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Bags, totes and bins set the groundwork for city's new refuse pickup program in Feb.

By Thad Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Beginning Feb. 1, the city of Lowell will commence with its new refuse pickup and curb-side recycling contract with Denny's Disposal.

The new refuse pickup program is expected to save the city thousands of dollars. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale did not know exactly how much. "It will depend on the volume of customers who participate in curb-side recycling, and those who use the trash bags.

The current refuse pickup contract cost the city \$137,000 a year.

"Residents will also have the option of using a 90-gallon plastic trash bin for \$11 per month (rented through Denny's Disposal).

The trash bags will cost residents 50 cents a bag. The city will pay 30 cents of the bag's 80-cent cost.

The start of the new refuse pickup program will bring to

an end the Lowell Police Reserve and Civil Defense's trash bag sale fund-raiser.

Each year, 33-gallon heavy-duty trash bags were sold. The fund-raiser brought in anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year.

"The money was used to purchase equipment and supplies for the betterment of the community," Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said.

From the fund-raisers, the reserves and civil defense have been able to set aside \$4,000 for a civil defense building and a police reserve criminal shelter.

Monies have also gone toward a civil defense van now used cooperatively with the fire department dive team for emergency disasters; purchase of safety equipment for the reserves, and training for dive team members.

Emmons said they are in the process of coming up with a replacement fund raiser.

"We just want to make sure the replacement is beneficial

to the citizens of Lowell," he said.

Some of the ideas being considered are security alarm systems and optiwrap (a cellophane wrapping for frozen foods).

The red trash bags that will be used in this new contract with Denny's Disposal are available at Hahn Hardware, Bernard's True Value Hardware, Family Fare and Plumbs. The bags will be sold at 10 for \$5.

A red 18-gallon tote will be available for curb-side recycling. There will be a one-time \$5 deposit for its use.

Residents who choose to participate in the recycling program are asked to put plastic, clear glass, tin, aluminum and newspapers in the tote.

"Those who recycle will cut down on the number of trash bags they use," Pasquale said.

The city will pay \$2.50 per customer per month to

THE WHAT'S AND HOW'S OF RECYCLING



CANS - Please rinse, clean, remove the labels, and flatten. (Food good cans only!)

NEWSPAPERS - Must be placed in brown grocery sacks or tied in bundles. (No magazines, please!)

ALUMINUM - Aluminum foils, pie tins, and cans must be cleaned and flattened.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS - Clear glass only. (Food and Beverage Glass Only!) Please rinse, clear, and remove caps. Labels need not be removed.

PLASTIC JUGS - Please rinse, clean and flatten all milk, juice and water bottles. Please empty and remove caps from all detergent, bleach and fabric softener containers. Labels need not be removed. All caps must be removed.

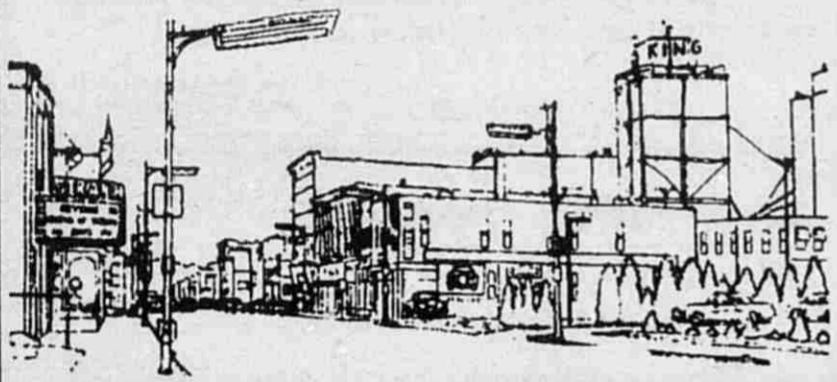
have recyclable items picked up once a week. City Clerk Betty Morlock said of the 1,100 households in the city, approximately 90 had pur-

chase recycling totes already. The totes are available at City Hall.

Those who choose not to use the red trash bags or re-

cycle will be responsible to contract out their own trash service.

Along Main Street



STUDENT AMBASSADORS FUND-RAISER

Come to a Tupperware party and help five Lowell People-to-People student ambassadors go to New Zealand and Australia this summer. The party will be held Jan. 22 at First Congregational Church on N. Hudson in Lowell from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will be hosted by Jennifer Boyd, Stephanie Brown, Rick VanderWarf, Dena Beers and Becky Cattanach. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please call Jennifer or Carlinda Boyd at 897-9176.

ARTS COUNCIL EXHIBIT

The recent landscape paintings of local artist Conrad Bakker will be on exhibit in the gallery of the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St. This exhibit will be on view January 9 through Feb. 12. A reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Gallery hours are Tues. through Fri., 1 to 5 p.m. and Sat. and Sun., 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Gallery is closed Mondays and holidays.

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER TO TRIM TREES

Lowell Light & Power has a tree trimming contractor on the property to trim and remove trees as necessary to provide proper clearance from primary and secondary circuits.

This contractor will be working throughout the service territory. Property owners will be contacted to obtain their permission to trim and/or remove trees which cause a hazard with electrical service. The trimming work is currently being

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Fluctuating rates make a good argument for bidding out insurance contracts

By Thad Kraus
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Recently, the Lowell School District has been under fire for not bidding out its insurance, which is dealt with through collective bargaining with the Lowell Education Association/Michigan Education Association. The story that follows tells of the plight of other schools and how they are dealing with the insurance question.

Richard Powell, executive director of finance at Saginaw City Schools, remembers the two-week strike in 1990 that stemmed from whether to stick with MESSA for health insurance, or break away and go with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

"Strikes are never good. I do know that this community is made up of more blue collar workers than professionals. The strike was

seen as teachers striking for benefits which blue collar workers could not achieve," Powell said.

Following a two-week standoff, the teachers agreed to go Blue Cross Blue Shield with a less costly coverage.

However, over the past year, Powell and the Saginaw City School District reversed their decision of three years ago and switched back to MESSA.

"Over the last two years, Blue Cross Blue Shield has gone up 25 percent each year," Powell said. "This year MESSA came in lower. Making the switch will save the school \$600,000."

Past history shows that switching may leave the district with a lingering question: Will it take another strike to switch back to Blue Cross if down the road their cost is lower than MESSA's? That very well could happen. Saginaw is regionally rated for claims by MESSA. If the

claims shoot up in that region, so too could the rates. Blue Cross Blue Shield individually rates each school.

"We struggled with that. Past history and trends show schools have problems getting away from MESSA," Powell said. "However, it came down to how could we not accept an offer that was \$600,000 less than what we would have paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield."

The savings was absorbed by the teacher's 3.5 percent pay increase.

According to Powell, there was a time when schools had the option in their contract to take the lower of the two in

the different areas of coverage. Schools can no longer do that. "That is no longer allowed. There was an agreement or what I call 'collusion' to eliminate that kind of competition," he said.

Currently Blue Cross is an underwriter for MESSA. In an analysis done by the Mackinaw Center for Public Policy entitled, "Michigan Education Special Services Association: The MEA's Money Machine," it states the conversion to Blue Cross as an underwriter put \$20 million in health care savings into other increased benefits in local contracts. MESSA contended this had a favor-

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Red Arrow girls volleyball team defeats Saranac, pg. 15

OBITUARIES

COSTER - Karen L. Coster, aged 50, passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 1994 at Cedar Care Center. She is survived by her husband Lowell; son, Cam and Linda Boylan of Sparta; one granddaughter, Michelle Boylan; step children, Carol Kutzli, Sharon Gross, both of Lowell, Steve Coster of Grand Rapids; mother, Josephine Proctor of Sparta; brother, Art and Sue Proctor of Bailey; six step-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 10, with Rev. Steve Young officiating. Interment in Fairplains Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or to Visiting Nurses.

COX - Eleanor M. Cox, aged 74, formerly of Ionia, passed away December 28, 1993. Surviving are her husband Gerald; two sons Gerald of Ohio and Charles of Belmont; one daughter, Janice Noffke of Lowell; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Services were held January 4, 1994.

FRANCE - Mr. Merle O. France, aged 74, of Grand Rapids, passed away Satur-

Daniel Haraburda; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Frank G. Haraburda. Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Entombment will be held in the mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Amicare Home Health Care.

HARPER - Esther M. Harper, aged 92, of Olds Manor, died December 29, 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband H. Owen Harper. She is survived by her children, Ron (Pat) Harper of Grand Rapids, Mary Jane (Charles) Fields of Bossier City, LA; her brother, Babe (Evelyn) Wingeier of Lowell; her sister, Kate Murphy; her sister-in-law, Doris Wingeier, both of Grand Rapids, May Wingeier of Fenwick; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Chaplain Irv Lister of Olds Manor officiating. Memorial contributions to the charity of one's choice.

HARABURDA - Edward F. Haraburda, aged 80, of Grand Rapids, passed away January 7, 1994 in St. Mary's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Golembiewski) Haraburda; his children, Stan and Marilyn Haraburda, Anna Groendyke, John and Betty Haraburda, Joanie Haraburda, John and Marty Schaut, and

Phillips of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Altar Society of St. Andrews Cathedral and was a member of St. Mary's Church where the Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery.

SNYDER - Herbert J. Snyder, aged 71, of Lowell passed away Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1994 at his residence. He is survived by his wife Sally; his eight children; 27 grand children; 23 great-grandchildren; two sisters. Funeral Service was held Saturday, Jan. 8, 1994 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Saranac.

STOUGHTON - Frances O. Stoughton, aged 75, formerly of Rochester, MI, passed away December 30, 1993 in Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband George, Sept. 14, 1993. She is survived by her sons, Timothy (Heidi) of New Mexico and Peter (Margo) of Grand Ledge; her daughters, Kay (Gerald) Wisner of Lowell and Becky (David) Schultz of New York; eight grandchildren; and her brother, Van Olmstead of East Tawas. Memorial Services were held Sunday, Jan. 9 at Porter Hills Presbyterian Village Chapel. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

TYLER - Delton W. Tyler, aged 83, of Freeport, went to be with his Lord Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1994. Surviving are one son, John (Hope) Tyler of Augusta, GA; two daughters, Bonnie Fisher of Wyoming and Ruth Ann Tyler of Freeport; four grandchildren, Angela Fisher, Rod and Dawn Tyler, Tracy and Kim Burns; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Frank (Marguerite) Kauffman and Mrs. John (Pat) Kowalczuk, both of Alto. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

WIECZOREK - Harold J. Wieczorek, aged 79, of Ionia, passed away January 1, 1994. Surviving are his wife Leola; three daughters, Janet Wieczorek of Ionia, Nancy Arens of Portland and Jackie Spencer of Lowell; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

TIMPSON - Jeffrey Todd Timpson, aged 32, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, was born April 10, 1961, died January 4, 1994 after a valiant battle with cancer for sixteen years. He was a graduate of Lowell High School and partner in Timpson Orchards, Inc. in Lowell. He is survived by his wife Michelle; daughters, Tricia and Jordyn; parents, John and Judy Timpson; brother, John and Colleen Timpson; sisters, Teresa (Timpson) and Perry Beachum, all of Lowell, Tracy Timpson of CA; grandmother, Vivian Timpson of Lowell. He was preceded in death by his sister, Suzanne Timpson. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Rothgerst Chapel, Rev. Dr. Roger LaWarre of First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Jordyn Timpson Scholarship Fund, c/o FMB, Lowell.

