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Charter school freedom and intrigue threatened by Michigan House Legislation

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A headline in a Detroit newspaper read "Engler gets wish on charter schools."

The Governor got his wish to the extent that charter school legislation was approved by the Michigan House.

Beyond that, many proponents of the Governor's harter school program outlined in his education reform plan, believe that the compromise bill was so watered down that the program's intrigue and substance was washed away.

"It is symbolism over sub-

Horton, "It's a sellout to the Michigan Education Association which has resisted charters." Although Horton was not happy with the House Bill, he still voted yes.

Dick Korb, Lowell School's Director of School and Community Service, said the Governor's original plan created some freedom for education and had some intrigue.

"What's the advantage of this charter school compromise bill? The funding requirements and the certification requirements remain the same," Korb said. Under the Governor's plan, charter schools would have gotten

stance," said Republican Jack \$5,500 per student. The House Bill has changed that to read \$5,500 per pupil or the membership allocation for the local school district in which the charter school was located, whichever is less.

Heading the list of those responsible for the changes in the Governor's plan is the MEA. It increased its number of lobbyists from three to 11 and accumulated roughly \$10 million in political action money from its members.

Korb said the intensity of the MEA's lobbying and that kind of political action money wields influence.

"What was approved by the House is no where near what it was," Korb said.

The Governor's plan stated charter schools could utilize non-certified community members for instruction. The House Bill requires that it employ only certified teach-

In the Governor's plan, there were provisions for teacher tenure as well as seniority and collective bargaining. There is no provision in the House Bill.

The Governor's plan reduced a lot of the the bureaucratic red tape and mandates what the schools are under. The House Bill requires charter schools to follow the same mandates as public schools, though they can seek waivers for some directives.

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Sharing some holday gift ideas with Santa are, left to right: Dillon Hendrick, 7, and Devin Hendrick, 2.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING

Along Main Street

There will be an important college financial aid meeting tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafetorium.

Learn how to fill out college financial aid forms. All high school junior and seniors and parents are encouraged to attend.

LOWELL SANTA PARADE TO BE TELEVISED

The Lowell Santa Claus Parade will be shown on Lowell Cable T.V.'s Public Access Channel on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL ELECTIONS

Lowell youth football elections for new officers will be held Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School.

REQUESTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR LOWELL COMMUNITY FUND

Requests for funds from the Lowell Community Fund should be received by noon on Friday, Dec. 10. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set this date for those qualified to receive funding for 1994 and 1995. They are now implementing a two-year funding cycle, which means that groups interested in receiving funds will submit a formal funding request every other year.

To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in their programing in order to help the needs of persons in the Lowell area. Request forms can be picked up at Dr. Robert E. Reagan's office, 207 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 and returned to Dr. Reagan's office.

POST OFFICE EXTENDED HOURS

The Ada Post Office will be extending their hours for the holiday scason.

Starting Dec. 6 the window will be open until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday until 1 p.m. These hours will be in effect through Dec. 23.

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Lowell Cable prepares subscribers for new channel lineup

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Despite the channel lineup

Denotes Premium Channels

change Lowell Cable has

scheduled for Dec. 9, Lowell Cable subscribers will still have the same selection to

choose from — at least for

That will change with the addition of FX by October of 1994 and a local radar dopler weather service in April.

Those channels will be added via the agreements Lowell Cable made with area broadcast stations WXMI (Channel 17/FX) and WWMT (Channel 3/weather service).

The changing of channel location on the Lowell Cable dial is a result of the Cable Act and the broadcast station elections whereby they opted for either re-transmission consent or a "must carry" option.

Broadcast stations who chose the "must carry" option could select its own "preferred" position on the dial.

The change in channel location on the dial will occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon on Dec. 9.

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LINEUP	CHANGES

Channel	Symbol	Channel	Symbol
2	LOCAL	. 17	WTBS
3	WWMT-3	18	C-MAX*
4	WOTV-41	19	FAM
5	WLLA-64	20	TNN*
6	WGVU-35	21	M-TV*
7	WXMI-17	22	LOCAL
8	WOOD-8	23	USA
9	WLNS-6	24	DISCOVERY
10	WILX-10	25	WGN
11	WTLJ-54	26	ESPN
12	WKAR-23	27	CNN
13	WZZM-13	28	HN
14	DISNEY*	29	NICK
15	WSYM-47	30	A & E
16	HBO*	31	PASS
		32	TNT

OBITUARIES

JAWOROWICZ - Mr. Chester J. Jaworowicz, aged Greater Grand Rapids or the 78, of Grand Rapids, Veteran Holy Spirit Church Building of World War II, passed away Fund will be appreciated. Friday, Dec. 3, 1993. Surviving are his wife, Rose; two LEWIS - Nellie Lewis, aged Steve (Susan) Jaworowicz of Kentwood and James Jaworowicz of Lowell; death by her husband, Albert seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Victoria (William) Rich, Sophia Newberg, Sally Lewis of Grattan, Dolores Jaworowicz; sisters-in-law, Lov of Saranac, Marilyn Gertrude Matolski, and Anna Kozminski, both of Boyne Falls, Sr. Louis Marie grandchildren, 22 great-S.S.N.D. of WI; brothers-inlaw Frank (Marie), Benny (Josephine), and Teddy (Lucille) Kozminski; many nieces and nephews. He was United Methodist Church of preceded in death by his Lowellofficiating. Memorial brother, Ernest, in 1992. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at Holy Spirit Church. Interment Holy

contributions to Hospice of

89, of Lowell, died Dec. 1, 1993. She was preceded in T. She is survived by her children, Warren (Janet) Lewis of Morley, Gene (Karen) Jaworowicz, (Theodore) Hill, Beatrice (Edward) Hill both of Otsego, officiating Rosalie Lewis of Lowell; 16 ZUTAUT - Mr. John Zutaut, grandchildren; two-greatgreat grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Saturday, Rev. Gordon Barry of the First contributions may be made to

Cross Cemetery. Memorial PETTIT - Marcia F. Pettit, a

or Diabetes Association.

the American Cancer Society

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30, 1993. Her husband Harvey P. Pettit, a son Marshall and a daughter Marcia Doris preceded her in death. Mrs. Pettit was born May 18, 1892 in

Ada Township. She and her family lived for many years in Milwaukee, WI where Dr. Pettit was a faculty member at Marquette University. Mrs. Pettit returned to Michigan on the death of her husband in 1966 and lived in the Forest Hills area. She is survived by nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held on Saturday. Interment Martin Cemetery, Rev. Gary Burdick of Ada Congregational Church

passed away Tuesday, Nov.

aged 83, of Lowell, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 1993. He was born in Chicago, IL. residing in Columbus, OH, Mountain Home, AR. Mr. Zutaut was a WWII Veteran and active member in many organizations. He is survived by a son, grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lowell, Msgr. James P. Moran, presiding with interment to fol-



low in Chicago.

formulate the laws of perspective in art, that is, representing objects on a flat surface so as to give the illusion of receding distance, was, it's believed, Leon **Battista Alberti of Italy**

Saranac High School Honor Roll students •

Sterzick, Nicole Stewart.

A's, B's & 1 C

Kris Marcusen, Amanda

Palmitier, Danette Rutz,

Kylah Scott, Sara Seelye,

Erica Simmons, Heather

Smith, Brad Wittenbach,

Melissa Yarrington.

The Saranac High School honor roll for the end of the first marking period is as fol- O'Boyle, Becky Seese, Janet

FRESHMAN ALL A's Sarah Bowers, Chris Culver, Gwen Geivett, Becky Hubble, Bill Talcott, Greg Westbrook.

A's & B's

Tim Barger, Amy Carigon, Becky Geiger, Jason Hardy, Pat Hendrick, Kylee Hubbard Sara Monks, Brandon Mulnix, Brianne Rutz, Heath Sabin.

A's, B's & 1 C Heather Bletz, Betsy Dav-

enport, Michaella DeYoung, Kara McCollum, Amy O'Boyle, Andria Patrick, Lucas VanderZee, Kari

SOPHOMORES ALL A's Jessica Covell, Jennifer DePotty, Carrie Dingerson, Melanie Endres, Jimael Lawson.

A's & B's

Tanesha Abel, Ben Bergeron, Rachel Bonga, Kendra Greiner, Jacob LeSarge, Phaedra McElvain, Josie Nilsson, Jessica Randall. Missy Schneider, Adam Swiger, Kim Swiger, Jake VanderZee, Sarah Visser, Jeff Westbrook, Madelyn Westover, Dawn Wigfield,

A's, B's & 1 C Sharpe, Pete TerBurgh, Becky Thomas, Eric Winslow.

SENIOR ALL A'S JUNIORS ALL A's

Kyle Carigon, Zach Nick Kimble, Wade DeYoung, Isabel Hartman Jamie Longwell, Angie Tichelaar. Whorley, Diana Whorley A's & B's Nathan Wight.

Brenda Bowen, Rich Cahoon, Bryan Courtnay, A's & B's

Tricia Goff, Hope Lockhart, Jenny Anderson, Melissa Matt McCollum, Miranda Bradley, Tonya Briemayer, Nash, Derek Neumann, Tara Tim Brown, Julia DeYoung Powell, Joe Rasmus, Ben Paula Horste, Jenny Ida, Smith, Tricia Soules, John Stephanie Irving, Jim LeSarge, Stacy McKinch. Corey Rolfe, Jessica Ruly Kristin Salka, Blaine Chad Elliott, Sarah Sigafoose, Claudia Squara, Harrington, Courtney Hill, Aaron Vroman, Alison Wendy Hughes, Jodi Huyser, Wheelock.

A's, B's & 1 C

Eric Blum, Kristi Conroc. Aubrey Culver, Pete Lawson, Jason Owen, Seth Rutz. Silvana Sarmiento, Jason Smith, Josh Tucker.

Averill donates land to Ada **Historical Society**

Frank Averill, Jr., a life long project. A foundation for this location of a new Averill His- Museum and Arts world, Teeple Streets.

Missy Hunter, Nikki to create and develop a plan the Ada Historical Society for the new Museum site, de- will also serve on the board. cide on the proper use of the

resident of Ada, has gra- purpose will be formed from ciously donated land to the a cross section of the Ada Ada Historical Society for the Community. Experts from the torical Museum of Ada. The nancial world and commulot is bounded by Headley, nity leaders will be asked to Thornapple River Drive and serve on this board. A member from the Frank Averill, Jr. The Society has five years family and two members from

Two financial line items adjoining land, and to raise will be developed within the be for the development of the site and the second line item will be an endowment that states that the principal will grow and cannot be invaded for use by the board. This arrangement allows the community an opportunity to donate to the project that is of interest to them.

