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A Chilling Adventure

Members of the Lowell dive team practiced diving procedures under ice Saturday at Stoney-Lakeside Park. Above, Roger Reed, rest following his 15-minute excursion. Reed Paul Roderick and Kelly Holst attired a dive team dry suit before exploring in 20 degree water temperatures.

Taxbreak may only come to some! March 15th vote to determine validity of March 1 deadline

By Thad Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

Legislation that has totally changed how schools are funded may require a number of years to work out administrative details in terms of statutes and court cases.

Michigan residents and their leaders in Lansing may become all too familiar with that over the next couple of months.

Legislation which would require that homeowners mail in an affidavit by March 1 claiming their home as their primary residence or risk having 24 mills being levied against them as opposed to 6 or 12 is beginning to raise a number of questions.

If voters pass the sales tax proposal on March 15, then the questions that are arising in regards to affidavit deadlines are no longer valid.

"The March 1 deadline is invalid if Proposal A passes. Residents still have to send in an affidavit as soon as possible but there is no deadline," Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus said. "If it fails, however, the backup proposal

would go into effect, requiring that the affidavit be sent in by March 1."

If the first proposal fails, Posthumus has concerns as to whether enough time will be available to get information out to homeowners. He added there will be other questions to deal with such as the elderly who have already left for Florida, or the person who is in the process of buying a home (for primary residence) but the process won't be completed until after March 1.

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Rockford /Lowell Ambulance representatives take historic trip to the Falcon Bridge to introduce management phase of EMS structure

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It will mark the first time an EMS management team will visit the Falcon Bridge (a free enterprise zone) in the Dominican Republic.

The charge of the six-day visit is to start the management phase of an EMS structure.

Providing the EMS management training will be Rockford/Lowell general manager Roger Morgan and Rockford/Lowell business office manager Jan Goodwell.

"Representatives from the Dominican Republic have been visiting the Rockford/ Lowell Ambulance since 1988," Morgan said.

Through their visits, Falcon Bridge has been able to acquire equipment and training over the past three years.

The "Partners of the Americas" was founded at the same time as the Peace Corps. The conceptualization

was to send experts to places for a 2-3 week period as consultants, rather than for one year like the Peace Corps does. It evolved from the Alliance for Progress, formed in 1961 as a mutual aid pact between the United States and the countries of Central and South America.

The "Partners" program's national office is run in Washington D.C. It is through that office in which they are partnered up with foreign countries. "Partners of the Americas" assigned the Dominican Republic and Belize to Michigan.

Financing the trip for Morgan and Goodwell will be the Canadian Mining Company in Falcon Bridge.

"They like our non-profit model," Morgan said. "They are amazed at what we're able to do with limited resources."

The equipment provided through the three-year plan came via payments and donations.

Morgan and Goodwell left on Monday (Feb. 7) and will return on Feb. 15.

"It's nice to be chosen to go down as representatives of the Rockford/Lowell Ambulance service," Morgan said. "They want to learn from our successful organization and that's flattering. They like the idea of setting up a private non-profit ambulance service with a public service."

Increasing international understanding among the nations of the Americas, north and south, through personal involvement and greater awareness is the main goal of the "Partners of the Americas."

Michigan Partners' aim is to foster a closer relationship and understanding between its citizens and the people of the Dominican Republic and Belize.

It is a non-profit, privatelysupported organization open to all persons, organizations and corporations in the state.

Hectic's out! Calms in!

Low increases should tone down Township review sessions

land, the increases are lower

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

Assessments for Lowell Township land rose this year , but except for agricultural than previous years. Township assessor Kevin O'Malley says the increases are more in line with what land owners expect to see. Because of the mild increases, he doesn't expect this years Board of Review session to be as "hectic" as last year.

Residential property saw an increase of three percent, which is considerably lower than last year's 14-percent increase.

According to O'Malley, last year's assessment increase in residential land came as a result of a two-year freeze. He said when the freeze ended, land owners were shocked by the drastic increase, which caused the Board of Review session to be busy.

Some owners of agricultural land will not be so fortunate. O'Malley says that agricultural land can see an increase of eight percent for this year. That is a sharp increase over last year when values saw no rise.

O'Malley says not all agricultural land will see the eight percent increase.

"The increase is not across the board, only certain land will see an increase while some may actually see a decrease," said O'Malley.

O'Malley said the increase comes as a result of a study done by the Dent County Equalization Bureau. The study evaluated each agricultural parcel individually in the township. He says this is a different approach from the past when evaluation of agricultural land was done as a group.

"The eight-percent figure is just an average of the increases and decreases each agricultural land will see this year. Each parcel will get an

Review, cont'd., pg. 8

Along Main Street

BAKE SALE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding a bake sale in the lobby of FMB Bank in Lowell, Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

RUNCIMAN/RIVERSIDE BOOK FAIR

The Runciman/Riverside Book Fair will be held the week of Feb. 14. The book fair will be open school hours, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., except Feb. 16 and 17 when the hours will be 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds go to the school library. Everyone welcome.

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.

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City Council wants waterline freeze-up problem fixed and a definitive policy set for future

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Defining where the city's responsibility ends and the residents' begin will be just the start to the frozen water line problem facing the City Fathers.

Over the last two weeks, a number of water service lines froze. The city, in response, utilized welders and city staff to thaw these lines.

Where does the responsibility for the frozen pipes lie? Councilman Jim Hodges said the residents who were notified to run their water, and did not, should take the responsibility.

Councilman Bill Thompson said he thought it was the city's responsibility. "How can we charge a resident when they are paying for a service they are not getting. If they were, they would not have to run water."

Department of Public Works director Art Gall said he believed any problem from the curb stop to the house is that "Grand" Valentines, pgs. 10 & 11 of the residents. "Any problems from the water main to the curb stop are that of the city's.

In response to service calls (44) involving frozen water lines, Gall said nine were determined to be the responsibility of the city and 35 the owners' responsibility (this included

Water lines, cont'd., pg. 8

INSIDE THE LEDGER

Vergennes Township may be a growing community, pg. 12

Students find success in tutoring, pg. 7

OBITUARIES

BARBER - Orma M. Barber, aged 92, of Lowell, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond and Roscann O'Sullivan. She is survived by her children Lorraine etery. Stover of Kentwood, Norma Jean Carroll of CA, Raymond (Marge) Barber of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, there will be no services.

CORRIGAN - John Carl TX, Brian (Lisa) Lewis of Smit of Alto, Ed (Jeanne) step-grandchildren; two great-Corrigan, aged 84, of Grattan. died Sunday, Jan. 30, 1994. Della Lewis of Bernie, MO; of Lowell, Jack (Jane) Smit Elise Delamarter of Necomis, He was preceded in death by brothers, Kenneth (Bonnie) of Saranac, Angie (Bob) FL, Mrs. Mona Gardner of his sister Mary Olive Lewis of Flint, Gene (Dora Sterzik of Freeport; 22 Flint; and several nieces and TenEyck. He is survived by Lee) Lewis of Brazonia, TX, grandchildren; four great-nephews. Funeral Services his sister Camilla Wehan of Billie (Katie) Lewis of Bernie, grandchildren; sisters, Anna were held at the Northlawn Lowell, John Carl graduated MO; sister, Johnny Vee Heemstra of Grand Rapids, United Methodist Church, from St. Patricks High School Weaver of Malden, MO; 10 Leona White of AL, Jean Grand Rapids. Interment in Parnell, and spent his en- grandchildren, two great- Austin of Ovid, Dena Maple Hill Cemetery, tire life farming until his re- grandchildren. Funeral Ser- Northouse of FL, Janette Gray Cadillac. For those who wish, tirement in 1991. Mass of Thursday at St. Patricks Gerst Chapel, Pastor Jim Hall (Janet) Smit of Lansing, Bob Rapids or the American Can-Catholic Church, Parnell, officiating. Most Rev. Joseph M. Breitenbeck and Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler presiding. Memorials may be made to the

KROL-Robert D. Krol, aged 35, of Grand Rapids, passed

charity of one's choice.

and Gertrude Krol of Jenison; one sister, Lois and William Shockey of Lowell; one niece, Lisa Shockey; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Private funeral services were held. Interment Georgetown Cem-

LEWIS - Junior "Wayne"

Lewis, aged 68, died Sunday,

Feb. 6, 1994. He is survived Sr., aged 66, of Saranac, by his wife of 46 years, Geneva; children, Arlen Saturday, Feb. 5, 1994 at his Memorial contributions to (Bernard) Hamstra of home. Surviving are his wife of Alto, Karol (James) Kent County Humane Soci- Hudsonville, Ed (Yvonne) of 46 years, Donna; his chil-Lewis of Grand Rapids, Tim dren, Pam (Keith) Ferris of (Frances) Lewis of Sweeney, West Lake, OH, Mike (Kae) Rapids; 15 grandchildren and Barboursville, WV; mother, Smit, Greg (Geri) Smit, both granchildren two sisters, Mrs. vices will be held Wednesday of GA; brothers, Jack (Ruth) memorials may be made to (today) at 3 p.m. at the Roth- Smit of Elk Rapids, James Hospice of Greater Grand

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Rittenger Jr. and his wife, sponder. Diana, of Milford; four grandchildren; his aunt, Lucille Visser of Grand Rapids; several cousins; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. home in Grand Rapids. He Funeral Services were held Saturday, Jan. 29 in Greenville. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

SMIT - Edward Charles Smit passed away unexpectedly (Maxine) Smit of St. Johns; sister-in-law, Delia Smit of merly of Lowell, died (Chuck) Smyth, Dan (Ann)

WESTERN - William Western Jr., aged 77, of Cadillac and Vero Beach, FL, died Monday, Jan. 31, 1994 at his was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine Western in 1986. Surviving are his wife, Maureen Plachta Western of Cadillac; two sons, James (Dorla) Western of Rochester Hills, Gary Western of Midland; two step-sons and two step-daughters, Thomas (Laura) Plachta of Mt. Pleasant, Jeri (Thomas) Reed

Steinebach of Belmont, Brian (Denise) Plachta of Grand cer Society.

RITTENGER - Glenn Ray, FL; brothers and sisters-in- WOOD - Olive Wood, aged aged 69, of Greenville, for- law, Dick (Jean) Huver, Mary 88, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, Feb. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1994 at Huver, all of Lowell. The 6,1994. Olive was born and his home. He is survived by Mass of Christian Burial was raised in Lowell and worked his wife, the former Susie offered Tuesday, St. for several years for Michi-Heuker; three daughters, Anthony's Church, Saranac, gan Bell Telephone Company away at his home. He is sur- Gayle and Doug Vernier of Fr. Eugene F. Alvesteffer and the C.H. Runciman Com-

SamVukson of Allen Park, made to St. Anthony's death by her husband, Otis. MI, Diana Rittenger of Church, Saranac or Saranac Surviving are her children, Gowen; a son, Glenn Ray Fire Department First Re- Janice and Dick Copeland of Wyoming, Ronald Wood of Kentwood, Nancy Brown of Grand Rapids, Kay Wood of Kentwood; grandchildren, Scott Copeland, Barbara and John Port, David and Becky Brown; and four greatgrandchildren, Amanda and

Samantha Port and Meredith

Services will be held Wednesday (today) at the funeral home in Lowell, with her Pastor, Rod Westveer of John Knox Presbyterian Church officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or Brookcrest Nursing Home.

gree in educational leader-

ship. The title of his disserta-

tion was "Using Technology

for Dispensing Information."

He earned his bachelor's de-

gree from Albion College and

he earned his master's degrees

from WMU and the Univer-

Michael D. Drake of Alto

was inadvertently left off the

original list of honors students

from Central Michigan Uni-

The administration of

Grace College, Winona Lake,

IN recently named local stu-

dent, Randall Grieser, as a

recipient of the Presidential

This award of up to 50 per-

cent of total tuition cost is

given based on the academic

excellence he has demon-

strated. Grieser is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grieser

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credited four-year evangeli-

cal Christian liberal arts col-

lege located in northern Indi-

ana. The college is dedicated

to developing character,

competence and a heart for

service in its students.

Merit Scholarship.

of Clarksville.

versity. He is a Junior.

sity of Detroit.

COLLEGE NEWS

Eighteen students from West Michigan were among the 255 students named to the 1993 Fall dean's list at Adrian

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes.

Representing the Lowell area is Ryan Holtz, son of William Holtz of Lowell and Suzan Holtz of Northwood, OH. Holtz is a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School and is currently a senior majoring in accountancy.

Adrian College is a highly regarded, independent liberal arts institution located in southeast Michigan.

Ray Hoag of Alto was among the 22 students who received doctoral degrees from Western Michigan University in December.

