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Next summer's movie season to be projected in a new 800-seat theatre located in the Ridgeview Shopping Center

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Getting out to see the hot summer hit movie will be a whole lot easier and convenient in 1996 for Lowell residents.

For starters, "getting out" will no longer mean driving to a theatre on 28th St. in Grand Rapids.

Instead it will mean driving to the Ridgeview Shopping Center where the new Lowell 5 Theatre (2173 W. Main) will be located just to the west of the strip mall.

Construction of the newly proposed 13,000 square foot, five screen, 800 seat theatre, barring any delays, will start this winter, with construction winding up in the spring. "We'd like to open the theatre at the start of the summer season," said Robert Goodrich, president/secretary of Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc.

Goodrich and Bill Brunner, MHS Design Group, presented a preliminary plan to the Lowell Planning Commission at its November meeting on Monday.

They will return in January for approval of a final site plan. If approval is given, construction will commence.



Goodrich and Brunner sought initial feedback from the planning commission on landscaping, signage, lighting, drainage and parking.

The commission focused on parking and landscaping.

The new zoning ordinance will require 200 parking spaces. Brunner said he felt the theatre would be very close to that.

"There are few times when a movie theatre operates at full capacity," Goodrich said. "If the parking spaces are half empty, there would be ad-

equated parking. Theatres operate at 13 percent of their capacity most of the time."

However, with the location of the theatre next to an existing asphalted lot and a number of retail stores, commissioner Jim Hall said parking was not that big a concern. He felt a bigger matter was seeing to it that the landscaping ordinance outlined in the new zoning ordinance is followed.

Goodrich said the new theatre would run five screens on
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Lowell's juice cut by winter's first ice and snow storm

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

What happens when a city loses 69,000 volts?

It goes to black.

The first major storm of the winter season left most of Lowell without power for approximately 6 hours Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

Due to icing on the line and conductors, the city of Lowell lost its feed to a Wolverine transmission line carrying 69,000 volts.

The city lost power about 8:30 p.m. An effort to switch Lowell over to an alternative feed was attempted but failed.

"At that point Wolverine was left with finding the problem, correcting it, and then making the switch," Lowell Light and Power superintendent Paul Christman said, "leaving Lowell at the mercy of Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative."

The Lowell Light and Power superintendent said that the local company was able to pick up a small portion of the main downtown area by generating its own power through its diesel generators.

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Vergennes Township planning commission seat vacancy to be filled by Bob Pfaller

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission has undergone several changes this past year and those changes are still happening.

Last year the commission lost two members including Chris Kulhanek, who moved to the Detroit area.

Replacing Kulhanek was Walt Stevens, whose term ends in December 1996.

The commission also lost its planning commission secretary, but instead of filling her seat, the board decided to have Lois Bouck act as a non-voting secretary.

"We used to have a seven-member commission; now we have six," said clerk Mari

However, the commission was lucky enough to have Bob Pfaller appointed to her seat recently.

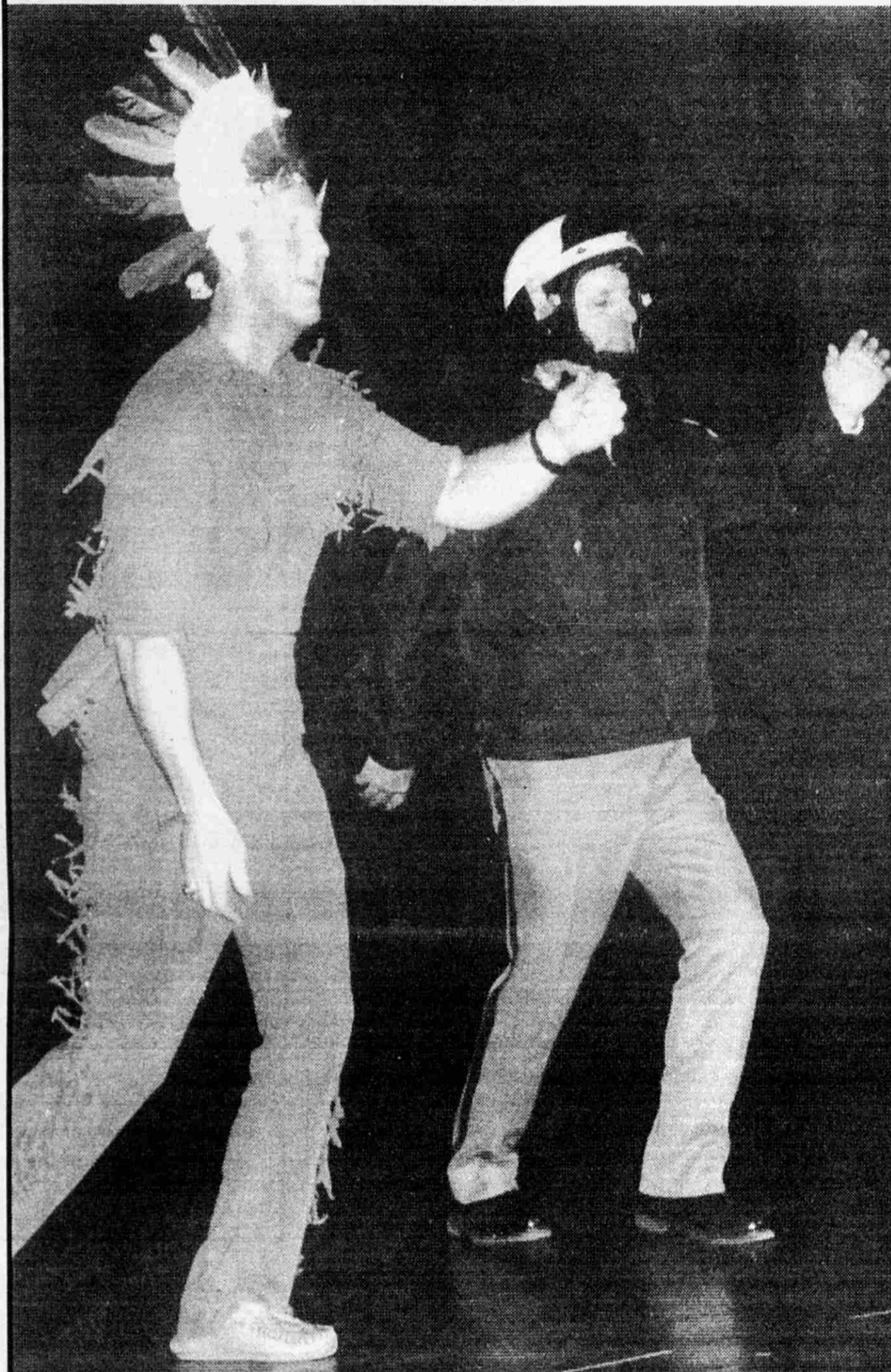
Pfaller, 38, is no stranger to planning commissions after spending six years on the city of Lowell's commission before moving outside of the

