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Plumb's last day of doing business in Lowell will be March 12.

Plumb's Pulling Out! Projections show cost to upgrade store more than market can bear

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Stating the market would not bare the monies needed to update its store to that of its competitor, Plumb's announced that it will be closing its doors in Lowell effective March 12.

"Based on our projections, the Lowell market could not economically support the improvements needed to upgrade the store's standards," said Plumb's vice president of operations, Dale Domsten.

Plumb's first came to Lowell in July of 1992 as part of a package acquisition. Plumb's purchased eight Eberhard Stores (including the one in Lowell).

There are currently 20 Plumb's outlets in West Michigan.

Domsten said the decision to close the Lowell Plumb's store is not an indication of how all the branches are doing.

"Lowell is a one-and-a-half store town which isn't enough to bring the store to

where it needs to be," Domsten said.

Plumb's struck a deal with Family Fare which calls for it to purchase the equipment from the store and to share in a percentage of the cost of the Plumb's current lease agreement. Family Fare Chairman of the Board, Don Koop, said he believed the lease was for approximately eight years.

Plumb's and Family Fare will work together to find a retailer to sublet the building.

Domsten said he did not believe the building would remain empty long. "There has been interest shown in the building," he said.

Koop said it currently has three or four projects going and felt that some of the equipment it will purchase from Plumb's will fit in at several of those locations. The rest of it would have to be sold at auctions.

Currently Plumb's has 32 associates working at the Lowell store, 11 of which are full-time.

Domsten said the full-time

employees would be offered positions at other Plumb's locations. Family Fare also agreed to interview any full or part-time Plumb employees interested in working at Family Fare.

Family Fare store manager Larry Coleman said that with Plumb's closing, he would add 12-15 new employees. Coleman has interviewed three part-time Plumb employees already.

With the change, Koop said Lowell's Family Fare store would remain open for the summer holidays. "Depending on just how much extra business there is, we may decide to extend its morning and/or evening hours," he said.

Currently, Koop said, the store chain is committed to not opening up on Sunday.

As for the sale of beer and alcohol, Koop said he believed there are enough other outlets in Lowell that it would not be necessary. "I think the business could help other stores in the Lowell area."

District millage may help county stabilize funding for Township's new library system

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Following last year's chaotic attempt to find funding for the Kent County Library system, the library board has suggested a new district library system for townships in Kent County.

Lowell Township received a letter from the library board detailing plans for installing the district system throughout the county.

The library board would like to have the system established by July 1. It is the intent of the board to have all 26

participating township members involved in the district system.

The library board has broken the townships into eight groups. Lowell Township will be in group four with Bowne Township, the city of Lowell and Vergennes Township.

The district library system would be run by a district library board which would consist of eight members, each appointed to a four-year term.

The county of Kent will be the official appointing body for the District Library

Board. The appointments will be made based on recommendations received from the township units in each group.

Funding for the district system will be through a millage approved by voters of each district in the separate groups. The library board has recommended that a millage

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Lowell's Hill wins his second battle in war on assessment of downtown business

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Hill's Shoe Store owner Gordon Hill knows the war will wage on.

He also knows he won his most recent business assessment battle with the city of Lowell.

"I'm tickled to death," Hill said. "I'm now two-of-eight in these assessment battles."

The City assessed Hill's Shoe Store business at \$18,500. Hill fought the assessment. "I took it to the Lansing Tribunal and asked that a judge decide," Hill said.

The judge did and spoke in favor of Hill, lowering the assessment to \$14,088 or a

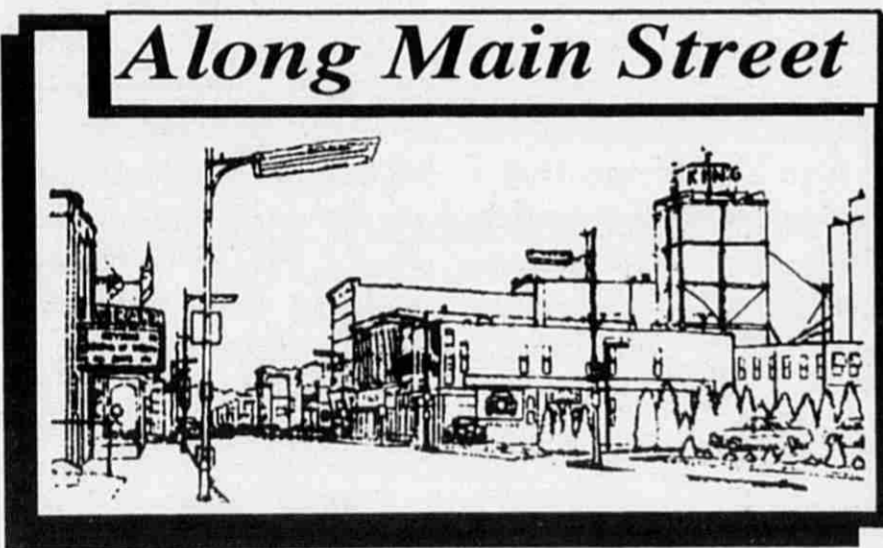
total savings of \$8,824 a year.

"The city assessor is killing the downtown. Nothing's done to the downtown area to improve it, but the assessments continue to rise," Hill said. "When will they get it right and improve the downtown area and then raise the assessments?"

Lowell city assessor Jim Marfia said Hill and others don't understand that assessments are not made based on improvements.

"The law states that assessments must be 50 percent of the market value," Marfia says. "So as long as the market value goes up each year, so will assessments."

Marfia says the current
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BLUEBIRDS AND ROBINS SPOTTED

Maxine Post spotted two bluebirds in her backyard and Barbara Hucklebeury reports seeing a robin in her yard on Monday, Feb. 21.

WANTED: FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

If you know of any history on the Lowell Fire Department please call Steven Noall at 897-7637 after 4 p.m. or Frank Muth at 897-8135 before 4 p.m.

YMCA RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Boys and girls grades three through six are invited to participate in a one-hour recreational basketball program that is open to all skill levels.

There will be six sessions starting March 7. Third and fourth-grade will begin at 6 p.m. and fifth and sixth-grade start
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Gordon Hill, owner of Hill's Shoe Store, won his latest assessment battle with the city of Lowell.

INSIDE THE LEDGER

The Lowell Ledger television section returns this week, pgs. 9 - 16. Readers will notice the new grid-type format.

It starts with weekday morning and daytime grids, followed by evening and late-night grids for Monday through Friday. There are full schedules for the weekend.

OBITUARIES

LARKIN - Harold T. Larkin, aged 82, of RR-1, Irons, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994 at Baywood Nursing Home, Ludington. Surviving in addition to his wife, Winnifred, are one daughter, Patricia Evans of Lowell; one grandson, Jason Evans of Lowell; six nieces and several grand nieces and nephews. Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Irons. Reverend Father Thomas C. Niedzwiecki celebrant. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Irons. Those wishing memorial contributions are asked to consider the Irons Area Rescue Unit.

MARTIN - Florence J. Martin, aged 72, of Lowell, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Martin Sr. She is survived by her children, Harry R. Martin Jr. of Grand Rapids, and Bonnie (Herman) Westrate of Lowell; brother, Ray (Elizabeth) Fessenden of Rockford; sisters, Frances Iles of Battle Creek, Vera Bodell of Sparta, Donna (Robert) Holdridge of Stanwood; brother-in-law, John Nequist of Sparta; grandchildren, Todd, Timothy (Mary) and Tara; great-grandson, Timothy Jr.; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services

were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel, Rev. Glenn Marks of Lowell Missionary Church officiating.

MOLTER - Robert L. Molter, aged 34, of Wyoming, passed away in Ionia, February 18, 1994. Surviving are his wife, Kim; two stepsons, John and Brandon, both at home; his parents, Carol and Russell Stearns, James and Judy Whorley; three grandparents, Virginia Molter, Lois Stearns, Julia Whorley; two brothers, Todd and Russell Stearns; three sisters, Roxanne Stevens, Robin Gasper; half sister, Michelle Stearns. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Saranac, Fr. Eugene Alvenstetter officiating. Interment Easton Cemetery.

PARSONS - Naomi Parsons, aged 69, of Apollo Beach, FL, passed away February 17, 1994. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Florence Ferguson of Berrien Springs; two brothers, Paul King of Wilmington, DE and Harvey King of Lowell. Many nieces and nephews.

SHIPPY (FREMONT) - Howard Nelson Shippy, aged

79, passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 1994 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; and family, Max and Alyse Shippy of Lowell, Judy Wellman of Fremont, Joyce and Herb Wood of

Cumberland in the "market" for a new beer and wine license

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Hoping to be the first store in Lowell Township to sell beer and wine on a take-out basis, the Cumberland Market asked the township for a license to do so.

Township Supervisor John Timpson informed Jeff Roy, owner of the market, that he could not grant him the license now because his signs were not within the guideline of the township's sign ordinance.

"His big sign is fine, but the small signs made of plywood go against the ordinance," said Timpson.

Timpson informed Roy that he could go to the Lowell Township Board of Appeals and ask for a variance. If the board grants him this variance, Timpson says the township board will look into his request.

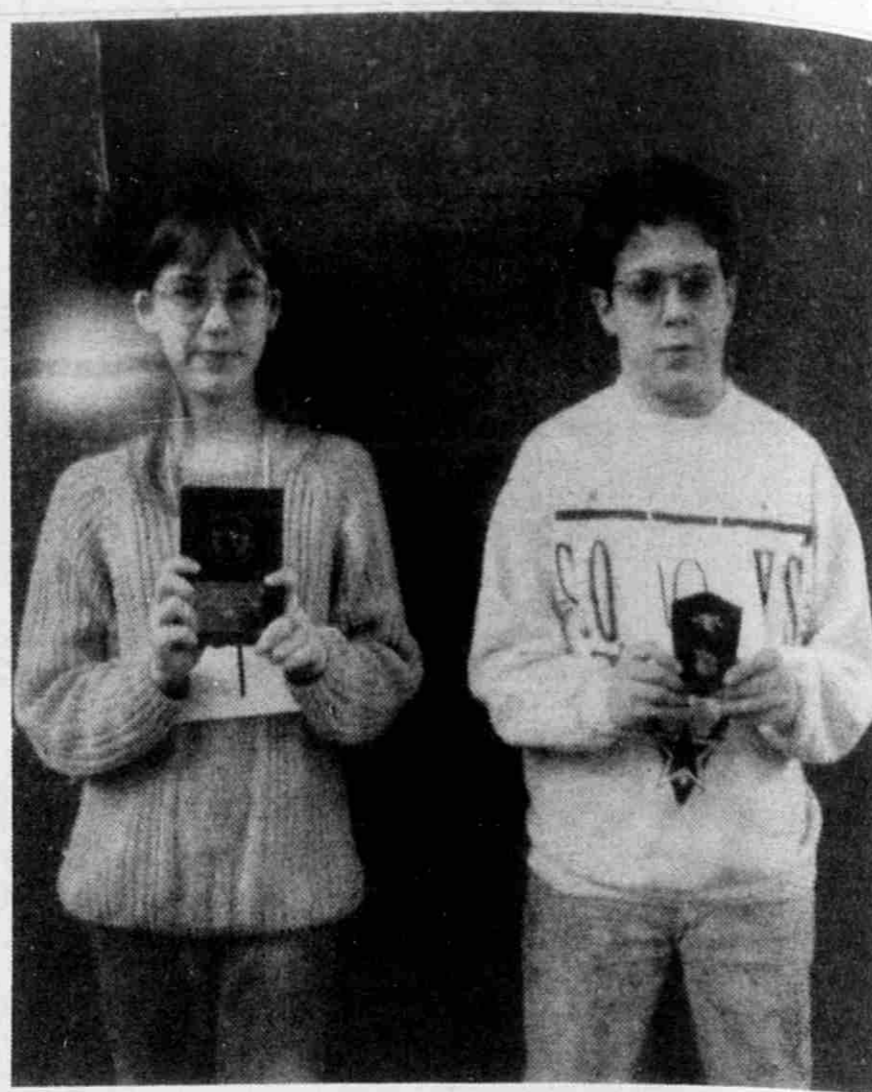
According to Timpson, Roy feels the small signs are necessary to draw in people. "He feels traffic travels so fast by his place that the big sign is not enough and since he put up the small sign, his business has done better," he said.

Another issue the township board would like to discuss with Roy before looking at his application is whether his commercial driveway is bonded. Currently, the driveway is not within the ordinance for a commercial driveway, but if it is bonded Timpson feels he can work out an arrangement.

Timpson says this method of granting licenses is common in the area.

"We have to do this with a lot of business in the area in order to get them to comply with our ordinances," said Timpson.

Dick Huver, Lowell Township board trustee, agrees with Timpson. "If we don't enforce our ordinances with the Cumberland Market, others in the township can say we didn't enforce our ordinance with them, so why should you with me," he said. All of the board members said they would like to see Roy's business become a success, but they also want it to fall within the township's ordinances.



Winning elementary spelling bee students prepare for regional

Traditionally the end of January brings a thaw and the annual Spelling Bee. This year 1994 seems to have been skipped by a January thaw, but Spelling Bees continue! As usual the fifth-grade students from Runciman-Riverside, Bushnell and Alto participated in their schools' Bees.

Each fifth-grade class was represented by a number of classroom winners. Participants from the Runciman-Riverside fifth grades were: Chad Ayers, Aimee Bloem, Rachel Bender, Matt Collins, Alecia Daggett, Courtney Demorest-Lee, Michelle Ford, Lindsay Koehn, Kara McMahon, D.J. Shores, Jason Siembor, Sara Soyka, Jolynn Stalsonburg, and Aleisha Wind.

Contestants from Bushnell were: Ashley Alsup, Charlene DeShane, Kimberly Drougal, Kathryn Gunberg, Collin Vincent, Sarah Balcer, Michael Gustafson, Kyle Hines, Nicole LeFave, Phillip VanLaan, Nicole Briggs, Jordan Gallagher, Andrew Lux, Eric Ostrander, Tim Wood, Theresa Frey, Charise Mahan, Danielle Mahan, Justin Malone, Katie Moore, Kristine Akers, Douglas Anchors, Lyndsey Geer, Michael Lechner and Gavin Vincent.

Alto Elementary's participants were: Kim Bek, Andy Brubaker, Danielle Corteville, Heather Delamar, Troy Gillan, Lori Gleason, Abbey Goff, Sarah Newell, Jennifer Roth, Kristin Smit,

Jenny Williams, Lori Bessey, Cody Cook, Nicole Craig, Jessica DenHouter, Andy Hauser, Elizabeth Koopman, Michael Krause, Sarah LaNore, Elizabeth Brander, Shawna Jones, Nicole Tegg, Matt Oesch, Melissa Precious, Kurt Umlauf, Matt Wilcox, Amber Young, Brian Abel, Nicole Heacock, Ashley Cunningham, Michael Kowalski, Sunny Moyer, Heather Posthumus, Nate Reniger, Matt Trierweiler, Kevin Walker and Holly Young.

A final Spelling Bee was held at each school to determine the school winners. At Bushnell and Runciman-Riverside, Mrs. Virginia Fonger presented the words, while Mrs. Betty Yeiter was the presenter at Alto. Judges were Mr. Dominique Olree and Mrs. Norma Lane, with Mr. James White and Mrs. Mary Ann Schramm acting as judges at Alto.

After several practice rounds and many rounds of spirited competition, the winner at Alto was Shawna Jones Nicole Tegg, as runner-up; Bushnell-Tim Wood, winner and Kyle Hines, runner-up; Runciman-Riverside, Jolynn Stalsonburg, winner and Matt Collins, runner-up.

These students will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on February 24, 1994 at Thornapple-Kellogg High School in Middleville. Good luck to all of our finalists.

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Commission works toward board's acceptance of ordinance

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Never give up! That is the Lowell Township's Planning Commission plan when it comes to updating the existing Light Industrial ordinance.

After learning the Lowell Township Board will not accept the commission's new updated Light Industrial ordinance, the commission will look to update it in accordance to what the township board would like to see.

The board rejected the first updated Light Industrial ordinance, saying it was too restrictive and copied the Planned Urban Development ordinance.

Board officials feel if an ordinance is too restrictive, it can prevent development. In preventing development, a township can be taken to court.

Carol Wieland, Planning Commission and Township Board trustee, says the first thought of the board is that if the township has gotten along with the current ordinance this long, it can go a little longer. She went on to explain that the board believes if the Light Industrial ordinance is too restrictive, "it may be viewed that this township is trying to dead stop any influx of new industry to the area."

However, the Planning Commission says the current ordinance is not restrictive enough and a happy medium must be met between the board and commission.

The control the commission wants is to insure that any light industrial facility is developed the way the township wants and not the way the developer wants.