The museum will be a "Historical" museum and will be filled with memorabilia of Ada's past. The Society is not prepared to accept donations of items at this time until they locate a safe storage area However, they are interested in locating and documenting any items that individuals would like to donate in the future. If people are interested in donating, please call Nina Harrington at 676-9230.

Artifacts presently owned by the Society will be displayed at the Ada Township Building the morning of the news conference.

The Society has been busy this past year raising money for the specific cause of creating an Ada museum. They have published a book entitled "A Snug Little Place. documenting Ada's historical background, written by Jane Siegel and illustrated by Lorraine Nellist Nellist has also contributed prints of Ada's old Main Street and the Covered Bridge, available for sale by the Society. Both women are from the Ada area

LHS December Students-of-the-Month

the December Students-ofthe-Month at Lowell High School are senior Holly Bauman, junior Michael J. Rottier, sophomore Chris Goggins and freshman Ann-

Marie Townsend. Bauman is the daughter of Frank and Regina Grover of Lowell. She has pursued a busy schedule of classes and activities during her years at LHS in order to achieve her goal of attending the U. of M. as a nursing student next year. Bauman's teacher nominator describes her as a student who works hard and seeks to learn and progress with each assignment and class. Her hard work has earned her recognition. Bauman was recently selected as a member of the National Honor Society. She has held a red card for two years and a gold card last year ert and Mary Rottier of Lowin the Renaissance program, and she has been on the honor

earn money towards college, ety this month. He is very she fits time to work at Family Fare into a busy schedule. Bauman's interests are varied. She has been a basket-

ball cheerleader for two years and earned a letter, and she has played on the powder puff football team both her junior and senior years. She enjoys music and has lettered in band. She participated in the band festival during her junior year when the rankings were a first division at districts and a second division at state. She was also a member of the color guard for three years, serving as the captain in her junior year. Other clubs which Bauman has participated in during her high school years are International Club, Close-Up, Rotary, Teens Involved,

FFA, and Mat-minders. Rottier is the son of Robell. He maintains a spot on the honor roll and will be inducted

involved in two sports in which he has participated since entering LHS. They are cross country and wrestling. He has also been in the marching band for three years.

Outside of school, Rottier is active in Alto Baptist Church and its youth group and Awana Club. He has been a Grand Rapids Press carrier for many years and recently earned a four-year Special Achievement Award. Advanced algebra is Rottier's favorite class. His teacher nominator commends him for his hard work and his contribution to class projects.

Goggins is the son of Ron and Ann Wittenbach of Lowell and Pat and Peg Goggins of Sand Lake. Two of his interests are sports and music. His favorite class is jazz band. For leisure time he enjoys playing guitar and piano. He also participates in football roll all four years. To help into the National Honor Soci- and track. He was co-captain

COTBALL

Ann-Marie Townsend; sophomore, Chris Goggins; junior, Michael J. Rottier and senior, Holly Bauman.

December Students-of-the-Month at Lowell High School are, left to right; freshman,

of the football team both years

In the summer he adds water sports to his activities.

Last year, Goggins took part in the LHS play "Exit the Body." He is a member of the FFA of which he is a reporter and a member of Close-Up. He served as president of his freshman class and a was member of the student council last year. Despite all of these activities, Goggins keeps his grades high so that he doesn't miss the honor roll, and he earned a gold card in the Renaissance Program for all A's first quarter. He enjoys just hanging out with his friends when he isn't busy with his other activities. His teacher nominator describes him as the ideal of the well-rounded student: popular with his teachers and classmates, an outstanding scholar in the classroom, and active in sports and activities.

Townsend is the daughter of Robert and Peggy Townsend of Ada. After arriving at LHS in the fall, she joined the cross country team. Running is a favorite activity any time of the year, and Townsend plans to participate in track in the spring. She is also involved in Little League Softball. Not surprisingly, her favorite class is gym Townsend's involvement in sports doesn't keep her from her studies. She has high goals and works to achieve them through her education. She earned a gold card in the Renaissance program for all A's the first quarter.

One activity in which she learned more about what could be a possible future career is Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama. She has attended for two years and plans to go again next summer. Her teacher nominator describes Townsend as a hardworking student who is a role model for her classmates. She is liked by faculty and students alike for her friendly, helpful attitude. During her leisure time, she can be found enjoying family and friends

The faculty, staff, and administration at Lowell High School are proud of these four young people who are role models for their classmates and uphold the standards of Lowell High School. The community is urged to congratulate them for this honor.

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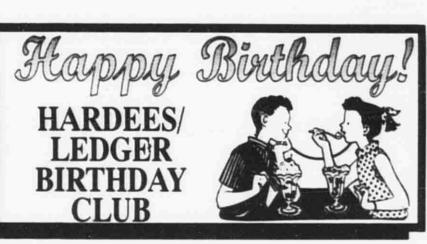
By Pauline Spray

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13).

It's extremely dangerous to be on the highway during blinding rain or snow storms. Sometimes all we have to

guide us are the posts along

One devoted mother had gone through an especially difficult trial. "If it hadn't been for the goodness of the Lord, I would have fainted. Now I guess you can live through



If your name appears below in the HARDEES/LEDGER BIRTHDAY CLUB COLUMN. stop in and get your birthday card at the Ledger office. The card entitles you to a FREE ice cream at Hardee's!

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Dec. 11: Chris Elzinga, Southland, Kristin Hutfilz, Valerie Johnston, Jennifer Craig Fonger. Wieland, Jess Brown.

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anything if you must," she like these we need to keep

We never know how the Lord and "watch the guidemuch we can take until the posts" He has placed along time comes. Many people the way. have had to bear excruciating pain for days, months, and goodness endureth continuyears. Others have had loved ally. It encompasses all manones snatched mercilessly kind. This includes me. I shall away from them. Some have trust in Thee. Thou wilt not known poverty, despair, and fail. Amen.

of all Christians. But if we are Saviour I would go, dark, lonely valley, we need ing and the dark waters flow; us. We may grope our way will never, never fear, through the darkness for a Danger cannot fright me if time, but if we trust Him im- my Lord is near. plicitly, we shall come through the storm. In times

Prayer: O Lord, Thy

believing in the goodness of

Storms come in the lives Down in the valley with my

forced to walk through the Where the storms are sweepnot fear for the Lord is with With His hand to lead me I

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The groom's mother is Clarksville. Ms. Helen Tetzlaff of Low-Matron of honor was

Kimberly Arne and bridesmaids were Laura Damolaris, Kimberly Hofstra, Shannen Sisson, Angela Young and

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Dawn Marie Thompson Ashley Thompson. The of Clarksville and John flower girl was Megan Young. Doug Maas was best man

were married Saturday, Oc- and groomsmen were Robert tober 30 at Fountain Street Paganelli, Andy Williams and Shalin Thompson.

A reception was held at Ms. Sandra Thompson of the Amway Grand Plaza Ho-

The couple will reside in

Michigan State University lists 2,348 degree candidates for Fall 1993.

Candidates for degrees from the Lowell area are: Carol Lynn Chandler, BS Horticulture; Bart Duras Olin, BS Building Construction Mgt.; Scott Michael Rittenger, BS Fisheries and Wildlife and Jody Spillane, BS Nutritional Sciences.

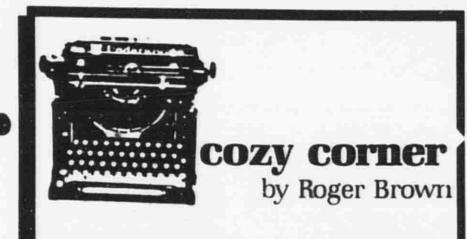
Candidates from the Ada area are: Elizabeth Anne Hyder, BA MLM-Purchasing & Operation Mgt.; Fred J. Munch, MA Educational Systems Development and Todd Steven Richter, BS Civil Engineering.

In The Service

Marine Capt. Andrew Woolley, son of Dennis and Nan Woolley of Ada, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Corps Recruiting Station Western New England,

He is a 1984 graduate of Lake Michigan Catholic High bor, with a BA degree.

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I am writing this week's column by hand. Actually, I'm printing it in all caps block letters on a yellow legal pad.

My handwriting never was much to write home about (or with). It has deteriorated over the years to the point where it is even less decipherable than the last prescription your doctor wrote for you. I've often wondered how pharmacists read those prescriptions. Maybe they don't! We're probably getting the same \$10-per-dose drug, no matter what is ailing us.

At any rate, the only hope I have of conveying my thoughts on paper is to print in capital letters like your average secondgrader. The only thing I'm missing here is some of that course paper made from wood chips as big as your hat, with solid lines about an inch apart and a dashed line in between as a guide for the tops of our lower case letters. Then, of course, I'd need one of those big blue pencils with no eraser. For erasing we had a big gum job that smeared graphite all over the wood chip paper and rubbed holes in it. If I were so equipped, this would look just like one of my second-grade compositions. But, who needs all that fancy equipment? I can write just as well now as I did in the second-grad. Maybe better.

illiteracy. Computer illiteracy. I typically roll my butt out of bed at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings to come to the shop and knock this out on a computer. It's quiet here and I can concentrate. Tuesday is the day the Ledger goes to press. Since I'm the "mother of all proscrastinaters," I certainly wouldn't think of writing this ahead of time, like the weekend, or even the night before. Those of us with second-grade intellects are often like that.

The bottom line is, if anything goes wrong with the computer I might as well be performing brain surgery on myself. Other than possibly discovering and fixing something really simple, like its not plugged in, I'm a lost ball in high

This morning I arrived here early, made coffee, cranked up the heat, turned on the computer, inserted my diskette and got a message on the screen, "Diskette damaged." I panicked! went through the start-up procedure several times, wiped the diskette on my pants, banged it on the desktop, thumped the computer a few good licks...everything I could think of! Nothing worked. I remembered a term from the manual, but decided not to try "booting up" since I'm wearing sneakers.

I know enough about computers to realize I needed to initialize a new disc and format it with the proper type size, type face, margins, file name, rank and serial number. Something like that. I do know initializing a diskette does not mean writing "R.K.B." on it with a felt-tip pen. I found that out in a computer class.

Besides not knowing what to do with a new diskette, I had another problem. I don't even know where we keep "em. Since the people who use them around here are the women, they're probably stored under something. You know us men, we never look under anything. I was sunk.