district.

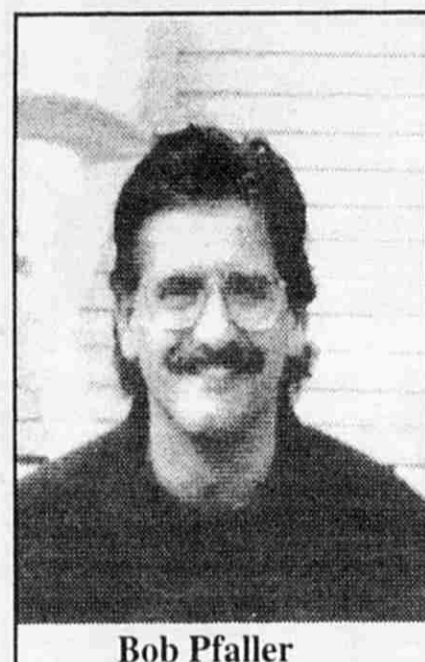
"Jim Cook asked five or six years ago if I would be willing to work on the commission," said Pfaller. "It wasn't until recently, however, that he asked me officially."

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Office Men at Work....



The Lowell Education Association held its second annual Variety Show. The event raised \$770 and drew 420 people. The money will be used for student grants. Pictured above are Lowell High School office men Phil Christensen, left, and Al Eckman, right, strutting their stuff to the sounds of the Village People. More pictures, page 7.



Bob Pfaller

Stone. "It doesn't pose a problem, but we do seem to have trouble keeping people on the commission."

The latest person to leave was Lynn Drown, who also moved outside of Vergennes Township.

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OBITUARIES

AREHART - George A. Arehart, aged 85, of Lowell, died Saturday, November 25, 1995. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth; children: Michael and Jeanne Arehart of Lowell, John and Kay Arehart of St. Johns, MI, Robert Arehart of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren: Sheryllynne and David Cash, Elizabeth Helms, Margaret and Daryl Antcliff, James and Kim Arehart, Joseph Arehart, Veronica and Laurie Sue; great grandchildren: Jarod, Jesse, Alexandra, and Joseph. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Rev. George J. Fekete presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

DEWAARD - John Victor DeWaard, aged 58, of Hudsonville, passed away Monday, November 27, 1995 and went to be with his Lord after a lingering illness. Surviving are his wife Carol, of 40 years; his children, QMC John V. Jr. and Sharon DeWaard of TX, Scott and Wanda DeWaard of TN, Mike DeWaard of IL, Linda and Chuck Ammond of Grand Rapids, Esther DeWaard of IL; seven grandchildren; his brothers Lloyd and Shirley DeWaard of Wyoming, Glen and Roberta DeWaard of Jenison, his sisters Sandy and Phillip Postema of Hudsonville, Yvonne and Stewart Ouwinga of Escanaba; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Cornelius and Lena DeWaard. He was retired after 20 years of service from the U.S. Navy. He was an educator for 19 years with the Bushnell School of Lowell. He was a member of the Grand Rapids Accordion Ensemble, an elder of Rosewood Reformed Church, and a member of the Navy Cryptologic Veterans Association. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. from the Rosewood Reformed Church, with his Pastors Richard VanderKlok and Howard Moths officiating. Interment Floral View Memorial Gardens. Visitation Wednesday 1-3 from the Jenison Chapel of Cook Funeral Home, (1889 Baldwin SW), and from 6-7 Wednesday evening at the Rosewood Reformed Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Bible Hour.