Fifteen students received doctor of education (Ed.D.) vived by his parents, Robert Cedar Falls, Iowa, Sana and Presider. Memorials may be pany. She was preceded in degrees and seven students (Ph.D.) degrees in five fields: counselor education and counseling psychology; educational leadership; mathematics; psychology; and sociology.

Hoag earned an Ed.D. de-

Rice elected to 2

vice president posts Bob Rice, Director of He is also serving on the has been named to two vice Orchestra Association expresident posts. He is cur- ecutive board as vice presipresident of the Great Lakes Band Festival for all of the and in-servicing all judges in include collecting and orga-

years.

Bands at Lowell High School, Michigan Schools Band and rently serving as first vice dent in charge of Marching Judges Association. His re- District 10 schools on this sponsibilities include training side of the state. His duties both areas of color guard nizing all band applications competition and marching into sites for Festival in Octoband competition. The asso- ber. He oversees judges acciation serves the Michigan commodations and compiles Competing Bands Associa- evaluations. Rice has been tion which has competitions very active in the M.S.B.O.A. in the Fall from September since he has been at Lowell. through November. Rice, He has in the past served on himself, has been a judge with the executive board in other G.L.J.A. for more than 20 capacities.

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at 1 p.m. New members

and quests are welcome.

WOMEN OF THE

ing is held the third Monday

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St. Hours: Tuesday thru

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Fallasburg Park."

on

"Coming Events" are free ing is at 7:30 p.m. of charge to any non-profit be submitted by mail, but E. Main St. at 8 p.m. will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

MONTH: The South Kent Memorial Fire Station, 4-H group regular meetings South Hudson, Lowell. at 7 p.m. in the Alto El-

ell Area Schools Board of Lowell at 8:00 p.m. Education meets at 7:30 Middle School, 12675 Fore- I #372 meets every Tuesman Road.

played at the V.F.W. Post at 5:45 p.m. 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public EVERY SECOND & schools. All Lowell School is open from 2 to 4 p.m. welcome.

7:30 p.m. at Good Shep- Road, Lowell, herd Lutheran Church. 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF All are welcome.

grade, will meet from 7 to knowledge. 8:30 p.m. during the school the end of North Washing- Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. ton Street. Enjoy activities 55 and over. like hiking and camping and

tion call 897-8829.

FIRST WEDNESDAY formation net

ementary School cafeteria. EVERY 1 ST & 3RD TUES- EVERY FIRST WEDNES-**DAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303

FOURTH TUES .: Qua-Ke- mothers are invited. MONDAYS: Overeaters meets at 8 p.m. at the Club

up or completing the 5th or without previous Bible

learn skills that can last a EVERY WED .: Royal lifetime. For more informa- Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kinder-SECOND MONDAY OF garten and up. Christ EACH MONTH: The Ambassadors for the youth Bowne Township Histori- (7th thru 12th-grades) cal Society will hold its Christian Clubs to help our regular meetings at the children grow through the Township Office, 6059 means of achievement pro-

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers.

TUES .: 8 a.m. Walkers. TUES .: Income tax assis- THURS .: 1 p.m. Euchre. tance by appointment.

FRI.: 8 a.m. Walkers.

WED.: 1 p.m. Shopping

assistance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TUES., FEB. 15: 1 p.m.,

breakfast.

WED., FEB. 16: 12:30

Movies - here.

MON., FEB. 28: 12:30 p.m., Nutrition program.

Make noon meal reservations three

working days in advance.

Notices in The Ledger's Linfield E., Alto. The meet-

tices to be kept brief and to at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307

DAY: Lowell Lions Club FIRST MONDAY EACH meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look

SECOND MONDAY OF meets at the V.F.W. EACH MONTH: The Low- Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., ell City Hall. New members

tion office located in the Pounds Sensibly Tops M community involvement. day evening at the Lowell Congregational Church MONDAY basement. Corner of Spring son, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. EVENING: Euchre will be and Hudson St. Weigh-ins Moms In Touch Interna- EVERY SUNDAY: The

Zik Sportsmen's Club Anonymous New meeting. building, 1400 Foreman

> EVERY TUES .: Support the Saranac Public Library. Community Church.

EACH MONTH: Golden EVERY TUES .: 10 a.m - THURSDAY: The Alto Li- days and Sundays, 1:30 to Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee ons Club meets at Dari's at 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. Children's Bible Story Hour. Troop 102, for boys 11 and vided free. For ladies with

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

THURS .: 9:30 a.m

Bingo.

WED., FEB. 9: 9:30 a.m., TUES., FEB. 22: 12:45 Opticare 2000.

p.m., Ford Museum. FRI., FEB. 11: 1 p.m., WED., FEB. 23: 7:45

a.m., Women's traveling

Lunch and Learn - Dari's.

FRI., FEB. 25: 12:30 p.m., Kent Optical.

p.m., Gerontology Network - memory.

crafts, and basic moral V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main learning. For more Street, Lowell.

organization in the Lowell, FOURTH MONDAY OF infomation, call Christian Ada, Alto, and Saranac EACH MONTH: American Life Center, 3050 Alden EVERY SAT. - Lowell Inarea. We prefer such no- Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 Nash S.E., 897-1100

EVERY 1 ST & 3RD TUES- Alzheimers Support Group plex - Lowell Showboat cial aid forms. meets at 6:30 p.m. at Network. Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

DAY: Lowell Area Jaycees the Covered Bridge from meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowwelcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadp.m. in the Board of Educa- TUESDAYS: Take Off ership training through

> EVERY THURS - 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Johntional. Mothers meeting to Grattan Museum, Old pray for their children and Belding Road in Grattan,

THURSDAYS - Take Off MOOSE: Business meet-Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets of each month at 8 p.m. every Thursday evening at

Lowell. Call 361-5463. One, 7:30 p.m. at Saranac Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m. FIRST AND THIRD Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Satur-

House (Senior Neighbors, Break Bible Study, 7 p.m. Calvary Christian Re- EVERY SECOND formed Church, 1151 W. THURSDAY: Lowell ALTOLIBRARYHOURS: EVERY MON .: Boy Scout Main, Lowell. Nursery pro- V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.;

year in the Scout Cabin at WEDNESDAY: Rollaway

NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

1994 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on March 9, 10 & 11 for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. Appeals of assessed valuation may be made in person or by letter. Letters must be addressed to: Grattan Township Assessor, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809, and received no later than Monday, March 7, 1994.

Property owners wishing to personally appeal an assessed valuation must schedule an appoint ment by calling the township offices, (616) 691-8450, February 21-24 during normal business

> Ratio: 50% of Market Value Multiplier: 1.00 of SEV

Scheduled by appointment only.

Wednesday, March 9 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 11 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

grams, special activities, meets at 3:30 p.m. at the Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 Subject: Financial planning a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868- for the federal retiree. 6038

nancial aid meeting at Lowell High School from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting is to EACH MONTH: Frequency 147.420 Sim- help fill out college finan-

> SATURDAYS & SUN- THURS., FEB. 10: 1:30 p.m. National Association of Retired Federal Employees meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Life Financial Services. Condon, 897-7092.

TUES., FEB. 15: Cannon WED., FEB. 9: College fi- Township Historical Society meeting postponed in Jan, will be held at the museum. Program will consist of a discussion of old bottles and the election

of officers. Any questions

on this announcement

please call Sophie

Houlihan at 874-6258

FRI., JUNE 3-12: 10-day trip to Ireland, Lowell Se-Fulton. Speaker: Jack niors (Travelers) For Epple, president, Family information, call Mary

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING **JANUARY 17, 1994**

Called to order at 7:00 P.M.: 6 board members present. Minutes of December 20 approved.

> Approved bills totaling: General Fund. ..\$17,563.16 Sewer Fund .\$6,778.20 Tax Fund .. .\$178,260.46

> > .\$34,924.95

Special Water Fund

Business Conducted: Amended the budget by adding \$3,200.00 to Elections and \$700.00 to Library from Contingency and adding \$6,591.00 to Rescue from Fire Protection; moved to award the bid to Lodestar Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$240,871.25; moved to accept the sewer line easement agreements so they can be recorded; moved to sign the work order with Kent County Road Commission in connection with the sanitary sewer installation; moved to reject the light industrial ordinance amendment and return it to the Planning Commission; moved to accept the resignation of Roland Lubbinge from the Planning Commission; moved the Lowell Charter Township Purchasing Policy be adopted and a certified copy sent to the State Department of Treasury; moved to appoint Dena Beers as a student representative to the Township Planning Commission under the County program; moved to send all board and commission minutes to all members of all boards and commissions; moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Grand River Riverfront Park Extension amendment and return to the Department of Natural Resources; moved to purchase a new laser printer; received copies of the Building Department report for December and the Sheriff's Department report for November.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Carol L. Wells Lowell Township Clerk 897-7600



Dawn Potter and S. Marshall Sanders

Couple plans March wedding

Bradley and Judith Potter ployed at Hudson's in Woodof Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Renee to S. Marshall Sanders III, son of S. Marshall Sanders, Jr. and Wendy Wright of SC.

The future bride is a graduate of Saranac High School and attended Davenport Colis being planned. lege. She is currently em-

The future groom attended the University of S. Carolina at Aiken & Aiken Technical College. He is co-owner of Moonlighting & Sound in Jackson MI.

A March 25, 1994 wedding

Racin announces wedding

John and Betty Racin, of McMillian of KY. Lowell are proud to announce A March 18, 1994 wedding the engagement of their is planned. They reside in daughter Carla to Carrie Lowell.



Jill Marie Reinke and Michael Plasman

AREA BIRTHS

Justin was welcomed home

Grandparents are Harold and

Greg and Beth Ball of Lowell are proud to announce by his brothers Josh and the birth of their son, Justin Gerrid and his sister Michele.

He was born Jan. 6, 1994, Rose Ball and Robert and weighed 9 lbs. 13 oz. and Morna Ford, all of Lowell. measured 22 inches long.

An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out? -Michel de Saint-Pierre

Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. degrees from Grand Rapids Reinke of Ada are proud to Community College and Dayannounce the engagement of enport Business College.

their daughter, Jill Marie, to

The bride to be is a Lowell graduate and has also obtained

The future groom gradu-Michael J. Plasman, son of ated from Zeeland and is cur-Ronald and Julie Plasman of rently attending Davenport

A June, 1994 wedding is

McClure, 56 years; Ethyle

Shultis, Evelyn Wittenbach

and Louise Winks, 55 years;

Doris Boyd and Nellie Weill,

53 years; Frances DeGrawand

Grace Lundberg, 51 years, and

Maryann Ayres, Jacquelen

Miller and Vivian Timpson,

50 years. There are 35 life

members, their combined

Rogers chosen by Chapter as "Star of the Year"

ENGAGEMENTS

Lowell's Masonic Family Clarabelle Kaufman and Dora gathered at Finger's Restau- Jane Cook, 57 years; Lorna rant on Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994 for an Awards Banquet and to name the Mason of the Year and Eastern Star of the Year. Barbara Geelhoed, Worthy Matron of Cyclamen Chapter #94, Order of the Eastern Star, announced that Verna Rogers was chosen as the Star of the

Kathryn Hall, secretary, years add up to 1,843 years. honored the members of Cy-The Masons presented clamen Chapter with 50 years many awards to their memor more. The members are bers. William Wood was cho-Mazie Olmstead, 68 years; sen as Mason of the Year.

HARDEES/ LEDGER **BIRTHDAY CLUB**



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

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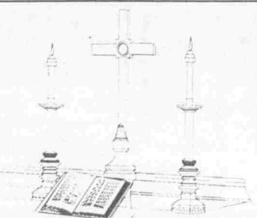
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Prayer and Bible Study...7:30 P.M REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor YOU ARE WELCOME

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7495 Cascade Rd. S.E. at 36th St. 11:15 Church School

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.. 5:30 P.M

. 11:20 A.M

...6:00 P.M.

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Feb. 10: Jonathan Andrews, Richard Korb, John Brown, Eric Kimble, Forrest Schutts, Nellie Lewis.

Feb. 11: Brenda Allison, Caroline Hall, Tanya Weeks, Roger Kropf, Terry Nugent. Feb. 12: Peg Stanford, Al Pursley, Scott Burkett, Sandy Alberts, Andrew Anderson, Jennifer Oesch, Thomas Hazel, Jenny Alderink.

Feb. 13: Jack Richards, Jim Kehoe, Ciji Eickhoff, Jodi Kennedy.

Feb. 14: Heather Claypool Carol Baird Leyman, Mary Jamison, Brandy Bouck, Michael Tschirhart, Sandy Onan, James Downs, Shana Barclay.

