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## Paper & Pen Poetry Club shares the spirit of Christmas with Lowell family



Pictured above, left to right, are: President of the Paper and Pen Poetry Club, Jean McNutt, and Erin, Brad and Brent Grover. The Paper & Pen Poetry Club adopted the Grover's as the family it would help this Christmas.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Brent Grover and his two children Erin and Brad had the love and generosity of the Christmas season shared with them Saturday.

Attired in elf-like caps, members of the Saranac Paper & Pen Poetry organization delivered presents, a Christmas tree and tidings of great joy to the Grover home.

Lowell's Sharon McMahon, a member of the nonprofit organization and a teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary, asked Grover if he'd mind if the Paper & Pen Poetry organization adopt his family for Christmas.

Grover, aided by his strong faith in God, accepted the good-will offering.

"The Lord is in my heart. He keeps me humble," Grover said. "Through him I have been able to accept the goodness that has come our way."

The single father of two children said it has been a difficult year for his family. Without the help of the Paper & Pen Poetry organization, his children would not have

experienced the joy of the season enjoyed by others.

"The generosity of the Pen & Paper Poetry organization gives me hope for the community and the country," Grover said. "It has spread holiday joy and cheer to our family."

This is an inaugural year for the poetry organization.

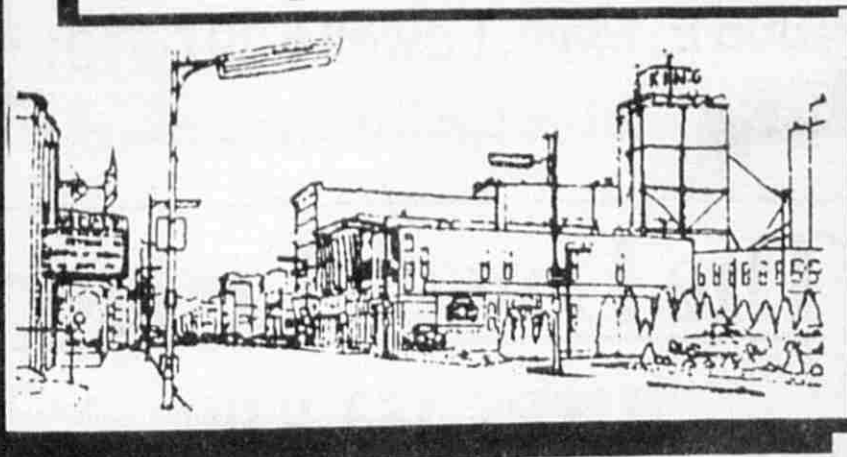
"It is really a great feeling to be able to help out others," said the president of the organization Jean McNutt. "We hope we're able to adopt another family next year."

Joining McNutt on the Christmas delivery were elves Tony, Delores and Jill Owen; Margaret Beeman; Penny Armstrong; Randy, Doreen and J.D. Bates; Dan DeMay; and Cheryl and Paul Greiner. The Christmas tree was donated by McCords out of Ionia.

Five-year old J.D. Bates gave the Grovers a television on behalf of his family.

Grover is employed by Fryling Construction out of Cascade.

## Along Main Street



### 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.

### FIFTH-GRADE MUSICAL ON LCTV

The Cherry Creek fifth-grade musical will be shown on LCTV channel 2 on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 20 Main Street, cont'd., pg. 8

## New zoning ordinance maps changes in areas of city

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The adoption of a new zoning ordinance as presented in the master plan March was adopted by the Lowell City Council Monday night.

Lowell Planning Commission chairman Michael Blough said the new zoning ordinance provides definition, consolidation of zoning requirements around the city, and it makes sure growth occurs in a manner expected.

The planning commission spent many months reviewing the new zoning ordinance. At a special meeting and public hearing on Dec. 11, the

planning commission passed the new zoning ordinance.

Map changes in the new ordinance were:

- Rezoning the east side of James Street R-1, making the minimum floor area 1,000 square feet. This is down from the previous requirement of 1,500 square feet.

- Rezoning the south side frontage properties along West Main from the new NAPA building to the city limits to C-3 (public facility) from industrial.

- Rezoning the entire United Methodist Church block a public facility with

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## Special long-term community projects make 1995 in Lowell "One To Grow On"

The year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five will be remembered as "one to grow on" for Lowell.

Plans for a new \$1.2 million library are revealed. During the year, the Lowell Library Committee, with the help of the Friends of the Library, take in donations of over \$800,000.

Lowell Township undergoes major renovation to its township hall.

The initial stages of the Downtown Development Authority project begin with the razing of the Hobby Stop.

A preliminary plan for a movie theatre is approved by the Lowell Planning Commission. The theatre is scheduled to open in the summer of 1996.

Rite Aid announces it will be moving into a brand new building on the west end of town, located next to the old Plumb's grocery store. The Plumb's building is also renovated into a strip mall.

There were also a few face changes in '95. Lambert Variety is sold by its long-time owners Duane and Arlene Lambert to Michael Sprenger. The store's new name is Springrove Variety.

Lowell Schools hires Bert Bleke as its new superintendent. Jim DeWeerd resigns as Lowell's high school principal and is replaced on an interim basis by Scott Vashaw.

Mayor James Maatman says his 16th year on the council will be his last. Fittingly, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce honors him as its "Person of the Year."

Bob Perry is honored with the Charles Forsythe award by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for his lifetime commitment to serving Michigan's educational sports community.

Due to a declining enrollment, St. Mary's announces that its school will not open in 1995.

The community of Lowell mourns the passing of some long-time friends - Mac Fonger, Gould Rivette, Tone Siciliano, Richard Curtis and Evelyn Wittenbach.

What follows is a chronological order of the year's events which were documented in the Lowell Ledger:

### JANUARY 4, 1995

**Lamberts Bid Farewell**  
After 13 years of owning and operating Lambert Variety, a throwback in concept to

the "five and dime" stores of 30, 40 and 50 years ago, Duane and Arlene Lambert said they would miss it, but felt comfortable in knowing it was time to sell.

**Moderate MEAP Scores**  
Members of the Lowell community question school officials as to why Lowell students' MEAP scores are lower than neighboring schools and why their students' class scores are moderate with room for improvement.

### Student Representatives

Joel Uzarski was appointed to the student representative seat on the Lowell Township Board. Heather Young was named the student representative on the Lowell Township Planning Commission for the 1995 year.

### Building Boom

Court Nederveld, owner of Nederveld Construction and Finance, was granted a building permit from Vergennes Township for the construction of a six-unit apartment building on a 6.25-acre piece of property on Fiat River Court.

### Road Commission Says "No"

Lowell Township's efforts to obtain funding from the Kent County Road Commission for the M-21/Bowes Road project were denied. The road commission did agree to prepare an engineering study and act as the acquisition agent for the project.

### JANUARY 11, 1995

### Closing Its Doors

Declining profit margins and the customer's inability to purchase gasoline were key factors in Garb-Ko's decision to close the 7-Eleven Store at 800 W. Main.

### Completion Confirmation

Questions surfaced as to why the network infrastructure at the schools has not been completed. Technology coordinator Mark MacDonald said Industrial Communications Company agreed that if a contract was confirmed by Dec. 20, 1993, then the work would be completed by July 30, 1994. MacDonald pointed out that a three-month control

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## OBITUARIES

**HOEL** - Jessica Lynn Hoel, aged 7 months, infant daughter of Chandra Hoel, passed away Thursday, December 14, 1995 at her residence in Plaquemine, Ohio. Besides her mother, Jessica is survived by her grandmother, Jane Feutz of Rockford; her great-

grandmother Evelyn Feutz, and her great-great grandmother Dolly Feutz, both of Grand Rapids; her uncle Mark Hoel of Mulberry, Florida; and her aunt Mrs. Jason (Jessica) Hamilton of Lowell.

**SMITH** - Francis R. Smith,

aged 94, of Lowell, died Friday, December 15, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary L. Smith and grandchildren Rosemary and Darwin. He is survived by his sons Edwin (Elaine) Smith of Saranac, Emerson (Betty) Smith, Bernard Smith, all of Lowell; brother Jess Smith of CA; sister Florence VanWesierenen of Kootenay, MT; seven grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. Francis was retired from King Milling Co. after 30 years of

employment. Funeral Services were held Monday at Calvary Grace Brethren Church, with Rev. Michael Funderburg officiating. Interment Bownie Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Grace Brethren Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst of Lowell.

**STOUFFER** - Margaret (Margie) J. Stouffer, aged 72, of Lowell, formerly of Cascade Township, died Thursday, December 14, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband William E. Stouffer. She was the loving mom and grandmother of Sandra (Roland) Cardin of FL, William (Susan) Stouffer of Lowell, Charlotte (Doug) Brink of Wyoming, David (Bonnie) Stouffer of Lowell, Emory (Marlee) Stouffer of Caledonia, grandchildren Michele Cardin, Kristen, Elizabeth, Holly and Kathryn Stouffer, Rebecca and Andrea Brink, David, Richard, Will-

iam, Darcy and Tim Stouffer, brother Norman Swainston of Grand Rapids; sisters Lillian (Ronald) Palfhausen, Dorothy (Claude) Colburn, all of Caledonia, Marian (Joseph) Lombardo of Dorrt. Funeral Services were held Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Robert A. Gerke officiating. Interment Holy Corners Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The following offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 1995 and Tuesday, December 26, 1995 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 1, 1996 and Tuesday, January 2, 1996 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

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The following offices will close on Friday, December 22, 1995 and Monday, December 25, 1995 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 1, 1996 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

LOWELL CITY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## Lowell teachers donate winning turkeys to ACCESS 6

Eight Lowell School District teachers were the lucky winners of the Lowell Education Association's "Did You Catch a Turkey?" contest.

Teachers who had a lucky sticker in their Thanksgiving Day card won a turkey.

This year the eight winners donated the turkeys to needy families in the Lowell School District. The turkeys were given to the ACCESS 6 Food Pantry at the First United Methodist Church.

The winning school employees were Bert Bleke, central office; Heather Kohtz, high school; Ron Grody, middle school; Linda DeCator, Cherry Creek; Nola Bryan, Bushnell; Jim Kovach, Alto; Margaret Vanderbilt, transportation; and Linda Heeringa, community education.



Pictured above, from left to right are: Gordie Barry, Grody, Bryan, and Jody Haybarker, ACCESS 6 Food Pantry Coordinator.

# Cost and need temporary road blocks for North Kent Transit Service in Vergennes Township

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township senior citizens in need of transportation could be serviced by the North Kent Transit Service if the township board agrees to allocate Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) to the organization.

However, the board must decide if the service is needed within the township limits and how much (if any) of the CDBG funds should be allocated.

"I don't know if we have a

lot of seniors who need this service," said township supervisor Jim Cook. "We are witnessing a lot of growth, but most of the people who move in here don't need this kind of service."

According to a letter sent by the Hope Network, Vergennes Township residents have contacted them about using the service.

North Kent Transit is a division of the Hope Network, a nonprofit organization which has been providing transportation for more than 30 years.

It currently serves resi-

dents in Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Lowell, Plainfield Solon, Sparta and Tyrone townships as well as the city of Rockford, and the villages of Sparta, Casnovia and Kent City.

Persons with disabilities and persons over 60 years old would be charged \$2.50 for destination with the primary service area (areas listed above) and \$5.50 to other Kent County destinations.

Students and the general public are charged \$5 and \$11 for the same service areas.

Township trustee Alain Baird doesn't oppose the ser-

vice but is leery about the cost of joining the program and the township's length of commitment.

"I'd rather pay the \$2.50 or \$5.50 per ride than allocate a \$1,000 for the year," said Baird. "If we give \$1,000 and only 15 people use it during the year, then is it worth it?"

Using figures from Lowell Township (which allocated \$2,000 of its CDBG funds to North Kent Transit in July) trustee Mark Weber projected a rough cost estimate for Vergennes Township.

"So far 22 people have used the service in Lowell

Township. If you figure that out over a year and divide it by \$2,000 it equals \$23 per trip," said Weber. "Considering Lowell is bigger than we are, and I don't believe we would get as many people using it, I would rather pay the \$2.50 or \$5.50 also."

The township board agreed to investigate the need further and talk with Lowell Township officials to determine if they are happy with the service.

"I don't want them to come back to us and say, 'O.K. this is your new bill,' ask for more money or give us a contract to sign telling us this is our commitment," said Baird. "I want to make sure this is something that is needed. If we can only use CDBG funds for this, then I won't have a problem. But if we can use the funds elsewhere, then we should look at those items also."

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versity pushed back the confirmation date.

### Lofty Goals

The Lowell YMCA Involvement in Youth campaign sets a goal of raising \$17,000 in the advanced gifts section of the 1995 campaign.

### Targeting Block Grant Funds

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale noted that the yearly allocation of federal Community Block Grant Funds could be used to finance a key element of future west side water improvements. The key element of the installation would include a 12-inch water main on Gee Drive from Ridgeview to Foreman.

### Blimpie's Open House

Jim and Sandra Fizer held an open house to unveil Blimpie's restaurant and the new location for their Showboat Video store.

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Township Offer Rejected

Lowell's City Council turned down Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpson's offer to pay 25 percent of the engineering services and construction costs for the Bowes Road realignment project.

### Stepping aside...

Vergennes Township agreed not to oppose abandonment proceedings on the proposed development of Downes Street.

### Architect Hired

Lowell Township hired Jeffrey Parker and Cornerstone Architects to redesign and renovate the current township hall.

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### Restoration vs. Modernization

Sue Collins, from the historic district of Marshall, speaks to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce about the value of historic district

restoration. Collins said the notion that it is too expensive to rehabilitate a historic building in accordance with the Department of Interior guidelines may not be true.

### How Computer Manuals Should be Used

A committee of Lowell teachers and administrators meet to discuss how computer programming should be used in classrooms. The discussion came about because there were

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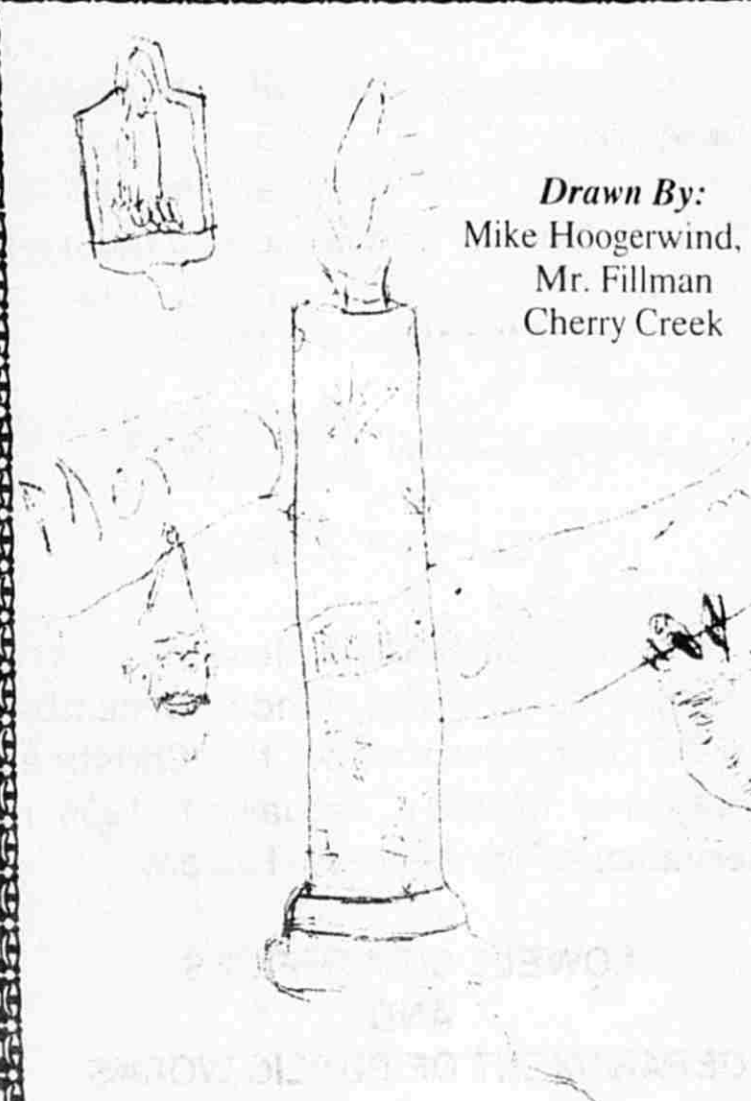
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# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

**REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 11, 1995**

Athletic Fund	\$24,362.71
Food Service Fund	\$25,541.37
Trust and Agency	\$35,469.01
1990 Building and Site	\$15,403.52

• MESSA Option All resolution.  
• Summer Tax resolution  
• Adult Ed resolution.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The Board approved the General Fund bills in the amount of \$884,777.12.

**BASEBALL TRIP** - Bert Bleke informed the Board that Kris Kropf is requesting approval for a baseball trip during Spring break. The Board will discuss this issue further at their Curriculum/Policy Committee meeting and the item will be placed on the agenda for the January Board meeting.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT** - Dale Folkert presented a brief report on adjustments to the 1995-96 budget. This item will come back to the board as a budget amendment resolution at the January Board meeting.

**BUS PROPOSAL** - Dale Folkert and Larry Mikulski presented the need for four additional buses to be purchased during the 1996-97 school year. This item will be placed on the January Board agenda.

**REPORTS - READING UPDATE** - Jennifer Bolhuis, At Risk Reading Teacher, gave a report to the Board of her role in helping students and teachers with the reading curriculum. She also gave several reading examples from the MEAP test.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Shawn Eshragh asked several questions regarding the audit and other financial matters. Wendy Southwell asked if the alcohol testing had been bid out. Joe Barnella asked how many students are at risk.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke mentioned the passing of a great teacher, friend and mentor - Vic DeWaard. Bert also briefly reported on the MEAP scores. A full report on the MEAP will come back to the January Board meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Wed., Dec. 27, 1995 - 7:30 A.M. - Conf. Rm. South (Admin. Bldg) Board Finance/Personnel Committee

Fri., Dec. 29, 1995 - 7 A.M. - Conf. Rm. South (Admin. Bldg) Board Curriculum/Policy Committee

Mon., Jan. 8, 1996 - 7:30 P.M. Admin. Bldg. Board Rm. Regular Board Meeting

The Lowell Area Schools "Action Line" (897-1219) is a phone service available to anyone who has a question or wishes to leave a message for an administrator or members of the Board of Education.



