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## LAAC play's cast and new performing arts center mesh well

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Arts Council's version of John Van Drueten's heartwarming family tale "I Remember Mama" is based around a family living in San Francisco during the time period of 1935.

Actually, it was written for the 1910 era, but finding clothing to match that era presented a problem, so LAAC play director Jim Marron moved the play 25 years ahead.

That is symbolic of the changes that have occurred in producing the Lowell Area Arts Council's annual play.

**Lowell Area Arts Council  
Presents**  
John Van Drueten's "I Remember Mama"  
February 16-18, 8 p.m.  
Tickets: Thursday \$5 adults, \$4 students/  
senior citizens; Friday and Saturday \$7.  
**Lowell Performing Arts Center**  
11700 Vergennes (New High School)

For the past 17 years, the LAAC community play has been performed at the Cherry Creek Elementary (formerly Lowell Middle School) cafetorium.

This year, for the first time, the production will take place at the Lowell Performing Arts Center (L-PAC) at the new Lowell High School.

There will be three performances of "I Remember Mama." They will take place Thursday, Feb. 16th; Friday, Feb. 17th; and Saturday, Feb. 18th. The curtain will open for all three shows at 8 p.m.



"I Remember Mama"

"It has been really fun working in such a nice place," Lowell Area Art Council's Dode Dey said. Dey has been involved in all 18 of the LAAC's winter plays.

"We'd always hoped that someday we'd have a performing arts center," Dey said. "I'm not sure we ever thought it would come."

It has, and with it has come thoughts of performing a musical someday.

Over the first 17 years, the LAAC play personnel were responsible for setting up the house tables, printing tickets, providing ushers as well as coordinating lighting and sound and building the sets. With the new performing arts center and the L-PAC crew, those are no longer on their list of responsibilities.

"No doubt it has saved us time," Dey said.

Because of the seating capacity difference between the Cherry Creek Cafetorium (186) and the performing arts center (710), the play will be shown only three days (one weekend) instead of six days (two weekends).

The LAAC cast has worked with Richard Graham, the performing arts center coordinator, who will coordinate the sound and lighting for "I Remember Mama."

A little over a week prior to opening night, Graham said the job of coordinating the lights, sound and script was about 80 percent there.

"This is more complicated than a band or choir concert, but it's not extremely difficult," Graham said. "I think both sides were a little apprehensive at the outset about how we'd mesh together."

## Grattan citizens fight private club's attempt to build dance hall

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Remember that old saying "You can't fight City Hall."

Citizens in Grattan Township recently disregarded that statement when they filed a lawsuit against the township after it approved a special use permit for a non-commercial private club.

The group of over 30 citizens has filed the suit because they are not happy with the townships decision to allow the construction of a club hall for the Edelweiss Club of Grand Rapids.

The nonprofit German-American social club purchased 15 acres of property (five acres tillable, five acres of wetlands, and five acres of woods) on the north end of Ratigan Lake.

According to documents provided by the citizens' group, the social club with its 175 members hopes to build a 3,000 square foot "beer/dance" hall. The development would include a parking lot.

Citizens are concerned about possible noise and traffic nuisances as well as a septic sewer system to be installed.

After initially denying the club's request for a special use permit, the Grattan Township Planning Commission granted the permit two months later.

According to Grattan township Supervisor Richard Herweyer, the proposed club

is permitted in the agriculturally zoned land and has met the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources and Kent County Public Health Department.

"Our planning commission denied the first request without giving a reason. But after we took them through a training session, they reviewed the request and passed it on a split vote," said Herweyer.

Members of the citizens' group feel the commission "waffled on the issue because the club hired an attorney and threatened a lawsuit against the township."

Herweyer disagreed with the groups reasoning for the reversal.

"We have a young planning commission that didn't fully understand their role. In cases like this, there is never a winner," said Herweyer. "Either you get sued by the club or the residents...nobody comes out happy."

To clear up the confusion with the planning commission and residents, the township is currently rewording its zoning ordinance to "make it abundantly clear what can be approved under the ordinance."

"Changes we're making to the ordinance will not affect the issuing of the permit. It was granted and we can't take it back," said Herweyer. "All we're doing now is giving the citizens a clear reasoning behind the approval."

One of the citizens biggest concerns centers around the installation of a septic system.

The citizens want the club to hook up into

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## Safety and uniformity help school board see past suit in bus purchase

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

On the eve of Valentine's Day, Lowell's school board saw in its heart to look past a class action suit for price fixing and instead rewarded safety, uniformity and parts availability.

"At a first look, you ask yourself how the school

board can reward someone who has cheated us in the past," board member Steve Idema said. "Then you look past that to safety, uniformity and replacement and you must choose what is best."

The Lowell School Board did that and decided to approve the purchase of four 71-passenger buses from Hoekstra Truck Equipment

Co. in the amount of \$49,849 each. The buses will be purchased out of the 1995-96 school year budget.

Art Warning questioned the wisdom in spending \$200,000 on buses when you have children using outdated books.

"It seems to me that maybe our priorities are wrong,"

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## Lowell Police Chief soothes Chatham Street parking perils

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The parking peril reported at 600 Chatham St. seems to have been remedied by a proposal brought forward by Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine.

A concern was brought forth by a citizen and a business who share a driveway which enters the south side of Chatham Street across from Newell Mfg. Company.

The complaint centered around vehicles parked up to and across from the driveway; limiting vision and hampering vehicle accessibility into and out of the driveway.

"After surveying the area,

it appears that there is enough room to park vehicles on both sides of Chatham Street (28 feet wide) between the curbs and still allow vehicles traveling in opposite directions to pass," Valentine said.

Rather than prohibit parking on one side of the street he proposed that the city ban parking on the south side of Chatham Street, from the east side of the driveway to Amity

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## OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON** - Faye Anderson, aged 79, of Lowell, died Thursday, February 9, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl. She is survived by her children Paul (Diana) Anderson of Lowell, Gary Anderson of Duluth, MN.; grandchildren Christopher & Cheryl. Private services were held by the family. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**COVERT** - Lyle A. Covert, aged 78, of Lowell, died Sunday, February 5, 1995. He is survived by his wife Peggy; children William Covert of Hamilton, MT, Peggy Covert of Provo, UT; sister Emma Covert of Lowell; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday, at Alton Bible Church, with Rev. Kenneth McGee officiating.

Interment Alton Cemetery. Mr. Covert was a member of the American Legion in Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, 49331 or Visiting Nurses Service, 1401 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, 49503.

**JOHNSON** - Harry L. Johnson, aged 85, of Lowell, died February 10, 1995. He was preceded in death by his son, Arthur Lawrence. Surviving are his loving wife of

57 years, Vivian; sons, Lyle (Linda), Phillip (Sherry) Johnson; daughter, Bonnie (Eugene) Moyer; brother Oliver (Marian) Johnson; sisters, Beulah Aldrich, Lorraine (Byard) Stevens; grandchildren, Douglas (Jennie) Moyer, Tammie (David) McSpadden, Susie (Mark) Laney, Barb (Chuck) Simmons, Scott (Linda) Moyer, Steven (Sarah) Johnson, Laurie (Dale) Witczak, Brian, Kevin, Randy (Cheryl), Danielle, and Diana Johnson; 15 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends; special friends,

Bob and Hilda Vance. Funeral Service was Monday at Alton Bible Church, Rev. Kenneth McGee officiating. Interment Lakeside Cemetery, Caledonia. Memorials may be made to Alton Bible Church (Missionary Fund).

**KENNEDY** - Mrs. Frances G. Kennedy, aged 73, of Sand Lake, passed away Tuesday evening. Surviving are her children, William Kennedy of Lowell, Pat Kennedy and Kay Kennedy both of Sand Lake, Linda and LaVerne Hoerner of Lansing; grandchildren,

Verlinda Butts, Robin Weaver, Cindy and Steve Hoerner, Tim and Kathy Major, Jodi and Billy Kennedy, Jennifer Kennedy and Aaron and Melissa MacDonald; great-grandchildren, Richie, Dawn, McKinsie, Ashley, Matthew, Samuel and Kevin; brothers, Donald and Robert Stahelin; sister, Doris Bland, Roberta Howard and Jean Bowen. Funeral Services were Friday. Interment in Pierson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Saranac High School first semester Honor Roll

The Saranac High School honor roll for the first semester of the 1994-95 school year is as follows:

**Freshman all A's**  
Erin Courtney, Jeanna Culp, Jason Harley, Ryan Kimble, Patricia Raimier, Stacie Satterlee, Ted VanKuiken.

**Freshman A's & B's**  
Jamie Baker, Jacob Catalano, Lisa Chase, Shandra Eliason, Lindsey Harder, Michael Kelly, Andrea Mark, Chad Meyers, Kendra Moyer, Katie Repik, Amanda Seese, Kirsten Vroman, Katie Williams, Thaddeus Williams, Paul Wilson.

**Freshman A's, B's & 1 C**  
Emily Doyle, Amanda Droste, Brian Greiner, Paul London, Michelle Magee, Natasha Nordoff, Julie Owen, Russ Palmitier.

**Sophomore all A's**  
Gwen Geivett, Becky Hubble, Heath Sabin, Amanda Seward.

**Sophomore A's & B's**  
Sarah Bowers, Amy Carigon, Dennis Cooper, Chris Culver, Katie Hafer, Jason Hardy, Kylee Hubbard, David Martin, Sara Monks, Brandon Mulnix, Amy O'Boyle, Andria Patrick, Allan Raimier, Molly Roush, Brianna Rutz, Bob Scott, Kate

Smith, Tracy Stark, Bill Talcott, Lucas VanderZee, Greg Westbrook, Kari Wilbur, Bobbie Willison.

**Sophomore A's, B's & 1 C**  
Craig Cardinel, Pat Hendrick, Greg Lockwood, Kara McCollum, Eric Thompson, Denise Watson, Jenny Yaw.

**Junior all A's**  
Kendra Greiner, Jimael Lawson, Dawn Wigfield.

**Junior A's & B's**  
Tanisha Abel, Ben Bergeron, Anna Carnell, Jessica Covell, Jennifer DePotty, Carrie Dingerson, Melanie Endres, Missy Hunter, Jacob LeSarge, Josie Nilsson, Missy

Schneider, Adam Swiger, Kim Swiger, Eric Vroman, Jeff Westbrook, Madelyn Westover, Eric Winslow.

**Junior A's, B's & 1 C**  
Matt Booms, Phaedra McElvain, Todd McMyler, Becky Mutschler, Sarah Visser, Sarah Williams.

**Senior all A's**  
Fred Brickley, Rick Cahoon, Tammy Curtis, Tricia Goff, Nick Kimble, Derek Neumann, Kyrah Scott, Becky Seese, Amber Smit, Janet Tichelaar.

**Senior A's & B's**  
Angie Chase, Bryan Courtney, Clayton DeYoung, Chad Elliott, Matt McCollum,

Miranda Nash, Ted Nelson, Jeff Noon, Wade O'Boyle, Amanda Palmitier, Tara Powell, Joe Rasmus, Danette Rutz, Sara Seelye, Heather Smith, John Sterzick, Nicole Stewart, Aaron Swiger, Khadjar Ten, Jason Weeks,

## St. Patrick's Honor Roll

The St. Patrick Middle School honor roll for the second marking period of the 1994-95 school year is as follows:

\*indicates highest honors

**5TH GRADE**  
Kellie Baker, Shannon Boggs, Grant Cochran, Molly Clark, Megan Fleet, David Johnson, Kathleen Monahan, Colleen Myers\* Jessica Wright.

**6TH GRADE**  
Jessica Doyle, Emily Myers\*, Jami Seif.

**7TH GRADE**  
Luke Cesarz\*, Colleen Donahue, Amber Eby\*, Brian Fitzpatrick\*, Jody Seif, Shawna Seiloff, Laura VanHaren\*.

**8TH GRADE**  
Elizabeth Baker\*, John Fox, Krista Kropf, Elizabeth Lamoreaux, Laura Nugent, Amy Stoffer, Brienne Taber.

## Artists get chance to shine in regional art competition

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writers

Would-be artists and established artists will soon get a chance to see how their work stands up to their peers when the Lowell Area Arts Center conducts its 9th annual West Michigan Regional Arts Competition.

The center will start accepting artwork March 7 through 10 from 1-5 p.m. Any West Michigan artist can enter up to three pieces of artwork in any medium, at \$7.50 per entry, for the chance to walk away with a slice of over \$1,000 in prize money.

Prizes will be awarded to artists in five separate categories: Juror's Choice, Best Two-Dimensional, Best Three-Dimensional, Creative Use of Materials, and Best of Show.

There will be a reception for all artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on March 19 at the center, the winners being announced at 3 p.m. sharp.

The center will display a portion of the artwork received from March 14 until April 30. David Davis, director of the LAAC, said the competition allows budding West Michigan artists the chance to get noticed.

"This is a well established competition that allows area artists to get some much deserved recognition," said Davis. "West Michigan has a lot of fine artists that sometimes don't get a chance to display their talents."

Applications are available at the center, 149 S. Hudson in Lowell or by calling the center at 897-8545.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 16: Todd Johnson, Tracy Davis, Jason Alderink, George Blocher, David Pine.  
Feb. 17: Chris Hodges, Ken Hall Jr., Justin Stanford, Rheta Johnson, Stephanie Ellison.  
Feb. 18: Richard Claypool, Courtney Phillips, Ann Booth, Mildred Stauffer, Laura Walling, Sam Noon.  
Feb. 19: Bruce Baird, Jill Kloosterman, Ted Miller, Dorothy Burt, Sue Eickhoff, Ashleigh Inman, James VanderLaan.  
Feb. 20: Mike Rivers, Betsy Dommer, Gary Kemp, T.J. Ellison, Barbara Carpenter, Curt Anderson.  
Feb. 21: Chris Kloosterman, Cathy Kazemier, Treva Johnson, Susan J. Ayres, Betsy Vezino, Mark Rittersdorf, Lenora Sturgeon.  
Feb. 22: Robert Tulecki, Lynn Wilcox, Steve Ralys, Donna Smit, Lloyd Powell, Lisa Zigmont, Jessica Baldwin, Kevin Gerard, Edith M. Deal-ing.

