 16 or more times per month was approximately half that of non-users, and the trend of decreasing risk with increasing dose was statistically significant in both men and women. The finding was not seen in acetaminophen users.

"Colon cancer kills approximately 50,000 Americans per year," says Michael Thun, MD, Director of Analytical Epidemiology for the American Cancer Society. "If something as minimal as one aspirin every other day can reduce that number, then this could be an important public health intervention."

The aspirin study is part of the Society's second Cancer Prevention Study, started in 1982, which analyzed the diet, behavior, and lifestyles of 1,185,239 people through the use of questionnaires.

After following the subjects for six years, the researchers examined the group's mortality rates to estimate risk of fatal colon cancer. For the aspirin study, the researchers selected 662,424 white men and women from the larger cohort who provided full information about aspirin use.

"The findings aren't conclusive as to exactly how aspirin achieves the results seen in this study," says Clark Heath, MD, Vice President of

Epidemiology and Statistics for the Society, and co-author of the paper. "It is known that aspirin inhibits the synthesis of prostaglandins, which promote cell growth, and therefore may reduce the incidence and growth of colon cancer. Aspirin may also influence the immune response against cancer cells, which could increase the survival rate.

"The other theories," Dr. Heath continues, "are that

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### Parents, continued

on, DeWeerd said. "This provides us with a forum to directly communicate with parents and help explain any positions or directions the school has taken."

DeWeerd said the school currently uses "Directions," "The Lowell Ledger" and the "East Press" to disperse information to the public. "This new program gives us another venue to communicate to parents."

Of the 30 parents randomly selected to attend the first "Parents Back to School" meeting, seven attended the hour-and-a-half long discussion. "We were hoping to get a third of the parents to attend," DeWeerd said.

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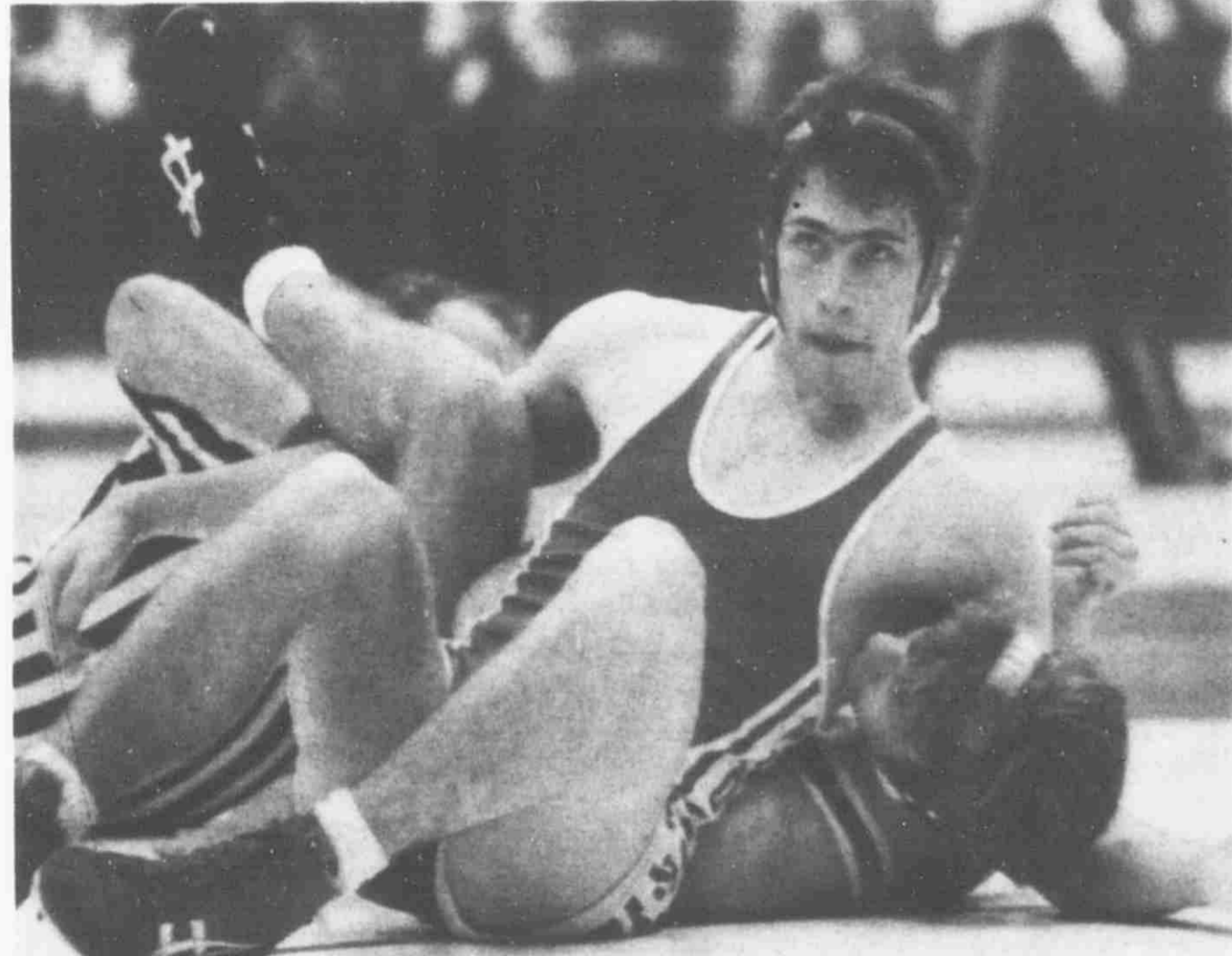
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### CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public information session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 1992 for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a proposed water, sewer, streets program for James Street. Consideration will be given by the City Council to initiate a special assessment district to pay for sanitary sewer and street improvements.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