"We have to make sure that a light industrial facility follows the guidelines that

would beneficial to the township," said Planning Commission Secretary David Simmonds.

The Planning Commission agreed that the area is ideal for a light industrial facility, but that the facility must be to the liking of residents in Lowell Township.

"If we're going to have it (a light industrial facility), we have to have it so people will want it in our township," said Planning Commission trustee Richard Bryan.

Bryan pointed out that the land designated as "Light Industrial," off of I-96 and on the corner M-21 and Cascade Rd., falls under the guidelines of the Light Industrial ordinance and not the Planned Urban Development (PUD) ordinance as many people believe.

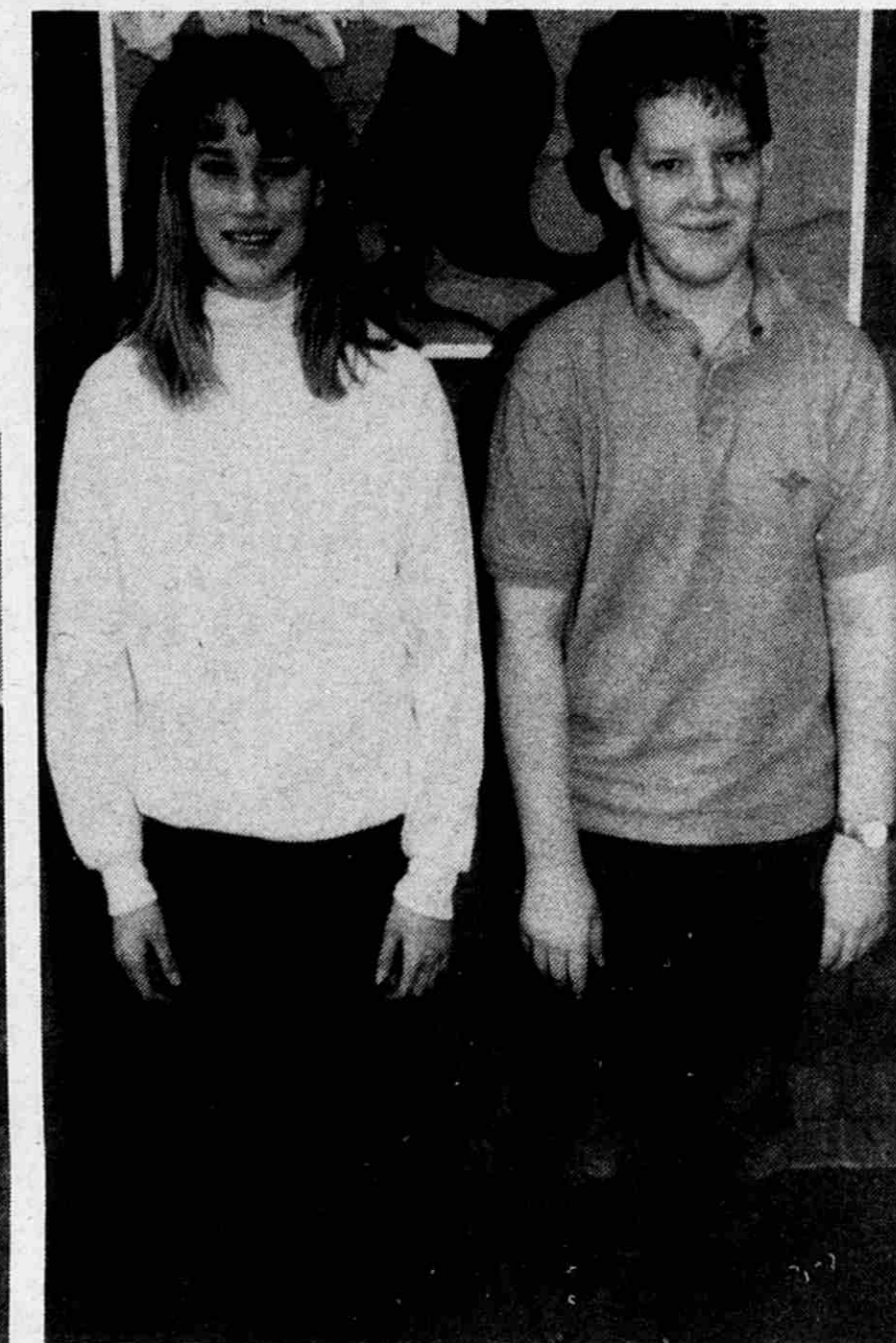
According to Bryan, the only reason why that parcel would have fallen under the PUD ordinance is because Robert Grooters agreed to develop the land under the PUD. Bryan says if another developer wanted to build on the land, they could insist on doing it under the Light Industrial ordinance.

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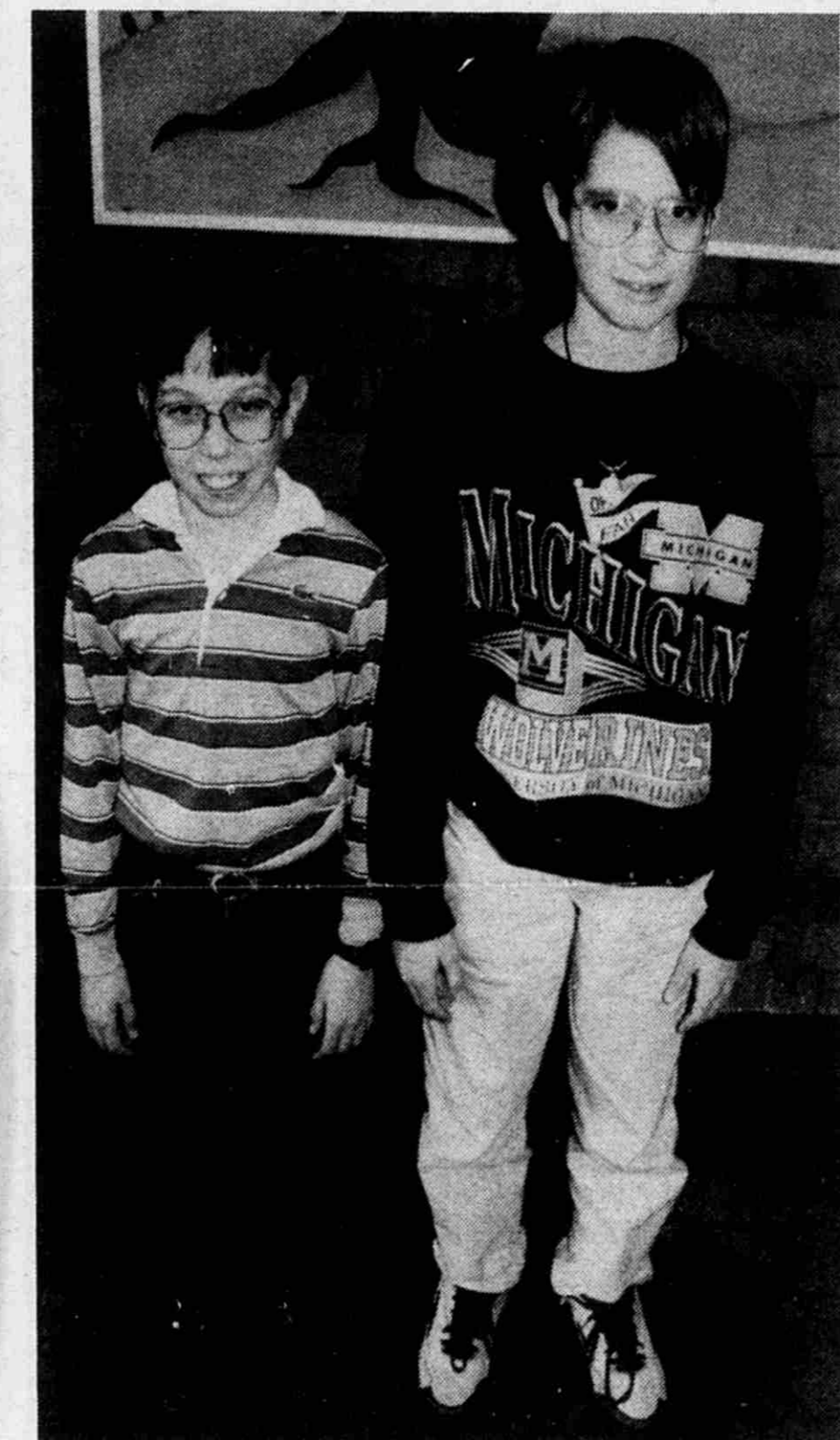
Lowell Middle School Students-of-the-Month

Lowell Middle School Students-of-the-Month are, front row, left to right: Beth Fredline, sixth-grade; Jeff Pfaller, seventh-grade; Eric Howes, seventh-grade and David Barry, sixth-grade; back row, left to right: Lisa Bristol, seventh-grade; Melanie Wieland, sixth-grade; Nathan Reimbold, eighth-grade; Gena Buhler, eighth-grade and Julie Wisner, eighth-grade.



LMS Spelling Bee winners

Lowell Middle School Spelling Bee winners are, left to right: Jessica Winsor, winner, and Jon DenHouter, runner-up. Both are in eighth-grade.




Geography Bee winners

Lowell Middle School Geography Bee winners are, left to right: Aaron Kaeb, winner, and Jim Willits, runner-up. Both are in sixth-grade.

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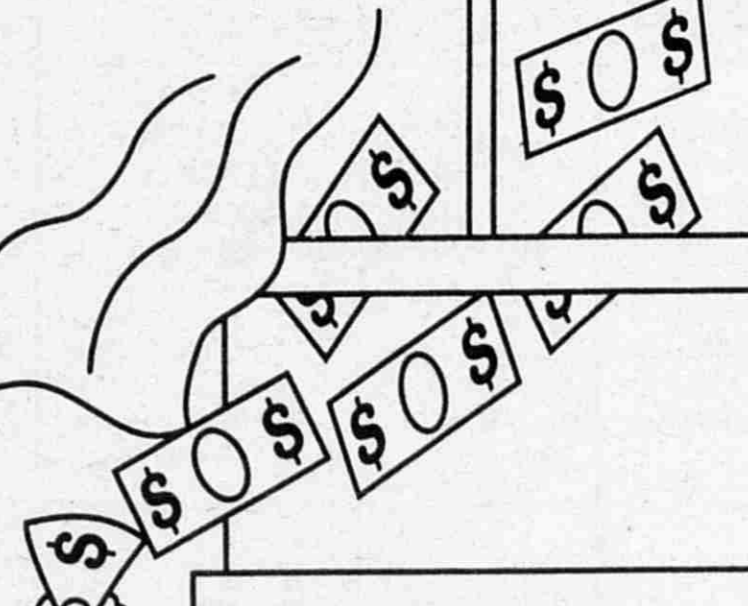
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LOW BACK PAIN AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Low back injuries account for only 30 percent of a company's total industrial accidents. Yet, "low backs" use 80% of a company's workers compensation payouts. Why? A recent international study finding: when industry uses medical rather than chiropractic management for low back cases, employer costs jump 200 to 1000 percent per case.

CANCER UP? CANCER DOWN?

The overall cancer mortality rate for the years 1950 to 1989 would have gone down 14 percent, instead of going up 10 percent, if lung cancer had been eliminated. The vast majority of lung cancers are highly preventable.

WINTER BATHING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

If you get dry, itchy skin from daily bathing, try less frequent bathing. Most older adults need only bathe once or twice a week. Use lukewarm water and soap on the face, armpits, feet, buttocks and groin. Rinsing the rest of the body with water is usually enough.

EXERCISE AS STROKE PREVENTION

Daily walking plus a once a week sport activity such as tennis or swimming reduced the risk of stroke by 50 percent. Results were from a 7,735 all-male sampling, aged 40 - 59, according to the British Medical Journal.

INFLATE FOR HEALTH

Keep your automobile tires fully inflated. Under inflation increases chances of skidding - especially on wet or icy pavement. Under inflation in summer causes tires to heat up excessively and increases risk of blowouts. Myth: Under-inflated tires are safer in hot weather.

CHOOSE DARK SALAD GREENS

Dark salad greens such as Romaine lettuce have six times as much vitamin C, eight times as much beta carotene and twice as much folacin, (a B vitamin especially important for women of childbearing age) as do regular iceberg lettuce. Other choices: spinach, watercress, arugula and chicory.

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William Tichelaar and Veda Mason

Veda L. Mason and William Tichelaar will unite in marriage on June 11, 1994. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Foy and Florence Mason of Grand Rapids. She is a graduate of Northview High School.

The future groom is the son of James and Virginia Tichelaar of Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School. They will both graduate from Grand Rapids Community College in May.

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

—Mark Twain

Problem solving part of improvement process at Lowell Middle School

Problem solving skills are becoming an integral component in today's ever-increasing complex world of competition and just plain everyday life. As part of the Lowell

Middle School improvement process, the problem-solving committee has been gathering baseline data to identify students' problem-solving abilities.

Continuing from last year's

VOWS SPOKEN

A friendship that has blossomed to love and marriage is being announced by the former Barbara J. Gould and Raymond L. Zandstra.

In the early evening of February 5, 1994, the couple exchanged their vows of marriage in a candlelight ceremony held at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. The bride's parents, Bruce and Inga Weeks, renewed their vows in celebration of their 46 years of marriage on

the same date, as a part of the couple's wedding ceremony. A reception of celebration was held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

In a continued celebration of their marriage, the wedding couple honeymooned on the islands of Oahu and Maui in Hawaii.

Upon their return, the couple will reside at their residence in Lowell.

High school band member selected to play in all-star band

Ten Lowell High School band members were selected to play in the Grand Valley University High School All-Star Band on Sunday, Feb. 20, on GVVU campus.

The band will spend the weekend rehearsing on campus and the 120-member band will perform a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

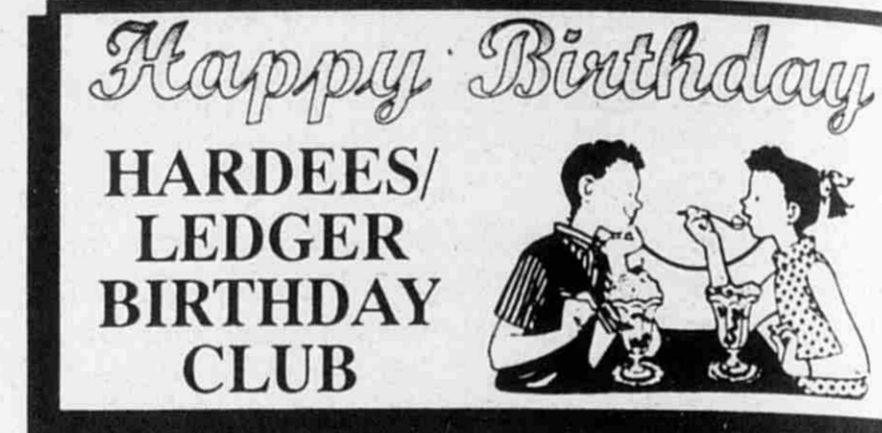
The group will be conducted by Grand Valley and director Samuel D.

McIlhagga. Representing Lowell High School will be the following: Bob Berrington, Jason Conant, Josh Ennis, Jesse Gleason, Ann Kilpatrick, Craig Lett, Annette Mutschler, Mary Mutschler, Michael Pucknat and Dianna Rice.

The concert is in the auditorium on the campus of Grand Valley and is open to the public free of charge.

plan, problem solving steps and strategies will be taught during contact time for a six to eight-week period. Identifying the problem, collecting relevant data, analyzing and prioritizing information, brainstorming solutions, and deciding upon a final solution are necessary steps for students to learn. Using the strategies of "Guess and Check," "Make a Table," "Patterns," "Make a Model", "Elimination," and "Simplify" have helped students implement their problem-solving abilities. Posters have been made to remind students of these strategies and are being distributed to all Lowell Middle School classrooms.

Pre-testing and post-testing the students will enable staff to assess the program's effectiveness and show gains in the students' ability to solve problems.

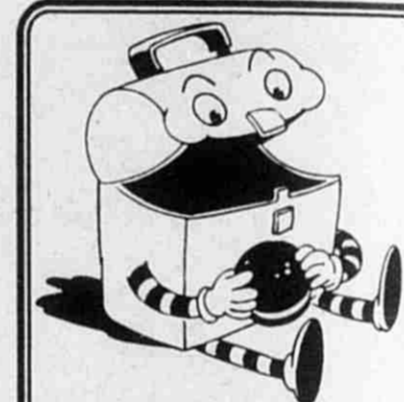


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Feb. 24: Toni Miller, Robert Curtiss, Cliff Mulder, Tarah Essich, Nathan Kalkman, Michael Arehart, Amy Aksamitowski.

