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Icy roadway plays factor in fatal M-21 collision

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An early morning collision on M-21 claimed the life of a Lowell woman Monday.

Sandy VanHeulen, 27, of 818 Lincoln Lake, was pronounced dead at the scene by a Kent County medical examiner.

Kent County Sheriff Department deputy Ron Crystal said VanHeulen

was west-bound on M-21 about 9 o'clock Monday morning when she lost control of the Mazda 626 she was driving.

"Her vehicle spun out of control, going left of the center line," Crystal said.



VanHeulen's Mazda spun into the path of an eastbound United Parcel Service truck, driven by David Bigelow.

"According to witnesses the car lost control on the icy roadway, crossed the center line, giving the UPS truck no chance to avoid impact," Crystal said.

VanHeulen's vehicle was struck on the passenger's side near the rear of the car. Despite wearing a seatbelt, she sustained fatal multiple trauma injuries to the head.

The deputy said a witness driving behind the UPS truck said the truck

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Rezoning hearing scheduled for proposed apartment complex in Lowell Township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The population in Lowell Charter Township may increase substantially during the next few years if a proposed apartment complex is approved by the township planning commission.

The commission will conduct a public hearing on Jan. 15 to determine if it should approve the rezoning of 20 acres of land from Light Industrial and Residential I to Planned Urban Development (PUD).

If the commission approves the rezoning, then developer Curtis Cowles, of Lowell Township, can proceed with his proposed Apartment/Commercial PUD development named Stoneridge.

The proposed site for the development is between Alden Nash and Cumberland Manor, north of M-21.

The site consists of two 10-acre parcels, with the western portion zoned Light In-

dustrial and the eastern portion zoned R-I. Cowles proposed developing phase I of the project on the eastern section.

Under the PUD zoning, the development would need to be served with public water and sewer. Sewer service is currently in place, but Cowles would need to have water lines run to the site.

Cowles' preliminary plans indicate that the development would consist of four two-story buildings containing 24 units each. The apartment would be "upscale" with two bedrooms, a garage and choice between 1,106 and 1,184 square feet of living area.

Preliminary plans indicate that the development would be conducted in three phases.

Phase I would construct one two-story building in the northeastern corner of the parcel. The project would start in the spring, if approved by the planning commission and township board, and would

be completed by fall.

Phase II would consist of constructing a second, and possibly more 24-unit apartment building; no start or finish time was given.

The third phase would allow the development of a commercial enterprise. Once again no start or finish time was given and the type of commercial business was not discussed.

However, discussion of the commercial development included the concept of allowing an initial direct access road onto M-21. The commission and the board would have to approve the construction of any road.

Once the commercial development has progressed and/or traffic lights become available, access to M-21 must be directed to roads controlled by the lights.

The public hearing to discuss the rezoning will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the Lowell Charter Township Hall.

School board votes to utilize bond money on long-term capital improvement projects

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School Board voted to utilize the remaining bond issue monies for long-

term capital improvement projects.

Its decision will serve as a springboard to revisit a list of projects over the next

month or two.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said the list of long-term capital improvement projects presented to the board is the administration's best thinking of how to spend the \$1.2 million from the 1990 bond issue.

"We want to be timely in spending the money, but we don't particularly want to hurry," Bleke said. "The recommended list of projects is open to consideration from the board and community."

Board secretary Norm Byrne and board trustee Ellen McClain both stressed that the projects selected need to be ones that the community will benefit from for years to come.

"The money can be used for no short-term projects. The money is there just one time," Byrne said.

McClain said money should be expended on projects where the community can see the results in 2020. "Items that will not be around in 20 years should be removed from the list. Those items should be taken care of through the general fund."

She added that looking at heating and cooling the schools year round is a practical concept in that schools someday will be open year round.

Bleke noted that probably the biggest and most impor-

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Gifted and talented program will start slow and build toward serving K-12

••• For the first half year, the coordinator will serve Alto and Cherry Creek elementaries.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A full-time gifted and talented coordinator will begin serving the Lowell School District within the next two months.

In its early construction stages, the coordinator will serve Alto Elementary and Cherry Creek elementary students by encouraging learning enrichment activities.

"It's a tough job. I think we need to start small and let it get off the ground," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "After we've gotten the bugs out, then we can look at a gifted and talented program that serves K-12."

Once in place, the coordinator will be asked to focus on a half dozen responsibilities for the remaining 1995-96 school year.

They would include:

- Gathering materials for extension and enrichment activities.

- Supervising, at a teacher's request, an indi-

vidual student or small group in exploring projects beyond the regular curriculum.

- Demonstrating differentiated classroom management techniques to staff.

- Developing cluster concepts and recommending groupings for the 1996-97 school year.

The work model for the gifted and talented position would depend on the availability of personnel, the time of the school year for hiring, and budget allocation from the board of education.

The cost for a half-year

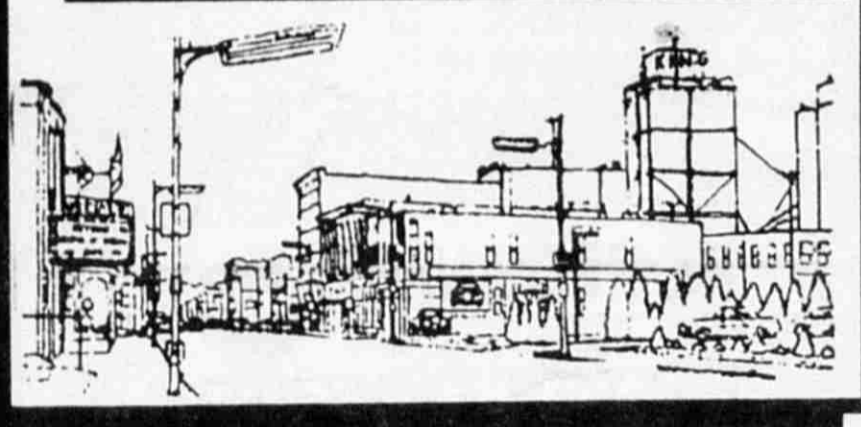
gifted and talented resource person is expected to cost the school \$30,000. The cost for a full-time coordinator including supplies and materials is expected to cost between \$50-\$60,000.

Board trustee Pete Gustafson said while the focus is on Cherry Creek and Alto in the short term, he believes the district should move quickly to expand the position to full time and to eventually include all of K-12.

"I don't want to see us become too focused on the

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Along Main Street



NOTE: ALONG MAIN STREET LISTINGS

For those who wish to announce future events in "Along Main Street," due to space considerations announcements will be published no sooner than two weeks prior to the date of the event.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

The Lowell High School Bands will present their annual Holiday concert on Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school Performing Arts Center.

Performing will be the Jazz Band and the Concert Band. Admission is free and all are welcome.

POST OFFICE HOURS EXTENDED

The postal service will be extending their service hours at the Lowell Post Office in an effort to help their customers during the hectic holiday season.

The new hours will be: Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MR. BROOKS GOES TO BETHLEHEM

The musical "Mr. Brooks Goes to Bethlehem," presented by the children and youth departments of Christian Life Center, will be performed at Cumberland Manor on Sat., Dec.

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OBITUARIES

CEPNICK - Cora Lynn Cepnick, aged 86, formerly of Sparta, passed away Saturday, December 9, 1995, at her home in Kennesaw, GA. She was preceded in death by her husband George in October, 1992. She is survived by her three children: seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters Helena Dintaman, Rosalie and Paul Carey, Bertha Jessup all of Lowell, Maude Chadwick of Reno, Nevada; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 13, 10 a.m., at the Sparta United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Young officiating. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Sparta United Methodist Church.

Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, December 8, 1995. Surviving are her children Joseph (Joanne) Humberger Jr. of Grand Rapids, Jack (Maureen) Humberger of Wyoming, Rosemarie (Harry) Antles of Lowell, 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law Jean Post. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the DeGraaf Funeral Home, with Elder Sylvester Fleecker officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

MORROW - Bonnie B. Morrow, aged 81, entered into eternal life on Thursday, December 7, 1995 at the Lowell Medical Center. He is survived by his three sons Herbert (Geneva), Ernest Morrow all of Grand Rapids; and Roy Lee Morrow of St. Louis, MO; one sister Corine Smith of Nettleston, MS; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 13 at Brown's Funeral Chapel. Rev. Willie Applewhite officiating. Interment at Garfield Park Cemetery.

COLLEY - Philip Shawn Colley, aged 46, of Ionia, passed away December 7, 1995, in Grand Rapids. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Services were held Monday at the Lake Funeral Home, Saranac, with Rev. Brad Center officiating. Interment of ashes North Plains Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Crippled Childrens Fund of Grand Rapids.

WIELAND - Leona Colby Wieland, aged 88, retired cashier at the former Farmer's State Bank of Alto and life-

HUMBARGER - Beatrice M. Humberger, aged 77, of

long member of the Alto Methodist Church, died peacefully December 11, 1995 in Tucson, AZ, after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husbands Emerson O. Wieland in 1938; Walter R. Wieland in 1978; and son Earl C. Wieland in 1991. She is survived by her sister Marian Paul of Hillmam, MI; son Richard (Gail) Wieland of Redding, CT., daughter Marion (Bill) Roth

of Green Valley, AZ; daughter-in-law Sharon Wieland of Lowell; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held Saturday 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas of Alto-Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Memorials may be made to Alto United Methodist Church

Memorial Fund, Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

VAN HEULEN - Sandra R. Van Heulen, aged 27, of Lowell, died December 11, 1995. She is survived by Scott, her husband of seven years; mother Liz Dean of Grand Rapids; father Bruce (Irene) Dean of Grand Rapids; sister Barb (Fred) Bliss of Comstock

Park; mother-in-law Constance Phillips of Lowell; father-in-law Thomas Van Heulen of Orlando, FL. She was a diligent servant of Jehovah. Funeral Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Mr. Larry Abel, officiating. Visitation Wednesday 7 to 9 and Thursday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Interment Fallasburg Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

VFW donates books & tapes to LHS

Gordon Marshall, commander of and on behalf of the members of the Lowell Flat River Post 8303, Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, made a presentation of several books and video tapes to Lowell High School on Monday, Dec. 11.

The books are: A two-volume set called *Faces of Victory; The Fall of The Rising Sun and Liberating A Continent; U.S.A., Medal of Honor Recipients and their Official Citations and Eyewitness*, 150 years of photo journalism.

The video tapes are: The complete six-volume set of the *Victory at Sea* series produced by NBC and the U.S. War Department in 1950-51.

"We, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in this day of political correctness and historical revisionism, are very concerned that the 'real' truth about our national history be made available to our students," said Commander



Pictured left to right: Jerry Biernacki of the social studies department; Ginny Weber, media center specialist; and commander Gordon Marshall, Flat River Post Veterans of Foreign Wars #8303.