## LHS band students attend district ensemble

Several Lowell band players attended the District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Calvin College on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Receiving a third division rating were: Charlie Johnson and Valerie Fitzpatrick (trumpet duet) and Craig Lett, Jason Conant, Josh Ennis and Jesse Gleason (brass quartet.)

Receiving a second divi-

sion rating and medals were: Josh Ennis and Jesse Gleason (brass duet); Craig Lett and Jason Conant (trumpet duet); Jesse Gleason (baritone solo); Steve Schmidt, (tenor sax solo); Tonya Crater and Jennifer Gingerich, (clarinet duet) and Jason Conant, Josh Ennis, Chris Goggins, Curt Hines, Matt Stone and Mark MacNaughton (jazz combo).

Receiving a first division rating and medals were: Troy Ballard (tenor sax solo); Sarah Mitchell (French horn solo); Josh Ennis (trombone solo) and Dianna Rice (French horn solo).

The first division winners have now qualified for the State Festival held on Saturday, March 25.

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Modesty is becoming to the great. What is difficult is to be modest when one is nobody.  
—Jules Renard

**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU**

**Week Of Feb. 20, 1995**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MONDAY:** Ravioli or burrito, steamed peas, French bread with almond butter, fruit selection, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken patty in a bun, homemade vegetable soup with crackers, fresh fruit or apple crisp, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni, fruit juice, side salad, fruit selection, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Breakfast For Lunch: Orange juice, 3 French toast sticks with syrup, 2 sausage patties, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Half Day for Students - Breakfast Served, Afternoon School Improvement In-Service.

**HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**MONDAY:** Ravioli or burrito or chef salad or Choose Two: Steamed peas, side salad, cole slaw, French bread with almond butter, fruit selection, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken patty in a bun or cheeseburger in a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Green beans, homemade beef chili and crackers or pasta salad, fresh fruit or apple crisp, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni or lasagna or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Fruit juice, side salad, carrot sticks, fruit selection, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Breakfast for Lunch: Orange juice, French toast with syrup or pancakes or chef salad with bread, blueberry syrup, 2 sausage patties, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Half Day for Students - Breakfast Served, Afternoon School Improvement In-Service

## Lowell's First United Methodist Church celebrates special day in history

Sunday (Feb. 26) will be a very special day for the congregation of Lowell's First United Methodist Church on East Main Street. On that day the parishioners, former pastors and a bishop will gather to commemorate and celebrate the fact that the sanctuary of that church was built 125 years ago. In that span of time, the church has had 51 ministers, the first one being James Fuller who served during the 1860's when the present church building was constructed.

In 1873 the church was sold by the sheriff because the congregation could not

afford to make payments on it. However, the community rallied around to help its neighbor. The Church Extension Society raised \$500, the people of Lowell raised as much as they could, the preachers of the Conference were employed to each contribute \$10, and Rev. D.F. Barnes (pastor then) was able to repurchase the building and deed it to the trustees free from debt.

What history is found inside this church! Hundreds of marriages have been performed, many loved ones have been put to final rest in memorial services, and count-

less worship services have taken place. There will be "era tables" provided throughout the Fellowship Hall, displaying memorabilia from years gone by. Bibles, old pictures of the church, the area and its people will be available for all to see. The sanctuary of Lowell First United Methodist Church is indeed a place to thank God for the blessings bestowed upon us these many, many years.

On the 26th, Bishop Donald Ott, of the West Michigan Council of United Methodist Churches, will be the honored guest at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. wor-

ship services. At 10 a.m., Bishop Ott will be having an informal discussion period with the congregation. Following the second worship service, a brunch with the Bishop will take place in the church's dining rooms.

The community of Lowell is invited to attend one of the very special worship services on Feb. 26 and help celebrate what this sanctuary has meant to not only its parishioners but to the community. For more information, please call the church office at 897-5936.

## St. Patrick's Philip Heffron honored as NCEA's distinguished graduate

St. Patrick Catholic School announced that the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) has named Philip Heffron as the 1995 NCEA Catholic School Distinguished Graduate.

Heffron graduated from St. Patrick School in 1941, continuing his education at Grand Rapids Community College and Michigan State University, where he majored in social studies and law enforcement. Heffron served as sheriff of Kent County for many years and continues to serve the community in his retirement.

The award, sponsored by the NCEA in cooperation with St. Patrick School, is presented to Heffron for his outstanding personal and professional

achievements which reflect the values he learned as a Catholic school student. Throughout his life, Heffron has consistently pursued the highest possible professional and personal standards. He is an example of how Catholic schools educate people to take leadership roles in their community and the world.

"It is with great pleasure that we recognize distinguished graduates from our Catholic schools," said Dr. Robert Kealey, executive director of NCEA's Department of Elementary Schools, the award's sponsor. "The education they receive has provided a firm basis for growth and achievement in their adult lives."

The first Distinguished

Graduate Awards were made in 1991. As an award winner, Heffron joins a stellar group of hundreds of Catholic school alumni across the country, including an FBI director, a governor, a missionary, a circuit court judge, a TV news producer, a senator, mayor, a corporate president and a state representative.

Heffron credits Catholic education for preparing him in a unique way to meet the responsibilities of adult life. He said, "A life based on truth is essential for the individual and for the community in order that we may live in peace..."

The National Catholic Educational Association is the largest private, professional education association in the

world. Founded in 1904, the association's membership represents more than 200,000 educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic education at all levels.

St. Patrick School, which is celebrating its 101st year of serving the community applauds Heffron for his lifelong dedication to community service and Catholic education.



As early as 4,000 B.C. people used iron from meteorites to make ornaments and weapons.

# Viewpoint



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

There is an older fellow who stops by our office every other week or so selling bagged candy. He's a short little guy with a grin on his face, a twinkle in his eye and what appears to be a genuine zest for life about him. He pops through the door, sets his basket of candy on the counter and announces, "The Candyman is here!" You'd think Air Force One had just landed at the Lowell Airport.

The Candyman doesn't score very well among the front office personnel. Seems we're all watching what we eat, and a big bag of candy just doesn't show up on anybody's diet. My last purchase was a bag of pretzels covered with a yogurt glaze. They tasted amazingly like white chocolate and probably yielded a like number of calories. Wolfed 'em down in one day. I've sworn off again.

It's a different story with the back shop guys. When word travels over the intercom that the Candyman is here, all sorts of printing equipment grinds to a halt immediately and three

pressmen charge the front office. This scene always makes me think I should be selling candy instead of advertising. I don't recall ever having a customer clamor for my product quite like those pressmen go for that candy.

A few weeks ago, I was headed through the front office when the Candyman arrived. One of the back shop guys was on the scene within seconds. He's always the first one there to paw through the selection. He must smell the candy or have some sort of sixth sense to alert him to the Candyman's arrival.

I hung around to watch the show. I teased the Candyman a little by asking him if he had anything healthy. Without hesitation he pointed out the yogurt-covered pretzels I ended up buying. I still think the yogurt was white chocolate. I asked him if he had made his second million dollars selling candy in his retirement. "Oh gosh...third million!" he replied. It's tough to get one up on the Candyman. He's a sharp old cookie.

In the meantime, the back shop guy had asked him about a certain candy that he couldn't find in the basket. "Got some in the car," said the Candyman, and he hustled out the door. I think the old guy could sell canned hams in Tel Aviv.

Now we're getting to the point of our little story. This is like something out of the Twilight Zone. I don't know what made me say it, but while the Candyman was gone to his car I said to the pressman, "I'll bet he made his first million selling brassieres." I had him pegged as a natural born salesman, and the brassiere thing just seemed to be outlandish enough to be a joke. It worked well enough to make the pressman chuckle.

Quick as a wink, the Candyman was back with the requested candy. While the deal was being consummated, the pressman said something like, "So, how did you make your first million?" The Candyman replied, "I worked for the such and such company for a whole bunch of years." I forget the exact number of years and the name of the company, but judging by the name, it was obviously some type of clothing distributor. "Sales?" I asked. "Oh sure," the Candyman replied as if there was no other alternative. "Sell any bras?" the pressman asked. "Oh sure, bras and all types of lingerie," the Candyman said.

The pressman looked at me, and I at him. Our mouths dropped open in disbelief, and we began to laugh. We were too dumbfounded to let the Candyman in on the joke. I'm sure he thought we were nuts, but he didn't let that phase him. He wanted to consummate his sale. The pressman bought his candy and I sprung for the yogurt/white chocolate covered pretzels. The former brassiere salesman bid us a good day and headed out the door. I'm sure he wondered what the heck was so funny, but didn't let it bother him long. A true salesman, like he is, would already be thinking about his next stop. I wonder if he ever sold a bra to Twigg?

As I mentioned, this little story is reminiscent of a Twilight Zone episode. I'm not sure what it means. Maybe I should have bought a Lotto ticket that day. All I know is, I was born a little too late. I'd have been a killer on "What's My Line?"

by Priscilla Lusmyer

## Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 12, 1895**  
The first arrests under the new truant laws bring in Floyd and Henry Covert, George and Clifford Gibson and Herbert Wingate. They are released on suspended sentence, which means that further trunancies will bring instant sentencing. Parents who keep children home will be fined.  
The new Mendelssohn Chorus directed by Mrs. Goodspeed

## Sharing The Vision

DICK KORB  
Lowell Schools  
Interim Superintendent

### POLITICAL DRIFT OR PARADIGM SHIFT

I have just finished reading the most recent publication of the "Mackinac Center for Public Policy" report entitled "Political Drift or Paradigm Shift." The Mackinac Center is a private "think-tank" in Michigan that advises public policymakers on key issues related to Michigan politics. This most recent article covered the area of Educational Reform, Labor Law Reform, and Economic Development in Michigan.

I consider it vital in my position to stay abreast of the latest developments in these areas which influence our lawmakers. We, as practitioners in the field of education, must be able to understand and prepare for the pending political decisions which will shape the face of future educational legislation within our state.

I took particular notice of the area of educational reform. The Mackinac Center acknowledges that a tremendous amount of progress has been made in the area of educational reform (particularly the financing structure) in the last few years. In their role of advisors to policymakers and lawmakers, they strongly recommend that the following areas be pursued in earnest during the next few years.

1) Cross District Public School Choice. Under this pro-

posal, parents who want to send their children to a public school that has the room to accept them and is willing to do so, may be allowed to automatically - without having to secure the approval of the home district.

2) Relaxation of Tenure and Certification Requirements. This proposal would allow each school district to develop their own tenure and/or seniority system in lieu of the existing state-wide system. The report acknowledges that a key matter related to this is the whole issue of compulsory collective bargaining.

3) Repeal of Article VIII, Section 2 of Michigan Constitution. This proposed change would, in essence, invalidate the latest court ruling on Michigan's Charter Schools. This would open up and allow for tuition tax credits to parents to send their child to whatever school they wished.

4) A Comprehensive Review of the Michigan School Code. This proposal would in essence open for review every rule, regulation, standard and procedure, that governs schools across the state of Michigan. (P.S. I will be attending an informational update meeting regarding this issue in Lansing later this month).

5) Abolition of the State Department of Education. The Mackinac Center questions whether Michigan really needs a Department of Education. If abolished, they recommend that the authority of the department be transferred to the Department of Management and Budget (for Federal Funds) and that policy and decision-making be transferred to local boards allowing for more local control.

All of these issues are significant for their potential impact. I encourage people to become informed and stay abreast of the issues involved in future educational reform legislation within our state.

tional conference on European reconstruction.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 15, 1945

The electronic machine-sorting room of the Runciman bean elevator is seriously damaged by fire—the third major fire in a few weeks in Lowell.

Grades K-4 will meet in the Methodist church, and fifth grade will return to its old room. All the classes have homes now until renovation of the high school is complete.

Marion Bushnell's first-graders collected well over a ton of paper in the recent paper drive.

Sprayers have been placed on the critical list for the war (highly important, priority items); they are used with the new insecticide, DDT, to prevent typhus and other insect-borne diseases.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 12, 1970

The primary vote is predicted to be light as usual, though for the first time in history three women will be seeking office at the same time.

New home starts in Lowell were 50 in 1969, compared with just 13 the year before.

The second annual One-Act Play Festival in St. Johns nets Pat Hobbs and Mitch McMahon first-place honors.

A Forest Hills school bus driver makes an unscheduled stop to drop off a raccoon who boarded the bus in search of leftover lunches.

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## Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

### SNEEZING AND BRIGHT LIGHT A COMMON OCCURRENCE

Do you sneeze if you look at a bright light or gaze directly at the bright sun? This is called the "photic sneeze reflex," and researchers believe that up to one in three of us may have this

phenomenon. Some believe that this reflex is more common in people who have more conventional allergies i.e., hay fever etc. In fact, researchers have found that treating the other allergies of photic sneezers does relieve their tendency to sneeze in sunlight. Another theory suggests such sneezing may be nothing more than an exaggerated form of a normal response to sudden light change.

Some believe that this photic reflex may be hereditary, the result of a dominant gene. Not only does this photic sneezing tend to run in families, but sometimes the sneezing patterns are also inherited. One study describes a person who invariably sneezed twice after gazing into sunlight. So did the man's father and brother. Even his six-month-old daughter sneezed at the sun-twice every time.

So, if you sneeze when looking directly at a bright light, you're not alone, nor are you suffering from something which requires treatment.





**CAPITOL COMMENTARY**

If I were to pull my senior class yearbook down from the bookshelf, I could flip through the pages and show you photos of my friends and classmates. Some went on to college; others went directly into the workforce. But back then, they all had the chance to make a decent middle-class living whether they went on for more education or not.

If we were to go through my daughter's senior class yearbook today, I'm afraid we would see the faces of young men and women whose choices are far more limited. The simple fact is, without a college education or some kind of post-secondary job-skills training, the promise of the middle-class will remain out of reach for many of them.