Feb. 25: Lorna Franks, Jill Reinke, Staffan Magnusson, Martha Froese, Connie Roth. Feb. 26: Tracy DeWitt, Barry Vezino, Jeremy Goff, Robert Ford, Patricia Loew. Feb. 27: None. Feb. 28: Brian Zigmont, Carol Wolfe, Mark V. Ritzema, Rhonda Dickerson, Scott Denton, Eddie Nausieda.

March 1: Helen Mahynski, Richard Haines, Angela Ritzema, Donald L. Brower. March 2: Mary Vezino, Andy DeWitt, Karolyn Murphy, Roger MacNaughton, Kristine Kortjohn, Martin Johnson, John Kaufman.



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU Week of Feb. 28th

MONDAY: Ravioli or Burrito, buttered green beans, French bread with peanut butter, canned or fresh oranges, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun, dinosaur tater tots, mixed vegetables, assorted fruits, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dinner rolls w/peanut butter, fruit selection or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, fruit juice, carrot sticks, choice of fruit or vanilla pudding, milk.

FRIDAY: Lowell Red Arrow Sub Sandwich, tater tots, steamed corn, choice of fruit, milk. MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Ravioli or burrito or chef salad, buttered green beans or side salad, French bread with peanut butter, canned or fresh oranges, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or chicken patty sandwich or chef salad with bread, baked potato with toppings: Sour cream, bacon bits, cheese sauce or side salad, mixed vegetables, assorted fruits, milk.

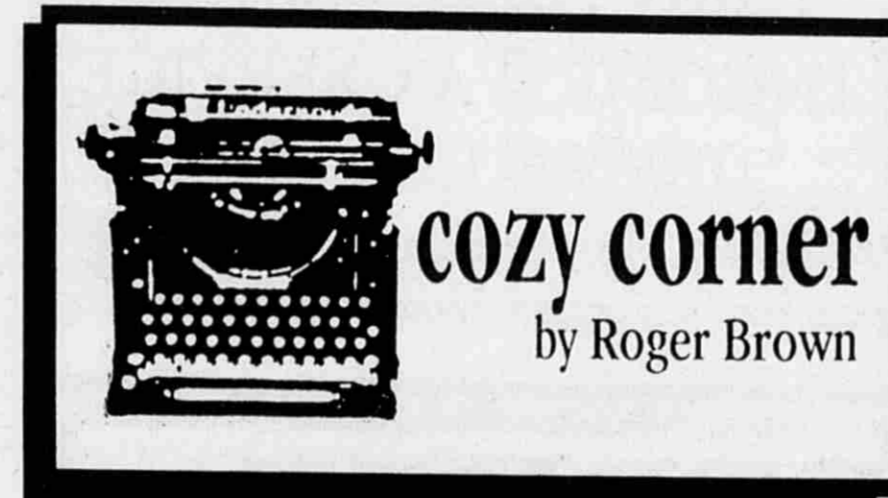
WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or breaded pork chop patty or chef salad, mashed potatoes or rice with gravy, steamed peas, homemade dinner rolls w/peanut butter, fruit selection or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni or baked lasagna or chef salad, fruit juice, carrot sticks or side salad, choice of fruit or vanilla pudding, milk.

FRIDAY: Lowell Red Arrow Sub sandwich or salmon patty sandwich or chef salad, oven French fries, steamed corn or side salad, choice of fruit, milk.

Weekly pre-lunch lunches welcome.

Viewpoint . . .



Ice fishing and golf have a lot in common as far as I'm concerned. "How the heck is that?" you say. For some reason I have this unexplained desire to give each of these sports, interests, pursuits or whatever you want to call them, a try about once a year. After each golf or ice fishing outing, I have numerous choice names for the sport, interest, pursuit or whatever you want to call it.

It's pretty obvious I haven't been golfing lately. Now that I think about it, my golf game might be better on snow and ice than it is on grass. Of course I don't spend much time on the grass when playing golf. My ball is more likely found in the woods, sand or water. At least the water hazards are frozen over and not a problem this time of year.

The weather was quite warm. It was in the forties I'd say. In fact it had been unseasonably warm for a few days. The snow was pretty much gone and there were a couple inches of water on the glare ice. Walking on it was difficult, and a wind gusting to about 30 miles per hour made it darned near impossible. I kid you not, if I was on a patch of glare ice when a big gust came up, the wind would blow all 220 pounds of me

I drove over a hundred miles getting there, and another 40 or 50 trying to find his place, it was after 11:00 when I walked through the door. I know that seems like a long way to go for a little ice fishing, but if I'm only going once a year, I might as well do it up right. If I simply grabbed my gear and hit a local pond for a couple of hours, I might be tempted to go more often. I wouldn't want to ruin my reputation.

We chewed the fat (now there's an old cliché that paints a pretty picture) until 1:00 a.m. We got up fairly early, had some coffee and got ready to go. All of a sudden I felt quite sick. I don't think it was from any apprehension or nervousness stemming from our expedition. I used to get like that before a football game, but I just don't get that worked up about ice fishing. I put the blame on my stop at Taco Bell the previous night. Maybe I chewed too much fat. At any rate, I didn't feel well at all.

As we drove to the north end of the lake, I told my buddy to be prepared to stop quickly if I gave him the word. I'm sure he wouldn't have appreciated a chicken burrito all over the dashboard of his nice Explorer.

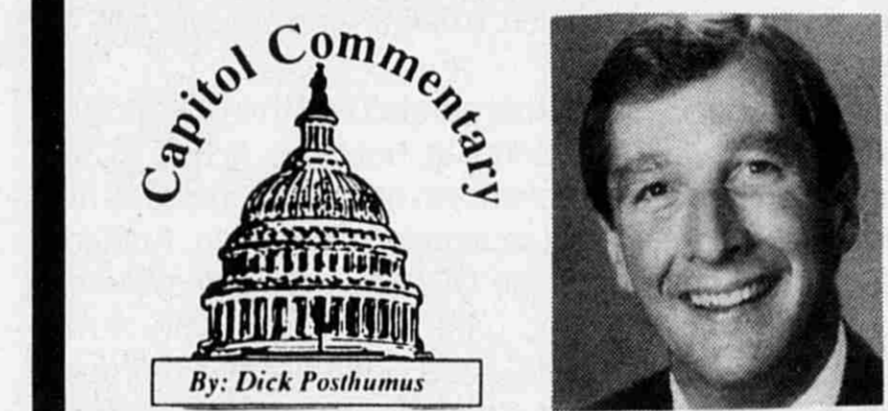
Once out on the lake, and in the fresh air, I began to feel a little better, but not much. Have you ever tried to drill a hole through a couple feet of ice while feeling like you were going to blow chunks at any moment? Take my word for it, that's one of life's little pleasures you can live without.

The weather was quite warm. It was in the forties I'd say. In fact it had been unseasonably warm for a few days. The snow was pretty much gone and there were a couple inches of water on the glare ice. Walking on it was difficult, and a wind gusting to about 30 miles per hour made it darned near impossible. I kid you not, if I was on a patch of glare ice when a big gust came up, the wind would blow all 220 pounds of me



100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 21, 1894 Governor Rich has fired three members of his cabinet in a vote-altering scandal that raised salaries of state officials even though voted otherwise. The skating on Flat River is excellent. The Grand Rapids preacher couldn't get across the

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 20, 1919 The Board of Trade annual banquet is served by the LHS cooking class in the high school gym. The village caucus has a big turnout—at least 101—and M.N. Henry is elected President on the fourth ballot; the men who won the first three refused the honor. Principal Himebaugh is in charge of the new agricultural course for the high school, offering four years of elective courses. The Vergennes Church is sponsoring a big meeting in the Grange Hall next Tuesday, with agriculture experts, local veterans, music and good food. George Washington's will has been restored and placed in the Fairfax courthouse where it was filed for probate in 1800.



For the past several weeks, I have been telling people everywhere I go how important a "yes" vote on March 15 is to Michigan's future. Proposal A offers Michigan a fair balance of taxes, full and equitable funding of public schools and increased job growth. On the other hand, if Proposal A is defeated, the back-up plan would devastate Michigan's economy by levying double the property tax rate for school operations on homeowners, increasing the state's income tax to six percent and hiking the Single Business Tax to 2.75 percent.

While most people I talk to favor the ballot plan, everyone has been concerned about two things: the real estate transfer tax and the filing deadline for the homestead affidavit. Homeowners are especially confused about the threat of higher property taxes if the affidavit is not filed before March 1.

Fortunately, the Michigan Legislature is doing something about those two issues. This week, we passed and the governor signed into law a bill that cuts the real estate transfer tax under both the ballot and the back-up plans. Also, the governor issued a directive Friday that extends the filing deadline for the

river last week to Chapel (near Ada) because slush ice was running so thick.

Farmers in the Morse Lake area are urged to take measures against the black knot fungus on plum and cherry trees, as it is spreading rather rapidly.

Rumor has it that the D.L.&N. Railroad will be buying the L.&H. soon and extending the track to Hastings in the spring.

British children have become healthier as a result of wartime emphasis on proper diet, mainly including more milk, orange juice and cod liver oil.

Michigan is working on a better state aid program and tax reforms to help schools, says state Sen. VanderLaan.

Michigan State College's Forestry Department will

getting deserved property tax relief a little easier. If you are a farm owner, make sure you identify land that is farmland on your affidavit (whether it is contiguous to your home or not). If there is not a spot on the form to indicate that, write a note on the form itself. It is likely the Legislature will pass legislation in the next two weeks to clarify that farmland is part of your homestead, but this would happen only if Proposal A passes.

Homeowners who do not file an exemption form with local assessors' offices by the deadline will be taxed as a business or second home, and not receive the larger tax cut they should. The reason for this is that the state has no way of distinguishing homes from businesses. If you have not yet received an affidavit, call 1-800 FORM-2-ME.

We are doing all we can to give you the deepest tax cuts we can while making the process of filing for these cuts as stress-free as possible. With a cut in the transfer tax, Proposal A makes even more sense, and with an extension of the filing deadline, Michigan homeowners will be assured the property tax cut they deserve.

Under Senate Bill 999, signed into law Friday, the transfer tax would be cut to .75 percent from two percent in the ballot plan and one percent in the back-up plan. It also exempts the transfer of property from parents to children and grandparents to grandchildren from the tax. Why did we decide to reduce the tax? Because Michigan's economy continues to improve - in part due to our recent tax cuts - state revenues have increased. In the past, state government would have spent this, but with the new attitude in Lansing, we believe taxpayers should reap the benefits, not government bureaucracies.

This reduction in the transfer tax will make it even more affordable for Michigan citizens to buy and sell homes, which is crucial to our state's economic climate. Holding our taxes down will make Michigan more attractive to job providers who want to settle or expand. To keep our state competitive in the world economy, we must create a tax climate that is palatable to everyone.

Besides lowering the transfer tax, the filing deadline for the affidavit has been extended. Governor Engler's directive requires the state treasurer to accept homestead exemption claims until May 1, if the ballot plan passes. The extension does not apply to the back-up plan because the governor does not have the power to change statutory language - only the Legislature can do that.

I am confident the Legislature will do all it can to get legislation passed extending the deadline under both plans. On Tuesday, the Senate will start debating one proposal that would extend the deadline to May 1 and allow the affidavit to be signed by "an" owner, rather than "the" owner. The Michigan House also has a couple of bills before it that would make

getting deserved property tax relief a little easier. If you are a farm owner, make sure you identify land that is farmland on your affidavit (whether it is contiguous to your home or not). If there is not a spot on the form to indicate that, write a note on the form itself. It is likely the Legislature will pass legislation in the next two weeks to clarify that farmland is part of your homestead, but this would happen only if Proposal A passes.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomapple River Dr. 876-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7495 Cascade Rd. S.E. at 36th St. Services.....10:00 A.M. 11:15 Church School Ministers: • Thomas D. Keizer • Allan J. Weenink W. Fred Graham 942-2751</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities.....10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV: Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting: Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Nancy Malone.....Interim Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN A New ELCA Church Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemorewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>
<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>			

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The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page.

Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

AREA BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Stiles of Ionia are proud to announce the birth of their son Elliot Mackenzie. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He was greeted by a big brother and two sisters on January 8, 1994.

Grandparents are David and Gloria Stiles of Lowell, Ron and Beth Kazma of Kentwood, and Steven and Sue Ball of Levering.

Great-grandparents are Bob and Marcella Darby of Kentwood, and Phillis Ball of Grand Rapids. Great-great grandmother is Lola Durst of Cedar Springs. With lots of aunts and uncles.

Amanda Sterzick is excited to announce the birth of her

brother, Jacob Joseph, on January 13, 1994. Jacob weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Proud parents are Bob and Angie Sterzick of Freeport. Grandparents are Ed and Donna Smit of Saranac and Adrian and the late Joyce Sterzick of Lowell.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kropf of Columbia, Maryland, on February 2, 1994, was a boy, Benjamin Miller Kropf, weighing in at 8 lbs.

13 oz. He will be joining a sister Jacqueline. Proud grandparents are Philip and Marilyn Kropf of Cascade.

Scott and Rhonda Lasby of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Lindy Marie. Born Feb. 16, 1994 at 3:21 p.m., she weighed 9 lb. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Ronald and Linda Clouse of Saranac

and Merilu Lasby and the late Allen Lasby of Lowell.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 7, 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. Also Present: Student Representatives Nathan Livingston and Kyle Triplett. Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the January 18, 1994 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (2/7/94)

GENERAL FUND	\$118,016.92
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,957.09
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,597.22
D.D.A. FUND	1,052.23
SEWER FUND	89,323.57
WATER FUND	108,705.65
DATA PROCESSING FUND	439.02
EQUIPMENT FUND	429.24
CURRENT TAX	186,549.26
LOOK FUND	4,120.00

Item #1. AWARD WATER IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION BIDS SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL. On January 27, the City received bids for the construction of water mains on West Main, Gee Drive and Alden Nash, an 800,000 gallon ground storage tank and a booster pumping station. The following contractors provided the low bids for the respective projects:

Project	Contractor	Bid Total
Water Mains Grand Rapids	Kamphuis Pipeline	\$348,650.50
Ground Storage Precast	Natgun Corporation	\$737,550.00
Concrete Tank (2 bids received)	Wakefield, Mass.	
Booster Pumping Station (7 bids received)	Grand River Construction Hudsonville	\$145,000.00

The engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber investigated the low bidders and recommended approval. City Manager Pasquale noted that Council approval is needed for the named contractors subject to the issuance of bonds (in March) and the confirmation of the special assessment roll (February 22). The limit for

bonding the water revenue bonds is set at \$1,500,000.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to approve the above named contractors for the westside water improvement projects subject to the issuance of bonds in March and the confirmation of the special assessment roll in February.
YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Shores, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR WESTSIDE WATER IMPROVEMENTS (2/22). A resolution to establish a public hearing on February 22 for consideration of the special assessment roll involving westside water improvements was presented. Based on the bids received, the assessments will be lowered from \$23 per lineal foot of frontage (or \$11.50 if the water main serves both sides of the street) plus \$450 per lot to \$20.12 per lineal foot of frontage (or \$10.06 if the water main serves both sides of the street) plus \$350 per lot.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to set a public hearing date for February 22 for consideration of the special assessment roll involving the westside water improvements.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. WESTSIDE WATER IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 1) - CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1. Lee's Trenching of Byron Center has completed the initial phase of the westside water improvements project. However, there is some clean up work to be finished in the spring. The project involved constructing a water main from the Water Treatment Plant on Bowes to just west of Valley Vista Trailer Park, then north to West Main. Water and sewer mains were bored and jacked under M-21. The change order to be considered reflected an overall deduct of \$2,192. This contained a few water main items necessary to avoid conflicts with other utilities in the northwest quadrant of M-21 and Ridgeway Drive. The reduction was primarily caused by raising the elevation of the sanitary sewer.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the deduct change order of \$2,192 involving the first phase of the westside water improvements project.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. REQUEST FOR REZONING - ROOT-LOWELL MANUFACTURING CO. (1000 FOREMAN) - REAR ACREAGE - FROM R-3 (RESIDENTIAL AND APARTMENT) TO INDUSTRIAL-RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. Root-Lowell Manufacturing had requested a rezoning for its rear 26.74 acres of property to Industrial. The property, currently zoned Multiple Family Residential is bordered by the Valley Vista subdivision, Creekside Park and the Mid Michigan railroad. The rezoning change would allow Root-Lowell to expand in the future. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on January 24 to consider the industrial zoning proposal for the property. Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock said there were no negative comments received. The Commission unanimously recommended the rezoning to the Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve the rezoning for the rear 26.74 acres of property owned by Root-Lowell Manufacturing Co. at 1000 Foreman Rd. from R-3 (Residential and Apartment) to Industrial.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

A. 734 W. MAIN (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF W. MAIN AND S. CENTER - TUFFY AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CENTER - SIGN VARIANCE SET PUBLIC HEARING (2/22). Tuffy Automotive Service Center to be located at 734 W. Main (Clemenz Building) had requested a sign variance. John Root, owner, had proposed an overall signage of 123.2 square feet or 3.7 square feet over the maximum (119.5 square feet allowed). A pole sign (48 s.f.) and reader board (18 s.f.) will be located on the east side of the property, away from the clear zone area. The two Tuffy wall signs (57.2 s.f. total) place the signage over the allowable amount.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAATMAN and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing date for February 22 to consider the Tuffy Automotive Service request for a sign variance.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. COMMENTS FROM GORDON HILL. Gordon Hill, owner of Hill Shoe Store located at 218 W. Main, was present to request that the public be allowed during the board of review sessions. Additionally, Hill addressed the issue of the declining downtown caused by high property assessments and parking difficulties. He noted the number of businesses which previously existed in the downtown. Shores stated that the downtown has changed over the years. Businesses which existed there previously will not come back.