# Sparta's Spartans dismiss Lowell, 40-20



Dave Stouffer pinned Sparta's Rico Strunk at 2:53 of the second period.



Andy Wester served up a first period pin in his quarter-final match against Sparta. Wrestling Photos Courtesy Rick Pahl.

After losing nine seniors to graduation, no one thought Sparta would match its 1990-91 semi-final finish in 1991-92.

No one thought Sparta would win the conference, but it did (tying Lowell). No one thought it would win its regional, but it did, defeating Cedar Springs 31-29.

No one thought, not even Helmboldt, that the Spartans would steamroll past Lowell in the state quarter-finals. But it did, winning 40-20 Friday night at Kellogg Center in Battle Creek as a crowd of 2,700 watched on.

The win resulted in Sparta making it to the state semi-finals for the third consecutive year.

When it comes to Sparta wrestling it may do wrestling fans well to do what Sparta coach Ron Helmboldt has done, just watch and appreciate.

"When you get this far you just let the kids go and wrestle the best they can," Helmboldt said. "Our boys came out smoking tonight."

Through the first seven weight classes, Sparta pinned a shutout on the Red Arrows, sweeping all seven and taking an insurmountable 33-0 lead.

In the seven matches, with the exception of Jim Inman, a Red Arrow never led in a match at the conclusion of a two-minute period.

Inman led at the conclusion of the first and second periods in his match but was eventually pinned by Jeremy Andrus at 5:35 of the third period.

"There were two-three weights we were unsure of going into the match,"

Helmboldt said. "They were 112, 130 and 135."

To Helmboldt's delight his Spartans won all three matches.

T.J. Kelly, who lost to David Rottier twice a year ago, was masterful in a 15-0 technical fall over the Lowell senior.

Steve Kutzli, 130, decisioned Lowell's Chris Kamphuis 11-5.

"When you wrestle Lowell it's important you don't let them get out in front early," Helmboldt said. "I thought we'd win but I'd never had predicted the size."

Lowell coach Gary Rivers also expected it to be much closer. He also thought Sparta's two previous appearances to the quarter-finals played an important part.

"Our young kids haven't been here before. They came out looked at this place and were in awe," Rivers explained. "Sparta's wrestlers were on tonight and we weren't."

Three of Lowell's victories came from its seniors.

Dave Stouffer, who will be wrestling in the state individual meet on Friday and Saturday, pinned Sparta's Rico Strunk in 2:53 of the second period.

Rich Depew, also an individual state finalist, won by technical fall over Wally Byxbe, 15-0.