YATES - Marion Roth Yates, aged 90, widow of Robert C. Yates, died January 9, 1994. She was also preceded in death by her stepson, Schuyler Yates and all 10 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her stepdaughter Ellen (Fritz) Foerster of Rome, NY; her step-grandchildren Robert Yates (Sheila) Foerster, USAF Academy, CO, Frederick H. Foerster III, Barnstable, MA, Schuyler (Janet) Foerster, US Embassy, Vienna, Susan (Joel) VerPlank, Florence, AL and several step-great-grandchildren; her nieces and nephews Lola Mae Boyd, Lacey, WA, Charles (Marian) Williams, Tecumseh, MI, Kenneth (Barbara) Williams, Edinburg, VA, Shirley (Don) Selby, Auburn, CA, Joyce (Norris) Nichols, Los Alamos, NM, James (Shelley) Williams, Tempe, AZ, Mary (Don) Devlin, Schaumburg, IL, Nancy (Robert) Kuyers, Grand Rapids, Arlene (Gordon) Edwards, Holt; nieces and nephews from the Lowell area Ralph (Betty), Allen (Doris), Richard (Dorothy), Edward (Pat), Orlo (Harriett), William (Dottie) Roth; numerous great-nieces and nephews and many great-great nieces and nephews. Marion was active in the First United Methodist Church, Vergennes Cooperative Club, Western Michigan Historical Association (now Fallsburg Historical Association) and the Lowell Women's Club. Funeral Services Wednesday (today), 3 p.m. at the Rothgerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry First United Methodist Church of Lowell, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials to First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

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The persons hardest to convince they're at the retirement age are children at bedtime.
—Shannon Fife

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County airport and planning commission work on improving communication

By Marc Popiolek
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In order to quell rumors and create a good line of communication, representatives of the Kent County Airport presented their position on relocating wetlands to the Lowell planning commission this week.

The presentation was the first visit by representatives since their initial visit in August. Since that time, residents have heard many rumors and have not had answers to their questions.

The airport decided to purchase 320 acres of agricultural land to replace wetlands destroyed in its construction of a new runway. It intends to build a new 8,500 foot runway and extend its current runway by 1,100 feet. With the construction, it will destroy 76 acres of wetlands.

Residents were told the Lowell site was chosen because it fits the requirements set forth by such regulatory agencies as the Department of Natural Resources, the Fish and Wildlife Division, the Federal Aviation Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The factors which led to the decision included the soil, hydrology, existing wetlands, land use and zoning, ownership, adjacent land use, wildlife habitat, enhancement ca-

pability and storm water management.

According to Jim Kosolowski, Kent County Airport Director, Lowell provided the airport with everything it needed to replace the wetlands.

"We needed to find an area that could accommodate the criteria set forth by the regulatory agencies that give us construction permits," said Kosolowski.

According to Kosolowski, in making their decision to relocate the wetlands, the DNR and Fish and Wildlife agency told the airport it should relocate the wetlands in the Thornapple watershed district, thus limiting the possible areas for consideration.

Another aspect of Lowell that made it desirable to relocate the wetlands was the fact the land could accommodate the different types of wetlands.

Steve Ott, a representative from the environmental agency Johnson, Johnson and

Roy, said the Lowell site would allow the airport to construct four different types of wetlands.

Ott listed forested, scrub and shrub, emergent, and open water as the four types of wetlands needed to be relocated. He also pointed out that 81 percent of the wetlands relocated will involve forested, 10 percent emergent, two percent scrub and shrub, and one percent of open water.

"Despite the rumors, only a small percentage of the land will have water on it" said Ott. The airport further liked Lowell because it would have to deal with only four property owners.

"The less ownership we have to deal with, the better it is for us in case we have to relocate the owner," said Ott. "However, the airport is not in the business of taking or displacing home owners."

Ott stated the wetlands could offer a benefit to the

Lowell area because of its storm water management. According to Ott, the wetlands could control any potential flooding to the area.

During the meeting, residents were informed that the airport could allow residents to stay on their property. However, Sheryl Rittenger, who has 80 acres involved in the process, asked the representatives what good it would do to stay if all of their farm lands are taken.

Currently, airport officials are waiting to receive the appraisal studies before they move forward. Kosolowski said the airport doesn't know when they will receive the studies or when they will be able to move forward.

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—William Feather

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 24, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on a rezoning request from Root-Lowell Manufacturing Co., 1000 Foreman to rezone the rear 26.74 acre of parcel #41-20-03-276-004 from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to I (Industrial).

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

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RESPONSE TO MR. QUADA'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF JAN. 5, 1994:

Citizens for Quality Education is forced once again to respond to misleading publicity. Mr. Quada and Mr. Eshragh had a private agreement over the phone to try and set personal problems aside and to try and unify the community once the furor settles down. Now there appears a letter to the editor accusing Shawn Eshragh of "copping-out" because of stating he is not running for the board position. So we are forced to answer and set things straight again.

There were some assumptions in the letter we would like to challenge. First is the blatant statement that only the consultants, i.e. Childs and Associates, can make recommendations regarding technology and what our children need. We have numerous times offered expertise in the technology area to the board free of charge, but it seems that the only way anyone can have credibility with the board is if they charge large sums of money for their opinion (Childs is being paid \$113,000). We understand this is not the first time that expert talent has been turned down because it is local and free. Hence we had no recourse other than to make a different, and in our opinion more sensible, plan public. This was treated with contempt at the technology committee meeting.

Second assumption is that only board members can make any recommendations or decisions for the schools. While this is certainly the way things have been run, we feel this is because of the "good-old-boy system" rather than the most efficient or the usual way. We have asked numerous times for community suggestions to be part of the board minutes, but again unless an opinion is solicited and paid for, it is usually ignored. We find out now that issues we have been making public are by no means new, some having been presented to the administration over seven years ago.

This brings in the third assumption, which is that the Board of Education actually is responsible to the public as you suggest. We have gotten only public support for our efforts, while we really cannot say the same for the responses to the board at most of the recent meetings. While we agree the responsibility of the board is to the **CHILDREN OF OUR DISTRICT**, we have not seen that happen. When teachers can demand TV monitors in the classrooms so that announcements can be seen, while denying students that chance to have computers readily available, something is amiss. As Mr. Quada is aware, one of the principal announced to the students the first week of school this year that the chaos was their parents' "fault for not passing the Headlee Override. We organized Citizens for Quality Education for these very reasons - the children have been forgotten in all the politicking.

If Mr. Quada is so anxious for Ms. Eshragh to run for the board, then why hasn't the **OTHER** member of Citizens for Quality Education who **DID** apply for the vacancy been appointed yet? Mr. Eshragh would have been discounted as seeking attention if he did intend to run for the board, and now it's a "cop-out" to not run. Mr. Quada obviously is aware that one member of Citizens for Quality Education on the board now would still be a minority, and that would be a convenient way to shut the group up. Unfortunately the "old-boy system" is still well entrenched; one member of the board thinks we don't need a budget, one approved payment for \$48,000 in penalties without knowing it, and one never says anything but promised changes when he ran. Mr. Byrne and one representative for CQE would still only be two out of seven, nowhere near a majority.

We tried for the years we have been here to bring about changes by the "approved" channels. Others in the community have tried for many more years, only to be ignored or put off "for another 30 days," which never seems to materialize. If anyone started asking embarrassing questions before, either their children were treated badly at school, or their jobs were jeopardized and they either moved or hushed. Even now Mr. Quada and some others have labeled members of CQE "troublemakers" and tried spreading untruths. It is sad that when facts cannot be disputed that the establishment resorts to slinging mud instead. The time has come, however, that no amount of name-calling or mud-slinging will deter this "small group of individuals" as Mr. Quada called us from continuing in our quest to bring better management and decision-making to this district. We wrote the board members December 6, 1993 that difficult times were here for the board, and the decisions would not be easy ones. We still support the board in this process and since the mess has been revealed on their watch now, we once again offer our help to them to clean it up. Otherwise the public will make the difficult decisions for the board and administration, and find people who will change the system for them. We'll supply shovels for anyone brave enough to inherit this **legacy**.

Once again,
Citizens for Quality Education



Karrie and John Borton

DeYoung and Borton exchange November wedding vows

John and Karrie Jones of Lowell. (DeYoung) Borton exchanged wedding vows on November 6, 1993 at the Church of God on Leonard Street in Grand Rapids. Maid of Honor was Shanda Yeiter of Ada. Bridesmaid was Kathy



Shelby and David Tarrien

David J. Tarrien and Shelby L. (Zandstra) Tarrien were joined in marriage on August 7, 1993. Vows were spoken at four o'clock in the afternoon at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. The matron of honor was Rayna Jones and the best man was Mike Amthor. Bridesmaids were Wendy Zandstra, Deb Heyboer, Lisa Tarrien



Rick and Jennifer Zimmerman

Speerstra and Zimmerman celebrate October wedding

Wedding vows were exchanged on October 16, 1993 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell by Jennifer Anne Speerstra and Rick Todd Zimmerman. Parents of the couple are James and Candice Speerstra of Ocala, Florida and Ronald and Sue Zimmerman of Lowell. The bride chose to wear her mother's wedding gown of delustered satin, styled with appliques of re-embroidered alencon lace, sequins, and seed pearls which featured a double chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of red and cream roses with accents of purple freesia and ivy. Attending the bride as matron of honor was Amber Zimmerman, and the flower girl was Jerrica Foss. Greg Zimmerman stood up with his brother as best man, and Trevor Foss was the ringbearer. Seating the guests were Jeff and Jacob Speerstra, brothers of the bride. Following the afternoon ceremony, a reception and dance was held at Dari's Banquet Hall in Alto. The newlyweds will honeymoon in the Bahamas and plan to reside in Lowell.

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<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7495 Cascade Rd. S.E. at 36th St. Services.....10:00 A.M. 11:15 Church School Ministers: Thomas D. Keizer • Allan J. Weerink W. Fred Graham 942-2751</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities.....10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV; Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Roger MacNaughton.....Director of Music Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluwater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p>
<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>		

Viewpoint . . .



Back in Grand Rapids I went to the ticket counter to claim my dog. The baggage wasn't coming up on the carousel yet, and I didn't think they'd send pets on the conveyor to come clunking out with the other baggage anyway. Can't you just picture a hundred pound dog in a box crashing down on some woman's new Gucci overnight case?

When I asked the guy at the ticket counter if this was where I could pick up my dog, he immediately asked in a very grave manner, "Are you Mr. Brown?" I knew then that they had either lost my dog or he had escaped and caught a flight back to the sun and pelicans.

I'm sure this guy at the ticket counter had been through this routine before, and with people who are a lot more concerned about their pets than I am. You know the type. They're the ones who purchase cemetery lots and grave markers for their dogs. Anyway, this guy was so apologetic he'd have licked my shoes if I'd asked him to. He offered to call the cargo area in Cincinnati and give them any special feeding or care instructions I might have for Thor. I nearly told him to check Thor into the Hilton, get him a big steak and a lively female poodle to spend the night with. Somehow, I almost think this guy would have tried to accommodate me.