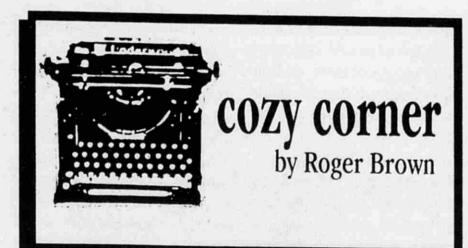
Feb. 15: Merit Kathan, Louis Ebling, Lesley Murphy Marcus Kline, Deanne Newell.

Feb. 16: Todd Johnson, Tracy Davis, Jason Alderink George Blocher, David Pine.



The whooping crane, which stands four to five feet tall, is the tallest bird of North America.

Viewpoint..



My last two vehicles have been four wheel drive rigs. I'm told that doesn't necessarily mean I have four wheels driving at all times. With all the different drive trains available these days, you have to be a junior engineer to figure out exactly what you do have. As with any of today's technological marvels, I don't even try to understand it, I simply use it. If I can't figure out how to use it, I work around it. For instance, a piece of masking tape works well to keep the clock on the microwave from blinking "12:00 - 12:00 - 12:00" because I can't figure out how to set it.

In the case of my vehicle, the drive train is some fancy fulltime all-wheel drive mechanism that couldn't be simpler. In fact, the only thing I can think of that might be simpler is my brain. The vehicle seems to work just dandy, and has transported me around the countryside as I've made my sales calls in the miserable weather we've had this winter. Besides the allwheel drive, the vehicle has an anti-lock brake system, or ABS, that also takes over for my brain during panic stops in slippery conditions. The ABS has kept me between the ditches several times this winter.

With its computer operated all-wheel drive and anti-lock brake systems, my vehicle requires practically no brain to operate it. That's where I get into trouble. That darned word, "practically." As far as I know, there's no computer system onboard to prohibit me from going too fast for the road

We all know how bad the roads are this winter. Since that a lucky, it didn't. Hey, whaddaya think, I get all the bad luck? ice storm, we now have a nice mix of glazed ice, chunks of ice, death-grip on the steering wheel.

winds have blown the snow off and polished the ice to a better to the hangar to call for help. glaze than any Zamboni - maintained ice rink in the country. After the driveway turns north, there are snowdrifts to contend with. Like I said earlier, it's a nice mix of conditions to test driving skills.

times during the course of the weekend. I had close calls coffee at the hangar and took a bunch of ridicule in return. skidding on the ice as I braked for the curve. I'd nearly That's the way it works with my friends. I would probably wandered off into deep snow as I struggled through the drifts. But I made it each time. By Sunday afternoon I thought I had it pretty well figured out. There I was, thinking again. Gets me around into trouble every time.

the sun had melted the surface ever so slightly. It was now you just how slippery it was, but I'm sure you don't want to be subjected to vulgar adjectives describing nasal mucus.

I motored down the icy driveway, slowed as I approached the curve, touched the brake pedal and nothing happened. I mean to tell you NOTHING happened! It was like the brakes had quit working all together. I pumped the pedal a couple of times. I pushed the pedal down hard and let the ABS take over. Nothing! I haven't felt so helpless since the self-defense instructor picked me to help demonstrate various incapaciting holds when I was in the army's Military Police training school

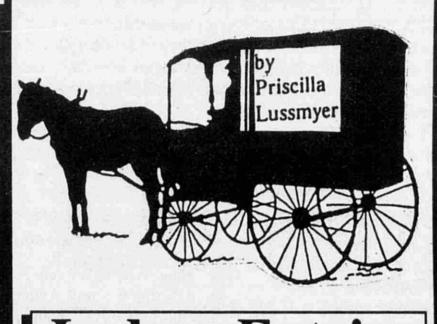
With white knuckles clenching the steering wheel, I held conditions. In other words, I'm still capable of driving beyond on as I skidded through the curve and blasted into the snowthe limits of the vehicle to bail me out. I proved that on Sunday. bank. My only hope was that the air bag wouldn't deploy. I got

Being the eternal optimist I hooked it in reverse and tried snowdrifts and white-outs from snow or blowing snow. There backing out. The continents move more than I did. Thinking are even occasional stretches of bare pavement to lull us into I could get the old rocking technique going, I tried forward. a sense of semi-security so we can momentarily relax our Same deal, nothing. I got out and surveyed the situation. I was hung up in snow about two feet deep with glare ice under the I was working on a couple of projects at my hangar last wheels. Not good. My optimism was waning, but I walked to weekend. The driveway is approximately a quarter mile long the hangar for a shovel and salt pellets. After an hour's worth and takes a sharp right turn about halfway back to the hangar. of the kinda work where you work up a good sweat in a twenty-The first part of the driveway runs west, and the westerly below wind chill, my optimism was gone and I headed back

After several calls, I finally found a friend with a truck to pull me out. He brought a big bucket of ashes from his wood burner and we scattered them on the ice where he'd be pulling from. We chained the two vehicles together and after several I flunked the test. I'd been in and out of there a half dozen healthy yanks, I was out a there! I thanked him, gave him some have been wiser to call a wrecker and pay the tow charge rather than suffer all the grief I'll get about this when word gets

Here's the kicker. I was headed back to the hangar last Part of the problem was a slight change in the road night. My mind was somewhere else. I'm not sure where, but conditions. The wind had been polishing the ice all day, and definitely not behind the wheel. I approached the curve with too much speed, and had that same helpless feeling I'd expeeven more slippery than during my earlier trips. I'd try to tell rienced the day before. This time I didn't even worry about the air bag. All I could think of was the grief I'd take if I had to call my buddy again. At the last possible second; I take that back - at the last possible fraction of a second, my ABS found some grip on the small area we'd scattered ashes on. I just made the turn without skidding into the big snowbank I'd found myself in the day before.

Talk about luck! I realize this probably would have been a better column if I'd had to call my friend for a second tow in two days, but I'm glad it didn't work out that way. Let me put it this way. I'd rather work out with that self-defense instruc-



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 7, 1894 It's the season for revival meetings, sleigh-rides when there's enough snow, and unfortunately, illness; all reported in some detail.

"The interest on the public debt of the United States approximates \$100 per minute." Sheep-killing dogs are a big problem in Vergennes

Township. While the sleighs can run, woodcutting goes on at a brisk pace. Some Alton neighbors cut 23 cords for Mrs.

Alice Brown last Tuesday A definition of grip: "--a combination of bad colds, continual headache, wind colic, sickness at stomach blind staggers, chickenpox, stringhalt, seven-year itch disordered liver, kidney trouble, each bone in the body trying to ache harder than the other and forty other

indescribable diseases, sometimes more, never less, at

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 6, 1919 R. VanDyke sells his grocery to E.A. Anderson.

the same time."

A local farmer accused of letting his hogs run in the road also faces charges of assault and battery for punching Will Kerekes in the face when Kerekes serves as witness for Officer Haysmer.

The Red Cross rooms will still be open for work on afghans for army hospitals.

Housewife Hints: Prunes stuffed with marshmallows make a good dessert. If starch sticks to irons it has not been boiled long enough.

The Grape-Nuts ad stresses that no extra sugar is needed.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB 10, 1944 About 200 attended the Farmers' Institute at City Hal last Tuesday for speeches and demonstrations of farming and home economics subjects.

A rash of thefts from autos for valuables, money and gas ration coupons provokes a warning to sign every gas coupon and don't leave them in the car.

The state Planning Commission anticipates post-war prosperity and a surplus in state coffers.

Common Council purchases 7 1/2 acres near the waterworks from Consumers Power for \$750, and the school board buys 40 acres of sandy land in Vergennes by tax sale, to be planted to pines by the FFA.

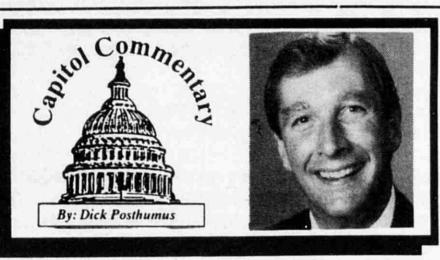
The Buy a Bond band concert is a great success, with the Lowell goal of \$125,000 exceeded by \$31,325.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB 6, 1969

City Council hears that \$45,000 will renovate City Hall so it can serve another 10 to 15 years. The plans call for closing the second floor and later

adding overnight lockup cells in the police department Saranac will be celebrating its centennial this summer and is selling centennial bonds.

A new taxi and delivery service is opened in Lowell.



Last summer, the state Legislature took a bold step to cut Michigan's property taxes. It was something you, the citizens, had asked for throughout the past decade.

After months of debate and compromise, we delivered. Taxpayers who now pay 34 mills on average toward school operations will pay either six mills under the ballot plan or 12 mills under the back-up plan. This not only represents a major tax savings, it is also a more equitable way of funding our

But the property tax cut will not automatically show up on your next tax bill. Rather, you must file an affidavit with the city or township in which you live by March 1 in order to exempt your homes from the higher non-homestead property taxes that are levied under both the ballot and the back-up

The problem lies in the fact that the current property tax system has no mechanism for distinguishing owner-occupied homesteads from non-homesteads. So, unless you file this affidavit, the state will tax your home as a business or second

The Michigan Department of Treasury has prepared forms you can use to claim the exemption. These will be mailed throughout the state to all taxpayers by either the Treasury department or your local assessor.

Included in the affidavit is the homeowner's name, address and social security number, the address and location of the homestead and a signed statement--under penalty of perjury--that the described property is the main residence of the owner-occupant and that no other homestead exemption is being claimed. The form also contains the questions necessary for determining whether any agricultural property owned by the claimant is eligible for exemption. There will be an appeals process for those denied an exemption by the Treasury department, but you must have filed an affidavit in the first place.

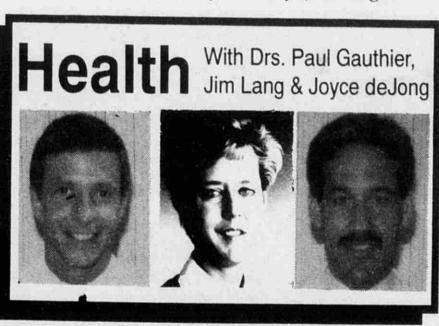
I cannot stress how important it is for you to get the affidavit filled out and to your township or city by March 1. If you don't, your home will get taxed as a business or second home at 24 mills. Though this still may represent a tax cut to many citizens, it is not the cut you have coming to you.

This year, March 1 should be as crucial a date to you as April 15. And though April 15 may mean paying more taxes, March 1 means paying less. So get the affidavit filled out and

If you have friends or relatives who are out of the state or

country, let them know about the form, too. The deadline may be extended by legislation being introduced in the House and Senate, but until that is set in stone, I would recommend you turn them in as soon as possible.

If you do not receive an exemption form by February 15, contact your local assessor's office or the Treasury department at 1-800-FORM-2-ME.



LACTOSE INTOLERANCE

Lactose intolerance occurs when the body is unable to easily digest milk. Symptoms of lactose intolerance usually begin during childhood. The usual symptoms indicating lactose intolerance are bloating, diarrhea, nausea, cramping, and gas occurring shortly after eating dairy products. These symptoms can vary in the degree of severity and may not always be AM 1300 and EZ 105.7 FM present in the lactose intolerance individual.

Lactose is one of the primary sugars contained in milk and other dairy products. Normally, our bodies produce an enzyme called lactose which allows our GI tract to readily digest lactose. In the lactose intolerance individual this enzyme becomes less effective as they get older.

If you are experiencing recurrent symptoms as mentioned causes of your symptoms. above, you should probably be examined to determine if lactose. Your doctor may obtain stool samples to rule out other to make them digestible.