Andy Wester, heavyweight, pinned Sparta's Glenne Byxbe at 1:26 of the first period.

Cory Kirkbride, 152, wrestled well in a tight match against Mike Wilcox, winning 13-9.

In the other matches, Mike

Rottier, 103, lost 15-5 to Tom Young; Sparta's Ryan Witte, 119, decisioned Chad Chertos 6-3; Blair Kerr, 125, pinned Justin Anes at 5:10 of the third period; Chad Kik, 160, defeated Rich Stouffer 6-1; and Cory Aune major decisioned Chris Miedema 11-0.

"Sparta was the better dual team," Rivers stated. "If you're going to beat Sparta you'd better get them early and late. They are awfully tough in the middle. I thought we had to win two of the first three weights to have chance."

Lowell finished its season at 16-4 with a share of the O-K White Conference title, District title, and a regional title.

Sparta was defeated 46-18 on Saturday in the semi-final against Allegan, the eventual Class B State Champion.

Sparta finished the year at 23-5.

## Depew & Stouffer steer their way to state

Dave Stouffer, 34-3, and Rich Depew 37-0 will try to improve upon those already impressive numbers this weekend at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek in the Individual State finals.



Rick Depew

Depew will wrestle at 171 pounds. "Rich is wrestling really well right now. He wrestled well at Grandville earlier in the week in a scrimmage," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said. "If he's aggressive and doesn't hang back, I think he has an opportunity to do alright in Battle Creek. It's just so hard to tell at this point. A lot will have to do with the draw."

Depew was the O-K White Conference champion, *State, cont'd., pg. 21*

# A focused Cougar squad finishes off Lowell

Ottawa Hills proved to be the better basketball team Friday as it defeated Catholic Central to gain a share of the City league title.

In the first round of the Class B District at Catholic Central on Monday night, the Cougars proved they have the focus and determination of a champion.

Catholic Central (16-5) played focused and hard for 32 minutes against Lowell in posting a 68-46 win over the Red Arrows.

The win will advance the Cougars to the second round on Wednesday (March 11) against tournament favorite Northview. A game most basketball junkies will tell you is for the district title.

"We want to get to Saturday night, Central coach Scott Tomkins said.

To do so, Tomkins will need the same solid play he received from Chris Conville, Mike Borowka and Jeremy Cole Monday night.

"All three played an outstanding game," Tomkins said. "Conville ran the ball well for us at the guard position. All three stepped up tonight."

## State, continued

trict champion and Regional champion.



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Tomkins believes his club is mentally prepared for the district tournament its school is hosting. "We are mentally prepared to play this tournament. Northview has a fine frontline and good guards. It should be a real test for us Wednesday."

Lowell was a test for Catholic Central for the better part of the first half.

"We started the game off trying to get the ball inside to Amundsen and Jones. We did, but we didn't put the ball in the hole," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "We were down 13 at half and came out and missed six layups in the third quarter. That's 12 points. If we make those it may be a different ballgame."

Beachler was also aware he didn't have any outside shooters to pick up the slack. "We couldn't find a shooter."

Lowell trailed 19-14 at the end of eight minutes. The Cougars outscored Lowell 16-8 in the first half, posting a 35-22 halftime lead.

However a 15-6 third quarter advantage boosted Central's lead to 50-28 with eight minutes to play.

"We knew Central was a

solid team coming in," Beachler said. "They are patient, they work for good shots and they play good defense."

The Red Arrow coach said he was a little disappointed in his club's conference record. "I really thought we should have won at least a couple more games in the league," he said.

Lowell was led in scoring by Matt Kemp with 10 points. Jim Manion added eight, and Jon Amundsen tallied six.

Mike Borowka led the Cougars with 13. T.J. Carnegie added 10 and Jeremy Cole and Chris Conville each contributed with eight points apiece.

Lowell finished the season at 6-15 overall and 3-11 in the league.

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their regular season with an 18-point loss to the Vikings. The loss snapped Lowell's four-game winning streak.

A slow start hindered Lowell, as Park raced to a 20-6 first-quarter lead.

Matt Buchholz led the Vikings with 23 points. Rich Wolford also reached double figures for Park with 12.