I considered my options. At the top of the list was bagging The reason I'm writing this piece longhand boils down to the whole thing, heading back to my waterbed and zonking

The Lowell Education Association recently requested

my presence at one of their meetings. After I arrived LEA

President Tim Hawkins presented me/LowellLedger with a

plaque stating the Association's appreciation for the cover-

The Association asked that the picture of the presentation

be printed in the Ledger. I mention this only because it is at

best awkward putting in a picture of oneself receiving an

Furthermore I mention it so that I can "thank" the

Association for its recognition of the time the Lowell Ledger

has put into covering public education, more directly the

been the only club to defeat Florida State this season..

age of public education in the Lowell Ledger.

out for an hour or so. But, I've been writing this stuff for 17 years. When I do skip a week, for whatever reason, I always get a bad feeling. You might think it's a sense of pride or responsibility that I have. You might think that, but I don't. I know what it is. God old guilt.

It's kinda like I felt as a kid when I was supposed to take out the trash, but didn't. The garbage truck came and went and the garage smelled to high heave until the following week. All because of me. I get the same feeling if I don't write a column. I guess it's a trash thing.

department will have typed it in the proper typeface, type size, column measure, etc. Thanks to them it will look like my column always looks, not like a second-grader scrawled it on a piece of paper.

I can hear them back there now. "Stupid jerk! He owns this place and doesn't even know how to initialize a new disk! He probably doesn't even know where we keep them! Doesn't he know I've got better things to do than retype his stupid column? How am I supposed to read this trash? Is that an 'A' or the Star of David?" I have an excellent rapport with my employees. They think I'm stupid, and I never give them any

houghts

Because of my over zealous reaction to Notre Dame's win over Michigan back on Sept. 11, a friend of the Ledger's stopped in to talk to this rah rah Notre Dame fan about its recent loss to Boston College at South Bend.

The loss cost Notre Dame the national championship. It also insured that Bobby Bowden and his Florida State club will be number one by year's end, making all those Associated Press writers, who vote, very happy.

The gentleman was Bruce Zillmer. He stopped in between 3 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. As many of you know, Tuesday is Ledger press day and because of that I talk to no one unless it's absolutely necessary.

He stopped in to ask if this rah rah Notre Dame fan would have anything in the paper about the loss the Irish suffered.

Yes, it was a most bitter defeat. Had the Irish won they would have thumped Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. Instead Florida State will have the honor. The Seminoles will beat the Cornhuskers by 20 points or more.

While I'm prognosticating, Florida will defeat West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl and Notre Dame will blast Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

On Line

The final rankings will have Florida State #1 and Notre Dame #2. Somewhat ironic in that Notre Dame will have

with Lowell School Superintendent

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

of it being advertisements and suitable only for the recycling

box. However, the mail on November 16 contained a very

special letter from a young lady who graduated last June.

Carleen Van Strien's letter was a very special letter because

she wanted me to know how much she appreciated her high

school teachers and was beginning to realize just how good of

an education she had received at Lowell High School. At a

time when there is so much criticism of educators and educa-

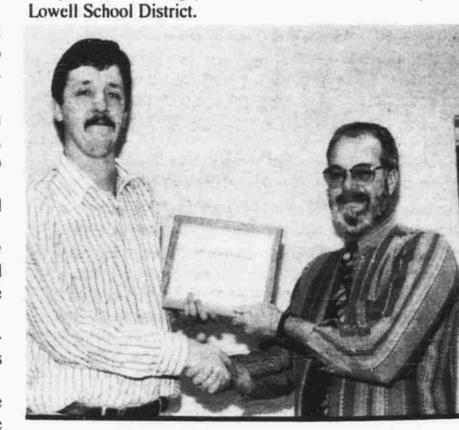
tion in general, a letter thanking the teachers for a quality

a cducation is a bit unusual in today's educational news. Carleen

Dear Dr. Esch:

There is a lot of mail that lands on my desk daily with most

Fritz Esch



I am currently enrolled in Grand Rapids Community Col-

lege and I am grateful every day for the education that I received while attending Lowell High School. The teachers I encountered were truly an inspiration to me. They kept me motivated and interested in subjects that were not always motivating and interesting. I strove to excel in their classes and

I formed some close friendships with these teachers and frequently think of them. I wonder if they know what an impact they had on me? Dr. Esch, I urge you to give Ingrid Baird, Stephen Kampfschulte, Jack Ogle, Rick White, Robert Garcia, Jill Van Antwerp, and Jane Gillespie an extra pat on the back for their efforts. These individuals have achieved what all teachers should strive for. They have achieved excellence. They have gained the respect of their students and helped them move toward future success. Your staff deserves to be commended. Sincerely, Carleen Van Strien, Class of 1993.

All of us can attribute our success in life to at least one teacher somewhere in our educational career, and Carleen is lucky she has so many. There are many students in front of teachers every day, and teachers are seldom aware when they make such a positive impact on a student that will be remembered forever. Only a letter like this one from Carleen really conveys the message and the depth of appreciation, but there is a "second page" to this letter which only others can write.

By the time you see this, someone in the composition

reason to change their opinion.

Since I don't have this typed before me on a computer screen I have no idea if it's anywhere near my normal column length. My gut feeling is this is about all the trash I normally put out for you readers to sort through, so I'll close soon.

One last thought. I read once that Ernest Hemingway did all his writing early in the morning with pen and paper while standing at a high desk. What's that your say? This garbage is sure a long way from A FAREWELL TO ARMS? THAT'S BECAUSE I WASN'T STANDING UP.

There Ma, I took out the trash!

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 6, 1893 Farmers' Institute at Alto for two days next week will be taught by professors from the agricultural college

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

Winter term is beginning now or a bit later at several schools. Central School in Lowell will start in December A good amount of snow makes sleighing possible. There will be at least one party this weekend.

Nervous prostration, typhoid fever, pneumonia, the grip, rheumatism and pleurisy are mentioned this week. "Clay" writes the Town Line Tidings column and "Old Ledger Entries, cont'd., pg. 11

During the twelve years of Carleen's education, all of her teachers encountered a young lady who came to school regularly with a zest and a desire for learning that only comes from the home. What this young lady learned from her parents before coming to school really gave her teachers the basics upon which to build. The inspiration and motivation Carleen praises her teachers for giving to her, also came from within herself because of the value system she learned at home.

Just for the record, this young lady has always been active in school. In addition to taking the hardest classes in high school she could, she was a member of the International Club. president of her class, a member of student council, the Prom and Homecoming committees, as well as Teens Involved and

And just for the record, some quick mathematics places the cost of her twelve years of education at about \$51,000 of local and state tax dollars. The purpose of education is to help the young student grow and learn how to become a well educated and contributing adult in an emerging democratic way of life. Based upon the depth and feeling that are evident in Carleen's letter, I think our school system has done well. She will continue to grow in knowledge because of her now internalized desires to learn.

Carleen, thank you for your letter and again we wish you much success in your studies at GRCC and beyond

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National Foundation Grant given to GVSU

Grand Valley State Unitional Science Foundation university's existing science 13,384 students, more than vide funds to remodel 18 difversity (GVSU) has been (NSF) grant for the renova- facilities. awarded an \$890,431 Na- tion and modernization of the

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"Not only is this grant sig- in the sciences. nificant because of its scope, time," said P. Douglas laboratories and classrooms Kindschi, GVSU dean of sci- in Loutit," said Kindschi. ence and mathematics.

nificant impact on Grand A new \$39.9 million Sci-Valley's overall science imence Complex under conprovement efforts, which instruction on the Allendale cludes the recently completed campus will absorb the exist-Kresge Foundation Science ing science building, Loutit Challenge that raised \$3 mil-Hall. Loutit Hall was built in 1965 when Grand Valley's lion for the replacement, maintenance and improvetotal enrollment was less than 1,500. Enrollment for the ment of scientific equipment. 1993 Fall semester was

4,000 of whom were enrolled ferent specialized laboratories

tems in the building. The heat-"We were growing conbut the National Science cerned about maintaining the ing, cooling, ventilation and Foundation has made the quality of our science pro- gas systems will be replaced, award at the best possible grams because of the crowded and environmental safety con-The grant will have a sig-

"Centralizing these research activities means not only greater convenience for science students, but also that the university's resources will be used more efficiently." Kindschi added. Grand Valley State Uni-

trols will be installed.

and to modernize several sys-

versity offers 77 graduate and undergraduate degree pro-The NSF grant will pro- grams at its Allendale and

Grand Rapids campuses, Programs are also offered in Muskegon, Holland and other West Michigan communities

Once these improvements are complete, Grand Valley will be able to offer students a much improved research and research training facility. Student programs, regular faculty research in science and mathematics, and the environmental research conducted at the GVSU Water Resources Institute will be brought together in the remodeled and new facilities.

-Celebrate the season with "Christmas in Ada"

der and donuts, and carriage rides through the village are just a few of the highlights of "Christmas In Ada," a holiday celebration sponsored by members of the Ada Business Association (ABA) in Decem-

More than 25 ABA members are participating in the event by supplying materials for children to make small gifts and ornaments from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first three Saturdays in December (Dec. 4, 11 and 18). Youngsters are clothing to the Ada Christ-

Crafts for children, hot ci- mas Giving Tree located in 676-3304. the Ada Township Building. In exchange, they will receive one ticket to "Christmas In each donated item.

through the village of Ada will be offered during the day on Dec. 4, 11, and 18. Thirty minute evening rides are available Dec. 6 through Dec. 10, featuring Victorian holiday decorations and light displays throughout the village and a ride over the historic asked to bring a canned or AdaCoveredBridge. Evening

Profits from a sealed bid art

auction featuring an original watercolor, "Over the River Ada" crafts and events for and Through the Bridge," by local artist Mary Lou Moll, will be contributed to "Christ-Horse and carriage rides mas is for Teens, Too," a special holiday effort to provide gifts to local teenagers coordinated by Heidi Christine's Salon. Auction artwork will be on display in the Rix Robinson Room at the Ada Township Building, along with the Ada Council for the Arts' Christmas exhibit.

