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Unique hand-crafted items give the Christmas Show and Sale traditional touch

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

What's a Christmas Show and Sale without snow?
"When it's 55 degrees in December, people are still



The art work shown above is just a small sampling of what's available to Christmas shoppers at the Christmas Show and Sale held at the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery.

thinking surf boards and not sleds," laughs Dave Davis, director of the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery.

Davis was glad to see the temperature and precipitation outside match the season. With snow on the ground and that holiday feeling in the air, Davis knows things will begin to heat up at the Council's ninth annual Christmas Show and Sale which runs through Saturday, Dec. 24.

The Christmas Show and Sale has grown into one of the major revenue sources for the LAAC, along with the Fallsburg Fall Festival, the LAAC winter play and the White Elephant Sale.

Nine years ago the LAAC had to beg artists to bring work to the show. Now it's a grand presentation in which most West Michigan artists want to participate.

This year over 50 artists are represented in the show. "It's becoming a mini-Fallsburg Fall Festival," Davis said.

The show includes a wide array of art priced from \$3 to \$500. The art work on display includes hand-made candles and cards, pottery, a dozen types of jewelry, glass paper weights, birchbark baskets, earth angels, and hand-made ornaments.

"Purchases made at the show guarantee the buyer is getting a unique hand-crafted item, and it helps support West Michigan artists," Davis said.

The artists travel from all over West Michigan and beyond. "They come from Traverse City, Petoskey, and Lansing," Davis states.

The proceeds from the LAAC Christmas Show and Sale will be used to help further Lowell Area Arts Center programming.

Revenues are used to help provide workshops to area children, scholarships to music and art institutions, and to provide the community with two active, vibrant galleries (LAAC and FMB).

"With the governor's decision to cut funds earmarked for small galleries, it forced us to seek creative ways to finance projects," Davis said. "I think we've done that successfully."

He added that the success has come about because a number of community members have felt strongly about what happens at the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery. "The support of membership and local business has also been key," Davis said. "LAAC provides residents an opportunity to enjoy the arts and to come view wonderful paintings, sculptures and drawings."

Study provides chiropractors with some back talk for the AMA

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor
Associated Press

tion can be helpful.

For most sufferers, the report indicates the problem will go away within a month. In the interim, it recommends not spending more than two or three days in bed, taking over-the-counter painkillers and starting moderate, low-stress exercise such as walking and swimming.

For pain relief, acetaminophen or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, ibuprofen and naproxen work as well as muscle relaxants or prescription painkillers and are safer, according to experts.

Up to 20 percent of the adults in the U.S. will suffer low back problems in 1995. Four out of five adults will experience low back problems at least once before their 50th birthday.

Americans with back problems spent \$20 billion in medical bills alone in 1990. It is the leading cause of temporary disability among people under the age of 45.

The report states that surgery helps only one in 100 people with sudden back problems. It adds that having a lot of back pain does not by itself mean a person needs surgery.

For nine out of 10 adults, the back pain will go away spontaneously within four weeks, even if it is a repeat episode.

Experts reviewed more than 3,900 studies in preparing the guidelines for the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

Dr. Edward N. Hanley Jr. of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons said it was not possible to judge the quality of the scientific evidence on which the recommendations were made.

Tuthill said the report's
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A new government report released on how to treat low back pain showed that spinal manipulation works.

Lowell Chiropractor John Wellman D.C., 2531 W. Main, said the most important thing the report does is to inform people that chiropractic medicine works and is cost effective.

"Chiropractors have been saying for years spinal manipulation is an effective way to treat back problems and associated symptoms," Wellman said. "This report will serve as a small step in changing the mental block built by the American Medical Association against chiropractors."

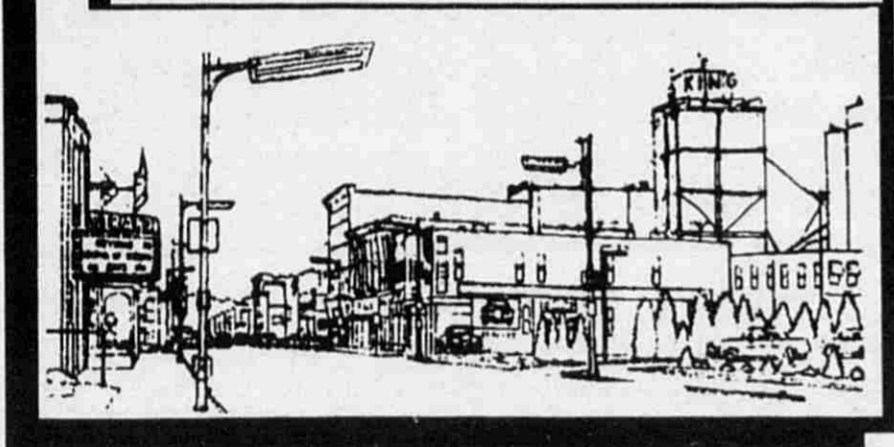
Lowell's Dr. Paul Tuthill, 11827 E. Fulton, said the report could save untold numbers of people who are suffering from back problems.

"They have unwittingly sought out and used inferior forms of low back care such as medical doctors and osteopaths," Tuthill said. "This report will help those people discover effective, cost effective chiropractic assistance and to steer them away from useless and dangerous drugs and surgeries."

The new guideline for acute low back pain put forth in the report scowls on surgery and a host of high-cost tests - including X-rays, CT scans and magnetic resonance imaging - and dismisses as unproven such treatments as spinal traction, biofeedback, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, acupuncture, steroids and injections.

However, it states that done within the first month of symptoms, spinal manipula-

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LHS BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Lowell High School band holiday concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the new high school auditorium. Admission is free.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive on Dec. 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Lowell Fire Station, 319 S. Hudson. Anyone who is 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days.

Call Frank Leasure, 897-5667, to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Ginni Blanchard, GVBP Mobile Consultant, 774-2300.

HOLIDAY POST OFFICE HOURS

The Lowell Post Office Holiday hours through Dec. 24 are: Mon. 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tue.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

YMCA HOLIDAY HOURS

The YMCA office hours during the holidays will be as follows: Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 22 through Dec. 26, closed; Dec. 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 28 and 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 30 through Jan 2, closed.

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The Gala Christmas Show and Sale is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday through December 23.

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Only 10 shopping
days 'til Christmas!

OBITUARIES

COOK - Mrs. Ethelyn F. Cook, aged 87, passed away Friday evening, December 9, 1994, at Springbrook Manor. Wife of the late Minor L. Surviving are three sons, John (Linda) Cook of Grand Rapids, Charles (Mary Lou) Cook of Grand Rapids, and Don Cook of CT; two daughters, Kathryn (Harold) Murphy of Lowell and Mary Lynne Jones of Grand Rapids; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; one sister, Evlalia Macurio of Stanwood. Services were held Tuesday with Reverend Raymond Gaylord officiating. Interment in Cascade Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to charity of one's choice.

GELDHOF - Hazel Evelyn Geldhof, aged 86, of Grand Rapids, died Friday, December 9, 1994. She is survived by her children, Mrs. Roger (Helen) Ungrey of Standale and Rev. James (Diane) Geldhof of East Tawas, MI; sisters, Mrs. Calton (Reeva) Meade of Cumberland Manor and Helen Musser of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren, Tom (Belinda) Ungrey, Robin (Tom) O'Brien, Matt Ungrey,

Kristin (Kyle) Thompson and Julie Geldhof. Funeral Service will be held Monday with Pastor Bob Evans officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Fuller Ave. Nazarene Church, 861 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

KONING (BELMONT) - Terra M. Koning, aged 14, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, December 4, 1994. She was a ninth grade student at Comstock Park High School. She is survived by her parents, Al and Sara Koning; brother, Simeon; sisters, Bobby and Hatti, all at home; grandparents, Harold and Marilyn Johnson of Alto and Robert and Barbara Koning of Circle Pines, MN; aunts, uncles and cousins. The service was held Thursday with Pastor Robert Koning officiating. Burial in Bowne Center Cemetery.

MAIN (Cannonsburg) - Mrs. Ila Main, aged 87, passed away Saturday morning, December 10, 1994, at Greenview Manor. Mrs. Main was a retiree from Corduroy Rubber and attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by

her husband, Roy; her brothers and sisters, Richard "Boyd" Houlihan, Iris Westvelt, Margaret Swiger, Viola Peters, Emogene Gates, Donald Houlihan, Merton Houlihan, and Merborn Houlihan. Surviving are her sister and her husband, Mildred and Wayne Brewer; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Richard "Boyd" (Sophie) Houlihan, all of Cannonsburg; nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell, with The Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler as celebrant. Interment in Saranac Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Building Fund at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

MATLOCK - Michael Andrew Matlock, aged 25, of Lowell, died Sunday, December 4, 1994. He was preceded in death by his sister, Melissa. He is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughter, MaryJane; mother, Linda Maestas of CA; brothers, Glen of FL, Rick, John, Jamie, Jeremy, all of CA; grandparents, Clayton and Gerry Beckley of Grand Rapids. He was a member of the Lowell Moose and worked at Michigan Wire. Funeral Services were held Friday with Rev. Gordon

Barry of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Michael A. Matlock Memorial Fund.

SCHEINK - Edward W. Schenk, aged 81, of Newaygo, passed into the presence of Jesus on Saturday, December 10, 1994, while at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Anna Helen Schenk; their children, Alfred and Marie Schenk of Newaygo, Gary and Sandra Schenk of Ada, Edward and Lynda Schenk of Grand Rapids, Mary and Jerry Kokx of Ada, Patricia and Lynn Wells of Grand Rapids, Kenneth and Betty Schenk of Grandville, Keith and Shari Schenk of Rockford, Kim and Sue Schenk of Wyoming, Theresa Schenk of Cedar Springs; 24 grandchildren; three brothers, Horace Schenk of Grand Rapids, Alfred and Velma Schenk of AZ, George and Maxine Schenk of CA; one sister, Emma Schenk of Lowell; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Wayne and Arlene Prater of Jenison, Varge and Bea Wagner of Croton, Bob Parsons of Newaygo. Funeral Service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel, with his Pastor, Rev. Jerry Sewell officiating.

STAUFFER - Lester E. Stauffer, aged 82, of Lowell, died Wednesday, December 7, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Jesuita; children, Lee (Gladys) Stauffer of DeWitt, MI, Janice (Pete) Bosnic of NV, Robert (Sandy) Stauffer of NV, Ardist (Michael) Merritt of NM, Arva Stauffer of Lowell, Ardelle Kline of NM, Shirley Stauffer of Grand Rapids, Karen Martinez of TX, Roger Stauffer of Lowell; brother, Lloyd (Ernestine) Stauffer of Belding; 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren. He was a Veteran of WWII, and a member of Lowell VFW #8303, and the Lowell American Legion. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Rev. George Fekete presider. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church.

STUKKIE - Elizabeth Stukkie, aged 71, of Lowell, died December 10, 1994 in Cheboygan, MI. She was the daughter of Albert and Veronica Myers and was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Peter Stukkie; sons Peter and Michael; brother Roy Myers and sister Margaret Eickhoff. She is survived by her daughter JoAnn and husband Judge Harold Johnson, of Cheboygan; grandchildren, Amy (Sean) Walsh, Jennifer and Harold Johnson III, Elizabeth, Peter and Patrick Tyndale. Also surviving are her sisters, Ethel VanderWarf, Evelyn Roudabush, Flora (Foster) Bishop, brother Edward (Ellan) Myers, brother-in-law, Harry Eickhoff, and sister-in-law, Doris Canfield; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, with Fr. Wayne B. Wheeler Jr., officiating. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lowell.

Interment in Croton Township Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Bill's Lake Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

TIESMA - Mr. Peter Tiesma, aged 82, went to be with his Lord Saturday, December 10, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Anne; his children Chuck Tiesma of Alto, and Jim and Judy Tiesma of Cutlerville; his grandchildren, Becky and Rob Rypma, Jane Tiesma and her fiance Tom Boomsma, Mike Tiesma, Alicia Tiesma; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Jo Tiesma, Frank and Barbara Tiesma; his sisters and brother-in-law, Lee Valkema, Marge and Jack Buist; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, 2 p.m. at the DeVries Funeral Chapel, Kentwood with the Rev. Charles Krahe officiating. Interment Restlawn Memorial Park. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to Seventh Reformed Church Building Fund.