John Logie during an inter-

This disorder is easily treated by avoiding lactose in the lactose intolerance is the cause. Several simple tests are diet. Lactose is present in milk products as well as cake and available to determine if lactose intolerance is present. The pancake mixes, milk chocolate, breads, some cereals, dressmost common test used to diagnose lactose intolerance is a ings, and canned meats. You can enjoy milk and other lactosebreath test which determines the body's ability to absorb containing foods by adding commercially available enzymes

"Funds for Guns" removes 1,057 from street

Buy Back program brought in only three days. The program in three days, making it quite last six days. Over \$52,000 possibly one of the most suc- was raised in donations for cessful gun buy back pro- this campaign during a 27grams in the country. This hour radiothon broadcast on program exceeded the expec- WOOD-AM 1300 and EZtations of the city of Grand 105.7 FM. After the first day Rapids, the Grand Rapids of the gun buy back program, Police Department, WOOD- officials estimated that ap-- the sponsors of this pro- money raised was given out.

short time frame, the money this program not only to raise

The Funds for Guns - Gun became totally depleted after an unprecedented 1,059 guns was originally scheduled to proximately a quarter of the

"I am tremendously pleased and everybody in the com-Due to this successful re- at the success of this program munity who was trementurn of guns in a relatively The community was ready for dously supportive of what we were doing." raised to fund this program the funds to do it, but then to

turn in the weapons to sup-The success of this project port the idea and concept," was due in part to the many said Grand Rapids Mayor businesses and organizations that donated greatly to this view with WOOD-AM 1300 urgent program. Speedrackmorning personality Gary Midwest of Sparta donated Allen on the WOOD Good \$25,000, Meijer, Inc. and Morning Show. "I want to Amway Corporation each thank WOOD Radio, who was donated \$5,000 to support this an integral part of the pro- Funds for Guns program. Sevgram in raising funds and proenteen thousand dollars of the viding publicity, Speedrack- \$52,000 raised was received Midwest, Meijer and Amway in public donations from the community.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 1994 The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the January 3, 1994 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by Th OMPSON that the minutes of the Closed Session on January 3, 1994 meeting be approved as written. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

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

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

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (1/18/94)

GENERAL FUND	\$69,182.93
MAJOR STREET FUND	
LOCAL STREET FUND	72.78
SEWER FUND	60,982.47
WATER FUND	1,553.59
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,171.68
AIRPORT FUND	130.67
CURRENT TAX FUND	275,464.68
LEE FUND	465.17

Item #1. CONSIDER FINANCIAL CONSULTING SER VICES FOR THE PROPOSED WATER REVENUE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS. The City is anticipating issuing two bond issues of \$1,200,000 in water revenue bonds and \$195,000 in special assessment bonds for westside improvements. City Manager Pasquale added that there is a need for financial consulting services. The responsibilities include the assumption to prepare the official statement for the bonds, structure the transaction, review the question of bond insurance and usage of rating agencies as well as to market the bonds.

In consultation with City Attorney Richard Wendt, it was recommended that the City retain First of Michigan as

the Financial Consultant to service these bonds. First of Michigan's fees for the bonds would be \$9,500 (\$7,500 revenue and \$2,000 special assessment), allo- IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by THcated from bond proceeds.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMP-SON that the City retain First of Michigan as the Financial Consultant to service the bonds for the westside water improvements in the amount of \$9,500 (\$7,500 revenue and \$2,000 special assessment) with funds allocated NAY: 0. from bond proceeds.

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

Item #2. PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY BEHIND PEBBLE BEACH APARTMENTS FROM THE CITY OF \$20,000. City Manager Pasquale said currently the City LOWELL. As discussed in the December 20, 1993 Council meeting, a 28' X 206' parcel of property was thought to have been sold to Grand River Investments (owners of Pebble Beach Apartments) as part of trade of properties, is still owned by the municipality

it was necessary to sell the property as provided by the City Charter. According to these regulations, the property was advertised for sale on December 22 and 29. One bid was received from Grand River Investments in the amount of \$1,326.64. This offer was identical to the value calculated by City Assessor James Marfia.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to sell the northern 28' X 206' section of the vacated Clarke Street for \$1,326.64 from Grand River Investments whose sale will be finalized on February 7, 1994. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3, 733 W. MAIN - CITY-OWNED PROPERTY -**ELIMINATION OF REVERTER CLAUSE WITH THE** STATE OF MICHIGAN AND PROPOSAL TO SELL PROPERTY. City Manager Pasquale noted that the City north side of M-21 on West Main adjoining the Mid Michigan Railroad. The property has been currently occupied by Wittenbach Olds-Pontiac-GMC for parking vehicles. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources stated that the parcel had a reverter clause to the State if not used for its intended purpose. The State wishes the reverter restriction removed.

Pasquale said that Harold Koning, owner of Wittenbach Olds, was informed about the City-owned property and its intent to sell the property by bid. According to James Marfia's calculation, the property is valued at \$13,000.

WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution removing the reverter clause to the State concerning the 8500 s.f. parcel located at the north side of W. Main Street immediately west of the Mid Michigan Railroad. YEA: 5

MOTION CARRIED.

OMPSON to proceed with the sale of the property located on the north side of W. Main adjoining the Mid-Michigan Railroad by advertising the property on two separate occasions in the Lowell Ledger as required by the City Charter.

YEA: 5. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

ITEM #4. RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE SEALED COMPETITIVE BID REQUIRE-MENTS. In order to remain eligible for state shared revenue payments, local units of government must have sealed competitive bid policies for any contract of of Lowell has a much stricter policy of \$5,000. But, it did not specifically exempt professional services, emergency repairs or services as allowed by these newly enacted State laws.

The resolution prepared by Richard Wendt addressed City Attorney Richard Wendt previously mentioned that the State requirements, which must be satisfied by January 31, 1994.

> ITWAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution on sealed competitive bids which complies with State Act 167 and 168 of 1993 YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item #5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. City Manager Pasquale said that the City receives a yearly allocation of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds through Kent County These monies are utilized for the development of viable urban communities. The following actions were consid-

A. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL CDBG AGREE-MENT. The agreement as presented with the County outlines the responsibilities of each unit. Such items as owns approximately 8,500 square feet of property on the use of program income, revision of assets, and program requirements were included.

> IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMP SON to approve the annual CDBG program agreement as presented with Kent County. YEA: 5.

B. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - SET PUBLIC HEAR-ING (2/7). It was projected by Kent County that the City will receive \$41,000 in Block Grant funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994. In addition, \$3,403.24 in unprogrammed funds remains from the current fiscal year. In reviewing possible projects, the following two, with dollar amounts, were recommended:

1. MASTER PLAN (\$3,403.24 UNPROGRAMMED, \$18,235 NEW ALLOCATION).

Language Center tutors help students keep up with success

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

An individual's right of passage to a learning process which helps a student spell, read and write has been a traditional staple of the educa-

tional system. However, the traditional Kalamazoo in 1974. classroom methods used to teach spelling, reading and with the same amount of suc- education director for the ers," Jacob said.

ing understood, centers like working out of its office." the Specific Language Dis-

language skills.

opened in February of 1987. The Specific Language Dis- education 14 years ago. ability Center, a non-profit

center. "The Grand Rapids

ability in Grand Rapids pro- the center, currently serves the lem, how long will it be before vides a safety net to help Lowell area. Jacobs spends

students know success rather two-to-three hours a week at than failure by providing in- Bushnell giving a Lowell struction to develop lifelong student individual instruction based on the Orton-The Grand Rapids center Gillingham approach.

Jacobs taught Lowell adult

"I enjoy tutoring. It's difinstitution, was founded in ferent in that you're able to develop a relationship with the "The center works with student. It's also easier for the students all ages. Currently it student when he/she is not writing do not always guar- has students from ages six to dealing with the social part of antee every student will meet 50," says Diane Van Zetten, having to compete with oth-

As an example, Jacobs uses With the aforemention be- center has 25 active tutors reading. "If a student is put in a situation to read in front of a Mona Jacobs, a tutor for class, and has a reading prob-

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Mona Jacobs, Specific Language Center tutor, works with Jeremy Ellis, secondgrade, on his spelling.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

With the City Council and the Planning Commission embarking on a three-year Master Plan program process, the following funding schedule has been proposed:

YEAR	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE
93 - 94	\$21,350	\$15,000 CDBG \$3,000 General Fund \$3,403 Unprogrammed CDBG
94-95	\$25,225	\$18,235 CDBG \$6,990 Lee Fund for Parks Plan
95-96	8,367 \$54,942	undetermined

2. SIDEWALK HANDICAP RAMPS (\$22,765). With the proposed sidewalk construction projects, it is necessary to provide handicap ramps for existing walks. Pasquale said that these are considered a City cost and an eligible activity for CDBG funds. Art Gall, Director of Public Works, felt that the existing sidewalks except the downtown area, that currently do not have ramps should be provided for by this

Councilmember Thompson said the City is depending on DDA funds for handicap ramps in the downtown area. However, he felt that a handicap ramp is necessary at the Hobby Stop corner. Pasquale said if it is determined that the ramp should be a priority, CDBG funds can be utilized.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to set the public hearing date for February 7 to consider the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds in regard to continue with the updating of the City's Master Plan (\$18,235) and to provide handicap ramps for existing sidewalks (\$22,765). YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Item#6. CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT REGARD-ING USE OF CREEKSIDE PARK BALL FIELDS WITH THE LOWELL LITTLE LEAGUE AND YMCA. As in the last two years, the Council approved an agreement whereby the Lowell Little League and YMCA share the Creekside Park ball fields. It was determined that the Little League would have three fields (north, east and south) on Monday and Wednesday and one field on Saturday after 2 p.m. The YMCA would have access to the fields at all other times. The agreement would run from April 1 to July 4. Officials from both the Little League and Y have concurred.

At the December 11, 1993 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, a recommendation was made to continue the agreement.

Councilmember Green said both the Little League and YMCA are very much in favor of the agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to adopt the continuing agreement regarding use of the Creekside Park ball fields with the Lowell Little League and the YMCA.

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

Item #7. LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - COLLECTION Item #10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager OF SUMMER TAXES FOR 1994. The Lowell Board of Pasquale reported on the following: Education has requested that the City collect the school's summer property taxes. Because of the recent State school finance legislation, the Lowell Area Schools wish to have the capability to collect 100% of their tax levy during the summer because of cash flow considerations If approved, the school's property taxes would be collected at no fee but the City is able to keep the interest during the bank deposit before distributing these monies to the school. This would keep the current practice. Councilmember Hodges noted the City only collects the taxes and is not involved in the amount of millage to be

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the continuing resolution to collect the Lowell Area Schools summer taxes for 1994 YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were received.

Police Public Works **Animal Control** Fire Budget Building

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Thad Kraus, as member of the Lowell Showboat Board, requested the City consider allocating Block Grant funds for the Showboat. He explained the Showboat wishes to improve the seating, ramps and the walkway leading to the Showboat. Kraus added the Showboat grandstands also service high school graduation as well as two church events during the year.

Councilmember Green questioned if the Lowell Showboat requested a specific dollar amount. Kraus responded \$5,000 would be a desirable amount

Councilmember Hodges mentioned the distribution of 148 recycling bins by James Hodges Jr. (earning a Boy Scout badge) to residences was very successful. Hodges further expressed his thanks to City Manager Pasquale and Public Works Director Art Gall for their assistance with the project.

Additionally, Hodges said that the Lowell Cable Board will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Topics of discussion have included changes in the Cable TV's trapping system as well as a cable survey sent to subscribers. Hodges mentioned that the survey was designed to allow board members to review which stations are utilized the most and those which should be added to the system.

Councilmember Green expressed his thanks to the Water Department and especially Bob Robinson for repairing a watermain break on Christmas Day. Green

further questioned Dan DesJarden, Parks and Streets Supervisor, whether the skating rink was in operation. DesJarden responded the skating rink has been installed under the picnic shelter at Creekside Park. Councilmember Shores said she wants the City to contribute CDBG funds for the Showboat. Additionally, she would be in favor of installing a handicap ramp at the Hobby Stop corner.

City Manager Pasquale said that he and Paul Christman, Superintendent of Light and Power and Cable TV. have contacted the Michigan Municipal League regarding an employee salary survey. The cost for the City will be \$1,320 and Light and Power, \$880. The City's contribution is within budget.

B. Pasquale noted that he is continuing to receive concerns regarding the tree at the corner of Hudson and Main in front of the Graham Building. The Council concurred to have the tree removed.

C. Approximately 25 people attended the informational meeting on trash collection and recycling and it was very worthwhile. Dennis Goodsell, who has the trash collection contract with the City, was also present. At present 200 residents have signed up for recycling.

Councilmember Shores questioned what the conse guences were if a resident does not use the red City bags. Pasquale responded they will be issued a citation if their trash is left at the curb.

D. City Manager Pasquale said that student representatives Nathan Livingston and Kyle Triplett who are juniors at Lowell High School have been assigned to attend the City Council meetings starting in February. By attending the meetings for approximately one year, the students will gain insight into local government.

F. Gall presented a sidewalk inspection policy. Two levels of inspection criteria were considered including high traffic areas and sidewalks which have light usage. By consensus, the Council agreed with the proposal.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman provided the following four (4) year appointments to 1/1/98.

> Downtown Development Authority Terry Conley Ray Quada

Mayor Maatman provided the following three (3) year appointments to 1/1/97

Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission Robert Ford Mark Russell

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: February 7, 1994

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

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

"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

Ticket prices are \$4 for the February 17 performance with you have any questions, please call Rose Cattanach at 897open 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.

LAAC AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Drawing instructor Sandy Bartlett will be conducting Lowell Area Arts Council after-school workshops. She will be holidays. bringing the exciting world of drawing, including the great mysteries of shading and creating three dimensional shapes.