After several more apologies and assurances that Thor would be well cared for, I was told he'd be in on the first flight to Grand Rapids at 11:35 the next day. He would be sent out to Lowell immediately. I said, "Fine, bring my bag, too, would you?"

Since nobody would be home at my house, I told the airline guy to have Thor delivered to the Ledger and one of my employees would take him up to the house. I knew I would be out peddling ads for the Buyers Guide, so I'd left instructions with the staff to keep an eye out for my errant pooch. By the way, none of them showed any concern for my ear infection

either, but they sure were upset about my stupid dog. Maybe I'll let Thor sign their paychecks this week and see what happens.

About 2:00 the next afternoon, one of my employees noticed a Yellow Cab moving slowly down Broadway, and the driver was looking around like he was lost. This particular employee didn't know Thor was being delivered to the Ledger, but realized what was up when he saw the big box in the back seat with "Thor" written on it. A big yellow dog in a big yellow taxi. My dog, the world traveler. The employee chased the cabbie down and directed him to my house.

The story has it that this employee and the cabbie were unloading Thor, box and all. Thor realized he was finally home and began thrashing around frantically when they had him about halfway out of the cab. Slipping on the ice and snow while trying to hold up his end of the wildly gyrating box, the employee threw his back out. Fortunately the injured employee was much better the following day. That almost certainly would have been one of the weirdest workman's compensation claims on record.

Once the kennel was safely on the ground, they let Thor out. He raced out into the yard where he watered a shrub for about ten full minutes. At least that's what my employee told me. He'd been in the kennel for nearly 24 hours and hadn't made a mess, so I guess ten minutes is not so unbelievable as we might think. He doesn't seem any worse for the experience, but I have no idea what's going to happen if I ever have to try and get him into that kennel again. I'd better make sure he's had a rabies booster, as I'm likely to be bitten.

So, that's the lowdown on Thor's ordeal for all you concerned readers out there. I'll be darned if I'm telling you if my ear ever got any better!

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

There has been a lot of controversy on whether we need computers or infrastructure in the classrooms at the new high school. The request to the school board was that we should have a ratio of one computer for every eight students.

Computers are essential to prepare our children for the future. But let's prepare our students for technology; not have technology prepare our students.

With onset of the calculator, we all became lazy in our math skills. With the onset of "Spell check" in the computer, we've discovered it's easier to let the computer check our spelling instead of thinking through how a word is spelled ourselves.

The computers don't belong in every classroom. They belong in a lab and should be a required and essential part of our curriculum. Reading, writing, and arithmetic belong in the classroom.

Ina Dunn

Dear Editor,

Upon reading of the "notice" by Lambert Varsity Store in the Dec. 27 Buyers Guide about the parking problem. This recalls to mind about someone who wants to install and operate a diner, which will be about one and one-half block away.

The argument, if I recall correctly, was about parking in that area for all businesses concerned. Now Mr. Lambert just may have a legitimate complaint, and from what I have seen, he is right. If this is the case, what will happen when this new diner is opened and all the added traffic that is brought in to the city of Low-

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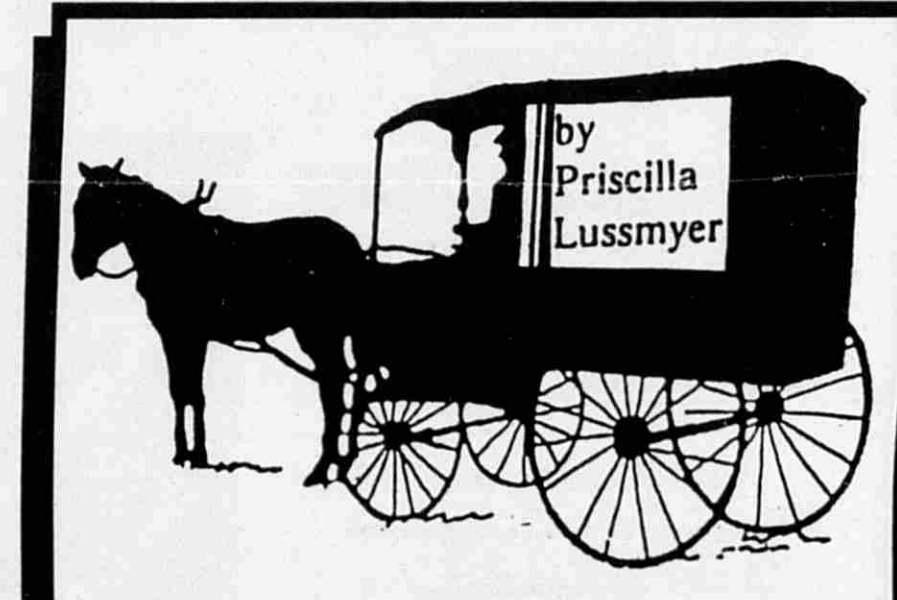
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superintendent. Let us get on with the business at hand while, at the same time, demanding accountability from our elected officials.

The public, you and I, are also to blame. We have not been interested enough, so now we have a crisis. It should not have gone this far. Let's "pay attention."

David Miller



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 10, 1894
Frank Alger has "a few small sums" of money to loan on good security.
Fire, believed started by tramps in the closed World's Fair Casino, burns at least four major buildings and stacks of exhibits standing packed and ready for shipping out.
George Lewis caught a seven-pound pickerel near Alton Wednesday.
Dogs have recently killed 10 sheep on farms in Alton.
The Gold Dollar Mining Co. of Cripple Creek Colorado offers shares of mining stock at 50 cents.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 9, 1919
Colonel Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt dies in his sleep at his home in Sagamore Hill, N.Y., at the age of 60. He was the 26th President of the U.S.
Sixteen-year-old Loren Williams is sentenced to Ionia Reformatory for his part in killing another 16 year old in a gang fight on Leonard Street in Grand Rapids.
Howard White writes home about being stationed in Archangel, Russia, where winter temperatures go to 35 below and more.
The head of the U.S. aerial mail service resigns and calls for a Congressional investigation of the post office. For one thing, all new planes have been ordered instead of using decommissioned War Department planes.

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done and will continue through the third week of January.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, Jan. 27 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 210 E. Main.

Check the "expiration date" on your commodities pick-up card. If it has expired and you want to renew it, you must bring the following: current proof of total household income; current proof of eligibility for ADC, General Assistance, SSI and Food Stamps and Social Security recipients: Form SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement. You must have the current information or you will not receive any commodities.

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 from 2:30 until 5 p.m. and at Hahn Hardware through January.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Gwendolyn Allen, 53, of Grandville, and her passenger, Gwendolyn Fosburg, 70, of Saranac, were injured in an accident Dec. 22 when their car was struck from behind by a

vehicle driven by Dorla West, 49, of Lowell, on West Main near Ridgeview Drive.

Warren Veurink, 40, of Zeeland, attempted to change lanes on West Main near Lincoln Lake Street Dec. 28 and struck a car driven by Allen Alberts, 29, of Ionia. No one was injured.

Dustin Hawk, 19, of Alto, was involved in a property damage accident on South West Street at Bowes Road Dec. 24 when he failed to stop at the intersection and struck a pickup truck driven by Roger Smith, 40, of Lowell.

Joel Eckman, 24, of Lowell, was lodged at the Kent County Jail for driving while license suspended, second offense, Dec. 20.

A vehicle driven by Phillip Tissue, 45, of Sidney, was struck from behind by a station wagon driven by Darlene Brown, 30, of Saranac, Dec. 28, on Main at Lafayette Street, when Brown failed to stop in time. No one was injured.

Geraldine Meunssen, 34, and two juvenile passengers in her vehicle were injured Dec. 22 on West Main near Ridgeview when she failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a van. The van was driven by Joseph King, 24, of Ada.

Joseph Kyburz, 19, of Lowell, reported to Lowell Police that his car was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in the Plumb's Market lot on West Main Dec. 27.

Robert Mask, 22, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers Dec. 22 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Alice Vogt, 78, of Grand Rapids, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 28 on Main Street near Division. The accident occurred when she pulled out of a driveway into the path of a car driven by Brenda Patterson, 30, of Ionia.

Lisa Jensen, 41, of Sheridan, caused minor property damage to her car Dec. 21 when, to avoid striking the rear of the car ahead of her, she swerved and struck the curb on North Hudson near Main Street.

Jacob Blough 44, of Lowell, was released on a personal recognizance bond to appear at a later date in 63rd District Court on a warrant issued for assault and battery.

No one was injured in an accident Dec. 31 on James Street at High Street when Kerry Kyscr, 32, of Lowell, collided with Michael VanderWilp, 17, also of Lowell.

Lowell officers investigated 34 accident complaints in the month of December, six of which incurred injuries. The total number of accidents for 1993 was 268 compared to 1992 when the total was 256.

Mark VanAlstine, 26, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers for driving while license suspended and on a warrant issued out of an Ionia County court on Dec. 29.

Stephen Conner, 40, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for driving while license suspended, second offense.

Steven Alsop, 36, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 5 at Valley Vista and Sibley Street when his vehicle was struck by a car driven by Teresa Overbeck, 21, also of Lowell, who failed to yield at the stop intersection.

Levi Figley, 33, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 1 on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids court.

John Mesler, 20, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 7 when he failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a vehicle on West Main near Lincoln Lake Street, driven by Ricky Osborne, 36, also of Lowell.

Orlando Castillo, 33, of Ionia, was arrested Jan. 10 on a warrant out of an Ionia County court for failure to appear in court.

Alexander Kozlowski, 22, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 10 on a warrant out of the City of Wyoming.

Insurance, continued....

able reduction in premium costs. The analysis stated that the school district savings were absorbed by increasing the benefits in labor contracts.

The executive director of finance and business management said there is little difference between the two. "MESSA is a little better. It pays 90-10 while Blue Cross pays 80-20," Powell said.

This volleying back and forth with rates makes for a good argument as to why health insurance should be bid out.

"I firmly believe schools should draft up the specific coverage they want, just like with any other project, and then bids should be taken," Powell said.

Don Leveille, director of business and operations in the Owosso School District, is not comfortable with MESSA or Blue Cross. "I think in both cases schools are being ripped off. I don't think it's any more MESSA's fault than it is Blue Cross's," he said.

What bothers Leveille

most with MESSA is that its health coverage is a packaged deal. "Schools don't control what's included in the package. MESSA has a \$5,000 life insurance package in its health insurance policy. It has no business being in there. Because it's presented in a packaged deal, schools pay for it."

"Everything in the MESSA package is the Cadillac of health insurance. It has a \$2 million lifetime maximum benefit for major medical expenses when \$1 million would be enough," Leveille said.

According to the analysis written by the Mackinaw Center for Public Policy, public employees have always been concerned that a move to competitive bidding of their insurance would cause a reduction in their benefits.

