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# Computers, Computers and more Computers; School District tries to balance computer quantity with its use and curriculum application

#### **By Thad Kraus** Lowell Ledger Editor

Computer technology recommendations for the curriculums at the elementary, middle school and high school levels were based on what was heard in visits to businesses and industries, and what teachers felt they needed to assist them in implementing the curriculum more effectively.

The computer technology curriculum guide for K-12 was adopted by the Lowell Board of Education back in May of 1993.

The guide was put together by the computer

committee of the technology committee. In May of 1992, the board of education approved the technology plan. Preparation meetings in 1991 were used to formulate the plan, according to Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction.

The bond money budgeted for technology was \$1.3 million. The individual building budgets break down like this: Alto - \$90,000; clementary -\$320,000; middle school -\$360,000; and high school -\$566,500.

Opponents to the technology plan put forth by Childs Consulting Associates and curriculum committee, a sub- the technology committee

believe too much is being spent to install a portion of the voice/video system and does not go far enough in providing computers and resources to students in much greater numbers.

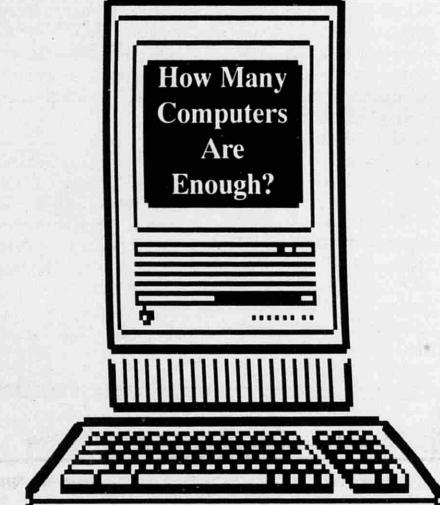
White noted that the school expects to have \$473,000 available for PC work stations. as compared to the \$486,000 figure brought forward by Dave McClain and the Citizens for Quality Education.

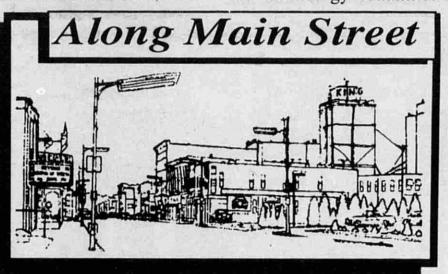
"This does not include money which may become available through contingency fund balances once the new high school project is

established; new middle school \$217,194; new elementary school, \$193,386; and the new high school, \$676,806. Any decisions on realocating the contingency funds would have to go through the school board.

The Lowell High Schoolteachers' original request was for over 400 computers. White said if the school is able to meet that number, its ratio would be roughly one computer for every two students.

White adds however that while the ratio of computers to students are of some importance, he believes how they are used, what their curriculum application is, and if the school has instructors in place to teach the skills are as important.





#### STUDENT AMBASSADORS FUND-RAISER

Come to a Tupperware party and help five Lowell Peopleto-People student ambassadors go to New Zeeland 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 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 completed," White said.

Contingency funds for each project are set at seven percent of the project amount and are spent on a priority basis at each site for items not covered under another budget.

The current contingency fund remaining as of Dec. 31, 1993 for each building is: Bushnell, \$0; Alto, \$0; Runciman/Riverside, not yet

"To have 400 computers in place but not have the instructors who can apply our curriculum to their use, doesn't do our students any good," White said.

Currently, Lowell does not have an elementary or middle

school computer teacher. White said he hopes so. "It "They must be in place if we may be at the expense of anare to properly implement other position," he added. basic computer literacy into

Presently, Lowell expects that the new elementary Computers cont'd., pg. 8

# Long awaited Cooper agreement moves sewer line project forward

Nash.

#### **By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer**

Lowell Township has re-The line will run across ceived a written agreement Cooper's 92-acre property **Public road ordinance** leads to debate between **Lowell Township and** potential land buyers guidelines of road frontage

#### **By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer**

In the effort to build two homes on 57 acres of land off Timpson Rd. and I-96, Rick Seese and Todd Verwys are trying to convince Lowell Township officials that 1-96 constitutes a public road for road frontage.

The debate Seese, a real estate agent for Greenridge Realty, and Verwys, a potential buyer for the property, have with the township is whether I-96 falls within the

with Richard Cooper to run a sewer line across his property.

set forth in the township's

zoning ordinance for a single

has a 66-foot easement off

Timpson as access, but ac-

cording to the zoning ordi-

nance, it does not reach the

minimum 200-foot road

frontage for a single family

dwelling. If Verwys were to

build a private road on the

property to meet the 200-foot

frontage, he would then have

to split the property into five

Public Rd. cont'd. pg. 8

Currently, the property

family dwelling.

the easement for \$1 in exchange for a couple of con-

cessions in hooking up to the line.

> The agreement follows months of delays in finalizing the placement of the line. The new sewer line will serve the new high school and any residents who wish to hook up.

along Foreman Rd. and Alden

Cooper agreed to grant

those schools," he said.

Will the funding be there?

Township officials wanted to run the line across Cooper's property because it offers a natural flow, which eliminates the need for a pump station.

Part of the delay in placing the line came when Cooper requested a rezoning

change from Vergennes Township. Cooper wanted to rezone his property from R1 to R2. The rezoning would have, in his estimation, made a proposed housing development affordable.

Both the planning commission and Vergennes Township Board denied his request saying it did not fall with the guidelines of the township master plan.

At one point, township supervisor John Timpson received authorization from the board to condemn the property if necessary to insure that the line would be in place by the time the school opens. However, a verbal agreement

Sewer Line. cont'd. pg. 8

**INSIDE THE LEDGER** Sewer contact awarded for new High School, Pg.7

Grapplers win Invitational, Pg. 15



### **OBITUARIES**

BROWN - Mrs. Gloria A. dren, Michael, Rebecca, Brown, aged 61, of James, Kristen, Jeffrey. Also Kalamazoo, died Sunday, Jan. surviving is a father-in-law, 9, 1994. Mrs. Brown was born Eugene Smith; brothers, M. September 28, 1932 in Jack (Virginia) Fonger, Mac Lowell, the daughter of Carl (Rose) Fonger, Richard and Margaret (Pike) (Dororthy) Fonger, sisters, Venneman and had lived in Marjean (Hollis) Brillhart, Kalamazoo for the past 20 Marcia (Lawrence) Bentley, years, previously living in Sandra Fonger; brothers-in-Grand Rapids, Surviving are law, Daniel (Georgia) Smith, five daughters and one son, John (Vesta) Losen; sisters-Linda Soper of Grand Rap- in-law, Marilyn (Dave) ids, Tracy Pelton of Woempner, Sally (Roman) Shipshewana, IN, Tammy Sobic, Diane (John)Kalanta, Holmes, Timothy Williams, Myrt (Marvin) Hiddema; sev-Tuesday Mikle and Patricia eral nieces and nephews. He Perry, all of Kalamazoo; 12 was a teacher at Wyoming grandchildren; her step-father Public Schools for many Clifford Daniels of Alto; one years. The funeral was held brother, Vernon Venneman of on Tuesday at the Cook Fu-Lowell: three sisters, Edith neral Home, Grandville Hendrick of Lowell, Ellen Chapel with Pastor Ed Dob-Warner of Ionia and Joann son and Pastor Mary Hiddema Childs of Lowell. Services officiating. The family rewere held Thursday, crema- quests in lieu of flowers, metion followed with private in- morial contributions be made terment in Oakwood Cem- to Calvary Church Building ming, passed away Saturday, etery. Contributions may be Fund. made to the American Lung Association.

FONGER - James W. Fonger went home to be with the Lord Friday, Jan. 14, 1994 at age 63. He is survived by his wife Gail; and children, Janet (John) Dillaman of Cincinnati, OH, Sondra (David) Lee, William Fonger; grandchil-

JAMISON - Mrs. Mary C. Jamison, aged 67, of Kentwood, widow of Raymond Jamison, passed away Sunday, Jan. 15, 1994. Surviving are her children. Betty and Bob Lipenga of Lowell, Virginia and Ivan Moore of Shelbyville, Sue and Bill Schug of Cave City, KY,

held Tuesday, Jan. 18, in St. Rodney Otto officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery. Memorials to American Heart Association.

MCCARTHY (Cannonsburg) - The Mass of Chris- SWAN - Terrel L. (Terry) with Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler ther, Raymond Swan in 1991. sociation Hospice or the building fund at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

**REURINK** - Mr. Andrew Reurink, aged 77, of Wyo-Jan. 8, 1994 and went to be with his Lord and Savior. He was retired from Kelvinator. Surviving are his wife Dorothy; his children, Judith Kay and David Vander Molen of Grand Rapids, Ronald Lee and Janet Reurink, BettyAnn and Randy Rose, all of Wyoming; six granchildren; his brothers and sister, John and Clarissa Reurink of Wayland.

Jim and JoAnn Jamison of Henry and Charlotte Reurink WESTMAAS (Noorman) sister, Mary Jane Oudendyk Sunset Park Church of God. Rapids; nine grandchildren;

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tian Burial for Mr. Harold Swan, aged 50, of Ada, died McCarthy was offered Monday, Jan. 10, 1994 at Wednesday at St. Patrick's Butterworth Hospital. He was Catholic Church in Parnell preceded in death by his faas celebrant. Interment in St. Surviving are his mother, Patrick's Cemetery. Memo- Roseanna Swan; his brothers rial contributions may be and sisters, Bryan and Nancy made to Visiting Nurses As- Swan of Ada, Todd and Marnie Swan of Cedar Springs, Pam and Gene Kleibusch, Laura and Ken Swan, Sally and Dirk Van Doorne, all of Ada; aunts; uncles; several nieces, nephews and special friends at Creston Ridge. Funeral and committal services were held Wednesday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel, with the Rev. Allen J. Hoogewind, Chaplain of Hope Network officiating. Interment in Findley Cemetery, Ada. For those who wish, memorials may be made to a charity of

one's choice.

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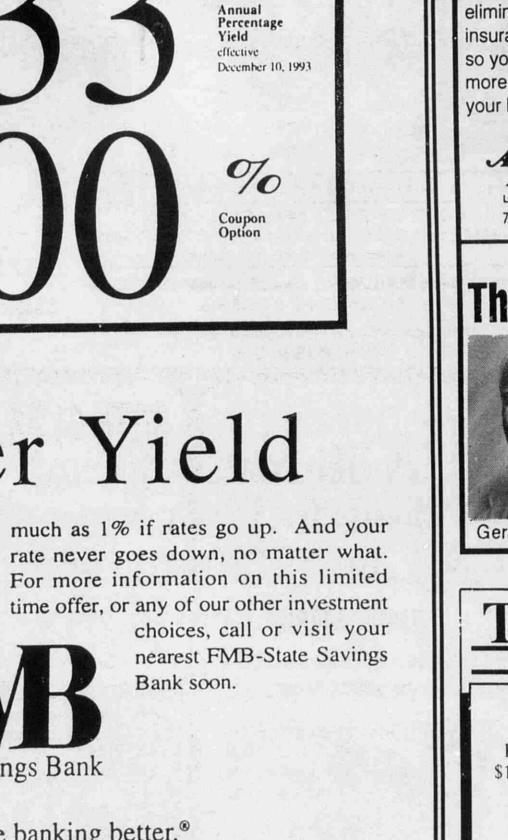
Middleville; 15 grandchil- of Shelbyville, Minnie Joyce Ann Westmaas, aged of Lapeer; mother-in-law. dren; 11 great-grandchildren; VanDorp of NC; brother-in- 56, of Ada, died January 11, Helen Vos of Kentwood. She mother, Mrs. Myrtle Raman law Melvin Anderson of Alto; 1994. She is survived by her was preceded in death by her of Sparta; brother, Carl two sisters-in-law, Louise husband Philip F.; children, son, Steven James Noorman. Fahling of Walker; sister, Reurink of Wyoming and Deborah (Darrel) Waid, Den- Memorial Services were held Luanne (Lee) Colby of Sparta; Hilda Reurink of Wayland; nis Westmaas, Sherrie (Scott) Friday at Cascade Christian and several nieces and neph- and several nieces and neph- Bothee, all of Grand Rapids, Church, Dr. Clayton ews. Funeral Services were ews. Funeral Services were Ronald Noorman Jr. of Wyo- Klingenfus and Rev. held Wednesday from Sunset ming, Sherry (Chet) Haynes Raymond Gaylord, officiat-MarksLutheran Church. Rev. Park Church of God with Pas- of Rockford, Brian (Karla) ing. Memorial contributions tor Calvin C. Bloom officiat- Westmaas of Kentwood, to American Diabetes Assoing. Interment Chapel Hill David (Lenore) Westmaas of ciation would be appreciated. Memorial Gardens. Memorial Casnovia; parents, Peter and contributions may be made to Esther Oudendyk of Grand

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### **TOWNSHIP OF** VERGENNES **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Vergennes Township Board of Appeals will meet at 10381 Bailey Dr. on January 27, 1994 at 7:00

Precise Engineering, J & T Machine, Proslot, Ritchie & Associates and Bob's Body Shop are requesting a variance for a common sign located at the entry of their private road, 607 Lincoln Lake Rd.



# Vision 2000 forum tries to help clear the air

**By Thad Kraus** Lowell Ledger Editor

Vision 2000 chairman Jim Bosserd reflected on Tuesday evening's question and answer forum , pondering whether or not the four-hour forum made strides in helping the community let go of the past and looking towards building for the future.

"I think some of the community school issues and questions were resolved. I think the issues all schools in do something. She also called the state are facing still need on the administration and to be played out," Bosserd union to make some sacrifices. said.

community issues that have use. With these numbers, been talked about recently are something has got to be done all dealt with in the Vision We can't afford not to. 2000 report that will be pre- Southwell said. sented to the Lowell Board of For many, that something Education in March.

stiroverrecent concerns about cials prefer to steer clear of the school district, either ru- such talk that is considered a mored or printed, Vision 2000, strike issue. The state law rewith input from Neighbors quires that health, vision, and Who Care and Citizens for dental insurance be a negoti-Ouality Education, submitted ated item since they are fringe questions to the school for an- benefits. swers.

swers were reviewed, and discussion then followed.

and highly energized discussions dealt with the school's in the area of technology and cost to provide insurance.

The school spent \$277,680.40 to provide its dance who believe that the

months.

year is \$626,372.45.

Such figures led Lowell's Wendy Southwell to call on the community to organize and "I'm tired of the 'pass this tax The chairman said all the or get hurt' approach schools

includes bidding out its in However, because of the surance package. School offi-

Lowell Education Asso-The 39 questions and an- ciation president Tim Hawkins said the LEA would look at whatever is brought to. One of the most volatile the negotiation table.

Discussion was also heavy computers.

There were those in atten-

ployable. As examples, he stands.

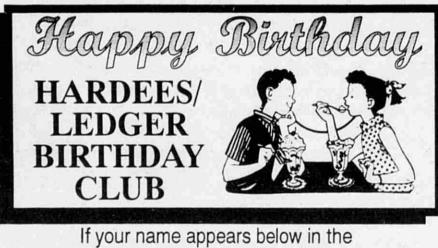
faculty with Super Care II world is computer driven and "I wish we had more time to give the board the Ray Quada. health insurance for five computers should be so we could thoroughly cover benefit of the doubt, allow it technology's top priority. all the questions and allow to digest what's been said and path. These are not easy times. It will spend \$348,692.05 Shawn Eshragh, Citizens every one to ask all their act on it," Eshragh said. "It's A community needs a manto provide its staff with Super for Quality Education, said he questions," Bosserd said. "I not fair to fire questions all the ager, someone who can pro-Care I insurance from Dec. 1 believes technology is what is believe it went a ways in put- time." of 1993 until June 30 of this needed to make students em- ting the community together." Eshragh commended Education founder went on to nity to provide it with sup-The total health insurance pointed to computers, CAD Lowell Superintendent Fritz say he's beginning to see port," he said. "Time mancost for the 1993-94 school and artificial intelligence. He Esch for taking a grilling for positive things happen. "I've agement requires four things: added that it's important to see four hours. "No person is paid been impressed by what I've trust, relationship, integrity what the competition is doing, enough to go through that," been hearing from Lowell and communication. All four to have a curriculum that backs Eshragh said. "I think our Board of Education president must reinforce one another." it, and to measure where it (COE) points have been articulated quite well. Now it's





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"I think he is on the right vide it with leadership, and The Citizen for Quality that person needs a commu-



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Jan. 20: Megan Kirby, Lyle Bartlett, Edward Irby Johnson, Karen Lyn Serne, Jan. 24: Linda Kropf, Heidi Dale Andrews, Ed Gahan, Blattner, Glen Rozich, Allan Jodi Bishop, Wesley Baird, Harry Birch, Haleigh Adrianse, Frances Kropf. Timmers.