City Manager Pasquale responded that the City, through DDA funds, will be spending between a half to one million dollars on the downtown area. This includes new sidewalks, lighting and revamping of parking. Additionally, nine members on the DDA are property owners in the downtown area and care greatly about the downtown. Further, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has been making great strides to insure that the downtown is vital. Mike Blough, Chairman of the Lowell Planning Commission, added that the process will not happen overnight to reverse downtown deterioration trends. During Focus Group discussions, it was found that the downtown district is of major interest to everyone. Also, he noted that a survey was sent to approximately 600 residents and there were a number of questions that address the downtown district.

Item #7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - PUBLIC HEARING. The Council was informed at the last meeting that the City will receive an estimated \$41,000 in Block Grant Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994. Also \$3,403.24 in unprogrammed funds from this fiscal year still remain. In reviewing possible projects, the following were recommended and advertised for comment:
Master Plan - \$3,403.24
(unprogrammed 1993-94 funds)
18,235.00 1994-95 funds

Schedule for new water line has projected July finish

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Township's Board received a schedule for the bidding and construction for the water main project for the new high school.

The schedule, submitted by the engineering firm Moore and Bruggink, has the project out for bids by March 15, the

project awarded on April 4, construction started April 18 and the project completed by July 15.

Township Supervisor John Timpson believes the schedule is great for the township because it not only has the project completed in time for the new high school to open, but he also feels the township and school can save

some money. "I feel if the project is put up for bids early, then we should get a better bid and save some money," said Timpson.

Lowell Township has been given \$500,000 by the Lowell School Board to pay for the project's cost.

The cost in the bids will include installing a 16-inch

water main along Foreman St. from the new water tower east to Alden Nash and another 16-inch water main along Cumberland Dr. from Foreman St. south to Woodbushe Dr. In Woodbushe Dr. a 12-inch water main will run from Cumberland to Stonewood Dr.

Two more 16-inch water mains will be constructed: One going along Alden Nash Ave.

from Foreman St. north to the new Lowell High School's driveway entrance and the last 16-inch water main will run along Alden Nash Ave. from Foreman St. south to the

Lowell Township boundary line. Work along M-21 has not been determined at this time until a new analysis of the cost to users is determined.

The striped skunk sprays an enemy only after giving a warning by growling and stamping its front feet.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Sidewalk Handicap Ramps -
\$22,765.00 1994-95 funds

Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing. In response to an inquiry from the Showboat Corporation for funding, City Manager Pasquale said that Block Grant funds could be utilized for the Amphitheater if these were allocated to barrier-free projects. Thad Kraus, representing Showboat, felt this would be agreeable having requested \$5,000 in funds.

Councilmember Green questioned if block grant funds are dedicated to the Showboat, could the cost for sidewalk handicap ramps be paid from the General Fund. City Manager Pasquale responded that the City would have to review this as part of the budget process in order to consider setting aside the monies for the ramps. Councilmember Hodges questioned other possible sources for supporting the Showboat. He supported the Block Grant proposal as presented and advertised. Councilmember Thompson said the Showboat should be a self supporting function. He felt that the Community Block Grant funds should go toward projects that can be utilized year round.

Councilmember Shores questioned who are the owners of Showboat. Maatman responded that the Showboat is a non-profit organization. Mayor Maatman said a handicap ramp on Main Street can be used by everyone. However, a ramp at the Showboat amphitheater will only be used 3 - 4 times a year. Councilmember Shores felt that the City of Lowell needs to be promoted. She wanted to see Lowell become "Showboat City" again. Councilmember Green favored a cooperative effort with the School and the City toward contributing to the Showboat.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the recommendations (Master Plan for \$18,235 and Sidewalk Handicap Ramps for \$22,765) in the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds (\$41,000.00) through Kent County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994 and authorize City Manager Pasquale to submit an application for these proposals. Further, the \$3,403 in unprogrammed CDBG funds from the present fiscal year be allocated to the Master Plan.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTRACT. Joseph Meredith of Meredith Display Service provided a contract for Christmas decorations encompassing the 1994-95 season. The decorations would be placed on 30 poles for a cost of \$1860 per year, \$60 more than in previous contracts. Councilmember Hodges suggested that the City Council and Chamber of Commerce be allowed to select the decorations. He noted that there is a need for different styles of decorations than those displayed this past year. Pasquale said he would notify Meredith.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to renew the contract with Meredith Display encompassing the 1994-95 season to be placed on 30 poles in the downtown for a cost of \$1860 per year.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. CONSULTANT SELECTION FOR THE BOWES - M-21 - ALDEN NASH INTERSECTION ENGINEERING STUDY. The City, Lowell and Vergennes Townships have previously agreed to contribute up to

\$3000 each toward an engineering study providing a solution to realign the Bowes-M-21-Alden Nash intersection. This realignment is necessary to qualify for a traffic signal at that intersection.

Four firms provided proposals:

VW Engineering and Science	\$6520
Fleis and VendenBrink Engineering	\$8315
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber	\$8900
V-Tec Engineering	\$5700

Representatives from the three planning commissions met on January 26 to review the proposals. Councilmember Thompson questioned why the City did not accept the low bid. City Manager Pasquale responded that the conclusion of the representatives was that a larger firm would be more desirable in order to undertake a project of this size.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to accept the proposal from VW Engineering and Science in the amount of \$6520 toward an engineering study providing a solution to realign the Bowes-M-21-Alden Nash intersection with the City paying one third of the cost. YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #10. DISCUSSION OF FROZEN WATER LINES ISSUE. City Manager Pasquale said over the last two weeks, a number of water service lines have frozen. The following information was provided regarding the issue:

A. Number of service calls involving frozen water lines:	44
1. determined to be City's responsibility:	9
2. determined to be owner's responsibility:	35
(this category includes locations where internal lines froze in basements or crawl spaces (25) or residents on the "freeze list" who were notified to run their water, did not do so (10).	
B. Cost to City	
1. Employee salaries, benefits and service truck (85 regular hours, 47.5 overtime hours)	\$3018
2. Outside contractors (welders) to thaw frozen lines	\$5071
TOTAL COST:	\$8089
C. Average cost per service call:	\$ 184
D. Money due through standard meter replacement fees:	
17 repaired at \$10 = \$170	
1 new at \$50 = \$50	

Pasquale said that Director of Public Works Art Gall and Water Distribution Supervisor Robert Robinson have spent numerous hours to thaw these lines. There are only nine residences that were determined to be City responsibility. Mayor Maatman said the first step is to determine where the City responsibility ends and the homeowners start. Gall responded from the curb stop box to the house is the responsibility of the resident, while from the water main to the curb stop rests with the City responsibility. He suggested coming up with a policy for frozen water lines.

Councilmember Hodges said those residents that were notified to run their water and didn't should be charged to repair their service. Councilmember Thompson said it is the City's problem in the first place. If the City failed to repair the services, then it is the City's problem. The residents are paying for

service that the City is providing. After the City provides the repairs to its system, Thompson added it will be the residents' responsibility for repairs from their homes to the main in the future. It was the consensus of the Council to repair the problems with the City mains this spring and to set a policy for frozen lines in the future. The cost to repair the City's lines was estimated at a minimum of \$48,000.

Item #11. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Thad Kraus, as member of the Lowell Showboat Board, expressed his disappointment toward the Council regarding comments made concerning the Showboat. Mayor Maatman responded the City Council has been extremely supportive of the Council. He added that the Council has a tremendous amount of pride in the Showboat and the community. Pasquale said a number of Councilmembers have devoted time toward the Showboat. Further, he said the Council was concerned about the appropriateness of allocating the federal funding for the Showboat. Councilmember Thompson said he hoped that Kyle Triplett and Nathan Livingston are aware of their freedom of speech, the right to express their own view and that their parents' tax dollars are well spent. Councilmember Green expressed thanks to Lowell and Vergennes Townships and the City for the ad on the front page of the Buyer's Guide in regard to the new property tax homestead affidavit.

Item #12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
A. In discussing Mayor Exchange with the City of Hudsonville, Tuesday, May 17 and 24 were mentioned as preferred. The Council concurred with these dates.
B. A recent history of building permits issued was presented.
C. The annual account of the Schneider Fund was presented for Council review.
D. The minutes of the November 22, 1993 Planning Commission meeting were presented.
E. Lowell Township is initiating the construction of a sanitary sewer main from the new high school site to Foreman Road. Since a portion of the main will be within the City Limits, amendments to the sewer agreement will need to be undertaken.
F. As of February 3, 377 recycling totes have been distributed. Pasquale mentioned that Councilmember Hodges has had a major role in the distribution of the totes. The program has started well and the public has been very cooperative.
G. In order to provide better communication, Pasquale is now an ex-officio member of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce board. A representative of the school board will also be appointed as an ex-officio member.
H. The next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22 because of the City observing President's day on Monday, February 21.
I. The Council expressed welcome to Kyle Triplett and Nathan Livingston, student representatives to the Council.
J. 600 random community attitude survey forms have been mailed which will be utilized in the Master Plan.
K. In response to Councilmember Shores' inquiry regarding Lee's Landing, City Manager Pasquale said he and Building Inspector Andy Sparks have talked with a prospective buyer. Pasquale said that the possible buyer is aware of the problems and costs to repair the building.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.
DATE FEBRUARY 21, 1994

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

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

at 7 p.m. The cost is \$17 for Y members and \$27 for non-members. Volunteers are needed!! Call the YMCA office at 897-8445 for registration information. Registration deadline is March 3 at 4:30 p.m. Limited space is available.

"OUR TOWN" PRESENTED BY ARTS COUNCIL

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

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR ALL NIGHT SENIOR PARTY

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 9.

YMCA INDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

Boys and girls first through sixth-grade are invited to participate in a one hour instructional/recreational indoor soccer program that is open to all skill levels. This program is a great warm-up for spring outdoor soccer.

The program will have six sessions beginning March 8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. First through third-grade will begin at 6 p.m. and fourth through sixth grade start at 7 p.m. The fees

are \$17 for Y members and \$27 for non-members. Volunteers are needed. Call the YMCA and register today at 897-8445. Registration deadline is March 3 at 4:30 p.m. Limited space is available.

RUNCIMAN/RIVERSIDE FAREWELL REUNION

Runciman/Riverside School (formerly the Intermediate School) opened in 1936 and Runciman in 1956. A farewell reunion is being planned for Friday, April 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Plan on joining the PTO for an ice cream social and reminisce with your friends and former teachers.

If you are a graduate of Runciman/Riverside and/or have some memorabilia to share, they would like to hear from you. Contact Mary Bommarito, 1520 Cumberland, Lowell, MI 49331 by March 18.

LAAC AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Drawing instructor Sandy Bartlett will be conducting Lowell Area Arts Council after-school workshops. She will be 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, March 1 for beginners and Thurs., March 3 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.

CREATE-A-KINGDOM FUND-RAISER

Creekside Park Committee is hosting a fund-raiser/open house for the Create-A-Kingdom park project starting at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at First United Methodist Church. Review information about the project and find out how you can get involved. Representatives will be on hand from Tupperware, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Discovery Toys, Applebrook Family Enrichment Products and Premier Designs, Inc.

All proceeds from your purchases will be donated to the Creekside Park project.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT'S ANNUAL QUEEN'S PAGEANT

This year's event for young women 16 - 21 is Saturday, April 16. Applications may be picked up from the following locations: Lowell High School office, Family Fare Food Store, Pfaller's Clothing & Shoes, Ledger/Buyer's Guide office.

Application deadline is March 18. Call Carol Briggs, 897-5501, with any questions you may have.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Carla Eckley, 27, of Grand Rapids, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 12 when the vehicle she was driving skidded on the ice, in the driveway to the Admiral gas station, and struck a vehicle driven by Susan Black, 47, of Lowell.

Lee Butler, 33, of Ionia, reported to Lowell police that his pickup truck was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in a parking lot on Foreman Street Feb. 14.

Richard Watters, 81, of Lowell, collided in a private lot with a vehicle driven by Robert Manszewski, 36, of Saranac, on Feb. 15, causing damage to both vehicles but no injuries. Andrea Richmond and Jessica Blough, both 17, from Lowell, collided Feb. 16 in the high school parking lot. No one was injured.

Martin Schneider, 54, of Saranac, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 18 when a vehicle, driven by Michael VanderWilp, 17, of Lowell, slid on the ice and struck Schneider's vehicle on Main near West Street.

Ordered into court on a later date were Kelly Schullo, 27, and Jeffrey Reuther, 29, both of Lowell, for furnishing alcohol to minors.

Three juveniles were apprehended Feb. 19 inside the high school after they unlawfully entered the premises. School administrators and their parents will be handling the punishment.

Laih Marvin, 69, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 21 when she failed to yield the right-of-way while exiting the Valley Vista trailer park onto M-21 and struck a car driven by Erin Lounsbury, 25, of Grand Rapids.

Library, continued...

of no less than .55 and no greater than .75 be determined by each district.

The ballot proposal for the millage will be placed on the general election on Nov. 8.

According to the library board, the millage will only provide the same amount of funding for libraries as it is currently receiving.

In a meeting last year

Lowell Township board member, Ruth McCrank, interim director of the Kent County Library system, said a district system would make funding more stable and equitable to all townships.

Currently, the library system relies on county funds and payments from individual townships. However, that method turned out to cause problems when townships

saw their payments double over a two-year period. Eight townships threatened to drop out of the system this past year unless an agreement could be reached on the cost townships had to pay.

The library system came up with an acceptable plan to keep all of the townships in the system for one more year and with a promise to find a more reliable source of fund-

ing for the future.

In today's payment formula, it is projected that Lowell Township's payment would equal .37 mills, Vergennes payment would equal .19 mills and the city of Lowell's payment would be .16 mills.

The proposed millage of .55 to .75 for a district system, in some cases, would double or triple the cost for town-

ships, but Township Supervisor John Timpson feels the district system is more reliable to smaller townships.

"The district system would give the people an opportunity to vote. If they don't like the idea, they will keep the same system, but we could end up losing our library," said Timpson.

Carol Wieland, Lowell Township trustee, feels a district system would help smaller libraries expand or improve their libraries. "With the money most of the small libraries get, they can only afford to operate in a limited way. A millage would help improve their situation," she said.

The board took no formal action on the matter, but will do so when more information is made available by the library board.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Pfc, Nathan H. Taylor, son of Mark A. and Rabecha A. Navta of Lowell,

recently reported for duty with 3rd Landing Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Sup-

Ordinance, cont'd

Commission members want that to occur because they believe the current Light Industrial ordinance would not give them any control.

The commission hopes to

sit down and put together a new ordinance from what the township board has told them and what the township's attorney has suggested and present it to the board in the future.

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port Group, Okinawa, Japan. He joined the Marine Corps in March, 1993.

Air Force Airman Jason L. VanderWarf has graduated from the aircraft pneumatic systems course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX. Students were taught the

principles of operation, inspection, testing, and repair of pneumatic and hydraulic units. Included were aircraft familiarization, ground safety practices, and the use of technical publications.

VanderWarf is the son of Terry and Sharon VanderWarf of Lowell and is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School.

Hill, continued

market value for a shop in downtown Lowell is \$35,000 to \$40,000. The average market value in Lowell is \$35 a square foot. "That's about a third of what it is on 28th Street," Marfia says.

The Hill Shoe Store was first opened in 1909. Gordon Hill began running the business in 1946.

Marfia said Hill, by getting his assessment lowered,

did not represent a miscalculation on his part. "There are some judges who split the difference, take their money and go home," Marfia said. "The assessors in the county are trying to get them removed. Hill hit the lotto and got the right judge."

Hill concludes that he will be back before a judge if his assessment goes up and there are no improvements.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

THERE WILL BE A COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING WITH THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1994 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL.