Marshall. "We have a news

news and not just reporting it. To avoid the truth when a lie or out of context half-truth suits their needs. Maybe these materials will help to dispel some of the clap-trap, nonsense that has been foisted off on the American public."

Commander Marshall further stated, "At least Lowell's students will be able to read or view the tapes and learn the truth on their own. After the recent fiasco with the USAAF B-29 bomber Enola Gay at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. and the attempts by some curators of "America's Museum" to rewrite World War II history and make it look like the U.S.A. attacked harmless, inoffensive Japan, we got mad and decided to make sure that the students of

Lowell High School had the real events, in the words of many of the persons who lived them, made available."

The books and tapes were presented to L.H.S. by commander Marshall and accepted by principal Scott Vashaw, Jerry Biernacki of the social studies (history) department and Ginny Weber, media center specialist. On behalf of the students and teachers, Weber stated, "We will make sure that they know that these books and tapes are here for their use. We're sure they will enjoy them." Biernacki stated, "These videos are an excellent series and I'll see to it that they are put to good use." Vashaw said, "We thank V.F.W. members for their generous gift."

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Adopt A Road Kent County	20	Lowell Community Fund	25
Albion Support Group	50	Lowell Showboat	27
American Heart Association	95	Lowell Women of the Moose	30
Artists Foundation	4	March of Dimes	450
Blood Bank Donation	12	Michigan Agri. Co-op Marketing Association	100
Blood Drive	12	Mothers March of Dimes	6
Breakfast Forum/Community Dialog	20	Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser	24
Check Investigators Association	12	National Association of Credit Management	6
Church Volunteer	1085	North Kent CCE Assn.	655
Crime Prevention Association of Michigan	12	Order of Eastern Stars	25
Crop Walk	4	Riverside	14.5
Fallsburg Fall Festival	4	Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce	110
Franciscan Sisters	50	Ronald McDonald House	8
Grand Rapids Youth Symphony	22	School Volunteer	676
Holland Jaycees	10	Thanksgiving/Christmas Family Project thru FMB	10
Hopps	4	Township Parks Committee	25
SACD	12	Top Gun Tea	8
Junior Achievement	140	Vergennes Township zoning	30
Kent Community Hospital	60	West Michigan Crime Prevention Association	12
Kent Metro Check & Credit Card Association	16	West Michigan Check Fraud Association	12
Lowell Area Housing Trustee	40	YMCA	375
Lowell Medical Care Center	20	Lowell Life League	25
Lowell City Council	220	4-H	27.5
Lowell Chamber of Commerce	114	Lowell Lions Club	10
Lowell Area Arts Council	550	Tri-River Ducks Unlimited	260
Lowell Womens Club	736	Lowell Area JC's Creekside Project	40
Lowell City Planning Commission	40	Goodwill Vergennes Sundry Donor Board	40
Lowell High School Athletic Boosters Club	35	Lowell Senior Center	7
Lowell Rotary	225	Lowell Area Historic Association	6
Lowell Library	225	Lowell School Foundation	10
Lowell Board of Education	500	Family Advocate Group - Lowell Medical	24
Lowell Club	72		
Lowell High School World Studies Council	100	Total:	7,853.00

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. (Hebrews 10:19)

Whenever a children's program is given, it is the tiniest tots who steal the show. Many of them are so bashful they can scarcely climb upon the platform. They dig their toes into the floor, hang their heads, and steal glances at the audience out of the corners of their eyes.

Bashfulness has its good points. Usually the overconfident person is unpopular. But many people go through life doing without because they do not have the courage to ask for what they want.

Prayer is the wonderful privilege of God's children. Through prayer we can receive the strength and confidence to live outgoing lives. Through prayer we can be renewed in the image of our heavenly Father. Through

prayer we can receive help in time of temptation and trial. And through prayer we can intercede for the needs of our loved ones and friends.

Christians, we have been bidden to come boldly to the throne of grace and make our requests known. There are many blessings in store for those who have the boldness to "enter into the holiest."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, what a wonderful privilege it is to "enter into the holiest"! Through Thy precious blood I have access to the Father in heaven. At Thy throne of grace I can make my wants and wishes known. There I find favor and rest. Amen.

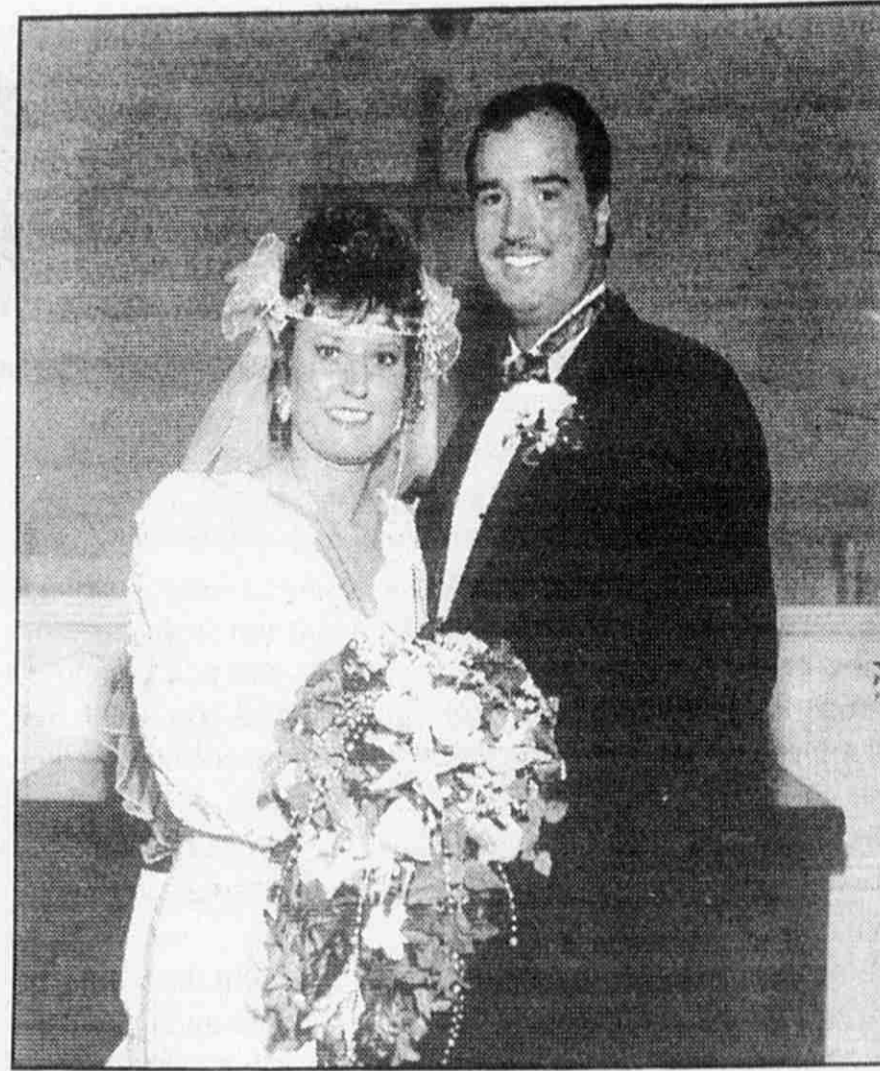
There is rest, sweetest, at the Master's feet.

There is favor now at the mercy seat.

For atoning blood has been sprinkled there.

There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer.

E.E. Hewitt



Karen and Kelly Potter

Kelley and Potter exchange vows in October wedding

Karen Kelley and Kelly Potter were married October 28, 1995, at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

Parents of the bride are Steve Kelley and Mike and Char Kooistra.

Parents of the groom are Kelvin and Mindy Potter and Rick and Connie Taylor.

Maid of honor was Kris Kelley. Bridesmaids were Jamie Malcolm, Ingrid Brown, Kristin Potter, Mary Buckius and Jill Shick.

Best man was Dean Davis. Groomsmen were Steve Seppela, Pete Brown, Brian Kelley, Randy Patton and Ron Metternick.

Flower girl was Taylor Thomson and ringbearer was Jordan Potter. Ushers were Luke Taylor and Kurt Zalokar. Master and mistress of ceremonies were Dan and Linda DesJarden.

AREA BIRTHS

Jesse and Laura Droog have a new baby sister at home! Her name is Delaney Shae. She was born November 21, 1995, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Their proud parents are Mark and Lynn Droog of Alto. Grandparents are Jim and Norma Peterson of Alto. Carol Droog of Florida. Great-grandma is Nellie VanderVeen of Grand Rapids. Their aunt is Kathy Peterson of Lowell.

The time which we have at our disposal every day is elastic; the passions that we feel expand it, those that we inspire contract it; and habit fills up what remains.

—Marcel Proust

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 14 - Chris Kropp, Bryan Robert Roth.

DEC. 15 - Roger Brown, Karen Latva, Tammy Baird, Kathryn Duiven, Kristin Ellis, Danielle Brenk.

DEC. 17 - Bill Ellison.

DEC. 18 - Danielle Anchors, Hillary Graves, Cliff Walling.

DEC. 20 - Ed Mohr.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week Of Dec. 18, 1995

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, steamed peas, French bread and margarine or peanut butter, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Lowell Red Arrow Sub Sandwich, homemade vegetable soup, crackers, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, homemade roll & margarine or peanut butter, fresh or canned fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza pockets, fresh baby carrots, fruit juice, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: WINTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti or crisp-tito with cheese stick or chef salad. Choose Two: Mixed vegetables, cole slaw, salad, French bread and margarine, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Ham and Swiss Sub Sandwich or roast beef & cheese sub sandwich or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Vegetable soup, side salad, 1/2 deli dill pickle, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or pork chop patty or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Corn, mashed potato & gravy, side salad, homemade roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza pockets or burrito or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Side salad, rice, cole slaw, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

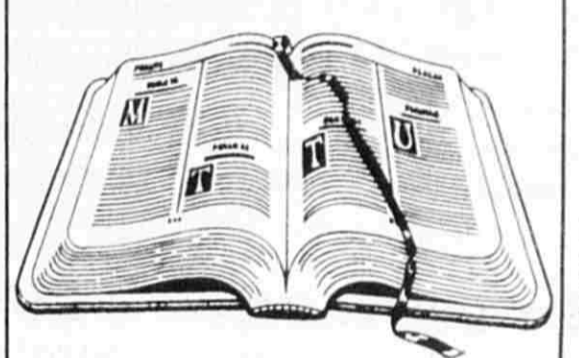


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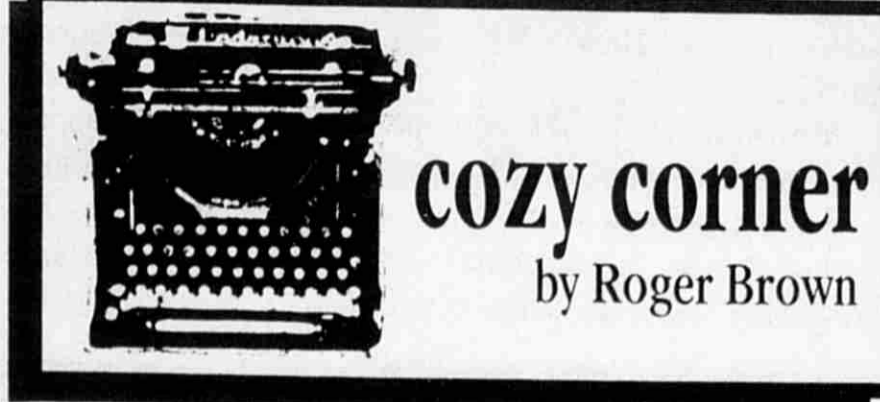
Poster contest allows students to show their support for Kash 4 Kids program

Winners of the FMB State Savings Bank Kash 4 Kids poster contest were, left to right: Christine LaFave, Andy Hansen, Greg Post and Christina Getz. For her efforts LaFave won a \$50 savings bond. Hansen and Post each won a T-shirt for their teamwork poster, and Getz won a book of McDonald's coupons and a cold drink thermos.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.		CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free	LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH <i>"A great place to bring your family"</i> 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price
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Viewpoint ..