The report states that this is not true. It says school districts would still have to negotiate the level of benefits with the union, and the bidding process would be based

upon the corresponding level of negotiated benefits. Any change in the amount of employee benefits would be conditional on the union's consent during the collective bargaining process.

"If they had \$200-\$300 deductible like everybody else, they'd quit taking their

kids to the doctor every time there was a sniffle," Leveille said.

The Owosso school administrator says the only way to change things is to risk a strike - something most schools aren't willing to risk.

The big difference in coverage, according to Kolb, is that the school district's dental and vision coverage is self-funded.

"We pay up to \$1,000 per person, per year, and the employee pays the rest," Kolb said.

"If Blue Cross rates continue to rise, switching back to MESSA is something we'd definitely have to look at."

St. Louis Schools has been with Blue Cross for the past

Furnace checkups secure safety in the home

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Recent carbon monoxide accidents in West Michigan have brought appropriate attention to a home-safety precaution too often overlooked.

Carbon monoxide accidents can be easily prevented with fall furnace checkups.

"Not enough people have their furnaces checked routinely," said Lowell Heating and Air Conditioning owner Catharina Bek.

Lowell Heating and Air Conditioning charges \$39.95 for a furnace checkup.

An annual checkup can prevent and/or detect a

cracked heat exchanger, bad flue pipes, venting problems, plugged chimney, and doors left off blower compartments.

Carbon monoxide detectors are available at Lowell Heating and Air Conditioning for \$5.

Beers replaces Lubbinga on planning commission

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township planning commission elected its new officers for the upcoming year Monday night.

Following the resignation of chairman Rollie Lubbinge, the commission elected Mel

The highly publicized carbon monoxide poisoning in Plainfield Township may serve as an alert for those who have put off having a furnace checkup.

According to Bek, headaches, sleepiness and vomit-

ing are signs that there may be a carbon monoxide leak inside the home.

"This can be avoided if people will just have annual furnace checkups," Bek said.

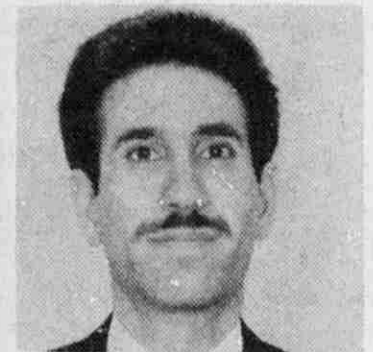
Beers its new chairman.

Beers, 13895 36th St., has served a year and a half on the board. For the past year he served as vice chairman.

Taking Beers place as vice chairman will be Dick Bryan, Bryan, 2989 Gulliford Trail, began serving on the board in July of this year. The ap-

pointment will be his first officer's position on the commission.

David Simmonds will continue his role as secretary. Simmonds, 3333 Segwun Ave., will be serving his third year as the commissions secretary.



LEGAL EASE

With
Jonathan J. David

DEAR JONATHAN: I am thinking about changing my will for the third time in three years. The problem is that I am not married and have no children so most of my beneficiaries are my nieces and nephews, of which there are quite a few. I have specified in my will different items of my personal property I want going to each niece and nephew. The problem is that I keep changing my mind, which then requires a change in my will. Is there a better way to do this and one that is less expensive?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. Under the Michigan Revised Probate Code, "a will may refer to a written statement or list to dispose of items of tangible personal property not otherwise specifically disposed of by the will, other than money, evidences of indebtedness, documents of title, securities, and property used in a trade or business. In other words, you can leave a list or written statement identifying who you would like to receive certain items of tangible personal property and in the will simply refer to the list or written statement instead of specifically identifying who is to get what.

If you decide to prepare a written statement or list, you should make sure of the following:

(1) That the written statement or list is either in your handwriting or signed by you.

(2) That the written statement or list sufficiently describes the items and the beneficiaries of the tangible personal property.

(3) That you date the written statement or list at the end. Since this list or written statement is prepared by you and can be changed or amended any number of times by you, and without the involvement of an attorney, then there is no cost to you for preparing the document. As a result, you can change your list or written statement any number of times without actually changing your will.

Also, since the written statement or list does not need to be witnessed and notarized, it is very easy to implement.

If you decide to prepare a written statement or list, then upon completion of the same, you should forward a copy to your lawyer to attach to your will and you should do so each time you amend that list.

DEAR JONATHAN: We have just received an offer from someone who wants to purchase our house on land contract. We really do not want a land contract but we have already had two other deals fall through and we really want to get the house sold. Consequently, we are going to accept the buyer's offer. Our real estate agent told us that prior to closing we are required by law to provide the buyer with a written disclosure statement regarding the condition of the house. Is this really necessary? The house is in pretty good condition but there are a few things wrong with it, and we are afraid that if we fill out this form, we will scare the buyer away.

JONATHAN SAYS: Your agent is correct that you as the seller are required by law to provide the buyer with a written

disclosure statement. This is known as the "Seller Disclosure Act." Although there are some exceptions, generally speaking, a seller of any interest in real estate consisting of one to four residential dwelling units is required to deliver to a prospective buyer of that real estate, a written disclosure statement indicating the condition of the property which is to be sold.

The form of the written disclosure statement is provided by statute and your real estate agent should be able to provide you with a copy of the document so that you can fill it out and present it to the buyer.

You indicated in your question that you were selling the house on land contract. As a result, pursuant to the statute, you are required to provide the prospective buyer with the written disclosure statement before the land contract is executed. Furthermore, when the land contract is prepared, you should indicate in that document that you have complied with the Seller Disclosure Act.

In the event you do not end up selling your house on land contract and instead sell it outright, then you would be required to provide the prospective buyer with the written disclosure statement prior to the execution of the buy and sell agreement.

Legal Tip: A good new year's resolution to act upon is to review and, if necessary, update any estate planning documents you have executed that are over two years old. For those individuals who have no estate planning documents in place, you should consider whether implementing estate planning documents would make sense given your current circumstances.

Ledger Entries, continued...

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 13, 1944

Farmer's Week planners at MSC advise attendees to bring lunch baskets, as there aren't enough eating facilities in Lansing to take care of the crowds.

Supt. Gumsier is trying to find places in the curriculum to add grammar, spelling and math review for potential service men and women, as well as driver safety and home nursing.

Lowell's quota for the Fourth War Bond Drive is \$125,000, and school children are being asked to buy

enough for two jeeps, besides asking relatives to buy bonds.

Carl Munroe buys Bob Hahn's food store. Mr. Hahn now can spend more time in his position as vice president of Universal Metal Products.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 9, 1969

Supt. James Pace submits his resignation to the school board, effective June 30, as the 1500 signature petition drive for another millage vote lags.

A big snowstorm blankets the area, closing schools for the third time this winter.


Rookie Al Eckman of the Lowell police nabs two Grand Rapids men wanted for robbery and a beating.

Ernest Collins' electronic Christmas card wins first place in Lowell displays.

The Underground Railroad Coffee House opens in the Methodist Church education building. It is run by youth.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier,
Jim Lang & Joyce deJong



RUNNER'S DIARRHEA AND OTHER GUT PROBLEMS OF ATHLETES

As more Americans adopt good health and fitness as part of their lifestyles, gastrointestinal (GI) disorder associated with exercise are becoming more common.

Runners are the athletes most commonly affected by GI symptoms, but swimmers and cyclists can be similarly affected. Lower GI tract symptoms seem to be more common

A beautiful woman is one I notice. A charming woman is one who notices me. —John Erskine

True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable. —Dave Tyson Gentry

There's a mighty big difference between good, sound reasons and reasons that sound good. —Burton Hillis

LOWELL BRANCH YMCA

MENS OVER 30 SLOW PACED BASKETBALL

1993-1994 STANDINGS

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Zzano's	1	3
Family Fare	0	4

than upper GI symptoms, with abdominal cramps, urgency to defecate, and diarrhea occurring most frequently. Symptoms may occur during or immediately after a strenuous workout. Many times the athlete is forced to interrupt the workout to seek relief.

No one really understands the exact cause of this ailment, but it is thought to be related to an electrolyte imbalance which occurs during exercise, resulting in the smooth muscle of the large bowel to become irritated.

Initial treatment of runner's or athletes diarrhea is for the athlete to curtail training duration or distance for one to two weeks. Substituting another method of aerobic exercise (low impact aerobics, swimming, rowing, stationary cycling) may be effective in relieving lower GI symptoms. When symptoms resolve, the athlete gradually returns to his usual workout program.

Diet may play a role in this syndrome, and changing to a low residue (low-fiber) diet during training season may help.

Medicines may also play a role, but only after other, more natural means have been exhausted. If the diarrhea is persistent or bloody, seek medical attention to make sure that there is not a more serious cause for the diarrhea.

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Rick VanderWarf
I'd prefer sales. I'd also like to see a higher tax on cigarettes and alcohol.

Marion Adams
Sales tax. It would spread the burden evenly over everybody.

Ann Bauer
I prefer sales tax. It would divide the cost among everybody. Also, I'm single and I own property.

Public hearing set to change zoning of clinic

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell planning commission has scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 26 to discuss a special use permit which would turn the Grand River Veterinary clinic into a residential dwelling.

The clinic, located at 228 Segun, is owned by Kay

Estes. She would like to get a permit which would allow her to make the building a two-family house.

Currently, the building is zoned residential one but has a special use permit allowing it to be a commercial operation.

The building has been used for many things over the past few years. Before becoming

a veterinary clinic it served as a consignment store, church and grocery store.

To make the building suitable for family living, Estes has to install new windows, but she can't get a building permit until she receives a special use permit from the planning commission.

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom.
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Bill Harmon
Sales tax would be more equitable than income tax. I think income tax would hurt those on the lower end of economic spectrum. With sales tax, those from out of state help too.



Ruth Durkee
Sales tax; it is more equal.



Todd Hand
Sales.



Jon Getz
Sales tax; then everybody is paying including people living in apartments.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Patrick M. Camp has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of

training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who



Airman Patrick M. Camp

complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Camp is the son of Michael J. Camp of Fenwick and Joy D. Camp of Saranac.

Air Force Airman Victoria L. Emelander has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Emelander is the daughter of Susan D. Holton and stepdaughter of Chuck Holton of Renton, WA. She is the daughter of Ken D. Emelander of Saranac.

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COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club - meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF 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 information 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.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M I #372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell

Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson St. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club - meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

EVERY WED.: Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sunshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th-grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more information, call Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

1ST WEDNESDAY: Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY THURS - 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Johnson, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. Moms In Touch International. Mothers meeting to pray for their children and schools. All Lowell School mothers are invited.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY SAT. - Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information net on Frequency

147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: New hours at the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park."

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old

Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

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

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EVERY TUES.: Ladies "Coffee Break Bible Study" and children's "Bible Story Hour" from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main. Nursery free. For information call 897-6462.

WED., JAN. 26: Lowell Look Fire Barn annual meeting and election of Lowell Area Historical Association at 7:30 p.m.

THURS., JAN. 27: Commodities will be distributed

between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 210 E. Main.

SAT., JAN. 22: Tupperware party at First Congregational Church on N. Hudson from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds to help fund a trip to New Zealand and Australia for five Lowell People-to-People Student Ambassadors. If you can't come but would like to place an order, please call Jennifer or Carlinda Boyd, 897-9176.

