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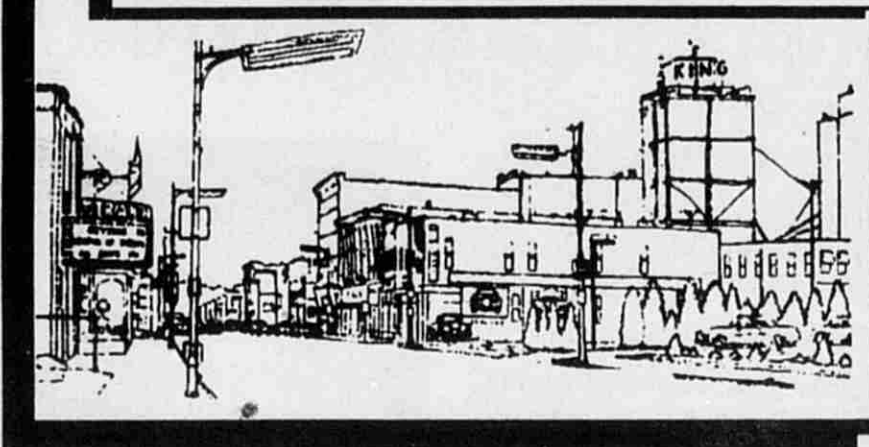
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Along Main Street



### CORRECTION

In the Jan. 26 edition of The Lowell Ledger, the story entitled "Selection committee to use KISD in appointment to fill school board vacancy left by Kohler's resignation" inadvertently said Barbara Kropf was one of six candidates interested in filling the board seat.

That is incorrect. It should have read: Barbara Knauf. The Ledger apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR ALL NIGHT SENIOR PARTY

Plan to attend the organizational meeting for the "All Night Senior Party." The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room A-1 in the high school.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 8.

### COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING

There will be a college financial aid meeting at Lowell High School Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Financial aid officers from local colleges will help fill out forms for parents who need assistance.

### "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 Thornton 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 cafeteria. For more information the LAAC office, 149 South Hudson, is open Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m., or call 897-8545.

### STUDENT AMBASSADORS FUND-RAISER DATE CHANGED

The date, for the bottle and can drive to help four Lowell People-to-People student ambassadors go to New Zealand and Australia this summer, has been changed to Feb. 12 due to the recent ice storms.

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

### 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.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

David Ellison, 33, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 22 on a bench warrant for failure to appear in an Ionia County court.

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## KISD given complete control in school board appointment; recommendation to be made at Feb. 14 meeting

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Given the amount of controversy surrounding the appointment to fill the Lowell Board of Education seat vacated by Charlie Kohler back in December and the advice of legal council, the Kent County Intermediate School District Board will make the choice of who fills the seat vacated by Kohler.

"Because of the preference to have the local school board make the decision, the KISD was originally going to poll the Lowell School Board for input before making its decision, but because of the amount of controversy, it will

not do that," said KISD Superintendent George Woons.

The KISD superintendent said its board will conduct interviews of the six candidates on Feb. 10 starting at 4:30 p.m. Woons said he believed a recommendation would be made to the Lowell School Board at the Feb. 14 meeting.

"The KISD board will then make a clear decision," Woons said. "The appointment will be good until the annual election in June."

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch has sent Woons copies of all six candidates' letters of interest.

Woons said this is only the second time in 14 years

the KISD has had to make a choice for a school board. "By law we must get involved. It serves as a backup plan," he said.

Originally chairman Norm Byrne and committee members Marcia Wilcox and Chris VanAntwerp were going to give the KISD three recommendations. The KISD would then be allowed to choose any one of the three or it could choose from all six.

"We never did formally meet," Byrne said. "We decided because of the controversy not to make any recommendations. Thus, the KISD will be in complete control of the choice."

Byrne added that after

checking a couple of times, he is comfortable that no letter of interest was accepted after the 4 p.m. deadline on Jan. 6.

In separate talks with five of the six candidates (Annie Mulder was out of the country), the Ledger learned that Mark Blanding and Barbara Knauf turned their letters in the morning of Jan. 6, beating the 4 p.m. deadline.

Ellen McClain sent her letter in two days after Kohler's resignation. It was sent to board president Ray Quada.

Dennis Brown sent his letter in on Dec. 28.

Sandren Schollaart said he dropped off his letter of interest at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6.

