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### Selection committee to use KISD in appointment to fill school board vacancy left by Kohler's resignation

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The timing of Charlie Kohler's immediate resignation from the Lowell School Board on Dec. 13 may have affected the effectiveness in which the appointment to replace him has been handled.

"The board usually receives advance notice on resignations," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. "This resignation was immediate rather than effective."

Norm Byrne, in his eighth year on the school board said, "In the time I've spent on the board, if my memory is cor- man of the committee which election decided by public rect, a resignation has never gone into affect until some-

one was appointed to fill the spot."

The law states school boards have 20 days to make an appointment and after that time, the choice is then the decision of the Kent Intermediate School District.

"The board got caught up in a timeline and with the holidays and our attention elsewhere, I think the appointment was forgotten," Byrne said. "I will say this, the board has tried to give as many people as are interested an opportunity to apply for the appointment."

will recommend three candidates to the KISD, said the

KISD will have the choice of selecting one of its three recommendations or selecting one of the six candidates who applied. Byrne said he is hopeful the committee can make a recommendation to the Board at its February meeting.

The candidates who submitted letters of interest are Dennis Brown, Annie Mulder, Ellen McClain, Mark Blanding, Sandrew Schollaart and Barbara Kropf.

The candidate who is appointed will fill the seat until June, and then the candidates Byrne, who is the chair- will have to re-run in a school

> "Since the board went beyond the 20 days, it decided the proper way to handle the selection was to turn it over to the KISD," Byrne said.

Joining Byrne on the committee are Chris VanAntwerp and Marcia Wilcox.

"There has been a lot of issues on the school board plate. I think the board was reluctant to bring in someone new during this time," Wilcox

Board, cont'd. pg. 8



#### **An Arctic Blast!** \* \* \*



The frigid, arctic temperatures forced employees at King Milling to brave the elements on Wednesday as they worked to get the dolly back on the rail. The gate, which controls the height of the Flat River, was frozen into position by the weather, causing the dolly to come offits rail, according to King Milling superintendent Greg Ball. Temperatures dropped as low as 22 degrees below zero in the Grand Rapids area. The temperature in Lowell reached at least 18 degrees below zero Saturday night (Jan. 15). Wind chills reached 50 below zero.

# Along Main Street

#### "OUR TOWN" PRESENTED BY ARTS COUNCIL

Tickets are now on sale at the Lowell Area Arts Council for its annual community play which will be held Feb. 17, 18, 19, 25 and 26. Come see your friends and neighbors in Thorton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning "Our Town" which illustrates relationships and cycles of life in a small town at the turn of the century.

Ticket prices are \$4 for the February 17 performance with open seating and \$2.50 for senior citizens and students. The other evenings feature cabaret (reserved) seating at \$6. Ask about prepaid group discounts (20 or more). All performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School cafetorium. For more information the LAAC office, 149 South Hudson, is open Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m., or call 897-8545.

#### BLUEBIRDS SPOTTED

Irene Vaughan reports that five bluebirds have stayed the winter.

#### STUDENT AMBASSADORS FUND-RAISER

There will be a bottle and can drive Feb. 5 to help four Lowell People-to-People student ambassadors go to New Zeeland and Australia this summer.

The kids going door to door for donations will be Jennifer Boyd, Stephanie Brown, Dena Beers and Becky Cattanach. If you have any questions, please call Rose Cattanach at 897-5353.

#### FRANCISCAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WINTER DAY CAMP

The Franciscan Child Development Center is offering a Third Annual Winter Day Camp for seven to 12-year olds on Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee will be \$18.

For directions, registration form or more information contact Sister Mary Margaret, F.S.E. at the Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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## Survey Says!

#### Master Plan questionnaire to tap ideas and opinions of community

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

After final review, the Lowell Community Survey was approved and target mailing dates were set by the Lowell Planning Commission.

Steve Langworthy, of Design Plus, with input from the Focus Group and Planning Commission, put together the 24-question survey.

It will be mailed out to 583 city residents split across three neighborhoods (east, west and Valley Vista).

Mailing dates on the surveys sent out in each area will be separated by one day.

The Planning Commission set Jan.31 as a target date as to when mailing should begin. Surveys would also be sent out on Feb. 1st and 2nd.

Langworthy recommended that the Planning Commission allow approximately 2 1/2 weeks for survey returns.

The Planning Commission will then tabulate the results of the survey at a work session on Feb. 21 at 7

Chairman Mike Blough said the Planning Commission will be broken up into teams of three to tabulate the results.

Langworthy said the number of surveys mailed out

was a result of two factors: the expected return rate and the confidence level desired for the survey. He estimated a response level at a conservative figure of 30 percent and/or 175 of the 583 sent

The survey will play an important part in the development of a master plan, which will help guide the

growth and use of land in the city over the next 10-20 years.

The survey is intended to tap the ideas and opinions of the community about the city's growth and development in the city.

Lowell's Planning Commission and City Council are expected to complete a master plan over the next 10-12 months.

#### Vergennes Planning Commission studies feasibility of new Twp. Hall

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

Expansion is the reason why the Vergennes Planning Commission is going to study whether a township hall is needed.

Several members of the township board have said the current building is too small to operate in today.

Township treasurer Carol Nauta, township clerk Jean Hoffman and trustee Mark Weber all feel the current

building, located at 12625 Bailey Drive, is too small to handle the people who come in during elections.

Vergennes land use plan, developed in 1989, the township was to have a new town-

ship hall by now.

The current building is owned by the Davis family who leases it to the township. According to the That lease is a life-long contract, but the Township does not pay for use-just the cleanup cost.

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Family Fare helps with healthier choices, pg. 14

### **OBITUARIES**

DOYLE - R. Marie Doyle, IRBY - Edward E. Irby, aged passed away unexpectedly aged 55, of Lowell, died 78, of Lowell, passed away January 16, 1994. Jim retired Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994. Friday, Jan. 21, 1994. Surviv- from the US Navy after 20 She was preceded in death by ing are his wife Inez; son Earl years of service. He was a her son, Michael. She is sur- and Carol of Owosso; daugh- member of the American Levived by her children, Daphne ter Darlene Good of Alto; gion Post and Veterans of (Timothy) Tacket of Grand brother Roy of Cisco, IL; sis- Foreign Wars #4809 in Nor-Rapids, David Doyle of ters, Verna Walters of folk and a graduate of Parnell Lowell; brother, Emmet and Charleston, IL, Betty Adams High School in 1963. He was Betty Channell Jr. of of Westfield, IL, Jane Miller preceded in death by his son, Phoenixville, PA; sister, of Urbanna, IL; six grand- Sean and his father, Charles. Hattie Mae Oliver of Lowell; children. Funeral Services Surviving are his wife, Carole; grandsons, Justin Doyle and were held Monday at the Roth- his sons, Charles and wife Andrew Tacket. Funeral Ser- Gerst Chapel, Rev. Michael Terry, Daniel and Rodger; his vices were held Monday at K. Murdick officiating. Me-mother, Mrs. Irma Malone; the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. morial contributions may be his brothers and sister and their Bruce Lomis of Grace Epis- made to the Lowell Wesleyan spouses, Michael and Kay copal Church officiating.

EMERY - Elmer H. Emery, GROCHOWALSKI - Jaquith, Edand Terri Mooney, aged 77, of Morley, died Sat- George Grochowalski, aged Marti and Jim Goggins, Dick urday at his residence. He was 75, of Ada, passed away Sun- and Sue Mooney, Betty and a longtime area carpenter and day, January 23, 1994. He is Tom Jonker, Marilyn and a Veteran of World War II. survived by his wife Beth; Terry Conley; his step-broth-Survivors include his wife children, Georgie Ann (Keners, Pat, Dan, John, Bob and Mildred; four sons, Duane neth) Roth, Lowell, Brenda Brian Malone; a step-sister, (Kitty) Emery of FL, Douglas (Matthew) Cain, Moscow, Karen Schoenborn; many (Deana) Emery of Wyoming, Idaho, Jenifer Grochowalski, nieces, nephews, aunts, Jerry (Linda) Radle of Morley, Ada, Nancy (Mark) Curtis, uncles, cousins. The Mass of Larry (Rdeen) Radle of Alto; brothers, Aloysios Christian Burial was offered Lowell; 14 grandchildren; one (Ethelyn) Grochowalski, Ada, Saturday at St. Patrick's great-granddaughter; three and Albert Grochowalski, Catholic Church, Parnell with brothers, Harvey, Leonard, Ada; sisters, Bernice Lozicki, The Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler and Fred; one sister Hilda Ada, Dorothy (Fred) as Celebrant. Interment in St. Taylor of Grand Rapids; sev- Neubecker, Cascade; grand- Patrick's Cemetery. Military eral nieces and nephews. Fu- children, Emily and David Graveside Honors will be neral Services were held Tues- Roth, George Taylor Cain, under the auspices of the Kent day at the Germain-Mohnke Sean and Eric Curtis. The County Veterans Honor Funeral Home in Howard Mass of Christian Burial was Guard. Those planning an City, Pastor Charles Jones offered at St. Robert expression of sympathy are officiating, Memorial contri- Newminster Church, Msgr. asked to consider the Buildbutions to Home Hospice. Ernest P. Schneider Presider. ing Fund at St. Patrick's Catho-

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MOONEY - Mr. James Mooney, aged 48, of Norfolk, VA, formerly of Parnell, Mooney, Maureen and Russ Goodemoot, Donna and Tom

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Ada, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 1994. He is survived by his children, Roger (Peggy) VandenBerge, Ada, Norma VandenBerge, Murray Lake, Carol (Michael) Lindhout, Ada; five grandchildren, Craig, David, Kim, Mark and Greg; and four great-grandchildren, Dan, Katie, Emily, and Molly. He was the founder Patricia of Lowell, Roger and Fulton. Private funeral services were held by the family. grandchildren; his brothers cer Society. In lieu of flowers, memorials and sisters, Rudy and Betty of may be made to The Word of Lake City, George and Trina

VANDENBERGE-Herbert Truth Ministries, 339 S. Or- of Grand Rapids, Leah and M. Vanden Berge, aged 88, of ange Dr., Los Angeles, CA Cornelius Kos of Grand Rap-VANDER WAL - Mr. Henry and Leo Fitch of Florida; and Vander Wal, aged 86, of Byron Center, passed away Henry was retired after 28 Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994 and went to be with his Lord. Surviving are his wife Jean; his children, Jerry and Betty of ter Chapel, Cook Funeral Cedar Springs, Evert and

ids, Marie Heyboer of Belmont; sister-in-law Pearl several nieces and nephews years with General Motors Funeral Services were held Saturday from the Byron Cen-Home with Rev. David H Records officiating. Interment and former owner of the Com- Marlene of Coopersville, Restlawn Memorial Park munity Super Market on East Donald and Linda of Dutton; Memorial contributions may 11 grandchildren; 11 great- be made to the American Can-

## Rickert named assistant vice president at Independent Bank

Doreen A. Rickerthas been School of Banking. promoted to assistant vice "We are very pleased to president of Independent have Doreen's expertise and Bank Corporation. The an-talent in the marketing denouncement was made by the partment. She is a dedicated, corporation's president and future-oriented employee and chief executive officer, a definite asset to our com-Charles C. Van Loan.