Variance request subject to I-96 decision by commission

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

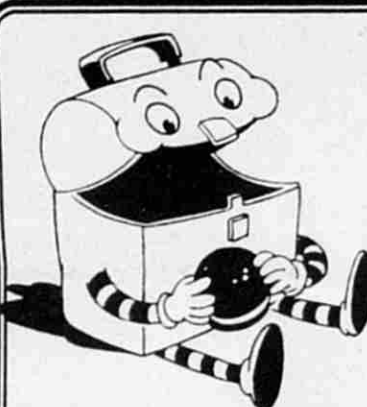
Does I-96 constitute a public access road? That is the question the Lowell planning commission must answer in the variance request for the VanderMark/Handing property.

The other alternative is to have them build a private road, but according to the township's

96 is considered a public access road. The commission could not answer this question, but they figured it wasn't because you can't access the property by building a drive off the highway.

The other alternative is to have them build a private road, but according to the township's

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week of Jan. 17th

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese and lettuce, steamed peas, Johnny cake w/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun, California blend vegetable with cheese sauce, fresh or canned fruit, cookie bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, fresh baked dinner rolls, choice of fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Corn dog on a stick, lettuce salad, baked beans, assorted fruit or crisp, milk.

FRIDAY: PIZZA POCKETS, carrot sticks, fruit juice, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese and lettuce or baked breaded chicken or chef salad, Chooose, Two: peas, sweet potato, Spanish rice, Johnny cake w/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or rib-b-que pork sandwich or chef salad with bread, California blend vegetable with cheese sauce, fresh or canned fruit, cookie bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or breaded pork patty or chef salad, buttered corn, mashed potatoes or rice w/gravy, fresh baked dinner rolls, choice of fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: 1/2 day of School - NO LUNCH.

FRIDAY: 1/2 day of School - NO LUNCH.

Weekly prepaid lunches welcome.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

Weekly Activities

MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers. **WED.**: 9:30 a.m. Bingo.

TUES.: 8 a.m. Walkers. **THURS.**: 1 p.m. Euchre.

WED.: 1 p.m. Shopping assistance. **FRI.**: 8 a.m. Walkers.

Special Events

THURS., JAN. 13: Noon, Lunch and learn, Senior High School.

MON., JAN. 17: Martin Luther King Day, Center closed.

WED., JAN. 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.

FRI., JAN. 21: 1 p.m., Movies at the Center.

WED., JAN. 26: 7:45 a.m. Women's traveling breakfast.

Make noon meal reservations three working days in advance.

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY JANUARY 11, 1994

Dear Community,

A child is more than ten little fingers on a computer keyboard. A child's education consists of more than nine months per year of classroom instruction. A child must learn to learn not just in school, but at home, at church, at work, and in every other area of life. And then that child must continue on from where home, school, and community leave off. Each child is important and takes part of our community into the future.

A community like ours forms a team to help those children into the future. That team consists of parents, teachers, administrators, employers, school boards, bus drivers, relatives, neighbors and friends. Many of us now wear or at some time have worn all of these hats. We are not alone in our responsibility to the future.

As a school system, we want to do our best for children and have never done any less. After all, it is our future, too. We are all part of the team.

As a school board, we try hard to blend past experience, present conditions, and future innovations to give children the best learning opportunities possible. We have worked overtime to be open, honest, and responsive to parents and community members. I remind myself daily that my service on the Lowell Board of Education is a public trust, and as such, is important to our community's future. We can only make our best decisions about that future based on our own skills, experience, and knowledge.

And we are people you know. Many of us have lived here much or all of our lives. One of our board members was recently selected as Lowell's outstanding citizen. There is dedication here to a very good school system that is about to become a great school system.

We welcome your input and constructive criticism. Destructive criticism is harder to accept because we see how negatively it affects the whole community. Any organization can have little things to disagree upon and to improve upon, but there is nothing big wrong with our schools. In fact, workshops about the innovative education programs in use here at Lowell Area Schools are in demand over the state.

We have strong opinions about the school's part in children's educational direction. You have strong opinions right back. We can come from different directions and face a myriad of complex issues... together.

We invite your participation in the process. We conduct the school's business under the Open Meetings Act and that makes it public. We ask simply that you call us with your questions and suggestions. You know where we live and have known for years.

For the children and the future, you can be an important part of a great school system now in the making.

Marsha Wilcox, vice-president
Lowell Board of Education

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Different philosophies on technology outlined in special meeting

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The philosophical differences of what technological areas should be focused on in Lowell schools were spelled out in separate presentations Monday night at a special meeting prior to the regular board meeting.

The presentation made by the Citizens for Quality Education at the technology plan review called for the Lowell Board of Education to not leave computers for the monies leftover from what's budgeted.

Ellen McClain stated she felt that in the plan which was partially formulated by Childs Consulting Associates and Technology Committee that the library media centers in all

Lowell Schools and the elementary students suffered the most from the lack of computers.

"We'd like to see 10 work stations in the media centers so that students cannot only work in their classroom labs but also in the library," McClain said. "Currently I believe there is just one computer for every 35 students."

Their plan would install a computer lab the same size as the largest classroom in each elementary building connected to file server in the Media Center, making sure there are sufficient enough computers for each student in the class to use in a lab setting.

The plan also calls for the installation of voice and video into classrooms as funds become available.

The presentation also showed how computers can be accessed by students to bring the written words of an encyclopedia to life through the use of CD's.

Helping McClain with the presentation was husband Dave McClain, a data systems coordinator.

"We strongly believe more monies should be allocated in these areas," Ellen McClain said.

The presentation noted that while a video distribution system is nice, it is also expensive. It pointed out that most of the same benefits can be obtained by recorded programs from satellite or cable and using TV's and VCR's on carts in the classroom. Another alternative it pointed to was the use of something along

the lines of Channel 1.

The presentation by Jeff Wales of Childs Consulting Associates and Technology focused on three technological areas: voice technology (e.g. public address system, paging and telephone access), video technology (e.g. video data, local inputs an camera inputs) and data (computer) technology (e.g. classroom, instruction and laboratory work stations).

The technology budget breakdown by building includes \$566,500 for the high school, \$360,000 for the middle school, \$320,000 for elementary, and \$90,000 (of which \$60,222 has already been committed) for Alto. The total budget is \$1,336,500. This does not include a consultants fee of \$113,000.

In part, these numbers were based on visits to 12 different schools including Penn-Harris (Mishawaka IN), Kentwood, Caledonia, Jenison

and Ravenna regarding their technology capacities.

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said the difference in plans comes down whether curriculums are designed by teachers for students, with the teachers curriculum who decide when to use the technology to teach the curriculum, or do you allow technology to dictate what a student is suppose to learn.

Schramm appointed acting Alto principal for second semester

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mary Ann Schramm, who has been a staple as an elementary teacher in the Lowell School District for 15 years, was appointed acting principal for the second semester at Alto Elementary.

Schramm will begin to serve in the role of principal on Jan. 24.

She holds a Michigan teaching certificate and an administrator certificate with an elementary endorsement. Schramm has a Master of Science Degree in Education.

In her 15 years, Schramm has taught four years at Runciman/Riverside, one year at Bushnell Elementary, two years at Lowell Middle School and eight years at Alto.

Schramm did her undergraduate work at Illinois State University and her graduate work at Northern Illinois University.

Her definition of a good administrator includes being a good listener, a willing and decisive person able to assume responsibility upon as-

essment of facts, one who keeps an open mind and is receptive to new ideas and one who actively involves children, staff, and parents in the development of school as a total learning experience.

The administrative position will earn Schramm a salary of \$27,828 which includes an administrator stipend in the amount of \$3,258.



Variance, continued...

private road ordinance, the site would have to be split into a minimum of five parcels.

Commission member Dick Bryan doesn't like the idea of giving a special use permit or variance to the property as it currently is because others in the township would want the same thing.

"If we make an exception for this property, then every-

one in the township with similar situations would want the same and we can't accommodate the needs of everyone," said Bryan.

The commission and Seese will do some more research on the I-96 situation before any decision is formally introduced to the commission.

The man who sees the consistency in things is a wit; the man who sees the inconsistency in things is a humorist. —G.K. Chesterton

Magro lifts Lowell past Sparta; Red Arrows struggle with EGR

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the second consecutive year, Spartan basketball coach Ted Fryear watched on as a Lowell player from "down under" played a pivotal role

in his club's demise. "How does Lowell get all of these Australian players?" Fryear smiled. "I wouldn't mind if a few started to come to Sparta."

Red Arrow Australian exchange player, Kristian Magro

tossed in a game-high 24 points to lead Lowell to a 62-49 win.

"Magro was the difference in the game," Fryear said. "He's a big kid with quickness. I thought by controlling the ball at our end and pressing in the first half that maybe Lowell forgot he was out there."

If the Red Arrows did, coach Phil Beachler reminded his club at halftime. Lowell led 12-8 after the first quarter and 28-25 at halftime.

"I thought we did a better job of getting Magro the ball in the second half and I thought we did a better job of pressing," Beachler said. "We were never able to gain control of the game in the first half. Sparta played out of that four corners and our big guys can't chase. It was a super strategy for them. It best utilized their talent. Once we got the lead in the second half, we were able to get our big guys in the game."

Lowell built a 42-37 lead through three quarters. Sparta cut that margin to 48-46 with 5:55 to play.

The Red Arrows finished the game on a 14-3 run.

"Up until crunch time, that's the best that we've played this year," Fryear said. "I'm not discouraged. We're improving."

Bill Vanos lead Sparta in scoring with 16 points. Helping Magro were

George Ponchaud with 12 points and Brad Holtz with 10. Beachler also praised the play of Joe Minier and Dustin VanStee, who filled in for an ailing Ryan Boersma.

The loss dropped Sparta to 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the O-K White. Lowell improved to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

EGR 67
Lowell 50

A Pioneer 9-0 run to start the second quarter and a 13-0 run to end it, ended any chance of a Lowell victory Friday night.

Missing a consistent flow at both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor, Lowell struggled through the final eight minutes of the first half. The result was an East Grand Rapids 24-3 run, which helped it build a 33-14 halftime lead.

A strong third quarter run helped Lowell cut the lead to 47-35 after three periods.

The Red Arrows cut the lead to seven (53-46) with 4:06 to play on a three-point bucket by Ryan Boersma, but could not get any closer. The Pioneers finished the game with a 14-4 run.

George Ponchaud led all Red Arrows in scoring with 17 points. Kristian Magro added 10 and Boersma contributed with nine.