TIMPSON - Vivian M. Timpson, aged 87, of Lowell, died Thursday, December 8, 1994. She is survived by her children, John R. (Judy) Timpson of Lowell, Jerold (Patricia) Timpson of Grand Rapids, Carol Hilton of Maryland; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; grandchildren, Carla Lou Hill, Suzanne and Jeffrey Timpson. She was a past Matron of the Eastern Star, Cyclamen #94. Private graveside services have taken place. Memorials may be made to Home of Hope.

WENGER (Alto) - Verne Wenger, aged 86, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 1994, at Butterworth Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Beatrice R. Wenger; two sons, Bob (Helen) Wenger of Middleville, Chris (Mary) Wenger of Alto; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Russell (Lucille) Wenger of Byron Center, Clifford (Grace) Wenger of Alto, Gerald (Beatrice) Wenger of Grand Rapids, Howard Wenger and Sharon of Dutton; many nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services were held Saturday with Rev. Todd Thompson officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery, Alto. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto Fire Department.

No ideas is so outlandish that it should not be considered with a searching but at the same time with a steady eye.
—Winston S. Churchill

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Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cheboygan or a charity of one's choice.



Dani Bellar, one of 14 Mr. Wizard assistants, visited Alto Elementary on Friday.

Alto students explore the "wizardry" of science

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

From blowing a circuit to blowing the lid off a can, Alto Elementary students (grades K-5) found plenty to be excited about in the field of science.

"When you have a mixed group of students, it's a safe bet they will enjoy seeing

things get blown up," said Mr. Wizard's assistant Dani Bellar.

Bellar is one of 14 Mr. Wizard assistants who travels all over the U.S. introducing students to the exciting world of science.

Bellar's appearance marked the second consecutive year a Mr. Wizard assistant has visited Alto Elementary.

Bellar, a graduate from the University of Akron, switched her major from science to theatre. "I thought I wanted to be a teacher. This job kind of combines teaching, acting and science all in one," Bellar said.

The Mr. Wizard presentation was sponsored by the Alto PTO.

Vergennes adopts guidelines with historical society for monetary disbursements

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Vergennes Township Board and Fallsburg Historical Society have adopted a set of guidelines designed to detail how funds are granted to the society.

The guidelines are necessary since there have been no formal procedures in the past. Also the township is often used by the historical society to procure grants from organizations

which are leery of societies not directly affiliated with a governmental unit.

The guidelines are beneficial to the township because they now will know how much the grant is for, if there are matching funds, and what the grant is intended to be used for.

The guidelines state that the historical society must provide the township with all grant applications, an annual financial statement and

exclude the township name from any society loan applications. It must also provide a written request stating the amount requested, anticipated date and completion date of the project.

The township's new obligations include keeping any interest from grant funds received by the township for the society and funding four

meeting dates for the commission. The township is also required to mail copies of the board's agenda and minutes to designated members of the historical society board.

The township was advised last year to adopt the guidelines by an auditor because the society keeps records, but not in a true accounting measure.

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RECURRENT YEAST INFECTION

Vaginal yeast infection is a common problem that affects some women at some time in their life. Candida albicans is the common yeast responsible for infection but resistant or recurrent infection can be caused by other species of yeast.

Many women try to treat their vaginitis with home remedies and with over-the-counter vaginal yeast medications. There are several medications available for treatment, prescription and non-prescription strength.

Many women who respond to traditional therapy for yeast

infection may have a relapse within one to three months. There are some personal practices of women that contribute to recurrent vaginal yeast infection. Women with recurrent yeast infection should be encouraged to wear loose fitting cotton underwear and to use sanitary napkins rather than tampons. Scented or dyed toilet paper and perfumed soap should be avoided because of the potential for local irritation. If douching is desired, douche no more than once a week and use a solution perfume and preservative free.

Perfumed douches and frequent douching may aggravate or mask an infection. Vinegar and water douches are probably the best type of douches, if douching is desired. Regular douching is not essential for good feminine hygiene.

Other factors which affect the risk of yeast infection are long-term antibiotic therapy. Antibiotics alter the normal flora of the vagina. High levels of estrogen, as in pregnancy, provide an environment that is high in the form of a sugar (glycogen) which makes a favorable environment for yeast growth. Diabetics may also have an increased occurrence of yeast infection because of the high glycogen environment and their decreased immune system.

Anytime self-treatment fails, you should always seek medical attention. There are other vaginal infections with symptoms similar to a yeast infection.

"Chalk talk" inspires students' creativity

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

St. Mary's art teacher Dave Davis is surprised every day by the work and creativity of his students.

"I'm surprised every day I teach. That is the wonderful aspect of my job," Davis said.

Davis used a section of the Franciscan Learning Center to display the work and creativity of his students at the second annual Black Tie Affair.

It was established to enable students to take pride in

exhibiting their art work from the past year. It also gives students a concept of what it takes to prepare for an exhibit as well as welcomes family, friends and the general public to view it.

Throughout the year students create and prepare a portfolio of drawings and paintings. Later, the students select pieces worthy of an exhibit.

Students also serve as guides, helping to explain the numerous projects during the "Chalk Talk," cont'd., pg. 8

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the year. So I sponsored an amendment to Senate Bill 1317 that guarantees temporary funding of the charter schools by transferring their authority to the local intermediate school districts for the remainder of the year. The Senate passed the bill and the House is expected to do the same this week.

A second bill we passed brings our current charter law into compliance with Judge Collette's order so that parents, teachers and other Michigan residents can continue to establish the schools in Michigan. Although I strongly believe our original language will be upheld by a higher court, it is important we don't allow any delay in the development of these dynamic schools. If we do, many children, parents and teachers looking forward to a new educational experience next year may have to wait.

It's unfortunate this action by the Legislature was needed in the first place, especially considering that the state superintendent found each of the schools in compliance with the law. But until a higher court takes up our appeal, we must meet the demands of Judge Collette's order to both allow the continued creation of charter schools and to ensure that the children now attending them can stay in class through the year.

Charter schools, in conjunction with traditional public schools and private schools, are helping to meet the public's demand for customizing education to an individual child's needs. I am certain these and other revolutionary ideas like them are the wave of the future. And because of our national leadership in education reform, Michigan will play a major role in that future.

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—Rainer Maria Rilke

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OFF THE BLOTTER

Keith Buck, 45, of Comstock Park, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 7 when he struck the rear of a car on Foreman near Gee Drive which was driven by Greg Rinkevich, 17, of Grand Rapids.

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only drawback is that it doesn't study back problems over a long period of time.

"People who use medication only cover up the symptoms until the body can compensate," Tuthill said. "However, the injury shows up later in the form of arthritis."

Tuthill said it's nice that finally what chiropractors have been saying for a long time is now being documented publicly.

"We're so far behind, we'll take what we can get," Tuthill said. "This helps us to break through the medical glass plate that covered us."

Chalk talk, cont'd.... From Page 7

year. They help prepare hors d'oeuvres for the exhibit and assist in setting up art work.

Each of the studio periods start with "chalk talks" discussing the projects and incorporation of artists' past and present.

"Those discussions would include the work of Georgia O'Keefe and of Langston Hughes," Davis said. "I wanted the class to be more than learning how to run a brush across the page or how to mix paints."

The exhibit, which runs through December, displays the work of over 50 student artists. Students spent two months preparing for the exhibit.

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 4, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Historic Museum Building, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would amend Section 2.20 of the Township Zoning Ordinance concerning institutional or public uses; Sections 13.01, 13.04 and 13.06 concerning procedures and conditions for special land uses, and other matters; and Sections 18.02 and 18.08 regarding powers of the Township Board of Zoning Appeals and other matters.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

Dated December 9, 1994
 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

No one was injured in an accident on West Main near Ridgeview Drive Dec. 3 when Edith Fuller, 71, of Lowell entered West Main from a private drive into the path of a car driven by Rolland Hostetler, 43, of Belding.

Don Scanlon, 49, of Lowell, escaped injury Dec. 5 when he struck the rear of a car driven by Karen Jacquain, 34, also of Lowell, on West Main near Church Street.

Stephen Czajkowski, 28, of Lowell, was arrested Dec. 6 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Tina Stevenson, 22, of Grand Rapids, turned left at the corner of Main and Valley Vista Drive Dec. 5 into the path of a vehicle driven by Debra Scott, 36, of Lowell. No one was injured in the accident.

Stanley Brafford, 34, of Lowell, was involved in a Dec. 5 property damage accident on South Jackson Street near Grand River Drive when he struck a deer.

Mahail Gheorghiu, 21, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant issued out of the city of Grand Rapids Dec. 9.

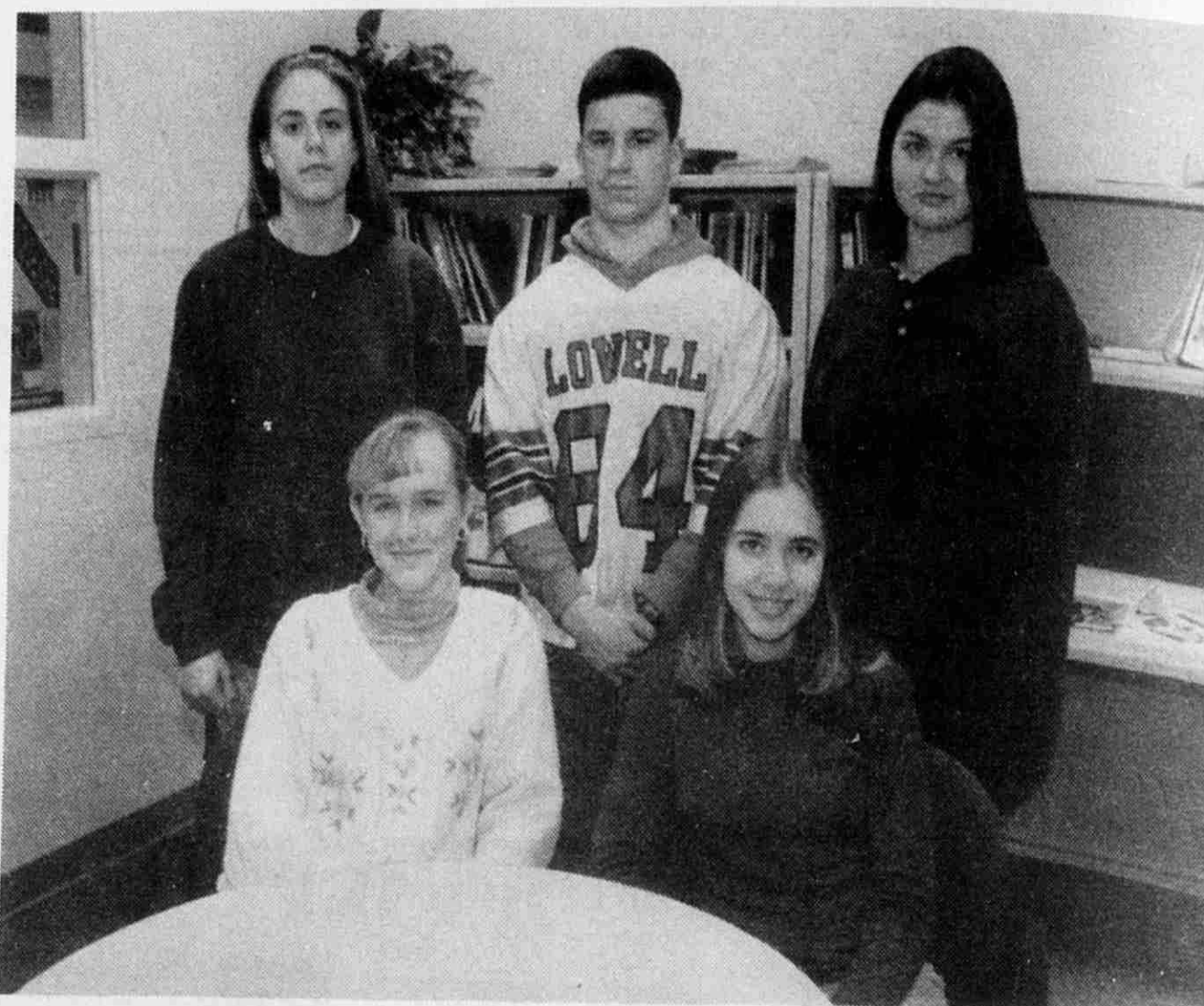
Phillip Bateman, 33, of Lowell, was lodged in the Kent County Jail Dec. 9 for driving under the influence of alcohol. A 16-year-old Lowell youth will be referred to probate at a later date for retail fraud (shoplifting) from CJ's Party Store on West Main Street Dec. 11.