Rickert joined the Rickert is a member of the Old Kent Bank and as a copy- ing Association. She also vol-

A 1987 graduate of Central can Cancer Society. Michigan University, Rickert recently graduated with hon-

pany," stated Van Loan.

corporation's marketing de- Michigan Bankers Associapartment in 1989 and is cur- tion marketing committee, a rently the marketing officer. trustee of the Robert M. Perry Previously, she worked as a School of Banking and a market research analyst for member of the Bank Marketwriter for Quality Stores, Inc. unteers her time to the Ameri-

holds a bachelor of applied ration has five affiliate banks arts degree in journalism and operating 28 full service of- Market under the symbol broadcasting. In addition, she fices across Michigan. The IBCP.



Doreen A. Rickert

### Independent Bank Corpo- corporation's common stock trades on the NASDAQ Stock

## ors from the Robert M. Perry Wildlife preserve in the works for Vergennes resident

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

land for industrial or residential purposes, one Vergennes serve. resident hopes to develop his land for the wildlife.

River Dr., owns 75 acres of Michigan Department of land along the Flat River which Natural Resources. Besides he hopes to designate as "open meeting the DNR require-

space" must meet certain Township Board. After re guidelines set forth under ceiving the application the Public Act 116. This act states board will seek advice from that he can't sell the land for the planning commission, soil development or change the conservation district and the land use for ten years. At the city of Lowell. end of that ten-year period, he

Schreur bought the land erty tax benefits. in October and says he wants

preserve the natural beauty of the area and reforest the upper part of the property. On the In this time of developing lower part of the property he hopes to build a wildlife pre-

To get the land designated "open space," the land must Bill Schreur, 538 Flat meet requirements by the ments, he must submit an ap-Land designated as "open plication to the Vergennes

If he does receive the open may choose to renew the des- space designation, Schreur could get income and prop-

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## Teachers return with no guarantee of what future holds

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

physical education teacher LaHaye. "I do know if the the best at what I do in the Julie Niemela started a per- school must cut again to open classroom," she said. sonal journey eight months up the new school, I couldn't

The road traveled while on LaHaye began her 14th at Lowell Middle School.

high school buildings, lost her teaching job the night the Lowell School District voted down the Headlee back in August of 1993.

"I got my life back," she explained on Monday (her first day back)." It's like a big breath of fresh air."

Niemela is back doing what she's been doing for the past 11 years and loving it.

After learning of her layoff, Niemela went through the emotions of hurt and betrayal. "I'd lost control. I felt betrayed and hurt. Those horrendous eight months did teach me some survival skills. I no longer look beyond tomorrow, otherwise there's worry and heartache."

In this world of constant changes and financial uncertainty in the educational world, Niemela and others worry about what may or may

"I'm concerned at both the Things hadn't changed that one is sacred." local and state level," said much." Lowell High School home

She adds her approach has Lowell Middle School economics instructor Marsha not changed. "It's still being

For some, the return re-

"It's nice to be back, but I that journey had its share of year at Lowell on Monday. "I should be here," said Bob pot holes and bumps, but put the bad feelings behind Rodenhouse, Lowell High Niemela survived and is me. I had to or it would have School physical education gratified to be back teaching driven me crazy," she says. teacher. His return on Mon-"Everything fell into place the day marked the beginning of Niemela, like 13 other first day back. It was like I'd his 21st year. "A place should Lowell teachers at the el- never left. I think that was be found for someone who ementary, middle school and because I'd been here so long. puts in 20 years. I guess no

go through this again.

with the emotional experi- "That helped keep my mind feelings." ence of being laid off. "I sup- off things," she said. "I also wounds, but I was very hurt and Bob Rice. That provided by what happened."

After working every day of his life for the past 20 years, watching his wife and kids go off to school in August was a tough adjustment.

"The first couple of weeks were the toughest because the Rodenhouse explains.

Christine Beachler used us with support and I think Rodenhouse still deals the time to go back to school. helped us work through our

The business teacher also pose time will heal the walked with Marsha LaHaye remained active in the run-

Teachers, cont'd., pg. 7



A familiar face to Lowell High School students returned to the Lowell gymnasium on Monday. Bob Rodenhouse, Martha Meade returned to her second-grade classroom at Bushnell Elementary. who lost his job when the school cut back to a five-hour day, returned.

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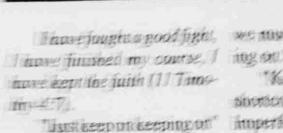
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Editor's Note: I recently read a column written by Brent Miller, Mishawaka IN, about what makes a successful small town. At a time when there is some upheaval and discontent, I thought some of the characteristics listed in the story may hold the keys to any community wading through the turmoil and moving forward.

Read what follows and see if you don't agree with Miller's written words.

By D. Brent Miller

Successful small towns share certain characteristics according to the author of The 100 best small towns in America. Norman Crampton took two years to write the book before its release in 1993. He said the book, published by Prentice-

Hall, is in its sixth printing with over 70,000 copies sold. One of the most important common characteristics of successful small towns, according to Crampton, is the school, "especially the high school." He said the school provides a sense of community and without the high school, there is no sense of community in a small town.



who won until I talked to my daughter-the-jock that evening. My son is 18 years old and really was a lot of help. My

friend's son is five years old, and how much help he was on a painting project of this magnitude is questionable. At least we didn't have to pay him. He sure had fun. When his mother came by for him later that afternoon, I told her it would be easier to make a new one than clean him up. She had to think

Viewpoint.

cozy corner

This column concerns a very delicate subject. This will

serve as a warning to readers who are easily offended. Stop

right here and skip on over to "Letters to the Editor," "Thad's

Thoughts," or the doctor's "Health" column where they have

at the inside of a hangar. It wasn't a pretty sight. On Sunday

afternoon, my friend's son was also there to help. It was kinda

neat. Two dads and their sons bonding together (Does it still

count as bonding if you have to pay your son to help?) Yes, we

were working while every other father and son in the free

as "testicles."

by Roger Brown

on a ladder and I was either holding something for him or handing him something. I'm not sure what I was doing exactly at that moment, as my mind was soon to become very clouded. I didn't realize I was standing straddle of a heavy duty push broom lying on the floor. I also didn't realize my friend's son had come up behind me, intent on using the broom. Probably often in the past referred to men's testicles openly and bluntly to paint with.

Even though I'll be writing about testicles this week, I what happened anyway. My friend's son grabbed the broom won't be so low class and blunt as to refer to them as handle about a foot above the broom, and lifted with more "testicles." If I'm forced to mention them at all, I'll use speed and force than you'd expect from a little guy like him. something like, "those delicate hangey-down things men are The end of the handle came straight up at about the same velocity as Cecil Fielder's bat when he's swinging for the There, the warning is out of the way. It's safe for you easily fence. It got me square in the left hangey-down delicate thing.

offended readers to rejoin us. You won't be subjected to the I was involved with a big painting project this past weekin sight. I'm tellin' you, my world went "WHITE"! end. In two days a friend, my son and I slung 20 gallons of paint

oath. I can't remember what I said. It doesn't matter, as I'm there was only one man on the jury, he'd be sympathetic sure it couldn't be repeated here. I don't care if it is the Pope enough to send it to a hung jury and Eddie would go free. himself, if you hit a man there, that hard, he's going to scream out an oath. I hope I didn't upset my friend's son with my blasphemy. He didn't seem too concerned. He was just mildly

world were watching the NFL playoffs. I didn't even know curious as to what all the excitement was about. Must be he hasn't been hit there yet.

> I recovered quickly, but I spent the remainder of the afternoon with one very sore hangey down thing. I also kept one watery eye on that kid.

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On Monday morning, I told this story to one of the employees here. A woman. She sympathized but confessed she couldn't relate. I told her that in my 44 years, I've been hurt to varying degrees, in numerous ways, in many places on my Sometime during the course of this project, my friend was body, and nothing, no nothing, compares with the pain from a good shot to the you-know-whats. I must have been convincing, as she is the mother of three children and didn't even mention childbirth as a possible comparison.

While on the subject, I'll finish up with a little story about one of my brothers. When Eddie was about 12 or so, he was playing on the bleachers at the high school football field. He and another kid were running and jumping a several foot gap I'm sure you're already way ahead of me, but I'll describe between the separate sets of bleachers. Eddie slipped and came down to straddle a vertical two-by-twelve support timber. The doctor was able to massage one down from his abdomen, but couldn't locate the other one. He had to wait several days for it to find its way back.

I can just picture all the guys out there reading this while squirming and wincing in imagined pain. Thinking of Eddie My world went white. Never mind the fact we were just and his experience, I'm convinced he should have followed a finishing up with two coats of semi-gloss white on everything life of crime. Why? Well, even if caught at the most serious of felonies, all Eddie would have to do in court is face the jury and As is purely automatic in this situation, I screamed out an say, "When I was about twelve..." and tell his story. Even if

> There! I got through this entire column about testicles, and never used the word "testicles" once. What a class act!

"The school is where people gather, to see friends and cheer" Crampton said. Although athletics is important, he said, investment in

athletics rather than academics drain away the possibilities for small towns. "We have to prepare our kids to do well in an

Other characteristics of successful small towns, according to Crampton, are: • A formal leadership training program - awareness of the

geed to train for future leadership. • The confidence to share leadership with others and

• Existence of a business or industrial development group, other than the chamber of commerce.

Concern about downtown revitalization.

 Acceptance of controversy and the importance of normal discussion of issues in government and in the newspaper.

· Keeping personalities out of politics. "Small communities are intensely personal."

• Tax themselves and tourists to maintain public services. "Small towns need to discuss the community's finances."

Leftover cash to invest in town projects.

Crampton said successful small towns are reflected in "the leadership of the community - the ability to provide vision, leadership and involvement of members" of the community. Although these characteristics are not reflected in every

one of the 100 best small towns, many characteristics are reflective of the many success stories.

Penn Yan, NY suffered a loss of jobs in the 1980's and a steady drop of agricultural prices. The town organized its efforts to take advantage of the town's skills and assets and created an open marketplace to sell farm produce and crafts. The Windmill Farm and Craft Market, housed in two- 60

electrical governor for waterwheels which maintains

steady amperage. A short article points out that in many states only convicts, idiots, insane and women are prevented from voting; in Michigan they let the rest vote, but not women. Lynching is common in the southern states, for of-

fenses as petty as suspicion of stealing corn. Weather has been warmer, so people are burning less firewood, and getting mired down in the roads.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 23, 1919 The editor reminds readers that the paper may not

print lottery notices. Conjecture about next year's presidential candidates

make its way into newspaper columns. The new revenue bill in Congress includes clauses to tax the products of child labor, and to tax at 100 percent

political campaign contributions over \$500. The American Forestry Association sends all its Douglas fir seed to France for reforestation in the wake of

World War I.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 27, 1944 The U.S. spent \$88 billion in 1943, more than the total

spending in its first 150 years. No snow on the ground, and sunshine every day, a far

cry from last winter.

by 100 foot buildings, recorded more than \$1 million in sales the school. A strong school program attracts newcomers," its first year in 1989 and \$1.5 million in 1990. With no admission or parking charges, the market draws about 12,000 people per Saturday. The project created 115 full-time jobs.