Jan. 21: Erik Hays, Jamie Jan. 25: Dave Harding, Leroy Ritzema, Chayne Avery, Nick Uzarski, Molly Doyle. Fonger, Eunice VanderVeen. Jan. 26: Bernadette Johnson, DeYoung.

Jan. 23: Jim Bovee, Rowland Dorothy Briggs. Ryder, Ron Miller, Melissa

Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Lozada, Kristy Wheeler, Barb Tonya Stepek, Margery Smith, George Jacob, Steve

Jan. 22: Fran Walling, Bob Scott Duckett, Andy Nowak, Pfaller, Dale Latva, Cheryl Andy Grindle, Bobbie Kietzman, Irene Pawloski,



#### Joyce Thuston

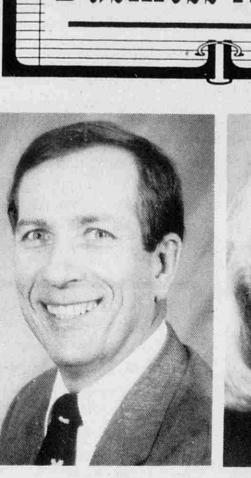
Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Sales Associate of the Month in December.

This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.

Greenridge Realty is pleased to announce the addition of Bill Stouffer and Ann Wittenbach to their sales staff in Lowell.

Stouffer resides in the Lowell area with his wife Susan and daughters, Kris, Beth, Holly and Katie. He has been a teacher in the Lowell School System for the past 16 years.

Wittenbach resides on



**Bill Stouffer** 

resident of the Lowell area all

Murray Lake with her hus- of her life and is the daughter and Chris. She has been a Lowell.

band Ron and two sons Kevin of Bob and Velma Perry of

Ann Wittenbach

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\*\*\* If you want the present to be different from the past, study the past -Baruch Spinoza



A total of 1,296 students achieved placement on the fall quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, Dean of Students, reported that 276 students earned straight A aver-

ages of 4.00. Kristen M. Stouffer, a senior, was included on that list.

A total of 1,780 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1993-94 academic year at Western Michigan Univer-

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Among them from the Lowell area were: Aaron Sebastian Corcoran, Geri S. Dykema, Tammy Denise Eldridge, Heather Haynes, and Kenneth Robert Stauffer. From the Alto area were

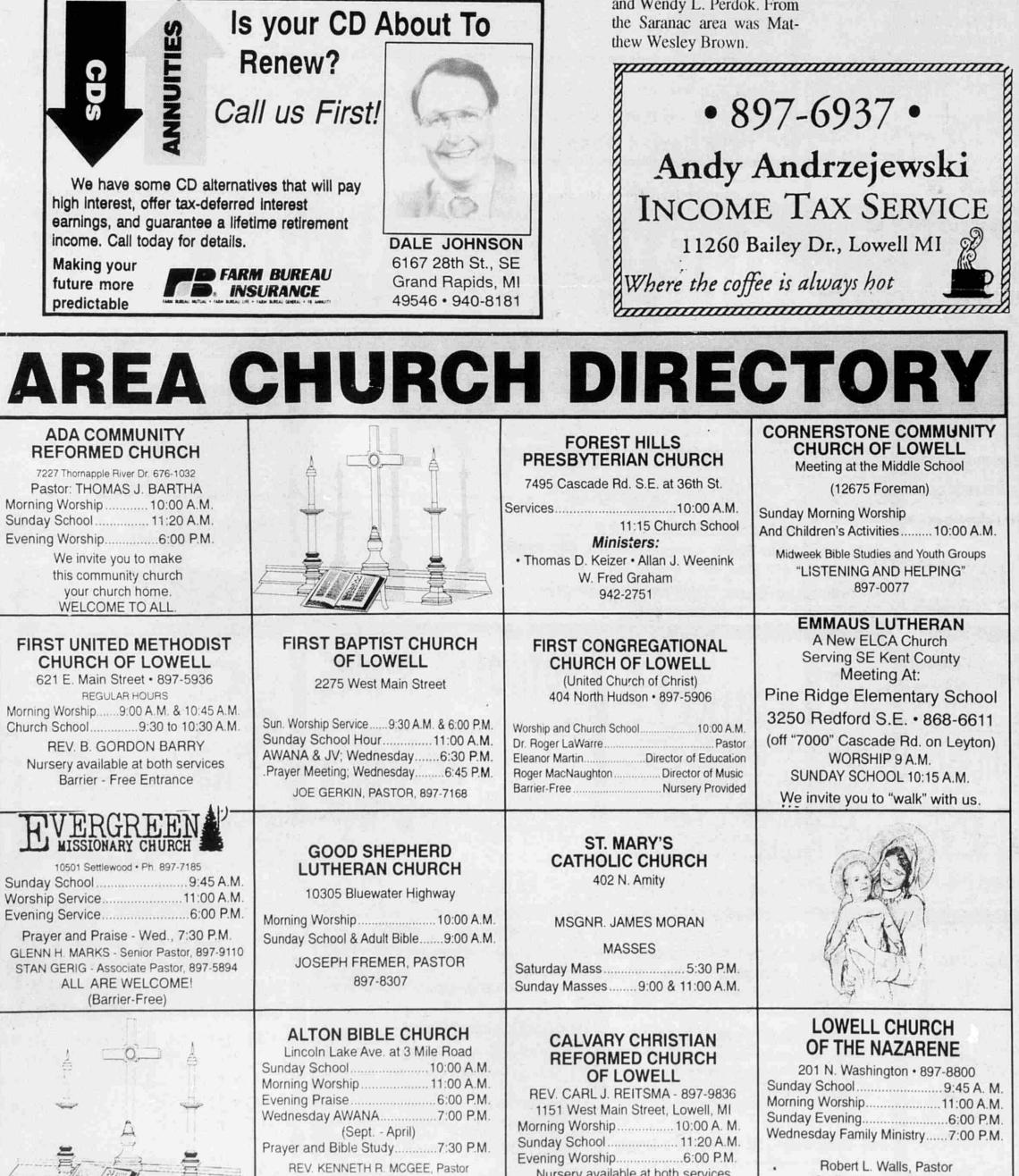
Tamara J. Faber and Zachary M. Thompson; from the Ada area were: Paul Michael Kudirka, Kimberly A. Morril and Wendy L. Perdok. From

By Pauline Spray I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. (Psalm 18:3). "My daddy got his taxes," a little boy bragged to his play-"My daddy got his taxes first," the little girl retorted, thinking that put her father

out front. heard to boast, "My father has more credit cards than yours

about their parents. When God's children catch a true glimpse of His greatness, they

pressed by those who possess wealth and influence; they are always ready to give attention to those in prominent places. But God is different from mortals. He listens to the least of us. He gives grace to the humble, strength to the weak and weary, sight to the blind, and wisdom to those who ask.



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## Homespun Devotions

Another child was over-

Children love to brag want to brag about Him, too. Many humans are im-

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Men ought to exalt God. He is worthy of praise. And praise brings His approval. It brings victory to the heart when nothing else can. One missionary testified, "We praised our way through the difficulty." Another has said, "When it is hard to pray, praise your way through.'

Why not try it if you're in difficulty? "Praise your way through

Prayer: "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise.... I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds." Amen.

We increase the sweetness of our gifts by thankful ness for them. We taste them twice when we ruminate on them in gratitude.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN



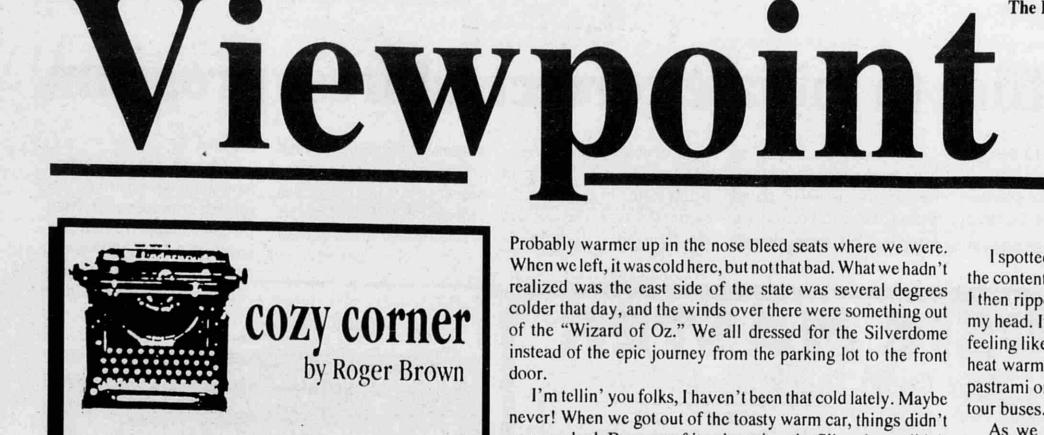
TUESDAY: Hot dog or nacho pieces with cheese or chef salad with bread, homemade chili, cole slaw, choice of fresh or canned fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Baked lasagna or turkey stir fry on white rice or chef salad, buttered green beans, fresh baked French bread, w/p-nut butter, fruit sherbet or canned fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or Chicken patty sandwich of Salmon patty sandwich or chef salad with bread, oven fries, steamed mixed vegetables. canned fruit or apple crisp, milk.

FRIDAY: Assorted Sandwiches: Stacked turkey, rib-b-que or tuna pita or chef salad with bread, homemade vegetable soup, crackers, side salad or pasta salad. assorted fruit, milk.

Weekly prepaid lunches welcome.



As winter came upon us in December, I continually heard people carping about it. My standard reply would always be a short dissertation about how I wouldn't mind winter nearly so much if it would just act like winter. I would go on to explain that I missed winter as I remembered it from my youth. That is, lots of snow and temperatures low enough to keep it from melting. The kind of winters in which one could enjoy the numerous winter sports such as skiing, sledding, skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, etc. I said I was sick of these moderate winters we've had of late, with nothing but wet snow, mud, slop and a bazillion cold and flu bugs going around.

After about two weeks of temperatures cold enough to make an Eskimo hunker down and snow to wear out a couple of shovels, I'm ready to cry, "Uncle!" Now you know. The truth is not always in me. Give me my moderate winter back! I'll drive through slop. I'll walk through mud. I'll fight off the flu. Just give me some feeling back in my fingers and toes.

This all started a week ago Saturday, and I haven't been warm since. A bunch of us went to the Detroit Lions playoff game with Green Bay. The game was at the Pontiac Silverdome which is always kept at a comfortable seventy-some degrees.

had's houghts

Have you been following the Nancy Kerrigan/Tonya Harding "Skategate?"

a made for TV movie within six months. Authoritics have arrested Harding bodyguard Shawn Eckart, Derrick Smith (the get-away driver) and Shane Stant, the alleged hitman.

Reports allege that Jeff Gillooly, Harding's former hus-

If you haven't, don't worry; I'm sure this will be turned into

to make that hike back to the car. No such luck. You may remember from a previous column that this was about the time I was suffering from a monster ear infection. As we left the stadium, it dawned on me that frigid arctic blasts whistling in one car and out the other probably weren't the best therapy for my condition. I became desperate for a hat of some

the first one.

Did anybody see me?

band, had asked Eckart to set up the attack. ice in Lillehammer and she will win at least a bronze medal. The latest report I heard, Monday night, was that work was If the attack doesn't affect her physical talent or hinder her underway to tie Gillooly to the attack. I tend to think he was mental psyche, she may very well win a gold medal. probably involved. Whether or not they can link him to it is And then, the pot of gold that awaits her in endorsements another story.

I want to believe Tonya Harding did not know anything about it, but she hasn't shown a whole lot of remorse toward Nancy Kerrigan. I guess it's possible she has, but it hasn't been reported.

If she is innocent, it's a shame because she will never win Kerrigan's shining moment. a gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Her scores for such a difficult move would be higher than Judging for Figure Skating is very subjective and political. If any she might receive on ice in Lillehammer. there is even a trace of doubt in Harding's innocence, it will Staying in the arena of sports, you've got to be rooting for be reflected in her score. Not only will she lose on the ice, but Kansas City and San Francisco victories this weekend. No any chance of endorsement dollars that may have followed her one in their right mind wants to see a Dallas/Buffalo rematch. performance at the Olympics are now remote at best. The Chiefs and the 49er's. Montana against his old team-It's ironic that the attack, which was to remove Kerrigan mates. The team he led to four Super Bowl victories. That

from the Olympic picture and endorsement riches, will end up could be a Super Bowl that would live up to its hype. doing just the opposite. All Kerrigan has to do is step onto the

Priscilla ussmyer **Ledger Entries** of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 17, 1894 The old Shakespeare Club has been replaced by the Literary Society, to meet every other Monday evening. The U.S. Treasury reports being over \$43 million in debt.

The Republican National Committee favors admitting the new states of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma to the union.

Ad by Grand Rapids' Spring & Co.: "The White City is Dawning, the Flaxen Floodgates Opened"-meaning the annual white sale.

The new Vergennes Reading Circle is off to a great start, with singing, recitations and readings given by

members male and female, young and old. One song: "Kissing Paper Through the Telephone."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 16, 1919 Thirty-five states have ratified the Prohibition amendment to the constitution, one less than needed, and Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota are in a race to be the 36th. Twelve states ratified it in two days. The law will become effective in one year.

The state has paid out \$8,500 in bounties to hunters. chiefly for hawks, weasels, wolves and foxes in the last six months of 1918.

All women, except wives of aliens, may vote in Michigan, provided they have lived in the state six months or more.

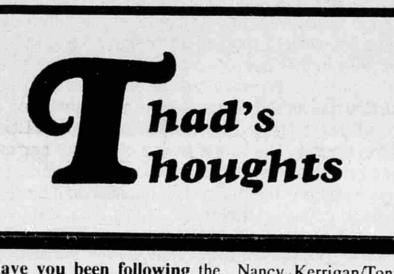
Swift & Co. is running a series of 1/4-page ads lauding its business practices, apparently in reply to Upton Sinclair's expose of the meat-packing industry.

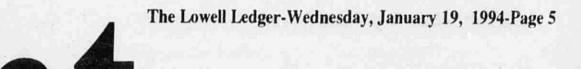
50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 20, 1944 Lowell band members canvass house-to-house selling war bonds; buyers receive free tickets to the band concert. If that doesn't make the quota, business people who canvassed in the last drive will do so again. A boxcar-full, almost 14 tons, of paper was collected

in the drive by the FFA boys last week. Next Monday will be the Village Caucus for nominat

ing village officials for the coming year. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis warns that communities must prepare for next summers' cases in terms of adequate hospital beds, equipment and care Many medical personnel as well as laywomen are being trained in the Kenny treatment by Sister Kenny herself

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 16, 1969





I'm tellin' you folks, I haven't been that cold lately. Maybe seem so bad. Because of its giant size, the Silverdome didn't look that far away. In reality, I think we hiked across at least two counties and part of Ontario to get to the door.

Our trek took us through a parking lot roughly the size of Arkansas. We then went over an expressway on a completely exposed pedestrian overpass where everyone was fighting for position on the downwind side. We then had to march uphill and directly into the wind across another parking lot as big as

The only good thing about the ordeal was I looked like a true Lions fan through at least the first half of the game. With my silver hair and my face Honolulu Blue from the cold, I looked just like the guys who paint themselves in hopes the network TV cameramen will pan on them during their game coverage

The Lions lost in a squeaker, but it was a great game Toward the end, it looked like it would go into overtime. I was praying for it, in hopes I'd thaw just a little more before having

I spotted a paper sack on top of a trash barrel. I dumped out the contents-some pistachio shells and a half-eaten sandwich. I then ripped out a hole for my eyes and slipped the bag over my head. It didn't hold in much heat, but it kept my ears from feeling like a NASA wind tunnel. As what was left of my body heat warmed the inside of the bag, I began to get a whiff of pastrami on rye over the smell of diesel fumes from the idling our buses. Bonus!

As we trudged along with the masses, most dressed as stupidily as we were, I heard several comments about my makeshift hat. Some were wisecracks about being an unknown Lions fan. Some Green Bay fan said something like, "Yeah, I'd cover my head too, if I were a Lions fan." However, most of the comments I heard were inquiries as to where I found the bag. Several people offered to buy it. I wouldn't have taken anything short of plane fare to Hawaii for it.

Since that night, we've experienced Alberta Clippers, Arctic Blasts and various other trashings from the tundra. The furnace at our house can't heat the old barn in this kind of weather. The temperature in my bedroom and bath has been hovering in the low fifties every morning. I've been throwing an extra quilt on the waterbed and letting the dog climb up next to me. So far I've been getting along with one dog. If this gets any worse, I may have to go to the Humane Society for a couple

Of course the car never gets warm until I get where I'm going. I could dress for this weather, but I can't move in all those clothes, let alone try to work. Like I said, I haven't been warm since that trip to the Silverdome. So, unless we luck out and get a January thaw, don't be surprised if you see me sporting around town with a fur-lined paper sack over my head. I've been working on one when I can get my fingers to move.

will be overflowing.