DRISCOLL - Mrs. Mildred Driscoll, aged 94, widow of John L. Driscoll, went to meet her family who have gone on before her Thursday, November 23, 1995. Surviving are her nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews including John Allen Lubinkas, Barbara Sue (Richard) Damore, Tom (Teri) Lukas and Ruth Anne Scott with whom she most recently made her home along with Ruth's children Rebecca Scott, Rochelle Scott, Ryan and Laura Scott and Ruth's grandson

Justin Scott. Funeral Services were held Saturday with Rev. Robert Lignell officiating. Interment in Riverbend Cemetery. Memorial contribution may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or Visiting Nurses Hospice.

GODFREY - Freda Godfrey, aged 91, of Lowell, died Tuesday, November 21, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank. She is survived by her nephews, Bob Brighton of Colorado Springs, CO, and Lou Godfrey of Hastings. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. George J. Fekete of St. Mary's

Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center, Lowell, MI 49331. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

STANLEY - Sarah Jane Stanley, aged 9, of Alto, precious daughter of Roger and Joyce, went to be with her Lord and Shepherd on Saturday, November 25, 1995. Also surviving are her sisters Elizabeth and Melissa; grandmothers, Marjorie Benedict of Alto and Elizabeth Stanley of Grand Rapids; and many dear and caring aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was pre-

ceded in death by her grandfathers Walter Benedict and James Stanley. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Bruce Sabados of Alto Baptist Church officiating. Memorial contributions in celebration of Sarah's life may be made to Alpha Women's Center, Lincoln School Developmental Center or to WCSG Radio.

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb "Who so happy as I am since I am the shepherd's lamb. And when life on earth is ended by His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest."

DeWaard leaves legacy of generosity to those who follow

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vic DeWaard taught in the Lowell School District for 18 years.

He took sick leave nearly two years ago to fight Leuke-



Vic DeWaard visited Cherry Creek Elementary students and staff for the last time on Nov. 17. Pictured above DeWaard (at right) visits with a student on the first day of classes at the new Cherry Creek Elementary.

mia. Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Butterworth Hospital DeWaard succumbed to the disease.

DeWaard's last day as a third-grade teacher was Valentine's Day of the 1993-94 school year. Fittingly enough, DeWaard is being remembered as a man who touched the hearts of so many friends, students, and co-workers.

"Vic and I were hired on the same day 18 years ago," Cherry Creek Elementary third-grade teacher Sue Burt said. "The standing joke was I had more seniority because Vic was gentleman enough to allow me to hand in my contract first."

Burt said DeWaard was the kindest, gentlest, most dedicated teacher she has known.

"He was my mentor," Burt said. "Whether it was personal or professional, everybody always turned to Vic. He always listened and helped you."

After retiring from the Navy, DeWaard entered the teaching profession to devote his life to the education of children.

Within the last couple of weeks (Nov. 17), he visited Cherry Creek Elementary. "It was important for him to be here one last time," Burt said.

DeWaard and his family learned this past summer that the leukemia had returned. Burt explained after talking to a specialist, it was the family decision to discontinue treatment.

During his struggle with cancer, DeWaard still found time to make a difference in somebody's life.

"Recently, my daughter Kristan started student teaching," Burt said. "Vic packed all of his teaching material that he has used over the years and brought it over and gave it to Kristan to use."

A passing of a teaching legacy.

"It goes to show the generosity of the man that he was still thinking of others during such tough times," Burt said.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday (Nov. 29) from 6-7 p.m. at the Rosewood Reformed Church in Jenison.

The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m.

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on increased protection services like police and fire-fighting units or on education.

The good news is, relief is on the way. House Bill 4508 was passed in both chambers, signed into law by the governor, and will go into effect April 1, 1996. This legislation ends "venue shopping" by plaintiffs in which a case is moved from the district where it occurred, to a district known for higher jury awards.

The bill also requires parties in lawsuits to pay damages only to the percentage to which they are found at fault—no more and no less. Under the current law, an individual, government or company found only 10 percent at fault can be forced to pay 100 percent of damages.

This new tort reform will help return a sense of personal

responsibility for our own actions to the Michigan court system, while still retaining the fairness to plaintiffs by holding defendants accountable for the percentage of damages for which they are found at fault.

The battle is only partially won with HB 4508: the finishing touches are now on the way in the form of Senate Bill 344, which limits product liability. While HB4508 dealt with the tort reform, SB 344 deals with product liability reforms.

Only two other states have a worse product liability climate. This is dangerous and costly for all of us. The threat of product liability lawsuits is so great for Michigan manufacturers that they're increasingly removing themselves from the business of developing new products.

The Merchants Corporation of America developed a high-quality child safety seat which would be one of the best and safest on the market. They decided not to manufacture the seat because of potential liability. American Motors ended production of the Jeep CJ model because the product liability insurance became too expensive to justify keeping the model in production. Today, Merck and Company is the only producer of the measles vaccine for children in the United States. They claim that they continue production solely out of a sense of social

responsibility. All other manufacturers hav estopped production completely because of outrageous insurance costs.

Product liability expenses also take money out of our pockets. For instance, half the cost of a \$200 football helmet and \$11 of the \$12 we pay for a childhood DPT vaccine goes to pay product liability expenses. The Washington D.C. Area Girl Scout Council must sell 87,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies each year just to cover the cost of liability insurance.