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I recorded another personal aviation first a couple of Saturdays ago. Other firsts that rank up there in my memory bank include my first solo flight at age sixteen. I hate to admit it, but that was 30 years ago. For various reasons, all having to do with the distribution of my very limited wealth at that time, I gave up flying shortly after that first solo flight. I got back into it about eight years ago, and I vividly remember being turned loose by my instructor for another go at flying solo. There seems to be something about being alone in an airplane that really grabs your attention and etches the moment in the gray matter forever.

My first solo cross country flight comes to mind, as does my first night flight, my private pilot check ride with an F. A. A. examiner and taking my first passenger up. It was my wife - she was scared silly and I'm sure she remembers the event at least as well as I do. My first solo flight in an open cockpit biplane was also the first leg in ferrying my Stearman home from Wendover, Utah. I took off, and the next thing I knew I was flying around snow-capped mountains with peaks a couple thousand feet higher than I'd ever flown in a light plane. That entire trip was peppered with aviation firsts for me. Unfortunately, a ground loop that tore up a wing and broke a wheel was one of them. I don't like those kind of firsts.

Other notable firsts include landing a plane on skis in the snow, landing a float equipped airplane on water and taking a float equipped airplane off from a grass runway. This was accomplished by perching the airplane on a makeshift cart. On my first attempt the plane bounced sideways on the cart, the left float rubbed against the left wheel of the cart and I made an immediate unplanned left turn into a plowed corn field. We dragged everything back to the end of the runway, nailed some chocks to the cart and I made it the second try. A lot of these firsts that rank high on my recall list seem to be mishaps. My first engine failure and subsequent first dead stick landing are vivid memories, to say the least.

Aerobatics get my attention. My first spin, loop and roll are all etched in my memory. Just a few weeks ago I made my first landing on grass in a floatplane. I recounted that event in this column, but it's also tucked away forever in my list of aviation firsts. I could go on with this list, but I should probably get to what I intended to write about in the first place.

It's hard to believe, considering the weather we've had lately, but two Saturdays ago was a pretty nice day. The temperature was well into the forties, the sun was out and the wind wasn't howling. All in all, a pretty good day to aviate. I had spent the better part of the afternoon installing a storm door on my hangar and somewhat enviously watched planes taking off and landing at the airport. With a couple of hours of daylight left, I couldn't take it any longer and rolled the Cessna 180 out of the hangar. As pilots and motorcyclists are fond of saying, I had to blow the stink off.

I have a fourth interest in the Cessna I'm referring to. It's the plane we have on floats in the summer months. A heavy hauler and legitimate four-place airplane, I felt a little guilty about firing it up just to haul my lard butt around the sky. Since there wasn't time left in the day to round up any passengers, I

resigned myself to going alone. My dogs had been following me around all day, and as usual, they put on their sad eyes and droopy ears when I began messing with the airplane. I threw a blanket over the back seat, gave them the command, "Let's go!" and I embarked on another personal aviation first...flying dogs around.

This may seem a bit tame when compared to some of the other things I've listed, but there are a few things you should keep in mind. One, these aren't lap dogs we're talkin' about. Between them, there is a couple hundred pounds of rambunctious Labrador retriever. Two, neither had ever flown in a light plane. Three, I was alone in the plane and didn't have anyone to help if things got out of control. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean to imply that this situation ranks up there with a dead stick landing, but it did have my attention.

After my run-up, I announced my takeoff intentions on the radio. An instructor flying a student in the pattern acknowledged and said something cheery about it being a nice day to fly. I responded with, "Yup, takin' the dogs up for a ride." This instructor knows me, knows my dogs, knows flying, and immediately sized up the situation. She came back with, "I suppose we'll read about this in your column." In very proper radio jargon I replied, "Only if they puke."

To be honest, the event was pretty uneventful. Thor, my old Lab, has made the trip to Florida a couple of times in the baggage compartment of a big jet. I believe he thought that's what he was in for, curled up in the seat and went to sleep. Tito, the young and wild one, sat with a terribly befuddled look on his face. He didn't seem to be too thrilled about the adventure. We toured around the area for the better part of an hour and landed without incident. Another personal aviation first for my log book. And, even though nobody poked, flying the dogs around was material for yet another column.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 13, 1895
Most railroads are advertising reduced and half-fare holiday excursions.
Editor Edwin Reid of the Allegan Gazette is arrested for sending obscene matter through the mails; he reported in detail a "nasty local scandal" and to make matters worse, added some salacious verse of his own.

The new dam, complete with Lefel "wheel" (turbine) is estimated at \$23,000, and a village vote on whether to finance the dam is authorized. Through all the motion-making, Look, Lee, Winegar and Bergin are on one side. Collar, Quick and Hunter on the other.

One man is camping out in a hut of cornstalks equipped with a stove while he husks the corn in his field.
Potatoes were such a good crop in northern Michigan this year that they are a glut on the market and farmers are going broke.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 9, 1920
The State Highway department will replace the upper Grand River bridge next year, as well as connecting the west end of Main Street with the Ada Road with over a mile of concrete pavement.

The Congregational Christian Endeavor (youth) group will present Hiawatha and the Courtship of Miles Standish in pantomime Sunday evening at City Hall.
The Cloverleaf Club hears a speaker from the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce on the subject of the proposed Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Deep Waterway.
The undefeated Lowell Foot Ball team even edges the alumni, 7-6. Their total-season points in eight games: 321-13 (91 points in the Catholic Central Reserves game).

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 13, 1945
The Christmas creche will include a program each evening

at 8 p.m. The Board of Trade is offering prizes for the best house and store decorations.
The Lowell Post of the American Legion has raised \$16,000 toward erecting its own building.

The housing shortage according to Bay City housing manufacturers is, because of being occupied with war contracts, there is no dry lumber to be had.
Don't travel this Christmas; the trains will be jam-packed even worse than during the war.

MSC Extension is planning a two-truck display of labor-saving devices gleaned from five years of producing large wartime crops with a chronic shortage of labor. The exhibit will tour the entire lower peninsula.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 10, 1970
Lots of rain last week.
The Servicemen's Committee of the First United Methodist Church packs Christmas candy for their 27 church-related servicemen.

City Council orders city manager Blaine Bacon to look into setting up a low-income housing authority; Lowell will be eligible after the new building codes have been in place for six months.

Council is working on a payment plan for sewer assessments where construction costs were double the estimates.
A connector road between West Main and Foreman is discussed only for planning purposes, no money.

Thad's thoughts

I was doing the Christmas card thing Saturday night at the "Kraus Estate" while listening to the "Learning Channel." The topic of this one-hour documentary was single women who had not yet had children and were running short of time on the old biological clock.

The discussion dealt with a handful of women who were all turning to artificial insemination.
This artificial insemination program involved more than walking in and saying, "I will take the semen in test tube number three."

They worked their way through a computer program which identified what kind of characteristics and/or features they were looking for in their semen donor.

The reasons these women had not yet borne any children included not finding Mr. Right and having put a career first. They had now reached the point in their life where having children would make their life complete - which is where the debate started. Yes, it would make their life complete. But, for the newborn, their life starts out incomplete for they are without a father.

Their argument was that these women would be loving, nurturing mothers and would do a good job of raising a child. The other point is - this didn't mean that they wouldn't someday marry.

An English professor noted that it seemed wrong that society is asked to put in place a program for women who choose to put a career first, so they can also have children.

She noted that there are no programs in place for women who put having a family first that guarantees they can have a career too.

Another professor noted that his concern was the mind set "what is best for me." He found it morally troubling to him that these women were interested in what was best for them and not necessarily the newborn.

The other side of this story was the men who make semen deposits to these banks. The program noted that at least in this case the donors were limited to two deposits a week.

Quite literally they could be the father of a number of children. Is this ethically or morally correct? What happens if they return someday to become acquainted with their biological child? Most importantly, what affect does all this have on the child?

Over the last week, I attended a planning commission meeting where the site plan for the new library was discussed.

I also attended a Downtown Development Authority meeting where the progress of the work for the downtown was discussed.

The information about the new library and the leg work that has been executed without a hitch stirred something within me. I'm not trying to be overly dramatic here, but the Friends of the Library and everyone else who has been involved up to this point should be proud and excited. I know from what I have witnessed and experienced it isn't always easy to get everyone to pull on the rope in the same direction.

Sitting and listening to the DDA meeting got my blood racing in anticipation of what's to come over the next year in Lowell. There was also a part of me that was torn because I did not try to be a part of it. I thought about becoming involved when the DDA committee was being formed. However, with my job as a reporter, I thought there might be a conflict.

I now regret that I didn't put my name in the hat when people were being considered for the DDA board. It also crossed my mind that if I'm to let my job as a reporter prevent me from becoming involved in important community projects, well then maybe there is another calling out there for Thad.

I've probably bored the majority of you, the readers, by now, but I like the idea of being civic-minded and involved.

How did all this surface? I had a discussion with Chuck Myers of FMB Bank a day or two after the DDA meeting. He asked me why I haven't been involved, not knowing that I had been kicking myself for my lack of involvement. Chuck must have some supernatural powers. Before we were through I asked him, to let me know if I could be of help in any small part of what remains of the new library project. Maybe Chuck is just a great recruiter.