Several "best small towns" cited historical districts and downtown preservation as important to the success of their communities.

Yreka, (pronounced Wye-REE-ka) CA managed to place seven city blocks on the National Register of Historic Places. Town historian Bernice Meamber said it helped tourism and merchants to have more pride in their buildings. Then it rippled through the rest of the community.

Both Tifton, GA and Tahlequah, OK organized "main street projects" to keep the downtown areas vitalized. In Tifton, the community worked at changing the "attitude that downtown doesn't close at 5 p.m."

Grand Rapids, MN, looked for businesses that would "add value" to products, such as making cheese from milk or coating paper for magazine stock, Grand Rapids also developed a long-range plan - Rapids 2000 - to guide their community into the next century.

Almost all of the communities learned, according to the book, small towns are the capitals of volunteerism. Volunteering is the price of admission to live in a small town. To get anything done, everyone has to work together.

Crampton, whose roots are in journalism, wrote two previous books unrelated to Best Small Towns. He is under contract to write a revised version and said he plans to look at other criteria. The revised 100 Best Small Towns is scheduled for release in 1996.

Originally from the Chicago area, Crampton currently is the director of the Indiana Institute for Recycling and resides in one of the best small towns in America, Greencastle, IN.

An old fashioned Farmers' Institute will be held at the City Hall next Wednesday, with programs for both farmers and their wives. Soil and milk samples and pressure cooker gauges will be tested for all who wish.

8000 acres of Porcupine Mountain timber will be harvested by Wisconsin's Connors Lumber Company unless the Michigan legislature acts to buy the privately owned land next week.

#### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 23, 1969

Gordon Kelly, Mark Ritzma and Dennis Nowak receive their Eagle awards in scouting. The school board votes to have another millage

election and makes tentative plans for half-day sessions next year. In the light of a spurt in new-home sales, builder

Douglas Dok petitions the city council for a lift station on the west side.

No primary election this time; only the three incumbents on city council filed petitions.

Council protests a state proposal to raise the 45 m.p.h. speed limit on M-21 on the west side.

The 24-unit Schneider Village will cost about \$300,000. says Phil Schneider, trustee. The total Peg Schneider fund stands at \$1.96 million.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 24, 1894 The U.S. Senate Ways and Means Committee pro-

Carl English, of Lowell Water & Light, patents an

poses an income tax.

### TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

We would like to thank staff of the Lowell Area to present our concerns about and so we began our quest to the use of bond money for insure that computers retechnology in our schools. ceived a higher priority. Our They not only allowed us time plan still included the use of at their technology commit-video through installation of tee meeting, but also time in a satellite dishes, cable, and anboard work session. Overall, tennae at each building, but our presentations have been provided monitors on carts accepted with respect and we with a VCR. We felt that the 8 are grateful to the community to 10 percent (average nafor the support we have received. It is unfortunate that a few people have written let- fied. ters attacking us and our families personally, and so we would like to explain why we raised our concerns in the first

place. When we first inquired about the technology plan for the district, Mr. White sent us a copy of the plan presented by Childs Consulting Associates. In that plan, the first priority in every building was the voice, video, data infrastructure. Whenever computers are mentioned in the district's plan they are always accompanied by the phrase, "limited to budget." When we asked for an approximation of the technology budget we were told that the budget was "a little over a million dollars." We became alarmed when informed that the infrastructure of voice and video would cost "approximately

\$900,000." The \$100,000 remaining would be nowhere near adequate to provide computers to use for 3,300 students in the Lowell district, tional usage as quoted by the consultant) was not cost justi- in May.

presentation, we feel that students at the elementary level will still suffer because only 45 computers are planned for them. As indicated by Mr. White, the use of contingency money could go a long way to correct this situation.

As indicated by the tremendous community support at recent meetings, we are not just a vocal minority. We commend the board, administration and staff for the courage to listen to the message but

not judge the messenger.

To the Editor:

On the surface the reform plan for school finances adopted by the state legislature will reduce operating mills to six mills in most school districts. This is very misleading because a nefarious provision in the plan allows the door to remain open for enhancement mills to be added within the near future. Enhancement mills are simply enrichment mills exactly like the enrichment mills I warned you about during the campaign against Proposal A

After reviewing bid the number of enhancement amounts, the technology com- mills which will be foisted upon the taxpayers within the next few years. Call your administrators in your local school district and they will be delighted and eager to provide you with this important information prior to the special election on March 15.

> Larry D. VanderMolen, Political Science professor

In response to last week's inflammatory letter by Mr. Lindhout, I wish to answer some of his mudslinging as a member of the Eshragh fam-

first "encounter" with COE

single meeting. denly have so much contempt for a group he admits he only met once? Let me share some them judge, as he obviously wishes to happen (otherwise puters and workstations. why print such an opinion as a letter to the board and the pears when people question.

FACT: The technology ever suggested skipping all committee met a whole three times over those long 18 It was suggested that the wirmonths they were working so ing be put into fewer places

FACT: The technology committee is made up of high school teachers, administra- available. Sure helps the credtors and three lay people. Two ibility of the administration cide of which work for communications companies, including Mr. Lindhout. No outside local computer or video people were invited to be a part. FACT: There are many

teachers who would love to have computers available in their schools and even bring their own computers to school for their classes. This lame 3194 Roosevelt Rd. excuse about not pushing Muskegon technology on teachers when they don't want it gives the good teachers a bad name.

There is also quite a story about the amounts of money designated for computers. When the figures for the technology were first announced. ily. Mr. Lindhout was right in it was in the ballpark of \$1.0

of wiring and TV monitors in the closet. In that case, since Citizens For Quality on Jan. 4 at the technology etc., was \$900,000 which he thinks we are destructive. committee meeting. What he leaves \$100,000 for all the we can hand over some watchfailed to explain is how he computers, and the statement dog duties to him, how about knows so much about us in a was "whatever is left over." the kids at Runciman who Then at the technology meet-stand outside in subzero Why is a "self-appointed ing, it became \$259,000, ac- weather when they show up watchdog for 15 years" now cording to Mr. Lindhout with for school early? How about the added \$141,000 of what- the teachers who think parever it was that the committee ents in the classroom are a agreed to drop, became drag? How about the kids who \$400,000 suddenly. Now ac- have seen the same Disney cording to further estimates, video each time they have "fun it may be \$470,000 for com- day" and get harassed if they complain? How about mem-Funny how the money ap- bers of the technology committee who make rude and Also for the record, no one derogatory remarks about a senior citizen who offered an the wiring for the classrooms. opinion? (Sound familiar, Mr. Lindhout?) Are there watchdogs for the children out there and the brackets placed, but or are they watchdogs for not to put in all the TV's and other purposes, more inter-VCRs until the money was things are. Let the public dewhen the suggestions aren't Meanwhile, as a parent

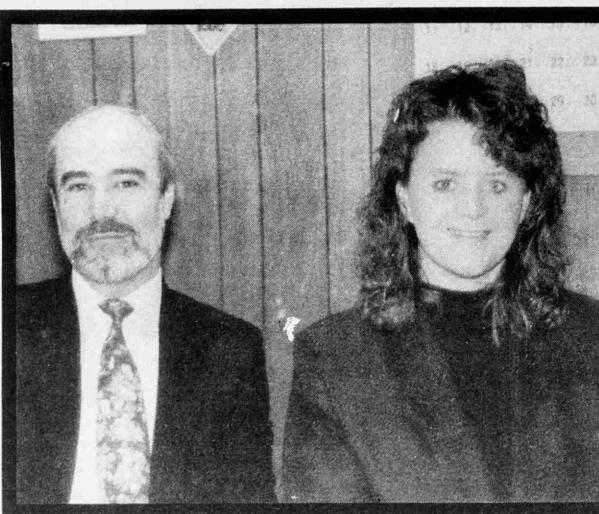
even taken down right. Might and concerned citizen, I would even suggest that the comlike to be able to work with mittee had already made up the board and community their mind before they invited without mudslinging. If there CQE to make a presentation. are facts to deal with them Mr. Lindhout has written and get on with making our that the Eshraghs use bullyschools better. Otherwise we ing tactics. If he thinks asking all waste time and money for embarrassing questions and cheap entertainment and acpicking up a coat to leave complish nothing.

> Sincerely, Winnie Eshragh



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when it is quite obvious that

no one is listening are bully-

ing, then I guess that is his

opinion. I personally question

a watchdog who hasn't been

to board meetings or commu-

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## Teachers, continued...

ning of the spirit store and happy as heck to be back. I've 88 and substituted with cheerleading.

"It was a hard summer. I'm just glad to be back," Beachler said. "I just hope I have the job next year. I'm concerned about the vote in March."

Mark Russell, the physical education teacher at Bushnell. said he wasn't bitter. "It wasn't a personal thing. It was eco-volunteered some of her time nomics," Russell said. "I'm just at radio station WYCE FM-

By Marc Popiolek

Contributing Writer

your alley.

If you enjoy viewing

landscape paintings, then the

current exhibit at the Lowell

Area Arts Center is right up

until Feb. 12, is the attempt by

Conrad Bakker to "know the

land on which I walk and live."

works are "personal medita-

tion on openings, entrances,

sunlight, exits, journeying,

of Calvin College, says his

works are representative of the

woods behind his house near

"I frequently do sketching of the woods behind my house and from them, I do my paint-

He says his paintings steer

away from the photographic

aspect of landscape paintings.

He purposely leaves out build-

ings and people so the pieces

lend more of a contemplative

sense of being in that place,"

exhibit are from that area - at least three are from the Sleep-

ing Bear Dunes and Flat River

area. Bakker won a Artist and

Residency Award which al-

said Bakker.

I want the viewer to look into the painting and get a

Not all of the paintings on

Bakker, a 1992 graduate

shadows and humanity.

Bakker says his landscape

Landscape artist

in LAAC exhibit

shows off rich colors

The exhibit, on display enjoys the way Bakker cap-

got the best job in the world."

Bushnell second-grade teacher, Martha Meade, was glad to have meaning back in her life. "It's wonderful to have a purpose again, instead of trying to create it," she said.

lowed him to spend three

Dunes to paint the landscape.

David Davis, Director of

weeks in the Sleeping Bear

the LAAC, brought Bakker's

works over after seeing them

in Shibui Gallery on Cherry

St. and he says he thoroughly

from other landscape artists

Bakker says his paintings

are darker because he prefers

to paint at dusk. "Dusk allows

colors of nature to be richer.

The light is more intense and

All of his paintings are

colors richer and tends to overap well, and the wood gives a

etter grain texture to the

Currently, Bakker is a full

Kristin allows me to fo-

time artist, but since he is just

starting out he says the finan-

cial help receives from his wife Kristin is very impor-

cus full time on my paintings

and without her, I would not

masters degree and focus on

showing his studio art.