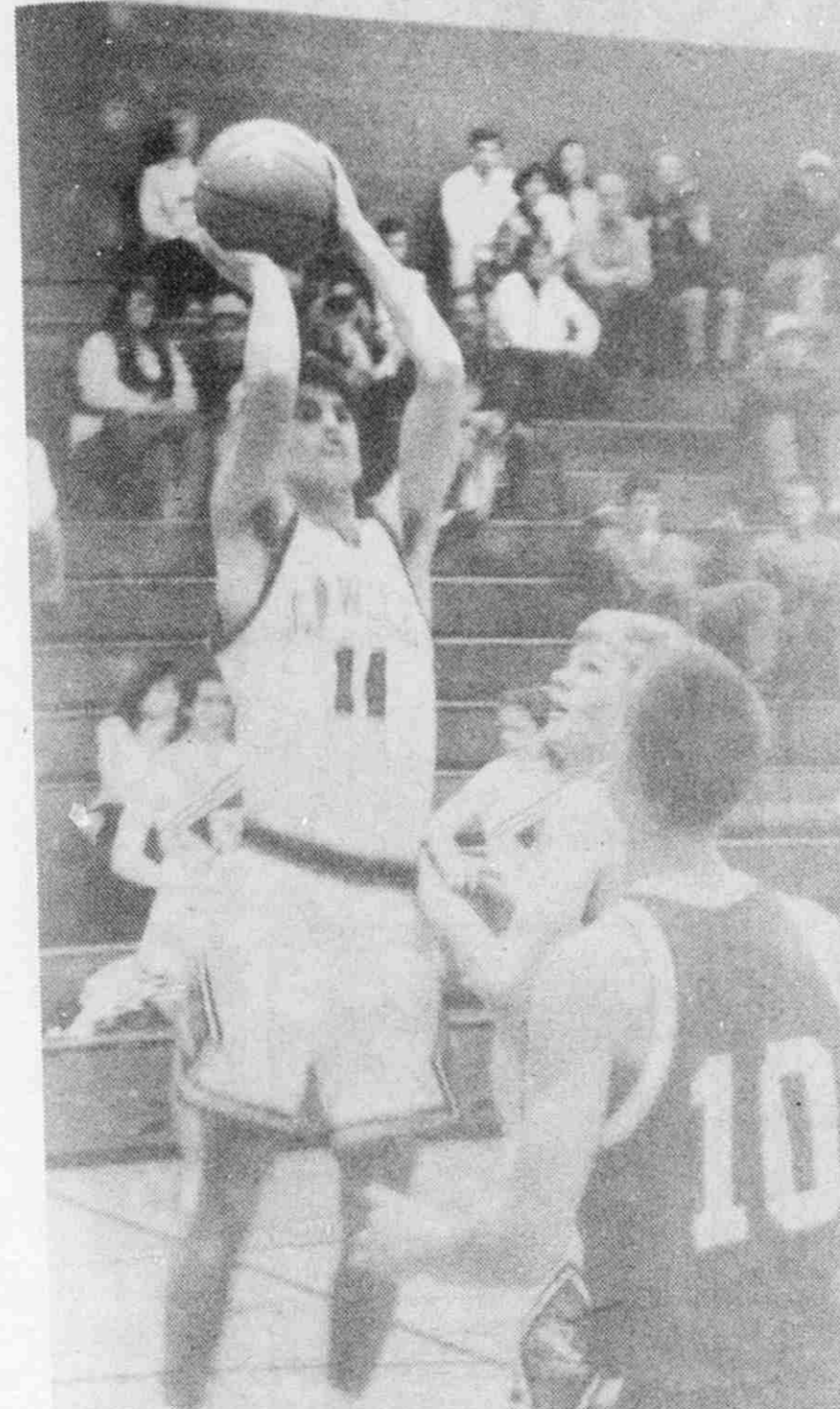
Corbet Elson led the Pioneers with 14 points. Eddie

Lampton and Paul Reinert both contributed with 11.

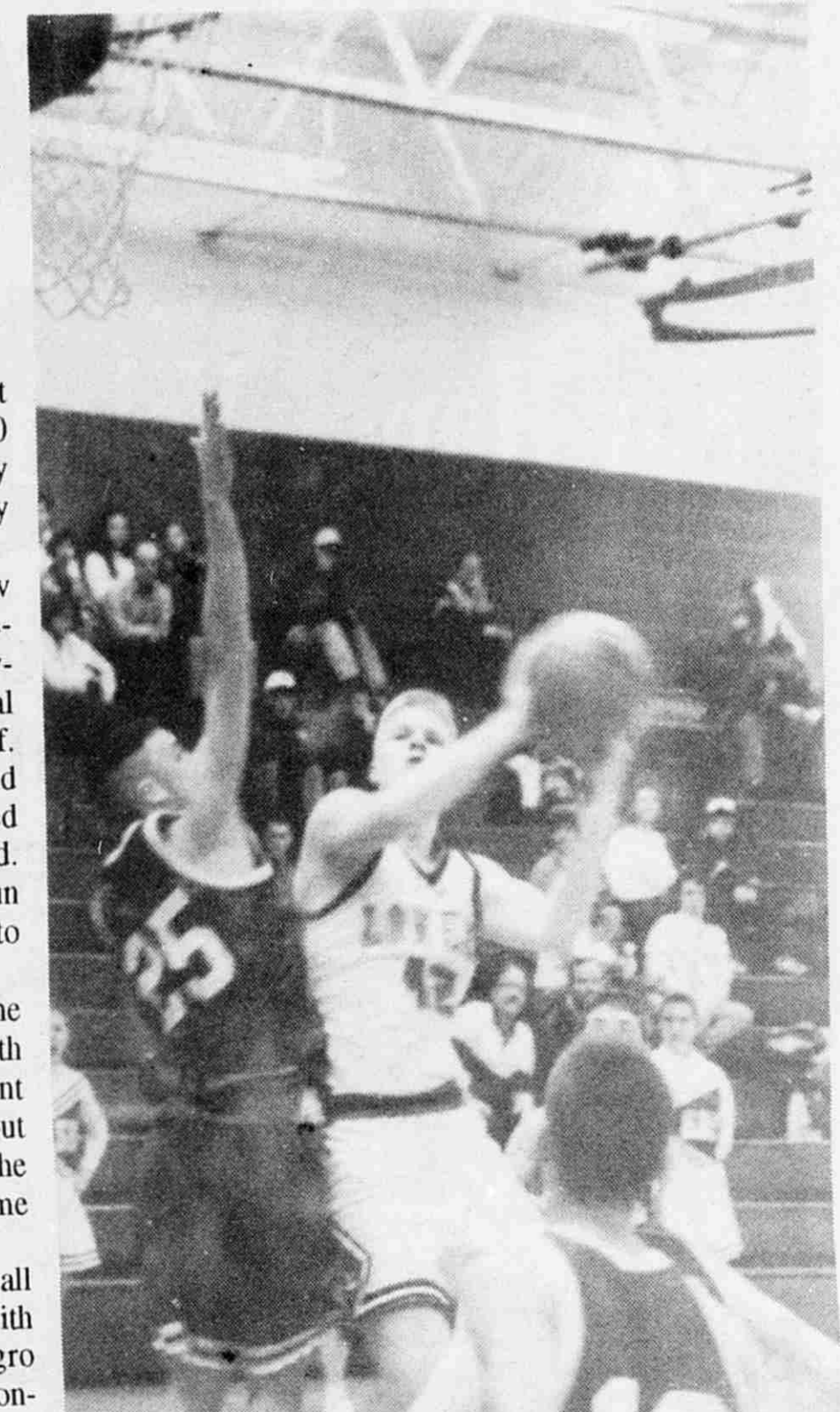
Lowell was outrebounded 30-14.

The loss dropped Lowell

to 1-3 in the league and 2-4 overall. East improved to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the O-K White.



George Ponchaud shoots a baseline jumper.



Brandon Eisentrager fights to get a shot off against Sparta.

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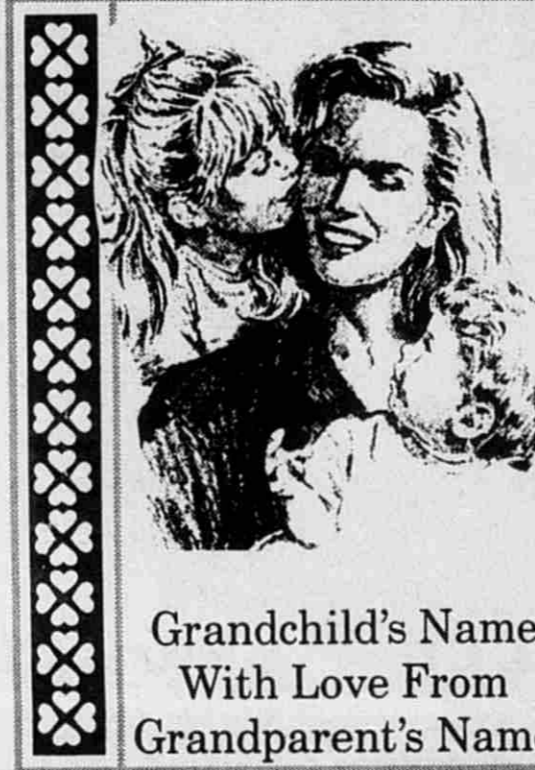
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Sparta to make final visit; Lowell grapplers win Hastings Invitational

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It will mark the final time the two schools will meet

with a conference title on the line.

Sparta wrestling coach Ron Helmboldt and Lowell coach Gary Rivers expect

nothing less than what history has provided - another great match.

"It's been a great rivalry. Sparta and Lowell have had some great battles,"

Helmboldt said. "We're going to miss it. Going into the O-K Gold, I'm sure a rivalry will be built with Cedar Springs, but it won't be the same."

The mental edge going into the match may lie with Sparta, for the Spartans beat Lowell at the Grandville Invitational, 34-25.

Helmboldt warns that not a whole lot. "If Lowell gets a pin in a weight where we earned a decision, our nine points are gone."

As of Monday, neither coach could comment on their club's health condition.

"They won a couple of weights at Grandville I felt we'd win," Rivers said. "I'm sure we probably won a weight or two they thought they'd win."

Both Rivers and Helmboldt agreed the middle weights are key.

"I think they strung four or five wins together when we met earlier. We can't let that happen again," Rivers said. "All the weights are key. Sparta doesn't have very many weak spots."

Helmboldt said if his club is even or ahead with four matches to go, they'll be in pretty good shape.

"We were down eight to Mount Pleasant with four matches to go and ended up winning by 13," Helmboldt said.

Hastings Invitational

Lowell warmed up for the big confrontation with a tournament win at Hastings over the weekend.

The Red Arrows finished with 137.5 points. It was followed by Lakewood, 11.5; Charlotte, 113.5; Hastings, 110; Middleville, 101; Harper Creek, 83.5; Coloma, 78.5; Battle Creek Central, 68; Grand Ledge, 56; and Ionia, 20.

"The top five teams were pretty evenly balanced," Rivers said. "It was a team victory. Everybody scored points for us, even those who didn't place."

Lowell had six wrestlers who did not place. The Red Arrows, however, did place four wrestlers in the championship round.

Earning first for Lowell were Scott Swanson, 103 pounds, 2-0; Cory Kirkbride, 152, 3-0; and Rich Stouffer, 171, 3-0.

Dan Spicer, 112 pounds, earned a second-place finish with a record of 2-1.

Heavyweight, Chris Nauta, was third with a record of 3-1.

Placing fourth were Matt Osmolinski, 119, 2-2; and Doug Weeks, 130, was 2-2.