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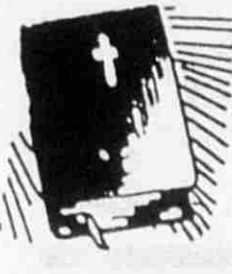
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## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...because I live, ye shall live also. (John 14:19)

As I write these lines, the ground, trees, shrubs, and buildings are covered with a heavy blanket of snow. It doesn't seem possible that only a few days ago our mums were nodding gayly. Their beauty added to the grim surroundings freezing weather brings. Nor does the yard look the same. Last summer flowers cheered us with their splashes of pink, lavender, and gold. It takes a stretch of the imagination to believe that the jonquils, tulips, chrysanthemums, lilies and phlox will come to life again. They are not dead, only sleeping.

An elderly person, who was fast approaching the end of her

life's sojourn on earth, once wrote a friend that she was preparing for "the great transition." To her, death was not something to be dreaded; it was only a change to be made.

Because Jesus Christ broke the confines of the tomb and made it possible for all humanity to live eternally, He has given us hope beyond the grave. He has given Christians the promise of new life - after they have made "the great transition."

*Prayer:* Dear Jesus, because Thou hast triumphed over the confines of the tomb, I have hope in this life - and the next. Because Thou dost live, I shall live also. For this I praise Thee. Amen.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

John Newton

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 21 - Al Smith.  
DEC. 22 - Jason Seelye.  
DEC. 23 - Norma Stevens, Marie Doyle.  
DEC. 24 - Jeffrey Pfaller.  
DEC. 25 - Chris Woolfenden.

Scott Shindorf, Chris Treglia, Jeni Clouser.  
DEC. 26 - Margaret Gasper.  
DEC. 27 - Helen Triplett, Mark Nyp, Linda Aksamitowski.

## AREA BIRTHS

Shannon and Scott Bowden of Lowell are very pleased and proud to announce the birth of their new-born daughter Ciera Marie Bowden, born on December 8, 1995 at 3:46 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ken Bowden and Joyce Schank of Lowell, Sharon Bowden of Belding. Great-grandparents are Mildred Bowden of Maine and Francis Jensen of Florida.

Heather Burrows and Christopher Rittersdorf announce the birth of their first son, Aaron Christopher, on his mother's birthday, November 28. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Burrows, Donald Sr. and Kim Rittersdorf and Betty Rittersdorf.

Great-grandparents are John and Darlene Topp, Robert and Ruby Rittersdorf, Bill and Juanita Nelson, Darel and Joyce Cavanaugh and Barbara VandenBree. Great-great-grandmother is Mable Topp.

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Arlene and Duane Lambert

no formal manuals or textbooks being used in the computer programming class nor were there any in the computer literacy or advanced automated accounting classes.

### Enhancement Mills Discussed

Lowell's school board discussed the process and options that should be used in asking the community to vote on enhancement mills.

### Gas Well Prompts Discussion

Planning Commission members Gil Wise and Tim Howard, and Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook meet with representatives of the Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Public Service organization to discuss the township's options in determining the township's role.

### Melting Utility Costs

Unseasonably warm winter weather experienced in West Michigan helped to dry up a percentage of the red ink in the 1994-95 amended Lowell School budget. School officials note that if the warming trend continues, it will have a money-saving effect on Lowell Schools.

### FEBRUARY 1, 1995

**Homage Paid to Leader**  
Lowell's Allen Wisner, a WWII wingman, attends a funeral for his flying leader Lieutenant Ray Wallace Allen of Gerard, IL. Allen was killed when his P-38 fighter plane crashed after being shot down while on a World War II escort mission.

**Lowell's Fonger Dies**  
Lifelong Lowell resident Mac G. Fonger, 74, passed away in Lakeland, Fla., of a massive heart attack on Jan. 27. Fonger was a 1938 Lowell High School graduate.

**City Asked to Reconsider**  
The possibility of the M-21/Bowes Road intersection being restructured hits a major road block. Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpon called the city's refusal to move forward with engineering services until the township pays half of the cost instead of 25 percent as one that doesn't make sense.

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# Viewpoint . . .

## I had's thoughts

For the past two years I have taken time to identify, at least as I see it, those people and organizations in the Lowell community who have made a difference. I've referred to this list as the "Most Happening and Influential" people in Lowell. So here goes my third annual installment.

1. While many have tired during the wait, the Downtown Development Authority's renovation work to the Lowell down-

town will get started in earnest this spring. A big high-five to each and every member of the DDA Board for their hard work and dedication to the community.

2. To the enthusiasm and spirit that the library committee has put forth to make the construction of the new library a reality.

3. It's already been said a few times this year, a couple in this column, but thanks again to the dedication and commitment by one James Maatman. After 16 years of service on the Lowell City Council, he guided the council through one last meeting Monday night as the mayor of Lowell.

4. To Bert Bleke, the new superintendent of Lowell Schools, not for what he's done (he's not even been on the job six months) but for what he's dedicated himself to do for the Lowell School District.

5. To Vern and Marilyn Venneman for brightening one's

belief in community spirit. They took it upon themselves to clean up the playground at the former Runciman Elementary Schools.

6. Another community spirit award goes to Jo Willard, Lila Thaler, Virginia Hydenberg and Treva Johnson for stitching hats, mittens and booties for West Michigan infants at the Grand Rapids Hospitals. They have proven there is no age limit in making a real difference.

7. To the three generations of Keisers who for 50 years have provided the community of Lowell with a top notch family restaurant.

8. To the late Vic DeWaard and Art Bieri for all the young lives they touched as teachers in the Lowell School District. Enough can't be said for that teacher in all of our lives who made a difference.

Finally, a Heartfelt Merry Christmas to All!

The Christmas ads abound. One can buy a good pair of wool mittens faced with mule skin for 19 cents.

Three below zero on December 13.

A three-page Christmas supplement is included, with a full-page decorated Christmas poem and several stories.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 16, 1920

The occasional Board of Trade supper-smoker hears the representative of the Michigan Motor Garment company about resuming operations on a larger scale than before. Mr. Best of the B-J Steam-Gas company showed the device to be manufactured here. The company has a million orders in hand on which money has been paid.

The Ledger offers a year's subscription together with the Grand Rapids Herald for \$6.50.

A front-page column ad declares the huge profitability of Texas refinery stocks and offers them for sale by Halliwell and Burns at the Waverly Hotel.

Be sure to exchange your coupon Liberty bonds for registered bonds; if lost, a coupon bond cannot be redeemed.

A congressman proposes that the House of Representatives be increased from 435 to 480 in view of the increased population.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 20, 1945

Opening night, though very cold, is a huge success for the Nativity Scene in Richards Park. School children purchased the public address system through magazine sales, surplus

trees from the school forest surround the scene, and Mrs. Thurtell's organ playing and the high school sextette are judged outstanding (Bob Kyser, Ralph Warner, Dorothy VandenHout, Helen Stormzand, Ron Jessup, Humphrey Johnson).

George Story and Claude Thorne have formed the Lowell Oil Co. to market Midwest Petroleum products and have erected a bulk storage plant at the north village limits.

Pic. Harold Jefferies is writing a column for the Ledger from Yokohama, Japan, where he is stationed.

The editor requests of Common Council that they find a way to remove snow from the sides of Main Street.

A 30-foot Christmas tree looks none-too-large atop the 100-foot King Milling storage tower.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 17, 1970

The American Legion Bowling Alley receives a bomb threat which clears the building for a three-hour search.

A record 15-inch snowfall Thursday night closes schools, county roads and residential streets.

The school board asks Supt. Kelly to use retired school buses for in-town and Valley Vista pickup of young children.

Police remind motorists to get cars off the street at night (for plowing) and not leaving the motor running while they do errands. Both rate fines.

Showboat Corporation shows a net loss of almost \$23,000 over the past two years.

payroll and 10 percent property in 1997 and again change the formula to 90 percent sales, 5 percent payroll, 5 percent property in 1999. This also puts in place an apportioned Michigan-based Capital Acquisition Deduction to provide tax cuts for Michigan-based multistate firms, making this the 19th tax cut since 1991. This will encourage employers to hire in Michigan.

In addition to the SBT reform package, we significantly increased the deduction for dividend, interest and capital gain income for senior citizens to \$7,500 and \$15,000 (filing single and joint, respectively) in 1998. This, the 20th tax cut, provides important assistance to seniors.

We also increased the compensation threshold for application of the small business credit to a maximum of \$115,000. This will help our small businesses which are the backbone of our economy. This cut brings our total number of tax cuts to 21.

In 1982, when the Democrats gained control of the House, Senate and governor's office, the first thing they did was pass the largest tax hike in Michigan history. In 1991, we began a campaign to improve our economy by cutting taxes and shrinking government. We began 1995 with more tax cuts and I think it's fitting that we end 1995 by cutting the SBT and providing the Headlee rebate for the families of Michigan.

to 97 percent of the predicted maximum for the participant's age. This is much higher than the rate recommended by most physicians for "safe" aerobic exercise.

While shoveling, most people unconsciously hold their breath during lifting, and cold air constricts peripheral blood vessels. These conditions lead to elevated blood pressure, an increased heart rate and an increased work load for the heart that can result in a heart attack for susceptible individuals.

People at risk for developing heart problems during shoveling include smokers, people with high blood pressure or elevated cholesterol, and people with a history of previous heart disease. These people should seriously consider the risks prior to shoveling snow and possibly hire a plow service instead - your heart and back may be better off in the long run!

## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



WINTER WEATHER WOES

Winter weather leads to hazardous driving conditions, hypothermia, frostbite, and other cold related concerns in this water winter wonderland called Michigan. Recent research has shown that snow shoveling should be added to the list of winter worries.

Researchers took ten healthy men between the ages of 20-35 and measures vital statistics like blood pressure and heart rate during shoveling. They compared these measurements to those obtained during exercise on a treadmill.

Surprisingly, shoveling snow was more difficult and caused more stress on the heart than an all out run. After only two minutes, snow shoveling elevated the heart rate to the recommended level for aerobic exercise and after 10 minutes it rose

## Letters, Letters, Letters...

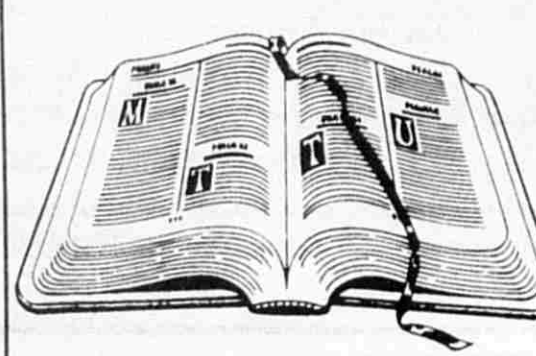


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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 576-1032 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.</p>		<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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</p>	<p><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 <b>Sunday Morning</b> Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship..... 8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service..... 9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour..... 11:00 A.M. AWANA &amp; J.V. Wednesday..... 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday..... 6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>		<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brander - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemorewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11 A.M. Evening Service..... 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>		<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible..... 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p><b>LOWELL'S Fonger Dies</b> Lifelong Lowell resident Mac G. Fonger, 74, passed away in Lakeland, Fla., of a massive heart attack on Jan. 27. Fonger was a 1938 Lowell High School graduate.</p>
<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School..... 10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare..... Pastor Joe Le Pard..... Director of Education Meghan Culver..... Music Director Barrier-Free..... Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA..... 7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:30 P.M. REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21 Worship Service..... 10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry..... 7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>





Sandy Bartlett was Lowell Area Arts Council's 1995 "Arty Award" winner.

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**Chamber PR Liaison**  
A new voice is heard answering the phone at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office. Liz Baker is the Chamber's new public relations liaison.

**FEBRUARY 8, 1995**

**An "Arty" for Sandy**  
Lowell's Sandy Bartlett was recognized as the 14th recipient of the Lowell Area Arts Council's "Arty" Award. She has been devoted to arts in the Lowell area for 10 years.

**Lowell Teacher Passes Away**

Art Bieri, a teacher in the Lowell School system for 36 1/2 years, passed away on Jan. 25. He was remembered by his peers as a man of char-

acter and by his students as a role model.

**Excess Funds**

School construction and the delay of road work on Foreman left Lowell Township with excess road construction revenue in the amount of \$76,903.

**75/25 Split Okayed**

After nearly months of talk and discussion, Lowell's City Council moved to go ahead with the 75/25 cost split with Lowell Township for the engineering services on the Bowes Road realignment project.

**New Dentist**

Retired D.D.S. Robert Kyser sells his dental practice to Judd Carroll, who came to

Lowell after earning his D.M.D. from Louisville.

**Floral Fancy**

Al and Audrie Olszewski open up Lowell's newest floral shop, "Audrie's," at 2333 West Main.

**Letters Signed**

Lowell football players Jason Koster, Brad Holtz and Ron Acheson sign letters of intent to play ball at the next level. Koster signed with Central Michigan; Holtz signed with Northwood University and Acheson signed with the University of Michigan.

**FEBRUARY 15, 1995**

**Safety and Uniformity**

**is First**

Lowell's School Board got past a class action suit for price fixing and then looked to uniformity, safety and what's best for the district as it purchased four 71-passenger buses from Hookstra Truck Equipment Co.

**Conference Champion**

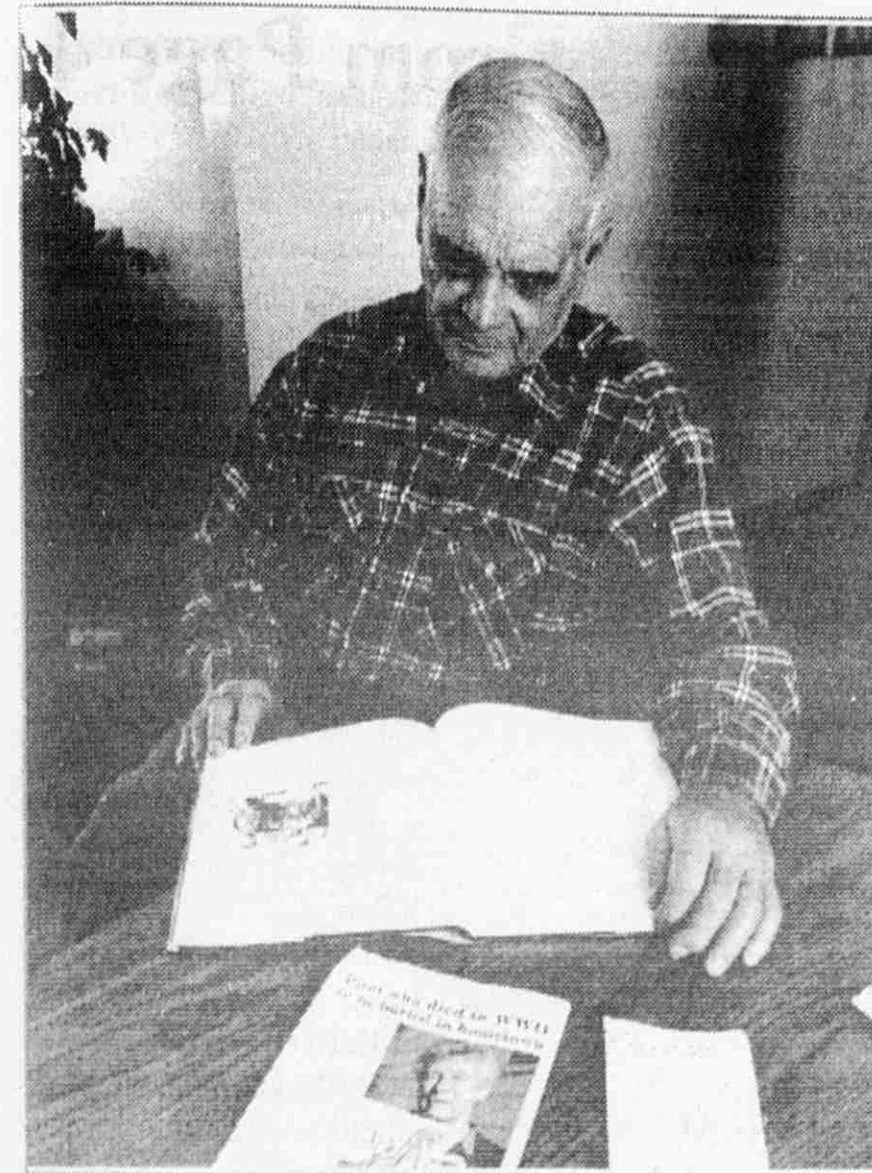
Lowell's wrestling team won the outright conference championship with a second-place finish in the O-K White Conference meet. It was Lowell School's 20th conference wrestling championship.

**Retired Sexton**

DeWayne Watson retires as the city sexton after 17 years of service.

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## Year in Review, cont'd... From Page 6



Allen Wisner

**Lights Purchased**

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

**FEBRUARY 22, 1995**

**Golfing Development**

Woodruff Palmer makes an informal presentation to the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission about a proposed 18-hole, 80-acre golf course north of Cascade Road near Hilton Avenue.

**Property Assessment Exemptions**

Lowell and Vergennes Township boards approve a resolution granting poverty exemptions to qualified home owners in an effort to ease the assessment burden on low income families.

**Business/ Student Partnership**

Thirteen Lowell High School students participate in the school's Community Based Instruction (a partnership between school and business) program. The program has students spend a few hours a week at different area business locations. It allows students to gain valuable employability skills.

**MARCH 1, 1995**

**Bound Over**  
Lowell veterinarian Bruce

Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinary Clinic, was bound over for trial by Kent County Review, cont'd., pg. 9

## Airport to get streetlight

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Carl Francis, director of aviation at the Cornerstone Aviation Services, received the okay from the city council to contract with Consumers Power for streetlighting at the Lowell City Airport entrance.

Francis said the entrance drive from Lincoln Lake Road to the Lowell City Airport is dark.

Through discussions with Consumers Power, he learned that a 250-watt street light could be installed near the airport entrance.

The airport is outside the service area of Lowell Light and Power.