Though this education has never been more important, it's also never been more expensive. When I went to Michigan State University, I was able to work and pay my way through college and graduate with no debt. Today, many students put in more than 30 hours of work each week to pay for school and most struggle with excessive debt long after graduation. And they're the lucky ones.

Over the past year, my wife and I have had a firsthand look at what many families face today as we've shopped around for colleges with my eldest daughter, Krista. While books and room and board are expensive enough, the real shocker is the cost of tuition.

In the past 10 years, double-digit tuition hikes have been almost commonplace among our state's colleges and universities. In fact, MSU's 3.5 percent increase last fall was the school's lowest since 1985-86. And while universities and colleges defend the hikes as necessary to maintain quality, they have without question made higher education a huge financial burden for all but the wealthy in our society.

In response to this very real crisis, the Senate Republican Caucus has developed a proposal aimed at putting higher education within closer reach of Michigan families and, at the same time, sending a message to state colleges and universities that unbridled tuition increases must come to an end.

The Higher Education and Job Skills Tax Deduction, passed

by the Senate last week, offers an income tax deduction of up to \$5,000 for college tuition paid to any two-year community college or four-year university in Michigan. In the first year, the deduction is valid for any family sending their child to a college or university in this state. However, in the second year, only colleges and universities that hold tuition increases at or below inflation will benefit from our plan.

I am normally reluctant to approach a tax reduction in this way. I usually prefer to simply reduce the tax rate or increase the personal and dependent tax exemptions, rather than load up the tax code with special deductions and credits. But this deduction isn't simply targeted at individuals - it's also targeted at Michigan's institutions of higher learning. They need to be urged through the marketplace that we cannot let a necessity like post-secondary education be priced beyond what middle class families can afford.

As I stated before, a post-secondary education is a necessity today. Whether it be a liberal arts education at one of our universities or job skills training at a community college, this education beyond high school has never meant more. Our goal is simple: making it available to more people than ever before.

The Higher Education and Job Skills Deduction won't solve all of our problems. But it is a tremendously positive step in the right direction.

**ABOUT YOUR MONEY...**

With **RANDALL J. SCHULTZ**  
FMB Financial Group  
Account Executive

**DOWN MARKETS AND DOLLAR-COST AVERAGING**

Ah, to be able to "beat the market." Investors that beat the market consistently can look forward to a secure future. But, of course, not everyone can beat the market, simply because everyone is the market. In fact, over any given period, about half of all investors must do worse than average. Is it possible, then to develop a long-term investment strategy that can absolutely guarantee you will come out ahead of the market?

The answer is, Yes, and the strategy is "dollar cost averaging." The name may sound complicated, but the concept has been around since the 1920's and it is simplicity itself. It is a long-term investment technique that beats the market... by ignoring the market.

**What is Dollar Cost Averaging?**

To set up a dollar cost averaging system, you merely invest a fixed amount of money at regular time intervals. The amount and frequency of your investments are dependent solely upon

your financial means.

Once you initiate the system, it is essential to the success of your dollar cost averaging program that you stick with it - at least to the extent of ignoring all market fluctuations. Therefore, be careful to establish an investment schedule that is consistent with your financial means. You will find, then, a secondary value in dollar cost averaging: It is, in effect, a "forced" savings plan.

By now, you are probably asking yourself, How can such a simple system beat the market? Isn't there some catch? The answers are, Yes, it really is just that simple; and, No, there isn't any catch.

**Why Does Dollar Cost Averaging Work?**

The wonders of dollar cost averaging can be best illustrated with a simple example: You start by investing \$50 in a mutual fund when the price per share is, lets say, \$10. You continue investing \$50 per month, but over the next two months the price per share falls to \$5 and then in the next two months it rises back to \$10. The following table shows how it works.

	Monthly Investment	Share Price	Shares Acquired
Month 1	\$50	\$10	5
Month 2	\$50	\$8	6.25
Month 3	\$50	\$5	10
Month 4	\$50	\$5	10
Month 5	\$50	\$8	6.25
Month 6	\$50	\$10	5
TOTAL	\$300	\$46	42.5

You now own 42.5 shares for a total investment of \$300. The average price per share over the six months was \$7.66 (\$46 divided by 6 months). The average cost to you was \$7.05 (\$300

divided by 42.5 shares). Therefore, your average cost is always lower than the average price. In addition, your \$300 investment is worth \$425! (42.5 shares x current market price of \$10 per share).

Dollar cost averaging operates on this principle: Because you invest a fixed dollar amount at each interval, you always buy a larger number of shares when the price is low and a smaller number of shares when the price is high. In effect, you are buying a lot at bargain prices and relatively little at what might be considered exorbitantly high prices.

Of course, only looking back years from now will we know for a fact what prices really were bargains and what prices truly were exorbitant. The beauty of dollar cost averaging is that we don't need to know the answer when we are making our investments; it's handled automatically.

It is critically important to ignore all market fluctuations when employing dollar cost averaging. Most investors that obtain poor returns in the market are victims of their own emotions. Only after security prices have been rising sharply do they work up enough courage to buy stocks or mutual fund shares. And about the only time they ever sell shares is when they become especially fearful after prices have already been plunging. The consequence of their naivete, of course, is that they buy high and sell low - a ticket to disaster. It is important, then, not to let your emotions get the best of you. You must exercise discipline of maintaining your systematic investment program. Unless you have a well-established expertise in timing the market, don't try it. Let dollar cost averaging do your market timing for you.

Dollar cost averaging does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss in declining markets. Mutual Funds tend to work best for this type of program because some require as little as \$25 per month invested on a regular basis to get started and the money can be taken directly out of your checking or savings account.

The example noted is for illustrative purposes only. It assumes no additional charges and does not represent past or future performance of any particular stock or mutual fund. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For more complete information refer to the individual prospectus of an investment which includes information on charges and expenses.

Randy Schultz is an Account Executive located at FMB State Savings Bank in Lowell, a registered branch office of FMB Brokerage Services, Inc. For further questions, or a free consultant call 897-4153.

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

BOARD OF REVIEW

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

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1995

between the hours of 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995

between the hours of 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. 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 6, 1995; 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

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**Finnegan and Ennis named local Farm Bureau essay winners**

Two students from Lowell Middle School in Lowell have been named local winners in the 26th annual America & Me Essay Contest.

The two students, who earned the first and second place awards for their school, are Shannon Finnegan, first, and Julia Ennis, second. Both received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Finnegan's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Lowell Middle School's participation in the America & Me Essay Contest was sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent Dale Johnson of Grand Rapids.

Finnegan's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in May will receive plaques and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing and at a meeting with Michigan's top governmental leaders in late May.

A team of finalist judges that includes top governmental leaders will determine the top statewide winners.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from almost 425 Michigan schools participated in the 1994-95 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1994-95 contest was "Why My Education Is Important To The Future Of America."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

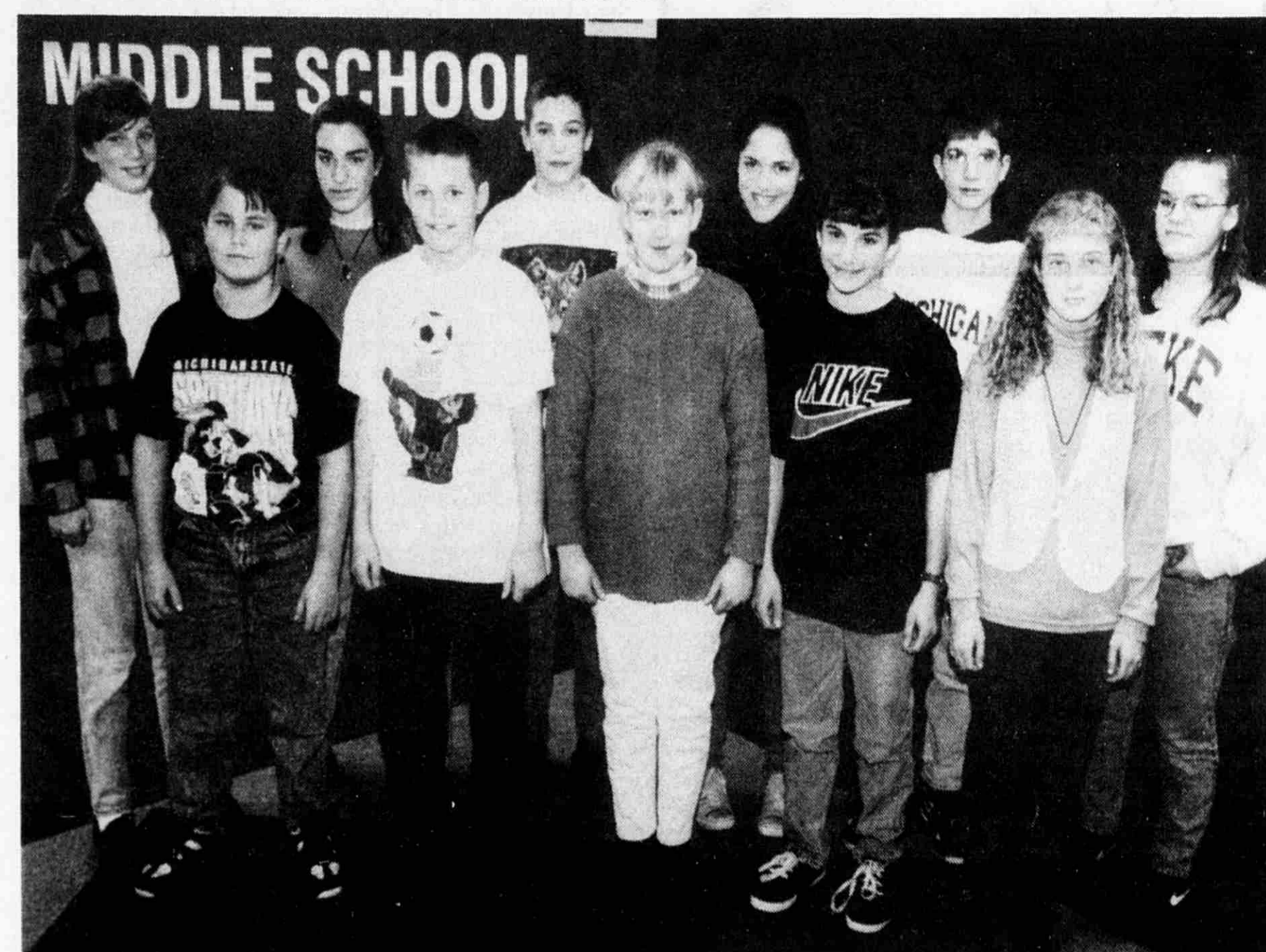


Winners of the America and Me Essay were, left to right: Julia Ennis, runner-up and Shannon Finnegan, winner.

**HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY ANGIE HOUTMAN**  
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Lowell Community Education is offering classes in **Tune In WINDOWS 3.1** TO ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION and **INTRODUCTION TO WORD 6.0**  
Windows class begins Tuesday, February 28, 7 - 9 p.m. in the new Lowell High School and runs for 4 weeks. Introduction to Word begins Thursday, April 20, 7 to 9 p.m. and runs for 4 weeks. Students will create, edit, format and print documents. Fee for either class is \$100 and classes are limited to the first 20 callers.  
**To register, please call Marge at 897-8434**  
Certificates awarded upon completion of either class.

**LMS Students-of-the-Month**



Lowell Middle School's January Students-of-the-Month are, front row, left to right: Doug Anchors, sixth-grade; Nat Spencer, seventh-grade; Jessica DenHouter, sixth grade; Beth Larabee, eighth-grade; Kim Drougal, sixth-grade. Back row, left to right are: Lindsay Scigliano, seventh-grade; Tricia Fick, eighth-grade; Elissa Kinney, seventh-grade; Kalie Nosko, eighth-grade; Jim Willits, seventh-grade; and Erin Burgess, eighth-grade.

**Valentine's program aimed at meeting district library branches' needs**

Kent District Library wants to be your valentine! Beginning on Valentine's Day, residents visiting their local libraries will see a wish list of items needed by the library including books, storybook characters for the children's area, and magazine subscriptions. Simply fill out a special *Love Your Library* valentine, designate the item you wish to have purchased for the library, and enclose cash or check in the correct amount. Give this to the librarian and we'll order it!

"This is a great way to help stretch the collections of our local libraries," explained Ken Krombeen, KDL board member. "Patrons can feel empowered by choosing the items being put on the shelves."

Not only will patrons get the satisfaction of adding to the resources on their community's library, they will also receive a special *Love Your Library* peel 'n stick badge, a personalized nameplate on the item they purchase, and first crack at check-

ing out the new item. "We're looking for our patrons to help enhance our best-sellers and cd and cassette collections," said Jane Heiss, Branch Manager of the Caledonia Library. "A prime example from our wish list is *LaVerle Spencer's book, Home Song*. It's a wildly popular book that a number of patrons have expressed interest in but I just couldn't fit it into my budget."

**Public hearing set for pretreatment standards**

The public hearing to consider the ordinance is set for Feb. 21.

By **Thad Kraus**  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A public hearing was set to alter the pretreatment standards for wastewater entering the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said the pretreatment standards of specific pollutants entering the plant for industrial users have not been changed since the new facility was built.