## Vergennes' deputy clerk creates flag for Township

### Historical roots used to help symbolize county

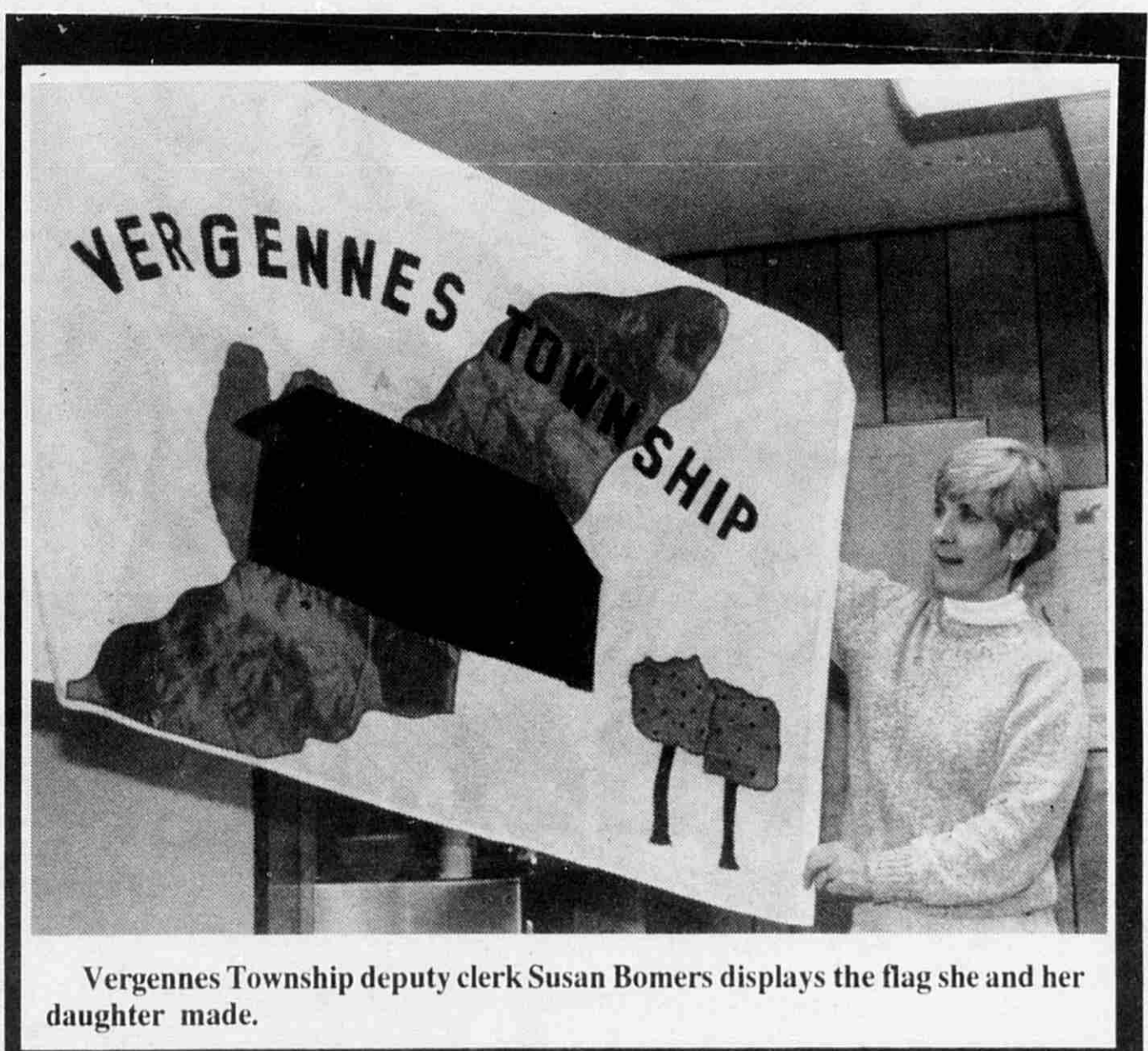
By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Deputy Clerk Susan Bomers took a fun and creative project and turned it into Vergennes Township's flag.

Bomers, 7 Cumberland Ave., made the flag with the help of her daughter Mary Johnston, 8209 Alaska Ave., at the request of the Vergennes Township Board. The board used the flag to represent itself at the annual Michigan Township Association's convention held at Detroit's Renaissance Center Jan. 18-21.

The flag was brought to the convention by the township's clerk Jean Hoffman. It was one of eight flags representing townships in Kent County at the convention. The convention brings representatives from townships across the state together for a weekend filled with seminars and other activities.

Bomers says she got her daughter's help because she does this kind of work and she had the machines to make the project feasible. Johnston operates a sewing business out of her home called Custom



Vergennes Township deputy clerk Susan Bomers displays the flag she and her daughter made.

Mary's.

Bomers says the only guideline the township gave her was to have the Fallsburg Bridge as a symbol of the county. The overall design was created by her and her daughter.

"The flag shows the covered bridge in the foreground with the Flat River behind it. In the corner stand two apple trees, which represent the township's agricultural roots," says Bomers.

The project took the two eight hours to complete at a cost of \$150. The cost included the flag pole on which

it sits, labor and materials.

"We enjoyed doing this together. My daughter is very

creative and it was fun working with her on a project like this," said Bomers.



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# OBITUARIES

**ARDIS** - Donald S. Ardis, aged 27, of Ionia, passed away January 23, 1994. Surviving are his wife Wendy; one son Nicholas; one daughter Aubrey; one step-daughter, Nicole; his father Howard Ardis of Ionia; his mother Charlene Flinn of Grand Rapids; grandparents Samuel and Helen Stowell of Palo, Gertrude Dowsett of Lowell; one brother Howard Timothy of Ionia; two stepbrothers; three stepsisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. Services were held Jan. 26 with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

**HULST** - John Hulst died Friday, Jan. 28, 1994 at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo. John was born March 24, 1915 in Cutlerville, the son of the late John and Lucy Hulst. He was a 30 year member and former Deacon of the Doster Reformed Church. John had retired from Fisher Body Grand Rapids in 1972 after 38 years of service. He was preceded in death by two sisters Clara McPherson and Lois Schooley. On March 20, 1964, he married Joan Breen and she survives. Also surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Pat and John Boom of Alto; two grandchildren and their spouses, Kathy and Tom Adgate and John and Diana Boom, five great-grandchildren; eight brothers

and sisters, Jerry Hulst, Jeanette Coeling, Josephine Ferner, Clarence, Aldred, Richard, Donald and Marvin Hulst; sisters and brothers-in-law, Howard and Sharon Breen, Dick and Pat Breen, Ken and Joyce Sterk. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Doster Reformed Church with Pastor Jeffrey VanDerWeele officiating. Burial was in Chapel Hill Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Doster Reformed Church.

**MEAD** - Mr. Richard Fay Mead, aged 70, of Alto, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 29, 1994. He is survived by his wife Freda; his children Sheila Vincent, Trudy and Arlan King, Lydia and Lonnie Rives, Richard A. Mead and Brian Lee Mead; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; his sisters Betty Jean Purchase and Darlene Mongar; his brother Lawrence Mead; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) in Luther, MI.