TOWN TALK

What are your thoughts on the president sending peace-keeping U.S. troops to Bosnia?



Dave Lockwood
I'm against it. I don't see how it's in the national security interest. But, since they are going I will support the troops.

Dan VanDyke
I don't agree with it. There is enough stuff going on that's wrong in this country. So, why send troops over there?

Elmer Graves
I don't think we need to. Let's take care of our own people instead of spending money to go over there.

Christian Roberts
I think we should take care of our problems here and not in a foreign country. I think, even in this case, we are too quick to jump in.



Joyce VanDyke
I'm not very happy with the decision. I have a nephew who's going over to Bosnia.

Ted Hoseth
I don't think much of it. We have no right being over there.

It is treating the commonplace with the the feel-
ing of the sublime that gives to art its true power.
—J.F. Millet

Juniors inducted into National Honor Society

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Scholarship, service, leadership and character are the qualities from which the Lowell Chapter National Honor Society was built.

The 30 juniors who were inducted into the National Honor Society on Nov. 30 all had a cumulative grade point average of 3.4.

In addition, these students displayed attributes which make up the other three tenets of the National Honor Society membership.

This year's speaker for the induction ceremony was Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

He called the students' academic success one of the cornerstones of a productive future.

Bleke's comments focused on the importance of character.

"Character is our ethics and spiritual base. Without character, it is all but impossible to achieve success in scholarship, leadership or service," Bleke said. "In the end, the daily and on-going devel-

opment of our character will define our true success."

Students submit applications listing their activities and involvements during their high school years. A faculty committee reviews the applications in light of the requirements established by the national organization. Those students who meet the requirements are invited to be members.

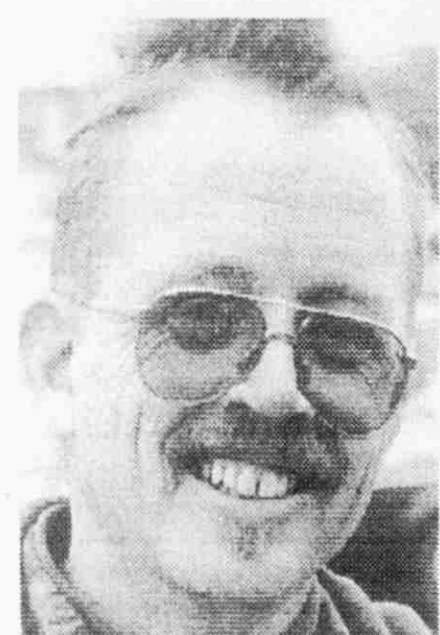
The program's induction was hosted by National Honor Society president Joel

Uzarski. The advisor for the Lowell National Honor Society Chapter is Jill VanAntwerp.

The junior members who were inducted into the National Honor Society were Corrine Arnett, Aaron Brander, Esther Cesarz, Tom Friedrich, Carrie Hubbard, Nathan Lietzke, Eric Myers, Lisa Rollins, Ann-Marie Townsend, Angela Ward, David Arnold, Denny Briggs, Joe Corey, Shari Grieser, Suzanne Inman, Jack

Livingston, Brett Plattner, Aaron Skidmore, Sara Triplett, Brian Willmarth, Troy Ballard, Melody Brubaker, Scott Douglass, Casey Harper, Terresa Kenney, Melissa Luyk, Elizabeth Reimbold, Shelly Staal, Betsy VanderVeen and John Wojciakowski.

This year's senior officers are Joel Uzarski, president; Scott Smith, vice president; Amy Teunis, secretary; and Cara Thaler, treasurer.



Dan Scott
Just hope it's not another Vietnam.



Elaine Martin
I don't think we can just ignore what's going on over there. I just wish we didn't have to send our troops.

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Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

Perhaps the two most important tasks of a school board and superintendent are to assure excellence in educational programming and sound financial practices and procedures.

During the past several months, our board has wrestled with how to best utilize the remaining \$1.1 million from the 1990 bond issue. To reach this decision and assure public input, two community forums devoted specifically to this issue have been held. Additionally, the board has discussed this question at regular board meetings and work sessions. This week the board of education has decided that the most productive use of the remaining bond monies would be to utilize these funds for long-term capital improvement projects. The Board of Education was faced with several options

prior to this decision. Basically they fell into two areas: Option 1) Offer to buy back some existing long term bonds or return a one-time refund to taxpayers; Option 2) Utilize the funds for improvement projects from the 1990 bond issue not yet completed (the option the board chose).

The board's logic was that while payback procedures or immediate refunds would result in some savings for the individual taxpayer, the savings would not amount to an appreciable sum. Additionally, the board was desirous of completing projects that they felt were critical to the long-term infrastructure of the district.

While decisions of this type are extremely complex and difficult with pluses and minuses on both sides of the argument, the board is confident that this decision will maximize the 1990 bond monies entrusted to the Lowell Area Schools.

The following is a recommended list of projects presented to the Board of Education that includes estimated costs and logics for placement on the list.

RECOMMENDATION LIST/1990 BOND ISSUE

Project	Estimated Cost	Logic**
Middle School/Air Handler	\$240,000	1,2,3
Parking Lots	200,000	1,3
Tennis Courts H.S. (8) and Repair at M.S. - Tennis Courts	200,000 5,000	1,3,4 1,3,4

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R.S. Phones	20,000	1,2,3
Security System	6,000	1,2,3
Boiler (3 places) Repair/Replace	75,000	1,2,3
Playgrounds - Bush, Runci, Alto	75,000	1,2,3,4
Discus Protective Fence	4,000	1,2,3,4
Risers H.S. Choir	7,000	1,3,4
Art Room - High School	20,000	1,3,4
Riverside (Boiler, Window, Exterior)	80,000	1,2,3
Media Technology	35,000	1,3,4
Central Office Technology	90,000	1,3
H.S. Water - Sprinkler	30,000	2,3,4
High School Storage Barn		
FFA lab and parking	70,000	1,3,4
Video Projector - Performing Arts Center	28,000	1,3,4
Piano - Alto	5,000	3,4
Carpet at Bushnell	5,000	1,3
Misc. classroom furniture	20,000	3,4
	\$1,215,000	

**
1) Part of original bond project
2) Safety issue
3) Long-term project
4) Directly impacts educational programs

Capital Commentary

MICHIGAN BECOMES THE FIRST TO REFORM WELFARE USING BLOCK GRANTS

Last Wednesday night all eyes were on Michigan as Governor Engler signed legislation that will end welfare as we know it. Through this legislation, Michigan is now the first state to accommodate for federal block grants, which Congress is expected to pass.

Without question, no government program has had a more destructive effect on the physical and emotional state of American society than the welfare system. It's been destructive to both those who have become dependent on it, and those who are required to pay for it.

The American family has paid a tremendous price both financially and culturally for this well-intentioned, but ineffective system. On the financial side, out of every dollar that goes into the welfare system, only about 28 cents reaches the recipient. We should consider this not only a huge waste of our tax dollars, but a moral outrage as well. The American family has also paid a tremendous price culturally because the welfare system has torn apart our families, the most basic foundation of civilization. Creating incentives for minor children to have children, for wives to leave husbands, for husbands to leave wives, and for recipients to stay home and collect welfare rather than go to work.

If one needed to come up with a perfect plan to destroy a civilization, they couldn't have done much better than our current welfare program. Finally it's coming to an end.

Over the past few years, it's become apparent that any effective welfare program must require individual responsibility and get people to work. Michigan has taken the lead in moving in this direction. In 1992, we enacted a major building block in this reform in order to help families become self-sufficient.

Our results have been exciting. In Michigan today, the number of families receiving assistance has fallen to historically low levels, and almost 30 percent of those who are on welfare are now working. That's over three times the national

average. And now Congress has recognized our success, and the federal government is returning the responsibility of helping people to help themselves back to the states. That's what our founding fathers had always intended.

To emphasize the change in focus from these new reforms, we're changing the name of the Department of Social Service to the Family Independence Agency.

We're removing all disincentives to work from the welfare system and replacing them with the toughest work requirements in the nation. Under our program, those who receive assistance must participate in the Social Contract, pledging to work at least 20 hours per week. Anyone who is not willing to work will be cut from benefits.

To make sure deadbeat parents live up to their obligations, professional licenses may be denied or revoked as a penalty for nonpayment of child support.

Recipients will receive cash, instead of food stamps when they have earnings of at least \$350 per month for three consecutive months. This will eliminate the stigma and reward their responsibility.

We're committed to providing services designed to meet each family's need, provide them help as a family unit rather than requiring them to split apart.

All minor parents will be required to live in an adult supervised setting and attend school. That way they learn how to care for their child and will get an education to help them provide for their child's future. We'll also assist in child care in order for them to go back to work or school.

Under our plan, we'll involve communities by working in partnership with churches and other community organizations. These organizations are closer to the people in need and can solve many of the real problems, whether by mentoring or counseling, not just hide the symptoms.

Once again, the entire nation is looking at Michigan as a leader in government reform. This welfare reform is a bold step, and one that is necessary for the survival of Michigan's families.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

Strep throat can also be present without symptoms - sometimes called a carrier state. However, most people will experience symptoms when infected with strep and these include fever, throat pain, redness, and swelling, headaches, generalized fatigue, and frequently bright red tonsils with patches of pus.

Strep throat is diagnosed by performing a rapid strep test or throat culture in the office. Treatment consists of saltwater or antiseptic gargles, tylenol, and penicillin. Penicillin or other antibiotics are usually prescribed for 10 days and should be taken until they are completely gone to prevent complications and bacterial resistance. Antibiotics have reduced the frequency of complications including rheumatic fever, sinusitis and kidney disease. Children are usually allowed to return to school 24-48 hours after starting antibiotics as long as the temperature is normal and they feel up to it.

Tonsillectomy is still recommended for patients that experience repeated strep infections requiring antibiotic treatment. Tonsillectomy will not reduce the frequency or severity of viral upper respiratory or throat infections.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP WINTER TAX COLLECTION HOURS

December	Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
January	Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
February	Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14th LAST DAY FOR TAXES

March 1 - Last Day for Dog Licenses
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16 at 10 a.m. It will also be performed on Sun., Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Christian Life Center, located at 3050 Alden Nash S.E. Lowell.

LIVE NATIVITY

A live Nativity will be held at St. Mary's Monday, Dec. 18 through Saturday, Dec. 23. There will be five animals and people in costume from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each night.

A community sing will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 23. Everyone is invited to attend.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

All are invited to Carols By Candlelight which will be held Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E. Lowell.

Bond, continued... From Page 1

tant project on the recommended list was the middle school air handler and district boiler areas.