The Lowell Board of Education invites and encourages all citizens of the school district to speak openly and freely in a public setting concerning their suggestions for positive change in the continual development of district operations, curriculum and instruction, management and policies.

Child care will be provided by the National Honor Society at the Vergennes United Methodist Church across from Vergennes Township Hall.

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TOWN TALK

If you had one wish, and could participate in one Winter Olympic event, which one would it be?

Ron Alderink
Cross country skiing. I like the outdoors.

Sherry Wilson
The couples' ice dance. I love to dance and I think that's unique and artistic.

Jim VanderWoude
The Luge, because of the speed. You're laying yourself out there and trying not to hit the wall.

Dave Bulthuis
Hockey. It's a great sport and I like the contact.

Barb Flater
Cross country skiing and shooting. I think it's called the Bi-Athlon.

James Watrous
Hockey, because I don't know how to skate.

Paul Cornish
Luge. It's the most interesting and it's beginning to be a hit in the U.S.

Jerry Kinyon
Downhill skiing. It's fast and quick.

Craig Schneider
Archery, I like to shoot my bow.

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SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 26, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM) and cable stations (TBS, FAM, NASH, MTV, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 26, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM) and cable stations (TBS, FAM, NASH, MTV, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 27, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM) and cable stations (TBS, FAM, NASH, MTV, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 27, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM) and cable stations (TBS, FAM, NASH, MTV, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 28, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) and cable stations (TBS, FTM, NASH, etc.).

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 1, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) and cable stations (TBS, FTM, NASH, etc.).

MONDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 28, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) and cable stations (TBS, FTM, NASH, etc.).


WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 2, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) and cable stations (TBS, FTM, NASH, etc.).

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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 3, 1994		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
33	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Saving Souls"	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	Young and the Restless (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
41	WOTV	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Byrds of Paradise (Series Premiere) (In Stereo)	Matlock "P.I." (In Stereo)	Primetime Live	News	Nightline			
35	WGVU	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	Ted Nugent: Spirit of the Wild Live Marathon Ted Nugent							
17	WXMI	Cheers	Full House (In Stereo)	Simpsons "Rosebud"	Sinbad (In Stereo)	In Living Color (R)	Herman's Head (R)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Playing God"	Dear John (In Stereo)	Golden Girls	
1	WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Glasses"	Frasier (In Stereo)	Mad About You	John Larroquette	News	Tonight Show
1	WLSN	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Saving Souls"	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	Young and the Restless (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	Mad About You	John Larroquette	News	Tonight Show
10	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Glasses"	Frasier (In Stereo)	Mad About You	John Larroquette	News	Tonight Show	
23	WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	To Be Announced	Ted Nugent: Spirit of the Wild Live Marathon Ted Nugent (Live)						
13	WZZM	Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affair	Byrds of Paradise (Series Premiere) (In Stereo)	Matlock "P.I." (In Stereo)	Primetime Live	News	Rush Limbaugh			
17	WSYM	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Coach (In Stereo)	Simpsons "Rosebud"	Sinbad (In Stereo)	In Living Color (R)	Herman's Head (R)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Acapulco H.E.A.T. "Code Name: Shamrock"	
CABLE STATIONS											
17	TBS	Andy Griffith	Beverly Hillsbillies	Movie: ** "Firewalker" (1986) Chuck Norris. Two soldiers of fortune seek hidden Aztec treasure.	Movie: ** "Breakout" (1975) A woman hires a daredevil bush pilot to rescue her husband.						
16	FAM	Waltons Cousins arrive unexpectedly.	Young Riders "Bad Company" (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "The Wagon"					
20	NASH	(6:30) Club Dance	Country News	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight The Osmond Brothers. (In Stereo)	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)				
21	MTV	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Rock Videos	Prime Time (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Beavis & Butt-head	Beavis & Butt-head	Alternative Nation		
23	USA	Major Dad	Wings (In Stereo)	Movie: "She Wrote"	Movie: "Nobody's Children" (1994) An American couple tries to adopt two Romanian orphans.	Rush to Rescue	Wings (In Stereo)				
24	DISC	Beyond 2000	Strange Powers	Pirates	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Infinite Voyage "The Champion Within" (R)	Strange Powers	Pirates (R)		
25	WGN	Designing Women	Jeffersons	Movie: ** "Straight Time" (1978) Dustin Hoffman. An ex-con struggles desperately to reform.	News			Night Court	Highlander: The Series		
26	ESPN	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Minnesota at Purdue. (Live)	College Basketball: Iowa State at Kansas. (Live)					Sportscenter		
27	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prinemews	Larry King Live	World News			Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	
28	CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	
29	NICK	Looney Tunes	Bullwinkle	Partridge Family	Mork & Mindy	I Love Lucy	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Get Smart
30	A&E	In Search Of "Jim Jones/Carlos" (R)	Real West "The Johnson County War"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Zoot Suit" (1981) Young Hispanics in 1940s L.A. become scapegoats for murder.	Spies (R)						
31	PASS	CCHA Digest	Major League Baseball's Greatest Games	MI Snowmobile	College Basketball: Washington State at Arizona State. (Live)						
32	TNT	(6:00) Bugs Bunny's All-Stars	Wild, Wild West "Night of the Feathered Fury"	NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Golden State Warriors. From the Oakland Coliseum Arena. (Live)	Movie: "R.P.M." (1970)						
PREMIUM STATIONS											
15	DISN	Movie: "The Ernest Green Story" (1993, Drama) Morris Chestnut, C.C.H. Pounder. (In Stereo)	Martin & Lewis: Their Golden Age of Comedy	Celine Dion: The Colour of My Love	"An American in Paris"						
16	HBO	Movie: ** "The Double O Kid" (1992, Adventure) Corey Haim. "PG-13"	Hudsucker Proxy	Movie: ** 1/2 "Fist of Honor" (1993, Drama) Sam Jones. (In Stereo) R	Del Comedy Jam (R)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Malcolm X" (1992) "PG-13"					
18	MAX	(6:15) Movie: ** "Love Potion No. 9" (1992) R	Movie: **** "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman.	Movie: "Stringer" (1992, Drama) Tim Thomerson. (In Stereo) R	** 1/2 "The Dead Pool"						

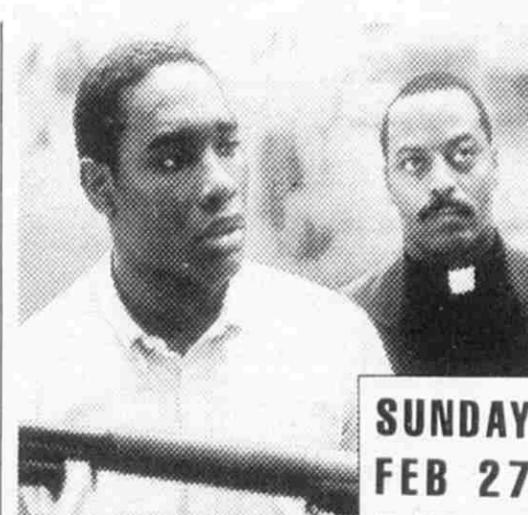
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33	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Picket Fences (R) (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree						
41	WOTV	Designing Women	Love Connection	Melling Secrets	(Off Air)						
35	WGVU	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	(Off Air)								
17	WXMI	Arsenio Hall (In Stereo)	Psychic Phone Line	Untouchables "Family Ties" (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
1	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Bertice Berry	NBC News Nightside					
1	WLSN	(11:35) Late Show	Arsenio Hall (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Home Shopping Spree						
10	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	NBC News Nightside						
23	WKAR	Practical Sports	(Off Air)								
13	WZZM	Nightline	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "Just a Country Boy"	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)						
17	WSYM	Psychic Phone Line	Movie: *** 1/2 "Sophie's Choice" (1982, Drama) Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Peter MacNicol. A death-camp survivor makes a home in 1947 Brooklyn. (Off Air)								
CABLE STATIONS											
17	TBS	Movie: ** "Act of Vengeance" (1986) A man takes on the corrupt United Mine Workers union.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Cold Sweat" (1974) Old gang members take an ex-criminal's family hostage.	Three Stooges	Jeffersons						
16	FAM	Black Stallion	Maniac Mansion (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
20	NASH	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight The Osmond Brothers. (R) (In Stereo)	On Stage (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
21	MTV	Alternative Nation	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Speed Racer	Dreamtime (In Stereo)	Beavis & Butt-head (R)	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Dreamtime (In Stereo)			
23	USA	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Counterstrike	Odd Couple	Movie: "North Dallas Forty" (1979) Two aging gridiron stars pay the price of excessive partying.	Counterstrike					
24	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Infinite Voyage "The Champion Within" (R)	Wings "Wings: The Jet Age" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
25	WGN	Highlander: The Series	Movie: ** "Ghost Writer" (1989) A dead starlet gives a boost to a magazine writer's career.	Designing Women	Erlich	Jeffersons	Movie: *** "The Yellow Balloon" (1953)				
26	ESPN	College Basketball: UCLA at Southern California. (Live)	Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	LPGA Magazine (R)	College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Florida State. (R)					
27	CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (R)	Larry King Live (R)	Worldwide Update	Sports Latenight	Crossfire (R)	News	Living in the '90s (R)	Showbiz Today (R)	
28	CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	
29	NICK	Dragnet	A. Hitchcock	Superman	Donna Reed	F-Troop	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Mary Tyler Moore	Dragnet	A. Hitchcock
30	A&E	Real West "The Johnson County War" (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Zoot Suit" (1981) Young Hispanics in 1940s L.A. become scapegoats for murder.	Spies (R)	Spies (R)	Dogs: "A Question of Breeding" (R) (Part 5 of 6)					
31	PASS	Alan Warren Outdoors	Sports	College Hockey U.S.A.	American Adventurer	LPGA Golf: Tournament of Champions - Second Round. From Orlando, Fla. (R)					
32	TNT	(11:20) Movie: ** 1/2 "R.P.M." (1970, Drama) Anthony Quinn.	Movie: "The Strawberry Statement" (1970) Collegiate revolutionaries confront the establishment.	Movie: ** "The Delinquents" (1957, Drama) Tom Laughlin, Peter Miller							
PREMIUM STATIONS											
15	DISN	(11:30) Movie: **** "An American in Paris" (1951, Musical) Gene Kelly.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Gus" (1976, Comedy) Edward Asner, Don Knotts. "G"	Martin & Lewis: Their Golden Age of Comedy	Celine Dion: The Colour of My Love (R)						
16	HBO	(11:15) Movie: *** 1/2 "Malcolm X" (1992) Denzel Washington. Spike Lee's portrait of the late civil rights advocate. "PG-13"	Dream On (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Hangfire" (1991, Adventure) Brad Davis. (In Stereo) R	** 1/2 "The Rejuvenator"						
18	MAX	(11:45) Movie: ** 1/2 "The Dead Pool" (1988) R	Movie: *** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride. R	Movie: ** 1/2 "Rampage" (1987, Drama) Michael Biehn. (In Stereo) R							



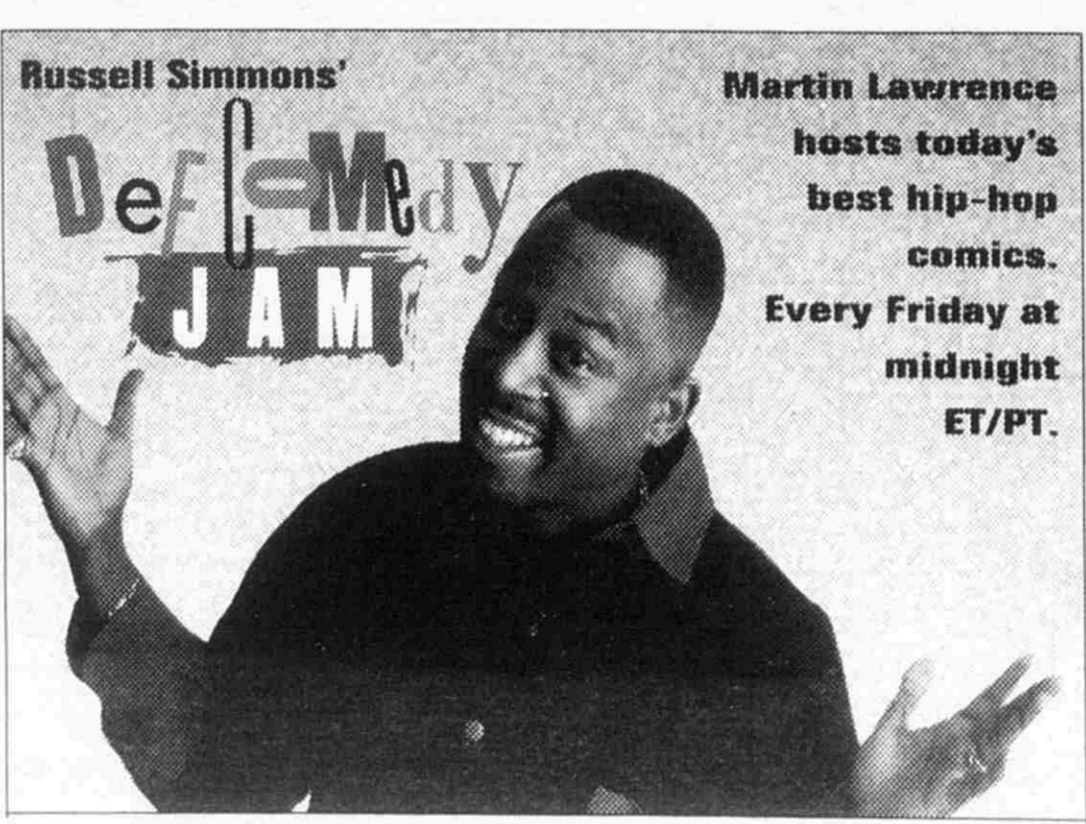
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At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest, at the rate of 6 percent per annum on said mortgage, the sum of Thirty-four thousand four hundred forty-five and 68/100 dollars (\$34,445.68). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

THE MORTGAGE WILL BE FORECLOSED BY A SALE OF THE PROPERTY, at public auction to the highest bidder, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Hall of Justice, in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, the place of the circuit court. The property will be sold to pay the amount ten due on the mortgage, together with interest at 6 percent, legal costs, attorney fees, charges, expenses and also any taxes and insurance, as allowed by law.

The property is located in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as: Lot sixty (60) of L.W. Edison Plat as recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, Page 7, register of deeds, Kent County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; However, if the property is deemed abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: February 18, 1994

Frederick C. Fransen
Mortgagee

By HERBERT J. RANTA
Attorney for mortgagee
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⁽²⁾ Example based on 1994 Escort LX - Wagon with automatic transmission PEP 322A: \$1,440 option package savings vs. MSRP of options purchased separately, plus \$1,357.44 finance savings \$12,285 MSRP with 10% down for 48 months at 2.9% APR compared to National average APR of 8.5% for contracts purchased by Ford Motor Credit from 1/1/94 - 1/31/94. See dealer for details.

Middle school students participate in ensemble

Several Lowell Middle School band students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Rockford High School.

Students who entered the festival were: Katie Akers, Kelly Biener, Blanch Brown, Jennifer Gingerich, Angie Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Liz Lonick, Sandy Lonick, Celena Risner, Cassie Walls and Jill Rozman.

Seven of the eight performers were awarded medals for their excellence in performance as determined by the adjudicators at the festival site.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M I #372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson St. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

EVERY TUES.: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

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

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

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in The Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers. assistance.
TUES.: 8 a.m. Walkers. THURS.: 9:30 a.m. Bingo.
TUES.: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Income tax assistance by appointment.
THURS.: 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8 a.m. Walkers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MARCH 2: 7:45 a.m. Men's traveling breakfast.
WED., MARCH 2: Blood pressure.
THURS., MARCH 3: 11 a.m. Wellness class.
TUES., MARCH 8: 12:45 p.m. Shopping - Meijers/K-Mart.
WED., MARCH 9: 6:30 a.m. - McDonald's, Cedar Springs.
THURS., MARCH 10: Noon, Lunch and Learn.

Make noon meal reservations three working days in advance.

the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

WED., MARCH 2: Lowell support group for family members and friends of Alzheimer's disease patients at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village, 11535 E. Fulton. Interested persons may contact group leaders Betty Wiley, 897-4810 or Lynn Bylsma, 897-8413. The meeting is free and open to the public.

THURS., MARCH 3: Vergennes Cooperative Club's first meeting of the new year. Hostesses: Alice Bauer, Alice Bout, Greta Kettner. Program "Update on the Property Tax Proposal" with questions and answers provided by Marsha Wilcox and Linda Buis. Sponsor, Gladys Thorne.

SAT., MARCH 5: Turkey dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th St. & Alden Nash (M-50). Adults, \$6; children, 6 to 12, \$3.50 and 5 & under, free.