**OMILIAN** - Mr. Raymond (Chuck) Omilian, aged 75, of Kentwood, passed away Friday, Jan. 28, 1994. He is survived by his wife Emmaline; loving mother-in-law Emma Cross; two sisters Marie

Mungerson, Dorothy Lyon and several brothers and sisters-in-law. Mr. Omilian was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the Marine Corps. He was an active member of Amvets Post 23, Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 809 of Lowell, also a charter member of the American Legion Post 459, 40 et 8 Voiture 553, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 8864, and Kent County Honor Guard. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Mark F. Bauer Celebrant. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. For those who wish, contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

**RITTENGER** - Glenn Ray Rittenger, aged 69, of Greenville, formerly of Lowell, died January 26, 1994 at his home. He was born November 15, 1924 in Lowell, the son of Ray W. and Bertha Visser Rittenger. He had been a watch maker for over 42 years and had owned jewelry stores in Portland and Lowell before moving to Greenville in 1962. He was a member of the American Watchmakers Institute, The Michigan Watchmakers Guild and a member of the Ray I. Booth Post #101 American Legion. He is survived by his wife, the former Susie Heuker whom he married on September 30, 1954; three daughters, Gayle and Doug Vernier of Cedar Falls, IA, Sana and Sam Vukson of Allen Park, Diana

Rittenger of Gowen; a son, Glenn Ray Rittenger Jr. and his wife Diana of Milford; four grandchildren, Melanie Vernier, Adam Vernier, Tyler Ray Rittenger and Marshall Ray Rittenger; an aunt, Lucille Visser of Grand Rapids; cousins, Marian Conley of Highland, TX, Carol and Jim Vanlente of Holland, Jane and Jerry Jaspers of Highpointe, NC, Mary and Roger Lewis of Lansing, Howard and Nancy Rittenger of Alma, Ellen Trumbo of State College, PA and Margaret and Fred Campbell of Temple Terrace, FL. Also surviving are sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws, Stena and Al Schepers of McBain, Ann and Nelson DeYoung of Grand Rapids, Jeanette Rozema of Dutton, Herm and Alice Heuker of Hudsonville and Bertie and Ken Agema of Wyoming and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at The Brown-Teman Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Young officiating. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

**REYNOLDS** - Marjorie C. Reynolds, aged 77, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, died January 29, 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert M. Sr. She is survived by her children K. Elizabeth Reynolds, Herbert M. (Alexis) Reynolds Jr., all of Grand Rapids, Margaret (Gentry) Dunlop of Aurora, CA; sister Maxine Ecklund



Don Rocheleau

of CA; grandchildren Jason, Colbie, Matthew, Quinn, Tegan and Connor. Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 3 p.m. at the O'Brien Chapel, Grand Rapids Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Heart Association or charity of one's choice.

## Attwood's Rocheleau acknowledged by NMMA with Chapman Award

Don Rocheleau, chairman and chief executive officer of Lowell, Mich.-based Attwood Corp., the world's largest supplier of marine hardware and accessories for pleasure boats, recently was honored by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) by receiving its Charles F. Chapman Award. The award is presented annually to a group or individual whose contributions to the sport of boating have benefited the industry and the public.

The award, co-sponsored by the NMMA and *Motor Boating & Sailing* magazine, is named after the publication's former publisher, Charles F. Chapman. Rocheleau received the award as a result of his efforts in merging two industry associations into a single organization, the NMMA. He was also instrumental in organizing and funding the Marine Industry Hall of Fame. Rocheleau was appointed to serve a three-year term on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council in 1993. He also served as chairman of the Boating Industry Association in 1979 and the NMMA in 1983. He has served on the NMMA board since 1969. Attwood Corporation is a subsidiary of Steelcase Inc., and manufactures and markets an extensive line of pleasure boat accessories including pumps, blowers, deck hardware, navigation lights and electrical equipment.

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# TOWN TALK

At the Super Bowl on Sunday the confederate flag was raised with the United States flag. People protested saying it honored at time in history we should not be proud of and that it represented racism. Do you think the flag should or should not have been raised?



Neil DenBraven

It doesn't matter to me, as long as they didn't disgrace the American flag.

Tim Lenneman

I have no problem with people honoring the state flag. I just think they should have done it separately and not with the U.S. flag.

Patti Downs

I think it was fine I don't think people looked at it as being racist.

Ed Marshall

They should have left it down. It has been a couple hundred years. I don't think it belonged.

Jim Turner

Yes. State flags stand for various different things. Its state's history is unfortunate, but it is part of the state's history.

Linda Kazemier

I think it was fine. The flag represents what was wrong and people know and remember that.



Barb Rush

It doesn't matter. It is part of its history, so it's okay.



Lynn Brown

I objected to it. They changed the flag after segregation was outlawed in schools. If it represents something that's unconstitutional, then it shouldn't be reflected in the flag.

## Root Lowell gets rezoning recommendation

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The possibility of future development at Root Lowell was enhanced as the Lowell Planning Commission approved giving the City Council a recommendation for its request for rezoning.

Root Lowell requested a rezoning for its rear 26.74 acres of property from R3 to industrial.

Root Lowell president Dennis Cece stated that the property currently zoned multiple family residential is bordered by a subdivision and park development as well as

the railroad. The rezoning will also allow Root Lowell, 1000 Foreman, to expand in the future.

The property is bordered by Chadalee Farms and Creekside Park on the west, the railroad on the east, and the Valley Vista subdivision on the south.

Debra Wilk, Root Lowell representative, said that the property has been Root Lowell's for some time and there is a possibility for future expansion.

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# LHS February Students-of-the-Month

Five students have been selected as the February students-of-the-month at Lowell High School. They are seniors Jennifer Lynn Copeland and Christopher Scoles, junior Anastasia Luyk, sophomore Tammy Stauffer, and freshman Andy Smith.

Copeland is the daughter of Robert and Patty Copeland of Lowell. Her teacher nominators recommended Copeland because "she is in the class to get all she can from it, and she participates and cooperates." Copeland says her favorite classes are art and English. She will attend Central Michigan University where she plans on studying for either a career in elementary education or fashion merchandising.

She has been on the honor roll since her sophomore year and has been the recipient of both a white and red card in the Renaissance Program. As a freshman, Copeland was a member of the JV basketball team, the International Club, and Teens Involved. She continued basketball and International Club in her sophomore year. She is active in the youth group at First Baptist Church of Lowell. In her spare time, Copeland enjoys basketball, shopping, and traveling.