SB 344 would prevent people from collecting damages from a manufacturer when a product has been altered, and also if an injury occurs while the party is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The bill sets a standard for personal responsibility. It will still require companies to pay all medical and work loss benefits to injured persons, but it would limit "pain and suffering" damages to \$280,000 in most cases, \$500,000 in more serious incidents.

With these two measures in place, the cost of doing business in Michigan will be less prohibitive, encouraging job providers to locate and expand in our state, while promoting innovation and development.

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MONONUCLEOSIS

Mononucleosis (Mono) is a viral illness caused by the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). This virus is in the family of herpes viruses. Mono primarily affects teenagers and young adults in the age group between 15 and 40 years. It can occur in children and older individuals.

The virus is spread by person to person close contact, such

as kissing or shared food. The virus first infects the throat and then the lymphatic system. Symptoms of the illness usually begins after a one-to two-month incubation period after the initial exposure. Mono symptoms usually start with a sore throat, swollen lymph nodes usually in the neck, fever, fatigue, and malaise. On physical examination the spleen and liver may be enlarged and mild jaundice may be present.

Diagnosis can be made with a blood test for EBV and a complete blood count. Throat cultures for streptococcus pharyngitis is important because infectious mononucleosis closely resembles that of strep throat.

There is no specific treatment for mono. If the spleen is tender and enlarged, patients should avoid strenuous activity and contact sports. There is a significant risk of a ruptured spleen from contact sports.

Fever usually subsides in about 10 days. Swollen lymph nodes and enlarged spleen and liver may resolve in about four to six weeks. Children should be able to return to school when signs of infection have decreased, the appetite returns and when a sense of well-being has returned. It is very important for athletes who participate in contact sports to sit out of the games until the spleen is no longer felt on physical exam.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William J. Onan, son of Winnifred M. Onan of Lowell, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

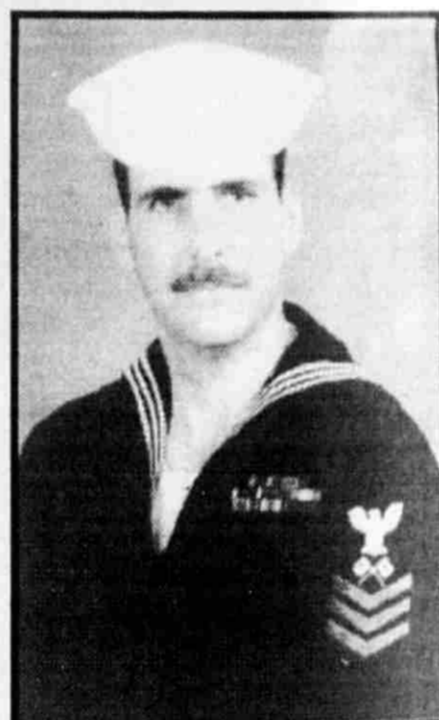
Onan was recognized for his outstanding achievement

while serving as workcenter supervisor aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George, homeported in Norfolk, VA. Onan was singled out for the award because of his superb initiative and contribution in helping the com-

mand fulfill its mission.

With a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Onan joins a select group of men and women, who have demonstrated their outstanding ability to excel in serving on the Navy-Marine Corps team. Whether assigned to ships, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Onan are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

Onan joined the Navy in May 1977.



William J. Onan

Experience has shown, and a true philosophy will always show, that a vast, perhaps the larger, portion of the truth arises from the seemingly irrelevant.
—Edgar Allan Poe

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 1995 at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, to receive public comment on an application from Ronald K. Blain for preliminary approval to proceed with Phase 2 of a proposed site condominium project in the SE 1/4 of Section 26 between Burroughs Drive and the Flat River in the R-1 (Low Density Residential) District.

The application and proposed site plan can be reviewed at the Township Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7 p.m. on December 4, 1995.



Dolly (Laurie Summerfield) gave an unforgettable encore performance.



The Energizer Bunny (LHS counselor Barb Pierce) interrupts variety show emcee Laurie Kuna.



Michael Michaud, left, and Kris Kropf, right, talked baseball.



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Bodyworks reopens in new West Main strip mall

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Right place! Right time! That's how Brett Thomas describes the scenario that led to his purchase of Bodyworks Gym and Fitness Center 18 months ago. "Since high school I've wanted to own my own fitness center," Thomas says.

a few additional pieces of equipment - stair climber, exercise cycle and a health rider. Thomas said he will also be able to hold his aerobics classes at the new facility.

It will continue to offer a complete 13-station nautilus circuit, complete cardiovascular training, weight room, and tanning beds.

"I am very happy and optimistic about the new location," Thomas said. "I think it will help our membership grow to over 300 by spring."