As for Harding, let's agree she had nothing to do with the attack and that her guilt is just in association. Maybe it's in her best interest to give a public show of remorse for what happened and then step aside, letting Lillehammer be

Schools were closed three days last week with the heavy snow and more is forecast.

A Traffic Bureau at City Hall has been established for the convenience of motorists who do not wish to contest a traffic violation. This replaces the Justice-of-the-Peace system as of Jan. 1.

There's a dearth of candidates for the three open seats on city council.

1950 LHS graduate Dr. Robert Hall is on a New York research team studying gallstones.

### **TO THE EDITOR**

#### Dear Editor:

members of the Finance Com- heroism, virtue and gallantry mittee of Vision 2000.

#### Dear Editor:

fought for a long, long time.

I was thinking about Jeff My opinion on computers (Timpson) the other night and in last week's letter to the edi- the word courage came into tor was my opinion only! It my mind. When I looked it up does not necessarily reflect in my thesaurus, there were the opinion of any of the other words like bravery, valor, I remember a saving I had John Clore once read: "Courage in the face of adversity has kept men on their feet through thick and A former classmate of mine thin." I have a coffee mug died recently. I never knew with a saying on it which I this young man (or his fam- think about quite often and it ily). They are well-known and has helped me. The saying is respected in our town. I found the screnity prayer: "God grant out that he had lost his battle me the screnity to accept the with cancer which he had things I can not change. The Letters, cont'd. pg. 9

### Lowell Post Office to initiate correct address program

quarters has selected Lowell to participate in an official Correct Address Notification (CAN) project.

Approximately 30 percent of all mail is incompletely or incorrectly addressed. Most of this mail must be sorted manually and is delivered primarily because of letter carrier's knowledge of their routes. With fully automated mail sorting, this could create delays in the process and increase mail handling costs.

The Lowell Post Office will be notifying each household and business of its correct and complete addresses

The Postal Service Head- including ZIP+4 Codes and tification will take place in Lowell during the month of January.

"We are very pleased to been selected as an automa- progress in the volume of mail to encourage its use. This no- have been chosen to partici- tion test site, with letter mail we are able to put in delivery pate in this project," stated being sorted in the order the sequence by automation, thus Sylvia Taylor, Postmaster, carrier delivers. This address reducing the time the carrier Lowell. "We have already notification will help us spends in the office sorting





**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS** OF **CITY COUNCIL** OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL** 

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1994

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by City Manager/Clerk David Pasquale.

Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock swore in newly elected Councilmember C. Jeanne Shores and re-elected Councilmembers James D. Maatman and James W. Hodges and the Roll was called.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMP-SON that the minutes of the December 20, 1993 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MAATMAN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Shores and Maatman.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (1/3/94)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 79,884.71
MAJOR STREET FUND	19.71
SEWER FUND	2,790.67
WATER FUND	105,460.92
AIRPORT FUND	2,216.73
DATA PROCESSING FUND	19.90
EQUIPMENT FUND	447.23
CURRENT TAX FUND	133,388.16

Item #1. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAY PRO TEM As required by the City Charter, the election of the mayor and the mayor pro tem was held by Council for two year terms. City Manager/Clerk Pasquale opened the floor for nominations for the office Mayor.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to nominate Councilmember James Maatman for Mayor. Nominations were closed

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager/Clerk Pasquale turned the meeting over to Mayor Maatman, who opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to nominate Councilmember William Thompson for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. Nominations were closed.

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

Item #2. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY BANKS. As provided annually, the period City must designate its depository banks and authorize signatures for the coming year

The following designations are recommended: Authorized signatures:

a. Mayor City Manager David Pasquale City Treasurer Judy Noonon Mayor Pro Tem Police Chief Barry Emmons

Safety Deposit Box:

Charlene McNab Betty Morlock

#### **Depository Banks:**

c. Comerica Bank-Grand Rapids FMB	(Grand Rapids) (Lowell)
First of America Bank	(Grand Rapids)
Old Kent Bank	(Ada, Grand Rapids)
Manufacturers National Bank	
of Grand Rapids	(Grand Rapids)
Michigan National Bank	(Ada, Grand Rapids)
NBD Grand Rapids	(Ada, Grand Rapids)
Standard Federal	(Grand Rapids)

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to accept the designated depository banks and authorized signatures for bank accounts and access to the safety deposit box during the ensuing year as recommended

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. WESTSIDE WATER IMPROVEMENTS - PUB LIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF RESO-LUTION DETERMINING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS. John LeFevre, an engineer with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber and City Attorney Richard Wendt were present to receive comments on the creation of a special assessment district for water improvements on West Main, Gee Drive and Alden Nash. LeFevre explained that in 1988, Fishbeck completed a water system reliability study which had several recommendations for the City's water system including additional storage capacity and fire protection capabilities. He mentioned that the westside project is a continuing step of implementing more of the original recommendations. The overall project includes extension of water main from Ridgeview Dr. west along M-21 on both sides of the street to the City Limits. Mains will continue from M-21 to Ridgeview Dr. to Gee Drive, where an 800,000 gallon ground level storage tank will be constructed. This tank would be utilized to provide fire protection storage for the westside system. Also, a booster pumping station will be built to increase pressure and improve the reliability of the overall system. Property owners would benefit from the water system as identified and a special assessment roll has been proposed.

The project would provide residents in the assessment district four options of payment: 1) Not to hook up, but pay the special assessment in one lump sum 2) Not to hook up, but spread the assessment over a 20 year period 3) To hook up to the system and pay the special assessment in one lump sum 4) To hook up to the system but spread the assessment over a 20 year

City limits.

Don Fizer, owner of Michigan Wire, guestioned why the City would install water mains without sewer on the westside. He felt to have the water mains there by itself is a waste

Councilmember Thompson said safety was a main concern. If there was a severe fire on the west side, the City would not be able to handle a disaster. It is a safety issue whether there is a new school or not. Todd Landman, 2399 W. Main, guestioned what percentage of the cost is the actual pipe and that pertaining to excavating and research. LeFevre responded the material costs amount to approximately 35 - 40% with excavating estimated at 65%. Landman guestioned how much additional cost would be involved to install a sewer line along with the water main. He said the cost of excavating will continue to increase each year. LeFevre explained installing sewer systems are much more involved. The engineering and planning is much more complex unless the service area is determined. Additionally, the water and sewer mains are placed in separate trenches and would be difficult to build simultaneously. Patrick Hoag, 2309 Gee Dr., said he had installed two wells. However, he questioned the amount of pressure under the new system. LeFevre responded that a pressure-reducing valve for Hoag's property could be installed to reduce the pressure from 110 pounds to 50 or 60. The cost would be included in the customers readiness to serve or meter cost. This would not be a direct cost to the property owner. McGrew, 755 Alden Nash, felt he was being penalized for the advancement of water for the township and

school. Mayor Maatman said in 1986 the City considered a westside water project and then delayed it. He agreed that the school afforded an opportunity to take a closer look at the project. Maatman said that the project had to

Should any customers have questions regarding this project, or proper addressing for automation, Taylor may be reached at (616) 897-9949.

Stan Krzykwa, 2250 W. Main, guestioned the need of having to run two mains along M-21. LeFevre responded on M-21 individual service leads from the main cannot go across the road perpendicular to each property. By having two mains, any problems in the future can be remedied without shutting traffic down along M-21.

Krzykwa further questioned if the assessment could be extended over 20 years. Wendt explained in this case. the City has already extended the assessment an additional 5 years. He said that to finance these costs the City has to borrow. The longer period of time for borrowing, the higher the interest rate and more interest being paid. Ursula Mahan, 12035 Gee Dr., guestioned if there were plans to construct the sewer at this time. LeFevre responded there is no construction benefit to installing water and sewer simultaneously. By law, the pipes need 10' of separation and cannot be constructed in the same trench. LeFevre explained typically a sewer main is 8' to 15' deep; where a water main has a 5' to 6' depth.

Robert McGrew, 755 Alden Nash, questioned if the water main north of Gee Dr. could be extended to service the new high school. LeFevre responded the City is only providing raw water at a rate to the township. The storage tank is providing part of the City's project and will give added capacity for fire protection for all within the

# Judge gives Lawrence life sentence without parole

**By Thad Kraus** Lowell Ledger Editor

Antonio Lawrence, a 22year-old Saginaw man, a paroled felon, and the man who pulled the trigger in the shooting death of Lowell's Suzanne Timpson-Wittenbach was sentenced to a life term without parole by Kent County Circuit Judge Suzanne Timpson-Wittenbach George Buth.

Timpson.

For the Timpson family, the case may finally be over, the life sentence he received but the pain and anguish re- for the senseless killing. main.



"It's finally over," said Judy saw no remorse for what the Saginaw man had done and thus, he deserved every bit of Andre Brown, 24, whose

Buth told Lawrence that he cooperation helped break the

#### **By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer**

On Monday night, the bythe Jack Dykstra Company. Lowell Township Board Loadstar Corporation.

lowest of 18 received by the property. Getting the written the line hook up. township. The bid of permission from Cooper was Construction of the line



be done whether the school was involved or not. City Manager Pasquale said two letters were received from residents (Maureen Lombardo, 2400 W. Main and Jon Graber, 825 Alden Nash) expressing their concerns regarding the proposed assessment.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by TH-OMPSON to adopt the resolution determining to make the westside water improvements, approving the estimated costs (\$197,655), the portion to be paid by special assessment (total estimate of cost to be paid by property owners), number of installments (payable up to 20 years), interest rate (1% above the average or 7% if bonds are not issued) and to direct to the City Manager to prepare the roll.

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

Item #4 RESOLUTIONS OF INTENT TO ISSUE SPE-CIAL ASSESSMENT AND WATER REVENUE BONDS WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. City Attorney Richard Wendt said resolutions of intent to issue bonds for the westside water improvements project must be adopted by the Council and forwarded to the Michigan Department of Treasury. The bonds involve a special assessment (\$250,000 maximum) and revenue (\$1,500,000 maximum) issues.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the resolution of intent to issue special assess ment and water revenue bonds with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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

Item #5. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLECTION OF SUMMER TAXES FOR 1994. City Manager Pasquale explained, that as in previous years, the Grand Rapids Community College requested that the City collect the district's summer property taxes. As part of a continuous resolution, the City collects the GRCC's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies to the Community College.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the continuing resolution to collect the Grand Rapids Community College summer taxes for 1994.

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

Item #6. GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO STREET FUNDS. As stated in a memo by City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, the Michigan Department of Transportation has indicated that administrative expenses in funding could be utilized for the sidewalk program. the Street Funds may not exceed 10% of the Michigan Transportation (Public Act 51) Funds revenue received from the State. When administrative expenses exceed this 10% allocation, a local contribution must be provided for sidewalk. Further, he questioned if he will be required to cover the excess.

Further, when Local Street funds are used for construction purposes, 50% of the construction cost must come Dr. is considered low priority for sidewalks. from local contributions.

Noonon stated that in order to remedy the situation transfers be made from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,000 to the Local Street Fund and \$7,400 to the Major Street Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by City Attorney Richard Wendt said the City could have the HODGES that transfers be made from the General Fund building torn down and place the cost as a lien on the in the amount of \$12,000 to the Local Street Fund and property \$7,400 to the Major Street Fund in order to comply with Pasquale said the Downtown Development Authority State Act 51 which requires that administrative expendihas considered utilizing funds to demolish the building. tures not exceed 10% of the Transportation Fund Wendt added that there are no doubt a number of allocation received from the State of Michigan and that ordinance and code violations to the property and charges only 50% of Local Street construction costs may be paid could be brought for the violation of the code. from State Transportation Fund allocations. Pasquale said a building permit valid for one year has YEA: 5. been issued for repairing the floor. He will discuss the NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. SIDEWALK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROno parking signs at the Action Auto site. Chief Emmons GRAM - POLICY CONSIDERATIONS. Director of Public responded the signs have been posted. Works Art Gall requested Council input in order to estab-Mayor Maatman thanked the Council for his reappointlish inspection criteria for those sidewalks that need ment as Mayor. repair. He provided the Council with two types of concerns for sidewalks, safety and appearance. Typical Item #10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager safety concerns include differences in elevation, ex-Pasquale reported on the following: treme tilt, deep spalled areas, large cracks and poor A. The November minutes and December agendas of the drainage, while appearance concerns consist of minor Light and Power and Cable TV Boards were presented. surface spalling, hairline cracks and discoloration. B. An informational meeting has been scheduled for Gall noted that according to a report presented from the Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. on the new refuse pick up-City of Grand Rapids, the standard for replacing sidewalk recycling program at City Hall. Dennis Goodsell, owner of is a half-inch or greater difference in elevation between Denny's Disposal, will be present at this meeting. Pasquale slabs or sections of slabs.

Mayor Maatman stressed serviceability and safety of the sidewalks as important criteria. Councilmember Hodges said in the downtown area there are possibilities for people to trip on the cracks. He questioned if heavily traveled areas such as the downtown need more consideration as compared to less

traveled residential walk?

Gall questioned the previous sidewalk program and why will discontinue selling the bags. the City paid 50% for replacement and 25% for new. Councilmember Hodges suggested having the informa-Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock said that replacing tional meeting taped to be aired on Channel 2 for public sidewalk was more costly because the old concrete information would have to be removed before the new walk could be C. City Manager Pasquale said the Michigan Municipal installed

Councilmember Shores felt the City should contribute toward sidewalks. She further questioned if the City presently contributes toward the cost of a sidewalk for new construction. City Manager Pasquale said the City has not.

Mayor Maatman suggested the City contribute 25% across the board whether it is new or replacement sidewalk.

City Manager Pasquale said if funds are not there, the City could do less sidewalk in a particular year, however TWAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPstill provide the 25% participation. It was noted that the SON to adjourn to Closed session at 9:30 p.m., for City would need to contribute \$95,000 a year for new and purposes to review pending litigation with the City Attorreplacement walks based on the 25% level. Pasquale said the City will be responsible for the handi-YEA: 5. cap ramps and that community development block gran NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item #8. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Patrick Hoag, 2309 Gee Dr., suggested the City review their specifications IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. DATE APPROVED: Jan. 17, 1994 to put in a sidewalk on Gee Dr.

Councilmember Hodges responded that the area of Gee

case, according to Kent cessory after the fact to felony office will recommend that plea, the prosecutor also Circuit Court to being an ac- agreement, the prosecutor's In exchange for his guilty term in prison.

County Prosecutor David murder, which carries a Brown receive a sentence next dropped a habitual offender Scheiber, entered the plea of maximum five-year sentence. month of no more than one charge that could have inguilty in the Kent County Under a plea-bargain year in the Kent County Jail. creased Brown's maximum

### Loadstar awarded sewer contract for new high school

est bid of \$598,000 submitted struct a line.

The cost of the project will in August. The township could ac- be absorbed by the new high the new high school to the received a written agreement serve it. However, the school from Richard Cooper to run could recoup some of the July. Loadstar's bid was the the sewer line across his money if home owners along

\$240,871.25 was more than the last step needed before the could start in the near future, 50 percent less than the high- township could begin to con- and the project must be completed before the school opens

Township clerk Carol awarded its sewer contract for cept the bid because it finally school since the line will only Wells believes the project could be finished as early as

> Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson questioned the status of the Lee's Landing building located at 109 W. Main.

> Mayor Maatman expressed concern regarding the railing in front of the building.

issue with Building Inspector Andy Sparks and determine what the next step should be taken regarding the status of the building.

Councilmember Thompson questioned the status of the

said as of today, 56 persons have paid deposits for the recycling bins. Additionally, the red bags will be distributed to the businesses (True Value, Hahn's, Plumbs and Family Fare) in packages of ten and will be available at City Hall.

Councilmember Shores questioned how the new program has affected the police department's fund-raiser of selling bags. Chief Emmons said the police department

League will have its Legislative Conference on Wednesday, February 9 in Lansing. Interested Councilmembers that wish to attend need to contact Betty

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman provided the following three (3) year appointments to 1/1/97. Airport Board

James Serne (ex-officio) Roger Brown James Sowle (ex-officio)

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

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

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.

> LOWELL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Lowell Area Historical Association's annual meeting and election will be held at the Look Memorial Fire Station, Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a program.

#### DANCE/BENEFIT FOR DAVID BLANDING

There will be a dance/benefit for David Blanding's bone marrow transplant on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Larkin's Other Place.

A \$10 contribution will give you live music by local band. Eruption, food, beer and fun.

Please contact Larkins at 897-5977 or Dale Triplett at 897 9259 for tickets and more information.