Lori Pelon, 26, of Ionia, reported to Lowell Police that the vehicle she was driving was struck by a hit and run semi-truck on Main at Center Street Dec. 8 when it switched lanes in front of her.

Colleen Timpson, 35, of Belding, lost control of the pickup she was driving on South Jackson near the Grand River and struck the guard rail Dec. 9. No injuries were reported.

H.S. students eager to experience local government

Six Lowell High School juniors will take advantage of a "hands-on" experience in local government offered through a program put together by the Kent County Board of Commissioners, Kent County 4-H, and the Kent Intermediate School District. Melissa Peterson will serve on the Lowell Cable Television Board; Cara Thaler will serve on the Kent County Community Mental Health Program and Public Committee; Joel Uzarski will sit in on Lowell Township Board meetings; VanStrien has been appointed to the Kent County Community Mental Health Program and Public Committee; Beth Wilcox will serve on the Kent County Board of Health - Smoke-free Air for Everyone Coalition; and Heather Young will work on the Lowell Township Planning Commission. Their terms of appointment will run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of 1995. The students will be



The six juniors who have shown an interest in local county, city, village and township government are sitting, left to right: Melissa Peterson and Heather Young. Back row, left to right, are Beth Wilcox, Joel Uzarski and Emily VanStrien. Missing from the picture is Cara Thaler.

treated as full members of their appointed board or committee and are expected to participate actively in the discussions and projects. Because of current legislation, the student representative's vote will be advisory only. Students will be encouraged

to make periodic reports to their high school and represent the students' point of view in their community. Each new student appointee will receive a general program orientation from Kent County 4-H and a specific orientation to their board assignment by the governmental unit.

Parking lot improvements need go-ahead from neighbors before decision can be made

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

Patrons of the Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash, could find parking at the sight much smoother if the center is given permission to pave its driveway by the Lowell Township Planning Commission.

Pastor Dan Wansten approached the planning commission to determine the proper procedure to follow for improving the exterior of the church building as well as expanding and paving the existing front parking lot.

"We want to improve the front portion of the church and make it more appealing," said Rev. Wansten.

The planning commission at this time cannot approve the changes because the paving and expansion of the parking lot are considered a material improvement which necessitates an expansion. That expansion would conflict with one of the

conditions of the special use permit granted in 1977.

Under the conditions of the original special use permit, the church could not totally remove any trees along the road's right of way and it must keep the setback from any boundary line at least 20 feet. The exterior of the building would need to be completely finished and it must comply with other township ordinances.

By paving and expanding the parking lot, it will be either two or three feet from the property's boundary line or right on the boundary line.

A solution to the problem has not yet been determined, but the planning commission has indicated it cannot grant a change to the original permit without following the proper procedures.

Those procedures include developing a long-range, 20-

year plan, applying for an amendment to a special use permit, paying for a public hearing and participating in that hearing. Planning commission member Carol Wieland said the commission doesn't want to approve any changes unless the surrounding residents are informed of those changes.

"The changes applied for don't meet the current special use permit, so the commission felt the best way to handle it would be to hold a public hearing. We feel neighbors should be informed of any changes at the sight," said Wieland.

Rev. Wansten said the church is willing to do whatever it takes to handle the situation properly.

"We just want to be an asset to this community and improve the exterior of the church. We will do whatever is asked of us," said Wansten.

Lowell man takes his own life at home

By Thad Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike Matlock, a 25-year-old Lowell man used a small caliber revolver to take his own life at 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Lowell Police Department's investigating officer Mike Junewick said the incident seemed to evolve around a domestic dispute which occurred earlier in the day.

A group of friends who were with Matlock tried to calm him and talk him out of it. Friends stated that this was not the man's first attempt and that other attempts did not transpire.

Junewick said a toxicology report, which would determine if drugs or alcohol may have contributed to the incident, had not yet been completed.

The man's wife and two-year-old daughter were not home at the time of the shooting.

Junewick added that the passing of his father may have

also led up to the incident.

Lowell paramedics who worked at the scene found signs of life. Junewick said the Lowell man was not pronounced dead until 30 minutes after being transported to Butterworth Hospital.

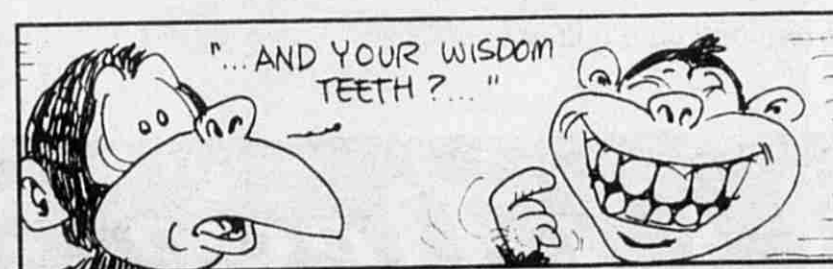
The Lowell man moved to the area in the mid '80's from California.

"This time of year is notorious for these types of actions," Junewick said. "It's a mystery as to what led him to the point that there were no other alternatives."

Matlock was preceded in death by his sister Melissa. He is survived by his wife Brenda; daughter MaryJane; mother Linda Maestas of CA; brothers Glen of FL, Rick, John, Jamie, Jeremy, all of CA; grandparents Clayton and Gerry Beckley of Grand Rapids.

Matlock was a member of the Lowell Moose and worked at Michigan Wire.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael A. Matlock Memorial Fund.



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Municipalities out of options in making 1995 library payments

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

Funding for the Kent District Library (KDL) is set to start in 1996, but until then municipalities county-wide will pick up the tab for the upcoming year.

The KDL millage which narrowly passed by county voters was stalled by Governor Engler in an effort to give Proposition A a year's run. That stall now means local municipalities are bound by contract to pay their share of the bill for 1995.

With the inability to get the millage put on the winter tax bills, many municipalities wondered what their options were. According to Ruth McCrank, interim director of the KDL, they only have one option - pay this year's bill.

"This is an unfortunate situation for the municipalities, but the contract signed by them to join the new district library spelled out specifically that the current funding system would stay in place until the millage could be levied," said McCrank.

Paying their fair share will not be a problem for the city of Lowell or Lowell Township, but Vergennes Township has yet to determine how it will affect them.

"We're not sure how much of a library payment we can put in our budget. Our board will have to review the request and make a decision," said Vergennes Township treasurer Jean Hoffman.

Vergennes Township was one of several municipalities who threatened to pull out of the library system when their annual payment ballooned to over \$12,000 for 1995.

McCrank said pulling out of the system now is not an issue because the municipalities signed the contract that binds them to the system for one year.

As a result of this year's hiatus, the KDL will analyze its future needs.

"The non-approval sets us back, but we will use this time to look at our long-range goals and direct those goals to make the library compatible for residents," said McCrank.

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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 library at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth.

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD MONDAY: 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 #1372 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 Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 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.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th-grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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 are welcome. 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.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, 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.

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.

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

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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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., DEC. 14: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at Schneider Manor. Mini-report on the arts program, senior girl alumni. Also introduction of 1995 HOBY candidate. Luncheon committee Betty Yeiter, Theresa Baerwalde,

co-chairs. Mary Ann Alsgaard, Henrietta Moykkynen, Rose Roberts, Liz Webber, Agnes Wieland. Sponsor, Ann Booth.

SAT., DEC. 17: Live Nativity drive-thru from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th St. and Alden Nash (M-50). The Historical Museum will be open the same hours.

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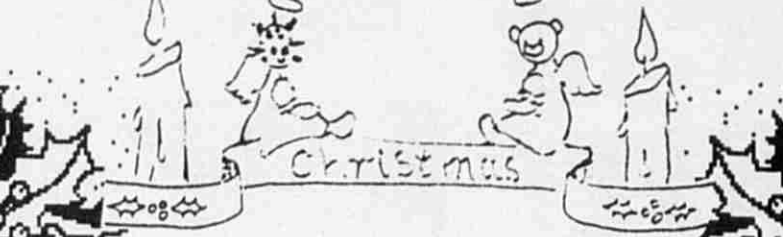
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THURS., DEC. 15: 3:30 p.m., Byron Center - Lights & dinner. **THURS., DEC. 22:** 12:30 p.m., Christmas Party.

FRI., DEC. 16: 12:30 p.m., Reminisce. **FRI., DEC. 23:** Center closed.

MON., DEC. 19: 12:30 p.m., FMB Bank Bingo. **MON., DEC. 26:** Center Closed.

TUES., DEC. 20: 10:30 a.m., Wellness. **WED., DEC. 28:** 7:45 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.

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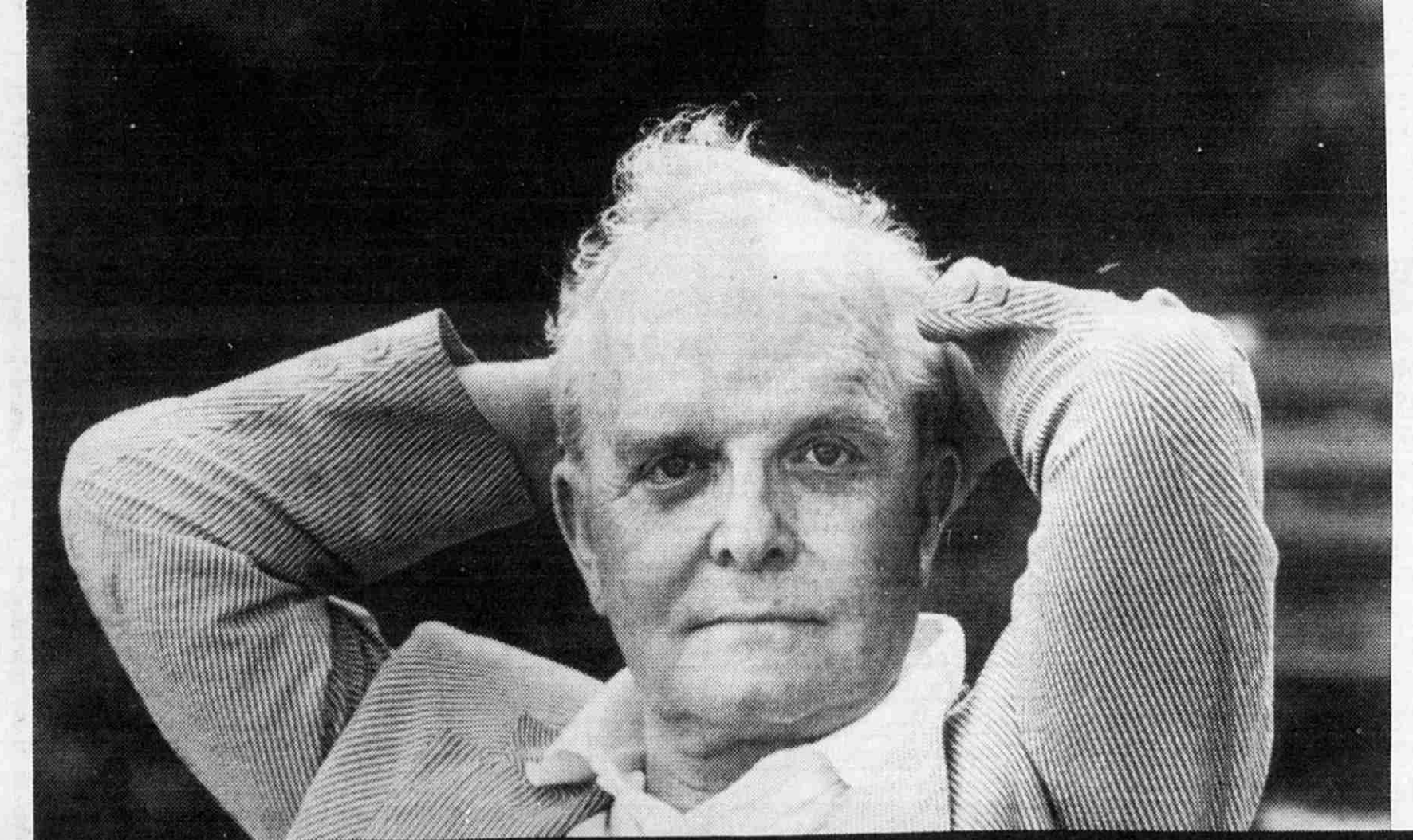
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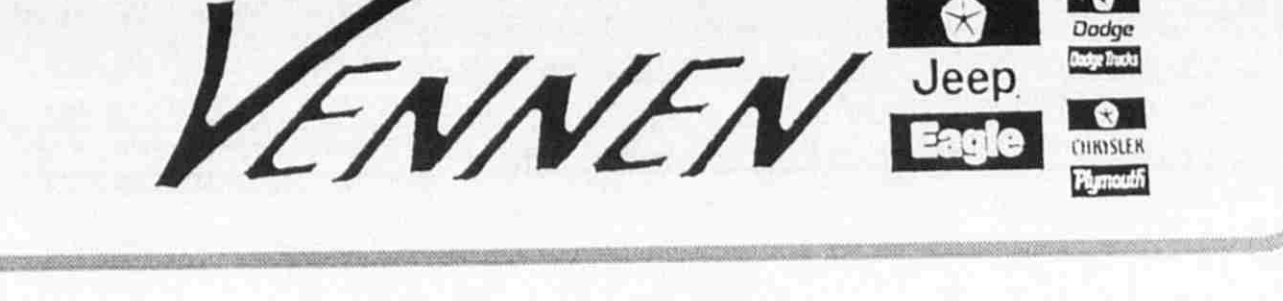
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Greenville holds off Lowell in double overtime, 86-82