The installation cost will be \$205 with a monthly fee of \$13.45. It will be covered through the airport fund.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1995.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

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

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by THOMPSON that the minutes of the November 20, 1995 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

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

NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/4/95)

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 47,307.43
CURRENT TAX:	23, 539.58
WATER FUND:	81,176.96
MAJOR STREET FUND:	18.92
LOCAL STREET FUND:	18.92
DDA FUND:	89.71
EQUIPMENT FUND:	744.16
DATA PROCESSING FUND:	197.41
SEWER FUND:	392.81
LOOK FUND:	5,846.03

### Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**A. 212 W. MAIN - FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE MALL - SIGN VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING.** Chairman Thompson of the Zoning Board of Appeals opened the public hearing to consider a variance for the Flat River Antique Mall (212 W. Main) to install a 40 square foot projecting sign over the entrance of the building where a maximum of 20 square feet is allowed. On November 27, 1995, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the sign variance be approved based on the historic type signage proposed. The Commission wanted this encouraged in the downtown. It was also noted that the overall signage allowances for the building had not been exceeded.

No comments were received from the public. Chairman Thompson closed the public hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to grant the sign variance for the Flat River Antique Mall at 212 W. Main allowing the installation of a 40 square foot projecting sign.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. BOWES ROAD RELOCATION PROJECT - UPDATE.** City Manager Pasquale reported that on November 21, 1995, a meeting was held with officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Kent County Road Commission, John Timpson of Lowell Township and the City to review the progress on the Bowes Road relocation project.

The group was informed that the proposed realignment of Bowes Road as designed by the Road Commission was not workable because of acquisition difficulties involving the Barber property. Tim Haagsma, who represented the KCRC, stated that the latest design provided a 32 foot right of way setback from the Barber house was the best the Commission could do. KCRC felt that if this was not acceptable, the City should consider contacting a private engineering consultant for this project.

Lisa Tomsich of MDOT stated that the department had issued a warrant for the installation of a traffic light at Bowes Road, M-21 and Alden Nash and have been quite concerned about lack of progress. The MDOT staff felt that the best alternative was a realignment of Bowes Road to provide a four way intersection.

Pasquale contacted Jeff Vos of Williams and Works, who was involved with the project initially, and Ed Swanson, a traffic engineer who had previous experience on City projects. Vos voluntarily met with the Barbers to discuss road design options and felt very positive about the meeting.

Pasquale requested that a formal proposal be sought from Williams and Works and Ed Swanson for the Bowes Road relocation project which could be considered at the next meeting. Councilmember Thompson questioned if the City would approach the Lowell Township to participate. Pasquale stated that Lowell Township has committed to share the KCRC engineering costs. But, since the problems with the County design were due to City residents' property, the Township felt the City is responsible for the consultant. Pasquale believed while some additional costs for the consultant will occur, savings on property acquisitions would be realized.

The consensus of the Council was for the City to seek proposals from Williams and Works and Ed Swanson for the relocation of Bowes Road to be considered at the December 18, 1995 City Council meeting.

**Item #3. LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT.** The following items were discussed as part of the library building

project.

**A. CONFIRMATION OF SITE PLAN.** In presenting the site plan, Charles Myers, Library Building Committee Chairman, stated the new 8,800 square foot library building will be located at the northwest corner of N. Monroe and Avery streets with its focal point coming from the corner. The building will have two entrances, one from Monroe Street and the other from Avery Street. The large maple tree situated on the property will remain. The community room, which seats approximately one hundred, and restrooms will be available to the public in addition to the library hours.

Pasquale noted that the Planning Commission approved the site plan at its November 27 meeting contingent upon complying to the parking lot landscaping standards of the new zoning ordinance by planting a hedge along the Monroe and Avery streets rights of way.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to ratify the site plan for an 8,800 square foot library building to be constructed at the northwest corner of N. Monroe and Avery streets as approved by the Planning Commission.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**B. RESOLUTION CREATING CITY OF LOWELL BUILDING AUTHORITY.** City Attorney Richard Wendt explained that a common vehicle for financing a library as well as future construction projects is the creation of a Building Authority. The Council is required to pass a resolution creating and adopting Articles of Incorporation for the City of Lowell Building Authority. A three member Board would be appointed to act as a conduit for receiving funds as well as selling bonds. This Board will take effect on January 1, 1996.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to approve the resolution creating and adopting Articles of Incorporation for the City of Lowell Building Authority.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**C. FINANCIAL PROPOSALS.** Pasquale gave an update on contributions totalling \$737,000 towards the new library by private and corporate donations. Each and every gift will be acknowledged.

Since donations are constantly arriving, a figure of \$895,000 was used for bond financing. In discussing the issue with City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, the City could consider a \$150,000 contribution from the General Fund to reduce the burden on financing. The General Fund balance would be approximately \$440,000, well above the established minimum of \$300,000.

Wendt explained the two financing scenarios using \$895,000 and \$745,000. He also noted that no decision needs to be made until late February of 1996. There were ten year level and front end loaded debt service payments reviewed. A ten year front end bond would work best because the City could take advantage of multi-year contributions and pay lesser amounts of interest. The smaller payments in the later years of the bond provide the City an opportunity to finance future projects.

**D. INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT.** In reviewing the furnishings for the project, the Library Building Committee had considered retaining a consultant for interior design. Through the Kent District Library, the committee had requested proposals from three consulting firms. After reviewing their proposals, Riemenschneider Design Associates, Inc. of Ann Arbor was recommended at a cost of \$12,775 with a \$500 expense allowance. Alyce Riemenschneider has extensive experience in library design and has been involved with libraries in Kent County.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to contract Riemenschneider Design Associates, Inc. at a cost of \$12,775 with a \$500 expense allowance to provide the interior design services for the new library building.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. CLOSING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND.** In a memo from City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon, it was recommended that the City close the Community Development Fund. The Federal Block Grant Funds are distributed directly to the County rather than the City. Thus, there is no need for this fund. If circumstances would change where the City would get direct disbursements of Block Grant monies, the fund could be created again.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by THOMPSON to close the Community Development Fund.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING TO DELETE HOBBY STOP BUILDING PROPERTY FROM DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.** Wendt stated that once the City acquired the Hobby Stop building property and tore the structure down, the parcel should be deleted from the Downtown District so that it is not used as a penalty when the City collects tax increment revenues for the DDA. A base as established a few years ago with the SEV of all the properties within the downtown district at that time never changes unless a deletion is accomplished. The Hobby Stop property must be removed by December 31, 1995.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES

to establish a public hearing on Thursday, December 28, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. to consider adoption of a resolution to delete Hobby Stop building property from the Downtown District.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL POLICIES OF LOWELL BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER AND BOARD OF CABLE TELEVISION.** Pasquale mentioned that the Light and Power and Cable TV Boards have adopted personnel policies. Employees of both departments had opportunities to review and ask questions regarding the new personnel policy handbooks. It was recommended by City Attorney Wendt that the Council, as the governing body, also approve and ratify these handbooks.

Wendt stated that both of these personnel handbooks have been drafted over a number of months. Both the Board of Light and Power and Cable TV Board reviewed and approved these handbooks. Since the employees for either entity are employees of the City, the Council should ratify the approval of these personnel policy handbooks.

Charles Myers, Councilmember elect, provided the following comments: (a) provision for having employees bonded (b) confidentiality stressed for those employees who have access to households and those office personnel who have financial information of customers (c) emphasizing proper personnel conduct. The Council stated that these comments will be forwarded to the respective Boards and should be reviewed when updating the policies.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to ratify and adopt the Lowell Light and Power and Cable Television personnel policies as presented.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #7. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** Linda Tabor, owner and operator of WHTN, formerly known as Channel 22, stated publicly her concerns with the City Council, City Attorney and Cable Television Board regarding her not being dealt fairly in her operation of Channel 22. Mari Stone, Clerk of Vergennes Township, proposed on behalf of her township board a promotion of communication between the City of Lowell and Vergennes Township by establishing a permanent Fire Commission. In discussing this with Fire Chief Frank Martin, Pasquale said that such a committee, including Lowell Township representation, could meet on a quarterly basis to review the operation and promote communication.

**Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Thompson noted that the cemetery has been receiving positive comments in the Ledger on the maintenance provided by Don DeJong, sexton, and his crew.

Councilmember Hodges remarked concerning the successful Christmas parade which was organized by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Shores stated that Christmas decorations look very attractive.

Mayor Maatman requested that a barricade be placed along Main Street where the Hobby Stop building was demolished for safety.

**Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. Copies of the minutes of the Planning Commission meetings of October 23 and November 13 were provided.

At the meeting held on November 27, the Planning Commission approved a site plan for a new canopy to the gasoline pump islands at the Crystal Flash Convenience Center. Also, a preliminary review was given for a five screen movie theater at the Ridgeview Shopping Center. A final review is scheduled for January with construction starting as early as possible, dependent on the weather.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, December 11, 1995 at 7 p.m. to receive comments on the new zoning ordinance. Upon a favorable recommendation from the Commission, the City Council will consider adoption.

B. Copies of the September 14, 1995 minutes of the Downtown Development Authority were given to the Council for information.

On November 30, 1995, the DDA approved the final design document contract for the 1996 Streetscape project with Design Plus, Inc., and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber. The Board also recommended approval of deletion of the Hobby Stop property from the Downtown District.

C. Hope Network Transportation Services has requested the City to again consider funding transit service. It was noted that Lowell Township had approved an annual contribution of \$2,000. Federal Community Development Block Grant funding was mentioned as an option. These funds will be available by July 1996. Also, the City could consider a possible General Fund contribution.

D. Stephen Junewick, who has been a full time police officer since August of 1988, has been appointed Police Sergeant, as of December 3. After a thorough evaluation and review, Steve was recommended for Sergeant.

E. The Kent County Community Development Department projects that the City will have approximately \$40,000 of Block Grant funding for next year.

F. A letter of resignation from Ivan Blough as member of the Cable TV Board, effective June 30, 1996.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

DATE: December 18, 1995  
James D. Maatman, Mayor  
APPROVED:  
David M. Pasquale,  
City Clerk



# MAIN ST., CONT'D.

at 1 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

### LIVE NATIVITY

A live Nativity will be held at St. Mary's through Saturday, Dec. 23. There will be live 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

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 11, 1995, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- Accessory Structures and Buildings.** Section 3.01 is amended to provide that an accessory structure or building located between a body of water and a principal dwelling shall not be located closer than ten feet to a side lot line; such section is also amended to provide that the ten-foot side yard setback requirement for docks and boat stations shall not apply to the common boundary line between two parcels of land that share a joint dock or boat station.
- Lot Width.** Section 3.17 is amended so as to indicate that lots shall have frontage on a public street or private road for a distance equal to or greater than the minimum lot width provided for the district in which the lot is located, and to make other requirements concerning lots abutting cul-de-sacs.
- Private Roads.** Section 3.29 is amended so as to state that each approved private road shall be under substantial construction within one year after the date of approval as a special land use, subject to extensions of time under certain circumstances.
- Walls and Fences.** Section 3.41 is amended to provide that no fence other than a bona fide agricultural fence in the A District shall be located within 30 feet of the high water mark of a lake or stream, and to provide that in a residential district no fence exceeding three feet in height shall be located closer to a body of water than the distance between the high water mark and the foundation wall of the dwelling; such section is further amended to state that all fences shall be maintained in good condition and repair and that the height and location requirements pertaining to fences shall not apply to retention walls in certain circumstances.
- Lot Width to Depth Ratio.** Section 3.45 is amended to specify the method of measurement for lot width and lot depth; and to provide minor changes in the standards for a special land use under which a lot with a depth greater than four times its width may be permitted.
- Height and Area Regulations.** Sections 6.03, 7.03, 7.04, 8.03, 9.03 are amended to specify minor changes in the lot area and lot width provisions in the A Agricultural District, the R-L Residential District, the R Residential and the R-R Residential District.
- Signs.** Sections 16.02, 16.04, 16.05, 16.07 and 16.08, all with regard to signs, are amended to provide that certain directional or off-site signs may be approved as a special land use for installation in a common signage area approved by the Township Board; and to provide that, with limited exceptions, directional signs in the agricultural districts shall be subject to special land use approval. In addition, the maximum square footage of freestanding signs in the commercial and industrial districts is stated to be 32 square feet and provisions are included indicating that billboards shall not exceed 200 square feet in sign area, nor exceed a height of 35 feet. Billboards are to be located so as to comply with all of the yard setback requirements of the zoning district. further, it is provided that a billboard established on a lot or parcel is to constitute the principal use of the parcel.
- Other Matters.** Sections 17.04, 17.06, 19.02, 19.06 and 20.03 are amended with regard to proposed site plan requirements; time limitations on commencement of construction for uses authorized by an approved site plan; issuance of zoning compliance permits; and the establishing of zoning fees and other such fees by resolution of the Township Board. In addition, the renumbering and relettering of certain articles, sections and subsections in the Zoning Ordinance, for clarity and convenience, is authorized.
- Effective Date.** The amending ordinance will become effective December 20, 1995. A copy of the amending ordinance may be examined or purchased at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: December 18, 1995

Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E. Lowell.

### HOME SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be offering a snowmobile home study course for anyone 12 years or older who would like to earn a snowmobile safety certificate.

In Kent County the course test will be held at the Flat River Sportsman Club, 11841 Potters, Lowell on January 13, 1996 at 9 a.m. To participate, please contact the DNR t 616-456-5071 or 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI by Dec. 31, 1995.

### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

The Lowell support group for family members and friends of Alzheimer's disease patients will meet Wednesday, Jan. 3 at Cumberland Retirement Village, 11535 E. Fulton at 6:30 p.m. Interested persons may contact group leaders Betty Wiley,

897-4810 or Lynne Bylsma, 897-0200.

The meeting is free and open to the public. On-site respite care provided. Please call 897-0200 ahead of time to arrange. For more information contact the Chapter at (616) 949-7890 or 1-800-722-2516.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Heather Rivett, 17, was involved in a property damage accident on Hudson north of Main Street Dec. 15 when she exited a private drive into the path of a vehicle driven by Ryan Malone, 17. Both drivers are from Lowell.

A 16-year-old juvenile driver was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 12 when he struck a school bus driven by Patricia VanDyke, of Lowell, at Valley Vista and West Main.

Malcolm Chambers, 42, of Lowell, was arrested Dec. 12 for domestic assault.

Carrie Dingerson, 17, of Saranac, was involved in a minor property damage accident on Broadway north of Main St. Dec. 12 when she struck a parked car while backing from a parking place owned by Sharon Miles, 59, of Lowell.

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the exception of one section that was left out where the old parsonage stood.

•Rezoning the entire First Baptist Church property a public facility with the exception of a back portion of the property which would be left residential.

•Rezoning Stoney-Lakeside Park and the water treatment plant public facilities.

## IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Recruit Timothy R. Stencel, son of Tony and Connie Stencel of Lowell, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.



Tim Stencel

During the eight-week program, Stencel completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Stencel learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Stencel and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Stencel joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Stencel and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Stencel, are still

finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

Stencel is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School.

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The fate of civilization is like needlework. You can take it up and worry about it at odd moments.

—Frank Sullivan

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### Notice of Change of Meeting Schedule

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township meeting schedule for the month of January, 1996 will be changed as follows:

Township Board Workshop	Jan. 8 - 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Regular	Jan. 15 - 7 p.m.
Township Board Regular	Jan. 22 - 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Workshop	Jan. 29 - 7 p.m.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## Local veterinarian and attorney receive sentences

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bruce Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinary Clinic (11610 E. Fulton), was sentenced in Kent County 17th Circuit Court by Judge Robert Benson.

Langlois was given 30 months probation and 45 days in the Kent County Jail for his guilty plea to criminal sexual conduct (fourth degree).

On Monday Oct. 9, Langlois pleaded guilty to the charges.

One incidence for which

Langlois was charged occurred when the defendant was testing out an apparently faulty portable ultrasound machine on the employee (victim).

A second incident took place three weeks subsequent to the first incident.

On that occasion, Langlois provided support for the em-

ployee while she stood on his knee to hook up a plug to a tank so oxygen could be provided to a horse that was in for a hernia operation.

Richard Heath, who formerly ran a law office in Lowell, was recently sentenced to 36 months proba-

tion and 300 hours of community service. He was found guilty for taking part in a number of burglaries that police officials believe may have taken place as far back as six years ago.

Heath pleaded guilty on Sept. 13 to receiving and concealing a firearm, a 10-year felony. He was originally accused of five counts of re-

ceiving and concealing stolen goods in Wyoming and Kentwood.

The lawyer was driving a stolen pickup truck when arrested by undercover police.

Stolen property was also discovered from Heath's home, from his law offices in Lowell and Wyoming, and from a storage locker in Byron Township.

## Year in Review, continued.... From Page 7



Lowell's Bob Perry receives the Charles Forsythe award.

District Judge Sara Smolenski for alleged criminal sexual conduct (fourth degree).

### New Owner

Michael Sprenger, owner of Springrove Variety, found romance in Lambert's throw-back to the old five and dime stores. Sprenger decided to purchase after just one visit. "Both my wife Jan and I loved the store and town immediately," he said.

### Upgraded Communications

The city of Lowell approved the allocation of \$4,000 from its general fund toward the upgrading of the Rockford/Lowell Ambulance communication system.

### Red Arrows Win

The Lowell girls' volleyball team wins an emotionally charged, nerve-numbing conference tournament championship against Forest Hills Central, 15-9, 13-15, 20-18.

### MARCH 8, 1995 Accident Takes Three Lives

Robert Doran, Ralph "Pary" Horian Jr. and Thomas Koewers were killed March 4 in Barry County after their vehicle, driven by Koewers, left the road and hit a guardrail. Once airborne, it flipped and rolled - throwing all five of the passengers from the vehicle. Two other passengers Michael Ketchum and Michael Horian incurred injuries.

### Mobile Library

Lowell and Bowne township residents are told they will soon be able to enjoy a bigger and better Alto Library. It was announced the Alto Library will move to a bigger facility.

### Mixed Reviews

A proposed solution to the traffic concerns at the inter-

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Drawn By:  
Danielle Nebelung, 10  
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## 7,853 Volunteer Hours Add Up To One Thing: You Can Count On FMB People.