Visitors to Ada can register boxed food, a new toy, or carriage rides must be sched- for three \$50 shopping sprees uled in advance by calling at the Ada Township Build-

ing on weekdays in Decem- hours and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 11, and 18. ber during regular business



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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 15,

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Fonger and Mayor Maatman. Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by FONGER that the minutes of the November I, 1993 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

ITWAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMP-SON that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Fonger and Mayor Maatman.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/15/93)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 90,862.49
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,270.9
LOCAL STREET FUND	947.0
AIRPORT FUND	22.8
SEWER FUND	421.9
WATER FUND	29,555.3
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,640.0
DATA PROCESSING FUN	ID1,620.0
CURRENT TAX FUND	6,134.9
LEE FUND	2,190.1
LOOK FUND	20,000.0

Item #1. 1992-93 CITY AUDIT PRESENTATION. Virgil Biggs and Thomas Dickinson of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson were present to discuss the audit of the accounts and records of the City of Lowell. Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV

CITY OF LOWELL - Dickinson said the State of Michigan is considering the reducing of State Shared Revenues with the local municipal units. The City of Lowell received \$353,090 in State Shared Revenues during last year. Further. Dickinson said the past year's revenues exceeded its expenditures by \$38,000. He reported the City's general fund balance of \$525,735. City Manager Pasquale noted that approximately \$150,000 of the fund balance has been designated for future years' obligations including the payments of employee sick and Board members need statements that are more meanvacation pay

Dickinson commended the City for its expenditure of approximately two mills or \$140,000 on trash pickup. He said many communities, residents pay for this service ing department to begin to resolve this issue. Biggs out of their own pocket

Dickinson said the Downtown Development Authority meaningful statements situation is in limbo because of the pending school finance reform package. He warned this will have to be counting reports for Lowell Light and Power have not closely monitored.

Dickinson explained that the water and sewer funds can ing staff to oversee the bookkeeping of Lowell Light and

account separately for their costs. He said revenue has remained the same over the past two years due to lower consumption amounts. Pasquale added that 37% of the Sewer Fund revenue and 20% of the Water Fund is applied toward debt payments.

Dickinson concluded that overall the City is in good financial condition and commended Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon and Account Clerk Charlene

Lowell Cable Television - Virgil Biggs, in reviewing the Cable TV audit report, indicated that the net income for 1993 was \$115,000 as compared to \$93,000 in 1992 and \$10,000 in 1991. Biggs added that the rate increases for the cable television are reflected in the operating profits needed to repay its large debt. He added there is still a sizeable debt of \$600,000 to retire. However, a significant reduction was made this past year

Biggs said, for the first time, that there has been a slight decline in the number of Basic, HBO, Cinemax and Disney Channel subscribers. However, the number of Tier subscribers increased slightly during the past year. Biggs said that Basic subscribers account for 75% of the revenues of the cable system. Additionally, he men tioned that a local advertising channel has been developed. Policies will need to be established.

Biggs explained that Lowell Cable Television is in the process of changing from a negative to a positive trapping system. This change should provide much greater security against unauthorized reception of premium chan-

Lowell Light and Power - Biggs explained that Lowel Light and Power incurred a loss of \$1,700 in 1993, that compares to a loss of \$4.200 for the prior year. He said that this is partly due to power agreements which when created, provided very positive cash flows because the power could be resold. The excess revenues have now been dissolved by increases in operating costs. Biggs explained a significant cost of purchased power which affects operating results. Belle River charges to Lowel Light and Power for operating expenses increased \$103,535 from \$212,135 in 1992 to \$315,670 in 1993. Sales of Belle River power also have reflected a \$339,369 decline from \$713,048 in 1992 to \$373,679 in 1993. Lowell Light and Power had to assume usage for more of the produced power which was sold to its own customers. Thus. \$105,263 of new sales was generated from

Biggs said the Michigan Municipal Electrical Association (MMEA) has compared rates of municipal units. The City of Lowell remains below the average of charge per kilo watt for all municipal units in Michigan. He said the residents as well as commercial customers are enjoying a favorable rate structure. Biggs said Lowell does not have a significant cost per kilowatt difference between residential and commercial customers.

Further, Biggs noted there were large variances to the internal financial statements between reports presented to the Board and the completed audit. He explained that ingful. However. Biggs stated that the Board immediately voted to allow Paul Christman. Superintendent of Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV, to work with the accountadded that already the Board has begun to receive more

Councilmember Thompson said in past years the acbeen accurate. He proposed utilizing the City's account-

be compared to business operations. The City has to Power. Biggs responded there are cities whereby all accounting records are handled by one accounting department. However, the change would require a Charter amendment for the City.

> Item #2. MERS RETIREMENT BENEFIT INCREASE. As adopted for the last four years by Council, a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living for retirees has been proposed. City Manager Pasquale requested that the Council again adopt a 2% increase effective January 1, 1994 for retirees through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

> IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to adopt a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living for retirees through the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS).

YEA: 5. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

tem #3. NORTHEAST BOOSTER PUMP STATION CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER AND FINAL PAYMENT. City Manager Pasquale said the booster pump station located on Reservoir Hill is now complete and in operation. In order to close out the project, a net change order of \$1,036.76 needed approval by the Council as well as the final payment.

Pasquale said the additional costs can be attributed to providing a starter for an air compressor (\$373), change the type of the air compressor which requires very little oil (\$127), paving the drive to the booster pump station (\$949), and a credit for an unused testing allowance (\$412.24) totaling \$1037.76.

Pasquale said that the total cost was \$255,187.76 Water revenue and special assessment bonds were utilized equaling \$228,264.76 while a community development block grant accounted for \$26,923. Pasquale noted that the block grant requires lower income people the opportunity to apply for paying. As a result, \$1077 was allocated to a lower income resident for payment of a special assessment toward the booster pump station.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the change order (\$1,036.76) and final payment to Ter Horst & Rinzema Construction Co. (\$14,137.76) for the northeast booster pump station to be paid by the Community Development Block Grant

ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item#4. APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER-ING FOR THE WEST SIDE WATER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT. City Manager Pasquale said the first phase of the water improvements project on the west side included the cost of design engineering and the cost of bidding. However, the cost of construction engineer ing was not included in the initial approval by Council. As provided by John LeFevre of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, a total estimated cost of \$5700 has been needed for construction staking, periodic visits, review of payment requests and as-built drawings. Pasquale noted the Department of Public Works has been providing the daily inspection.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the construction engineering costs for the first phase of the west side water improvement project in the amount of \$5700 with funds allocated from the 1993 Water Revenue Bond.

Item #5. PURCHASE OF A 1994 POLICE CRUISER. On November 11, bids were solicited for the purchase of a 1994 police cruiser. Also, a trade-in value for the 1990 Chevrolet Caprice was also requested. The following

bids were received: \$13,824.00 1994 Chevrolet Caprice Kool Chevrolet 1,900.00 less trade in \$11,924.00

Berger Chevrolet \$14,492.29 1994 Chevrolet Caprice less trade in \$12,492.29

1994 Chevrolet Caprice

less trade in

\$12,600.00 ITWAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by FONGER to accept the low bid for the 1994 Police Cruiser in the amount of \$13.824 from Kool Chevrolet as well as trading in the 1990 Chevrolet Caprice for \$1,900, providing a net cost of \$11,924 with funds allocated from the

\$14,800.00

2,200.00

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

General Fund.

Thomet

Item #6. WINTER FREEZE UP PREVENTION PRO-**GRAM FOR WATER SERVICES - EVALUATION AND** RENOVATIONS. Art Gall, Director of Public Works, said a review was conducted of the 64 addresses who must run their water to prevent frozen lines. It was determined that 24 were a city responsibility, 12 locations were classified as having freeze prone water lines on private property and 28 addresses need further investigation. Gall noted that by allowing free water, the City removes an incentive for correcting the problems. Additionally,

there was the unnecessary loss of City revenues which offset the cost of producing the water and processing it at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There are also additional bookkeeping efforts involved in calculating the utility bills for addresses which receive discounted rates. Gall proposed the following changes to current policies on discounted water/sewer rates for Council consider-

I. Eliminate special consideration for private properties which have poorly installed water lines on the premises. 2. Provide a limit on the amount of free water allowed for each customer who has a freeze-prone water service. After research, a limit of 2000 gallons per month is suggested. Beyond that amount, the regular water/sewer

rates would apply. Mayor Maatman questioned what would be involved to repair those problems caused by City mains. Gall responded possible solutions included burying the mains deeper or insulating them.

Mayor Maatman felt the twelve locations identified as having freeze prone water lines on their property should be given the opportunity to correct the problem. Additionally, the City problems should be identified and made a

priority for next year. Councilmember Fonger concurred with the 2000 gallon per/month ceiling for the amount of water, customers

should be allowed to run.

IT WAS MOVED BY FONGER and seconded by HODGES to limit the amount of water to 2000 gallons per month for the freeze-prone water customers, identify the City problems and provide a solution by next winter. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item #7. REVIEW OF CITY WIDE SIDEWALK IM-**PROVEMENT COSTS.** In an effort to provide information regarding the sidewalk program, DPW Director Gall gave detailed information on a city wide basis so that a program can be initiated.

Pasquale explained the total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,038,448. If spread over ten years, this would amount to over \$300,000 per year. Gall took into consideration the cost for City sidewalks, private property owners' sidewalks and handicap ramps.

Gall explained that the \$21 per lineal foot cost is provided over a ten year period and takes into account 4% inflation for ten years. The direct cost to the city would be \$385,182. There has been discussion of 25% or 50% City participation for property owners' walks. Gall said that every street was included and the number of lineal feet for city, private and handicap ramps. He included every block in the City which does not have a sidewalk Councilmember Green said the sidewalk committee has recommended City participation in addition to a dedicated millage for sidewalks. City Manager Pasquale responded the City has an Improvement Fund which could be utilized.

Mayor Maatman mentioned that the City has made a commitment to the sidewalk program and it needs to be initiated. Councilmember Hodges recommended the committee review this information.

It was the consensus of the council to have the Sidewalk Committee review the information prepared by Art Gall and provide a recommendation to the Council as to which areas can be eliminated for new walks.

Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were presented:

Police Building Budget **Animal Control** Public Works

Item #9. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Kent County Commissioner Judith Harrison commended the City Council on carrying out their fiscal responsibilities within budget. Eugene Miller, 780 Bowes suggested installing a valve on those homes having to run water due to freezing. This will monitor the amount of water that can run at one time.

tem #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson referred to a letter by Michigan National Bank authorizing the City to tow vehicles parked on the Action Auto Site. Chief Emmons responded a contractor has been lined up to erect the signs. However, the signs have yet to be delivered.

Councilmember Green mentioned he has received several complaints in regard to motorists speeding on Sibley He suggested placing a Stop sign on the corner of Sibley and Roberta Jayne to deter individuals from using excessive levels of speed. Chief Emmons said he will examine the situation.