There will be two workshops for beginning and advanced students, ages eight through 14. Workshops begin Tuesday, Feb. 22 for beginners and Thurs., Feb. 24 for advanced. Workshops run for six weeks and the fee is \$50 for LAAC members and \$60 for non-members. All materials are provided. For enrollment phone the Arts Center at 897-8545.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AT FIRST CONGREGA-TIONAL CHURCH

The First Congregational Church of Lowell is holding its
Customs, Michigan State Police and Lowell officers on a

Sun., 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Gallery is closed Mondays and

Melvin Alexander, 29, of Saranac, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 31 at Main and Hudson Street when the mobile home he was hauling struck a car driven by Barbara Briggs, 56, of Lowell, as Alexander was attempting to turn on to Hudson Street.

OFF THE BLOTTER

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

FUND-RAISER DATE CHANGED

People-to-People student ambassadors go to New Zeeland and

Australia this summer, has been changed to Feb. 12 due to the

Boyd, Stephanic Brown, Dena Beers and Becky Cattanach. If

ARTS COUNCIL EXHIBIT

will be on exhibit in the gallery of the Lowell Area Arts

Council, 149 S. Hudson St. This exhibit will be on view

Gallery hours are Tues. through Fri., 1 to 5 p.m. and Sat. and

through Feb. 12.

The recent landscape paintings of local artist Conrad Bakker

The kids going door to door for donations will be Jennifer

The date, for the bottle and can drive to help four Lowell

Lowell officers investigated 19 accident complaints in the month of January. None involved injuries.

Daniel McIntire, 42, of Lowell was arrested Feb. 1 by U.S.

warrant issued out of a federal court for conspiracy to possess annual spaghetti dinner Friday, Feb. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner with intent to distribute marijuana. includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage. The public is

Mandy Wills, 17, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 1 when she struck an object on South Jackson Street, then went into a ditch and rolled over.

Ronald Nead, 53, of Alto, was arrested Feb. 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Kathy Wilhelm 38, of Lowell, was arrested Feb. 2 on a bench warrant for failure to appear in court in Ionia County. Raymond Konkus, 19, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant

issued by 63rd District Court for larceny. Shari Bourgette, 17, and Dustin VanSteen, 17, both of Lowell, collided in the high school parking lot Feb. 7. No one was injured.

Joseph Morgan, 18, of Lowell, reported to Lowell police that his pickup truck was struck by a hit and run driver while in the parking lot of Lowell High School Feb. 7.

Melboure Krul, 57, of Grandville, collided with a vehicle operated by Rochelle Swanson, 39, of Lowell, at Main and Hudson Street Feb. 2. The accident caused minor damage to both vehicles.

Benjamin Thomet, 23, of Ada, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 5 on East Main near Division Street when he attempted to make a left turn as a vehicle driven by Robert Nagy, 60, of Lowell, was attempting to pass him.

Peter Neels III, 40, of Lowell was arrested Feb. 5, for driving under the influence of alcohol and on a warrant issued by a Newaygo County court.

Jason Wartella, 17, of Lowell, was arrested Feb. 7 on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for auto theft in connection with the taking of a car from Lowell on Feb. 4. A warrant will be sought for the theft of at least three other autos by Wartella in the past 10 days.

Students play the role and dress the style for Centennial

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It was the 100th day of the 100th year for students and

staff at St. Patrick's School. The school body played the role and dressed to the style of their predecessors of a century ago (Feb.2).

Throughout the school's centennial year, students have experienced a long series of activities which have helped them to understand their predecessors' life and times.

Each student spent one class hour in a "mock" oneroom school.

The students, grades K-8, read from McGruffy Readers. did their mathematics on slates and used ink wells to complete their penmanship.

year-long celebration has been vice: Leo Postle and Jeff Stouffer three years.

that student won't want to read

at all." She says in a tutor

difficulty.

a two-year period.

more than just reading and places, including the Grattan

Student and staff attire was gathered from a neighbor, cided with Catholic Schools friend or relative, or was hand Week.

from a variety of different area.

writing," St. Patrick's School Historical Society and the principal Roberta Bonner said. Rockford Historical Society.

The celebration also coin-

Bonner said St. Patrick's The furniture for the one- is the second oldest school in room school house was loaned the Greater Grand Rapids



Root-Lowell Manufactur- Voorheis, 15 years. ing Company would like to recognize the following em- Beverly Hall and Cheri Ash, "It was wonderful. The ployees for their years of ser- five years and Bonnie

Ellen Asbury, Pat Bignall,



St. Patrick's students walked the walk and talked the talk for their 100th year celebration.

Water lines, continued....

crawl spaces).

The cost to the city for these service calls was \$8,089. Employee salaries, benefits and service truck costs (85 regular hours, 47.5 overtime hours) totaled \$3,018.

lines was \$5,071.

where it has been determined to be the city's responsibility.

Mayor James Maatman said the problem needs to be fixed, but he also believes a definitive policy that alleviate's the city from absorbing costs that is not its responsibility is necessary. Gall said that high expectation on the part of the callers makes it hard to explain that the problem may be theirs and not the city's.

Where do the funds for repair come from? City Manager Dave Pasquale said monies from an enterprise fund would be used. "An enterprise fund is one where monies are raisesdand

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locations (25) where internal lines froze in basements or spent," he said. "Similar to how cable and Lowell Light and defray the \$48,000 cost seemed like a perfect use. Power raise funds through rates."

enues for capital improvement projects.

The cost to call outside contractors (welders) to thaw frozen attained through the sale of property at 733 W. Main to help and ends.

The city council came to a basic concensus that work to fix Pasquale added that money could be allocated from rev- the problem needed to begin this summer, and that it would like Gall to begin working on a definitive policy, with input Thompson added that using the \$13,000 that will be from Pasquale as to where responsibility of the city begins

The DPW repaired 17 meters and installed one new one. Gall gave a rough estimate of \$48,000 to correct lines there it has been determined to be the city's responsibility. Affidavit, continued....

What happens for the per- people think," Posthumus received? Posthumus said "These are issues that will have to be resolved down the

Senate Majority Leader is in favor of moving the deadline to May 1.

son who buys a house in June said. "I think when it comes or July? How is the afffidavit down to it, individuals make decisions based on what's best for them."

the proposal in March will be If Proposal A fails, the stronger on the southeast side than it was in June of 1993. However, Posthumus

warns that in order to be safe. "I believe Proposal A will voters should send their affipass by a larger margin than davits in by the March 1

deadline. Voters should be receiving their forms to fill out around Feb. 9-10. Residents who do not receive forms by Feb. 15 should He adds that support for contact their governmental

If the sales tax proposal is passed, property tax mills levied will drop to six mills If it doesn't, it will drop to 12 mills and if an affidavit is not received by March 1, it will shoot up to 24 mills.

Review, cont'd....

Commercial and industrial land also saw an increase in assessment values. Commercial properties rose 12 percent, down from last years 14.6 increase. Industrial property will see an increase of five percent which is down

figure. O'Malley said both

supposed to meet in the second week of March for two consecutive days, but O'Malley says that is unlikely

expected for this year.

individual adjustment," said to happen this year. "With the March 15 state

> election, we will probably have to move the second day of the session back one day," said O'Malley. He said it is likely the session will be held March 14

and 16. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the first from last years 13-percent day and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the second day. Persons wanting to

figures are within what was schedule an appointment with The Board of Review is the Board of Review can do so by stopping by the township offices, 2910 Alden Nash or telephoning at 897-7600.

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Secondary Conferences

Feb. 23 (Wed.) Full Day for All Students & Staff

Secondary Conferences: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Feb. 24 (Thurs.) Full Day for All Students & Staff

Secondary Conferences: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

then done to define where the and failure during their school read, write, and spell when type of exercise requires the "Come third or fourth-grade, language difficulties lie.

situation, a student is less apt The cost for the actual tuto be embarrassed by his/her toring is based on a sliding experience specific language On an average, VanZetten says students who use the

program generally are in it for Those interested in seeking help may contact the center (361-1182). A student is run through an initial confer-

Tutors, continued...

years," she said.

scale which takes into effect disability have no diagnosed provided by tutors is presented the size of the family and its neurological or primary emo- through a structured,

when most students begin to gence. read and write, children with specific language difficulties auditory and/or visual per- esthetic exercises. tionally intelligent children among the sensory channels might include writing on sand sual or auditory problem.

tional disturbance. They are multisensory, and phonetic VanZetten points out that normal to superior intelli- system.

ence (\$25); testing (\$200) is may be faced with frustration inhibit their ability to learn to trays or table writing. This

She adds that students who manner," Van Zetten said. The remedial instruction helps them become more she said.

The system is structured to in the West Michigan area. "However, weakness in use visual, auditory and kin-

begin to fail. "Even excep- ception and poor integration A kinesthetic exercise and second grade with a vi-

dents can make it through first son for Reading."

taught in the conventional student to say, hear, feel and it catches up to them and they write what has been said. "It are no longer able to keep up," aware than say putting a pen-The education director

cil in their hand," Jacobs said. noted that Prisc: la Vail will The center, in its 20th year, hold an all-day workshop at currently serves 77 students the Eberhard Center from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. entilted Van Zetten said some stu- "Reading for Reason - Rea-

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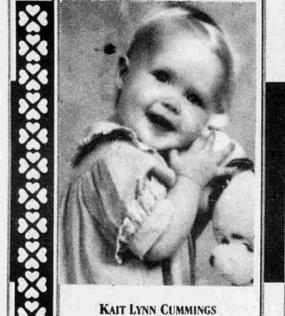
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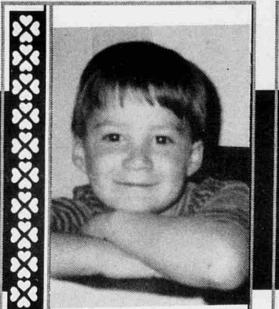
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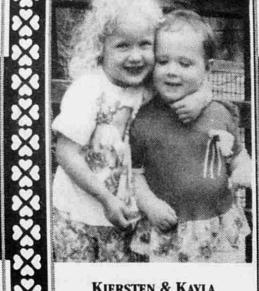
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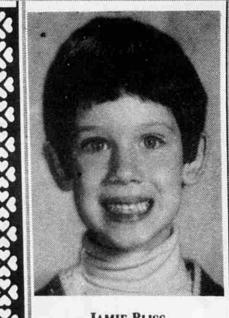
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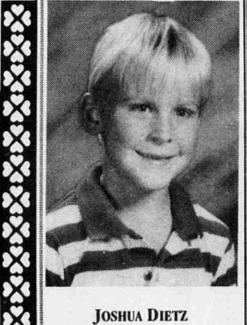
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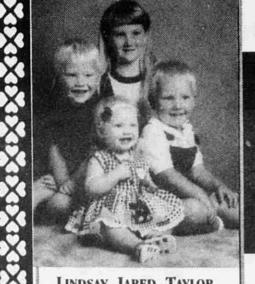


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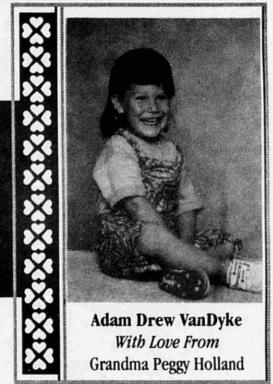
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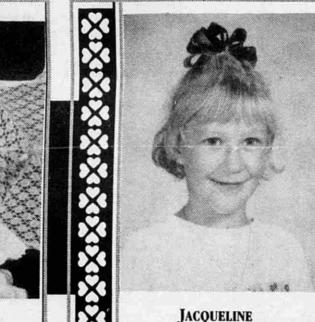
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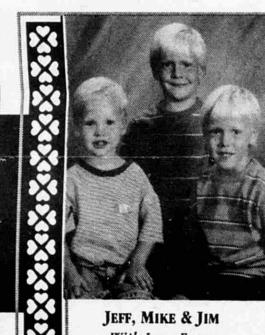


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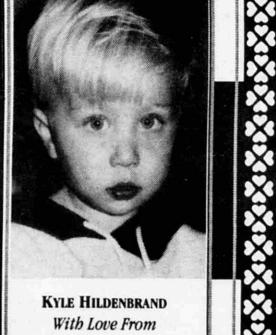
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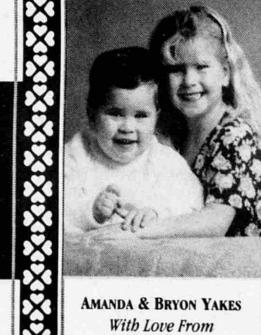
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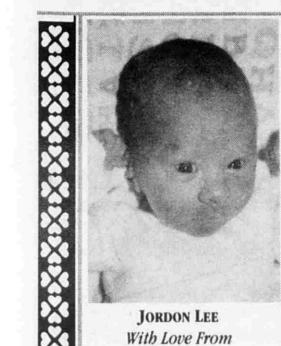
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Rise in residential assessments could indicate growing community

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

property owners can expect to erty following a two-year state this township," said Cook. see an increase in their assess- study. According to Cook, the ment values this year. Most of study eventually reverses the the increase is because of good those value are up from last previous trend in an effort to year's value, except residen- moderate the movement of tial properties.