### FMB-STATE SAVINGS BANK TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 1995

Adopt-A-Road Kent County	20	Lowell Community Fund	23
Alzheimer's Support Group	50	Lowell Showboat	227
American Heart Association	59	Lowell Women of the Month	38
Arthritis Foundation	4	March of Dimes	450
Blood Bank Donation	17	Michigan Agri. Coop Marketing Association	100
Blood Drives	12	March of Dimes	4
Breakfast Forum/Community Dialog	20	Muscular Dystrophy Fundraising	24
Check Investigator Association	12	National Association of Credit Management	8
Church Volunteer	1085	North Kent FOC Aux.	650
Crime Prevention Association of Michigan	17	Order of Eastern Stars	25
Crop Walk	4	Riverwalk	14.5
Falkenburg Fall Festival	8	Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce	110
Franciscan Sisters	50	Ronald McDonald House	8
Grand Rapids Youth Symphony	20	School Volunteer	676
Holland Joycees	10	Thanksgiving/Christmas Family Project thru FMB	10
Hoops	4	Township Parks Committee	25
IACC	12	Toys for Tots	8
Junior Achievement	140	Verigennes Township Zoning	39
Kent Community Hospital	40	West Michigan Crime Prevention Association	12
Kent Main Check & Credit Card Association	14	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	116	Lowell Lions Club	80
Lowell Area Arts Council	550	Tin Shoe Ducks Unlimited	10
Lowell Women's Club	736	Lowell Area J.C.Y. Creekside Project	250
Lowell City Planning Commission	40	Griffin/Vergennes Sanitary Drain Board	40
Lowell High School Athletic Boosters Club	25	Lowell Senior Center	7
Lowell Rotary	225	Lowell Area Historic Association	36
Lowell Library	225	Lowell School Foundation	10
Lowell Board of Education	500	Family Advocate Group - Lowell Medical	24
Lowell DDA	100		
Lowell High School World Studies Council	100	<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,853.00</b>

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Becky and Larry Mason



# Lowell High School ponds freed of mandatory tests by Vergennes Township

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Bottoms up!  
The water retention ponds at the Lowell High School have been given a clean bill of health from a private testing service, but it doesn't mean the water is ready to be used for consumption.

"The water is cleaner than most municipal water," joked Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook. "but I wouldn't drink it."  
The water in the ponds is used to hold excess water from storm run-off and until recently as checked yearly for any contaminants.  
"It was checked once a year. They checked for fertilizer run off and other items,

but nothing was ever found," said Cook.  
On Nov. 13 two samples from the ponds were submitted to the analytical services firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc.  
The firm's findings indicated that "both the east and west ponds continue to exhibit excellent water quality."

In a letter from the firm it states that "there has been little change in water quality since September 1994. No significant deviations in parameter levels have been observed. Both ponds appear normal."  
Because the ponds show excellent water quality, the Vergennes Township Board agreed to discontinue mandatory testing for the school.

"We've monitored it closely and everyone's in agreement that we don't need to require testing every year," said Cook.  
However, the township does reserve the right to require testing if something does appear in the future.  
"I just think we should be able to revisit it if we felt something was wrong," said trustee Mark Weber. "If some-

thing shows up, I'm sure it will be detected."  
The water was tested for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes, nitrogen, oil and grease, all of which were non-detectable.

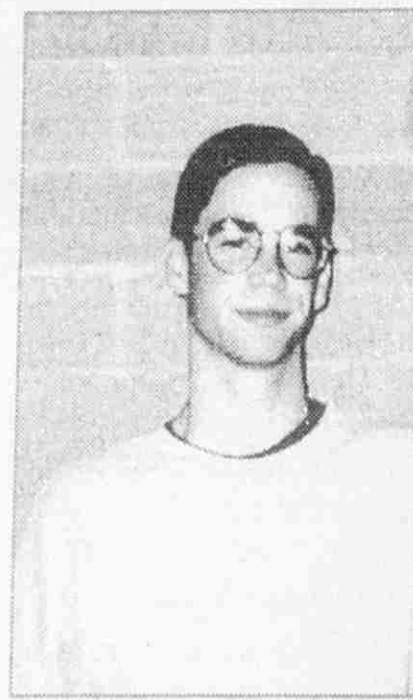
# Year in Review, continued.... From Page 9

# LHS November students-of-the-month recognized

Each month four of the Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area who has shown exemplary work. Any staff member can nominate any student and then the entire staff votes for one outstanding student each month.

- Students of the Month for November:
- Business - Monica Jaarsma
- English - Paul Estes
- Foreign Language - Kyla Cochran
- Social Studies - Tom Friedrich

Monica Jaarsma, a senior at Lowell High School, was selected by the Business department because Monica is a very responsible and hard-working young lady. She is an excellent student and a very self-motivated person. Jaarsma is the daughter of Martin & Regina Ymker of Ada and Gary & Beverly Jaarsma of Holland. She has been a very active member of the FFA. She has been involved in tennis, equestrian team, and National Honors Society. Jaarsma loves nature and enjoys fishing, camping, reading, sports and riding her horse. She plans on attending Grand Valley State University or



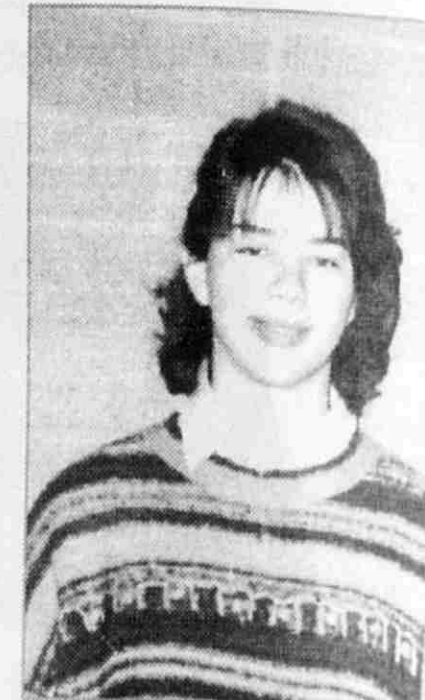
Paul Estes



Kyla Cochran



Tom Friedrich



Monica Jaarsma

Midway College in Kentucky where she wants to major in Business.

Paul Estes, a senior, was selected by the English department because he shows a real love for learning. He is involved in the class work and will ask questions and explore ideas beyond the class lesson. Paul, the son of Gerald and Cathy Estes of Ada is always pleasant and polite. He has been active in soccer during his high school career.

A senior, Kyla Cochran was selected by the Foreign Language department because she demonstrates outstanding academic achievement in French and exhibits a shining personality. She is a joy to have in class. Kyla is the daughter of Tom and Rosemary Cochran, both of Lowell. She has been involved in cheerleading, National Honor Society, International Club, and Women's Club. Cochran is currently working

at Amway in the Order Processing department. She plans on attending Grand Valley State University or the University of Michigan and major in psychology. Her favorite sport to watch is basketball and her favorite class is physics with Mr. White.

Tom Friedrich, a junior, was selected by the Social Studies department. Tom has demonstrated his ability to work independently while solving problems and completing assigned tasks. He conducts himself in a very responsible manner and provides an example of leadership for his classmates. The son of Ken and Judy Friedrich, of Lowell, he has been active in the Young Republicans, Drama Club, National Honor Society and the All School Play. Friedrich's favorite classes are chemistry and history. He enjoys working on his car and listening to music on KLQ station.

section of Timpson Drive and Grand River Avenue leave area residents and township board members concerned. The proposal calls for a new road and a cul-de-sac to be put in on Timpson Road, closing it to through traffic.

tion to repeal the school code and create a more effective system with Michigan school districts.

the first-year scope of the pedestrian mall portion of the DDA project so that the second block of the project can be coordinated with the construction of a new library.

### Bid Awarded

Ken Shaler & Son, Saranac, was awarded the bid on the King and High streets water main project.

### Assistance Program On Line

A student assistance program at Lowell High School is in place to help students who are having difficulties in selected areas; these areas may include academics, attendance, discipline and substance abuse.

### Serving the Gifted and Talented

Schools face a mixed bag of choices in deciding how to best serve the gifted and talented. Dr. Dorothy Armstrong, Grand Valley State University, said schools must not use lack of funds as an excuse. "Schools must do what they can do with the funds available," she said.

### MARCH 15, 1995

### Contracts Extended

The contracts of administrators and supervisors were extended one year by the Lowell School Board. Ellen McClain said she did not oppose giving an extension, but did challenge the one-year extension practice.

### Wrestlers Medal

Rob White, wrestling at 215 pounds, placed fifth at the state wrestling tournament. Dan Spicer, 112 pounds, placed fourth.

### Tax Exemption

Lowell's City Council approves a resolution establishing policy and guidelines for granting poverty homestead property tax exemptions.

### School Code Revamping

Governor Engler's call to "scrap the school code" in his State-of-the-State address is tempered by Senate Republicans who introduce legisla-

### MARCH 22, 1995

### Ordinance Unconstitutional

Lowell Charter Township's on-going battle with resident G.M. Ross takes a turn in Ross's direction when Kent County Circuit Court Judge George Buth rules the township's political sign ordinance is unconstitutional. The ruling overturned 63rd District Court Judge Sara Smolenski, who found Ross in violation of the township's sign ordinance.

### Narrowing the Scope

The city of Lowell reduces

### Brother Found

Sisters Eva Anderson and Rose Sharp successfully conclude a four-year search for their abandoned brother.

### Searching for a Vandal

Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson said the township has a lead on who may have caused the damage to the township pump station.

### MARCH 29, 1995

### Earned Income?

The case of the State vs.



Summer heat aided in a few yard and barn fires.

Terry Kinsley is sent to the jury for deliberation. Jurors were left to decide if the former Lowell business office manager earned her 1993 overtime wages.

### Library Funding

It was learned that a sizable amount of funding was secured by the Lowell Public Library building committee toward the proposed 1996 spring construction of a new \$1.2 million library. A foundation grant was secured from the Helen Look Memorial Fund in an amount of \$270,000. The committee also received \$380,000 from an anonymous benefactor.

### Perry Honored

Lowell's Bob Perry was honored with the Charles Forsythe award at halftime of

the Class A boys' basketball title game. It is the highest award MHSAA can bestow upon those who have spent a lifetime serving the Michigan educational sports community.

### Leadership Honors

Accolades in three of the eight leadership contests at the state FFA convention on the campus of Michigan State University were bestowed upon FFA members Lisa Posthumus, Kevin Nugent and Kerry Nugent.

### Search Down to Three

Robert Slotterbach, Bert Bieke and Richard Tate were the three candidates chosen for second interviews in Lowell Schools' search for a new superintendent.

### APRIL 5, 1995

### New Library Sketching Unveiled

Chuck Myers, building fund chairman for the proposed new library at the corner of Monroe and Avery, unveiled a sketching of the new \$1.2 million library. Myers said construction is expected to start in the spring of 1996.

### Governor's Choice

Lowell Middle School's Joe Zeeuw's "Russian Icon" was selected to be part of the Governor's 1995-96 traveling

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 1995

MEMBERS PRESENT: (ALL) Anderson, Gurney, Herweyer, Nugent and Palazzolo.

### MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Approval of the Agenda, with amendments.
- Approval of amendments to the Budget.
- Approval of the consent Agenda.
- Adopt the Resolution Of Intent to Award Construction Contract.
- Motion to amend the Resolution Of Intent To Finance Public Improvement By Installment Purchase Agreement.
- Adopt the amended Resolution Of Intent To Finance Public Improvement By Installment Purchase Agreement.
- Adopt the Resolution To Contract Burnham and Flower, (Insurance)
- Motion to reappoint Planning Commission Members.
- Motion to appoint new Zoning Board of Appeals Members.
- Approval of the 1996 Calendar, with minor changes.
- Motion to submit Preliminary Road Commission Report.
- Motion to pay tax amount.
- Motion to offer the Resolution To Install Streetlight at Woodland Park and Hallridge Intersection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.  
The December 18, 1995, meeting has been canceled. Next meeting to be held on January 8, 1996.

The complete set of minutes are available at the Grattan Township Office and may be viewed during regular business hours.

Respectfully submitted:  
Brenda Kay Harris

Approved by:  
Peggy Gurney

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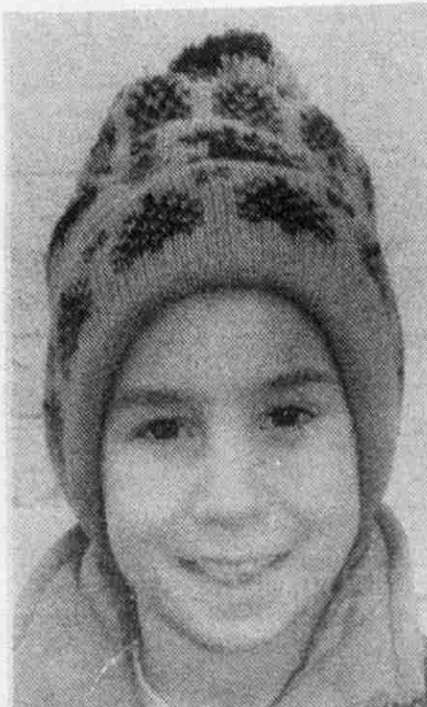
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Alex Fleet  
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Erin Fleet  
A doll.

**Sincere Thanks...**

To the Lowell Education Association for the delicious "Appreciation" Dinner you prepared for the board of education, administrators, and spouses before last week's school board meeting.

You are wonderful, caring people and because of you, our dreams for the Lowell Area Schools and students' dreams for their futures are turning into reality. Best wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year.

Marsha Wilcox, President  
Lowell Board of Education

## Gerber names King Milling a certified supplier

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

King Milling has supplied flour for Gerber baby food for nearly 40 years.

The King Milling Company was embraced as the newest certified supplier to Gerber Foods.

"We've been supplying Gerber Foods with several different kinds of flour for its baby food for nearly 40 years," said King Milling vice president Jim Doyle.

Steve Breuker, Gerber crew plant manager, said the baby food manufacturer welcomed King Milling into its selected family of certified suppliers.

King Milling was put through a rigorous program that included quality audits, inspection of the plant and inquiries about practices and policies.

Gerber also conducts a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point program which measures food safety.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Steve Breuker, Gerber crew plant manager; Karen Webster, Gerber quality service supervisor; Jim Doyle, King Milling vice president; Brian Doyle, King Milling president; Chris MacDonald, Gerber plant manager; and Steve Doyle, King Milling vice president.

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of legislators in Lansing who are concerned whether or not the state will be able to meet its financial commitment to education down the road. Republican senator, Dan DeGow, said in an effort to plan ahead, a house bill and a senate bill are being promoted to increase the dedication of income tax revenue for education from its current level of 14.4 percent to around 30 percent.

**A New Record**  
Lowell's Dawn Burrows sets a school record and meet record in the long jump at the Central Michigan University Relays.

**Favorable Outlook**  
The majority of the residents in attendance at the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission's public hearing on the proposed 18-hole Beechtree Golf Course favored the idea of the new course in their neighborhood.

**Walkers Talk**  
More than 270 walkers hit the streets of Lowell to take part in Lowell's first-ever CROP (Christian Relief Overseas Project) Walk. Event organizers hoped to raise \$18,000.

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**A New New Superintendent**  
A superintendent search that was closed just six days earlier was reopened after Robert Slotterback phoned Lowell School Board president Marsha Wilcox to inform her that he would not be coming to Lowell, and instead would accept a position with Wauwatosa Schools in Wisconsin. Wilcox and the board then offered the position to Bert Bleke, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at Forest Hills Central. "No one likes to finish second in a two-horse race, but after some thought I decided the Lowell position is still something I wanted," Bleke said.

**DeWeerd Resigns**

Ready for a new look, Lowell High School principal Jim DeWeerd announces that the 1994-95 school year will be his final year with Lowell Public Schools.

**New Schedule Blocked**  
The question as to whether or not schools could count a seminar or tutorial hour toward the new minimum 990 instructional hours was cause for Lowell High School to put on hold its plans to start up a seven-block schedule.

**Red Arrows Win**  
Lowell girls' track team won the first-ever Lowell Invitational.

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### Seniors Celebrate the Holiday

Norma Ferner, right, a resident at Lowell Medical Care Center, performs a reading of "The Friendly Beasts" during the center's Christmas program.

The Christmas program included carols such as *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World* and *O Holy Night*.

Carolyn Riley, the center's activity director, sang *Silver Bells*.

Resident Alice Lambert and family did a reading of "The Birth of Christ."



**COLLEGE NEWS**

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### COLLEGE NEWS

Mike Wojciakowski, a junior from Lowell High School, was recently named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Conference All-Academic team. Wojciakowski, a co-captain, has a 3.65 GPA.

Brad D. Holtz and Jason C. Sayen have been named to the dean's list for Fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, Acting Academic Dean of the college.

Holtz, a freshman, is the son of Bill Holtz of Lowell and Sayen, a junior, is the son of Robert and Glecia Sayen, also of Lowell.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale. Northwood University is

a private, accredited college specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two and four year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields. The college's Executive MBA program makes Northwood's free market-based degree offerings in management and entrepreneurship the most complete anywhere. The college emphasizes the importance of free enterprise and is dedicated to the preservation of the free market and the important relationship between business and the arts.

Northwood operates three residential campuses in Michigan, Florida and Texas; the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan, Maine; 31 University College outreach centers and locations throughout the United States; and international study programs abroad, principally in Europe.

### Local cub scouts raise money for Santa's Girls

Lowell Cub Scout Pack 3102 raised \$197 through its pancake breakfast benefit.

The proceeds were donated to Santa's Girls. Cub Scout Pack 3102 is led by its Cub Master Tracy Miller.

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controvitalional held at the Red Arrow Athletic facility.

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**Rezoning Turned Down**  
Alan Mauer, Leonard Den Houter and Ed Ignatowski's petition to have Lowell Charter Township rezoned 188 acres from agriculture to residential was denied.

**Streak Continues**  
For the 18th consecutive year, Lowell High School's forensic team was represented at the state level.

**Fairway Cleared**  
Lowell Charter Township approves a rezoning application by Woodruff Palmer for his proposed Beechtree Golf Course.