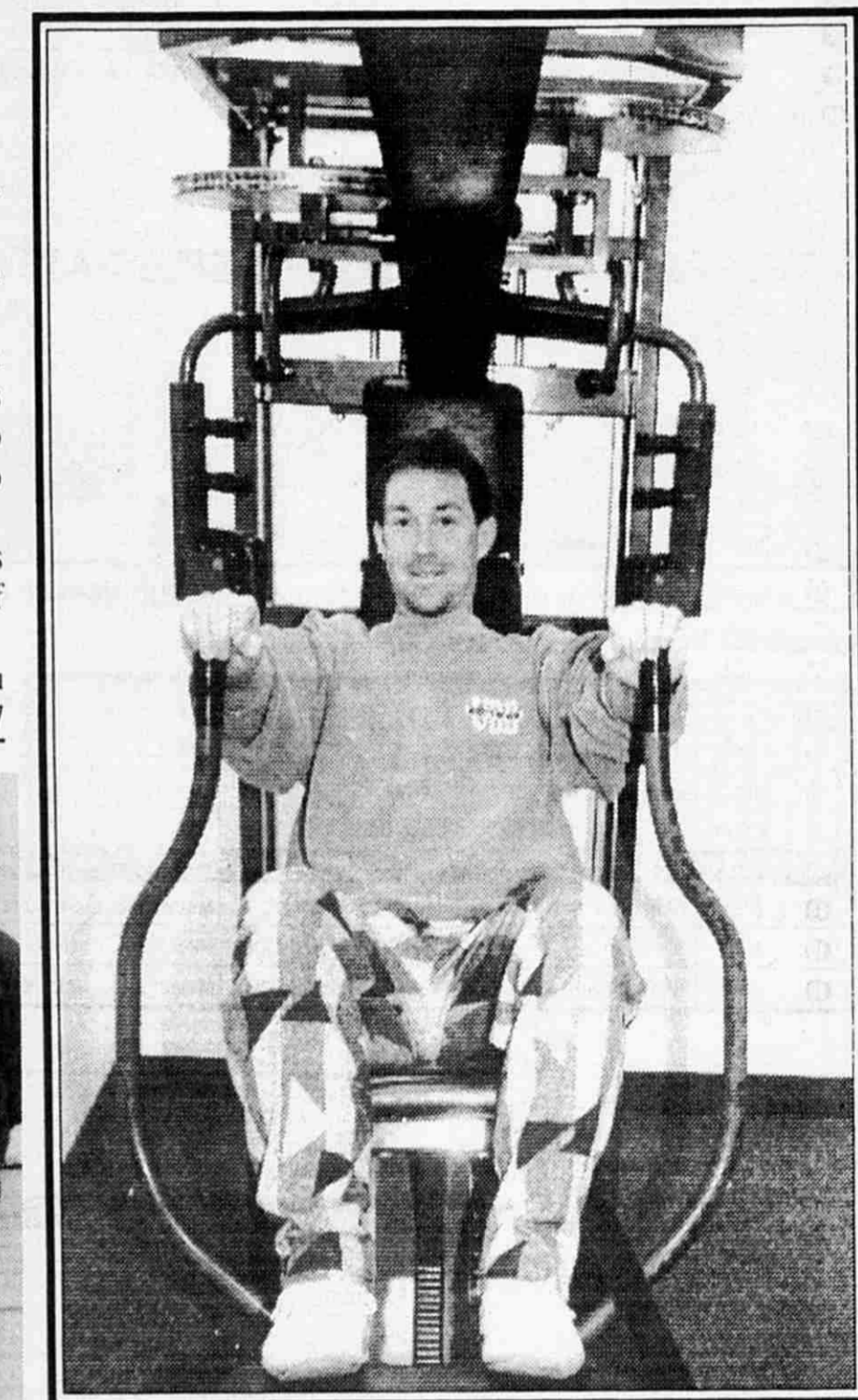
Health and fitness play an important role in the lives of the people of the 90's.

"I think health and fitness is very popular now. I also think it is something a person should do their entire life," Thomas said. "We have people who come in who are small and want to become big (muscular), who want to power lift, who want to reduce weight, and who just want to get into shape."

Thomas says he is there for first-time health and fitness visitors. "I will help them set up a routine to meet the needs of what they want," he says.

Bodyworks Gym and Fitness Center is open Monday thru Thursday from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Friday from 7 a.m. until 7

p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.



Brett Thomas illustrates one of many fitness machines available at Bodyworks Gym and Fitness Center.

Hard work brings about success for freshmen

The Lowell freshman girls basketball team completed a most successful regular season. Hard work, team unity, and determination helped the Red Arrows complete the season at 19-1.



second row: Amy Smit, Andrea Rickert, Lynn Boersma, Megan Cindric, Hugmeyer, Laura LaHaye, Rachel Fredline, Erin Wittenbach, Jamie Smith, Umlauf, Amanda Lesky; and coach Robert Smith.

Deer Run Golf Course to expand pro shop

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

Golfers in need of some new equipment or the latest golf wear will soon be able to enjoy more selections at Deer Run Golf Course.

Officials from Deer Run recently were given approval from the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission to add on to their pro shop.

Plans for a 20 by 20 foot addition to the northwest corner of the shop will be started shortly, said general manager Lois Sherman.

This year's project comes on the heels of an expansion project built to the front of the facility last year. Sherman said the new shop will be bigger and have more updated items for sale.

She also said it would be ready for the opening of next year's season.

Pigskin Picks table with columns for teams and rows for various matchups like Army vs. Navy, Florida vs. Arkansas, Ferris St. vs. N. Alabama, Chicago vs. Detroit, Atlanta vs. Miami, Kansas City vs. Oakland, New Orleans vs. New England, NY Giants vs. Arizona, Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota, Buffalo vs. San Francisco. Includes last week's and overall records.

Advertisement for 'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' featuring a grid of categories like LIQUORS, SHOES, BOUTIQUE, CARDS, PIZZA and a call to action: 'STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD...'