After seeing no increase However, Cook was surlast year, farm owners will see prised by the six-percent in-

pervisor and Assessor James says the reason the increase Cook says the increases are was six percent was due not that unexpected and should mainly because of homes not have a big impact on agri-selling quickly. cultural property.

bringing agricultural property

percent this year, after seeing township in Kent County.

a 13-percent increase last year.

property values.

Vergennes Township Su- more in the market value. He

"The increase in home "The equalization board sales in Vergennes shows how feels agricultural land in this desirable a township it is and area should meet their stan- how competition for property dards and this is their way of is good in the area," said Cook.

Cook pointed out that up to their levels," said Cook. population rose 30 percent Residential property as- over a ten-year period. He says sessments will see arise of six the rise is the highest for any

Cook says the six-percent began, we weren't the biggest running through most of the rose six percent as opposed to March 16 and 17 at the increase is closing the gap in township, but the rise shows township, and the rolling hills last year's two-percent in-township hall. Residents Vergennes Township the value of residential prop- how popular it is to move into and woods which make home crease, and industrial property wanting to discuss their as-

Cook feels the reason for

"Granted, when the rise building sites, the Flat River sites desirable.

population grew from 1,819 crease.

is up eight percent, up from sessments can stop by the From 1980 to 1990, the last year's two-percent in- township offices or call 897-

and establishing an adminis-

The Vergennes Board of ment.

Commercial assessments Review is scheduled to meet 5671 to schedule an appoint-

New sewer ordinances designed to keep a rise of seven percent for this year. crease because he thought year. Lowell Township in water district

By Marc Popiolek

the current water district for nances to be adopted.

the previous ordinances be- Timpson. cause of new guidelines en-

755 Alden Nash

825 Alden Nash

parcel of land in SAD 94WA.

Board passed two ordinances Township Supervisor John the same rules. signed to keep the township in lines pushed for new ordi- ordinances include improving system clean.

The ordinances, already the last guidelines the DNR sanitary sewer system, pro- are released for public review. accepted by both the city of will adopt. We'll probably viding waste minimization, Lowell and Vergennes Town- have to develop a new set in providing equitable distribuship, are more restrictive than another five years," said tion of the cost of the system Timpson explained that all trative procedure for review

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acted by the Michigan De- three governing bodies had to of township decisions under partment of Natural Re- sign the resolutions because the ordinance.

The Lowell Township According to Lowell in the water district be under guidelines to discharge violations and spill prevention in Monday night; both are de- Timpson, the new DNR guide- The rules adopted in the an effort to keep the water

the opportunity to recycle and The new ordinances will "I'm sure that these aren't reclaim wastewater from the take effect 30 days after they

EXHIBIT C CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to make certain public improvements consisting of the construction of a watermain and related appurtenances along portions of Fulton Street, Gee Drive and Alden Nash Drive to provide water service to adjacent properties (the "Improvements") in the City, has made its final determination of the special assessment district known as the Westside Water Improvements Phase II Special Assessment District 94WA ("SAD 94WA") to consist of the following described lots and parcels of land and against which all or a portion of the cost of said Improvements shall be specially assessed:

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2455 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-023
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Manager of the City of Lowell has made and certified a special assessment roll for said SAD 94WA which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of the said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of

special assessments against each benefited lot and

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 1994, at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall located at 301 East Main Street in said City to review the special assessment roll and to hear and consider any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Westside Water Improvements Phase II Special Assessment District Roll No. 94WA as prepared has been submitted to the City Council and is on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the City prior to the public hearing in order to protect his/ her right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to appeal a special assessment the record owner of land must file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special

This notice was authorized by the City Council of the City of Lowell.

> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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PUBLIC HEARING

7:30 P.M.

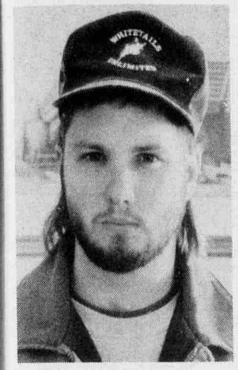
A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, where the following subject will be heard:

Lloyd "Butch" Landman, in accordance with Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, has made application for a variance from Section 3.01 (1) to place an accessory structure at 4820 Ashley Road, parcel 41-12-25-100-008, without a primary dwelling.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Lisa Sostecke, Grattan Township, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

HILL TOWN TALK—

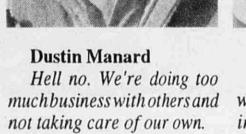
Do you think President Clinton should have resumed trade with Vietnam?



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Dustin Manard



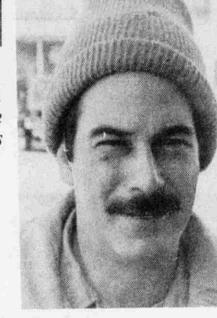
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muchbusiness with others and with Vietnam. You can't live Let's see if all of our men are in the past. I think we're out. I think they are, but let's through the difficult times. I be sure. don't think Vietnam has any more MIAs to give back.



Bev Cooper

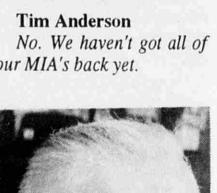
I agree with opening trade I think I would have waited.

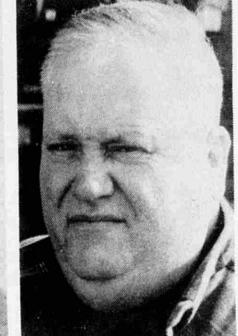


Bob Taylor



Kathy Major I think we should. I think it No. We haven't got all of enhances our chance in our our MIA's back yet. search for MIA's and POW's.





Lloyd Batey Not really. I don't think we No. MIA's are missing, I should. There are too many can't think of a better reason. questions left unanswered.

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a past he can't

away from.

between

Lowell students work toward trip year, although he says the the budget could face some By Marc Popiolek Township supervisor John township has never over spent changes depending on how the

Contributing Writer

With no suprises or major changes, the budget for Lowell Township was passed this not have as much tax revenue week.

The budget included raises for all township board members and the increased cost of township wants to make sure participating in Kent County's it doesn't over spend for the

Timpson says the budget has for a year.

no extra costs, but it does reveal that the township may this year as last year. He says this year's budget

is very modest because the poooooooooo

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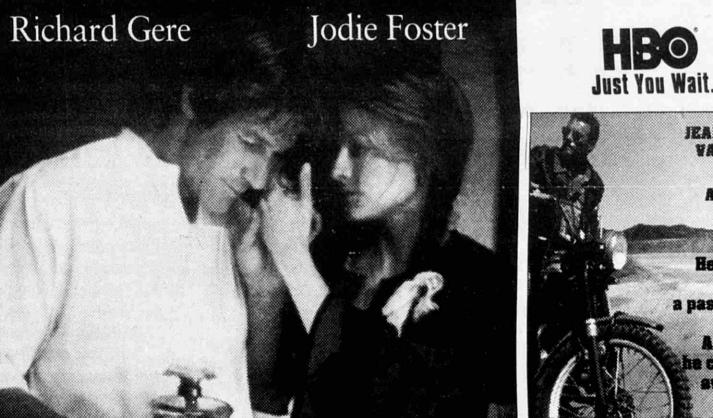
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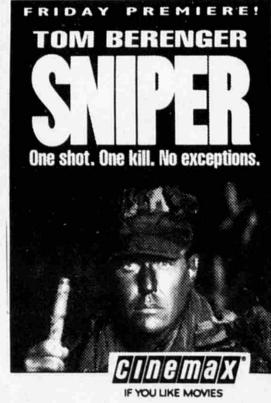
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Left to right: Randy Wyatt, Shelly Durocher, John Ferrin and Jody House.

LAAC celebrates 17th season with Wilder's "Our Town"

A diverse cast of thirty will bring Thornton Wilder's to 70 years of age. Three cast OUR TOWN to "our town" in the Lowell Area Arts Council's 17th annual winter play. Under the direction of Jim Marron and Jim Ball, the LAAC favorites.

cast includes actors from 11 members are from Grand Rapids Baptist College, one from Milwaukee and a large contingent of "Lowellites" and



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Produced by Jim Blodgett marry. Throughout the play, props are minimal. The audi-students. All seating for Friabout a time when life was

as they fall in love, court and

"stage manager" (Don Silvis) Mrs. Soames (Ann Pasquale), Sat.) and February 25 and 26 ell Area Arts Council Center, narrates, the audience follows Constable Warren (George (Fri. and Sat.). the lives of teenagers George Dey), Professor Willard (John Ferrin) and Emily (Jody (David Durkee) and Joe

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ing cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for senior citizens and

and Louise Weeks, OUR the lives and dreams of many ence imagines the settings in days and Saturdays is cabaret The dates for this poignant available. Curtain time is 8

Tickets are available 149 S. Hudson, or by phone Thursday's theater seat- anytime at (616) 897-8545.

National accreditation coming to Rockford/Lowell Ambulance

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Rockford/Lowell Ambulance will soon become one of 24 ambulance services in the country to be nationally accredited.

Roger Morgan, general manager of Rockford/Lowell Ambulance, said he began filling out the 1,100-page application over a year ago.

"It makes an ambulance

inside out," Morgan said. was completed.

The stage is simple. The

The standard ambulance They have until Feb. 15 to good business and patient/care listed in the report.

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site review of the document Morgan said the an- of Emergency Medical Techsubmitted. Then, in Novem- nouncement of its accredita- nicians; and the National As-

service look at itself from the ber of 1993, an on-site review the Rockford/Lowell Ambulance Service didn't get an "Living up to the 'Gold Stan- The results were then sent accreditation, it got a onedards' has helped to make us back to the ambulance ser- year accreditation, or it has a a better ambulance service." vices in January of this year. month to make a correction.

Standards are set by the services are measured by their respond to the deficiencies American Ambulance Association; Emergency Nurses Rockford/Lowell Ambu- Association; National Asso-The application was sub- lance had nine deficiencies. ciation of EMS Physicians; mitted in August of 1993. Its accreditation is contingent National Association of Fire That was followed by an off- on making those corrections. Chiefs; National Association tion will be made on April 18. sociation of State EMS Di-The response will be either rectors.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

n the matter of JOY MARIE SWAFFORD-Change of Name.

TAKE NOTICE: On February 24, 1994 at 9:00 AM, in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan,

before Hon. JANET A. HAYNES Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Joy Marie Swafford to change her name from Joy Marie Swafford to Yahna Kateri Greyeagle.

Feb. 3, 1994

JOY SWAFFORD 55 Ionia NW #401 Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Northview finds a way in O.T. to defeat Lowell

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Northview coach Mike Diebold smiled ever so lightly after watching his Wildcats defeat Lowell 65-66 in a surprising, strange, vertime struggle.

The Red Arrows surprised Diebold and his Northview quad by starting the game in man-to-man defense. "We repared for a zone and Lowll suprised us with man-tonan," Diebold said

The struggle Northview (6-, 8-5) had with getting past Lowell (1-7, 2-9) wasn't a surprise. "I talked to the team about how we've struggled playing here the last couple of vears," Diebold said. "Lowell plays us tough."

The game was strange to find any rhythm. "For us, part of that was our turnovers in the first half," Diebold said. couldn't throw the ball in the

By Thad Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

Playing hard and execu-

tion helped Lowell's volley-

ball team net the winner's

hardware from the Saranac

"When we've played hard

As fate would have it, the 13.

same two clubs met in the

15-12. "Despite losing game

games two and three, earning

"It was a fun match that

included numerous rallies,"

Kuna said.

and made the plays this year,

we've won," Red Arrow coach

Invitational on Saturday.

won a tournament."

another case of playing right foul shots and Ryan their eighth league win against with its opponent, before fal- Armstrong hetted a jumper one defeat. tering at the end.

The Red Arrows were a vantage. disheartening six-of-18 from and overtime, including two missed foul shots with five first and final bucket of the seconds to play in regulation contest. Northview closed out end of the first quarter, but a

"You've got to shoot better than 33 percent from the foul line to beat a quality team like scorers with 29 points, in- time lead. Northview," Lowell coach cluding four three-pointers. Phil Beachler said.