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell junior Scott Smith will never be nicknamed the "iron man" for a couple of reasons: (1) The only iron Smith has lifted in his life has come out of his golf bag, and (2) not one of his five 3-point shots in the game against Greenville touched any iron.

Despite Smith's torrid shooting, Greenville escaped with a 86-82 double-overtime, home-opening win against Lowell.

A near-capacity crowd of 1,500 people watched the contest that had all the drama of March Madness.

"Who's that number 22 (Scott Smith)? He doesn't look like he should be able to reach the basket from that far out. He killed us tonight," exclaimed Ingles.

Smith scored 15 points. All five of his buckets were from beyond the three-point stripe.

Where else could you be so thoroughly entertained for just \$3?" said Greenville athletic director Pat Ball.

The Red Arrows were 10-of-26 from a three-point land (38 percent), and netted 46 percent of their shots from the field. Against Lakewood,

Lowell hit on just three of 17 three-point shots, and connected on just 26 percent of its shots from the floor for the entire game.

Tell me they (Lowell) shot like that in their loss to Lakewood," Greenville coach Kent Ingles said, shaking his head. "I don't know what Lowell shot, but they shot the ball well tonight."

Greenville took a 54-43 lead in the fourth quarter. It led by nine with 3:30 to play and by seven points (68-61) with 1:05 left on the clock.

Some poor Yellow Jacket clock management and some clutch long-range shooting by Brandon Eisentragher allowed Lowell to tie the game at 68-68 at the end of regulation.

The Lowell senior's two foul shots with 1:05 on the clock pulled Lowell to within five (68-63). Eisentragher cut the gap to three at 68-65 with 43 seconds left on the clock. The 6 ft. 4 in. forward then dialed up long distance with a three-point shot 18 seconds later to tie the contest and send it into overtime.

In overtime Greenville jumped ahead 74-70. A bucket by Scott LaHaie and a short jumper in the lane by Dustin VanStee with 27 seconds on

the clock tied the score at 74-74.

Greenville's Jason Perks gave the Yellow Jackets what seemed to be the game-winning bucket as he netted a three-point shot from the left wing with 10 seconds to play.

Lowell went to Eisentragher. He buried a shot from the right side of the key, about two feet outside the three-point, and sent the game into double overtime.

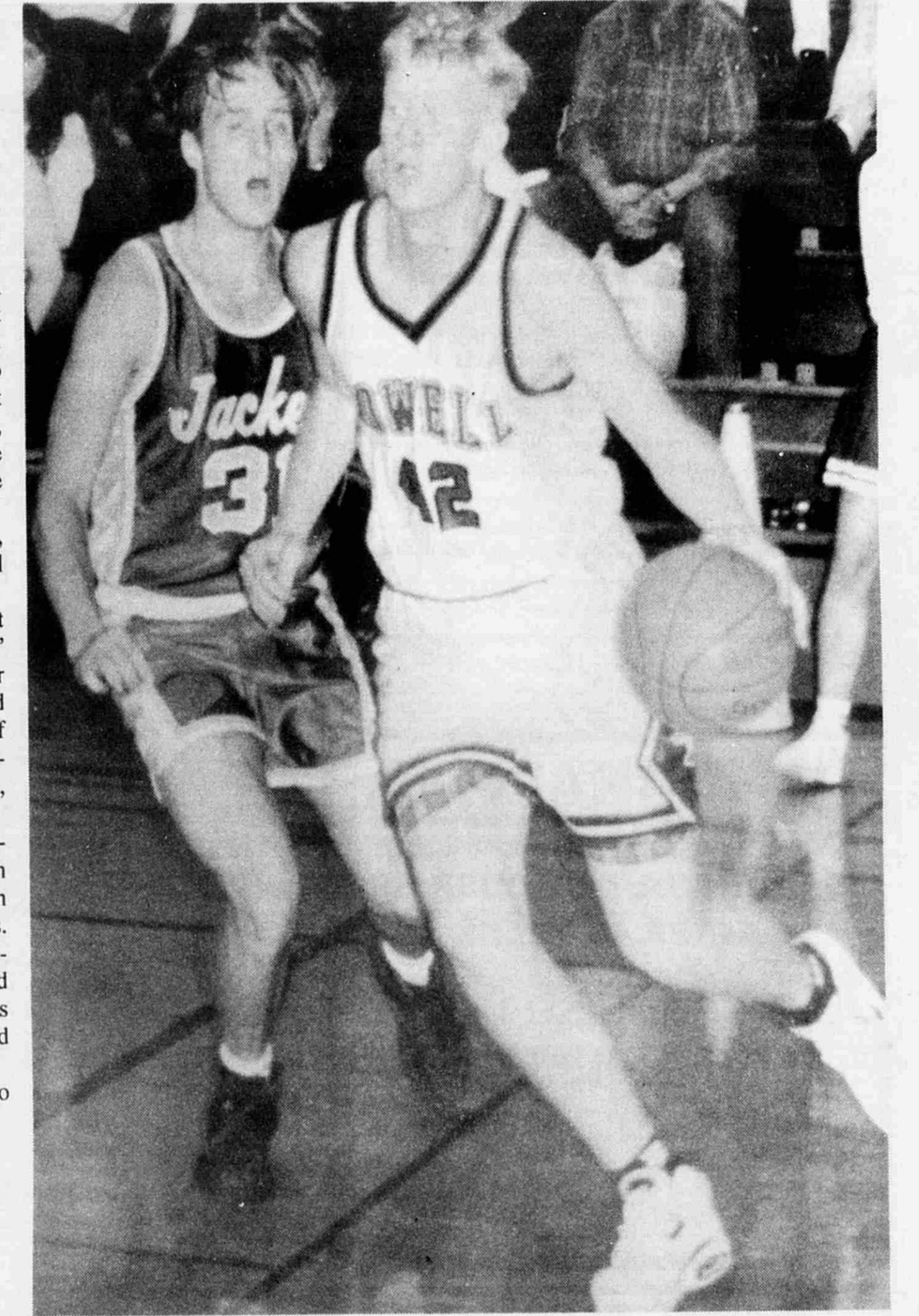
In the second overtime, Greenville outscored Lowell 8-4 to secure the win.

"The boys played well. It was a great game to watch," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "Obviously we would have liked to have won. But if we can play like this and improve our defense some, we're going to be okay."

Lowell received game-high performances from Eisentragher and LaHaie. Both Red Arrows tallied 26 points.

Greenville got a team-high 23 points from Jarred Diehl. Perks netted 16 points and Jake Kemp contributed with 14.

Lowell travels to Hudsonville on Friday.



Basketball season tickets now on sale

Lowell High School is selling boys' basketball season tickets in the athletic department. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$18 for students which represents a savings of \$5 for adults and \$2 for students (or \$12 for students if tickets are not purchased in advance). Tickets are good for all 10 regular season home games.

A souvenir schedule keychain will be presented to basketball season ticket holders and superfans while supplies last. Tickets may be purchased in the athletic office between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. The boys' first home game is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 20.

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Red Arrow grapplers place third at BC Lakeview Invitational

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's wrestling team officially opened its season with its annual trip to the Battle Creek Lakeview Invitational.

Waiting for the Red Arrows were two strong Class A wrestling programs.

"We had some tough head-to-head battles with both Charlotte and East Kentwood," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said. "Both schools have legitimate programs. Thank goodness they are Class A."

Lowell managed three firsts and three seconds as it placed third (145.5) behind East Kentwood (168) and Charlotte (197).

"Our firsts came from some unlikely people," Rivers said.

Matt Osmolinski, 126 pounds, defeated the number one, three and four seeds to take top honors in his class. In the title match, he defeated Charlotte's Nate Smith 8-6.

Senior Mike Rottier, 134 pounds, defeated a state medalist to reach the finals. In the finals he defeated Gull Lake's Brian Davis 14-10.

At 215 pounds, Rob White pinned East Kentwood's Dave Ruch at 2:40 of the second period. "Rob looked real good. He moved real well. He was a little overzealous - got a little rough - but I think that was because he was so determined to win," Rivers said.

Finishing second were Scott Swanson, 112 pounds; Dan Spicer, 119 pounds; and Doug Weeks, 142 pounds.

Swanson was 2-1 on the day. His only loss came in the finals against Charlotte's Dave Robertson. Swanson lost 9-4 in overtime. "Scott made a mistake and it cost him," Rivers said.

Spicer was a 27-16 victim to East Kentwood's Joe Warren, who placed third in the state in Class A last year. "It was a good match. It was a mover," Rivers said.

Doug Weeks lost to Class A state medalist Ryan Ranger

17-5 in the finals.

The only third - place finish for Lowell was handed in by sophomore Brett Plattner (1-1).

Todd Lyonnais (2-2) was fourth in the 160 weight class. "For our first weekend of wrestling I was pleased," Rivers explained. "I thought we wrestled better this year at Battle Creek than last year."

Lowell's Joel Uzarski finished with a record of 1-2 in the 172-pound class.

Sophomore Ryan Roth, HWT; Nick West, 100; Mike Minier, 185; and Ron Osmolinski, 151 pounds, all finished the day at 0-2. "Many of these boys didn't have any varsity experience coming in. They learned a few things today," Rivers said.

Lowell travels to Hemlock on Saturday.

Post-season girls' basketball awards handed out



Members of the Lowell girls' basketball team who earned post-season honors are from left to right: Krista Posthumus, defensive player of the year, all-conference; Cindy Kosnik, Davis Award; Kortney Gowen, Coach's Award, all-conference; Alison Kissinger, most improved offensive player; Cori Boersma, sportsmanship; Courtney Arnett, MVP, all-conference, honorable mention Detroit News; Melissa Beute, most improved defensive player, honorable mention all-conference; and Kerry Nugent, scholar athlete and most improved.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 14, 1994, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an amendment in the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

1. Outdoor Recreation Areas in R-R District. Section 9.02 is amended so as to include outdoor recreation areas as a special land use in the R-R Rural Residential District.
2. Requirements for Outdoor Recreation Areas. Section 13.11 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended so as to permit outdoor recreation areas as special land uses in the "A" and the "R-R" Districts, upon various terms and conditions and subject to certain standards and required findings of fact. Such standards and findings include the effect of the special land use upon adjacent and nearby lands, public services, emergency services, off-street parking, view from adjacent lands, control of noise and lighting and other factors. Section 2.34a is also added to the Zoning Ordinance, stating a definition of outdoor recreation area.

A copy of the Zoning Ordinance amendment may be examined or purchased at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

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Three-pointer will make Lowell a long shot in the O-K White

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The shooting percentages of Lowell's boys' basketball team against Lakewood and Greenville may provide the best road map for what lies ahead for the Red Arrows in the 1994-95 O-K White high school basketball season.