#### **OFF THE BLOTTER**

Lorraine Gravelin, 70, of Saranac, was involved in property damage accident Jan. 13, when she attempted to change lanes on Main St. near Lincoln Lake and struck a semitrailer driven by Peter Simmons, 46, of Kalamazoo. Linda Hamp, 40, of Lowell, struck and killed a deer on vehicle.

Arrested Jan. 13 for driving under the influence of alcohol and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle was Stacy Zoerman, 20, of Lowell. Michael Treglia, 33, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 13 for

and battery.

nine students.

### Computers, continued.....

computers will go to the new elementary level. White said plans are to install one. 30-computer, station lab along with putting additional computers within the building and media center as work stations. If these plans are met, the computer ratio to students at the new elementary building would be a minimum of 1-to-13, according to White. "Contingency funds at the end of the project could be available for additional computer works stations," he said.

school will house 700-750 labs, each containing 25-30 students. An existing 25 computers at the new middle school. Currently, the middle school has 39 computers.

> The school anticpates approximately 750 students at the middle school level next year. If the plans are followed through, the computer to student ratio would be 1-in-8.

"We hope to place additional computers in the building and media center," White said. "With the contingency fund in good shape, we may be able to purchase more than planned. We won't know that until the end of the project.

and instruction said Owen, Ames and Kimball should be commended for the excellent job it has done in limiting changes and construction mistakes to a minimum. "It's been an excellent watchdog." White expects the new

high school will house 850-900 students in 1994-95.

The high school currently has 115 computers. The original technology plan for the high school called for adding one lab station for each academic discipline arca.

"This is where we have to look carefully at which labs The director of curriculum will be placed where, and

how many we can afford," White said. "I believe we will have a minimum of 185 computers at the high school. That would give us a ratio of one computer for every five students.'

At Alto, there are currently Director of Special Education 16 computers used by students. Plans are to add a lab containing a minimum of 15 computers and possibly as middle school seven, many as 30. School officials Runciman, four; Bushnell, expect to have roughly 400 three and Alto one, making students at Alto next year. If the total number of computonly 15 new computers are ers earmarked for special added, the ratio would be one education in the school disfor every 13 students. If 30 trict, 20. Thomas said the new computers are added, the school did receive a \$20,000 of all," White said. ratio would be one for every

There are plans to add two

### Public Road, continued....

#### parcels.

age, his potential property highway. would more than meet the ordinance.

within their ordinance stan- accessibility from the road. dards. Both the commission and Timpson feel a public the planning commission's

Sewer, continued....

road must be accessible by interpretation of the ordi-Verwys sees another so- way of a driveway to be con- nance that the road must be lution to the problem. If the sidered a public road, and township agreed to consider neither party believes anyone 1-96 as a public road for front- can build a driveway off the

requirements set forth by the confusion over the issue is in the interpretation of the ordi-However, the planning nance. All the ordinance states commission and the township is that the road frontage must supervisor, John Timpson, come from a public or private don't believe 1-96 can fall road. There is no mention of

Timpson believes it is in

accessible.

"The ordinance may not say anything about accessibility, but the commission Timpson believes the must take into account how emergency vehicles will have access to the property before they grant a building permit," said Timpson.

> In a meeting with Verwys and Seese last week, the commission stated the same debate. The commission must find evidence that I-96 can be

was reached before any such action took place.

considered a public road for ered spot rezoning, and a it apart from other land in the frontage before they will flood of applications would make a formal decision on follow asking for the same the property.

Verwys and Seese have already asked the commission to consider a variance for the property. The variance would allow the current 66-foot frontage to be enough to grant a building permit.

However, that idea has been met with resistance from the commission. The commission feels if it allowed the variance, it would be consid-

As part of the agreement ship, Cooper will be allowed line at no cost. reached with Lowell Town- to hook up two homes to the



"This board does not spot rezone and we don't want to set a presidence that would Verwys. have others in the township looking for this kind of variance," said commission member Dick Bryan. Verwys can not under-

stand why the commission will not grant the variance. "This property has several unique features that sets



Main St. near Smith St. Jan. 13, doing minor damage to her

driving while license suspended, second offense.

Arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail Jan. 14, on a warrant issued out of a Wyoming, MI court for contempt of court, was Tammie Norris, 31, of Lowell.

Robert Reedy, 27, of Lowell, posted bond and was cited to appear in 63rd District Court on a warrant issued for assault

Arrested on a warrant issued out of Ionia County on Jan. 16 was Jeffery Jacobs, 21, of Saranac.

It should be noted that in the count of computers currently at each school, computers used in the special education department were included. Pam Thomas, said the high school special education department currently has five computers, the

federal grant (#94142) to be used for special education at the high school. Thomas said that would be spent on computers.

The count did not include computers earmarked for community education.

White said the school's technology plan is to provide different types of technology that will challenge and provide optimum learning experiences for the students. What does White want to

see when everything is said and done? "A well-rounded tech plan that meets the needs

township. I don't think there is another piece of land that has the same features as this one, so it should be considered differently," said

Timpson has an answer to this problem. He says if Seese or Verwys can present a driveway permit from the county, then he will recognize 1-96 as road frontage. "Needless to say, I don't believe that will ever happen," he said.

### Letters, continued.

courage to change the things I ers. I believe differently. can and the wisdom to know the difference."

I may not have known Jeff personally, but seeing that he had fought this battle for such a long time, I am sure he had lots of courage (and then some). Along with courage room. comes honor and dignity. With honor you hear words like integrity, esteem, respect and distinction. With dignity are words like: worthiness, merit, and caliber.

fighting this cancer for quite a long time, yet he graduated from high school, helped with the family orchard business, got married plus he and his wife had children. Jeff had accomplished all this despite being ill. I believe that Jeff reached the highest degree of courage, honor and dignity.

I now have a favor to ask the rest of my fellow classmates('79): take time out now to pause and bow your head in the development of technolprayer and respect for one of your former classmates, Jeff Timpson (and his family), \$300 (NPR News). whether you knew him personally or not. He was not only a fellow classmate, but a fellow human being-a courageous one.

To the Timpson family, may the good Lord bless you and give you strength. M.J. Pictrzak (Baker)

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my opinion about the school tech- Also, a good foundation is nology controversy. It is, very important. Planning now without a doubt, a serious di- for computers and making lemma. This issue was ad- cabling provisions is not a dressed at the last school board waste of money. It is prudent meeting, where the Technology committee gave a presentation that was rebutted by a Lowell is very far behind in its presentation from the Citizens computer ratio. They made no for Quality Education (CQE).

I am a strong supporter of computer technology (my career depends heavily on it), but I am writing in support of to catch up; however, we need the Technology committees' to do it in an orderly and fisrecommendations, which include TV's, VCR's, Satellite high priced systems today that technology, and computers, will gather dust while becomas well as cabling and switch- ing obsolete! Purchase, ining equipment. The CQE stead, what we will use and seems to believe that the only wisely. area of importance is comput-

nology is fairly mature. It is understood by the teachers and offers a wide variety of services. The prices on equipment are stable. It will be used immediately in every class-

Multi-media computing is an emerging technology. CD-ROM programs, while very valuable, are limited at this tion. time. CQE showed one of the two most popular books on I heard that Jeff had been CD for young children. There aren't many! Teachers and staff are not ready to make full use of computers. They will need training and experience. The experience they get with a reasonable number of computers now will teach them what to do with many computers in the future. Prices on computer equipment are dropping steadily (or performance is increasing). Hewlett-Packard recently announced ogy that could reduce the cost of Multi-media systems by

> I favor a go slow approach on computers with steady growth. As years go on, your current best systems in the high school can be downgraded to the middle school or the elementary schools. New equipment will be "state of the art." I guarantee that any equipment you buy today will be essentially obsolete in five vears.

planning.

Statistics were shown that mention of where we will be after purchasing the computers called for in the committee recommendations. We need cally sound manner. Why buy

ealth With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong

#### ANTIOXIDANTS

Several recent studies have shown that vitamin supplements or a diet rich in the antioxidants vitamin C, vitamin E and beta carotene may reduce the risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease or cataracts.

During normal function, our cells form free radicals, molecules that are damaged. These free radicals can damage certain cells in our body. Eventually, as cell damage continues, it can contribute to certain disease processes like atherosclerosis and heart disease. It is thought that antioxidant vitamins in our diet may impede this damaging process.

Scientists have show that a cholesterol fraction (LDL) can damage the lining of the artery when it becomes oxidized. Vitamin C, vitamin E and beta carotene may help protect LDL from becoming oxidized and in turn, decreasing arterial wall damage.

Two recent studies have show that individuals that had

resources available. I also be- ogy teaching tools. lieve that it is time to stop community that work so hard education.

By the way, the CQE used two TV's and one VCR for a major portion of its presenta-

To the Editor: I need to respond to your for the school system.

In reality, bidding is done.

local school district will not The January 4 meeting was \$486,000. "What if no one bids?"

Dear Editor: (As written to the School Board Members)

nally meant to review bid he disagreed with the amount quotes with the consultant for of video equipment and tele-I believe that the Technol- committee, to assist in mak- are not as necessary as PC's- ing their high-handed, one-

> taken at least 100 IU of vitamin E for two years had a reduced incidence of cardiovascular disease than those who had taken no vitamin supplement. Other studies have shown that vitamin C and beta carotene may be associated with reduced risk of certain cancers. Antioxidant vitamins may also decrease the risk of cataract formation.

> Although most of this information is preliminary, it maybe useful to add a vitamin supplement to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. In fact, some cardiologists are recom-



TV - VCR - Satellite tech- fine job of planning for effi- for the expenditure of for the building to function as cient and prudent use of the \$1,246,500 in new technol- school buildings. I think they

> bashing those people from our mination of more than 18 months of meetings with citifor the quality of our children's zen representatives like my- PC's (to give individual stuself, your administration rep- dents the opportunity to resentatives and teaching staff. progress at independent rates) Believe me when I tell you at the expense of the video 18 months, just as I have supthese meetings had plenty of technology teaching tools ported you as a school board controversy, differences of (which would be used by for the past 15 years. Mark R. Blanding opinion and soul searching- groups of students learning all of which evolved into a together) which he deemed a that I too have been a selfgenuine team effort where as- waste of time. The adminissets were shared via compro- trators and teachers repeatedly dog and contrarian observer mise and resulted in mutual made very good points for for 15 years, and that even article last week on bidding understanding of the needs of using the video technology but the health insurance carrier teacher, administrators, and were met by anger and obsti-

the students.

Contrary to the Eshragh Our Tech Committee logic While it is not done locally, group contention, our tech- was simply ignored by these MESSA writes the specifica- nology committee spent many people-apparently they think tions for the programs it of- hours discussing computer that the only way to learn is terpret factual data or ignore fers, and underwriters have needs and balancing them with independently via a PC. They the opportunity to bid on those the other technological teach- refused to acknowledge our Unfortunately, by proclaimspecifications-most recently ing tools (they seemed to think points and adamantly insisted ing their misinformed assumptwo years ago. The under- that computers were a minor that their desires were the only tions as genuine facts, they writer since 1985 has been item to us, when in fact com- thing that mattered. Blue Cross Blue Shield. Prior puter types, quantities, and In spite of this being the emotional to deal with conto that, it was Equitable and software driven by curricu- Tech Committee's eleventh troversy in a businesslike before that, Mutual Benefit. lum needs were a hot item for hour in the fact finding/deci- manner. Mr. Eshragh's tac-This arrangement makes our committee). We achieved sion making process, the tics (which include grabbing financial sense for the school a good balance of technology Eshragh group's points were his overcoat to storm out of a district, because any under- needs to be priced out for final seriously discussed and con- discussion because he can't writer will provide a better debate-keeping in mind that sidered. In the end, \$141,000 sway his opponent in a derate for 100,000 subscribers any dollars saved would be worth of items were dropped bate, and constant interrup-(MESSA) than a local district available for new computers. in favor of conserving more tions of speakers who have with only 300 subscribers. We even discussed re-using dollars for PC's. The bottom the floor) do not accomplish The arrangement also furniture and older computers line is that we expect to have anything for the student body. makes sense for the individual wherever possible and look- \$400,000 available for PC Trust me-the Eshragh subscribers. Because of the ing for computer grants to workstations, and the Eshragh group does not represent as size of the MESSA group, a make our funds go further in groups' arbitrary number much of your community as large claims history in one purchasing new computers! based on "gut feeling" was they would have you believe.

now understand the basic need This meeting was the cul- for this wiring.

nate resistance by the "group".

jeopardize coverage for the mistakenly billed by the press After three and a half hours their theatrical intrusion on entire group. Districts which as a public board meeting, so of discussion, our committee the business life of your adseek to bid their own insur- we spent the first one and a compared costs on line-by- ministrators. Administration ance must ask the question: half hours listening to the line items and voted on each efforts are now directed to-Eshragh group's issues. Dave item, which in turn became wards a controversial minor-Tom Stahr McClain presented a well our recommendation after 18 ity group rather than normal thought out "contrarian view" months of in-depth study. The productive activities, and the first. To my surprise, his plan Eshragh group left disgruntled system is going to suffer from and ours had commonality and unhappy with the feeling this wasted effort. On Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1994, I throughout. His basic dis- that they did not have input! I attended the Technology agreement was not wanting to can only imagine what their to attend your January 10 Committee meeting and had place the communications comments will be. My obser- workshop to discuss technolmy first encounter with the network wiring in the build- vation is that they want things new "watchdog" group ings (to support the voice, their way and only their way, myself available to meet with headed by the Eshragh fam- video, and data transmissions and they do not want to be ily. Our meeting was origi- throughout the buildings) and bothered with facts and staff recommendations.

the technology package un- phones being provided. He is to make you aware that this issues you might have. der consideration; then, as a seemed to think these items group is very vocal in express-

ogy Committee has done a ing recommendations to you even though they are required sided opinions, and uses bully tactics to achieve their own self-serving goals. They refuse to look at any viewpoint or fact that is contrary to their McClain's major issue ap- own. It is my expectation that peared to be the need for more you will support your administrators, staff, and technology committee on this issue after they have studied it for

Het the Eshragh group know appointed school board watchcontrarians can have positive impacts rather than simply generate negative controversy for the uninformed press and public to feed on. The Eshragh group seems to either misinfacts that they disagree with become too committed and

I am personally offended by

I regret not being available ogy issues, but I will make you individually or in small groups in a non-threatening, businesslike environment to The point of this long letter help resolve any questions or

James E. Lindhout

mending vitamin E in doses of 100 IU daily to patients that are at high risk of developing coronary artery disease. At this time no one knows which antioxidant vitamins or what dose, or what combination of antioxidant vitamins will offer the greatest relief.

We believe that over the next few years scientific research will provide useful information so that we can recommend antioxidant vitamin supplements for certain high risk patient populations.

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Blair Landscaping	4	1
Glass Designs	3	2
Ostrander Siding		
& Roofing	2	3
Zzano's	1	4
Family Fare	0	5

## Nobles adjust quickly to change in working procedure

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

George and Karen Noble's daughter was conversing with her professor on the benefits of allowing H&R Block to fill out her tax forms.

professor replied, "You've children. learned well from your mother Karen started her work In August of last year, she said. and father."

combined experience at H&R Pontiac, Grand Rapids and Block, George and Karen now Lowell. Noble have had a lot of

with H&R Block in Kentucky also purchased a franchise in Well, with their 45 years of and then moved on to Illinois, Plainwell.



When she finished, the knowledge to share with their H&R Block franchise owned

Other than location, the biggest difference is, prior to She purchased the Lowell coming to Lowell, Karen Noble always worked for her husband. Now, George Noble works for his wife.

> "It hasn't been a big adjustment. We've always worked together as a team. Currently, George works out of the Plainwell office and I work out of Lowell," Karen Noble

> One adjustment Noble has had to make at the Lowell office is the number of tax preparers on staff. Last year she went through the tax season with five, this year Noble has doubled that amount.

Each H&R Block preparer ust pass an income tax course before being hired. Once hired, preparers must attend seminars once a month during the summer to keep updated on any changes and to further enhance their

"We've enjoyed a substan- status and the sale of home." by Jeanne Richards last year. tial increase in clients," Noble Noble said. For those who are fortu-

> Noble reminds those who money back, Noble reminds are having their taxes done for them that rapid refund can get them, to take their W-2 forms, to have all their receipts in case of an audit, and to have filing fee and a bank finance their social security numbers charge of \$29. H&R Block for their children.

> She says the most common mistakes made by those filing their own taxes are not having making sure they do not pay the figures on the correct lines, more taxes than necessary. not adding all their W-2's to- Noble said. "I work for the gether, and math errors.

the head of the household THANK YOU To all who helped to make our Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale a great success. Special thanks to Family Fare, Noecker Tree Farm, L & A Rent-All (use of truck, trailer & Santa suit) and the Kirsch family (wreaths).