45 after three quarters of play. The Wildcats opened the final stanza by outscoring Lowell 7-1 to take a 52-47 lead with a little more than four minutes

Lowell answered with a 7- Northview 37-35. 2 run to tie the score at 54-54 with 59 seconds to play. In that run, buckets were made by Scott LaHaie, Ryan Holtz and Ryan Boersma. Kristian Magro also connected on 1-

Red Arrow girls fight back

to win Saranac Invitational

her club recorded in the three-

game match. Lowell tallied

game two and 22 digs in game

Kuna said. "Byron Center

looked tired."

Laurie Kuna said. "I believe, and Kortney Gowen. Both

since I've been coaching, this players tallied 12 kills against

is the first time a Lowell the Bulldogs. Harmon added

varsity volleyball team has seven kills. Nugent did the

The Red Arrows opened sists. For the tournament,

inauspicious manner with a Lowell got to the finals with

15-8, 15-2 setback to Byron an exciting two-game sweep

Lowell's start in the cham- one. Trailing 13-6, Lowell's

pionship match was not much Tara Harmon, playing at the

better as they lost game one net, blocked a Redhawk serve.

one, we played okay," Kuna our girls up and it stopped

15-11, 15-7 victories and the able to build on that momentus

tournament championship play, by serving out for the

Supporting Kuna's state- there on all but one of her

ment are the number of digs eight serves," Kuna said. "We

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The Red Arrows rallied in Kuna said.

tournament pool play in an Nugent had 88 assists.

"I think we wore them out,"

The Red Arrows' winning

effort was punctuated by the

hard hitting of Courtney Arnett

setting as she recorded 27 as-

over Cedar Springs, 15-13, 15-

Kuna said she thought the

turning point was in game

"The play seemed to pump

Cedar Springs' momentum,"

Lowell's Kerry Nugent was

"I signaled to where

wanted the serves to go, and

Kerry placed the ball right

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giving the 'Cats a 58-54 ad-

Brandon Eisentrager pulled then another, and before you the foul line. Lowell was just Lowell within two at 58-56 know it, it's a snowball effect," 2-of-6 in the fourth quarter with 1:50 to play in overtime. Lowell coach Phil Beachler However, that was Lowell's said

answered points.

The Red Arrows led 46- Chalmers added 10.

bounds. George Ponchaud advantage. added 11 and Boersma netted

Wyoming Park 76 Lowell 59

Lowell held Park's high octane, well-balanced offensive attack in check for a little In overtime Travis more than a quarter, before For the Red Arrows it was Chalmers connected on two the Vikings opened it up for

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(15-8, 15-2)

(14-16, 15-5)

(15-0, 15-5)

QUARTER FINALS

Lowell, 2, Comstock Park 0

(15-7, 16-14)

SEMI-FINALS

Lowell 2, Cedar Springs 0

(15-13, 15-13)

FINALS

Lowell 2, Byron Center 1

(12-15, 15-11, 15-7)

had a very good team effort.

Everybody played and con-

After opening pool play

Volleyball, cont'd., pg. 17

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with a loss to Byron Center, the Red Arrows battled back

Park is now 8-1 in the conference and 10-1 overall.

"Park has so many shooters. One player hits a shot and

Lowell trailed 15-12 at the with the score tied at 54-54. the overtime with seven un- 10-0 run midway through the second quarter helped the Brian Morrissey led all Vikings build a 33-22 half-

Park and the Red Arrows Northyiew teammate traded baskets in the opening two minutes of play in the Magro led Lowell scorers secondhalf, but Park then went with 16 points and 13 re- on a 13-0 run to open a 50-27

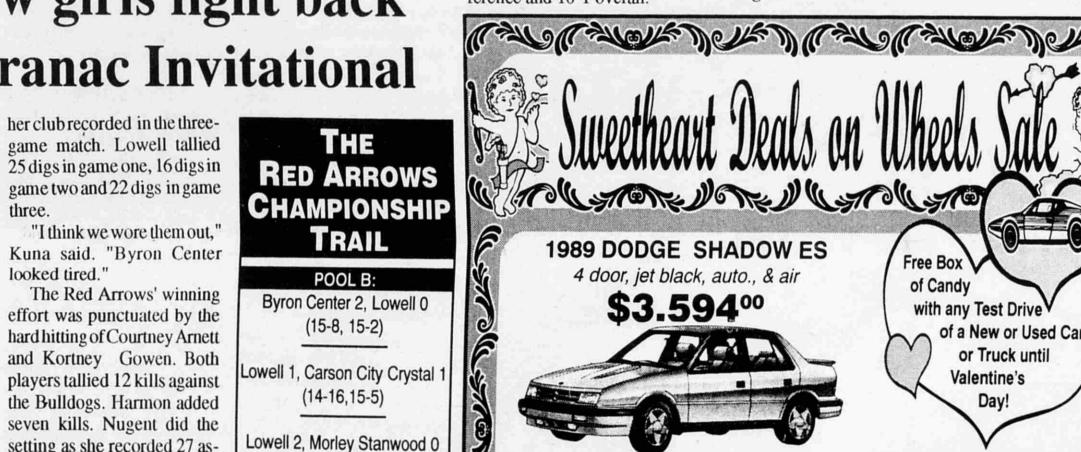
Lowell was able to close the gap to 13 midway through Lowell outrebounded the fourth quarter at 63-50. but could not get any closer.

> Shawn Feenstra led Wyoming Park with 20 points. Bob Henning tallied 16 and Mark Baker had 13.

Lowell was led by Ryan Boersma with 17 and George Ponchaud contributed with 13

The loss dropped Lowell to 1-7 in the league and 2-10

George Ponchaud drives to the basket.



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Gymnasts use year's top performance to ice Polar Bears

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A season-high team score propelled the Lowell gymnastic team to its second consecutive win.

The Red Arrows used strong team performances in · the floor exercise and on the uneven bars to post a 116.40-105.70 victory against the visiting Polar Bears from Creston.

"While scores have been somewhat inconsistent, the team continues to improve," said Lowell gymnastic coach

Fisher and Shannon Laux Pearson said. placed one, two, and three recise, springing Lowell to its at 7.80. best team score (32.05) of the The Red Arrow girls

was second with a score of in the event. Kropf, first, led

a round-off back-handspring at 6.75. Tammy Eteo was sixth

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banking needs. The employees have become a second

When not at work, Deb spends her time with her

husband, Lee & son, Jacob. She enjoys baking,

shopping and spending time with friends. She attends

the First United Methodist Church and is a Preschool

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Annette Pearson. "The girls followed by a full-twisting with a score of 5.90. have shown they are unwill- somee. "That's the first time a ing to let a few early-season Lowell gymnast has accom- beled as unnecessary falls, was third at 7.00, Murphy a score of 7.85. Murphy was losses set them back." Lesley Murphy, Skye elle Schick did it in 1987," were up slightly. The team was fifth with a score of 6.20.

showed tremendous im-Murphy was the medalist provement on the uneven bars. with a tally of 8.25. Fisher The team tallied 26.75 points 8.10 and Shannon Laux was the way with a score of 7.25. Liz Arnold was third at 6.85. Murphy and Laux threw Betsy Elzinga tied for fourth By Thad Kraus their back tumbling pass with with Creston's Beverly Borak Lowell Ledger Editor

Despite what Pearson la- was second at 7.30, Liz Arnold plished that feat since Mich- the Red Arrows' beam scores was fourth at 6.65 and Laux score totaled 27.15.

Vault scores were down Sara Kropf tied for fifth Creston's Larissa Robinson slightly, but Lowell still spectively in the floor exer- with Creston's Jessica Swartz took top honors on the beam managed to claim the top four

with a score of 8.00. Kropf spots

second at 7.65, Eteo was third with a score of 7.60 and Kropf was fourth was a 7.35.

Lowell grapplers edged by Redhawks at Goodrich Invitational

Lowell entered the Goodrich deficit to 26-24. Team Tournament ranked in the top 10 in Class B.

anything that might lead one year, 9-2. to question their rankings.

their way through pool play Rivers said. before meeting in the finals, edged Lowell 29-28.

down Lowell/Cedar Springs tory. match," Red Arrow coach Gary Rivers said.

lar opponent - highly ranked Springs the victory. Sparta. The Redhawks have beaten Sparta twice while Lowell has lost twice to the

With Lowell's daily double a 9-0 lead after Scott Swanson won on a technical fall against Brandon Wood, 24-9.

"It's an awfully nice feeling when you win the opening two matches," Rivers said.

However, Cedar Springs' 5:25 of the third period. strength at the middle weights and eventually grab a 26-18 matches to go.

because they look like chestnuts, the Latin word for which is cas-

Red Arrow Rich Stouffer

Sean Smith staved off a pin at 189 against Bill VanHam, Based on their perfor- losing to the Redhawk who out a loss. Winning all five of mances, neither team did had pinned him earlier in the their matches were Swanson,

"Sean did a fantastic job and Nauta. Both the Red Arrows and keeping us within reach going the Redhawks steamrolled into the heavyweight match,"

where Cedar Springs narrowly heavyweight Chris Nauta needed a pin against John "It was a typical knock Bone to secure Lowell a vic-

lowing a pin, losing to Nauta Both teams have one simi- 15-3 and thus securing Cedar

> "Chris had a couple of opportunities, but it just didn't happen," Rivers said.

Both teams were able to at 103 and 112, the Red Ar- record two pins. Cedar Springs rows were able to break out to gotpins at 125 and 140 pounds. Mike Rottier (125) was decisioned Ion Carlson 11-0 pinned at 44 seconds of the at 103 pounds, and Dan Spicer first period by Tim Tompkins. Hawk Jake Lewis pinned Matt

> second period. Lowell's Doug Weeks (130) pinned John Wright at

Cedar Springs' Greg allowed them to fight back DeFreece got the Hawks on the board with a 7-5 decision lead over Lowell with three over Lowell's Matt period. Osmolinski at 119 pounds.

Chris Kamphuis was a 12-6 winner over Jody Collins in the match at 135 pounds.

sions at 145, 152 and 160 Karasiewicz. pounds.

Tony MacDonald defeated Todd Lyonnais, 13-4; Adam Elderken defeated Cory Kirkbride, 13-12; and Luke Branyen defeated Shane Lyonnais was pinned by Jake Risner, 12-1.

To get to the finals, Lowell pinned Scott Clouse at 1:09 of defeated Lapeer West, 61-4; Both Cedar Springs and the first period cutting the Millington, 53-10; Hartland, 44-21; and Montrose, 36-21.

> Five Red Arrow wrestlers finished the tournament with Spicer, Stouffer, Kamphuis,

"I think Cedar Springs and Lowell showed that West Michigan has some awfully Trailing 29-24, Lowell's good wrestlers," Rivers said.

> Lowell 54 Rogers 13

The delay in matches due Bone escaped without al- to the weather caused Lowell to be a little stale.

> However, the Red Arrows' sttrength in numbers was enough to defeat an improv-"Rogers has improved.

They have four good wrestlers, and three of them beat

Lowell's Scott Swanson, Shane Risner, Rich Stouffer Matt Inman and Sean Smith all posted victories by way of Inman (140) at 3:42 of the forfeit.

Recording pins were Chris Nauta, heavyweight, and Chris Kamphuis, 135 pounds.

Nauta pinned Mike Foreman at 3:10 of the second period. Kamphuis stuck Josh Evans at 3:44 of the second

Earning decisions were Dan Spicer and Matt Osmolinski. Spicer won at 112 pounds, 10-3. Osmolinski was Cedar Springs won deci- a 7-4 winner over Jeff

> Doug Weeks, wrestling at 130 pounds, won on an injury

Mike Rottier, 125, lost to Mike Brewer, 8-4. Todd

Wrestling, cont'd., pg. 17



Council awards bids on West Main water improvement

tion Rubric both as an evalu- mance has jumped so dramati-

By Thad Kraus owell Ledger Editor

The city received 18 bids for the construction of water

Drive and Alden Nash. Kamphuis Pipeline, Grand apids, was "rewarded" as it

mains on West Main, Gee

"I'm sure that is the most water storage tank and a at \$145,000. bids we've received on any booster pumping station.

construction project was

vas awarded the contract.