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LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHOIR ROOM.

able to do that," said

Bakker hopes to pursue a

What sets Bakker apart

tures the landscape.

rates in each painting.

Meade took some classes,

"It was awkward substituting here at Bushnell. I'd look out and see my room, but someone else was in there teaching," Meade said.

Other teachers who returned to the classroom included Karen Ham (thirdgrade), Trina Allen (firstgrade), Sue Stouffer (music), Bill Stouffer (physical education), Bob Rice (band), Bill Ingraham (art), Shelley Stroude (English) and Dave Eichberg (business).

I don't know if we will have a job next year," Russell said. "There are no guaran-

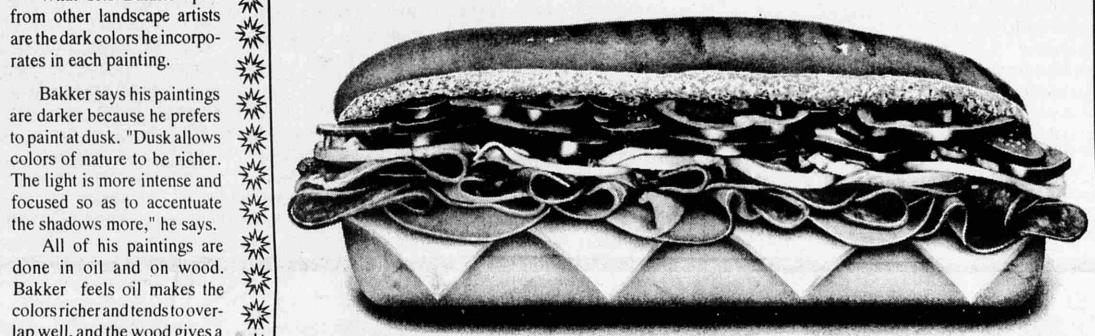


Christine Beachler was back to business

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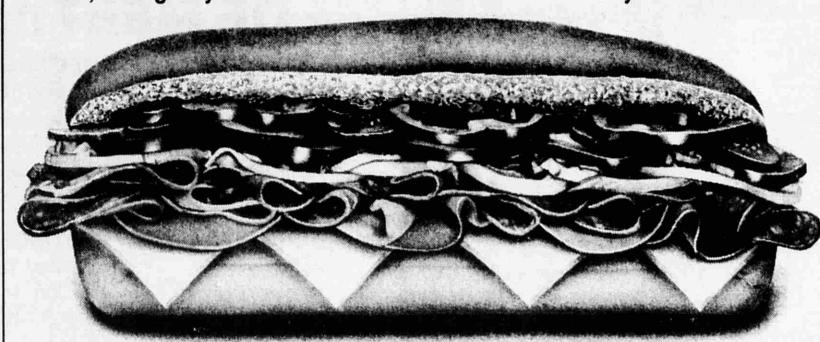


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## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

#### 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 through Feb. 12.

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.

#### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

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

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

#### LOWELL 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.

#### OFF THE BLOTTER

Rebecca Gredory, 36, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 19 when she pulled from a private drive onto West Main near Hudson Street and struck a car driven by Rose Mitchell, 35, also of Lowell.

Donald Keen, 30, of Cedar Springs, was arrested Jan. 17 on three warrants.

Kirt Blasher, 30, of Belding,, was involved in a property damage accident on Monroe near North Street when he struck a parked car on Jan. 18.





Katie Granger, 21, of Ionia, was involved in a property County Jail on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids city damage accident Jan. 17 when she attempted to make a right turn off West Main Street into a private drive near Ridgeview Street and collided with a car driven by Floyd Codling, 64, of Lowell, as he attempted to pass on the right.

Wesley Hunter, 54, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident on Monroe near High Street Jan. 22 when he struck a parked vehicle owned by Kathlyn DenBraven, also of

Mark Russell, 27, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell Gregory Earhart, 36, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent were reported.

court on Jan. 23.

Debora Nachazel, 34, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 23 when the vehicle she was driving was struck by a pickup truck driven by Jay May, 33, also of Lowell on West Main Street in the drive to Plumb's Market.

Brenda Kellogg, 38, of Gowen, struck two deer on East Main near James Street Jan. 23. The driver and her passenger were not injured.

Stacy Beachler, 23, of Lowell, slid on icy roads and struck officers Jan. 22 on a warrant issued out of a Rockford court. a utility pole on Amity just off Main Street Jan. 8. No injuries

## Board, continued...

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Jan 27: Nancy Roth, Agnes Orpha Chaterdon.

Johnson, Joy Hecht, Stacey Sr., Ashleigh Smit.

Ryan White, Kathe Biggs, Longway.

said. "The board has some very good candidates to Beers was appointed to rechoose from in making a rec- place Tom Heintzelman. ommendation."

been made within the 20-day nine months of a term va-

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Isabel Yurkinas.

Bill Wierenga.

Spencer Dubridge.

Chad DeWitt, Janis Johnson,

In August of 1980, Linda

In 1991, John Haggai was April of 1992. Past appointments have appointed to finish the final cated by David Hagens.

Marcia Wilcox was ap- member. "A board member pointed to fill the term vacated must also make a commitby Linda Beers in March/ ment to take the time to find Beers said whoever is ap-

out information."

### City keeps consultant for water and special assessment bonds

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

pointed must have the time to

commit to being a board

knowledge of city finances the city's finances (both bondmade retaining First of ing and general) as well as the Michigan as the financial economic and demographic consultant for the proposed climate of the city; water revenue and special as- 2. It's proven ability to sessment bonds the city's structure and market all types logical choice and the at its of Michigan Municipal Jan. 18 council meeting.

Dawson, Jacqueline Bay, Jan. 31: Steve Idema, Dan C. Wingeier, Tony Blattner, Jan. 28: Carla J. Eastmead, Rick Fonger, Amanda ing of \$1.2 million in water the bond market due to par-Kris Stremler, Gloria King, Feb. 1: Frank Wright, Lila in special assessment bonds which provides the basis of its Jeannie Dintaman, Hazel Grummet, Chris Vezino, An- for westside improvements, pricing advice; Tanner, Cher Mastenbrook, drea Bishop, Gilbert Lowell City Manager Dave 4. First of Michigan is the Ryan Pasquale said there was a need only local advisor to secure a Jan. 29: Brenda Kinsley, Erin Teelander, John Rutherford, for financial consulting ser- \$1 million errors and omisvices.

Gill, Bob Waner, Margaret Feb. 2: Marie Wade, Joyce City attorney Dick Wendt First of Michigan's fees Ramsdell, Karen Kelley, Sullivan, Greg Biggs, Kevin recommended that the city for the proposed bond issues Baker, Kathy Doyle, Alta retain First of Michigan's will be \$9,500 (\$7,500 revservices.

the following:

Jan. 30: Susan Roudabush, Ethel Barnard. Michigan appealing include

1. By previously serving as financial consultant and underwriter to the city, First of Already possessing Michigan has knowledge of

With the anticipated sell- 3. Extensive knowledge of revenue bonds and \$195,000 ticipation as underwriter,

sions insurance policy.

enue and \$2,000 special Some of the qualifications assessment)..It will cap all outthat make retaining First of of-pocket expenses at \$650.

The payment would come from the bond proceeds.

## **BOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE** OF MEETINGS FOR 1994

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

January 17 May 16 September 19 February 21 June 20 October 17 March 21 July 18 November 21 April 18 August 15 December 19 \*\*\*Meetings are held at 8240 Alden Nash - Historic Township Hall \*\*\*

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS: 2nd Thursday of every other month at 7:30 P.M. January 13 May 12 September 8 March 10 July 14 November 10 \*\*\*Meetings are held at 8240 Alden Nash - Historic Township Hall \*\*\*

#### **ZONIING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Meet when needed as well as 2 regular meetings per year at 7:30 P.M. 6059 Linfield S.E. the Township Office April 14 September 8

ALTO-BOWNE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1st TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7:30 P.M. in the Township Office - 6059 Linfield S.E. Unless otherwise posted

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS:

2nd Monday of the month - 7:30 P.M. • 3rd Thursday - Training Meetings \*\*\*Held at the Fire Station - Bancroft Avenue\*\*\*

> HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 2nd Monday of the month - 7:30 P.M. \*\*\*Township Office - Linfield - During the winter\*\*\* \*\*\*Historic Museum - Alden Nash - During the summer\*\*\*

## COMINGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's Congregational Church EVERY "Coming Events" are free basement. Corner of Spring 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 will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

EACH MONTH: The Low- Children's Bible Story Hour. man Road.

**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.

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

House (Senior Neighbors, infomation, call Christian 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. Life Center, 3050 Alden All are welcome.

up or completing the 5th Center, 314 S. Hudson St. grade, will meet from 7 to Call 897-5949 for reserva-8:30 p.m. during the school tions. year in the Scout Cabin at

SECOND MONDAY OF Bowne Township Historiregular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 ing is at 7:30 p.m.

lifetime. For more informa-

tion call 897-8829.

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

DAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 1 ST & 3RD TUES-**DAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

1 #372 meets every Tues- 7 p.m. day evening at the Lowell

THURSDAY: Lowell of charge to any non-profit and Hudson St. Weigh-ins V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main

> meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

EVERY TUES .: 10 a.m -11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee SECOND MONDAY OF Break Bible Study. ell Area Schools Board of Calvary Christian Re-Education meets at 7:30 formed Church, 1151 W. p.m. in the Board of Educa- Main, Lowell. Nursery provided 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 p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th-grades) Christian Clubs to help our LOWELL AREA ARTS TUES., FEB. 1: There will 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

Nash S.E., 897-1100 EVERY MON .: Boy Scout 1ST WEDNESDAY: Men's Troop 102, for boys 11 and breakfast at Lowell Senior

the end of North Washing- FIRST WEDNESDAY 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 Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EACH MONTH: The EVERY FIRST WEDNES-**DAY:** Lowell Area Jaycees cal Society will hold its meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership Linfield E., Alto. The meet- 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

at the home of Linda Johnson, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. Moms In Touch International. Mothers meeting to EVERY 1 ST & 3RD TUES- pray for their children and schools. All Lowell School mothers are invited.

> THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS: Take Off THURSDAY: The Alto Li-Pounds Sensibly Tops M ons Club meets at Dari's at

SECOND Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturmeets at 3:30 p.m. at the Phone 897-8545.

EVERY SAT. - Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information neton Frequency 147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

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**EVERY SUNDAY:** The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

children grow through the COUNCIL:149 S. Hudson be a travelogue on Ireland St. Hours: Tuesday thru at 1:30 in the activity room

days and Sundays, 1:30 to McKeena. 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: 7 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting is to of Retired Federal Employ-Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; help fill out college finan- ees meeting at Trinity Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-

Area Historical Association tients

THURS., JAN. 27: Commodities will be distributed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. meets at the clubhouse at at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 210 E.