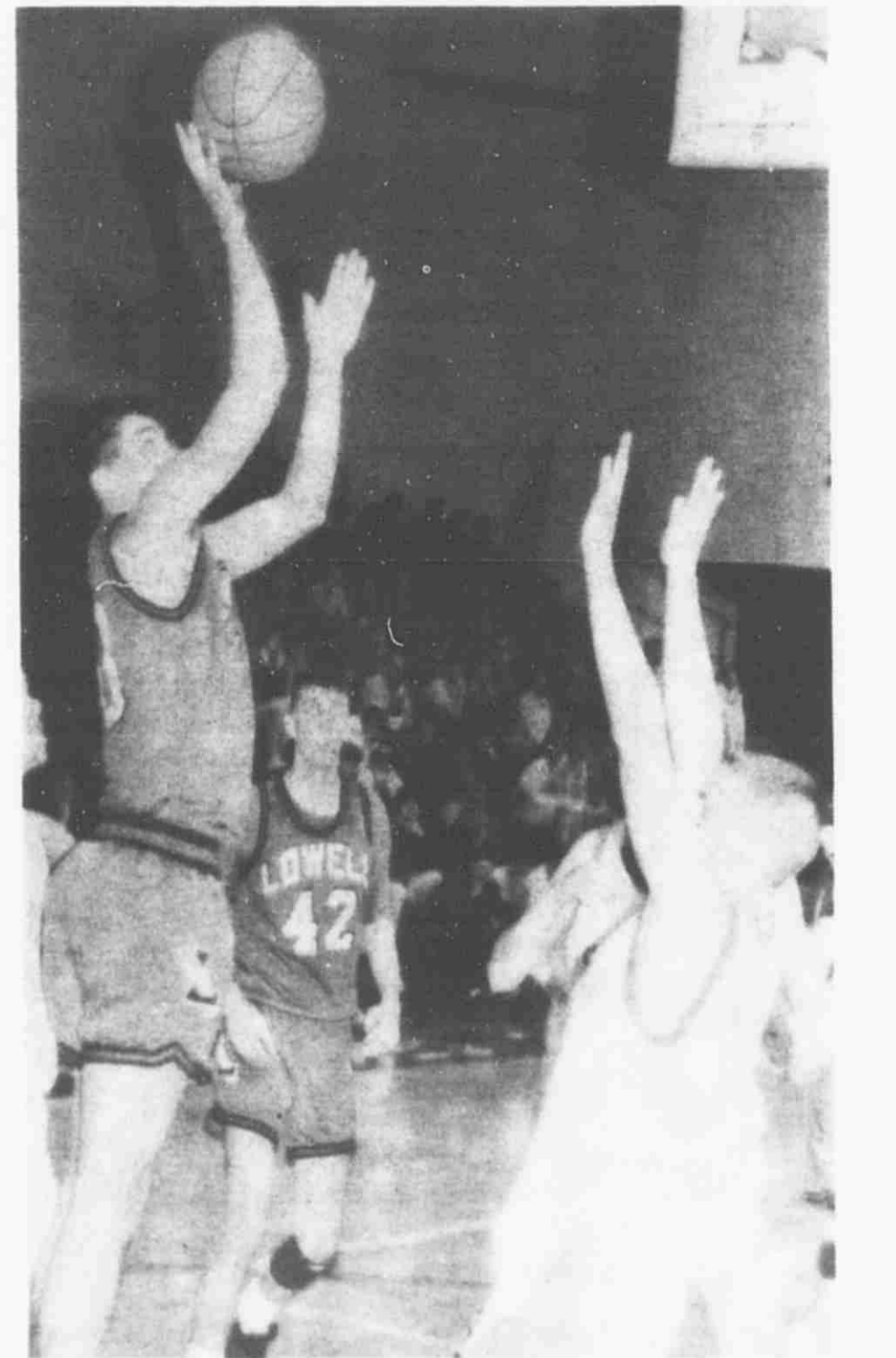
Lowell was led by Matt Kemp with 13 points and Nate Jones added 10.

Lowell outscored Wyoming Park 27-25 in the second half.

Park finished the regular season at 11-3 in the O-K White tied for second with Forest Hills Central and one game in back of League champion, Northview.