Dave Pasquale said. Kamphuis' bid for the \$737,550.

here," Lowell City Manager was awarded the bid for the improvements projects is After awarding the bids, of the street) plus \$450 per lot storage tank at a cost of subject to the issuance of the Council set a public hear- to \$20.12 per lineal foot of

tion project was awarded to sessment roll (Feb. 22). The city also awarded Grand River Construction, City Manager Dave Pas-

one project since I've been Natgun, Wakefield, Mass. tors for the westside water bonds. bonds (in March) and the coning on the special assessment frontage (or \$10.06 if the wa-The booster pumping sta- firmation of the special as- roll for the westside water ter main serves both sides of

This allows students to really reading for 16 years. He's given in the classroom."

of the outcomes on an assign- assessment rubric. By the end achieve their potential,"

ment have reached a success- of the year, we had more than Lowell Middle School prin-

bids on the 800,000 gallon Hudsonville. Its bid came in quale stated that the limit has the assessment will be low-

understand the Oral Presenta- pleased that student perfor- The next task will be to Middle School Staff members

atorand a presenter." Our staff cally. "We started the 1992- evaluating student writing. Lisa Enslen Sue Wilterink,

agreed to set the level of suc- 93 school year with less than "The Lowell Middle School Loretha Smith, Dale Latva,

cess at 80 percent. Students half of our student body staff is committed to excel- MarkMacDonald, and Donna

three-fourths of the student cipal Mike Matlosz said.

who accomplish 80 percent achieving 80 percent on this lence and to helping students Robbins.

Based on the bids received,

almost been reached in the ered from \$23 per lineal foot The approval of contrac- \$1.5 million water revenue of frontage (or \$11.50 if the water main serves both sides the street) plus \$350 per lot.

Dale Latva has been teach- body scoring above 80 per- Members of this committee

Assessment methods aimed at learner performance in spoken language

create a consistent method of Laurie Wagner, Ruth Wicker,

With a new measuring stick dents to receive similar feed- then be made by the presenter back on their performance in before the final presentation. ing eighth-grade English and cent on oral presentations and a year's practice, Lowell public speaking." Middle School teachers were hopeful to prescribe some new "In peer practice," notes eaching methods that would Donna Robbins, a sixth grade improve the quality of oral language arts instructor, "stupresentations among their students must get their ideas ordents. This committee, which ganized for presentation to a is part of the school improvesmall group of their peers. ment process, has volunteered Within the peer group, areas hundreds of hours to develop for improvement and praise new assessment methods are discussed. Changes can which could pinpoint learner

Aided by some state-of-theart software and Phil Babcock, "statistical genius" at Kent Intermediate School District, By Thad Kraus the team of Lowell teachers Lowell Ledger Editor went hi-tech with their effort.

performance in spoken lan-

It paid off! Community Development "Our first sample was en-Block Grant Funds totaling couraging, but we had some \$41,000 were divided up bebroad gaps in student performance," claims Mark MacDonald, a remedial reading/writing teacher. He ex-voted to earmark \$3,400 in plains that the greatest gains unprogrammed funds and ing scores, "We wanted to devise a tool that could be used universally. That's how we came up with the Oral provide direction on the degram. The three-day, in-depth training for area sports teams

students will be evaluated. Whether Sally gives her oral

Community Block Grant Funds distributed by Council

ful level of achievement.

1995-96 fiscal year.

tween the master plan and sidewalk handicap ramps. The Lowell City Council

report on the structure of the phases in the overall devel- 11-14. atom or Johnny presents his- opment of the project. They

ordinances. Pasquale said this ramps. should be completed by the The Council also consid- Councilman Bill Thomp- munity Block Grant Funds.

It also allocated \$22,765 of Kraus, Lowell Showboat, for ports the Showboat, he felt the

the 1994-95 funds to instal- the allocation of \$5,000 to- use of \$22,765 toward side-**Tuthill to attend**

Red Cross program came after instituting a \$18,235 of 1994-95 funds to- Dr. Paul Tuthill, of Doc- compared to treatment by schoolwide mode of improv- ward the completion of the tors Chiropractic, will be at- medical doctors. This ad-

tending the American Red vanced work will maintain The monies will be used to Cross "Protect Your Back" this clinical superiority, eninventoring information and instructor certification pro- abling better preventative Presentation Rubric which is velopment, redevelopment training program, is co-spon- and businesses. a scale of criteria by which and future development of the sored by the American Chiropractic Association and ing will qualify Dr. Tuthill as There are a number of is taught in Romulus on Feb. the only area physician ca-

torical research on the Con- include the master plan, capi- already rated as being two ing to Red Cross specificastitution, we want these stu- tal improvements, and updat- times more effective in the tions. treatment of low back pain, as

Completion of the trainpable of providing "Protect "Chiropractic doctors are Your Back" classes accord-

ing zoning and subdivision lation of sidewalk handicap ward the improvement of bar- walk handicap ramps would

ered a request from Thad son said that while he sup-

rier-free handicapped ramps. be a better use of the Com-

LOWELL BRANCH YMCA **MENS OVER 30 SLOW** PACED BASKETBALL

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to split their two games with Carson City-Crystal, 14-16, Lowell in two games.

Lowell finished pool play with a 15-0, 15-5 win over Morley Stanwood.

On Monday, Lowell traveled to Belding where it lost to the Redskins 8-15,9-15 and then to Rockford 4-15, 6-15.

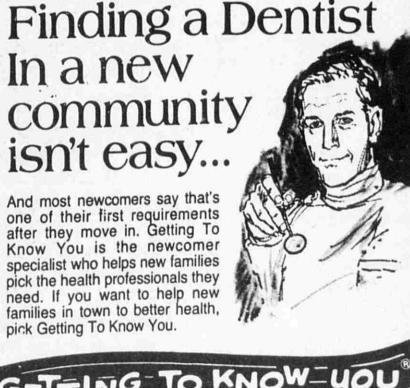
"Rockford is the best team we've played this year," Kuna said. "They are big, run a good The Golden Hawks swept Blumenstein did the same for

"We didn't play real well. Kelly Peuler recorded a The girls just weren't that match-high 15 assists for the consistent with their play," Lowell's Kerry Nugent had

Lowell's Courtney Arnett had Lowell finished the week in kills with seven. Sara

Rogers Tara Perry and 11

a match-high two aces apiece. with a match record of 9-8-3. Tara Harmon led Lowell Its game slate is now at 23-21.







Hearts afire for Sweetheart Swirl week at LHS



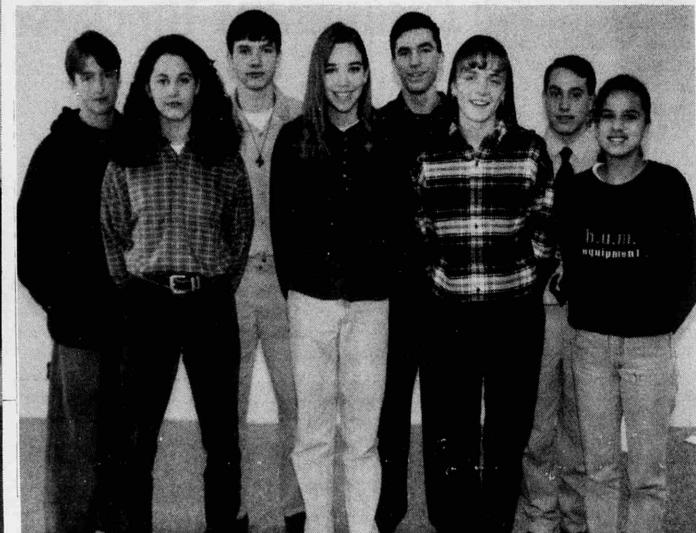
The Prince and Princess of LHS class will be announced at the Sweetheart Swirl on Joe Minier; back row, left to right: Sarah Matyczyn, Diane Johnson, Jody Hoffman, Sara and Paul Pelon. Kropf, Betsy Elzinga and Lisa Allchin.



Spirit activities for Sweetheart Swirl week include pajama/boxer day, hearts 'N hats Feb. 12 from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Pictured above are day, Disney day, Twinday, and Red Arrow day. Pictured above are junior representatives, senior representatives, back row, left to right: Jim Nauta, Cutter Phillips, Jim Young, left to right: Kortney Gowen, Zac Cole, Melissa Beute, Scott LaHaie, Courtney Arnett,



On Friday of Sweetheart Swirl week a school pep assembly will be held at 10:15 a.m. Tichelaar, Ryan Teunis, Jenny Jansma, Brandon Hamilton, Amy Teunis, Fred Byrne, Triplett, Emily Dunn, and Hayley Braun. Kylie Jackson.



Sweetheart Swirl freshman representatives are, back row, left to right: Brett Bittrick, in the high school gym. Sophomore representatives pictured above, left to right: Jamie Chad Nowak, Jeff Catlin, Mike Curtis; front row, left to right: Lyndsay Glenn, Sara

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Lowell students work toward trip

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And so four Lowell stu- sadors of goodwill as they stay dents - Jennifer Boyd, Re- overnight athomes of students becca Cattanach, Stephanie their own age. Brown and Aaron Brander are in the process of preparing more than 65,000 young for a 21-day trip to Australia Americans have served as and New Zealand to experi- ambassadors to 25 different ence the power of people.

The People to People Student Ambassador South Paprogram in 1956. It was adcific Discovery Program ministered by the State Decombines a strong educational partment until 1961, when it focus with many fun activi-

Student Ambassadors visits will include Auckland, North Island of New Zealand and Sydney, Townsville and By Thad Kraus Cairns, Australia.

Exploring the rain forests and coastline of New Zealand's Coromandel Peninsula, learning about the animals of the Australian Outback, and studying the marine life of the Great Barrier Reef are part of the comprehensive program.

President Dwight D. The heart of People to became a private, non-profit Eisenhower, founder of People programs is the organization.

> have the chance to be ambas-\$4,500-\$5,000. Boyd, Cattanach, Brown and Brander have been active

students will run between

in a number of activities to raise money for each of their individual trips, including contacting local businesses for

Each student must have Eisenhower founded the half of the funds in by Feb. 12. The trip is scheduled to begin

Rezoning request for wisits will include Auckland, Whitianga, and Rotorua on the Root Lowell approved

Lowell Ledger Editor

rezoning of 26.74 acres from multiple family residential to industrial got the confirmation of the Lowel City Coun-

The property, currently erty to industrial. zoned R-3, is bordered by

subdivision and park development as well as the railroad.

The rezoning change Root Lowell's request for would allow Root-Lowell to

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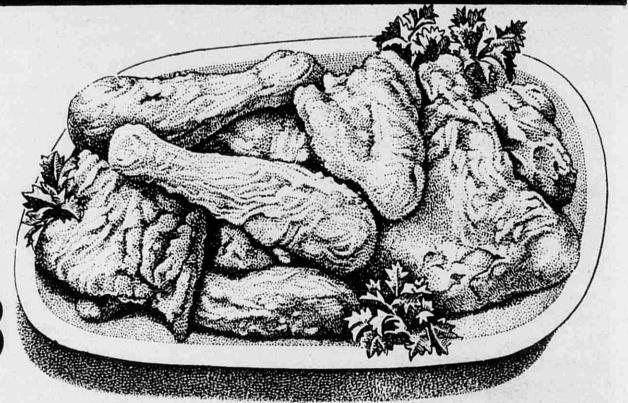
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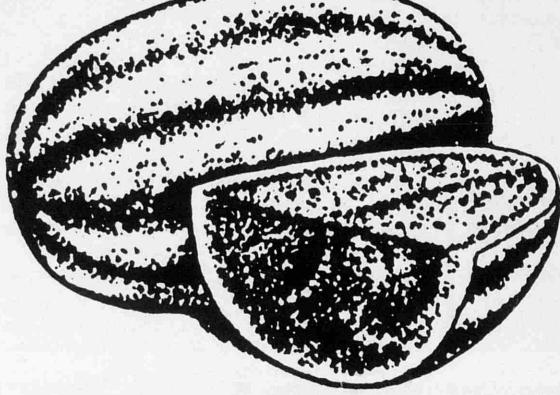
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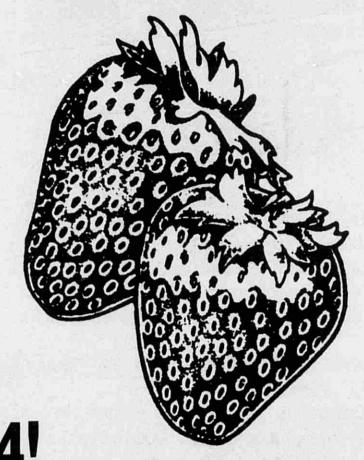


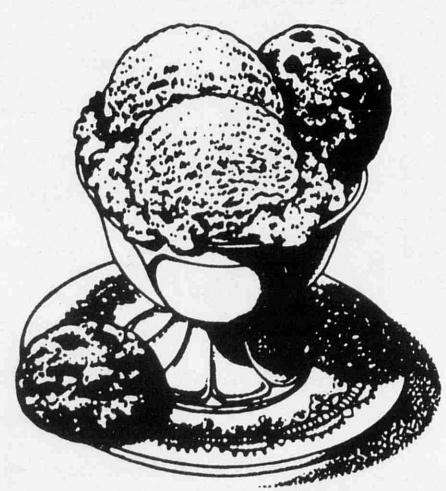


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