> TUES., FEB. 1: Grattan Township Historical Society meeting at 7 p.m. at Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road. Speaker: Aileen Myers McCabe "Teaching Days at Grattan School." Call Regina Mason, 794-3252

information. Grattan Museum is open every Sunday, 2 - 4p.m.

at Schneider Manor by Ed 4810 or Lynn Bylsma, 897-

WED., FEB. 9: College financial aid meeting at THURS., FEB. 10: 1:30 Lowell High School from p.m. National Association cial aid forms.

port group for family WED., JAN. 26: Lowell Alzheimer's disease pa- for the federal retiree. meeting SATURDAYS & SUN- will meet at the Look Me- Cumberland Retirement FRI., JUNE 3-12: 10-day DAYS: New hours at the morial Fire Station at 7:30 Village, 11535 E. Fulton at trip to Ireland. Lowell Se-Fallasburg Schoolhouse for their annual meeting 6:30 p.m. Interested per- niors (Travelers) For

8413. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton. Speaker: Jack WED., FEB. 2: Lowell sup- Epple, president, Family Life Financial Services. members and friends of Subject: Financial planning

son may contact group information, call Mary leaders Betty Wiley, 897- Condon, 897-7092.

#### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

#### Weekly Activities

MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers.

WED.: 9:30 a.m. Bingo.

TUES.: 8 a.m. Walkers.

THURS.: 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

#### Special Events

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

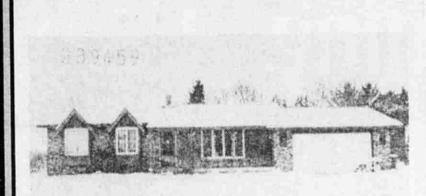
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#### "Look" what Lowell Area Fire Dept. is driving

Members of Look Fund committee stand proudly beside a newly purchased ambulance. The Look Fund provided Lowell Ambulance with \$20,000 toward the purchase of the new ambulance. Pictured above are, front row, left to right: Mary Ann Gwatkin, Barbara Brown; back row: Orval McKay (chairperson), James Maatman and Phillip Johnson. The Look Committee contributed \$17,000 toward the purchase of a 1989 unit and which now has 105,000 miles on it. It will be rotated to a backup unit. Other contributions Wojczynski. made over the last year by the Look Committee include \$12,560 to the Lowell Area Fire Department dive team. It contributed \$300 to the Lowell Senior Parents toward the 1993 all-night graduation party. The Lowell Area Historical Association received \$16,554 towards its effort to rehabilitate the upstairs of the Graham Building. The Look Committee contributed \$5,800 to the Lowell Police Department so that two of its members Bronxville, NY, earned dean's could join the dive team, with the monies used for equipment and advanced training. Five list honors for the fall 1993 students from the "People to People Student Ambassador Program" were given \$100 each to use in the youth exchange to Australia and New Zealand.

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announces students who earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 1993. A total of 4,413 MSU students earned a 3.5 grade point average or better for fall semester 1993.

list from the Lowell area were: Karen Dawn, Sara Elice DeWaard, Heather L. DuBois, David S. Hildenbrand, Heidi Marie Kaeb, Melanie J. Kaeb, Jennifer Langridge, and Mel- these students. They repreissa A. Radimak.

Representing the Alto area were: Kristine L. DeVries and Tanva L. Jousma.

From the Ada area were: Peter Karl Christensen, Christian Scott Custer, David Aller Hyder, Michael T. Lindhout, Todd Steven Richter, Robert B. Scott, Jason Edward St-Amour, Josh M. Waclawski, Joseph Aaron

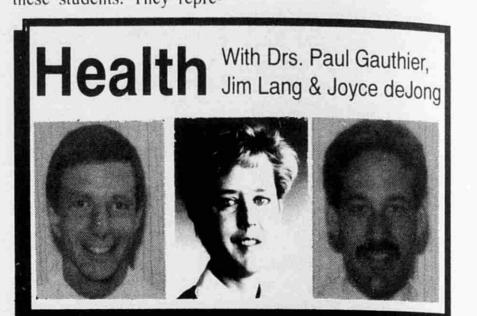
Rebecca Wells, a freshman liberal arts major at Concordia College in semester. Wells qualified for dean's list because of a high

Michigan State University grade point average and a County, NY. Its 600 students the academic life of the camors, a student must earn a se-

at least 3.5. Students included on the Rebecca and all its dean's list Lutheran Church--Missouri members this fall. Their tal- Synod. ent and hard work have paid off with academic success," said Dr. David Jacobson, academic dean. "We're proud of

Concordia is a four-year beral arts college in Bronxville, Westchester demonstrated contribution to are following paths to undergraduate degrees in over 17 pus. To earn dean's list hon- major fields. Concordia is member of the Concordia mester grade point average of University System, a national network of ten colleges and "Concordia congratulates universities owned by the

sent Concordia's best and



**ASPIRIN** 

Patients often ask if they should be taking aspirin on a regular basis to prevent a heart attack and other diseases. Today we will review some basic recommendations regarding

Aspirin is an antiplatelet drug that reduces the blood's ability to clot. Blood clotting is the underlying event that occurs during a heart attack and most strokes. Remember, most blood clots are good and are necessary to stop bleeding

A major study has shown that regular aspirin use reduces the incidence of an initial heart attack by about 44 percent. Aspirin reduces the chance of having a second heart attack by 30 percent. Aspirin has also been used to reduce the risk of complications if you've had a stroke, or the warning signs of a stroke. Aspirin also reduces the chance of arteries reclosing after having coronary artery bypass surgeries, or other procedures used to open blocked arteries. Recently, research has indicated that aspirin may decrease deaths from gastro intestinal tract cancer.

Although aspirin is generally a safe drug, there are possible side effects. Aspirin can irritate the stomach causing nausea, heartburn, pain, and eventually ulcers. Regular aspirin use may increase the risk of hemorrhagic strokes. Most people are aware of the association of aspirin and Reye's Syndrome in

Most physicians feel that patients with coronary artery disease benefit from aspirin therapy as long as there are no other contradictions. Usually, your doctor will recommend a low daily dose to prevent side effects. We usually recommend one baby aspirin daily or one regular strength aspirin every other day. Take aspirin regularly only if your doctor recommends it for you.

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Do you think Tonya Harding should be kept on the U.S. Olympic figure skating team?



No. She knows something but she's not telling. It's disgraceful that something like this happens.



Sherrie Skinner No. because of her involvement with people who would do something like that. She doesn't show the sportsmanship of what the olympics stand for, and her attitude shouldn't be representative of



Chad DeWaard Tonya shouldn't go to the Olympics. I don't see how she can't be involved, too many people that she is associated



No. I have doubts as to whether she's innocent or not.



Vern Good If Tonya committed a crime, then no; if she is innocent, then put her on the team.



Deb Heydenburg No. It's not the image I think the U.S. Olympic team wants to have. Tonya is only looking out for number one

and not the team.



Rhonda Brinks Yes, I think she should. I'm not sure that she is guilty.



**Ronald Smith** 

Yes. That decision should be based on skill and not what happens off the ice. We should send our most talented ath-

### Beers to sit in on government at Lowell **Township Planning Commission level**

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

younger generation just mission from her involvement she hopes to better discuss people." doesn't get involved with their with the student council. She Planning Commission sublocal politics anymore. Well, was chosen above four other one local high school student is doing her part to get in-

Dena Beers, a 16-year-old she will be allowed to voice junior at Lowell High School, her opinions, but she will not has been appointed to the be able to vote. Lowell Township Planning Commission. She attended her the Planning Commission, first meeting earlier this month Beers was appointed to Kent and will serve for one calen-

Beers, whose father is on serving on two committees the commission, says she would be too much, so she wants to get more active with chose the Planning Commis-"the government that controls sion. our township." She says her father helps in explaining the on the committee I was elected

Most people feel the tunity to serve on the com-Her role with the com-

mission will be only as voice; Besides being elected to

County's Health 2000 com-

"I felt it was best to serve

#### criteria of zoning laws or or- to first, and that turned out to jects with other people in the be Lowell's Planning Com- township and she sees this as She learned of the oppor- mission," said Beers. a "great opportunity to sit in At the end of her year term, with a group of government

First say to yourself what you would be, and then do what you have to do.

mittee. However, Beers felt

## **TOWNSHIP** OF GRATTAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE **TEXT AMENDMENTS** 

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on February 2, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The proposed text amendments include revisions to the following sections:

3.32 Private Roads

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

## CITY OF LOWELL

### SALE OF CITY **PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT** OF BIDS

The City of Lowell is accepting bids for the sale of an approximate 156' X 110' X 160' triangular parcel on the north side of West Main adjacent to the Mid-Michigan Railroad specifically described

Avery's Plat Block 33, that part of Lots 1 and 2 lying South of angling highway across said

Bids must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street, no later than Tuesday, February 15, 1994 at 10:00 a.m., at which time bids will be read. A final decision of sale rests with the City Council, which will consider such on Tuesday, February 22, 1994.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.

> Betty R. Morlock Deputy City Clerk

## CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 1994-95 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on the 7th of February, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

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The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 1994-95 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

> Betty R. Morlock Deputy City Clerk

## Gowen, Nugent lead Lowell in two-game sweep past EGR

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell volleyball coach Laurie Kuna could have lived without the excitement that the two-game volleyball match against East Grand Rapids brought.

As it was, she and her Red Arrows survived the excitement and the Pioneers, as they won 15-8, 16-14.

"Game two was probably exciting from a spectator's point of view," Kuna said.

Lowell jumped out to a 6-0 lead before the Pioneers battled back in game two to

took the lead at 12-10.

take a 14-12 lead. EGR came passing for us," Kuna said. bench really came through for back to tie the score at 14-14 before Lowell was able to put with 11. "She's also develop- "Anna Luyk did a great job in "We played real well in player," Kuna said.

game one," Kuna said.

lead. The Red Arrows led 9-4 Courtney Arnett added a and 10-6 before outscoring the game-high four kills. Three of Pioneers 5-2 to close out game the kills came in game two.

and Krista Posthumus.

Posthumus was 11-of-15

Lowell's Courtney Arnett blasts one back at the Pioneers

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pull within two at 10-8. East serving with nine points. Seven of those points came in people tally kills. The Red Arrows answered game one. "Krista served well with four straight points to and did an excellent job of play of Lowell's bench. "The

Kerry Nugent was the

Lowell jumped to a 6-0 team-leader in assists with 17.

"We got a lot of hitting The Red Arrows got big from a number of different games from Kortney Gowen people," Kuna said. "We're not going to just one person."

Lowell had eight different

Kuna complimented the Gowen led the club in kills us in game two," she said. ing into a good back row the back row for us in game

> two. She's turning into a marvelous passer. Anna is very

> The win improved Lowell's match record to 1-1 in the O-K White and to 4-2-2 overall.

Through those eight matches, Lowell's game record is 11-7.

## Fourth quarter harmful to Red Arrows in 68-46 loss

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For three quarters, Lowell and Rogers matched one another, bucket for bucket.

However, in the final eight minutes, the Red Arrows succumbed to man-to-man fullcourt pressure, and the Golden Hawks raced to a 68-46 O-K

"We must take care of the basketball late in games," Lowell coach Phil Beachler those came in the fourth quarter."