Item #11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following: A. The City Council will hear an appeal from Stephen

Larkin regarding the site plan for the new diner (southwest corner of W. Main and Broadway) on Thursday. November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. B. The Master Plan Focus Group will meet on Tuesday. November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

C. City Manager Pasquale said the schedule for the west side water improvements project is as follows:

- project out for bids Dec. 20 Jan. 17 receive bids Feb. 7 award contract Feb. 21 notice to proceed Mar. 1 mobilize substantial completion Aug. 1

The Council concurred with installing water main on the south side of M-21 to the City limits.

D. The following police-related correspondence was received: Chief Emmons explained the police department had

purchased five Glock .40 calibre semi-automatics (\$941.35)

MDOT review of no parking signs spacing on M-21 between Alden Nash and West Main

E. City Manager Pasquale said, as part of the downtown improvements scheduled, the old spillway under the King Milling parking lot needs to be properly filled and compacted due to erosion. An inspection by Fishbeck and the State is scheduled for early December to determine a proper course of action.

Councilmember Thompson questioned who was responsible for the repairs. Pasquale responded the State has indicated a responsibility of the project. The share has not been determined. Additionally, Pasquale said he has been working with the State to initiate a paving program for M-21

F. The County Board of Canvassers certified the follow-

•	Prec. 1	FIEC. 2	Total
*Jeanne Shores	246	181	427
*James Hodges	196	152	348
**James Maatman	179	156	335
Charles Myers	185	129	314

*four year term **two year term

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. The Elected Officers Compensation Commission is down to two members. One more is needed to have a quorum.

Additionally, Lee Ballard (1625 Sibley) has submitted a resignation from his positions on the Planning Commission and the Airport Board due to his new employment in

Further, Bill Bardins (424 Howard) has moved out of the City and will have to resign from his position on the

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: December 6, 1993

James D. Maatman, Mayor David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the Family Fare parking lot. The sale will be held through Dec. 19. The hours will be: Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8

LHS CLASS OF 1954

Do you know the whereabouts of these class members: Carolyn Cleveland, Richard Godfrey, Jr., Robert Ray, Benjamin Rogers and Dorothy Bignall Alber Hovinga?

If you know where they are, please call Nancy Potter Porter, (616) 897-4335.

POST OFFICE EXTENDS HOLIDAY HOURS The Lowell Post Office will stay open late on Wednesday

nights for the holiday season.

p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.

Their holiday hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. These hours will be in effect from Dec. 1 through Dec. 22.

LAAC WINTER PLAY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Lowell Area Arts Council winter play, "Our Town" will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 and 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts

Fifteen men, ages eleven and up, and seven women, ages sixteen and up, are needed for this year's production. Scripts are available at the Center on South Hudson. For more information call 897-8545

LIBRARY CLOSING

All branches of the Kent County Library System will be closed Friday, Dec. 10 until 1 p.m. for an all-staff inservice.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - ODYSSEY PASSBOOKS

The Lowell Lions Club is selling Odyssey Passbooks. Anyone interested in purchasing one, contact any Lions Club member or Bob Ford, 897-7501.

All of the profits from the fund-raiser will go to the Bushnell/Runciman fifth-grade camp fund. Books are \$35 and will be available in the lobby at FMB State Savings Bank on Friday, Dec. 3 from 2:30 until 5 p.m. and at Hahn Hardware through January.

FIRST AID COURSE OFFERED

The Lowell Area Fire Department is offering an American Red Cross First Aid Course on Dec. 8 and 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. You must attend both days to be certified

The fee is \$30, and class size is limited to 12 people. To register call 897-5241 before Dec. 3, 1993.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Thomas Misiak, 44, and Daniel Moody, 35, both of Saranac, were issued violations to 63rd District Court, Nov. 29 for an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Lowell officers took 18 accident complaints in the month of November, three of which resulted in injuries.

Martin Fox II, 33, of Shelbyville, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 1 on Hudson Street near Spring Street when a semi-truck driven by Michael Meeuwsen, 18 of Zeeland, changed lanes and collided with him.

A 16-year-old juvenile from Lowell collided with a trailer which was being pulled by a vehicle driven by Kirk Betcher 32. of Walker, when Betcher turned left in front of the juvenile on Main near West Street Dec. 1. No injuries were reported

Involved in a property damage accident Dec. 2 on Jackson Street just south of Main Street was Theresa Umlauf, 37, of Lowell, when she backed into a vehicle driven by Maurice Schoenborn, 61, also of Lowell.

makers view the changes

made in the House as being

too restrictive. The question

is - do they amend the House

Bill and send it back and risk

that it get lost in conference?

Are the changes worth the

Kimberly Kazen, 17, of Lowell, reported to police that her car was damaged by a hit and run driver while parked in the high school parking lot on Foreman Road Dec. 3.

Heather Gates, 19, of Lowell, and a one-year-old passenger in the car she was driving were injured Dec. 2 in an accident on M-21 near Ridgeview Drive when she lost control of her vehicle and slid into oncoming traffic and struck a car driven by Sharon Phenix, 47, of Lowell. A five-year-old passenger in Phenix's vehicle sustained minor injuries also.

Charter schools continued....

"At least it is a first step," Korb said. It opens the door to examine other avenues.

The Governor's plan allows existing public schools to convert to charter schools if 50 percent of the teachers and parents of enrolled children agree. The House Bill lets the change take place if 75 percent agree, "When is the last time you saw an election where 75 percent of the people agreed on an issue?" Korb questioned.

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ing, the charge or focal point of what takes place in some of the buildings will natu-

Runciman will be used for a New Dawn Program and for alternative education for "at risk" students. In each building, Korb said he will try to use aspects of the Charter School program to help facilitate it. If he can't, he will pursue alternative education under the current K-12

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"This may still happen, but not to the same degree because of the bureaucracies that have been put back in

> Charter school bills have been passed both in the House and Legislature. Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus says the bills are fairly close, although some Republicans

"The purpose of charter

schools was to get education

to use creative ideas innova-

tive for funding, curriculum

and staffing," Korb said.

are concerned the House Bill ing teachers from state mandates governing public schools, including requiring all students to attain certain educational goals.

One of the major issues where the two bills differed was in the utilization of noncertified members of the community for instruction.

Posthumus believes at the very least the bill ought to allow university and college

courses in high school and did not go far enough in free- should allow non-certified instructors to teach in vocational areas.

The MEA was ardently opposed to the bill passed in the House. The MEA viewed it as a major setback.

risk? That's a question that Many conservative lawwill be answered this week.

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Low priority sidewalk areas approved by Council

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Department of Public Works Director, Art Gall presented the Lowell City Council with a list of low priority sidewalk areas as requested at

 a November meeting. Four criteria were used to determine if a sidewalk was low priority: 1. topography; 2. cost to put in; 3. streets were in bad shape; 4.and limited us-

> Those sidewalks not put frame. Once the new are com- was opted.

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pleted, then work would begin on the low priority sidewalks.

Councilman Bill Thomp- a participation program. son asked that if M-21 (west) continued to grow, could it be pulled off the list.

mendation. We can add or remove sidewalks from the list at the Council's wish," Gall

are excluded from the 10-year for Phase II of the Westside divided up over a 10-year time or program (25 or 50 percent) stated its intentions to con-

Both Councilmen Jim

"This list is only a recom-

If the low priority streets program, the city would save Water Improvements Project Drive. approximately 35 percent of for Jan. 3.

City Manager Dave Pas- Hodges and Don Green agreed

quale asked the Council to let a participation program does said if participation is to be improvement fund that could him know if it is interested in help. "The city has a history of sharing on such projects," Green said.

Mayor James Maatman Pasquale said there was an considered, the Council first be used, and Green said obvihas to determine where the ously millage would have to money is going to come from. be considered.

Water improvement public hearing set for Jan. 3

A public hearing was set

on the low priority list were the cost if a participation fee Lowell's City Council

Drive to the city limits (north trict. and south sides), Gee Drive and Alden Nash, north of Gee

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$250,000. The public hearing was set

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struct water mains on West to consider the establishment Main, west of Ridgeview of the special assessment dis-

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will be held on the roll itself and the bid prices on the water main will be sought.

ment district is set, a hearing

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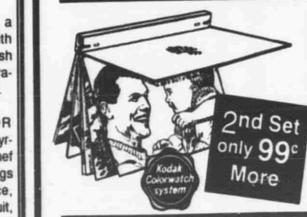
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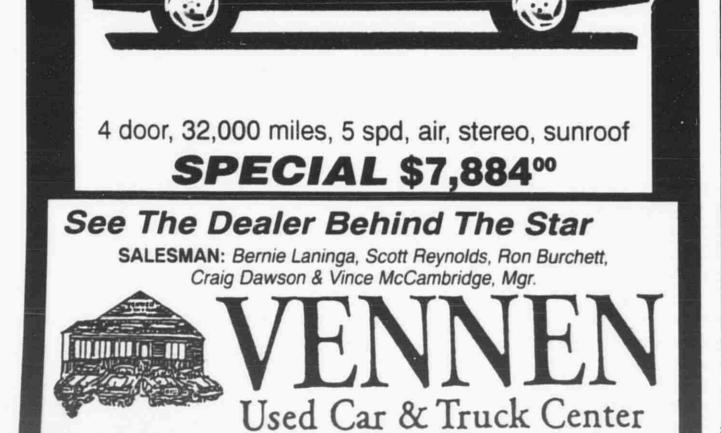
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cups, tablespoonfuls and teaspoonfuls and learning firsthand the meanings of the words "creaming, "chop- Day feast, ping," "boiling" and "simmer-

ing going on in the Alto El- tributed homemade bread and ementary first-grade classes butter to the feast, while as the children prepared for Norma Peterson's and Jack their annual Thanksgiving Misner's classes provided

Sheila Nordhof's and Each child brought apples

Reading recipes, measuring" were all part of the learn- Gene Sampson's classes con- from which every class made grade Pilgrims and Native helpers as they cooked apple freshly-cooked applesauce. A delicious pumpkin and ice cream dessert was provided tasty vegetable-beef soup.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, almost 80 first-

Americans descended on the and pumpkin pies, appl Alto School cafeteria to share sauce, fruit salad, muffins a their bounty with their friends turkey. Students also mad in the true spirit of the first Thanksgiving.

were joined by several parent on Pilgrims.

table decorations and cos tumes. The activity was th Alto's second-graders culmination of the unit stud



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6	WGVU-35	21	M-TV*
7	WXMI-17	22	LOCAL
8	8-DOOW	23	USA
9	WLNS-6	24	DISCOVER
10	WILX-10	25	WGN
11	WTLJ-54	26	ESPN
12	WKAR-23	27	CNN
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What is a fever? A fever is a temperature over 100 degrees orally or 100.4 degrees rectally. If the fever is between 100 and 101 degrees, the temperature should be taken again in one hour. Temperatures may be temporarily elevated from too much clothing or exercise and oral temperatures may be

Chris Bieri is boarding with the John Wrights of Alton

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - Dec. 5, 1918

E.A. Anderson tell about getting supplies to soldiers and

Dr. S.S. Lee, newly appointed village health officer,

says that there have been about 200 cases of influenza

in Lowell and vicinity so far and only four deaths. Schools

are expected to reopen about Dec. 16 as the number of

An area near Reeds Lake (Hodenpyl Woods) is pro-

posed for the new Grand Rapids airfield, since seaplanes

will surely have to be used in the hop over Lake Michigan.