MAY 17, 1995

#### "Morel-velous" Mushrooms

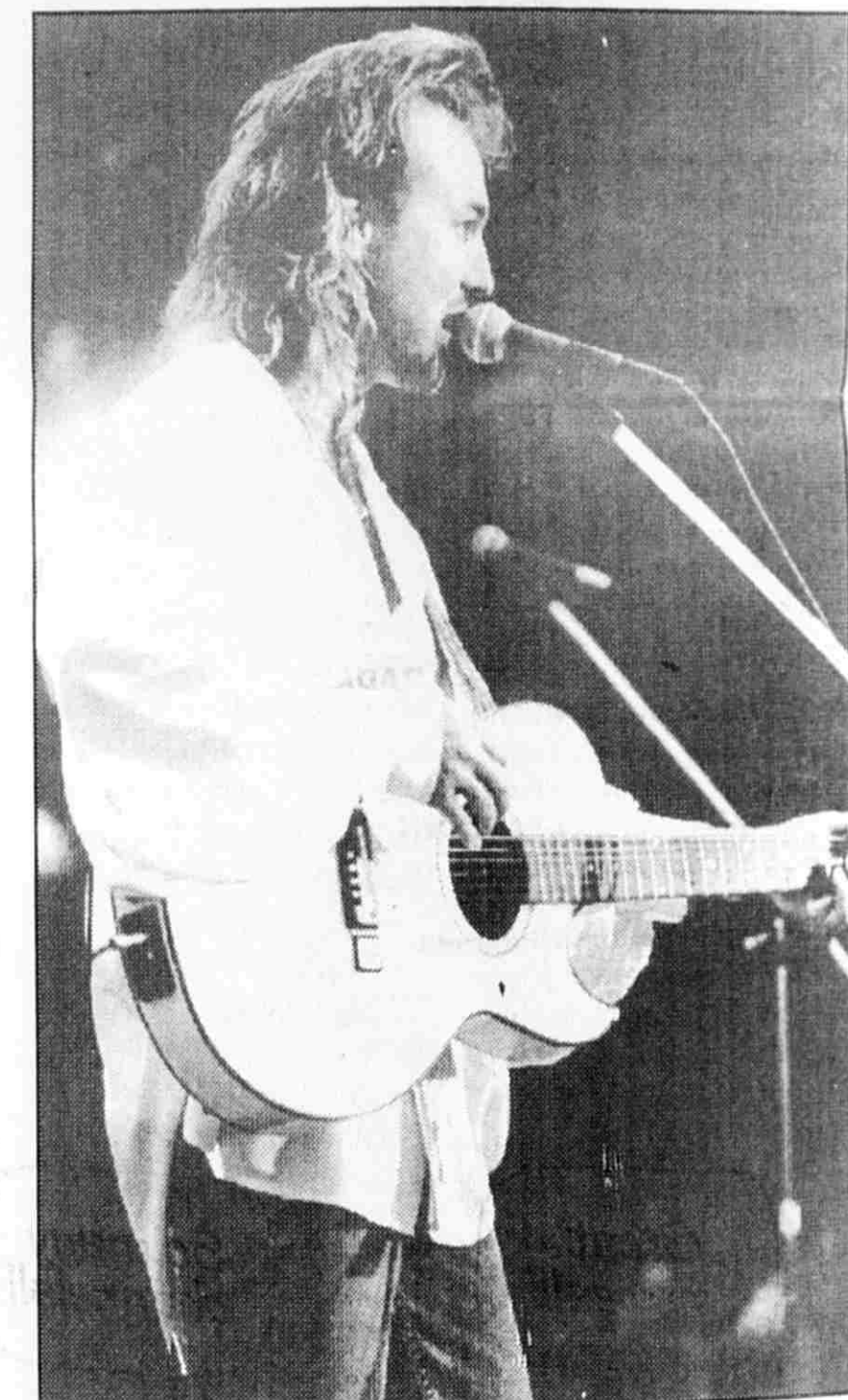
After three and a half hours on the mushroom trail, Trent and Jeni Buck hit the jackpot - they find a patch-full of morels.

#### Contractor Tabbed for Hall

Dykhouse Construction was awarded the contract for the renovation of Lowell Township Hall. Dykhouse won the contract with a low

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**Kempker Retires**  
Ann Kempker retires from FMB State Savings Bank af-



Thom Ellis

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—Vauvenargues

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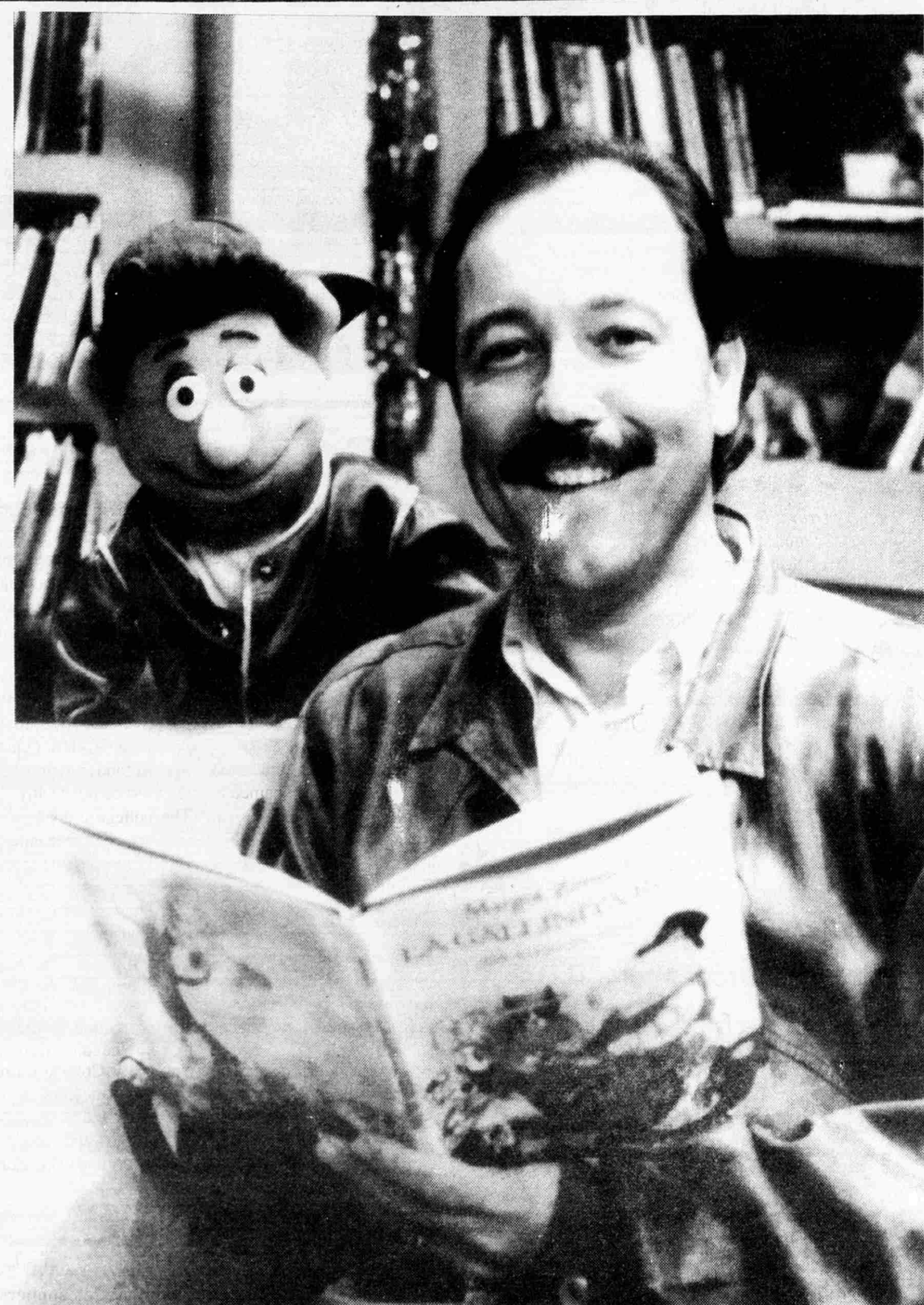
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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 1995											
7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
WVMT Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy! Murder, She Wrote (R) (In Stereo) To Be Announced 48 Hours (In Stereo) News Late Show (In Stereo)	WVTV Highway Patrol LAPD (R) (In Stereo) Movie: "How the West Was Fun" (1994) Ashley Olsen, Martin Mull (In Stereo) To Be Announced 48 Hours (In Stereo) News Nightline	WGVL Newshour With Jim Lehrer This Old House (R) Michigan Out-of-Doors Trailside Adventure Mystery: "Rumpole of the Bailey" Waiting for God Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	WOOD Home Improvement Seinfeld: "The Old Man" Living Single (R) Crew "The Operation" NCLR Bravo Awards (In Stereo) Tales From the Crypt Tales From the Crypt Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "The Storyteller" (R)	WVMT Extra "The 20th Anniversary Special" Inside Edition Friends (In Stereo) Single Guy "GHI" (R) Seinfeld: "The Maestro" Caroline in the City ER "Happy New Year" (R) (In Stereo) News Tonight Show (In Stereo)	WLNS Entertainment Tonight Two Fun Murder, She Wrote (R) (In Stereo) To Be Announced 48 Hours (In Stereo) News Late Show (In Stereo)	WVTV Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Survivors" Friends (In Stereo) Single Guy "GHI" (R) Seinfeld: "The Maestro" Caroline in the City ER "Happy New Year" (R) (In Stereo) News Tonight Show (In Stereo)	WVMT Newshour With Jim Lehrer Practical Sports Wild America (R) This Old House (R) Frugal Gourmet Mystery: "Poison" "The ABC Murders" (Part 2 of 2) Practical Sports Wild America (R)	WVMT Entertainment Tonight Hard Copy Movie: "How the West Was Fun" (1994) Ashley Olsen, Martin Mull (In Stereo) To Be Announced 48 Hours (In Stereo) News Nightline	WVMT Home Improvement Roseanne (In Stereo) Living Single (R) Crew "The Operation" NCLR Bravo Awards (In Stereo) Cops (In Stereo) Highway Patrol Jenny Jones (R)		
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
TBS Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos Movie: "Heartburn" (1986) Jack Nicholson, Jeff Daniels Movie: "Convoy" (1978) Kris Kristofferson, Ernest Borgnine	FAM Waltons "The Choice" Highways to Heaven "Fight for Your Life" Rescue 911 (In Stereo) 700 Club Movie: "Cahill, U.S. Marshal" (1973)	FX Fall Guy Hart to Hart "Long Lost Love" Trapper John, M.D. In Living Color In Living Color Vegas "A Way to Live"	USA Wings "El Tu, Antonio?" Wings (In Stereo) Movie: "Once Around" (1990, Comedy-Drama) Richard Dreyfuss. A woman is romanced by a brash condominium salesman. WWF Wrestling Raw Wings "El Tu, Antonio?" Wings (In Stereo)	DISC Beyond 2000 Next Step Wild Discovery "Together They Stand" (R) Movie Magic (R) Know Zone (R) Yugoslavia - Death of a Nation (Part 3 of 5) Next Step (R) Beyond 2000	WGN Family Matters Newhart Movie: "Runs on the Run" (1990) Eric Idle, Camille Codrin Movie Magic (R) Know Zone (R) Yugoslavia - Death of a Nation (Part 3 of 5) Next Step (R) Beyond 2000	ESPN Sportscenter College Football: Alamo Bowl - Michigan vs. Texas A&M. From San Antonio. (Live) Kickoff College Football: Alamo Bowl - Michigan vs. Texas A&M. From San Antonio. (Live) Yugoslavia - Death of a Nation (Part 3 of 5) Next Step (R) Beyond 2000	CNN Moneyline Crossfire Prime News Inside Politics Larry King Live (R) Showbiz: Film and Stage Sports Tonight Moneyline (R)	NICK Doug (In Stereo) Clarissa Explains It All Primetime Nicktoons Classic TV Countdown Nutcracker (R) Welcome Back, Kotter Dick Van Dyke Law & Order "Benevolence"	A&E Ancient Mysteries "Mysteries of the Bible" (R) Biography "Daniel Boone" (R) Nutcracker (R) Law & Order "Benevolence"		
PASS Live on PASS NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills. (Live) Press Box CCHA Digest College Basketball: Cowboy Shootout	TNT in the Heat of the Night "Bino Spot" Movie: "Gettysburg" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. The Civil War's biggest battle as seen from both sides. Movie: "Geronimo" (1993) Joseph Runningfox. (In Stereo) Inside the NFL (In Stereo)	NASH Club Dance Country News Merle Haggard: An American Story (R) Music City Tonight (R) (In Stereo) Club Dance (R) (In Stereo) Country News (R)	SCI FI Twilight Zone Tales-Darkside Quantum Leap (In Stereo) Invisible Man "The Kia Resource" Friday the 13th: The Series (In Stereo) Twilight Zone Tales-Darkside	<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>							
DISN Flash Forward MMC (In Stereo) Movie: "D2: The Mighty Ducks" (1994), Kathryn Erbe, Michael Tucker PG (Adult language)	HBO Movie: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1959) Indiana Jones, Karen Morley, Ron Rifkin (In Stereo) Real Sports (R) (In Stereo) Movie: "Conflict of Interest" (1993), Judd Nelson (In Stereo) Comedy Half Inside the NFL (In Stereo)	MAX Movie: "Batman" (1989) PG-13 Movie: "And Justice for All" (1978), Jack Warden, John Forsythe (R) (Adult language, nudity) Movie: "Scanners: The Showdown" (1994), Patrick Kilpatrick (In Stereo) R Movie: "Timecop" (R)									

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 28, 1995											
12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30		
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
WVMT Late Show (In Stereo) Late Late Show (In Stereo) Jerry Springer Home Shopping Spree Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress)	WVTV Top Cops (In Stereo) Paid Program Paid Program (Off Air)	WGVL Charlie Rose (Off Air)	WVMT Stephanie Miller (In Stereo) Carleton Sheets Bullwinkle Richard Bey Charles Perez (In Stereo) Pointman "Business and Pleasure" (In Stereo)	WOOD 11:35 Tonight Show Late Night (In Stereo) Later (In Stereo) Leeza (In Stereo) Paid Program NBC News Nightside	WLNS 11:35 Late Show (In Stereo) Late Late Show (In Stereo) Murphy Brown Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress) Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress)	WVMT 11:35 Tonight Show Late Night (In Stereo) Later (In Stereo) News (R) NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress) Headline News	WKAR (Off Air)	WVMT Current Affairs Most Wanted Cops (In Stereo) Gordon Elliott Mike & Maty ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	WVMT Gabrielle LAPD (R) (In Stereo) Rescue 911 (In Stereo) Metrinch (Off Air)		
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
TBS Movie: "Convoy" (1978) Jan-Michael Vincent, Art Carney Leave it to Beaver Paid Program Paid Program Paid Program	FAM Movie: "Cahill, U.S. Marshal" (1973) Paid Program Paid Program 700 Club Paid Program Paid Program Paid Program	FX Rawhide In Living Color (R) In Living Color (R) Paid Program Paid Program Paid Program	USA Quantum Leap "Jimmy" October 14, 1964 "Magnum, P.I. 'Do'" Movie: "Abductee" (1986) Dan Haggerty, Lawrence King-Phillips American Gladiators	DISC Wild Discovery "Together They Stand" (R) Movie Magic (R) Know Zone (R) Yugoslavia - Death of a Nation (R) (Part 3 of 5) Paid Program Paid Program Paid Program	WGN Simon & Simon "Honeymooners" In the Heat of the Night "No Other Road" Paid Program Paid Program Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (In Stereo) Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (In Stereo)	ESPN Sportscenter College Basketball: Rainbow Classic Quarterfinal - Massachusetts vs. North Carolina State. (Live) Sportscenter College Football: Alamo Bowl - Michigan vs. Texas A&M (R)	CNN NewsNight Showbiz Today (R) NewsNight Sports Latenight (R) Larry King Live Overnight Sports Latenight (R) Crossfire (R) Newsroom	NICK Bob Newhart Lucy Show Dragnet Munsters Mary Tyler Moore Taxi Welcome Back, Kotter Dick Van Dyke Bob Newhart Lucy Show	A&E Biography "Daniel Boone" (R) Nutcracker (R) Law & Order "Benevolence" Rockford Files "Find Me if You Can" Billiards U.S. Open Semifinals (R)		
PASS College Basketball: Cowboy Shootout NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills. (R) Motorsports Hour (R)	TNT Movie: "Blay the Kid" (1989) Val Kilmer, Wilford Brimley Movie: "Max and Helen" (1990) Treat Williams, Martin Landau. (In Stereo) "Shah: Hit and Run"	NASH Merle Haggard: An American Story (R) Music City Tonight (R) (In Stereo) Country News (R) (Off Air)	SCI FI Quantum Leap (In Stereo) Invisible Man "The Kia Resource" Friday the 13th: The Series (In Stereo) On a Collision Course With Earth (R) Paid Program Paid Program	<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>							
DISN Movie: "Heart: The Road Home" (R) Movie: "Dark Horse" (1992), Mimi Rogers, Ari Meyers (In Stereo) PG Movie: "The Westerner" (1940), Walter Brennan, Doris Davenport	HBO Movie: "In the Heat of Passion II: Unfaithful" (1994) (In Stereo) R Movie: "Body of Influence" (1993), Shannon Whirly (In Stereo) R Movie: "Leprechaun 2" (1994) (In Stereo) R (Nudity, violence) Comedy Half	MAX Movie: "Timecop" (1994) R Movie: "I Like It Like That" (1994), Jon Seda (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations) Movie: "Killer Looks" (1994), Michael Artura, Len Donato (In Stereo) NR Hot Line "Payback"									

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## Red Arrow spikers find sledding bumpy at Creston Invitational

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The effort was there at the Creston Volleyball Invitational, but Lowell's position wasn't where coach Jacki Malokofsky had hoped.

The first-year coach wasn't concerned about the Red Arrows position in its placement among the other 14 schools participating. She was concerned with correct body and floor positions.

"The girls put a lot of effort into their play, but we need to work on cleaning up our basic skills," Malokofsky said. "We committed a lot of errors in our serve, receive and dig areas."

Lowell, competing in Pool B, finished the day with a record of 2-6.

The Red Arrows lost two games to Grand Rapids Christian 9-15, 7-15.

Lowell defeated Tri

County 15-12, 15-10. It then lost to the eventual tournament champion, Hamilton 8-15, 8-15.

In Lowell's final two games of the day, the Red Arrows lost to Mona Shores 7-15, 7-15.

Malokofsky was pleased with her club's performance in the second game against Hamilton.

"The girls were down 14-3, but they didn't quit and got

it together as a team," Malokofsky said. "They battled back to 8-14 before losing."

Sophomores Liz Rooker and Laurie Barton played solid service and passing games. "I like the fact they didn't seem to be nervous. They got right in there and served and passed well," Malokofsky said.

Seniors Karen Dykstra and Tracy Loughlin also had

solid volleyball performances. Dykstra finished the day with 18 points and six aces. Dykstra, Loughlin and junior Rachel Thomas tied for the team-lead in digs with 19.

Loughlin led the team in blocks with five and she assisted in four other blocks.