The ordinance which proposes limits for pollutants is based on the actual perfor-

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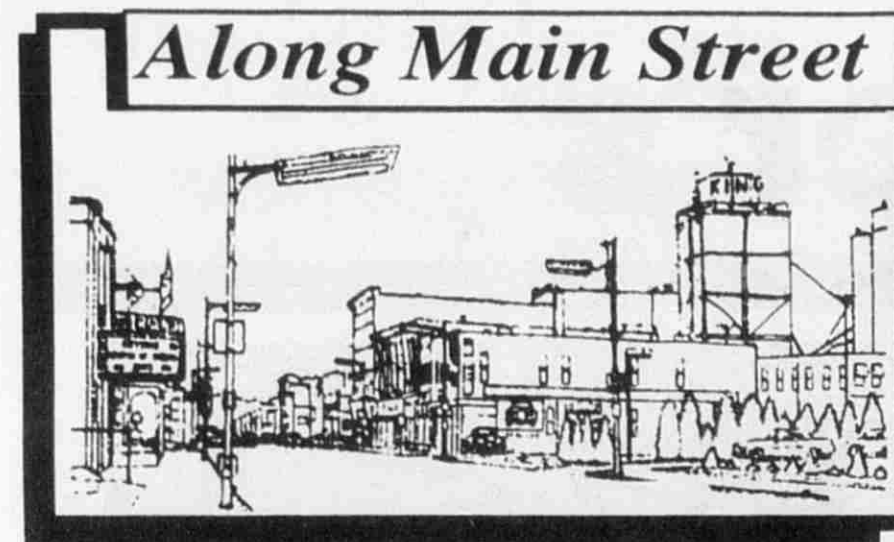
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**ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEETING**  
Lowell High School Academic Boosters will meet on Monday evening, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the high school. All those interested in supporting and recognizing academic improvement and achievement are invited to attend.

**COMING SOON**  
Lowell's largest oceanarium will be coming soon. Walk through this 40-foot oceanarium and see wonderful examples of the world's oceans...tiger sharks, blue whales, schools of jellyfish and much, much more. This is not to miss. Watch this space for further information.

**ANNUAL LOWELL GET-TOGETHER**  
The annual Lowell Get-Together will be held March 5 in Lakeland, FL, at Stacy's Restaurant at noon. Everyone is welcome.

**SIGN UP EARLY FOR ART WORKSHOPS**  
Sandy Bartlett returns to the Lowell Area Arts Center to present two children's after school workshops. The drawing workshops are geared for kids ages eight to 14. Beginners will meet at the Center on Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. and advanced meet on Thursdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

This is a six-week workshop and classes will begin March 15 and 16. The fee is \$50 for LAAC members and \$60 for non-members. Size is limited, sign up early. Phone 897-8545 to register.

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**WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL ART COMPETITION**  
Entry forms are available now for the Lowell Area Arts Council's 9th Annual West Michigan Regional Competition. More than \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded. Entries are \$7.50 each and artists may enter up to three works. Deadline for entries is March 10. Write to Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, P.O. Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. For further information phone 897-8545.

**LAAC PRESENTS "I REMEMBER MAMA"**  
The Lowell Area Arts Council will present the play "I Remember Mama" on Feb. 16, 17 and 18 in the Performing Arts Auditorium at Lowell High School. The play will start

**Grattan, continued.... From Page 1**

the nearby public sewer system like other properties in the area. According to Dennis VanderMeer, a member of the citizens' group, the septic system "will likely add unwanted nutrients to our lake and contribute to the present weed overgrowth problem." Herweyer said the club has received environmental impact opinions from both the DNR and public health department that state the club

**Parking, cont'd.... From Page 1**

Street. He also proposed no parking be permitted on the north side of Chatham Street from Amity west approximately sixty feet. "The proposal should allow for better access and visibility to and from the driveway," Valentine said. "With parking as it is currently, it is impossible to pull a fifth-wheel trailer with a long wheelbase pickup onto Chatham." With Valentine's proposal the resident will be able to pull his unit onto Chatham heading east.

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There will be reserved seating for all three nights. Tickets may be purchased at the Lowell Area Arts Center Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. or may be purchased at the door. Groups of 20 or more can get a reduced rate of \$6 per ticket for Friday or Saturday evening. The tickets must be purchased by Feb. 3 to get the group rate. For more information call the Arts Center at 897-8545.

**WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT**  
The watercolors of artist Janice Easterday of Sturgis are on view in a Lowell Area Arts Council exhibit at the FMB State Savings Bank in Lowell.

This exhibit is on view through March 1. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Buses, cont'd.... From Page 1**

Warning said. Norm Byrne, a member of the transportation committee, noted the need to update some books. However, he added that geographically Lowell is the largest school district in Kent County. "We must get the children here safely or it doesn't matter what kind of textbooks we have," he said. Following are several reasons for choosing the Thomas International body by Hoekstra with an international chassis: It is local (beneficial for warranty work), parts availability, replaceable cylinder sleeve, Hoekstra requires very little body work, and fleet uniformity.

**Grattan, continued.... From Page 1**

will not have an adverse effect to the lake. "The club has followed all the proper procedures and guidelines and the commission considered those opinions before approving the application," said Herweyer. Herweyer added that the club is outside of the sewer district and the township has no plans of extending the service an extra mile for one club. Currently, the club has the

special use permit but has not been granted a building permit. Once it obtains the building permit, the club can start the construction of the hall unless the citizens' group gets a court order delaying the construction. "Right now the group

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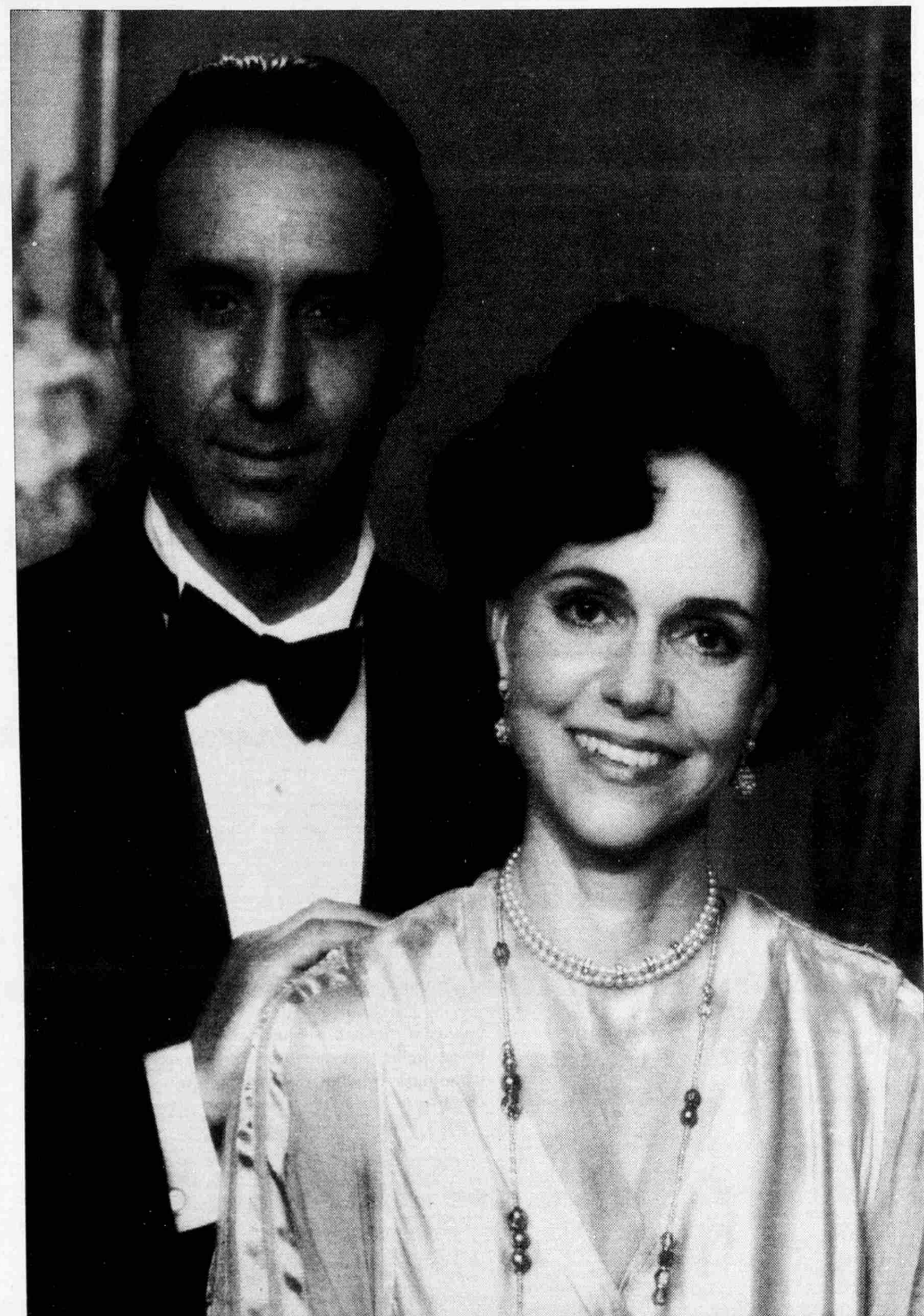
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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>	3 WJMT Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Simon & Simon" (1995, Drama) Two mismatched brothers work as private investigators.	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)				
4 WOTV Highway Patrol	Extra (In Stereo)	Matlock (In Stereo)	Commiss	Day One	News	Nightline				
35 WGVU MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Around the World in 80 Days (Part 7 of 7)	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
17 WXXI Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Martin "Best Man Show"	Living Single	New York Undercover "CAT" (In Stereo)	Kung Fu: The Legend Continues "Manhunt"	ER (In Stereo)	Cheers	Murphy Brown		
8 WOOD Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Friends	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Friends	ER (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
6 WLNS Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Movie: "Simon & Simon" (1995, Drama) Two mismatched brothers work as private investigators.	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)					
16 WLX Star Trek: The Next Generation (In Stereo)	Mad About You	Friends	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Friends	ER (In Stereo)	Practical Sports	Wild America (R)			
23 WKAR MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet "Fish"	Mystery! "Inspector Morse" "Absolute Conviction"	Practical Sports	Wild America (R)			
13 WZZM Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affair	Matlock (In Stereo)	Commiss	New York Undercover "CAT" (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones			
19 WSYM Simpsons (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Martin "Best Man Show"	Living Single	New York Undercover "CAT" (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones			
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
1 TBS Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Denver Nuggets. From McNichols Sports Arena. (Live)	Movie: "Platoon Leader" (1988, Adventure) Michael Dudikoff.							
FAM Waltons "The Anniversary"	Evening Shade	Evening Shade	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Father Dowling Mysteries (In Stereo)					
FX Hart to Hart "Slow Boat to Murder"	Under Scrutiny	Home and Away	Dynasty "Images"	In Living Color	Sound FX Music videos.					
USA Wings "Noses Off"	Wings "Exit Laughing"	Murder, She Wrote "The Dying Game" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Cop" (1988, Drama) A detective becomes obsessed with solving a woman's murder.	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)					
DISC Beyond 2000	Next Step (R)	Mysterious Universe	Magical Worlds (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone "Lasers"	Beyond 2000 An all-terrain hobby car.	Mysterious Universe	Magical Worlds (R)		
WGN Love Connection	Jeffersons	Ice Stories	Gift of Love	News	Night Court		Simon & Simon			
ESPN (6:30) Sportscenter	College Basketball: Texas at Texas Tech. (Live)			College Basketball: Massachusetts at Temple. (Live)			Sportscenter			
CNN (4:30) O.J. Simpson Trial (Live)	Primernews	Crossfire	Larry King Live	World News	Showbiz Today	Sports Tonight	Simpson Trial			
NICK Doug (In Stereo)	Looney Tunes	Madrem of Jeannie	Bewitched (Part 2 of 2)	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Art Work"	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke		
ABC Rockford Files "Reincarnation of Angel"	Biography "FDR: Years of Crisis"	Atlantic Records Story The history of Atlantic Records. (R)					Law & Order "Sisters of Mercy"			
PASS CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A.	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks. From United Center. (Live)					Surfing: Pipeline Masters			
TNT In the Heat of the Night "A Time to Trust"	Movie: "2010" (1984, Science Fiction) Roy Scheider, John Lithgow. The U.S. and Russia investigate a failed Jupiter mission.	Movie: "Brainstorm" (1983, Science Fiction) Christopher Walken.					Country News (R)			
NASH American Skyline	Country News	Loretta Lynn & Friends (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Scheduled: music group Buckwheat Zydeko, Buck Trent, Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)				Country News (R)			
SCIFI Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside	Quantum Leap "Miss Deep South - June 7, 1958"	Movie: "Horror Express" (1972) A prehistoric cadaver influences a trans-Siberian train ride.				Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside		
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
DISN Movie: "Ghostsbusters II" (1989) A long-dead Carpathian warlock attempts to return to Earth. PG	Lillehammer '94: 16 Days of Glory (R)						We Are the World: A 10th Anniversary Tribute			
HBO Movie: "Lightning Jack" (1994) A mute townsman lags along with a mildly famous outlaw. PG-13	Movie: "Marital Outlaw" (1993, Drama) Jeff Wincott. (In Stereo) R	Def Comedy Jam (R)	Real Sex 11 (R) (In Stereo)							
MAX (6:15) Movie: "National Lampoon's Last Resort" (R)	Movie: "About Last Night..." (1986) A couple tries to build upon an initial one-night stand. R	Movie: "Flesh-ton" (1994, Suspense) Martin Kemp. (In Stereo) R	"Dead Connection" R							