Lowell is to be one of the stops on the Detroit-Grand

Rapids post flyer (mail plane) route and is advised to look

A Swedish inventor claims to have applied electric

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 9, 1943

A & P Tea Co. urges households to waste no food and

power to tractors and other farm machinery.

Letters from France by Lowell boys Walter Kropf and

Nick" the Vergennes Visitor.

the celebration of the war's end

cases is steadily declining.

for a suitable landing site.

to attend school.

Ledger Entries, continued...

elevated from warm foods or beverages. Teething does not cause marked elevations in temperature.

When should acetaminophen (Tylenol or other equivalent drug) be given? Fever medications will help your child feel more comfortable. Give medication if the temperature is above 101.5 degrees or if your child is very uncomfortable. A fever is a normal response to infection and helps to fight infection, so it is safe to delay treating the fever until 102.2

Do not give your child aspirin because in certain diseases it has been related to Reve's syndrome.

Sponging your child in a lukewarm (96-100 degrees) bath can help bring the temperature down if the temperature remains above 104 degrees after medication. Sponge your child for 15-20 minutes as often as necessary.

When should you call your physician? If the fever goes above 105 degrees, if the fever lasts longer than 48 hours, if your child is under 3 months old and has a rectal fever over 100.4 degrees, if your child has a seizure, or if your child develops a stiff neck, purple spots, or a bulging soft spot. Additionally, call your physician if your child looks sicker than expected, develops difficulty breathing, burning on urination, decreased urination, abdominal pain, marked change in behavior or level of activity.

use all leftovers to conserve food for soldiers, who have

The American Line Inc. (farm equipment) has in-

An article suggests that muskrat, opossum, wood-

Farmers must file income tax returns by Dec. 15,

Reminder: return all ration books of persons who have

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 5, 1968

the schools to choose in the wake of the millage defeat.

Parents' Club can't find enough volunteers and the

police department can't free officers to handle school

The Board of Education mulls over which bad news to

Council can't afford to hire crossing guards, Bushnell

The city will get only about one-third of fines levied for

local violations when the Justice of the Peace system is

supplanted by a new District Court setup.

computed on whichever year shows the higher income

chuck and raccoons can supplement wartime-restricted

bigger appetites than their civilian counterparts.

stalled a dictaphone to speed office work.

1942 or estimated 1943.

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Lowell Middle School students writing on their "Lunch Break"

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

"Lunch Break" provides a forum to Lowell Middle School students with literary interests, to display their taste for writing.

Laurie Wagner, Lowell Middle School eighth-grade

English teacher, took note of the large writing interest at the first LMS Gazette (school newspaper) meeting.

interested that I wondered how we were going to use all of them," Wagner said. "It really is nice to have 15 students on the newspaper staff."

NOTICE TOWNSHIP **OF GRATTAN ZONING BOARD** OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Rd. on:

> Wednesday, December 15, 1993 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be considered and any person will be heard.

Dale Trollman, in accordance with Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, has made application for a variance from Section 3.01 (1) to place an accessory structure at 3990 Kehoe Drive, Grattan Township, without a primary dwell-

Written comments concerning the request should be received prior to the meeting and addressed to Lisa Sostecke, Secretary, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Rd. Belding, MI 48809.



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Members of the "Lunch Break" editing staff are, left to riight, Charlie Johnson Crystal Waldron, Jason Grover, staff supervisor, Laurie Wagner, Sarah Sper, Blanche Brown and Kelly Biener. Not pictured is Mandi Schab.

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Kevin and Teresa Troupe, in accordance with Grattan Township Zoning Ordinances, as amended, has made application for a variance from Section 7.04 (2) requiring a 50' set back in Lake Residential Areas not serviced by sanitary sewer at 7310 Hallridge Road.

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What Wagner learned through the meeting was that many students were writing short stories and poetry on their own. After some qualifies thought, the eighth-grade English teacher decided that a for math school magazine was needed these students.

Posters were made promotwas also held. The "Lunch short story entries plus poetry. Of the writings submitfirst "Lunch Break" edition which came out on Monday.

have been writing on their own 17,500 participants in an extime have another audience amination given at 400 Wagner said. "It's another Michigan last Oct. 13. The non-athletic way for students qualifiers will compete by takto be recognized.

The staff meets every 8. Tuesday after school from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Charlie Johnson, Crystal honor at Lawrence Techno-Waldron, Jason Grover, Sarah logical University next Feb. Sper, Blanche Brown, Kelly 26, and approximately the top Biener and Mandi Schab.

ented students being recog- around \$400 to \$2,200. nized, it also allows her to see a different side of the student.

dent/teacher relationship one step further. It gives the relationship another angle. It also allows students to see me in a more relaxed setting. Wagner said.

"It takes the classroom stu-

On Wednesday the "Lunch Break" staff put its first edifor their peers to pick up and

Beyond writing, Wagner says the creation of "Lunch Break" is also teaching students the importance of working together as a group and about leadership.

Waldron says "Lunch Break" provides writers with a chance to live another life.
"There are no guidelines,"

Grover adds, "It's a chance to express one's personality."

Kilpatrick to showcase the writing of competition

Ann Kilpatrick, a senior ing "Lunch Break". A contest at Lowell High School, has qualified for the second part Break " staff received 25 of the 37th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michited, 15 were featured in the gan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Kilpatrick qualified for "I think it's important that Part II by placing among the these talented students who top five percent out of about other than their teacher," schools across the State of ing the Part II exam this Dec.

The 100 students with the highest combined scores will Members of the staff are be invited to a banquet in their 50 will receive college schol-Wagner says beyond tal- arships ranging in value from

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SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Road, Lowell. Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12675 Foreman Road.

EVERY 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!

EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more informa- for information. tion call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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at the home of Linda Johntices to be kept brief and to TUESDAYS: Take Off Moms In Touch Interna- Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m. Pounds Sensibly Tops M tional. Mothers meeting to Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 I #372 meets every Tues- pray for their children and a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868day evening at the Lowell schools. All Lowell School 6038 Congregational Church mothers are invited. and Hudson St. Weigh-ins

> EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES .: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club -Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m. meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman

EVERY TUES.: Support 7 p.m. One, 7:30 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

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DAY: Lowell Area Jaycees 21-39 years of age. Lead-

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FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Li- THRU DEC. 19: Lowell ons Club meets at Dari's at Schools Athletic Boosters

EVERY THURSDAY: Lowell day, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunmeets at 3:30 p.m. at the day, 12 to 6 p.m. V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

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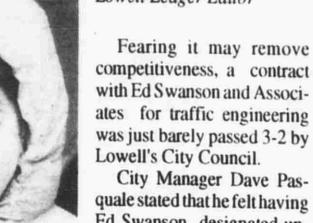
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Lowell Ledger Editor Fearing it may remove competitiveness, a contract with Ed Swanson and Associ-He added that Swanson is familiar with Lowell and has

Lowell's City Council City Manager Dave Pas-Ed Swanson designated under contract as the city's traffic engineer would be advan-

By Thad Kraus

"It would eliminate the time spent going through requests for proposals . The contract provides no retainers," Pas-

quale said, "and the city pays for studies it requests through the approval of the Council. Therefore, costs would be provided ahead of any work."

worked very successfully. Mayor James Maatman said he feared it removed the quale stated that he felt having competitiveness. "A bid varies if against other bids," he said. "The city does not have bid contracts with other engi-

> out of place." Councilman Jim Hodges said he had no trouble with the one-year contract.

neering firms. This just seems

The city utilized Swanson and Associates for traffic engineering studies. Swanson completed a traffic and parking analysis on Main Street in August, 1989. This lead to the installation of a traffic light at W. Main and Valley Vista, and a downtown parking arrangement satisfactory to the

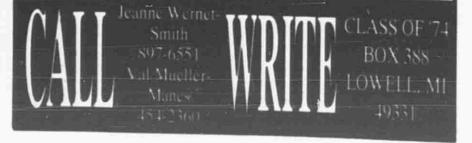
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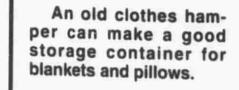
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Special Meeting of Thursday, November 18, The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor

Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Fonger, Thompson and Mayor Maatman. Absent: None.

Item #1. PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING APPEAL OF SITE PLAN APPROVAL OF THE REDHOT DINER LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF W. MAIN AND BROADWAY. Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing for an appeal of the site plan approval provided for the proposed Redhot Diner (southwest corner of W. Main and Broadway). City Manager Pasquale said the Planning Commission approved the site plan at its regular meeting of October 25, 1993. The site is in the C-3 District and meets both setback and parking requirements. The Planning Commission approved the site plan subject to the following stipulations:

- extend sidewalk on the west side of Broadway south of the drive to the south end of property

extend parking lot width from 58' to 61' provide two 12' wide handicapped spaces

provide a catch basin at the southeast corner of the parking lot subject to DPW review

move the proposed pole sign to the west side of the building or eliminate

The Commission noted that the existing parking lot was established after the Antique Mall had been in business. Therefore, the City did not require that the Antique Mall provide this parking lot.

Stephen Larkin, owner of Larkin's Saloon and Larkin's "The Other Place" of 301-305 W. Main, felt the Planning

Sommission did not examine adequately the parking problems of the entire area when reviewing the site plan. Stephen Doyle, on behalf of King Milling Co., expressed Deb Telon, Manager of Larkins Saloon, felt that the diner his concern regarding congestion at the corner of Main and Broadway by semi-trucks combined with the increase in traffic during the time of wheat harvest and 4-H

Michael Blough, Chairman of the Planning Commission, said the Commission thoroughly examined the site plan for the Redhot Diner and mentioned it met all zoning requirements. He added that the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the 1984 Master Plan and wanted input on how to alleviate the parking problems in the City.