Advertisement for 'The Disney Channel Free Holiday Preview' featuring Mickey Mouse and the text: 'Guess what's coming to your house November 30 - December 4. The Disney Channel LOWELL CABLE TV DEPARTMENT 127 N. Broadway, Lowell 897-8405'

Parents, students and staff begin work on 3-5 year nature project

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Volunteers began clearing the path toward the eventual creation of an Alto Elementary nature area and classroom.

Approximately 35 volunteers worked for four hours cleaning up the site behind Alto Elementary, marking paths and clearing brush.

The design plan for the nature area was prepared by Vern Stephens of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

"It's an opportunity for teaching and learning in an outdoor classroom," Alto elementary teacher Jim Kovach said. "Children will have hands-on experimental activities, integrated with the current curriculum. The emphasis will be problem-solving and demonstrating a responsibility toward the environ-

ment."

The project is expected to take 3-5 years to complete. Kovach said much of the funding will be done through grants. Paula Bloom and Sue Clements are working on the grants.

Bloom said an application is already in to the National Heritage Foundation and that they are in the process of applying for two-three other grants.

Kovach said the project will work with a fully fenced 144 square-foot pond, a creek, a meadow, woods and many nature trees and shrubs.

Bloom said the cost of the project will depend on how close the plan designed by Stephens is followed.

"His plan calls for decking to surround the pond, we may just put decking on each side of the pond," Blom explained. "Decking will be our biggest expense."

The purpose of the project will be to bring better access

to these areas, enhance the natural features, provide a formal gathering area for classes, draw an additional wildlife habitat, and nurture more native Michigan plants.

The first organized work day took place Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We were real pleased with the turnout," Kovach said. "We got more done than we expected. That can be attributed to dads bringing in the right kind of equipment. Bery Construction also donated the use of a back hoe."

Kovach said all the wood chips were moved and distributed on the trails, brush was cleared from the trails, and brush piles for habitats were formed.

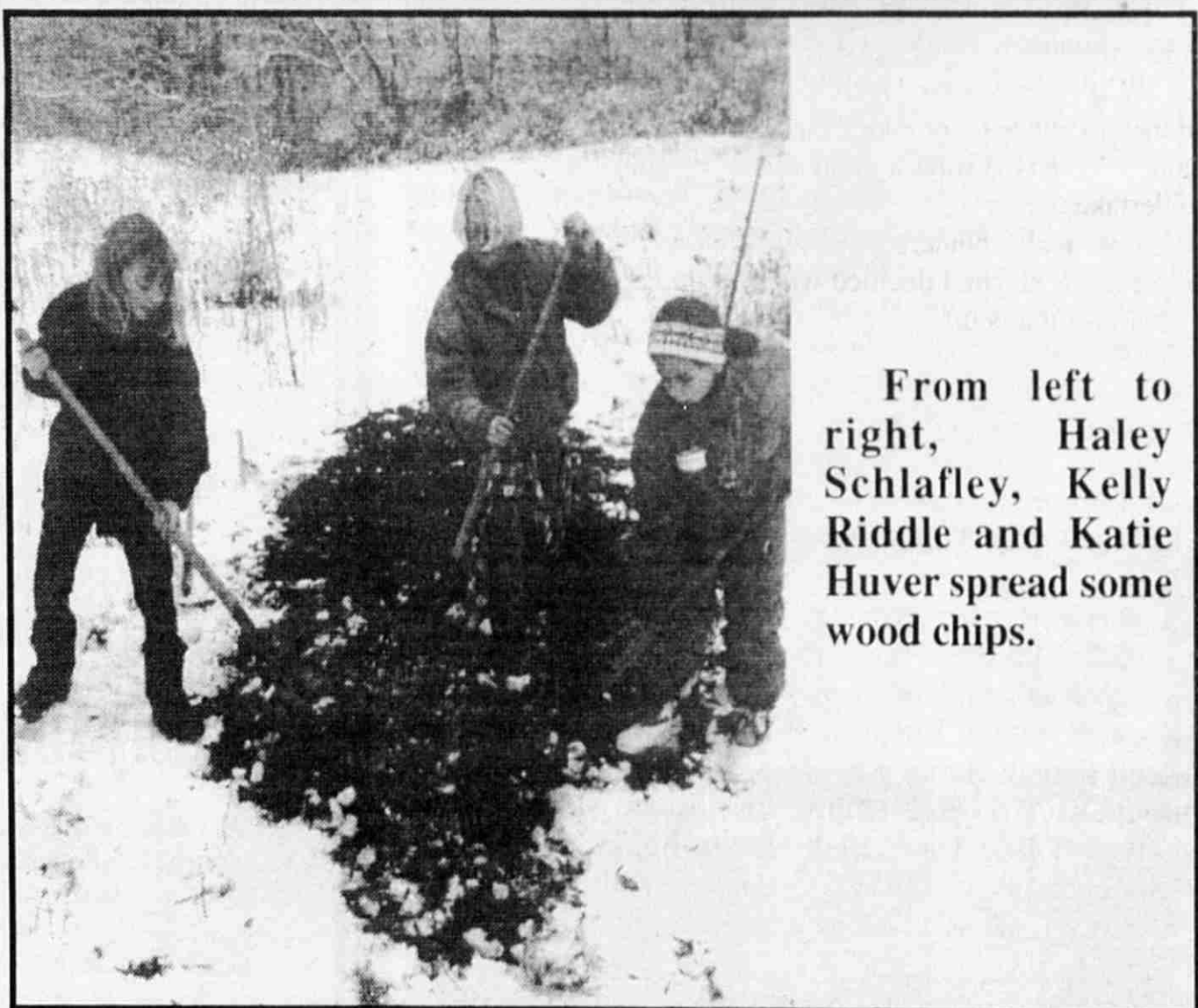
The idea for the project came to Kovach while his 10-student summer science class were on a boat studying the Michigan Water Shed.