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 23, 1995										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3 WJMT (11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)		Jerry Springer							
4 WOTV (11:30) Last Call (In Stereo)	Paid Program	(Off Air)								
35 WGVU (11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)									
17 WXXI (11:35) Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Psychic Phone Line	Newz (In Stereo)	(Off Air)							
8 WOOD (11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Leeza (In Stereo)						NBC News Nightside
6 WLNS (11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Home Shopping Spre						
16 WLX (11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	News (R)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)						Headline News
23 WKAR (Off Air)										
13 WZZM Rush Limbaugh	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "Child of Promise"	Mike & Maty				ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)			
19 WSYM Extra (In Stereo)	Newz (In Stereo)	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Movie: "The Delta Force" (1986) A hijacking leads a band of commandos to the Middle East.	(Off Air)						
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
1 TBS (10:30) Movie: "Platoon" (1986, Drama) War enemies are stranded together on a Pacific island.	Movie: "Eyes of Laura Mars" (1978) A woman is plagued by visions of her friends being murdered.	Jeffersons "Ois" R								
FAM Bonanza: The Last Episodes "The Sure Thing"	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: "Tad" (1995) Abraham Lincoln and his son enjoy a special bond. R				
FX Batman (Part 2 of 2)	Back Chat	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
USA Quantum Leap "Leap Back - June 15, 1999"	Counterstrike "Skin Deep"	American Gladiators				Movie: "Les of the Twins" (1991, Suspense) A model discovers a horrifying secret about her lover.				
DISC Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone "Lasers"	Beyond 2000 New depths of personal computers.	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000						
WGN (11:30) Simon & Simon	Movie: "Messenger of Death" (1988) A reporter investigates the murder of a group of Mormons.	Tower	Movie: "Sudie and Simpson" (1990) A white girl befriends a black suspected child molester.							
ESPN College Basketball: UCLA at California. (Live)		Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	College Basketball: Massachusetts at Temple. (R)					
CNN Newsmight	Moneyline	Calling All Sports	Sports Latenight	Crossfire (R)	Overnight	Overnight	Showbiz Today (R)			
NICK Dragnet "Juvenile"	Superman	Lucy Show	F Troop "Indian Fever"	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Art Work"	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Dragnet "Juvenile"	Superman	
A&E Biography "FDR: Years of Crisis" (R)	Atlantic Records Story The history of Atlantic Records. (R)					Law & Order "Sisters of Mercy"	Movie: "Escape" (1987, Drama) Shaun Scott.			
PASS NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks. From United Center. (R)	On Pit Road Preview	College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Virginia Commonwealth. (R)								
TNT (10:35) Movie: "Brainstorm" (1983)	Movie: "The Final Option" (1982, Drama) Richard Widmark. Anti-nuclear radicals take over the U.S. Embassy in London.	Movie: "Ten Seconds to Hell" (1959, Mystery) Jeff Chandler.								
NASH Loretta Lynn & Friends (R) (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Scheduled: music group Buckwheat Zydeko, Buck Trent. (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	(Off Air)							
SCIFI Quantum Leap "Miss Deep South - June 7, 1958"	Movie: "Horror Express" (1972) A prehistoric cadaver influences a trans-Siberian train ride.	Suspense Theatre "The Robnoz Ring"	Paid Program	Paid Program						
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
DISN Movie: "Wonder Man" (1945, Comedy) Darryl Kaye, Virginia Mayo.	Movie: "Ghostsbusters II" (1989) A long-dead Carpathian warlock attempts to return to Earth. PG	Lillehammer '94: 16 Days of Glory (R)								
HBO Movie: "The Running Man" (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger. R	Movie: "White Sands" (1992) Willem Dafoe. A New Mexico sheriff impersonates a murdered man.	Movie: "The Silencer" (1992, Drama) Lynette Walden. (In Stereo) R								
MAX (11:30) Movie: "Dead Connection" (1994) R	Movie: "Beyond Suspicion" (1994) A photojournalist witnesses a murder. R	Movie: "Secret Games II: The Escort" (1993) Martin Hewitt. NR	Movie: "Things Are Tough All Over" (1982)							

# Red Arrow Sports Schedule

2/16 VB Wyom. Park H 5:30 pm  
 2/16 8VB Northview A 4 pm  
 2/16 7VB Northview H 4 pm  
 2/16 MWR Cedar Springs H 4 pm  
 2/18 GYM Conference H

2/21 BBB FHN A 4 pm  
 2/21 MRW Belding H 4 pm  
 2/22 8VB Ionia H 4 pm  
 2/22 7VB Ionia A 4 pm

## Lowell finishes strong in 63-55 league win against Zeeland

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

It took some patience, but the Lowell basketball team was finally rewarded for its much-improved second half of the season play in the O-K White.

The Red Arrows used patience to find their shots and then calmly netted a high enough percentage to sink Zeeland 63-55 Friday night.

Lowell coach Phil Beachler said, "The keys, though, were the start of the third quarter and we made good decisions down the stretch."

Lowell led 29-24 at half-time. The Red Arrows opened the second half with a 6-0 run, increasing their lead to 33-24.

"We came out flat in the third quarter and didn't play with intensity," Zeeland coach Micky Cochran said. "That was the difference."

Lowell, which is quickly becoming one of the best three-point shooting teams in the league, netted eight shots from the arc.

"Lowell shot the lights out," Cochran said.

Lowell led by as many as 14 points in the third quarter. Zeeland trimmed it to 11 at 46-35 to start the fourth quarter.

The foul line has not been kind to Lowell this season especially late in the game. However, against the Chix the Red Arrows netted 11-15 shots from the stripe in the final eight minutes to keep Zeeland at bay.

Zeeland got the lead to as low as five at 60-55 with less than a minute to play, but could get no closer.

"I thought Chad Overweg gave us a spark in the fourth quarter," Cochran said. "But it just wasn't enough."

Lowell had four players in double figures. Brandon Eisentrager led the team with 20 points (three 3s). Dustin VanStee added 13 points and once again did a yeoman's job on the boards. B.J. Barber netted 13 points (including two 3s) and Scott Smith had 11 (including three 3s).

Zeeland had a team-high 12 points from Chad Kleinkessel. Dave Guerink

added 10.  
**EGR 41**  
**Lowell 38**

The East Grand Rapids Pioneers and their coach Scott Tompkins might be a little leery about playing their remaining Tuesday night home league game.

For the second time in seven days, the O-K White Conference leader was taken

to the limit by one of those so-called "bottom level" teams.

On Jan. 31 the Pioneers survived a last-second three-point shot from Forest Hills Central (1-7) to escape with a 56-54 win.

On Feb. 7 the Pioneers survived three Lowell (1-7) opportunities to tie the contest in the last minute and escape with a 41-38 win.

"I think our boys are learn-

ing that whoever the opponent is in this league (O-K White), you'd better come ready to play," coach Tompkins said. "Also, I think it's human nature not to be as emotionally ready to play when there aren't as many people in the stands."

For the fourth consecutive game, the Red Arrows played well enough to win. However, that song gets to be old - just ask Red Arrow coach Phil Beachler.

"This game was ours. We should have won it," Beachler said. "I thought we played scared in the fourth quarter. Also, down the stretch we made some poor decisions."

What made Lowell's fourth-quarter play so disappointing was its fine third-quarter effort.

"Our ball movement in the third quarter was very good. That's what got us the lead. We quit doing in the fourth quarter what was successful for us in the third quarter," Beachler said.

Lowell trailed 20-16 at half-time. The Red Arrows outscored the Pioneers 15-7 in the third stanza to take a 31-27 lead into the final eight minutes.

Trailing 33-29 with less than five minutes to play, the Pioneers used a high/low post attack to get the ball inside to

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Kris Vydareny. He made the Arrows pay with two huge three-point plays.

The second one came with 3:48 to play and gave East a 37-33 lead.

Lowell's B.J. Barber ended the Pioneers' 8-0 run when he netted a three-point shot from the right wing in front of the Lowell bench, cutting the deficit to 37-36.

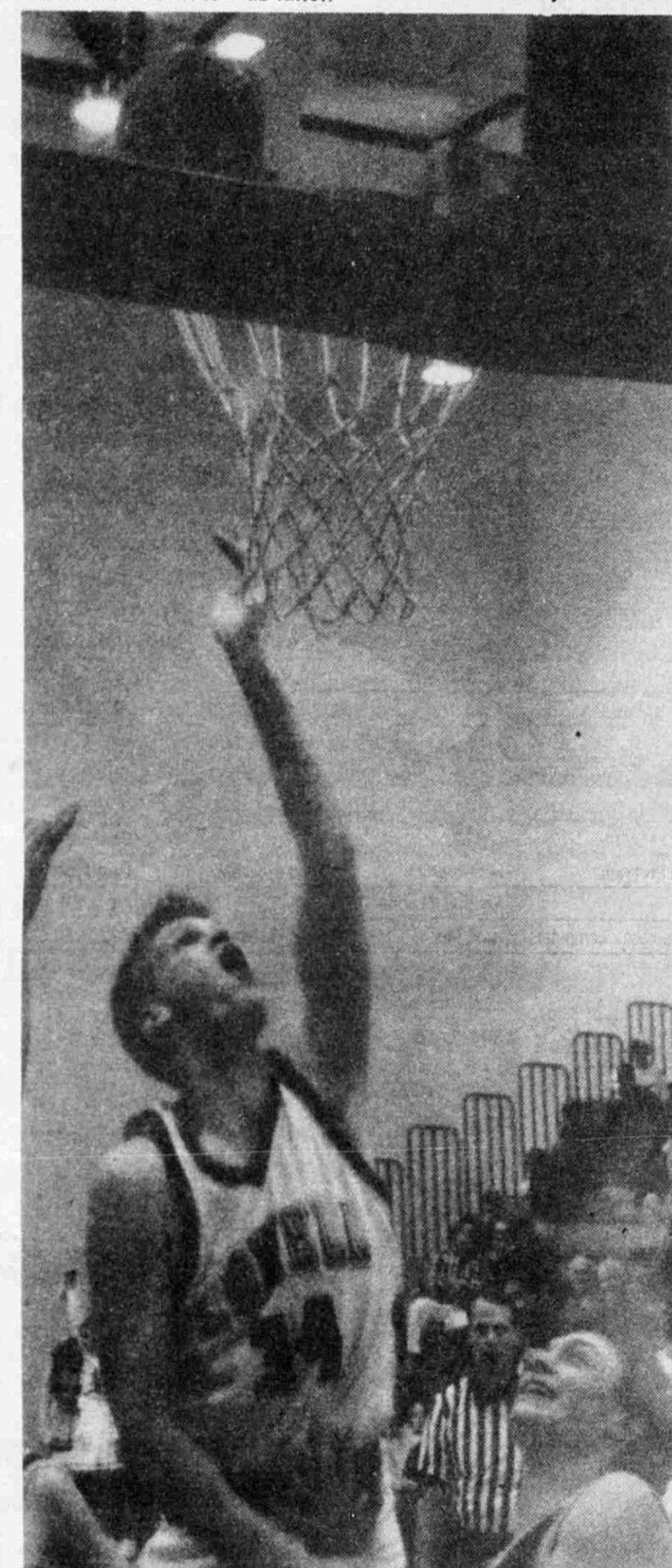
East had an answer 17 seconds later as Colin Exelby drained a three-point shot, extending the lead to 40-36.

A Pioneer foul shot and a lay-up by Brandon Eisentrager made it 41-38 EGR with 1:05 to play.

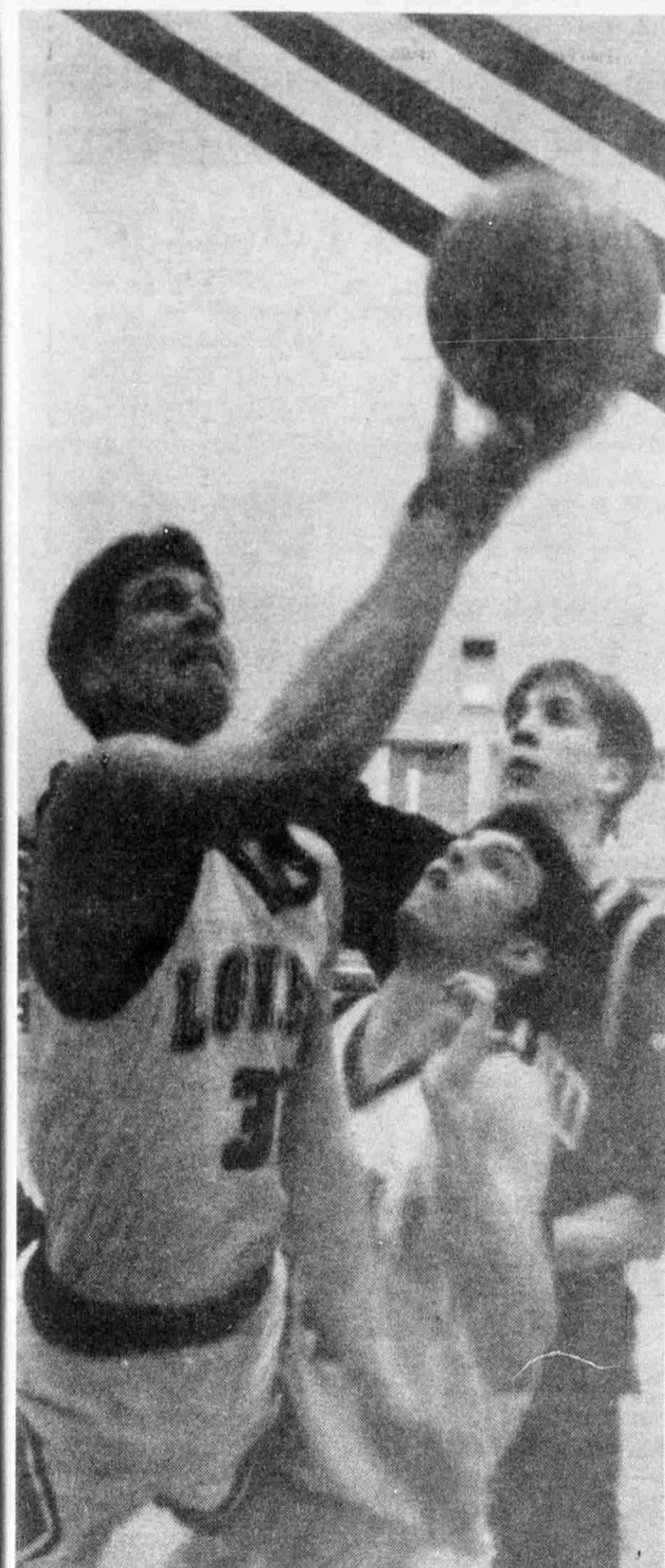
East opened the door to a Lowell comeback by missing the front end of two one-and-ones.

However, Lowell also missed the front end of two one-and-ones and had two other scoring opportunities thwarted on turnovers.

"Lowell had a good game plan and stuck with it," Tompkins said. "Our kids showed some character by not panicking. I was also pleased to see our defensive intensity pick up late in the game."