Lowell's junior varsity was blitzed 90-62 in its season finale.

The Red Arrow freshmen team lost its final game of the season to the Vikings



Matt Craig puts up a baseline jumper

Rich Depew finishes up in his 15-0 technical fall victory, Friday night, at Battle Creek

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## FAMILY FARE Athletes of the Week



**Christie Douglas**  
The senior has been dedicated to cheerleading for the past four years. She has plans of pursuing cheerleading in college. Coach Christine Beachler praised her for her hard work and serious approach.



**Jon Amundsen**  
The Red Arrow senior center played his finest game of the year in Lowell's 67-48 win over Wyoming Rogers. Amundsen tallied 16 points. The Lowell senior and David Jones led Lowell in rebounds.



**Vickie Videan**  
The senior basketball cheerleader provided leadership through her knowledge of techniques and good attitude. Douglas provided the Red Arrow squad with the strength needed for mounting routines.

### Congratulations

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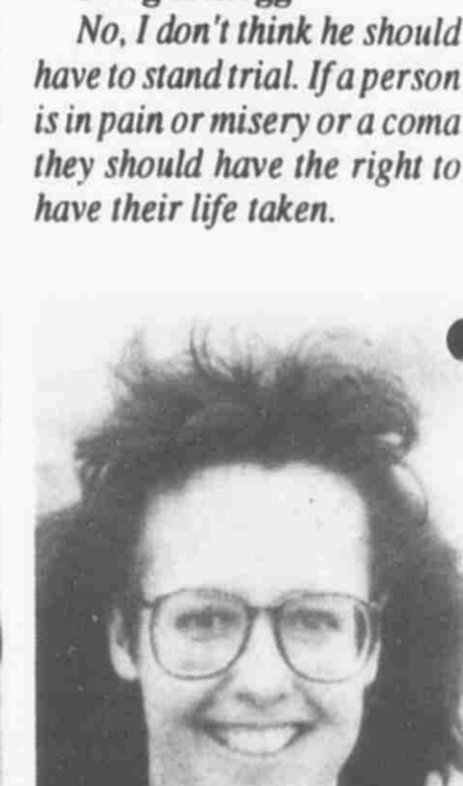
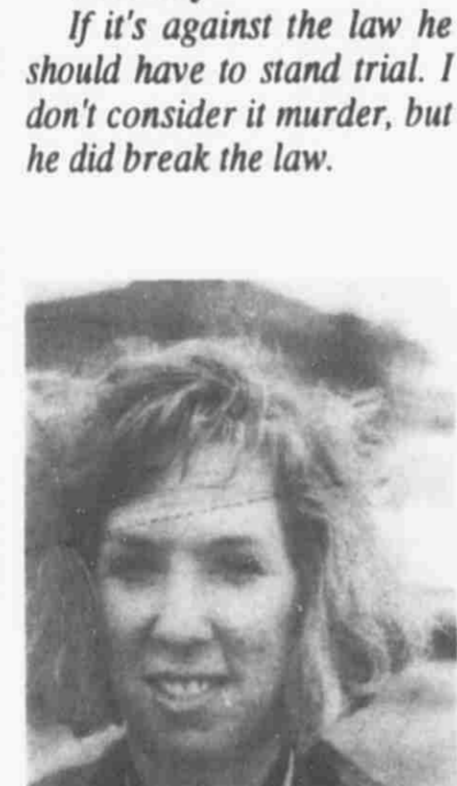
**Sharon Nead**  
I don't believe in euthanasia, but I think people have the right to die. Dr. Kevorkian should not be responsible. I want the right to ask him if I can use his machine.

**Caren Hamblin**  
No, he shouldn't have to stand trial. Everybody should have the right to choose. The only problem with that, is where do you draw the line. At what point is a person still mentally fit to make a decision.



**Pat Bray**  
If it's against the law he should have to stand trial. I don't consider it murder, but he did break the law.

**Doug Kellogg**  
No, I don't think he should have to stand trial. If a person is in pain or misery or a coma they should have the right to have their life taken.



**Lacey Wood**  
No, not if that's what the person wanted and if the family wasn't against it. A person should have the right to make the choice.