Shannon Acock and Kati Alexander clear some brush.



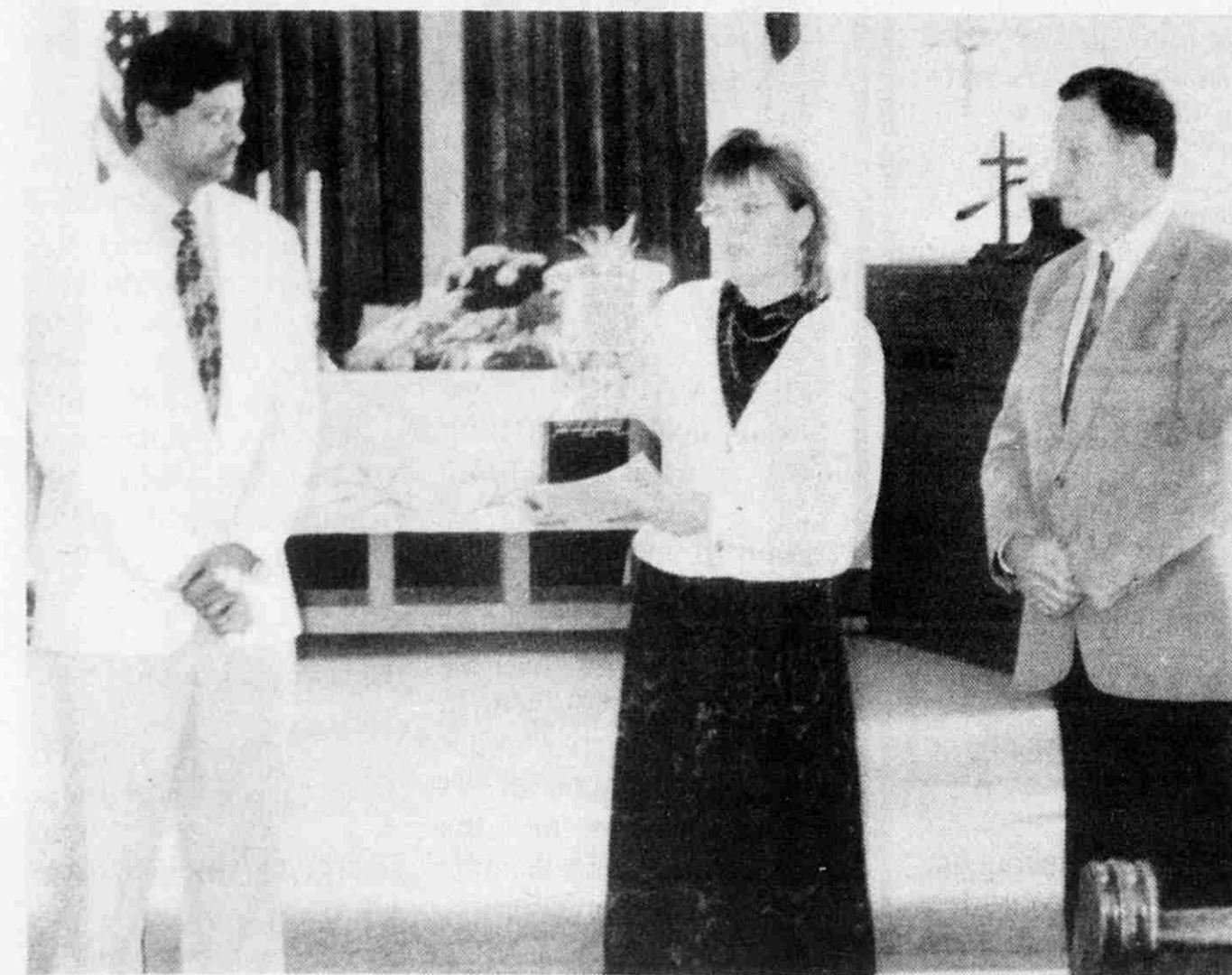
Trina Beatson, left, and Scott Beatson, right, drag some brush during a work day at the Alto Elementary nature area



From left to right, Haley Schlafley, Kelly Riddle and Katie Huver spread some wood chips.



Inge Whittemore, left, treasurer of the Lowell Area CROP Walk, presents a trophy to Dick Doezema for the most money raised by one individual for the 1995 event. Doezema raised \$805.



Inge Whittemore, middle, treasurer of the 1995 Lowell Area CROP Walk, presents Avi Jashi, left, the chairperson of the Outreach program at the church, with a trophy for the organization which raised the most money in the Lowell Area CROP Walk. Jashi and the Snow United Methodist Church Outreach program raised \$4,464.70. To Whittemore's left is Dick Doezema.