Another area of concern for Bleke was the diminishing state of the parking lots. "Some of the district parking lots look more like wheat fields," Bleke said.

McClain suggested that possibly some projects should be dropped so that more money could be spent in these areas.

Board treasurer Steve Idema felt that it was important to note that the board's decision to spend the remaining bond

money on long-term projects rejected processes to reduce taxes for taxpayers.

Reasons for this, according to Idema, were:

- One process limited the time period taxpayers could enjoy a reduction in taxes, and it would not begin for 10-11 years.
- A second process reduced taxpayers' obligations for one year by one mill and then returned to its original total.
- A third process was repurchasing the bonds. Idema said

this was a complicated and costly legal possibility.

Bleke said the cost for the projects were close and conservative estimates.

The Lowell superintendent said he is hopeful the approval by the board will be completed by the end of summer.

"Completing some of these long-term capital improvements I think will help assure stability of our buildings and facilities," Bleke said.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Margaret Hobbs, 43, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 6 when she struck a post in the FMB Bank lot on East Main.

William Haskins, 28, of Muir, was involved in a very minor property damage accident at Main and Hudson St., Dec. 1 when the car he was driving was backed into by a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old juvenile from Lowell.

Karl Armstrong, 32, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers Dec. 4 on a failure to appear in court for a probation violation issued in 63rd District Court.

Michael Sorenson, 47, of Lowell, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol Dec. 5.

A vehicle owned by Wittenbach Sales on West Main was struck by a hit and run driver on Dec. 8 or 9 while it was parked on N. Pleasant St.

Timothy VanBlaricum, 25, of Sidney, was involved in a property damage accident on Hudson north of Main St. Dec. 10 when he struck the rear of a car driven by Thomas Green, 28,

of Sand Lake. VanBlaricum was arrested by Lowell officers for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Patrick Flanagan, 32, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident on M-21 at the entrance to the Family Fare Mall when he slid into a van driven by Debra House, 36, of Gowen.

Treasa Erb, 19, of Saranac, lost control of the vehicle she was driving and struck a car driven by Todd Farmer, 35, of Grand Rapids Dec. 11 on Main near West St. A third vehicle driven by Lynn Bogard, 47, of Grand Rapids, struck a sign when Bogard lost control of her car when attempting to avoid the accident. No injuries were reported.

A 15-year-old from Sebawa and a 14-year-old from Ionia will be charged at a later date in probate court of Ionia County with theft of a vehicle after being caught by Lowell officers Dec. 10 shortly after taking the van from Ionia.

Kristen Simon, 21, of Lyons, struck a parked vehicle in the Cherry Creek Elementary lot Dec. 8 owned by Karen Latva of Lowell. No one was injured.

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money on long-term projects rejected processes to reduce taxes for taxpayers.

Reasons for this, according to Idema, were:

- One process limited the time period taxpayers could enjoy a reduction in taxes, and it would not begin for 10-11 years.
- A second process reduced taxpayers' obligations for one year by one mill and then returned to its original total.
- A third process was repurchasing the bonds. Idema said

this was a complicated and costly legal possibility.

Bleke said the cost for the projects were close and conservative estimates.

The Lowell superintendent said he is hopeful the approval by the board will be completed by the end of summer.

"Completing some of these long-term capital improvements I think will help assure stability of our buildings and facilities," Bleke said.



Sandy VanHeulen was westbound on M-21 early Monday morning when the vehicle she was driving spun out of control and into the path of a UPS truck.



VanHeulen, cont'd.... From Page 1

driver was going about 45 miles an hour.

Crystal estimated that

VanHeulen was traveling at about 55 miles per hour.

Bigelow suffered minor injuries and complained of back pain, but refused medical help.

G&T, continued... From Page 1

elementary level," Gustafson said. "I think when we can, we should expand in the future beyond the elementary program."

Board secretary Norm Byrne said he hopes the gifted and talented program looks at all areas. "In the past, schools have used the gifted and

ent program just for schoolastics," he said.


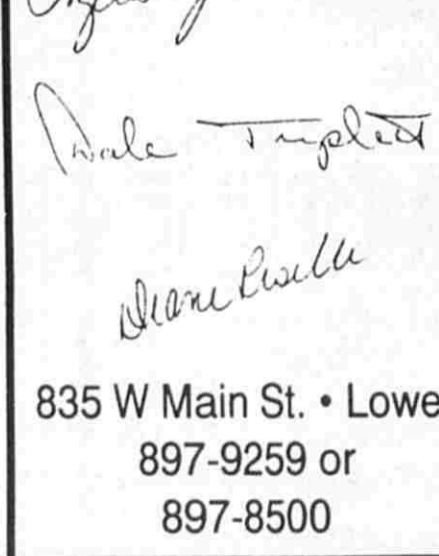
Bleke explained that the concept is that a dedicated resource person will assist students and staff to better address the needs of gifted and talented students and that it will be done this year as a beginning trial at two of the elementary schools.

The superintendent said an evaluation component would be developed by the gifted and talented committee to assess whether objectives for the 1995-96 year had been met and whether to recommend that this position include K-12 capacity.

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MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 18, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 19, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 20, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in 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 451-8953. 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.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, 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.

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 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights trailer park pavilion. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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EVERY WED.: Clubhouse Ministries for children (ages 2 thru 6th-grade). Lowell Wesleyan Church at the 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. 7 to 8 p.m. Complete program of activities to help kids grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. For more information please call (616) 897-6890.

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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 Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

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.

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MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS:** 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall.

TUES: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI:** 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

THURS., DEC. 14: 12:30 p.m., Shopping, Meijers. **THURS., DEC. 21:** 12:30 p.m., Christmas party.

FRI., DEC. 15: 12:30 p.m., Reminiscence. **FRI., DEC. 22:** Center closed.

TUES., DEC. 19: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class. **MON., DEC. 25:** Center closed.

WED., DEC. 20: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council. **WED., DEC. 27:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

SAT., JAN. 13, 1996 - Home snowmobile safety course Testing Location, 9 a.m. Flat River Sportsman Club, 11841 Potters Rd. To participate contact the DNR at 456-5071 or 350 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI, by December 31, 1995.

FEB 22-MAR. 3, 1996: Hawaii Cruise. Contact Mary Condon at 897-7092 for more information.

1ST SUN. IN MARCH: Lowell Lakeland Florida group. Change of meeting place to Huntington Hills Golf Course. For information call 897-9542.



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—Alfred North Whitehead

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CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution No. 12-95

RESOLUTION CREATING AND ADOPTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Councilmember Hodges, supported by councilmember Thompson, moved the adoption of the following resolution: WHEREAS, the City is authorized pursuant to the Building Authority Act, Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1948 (first extra session), as amended (the "Act"), to create a building authority for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefore, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof (collectively, the "Facilities") for use for any legitimate public purpose of the City and to assist the City in the financing of such Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to create a building authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Lowell Building Authority (the "Building Authority") is hereby created to be effective January 1, 1996.
2. The Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles") of the Building Authority attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby approved and adopted.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of the Articles of Incorporation to be published once in the **Lowell Ledger**, a newspaper circulated within the City, accompanied with a statement that the right exists to question the incorporation of the Building Authority as provided in the Act.
4. The City Clerk is further directed to file a copy of the Articles with the Kent County Clerk with instructions to the County Clerk to file a copy with the Michigan Secretary of State and the recording officer of the Building Authority.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions to the extent of any conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

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

NAYS: Councilmembers none.

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers none.

ABSENT: Councilmembers none.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: December 4, 1995

David M. Pasquale/City Clerk

Exhibit A

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LOWELL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the Building Authority Act, Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1948 (first extra session), as amended (the "Act"), the following Articles of Incorporation of the City of Lowell Building Authority are adopted by the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, a Michigan municipal corporation, as the incorporating unit pursuant to the Act:

Article I. Name of Authority.

The name of the Authority shall be the City of Lowell Building Authority.

Article II. Name of Incorporating Unit.

The incorporating unit creating the Authority is the City of Lowell, a Michigan municipal corporation (the "City").

Article III. Purpose.

The Authority is created for the purpose of acquiring,

furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefore, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for use for any legitimate public purpose of the City.

Article IV. Authority Commission.

The Authority shall be governed by a body known as the "Commission" composed of three (3) persons which shall be appointed by the City Council of the City, but shall not be members of the City Council. Such Commissioners shall serve for a three-year term, except that for the initial appointments one person shall serve a one-year term, provided any such appointed Commissioner may be removed at any time by the City Council with or without cause. Should it be necessary to replace a Commissioner prior to the expiration of his or her term, the City Council shall appoint a person to serve during the unexpired term. Said Commissioners shall designate one of their members as Chairperson, one as Secretary and one as Treasurer. Said Commission shall adopt bylaws and/or rules of procedure and provide therein for regular meetings.

Article V. Powers and Duties.

The Authority shall have all those powers and duties set forth in the Act including, but not limited to, the power to acquire, furnish, equip, own, improve, enlarge, operate and maintain a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefore, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof for the use and benefit of the City for any legitimate public purpose; to enter into, execute and carry out contracts, leases and other agreements pertaining to such property and facilities and the use thereof; and to provide for and issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving and constructing a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefore, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof for the use and benefit of the City for any legitimate public purpose. In addition, the Authority shall have all other powers conferred upon it by law and not otherwise prohibited.

It shall be the duty of the Commissioners and officers of the Authority to implement, carry out and execute the above-described powers and duties.

Article VI. Body Corporate.

The Authority shall be a body corporate with power to sue and be sued in any court of the State of Michigan. It shall possess all the powers necessary to carry out the purpose for which it is incorporated and those incident thereto. The enumeration of any powers in these Articles of Incorporation or in the Act shall not be construed as a limitation upon such general powers.

Article VII. Effective Date.

These Articles of Incorporation and the Authority shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

Article VIII. Publication of Articles of Incorporation.

The City Clerk, who shall act as recording officer for the Authority, shall cause a copy of these Articles of Incorporation to be published once in the **Lowell Ledger** a newspaper circulated within the City, accompanied with a statement that the right exists to question the incorporation of the Authority in a court of competent jurisdiction within sixty (60) days after the filing of such Articles with the Michigan Secretary of State and the Kent County Clerk as provided in Section 6 of the Act.

Article IX. Amendments.

Amendments may be made to these Articles of Incorporation as provided in Section 10 of the Act.

Article X. Registered Office

The location of the registered office and the mailing address of the Authority is:

Office of City Clerk
City of Lowell
301 E. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331

Fire department's blood drive comes at an opportune time

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Between Thanksgiving and New Years, people are busy preparing for the holidays and traveling.

For the Grand Valley Blood program this often means a decline in the donation of blood.