B.J. Barber drives in for a layup in Lowell's 63-55 win over Zeeland.



Dustin VanStee scoops up and under for a basket in action against Zeeland.

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## Red Arrow grapplers fall short at conference meet, but still stand tall as league champions

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A tale of two teams. Wyoming Park was looking to restore its wrestling program's respect of the mid-70's. Lowell was looking to live up to the respect its wrestling program has garnered over the years. In the O-K White Conference meet at Forest Hills Central on Saturday, both teams met their challenge. Wyoming Park built a 30-point cushion going into the championship round and then held off a Lowell charge to win the O-K White Conference Tournament. The Vikings finished with 161 points while Lowell was second with 156. Forest Hills Central placed third with 142.5 points.

The Red Arrows, going into the championship round, were closer to the third-place Rangers than the front-running Vikings. Had FHC caught and surpassed Lowell for second place, the Red Arrows not only would have lost the conference meet but would have also lost the overall O-K White championship to Wyoming Park.

"I'm very proud of our boys. They very well could have hung their heads and quit after the poor performance in the second round of the tournament," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said. "They didn't. The boys hung in there."

Lowell had five wrestlers in the championship round and six in the consolation round. Of those 11 matches Lowell won six of them (three by way of pin).

Wyoming Park placed nine wrestlers in the championship round and two in the consolation round. However, only one of the wrestlers won their match.

"I'm very excited for our kids," Wyoming Park coach Mike Sturm said. "I would have liked to see us win a few more matches in the championship round. That's the next level we must reach before we can earn back some respect. It's one thing to get there, but then you've got to win."

Park was 4-2 during the conference dual meet season, tying for second with Forest Hills Central. Its only two losses came against Lowell (6-0) and Northview (2-4).

## Conference Champions



Lowell wrestling team's second-place finish at the O-K White Conference meet and its first place in the regular season dual meets were enough to give it the league championship outright. It was the school's 20th conference wrestling championship.

"We'd like that Northview match back," Sturm said. "Lowell beat us (55-17) handily earlier in the season." Had Park taken second outright in the dual meet portion of the season, it could have gained a share of the title with Lowell.

Several Red Arrows earned conference championship honors. Casey Harper (106) pinned Park's Mike Radar at 3:00 of the second period.

Mike Rottier (134) was convincing in a 15-7 major decision over Viking's Ty Lamar.

Rob White (215) pinned Park's Randy Bouwman at 5:04 of the third period.

Losing championship matches were Matt Osmolinski (126), beaten by Mike Castillo (FHC) 17-2 and Doug Weeks (142) who lost to Adam Heyboer (Zeeland) 12-2.

In the consolation round, Scott Swanson (112) pinned Charlie Hoezee (Zeeland) in 45 seconds of the first period.

Dan Spicer (119) decisioned Northview's Jeff Missad 7-5. Earlier in the day, Spicer, a junior, earned his 100th career victory against Dan Boss, Hudsonville (14-3).

Todd Lyonais (160) major-decisioned Matt Slendebrook

(Hudsonville) 10-2. Lowell's Shane Risner (151) lost 3-2 to Northview's Brandon Pitch. Joel Uzarski lost 11-2 to FHC's Kris Hulliberger.

Northview's Ben Jensen pinned Lowell's Mike Minier (185) at 5:05 of the third period.

Lowell will host a Class B District on Thursday. The Red Arrows will open the district with a match against Caledonia. The victor will meet Ionia. That winner will wrestle the winner of the Hastings/Lakewood match in the district championship.

In the individual junior varsity conference meet on Saturday, five Red Arrows earned firsts.

They were Brett Plattner (106), Nate Roudabush (112), Brad Lyons (119), Matt Inman (126) and Tom Dumas (172). Finishing second were Alex Brubaker (119), Scott Hays (134) and Chad Uzarski (172).

Greg Woodhead, 142 pounds, placed fourth.

## Red Arrow volleyball team overcomes long-time nemesis, defeats Middleville in three games

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow volleyball team was served well by its own serving percentage in a league match against Northview.

Lowell made good on 92 percent (46 of 50) of its serves against the Wildcats in a 15-11, 15-3 straight set win over Northview.

The win improved Lowell's league mark to 2-2 with crucial matches against Wyoming Park (Feb. 16) and Hudsonville (Feb. 23) remaining on its home schedule.

"I'm sure that's the best we've served in league competition this year," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said.

Alison Kissinger had another terrific game as she was a perfect 12-of-12 serving and tallied nine service points, three kills and five assists.

Kerry Nugent was 11-of-12 serving, recording seven service points, six assists and six digs.

Elena Richmond connected on seven-of-seven serves, scoring six service points and tallying one ace.

"It was nice that we spread it around," Kuna said. "We had a number of players who had good nights serving."

Seniors Cori Boersma and Krista Posthumus added five

and three kills respectively. Northview's Jessica Ackley led the Wildcats in aces (2) and assists (12).

Kristie Turnipseed and Amy Rappley each had three kills to lead Northview.

Lowell 15-15  
Ionia 10-4

Lowell 14-15  
Middleville 16-9-7

The Red Arrow spikers overwhelmed Ionia's Bulldogs in a straight-set win.

It was a team victory as nine of the 11 players recorded kills.

Elena Richmond, Alison Kissinger and Tera Harmon each had four kills.

Kerry Nugent led the team in assists with 16 and Kortney Gowen had a club-high nine digs. Krista Posthumus added eight digs.

Lowell squandered an 8-1 lead in the game for a 14-16 defeat to Middleville.

The Red Arrows disappointment was shortlived as they regrouped to win games two and three 15-9, 15-7.

"I was disappointed we squandered such a big lead, but the girls showed some maturity by fighting back to win the final two games," Kuna said.

Lowell's serving percent-

age was a respectable 91 percent against the Trojans.

Gowen led Lowell in service points with 14. She was 19-of-19 serving. Nugent followed with 12. She was 18-of-19 serving.

Nugent also led the club in aces with four. Karen Dykstra contributed with three.

Kissinger and Gowen each had nine kills. Harmon and Boersma had seven and five kills respectively.

"It's been awhile since we've beaten Middleville," Kuna said. "That makes the win satisfying."

### Creston Invitational

The Red Arrows were never really able to get untracked and thus never advanced beyond pool play.

Lowell was 1-3 in pool play against Grand Rapids Christian, Jenison, Catholic Central and Grand Rapids Central.

"Our pool was the strong of the three pools," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "However, we didn't play very well. The girls didn't pass or serve well."

With the exception of its 95 percent serving ratio against G.R. Central, Lowell's serving was in the mid-80's. Against Jenison its serve reception was 70

## Mona Shores gymnastics meet highlighted by continued improvement

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Michele Chamberlain, Lowell gymnastics coach, was hoping the change would have occurred earlier in the year but, nonetheless, she is pleased with the improvement her club continues to show.

Earlier in the year, her Lowell team was consistent, but Chamberlain has been seeing the steady improve-

ment. "I'm seeing it now. I was hoping for it to come sooner," the first-year coach said.

Lowell traveled to Mona Shores Wednesday. The Sailors defeated the Red Arrows 128.1 to 114.25. The Red Arrow team's score was their highest point production of the season.

Lowell claimed first in the vault and floor exercises.

Shannon Laux was the medalist with a score of 8.4.

Mona Shores was led by Crystal Chumley's second-place score of 8.25.

Red Arrow Brenda Lacey was fourth with a score of 7.85.

Other Lowell scores were Lesley Murphy 7.65; Amber Didion 7.0; Alana Valentine 6.7; and Trisha Schmidt 6.15.

Lacey earned top honors in the floor exercise with an 8.6. That was her highest score of the year in the event.

Mona Shores' Sara Seabolt

was second at 8.35.

Murphy was fourth with a season-high mark of 8.2. "I was pleased with Lesley's score. She's bounced back quickly from an injury," Chamberlain said.

Other Lowell scores included Laux 8.0; Skye Fisher 7.1; Didion 6.7; and Valentine 6.25.

"Laux needs just one more score of 7.8 or higher in the floor exercise to qualify for the regional in the floor exer-

cise," Chamberlain said.

Mona Shores' Chumley was the medalist on the uneven bars with a score of 8.15. Lacey was third with a mark of 7.7.

Other Red Arrow scores were Murphy 5.55; Laux 5.35; Valentine 4.5; Rachel Brown 3.6; and Fisher 3.45.

Heather Greene, balance beam, took top honors with a score of 8.45.

Lacey was fifth for Lowell with a mark of 7.45.

Other Red Arrows scores were Murphy 7.3; Laux 7.3; Fisher 6.3 and Schmidt 5.65.

"It was nice to have three scores of 7.0 or higher on the beam," Chamberlain said.

"That means we didn't have as many falls."

Lowell will host East Kentwood (Feb. 15) and will then host the conference meet on Saturday. The meet is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

## Watson lays to rest his vocation, ready to sport the good life of retirement

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Who is Lowell's city manager? Easy - Dave Pasquale.

Who is Lowell's city clerk? Simple - Betty Morlock.

Who is Lowell's police chief? You're wasting my time - of course it's Jim Valentine.

Who is (was) Lowell's city sexton? What? Repeat the question, please?

Who is (was) Lowell's city sexton? What's a sexton?

A sexton is the caretaker of a cemetery.

Still stymied? DeWayne L. Watson began serving as the Oakwood Cemetery caretaker in April of 1979. He held that position until February of this year when he announced his retirement.

"I just decided it was time," Watson said. "I'd been thinking about it the last couple of years."

As the city sexton Watson has been responsible for the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery grounds as well as the opening and closing of

burials. He has also kept records of where plots are located and an alphabetized listing of those who have been buried in the Oakwood Cemetery.

"I didn't find it depressing. You make your job what you want it to be," Watson said. "I enjoyed it because there was always something different happening. I was constantly doing something."

"DeWayne kept excellent order of the plots. To keep up the condition of the cemetery took a lot of work," Morlock said.

The city has yet to fill Watson's vacancy. Morlock, for one, hopes that it does.

Until then, Morlock and other members of the crew who helped Watson, have his thorough notes to follow as to what and when something should be done.

When Watson first started, the alphabetized listing and plot charts were kept with pen or pencil. Today, they are kept on a computer.

"I bought the program on my own and was able to understand how to use it with-

out any schooling," Watson explains.

Much of the cemetery work is done during the spring, summer and fall. During the winter Watson focused more on the maintenance of city-owned buildings.

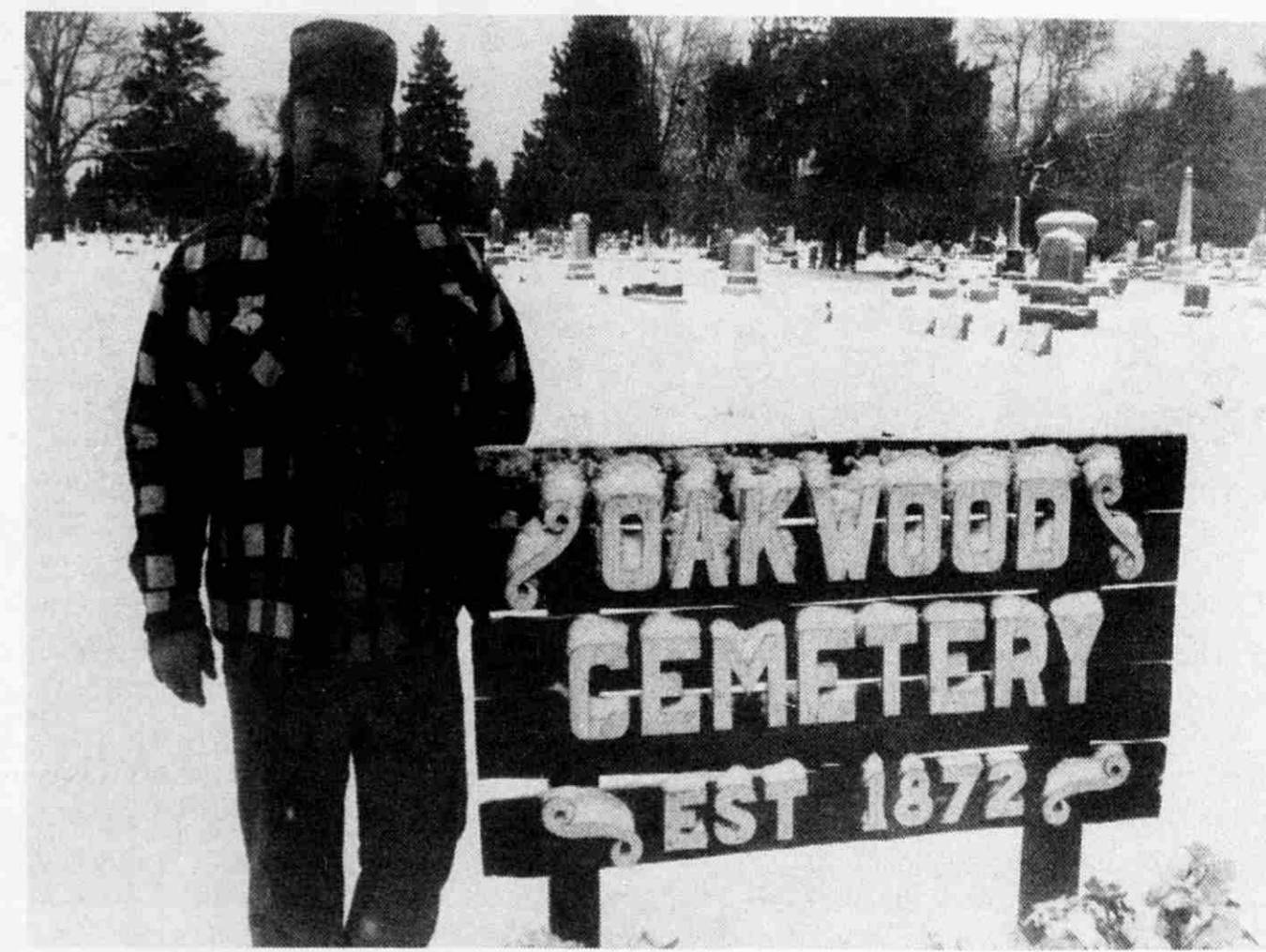
"Back in 1978, there were 24 deaths during the winter season," Watson said. "That kept us very busy. The trick was getting grass seed down in the spring so the plots were green come Memorial Day."