Not placing were Mike Rottier, 125, 2-2; Chris Kamphuis, 135, 1-2; Ron Osmolinski, 140, 1-2; Todd Lyonais, 145, 1-2; Shane

Risner, 160, 1-2; and Sean Smith, 189, 1-2.

Lowell 62 Wyoming Park 3

The Red Arrows made quick work of the Vikings.

Lowell won 12 of 13 matches. Six of the wins were by pin.

Scott Swanson, 103, pinned Adam Karriem at 2:25 of the second period.

Dan Spicer, 112, pinned Brian Gorman at 1:59 of the first period.

Mike Rottier, 125, pinned Rich Alighier at 1:27 of the first period.

Chris Kamphuis, 135, pinned Ben Rawson at 4:13 of the third period.

Sean Smith, 189, pinned Mike Lindsay at 44 seconds of the first period.

Heavyweight Chris Nauta pinned Willie Knowing at 3:04 of the second period.

Major decisions were handed in by Doug Weeks, 130, with a 10-0 decision against Ty LaMar.

Cory Kirkbride blasted Neil Rooloffs 16-0 at 152.

Matt Osmolinski, 119, decided Dave Dame, 8-3.

Rich Stouffer defeated Steve McCoy, 7-4.

Winning by way of forfeit were Ron Osmolinski, 140, and Todd Lyonais at 145.

Park's Ben Brown defeated Shane Risner in the 160-pound weight class, 8-3.

Lowell spikers overcome slow start to rally past Saranac in 3 games

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

One game does not make a match as Lowell's volleyball team proved Friday night at Saranac.

Nor does one match make a season, but when people look back on 1994, Friday's match may be the one they point to that helped turn the Red Arrow volleyball fortunes around.

In past years, losing the first game to Saranac meant the match was half over.

The Red Arrows changed that mind set, if only for one evening, as it fought back from an opening game 3-15 defeat to surprise the Redskins 15-8, 15-6 in games two and three to post a win in its first

non-conference regular season match (not counting tournament play).

"I have a lot of respect for Saranac's volleyball program," said an elated Lowell coach Laurie Kuna. "I can't remember the last time Lowell defeated Saranac in volleyball."

Saranac, with its outstanding digging, dominated game one.

"Saranac digs so very well. They just outplayed us in game one," Kuna said. "Our girls showed some character by coming back and winning."

Leading the charge were Courtney Arnett and Kortney Gowen.

Arnett had nine kills, a couple of blocks and dominated at the net.

Gowen had two digs, two blocks and passed the ball well.

"Both girls played exceptionally well. They were just fun to watch," Kuna said. "Arnett was phenomenal."

Lowell's setter, Kerry Nugent led the club in assists with 10. She also had one kill.

Lowell hit on 83 percent of its serves and recorded 11 aces. "Our serving was not that good. It should be at least 90 percent," Kuna said.

Kathryn Krul provided Lowell with 100 percent serving and thus led the team in points scored with 11.

Lowell travels to Sparta on Thursday for its conference opener.

Its home opener is Monday against Kelloggsville.

Red Arrow gymnasts can't shake nerves in season opener

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Being a member of the O-K Rainbow never leaves a team at a loss for quality competition.

The Red Arrow gymnasts opened their season with East Kentwood. The Falcons finished in the top five of the state a year ago.

East Kentwood defeated Lowell 126.85-103.70.

"I was pleased with our performance. It was what I expected for the first meet," Lowell gymnastics coach Annette Pearson said. "We could have done better, but I think we were tense and nervous."

The Falcon's Molly Maloney took top honors on the vault with a score of 8.95. Lowell's Tammy Etoe was fourth with a mark of 8.2.

Lesley Murphy and Shannon Laux tied for fifth with a score of 8.05.

"Tammy did a nice job for us on the vault. Actually, she did better in competition than she looked in warmup," Pearson said.

East Kentwood's Ellen Jernstad took first on the uneven bars with a score of 8.35. Lowell's Betsy Elzinga was sixth with a mark of 6.2.

"Betsy had good form and kept her routine moving. There weren't many breaks," Pearson said. "We're not up to Kentwood's caliber on the bars yet, but we're improving." Jernstad won the balance

beam exercise with a score of 8.35. Lowell's Murphy and Sara Kropf tied for fifth with a mark of 6.35.

"For the first meet those were good scores. They must learn to keep their nerves under control and foul less," Pearson said.

Jernstad made it three of four in the floor exercise with a winning mark of 8.8.

Freshman Skye Fisher was fourth with a score of 8.0. Murphy was sixth at 7.65.

"The girls tumbled very well," Pearson said.

East Lansing Invitational

The home team kept the goods as East Lansing ran away from the field in winning its own tournament.

East Lansing finished with 134.20 points. It was followed by Mason, 117.15; Jackson Lumen Christi, 115.80; St. Johns, 114.85; Napoleon, 110.20; Lowell, 107.05; Vassar, 85.40; and Lansing

Eastern, 79.50.

In the vault exercise, East Lansing's Rachel Cotter was first with an 8.7. Lowell's

Tammy Etoe tallied the best score for the Arrows with a mark of 7.85.

On the uneven bars, it was East Lansing's Erika Buenz with the top score. She posted a mark of 9.0. Lowell's Liz Arnold had the top Red Arrow score with a mark of 6.55.

Kara Beer from Napoleon was the medalist on the balance beam with a mark of 8.90. Murphy turned in Lowell's top

performance with a score of 6.90.

"We did better on the beam. If we can cut down on our falls, our scores will improve," Pearson said.

In the floor exercise, Cotter's 8.9 was the top score. Lowell's top mark was handed in by Fisher. She tallied a 7.5.

"The girls did an excellent job tumbling and with their routines," Pearson said.

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- Dolly Parton, singer and actress
Jan. 19, 1946
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- Mark "Super" Dupree, professional football player
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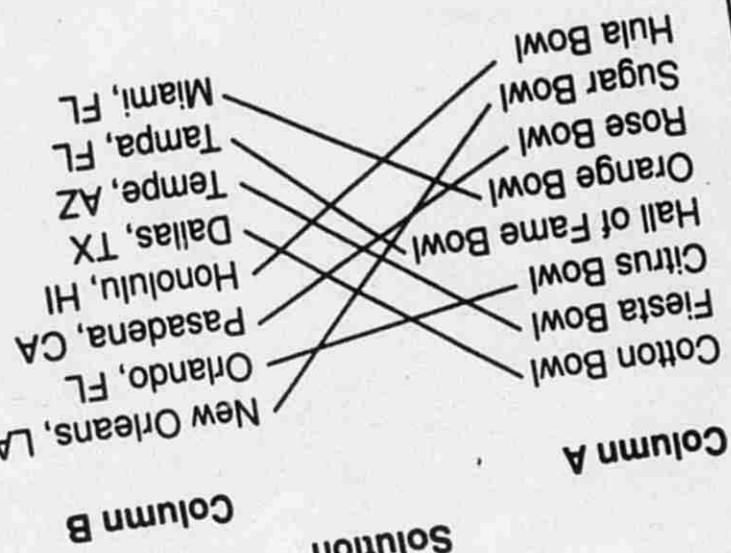
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- Hall of Fame Bowl
- Orange Bowl
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- Sugar Bowl
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- Laurie: Tell you later.
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- Billy: How come?
- Betsy: He was parked too close to a fire hydrant.
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- Amy: Because bats don't come out until night.
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- Sam: How?
- Cindy: Very carefully.
- Travis: Why are squirrels so poor?
- Greg: Tell me.
- Travis: Because money doesn't grow on trees.
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- Jason: Oh, that's all right.
- LouAnn: No, I feel terrible. I want to replace him.
- Jason: Well, OK. How are you at teaching slippers?

Trivia Quiz

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- A famous singer who became known as the king of rock and roll was born this month in 1935. Some of his most famous songs include "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Jailhouse Rock." What is his name?
- This is the time of year some people get tired of all the cold and snow and being cooped up inside. Do you know what this "illness" is called?

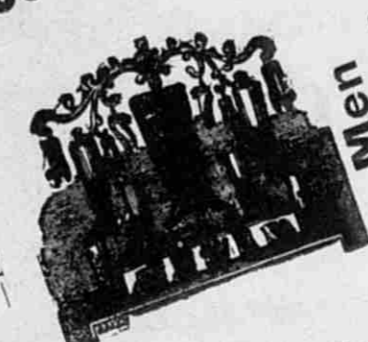
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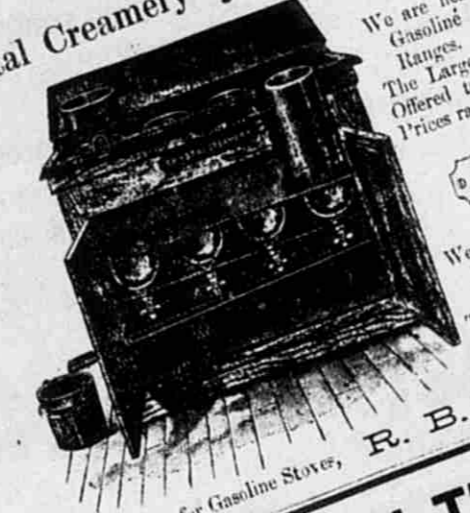


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Lowell Township citizens aired their concerns, questions and hopes to the Township Planning Commission in regards to the 1992 land use plan Monday night. About 160 citizens appeared at the Lowell Township hall to discuss amendments made to the land use plan in 1992. The plan had the most citizens concerned.

The industrial component was to be a primary site for industrial growth. The plan looked at specific guidelines, one was designated as the best area for new industries to locate in Lowell Township.

School payroll discrepancies leads to dismissal of employee
An internal audit of Lowell Schools payroll records uncovered a number of irregularities were discovered. Lowell Superintendent Fritz Each stated Tuesday. Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp. Immediately following the discovery, Each called for an internal audit of payroll records to be conducted by Kemp, and the District's financial auditors and school administrators determined in early January that a number of irregularities were discovered.

New public library a motivating force behind East Riverfront plan
The East Riverfront Area education facilities. He adds, the Master Plan does not dictate, but instead, gives direction toward the development and redevelopment of the East Riverfront area.

These directions and plans were reviewed at a workshop Tuesday evening (Jan. 10) at the Lowell City Hall. Dick Korb, Director of School and Community Services, defines the plan as a way to increase compatibility of community use.