Karen Noble oversees two H&R Block branches; one in Lowell and one in Plainwell.

#### TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES **ORDINANCE NUMBER 94-1**

basic rates relating to cable television and associated equipment

THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES ORDAINS:

#### Definitions

Sec. 1. For purposes of this Ordinance, 'Act' shall mean the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (and specifically as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-385), and as may be amended from time to time; 'FCC' shall mean the Federal Communications Commission; 'FCC Rules' shall mean all rules of the FCC promulgated from time to time pursuant to the Act; 'Basic Cable Service' shall mean 'Basic Service' as defined in the FCC Rules, and any other cable television service which is subject to rate regulation by the Township pursuant to the Act and the FCC Rules; 'Associated Equipment' shall mean all equipment and services subject to regulation pursuant to 47 CFR 76.923; and an 'Increase' in rates shall mean an increase in rates or a decrease in programming or customer services. All other words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the Sec. 5. same meaning as defined in the Act and FCC Rules.

#### Purpose; Interpretation.

Sec. 2. The purpose of this Ordinance is to: 1) adopt regulations consistent with the Act and the FCC Rules with respect to basic cable service rate regulation, and 2) prescribe procedures to provide a reasonable opportunity for consideration of the views of interested parties in connection with basic cable service rate regulation by the Township. This Ordinance shall be implemented and interpreted consistent with the Act and FCC Rules.

#### Rate Regulations Promulgated by FCC.

Sec. 3. In connection with the regulation of rates for basic cable service and associated equipment, the Township of Vergennes shall follow all FCC Rules.

#### Filing; Additional Information, Burden of Proof.

Sec. 4A. A cable operator shall submit its schedule of rates for the basic service tier and associated equipment or a proposed increase in such rates in accordance with the Act and the FCC Rules. The cable operator shall include as part of its submission such information as is necessary to show that its schedule of rates or its proposed increase in rates complies with the Act and the FCC Rules. The cable operator shall file ten (10) copies

of the schedule or proposed increase with the Township operator that submitted the information as to the dispo Clerk. For purposes of This Ordinance, the filing of the sition of the request. It may grant, deny or condition a cable operator shall be deemed to have been made request. The requesting party or the cable operator may An Ordinance to adopt regulations and procedures for when at least ten (10) copies have been received by the seek review of the decision by filing an appeal with any Township Clerk. The Township Board may, by resolution appropriate forum. Disclosure will be stayed pending or otherwise, adopt rules and regulations prescribing the resolution of any appeal. information, data and calculations which must be in- C. The procedures set forth in this section shall be cluded as part of the cable operator's filing of the schedule of rates or a proposed increase.

> B. In addition to information and data required by rules and regulations f the Township pursuant to Section 4A above, a cable operator shall provide all information requested by the Township Supervisor in connection with the Township's review and regulation of existing rates for the basic service tier and associated equipment or a proposed increase in these rates. The Township Supervisor may establish deadlines for submission of the requested information and the cable operator shall comply with such deadlines.

> C. A cable operator has the burden of proving that its schedule of rates for the basic service tier and associated equipment or a proposed increase in such rates complies with the Act and the FCC Rules including, without limitation, 47 USC 543 and 47 CFR 76.922 and 76.923.

#### Proprietary Information.

A. If this Ordinance, any rules of regulations adopted by the Township pursuant to Section 4A, or any request for information pursuant to Section 4B requires the production of proprietary information, the cable operator shall produce the information. However, at the time the allegedly proprietary information is submitted, a cable operator may request that specific, identified portions of its response be treated as confidential and withheld from public disclosure. The request must state the reason why the information should be treated as proprietary and the facts that support those reasons. The request for confidentiality will be granted if the Township determines that the preponderance of the evidence shows that nondisclosure is consistent with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552. The Township shall place in a public file for inspection any decision that results in information being withheld. If the cable operator requests confidentiality and the request is denied, (1) where the cable operator is proposing a rate increase, it may withdraw the proposal, in which case the allegedly proprietary information will be returned to it; or (2) the cable operator may seek review within five (5) working days of the denial in any appropriate forum. Release of the information will be stayed pending review. B. Any interested party may file a request to inspect

material withheld as proprietary with the Township. The Township shall weigh the policy considerations favoring nondisclosure against the reasons cited for permitting inspection in light of the facts of the particular case. It will then promptly notify the requesting entity and the cable

construed as analogous to and consistent with the rules of the FCC regarding requests for confidentiality including, without limitation, 47 CFR 0.459.

#### Public Notice: Initial Review of Rates.

Sec. 6. Upon the filing of ten (10) copies of the schedule of rates or the proposed increase in rates pursuant to Section 4A above, the Township Clerk shall publish a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township which shall state that: 1) the filing has been received by the Township Clerk and (except those parts which may be withheld as proprietary) is available for public inspection and copying, and 2) interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments on the filing to the Township Clerk not later than seven (7) days after the public notice is published. The Township Clerk shall give notice to the cable operator of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the Township Board shall first consider the schedule of rates or the proposed increase. This notice shall be mailed by first-class mail at least three (3) days before the meeting. In addition, if a written staff or consultant's report on the schedule of rates or the proposed increase is prepared for consider ation of the Township Board, then the Township Clerk shall mail a copy of the report by first-class mail to the cable operator at least three (3) days before the meeting at which the Township Board shall first consider the schedule of rates or the proposed increase.

### Tolling Order.

Sec. 7. After a cable operator has filed its existing schedule of rates or a proposed increase in these rates, the existing schedule of rates will remain in effect or the proposed increase in rates will become effective after thirty (30) days from the date of filing under Section 4 above unless the Township Board (or other properly authorized body or official) tolls the thirty (30) day deadline pursuant to 47 CFR 76.933 by issuing a brief written order, by resolution or otherwise, within thirty (30) days of the date of filing. The Township Board may toll the thirty (30) day deadline for an additional 90 days in cases not involving cost-of-service showings and for an additional 150 days in cases involving cost-of-service showings.

#### Public Notice; Hearing on Basic Cable Service Rates Following Tolling of 30-Day Deadline.

by the earned income credit.

nate enough to be getting them a check within two days. There's a \$35 electronic

charges a \$25 fee for tax preparation. "I enjoy helping people,

client, using the tax laws to "Many people get confused their advantage."

BOOSTERS EARNED \$2,673.50 LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC **BOOSTERS CLUB** 

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Sec. 8. If a written order has been issued pursuant

## Send It Back:

### Board views ordinance as too restrictive

**By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer** 

Board rejected the planning commission's new Light Industry ordinance Monday night, saying it was "just too restrictive."

Township clerk Carol Wells says the board came to that decision after consulting their lawyer.

"Our lawyer says this ordinance is not in the best interest of the township because it is too restrictive," said Wells. "If we accept this, we could end up in court."

She went on to explain that if an ordinance is too restrictive, it can prevent devel opment. In preventing development, a township can be taken to court.

The board feels that not only is the new Light Industrial ordinance restrictive, but it just repeats the standards set in the Planned Urban Devel opment ordinance.

"We don't need two ordinances that just repeat the same set of rules," said Wells

The planning commission one which offers little conadopted the ordinance in an trol. effort to give smaller devel-The Lowell Township opers a chance to develop in proached this board and the area and to straighten its current Light Industrial ordinance.

> commission secretary David and I don't think anybody Simmonds, the new ordinance wants that," said Simmonds would give the township more control over light industrial developers because it does not have a lawyer review the curoffer any variances like the rentLightIndustrialordinance PUD ordinance.

nance would replace the old the board will look to fix them.

"If a developer apwanted to develop under the current Light Industrial ordinance, the township could According to planning have no control in the matter,

Wells says the board will to find its weak spots. Once He also said the new ordi- the weak spots are determined,

Middle School Students-of-the-Month for January are, front row, left to right: Tara May, 6th grade, Carolyn Mercer, 6th grade, Sarah Debiak, 7th grade, Derek Crawford, 8th grade, and Heather Halbeisen, 7th grade; back row, left to right: Rachel Rice, 6th grade, Charlie Johnson, 8th grade, Mark Totch, 8th grade, Angela Lake, 6th grade, Tim VanLaan, 8th grade and Stacy Craig, 7th grade. Missing from the picture is 7th grader, Sara Davis.



# **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE**

existing rates for the basic service tier and associated equipment or a proposed increase in these rates, the accounting pursuant to 47 CFR 76.933. The order specicable operator shall submit to the Township any addi- fied in this Section shall be issued within 90 days after the tional information required or requested pursuant to Section 4 of this Ordinance. In addition, the Township Board shall hold a public hearing to consider the comments of interested parties within the additional 90 day or 150 day period, as the case may be. The Township Clerk shall publish a public notice of the public hearing in a Refunds; Notice. newspaper of general circulation within the Township which shall state: 1) the date, time, and place at which the hearing shall be held, 2) interested parties may appear in person, by agent, or by letter at such hearing to submit comments on or objections to the existing rates or the proposed increase in rates, and 3) copies of the schedule of rates or the proposed increase in rates and related information (except those parts which may be withheld as proprietary) are available for inspection or copying from the office of the Clerk. The public notice shall be published not less than fifteen (I5) days before the hearing. In addition, the Township Clerk shall mail by first-class mail a copy of the public notice to the cable operator not less than fifteen (15) days before the hear ing.

#### Staff or Consultant Report; Written Response.

Sec. 9. Following the public hearing, the Township Supervisor shall cause a report to be prepared for the Township Board which shall (based on the filing of the cable operator, the comments or objections of interested parties, information requested from the cable operator and its response, staff or consultant's review, and other appropriate information) include a recommendation for the decision of the Township Board pursuant to Section 10. The Township Clerk shall mail a copy of the report to the cable operator by first-class mail not less than twenty (20) days before the Township Board acts under Section 10. The cable operator may file a written response to the report with the Township Clerk. If at least ten (10) copies of the response are filed by the cable operator with the Township Clerk within ten (10) days after the report is mailed to the cable operator, the Township Clerk shall forward it to the Township Board.

#### Rate Decisions and Orders.

Sec. 10. The Township Board shall issue a written order by resolution or otherwise, which in whole or in part, approves the existing rates for basic cable service and associated equipment or a proposed increase in such rates, denies the existing rates or proposed increase, orders a rate reduction, prescribes a reasonable rate, allows the existing rates or proposed increase to become effective subject to refund, or orders other appropriate relief, in accordance with the FCC Rules. If the Township Board issues an order allowing the existing rates or Sec. 15. In addition to the requirements of this Ordi-

Section 7 and 47 CFR 76.933 to toll the effective date of proposed increase to become effective subject to refund, it shall also direct the cable operator to maintain an hearings upon such reasonable notice as the Township tolling order under Section 7 in all cases not involving a Additional Powers. cost-of-service showing. The order shall be issued within 150 days after the tolling order under Section 7 in all cases involving a cost-of-service showing.

subscribers as provided in 47 CFR 76.942. Before the Township Clerk shall give at least seven (7) days written service rate regulation. notice to the cable operator by first-class mail of the date, time and place at which the Township Board shall con- Failure to Comply; Remedies. sider issuing a refund order and shall provide an opportunity for the cable operator to comment. The cable operator may appear in person, by agent, or by letter as such time for the purpose of submitting comments to the Township Board.

#### Written Decisions; Public Notice.

Section 10 or Section 11 shall be in writing, effective upon adoption by the Township Board, and shall be deemed released to the public upon adoption. The Clerk shall publish a public notice of any such written order in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township which shall: 1) summarize the written decision, and 2) state that copies of the text of the written decision are available for inspection or copying from the office of the Clerk. In addition, the Township Clerk shall mail a copy of the text of the written decision to the cable operator by first-class mail

#### Rules and Regulations.

Sec. 13. In addition to rules promulgated pursuant to Section 4, the Township Board may, by resolution or otherwise, adopt rules and regulations for basic cable Sec. 19. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publiservice rate regulation proceedings (including, without cation. It was moved by Weber and seconded by Cook that the foregoing Ordinance be adopted. limitation, the conduct of hearings), consistent with the Act and the FCC Rules.

#### Failure to Give Notice

Sec. 14. The failure of the Township Clerk to give the notices or to mail copies of reports as required by this Ordinance shall not invalidate the decisions or proceedings of the Township Board.

#### Additional Hearings.



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# **Lowell Middle School Students-of-the-Month**

nance, the Township Board may hold additional public Board, in its sole discretion, shall prescribe.

Sec. 16. The Township shall possess all powers conferred by the Act, the FCC Rules, the cable operator's Consent Agreement, and all other applicable law. The powers exercised pursuant to the Act, the FCC Rules, and this Ordinance shall be in addition to powers con-Sec. 11. The Township Board may order a refund to ferred by law or otherwise. The Township may take any action not prohibited by the Act and the FCC Rules to Township Board orders any refund to subscribers, the protect the public interest in connection with basic cable

Sec. 17. The Township may pursue any and all legal and equitable remedies against the cable operator for failure to comply with the Act, the FCC Rules, any orders or determinations of the Township pursuant to this Ordinance, any requirements of this Ordinance, or any rules or regulations promulgated hereunder. Subject to applicable law, failure to comply with the Act, the FCC Rules, Sec. 12. Any order of the Township Board pursuant to any orders or determination of the Township pursuant to this Ordinance, any requirements of this Ordinance, or any rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, shall also be sufficient grounds for revocation or denial of renewal of a cable operator's Franchise Agreement

#### Severability.

Sec. 18. The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby

#### Effective Date.

After discussion and a call for a vote, the Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

I hereby verify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on January 10, 1994.

> Jenean Hoffman Township Clerk

### Johnston's C.A.D. program targets those dodging support payments

#### **By Thad Kraus** Lowell Ledger Editor

Frustration and anger with the judicial system and its inability to enforce child support from a non-custodial parent were the impetus for Sandee Johnston, founder of Children Against Deadbeat Parents, to lead in the fight against those who have failed to pay child support.

"Right now in the state of Michigan, \$2.6 billion are owed in back child support," Johnston said. "Anybody who pays taxes is affected. Many

to go on welfare if the absent back and live with the current such as help close the loop hours a week until they are ing child-support neglect are parent would assume his/her situation." responsibility for their chil-

her ex-husband left her.

something and I am that Feb. 12. somebody - a victim, just like C.A.D. is currently work- cording to Johnston, is a promy children, just like other ing together with "Kids Need single parents, and just like Support," a child- support WI. The program puts to work By Marc Popiolek the taxpayers," Johnston said. collection agency out of Grand those who are self-employed, Contributing Writer "I believe if we band together, Rapids. we can make a difference. We "Kids Need Support" can must let Congress know that dowhat "Friends of the Court"

(Children Against Deadbeats) those who are either sick or made. Johnston was pregnant a year ago this January. She unemployed (but making an with her second child and had says there are anywhere from effort to find a job), but are an eight-month-old baby when 15-30 members. The group is targeting those who are mak-"Somebody had to do the Senate subcommittee on support payments.

holes," Johnston said.

A possible solution, ac-

gram being used in Racine, or who are working for cash but claim they can't find a job. The city finds volunteer work

### scheduled to testify before ing a career out of dodging Vergennes cable ordinance to allow rate review

tition Act.

those rates.



TO THE LOWELL COMMUNITY

The spirit of this article is to present factual information as it relates to the Lowell Area Schools' Technology Plan. It is our intent that the information contained in this article will serve to properly inform our school community. We are excited to provide this information as it relates to the advancement of our students' education today and in the future.

Some factual information:

- \* The state of Michigan has developed a technology plan for 1992-1997 which recommends "at a minimum, every classroom at an educational institution including teacher preparation programs, should be equipped with a telephone line, computer, videodisc player, videocassette recorder, and television/monitor."
- \* The Lowell Area Schools' Technology Committee has developed a technology package which implements each of the areas mentioned above. It would be inadvisable and short-sighted for this district to overemphasize one area of technology at the expense of reducing or deleting another equally important area.
- \* The technology committee is composed of dedicated and informed community members, parents, teachers from all building levels, and school administrators.
- \* The technology committee had its first meeting May 23, 1991. Since that time, committee members visited at least twelve other school districts to gather ideas and recommendations.
- \* Members of the committee also attended local, regional, and statewide in-services which increased their ability to create a complete plan incorporating all areas of technology.
- \* The technology committee, under the guidance of a professional consultant, developed the long-range educational technology plan which will benefit all members of the Lowell Area Schools.
- \* A comprehensive K-12 computer curriculum was adopted by the board of education in May of

\* 206 computers are available for student use throughout the district as of January 14, 1994. This is a ratio of 1:16

\* At least \$473,000 from the bond issue will be spent on new computer technology and media center services. \*The high school computer curriculum currently consists of the following:

CLASS TITLE **Computerized Accounting** Computer Literacy (Word Processing, Spreadsheet, and Database) Computer Programming Word Processing

SOFTWARE Lotus 1-2-3 MicroSoft Works

BASIC, Adv. BASIC, and PASCAL WordPerfect

\*Additional software being used in other curricular areas includes: Media Center

> Social Studies **Technology Education**

InfoTrac TOM (magazine retrieval) Appleworks & various simulations MicroSoft Works & Novell Network WordPerfect, MicroSoft Windows, MicroSoft Works, CD-ROM & various simulations

The voice/video/data system will provide the Lowell Schools opportunities to:

- \* insure student and staff safety by allowing immediate contact with office staff or emergency personnel (911, fire, police, etc.) from any point in the building.
- \* improve student speaking skills via recording and/or broadcasting student speeches, reports, and oral presentations.
- \* create interactive teaching stations between classrooms. For example, one dissection lab can be broadcast to four separate biology classrooms. Special guest speakers can be viewed by all classrooms simultaneously.
- \* enhance traditional teaching by supplementing lessons with video presentations and simulations
- \* meet the needs of students whose learning styles require information to be presented visually
- and/or auditorially.
- \* allow accelerated enrichment activities for academically talented students. \* increase the student contact time with media specialists and teachers by reducing time spent
- scheduling and delivering video systems throughout the buildings.
- \* improve home-school communications with greater access to phone lines. \* connect all information systems such as clocks, bells, public address system, attendance and grading records, announcements, and Homework Hotline.