The city sexton of 17 years also was responsible for the rebuilding and refurbishing of the cemetery office and the new sign at the Fremont Street entrance.

Currently there are a little over 5,000 filled plots at the Oakwood Cemetery. Around 6,000 remain unoccupied with 5,000 having been purchased. Watson said there are roughly 1,000 plots still available.

Watson notes that years ago, prior to vaults being used, graves were six feet deep. Today, a single space plot is 4 1/2 feet deep, four feet wide and nine feet long.

The cost for a single-plot



DeWayne Watson retired as the city sexton after 17 years of service. Watson stands next to the Oakwood Cemetery sign which he designed.

site is \$175.

Watson said he has only one regret - that he didn't stay in the Navy in 1960. "The reason I got out is because the Navy was sending me to sub-

marine school. I had bad ears and I didn't think that was a good idea," Watson explained. "Now, I kick myself for not staying in the Navy."

Watson plans on filling his

retirement days with light carpenter work, a garden, fishing and hunting, and reloading shot shells and ammunition.

## DDA purchases lights for non-Main Street areas

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The purchase of 12 lighting fixtures for renovation of the city parking lots and the proposed pedestrian mall on Lafayette Street were approved by the Downtown Development Authority board.

Besides approving the light fixtures recommended by Lowell Light and Power, the DDA board also authorized the engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to proceed with

the construction of documents for the renovation of the Riverside-Broadway parking lot.

The new lighting fixtures will be purchased from the Spring City Electric Company in Spring City, PA. The makeup of the lighting fixtures will include a cast iron base, a steel pole, Washington twin ornate cross arms and Washington globes. Also added will be metal halide lamps as opposed to the fluorescent lighting currently used as well as flag holders for

banners and receptacles for power supply.

Each 19-foot lighting fixture will cost \$2,769. The poles currently being used stand 26 feet tall. Another 40 fixtures will be purchased later for along Main Street.

The contractor will dig the trenches; however, Lowell Light and Power will put in the conduit and lay the cable for the light fixtures.

Lowell Light and Power Plant Superintendent Paul Christianman said he expects the work on the non-Main Street areas to begin in June or July. "We hope the work is then completed by the end of 1995," Christianman said.

\*\*\* It is easier to know man in general than to know a particular man. —La Rochefoucauld

## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TEAM DISTRICT DRAW

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\*\*\* It is a common observation that any fool can get money; but they are not wise that think so. —C.C. Colton



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Dan Brubaker, left and Ross Leisman, right, are associates for the firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones, P.L.C.

## Area attorneys bring large firm benefits to Lowell branch office

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ernie Mika established his roots and then his satellite legal office in the Caledonia community over 40 years ago.

Mika's successful branching out from the Grand Rapids firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones, P.L.C. combined the advantages of a smaller firm with the sophisticated and more specialized benefits of a larger firm.

Ideally, that is a legal blueprint Dan Brubaker and Ross Leisman would like to imitate.

The branch Mika opened 40 years ago in Caledonia is still operating today in collaboration with the larger Grand Rapids firm he helped found.

"Ross and I approached the firm about allowing us to open a satellite firm in Lowell," said Dan Brubaker, a practicing lawyer for Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones for the past two years. "The firm said to go ahead."

Leisman began practicing for the firm seven years ago. The firm has made a steady

effort to expand into other areas over the last 10-15 years.

"Lowell is a good-sized city. It does not have a lot of attorneys," Brubaker said. "In fact, many of Lowell's businesses go into Grand Rapids for legal matters."

The days of generalized legal practitioners are over. With the support of its larger Grand Rapids firm, Brubaker and Leisman will be able to offer a more specialized service.

"With the law being so much more complicated, you have to be able to specialize," Leisman said. "It's impossible for one attorney to be an expert in everything."

Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones employs 37 lawyers. This allows the firm to provide a full range of services in nearly all areas of the law.

Services include corporate, general business, real estate, labor, environmental, antitrust, securities, commercial transactions, personal injury, taxation, products liability, oil and gas, domestic relations, contracts, municipal, finance, estate planning, probate, bankruptcy and employment discrimination.

"One area where our firm is particularly strong is in oil and gas law and utility work," Leisman said.

Brubaker and Leisman will man the Lowell branch office

at 117 W. Main on Wednesdays from 4 until 8 p.m.

"We are available to meet clients throughout the week at the Lowell office," Leisman said. "All clients have to do is call the local number and set up an appointment."

Both Leisman's and Brubaker's families are based locally. Leisman lives in Ada Township and Brubaker is a Lowell resident.

Both attorneys are also University of Michigan graduates and were recruited by the firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones, P.L.C.

The firm hires summer associates with the intention of offering associate positions to those whose clerkships are satisfactory. This is done in an attempt to give summer associates and members of the firm an opportunity to get to know each other.

Historically Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones, P.L.C. has used its summer program to offer their summer clerks associate positions.

"Both Dan and I were picked out of second-year law school by the firm," Leisman said.

Leisman's areas of preference are criminal and tort, and representing townships/ordinance enforcement.

Brubaker said he prefers litigation.

## New LAHA Officers Appointed



The Lowell Area Historical Association appointed its slate of officers for the 1995 year. They are, from left to right: Deb Canfield, vice president; Steve Doyle, president; and Marj Harding, treasurer. Missing from the picture is Dorothy Steinfort, secretary. LAHA currently has approximately 100 members. It began its 1995 membership campaign Jan. 1. If you are interested in a membership, please call Harding at 897-8107.



## "Zero the Hero" Celebrates 100 Days

Students at Bushnell Elementary received a surprise visit from "Zero the Hero" on Friday celebrating students' 100th day of school. He also had students reflect on the importance of zero and how it affects their lives.

## Remember your domestic pet this winter

While the Humane Society of Kent County feels that all domestic pets (dogs and cats) are happier, healthier and safer if living indoors with their caretakers, it realizes that some people choose not to let their companion animals share their home.

The Humane Society feels that it is important to understand that there are certain breeds of dogs that simply cannot survive prolonged periods outdoors. These breeds are the Boxer, Doberman Pinscher, German Shorthair, Great Dane and any other dog who has a short coat and little or no undercoat. Even a dog house filled with straw and properly insulated will not provide the protection from the elements needed by these breeds. Owners of these breeds must be willing to commit to keeping these companion animals indoors, letting them out only long enough to get some fresh air and to relieve themselves. An effective and humane way of confining or controlling your pet when you are not at home is a crate. Crates are excellent ways to train your dog while

keeping him indoors where he is safe and warm.

Those people with outside dogs with an undercoat must provide special care for their dog during the cold weather. All dogs must have a well-built dog house capable of keeping the animal warm and dry. Ideally, the floor of the dog house should be raised about four inches off the ground. The door of the dog house should face east and the dog house should have a windbreak partition to protect the dog from the wind. The dog house should not be too small or too large for the dog. In general, the dog house should be 12 inches longer than the dog and three inches higher than the dog. The Humane Society has dog house plans available for those people interested in building a kind dog house. During this bitter cold weather, it will be necessary to provide additional protection from the cold by providing straw insulation in the dog house. Straw is available at the Humane Society shelter at 1890 Bristol, NW for those who cannot afford to purchase their own.

Cats, too, should be provided with houses or other warm, dry areas where they can find shelter from the cold.

Outside animals should have their water dishes filled frequently and their food supply increased by 10 percent to 20 percent. Keep snow shoveled from the shelter opening to allow the animal access to the shelter. Check your dog and cat frequently for frost bite and other signs that they are

not coping with the cold weather.

The Humane Society reminds people with pets that choosing to get a pet brings with it the responsibility for the health and welfare of the animal they chose. For more information on how you can care for your pet during the cold weather, please contact the Humane Society at 453-7757.

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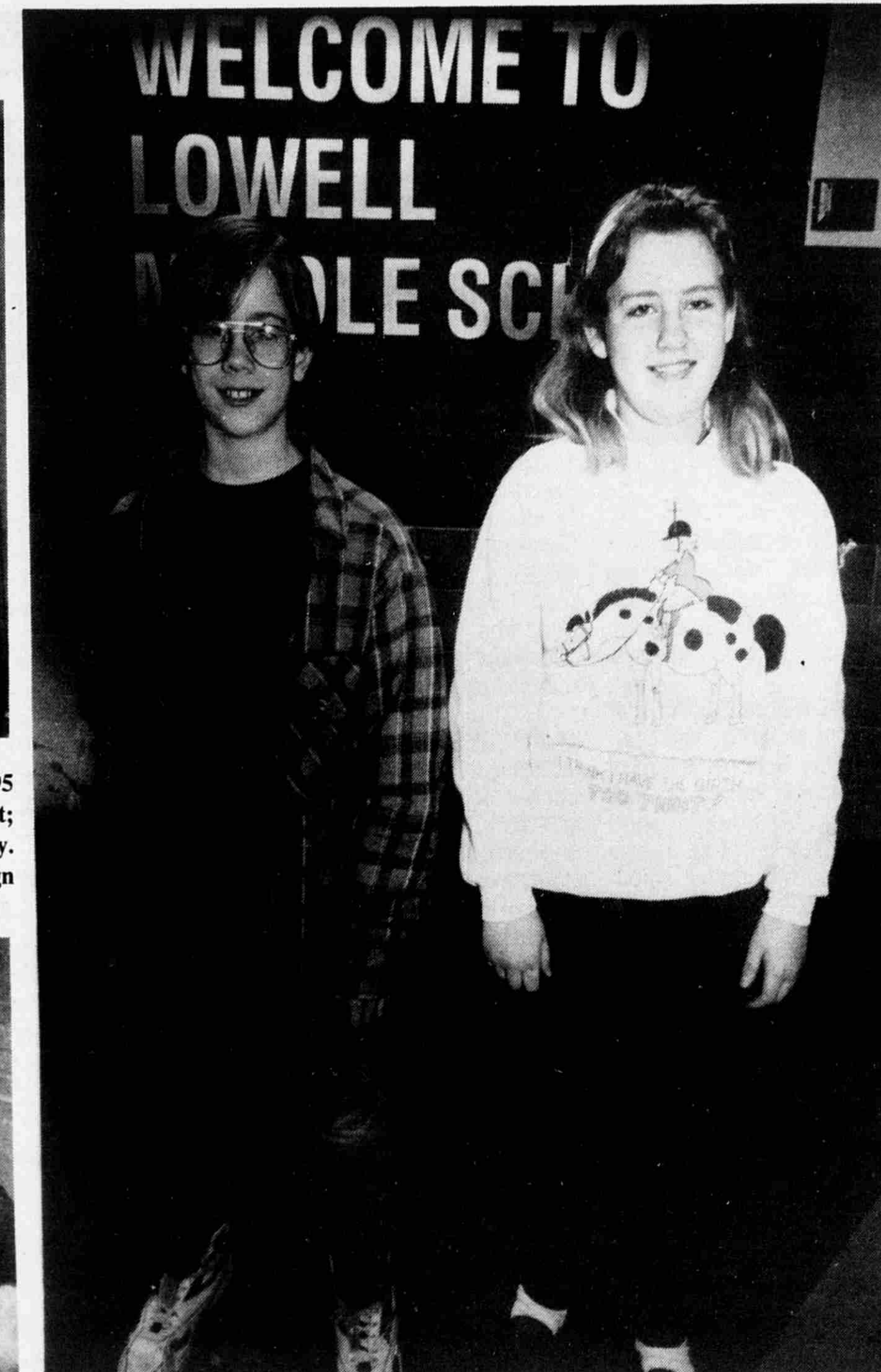
Casey K. Brown, a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Terese and Roger Brown of Lowell, enlisted in the United States Army for two-year tour of duty as an armor crewman. He is scheduled to report for active duty March 9, 1995, and is slated to receive training at Fort Knox, KY.

Army Reserve Pvt. Jeremy L. Mutschler has com-

pleted basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, MO.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Mutschler is the son of Nancy D. Thomas of New Hope, AL and David J. Mutschler of Saranac.



## S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g Bee Champ

Dan Huffman, left, sixth-grade, was this year's winner of the Lowell Middle School Spelling Bee contest. Jennifer DenHouter, right, seventh-grade, was the runner-up. Both students will advance to the regional on Feb. 23.



## Musical Months

Under the direction of Bushnell Elementary music instructor, Julie Dick, Bushnell first-graders performed the traditional folk tale "Hats for Sale." They also performed songs of the months of September ("The Bus"), October ("Can You Guess Who I Am?"), November ("We Are Truly Thankful"), and December ("The Toy Shop").

## Board approves the addition of JV girls golf and freshman softball teams

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The addition of a freshman softball team and a junior varsity girls golf team will put Lowell on more equal footing within the O-K White Conference.

Lowell Athletic Director Barry Hobrila explained that there are freshmen teams in football, basketball, and baseball for boys and basketball and volleyball teams for girls. This provides one team each season for the boys, but only fall and winter seasons for the girls.

Likewise, there was a jun-

ior varsity golf team for boys in 1994-95.

Lowell varsity girls golf coach Rick White said the actual cost for a junior varsity girls golf team would be less than \$500. This was down considerably from the estimated \$1,500 cost.

White pointed out that there are no expenditures on equipment and golf balls are donated. He added that Deer Run Golf Course does not charge the team a greens fee to use the course, there is a \$60 pay-to-participate fee, and the JV team would only participate in one invitational.

Hobrila broke down the cost

of a freshman softball team into four areas - coaching salary (\$1,400), game management expenses (\$360), equipment (\$1,300), and transportation (\$1,000). This would bring the total estimated cost for the freshman girls softball program to \$4,060 for the 1995 season.