Scoles is the son of Gary and Sue Scoles of Lowell. He has been honored by the Renaissance Program, holding a red card. He has been on the honor roll all four years of high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. In his last two years in high school, Scoles has shown an interest in politics and other countries, joining the Model United Nations Team, Close-

Up and International Club. He is a member of the youth fellowship of the Lowell United Methodist Church, where he serves as treasurer.

Scoles also holds down a part-time job delivering pizzas for Faro's. Scoles began high school playing three sports: soccer, basketball, and tennis. He served as captain of his sophomore soccer team. In the last two years of high school he continued soccer and tennis. To improve his soccer skills, he traveled to Europe with a soccer team. Scoles plans on entering Michigan Technological University as an engineering student in the fall.

His teacher nominator feels he will be successful at his future plans as he has been able to handle a well-rounded schedule of school, sports, and work and has been responsible to his commitments, adding that he is "respectful and pleasant" in class.

Luyk is the daughter of Daniel and Kristine Luyk of Lowell. She hopes to be able to enter medical school and study to become an anesthesiologist; therefore, she works hard for good grades. She has been on the honor roll since beginning LHS and has received a gold card (which designates all A's) from the Renaissance Program. She has been awarded her academic letter and has received an scholar-athlete award. While not neglecting her studies, Luyk has found time for many varied pursuits during her three years at LHS.

Her participation includes the following: Student Council, Model United Nations Team, Close-Up, Interna-

tional Club, Forensics, National Honor Society, Teens Involved, D.A.R.E., and Prom Committee. Her participation in Symphonic Band has led to performances at Solo and Ensemble Festival. Outside of school, Luyk helps teach "Tots Praise" at the Ada Community Reformed Church and works in the kitchen at Cumberland Manor.

She has been a member of the cross-country, volleyball, and softball teams and has earned a softball letter. Luyk's teacher nominator praises her for her hard work and positive attitude in the classroom, adding that she is an excellent participant of group work or class discussion.

Stauffer is the daughter of Dave and Sandy Stauffer of Lowell. She played on the Junior Varsity basketball team during her freshman year, and this year her skills were rewarded by promotion to the Varsity lineup. She also plays A. A. U. basketball to keep up her skills. As a gold card holder in the Renaissance Program, Stauffer was awarded a scholar athlete award in her freshman year. She also earned a gold card this year.

As a freshman, Stauffer was on the freshman volleyball team and the varsity softball team. She was a member of FFA during the ninth grade. Her interest in sports has led her to consider a career in physical therapy. Stauffer's teacher nominator praises her for an outstanding job in the classroom, describing her as "always prepared, eager to participate, and friendly and courteous."

Smith is the son of Craig and Jeanne Smith of Lowell.



February Students-of-the-Month at Lowell High School are, left to right: freshman, Andy Smith; sophomore, Tammy Stauffer; junior, Anastasia Luyk and seniors, Jennifer Copeland and Christopher Scoles.

He has earned a spot on the honor roll during his first semester of attendance at LHS and earned a gold card in the Renaissance Program this quarter. He was selected as class president by the Class of '97 and represents them on

the Student Council. So far, Smith has participated in both football and basketball. His teacher nominator calls him a model student and a leader in the classroom.

These five students represent Lowell High School

with skills and attributes which make them role models for their classmates. The faculty, staff, and administration ask the public to join in commending them for their performance.

## Future Harvest Academic Salute given to Lowell's Bennett

Shannon Bennett, of Lowell, was named an honoree in the Future Harvest Academic Salute. The program is sponsored state-wide by the Farm Credit Service Centers of Michigan, WWJ Newsradio 95, and the Detroit Lions. Bennett, a 17-year-old senior at Lowell High School, was one of only 14 students selected from high school students across the state.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Bennett will receive a \$100 savings bond and was recognized by Mark Champion during the Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day Lions

broadcast on the state-wide radio network. Bennett's name appeared on the scoreboard several times saluting her as a Future Harvest Star. She and three companions were guests of Farm Credit Services at the Lions/Bears game. Bennett was selected due to her accomplishments both on and off the field. She has carried a 3.9 grade point average while being active in cheerleading and softball.

Bennett is both editor-in-chief of her school yearbook and president of her senior class. She is also active in band, forensics, the Young



Shannon Bennett

Republicans and the National Honors Society. In addition, she has represented Lowell as the Showboat Queen.

This very busy teen plans to continue her studies at a four-year university, majoring in Film and Video Production.

Future Harvest Academic Salute recipients were selected based on achievement, potential and leadership skills. The students were nominated by their parents and are selected by a panel of educators and Farm Credit Service employees.

Most race horses are thoroughbreds—horses whose ancestry can be traced back to any of three Arabian stallions that were taken to England in the 1600s and 1700s: Byerly Turk, Darley Arabian and the Godolphin Barb.

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# Arty Award bestowed on Jim and Cheryl Blodgett

Jim and Cheryl Blodgett were honored with the Lowell Area Arts Council's highest award at the Annual Meeting on January 20. The Blodgetts were the joint recipients of the Annual Arty Award, given to members whose volunteer time has significantly contributed to the work of the LAAC and the promotion of the arts in the community.

They moved to Lowell in 1975 when they began their employment with the Lowell Area Schools, he as an elementary teacher and she as a middle school counselor. They have been members of

the Arts Council from its beginning, signing the Charter at the organizational meeting in 1977.

Anyone who has followed the 16 years of LAAC plays has been aware of the Blodgetts' main emphasis in the Arts Council. In 1978, when the LAAC staged its first production, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Cheryl was a major member of the cast, playing Martha, one of the poisonous old ladies. She remembers this as one of her favorite roles. Since then, she has had a role in nine plays. This year's production, *Our Town*, will mark her tenth role.

Of all the many characters she has brought to life, her favorite was Maritza in *The Creature Creeps*.

When asked which plays were her favorites, she admits to liking the more macabre productions like *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *The Haunting of Hill House*, and *The Creature Creeps*. In addition, Cheryl has directed one play, *Ten Little Indians*, and has served as assistant director once, co-producer once, and official photographer once.

Jim has been co-producer of four plays and is currently producing his fifth. He has

also served as assistant director twice. In addition, he appears on the credits of many of the sixteen plays as having had a part in stage management, lights, set, sound, special effects, or photography.