Lowell's coach also recognized Dawn Burrows for

her jump serve and Corinne Arnett and Katie Stouffer for their setting.

Lowell missed on 25 percent of its serves in each game. "That is too many," Malokofsky said.

Lowell's volleyball team will be in action again on Dec. 30 in the WMVOA Tournament at East Kentwood.

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There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same.  
—Chinese Proverb

## Lowell wrestlers finish fourth at Hemlock tournament

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three Red Arrow wrestlers medaled as the team worked its way to a fourth-place finish in the 14-team field at the Hemlock Invitational.

"I saw big improvement over last weekend," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said of the young squad. "I thought the boys were a little intimidated at Battle Creek last week."

Not absent at Hemlock was their effort and intensity - an aggressiveness in going after their opponent.

"The boys were trying moves and going after people," Rivers said. "They still weren't finalizing. We

had a few people on their backs, but couldn't lock them up."

The only Red Arrow to lock up a first was 112-pounder Dan Spicer. The senior was 4-0 and finished the day with a 15-2 win over Alma's Luke Thrush.

"Dan dominated throughout the day," Rivers said.

Junior Brett Plattner finished second at 125 pounds. The Red Arrow lost a 7-1 decision to Aaron Illes of Mt. Morris in the finals.

"Brett had a good day. He moved and executed well," Rivers said.

Scott Hays placed fourth in the 152-pound weight class. Hays finished the day with a 2-2 record.

In a match for third place he was pinned by Breckenridge's Shane Aldrich in the first period.

Dave Luyk (135 pounds) and Matt Inman (140 pounds) did not medal but posted winning records for the day. Each wrestler was 3-2.

Wrestlers Jason Willard (heavyweight), Brad Lyons (130 pounds), and Steve

VanLaan (160 pounds) each finished their day of wrestling with two wins and two defeats.

Red Arrow grapplers with 1-2 marks were Aaron Plattner (103); Casey Harper (119); Joel Uzarski (171); and Mike Minier (189).

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# Red Arrows show growth in loss to East Grand Rapids

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's varsity basketball team bounced back from an 11-2 first-quarter deficit and hung tough the rest of the

way in a 57-45 defeat to East Grand Rapids.

"We played much better against East than we did against Hudsonville Tuesday night," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "We're

playing better defensively right now than anything else. Offensively we need some work. We're not crisp."

Lowell's troubles on offense may start with its turnovers. The Red Arrows turned the ball over 21 times against the Pioneers. "That is more than I would like," Bush said, "although I didn't think we gave East a whole lot of points off our turnovers."

While Lowell's defense is ahead of its offense, Bush wants his club to take the next step. "We need to start creating transition opportunities," Bush said. "We need to get eight to 10 points off transition each game."

Lowell trailed 12-11 after one period of play and 24-21 at halftime, thanks to a buzzer-beating three-point shot by Pioneers' Colin Exelby.

East extended its lead to six, 38-32, at the end of three quarters of play. "We gave them two key turnovers in the third quarter that resulted in layups for East," Bush said. The Red Arrows never

got the deficit below five in the fourth quarter. And except for the final two minutes of play, the Pioneers never built a lead larger than eight points in the fourth quarter.

The Pioneers netted eight of 12 foul shots down the stretch.

Bush was pleased with the physical play of Joe Seitz. "We needed someone to go in and play physical with Elson (Corbett) and Joe did," Bush said. Seitz contributed with seven points and eight rebounds. "He worked hard on every single possession," Bush said.

Lowell also got a solid performance from Mike Bielecki. The junior netted 13 points. B.J. Barber and Kevin Brown contributed with eight and seven points respectively.

In junior varsity action Lowell lost to EGR 62-35.

**Hudsonville 66  
Lowell 32**

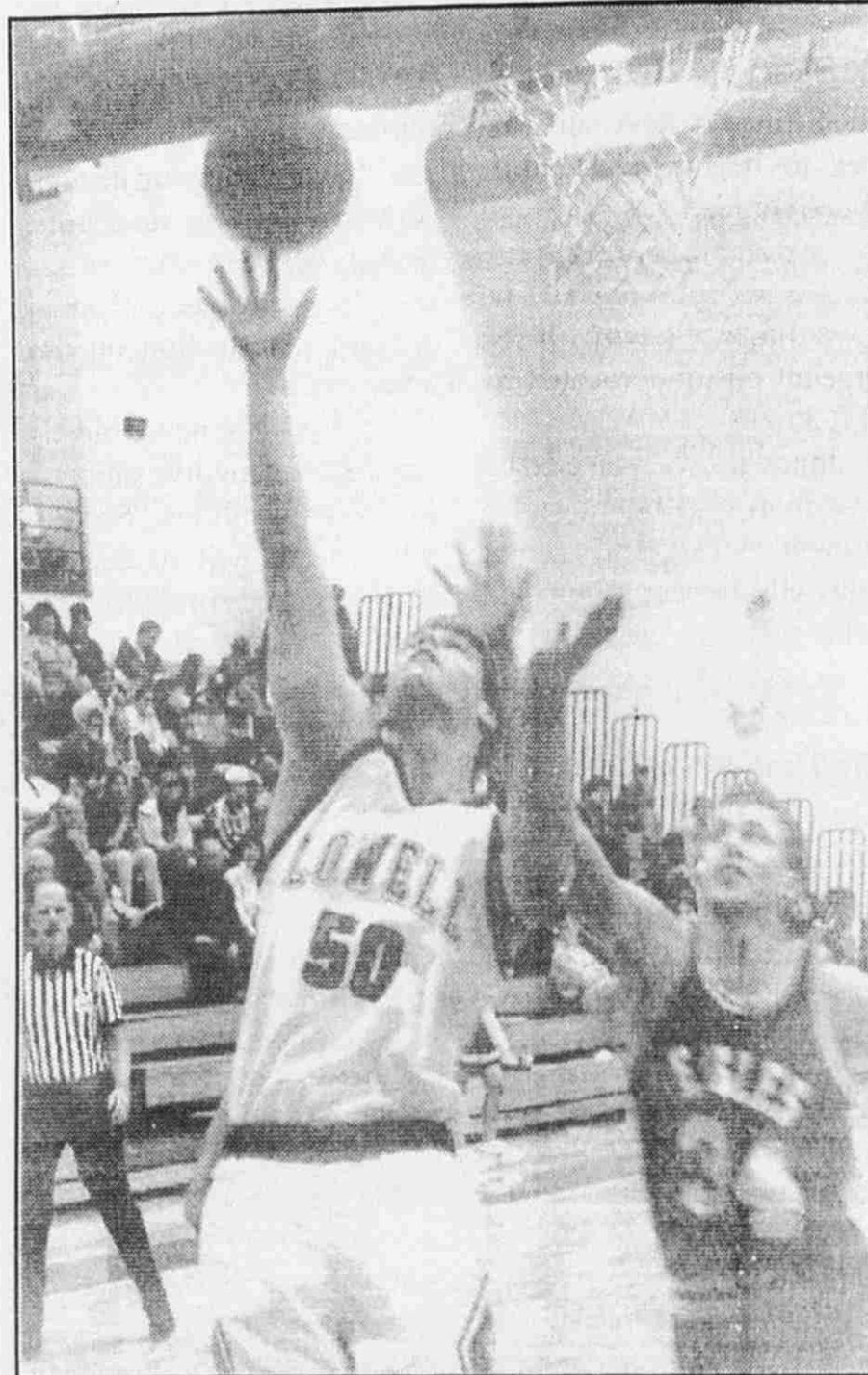
The score wouldn't suggest it, but Hudsonville trailed for the first six minutes of the first quarter.

But then the Eagles soared. Leading 10-7 at the end of one quarter, Hudsonville outscored Lowell 25-9 in the second period to take a commanding 35-16 halftime lead.

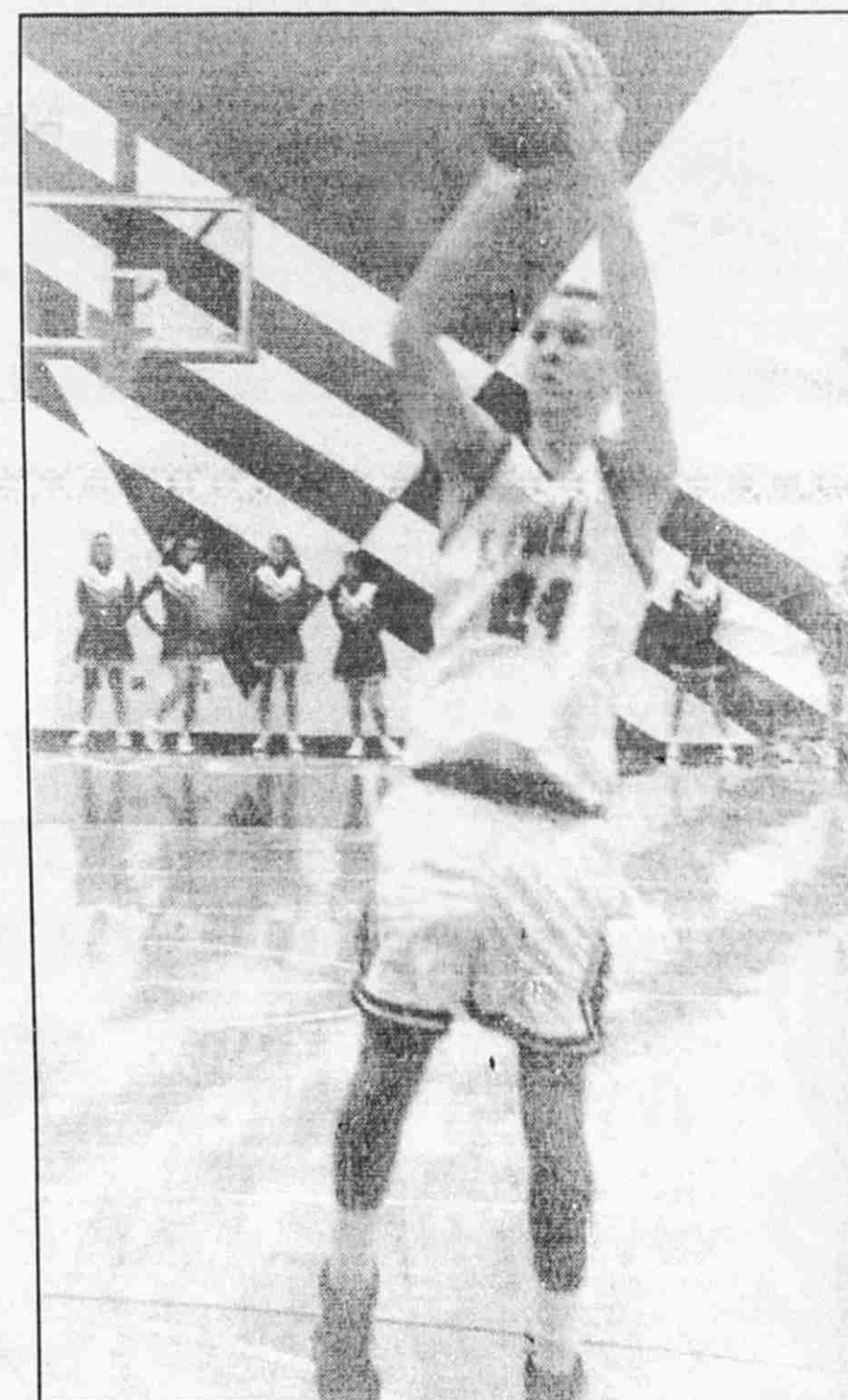
"We did not play well. We did not do the simple things well," Bush said. "We turned the ball over on two inbound plays right before the half and we made just four-of-15 foul shots in the first half."

Mike Bielecki led all Lowell scorers with eight points. Joe Seitz tallied six. Hudsonville's Mark Zichterman led all scorers with 20.

Lowell junior varsity lost a squeaker, 54-53.



Joe Seitz battles for an offensive rebound.



Mike Bielecki puts up a jump shot against Hudsonville.

# Junewick appointed Lowell's new police sergeant

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Police Department's new sergeant used to be its investigative detective.

Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine announced that Steve Junewick will fill the sergeant position vacated by Al Eckman.

Junewick was selected by three-man oral board and a six-man assessment center team. All nine people involved in the interview process were from outside of Kent County.

Valentine said Junewick was one of two members of the department interviewed for the position.

"It was gratifying that the selection group said both people were top notch officers," Valentine said. "That is a positive reflection on the department."

Junewick's new role as sergeant will involve supervisory responsibilities. "Steve's new position will include being a first-line supervisor for patrol officers and a second-line supervisor for part-time

officers and for reserve and support groups," Valentine said.

He will also be in charge of scheduling officer training classes.

Junewick is in his eighth year as a full-time member of the Lowell force. Prior to that he served as a part-time officer and as a member of the reserve.

"I see it as a challenge. It's a new page for me," Junewick said. "I'm fortunate and honored to have the chal-

Junewick is a graduate of Creston High School and attended Lansing Community College.

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bid of \$508,000.

**Public Transportation**  
Lowell Charter Township board members agreed to join the North Kent Transit Service for one year, contingent on the availability of Community Block Funds.

**Curtis Cleaner Founder Dies**

Richard A. Curtis, who along with his brother Art helped their father Art Sr. start Curtis Laundry and Dry Cleaners in 1946, died on May 12. He is remembered as one of Lowell's most charismatic entrepreneurs.

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**A City Development**  
A proposed preliminary plat for the Mill Isle Estate

Subdivision was recommended to the city council by the Lowell Planning Commission. When totally developed, the subdivision will have 65 single-family residential lots on 18 acres of property. Each lot and house are expected to be sold at approximately \$100,000. The proposed lots are expected to range from 6,000 square feet to 18,420 square feet.

**On to State**  
The Lowell girls' track team placed second in the Class B track regional. Lowell also qualified for the state meet in six events: 400- and 800-relays, 100- and 300-meter hurdles, the long jump and the 100-meter dash.

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Steve Junewick

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## Year in Review, continued... From Page 27

**Throwing Your Weight Around**  
The Lowell boys track team will be represented in the discus and shot put at the state meet.

**Film Controversy**  
Discussion is held about whether or not the Michigan Health Model film is appropriate instruction for first-graders.

**Copron Retires**  
Elsie Copron, a 27-year veteran of Lowell Light &

**Transit System Parked**  
With all of its Community Development Block Grant funds allocated toward a \$70,000 Gee Drive water main project, the city said it would look into the use of the North Kent Transit System in the fall of 1995.

**Proposed Improvements**  
Donald Fizer's proposed \$25,000 worth of improvements aimed at screening the business (Michigan Wire) site from area residents was met with questions as to how effective the planting of trees would be in deadening the sound.

Power, retires on May 19. Gerber baby food, partners up with the city of Lowell for Michigan's Mayor Exchange Day program.

**Gleason Member of Marine Band**  
Lowell High School senior Jesse Gleason is the first area student ever to be named as a member to the United States Marine Band.

**Mayor Exchange Day**  
Fremont, the home of

held that position until August of 1993.

**Election Nears**  
Lowell School Board incumbents Jack Lane and Ann Mulder prepare for the challenge of candidate Joe Barnella and write-in candidate Marv Hasso.

**Protecting Against Vandals**  
The Lowell City Council agrees to spend approximately \$2,000 to have security and surveillance cameras installed by the Creekside Park bathrooms due to on-going vandalism of the facility.

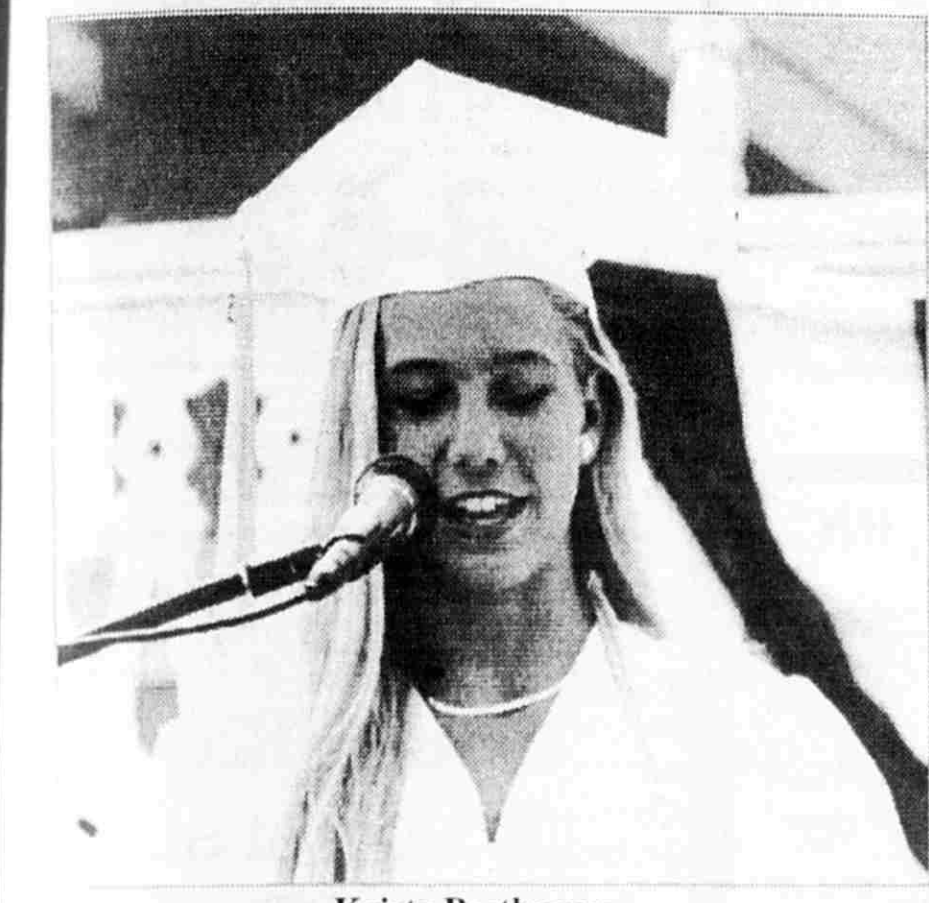
**Commencement 117**  
The 117th graduating class of Lowell High School reflects on what they have learned, experienced and celebrated over the past 13 years. The class of '95 held its commencement exercise under the sunshine at the Showboat Amphitheatre.

**The "House" places 3rd**  
Lowell's Ron Acheson places third in shot put and discus at the Class B state meet in Midland.