SUN., MARCH 6: An "all-you-can-eat" breakfast at St. Patrick Parnell School, 5 Mile and Parnell Rd., from

SUN., MARCH 20: 3 p.m. Franciscan Rhythms Music Studio will hold its annual staff music recital at the Franciscan Child Development Center. The public is welcome and there is no admission fee.

THURS., MARCH 10: National Association of Retired Federal Employees lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Old Country Buffet, Alpine and 96, behind the Star Theatre. Meeting to follow.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Lowell Charter Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. on

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1994
to review the tax roll.

The Board of Review will also meet for appointments:

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1994
between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - Noon and from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

and on **Wednesday, March 16, 1994**
between the hours of 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) By letter addressed to the Lowell Charter Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 16, 1994; or
- 2) By phoning the township hall (897-7600) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative real property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

RATIO - 50% MULTIPLIER - 1.00

Carol L. Wells
Clerk

Red Arrow spikers rally to edge Wildcats

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the better part of the three-game match, Northview seemed able to dig every hit Lowell sent over the net.

Ironically, in the end, Lowell's match point came on a serve that hit at the feet of a Wildcat player.

The Red Arrows improved their O-K White Conference record to 3-3 with a 5-15, 15-10, 16-14 win over Northview.

"When games are on the line, the team that is able to put the ball on the floor wins," said a disgruntled Northview coach Tom Judson. "We've been in 15 games like this, but when the game's on the line we're unable to make the plays. In volleyball a team doesn't lose a match. It wins a match. Lowell was able to win it, we weren't."

Lowell started game three with a 9-3 run. Judson, through substitutions and timeouts, looked as if he might be able to will a comeback victory into the 'Cats.

Northview cut the lead to four at 12-8 and had the serve. Amy Rappley's serving and some timely hits sent the Wildcats on a 6-0 run and put Northview in the driver's seat at 14-12.

Serving for the game, Rappley hit the net, giving the serve back to Lowell.

A strong serve by Arnett

got Lowell to within one at 14-13.

Cori Boersma's dink shot from the far right corner then tied the score at 14-14.

Following Arnett's third serve, a Gowen hit gave Lowell the lead back at 15-14.

Arnett finished out the match with an ace.

"This was such a big win for us," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "Northview just comes after you and comes after you. Its digging was in-

credible. Northview covers everything."

Zeeland 15, 15
Lowell 4, 4

Lowell traveled to Zeel-

and to face the league-leading Chix.

Zeeland didn't disappoint the Red Arrows as they swept Lowell in two games.

Red Arrow Kerry Nugent led Lowell in assists with five. Zeeland's Tara Denton had a

match-high 11 assists.

Tara Harmon led Lowell in kills with four. Zeeland's Lori Jansen tallied six.

Alison Kissinger recorded two aces for Lowell. Zeeland had three players with two aces.

In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these. —Paul Harvey

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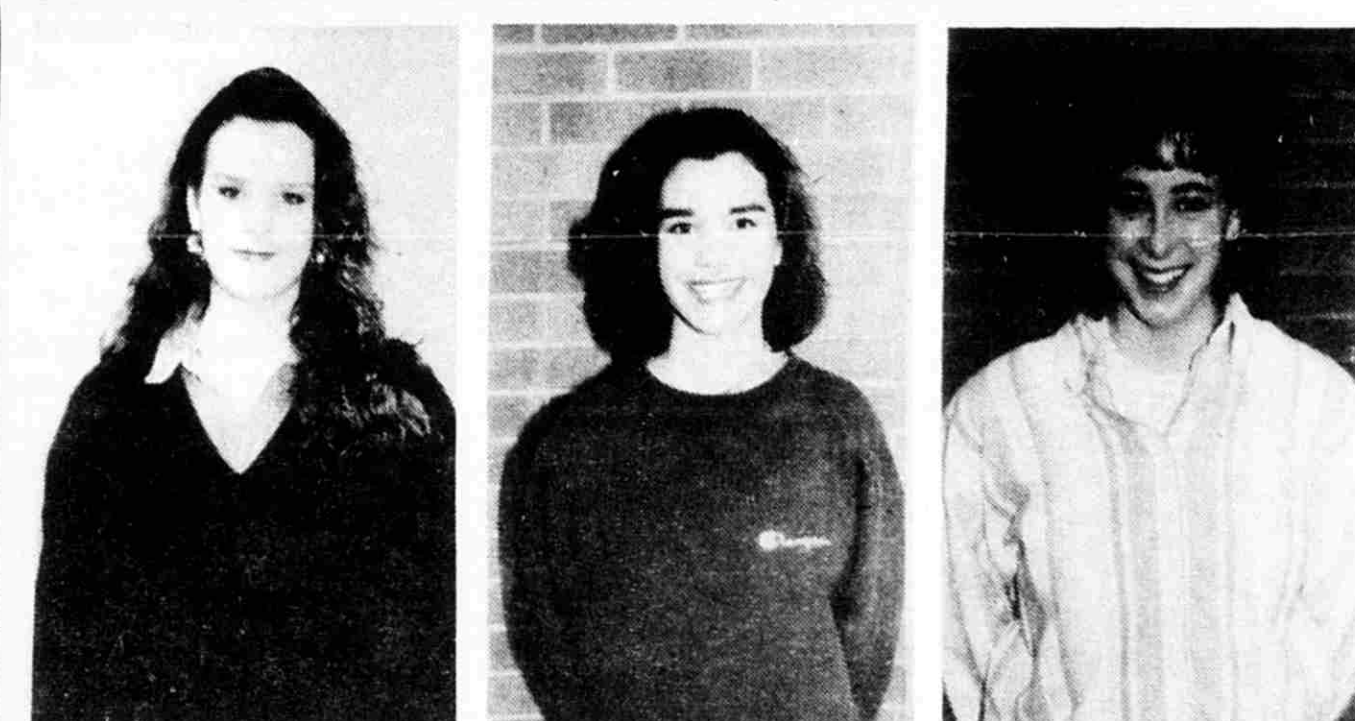
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Coaches' Meetings Saturday, March 26

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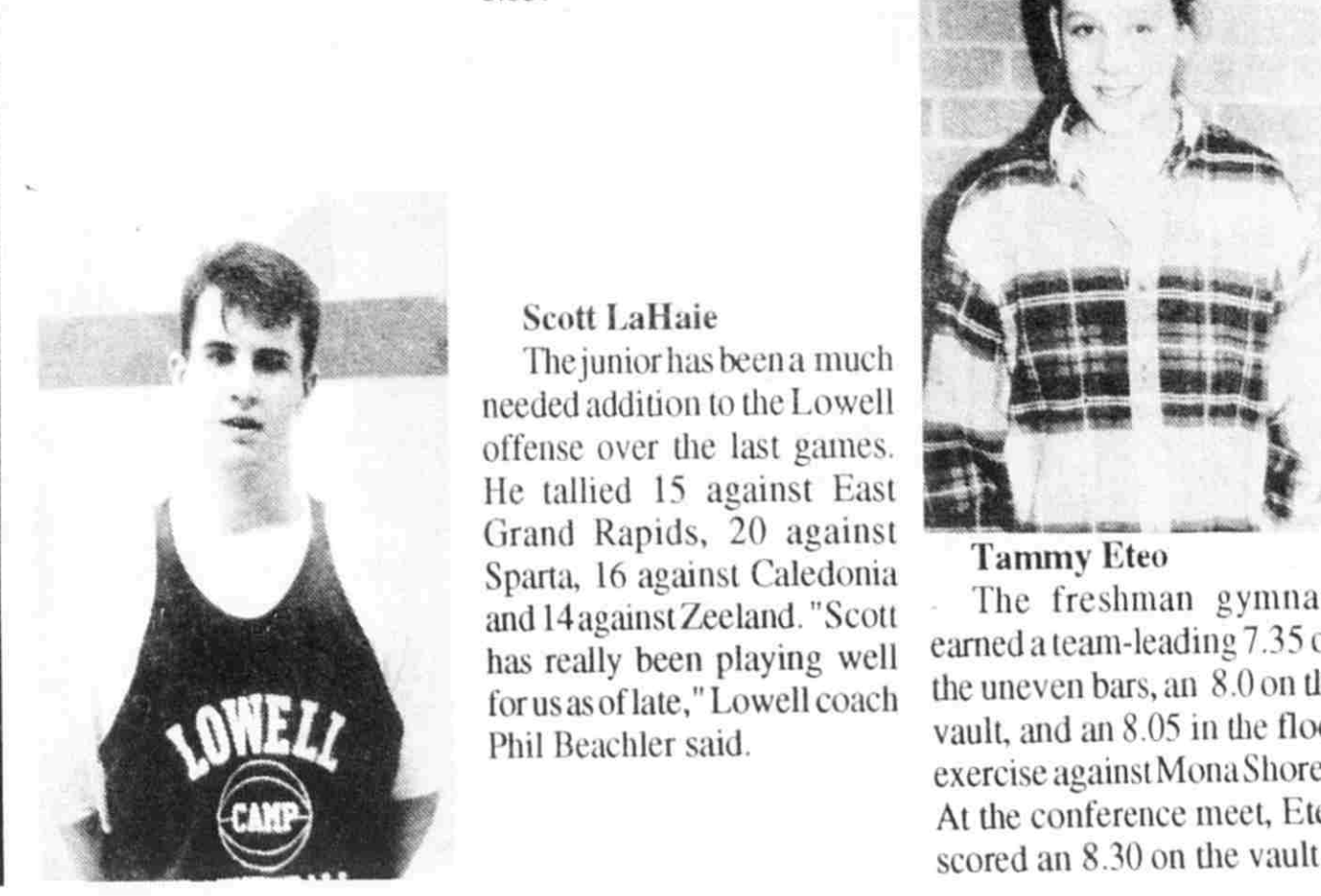
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Tara Harmon
The Lowell junior had a momentous building block of serve against Cedar Springs that helped propel Lowell into the finals of the Saranac Invitational. Harmon has given the Red Arrow volleyball team hitting depth and blocking strength. Harmon added seven kills in Lowell's win over FHC.

Betsy Elzinga
The Lowell senior scored a 7.65 on the uneven bars in Lowell's match against Holland. Elzinga has been Lowell's top scorer on the uneven bars. Lowell coach Annette Pearson said she has shown great improvement and has done a great job this year. Elzinga was the team leader at the conference meet on the uneven bars with a score of 6.85.

Kerrie Nugent
The Red Arrow setter had 19 assists and four digs in Lowell's win over Forest Hills Central. At the Saranac Invitational, the Red Arrow recorded 88 assists for the tournament. Nugent was also instrumental in Lowell's win over Northview.



Scott LaHaie
The junior has been a much needed addition to the Lowell offense over the last games. He tallied 15 against East Grand Rapids, 20 against Sparta, 16 against Caledonia and 14 against Zeeland. "Scott has really been playing well for us as of late," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said.

Tammy Eteo
The freshman gymnast earned a team-leading 7.35 on the uneven bars, an 8.0 on the vault, and an 8.05 in the floor exercise against Mona Shores. At the conference meet, Eteo scored an 8.30 on the vault.

Lowell grapplers crowned district team champion

Eight Red Arrow grapplers earn berths to individual regional

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Moments after his match-clinching district win, Shane Risner shared the success of the barrell roll, a wrestling move developed in Canada, with teammate Cory Kirkbride.

Kirkbride, a Lowell senior captain, had seen Risner's opponent and knew the move would be available. He shared his findings with Risner and the Red Arrow used the information to post a 15-7 decision over Caledonia's Brian Hannah.

Caledonia advanced to the finals of the district with a surprising and most impressive win over Lakewood (rated fifth in Class B), 42-23. Lowell made its way to the district finals with a 66-3 drubbing of Ionia.

At 103 pounds, the Fighting Scots' Adam Stauffer has been a team momentum builder. For a period and a half, he looked as if he might become Scott Swanson's worst nightmare. However, the Lowell junior took control midway through the second period and pinned Stauffer at 3:24 and with it any momentum the Scots were hoping to gain.

Caledonia did fight back to tie the score at 6-6 with decisions at 112 and 119 pounds.

Jamie Trudeau defeated Dan Spicer (112), 11-9 and Mike Draft narrowly edged past Matt Osmolinski (119), 8-6.

The Red Arrows answered with four consecutive wins. Mike Rottier (125) won by forfeit. Doug Weeks pinned Keith Smith at 3:30 of the second period. Chris Kamphuis (135) was a 13-2 winner over Josh Haywood. Matt Inman increased Lowell's lead to 25-6 with a 4-2 decision over Jason Haywood.

"I'm very pleased with the way we wrestled," said Caledonia coach Jim Maxim.

Lightweights Swanson and Spicer serve as the "heavies" for Lowell's wrestling team

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In an effort to avoid beating one another up, they don't work with one another at practice.

Other aspiring wrestlers at those weights (103 and 112) would prefer to draw straws to determine who must work with them and/or get worked over by them.

The reputation of hard work and always giving everything they've got has moved Scott Swanson and

"We beat Lakewood's team that was ranked fifth in the state. While the score might not indicate it, I thought we wrestled well against Lowell."

The Red Arrows closed out the match with wins in four of the six weight classes.

Kirkbride's pin at 1:14 of the first period against Tim Soaper was the 96th win of his career.

Rich Stouffer followed Risner's decision with a pin at 1:49 of the first period over Bryan Sinclair. The win was Stouffer's 94th of his career.

Both Stouffer and Kirkbride are expected to reach that magical 100-win plateau by season's end.

Heavyweight Chris Nauta took just 1:15 of the first period to pin Jason Bush.

Lowell's Todd Lyonnaise was pinned at 2:23 of the second period by Chad Mescar.

Dan Simmons of Caledonia pinned Lowell's Sean Smith at 3:55 of the second period.

"I thought our kids wrestled real well for not being familiar with Caledonia," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said. "The wins at 152 and 160 were big."

Lowell's district victory will send the club to Ionia on Wednesday (Feb. 23) for the team regional. It will battle Byron Center. Hastings and Zeeland will battle in the other regional semifinal, with the winners to meet in the finals.

Maxim, as a student, wrestled on a team against a Rivers' coached squad. "It's an honor to come back and coach against him. There is no shame in losing to Lowell," he said.

Class B Individual Districts

If your team qualifies eight wrestlers for the Class B individual regional but there is no one there to record it, did it really qualify nine wrestlers?

Of course it did, but the venerable Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers levied his complaint anyway over his disappointment about the lack

of coverage. "Our boys wrestled exceptionally well. They had to in order to qualify eight wrestlers," Rivers said.

It would have been nine except that Red Arrow heavyweight Chris Nauta was disqualified for words spoken to an official.

"I am not defending Nauta. I'm sure he probably did say something, but we've had trouble with a certain official," Rivers said.

While the disturbance served as a kick in the pants to the rest of the squad, it managed to fight back and represent itself extremely well.

Nauta's actions also got him dismissed from the team regional on Wednesday (at Ionia) and the individual regional on Saturday at Godwin.

Leading the pack of eight Lowell wrestlers will be 103 pounder, Scott Swanson. The junior placed second with a 2-1 record. He was pinned in the championship match by Alex Hernandez of Hamilton at 5:24 of the third period.

Sophomore Dan Spicer, 119, was second at 2-1. He lost in the finals to Middleville's Kelly Webster, 7-0.

Mike Rottier, 125 pounds, finished at 2-2 and placed fourth. "Mike wrestled exceptionally well, like I thought he was capable of all season," Rivers said.