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single parents would not have we're no longer going to sit doesn't have the sources to do, for them on an average of 20 Those interested in fightable to find a paying job and asked to call Sandee Johnston Johnston started C.A.D. C.A.D. is not targeting support payments can be at 897-6301, Kids Need Support, 784-6621 or C.A.D. at 455-0728

The Vergennes Township Board has adopted a cable orthe guidelines of the Federal Communications Commis- lations. sions Cable Television Con-

their views in connection with

company the opportunity to FCC regulations. submit a schedule of rates for

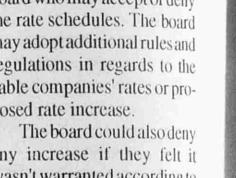
or its proposed increase in rates do comply with the rules set in the FCC's regulations.

TCI Cable and Lowell Cable must submit their rate dinance that will coincide with schedules to the board in accordance with the FCC regu-

The information is then sumer Protection and Compe- reviewed by the township board who may accept or deny The purpose of the ordi- the rate schedules. The board nance is to adopt regulations may adopt additional rules and consistent with FCC standards regulations in regards to the in regard to cable service rates cable companies' rates or proand to allow citizens to voice posed rate increase.

any increase if they felt it This act gives the cable wasn't warranted according to

their basic service and equip- nance and the FCC's act is to ment. It will also have the allow the public to view the



The idea behind this ordi-

### Skills of a century ago studied by St. Patrick students

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

St. Patrick's students. grades kindergarten through eighth grade, learned first hand about skills honed by their predecessors of 100 years ago through the teachings of park is not visited as much each month during the cen-Charleton Park volunteers.

Wendy Tatar, Charleton making activities.

minutes at each station year-long centennial cel- Bonner said. "The kids had a

throughout the day (9:45 ebration at St. Patrick's a.m. - 2 p.m.). There were a School. The celebration betotal of six stations.

fered these type programs of this year. since 1970," Tatar said.

during the winter months.

"It gives the kids an appre-Park's education coordinator, ciation for how things were lighted on February 2 when along with five other volun- done many, many years ago," students will celebrate the teers led kids through rope Tatar said. "They learn so 100th day of the school's 100th making, quilting, candle- much more when they are year making, stenciling and butter- actually participating in the "The centennial crafts proactivity."

gan last September and will "Charleton Park has of- continue through September

School principal Roberta The genesis of the pro- Bonner said a centennial grams came about because the activitiy has been planned for tennial year.

The year will be high-

gram offered by Charleton Each student spent 30 The activity is part of a Park was an absolute delight," great time."



Candle making was enjoyed by all at St. Patrick's School.

### Lowell's Paul Tuthill, D.C. recognized by profession

Local doctor chiropractic, Paul Tuthill. D.C., was recently recognized by the California Chiropractic Association for his tremendous contribution to his pro- it fits into the National Health Chiropractic Society (MCS), fession.

"Dr. Tuthill has been instrumental in helping the California Chiropractic Association (CCA) with many of our marketing and legislative campaigns throughout this past year," said Dr. Bradley Sullivan, CCA president. The legislative projects alluded to included chiropractic sponsoring of programming on National Public Radio in Sacramento and Operation TALL (Take A Legislator to Lunch.) These programs have al-

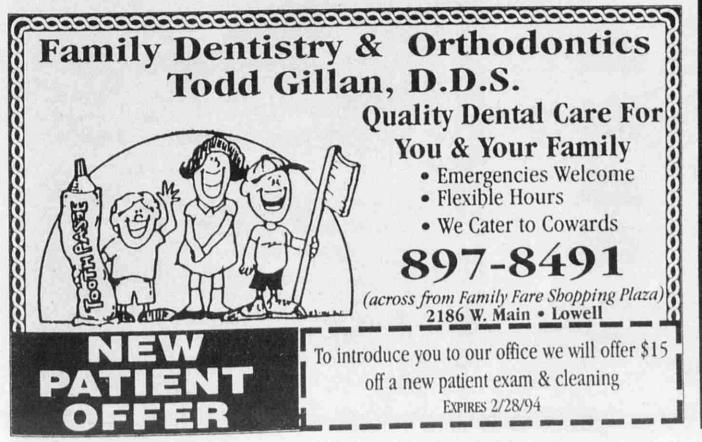
of lowed doctors of chiropractic serve my profession by proislators on matters concern- Tuthill, both here in Michi ing chiropractic care and how patients to be involved in.

"I have had the honor to tributions.

throughout California to meet viding ideas that benefit docwith and lobby their state leg- tors and patients alike," said gan, through the Michigan Care Plan that looms on the and in California, with the horizon. Other programs ini- assistance of my brother, Dr. tiated by Dr. Tuthill involve Alan Tuthill, who has helped marketing specialities, such to implement the proposals as a chiropractic computer on the west coast. I am gratebulletin board system and in- ful to the CCA for taking the office projects for doctors and time to demonstrate their appreciation for my humble con-

I do not distinguish by the eve, but by the mind. which is the proper judge of the man.

-Seneca





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Students at St. Patrick's School try their hand at weaving



Rope making was only one skill the students learned about at St. Patick's School.

#### FOR SALE REPOSSESSIONS

FMB State Savings Bank, 414 E. Main is offering the following vehicle for sale by sealed bids that must contain your name, address, phone, bid amount and signature. This is effective immediately and the bids will accepted until be noon, Wednesday, 26, 1994. January Upon opening the bids. FMB sealed State Savings Bank will reserve the right to final bid to protect interests: 1992 FORD RANGER XLT pkg., 4 speed, 4 cylinder, PS, PB. stereo with cassette, custom interior. runs great! 16,950 mileage. If and when this vehicle is sold, the conditions are as is and without warranty, either expressed or implied. Contract person is Tom Kinney, 897-3225, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3

ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10 TO 14 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE **1994 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP The local competition will be held at the Lowell Middle School gym on Tuesday, January 25th at 7:30 PM All contestants are asked to arrive at 7:15 PM to register The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district and state level competition. Last year, more than 212,000 boys and girls participated in 3,099 local competitions The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic fraternal organization with over 1.5 million members in 10,000 local councils. In 1992, Knights donated 40.5 million manhours and \$92.3 million to charitable causes, sponsoring programs to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

# P.I.E. looking for Lowell area host families

Foreign high school students will be arriving soon into the Lowell area for homestays, and the sponsoring organization urgently needs a few more local host families for their upcoming second semester programs.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John ing money, are fully insured student. and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their tend local high schools.

students with host families by finding common interests and

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and select the "perfect match". As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situa- the standards set forth in tion, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contri-Doty, the students are all be- bution deduction on their tween the ages of 15 and 18 itemized tax returns for each years, have their own spend- month they host a sponsored

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students new American families. P.I.E. from Spain, Germany, Poland, currently has programs to Russia, Italy, Argentina, Bramatch almost every family's zil, Colombia, Paraguay, Ausneeds, ranging in length from tralia, New Zealand, France a semester to a full academic and many other countries. year, where the students at- P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has P.I.E. representatives match sponsored more than 18,000 students from 18 countries since its founding in 1975. life-styles through an infor- P.I.E. is designated by the mal in-home meeting. Pro- United States Information spective host families are able Agency and is listed by the to review student applications Council on Standards for In-

ternational Educational Travel CSIET's Standards for Interorganization complies with Programs.

### Seminar is taking tension out of A.D.D.

Attention Disorder) is host- lated behavior problems. Reing a special seminar for cent studies suggest that up to teachers and parents on March 40 percent of "problem chil-4-5 at the Eberhard Center in dren" are children with ADD. downtown Grand Rapids.

author of child behavior mantowards parents of children everyone.

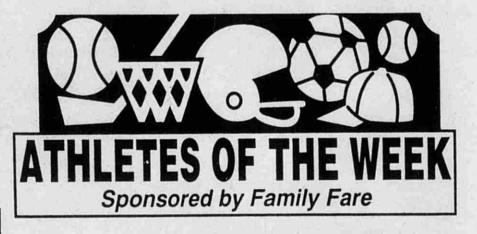
Dr. Phelan is well-known

The program features four for his down-to-earth and presentations by Dr. Thomas practical approach to handling Phelan, Ph.D., the nationally real, everyday problems. At--renowned psychologist and tendees will leave the seminar with specific ideas and agement classics such as "1- strategies that can be imple-2-3 Magic" and "Surviving mented immediately to make Your Adolescents." The vari- home and school life more ous presentations are geared positive and productive for

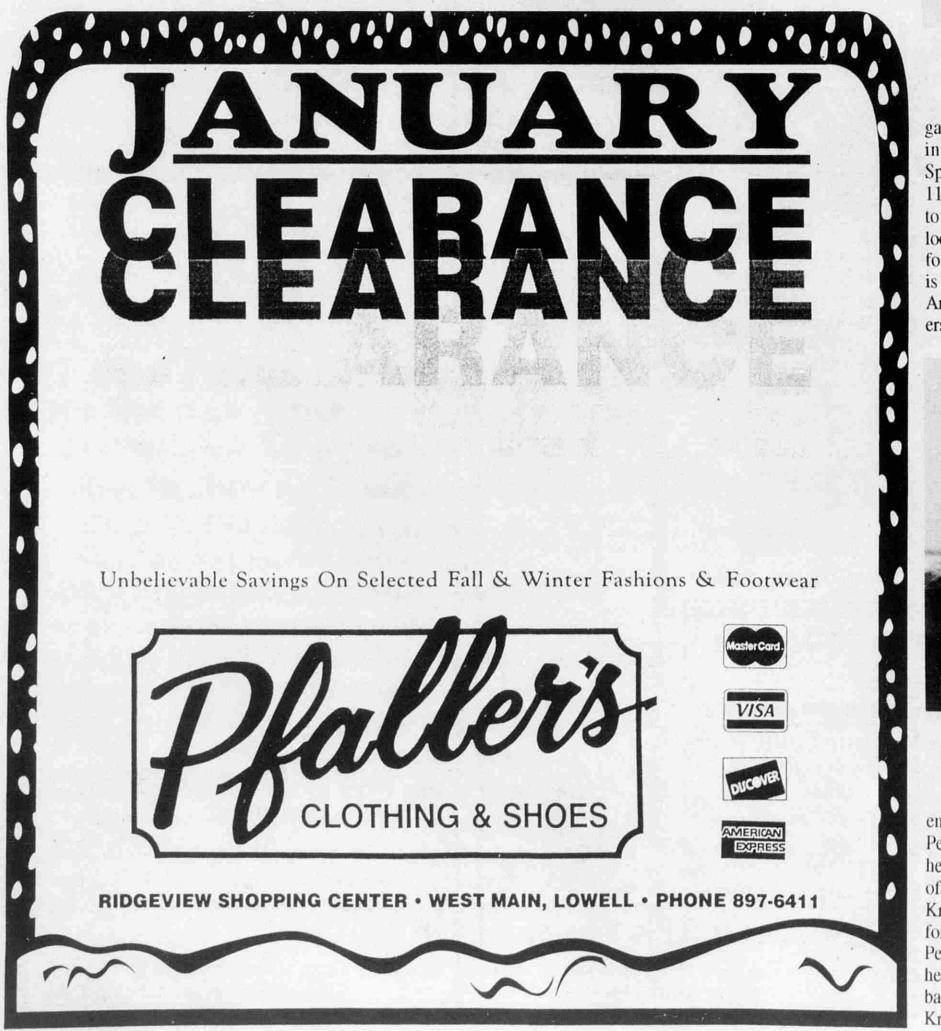
from pre-school age through Ch.A.D.D. is a non-profit the teen years. The program support group for parents, for teachers will focus on children, and adults with Atmanagement strategies for tention Deficit Disorder. The

Ch. A.D.D. of Grand Rap- children with Attention Defi- Grand Rapids chapter has travel/study program opportunities available for Ameriids (Children and Adults with cit Disorder (ADD) and re- been actively serving the area can high school students as since 1989. well as possibilities for com-For more information about munity volunteers to assist the seminar, call 243-2584. P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has



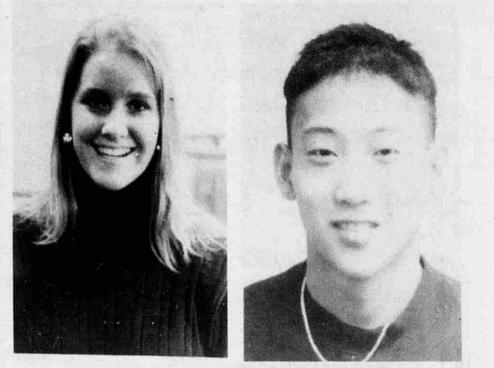


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**George Ponchaud** 

The Lowell senior netted a



Sara Kropf

The team has shown great enthusiasm. Coach Annette Pearson recognized her for helping the younger members of the Lowell gymnastic team. Kropf is an all-around performer for the Red Arrows. Pearson also commented on her sound performance on the balance beam at Rockford. Kropf did not fall.



Lowell area families inter- student exchange or arrang-(CSIET), certifying that the national Educational Travel ested in learning more about ing for a meeting may call

> and work with area host families, students and schools.



**Courtney Arnett** 

The junior volleyball game-high 23 points in a los- player has untapped potential ing effort against Cedar according to coach Laurie Springs and contributed with Kuna. "I don't think she real-11 points in a seven point loss izes how far she can go in this to Zeeland. The captain is game," Kuna said. Arnett had looked to for leadership and nine kills, a couple of blocks for his outside shot. Ponchaud and was dominant at the net is considered one of the Red against Saranac. Kuna says Arrows best defensive play- Arnett is real quick and a tough

Scott Swanson

of superb in his match against Sparta's Bob Simons and in the championship match at 103 pounds on Saturday at the Lowell Invitational. Swanson major-decisioned Simons 18-9 and pinned Ian Carlson of Cedar Springs in 26 seconds on Saturday in the title match

Swanson was nothing short

## Lowell grapplers get stuck in the middle in loss to Spartans

Sparta momentum."

them an early lead.

Led by Scott Swanson,

Spartan T.J. Kelly cut the

wrestled well in a tough 5-3

Leading 10-9, Doug Weeks

**By Thad Kraus** Lowell Ledger Editor

Sparta wrestling coach Ron lelmboldt divided his club's natch with Lowell into three segments, the beginning, the weight scripted out. niddle and the end.

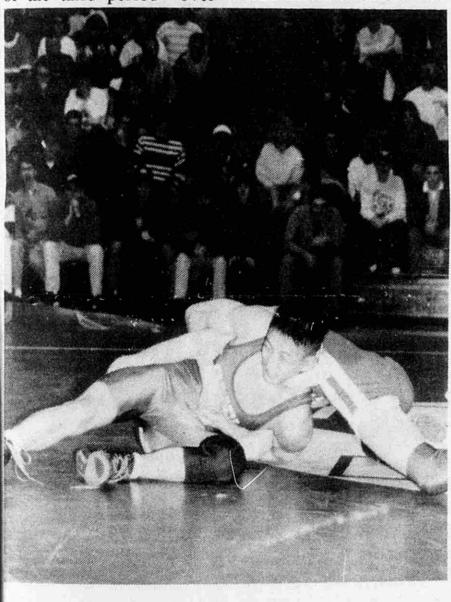
beginning, but in the end, his or two and we didn't get them," match niddle weights had more Rivers said. "Sparta's the than enough to lift his Spar- strongest team we've faced this with an 11-7 win over Jeff tans to an emotionally charged year. They are good," Rivers McCracken at 160 pounds. 36-25 win over its longtime said. "The win at 140 gave The win cut Sparta's lead to O-K White rival.