Lowell led 24-18 after one quarter of play. Rogers rallied to gain a 31-30 halftime lead. It extended that lead to 44-41 after three periods. The Golden Hawks outscored the visiting Arrows 24-5 in the

The Red Arrows have had difficulty dealing with opponents' defensive pressure. "We're lacking confidence

when pressured late in the game," Beachler said. "Rogers trapped in the first half and we were able to throw over it, but we couldn't do that against their man-to-man pressure."

Jason Engstrom led Rogers with 21 points. The Hawk sharp-shooter netted five three-point shots.

George Ponchaud led Lowell with 12 points, Kristian Magro added 10 and kills. Ryan Boersma contributed

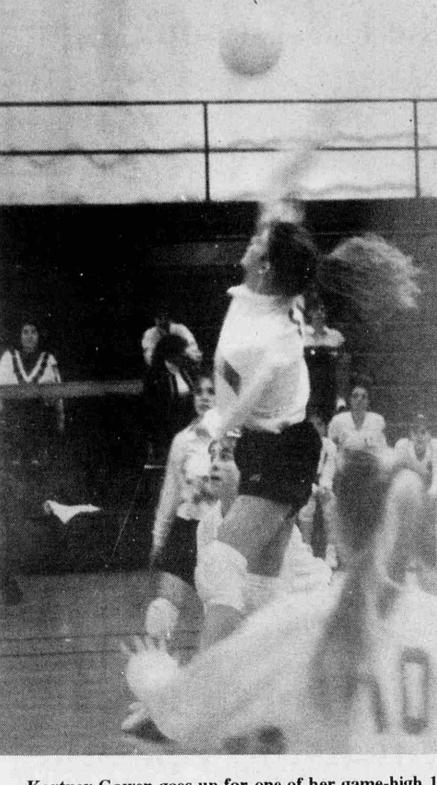
"If we get the ball over half body, but we've had problems doing that," Beachler said. "Brad (Holtz) has had a lot of pressure and has done an excellent job handling the ball for us. He continues to gain

Rogers outrebounded Lowell 27-22 The loss dropped Lowell

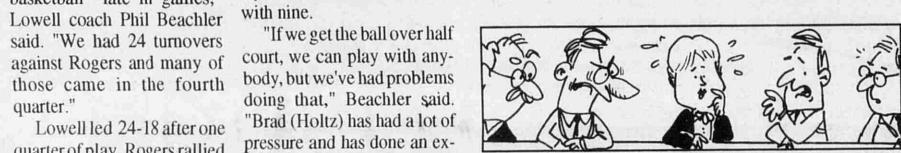
to 2-7 overall and 1-5 in the O-

If your child's mind is like a canvas,

Rogers improved to 5-5 overall and 4-2 in the league.



Kortney Gowen goes up for one of her game-high 11



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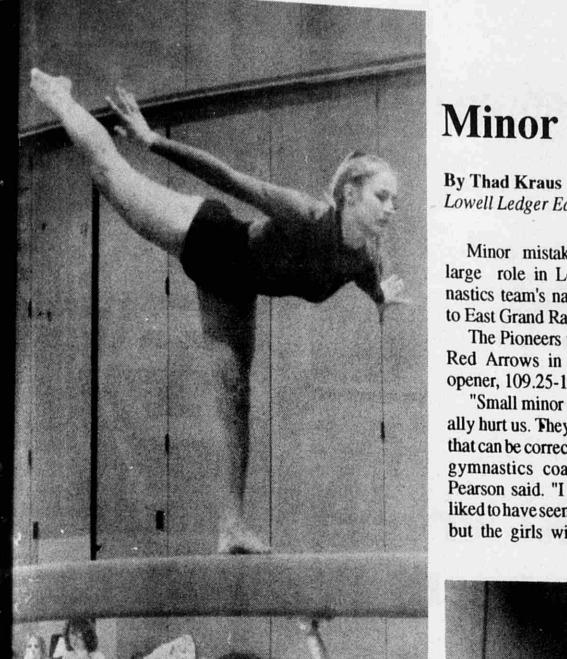
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Lowell's Lesley Murphy displays balance and grace on balance beam in a match against East Grand Rapids



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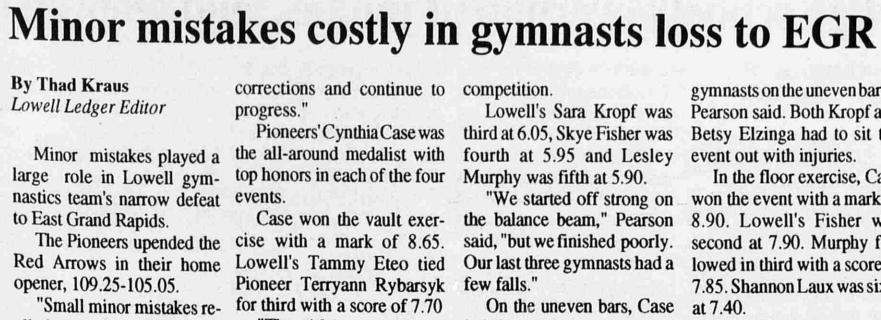
The Australian exchange

**Jody Hoffman** The senior has outstanding

udenthas averaged 15 points spirit and keeps an upbeat and nd 12 rebounds in his first positive attitude, according to negames for Lowell. Magro coach Christine Beachler. allied 21 points and 15 re- "Jody has done a fabulous ounds against Zeeland and job," Beachler said. "This is ored 10 points and cleared her first year of basketball glass for 11 rebounds cheerleading and she has caught on fast." Hoffman has also served as a football cheerleader for the past four

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"Small minor mistakes re- for third with a score of 7.70 ally hurt us. They're mistakes that can be corrected," Lowell the vault. They were taking 7.55. gymnastics coach Annette steps after their landing," Pearson said. "I would have Pearson said.

but the girls will make the tops in the balance beam Murphy was fifth at 5.50.

corrections and continue to competition.

Minor mistakes played a the all-around medalist with fourth at 5.95 and Lesley event out with injuries.

Case won the vault exerthe balance beam," Pearson 8.90. Lowell's Fisher was The Pioneers upended the cise with a mark of 8.65. said, "but we finished poorly. second at 7.90. Murphy fol-Red Arrows in their home Lowell's Tammy Eteo tied Our last three gymnasts had a lowed in third with a score of Pioneer Terryann Rybarsyk few falls."

liked to have seen us do better, Case's mark of 7.85 was with a score of 6.25, and bounds in the corner and had

Pioneers' Cynthia Case was third at 6.05, Skye Fisher was Betsy Elzinga had to sit the

On the uneven bars, Case at 7.40. "The girls were weak on led the way with a score of

third at 6.30. Eteo was fourth

The Red Arrows went into mance." the event short-handed. "We

gymnasts on the uneven bars, Lowell's Sara Kropf was Pearson said. Both Kropf and

In the floor exercise, Case "We started off strong on won the event with a mark of 7.85. Shannon Laux was sixth

"Minor mistakes kept our Lowell's Liz Arnold was scores down," Pearson said. "The girls stepped out of hesitations in their perfor-

Lowell will host Kenowa were without two of our better Hills on Wednesday (Jan. 26).

## Lowell wrestlers bury Pioneers, 73-0

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It turned out to be nothing more than a scrimmage, a poor scrimmage at that.

East Grand Rapids forfeited seven of the 13 weights. Lowell recorded pins in six weights and earned two de-0 win over the Pioneers.

The 73 points were the second highest scored by Lowell. In 1987, the Red Arrows tallied 77 points against Muskegon Catholic Central

Scott Swanson (103), Dan Spicer (112), Matt Osmolinski (119), Mike Rottier (125) Shane Risner (160), and Rich victories by way of forfeit.

Todd Lyonnais, 145

the first period. Cory Kirkbride, 152, pinned Chris Wagner at 5:18 of the third period. Tommy Dumas, 189,

pinned Bret Hinkle at 1:18 of the first period. Doug Weeks, 130,

decisioned Peter Hess 8-2. Matt Inman major cisions in the Red Arrows' 73- decisioned EGR's Chris Tolley 12-3 at 135 pounds.

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The new law further ensures that the Advocacy Assistance

Program remain at its current level of funding. This program

was established in 1989 to provide claimants and employers

review proceedings. This is a wonderful resource not only for

employers, but also for labor. The reforms will guarantee that

the program continues to assist workers. Under PA 311,

employers will also be allowed to use the funds for consultants

to advise them on how to lower their unemployment insurance

costs. If, at any time, funding is not appropriated for the

Advocacy Assistance program, the NBC tax will be restored

Public Act 311 also includes a modest increase in the

Account Billing Component (ABC) tax from .5 percent to .69

percent over a five-year period. The ABC tax is paid only by

employers who do not meet the required amount of reserves

for any particular year. They will simply pay a higher tax for

a shorter period of time. The end result will be the same--they

will have paid the same amount of money, but at a faster rate.

short, the new law will ensure that the Trust Fund, from which

unemployment insurance is drawn, will be solvent. It guar-

antees the money will be there to pay the bills. Not only will

those receiving unemployment insurance take comfort in this

fact, but businesses will as well. With an additional \$306

million in the Trust Fund, businesses across the state will

avoid the FUTA penalties. With more money in the hands of

Michigan employers, I believe our state will continue on its

LEGAL NOTICES

FILE NO. 94-157,453 IE JENDRASIAK, c/o JOHN

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JENDRASIAK.

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What is the overall meaning of these complex reforms? In

primarily small businesses.

## High school government junkies land seats on council and commission

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Beginning in February, there will be new faces sitting around the tables at the Lowell City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

Three Lowell High School junior representatives have been selected to serve on the city boards and council by government teachers, Steve Kampfschulte and Jack Ogle.

Nathan Livingston and Kyle Triplett will serve on the City Council, and Beth Pasqaule will serve on the Planning Commission.

"The juniors are in the Close-Up program which ties right into the study of government," Kampfschulte said. "These students are tops in a

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NOTICE

**BUDGET HEARING** 

There will be a budget hearing at the Lowell

harter Township Board meeting on February

1994 which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell

Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI

At such time, in accordance with the law, a

budget covering proposed expenditures and

estimated revenue of the Township shall be sub-

mitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed

budget are available at the Township Hall during

feel we are at a critical point in the Lowell School System.

"Childs and Associates" suggests.

regular office hours.

Superintendent of Schools

cc: Lowell Board of Education

Lowell School System

issues that are critical:

Mr. Fritz Esch

Dear Fritz.

number of areas of our gov- ticipation program was iniernment department. This will tially piloted through the co-that a pilot program was started be a fantastic experience for operative effort of the Kent

and council, the students will Commissioners Office. have a front seat look at how

ernment junkies who I'm sure School will take full advantage of the Spetoskey. opportunity," Kampfschulte said. "Not only will they participate, but it will also provide them experience in the areas of citizenship and

The selection criteria process was a narrow one. Students had to be juniors and show the skill and willingness to devote the time."