Toni Gould, director of communications and marketing for the Grand Valley Blood program, notes that in order for the program to meet its needs it must collect between 100-150 pints of blood every day.

"During the holiday period (people's busy time), we must work to keep all types of blood available," Gould said.

The Grand Valley Blood program is helped in its efforts by organizations like the Lowell Area Fire Department and other organizations who hold blood drives.

"We are appreciative of the work that the great folks at the Lowell Fire Department do for us each year," Gould said.

As is the case in most years, the blood program is in need of most blood types. Gould explains, "We're low on all blood types."

The community of Lowell can help by participating in the Lowell Area Fire Department's fourth blood drive of the year on Wednesday (Dec. 13th) from 3 until 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

Gould added that while the storage time for blood types is constant, the blood components' storage time varies. "Platelets can be stored up to five days and frozen plasma can be stored up to a year," Gould said.

All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions.

—Adlai E. Stevenson

Bowes Road will be Artic Inc.'s new location

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The new year will bring a new location for Arctic Inc. Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

Owners Everet and Catherine Bek opened their business eight years ago at 1002 W. Main. Their new location will be at 1301 Bowes Road. That change is expected to take place by the first of the year.

Besides service and installation of gas furnaces, air condition-

ing systems, humidifiers, programmable thermostats, electrostatic airlifters and electronic air cleaners, Arctic Inc. will offer geo-thermal heating and air conditioning systems and radiant in-floor heating systems.

"In addition to our Arctic Inc. business, we are going to add a Ryder truck service," Catherine Bek said. "We think it will be a nice addition to the service we already offer. Ryder called us four/five months ago and asked if we

were interested in offering the service."

Bek explained for eight years their business has continually grown. "With or without Ryder, we were going to move," she said. "With Lowell growing so much, we feel that the time is right to have this local service available at residents' doorsteps."

The new building measures 2,500 square feet. Arctic Inc. will utilize 1,250 feet of it.

Bek says Schneider Elec-

tric is going to share some of the building space. "Another business has shown interest in renting out some of the space," she said.

The additional space will allow Beks to offer customers some retail items. "At this time, space is available to rent for anyone interested," Bek said.

Plans in the future include expanding the building with more rental space available for offices and/or other businesses and storage rooms.



Contractors work to pour the cement floor at Arctic's new building.

Groundwater contamination concerns tackled by county's newest AmeriCorps member

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer



Philip Throop

Farmers concerned about possible groundwater contamination can now turn to Philip Throop to help solve their problems.

Throop is one of Michigan's 15 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) AmeriCorps members and it's his job to work with Kent County landowners, primarily farmers, to evaluate land for possible contamination.

Throop, who works from the Timberland Resource Conservation and Development district office in Sparta, is in charge of working with landowners from around the county.

"Normally, counties have a groundwater steward as well as an AmeriCorps member, but Kent County wasn't able to get federal funding for that position this year, so I'll be servicing the entire county out of this office," said Throop.

AmeriCorps is a domestic Peace Corps program which engages Americans, especially young people, in community service work across the nation. AmeriCorps offers opportunities for Americans age 17 and older to serve their country and earn educational credit toward a college or vocational training.

Throop became involved in AmeriCorps after graduating from MSU to help pay off student loans and help pre-

vent water pollution from the public's drinking water supply.

"People don't realize how vulnerable groundwater is to contamination," said Throop. "36, a recent Michigan State University graduate (MSU). "It affects everyone, especially people who get water from beneath farms."

Besides visiting farms and analyzing groundwater, Throop can also provide Farm*A*Syst farm operation evaluation forms. These forms are an information package developed by the MSU extension service office that allows farmers and other landowners to identify risks to their groundwater.

"I'll look at the basic practice used by farmers and assess what effects they have on the water supply," he said.

Farming practices are not the sole reason why some water supplies get contaminated, said Throop. One of the fastest ways water can become contaminated is from abandoned wells.

"Unused and abandoned

wells represent a serious threat to groundwater because they act as a direct conduit to groundwater," Throop said. "It's estimated that there are more than one million abandoned wells in the state, from old bucket wells to wells with two-inch pipes."

To help curb that contamination Throop said the USDA is offering a program which helps with the closure of abandoned wells by paying for 90

percent of the cost.

Throop said there are other programs as well which encourage the closure of wells, and added that all the services his office offers are confidential.

Most of the services offered are done so with no cost to the farmer or landowner. Throop can be reached at his office from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. by calling (616) 887-5760.



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Steve R. Simkins of Lowell is one of 1,476 candidates for bachelor's degrees at Michigan State University for fall 1995. He is a candidate to receive a BA in criminal justice.

Advanced degrees were conferred at commencement ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 8, at Breslin Student Events Center. Andree L. Roof, an Arkansas Supreme Court associate justice, gave the commencement address.

Entrepreneur Frederik G.H. Meijer, chairperson of the executive committee of Meijer Inc., addressed undergraduate degree candidates in the college of Arts and Letters, Business, Communication Arts and Sciences, Human Ecology and Engineering at the ceremony on Saturday.

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At a session of said Court, held in the Courthouse, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on: November 20, 1995

PRESENT:
Honorable George S. Buth
Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff having filed its Complaint to quiet title, having filed its Motion under MCR 2.105(D) for an Order Permitting Service of Process by Publication under MCR 2.106 and for an Order to Answer, and the Court otherwise being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Defendants Donald M. Pierce, Spouse of Donald M. Pierce, and the Occupant of real property commonly known as 728 Prospect Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(State of Michigan) shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law at the offices of the Clerk of this Court at the Courthouse, 333 Monroe, NW, Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the last date of publication of this Order. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a Judgment by Default against said Defendants, which shall vest Plaintiff with absolute fee simple title to the following described real estate situated in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Defendant(s)

Lot 12, Block 7, J. Penny's Addition to the City of Grand Rapids, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 33, Kent County Records. Tax Identification Number: 41-14-31-183-005.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that service of process of this Order and Summons and Complaint heretofore filed, may be made upon Defendants by publication of a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper in circulation in Kent County, Michigan, and by sending a copy of this Order, Summons and Complaint to the Defendants at 728 Prospect Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication.

GEORGE S. BUTH
Circuit Court Judge

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (KENT COUNTY)

OTTACO, INC.
A Michigan Corporation,
Plaintiff

vs
DONALD M. PIERCE;
SPOUSE OF DONALD M. PIERCE; AND THE OCCUPANT OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 728 PROSPECT AVENUE, SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503.

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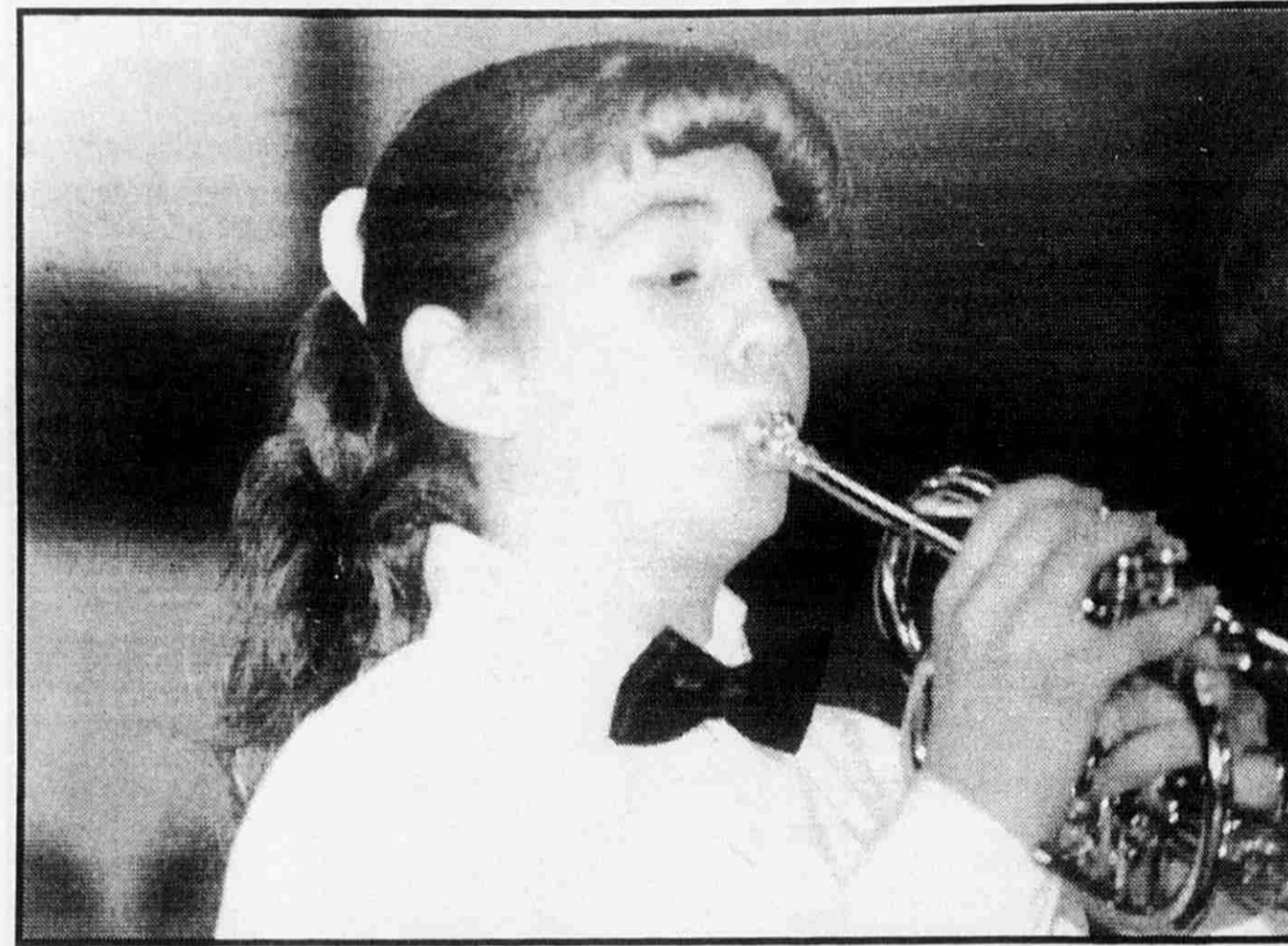
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LMS students fill the air with sounds of the season



Pictured above is Beth Fredline an eighth-grade trumpet player.



Pictured above are eighth-grade flutest, left to right, Maggie Wisner and Laurie Biener.



Pictured above are seventh-grade percussion members, left to right, Ben Vander Veen and Jackie Thuston.



Pictured above, left to right, are seventh-grade saxophone players Charlene DeShane and Katie Warner. Playing next to them are members of the baritone section.



Pictured above is Kyle Holst an eighth-grade trombone player.