**Dawn Gillikin**  
Yes, I think good will come from the trial. It will set the scene for whatever is to come. I don't know that I want him convicted. But, I don't agree with a person taking his or her own life.

**Cathy Kulhalwik**  
I don't think he should have to. It's hard for people to understand unless they have suffered. I think a person has a right to take his or her own life.



**Lois Wilkins**  
Yes, he should stand trial. So it can be decided if it's constitutionally right. It will help decide future guilt and innocence cases of this matter.

## Birthdays, cont'd.

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## Cancer, continued

people who take aspirin may be diagnosed earlier, due to increased bleeding, or they may get screened more often.

This study supports clinical observations that aspirin-like medications successfully treated familial polyposis, a colon cancer precursor, and is consistent with experimental animal data that showed aspirin use caused regression of chemically induced colon cancers in rats and mice. Two prior human epidemiologic studies have suggested a posi-

tive effect of aspirin on colon cancer occurrence, but the Society's study is the largest to date that studies the relationship.

"Even though this study is an exciting scientific lead, it is not conclusive," says Dr. Thun. "For those people whose physicians have recommended that they take aspirin every other day for heart disease, it is distinctly possible that they may reduce their risk of fatal colon cancer, also.

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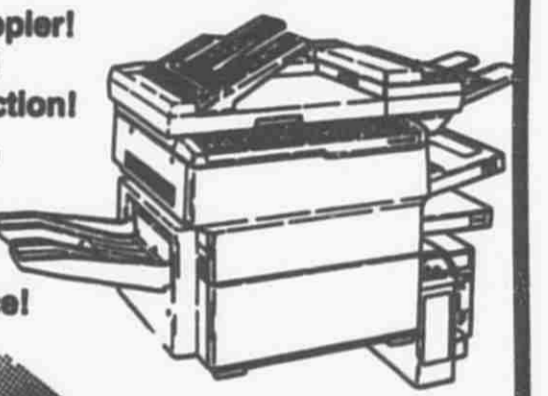
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The Legend of St. Patrick's Day



According to legend, St. Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland by banging on a drum and driving them into the sea.

Irish eyes, and even those that aren't from the Emerald Isle, seem to smile all the more come St. Patrick's Day, a holiday with a long and interesting history—and that's no barney, say the people at George Killian's Irish Red, a favorite beverage on St. Patrick's Day and throughout the year.

Then: It's not known if March 17 is celebrated as the feast day of St. Patrick because it is the date of his birth or his death. Some say both, some say neither. The only definite fact is that St. Patrick was most certainly not born in Ireland, but is acknowledged as the patron saint of that land.

Of all the legends surrounding St. Patrick, the most long-lived is the story of St. Patrick driving the snakes from Ireland. As the population looked on, he pounded a drum and charmed the snakes into the sea, where they drowned. It's also believed St. Patrick used a three-leaf shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity and that was how the shamrock came to be the traditional symbol of Ireland.

The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in America was in 1737. This was hosted by the Charitable

Irish Society of Boston. The second was established in 1780 in Philadelphia.

Now: In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday, celebrated with Mass, sporting events and big parades. Here in America, St. Patrick's Day is also celebrated with grand events. Adding to the fun on both sides of the Atlantic is a beverage that's been called "the O'fficial Beer of St. Patrick's Day." George Killian's Irish Red. This fine Irish beer, brewed here in the U.S. since 1981, is known for four distinctive features: A rich, red-amber color that promises a unique drinking experience; taste that delivers on that promise; heritage that gives it legitimacy; and a favorable price versus imports and specialty beers. George Killian Lett and his wife Phoebe will be touring on the east coast promoting this fine Irish beer during the St. Patrick's season.

According to recent estimates, there are about 40,000 different varieties of fish.



# Total Petroleum purchases Lowell's Action Auto store

It is still pure speculation as to how much gas leaked from Action Auto piping and seeped into the ground that surrounded it at 2001 W. Main Street.

What isn't speculation though, is the possible threat the spill remains to the city water supply.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources spokesman, Dave Monet said while it is speculative on his part, up to 2,000 gallons could have leaked underground and threatens the water supply.

"It is still a threat," Monet explains. He said questions as

to how close to the well field has the spill reached? How far out will the pumping be affected? How fast has the spill flowed toward the well field?