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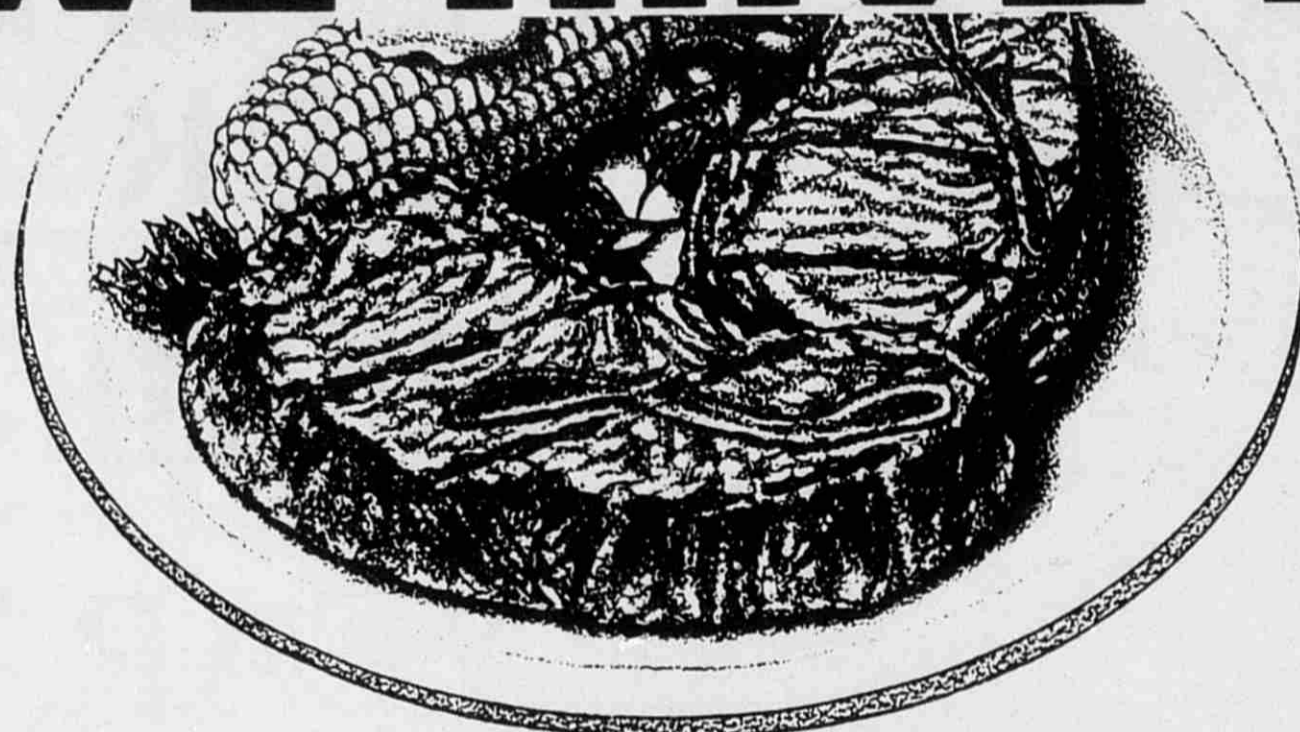
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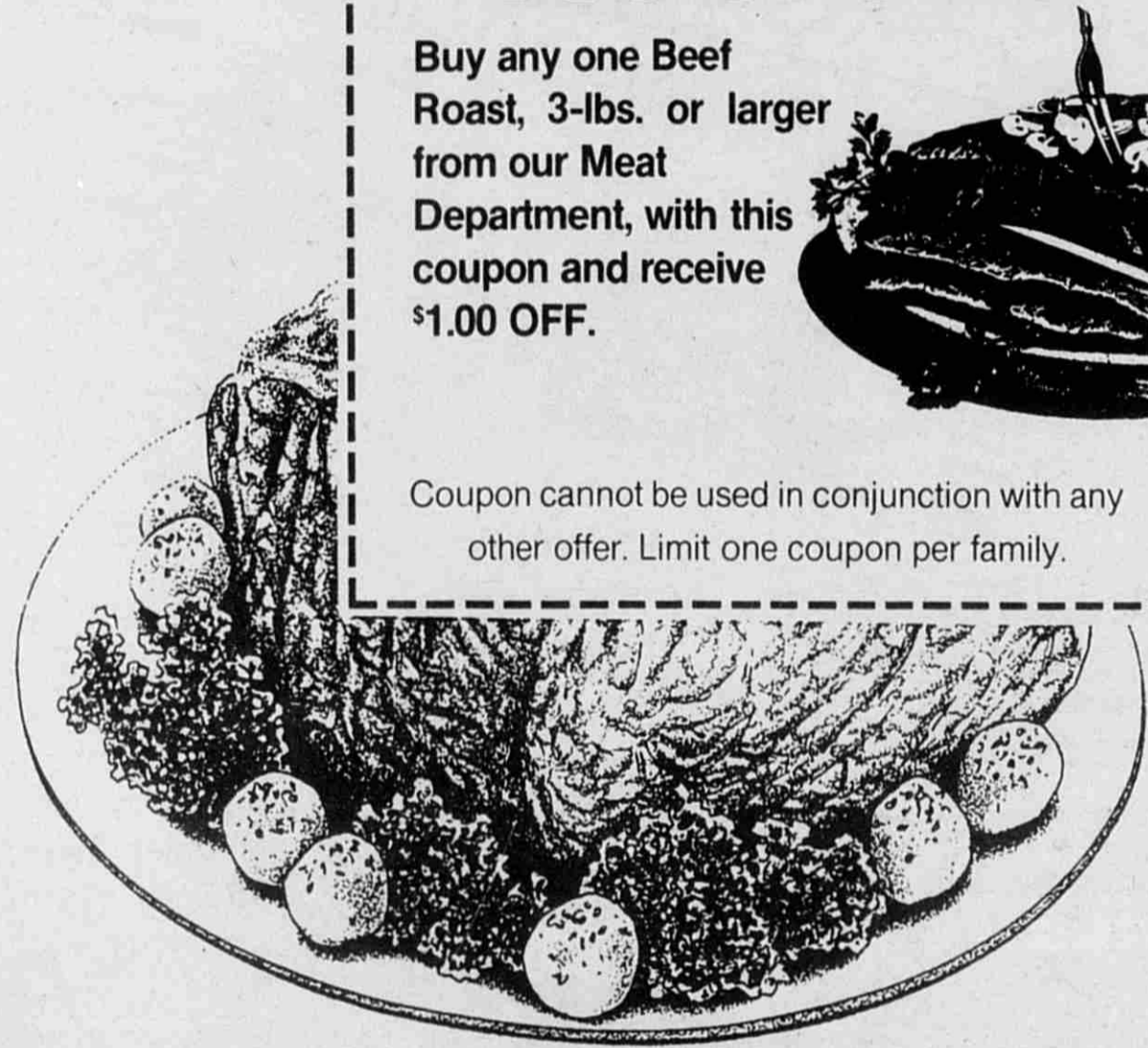
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Lowell Area Schools Transportation Schedule

The following changes in this year's transportation schedule will be made **starting January 24, 1994**. Please read the following route descriptions carefully. Many of the bus runs will remain the same with only the time changing (Buses will be running one (1) hour earlier). Students are required to be at their stop 5 minutes ahead of the time listed.
ANY QUESTIONS CALL 897-9353.

... IMPORTANT ABBREVIATIONS/CODING ...

Numbers/ names **underlined** indicate where bus stops are located
TA = turn around (indicates bus turns around)

!!!NO EXTRA RIDER POLICY!!!

Lowell Area School's "No Extra Rider Policy" will be strictly enforced. Due to fewer buses on the road many of our buses will be at maximum capacity. Extra riders will be allowed only in an emergency. If there is an emergency, parents must call the Transportation Dept. at 897-9353. **Notes will not be accepted.**

Baby Sitting...Baby Sitting Forms must be on file in the Transportation Office before students can be picked up and/or dropped off at an address other than home...Also, anyone with openings in their daycare, please call the garage at 897-9353 and let us know. We will inform parents as needed.

St. Patrick Students The bus to St. Patrick will leave the High School at 7:30 A.M. It will drop students at school at about 8:15. A bus will pick up at St. Patrick's at 2:55 p.m. and go to Bushnell for transportation home on Elementary buses.

St. Mary's Students Students will be picked up on the Elementary Runs to start school at 8:45 A.M. At dismissal, students will walk to Bushnell to ride home on Elementary buses.

Transportation Supervisor,
Larry Mikulski

THE ONLY CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING BUS RUNS IS A ONE (1) HOUR EARLIER PICK-UP TIME.
EXAMPLE: If your bus has been picking you up at 8:15, the new time would be 7:15.

**Middle & High School Bus runs
with a one (1) hour earlier
time change:**

93A	93B	93D
92A	92B	92C
91B		
90B	90C	90D
89A	89C	89D
88B	88C	88D
87A	87C	

**Elementary runs with a one
(1) hour earlier time change:**

93A	93B	
92B	92B	
91B	91C	91D
90B		
89A	89B	89C
88B	88C	88D
87A	87C	87D

Middle & High School Runs With Changes:

93C

Run will begin **one (1) hour and 10 min. earlier.**
Bus run through Causeway Dr. will arrive 70 minutes earlier than it has previously. 93C will now go around the Causeway, and will stop at:
3558 Causeway
4352 Causeway
at Rainbow Dr
The bus after Causeway Dr. will arrive one (1) hour earlier.

91C

Run will begin **one (1) hour and 5 min. earlier.**
Through Abrahams Dr. the bus will arrive 65 minutes earlier than it has previously.
Bus will now go down Abrahams Dr. to Pointview, and will stop at **4866 Abrahams Dr.**
Bus will also stop at **Pointview TA**
Route after Abrahams Dr. will be one (1) hour earlier.

91D

Run will begin **one (1) hour and 5 min. earlier.**
Through 4 Mile the bus will arrive 65 minutes earlier than it has previously.
The bus will now go down 4 Mile west of McCabe TA at Giles.
Pick up at **8966 4 Mile**
Route will be the same until Honey Creek & 3 Mile
Bus will also go west of Honey Creek on 3 Mile stop at **7570 3 Mile** and **7095 Knapp**
Then continue regular run (one hour earlier)

93D

Will start **one hour earlier.**
Bus will now go down Beckwith
Stops at **13240; 13788 Beckwith**
Remainder of the route is the same.

87D (New A.M. Route)

Bus will pick up at:
7:25 **Maple & Ottawa**
7:30 **at Pleasant St.**
at Pebble Beach.
These students will ride 90B in the PM

Elementary Bus Runs With Changes Other Than Time:

93C

Will start **one hour earlier.**
and will now drop at St. Patrick's.

90D (Many Changes in route..check carefully!)

7:40	3012 Fallasburg 13995 4 Mile 4606 Ashley
7:55	4839 Montcalm
8:00	13123 5 Mile; 12837 5 Mile
8:05	6 Mile at Byrne
8:10	Bedaki at Bedaki Ct. This bus will now drop at St. Patricks
8:15	12268 5 Mile
8:20	13097 4 Mile TA at Rasch's storage 3250; 3200; 2999 Lincoln Lake
8:25	2055 Biggs;
8:30	12950 Heim 484; 819; 1015; 1188 Lincoln Lake

90C

Will start run **one hour and 10 min. earlier.**

Will drop at St. Patricks

92A
Will start **one (1) hour and 10 min. earlier.**
Bus run will remain the same until McCabe & 3 Mile.
Bus will go down 3 Mile west of McCabe **TA** at Giles
Pick up at **8988 3 Mile**
Will also go down 4 Mile west of McCabe **TA** at Giles
stop at **8966 4 Mile.** Continue on regular route until Abrahams Dr.
Will now go down Abrahams Dr. and will stop at 4866 Abrahams Dr. and Pointview **TA**
Bus will now drop at St. Patrick's.



See next week's paper for any more additions!