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FILE NO. 95-161,128-IE
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Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

JOHN D. MITUS
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DECEASED
SS# 375-18-3408

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Lowell hoopsters split season-opening games with Vikings and Jackets

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush's final words to his Red Arrow squad, before it took the floor Friday night against Greenville, were playing well in the opening four minutes and playing with intensity.

Lowell opened with a 9-4 lead after four minutes of play, and then went on to a convincing non-league 56-34 win over the visiting Yellowjackets.

"We got off to a good start and were then able to maintain our intensity," the first-year coach said. "The boys rebounded well and hustled."

Lowell led 13-7 after one quarter of play and 21-14 at halftime.

The Red Arrows opened it up in the second half as they outscored Greenville 35-20.

Leading 35-24 to start the final quarter, the Red Arrows put the game away with a 10-3 run to start the fourth period.

"We were able to get some quick buckets off transition tonight," Bush said. "If transition is not there, we must be patient. That will also help us on defense."

Steve Bossard led all Red Arrow scorers with 14 points. Mike Bielecki contributed with 10 points. Aaron Brander scored six and B.J. Barber. Joe Seitz and Chris Wilcox all netted five points apiece.

Bush was pleased with the play of point guard Joe Hobach. "He isn't flashy, but Joe is patient and he doesn't try to do too much."

Greenville's coach, Kent Ingles, was disappointed with his club's play. "We are not playing to the level we're capable. That's more disappointing than losing."

Lakewood 54
Lowell 41

A 16-0 run to open the game led the visiting Vikings to an easy 13-point win.

Lowell's only bucket of the first quarter came with 1:54 to play in the period. B.J. Barber netted a three-point shot.

After opening an 18-3 first-quarter advantage, Lakewood outscored Lowell 11-8 in the second quarter to grab a 29-11 halftime lead.

"We got down big early. It makes it difficult to come back," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "Defensively I thought we did some positive things. Lakewood's three-man front zone made it difficult for us to get the ball to the wings."

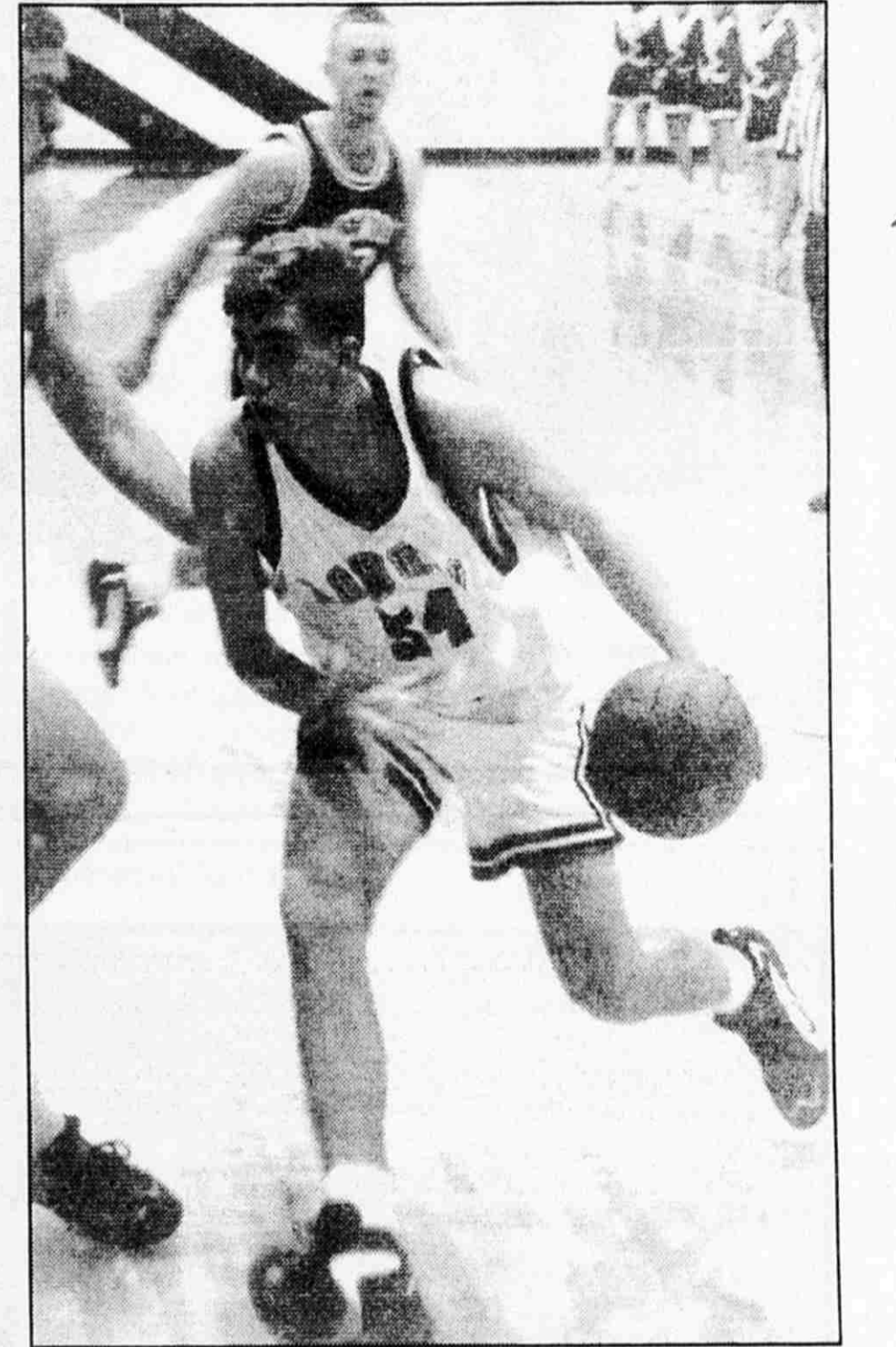
Lowell showed more patience in the second half as it outscored Lakewood 30-25.

"I thought we showed some guts and determination in the second half," Bush said.

Mike Bielecki led all Lowell scorers with 10 points. B.J. Barber tallied nine while Aaron Brander and Chris Wilcox each added seven.

Jason Elenbaas and Matt Goodmoot both tallied 13

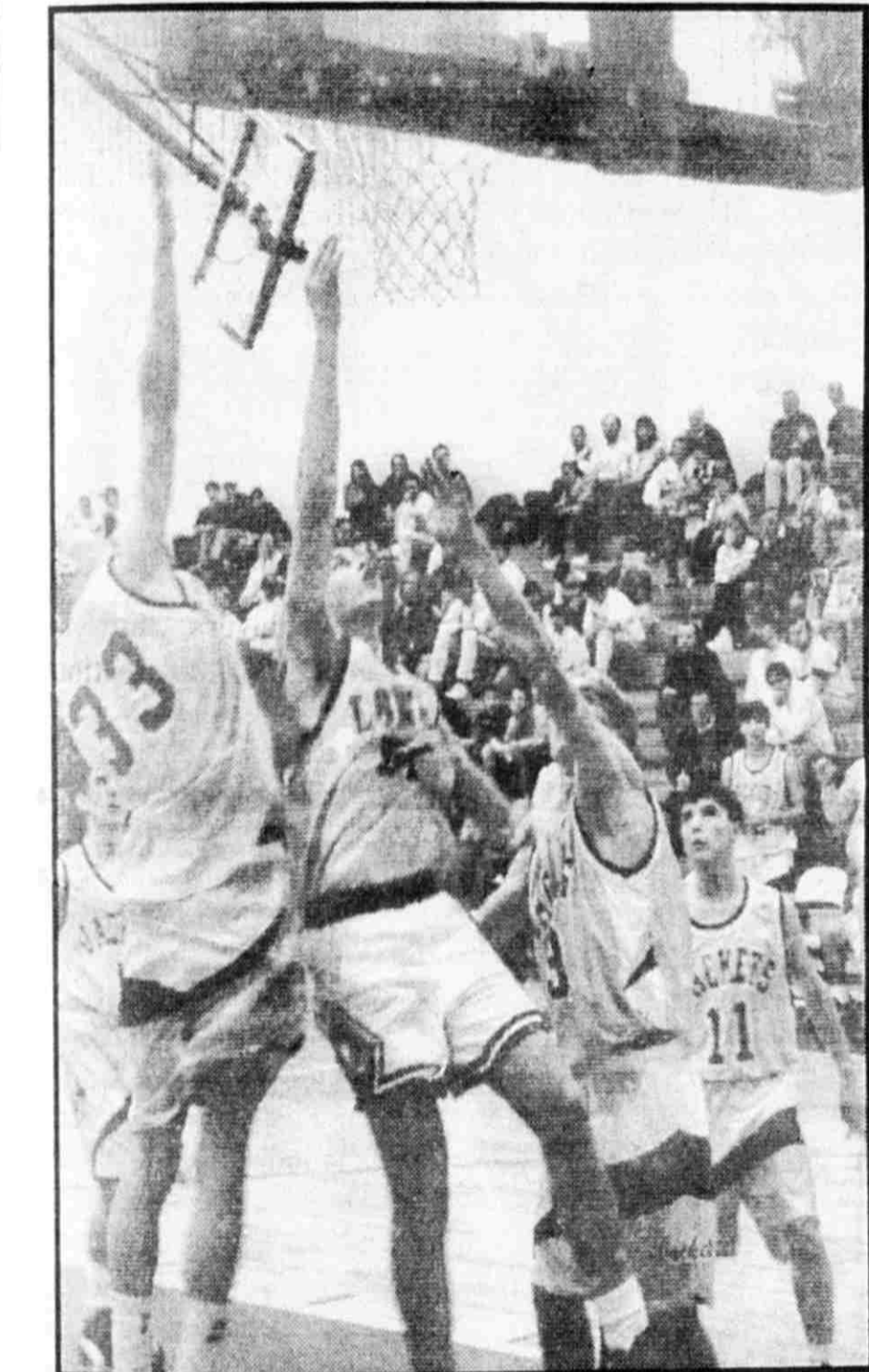
points for Lakewood. Lowell finished the week at 1-1. It opens up its play in the O-K White this week with games against Hudsonville (Home) and East Grand Rapids (Away).



Chris Wilcox drives baseline against his Lakewood opponent in the Red Arrow season opener.

Contest to be televised

Lowell Cable Television Channel 2 will televise five basketball games, three wrestling matches, two volleyball games and two gymnastic meets this winter season. All games will be shown at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Joe Seitz battles for a rebound.