**Incumbents Win**  
By a 2-to-1 margin, school board incumbents Jack Lane and Ann Mulder are voted to four more years on the Lowell School Board.

**Sophomore's Life Taken in Crash**  
A late Saturday evening crash in Grand Rapids takes the life of Lowell High School sophomore Amanda Tichelaar.

**Recognizing Retirees**  
Jim DeWeerd, Mae Dean Alexander and Arnold Kimball were honored at a school retirement party. Kimball retired after 32 years in the Lowell School District. Review, cont'd., pg. 30



Krista Posthumus



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Bert Bleke

Alexander spent 22 years in the district and DeWeerd was in Lowell for 12 years.

### Kuna Resigns

Lowell volleyball coach Laurie Kuna stepped down after 13 years at the post.

### Agreement Reached

Lowell Schools and its bus mechanics reach a two-year contract agreement.

### Saving a Life

A Lowell couple, while vacationing in Las Vegas, save the life of a man after he suffers a heart attack in a parking lot.

JUNE 21, 1995

### Maintenance Task Completed

Ice wrapped in wet towels draped over the necks of roughly 30 volunteers Saturday as they sanded and sealed the Creekside Kingdom playground in sweltering heat.

### Building Booms

A building boom in Lowell Charter Township has officials discussing the possibility of a population survey. If it reveals the township is growing faster than projected, it could mean additional funds from the government.

### Kinsley Sentenced

Kent County Circuit Court Judge Robert Benson sentences Terry Kinsley, former school business office manager, to a four-month jail sentence for cheating the Lowell School District out of \$3,786 through falsifying time slips.

### Proceeds Runneth Over

The first-ever Cherry Creek Classic raises \$1,500. Proceeds in the amount of \$1,000 are earmarked for the Lowell Showboat.

### Asbestos Violation

Lowell School's asbestos program was found to be in violation of EPA standards. However, none were considered potential violations that would constitute a health or safety hazard for students or employees.

### Top Athlete

Lowell High School senior Krista Posthumus is named the O-K White female athlete of the year.

### Township Stink

It seems an increased ban on dumping garbage in landfills has caused a stink in

Lowell Charter Township. The township has come under attack from people who illegally dump grass clippings, household garbage and even above-ground pools on dead-end roads rather than properly disposing of them.

### Contract Ratified

A newly proposed three-year contract between the Lowell Police Association and the city of Lowell was ratified.

JUNE 28, 1995

### Comfort in a Camaro

Caron Stetler found the seating more than a little comfortable in the driver's seat of her new 1995 Z-28 Camaro convertible. Stetler won the "grand" prize at the St. Patrick's Festival over the weekend.

### Bids are Next

Engineers for the Broadway/Riverside city parking lot and Lafayette Street Plaza projects are given the okay to initiate construction bids as part of the \$1.2 million Downtown Development Authority project.

### Club Boosted by Proceeds

Lowell Athletic Boosters Club Golf Tournament scramble raised approximately \$2,000.

### Ellis Returns to the Showboat

Thom Ellis returns home to perform at the Lowell Showboat.

JULY 5, 1995

### Note-Worthy Promotion

ABC sports labels MSU marching band "note-worthy" enough to perform the theme

song for its college football promotions. Lowell's Clay and Heather Pelon were two of the 85 members selected to play in the recording. Clay was also one of the 15 chosen to be in the video.

### Matlosz Leaves for Godwin

Lowell interim director of personnel and community services, Mike Matlosz, announces he's leaving Lowell to take a high school principalship at Godwin Heights High School. Matlosz came to the Lowell School District six years ago as the Lowell Middle School principal.

### Classic Raises \$1,500

Cherry Creek Classic 5-K Run & Walk presents a check to Lowell Showboat president Terri Robinson for \$1,000. The first-year race raised over \$1,500.

### New Student Rep

Jenny Jansma is the new student representative on the Lowell Showboat.

### Riding for MS

Local bikers John Getz, Brad Brngstock, Tina Phillips, Dan Phillips, Matt Smith, Roger Freeman, Mike Cortez and John Forsythe participated in West Michigan's MS 150-mile Bike Tour. The event raised \$167,000.

### High School Repeats?

The concept of allowing high school students to repeat classes if they so desire is being looked into by the Lowell School District.

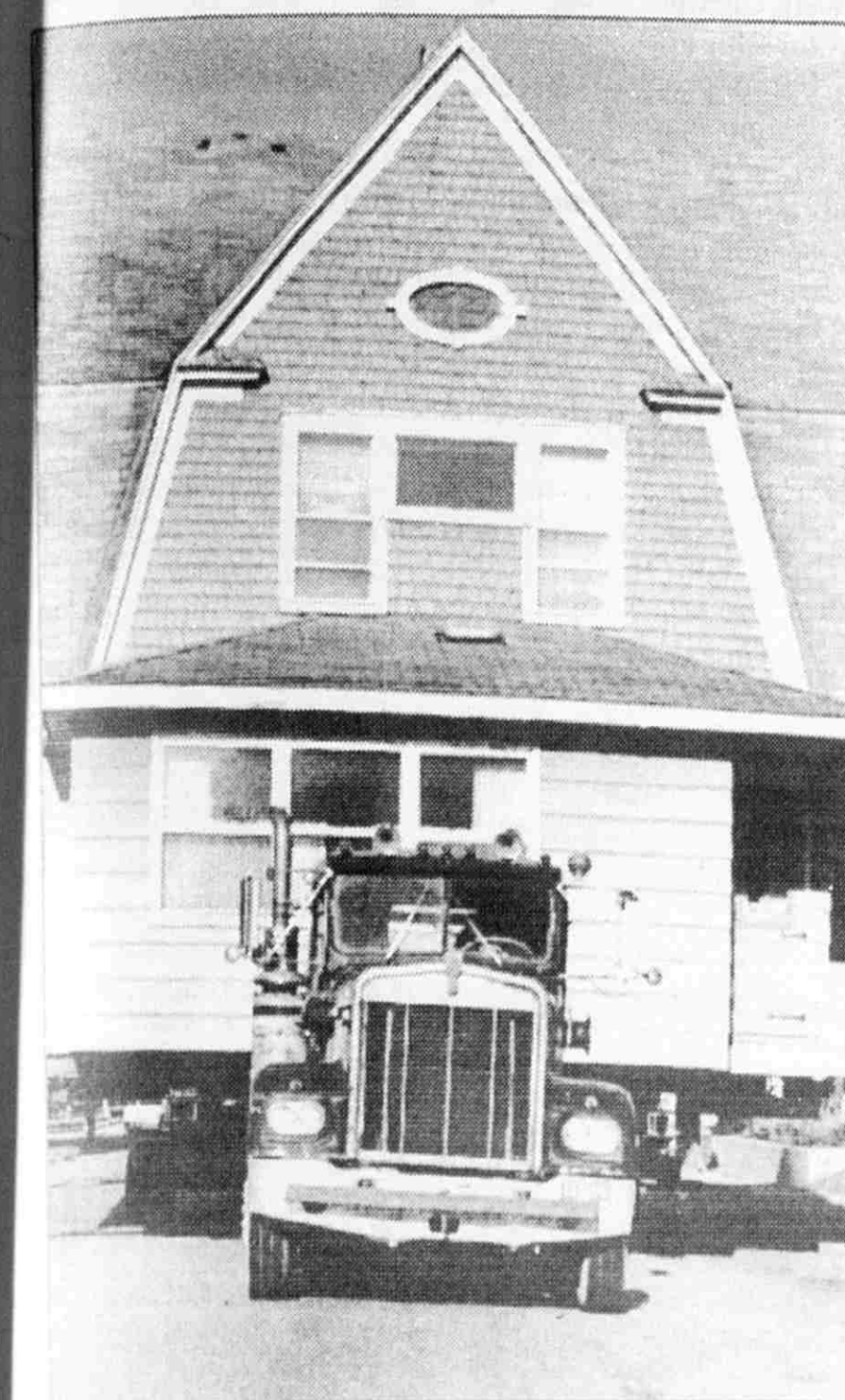
JULY 12, 1995

### A Mammoth Move

A church parsonage weighing 75 tons is moved

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# Year in Review, continued... From Page 30



A home weighing 75 tons is moved a quarter of a mile east on Main Street.



The temperature indicates just how hot a summer Lowell residents experienced.

from the United Methodist Church to three-quarters of a mile east on Main Street. The move took just under four hours, the labor of 14 men, and the cooperation and understanding of both city residents and businesses on the east end of town.

### Bound Over by New Statute

A Lowell man is bound over to Kent County Circuit Court on a charge of second-degree vulnerable adult abuse under a new statute that has not been used in Kent County.

### Building Bought

The city of Lowell purchases the NAPA Auto Parts building at 113 Lafayette. With the new pedestrian mall slated for along Lafayette, the purchase of the building was considered strategic in renovation efforts.

### Librarian Laid to Rest

Evelyn Smith, who served as the Alto librarian for 32 years, dies at the age of 88.

### Mayor Moves Aside

Lowell Mayor James Maatman says that his 16th year on the Lowell City Council will be his last.

### Interim Principals

Scott Vashaw and Jim Harden are chosen to fill the roles of high school and middle school principals respectively for the 1995-96 school year.

### Pavement Prevented

Residents along Kissing Rock Avenue successfully fight off pavement of their road and hope to turn it into a natural beauty road.

### New Sexton

The city of Lowell hires

Don DeYoung as the new sexton of Oakwood Cemetery.

### Lots Raised

A new Vergennes Township cemetery ordinance raises non-residents' fees from \$200 to \$300.

JULY 19, 1995

### Rate Higher Than Expected

Projected use for city water after six months was lower than projected by Lowell Charter Township. This causes costs to be higher than expected.

### Survey Says!

The response to a Lowell Area School survey of 407 registered voters indicates that the community favors enhancement mills under certain parameters.

### Spill and Pay the Bill

Companies or individuals who accidentally spill hazardous material in Lowell Charter Township are told they may soon be facing a stiff bill. The township board reviews a set of ordinances which force companies or individuals to foot the bill for any hazardous dumping.

### Developing a Foundation

A steering committee meets with Cedar Springs Education Foundation and the Forest Hills Education Foundation to discuss developing a foundation in the Lowell School District.

### Ownership Change

Larkin's Restaurant un-

dergoes a change in management. There is a transfer in title from Steve Larkin to Mike Larkin.

### Kids Hoop it Up

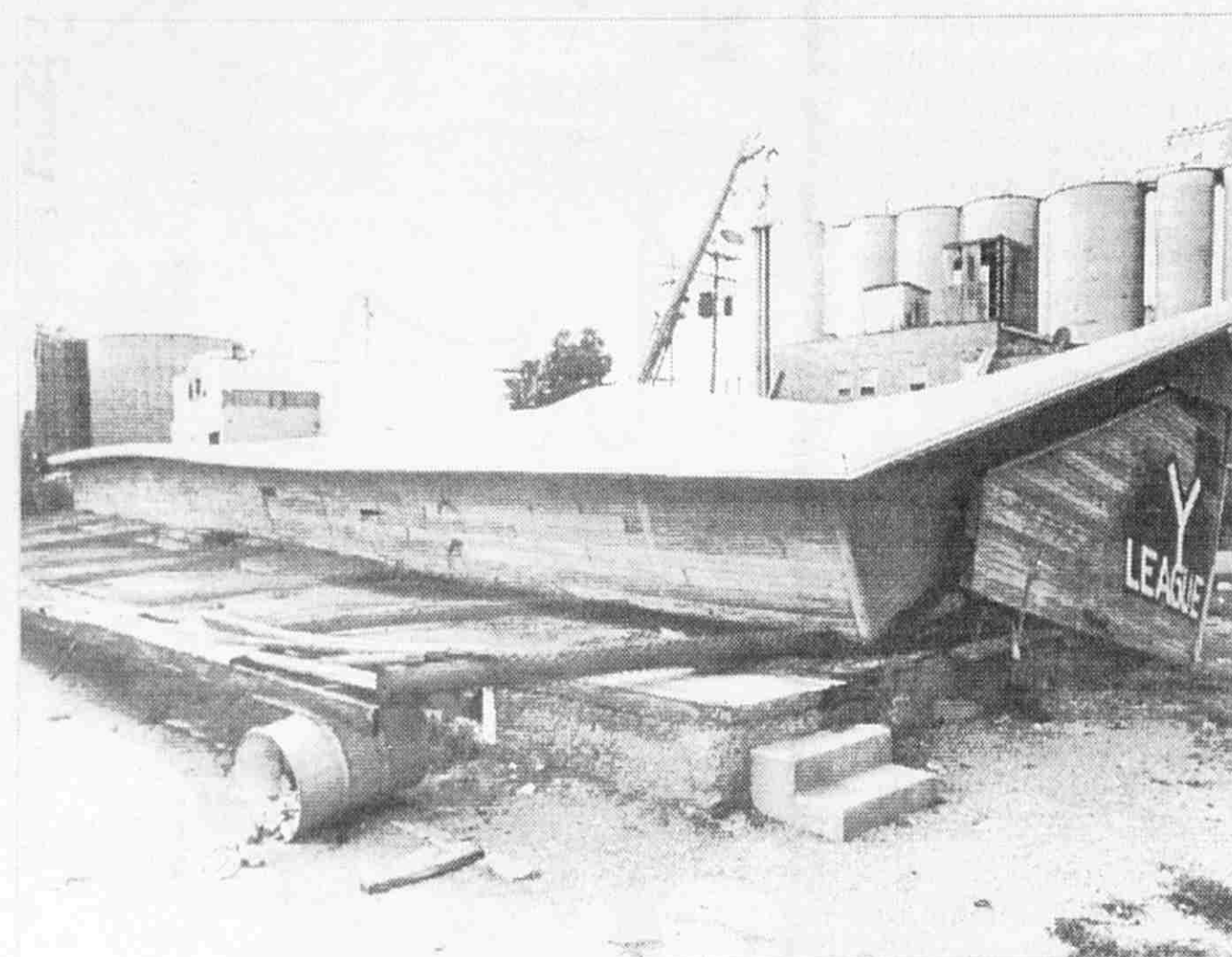
A newly structured hoop tourney is geared toward youth. The two-day YMCA tournament for area youths

raised between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

### New Pastor

David Stout is welcomed as Vergennes United Methodist Church's new pastor.

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Lowell's old grandstand is taken down by a storm that brought high winds.

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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.:** Quaker Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

**SUN., DEC. 24:** "The Early Years" a musical program about Jesus' birth and boyhood at 10 a.m. at Saranac Community Church. Presented by Sunday School children, youth choir, and the adult choir. A "Birthday Party for Jesus" with refreshments follows. Persons from other churches or the community are invited to attend.

**SUN., DEC. 24:** A candlelight communion celebration at the Saranac Community Church at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**SUN., JAN. 7:** A video series, "Discovering Jesus," to be shown at Saranac Community Church, 125 South Bridge St., Saranac at 10 a.m. Worship services are 8:45 or 11 a.m. The public is cordially invited.

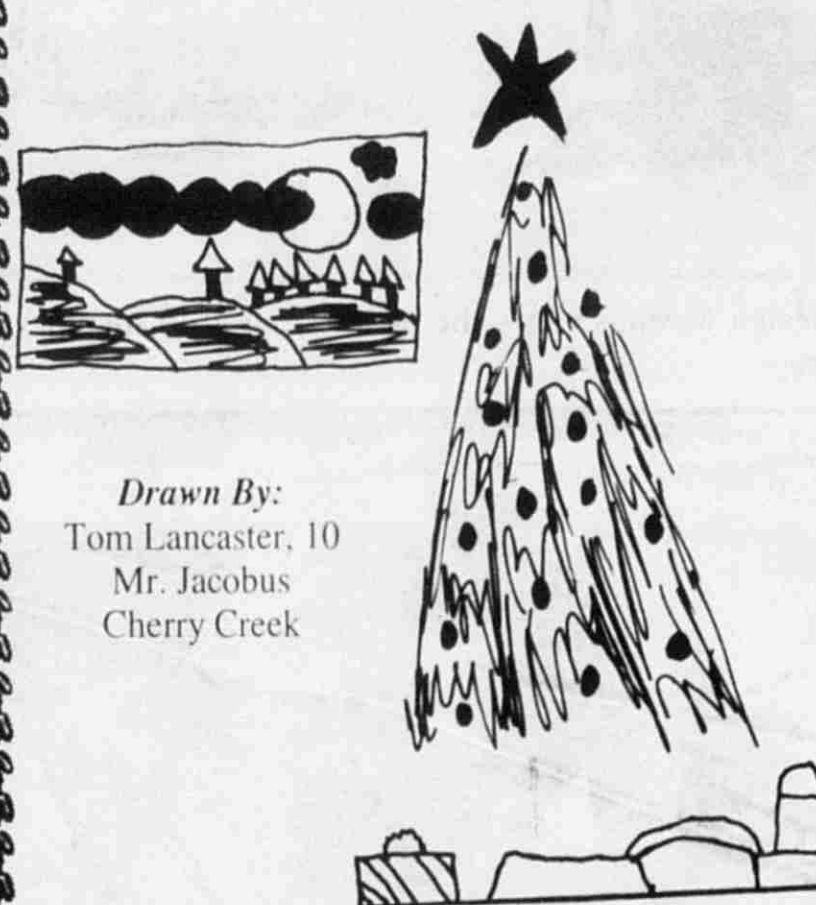
**SAT., JAN. 13, 1996 -** Home snowmobile safety course testing at 9 a.m. Flat River Sportsman Club, 11841 Potters Rd. To participate contact the DNR at 456-5071 or 350 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI, by December 31, 1995.

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

**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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JULY 26, 1995

**Grandstand Play**  
Winds roaring at 20-30 miles an hour bring the Recreation Park grandstand to its foundation. The grandstand,

in its prime, served as a seating box for race watchers and later for baseball and softball games.

Flat River Drive claims the lives of Michael Alan Moore and Lowell resident Denise Ann Moore.

a special use permit to continue operating until the company resolves its dispute with nearby residents and complete restoration of previously mined land.

township will join in the gypsy moth treatment project.

**New Pastor**  
Lowell Wesleyan Church installs its new pastor. Rev. Bill Price.

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**Crash Takes Two Lives**  
A motorcycle crash on

**Permit Denied**  
Tip Top Gravel is denied

**Firovich Found Guilty**  
Vincent Firovich is found guilty of first-degree murder for strangling his wife Nancy Firovich on Thanksgiving morning.