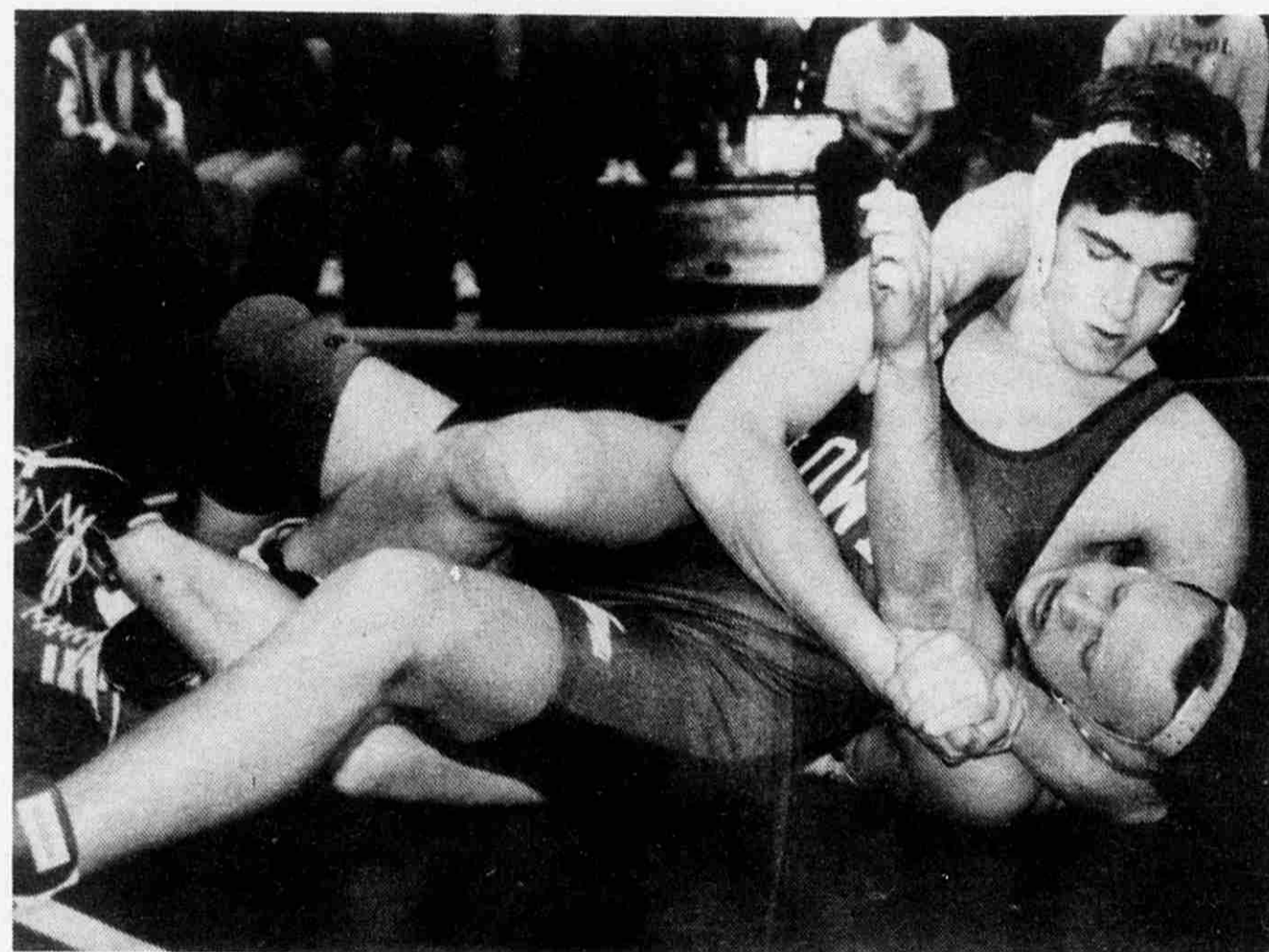
Doug Weeks, 130 pounds, was also 2-2 and qualified for the regional at Godwin.

Chris Kamphuis was second at 135 pounds with a mark of 3-1. He was beaten by Hastings' Scott Cook, 9-5.

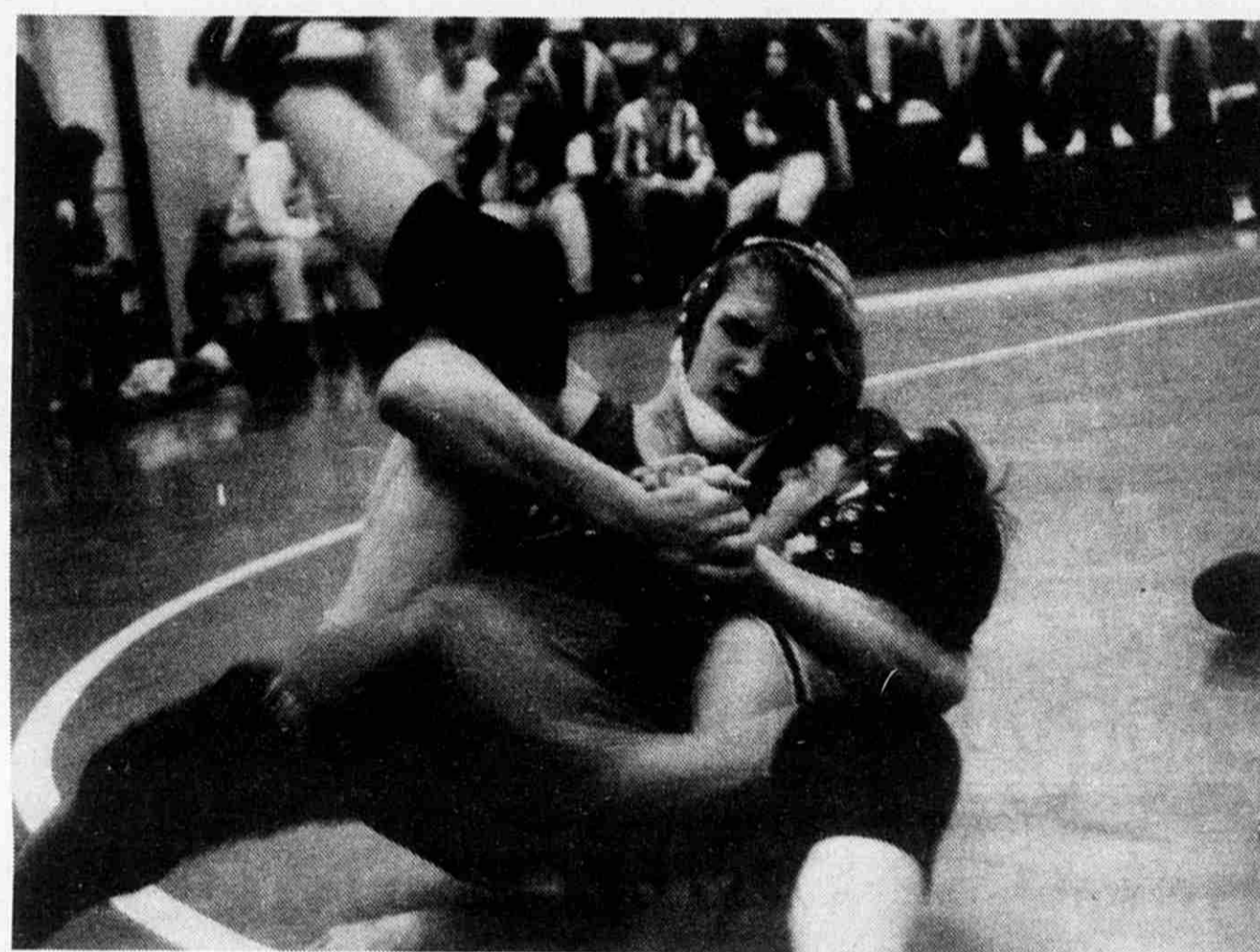
Todd Lyonnaise (145) may have been the surprise of the day, finishing third at 3-1. "Todd came to the district to do something," Rivers said. Lowell's Cory Kirkbride was third in the 152-pound weight class.

Rich Stouffer took top honors at 160 pounds. He defeated Forest Hills Northern's Mike Davis.

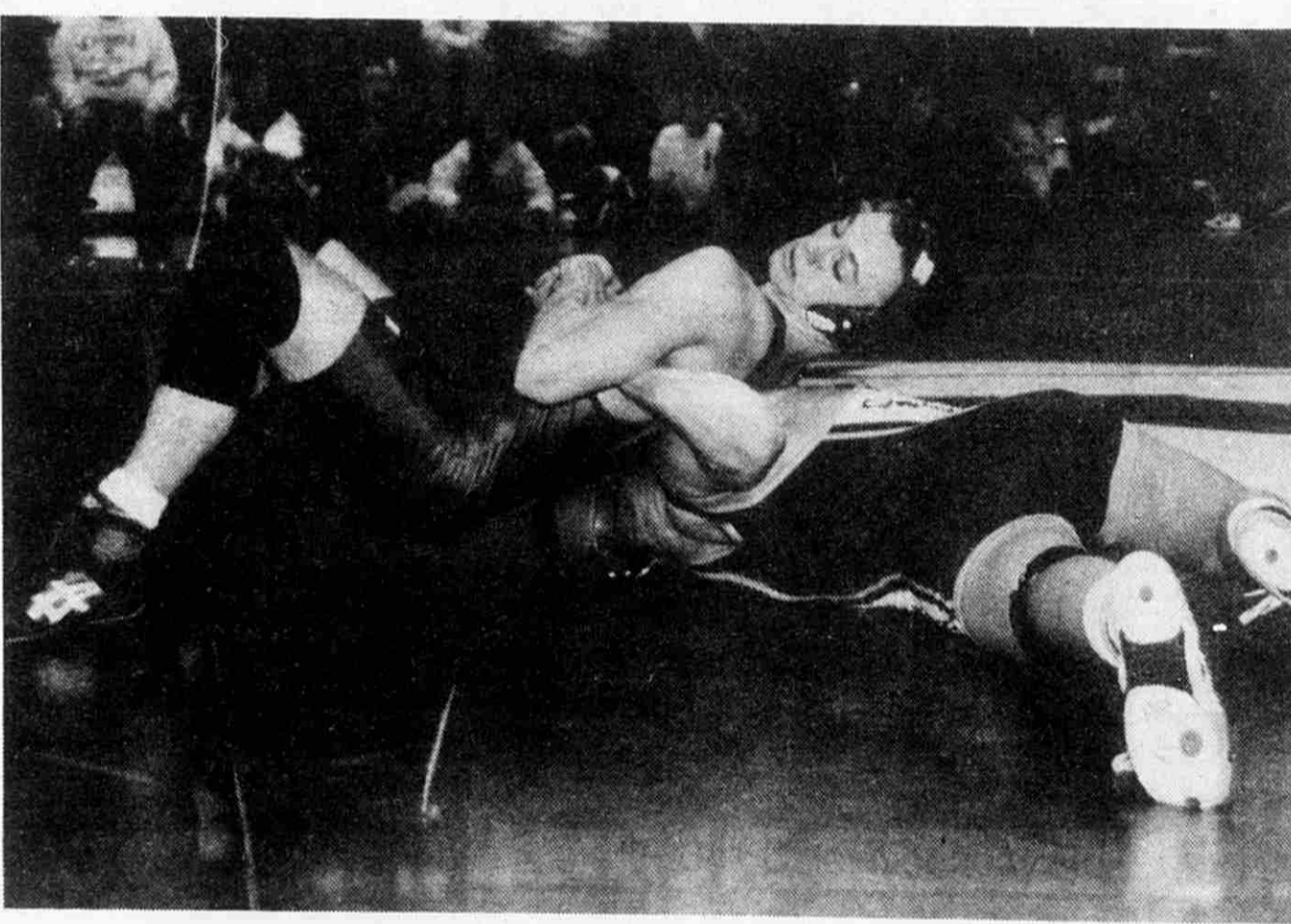
Nauta was 2-1 before being disqualified.



Rich Stouffer made quick work of his Fighting Scot opponent.



Doug Weeks cradles up his opponent.



Shane Risner applies the barrell roll on his Caledonia opponent.



Lowell wrestlers earned the title, District Champion, with a 47-18 win over Caledonia.

Dan Spicer to the top of their respective classes in the O-K White.

The sophomore, junior 1-2 punch at the top of Lowell's wrestling lineup had a combined 58-4 record through the conference meet. Swanson was 29-0 and Spicer was 29-4.

Because of the tandem's precision, Lowell started every league dual meet with two victories.

"It's a nice feeling starting a match with two victories," Lowell coach Gary Rivers

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Red Arrows one meet from qualifying for regional

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's gymnastic team moved to within one match of qualifying for the Class B regional.

The Red Arrows scored 115.80 points against Mona Shores on Wednesday. It marked the third time this season the Red Arrows have accomplished that feat. It needs to reach 115 once more this season.

The Red Arrows will have that opportunity at a Mona Shores Invitational this week.

Against the Sailors on Wednesday, Lowell posted its highest uneven bars score of the year in its 127.25-115.80 loss. The Red Arrows earned a mark of 27.90 on the bars.

"The girls have shown a lot of improvement on the bar this year," Lowell coach Annette Pearson said. "Some have changed their routines in order to improve their scores."

Freshman Tammy Eteo finished fifth in the event with a score of 7.35. Teammates Liz Arnold and Betsy Elzinga placed sixth at 7.00.

Earning medal honors was Mona Shores' Sarah Flermoen with a score of 8.55.

On the vault, Crystal Chumley of Mona Shores was first with a mark of 8.35.

Lowell's Shannon Laux was second at 8.2, and Lowell's Tammy Eteo and Lesley Murphy tied for third at 8.0.

On the balance beam, Amy Holland of Mona Shores led the way with an 8.65. Lowell's Skye Fisher was sixth at 6.80.

Chumley and Flermoen tied for first in the floor exercise at 8.20. Eteo was fourth at 8.05, and Laux was sixth with a mark of 7.9.

O-K Rainbow Meet

Holland continued to show improvement Saturday as it had enough to fight off the defending champions from Mona Shores.

The Dutch finished with a championship total of 144.05. The Sailors were second at 135.75. The rest of the field followed in this order: Rockford, 134.05; East Kentwood, 133.80; Kenowa Hills, 114.70; Lowell, 111.55; and East Grand Rapids, 105.35.

All-around honors went to Mona Shores' Heather Schneller as she swept all four events.

Lowell's sixth-place performance wasn't its best overall performance of the year, but coach Annette Pearson found plenty of positives.

"The girls continue to improve on the beam and bars," she said. "We started the year with team scores of 22 on the uneven bars; now we're tallying scores of 26-27."

Schneller scored a 9.45 on the bars. Holland's Ellary Petchauer was second at 9.10 and her teammate, Brooke Shinsky, was third at 9.00.

Lowell's top performer on bars was Betsy Elzinga with a 6.85. Liz Arnold followed with a 6.8. Tammy Eteo scored a 5.95, and Brenda Bittrick finished with a 5.45.

Schneller scored a 9.30 on the vault. Holland's Sara Woodward was second at 9.20, and East Kentwood's Molly Maloney was third at 9.10.

Three Red Arrows have already qualified for the regional on the vault. Their scores on Saturday reflected why. Laux led the way with an 8.45. Eteo had an 8.30 followed by Liz Arnold with a 7.6 and Rachele Brown at 7.45.

"We hit our team average," Pearson said. "The girls are doing new, more difficult tricks on the vault."

Schneller scored a 9.00 on the balance beam. Woodward followed with an 8.90, and Holland's Monica Martinez was third with an 8.75.

For Lowell, Arnold was the

team medalist at 6.9. Skye Fisher and Laux each finished with marks of 6.35, and Brown scored a 5.3.

In the floor exercise, Schneller was first at 9.75. Jennifer Steimle from Holland was second at 9.60, and Woodward was third at 9.40.

Fisher led the Red Arrows at 8.0. Laux was second at 7.80, and Brown and Bittrick finished with scores of 7.10 and 7.00 respectively.

"I thought Laux deserved a higher score in the floor exercise. She performed well and did some difficult tumbling skills," Pearson said.

Individuals who have qualified for the regional include Murphy and Laux on the vault and in the floor exercise.

Fisher has qualified in the floor exercise, and Eteo has qualified on the vault.

College News

The academic dean at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL, has released the names of students who qualified for Trinity's dean's list for the fall semester, 1993.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Julie Tinklenberg of Lowell was one of the students who qualified for the dean's list for fall 1993.

Heavies, continued...

hard work, they both listen real well.

"They are wonderful to coach," Rivers said. "You tell either one of them something and they go out and do it."

For those reasons he is not surprised by what they've done. "I also realize what they can be down the road," Rivers said.

The grapplers high self-



Tammy Eteo, above, and Betsy Elzinga, below, work on the uneven bars at the O-K Conference Meet on Saturday at Rockford.



motivation may insure that Spicer and Swanson get to the end of that road.

Conditioning won't hurt them either. "Both Swanson and Spicer are in top condition. Unless their opponents are willing to go six minutes, they are going to have their hands full," Rivers said.

A prime example of that is Dan Spicer's match with Byron Center's Eric Holben. Spicer trailed throughout the match before pinning Holben at 3:40 of the second period.

"You let up against either Dan or Scott and they're going to get ya," Rivers said.

Lowell's coach is glad he's got Spicer for two more years and Swanson for one more year.

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Lowell boys sink the Scots; fall to Chix

By **Thad Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

Five players in double figures and half-court execution assured Lowell of a 71-62 win over the homesteading Scots. "We broke their press and then made good decisions in our half-court game," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "We hit the right people in the right places."

Lowell did not shoot well from the floor but did have a balanced attack.

Junior Scott LaHaie continued with his improved play as he netted a team-high 16 points. Kristian Magro connected for 15. George Ponchaud added 13, Brad Holtz contributed with 11 and Brandon Eisentrager scored 10.

Caledonia was paced by Pat Stegeman's game-high 19 points.