While Action Auto did take remediable action shortly after identifying the leaks, there is not currently a remediable action, according to Monet.

A recent deal that was struck between the State of Michigan and Total Petroleum that will clear the way for the company to buy 17 Michigan service stations with leaking underground petroleum tanks from bankrupt Action Auto Stores Inc. of Flint.

One of the 17 sites is Lowell.

Total has agreed to put aside \$5 million in escrow for all sites to deal with the environmental problems. Monet said he doesn't believe it will be enough to deal with all of them. Re-sampling wells will cost between \$5-10,000, putting in a new well will run between \$50-\$60,000 and ground water remediation will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Buying contaminated wells is not done very often, but after Total received an agreement from the DNR to

limit its liability a deal was struck.

"Shortly after the spill an investigation was conducted. It determined that contaminants got into the storm drain on the west side of the site and under M-21," Monet explained.

Contaminants were also found in the sanitary sewer system on the leading edge of the ground water in the vacant field due west of the Valley Vista Trailer Park.

"The contaminants could have spread beyond those points within the last two years," Monet adds.

Monet noted that because the concentration of contaminants is so heavy that one gallon of gas spilled in a billion gallons of water would be a threat.

How far the contaminants may have spread cannot be tracked without an additional investigation. Such an investigation would include re-sampling of wells and possibly installation of additional wells.

"The fact that the spill was discovered early was an advantage," Monet said. "Action was taken to mitigate the source area."

Leaks in the pipes were re-

paired and absorbent booms (cheesecloth-like material) used to absorb the product.

Monet said the DNR was satisfied with the investigation that was completed, but it does not believe that all the necessary investigating is finished and that additional work needs to be done. "A new set of data needs to be compiled," he said.

The Lowell station is among 32 that Total is buying under an arrangement worked out in federal bankruptcy court. It brought to 55, the number of former Action Auto stations that Total has bought.

The cleanup part of the job will create about 400 jobs.

# Showboat Pageant offers girls an opportunity to gain confidence

Jodi Smith will never forget the excitement of standing up on stage with Tonya Stepek, waiting for Gordon Gould's announcement as to who would be crowned the 1990 Showboat Queen.

While the excitement remains only in memory, besides the crown, Smith walked away with a stronger, richer self confidence.

"It made me feel good about myself," Smith explains. "It helped me realize a person must like themselves before others are going to like

you. It help me realize that it shouldn't take a pageant to build a person's self confidence."

The Lowell Showboat Queen Smith was asked to attend many of the area parades, act as a hostess at talent night, a greeter for tour buses, do some public speaking during Showboat week, and act as a role model for local teens.

This year's pageant will be different from the previous two, in that it will be opened up for 16 year olds, for area girls as opposed to local girls.

Other changes include a first and second runner-up. A rating sheet will be used to judge the participants in the areas of poise, personality, communication skills and personal characteristics.

"I'm most hopeful that the pageant will help bring out confidence in each girl," Lowell Showboat pageant chairperson Sheila Dubbink said. "I'm also hopeful the girls enhance their self respect and communication skills."

Dubbink sees the Showboat Pageant as a way to be-



The 1992 Lowell Showboat Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Pictured above is the 1990 Queen, Jodi Smith.

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gin to get the youth in the community involved in the community event.

"It provides an opportunity for young girls to show their leadership abilities in a non-threatening environment. I also hope it helps pull the local community and its people together," Dubbink explains.

Smith said the pageant is something she wanted to do. "I always wanted to participate in a pageant. The Lowell Showboat Pageant was fun to be involved in and it didn't require any experience or previous training."

Smith said the most important advice she'd pass on to all participants is to enjoy the experience and have fun. "Don't worry about whether you're going to win or not," she said.

Dubbink said she wants all the participants to walk away with a renewed and stronger confidence in themselves.

"I hope they use it to gain self respect, and view it as an opportunity to take a risk and grow from the experience," she said.

The Lowell Showboat Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

A contestants meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

Lowell Showboat President Gordon Gould will emcee the event.

Entertainment will be provided by Ron Wood, Becky Raymor and Cory Durkee.

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 Not Pictured: Sue Hessler, Sara Geiger.