His favorite productions have been *Strange Bedfellows*, for which he was assistant director, and *You Can't Take It With You*, for which he served as co-producer. The Blodgetts have also volunteered in many other ways during their membership in the Arts Council. They have worked at Art Train visits, Fallsburg Fall Festivals, and in the LAAC Gallery. Jim is

beginning his second year as co-chair of the Board of Directors.

This is the third term he has served on the Board of Directors over the years. Cheryl also served a term on

the board at which time she was historian. Receiving the Arty Award is a way for the LAAC to thank the Blodgetts for many years of support and promotion of the arts in Lowell.



Jim and Cheryl Blodgett

## M-21 study moves forward - could be completed in eight months

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

A study of the intersection at M-21, Alden Nash and Bowes Rd. officially got under way with a work plan presentation by Tim Johnson of the engineering firm Moore and Bruggink Monday night.

Johnson was hired to update Lowell Township's master plan and give any recommendations to the Township. The work will include: 1) Analyzing future traffic conditions at the intersection and recommending alternative solutions to resolve the problems the new high school could cause; 2) Reviewing traffic conditions on M-21, west of the Lowell city limits, for the purpose of implementing controlling recommendations. These could include driveway relocation, landscaping and sign improve-

ments; 3) Analyzing the impact the new high school will have in the area; and 4) Recommending the land density for this area based on the desires of the township officials and residents of Lowell.

Johnson plans on meeting with the Planning Commission on a monthly basis to update them on his progress.

The engineering firm plans to review the current conditions of the area to identify problems. This will include field trips, map preparation, and discussions with township officials and residents in the area. The focus of the study will be on land use and traffic concerns. The firm will utilize previously prepared traffic studies.

They will also review a study done in 1989 by Ed

Swanson. The study was to determine a need for a traffic light at the intersection. The light was never installed, but with the expected traffic influx due to the new high school, a light may be necessary.

"The initial study didn't take into consideration a possibility of a new high school, but I think a light may have to be installed," said Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson.

The Swanson study was funded by a Federal Block Grant at a cost of \$8,000. The new study will also be funded by a Federal Block Grant, but at a cost of \$13,000. The new study will be more in-depth than the one done in 1989.

After analyzing the conditions in the area, the firm will

have a meeting with the Planning Commission and Township Board. Following that meeting a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission. When all sides of the project are heard from, a final document will be prepared. This document will include steps to implement the recommendations of the plan and may include specific changes to the Township's zoning ordinances.

It is expected to take seven to eight months before the study is complete.

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# Horatio's Pub bowls over customers with grand opening

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Horatio's Pub bowled its customers over for its Grand Opening on Super Bowl Sunday.

A big screen television, refreshing spirits, The Miller Girls and specials for open bowling were available to

those patrons in attendance on Sunday.

"We've been working day and night for two weeks in preparation for our grand opening," Carol Bardwell said.

Carol and Harry Bardwell, who purchased Roll Away Lanes in 1988, decided that in order for it to compete on a fair basis with its competition,

adult beverages need to be sold.

When a liquor license became available, the Bardwells applied and received one. "Because there is a limit to the number of licenses in each area, there was not one

available to us until recently," Bardwell said.

Along with liquor, Horatio's Pub will also offer a snack bar which will include sandwiches, hamburgers, french fries and mozzarella sticks.

"We're very excited. This is something we can do for the bowlers and leagues that use our facility," Harry Bardwell said. "It has been something they've been asking for."

Horatio's Pub will be open from noon until midnight seven days a week.

Bardwells derived at the name for their pub by looking

no further than the street it's located on. "Horatio is an unusual name. The name reminds me of a pub you might find on a corner in a European city," Carol Bardwell said. "I think the name will attract some attention."

The Bardwells are also hopeful Horatio's Pub will have an added impact on their bowling leagues next year.

## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

Catherine Gans, 45, of Grand Rapids, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 26 when she backed into a vehicle owned by Allen Wisner 73, of Lowell, in the FMB Bank lot on East Main.

Mark Edwards, 32, of Wyoming, slid on ice while attempting to park his vehicle in a parking lot at Chatham and Amy and struck a parked pickup truck owned by Alice Monks, of Lowell, Jan. 28. No injuries were reported.

Amy Phelps, 33, of Saranac, reported her car stolen, Jan. 28, while it was parked on Jefferson Street just north of Main. Lowell officers located it and returned it later in the day.

Bonnie Ball, 31, of Lowell, reported to Lowell police that her vehicle was taken from the 100 block of Jefferson Street Jan. 29.

A third vehicle owned by Yvonne Swift was stolen from the Rite Aid parking lot on East Main Jan. 30 and was found by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department early in the evening. All three stolen vehicles were parked with the keys left in the ignitions.

A vehicle stolen from Clinton County Jan. 30 was recovered by Lowell officers within 1 1/2 hours of the theft in Keiser's parking lot on East Main.

# Formal decision on Estes special use permit to be made on Feb. 14

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

A special use permit may be issued to Kay Estes after Lowell's Planning Commission heard no objections at a public hearing last week.

The public hearing was to determine if the commission would issue a special use permit to turn a two-story building, at Segun Ave. and Grand River Dr., from a commercial operation into a two-family dwelling.

Estes told the commission that the building has been used for many non-conforming purposes in the past and feels the special use permit would turn the property into its proper

use. She also stated if the commission grants the permit, the building will stay with that designation.

The building most recently served as a veterinarian clinic. The clinic was moved to a new location, opening the way to convert the building.

Estes informed the commission that only two families would occupy the building. She says there would be one apartment upstairs and one downstairs.

The meeting was attended by several neighbors, but nobody voiced their displeasure with the idea.

The commission will make a formal decision on its next regular meeting Feb. 14.



### BOOK REVIEW

I left the library with a grocery sack of new books: easy reader, juvenile and young adult selections. I most often choose books from the juvenile section, but this time my bag of books had been selected for me - a nice surprise.

Instead of doing a column on a book or two, I thought I would list some of the books that stood out to me as quite interesting.