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Kneeling, left to right: Amy Larabee, Jessica Anstett, Carrie Hubbarth and Annie Oesch. 1st. row standing, left to right: Michelle Billingsley, Shari Grieser, Kathy Thuston and Beth Hoag. Last row, left to right: Aaron Ripley, Kevin Nugent, Brett Plattner.

Pictures taken at the Agriculture Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs, Kansas.



Left to right, front row: Annie Oesch, Kathy Thuston, Beth Hoag, Jessica Anstett, Carrie Hubbarth, Shari Grieser, Amy Larabee. Left to right, back row: Aaron Ripley, Mrs. Nugent, Michelle Billingsley, Mr. Nugent, Brett Plattner, Kevin Nugent, Mr. Bleke, Mr. Tichelaar and Mrs. Tichelaar.

FFA's drive back from Kansas City one Siler doesn't want to repeat

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The number paled in comparison to the 40,000 students who attended the Future Farmers of America national convention in Kansas City, MO.

The 114 cars, vans and trucks seen by Lowell FFA members, in ditches, however, is not a number they will soon forget.

"The ride home from the convention was without a doubt the worst driving conditions I've ever had to sustain over a period of time," said Lowell FFA leader Pete Siler.

He's driven Lowell FFA members to and from the national convention for 17 of the last 18 years.

"With our increased activities we're going to have to raise money to either fly or take a bus down to Kansas City," Siler said. "There is always a great deal of responsibility a person undertakes when you travel with 12 students. That responsibility never really bothered me until that day I began driving home in the storm. I decided while driving that I was getting too old for that stuff."

Siler, white knuckles and all, drove approximately 500 miles in snowy, windy, white-out conditions.

"Every time I saw a white-out condition up ahead I slowed down to 10-15 miles an hour," Siler said. "Once we got to Gary, IN, road conditions began to improve."

The bad weather conditions extended the trip back home by three to four hours.

"It's always been my belief that the students selected to go earned the right and shouldn't have to pay," Siler said. "But with the Lowell FFA branch participating in so much more throughout the year, that may have to change."

Students interested in attending the convention must fill out an application and tell why they are a good candidate for the trip as well as list their involvement, activities and contributions to the organization. From those applications, Siler selects 12 students.

While in Kansas City, students observed leadership seminars, Project Pals seminars and other national sessions.

"This trip is a reward for the students' involvement," Siler said. "Hopefully it will make the students want to become even

more involved."

Lowell Area Schools superintendent Bert Bleke attended the national convention for the first time.

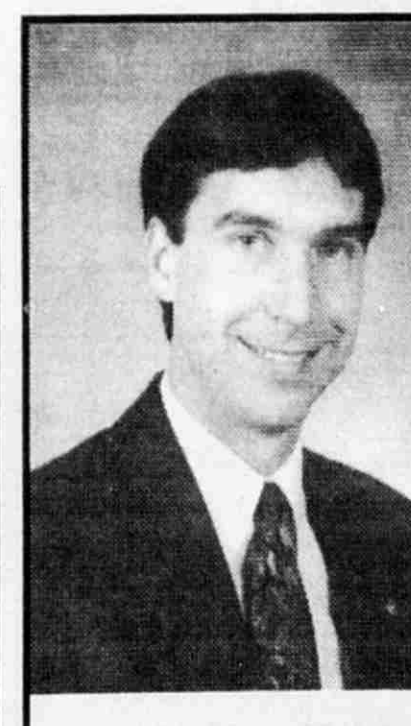
"I was horribly impressed by our kids and by Pete," Bleke said. "It's amazing the talent and dedication displayed by the 30,000 kids at the convention. If you are ever depressed about the future of this country, go to Kansas City."

Bleke called the FFA a tremendous youth organization. "It provides kids with a neat opportunity."

Lowell's Hillary Tichelaar was selected as part of the national chorus at the state convention.

Michelle Billingsley was also part of the national talent performing in Kansas City. She played piano before the Optimist Club and at the National FFA Foundation Awards dinner.

"The greatest thing about the convention is that it gives students the opportunity to meet students from all over the country along with Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines," Siler concludes.



Dan Brubaker



Daniel C. Brubaker, an associate with the law firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones, P.L.C., has been elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Commerce.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 4, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

Flat River Antique Mall (212 W. Main) is requesting a sign variance to install a 40 square foot projecting sign from its building where a maximum of 20 square feet is allowed.

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

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk



Don't Send Warm Air Up In Smoke

Although your fireplace gives off warmth, it also can provide a convenient escape route for heat already in your house. That means some of the money you spend to heat your home may be going up in smoke.

- Follow these energy-saving tips for fireplace use:
- Use your fireplace only in mild weather. When the outside temperature is less than 40 degrees F, more heated indoor air is used to keep the fire burning than is replaced by the warmth your fireplace gives off.
 - Consider installing glass doors and a separate air supply vent to allow heat to radiate into the room without sending warm air up the chimney.
 - Remember to close the damper when your fireplace is not in use.

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Saturday, December 2nd

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Dec. 11 & 12, at 2 pm in the Bushnell Gym

CHERRY CREEK, 5th Grade Music
Dec. 12 at 2 pm in The Lowell Performing Arts Center

MIDDLE SCHOOL, Band Concert, Dec. 7, & Chior Concert, Dec. 13 both at 7 pm in the Middle School Gym

HIGH SCHOOL, Band Concert, Dec. 14, & Chior Concert, Dec. 20, both at 6 pm

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