Against the Vikings Lowell shot 26 percent from the floor, hit on only three of 17 three-point shots and lost by 15 points in the season opener.

In a four-point double overtime loss to Greenville, Lowell netted 10 three-pointers (10-of-26/38 percent) and shot 46 percent from the field.

"We're not as big or as tall as last year," Lowell coach Phil Beachler explains. "For us to be successful we are going to have to play good defense, shoot the ball well and not turn the ball over."

When Lowell's motion offense is able to set up good perimeter shots, Beachler has some good perimeter shooters ready and able to fire.

Brandon Eisentrager, Scott Smith, Brandon Hamilton, and B.J. Barber are Lowell's top guns from outside the three-point line.

The fifth-year Lowell coach stresses that his Red Arrows will need to get some points from senior co-captain Brad Holtz.

"Brad played point all last year. There will be times this year we may have to move him to a wing to get him shots," Beachler said.

Last year Lowell was 8-14 overall and 5-9 in the league. Three of those wins came against Sparta and Rogers who have since left the league. Hudsonville is in. It won the O-K Gold three of the last five years.

That makes the already tough O-K White that much

tougher. It makes Lowell's task that much more difficult.

Beachler has labeled Wyoming Park as the favorite. The Vikings lost in the semi-finals of the state tournament last year.

Let's not forget East Grand Rapids who wore the Cinderella slipper all the way to the finals of the championship dance before losing.

Beachler says Hudsonville and Zeeland can challenge those clubs. The Red Arrow coach adds that Northview, Forest Hills Central and Lowell are in the second group.

Lowell's fortunes will ride on its guard play. It will be a focal point. There may be times where four Lowell guards will be on the floor at one time.

Holtz will lead the pack. He will get help from Dustin VanStee, Scott Smith and Ryan Graham. Eisentrager can also swing from a forward to guard.

Graham will fill in as a backup point guard. Smith has a terrific outside shot, is smart and unselfish. Beachler would like to see him be more aggressive.

VanStee, co-captain and nicknamed the shadow, does a lot of little things very well. He is the club's best defensive player. Beachler said he rebounds well and works hard.

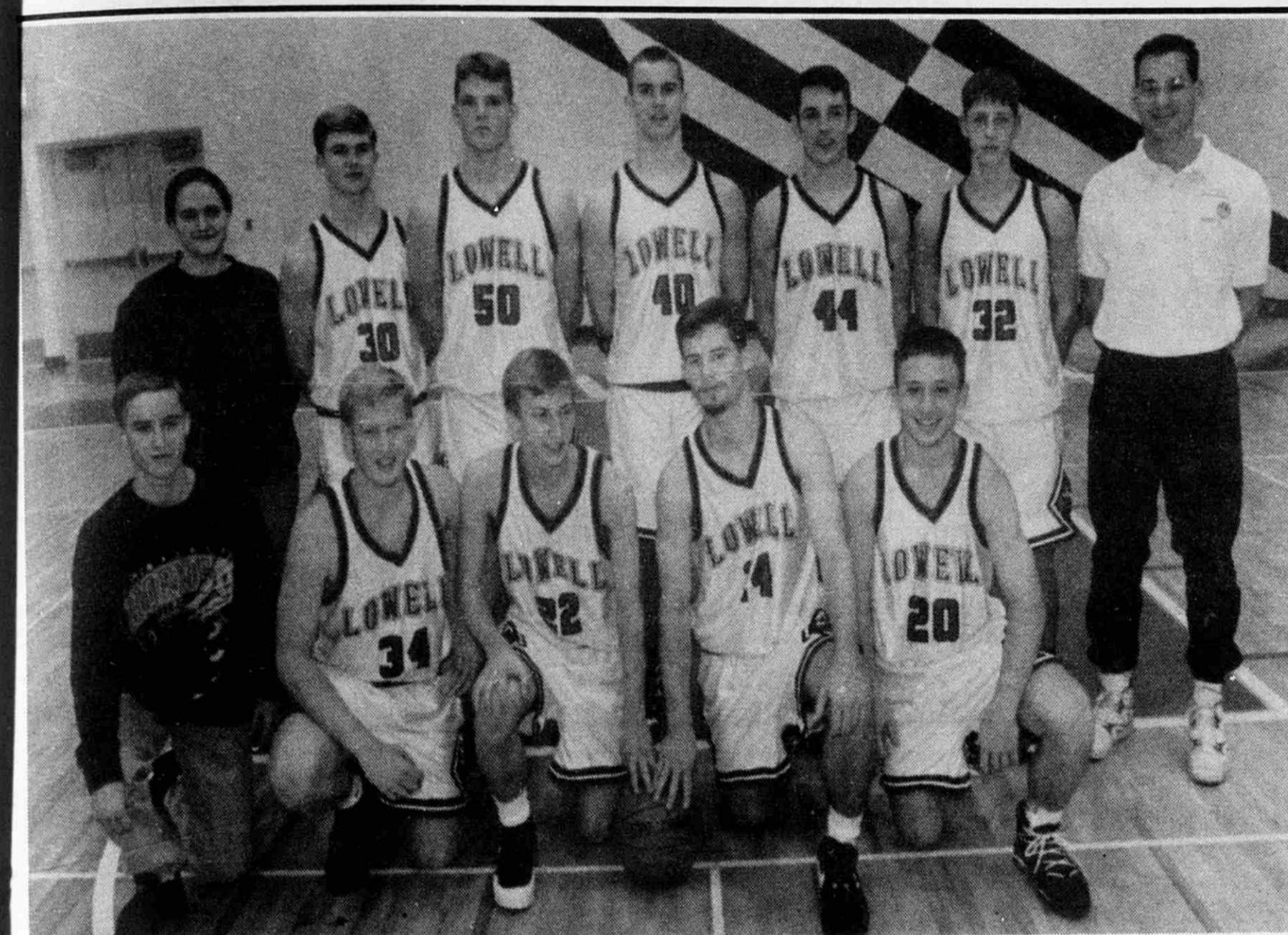
The forward spot will be filled by Eisentrager, Steve Bosserd, Hamilton and Barber.

"Eisentrager's play facing the basket has really improved. He can shoot and take the ball to the basket off the dribble," Beachler said.

Lowell's inside play will come from Scott LaHaie. Last year he averaged 15 points per game. In his first two games in 1994-95, he has averaged 21 points per game.

"Scott has developed some low post moves and has looked real good inside. We need him to play big for us and to stay out of foul trouble," Beachler said.

Helping out inside will be Bosserd and junior Joe Seitz.



Members of the Lowell Varsity Basketball team are front row, left to right; manager Ryan Eisentrager, B.J. Barber, Scott Smith, Brad Holtz, Ryan Graham. Second row, right to left: Sarah Wieland, Dustin VanStee, Joe Seitz, Scott LaHaie, Steve Bosserd, Brandon Hamilton and coach Phil Beachler. Missing from the picture are Brandon Eisentrager and asst. coach Ryan Holtz.

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Talented youth predominant on 1994-95 gymnastic squad

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

First-year-coach Michele Chamberlain hopes that a strong returning nucleus mixed with a strong core of newcomers will mean added excitement for the Red Arrow gymnastics program in 1994-95.

Chamberlain, who replaces Annette Pearson, likes what she sees in the new faces.

"Most of them (four-of-five) have had club experience," Chamberlain said.

Lowell's 10-person squad will have just one senior. That will be all-round performer, Lesley Murphy. "She worked out all summer," Chamberlain said. "Her strength should be in the floor exercise."

The only junior on the squad will be Rachel Brown. "She's a strong all-around gymnast. Her strongest area is also the floor exercise," Chamberlain said.

Sophomore Shannon Laux will provide strength on the beam and in the floor exercise. She will also compete on the vault. "Shannon is not as steady on the beam as in the other two areas."

Trisha Schmidt will provide quality depth in the areas of beam and vault.

Sophomore Skye Fisher will bring added team strength to the beam. Chamberlain also looks for her to be an added plus in both the bars and beam exercises.

Sophomore Cory Land brings strength and dance experience to the program. "She has the tools; all she needs now is to improve on her technique," Chamberlain said. "Her dance background provides her with flexibility while her strength should give her added balance."

Chamberlain has Land penciled in for vault, beam and the uneven bars.

The last Lowell gymnast to do a back handspring was Carrie Lipkea. In 1994, freshman Brenda Lacy will become the newest Red Arrow gymnast to execute a back handspring on the balance beam.

"Lacy is pretty solid. Her strength should be the floor exercise."

Amber Didion should benefit from her club experience. "Because of her experience, she knows a lot of tricks as a freshman," Chamberlain said.

Freshman Alana Valentine will bring a strong vault exercise into the program. She will also be able to help out on the uneven bars.

Another freshman, Lindsay VanStee, has shown promise in the floor exercise.

"Our strength as a team should come in the balance beam and floor exercise. We should be okay on the vault too," Chamberlain said. "The uneven bars is a question mark. That will be an area where we have to wait and see."

The Red Arrows will open their season at home against Rockford on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m.

Chamberlain will be helped by assistant coach Katie Hawk. Chamberlain and Hawk both spent four years in gymnastics.

Chamberlain assisted Pearson for two years.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," Chamberlain said.

"There was no hesitation when they asked me if I wanted the coaching position."



Members of the Lowell Gymnastics team are front row, left to right: Rachel Brown, Brenda Lacey, Skye Fisher, Cory Land, Trisha Schmidt. Second row, left to right: coach Michelle Chamberlain, Amber Didion, Shannon Laux, Lesley Murphy, asst. coach Katie Hawk, managers Alana Valentine and Lindsay VanStee.

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Strong senior nucleus could power Lowell to upper echelon

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If ever Lowell's volleyball program was to break into the upper echelon of the O-K White, the 1994-95 season would seem to be the time.

Seven seniors returned from last year's fourth place (3-4) conference finish.

Inside the Red Arrows' 1993-94 numbers include a Saranac Volleyball Tournament championship, a win against a good Byron Center team and a victory over Forest Hills Central. It was Lowell's first win against the Rangers since 1988.

All but two players return from that team. In addition Lowell coach Laurie Kuna will add juniors Dawn Burrows, Karen Dykstra and Tracy Loughlin.

"I'm excited about the upcoming season," Kuna said. "It should be fun."

The Lowell coach admits she is blessed with some very good athletes. But she is also cautious. "The question is - can these good athletes become a good volleyball team?" she asks.

That challenge will be made a little easier with the all-conference talents of one Kortney Gowen.

The senior who filled the role as a middle hitter last year will likely play some on the outside in '94. "Kortney has tremendous athletic ability," said Kuna.

Mixing strength and athleticism will be teammate Courtney Arnett. The senior was honorable mention all-conference a year ago. "Courtney is an unbelievably strong middle hitter," Kuna said.

As in any volleyball program, the strength of the hitters is dependent on the setter.

Kuna is confident senior team leader Kerry Nugent is up to the task. Nugent enters her final year as the Red Arrow all-time assist leader for a career.

"Kerry is stronger and quicker than last year. She went to volleyball camp and improved upon her technique," Kuna said. "Nugent has motivation and self-confidence."

Senior Alison Kissinger gave up track so she could play AAU volleyball. "It gave her playing experience in a tough program," Kuna said.

Kissinger is a strong side hitter with good jumping ability. Outside hitter Tara Harmon comes into the season with some shoulder problems. Kuna says the senior may be moved to a middle hitting position. "Tara is an excellent blocker and

passes well for a big person," she says.

The aggressive tough-minded Krista Posthumus will fill the role as a middle 3 back defensive player. However, Kuna says there are times Posthumus will play up front. "We'd like to isolate her one-on-one with a smaller blocker," Kuna explains.

Every team has a utility player. Cori Boersma fills that role well for Lowell. The senior may very well be the most improved Red Arrow. She wants to be an outside hitter but can also play in the middle.