In the easy reader section, *AMAZING RESCUES* by George Shea was exciting to read, as was scary book, *SHORTCUT* by Donald Crews. The "identification of months" book for young children, *HOW DO YOU SAY IT TODAY, JESSE BEAR?* by Nancy Calstrom will be enjoyable for parent and child to read together, as well as *COCKATOOS* by Quentin Blake. This book about a confused professor and his birds will delight the younger set.

The story of *BOOTSIE BARKER BITES* by Barbara Bottner was a real favorite of mine, a "get even" book about a nasty little girl who is finally conquered by her victim. There are always endearing surprises in the juvenile section and I found three of them: *SONG LEE IN ROOM 2B* by Suzy Kline, *THE STINKY SNEAKERS CONTEST* by Julie Anne Peters and *LUCKY IN LEFTFIELD* by Betsy Duffey. For any young girl who is interested in dance, Rumer Gooden's book, *LISTEN TO THE NIGHTINGALE* is a good way to introduce this author of many books.

The most exciting find for me was finding out about the popular author of young adults, Gary Paulsen. His newest book, *NIGHT JOHN* was my introduction to this "can't put this book down" kind of author. I asked the librarian for another book by him, and she handed me a copy of *HATCHET*. This book turned out to be a day of reading for me. I really had a hard time putting this book down. I'd like everyone, young and old, to read this adventuresome author, but especially *HATCHET*.

## Health, continued...

can slowly add solids to the diet such as soda crackers, toast, rice, eggs, and chicken. Avoid greasy, spicy, or fatty foods for a few days. Milk should generally be avoided for several days until the diarrhea is completely resolved. There are many over-the-counter products available for treating diarrhea, but we usually don't recommend them for short-term cases because they may slow the elimination of the offending agent from the body and actually prolong the illness. Antibiotics are usually not required unless a specific bacterial agent is suspected as the underlying cause.

As stated earlier, most cases of diarrhea in adults will resolve in a few days. You should call your doctor if any of the following symptoms occur: high fever (greater than 102), severe abdominal cramping or pain, rectal pain, blood in the stool, diarrhea lasting longer than 3-4 days, any sign of dehydration-excessive thirst, decreased urination, severe weakness or dizziness.

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# Elementary arts is the focus of grant monies from MAAE

Several Lowell Area Schools elementary teachers were able to take part in a workshop recently thanks to a grant from the Michigan Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) to the Lowell LLEAP (Local Leadership for Education and Arts Planning) Team.

MAAE provided grants for schools to bring artists/arts educators to work with local teachers to enhance their arts programming capabilities. The LLEAP Team chose an elementary arts focus for

this workshop because the Lowell Area Schools does not have art teachers at the elementary level.

The MAAE has supported the work of the LLEAP team, which has written a five-year plan to enhance arts opportunities for students in the Lowell Area Schools. Members of the team which wrote the LLEAP plan were Jim White, chairman; Lori Ingraham, co-chairman; Jack Lane, Gary Eldridge, Christine Hodges, and Robin White.

The recent workshop was

part of that plan. The LLEAP team designed the workshop, then applied for the grant. Directing the workshop was Arts Educator Jerry Thompson of Waverly Schools in Lansing. Thompson is a noted trainer in the area of elementary arts.

Space for the workshop was provided by the Lowell Area Arts Council as part of its ongoing support of arts education in the community. The teachers met for two hours at the end of the regular school day once a week for four weeks.



Lowell Elementary teachers work on their projects at an elementary art workshop sponsored by the LLEAP team of Lowell and the Michigan Alliance for Arts Education. Pictured are workshop teacher Jerry Thompson of Lansing, right, and Lowell educators, left to right: Karen Corbett, Lori Ingraham, Gail Vidro, Gene Sampson, Mary Ann Schramm, Marie Bird and Claudia Raber.

# Ideas and procedures reinforced to Lowell Township officials during training session

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Members of the Lowell Township Planning Commission and Board were re-educated on the why's and how's of a planning commission this week.

The training session, conducted by Tim Johnson of the engineering firm Moore and Bruggink, was to reinforce the ideas and procedures a planning commission is recommended to follow.

Johnson has 16 years experience as a professional planner and has worked with several townships in Kent County.

The session included talks on basic information of planning and zoning, site plan reviews, special land use and rezoning.

Each section reviewed its legal basis as well as its primary duties, conditions and what duties the planning commission can perform.

The seminar was con-

ducted because the Township is beginning an association with Moore and Bruggink for its master plan update. The seminar was established to give the commissioners a good understanding of the planning procedures and zoning that could come up in the engineering firm's study of the plan.

Johnson informed the representatives that its master plan is not supposed to be date specific, but instead is supposed to be an outline of the Township's future. He says it is supposed to be "an idea of what the planners would want for the community in the future."

According to Johnson, the master plan is a good tool when it comes to determining zoning in the Township. He says if the Township is taken to court, a developer must prove

why the commission is wrong in its master plan before a judge will over rule the commission.

Representatives at the seminar included: Township Supervisor John Timpson, Township Clerk Carol Wells, trustees Alyn Fletcher and Dick Huver, Planning Commission secretary David Simmonds and Planning Commission trustee Richard Bryan.

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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 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

### Freshman Shannon Laux shines in gymnastics team's win over Knights

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Brenda Bittrick's short kip on the uneven bars had a lasting effect on the mood of the Red Arrow gymnastics team.

"That's the first time Brenda has been able to execute that move," Lowell coach Annette Pearson said. "That really gave the girls some enthusiasm. It help set the mood for the entire meet."

The enthusiasm parlayed into a 110.45-106.80 win (first of the season) for Lowell over visiting Kenowa Hills.

The freshmen shall lead. And so they did against the Knights. Freshman Shannon Laux was the medalist on the vault and balance beam. She also took a third in the floor exercise.

Laux tallied a meet-leading 8.10 on the vault. She earned a 6.90 on the balance beam. In the floor exercise Laux tallied a 7.80. "Shannon tumbled better and removed the pauses from her floor routine," Pearson said. "She shows continued improvement on the balance-beam. She continues to do well



Betsy Elzinga works on the uneven bars.