Jeanne Shores, 315 Spring, felt the City can't discourage new business because of the parking problems which

Jerry Berta, owner of the proposed diner, said the diner will be a benefit to the community and a very positive attraction for the City of Lowell.

Duane Lambert, owner of Lambert Variety, 123 W. Main, said the downtown area is very tight on parking for employees and customers and believed that the two hour parking limit should be enforced

John Curtis, 414 Lincoln Lake, noted that he was the past owner of the property. At that time, he offered it for sale to the City and local merchants for parking. Curtis said that the McCollums paid top dollar for the lot. He said that not to allow them to sell the property to the diner because of parking problems would not be right

Charles Bernard, owner of Bernard's True Value, felt the proposed Quick Lube establishment on West Main had to go above what was required. Additionally, Bernard mentioned the Antique Mall has grown larger than what was originally proposed. However, it has not had to IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

City Manager Pasquale said the main concern with the DATE APPROVED: December 6, 1993 Quick Lube site was the number of curb cuts along M-21 due to the speed and amount of traffic. Pasquale said that the Planning Commission was involved along with

the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kent County Road Commission. Pasquale said a mutual agreement was made, benefiting all involved.

would be good for the community. However, she questioned if the location was the most desirable. Bonnie Grooters, owner of Pippi's Playhouse (219 W.

Main) believed that the semi-trucks utilizing S. Broadway should be re-routed.

Roger Brown, owner of the Lowell Ledger and Buyer's Guide, 105 N. Broadway, said he does not want to discourage new business. However, the City and merchants need to look into resolving parking problems.

City Manager Pasquale said the Downtown Development Authority has researched possible solutions for parking including redeveloping the King Milling lot and the lot behind Cousin's Card & Gift Shoppe. Pasquale said parking will continue to be a concern with the Planning Commission, City Council and the DDA.

Councilmember Thompson said he does not see any basis for an appeal as all zoning requirements have

Mayor Maatman agreed that the City has a parking problem. However, the City needs to encourage new

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMP SON to affirm the site plan approval provided by the Planning Commission for the Redhot diner to be located at the southwest corner of W. Main and Broadway. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

James D. Maatman, Mayor David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

More Christmas Parade pictures...





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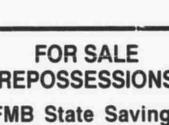
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Tiffany and Holbrook win contests

Dick Tiffany, Belding, was the \$1,000 winner in the Harold Zeigler Ford Thanksgiving Celebration which ran three days, Nov. 26, 27 and 29th. Tiffany entered the drawing on Friday, Nov. 26 while waiting for his truck to be serviced.

Chester Holbrook, Lowell, won an RCA television set in a drawing held by the Lowell Auto Dealers as part of their Thanksgiving Sale held Nov. 26, 27 and 29th.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Tiffany, Charlie Jeffrey, Harold Zeigler Ford sales manager and Holbrook.

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Believe it or not! - Lowell's the biggest team in the O-K White

By Thad Kraus owell Ledger Editor

How the Red Arrows understand their individual roles vill define what role the 1993-94 Lowell varsity boys' basketball team will play in the O-K White.

"I think we can be competitive with all the teams," Lowell fourth-year coach Phil Beachler said. "How well the boys recognize their individual roles and stay within them will determine how competitive we are with the more talented teams in the

Beachler says Wyoming 94 season. Park, East Grand Rapids and Zeeland are the most talented teams. "Of the three, Park is probably the most talented," Beachler said.

The Red Arrow coach believes the overall talent in the league is up from a year ago. "I am hoping this is the

year we can get over the hump and beat some teams we haven't beaten in the past," Beachler said. Lowell returns one starter

from its 8-13 club of one year ago. It has a strong nucleus of juniors that will play a pivotal part in the 1993-

JV Cheerleaders

Members of the 1993-94 junior varsity cheerleading squad are first row, left to right: Jennifer Wilkins, Julie Cerajewsk; second row: Jamie Tichelaar, Kylie Jackson, Sarah Jannenga, Kyla Cochran; third row: Sumer Brenner, Jessica Anstett, Coach Christine Douglas, Emily Dawn and Amanda Eggerding.

Possibly the most pressure will fall on its smallest starter, junior Brad Holtz.

It's a position that lacks depth. "Brad will do a good job of handling the ball and running our offense." Beachler said. "The key will be to keep him healthy."

Backing Holtz up will be 6'3, 200 pound junior forward Brandon Eisentrager.

If Holtz can remain healthy and get his Red Arrow teammates set up in a half court game, good things should hap-

The 1993-94 team is the biggest Red Arrow squad in the past six years. Its frontline will have two players at 6'5 and a third at 6-foot 4.

"We don't have the quickness to push the ball up the floor or to press," Beachler said. "We will definitely be pushing the ball inside."

Inside the paint will be 6-George Ponchaud, Scott LaHaie; second row: Curt Coleman, Brad Holtz, Dustin foot-5, 240 pound center Ron VanStee, Joe Minier, Tim Stencel, Brandon Eisentrager; third row: Manager Deb Acheson. The Red Arrow pos-Wieland, Manager Stephanie Brown, Jarred Sper, Kristian Magro, Ron Acheson, Ryan sesses good defensive skills Boersman, Manager Sarah Wieland and Coach Phil Beachler. and rebounds well.

Beside him will be Australian exchange student Kristian Magro. "Kristian is a strong inside player who can go to the hole," Beachler said. "He has good hands and is a very good rebounder." The other forwards who

will add strength to Lowell's inside game include Brandon Eisentrager, Scott LaHaie and Eisentrager will be more ter will be senior Curt of a forward/wing player. The

junior has an excellent out-LaHaic brings a strong tain George Ponchaud for inside game to the table. He

has great hands and is a good

one of the hardest workers. I flair, but he understands the think he will end up being one of the stronger off guards in the league. He jumps and

Possibly the most im-

proved player from a year

ago will be senior forward

Ryan Boersma. His shooting

has improved and he has

added strength to his 6'4, 155

pound frame. "He's definitely

going to be stronger going to

Backing up Achson at cen-

Coleman. He had to sit out

last year due to knee surgery.

senior leadership.

The club will look to cap-

"George never tires. He's

the boards," Beachler said.

Members of the 1993-94 Lowell varsity basketball team are front row, left to right:

Senior Joe Minier will provide smart, defensive play off the bench in the guard spot. "He doesn't have the

system and is playing with more confidence," Beachler

shoots well," Beachler said. Other Red Arrows who will see spot action are Tim Stencel, Dustin VanStee and Jarred Sper.

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High-jumping Red Arrows hope to alter attack of others

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girl's volleyball team will match up physically and athletically with all the other teams in the O-K White in 1993-94.

But it will be the little nuances of the game, such as blocking, serving, hitting, and setting that will determine if the Red Arrows' game will reach the same heights as the perennial league powers.

Frontline players Tera Harmon (Kentwood transfer), Kortney Gowen, Courtney Arnett, Alison Kissinger and Cori Boersma (all juniors) have the ability to jump any

and all hurdles that grounded Lowell a year ago.

They all have vertical jumps ranging from 20-23 inches. "That will make a difference with our ability to block," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "Jumping gives a club the ability to take bad balls and make them play-

Frontline players who can ideally can also help change the style of the opponent. "Last year we were not able to get our hands on the ball at the net. If you can't block, you're going to eat a lot of balls," Kuna said.

Altering the opponent's shot or slowing down the ve-

locity of the shot should help the Arrows in other phases of their game as well.

Harmon comes to Lowell from a good program and with of volleyball potential AAU experience. "She will help our frontline play,"

Gowen, who's as quick as they come, is showing a defensive confidence to the delight of her coach

How effective the frontline players are from an offensive standpoint will depend on the timing that is worked out with setter, Kerry

"Kerry is incredibly smart and has good judgement as

handle situations," Kuna said.

From a defensive standpoint, no one may have more intensity than junior Krista Posthumus. "She's quick to the ball and is a good floor leader," Kuna said.

Kissinger, who may be the quickest of them all, will primarily be looked to for her hitting and blocking. She will also be Lowell's secondary

Kuna likes the idea of one setter. "I think it is good to have one player concentrate on setting full-time. I think that will also help the frontline players with their

She will also help out up front.

this team come from basket-

tremendous season. I think

the confidence from that ex-

perience will carry over,"

Kuna said. "They bring the

'you succeed, I succeed' atti-

ball where they enjoyed a

"Many of the players on

Kuna says success will de-Working with Nugent and pend on a number of variables Kissinger on setting will be such as serving, defense, conassistant coach Kelly Drake. sistency and injuries.

"We were hit with a num-This year's team remains relatively young. There is ber of injuries last year. Our serving was horrible a year only one senior from a year ago. That will be Kathy Krul. ago; that must improve," She will bring a good serve and quickness to the table.

The Lowell coach says Forest Hills Central will again be the favorite, with Zeeland and East Grand Rapids not far behind. After that there is a cluster of clubs including Wyoming Park, Rogers, Northview, and Sparta.

"I really believe we have the players and potential to be in the top four," Kuna said.



Members of the 1993-94 Lowell varsity volleyball team are front, left to right: Kerry Nugent, Anna Luyk, Krista Posthumus, Alison Kissinger, Jenny Jansma; back row: Manager Brad Richardson, Courtney Arnett, Kortney Gowen, Tara Harmon, Elana Richmond, Cori Boersma, Kathryn Krul and Coach Laurie Kuna. Not pictured Tracy



Lowell JV Volleyball

Members of the 1993-94 junior varsity volley ball team are front, left to right: Andrea Bishop, Lisa Anes; second row: Stephanie Newell, Cara Thaler, Holly Stouffer, Shannon Vos; third row: Beth Wilcox, Katie Rooker, Missy Luyk, Coach Kelly Drake, Brooke Krebill, Karen Dykstra and Dawn Burrows.

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One last go-around for O-K White rivals Lowell and Sparta

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the final time as members of the O-K White Conference, Lowell and Sparta will be favored once again to vie for the league wrestling championship.

Following the 1993-94 scason, Sparta (in its 10th year) will move out of the O-K White in favor of the O-K Blue. Replacing the Spartans will be Hudsonville.

The two wrestling powers shared the crown last year. Lowell won the dual meet and Sparta won the conference meet.