Jenny Jansma, a junior, is another hard-working defensive player Kuna will employ. "Jenny has heart and hustle. I

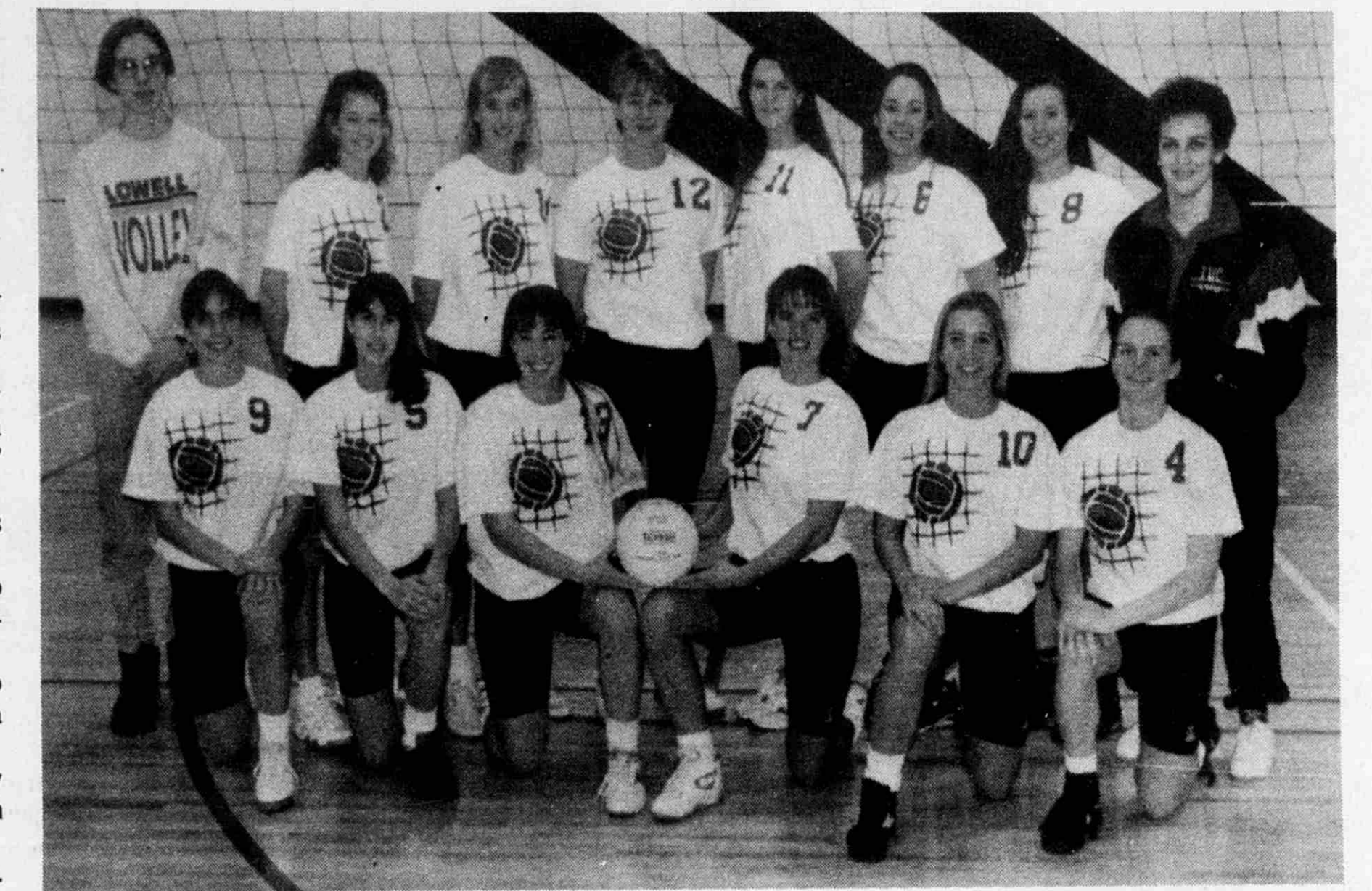
think she can contribute," Kuna said.

The Lowell coach expects to get strong front-row play from junior Elena Richmond.

Other juniors who will help include Burrows. "She is a small quick athlete. Dawn is a tremendous defensive player. She may also be our quickest player - which is saying something when you have a Gowen, a Posthumus and an Arnett on the club," added Kuna.

Dykstra is a solid hitter and a good passer. Loughlin will be a secondary setter. Kuna said her hitting and serving have improved.

Lowell will open its season Dec. 17 at the Creston Invitational.



Members of the Lowell Varsity Volleyball team are front row, left to right: Alison Kissinger, Karen Dykstra, Kerry Nugent, Jenny Jansma, Krista Posthumus, Dawn Burrows. Second row, left to right: manager Brad Richardson, Kortney Gowen, Cori Boersma, Elena Richmond, Tara Harmon, Tracy Loughlin, Courtney Arnett, and coach Lauri Kuna.

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Red Arrow grapplers eye their seventh conference crown in 11 years

Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After tasting the thrill and excitement of a final four appearance, the question facing the 1994-95 Lowell wrestling team is that hunger, drive and determination to return are still there.

"They've been there. They've experienced it. They know what it's all about," Lowell's Hall of Fame coach Gary Rivers said. "We will need some unproven wrestlers to step up."

Unknowns who stepped up last year included Scott Swanson, Dan Spicer, Scott Hays, Matt Osmolinski and Shane Risner.

Who will it be this year? Rivers has his eye on a few. One of those may be a frail-looking 91-pound freshman named Nick West. "I've been watching him wrestle freestyle since he was five," Rivers explains. "He has an opportunity to be a good wrestler."

Another freshman, weighing in at the other end of the scale, is 299-pounder Andy Nauta, whose family has a rich wrestling tradition. "He needs to lose some weight, but he has the moves and could be as good as any of the Nautas who have preceded him," Rivers said.

Another couple of unknowns who are rich with junior varsity experience are sophomores Casey Harper and Brett Plattner. They will battle for the 106-pound spot.

The plight of the untested won't mean a thing if the seven returning letter winners don't improve upon their standing from a year ago.

At the top of that list is 119-pound junior Dan Spicer (42-10 last year). The junior placed fifth in the state.

Another state qualifier, Scott Swanson (co-captain), will wrestle at 112 pounds. The O-K White conference champion was 39-6 last year. Behind Swanson are Nate Roudabush and Alex Brubaker.

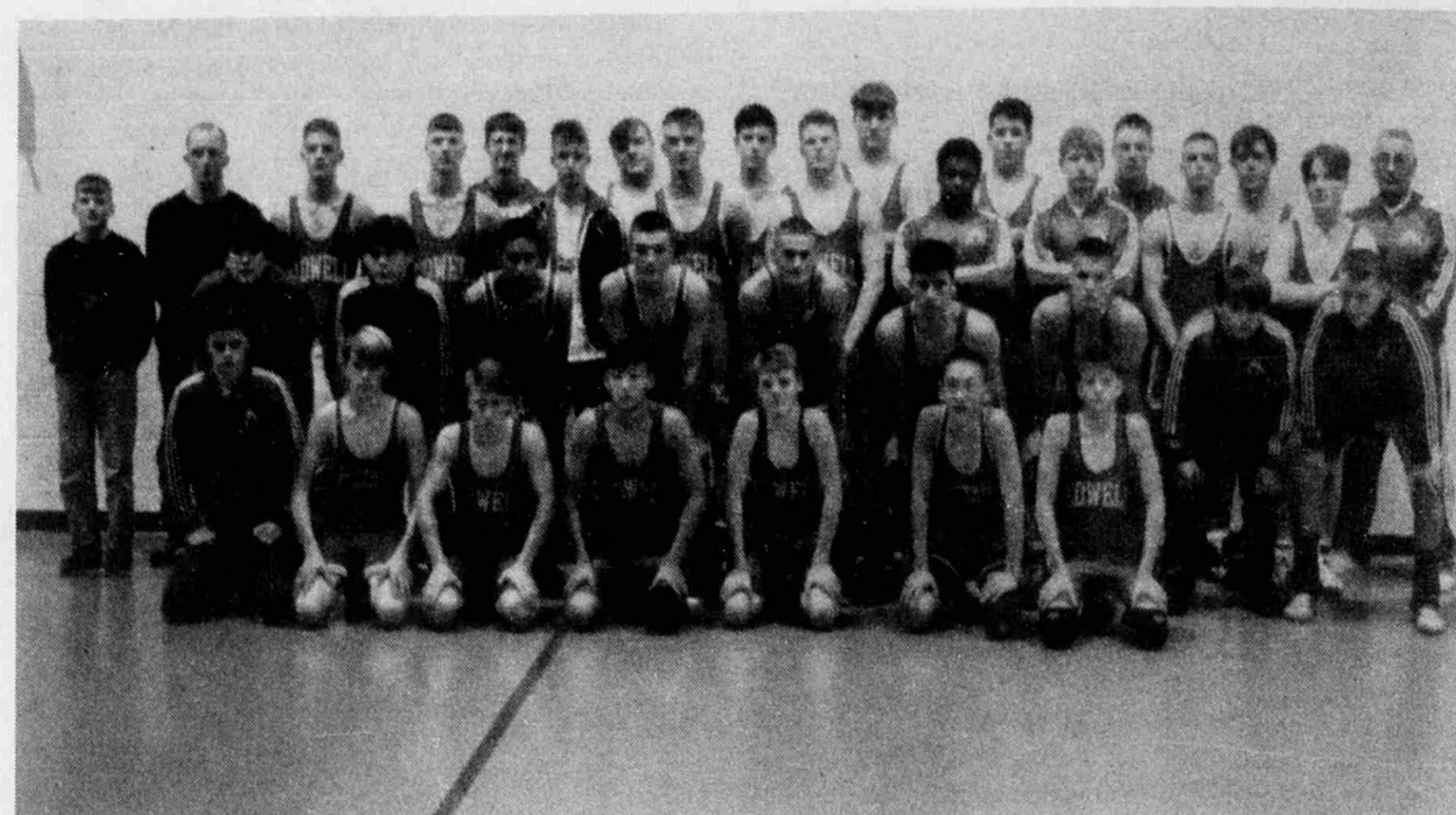
Senior co-captain and three-year letterman Doug Weeks should fill the bill at 142 pounds. Although he will be tested by Scott Hays, the sophomore won some vital matches in the post season for the Red Arrows last year.

"I expect a lot from Weeks. This could be his year - it's got to be, he's a senior," Rivers said.

Behind Weeks and Hays in the 142-pound weight class are a plethora of wrestlers. They are Jim Hodges, Austin Hardy, Chad Lake, Kyle Roth, Greg Woodhead and Eric Granholm.

Another three-year letterman will fill the 132-pound weight class. Mike Rottier went 23 up and 22 down a year ago. "Mike is a lot stronger and should have a good senior year," Rivers said. Waiting in the wings are underclassmen Dave Luyk and Jody Schneider.

Matt Osmolinski, who went 19-17 as a freshman, will battle Matt Inman (14-17) for the top spot at 126.



Members of the Lowell Wrestling team are front row, left to right: Brad Lyons, Casey Harper, Dan Spicer, Scott Swanson, Brett Plattner, Nathan Roudabush, Nick West. Second row, left to right: manager Bill Stouffer, David Luyk, Alex Brubaker, Scott Hays, Matt Inman, Joel Uzarski, Doug Weeks, Chris Wilkins, Bob Meyers. Third row, left to right: manager Dan Rottier, asst. manager, Dave Strejc, Matt Osmolinski, Mike Rottier, Jim Hodges, Ron Osmolinski, Todd Lyonnais, Tom Dumas, Eric Granholm, Chad Campbell, Greg Woodhead. Fourth row, left to right: Kyle Roth, Jeff Hovinga, Chad Uzarski, Rob White, Ryan Roth, Shane Risner, Mike Minier and coach Gary Rivers.

Two senior letter winners will battle for bragging rights at 151 pounds - Ron Osmolinski (13-13) and Shane Risner (9-23).

Senior Todd Lyonnais, 21-25 last year, will be the Red Arrow wrestling at 160 pounds.

Junior Joel Uzarski is to be the favorite to win the spot at 171. He will be challenged by sophomore Tommy Dumas.

Sophomore Mike Minier will have the unenviable task of wrestling at 185. "There are going to be some big seniors, dropping down from heavyweight to wrestle," Rivers warns.

Lowell's Rob White finished 7-4 last year. "He has good moves and could have a good year," Rivers said.

The heavyweights this year will be sophomore Ryan Roth, junior Jeff Hovinga and Nauta.

Rivers-coached Red Arrow teams have won 18 conference titles. Lowell has won a league championship in six of the last 10 years.