### Red Arrows come up short late in loss against Ionia

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The fourth quarter continued its unkind ways to the Lowell boys' basketball team.

The Red Arrows trailed by three points through three quarters of play, 36-33, to the once-beaten Bulldogs of Ionia. The home-standing Bulldogs outscored Lowell 20-10 in the final eight minutes for a comfortable 56-43 win.

Frank Richardson scored

nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, including a three pointer, to pace the Bulldog surge.

Lowell outrebounded Ionia 36-33. Red Arrow Kristian Magro pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds. Magro also tallied eight points.

Ryan Boersma had a team-high 13 points. Brandon Eisentrager and George Ponchaud each contributed with five points apiece.

Ionia opened the fourth quarter with a 12-0 run, opening up a 48-33 advantage.

Bill Thomas led Ionia with 19 points. Jason Frost tallied 10 and Jason Agostini contributed with nine points.

Lowell girls' volleyball team was able to do against Kelloggsville what it couldn't do against Kenowa Hills or Godwin Heights - maintain a mental toughness throughout the whole match. "We still had a lapse in



Cori Boersma goes up for a kill in action against Kelloggsville.

game two, but the girls worked through it," said Lowell volleyball coach Laurie Kuna.

When you serve well, it gives a team a chance at hitting."

Krista Posthumus led the Red Arrows in service points with six. The junior served four aces.

Kerry Nugent led the Arrows in assists with nine. Kortney Gowen contributed with five kills and five digs. Cori Boersma tallied four kills.

As a team, Lowell recorded 19 digs.

In its match against Kenowa Hills on Monday, Lowell started quickly with a 15-4 win, but then lost its intensity and mental toughness as it let the Knights back in game two. Kenowa Hills won game two 15-13 and then won game three 16-14.

"The girls started to stand around in game two and then were unable to pull it back together," Kuna said. "Volleyball does not have a clock. You've got to stay until it's over. Our girls were not mentally tough."

Lowell was 42-of-47 serving against the Knights. Against Godwin, Lowell lost 15-7, 15-4.

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### Lowell's Mochmer named Alumus of the Year

Brenda Mochmer of Lowell has been honored as an Alumus of the Year by Michigan Works!, the state Job Training Partnership Association. Mochmer was nominated for the honor by the Area Community Service Employment and Training Council

(ASCET), the local Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) service agency. Mochmer enrolled in JTPA with few marketable skills and two emotionally impaired sons to support. Through the assistance of ASCET, Mochmer received the skill training, counseling and support services she needed to obtain full-time work. She completed computer and accounting training, gained confidence and learned the interviewing techniques that helped her secure her current job as a Revenue Accounting

Clerk with Sysco Frost Pack in Grand Rapids. Mochmer was honored on Jan. 18 at a special awards ceremony at the State Capitol in Lansing. She received a certificate of achievement signed by Governor Engler and presented to her by Representative Jack Horton (R., Belmont). Mochmer was one of only 26 JTPA participants statewide chosen for recognition at the annual JTPA Alumni Celebration.

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### Tuffy gets signage approval

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The new Tuffy Automotive Service Center, going in at the southeast corner of W. Main and S. Center, received the approval and recommendation from the Lowell Planning Commission for its proposed signage.

Tuffy originally proposed to have 186 square feet of signage where 119.5 feet were allowed.

At the January Planning Commission meeting, John Root, owner of Tuffy Service Center, proposed an overall signage of 123.2 square feet or 3.7 square feet over the maximum.

The new proposal reduced the reader board size to 3 by 6 from the original 4 by 8.

The pole sign and reader board will be located on the east side of the property, away from the clear zone area.

The two Tuffy wall signs which placed the signage over the allowable amount were eliminated.

Lowell City Council will hold a hearing to consider the variance at its Feb. 22 hearing.

The building, which will be used by Tuffy and is owned by Gladys Clemenz, has been used the past 30 years for automotive-related uses.

The service center will have four lifts inside the building. Three spaces are required for each lift. One space is required for each employee which will make for a total of 15 parking spaces.

### In The Service

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Norman L. Dawson has arrived at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina.

Dawson, a ground radio communications technician, is the son of Lester and Agnes Dawson of Clarksville.

### Volleyball, continued...

"We couldn't generate anything," Kuna said. "We missed six serves. You miss that many serves against a club as good as Godwin and you're going to get killed," Kuna said.

Lowell finished the week with a match record of 5-4-2 and its game slate at 14-11.

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## Meeting on Feb. 24 to determine who gets invited into O-K in 1995-96

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

O-K League principals will vote on a motion that will determine which schools are extended expansion invitations for the 1995-96 school year on Feb. 24.

O-K divisions (White, Blue and Gold) have offered expansion proposals for their divisions in 1995-96.

All three divisions will have seven schools in their leagues for the 1994-95 school year.

The O-K White will lose Rogers to the O-K Blue. Sparta and Hudsonville will switch divisions: Sparta going to the Gold and Hudsonville will move into the O-K White.

Three new schools were added for the 1994-95 season. Allendale, Hopkins and Saugatuck will help form the new O-K Silver Conference.

At the meeting, league principals will not only vote on a motion to determine who the invitations go out to, but also on a ballot, that, if approved, will allow them to go ahead with the expansion process.

Teams hoping for invitations into the league include Hastings, Belding, Ionia, Lakewood, Spring Lake and Unity Christian. These schools have already received unofficial visits from division representatives.

Between now and the Feb. 24 meeting, representatives will complete the official visits.

It is anticipated that two schools will be added to the O-K Gold and that the White and Blue leagues will each add one school for the 1995-96 school year.

Larry Plaiser, president of the O-K Conference, would not confirm it, but the Ledger has learned that Hastings will be recommended for the O-K White and Belding will get a recommendation for one of the two O-K Gold spots.

Once invitations are extended at the Feb. 24 meeting, a three-fourths vote (26 of 35) of approval will be needed in March by the 35 school boards of the O-K Conference for final approval.