In reviewing the costs and determining where the funding would come from, Hobrila said the participation fee of \$60 per player would provide \$900 of the cost based on 15 freshman players.

"The remaining funding could come from gate receipts and other forms (pop machine

money, tournament entry fees, MHSAA tournament host share) which have totaled in excess of \$67,000 for the 1994-95 school year," Hobrila said.

The Lowell A.D. pointed out that when adding activity fees for the 1994-95 school year and deducting expenses, the athletic department is running \$34,512 in the black when excluding salary and transportation expenses.

"This shows that the addition of these two sports would not place an undue hardship on the remainder of the program," Hobrila said.

## Warm up the mind with Franciscan Center activities

The Franciscan Life Process Child Development Center is offering a half-dozen events to help keep area residents' minds off the cold weather.

"These programs are offered year-round," said Center events coordinator Sister Colleen Nagle. "We have programs for everybody and we encourage schools to take advantage of the opportunities."

"Scholarships for these activities and classes are available," Sister Colleen said. "The scholarships are made possible through the funds raised by the farm fest each year."

Individuals interested in the following activities or classes can call the Center for registration forms or for more information at 897-7842.

- Integrated Learning Experiences - Contact Beverly Anderson. Feb. 13 and March 9, Henry Park School will be visiting the Center and will be experiencing topics such as Animal Tracks/Hibernation and Maple Sugar/Weather. The Center offers a number of experiences such as fall farm tours, orchard tours and cider making for groups to participate in. We can also create a program that will relate to a specific curriculum. The fee per hour is \$35 (10-15 people), \$55 (16-25 people), \$75 (26-35 people) and \$100 (36-60 people). Scholarships are available.

- Collaborative Care. Every Friday from 9:30 - 1 p.m. a group of senior volunteers come together at the Center to help with program needs, develop their own interests in art, crafts and music, and enjoy a luncheon. All are welcome. If interested, please call Patricia McClellan or Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at 897-7842.

- February's Artist-in-Residence is Bert Boerema. Boerema will be in residence Feb. 20-24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. He will be offering a watercolor class on Feb. 15, 21, 22, 28 and March 1 for those interested. For information on tuition and registration, call 897-7842.

- On March 4, the Franciscan Child Development Center is sponsoring a Woman's Retreat Day from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 897-7842 for details and brochure. A day for single and married women of all ages.

- Music Notes - Contact Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E. Franciscan Rhythms will be sponsoring their Annual Staff Recital on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. The recital will be held at the Child Development Center at 11650 Downes St., Lowell, MI.

## Purchase of four school buses okayed by school board

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

On the eve of Valentine's Day, Lowell's school board saw in its heart to look past a class action suit for price fixing and instead rewarded safety, uniformity and parts availability.

"At a first look, you ask yourself how the school board can reward someone who has cheated us in the past," board member Steve Idema said. "Then you look past that to safety, uniformity and replacement and you must choose what is best."

The Lowell School Board did that and decided to approve the purchase of four 71-passenger buses from Hoekstra Truck Equipment Co. in the amount of \$49,849 each. The buses will be purchased out of the 1995-96 school year budget.

Art Warning questioned the wisdom in spending \$200,000 on buses when you have children using outdated books.

"It seems to me that maybe our priorities are wrong," Warning said.

Norm Byrne, a member of the transportation committee, noted the need to update some books. However, he added that

geographically Lowell is the largest school district in Kent County. "We must get the children here safely or it doesn't matter what kind of textbooks we have," he said.

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# 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 Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

**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 7 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 MONDAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#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.

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.

**FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** The Fallsburg Historical Society meetings will now be held at the Look Memorial Fire Hall on S. Hudson. The March 28 meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring own table service and dish to pass.

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

**WEDNESDAYS:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

**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:** Alzheimer's 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, ques-

tion 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.

**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.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting is held 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.; Satur-

days and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

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**THURS., FEB. 16:** Come support Lowell High School Close-Up while enjoying great McDonald's food from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. McDonald's will donate a portion of the proceeds collected to the Lowell Close-Up program. Please support this worthy cause.

**THURS., MARCH 2:** Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor, 1 p.m. First meeting of the new year is a spaghetti luncheon by the presidents.

Bring your appetites, also bring one box item for Access 6 which is one of our projects for 1995. Favorite flower is answer to roll call. Hostesses: Dorothy Randall and Evelyn Tichelaar. Sponsor: Ann Booth.

**SUN., MARCH 5:** Annual Lowell Get-Together in Lakeland, FL at Stacy's Restaurant at noon. Everyone welcome.

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
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## Thank You

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thank you for friends and neighbors, for cards, phone calls, and plants. Also a thank you to Pastor Gerkin for all his visits, for my children and my stepchildren while I was in the hospital and since returning home. May the Lord bless you as he has me.  
Dorothy W. Briggs

## Thank You

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Bathea A. King wishes to thank relatives, friends (both old and new ones she met at Lowell Medical Care Center), and neighbors for their prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorial contributions at the time of her death. Also, your visits, cards and prayers during her stay in the Medical Center. A special thank you to Doctors Bonn, Hershberger, Kunkle, Gauthier, Lang, Bish and their staff and the staff at Lowell Medical Care Center for their wonderful care and support throughout her life. To Pastor Freed for his uplifting message and comforting words and to the men and women associated with the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene for the lovely luncheon. To Gary Koops and staff for all their wonderful assistance. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you. His love never ends.

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## For The Week Of February 19-25

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 20  
Healing toward spring has you in a fine mood this week. Do not allow small setbacks to ruin your mindset. Romance tenses toward the weekend as you two have different ideas about another person.

**TAURUS**  
April 21-May 21  
A significant other has you on cloud nine this week with some wonderful news. Enjoy it to the fullest—there are other considerations that will distract you as the week progresses.

**GEMINI**  
May 22-June 21  
New developments in an old relationship confuse you as this week begins. Do not allow your gift of gab to further cloud the issue. Work remains stable, and an unexpected windfall eases finances this week.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22  
A generous impulse should be heeded at midweek. If you don't help, then who will? Family draws to a close. They may ask for more than you are comfortable giving. Say yes only if it seems right.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 23  
Although a task seems large, it is found to become manageable for you this week. Be careful that you don't overcompensate and lose touch at home, though!

**VIRGO**  
August 24-September 22  
An unexpected setback has you feeling a little cynical. It's OK, though, because spring influences will soon have your optimism flowing again. Midweek looks good for romance.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 23  
This week has you focused on your marriage or other deep commitments in your life. Re-evaluation can be healthy, but beware of your escapist tendencies. You may be tempted to take the easy way out.

**SCORPIO**  
October 24-November 22  
A fierce confrontation has your dander up early in the week. Be careful that your bravery doesn't become foolhardiness when with a higher-up. Look to a Cancer for comfort.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 23-December 21  
Wanderlust and spring fever have you in a tizzy this week. A sense of humor will help you handle the last of winter's confinement. A good week to plan a vacation!

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 20  
After a relaxing weekend, you feel ready to tackle the world. Do—someone is watching, and they'll like what they see. Financial relief arrives from an unexpected source.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 21-February 18  
Your individualistic tendencies are an asset this week as you head into a productive time at work—brainstorming, perhaps? Maintain balance between personal and professional demands to keep the creative juices flowing.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20  
This week has you feeling more chipper as you enter a highly productive phase. Your artistic capabilities have never been greater—is it time to write that novel? A close friend helps you find the answer.

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**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walkers.  
**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

**THURS:** 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop; 9:30 a.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Euchre; Income tax assistance by appointment.  
**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walkers.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**WED., FEB. 15:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.  
**THURS., FEB. 16:** 5 p.m., Dinner and play (LAAC).  
**FRI., FEB. 17:** 12:30 p.m., Reminisce.

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# Lowell Township couple remembers past by giving back to community

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

In this era of the "me generation," a large portion of our society has shifted its focus from helping others to helping themselves.

However, there remains a large faction of people who would rather "give than receive."

Alyn and Gladys Fletcher are just two Lowell residents who live their life remember-

ing the good deeds people have done for them. In memory of those people, the Fletcher's make it a point to return some of that gratitude.

"It's like that old adage, 'You reap what you sow.' We've been blessed with several miracles in our life and any opportunity we get to return those blessing we do," said Alyn Fletcher.

The Fletchers know there are many people who do as much if not more for others in

the community, but this "team" would like other people to know what it is like to assist somebody in need.

"People should get involved in as many things as possible. Whether it's their money or time, it is a great feeling to give back what you've gotten," said Gladys Fletcher.

Many Lowellites are familiar with the Fletchers, either through the township hall, Cascade Christian Church or

their long family history in Lowell.

Alyn's family as well as Gladys's have been in Lowell since the 1800's. The two grew up together, living across the street from each other, and they have witnessed many changes to the area.

"The community was more of a community back then. We used to sit on our porch and talk to the neighbors," said Fletcher. "Today everyone is too busy to talk to their neighbors, that is if they even know their neighbors."

The public first became aware of the Fletchers when Gladys took a secretarial position at the township hall in 1988. Soon after, Alyn became a member of the township's planning commission before moving to the township board.

"I was asked to help out on a part-time basis, but two

months later I became a full-time employee," said Gladys Fletcher. "recently I decided to go back to part time in order to spend more time pursuing other interests."

Besides his work on the township board and as chairman of his church board, Alyn will be remembered for his efforts with ACCESS 6 in Lowell.

ACCESS 6 provides food and clothing for those in need and Alyn was chairman of the organization for five years.

"Although I don't serve on the board any more, I'm involved through my church," said Fletcher. "ACCESS 6 is a much-needed organization and you'll still find me working to find donations."

Like any "team," there needs to be one member who is the driving force behind its success.

In the case of the Fletchers, Alyn contributes

their success to Gladys.

Alyn, who uses a wheelchair and an Amigo to travel around the community, looks to Gladys to help drive him to his destiz't be able to do the things I do without her," said Alyn.

The Fletcherz don't want to be looked upon as anything special for the deeds they perform, but they also don't plan on slowing down.

"Now that I only work part time at the township hall, I plan on getting involved in more community organizations and other activities," said Gladys.

Alyn added that although the two may be retired, their schedule stays very full.

"We need to stay active and help with things in the community. If we slowed down, I don't know if we would survive," said Alyn.



Gladys and Alyn Fletcher are just two of the many Lowell citizens who make it a point to give back to the community.

## Kent County consortium strives to reduce gap between districts

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools and other school districts have been working in a coordi-

nated effort as part of a Kent Intermediate School District consortium to review the largest of the 14 curriculum areas.

These larger areas have been identified as "major disciplines" (mathematics, science, social studies and language).

For the past three and a half years, teams of teachers from nearly 20 districts in Kent County have been working together to write new curriculums.

"The idea here is that working together means that each local district doesn't have to reinvent the wheel," Lowell Schools curriculum director Jim White said. "The collaboration has provided opportunity for Lowell to be a part of the best thinking in Kent County."

The state's model curriculum requires that the content of curriculum be written in terms of what students should be able to do -- not just what the teacher will teach. This is a part of the 1990 state law referred to as Public Act (P.A.) 25.

However, local districts have the option of making changes to the core curriculum.

One of the problems facing the consortium is that among the 20 districts, a commonality is not currently shared as to when things are taught.

An example of this is a student in District X might be taught about electricity sooner than a student in District Z. This would make it more likely that a student who moved into a new school district would find himself ahead or behind in different areas of study.

White said the consortium is hopeful that its work can reduce the differences that currently exist. "By creating a commonality among the districts as to when information is presented to students, the differences among schools will not be as great," explained White.

With the new accreditation standards, all schools

over a period of time will be expected to meet the summary accreditation standards whereby eight of 12 test scores will have to be above the 66 percentile.

White points out that MEAP is not the only criteria used to measure whether or not a school is meeting the accreditation standards. Compliance with laws will also be factored in.

"Eventually, after a certain time period, schools that don't meet the accreditation standards will be penalized," White said.

White said schools face many legal mandates in the curriculum area. Recent legislation has pushed a new statewide set of benchmarks and standards into each local district along with other requirements.

"It is difficult to implement new legislation without guidelines from the Michigan Department of Education," White said. "Sometimes laws are passed with guidelines being months away."

As examples of this White pointed to the differences between Model Core curriculum and Academic Core curriculum.

The Lowell curriculum director does not believe it will ever get to the point where money is taken from Detroit schools for not meeting set standards.

The 14 different curriculums are updated on a five-year cycle of review. The Lowell School District has a curriculum coordinating council whose role is to act on each of the 14 subcommittees' recommendations. These include revisions, updates, new course offerings, textbooks and materials.

The curriculum council is composed of one teacher, an administrator from each building, a parent representative and White. Three board of education members serve as ex-officio members of the council and act as liaisons to the rest of the board.

### It's Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences

One of the most important things you can do to support your child in school is to attend conferences. It's a special time for parents and teachers to meet and find ways to make school the best learning experience it can be.

All children learn in different ways. They have their own individual personalities, and their own listening and work habits. To help their students learn new knowledge and skills, teachers must know as much as they can about each child's likes and dislikes. No one knows more about these things than you, the parents. And no one has more influence over your children than you.

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### Helpful Hints for Successful Conferences

- Find out if there is anything your child wants you to talk about with the teacher.
- Decide what you want to ask the teacher.
- Determine what helpful information you can tell the teacher about your child.
- Be on time and stay within the time set aside for your appointment.
- Be sure to air any concerns you might have, but remember to stay calm and seek solutions.
- Make sure your child doesn't worry about the conference by reassuring your child that the meeting is to benefit him or her.
- Be sure to focus on your child's progress, as well as his or her potential.
- Ask the teacher for specific suggestions on how you can help your child do better.
- Request a further explanation if you don't understand something.
- Sum up the conference by reviewing the decisions the teacher and you have made.
- Discuss the results of the conference with your child and share any learning plans the teacher and you have made.
- Start immediately on any action plans the teacher and you have worked out.
- Stay in regular touch with the teacher to discuss the progress your child is making.

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