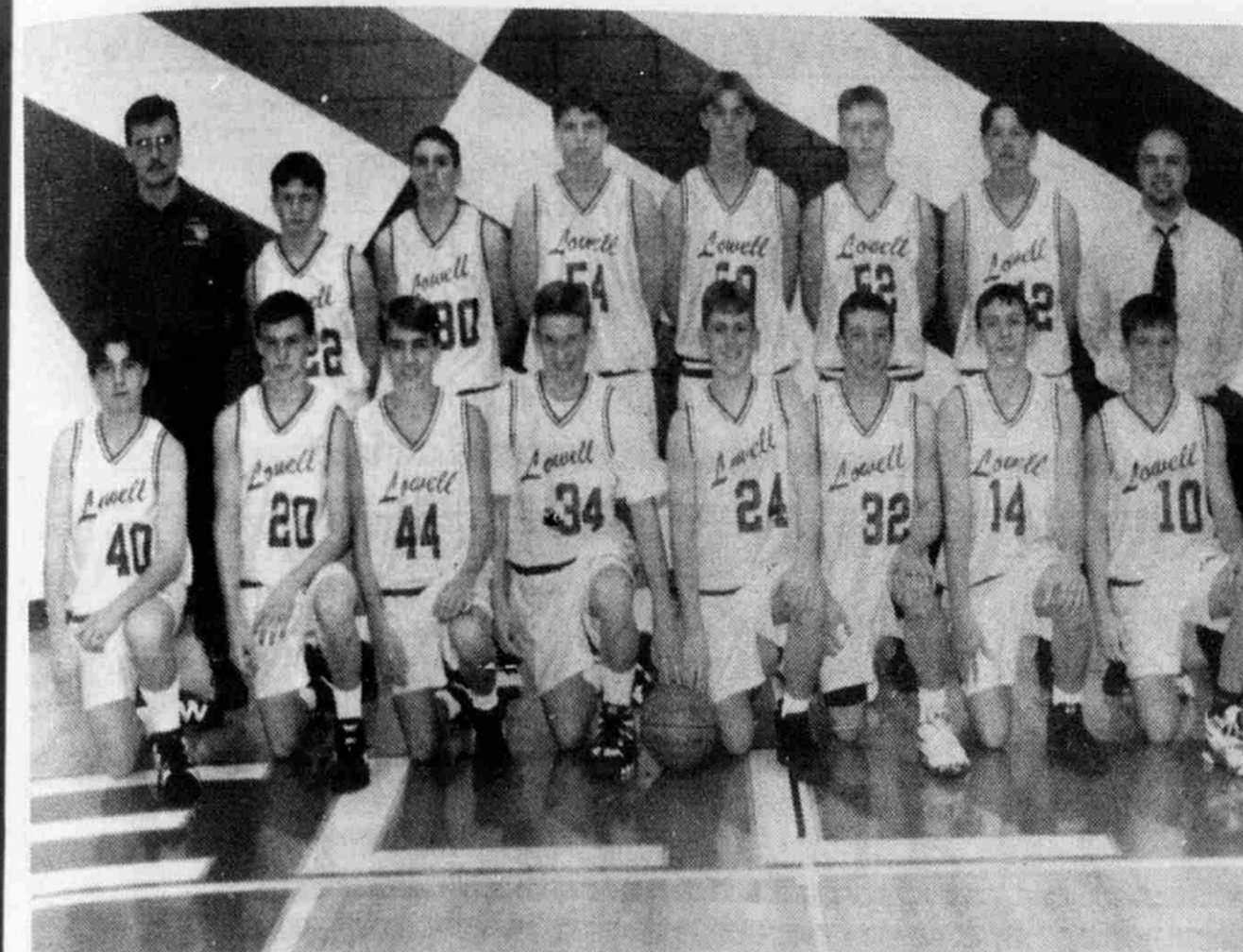
With Sparta gone from the O-K White, who will challenge Lowell? Zealand returns most of its wrestlers from its district final appearance last year. "Zealand has good upper weight people. If it finds some wrestlers for the lower weights, they should be tough," Rivers said.

The veteran coach said Central also has a ton of kids returning. "The score may not have reflected it, but we had a tough time with Central last year," Rivers said.

Hudsonville moves up from the O-K Gold and replaces Sparta. The Eagles beat Lowell two years ago at Hastings.

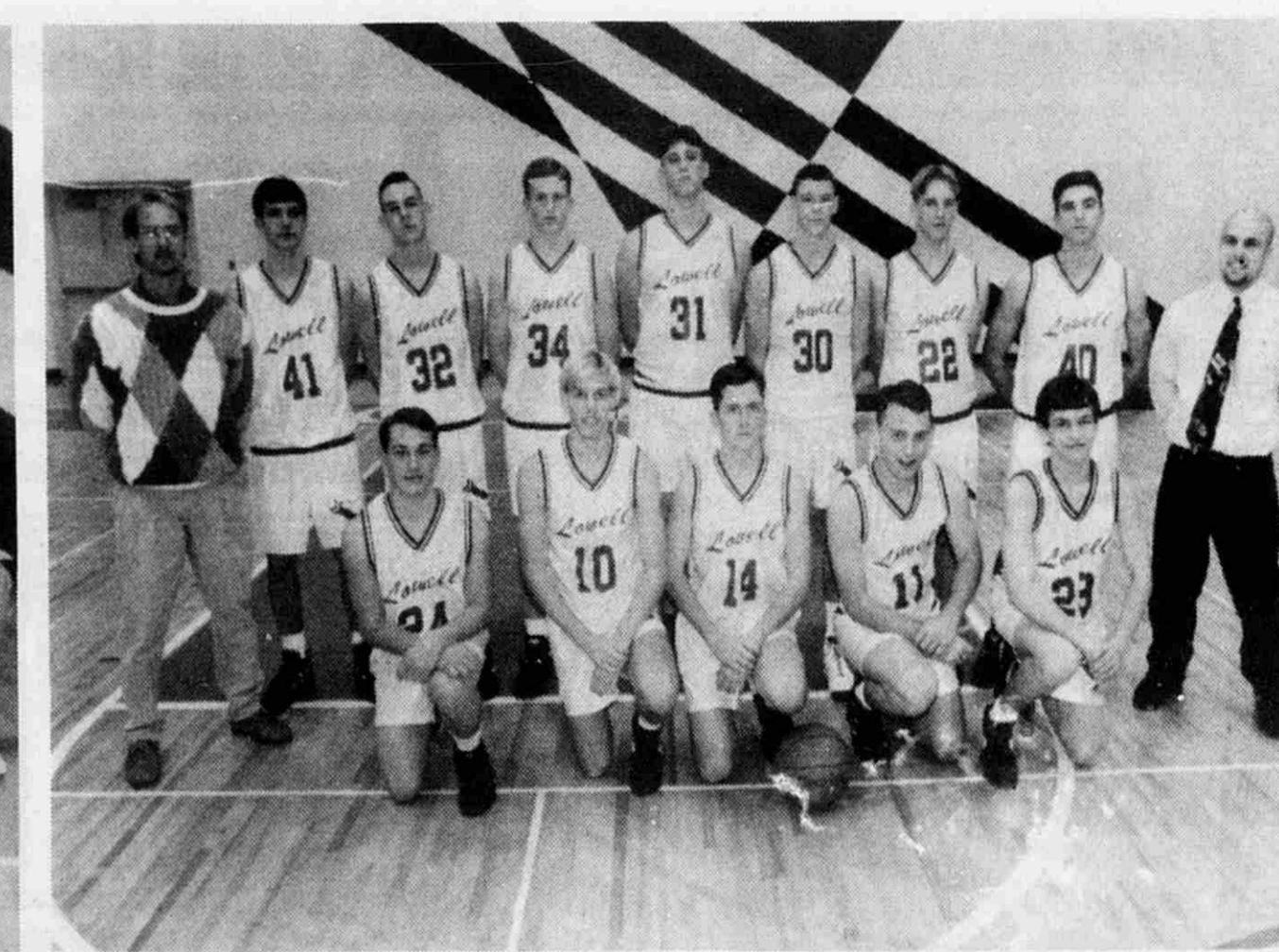
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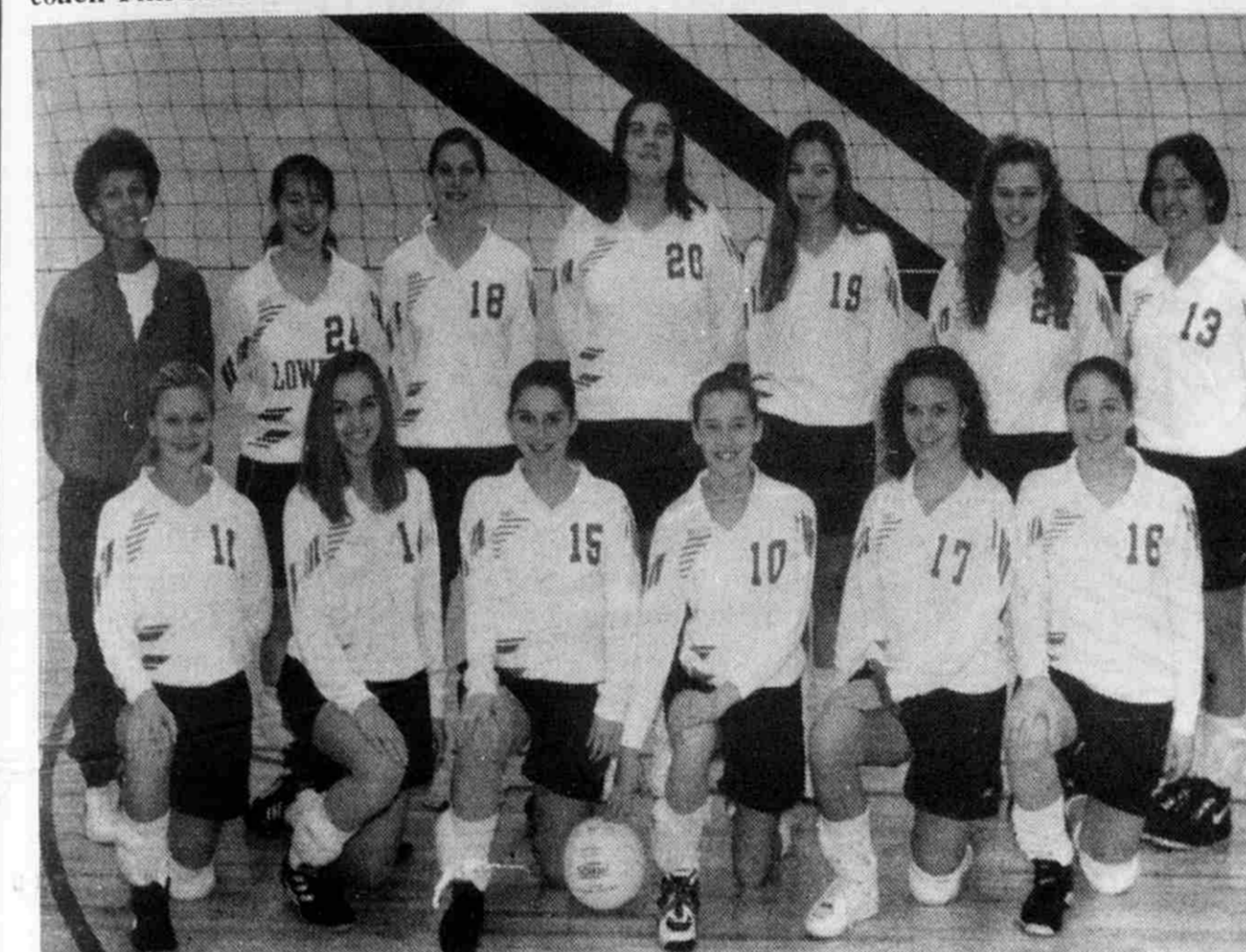
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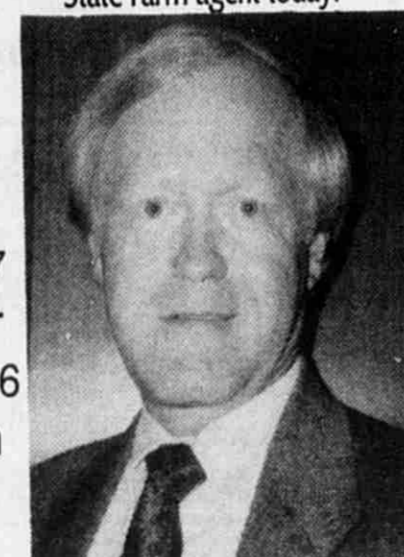
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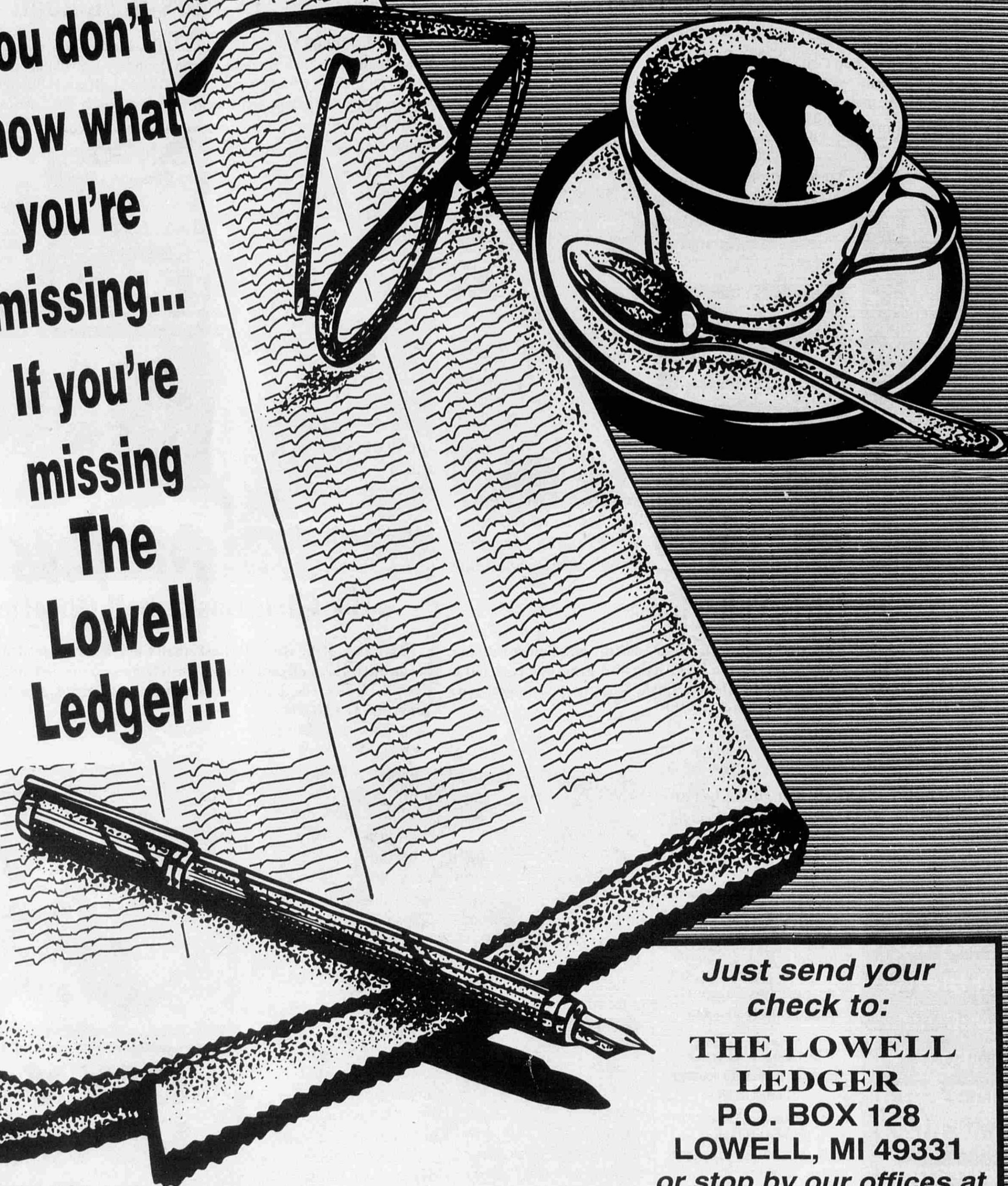
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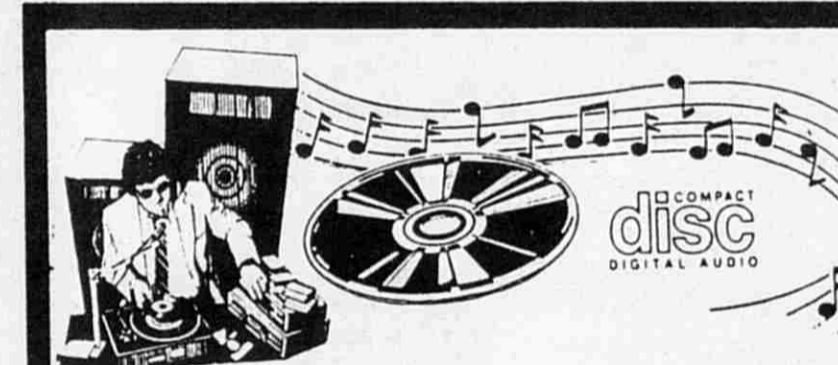
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Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