"There's no doubt the middle weights decided the Lowell's lighter weights gave Andrus won by injury default natch," Helmboldt said. "The overtime win at 140 gave us momentum, and the pin at 145 jor decision against Bob Sean Smith in 53 seconds of took the match away from Simons, 18-9. lowell."

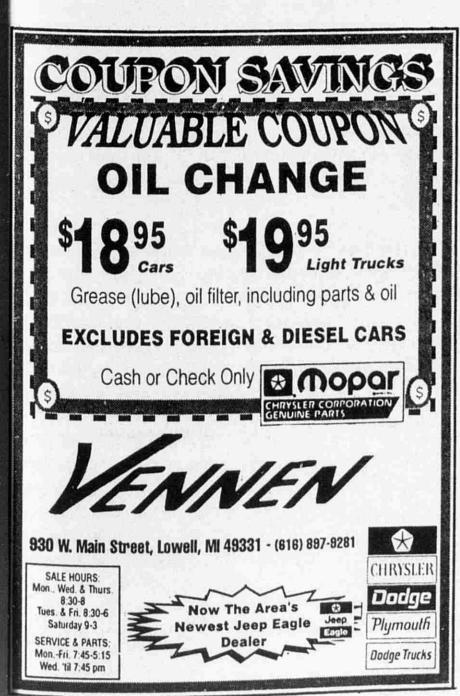
overtime against Lowell's Ron at 2:49 of the second period, a pin against Mark Wolcott at Osmolinski gave the 140- extending Lowell's lead to 10- 1:14 of the first period. pound Spartan a dramatic 13- 0. 11 win. The takedown also sent Helmboldt and his clenched fist high into the air. deficit to four (10-6) with a When a win like that doesn't pin against Matt Osmolinski excite me, that's when I need at 1:42 of the first period. to get out of coaching," he Lowell's Mike Rottier

The win extended Sparta's loss to Sparta's Tom Young. ead to 18-13.

A Mike Knight pin at 5:11 (130) recorded a 6-4 decision of the third period over over Hudson Overholt. The



Scott Swanson major decisioned Bob Simons



Lowell's Todd Lyonnais decision extended Lowell's ended all the drama and gave lead to 13-9. Sparta an invincible 24-13

Sparta gained its first lead of the night when Bob Wilcox Both coaches said they had (135) pinned Matt Inman at weights 152 through heavy- 46 seconds of the first period. Lowell's Cory Kirkbride

"Weights 135-140-145 was a 7-3 winner over Rico His club fell behind in the were vital. We needed a win Strunk in the 152-pound Rich Stouffer followed

24-19.

However, Sparta's Jeremy at 171 over Dan Hackstedt Swanson, 103, won a ma- and Cory Aune (189) pinned the first period. Dan Spicer, 112 pounds,

Lowell heavyweight, Chris A Jeff Kutzli takedown in pinned Sparta's Tom Young Nauta, finished the match with

#### Lowell Invitational

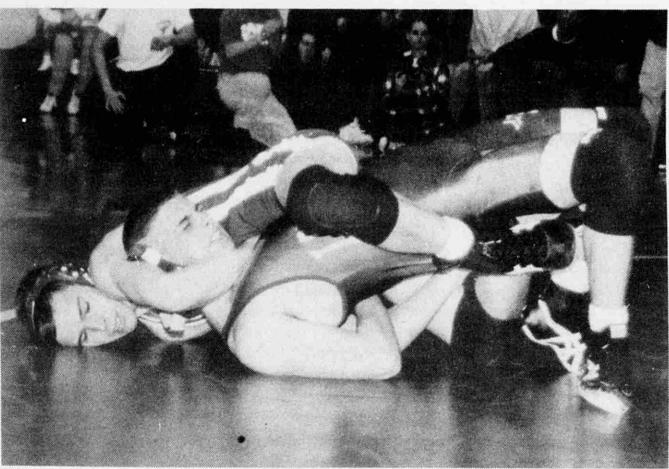
Following his club's loss to Sparta, Lowell coach Gary 13 wrestlers finish in the top Rivers was asked what his four. club's chances were of catching the Spartans at the con- tional. I couldn't even yell at ids, 9-2. ference meet.

the Red Arrows were not a rounds. Many of them weren't Faysal.

Saturday, with a highly Gary Rivers said. competitive nine-team field ranked Redhawks from Cedar The Red Arrows were 2-2 in championship round Springs, the Red Arrows surprised even their coach.

going away with 192 points. at 103 over Ian Carlson of Cedar Springs was second Cedar Springs. with 137 and Big Rapids was Dan Spicer battled from third with 131 points. They behind before pinning Byron were followed by Byron Center's Eric Holben at 3:40 Center, 85.5; Lakeview, 76; of the second period. Grand Rapids Christian, 67; Kalamazoo Central, 40; Ionia, Swanson or Spicer. They were 34; and Reed City, 33.

"Our boys didn't wrestle poorly, but there were a lot of good schools here," said Cedar Springs coach Lonnie



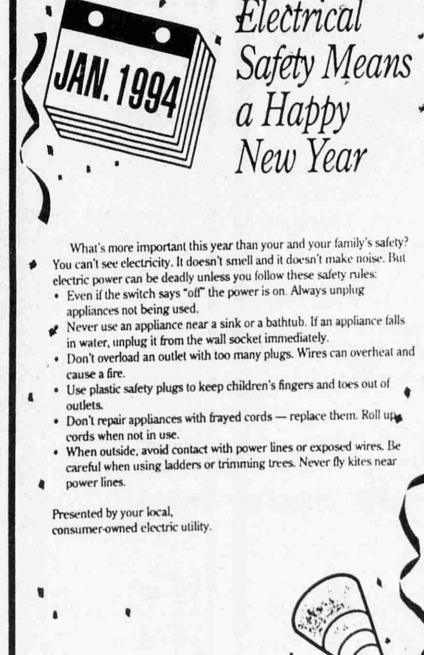
of good schools here. Lowell's 16-6.

tlers placed in the top four." The Red Arrows had 12 of of Reed City, 6-3.

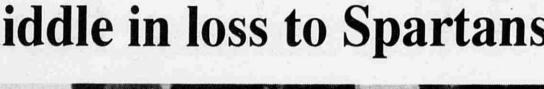
the consolation matches.

exceptional," Rivers said.

Rich Stouffer, 171, defeated Jon Blackburn of Kalamazoo Central 13-4.



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#### Lowell lost its final O-K White match against Sparta

wrestlers were outstanding. I

those who lost in the champi-

Cory Kirkbride, 152, was

"I can't say enough about

defeated in the title match by

Doug Weeks (130 pounds) was defeated in the title match "The boys were excep- by Bill Bonning of Big Rap- matches were Ron Osmolinski

Mike Rottier lost a 7-6 Risner (160 pounds) lost Rivers shrugged and said onship and consolation decision to Big Rapids' Fred 7-2 to Josh Ferris of Ionia

was pinned by Grand Rapids by R.J. Lewis of Byron Center. Lowell wrestlers were 3-5 Christian's Joel Garter at 2:18 which included the highly in the championship round. of the second period in the

Winning consolation Scott Swanson took just 26 matches were Matt Lowell won the tournament seconds to win the title match Osmolinski, 119 pounds, and

Armstrong. There were a lot Cedar Springs' Luke Branyan, Sean Smith, 189 pounds.

Smith pinned Ionia's Matt Inman lost in the Randy Schmidt, and think every one of their wres- championship match, at 135 Osmolinski was a 7-3 winner pounds, to Dave McCauley over Ryan Fuller of Byron Center.

> Losing in consolation and Shane Risner.

Osmolinski (140) was pinned very good tournament team. even seeded," Lowell coach Heavyweight Chris Nauta at 3:42 of the second period



Jean Hoffman Vergennes Township Clerk

# Lowell misses chance with erratic foul shooting

#### By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Many times, the difference between being a contender in the O-K White and a pretender Zeeland. "They went out and third quarter at 46-33 with 5:02 comes down to doing what it takes to win.

Zeeland did what it took in a 71-64 win over Lowell Friday night, improving its conference record to 4-1.

and thus dropped its league came in the final quarter. He 8-of-18 from the foul line. record to 1-4.

In the final 1:52 of the shots. game, Zeeland connected on

utes.

Cochran .

fourth quarter charge was Matt 2 in the final 1:52 of the fourth Yonker. The Chix senior tal- quarter. The Red Arrows did not lied 28 points, eight of which The Red Arrows were just connected on six three-point Zeeland connected on 20-of-

When asked if Yonker was stripe. 6-of-8 foul shots. Lowell was the team leader, Cochran "Zeeland's third-quarter

"He was tonight."

ginning of the fourth quarter 29 halftime lead. They in- shot selection and got us away that it was time to move," said creased that lead to 13 in the from getting the ball inside." showed that they wanted it," to play. Zeeland ended the inscoring with 21 points. Ryan said Zeeland coach Mickey quarter on a 14-4 run cutting Boersma added 13 and George its deficit to three.

Leading Zeeland's 24-14 Lowell was outscored 11-

31 shots from the charity

**FMB State Savings Bank** "Employee of the Month"



SUE FORD

The January 1994 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Sue Ford. Sue has been a bank employee for 61/2 years and works as a drive-in teller. When asked about her job at the bank, she replied, "I am working on my seventh year at FMB and I am still enjoying my job very much. I have been blessed so much because it is so close to my home, school, and FMB is very understanding about family responsibilities. This job has been good for me personally. I lived in Lowell for eight years and knew only a few people, and now I have made a lot of new friends. There are a lot of things I like about my job. I have great customers and co-workers. We have a lot of fun in the drive-in, and for me it's the best place to work in the bank. As a matter of fact, sometimes we have so much fun at work, I almost feel guilty, but who said work couldn't be fun?"

When not at work, Sue spends her time with her husband, Pat & two sons. She enjoys reading & being involved with church and New Life Christian Fellowship. She also serves on the Vergennes Historic District Committee.

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1-for-5 in the final three min- paused and then answered, press got us going up and down the floor," Lowell coach Phil "I told the boys at the be- The Red Arrows built a 37- Beachler said. "It affected our

Kristian Magro led Lowell Ponchaud tallied 11.

**Cedar Springs 73** Lowell 63

A sluggish, flat third quarter cost Lowell dearly against the highly-explosive Redhawks of Cedar Springs.

Lowell trailed 35-34 at halftime, but behind shooting ace Nick Wolfe, the Hawks outscored the Red Arrows 20-

Wolfe led Cedar Springs with 21 points. Joe Sicard added 13 and Nate Phillips contributed with 12 points.

Lowell's George Ponchaud led all scorers with 23. Kristian Magro tallied 13 and Brad Holtz added 10.

Lowell outrebounded Cedar Springs 32-29. Magro led the Arrows in rebounds with

Cedar Springs led 18-16 after one quarter. Lowell cut the deficit to 35-34 at halftime. The Redhawks took a 55-45 lead after three quarters of play. Each team scored 18 points in the fourth quarter. Zeeland.

# **TOWNSHIP OF** BOWNE

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text and map amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on February 10, 1994, at 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, MI. All interested persons are invited to attend.

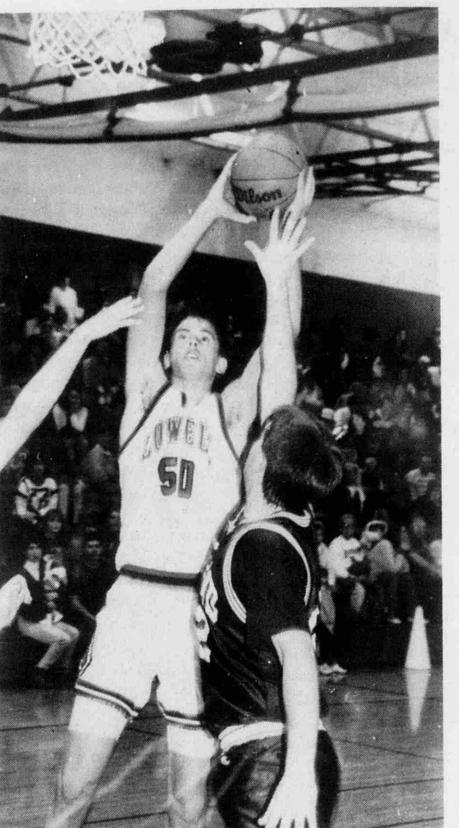
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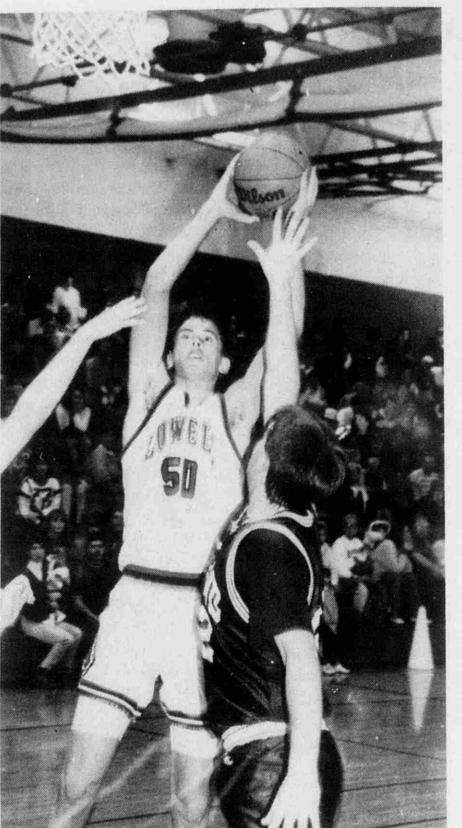
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The proposed amendments to the zoning map would rezone approximately 20 acres of land in the vicinity of Lowell Engineering, Inc., lying generally south of the C & O Railroad and west of Bancroft Avenue (see below) from Urban Residential (U-R) and Rural Residential (R-R) to Light Industrial (L-I), a portion of which is already zoned L-1 Industrial. The area to be rezoned is more fully described as beina:

That Part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, and also part of the Plat of the Village of Alto, as recorded in Liber 12 of Plats, Page 18, Kent County Records, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence South 00°09' 50" West 851.96 feet along the North & South 1/4 line of said section to the southerly right-of-way of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and the Point of Beginning; thence Northwesterly 1382.11 feet along said right-of-way line; thence South 00°11'15" East 846.09 feet to the south line of said North 1/2 of the NW 1 4 off said Section 4; thence South 87°56'45" East 1189.60 feet along said south line of the North 1/2 of the NW 1/4 to a point that is 165.0 feet North 87°56'45" West from the North & South 1/4 line of said Section 4; thence North 00°09'50" East 371.0 feet parallel with said North & South 1/4 line; thence North 87°56'45" West 125.0 feet. thence North 00°09'50" East 113.0 feet; thence South 87°56'45" East 29.0 feet to said North & South 1/4 line; thence North 00°09'50" East 156.51 feet along said North & South 1/4 line to the place of beginning. Containing 20.90 acres.

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, MI 49302 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, telephone number is 616/868-6846.





Lowell's Kristian Magro goes up with a shot against

# Gymnasts show balanced improvement on beam

Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

four events highlighted competition at Rockford. Lowell's week of gymnastic

### Marked improvement in all **Slow finish** stifles Lowell in loss to Sparta

**By Thad Kraus** Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls' volleyball eam started slow and finished strong against Saranac.

The opposite can be said of its conference opener against Sparta. The Red Arrows got out of the gate fast, but struggled to go the distance.

Sparta rallied from a 15-9 first-game defeat to pames two and three, 15-12, 5-4

"Sparta controlled the tempo in games two and three," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "Our girls were just never able to make the idjustment.

Lowell's Kerry Nugent had a game-high 14 assists. Terry Harmon added six kills and Courtney Arnett tallied an ace.

"We came out and played like we did in Saranac in game one,",Kuna said. "Sparta then began to dump the ball back over the net which helped them control the tempo."

The Lowell coach was expecting more from her Red Arrows in their opening league match." In game three, nobody was talking; everybody was standing around. It got pretty ugly," Kuna said.

Sparta's Jenny Siegel led the Spartans in kills with nine and in aces with four. Lonni Matzen recorded a team-high nine assists.

Lowell will play host to East Grand Rapids on Thurs-

The Pioneers were shutout in their league opener by Zeeland 15-0, 15-0.

## Water tank and lines progress on schedule; bonds to be sold in March

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

Work is under way to construct a new 500-gallon water tank needed for the new high school and construction of the water line is not far behind.

Currently, the road is being graded to put in an access oad, and the Kent County Road Commission, is reviewing the townships maps for the project.