This type of student par-

County Controller's office and By sitting on the boards the Kent County Board of

A program was started in dent applications than openlocal government is run and 1986 by Grand Rapids City ings," said county controller Commissioner Jim Kozak and office coordinator Becky Ha-"These students are gov- Grand Rapids Union High vens." teacher Dan

With the expansion of the program to county boards, 23

In 1993, there were 14

new units of government opted and five with the metro coun-Last year was the first year to participate in 1994. "The response was overwith the county boards.

openings at the county level "There were many more stu-(Lowell, Rockford, Cedar

whelming," Havens said.

By combining cities, townships and the metro There were 12 students council, there were 136 open-

who took seats at the county ings. Through the program, level, 13 who were appointed 41 students have been placed, seats in six different cities according to Havens. "It's a great opportunity for Springs, Grandville, students to be involved in the

Kentwood and East Grand future development of our Rapids), 11 in the townships communities," she said.

## Making healthier choices made easier for shoppers at Family Fare

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Shopping for healthy foods can be time consuming as seen by reading the labels and looking for fat, cholesterol and fiber contents. Many foods are sold in a multitude of brands, each advertising their own claims about the product.

Family Fare, Spartan Stores, Inc., in a joint effort with the MedSport Preventive Cardiology Clinic at the University of Michigan Medical Center, thinks it has found a way to make healthy food shopping easier.

ping program was introduced at Family Fare outlets at the start of the year.

food choices."

Dietitians at the MedSport Clinic have researched over a green or yellow label on its 8,000 food products, and have shelf, that means it either identified the healthiest items hasn't been rated yet or it's not that are higher in dietary fiber, rated to be yellow or green," lower in fat, saturated fat, Coleman said. "The center cholesterol and sodium.

The healthy grocery shop-

"More and more people today are making an effort to make healthier food choices, about what they will buy and eat are made in the grocery store," said Lowell Family Fare store manager Larry Coleman. "With the M-Fit can provide shoppers with a 3:30 p.m. The fee will be \$18. simple way to make healthy

products have been divided into two groups for shoppers products that are the best choice for healthy eating and products that are an acceptable choice for healthy eating. been up and running, he has

Best choice products are received positive comments marked on Fare's shelves with special green shelf labels, while acceptable choice prod- in January because that's the ucts are marked with yellow time people begin to think

shelf labels. about dieting and their health," "If a food item doesn't have Coleman said.

The program also offers shoppers more information about healthy shopping in an easy-to-read reference book entitled "The Grocery Shopcontinues to test items. No ping Guide." The book feaone else in West Michigan tures an analysis of brand name products grouped by category, offers this service to its cusand uses the same green and tomers. It also serves to help vellow color identification system used by Family Fare to Coleman said in the two identify products that are the weeks that the program has best and acceptable choices

for healthy eating.

Family Fare serves customers from 11 locations in "The program was started Indiana and Michigan.

### Third Annual Winter Day and many of their decisions about what they will buy and scheduled for Franciscan Center

from Family Fare's customers.

velopment Center is offering Music Studio, for a group tion contact Sister Mary Mara Third Annual Winter Day music experience. Camp for seven to 12-year Shelf Labeling program, we olds on Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to

> The day will integrate many activities from various disciplines emphasizing the winter season. The children will participate in music, art and outdoor activities.

The group will join Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E./RMT-BC, the Direc-

The Franciscan Child De- tor of Franciscan Rhythms tion form or more informa-

garet, F.S.E. at the Child De-For directions, registra- velopment Center, 897-7842.



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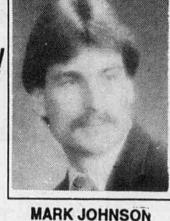


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low the issues and voice their concerns. They also have a right to bring these issues to the attention of the voters if they feel they are not being dealt with fairly. 2. If we choose to go with a technology that does not give every student the availability to have hands-on training on computers that will give them the competitive edge necessary to survive in the work world and in college, we must all face the consequences. I hope that you, Fritz, and the board, will choose the plan that

Carol L. Wells

I feel compelled to write to you and the Board of Education at this time because I

The past 4 months have seen a lot of friction and accusations made in the board

resolution of differences without losing control of the situation. There are two major

meetings and in the newspaper. I feel that the future of our school system depends on the

1. The ability and willingness of the board and the people to work together. This

means that the board must be honest and up front with the people, and be willing

to listen to the community on the issues. Especially when there is a large contin-

gency such as those who are opposed to the spending of the \$1.2 million on tech-

nologies as proposed by "Childs and Associates". The people of this community

must be willing to be patient and go through the proper channels when there is an

opposing view. The people of this district have every right and obligation to fol-

897-7600

Your decisions made on this issue will affect our kids for many years to come. This is something we will all have to live with. I hope you choose to spend this money wisely and not throw it away.

will give our kids more computers and related training and not the plan that

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Most Michigan employers will see considerable cost savings this year, thanks to legislation recently passed by the Michigan Senate and signed by Governor John Engler.

Senate Bill 2--now known as Public Act 311-- freezes the maximum unemployment insurance benefit for five years and saves Michigan job providers millions of dollars. These savings will result in a better economic climate, more jobs and

I believe this legislation is essential if we are to keep the momentum going in Michigan. The U.S. News and World Report's national survey in 1993 tabbed Michigan as the leader in job growth among industrialized states. Michigan was first with growth of 8.3 percent for two years running. Massachusetts was second with growth at slightly more than five percent.

\$21,350.

By Thad Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

We are fueling an economic turnaround by cutting taxes, employers who have had no benefit charges for the past five limiting the growth of government and putting money into the years will see a substantial decrease in their NBC Tax--from consumers' pockets, where it belongs.

Throughout the 1980's, while the nation's economy boomed, \$10.2 million savings annually for businesses across the state-Michigan's bloated government struggled to pay its bills. Deficiencies in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund forced the federal government to assess a tax against state

Public Act 311 boosts the trust fund's reserves and moves with information and assistance for referee and board of us toward elimination of that penalty.

Under the new law, the current maximum benefit amount will be frozen for five years, resulting in a \$306 million increase in the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Benefit Trust Fund. For five years, the rate will not rise with inflation. This \$306 million will ensure the solvency of the trust fund, thus eliminating the surcharge on Michigan businesses from Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) penalties they paid this past year. These penalties, amounting to \$77 per employee, were the result of an insolvent trust fund. Because the fund did not reach its proper reserve level, businesses were forced to make up the difference through these FUTA penalties. In addition to this \$77 savings, most Michigan businesses will receive a FUTA credit of \$37 per employee. These, combined, will provide Michigan businesses with savings of up to \$114 per employee.

With a lowering of the Nonchargeable Benefits Component (NBC) tax, the reforms further benefit businesses. Those

improvements of the walkway boat \$5,000 through block

Kraus asked that the coun-

to the Act allowing the state

Lowell's City Council took

verter clause and then to ad-

vertise the sale of the prop-

## City to decide fate of block grant funds at Feb. 7 public hearing

This year (1995-94) showood representative, also

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

\$3,000 from the general fund ment of rails, ramps and seat- block grant funds for the use master plan process and mon- and ies for existing sidewalks ex- unprogrammed community Amphitheatre along with cept for the downtown area block grant funds, totaling funds that could be used for cil consider giving the Show-(DDA project) are proposed projects recommended for council consideration at a Feb. 7 public hearing by Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale.

Reverter clause released The city of Lowell receives Community Development Block Grant funds through Kent County.

By approving an agreement with the county which outlines the responsibilities of ral Resources field examiner gible to receive a projected clause on the property at 733 \$41,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994 along with \$3,403.24

\$22,765 for sidewalk handi- road cap ramps and \$18,235 for the three-year master plan

had a reverter clause to the Michigan to the city of Lowell state if not used for its in- under Act 223, P.A. 1909 prior tended purpose.

\$15,000 was taken from the asked that the council con- Shores said she hoped the

community block grant, sider funds for the improve- council could find community

\$3,403 from ing at the Lowell Showboat of the Showboat.

Thad Kraus, Lowell leading to the amphitheatre. grant funds.

The Department of Naturecommended that the reverter W. Main be released.

The property is currently in being utilized by Wittenbach Olds-Pontiac-GMC. The par-At the Feb. 7 public hear- cel of land, located on the ing, the council will consider north side of W. Main, adspending funds totaling joins the Mid Michigan Rail-

> The Michigan Department of Natural Resources noted that property tax delinquency

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

**TEXT AMENDMENTS** 

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township

Planning Commission shall hold a public hear-

ing to hear citizens' comments regarding pro-

posed text amendments to the Grattan Township

Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be

held on February 2, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at th

Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road,

Belding, MI 48809. All interested persons are

The proposed text amendments include rev

The proposed zoning amendments may be ex-

amined at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old

Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809, between the

hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through

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nvited to attend.

Thursday.

According to Jim Marfia, to convey property without a city assessor, the property is reverter valued at \$13,000. The proceeds from this sale action first to remove the re-

must be distributed to all the local taxing units. The parcels of the deeds erty.

were conveyed by the state of



Ederle, aged 19 in 1926 when she accomplished the feat.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT** 

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate File No. 94-157,425 IE

Estate of MARGARETTA SHAW, Deceased SSN: 378-22-7814

TO ALL INTERESTED **PERSONS: Your interest** in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 726 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, MI 49331 died October 1, 1993. An instrument dated April MICHAEL J. TUMMINO, 14. 1988 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that 897-5931

all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative JAMES **VANDENHOUT**, 7835 Woodville, Alto, MI 49302 or DONNA HAHN, 451 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney-At-Law (P21618) 311 East Main Street Lowell, MI 49331

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT** 

1/10/94.

ceased.

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 94-157,430 IE Estate of LENA M.