Red Arrows' Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame coach, Gary Rivers, says he'll miss battling Sparta in the O-K White. "It's an excellent rivalry. I've always had all the respect in the world for the Sparta wrestling pro-

With this year marking the final league confrontation between the two schools, does this battle hold a little more meaning? "I don't think so," Rivers said. "At least not for us. Maybe for Sparta, since it's leaving the league."

Rivers vowed to try to keep Sparta on its non-conference dual schedule.

The two schools will battle on Jan. 13 at Lowell for what will inevitably be for the top spot in the O-K White.

Returning to the mat this scason will be six seniors who accounted for 127 wins last year.

The premiere Red Arrow grappler will be 160 pounder,

Rich Stouffer. The senior cocaptain was a state medalist Rivers explained. last year, finishing up at 39-8.

The senior is just 27 wins away from 100 career victories. Only 11 Lowell wrestlers have accomplished that feat. In three years he has posted a 63-39 record.

Joining Stouffer in the climb to 100 wins is co-captain Cory Kirkbride. The senior enters his final season at 67-48, leaving him 23 shy of the 100-win plateau.

"For three years Cory has wrestled where we need him and not necessarily at the weight he should," Rivers

In essence, Kirkbride has been taking one for the team. In his senior year, Rivers says Kirkbride will wrestle at a weight best suited for him. "He probably will wrestle at 152 but will certify at 145,"

Senior Chris Kamphuis will wrestle at 130 pounds. The senior is coming off a 24-17 junior year. Rivers expects that Kamphuis' senior year will be a fantastic one. Scan Smith will wrestle at

189. He was 14-8 a year ago and is capable of an excellent

Senior Chris Nauta was 24-9 in 1992-93. "Chris can be very tough if he can manage to keep his head on straight," Rivers said.

Senior Dan Heckstedt is a prime example of a good wrestler getting lost in a great wrestling system. "Dan is a good wrestler and will fill our void at 171. It's been unfortunate in that he's been

second best for three years."

Four juniors with at least one year of experience at the varsity level will help give Lowell more flexibility and a stronger nucleus to work

Mike Rottier, at 125, has and Robert White (HWT) posted a record of 42-24 in his first two seasons. on the varsity.

Returning letter winner Ron Osmolinski will wrestle in the 140-pound spot.

Scott Swanson, a state qualifier from last year, will be the 103-pounder. He was 29-15 last year.

Doug Weeks, 14-18 last Rivers says team goals inyear, will wrestle at 130 clude the conference championship qualifying as pounds. a team for the state finals.

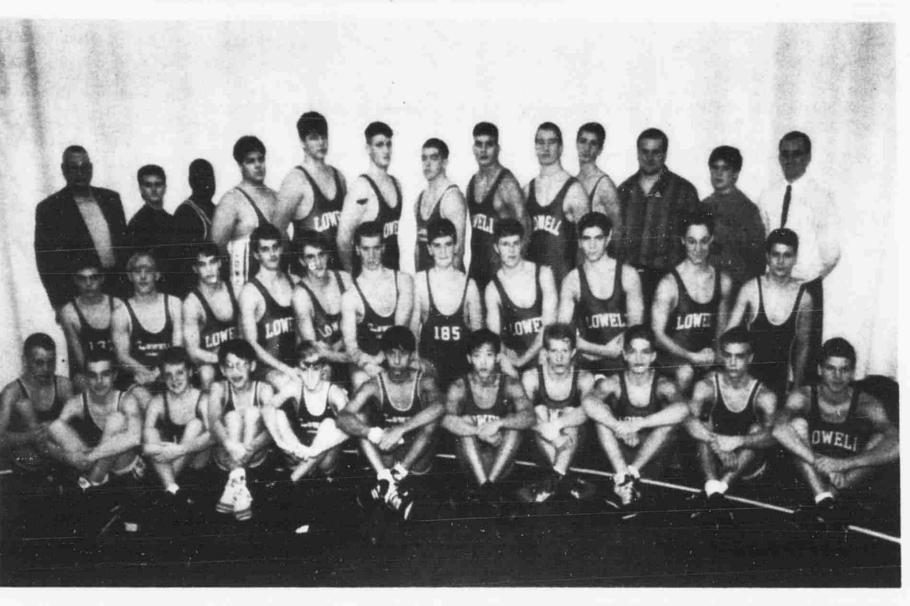
Todd Lyonnais (140/145) will push strongly for a spot

Returning sophomore letter winners who will step right in again this year are Matt Inman (135) and Dan Spicer two question marks entering (112). Inman was 6-6 as a the year will be at 119 and freshman and Spicer was 26- 171.

The Lowell coach says the

However, with 23 freshmen out this year, the venerable Lowell coach might be able to find a needle or two in the haystack if needed.

Good Luck Grapplers!



Members of the 1993-94 Lowell wrestling team are front, left to right: Bob Meyers, Scott Hays, Brett Plattner, Nathan Roudabush, Casey Harper, Alex Brubaker, Scott Swanson, Dan Spicer, Matt Osmolinski, Chad Campbell, Mike Rottier; second row: Darren Slone, Jody Schneider, Doug Weeks, Matt Inman, Ron Osmolinski, Joel Uzarski, Chad Uzarski, Todd Lyonnais, Rich Stouffer, Shane Risner, Jim Hodges; third row: Coach Gary Rivers, Manager James Miller, Tommy Dumas, Jeff Hovinga, Rob White, Sean Smith, Mike Minier, Dan Hackstedt, Cory Kirkbride, Steve Morlock, Coach Joe Depew, Bill Stouffer and Coach Dave Strejc.

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Red Arrow Freshman Basketball

Members of the 1993-94 boys' freshman basketball team are front, left to right: Ben Bills, Ryan Teelander, Kevin Brown, Joe Hohbach, Andy Smith and Mike Curtis; second row: Manager James Vezino, Jeff Catlin, Brian Willmarth, Scott-Douglass, Charlie Yerkes, Chad Nowak, Aaron Brander and Coach Brent Noskey.

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Lowell JV Basketball

Members of the 1993-94 Lowell junior varsity basketball team are front, left to right: Nate Jannenga, Billy Kennedy, Matt Walls, Ryan Graham, Scott Smith, B.J. Barber; back row: Ryan Tennis, Brandon Hamilton, Joe Seitz, Chris Wilcox, Chris Serne, Steve Bosserd and Coach Dave Eichberg.



Lowell Freshman Volleyball

Members of the 1993-94 Lowell freshman volleyball team are front, left to right: Carrie Hubbarth, Angie Pattok; second row: Lisa Murphy, Jenni Hall, Cory Land, Shelly Staal, Katie Stouffer, Teresa Rich, Amy Larabee; back row: Corrine Arnett, Jenny Borg, Katy Duhr, Deanna Anchors, Tina Huizenga, Courtney Kissinger, Sara Triplett, Rachel Thomas, Jenny Walker and Coach Sheila Dubbink.

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Talented Lowell gymnastics team eyes regional

By Thad Kraus owell Ledger Editor

With gymnasts who have nterest and talent in the two most difficult events, Lowell eymnastics coach Annette

possibilities in 1993-94. "I'm really hopeful that the girls will be able to qualify as a team for the regional,"

Pearson is beaming about the

If the Red Arrows are to do so, they will need the leadership of four-year gymnasts, Sara Kropf and Betsy

Kropf will be an all-around performer again in 1993-94. he senior qualified for the regional on the vault a year

Coach Michele Chamberlain.

ago. Pearson says she is also strong on the balance beam and in the floor exercise.

Elzinga gives Pearson added strength on the uneven

Seniors Liz Arnold and Danielle Johnson enter their second year of gymnastics but will contribute heavily on the bars and beam. Arnold will be an all-around performer and Johnson will tackle the challenge of the beam and uneven bars.

In her second year of gym-

Members of the 1993-94 Lowell gymnastics team are front, Skye Fisher; second row,

left to right: Liz Arnold, Betsy Elzinga, Danielle Johnson, Trisha Schmidt, back row:

Coach Annette Pearson, Lesley Murphy, Tammy Eteo, Shannon Laux, Sara Kropf and

nastics, senior Brenda Bittrick will see action in three events: the bars, beam and vault. Pearson said she will also serve as substitute in the floor exercise.

Freshman Shannon Laux tough competitor with little and Tammy Eteo are also expected to help strengthen the Arrows on the beam and bars as well as the floor and vault.

"We have people to fill our areas of need," Pearson said. 'We have interest and in the two toughest areas (bars and beam).'

The fourth-year Lowell coach hopes that having a stronger group of girls in the uneven bar area will serve as a jump- start for the squad.

"Usually a team's lowest scores come on the uneven bars," Pearson said. "I think we will be better in this area than we have been over the last couple of years."

Laux is described as a

or no fear. "She's willing to try anything. That is a good asset to have. She will help us on the balance beam and in the floor exercise.

Eteo is a well- rounded gymnast. Pearson said the freshman will surprise people on the uneven bars.

A third freshman Skye Fisher, currently out with an illness, is scheduled to compete on everything but the uneven bars.

Junior Lesley Murphy, who worked in a club over the summer, may be Lowell's best gymnast. She will perform all-around and is strongest in the areas of the floor and beam. "If she continues to sharpen some of her new beam skills, Lesley could be impressive," Pearson said.

Sophomores Rachel Brown and Trisha Schmid will serve as alternates on the vault. Brown could contribute in the floor exercise and on the balance beam. Schmidt will also be an alternate on the

It's hardly an exaggeration to say the Red Arrows compete in the toughest conference in the state. Returning for another banner year is defending state champion, Mona Shores. The O-K Rainbow also is

home to the second best team in the state a year ago, East Kentwood - add to that perennial power, Holland and a competitive Rockford team. Lowell will have a difficult time competing with the

league's elite, but Pearson is

confident her club can score

115 points four times or more during the season and qualify for the team regional

Lowell opens its home schedule against East Grand Rapids on Jan. 20.

Go Red Arrows!



Lowell Varsity Cheerleaders

Members of the 1993-94 varsity cheerleading squad are front, left to right: Katherine Craig; second row: Erin Bryant, Annemarie Biernacki; third row: Holidae Bauman, Jody Hoffman, Lisa Allchin; fourth row: Michelle Murphy, Andrea Richmond, Melissa Beute and Sheila

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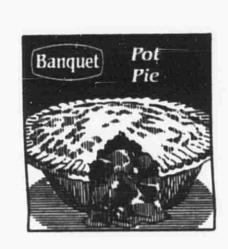
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