The township has decided to bypass Thomas Karp's property at the corner of Foreman Rd. and Cumberland Dr. in order to speed up the process.

hoped to run the water line through his property and into 1. Eastgate Village. However, Karp could not work out an agreement with the township

An argument needs no reason, nor a friendship.

to develop his land in return for granting the easement.

Karp presented his plans, at a public hearing to the planning commission June 23, but it was met with opposition from surrounding residents. The township has not heard from him with regards to what he wanted to do next.

Instead of running through the Karp property the water line will run from Foreman Rd. to Cumberland Dr.. It will follow Cumberland Dr. and then down into Eastgate Vil-

The township will issue bonds beginning in March and will accept bids on them in Initially the township April. Actual construction of the line is slated to begin May

> The project must be completed by the time the new high school opens in August.

ing off a win against Mona fall. Shores. Rockford defeated Lowell 127.80-112.80

"I was very pleased with Pearson said. our overall performance."

ance beam with a mark of 8.05. Eteo was fifth at 6.30. Lowell's Lesley Murphy was the only Red Arrow to place. was the medalist with a mark Catholic with 129.10.

She was sixth with a mark of of 8.55. Murphy was fifth at The Red Arrows were more 7.5. Murphy fell once. 7.70. "Lesley had a real nice ries. Sara Kropf had a fall from than respectable against the Lowell's Sara Kropf com- routine," Pearson said. Rams, a team that was com- pleted her routine without a The Lowell coach said it on the lower part of her neck

ence compared to a week ago."

On the vault, Smith and Lowell coach Annette Lowell's Shannon Laux tied performed on the balance Lowell's Tammy Eteo and 140.20 points. beam. Our concentration was Rockford's Jackie Russo tied much better, which helped for sixth with a mark of 8.1.

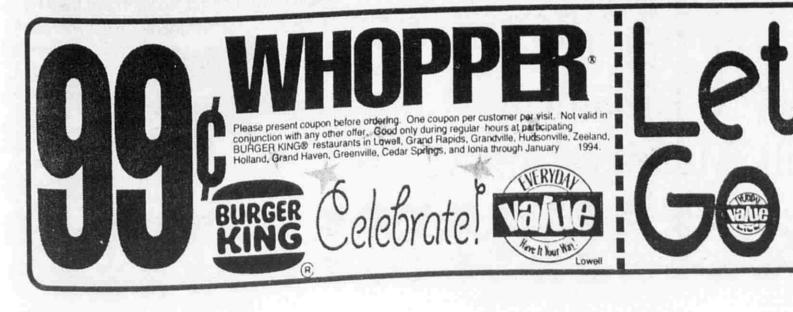
Jenny Atha was first with a behind Union. Rockford's Christi Smith score of 9.15. Lowell's Liz



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aven, Greenville, Lowell, Cedar Springs

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"There was quite a differ- showed inprovement."

**Rockford Invitational** 

The Red Arrows finished Pearson said. "I was especially for first with a score of 8.50. 10th in a 13-team field, which pleased with how the girls Murphy was third at 8.35, and saw Holland finish first with

Lowell tallied 106.05 points, leaving it one point limit the number of falls we On the uneven bars, Rams' behind Creston and two points

Plymouth Canton finished earned top honors on the bal- Arnold was fourth at 6.65 and second at 132.25 followed by East Lansing with 130.25 and In the floor exercise, Smith East Kentwood and West

Lowell suffered two injuthe uneven bars. She landed was a good meet. "The girls and upper shoulder. Lowell coach Annette Pearson said she felt Kropf would be okay.

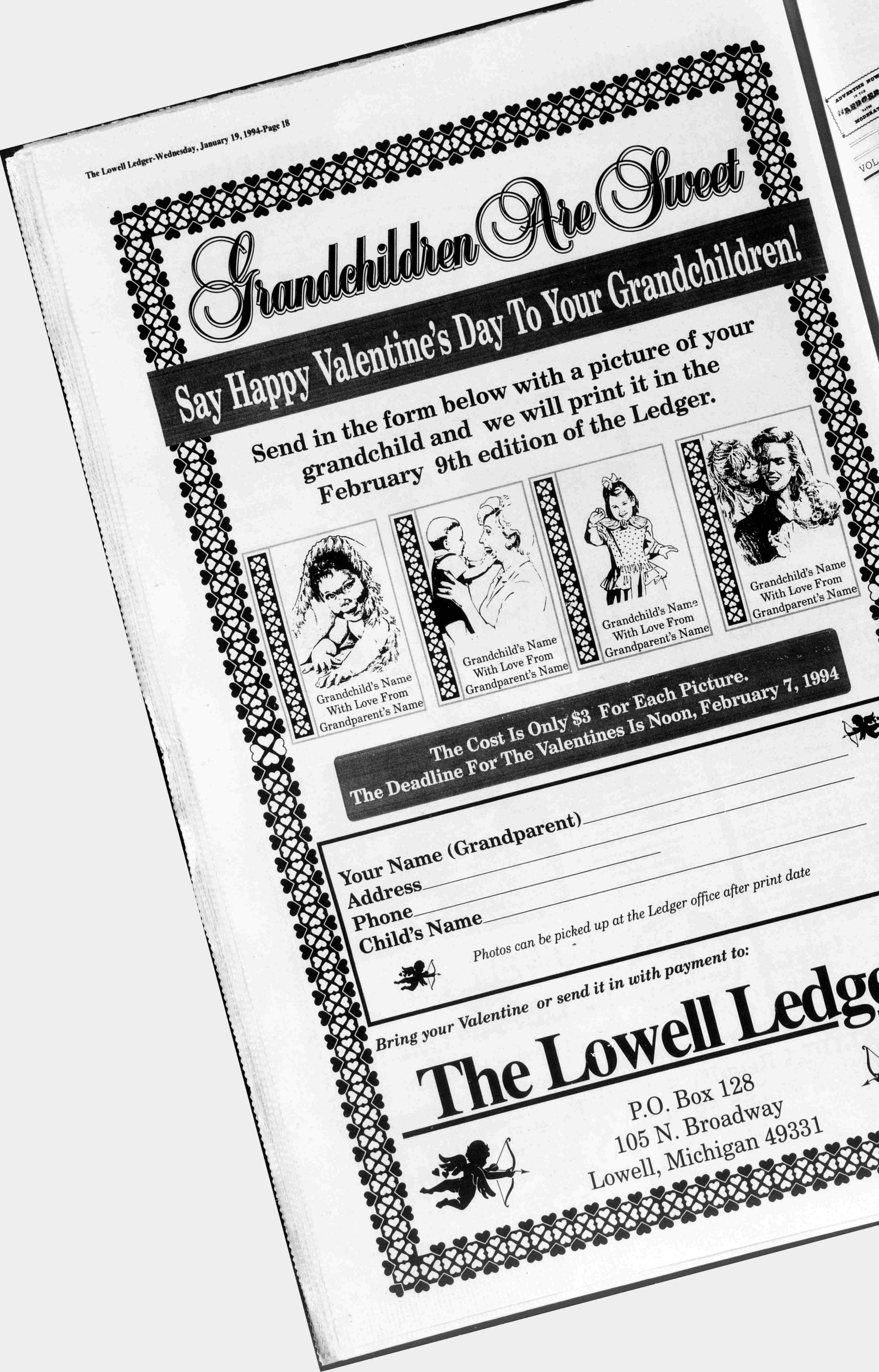
Lowell's Rachelle Brown injured her ankle/lower leg on a dismount from the balance beam.

Shannon Laux tallied Lowell's highest score on the vault with a mark of 8.30.

Liz Arnold was the teammedalist on the uneven bars with a score of 5.60.

Lesley Murphy had a teamhigh 8.05 in the floor exercise.

Arnold's 6.35 was the team-best on the balance beam.



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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 of 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.

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with a one (1) hour earlier time change:	93C Run will begin one (1) hour and 10 min. earlier. Bus run through Causeway Dr. will arrive 70 minutes	Run will begin
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Transportation Supervisor, Larry Mikulski

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New P.M. Elementary Run) me all students from Runciman & currently ride 88D & 93D who live in Valley Vista Housing.



Notices in The Ledger's Congregational Church EVERY "Coming Events" are free basement. Corner of Spring THURSDAY: Lowell Business meeting is held Benefit for David Blanding organization in the Lowell, at 5:45 p.m. Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such no- EVERY SECOND & Street, Lowell. tices to be kept brief and to FOURTH TUES .: Qua-Kebe submitted by mail, but Zik Sportsmen's Club - EVERY SAT. - Lowell Inwill accept notices by phone meets at 8 p.m. at the Club dependent Amateur Radio St. Hours: Tuesday thru information. at 897-9261.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent EVERY TUES .: Support 4-H group regular meetings One, 7:30 p.m. at Saranac at 7 p.m. in the Alto El- Community Church. ementary School cafeteria.

EACH MONTH: The Low- Children's Bible Story Hour Education meets at 7:30 formed Church, 1151 W man Road.

EVERY EVENING: Euchre will be Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. played at the V.F.W. Post 55 and over. 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

Anonymous New meeting. Lowell, Call 361-5463. Come join us!

All are welcome.

EVERY MON .: Boy Scout 1ST WEDNESDAY: Men's 8:30 p.m. during the school tions. year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washing- FIRST WEDNESDAY tion call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The EVERY FIRST WEDNEScal Society will hold its meet at 7 p.m. at the Low-Township Office, 6059 Linfield E., Alto. The meet- 21-39 years of age. Lead ing is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American EVERY THURS - 10 a.m. Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at the home of Linda Johnat Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look mothers are invited. Memorial Fire Station South Hudson, Lowell.

DAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 the Saranac Public Library. meets at the V.F.W. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

Pounds Sensibly Tops M #372 meets every Tues- 7 p.m. day evening at the Lowell

of charge to any non-profit and Hudson St. Weigh-ins V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 the third Monday of each for a bone marrow trans- THURS., JAN. 27: Com-

building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell

EVERY TUES .: 10 a.m -11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee the Covered Bridge from a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-SECOND MONDAY OF Break Bible Study, ell Area Schools Board of Calvary Christian Rep.m. in the Board of Educa- Main, Lowell. Nursery protion office located in the vided free. For ladies with Middle School, 12675 Fore- or without previous Bible knowledge.

MONDAY WEDNESDAY: Rollaway

EVERY WED .: Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 MONDAYS: Overeaters p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kinder-7:30 p.m. at Good Shep- garten and up. Christ herd Lutheran Church, Ambassadors for the youth 10305 Bluewater Hwy., (7th thru 12th-grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement pro-SECOND MONDAY OF grams, special activities, EACH MONTH: Golden crafts, and basic moral Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale learning. For more House (Senior Neighbors, infomation, call Christian 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

Troop 102, for boys 11 and breakfast at Lowell Senior up or completing the 5th Center, 314 S. Hudson St. grade, will meet from 7 to Call 897-5949 for reserva-

ton Street. Enjoy activities EACH MONTH: like hiking and camping and Alzheimers Support Group learn skills that can last a meets at 6:30 p.m. at lifetime. For more informa- Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

Bowne Township Histori- DAY: Lowell Area Jaycees regular meetings at the ell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership ership training through community involvement.

son, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. Moms In Touch International. Mothers meeting to EVERY 1 ST & 3RD TUES- pray for their children and DAY: Lowell Lions Club schools. All Lowell School

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets EVERY 1 ST & 3RD TUES- every Thursday evening at

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS: Take Off THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at

meets at 3:30 p.m. at the month at 8 p.m. V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main

Operators sponsor an in- Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturformation net on Frequency days and Sundays, 1:30 to WED., JAN. 26: Lowell 147.420 Simplex - Lowell 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Showboat Network.

SATURDAYS & SUN-DAYS: New hours at the ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Fallasburg Schoolhouse Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m. Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 Fallasburg Park."

are welcome.

open from 2 to 4 p.m.

LOWELL SENIOR NE	IGHBORS CALE -5949		
Weekly	Activities		
ON.: 8 a.m. Walkers.	WED.: 9:30 a.m		
JES.: 8 a.m. Walkers.	THURS.: 1 p.m.		
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Special Events			
ED., JAN. 19: 9:30 n., Advisory council.	Women's travel fast.		
<b>I., JAN. 21:</b> 1 p.m., ovies at the Center.	TUES., FEB. 1: be a travelogue Schneider Man		

There will at 1:30 at nor in th WED., JAN. 26: 7:45 a.m. activity room.

> Make noon meal reservations three working days in advance.

### LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF** A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 26, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE.

At this hearing, the following described property which generally lies at 2287 Segwun, SE (41-20-11-177-003) will be considered for the issuance of a special use permit to allow a commerciallyused building to be changed to a two-family residential facility in a residential zone.

The special use permit application and the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Lowell Township Clerk

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897-9176.

Phone 897-8545.

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

EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, January 19, 1994-Page 21

COMING EVENTS

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 Zeeland 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.



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SECOND WOMENOFTHEMOOSE: SAT., JAN. 22: - Dance/ and election of officers plant. Larkin's Other Place, 7:30 p.m. \$10 donation. LOWELL AREA ARTS Contact Larkin's at 897-COUNCIL :149 S. Hudson 5977 or Dale Triplett at 897-9259 for tickets or more

> Area Historical Association will meet at the Look Memorial Fire Station at 7:30 for their annual meeting

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

FRI., JUNE 3: Lowell Senior Neighbors 10 day trip to Ireland. For reservations, call Mary Condon, 897-7092.



### "I have a dream that one day men will rise up and come to see that they are made to live together as brothers"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968







Specials Through Sunday, January 23, 1994.



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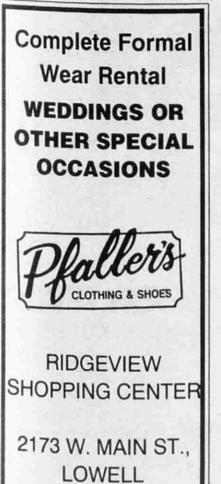
Marshall Redder, Remax, 457-3245. C44tfn





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NURSE ASSISTANT **TRAINING** - Will pay for your educational classes. Paid orientation period. Potential starting wages of \$5.83 per hr. Bonus after 500 hours of employment. Yearly raises. Interested? Inquire at Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center St., Lowell or call (616) 897-8473 for an appointment. E.O.E.

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Hall, 897-8457, Mon. - Fri. 8-5. A hot idea: The Eastern Exchange Hotel in Boston was the first public building to be heated by steam, back in 1846.

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### **PROTECTING OUR WILDLIFE** Wetlands Conservation Saves Wildlife

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Wetlands-marshes and swamps-are the single most productive source of life on earth, ecologists agree. Perhaps no other single natural resource provides us with so many

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disappeared. ernments and private orga-



landowners preserve wetlands for wildlife and improve productivity and profits as well.

high. That's why Ducks livestock to avoid overgrazone-half million members, · Protection from is working with private landowners to enhance their wetlands and ensure continued use of their · Boating, swimming property for agriculture.

Hundreds of landowners enrolled in Ducks Unlimited's Private Lands Program have already Unfortunately, for the enjoyed such welcome results as better weed control, higher crop yields, improved grazing pastures and more waterfowl and wildlife-and such projects can be implemented at little or no cost projects include

• On the Great Plains, low annual rainfall can parched, depleted grassnizations have tried to lands and serious soil eroabate further losses by pur- sion problems on cropchasing wetland acreage. lands. To enable land-However, 74 percent of the owners in North Dakota to remaining wetlands in try out a sustainable habitat for water fowl. the continental U.S. are method of livestock grazfound on private proper- ing, Ducks Unlimited proty, primarily farm land. vided fencing and water wetlands conservation. The cost of taking this development to ranchers write: Ducks Unlimited. land out of agricultural who, in turn, agreed to One Waterfowl Way. production is simply too divide pastures and rotate Memphis, TN 38120.

Unlimited, a conservation ing at specific sites. Rotatthanks to recharged organization with over ing pastures allows grass to improve and helps retain moisture. Ranchers using this method report overall improvements in the quality of their pastures.

**Every Friday Night** 

7:00 P.M.

Lowell VFW Hall

East Main St., Lowel

Early Bird Bingo at

PUBLIC INVITED

6:30 P.M.

· In California's Sacramento Valley, Private Lands biologists are working with rice farmers to demonstrate how flooding techniques will help them comply with new state environmental laws. To demonstrate an effective alternative to burning remaining crop stubble. Ducks Unlimited helped build a "rice roller" to flatnumbers, especially to the farmer. Successful ten rice stems into the mud after harvest. The group also assisted with the timing, duration and Federal and state gov- leave ranchers with depth specifications to flood the rice fields during growing season. Winter flooding decomposes the rice stubble and at the same time creates needed

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at Geo-Tek Inc. on the corner of Bowes Road and Valley Vista Drive in Lowell. Sometime between 6:30 p.m., January 13 and 6:00 a.m., January 14, 1994.

# Contact the Lowell Police Department 897-7123 or Sam Qualls at 897-5581.