MERKLINGER, Deceased SSN: 363-42-0221

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 10862 Cascade Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 died December 6, 1993. An instrument dated April 16, 1992 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the de- 897-5931

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## City of Lowell agrees to collect summer taxes for school

Thad Kraus owell Ledger Editor

Lowell School's summer property taxes will be colected by the city, following ouncil approval at its Jan. 17

The Lowell School Board, a special meeting earlier

to keep its options open in lected 20 in the summer and 15 sales tax vote. regards to collecting 50 or 100 20 in the winter. percent of its taxes in the sum-

additional five mills for debt

this month, stated its intention retirement. The school col- on the outcome of the March collected in the summer and

tion open stems from the fact that property tax mills levied this year were 35 mills plus an

The need to have the opon open stems for the opone open stems for the opopen stems to six or 12 mills, depending mills in full, three less than it cash flow problem until it re- ing the monies to the school

It the state-revised plan With the new state-revised calls for collecting 12 mills lecting only half of the pos-

School officials said col-

The city will collect the property taxes at no fee, but it bank deposit before distribut-

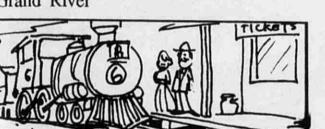
#### City approves Sale of vacated bid resolution Clarke Street lot By Thad Kraus clears up confusion Lowell Ledger Editor

y Thad Kraus owell Ledger Editor

Gary Glownia, president was still owned by the city. It was thought to have been acquired by Grand River

by the city charter. Grand River Investments

provided the only offer for purchase of the parcel. It offered \$1,326.64, the identical value calculated by city as-



The first public railroads began in England in 1825. agreement regarding the use

In the department of re-Investments in exchange for dundancy, the city of Lowell property with the city in 1988. was required by the state to cated Clarke Street to meet petitive bid requirement.

the proper rear yard setbacks ies to seek a sealed competi- services specifically. City attorney Dick Wendt tive bid policy for any con- The state-required resolustated that it was necessary to tract of \$20,000 or more if it is tion had to be acted on by Jan. sell the property as provided to qualify for state revenue- 31

"This seems redundant in that the city already requires a sealed competitive bid for any contract over \$5,000," Mayor

While the city's current In examining the site plan, pass a resolution that com- purchasing policy is stricter, it was necessary for the va- plies with the state sealed com- city attorney Dick Wendt said it does not exempt professional The resolution requires cit-services, emergency repairs or

## City, Little League and YMCA extend contract

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

proved the continuation of an ments, the council approved

of Creekside Park ball fields with the Lowell Little League and YMCA. As with the last two agree-

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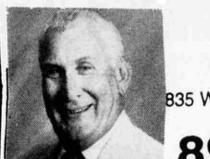
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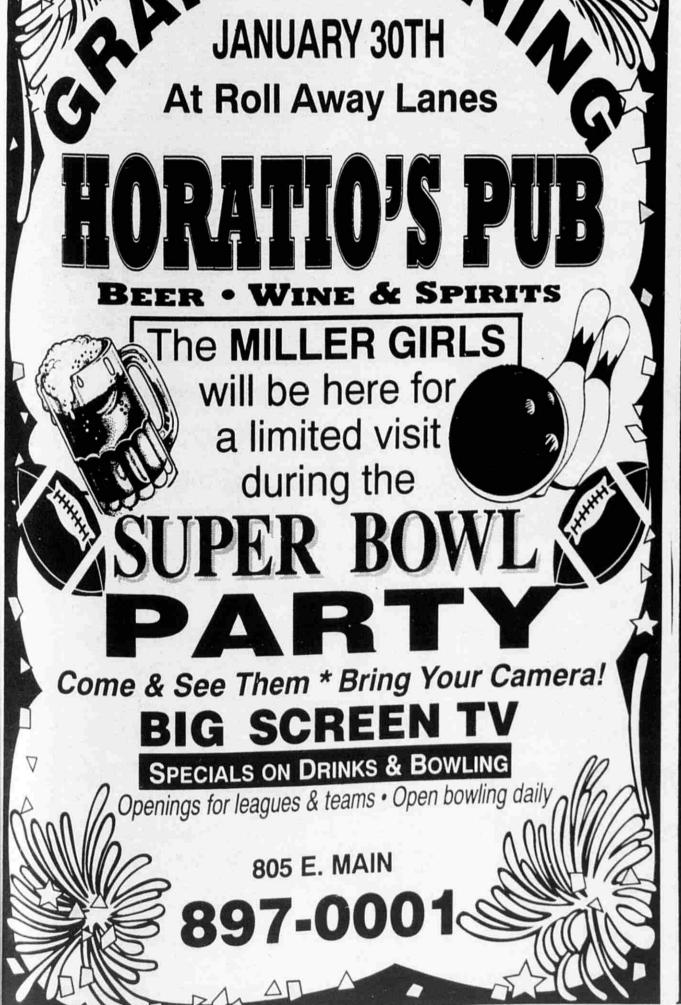


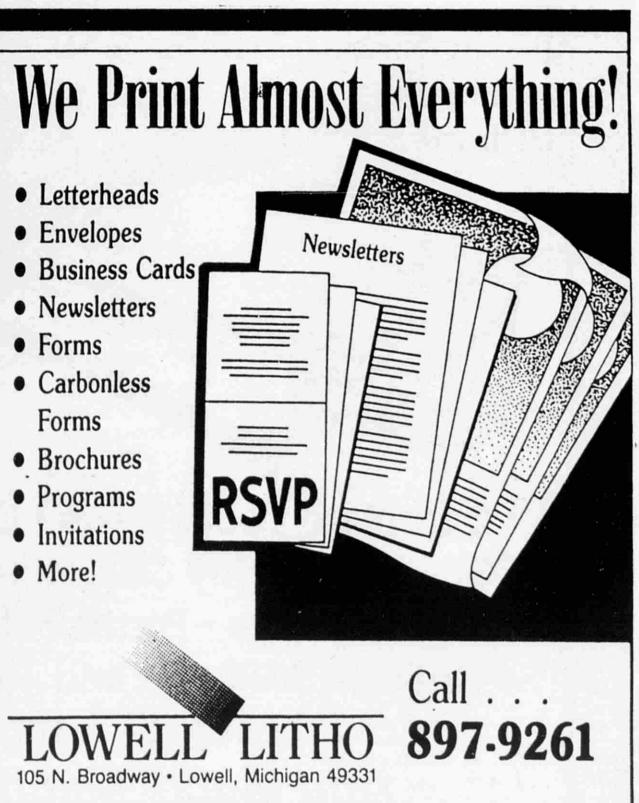
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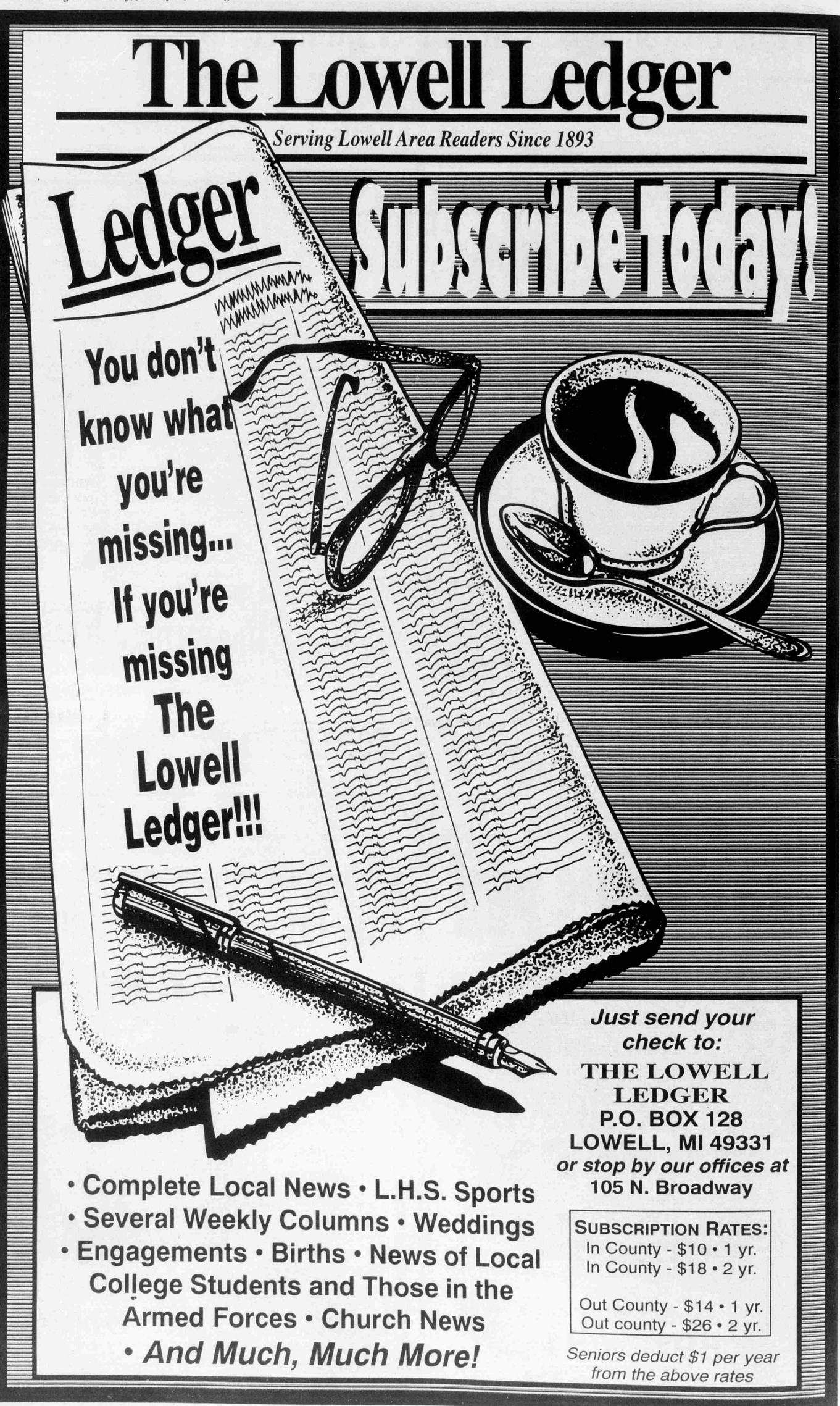
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IN MEMORY OF - Bill Dawson, who passed away 10 years ago this week. \$\$\$-Working part time from January 27, 1984.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## **EVENTS**

#### LOIS GELDERSMA - who passed away one year ago January 28, 1993.

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing

We thought about you yes terday and days before that

We think of you in silence we often speak your name All we have is memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never

God has you in his keeping. We have you in our We love you mom

> Husband, Bill children Russell & Stephanie & Fami Chuck & Donni & Family Don & Jean & Family

### appreciation to Charles and Arta Melle for furnishing the Memorial Plaque in recog-

nition of our deceased VFW

Many thanks. Margaret L. Gardner

A SPECIAL THANKS - to all family & friends, that at-A place that knows no hurt tended my 80th birthday

Maisie Holtz

by your daughter, I WISH TO THANK - my friends and neighbors for the plants and cards I received while in the hospital

John Jones

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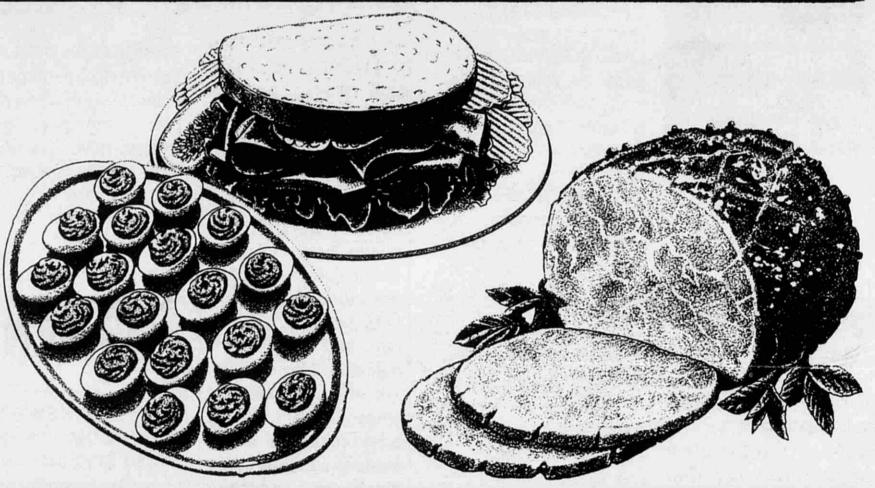
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