Township of Grattan County of Kent, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on January 3, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grattan Township Historical Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed amendments in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

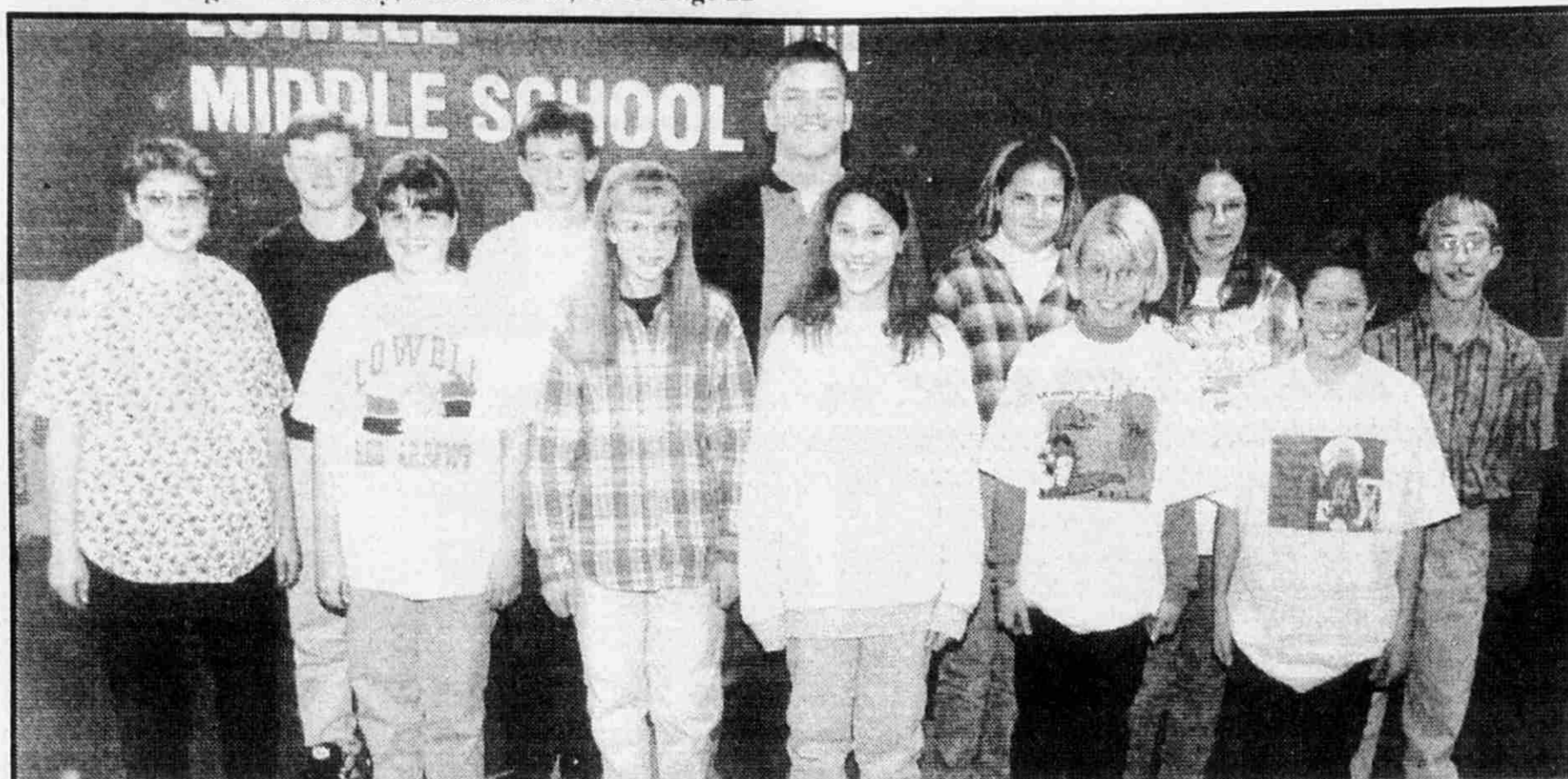
The Zoning Ordinance amendments to be considered at the public hearing include the following: Section 3.01 covering accessory buildings and structures; proposed Section 13.24 covering buildings or structures not accessory to a principal use; and Sections 4.01 and 4.04 regarding nonconforming lots and other matters.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, or any of them. Written comments concerning the proposed amendments, or any of them, may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: December 11, 1995

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

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TAMPA BAY VS. CHICAGO	CHICAGO	TAMPA BAY	CHICAGO	TAMPA BAY
OAKLAND VS. SEATTLE	OAKLAND	SEATTLE	OAKLAND	OAKLAND
Last Week's Record	7-3	4-6	6-4	5-5
Overall Record	81-58-1	86-53-1	89-50-1	86-53-1



LMS Students-of-the-Month

Front row, left to right: Annie Tuinstra, eighth-grade; McKenzie Fell, seventh-grade; Stephanie Ellison, eighth-grade; Jessica VanPatten, seventh-grade; Kelly Riddle, sixth-grade and Bill Harrison, sixth-grade;
 Back row, left to right: David Barry, eighth-grade; Zach Stauffer, sixth-grade; J.J. Vrooman, eighth-grade; Audrey Schoenthaler, sixth-grade; Laura Miller, seventh-grade and Andy Brubaker, seventh-grade.

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Young Lowell grapplers just a move or two short at Battle Creek

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The young Red Arrow wrestling team impressed their coach Saturday at the Battle Creek-Lakeview Invitational by what they knew and what they showed they could do.

"The first-year varsity kids wrestled well. They were just one or two moves from going further," said Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers. "They did their moves well, but didn't finish."

The Lowell grapplers lost a number of matches in the third period. "We need to work on conditioning. Some of the boys were wrestling tired in the third period."

East Kentwood won the invitational with 199.5 points. It was followed by Charlotte 120.5; Battle Creek-Lakeview 101.5; Gull Lake 87; Pennfield 82.5; Battle Creek Central 81; Lowell 70; and Lansing-Waverly 58.

Lowell was led by its senior, all-state wrestler Dan Spicer. The Red Arrow was 3-0 on the day.

In the 119-pound championship match, he defeated Battle Creek-Lakeview's Nick Carr 7-6.

"It was a tremendous match," Rivers said. "Dan got caught in a headlock and found himself down by five points. But he kept going. With 15 seconds left in the third period, he took Carr down for the win."

In earlier matches, he pinned Nick Wentworth of Pennfield at 1:50 of the first period. Spicer also pinned Mike Gerand of Lansing-Waverly at 2:49 of the second period.

Placing third in the tournament were Casey Harper, 112 pounds, and Matt Inman, 145 pounds.

Harper was 3-1 on the day. He opened with a pin over the fourth seed, Lance Richards of Pennfield. The pin came at 50 seconds of the first period.

Harper closed the day with a 12-11 decision over Richards, earning him a third place spot.

"Casey had a good day. He may have surprised some others, but he wrestled well which is what we expected from him," Rivers said.

Harper's only loss came to Charlotte's David Robinson. He was decided 16-4.

Inman defeated Dan Koenigsnecht 7-0 to earn a third. His other win came against Rob Snyder of Charlotte. He decided Snyder 9-0.

Inman lost to the second seed in overtime by the score of 6-4.

Earning fourth-place finishes were Nick West, 103 pounds, 1-2; Bryan Danilowicz, 125 pounds, 1-2; Brett Plattner, 130 pounds, 1-2; and Joel Uzarski, 160 pounds, 2-2.

West's win came in an 18-8 decision against Paul Bruce, Pennfield.

Danilowicz's win came against Jason Jones of Lakeview. He won 17-15.

Plattner defeated Charlotte's Marty Bailey 24-18.

Uzarski defeated Gull Lake's T.J. Harbeck 8-3 and pinned Ricky Bix of Lakeview at 1:43 of the first period.

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TOPS!

Lowell's Friends of the Library earned top honors in the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade float contest. For their efforts they won \$100.

Chamber names lighting and decoration winners

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cousin's Gift Shoppe (owner Karen Hale), won the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas lighting and decoration contest for the second straight year.

It also marked the third time in five years that Cousin's has won the event.

For its work Cousin's received the honorary plaque.

Honorable mention honors were bestowed upon Pippi's Playhouse, Backwa-

ter Cafe, Rupert's Drop and Attwood Corp.

In the traditional category of the resident competition, Jon, Chris and Jessica Vezino earned top honors.

Placing second was Darla West.

Bob Pfaller placed third.

Honorable mention recognition went to Dale Latva.

Winning the spectacular category was Jay Milley, 10801 Woodbushe Dr.

Jeff Bailey, of Spring Street, was second.

Jim Austin, of 1640 Sibley Street, was third.

Dale Reed and Kurt Highscheider received honorable mention recognition.

The top three residents in each category received shopping certificates at chamber outlets. First place received a \$50 certificate, second place got a \$35 certificate and third place earned a \$25 certificate.

A Spirit of Christmas honor was given to John Erickson.

Audit claims school district has made big strides, and suggests ways it can continue to improve

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell School District auditor Phil Saurman commended the district on the progress it's made in its audit over the last year.

He also offered suggestions regarding the day-to-day operations of the district's internal control and computer accounting systems to the business manager and accounting personnel.

"I think the district should be commended for the complete overall that it has done," Saurman said. "Last year there

were many serious suggestions and recommendations made in the audit report."

This year, Saurman left the administration with three recommendations. "They are of the fine-tuning variety. Since this audit the district has already started following up on the suggestions noted in it."

Saurman is hopeful that the suggestions will ease the day-to-day operations of the business office and assist in more efficient monthly and year-end financial record keeping and reporting.

"I think the most important recommendation is the review of the budget, especially the revenue," Saurman said. "At various times information changes from the state. These changes are some times looked on as something being wrong with the district program and that is not true."

Saurman said Lowell business manager Dale Folkert is being more responsive "I think in the past too much information was discussed and decided on behind closed doors," he said. "I think that is changing now because Lowell is being more responsive to changes that occur throughout the year."

He used Folkert's report on the proposed budget adjustments for the 1995-96 school year as an example of the district's responsiveness.

Suggestions and recommendations made by Saurman

for improvement were:

- That the general fund revenue budget be reviewed on a regular basis throughout the year and amended where necessary; to be more responsive to fluctuations in actual revenues; and allow for a more accurate projection of year-end fund balances.

- That the respective duties of the district accounting staff in the business office be reviewed with the objective of improving internal controls and efficiencies within the computer payroll and accounting system. Accounting functions should be directed toward sharing of duties, rather than the independence of functions that now exist within the business office. A further delegation of duties from the head accountant to other personnel is advised.

- That the district business manager must take a more active role in the preparation and review of preliminary monthly bank reconciliations, computer accounting reports and financial statements.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said he was pleased with the direction of the audit report. "However, we're not satisfied. We want to improve upon the day-to-day operation and fine tune the operation even more," he said.



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