Lowell was outrebounded 26-22. Magro led the Red Arrows with eight caroms. Holtz led Lowell in assists

with four. The Red Arrows led after one quarter of play 15-12. A 22-11 second-quarter run extended Lowell's lead to 37-23 at halftime.

The Scots got back into the contest by outscoring Lowell 16-8 in the third period, cutting the deficit to six at 45-39. Lowell was 21-of-31 from the foul line.

Zeeland 72
Lowell 53

Behind the offensive prowess of Matt Bastoli and Matt Yonker, Zeeland broke open a two-point halftime advantage in earning a 72-53 win over the visiting Red Arrows.

The win improved the Chix record to 9-7 overall and 7-4 in the O-K White.

The win moved the Chix to within a half game of the third-place Pioneers, who were 70-65 losers to Northview Friday night.

Lowell dropped to 5-12 overall and 3-9 in the league, one game ahead of the seventh-place Rangers from Central.

Zeeland grabbed a 19-13 first-quarter lead. Lowell pulled within two at halftime with a 17-13 second-quarter advantage.

Leading 32-30 to start the third stanza, Zeeland raced to

a 22-11 advantage, taking a 54-41 lead into the final quarter.

The Chix kept the Red Arrows at bay with an 18-12 fourth-period advantage.

Bartoli led Zeeland with 23 points. Yonkers added 18. Scott LaHaie led all Lowell players with 14 points.

Kristian Magro added 13, and Brad Holtz scored eight points.

LHS senior, Harper, named as Merit Scholarship finalist

By **Thad Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Levi Harper was selected as one of the approximately 14,000 Merit Scholarship Finalists.

Harper, a senior at Lowell High School, will attend Michigan Tech University in the fall where he plans to double major in computer science and mathematics.

The National Merit Scholarship Program will begin mailing scholarship offers to the National Merit Scholarship winners in March.

Of the 14,000 finalists nationwide, 6,500 will be chosen.

Along with his high school class load, Harper is also en-

rolled in a Multi Variate Calculus Course at Aquinas College. He has already completed a second semester calculus course at Grand Rapids Community College.

"I feel my high school courses have prepared me well for the couple of courses I've taken," Harper said. "My one year of high school calculus was equal to the first semester calculus class at the community college."

The senior added that there was a definite difference in presentation.

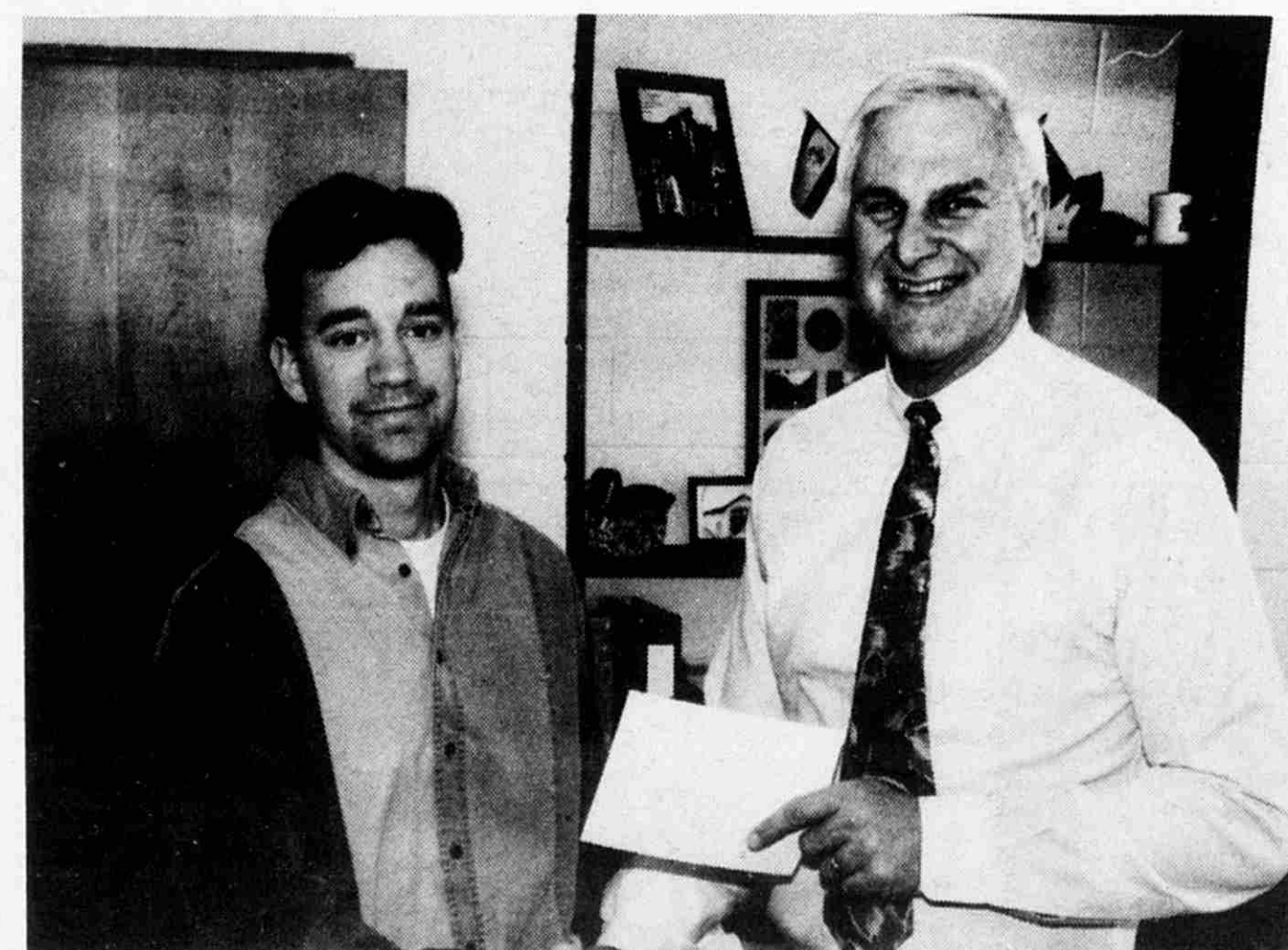
"The college instructor's style is much more relaxed. However, they have fewer students, the students are of higher quality, and I think it's an easier setting to learn in,"

Harper said.

When not in class, the senior has actively pursued hands-on types of experience. Two years ago he wrote the program the Middle School used to hold its mock presidential election.

He wrote data acquisition software for Optec Incorporation.

"I also do general troubleshooting," Harper explained. In response to the recent technology controversy, Harper explained that he thought the school shouldn't purchase all of its computers



Levi Harper, left, is congratulated by Lowell High School Principal Jim DeWeerd on his selection as a Merit Scholarship finalist.

life," Harper said.

The Lowell senior listens to heavy metal music, enjoys

soccer and tennis and will participate in the Science

Olympiad and Model U.N. programs.



Dey honored for decade of quilt work

At a recent meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council, Dolores Dey, left, was recognized for having designed and sewn 10 consecutive quilts for the Fallasburg Fall Festival. Jill VanAntwerp, Chairman of the Council, presented Dey with a plaque commemorating her contribution to the Festival. Dey has already begun planning her eleventh quilt.

On the other hand, a man does not have any dower interest in his wife's real property. As a result, she can convey real estate that she owns while she is married and her husband will not be required to execute the deed.

DEAR JONATHAN: A few years ago, on the advice of my lawyer, I set up a revocable living trust and transferred all of my assets to the trust. One of the main reasons I did this was so that my estate would avoid probate and my assets would go directly to my children upon my death. I am financially well off and I would like to start making annual gifts to my children and grandchildren from my trust. Before I start making the gifts, are there any special rules that I should follow?

JONATHAN SAYS: It depends upon the language in your trust. If distributions from your trust can be made only to you and not to any other person, then there would be no problem in making gifts directly from the trust to your children and grandchildren.

On the other hand, if your trust states that distributions can be made to you or to others, then making gifts directly from the trust could be risky. In the event you were to make gifts from your trust to your children and grandchildren and then die within three years of making those gifts, those gifts would be brought back into your estate and included in your estate for federal estate tax purposes.

Since I have not seen any specific language from your trust, I think it would make sense to adopt a conservative approach when making gifts from your trust. My recommendation is that you first make a gift from your trust to yourself and then from yourself to your children and grandchildren. By adopting this gifting approach, even if you die within three years of making those gifts, you will avoid having those gifts brought back into your estate for federal estate tax purposes.

DEAR JONATHAN: My parent's home is only in my father's name. Will this create a problem for my mother upon my father's death? My parents have been married for 40 years, but their home was in my father's name prior to their getting married and he never put my mother's name on the deed. If this does create a problem for my mother, should a

deed be prepared by an attorney putting my mother's name on the title?

JONATHAN SAYS: This may not be a problem for your mother depending upon the circumstances. Let's first assume that your father has prepared a will naming your mother as his sole beneficiary. In this event, upon your father's death, and after his estate has been probated, all of his probatable assets (assets titled in his name alone), including the house, would pass to your mother.

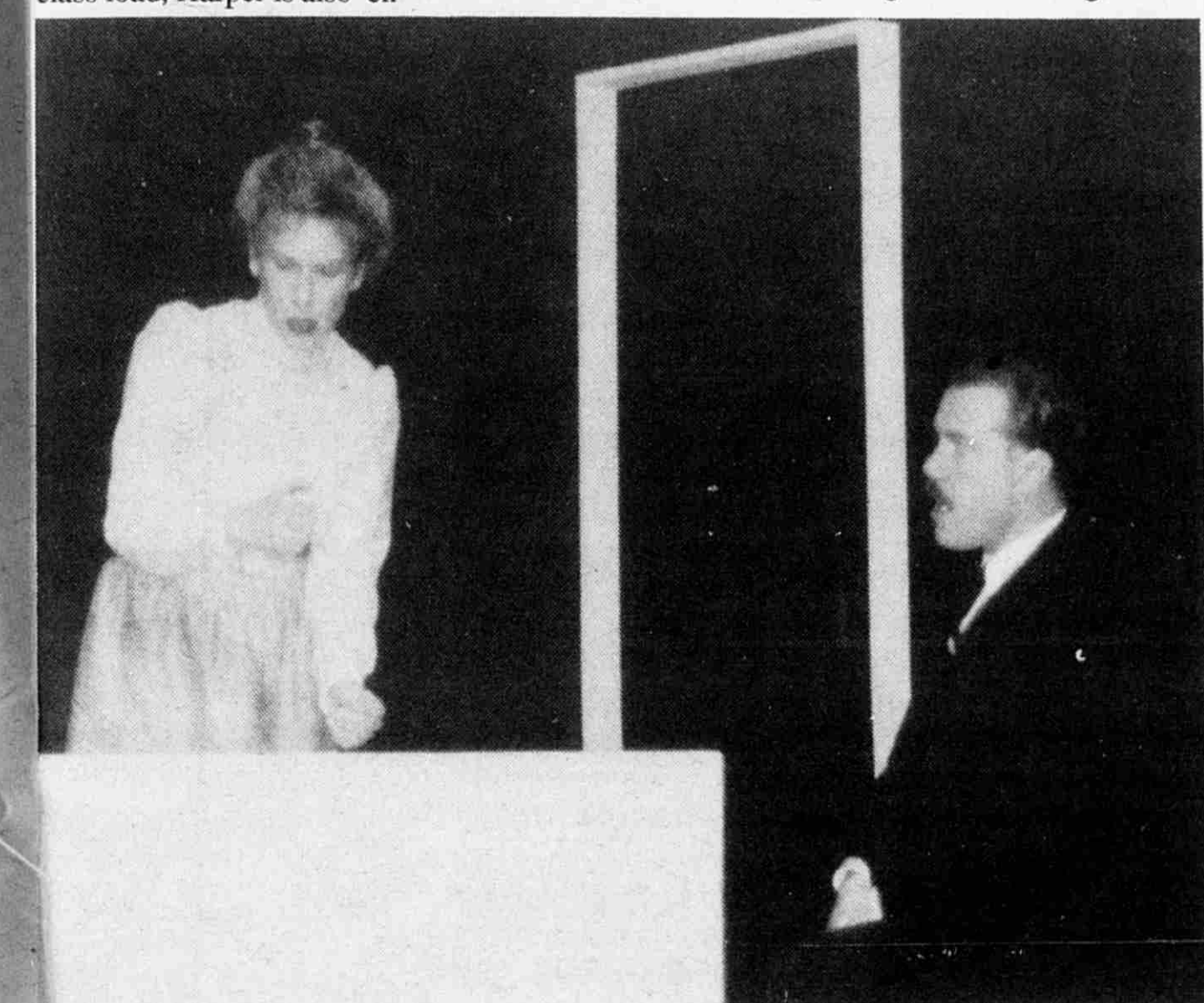
Even if your father does not leave a will, your mother would be entitled to receive at least one-half of his estate. Again, upon the completion of probate, these assets would pass to your mother.

On the other hand, your mother's interest in the property could be impacted if your father was to leave a will intentionally excluding your mother as a beneficiary. Although she, as his surviving spouse, would have certain legal rights in his estate, including the right to live in the house for up to one year, she would not necessarily end up owning the house. I am assuming this is not the case in your parent's situation.

In the event your father would like to have the house automatically go to your mother at his death without first having to go through probate, he could put your mother's name on the title by preparing a quit-claim deed. In the alternative, he could set up a living trust and transfer the title to the house to that trust. Either way probate would be avoided.

I recommend that your parents consult with an estate planning attorney for the purpose of reviewing this matter, along with any other estate planning questions or concerns they might have. After deciding how they wish to proceed, the attorney can then draft the appropriate documents on their behalf.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired or required, then competent legal counsel should be consulted.



Final week of "Our Town"

LAAC's "Our Town" cast closes production this week with its final curtain calls on Friday and Saturday.

One injured in two-car collision

By **Thad Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

Injuries were incurred in a two-car accident Monday morning in front of 7-Eleven.

Anna Carlson, Lowell, was westbound on South Pleasant, when she stopped her vehicle at the M-21/Pleasant Street intersection. She then proceeded across M-21 into the westbound lane where her vehicle struck a motorhome driven by Hugh Cosgrove, Lowell.

The Lowell Police Department report stated Cosgrove was unable to avoid hitting the car driven by Carlson.

Upon impact with the motorhome, Carlson's car was spun around and driven back across M-21 and into the 7-Eleven parking lot.

Carlson was transported to Butterworth Hospital by Lowell Ambulance. Cosgrove was not injured.



The driver of this vehicle, Anna Carlson, was transported to Butterworth Hospital.

LEGAL EASE
With **Jonathan J. David**

DEAR JONATHAN: I just got married for the second time. Just after our marriage, my wife and I sold homes that we each owned in our individual names and purchased a new home in both of our names. What I am confused about is that when I sold my house, my wife was required to sign off on the deed. But when my wife sold her house I was not required to sign off on her deed. How come?

JONATHAN SAYS: Under Michigan law, a wife has a dower interest in her husband's land. This means that she is entitled to a lifetime use of a third of all land that her husband owned (with some exceptions) during the marriage. As a result, any time a male seller conveys real estate while he is married, his wife must execute the deed waiving her dower interest in that property.

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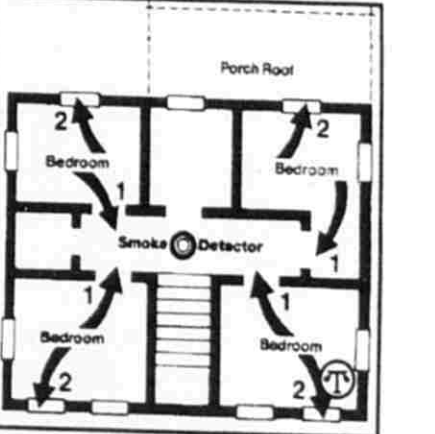
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(NAPS)—Even if you've taken every precaution to prevent a fire in your home, it can happen. When it happens while your family is asleep, the first three or four minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Here, from the safety experts at the AARP Auto and Homeowners Insurance Program provided by ITT Hartford Insurance Group, one of America's oldest and highest rated insurance companies, are safety tips:

- Install smoke detectors, and check monthly to be sure they're working.
- The number of detectors you need depends on the size and layout of your home. Ideally, you should have a detector in each room. If that's not immediately possible, you should have at least one smoke detector on each level, including the basement.
- If a fire starts, get out quickly and safely and stay out. A prearranged plan of escape is a necessity. Hold a family conference on what every member must do in a fire emergency. Map out at least two safe avenues of escape for each person, including children.
- Remember that smoke rises. In case of fire emergency, stay close to safety.



Fire safety experts suggest if you can't have a smoke detector in each room, you should at least have one on each level of your home, including the basement.

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