## Posthumus announces changes in standing committees

Reflecting both a vacancy made by the departure of Senator Vern Ehlers and interest expressed by various caucus members, Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto) announced changes to seven Senate standing committees.

"With the loss of Senator Ehlers, we had vacancies on both the Appropriations and

Natural Resources committees," Posthumus said. "Also, various members of the caucus have asked to tackle new challenges, so we made changes to accommodate them. I am confident the new assignments will work out well for the Senate and the state of Michigan."

The changes, by committee, are as follows:

•Senate Appropriations: Senator Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham), replacing Ehlers (R-Grand Rapids);

•Senate Education: Senator David Honigman as temporary chair, replacing Bouchard, Senator Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City), replacing Honigman as vice chair;

•Senate Family Law, Mental Health and Corrections: Honigman, replacing Gougeon;

•Senate Finance: Senator John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek), replacing Bouchard;

•Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs: Senator Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), replacing Ehlers as vice chair.

•Senate Technology and Energy: Bouchard, replacing Schwarz; and

•Joint Committee on Administrative Rules: Senator Philip Hoffman (R-Jackson), replacing Dunaskiss.

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## Local dentists participate in poster coloring contest

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Students in grades K-3 can participate. You can obtain a copy of the poster at your local MDA-member dentist office. Deadline for the contest is Feb. 28. Mail entries to:

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Wed. 6:45 pm VARSITY 9th-12th Grade  
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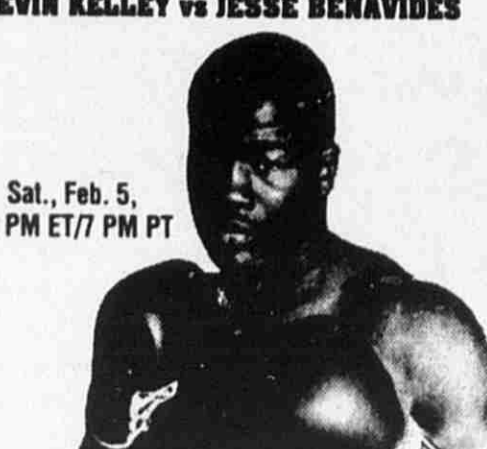


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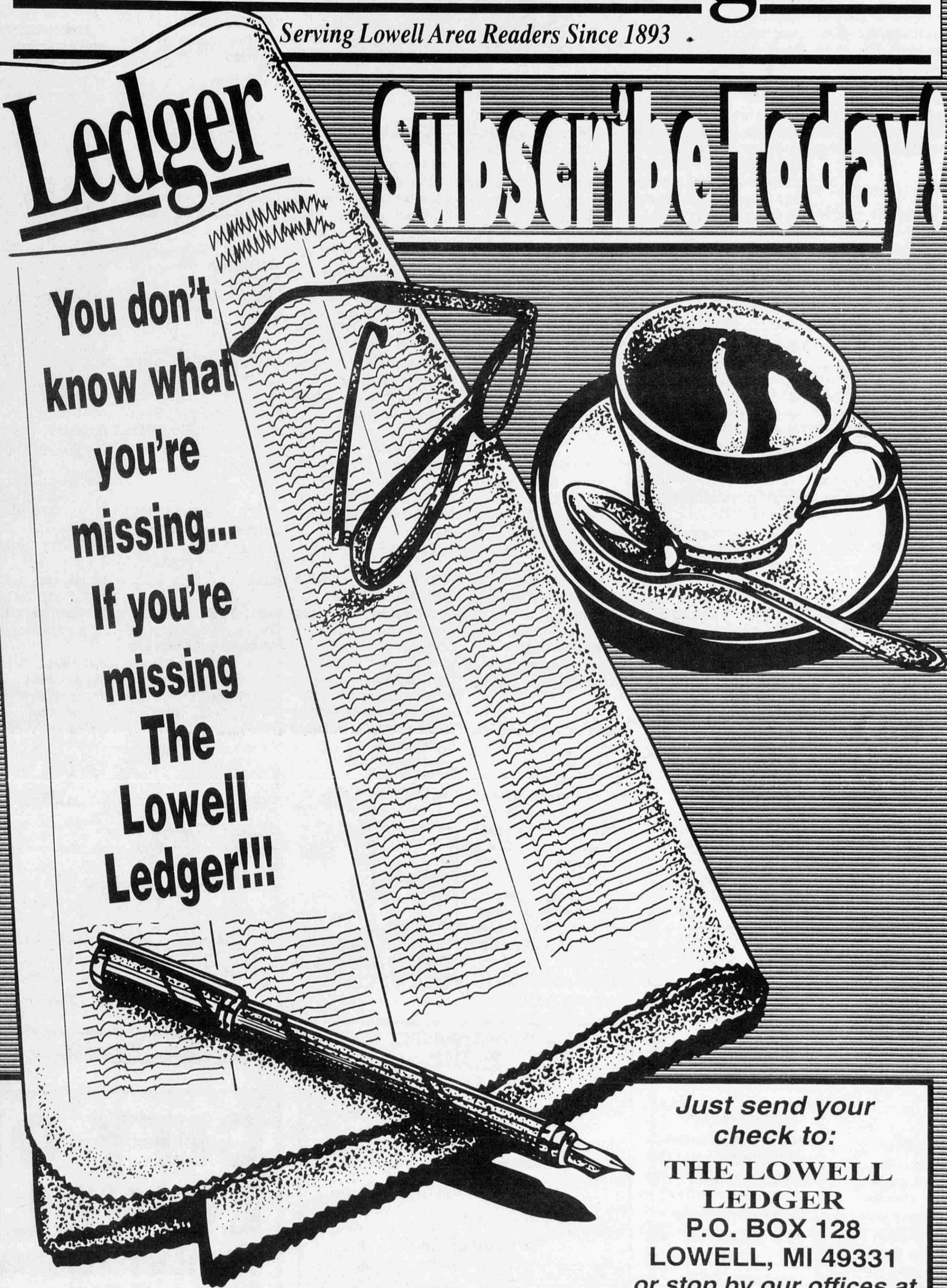
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