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Folkert hopeful school budget can be balanced in 1995-96

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The preliminary revised budget, presented to the Lowell School Board Monday night by business manager Dale Folkert, reflected a substantial drop in the budget deficit.

The projected 1994-95 budget deficit was \$728,024. The amended 1994-95 budget showed a deficit of \$296,306 - a decrease of \$431,718.

"Some of that came about due to being careful and looking at alternatives and some of it fell onto us," Lowell interim superintendent Dick Korb said.

Folkert said the administration is hoping to reduce the remaining deficit in half by year's end.

"Obviously we would like to be able to balance the budget. I think that would be tough to do this year being everything is already set up and in place," Folkert said. However, the new

business manager said the goal for next year is a balanced budget.

The school budgeted \$2,406,510 for MESSA (instruction-employee benefits) but the actual costs came in at \$2,236,716, netting a savings of \$169,794. The decrease is the result of the MESSA rate reduction and reduction in retirement as the result of salaries being lowered.

Savings were also realized in instruction fees. This came about through the school's effort to replace retired teachers with teachers at the step 0 scale.

There was a projected budget of \$1.011 million in transportation. The actual expense will be \$975,701, netting a savings of \$35,555.

Executive administration costs have been a bone of contention for many in the district. While there was a decrease in the superintendent's salary of \$5,400, the addition of a half-year receptionist, Dr. Fritz Esch's annuity and \$7,000 of additional

monies for placing of notices in the media have helped to set executive administration costs approximately \$19,000 over what was budgeted.

In the area of business finance, there was an increase of \$57,939.

The amended fund balance totaled \$2,008,303.

On the revenue side significant increases were shown in the areas of local sources and miscellaneous.


Folkert noted that the change in the local and state sources is an adjustment in the split between taxes and state aid payments. He added this is a result of knowing the SEV on non-homestead property which had to be estimated in May. "The total between local and state has increased due to having the current blended count and the present foundation grant amount," Folkert said.

The increase in miscellaneous revenues is the result of the interest earned on the set-aside for the payment of the notes on state aid.

Folkert said by closely watching the expenditures in capital outlay, supplies and miscellaneous, the school district may be able to realize additional savings.

"We need to look at alternatives and make sure there are not ways to do things for less," Folkert said.

The amended fund balance for the Lowell School District is \$2,008,303. That is 12 percent of the \$17 million budget. Folkert said that isn't bad, but you always like to be larger.



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Lowell Board of Education raises substitute pay to \$50 per day

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Raising their pay may not solve the shortage problem of substitute teachers, but it can't hurt either.

The decreasing market of substitute teachers can be attributed to the state's extremely low unemployment rate.

"I think substitutes are opting for other full-time jobs with benefits," said Mike Matlosz, interim director of personnel/community service. "They are subbing only on their days off."

Another factor into the equation might include the increasing population of West Michigan. This in turn has schools hiring more full-time teachers, further decreasing the market of substitutes.

Lowell's rate of \$45 per day for substitute teachers was the lowest of 21 districts in Kent County.

"There were three other schools who were also at \$45. Within the last three months, they have raised their substitute teacher pay," said Matlosz. "That left Lowell the lowest in Kent County."

With the board's approval to raise the rate, Lowell now joins 15 other districts in the county at \$50; three districts are at \$51; two districts are at \$60; and one district is at \$70.

In addition, Belding is at \$70; Ionia is at \$60; and Saranac is at \$60-\$65.

Matlosz sent out a survey to 150 substitute teachers; 50 responded.

The survey asked - what are the reasons they chose to substitute in Lowell?

The top three responses were students and staff, the location of the school, and the pursuit of a full-time position.

Another question was - what could Lowell do to make it more attractive for them to sub in Lowell? The leading responses were: 1) Increase in pay - Lowell is the lowest paying district in the area, 2) calling in advance either earlier in the morning or the night before, and 3) the district's deposit system.

Reasons for turning down a substitute teaching request at Lowell included having already accepted another assignment, and distance.

Matlosz agreed that raising daily rates to \$50 would not solve the shortage problem. "However, I think it is in Lowell's best interest to do so."

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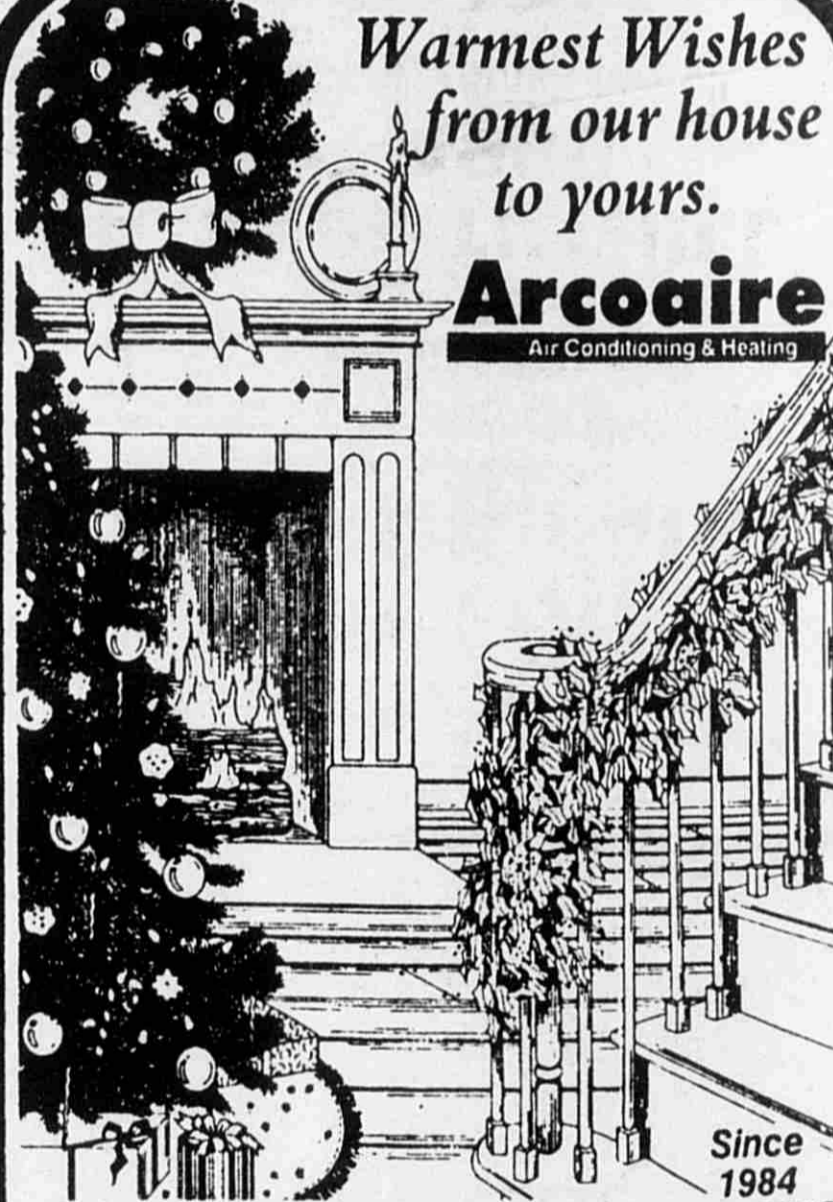
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