**Plat Approved**  
The revised preliminary plat of Mill Isle Estate is approved.

**No Enhancement Mills**  
A 90-minute dialogue session reveals that the Lowell Board of Education will not ask voters to approve levying enhancement mills.

**Mill Restoration**  
Fallsburg's Historical Society begins work to restore and relocate the old Waterville Mill in Saranac. The mill will be relocated in Fallsburg.

AUGUST 2, 1995

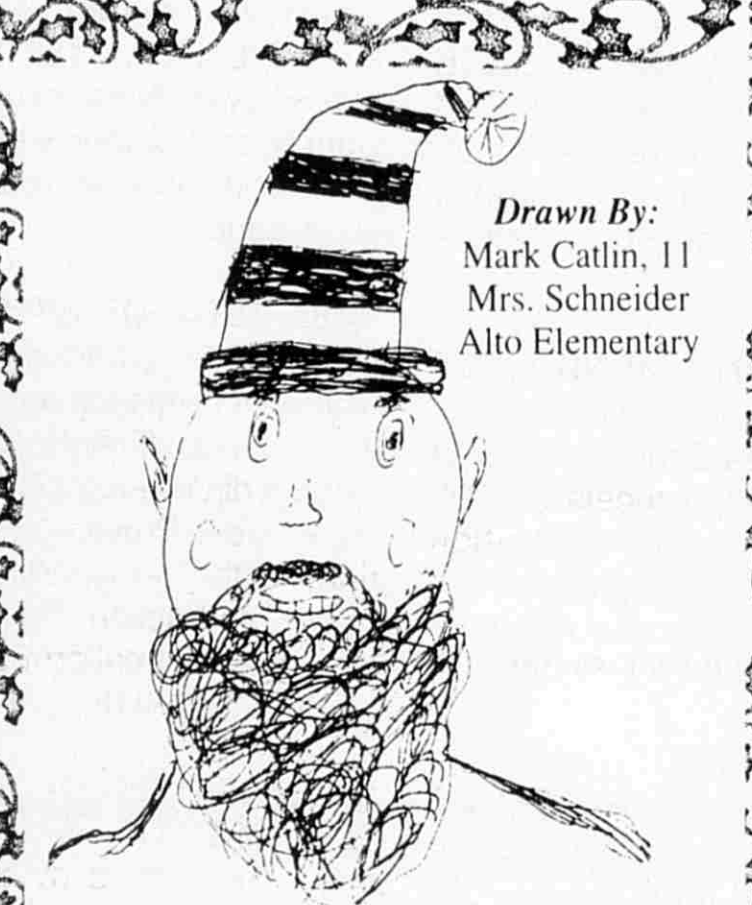
**On the Lookout!**  
Lowell Charter Township undergoes a survey to determine the validity of reports that gypsy moths have found their way into township limits. If the survey shows that there are enough of them, the



Helen Meengs views the plaque placed in memory of her grandfather Benjamin Morse.



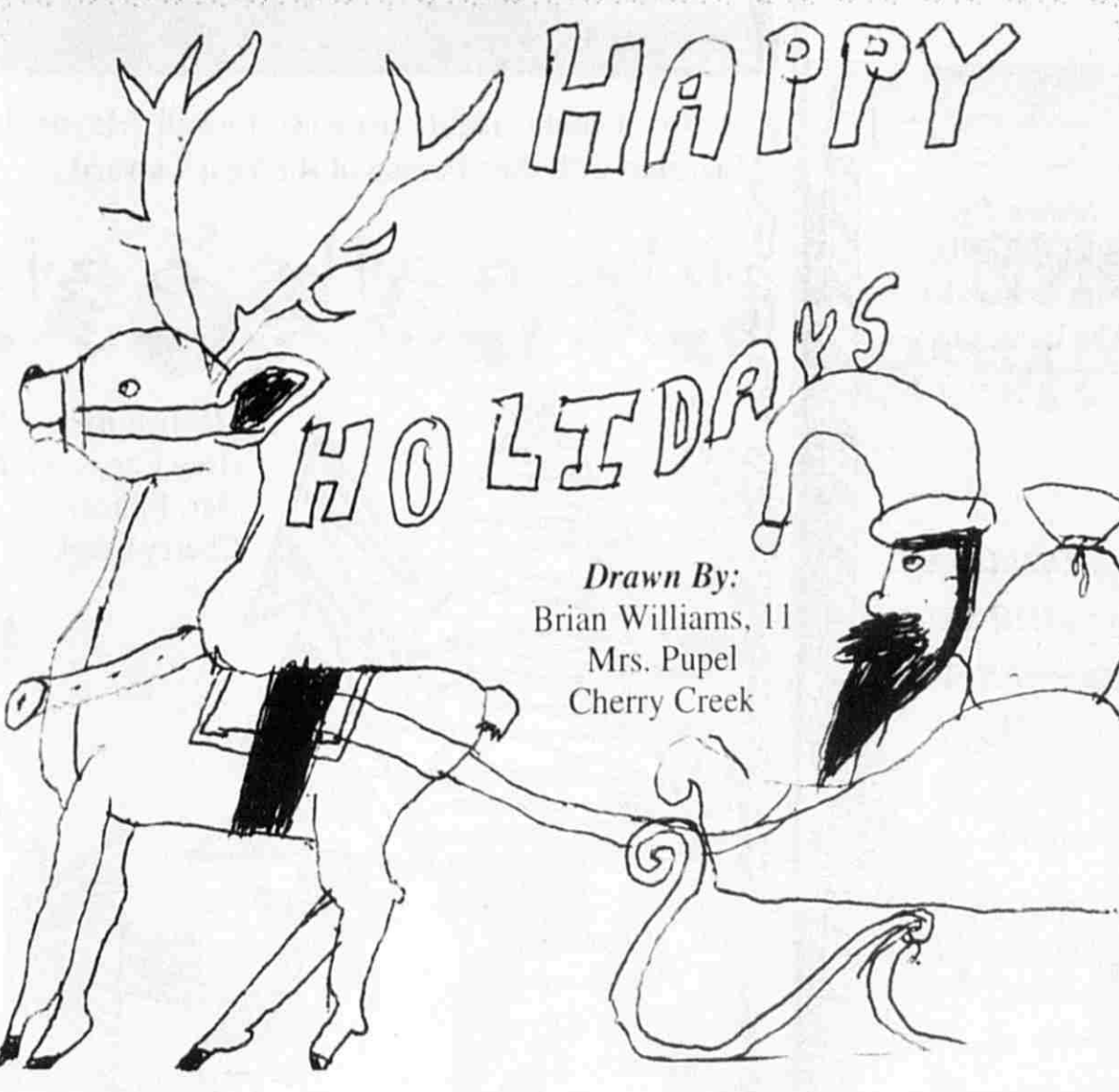
Vern and Marilyn Venneman spent a week painting the playground at the former Runciman Elementary School.



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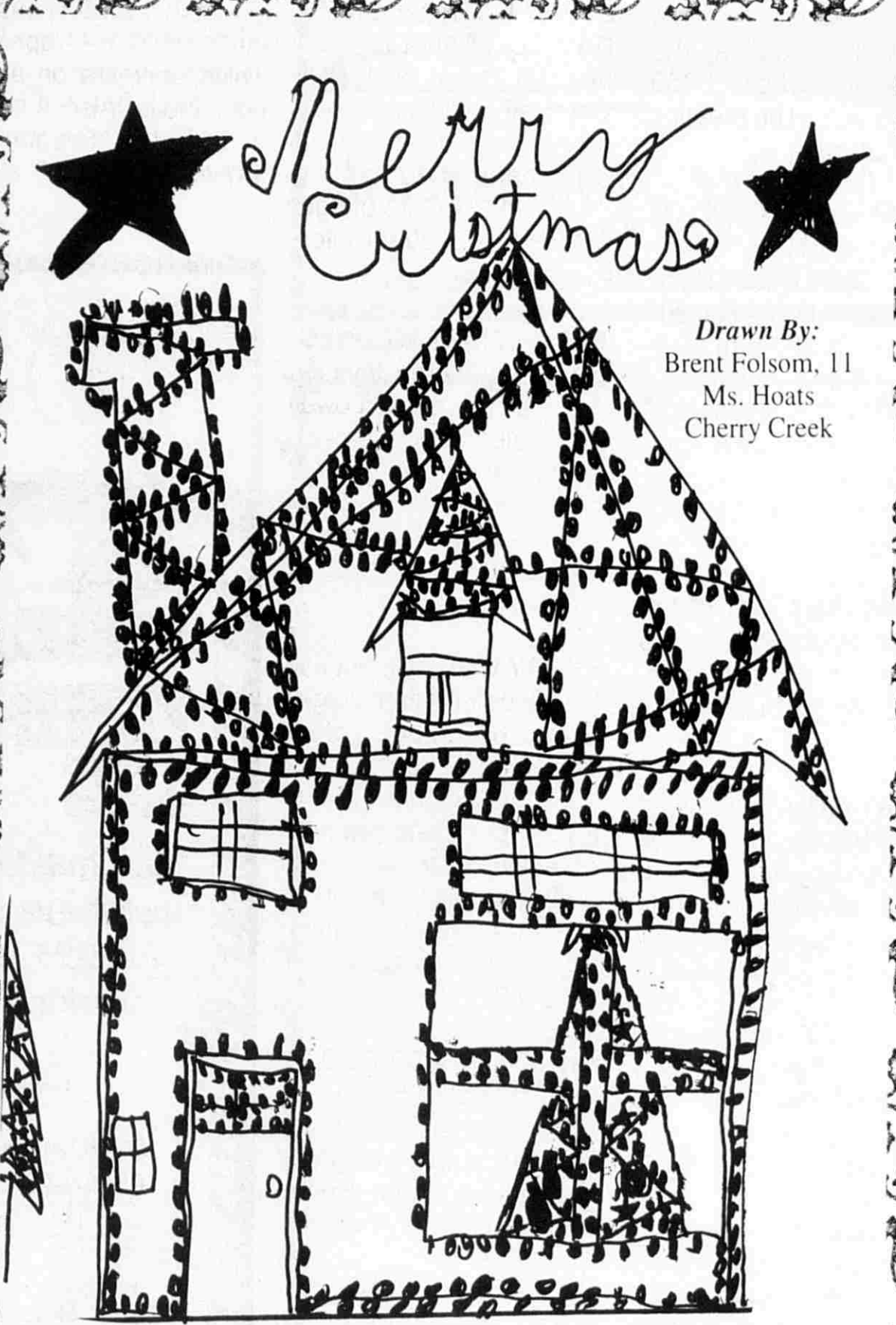
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# Year in Review, continued... From Page 33

## Math Teacher/Coach Selected

Pete Bush was selected by the Lowell School District to fill a math teaching position and to fill the varsity basketball position vacated by Phil Beachler. In 1992-93 Bush was selected as Rogers City's "Teacher of the Year."

## On the Road with Bob

Lowell's Bob Perry completes his 35th year as a driver's education instructor.

## Mulder Deported

Lowell's Ken Mulder, a missionary with the National Christian Council, is deported from Sri Lanka after officials find a cartoon depicting a white lotus dripping with blood in Mulder's office. His critique of the military solution to ethnic conflict was viewed as a criticism of the government.

AUGUST 9, 1995

## DDA Seeks More Money

Lowell's Downtown Development Authority pushes back a portion of the planned streetscape work to 1997 so it can reapply for the Transportation Enhancement grant offered through the Michigan Department of Transportation. In resubmitting its application, the DDA asked for a grant in the amount of \$137,000.

## Water Rates Questioned

Residents of Eastgate Village pack the Lowell Township Hall to question why its water rates went up so much. Engineering projection said the township would use 34 million gallons of water; however, it used just 30 million gallons. The four million not used raised the township's share in the cost to \$88.511 or \$2.95 per every thousand gallons.

Grant Helps Employees

## Local Marine Supplier Grows Bigger

Attwood Corporation strengthens its position as the leading supplier of marine parts and accessories with the acquisition of Spring Lift Marine Corporation of Monticello, Ark.

## Fellowship Recognized

Bob Hahn and Jim Reagan are recipients of the Lowell Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship award.

## New Floral Shop

Lowell's newest floral shop, Victorian Thymes, opens its doors at 505 W. Main.

AUGUST 16, 1995

## Beware!

The Kent County Sheriff's Department wants residents in the Lowell, Vergennes, Bowne, Alto and Saranac regions to be wary of people promising to repair roofs, or other around-the-house improvements. Sgt. Mike Schuitema said complaints had been received about unfinished work and work being completed with substandard materials.

## Interim Assistants Named

Phil Christensen and Mark Weber were appointed interim assistant principals by the Lowell Board of Education. Christensen was appointed to the high school

## position and Weber to the middle school position.

## Fisher Crowned Queen



Lowell's Chamber of Commerce held its first Duck Race. This year's winner was J.J. Haggai.

Skye Fisher was crowned the 1995 Kent County Youth Fair queen.

AUGUST 23, 1995

## Lightning Lands in Lowell

A bolt of lightning strikes a storage barn owned by Donald Gerard, 2251 W. Main, and the Lowell Baptist Church's steeple.

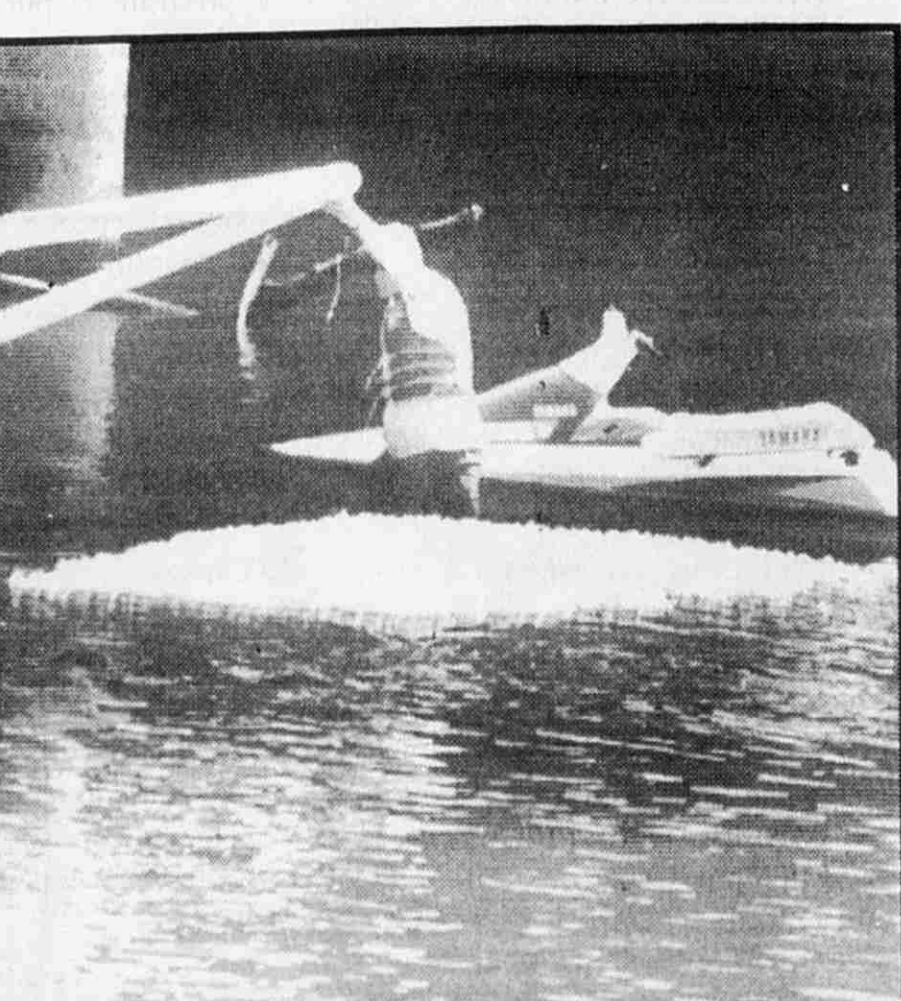
## A Bridge is Coming

A 70-year-old two-lane bridge from Belleville is scheduled to arrive in Vergennes Township. It is anticipated that the bridge will add historic flavor to the area and open Burroughs Road to nearby residents.

## Residents Need Numbers

Vergennes Township officials tell residents that hav-

ing their homes properly numbered is needed for safety reasons. Discussions are held on Review, cont'd., pg. 35



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making it a civil infraction if a home is not numbered.

## Lecura Hired

Rebecca Lecura joins the Lowell High School staff as an English and biology teacher.

## Grant Received

Lowell YMCA's dependent care program is notified that it will be the recipient of a \$12,000 dependent care grant.

AUGUST 30, 1995

## Protecting Groundwater Supply

Lowell and Vergennes township farmers are told they can save money and the environment by participating in two programs offered through the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The MDA allocated \$30,000 to the Kent County Conservation District to conduct programs protecting the county's groundwater supply.

## Forfeiture Money Used

to Purchase Car

A Lowell police vehicle originally leased for the use of a county-wide drug enforcement team program is purchased through the department's drug forfeiture account.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

Silver Anniversary

Lowell Alton Bible Church's AWANA Club celebrates its 25th anniversary.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

Land Transfer Approved

Educational and financial resources were reason enough for Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke to recommend, and for the school to approve, the deeding over of property at the northwest corner of Monroe and Avery. The property was deeded over to the Lowell Library Advisory Board for one dollar.

Money a Key Question

Land acquisition cost remains a key question in the Bowne Road project. Lowell's city council said it needed a clarification from Lowell Township as to whether it would provide 25 percent of the entire cost or the \$40,000 it has pledged in Community Development Block grants.

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# Year in Review, continued... From Page 35

## Budget Swings to Revenue Side

The preliminary 1995-96 school audit showed school revenue exceeding expenditures by \$352,101. School superintendent Bert Bleke said the large swing in the budget from one year to the next indicates the school must do a better job of projecting the budget.

## Patriot Honored

Lowell civil war patriot Benjamin Morse is honored

at Oakwood Cemetery for being a great soldier. Morse was a corporal of the Company C 3rd Michigan Infantry Regiment.

## Water a Concern

Valley Vista residents raise a concern over what the proposed new Mill Isle Estate housing development will do to the rising water table in their subdivision.

## SEPTEMBER 20, 1995

**Hall Facelift**  
Lowell Charter Township's newest building addition enters its final stages. The renovation work will add over 8,000 square feet to the old township hall site.

## Trash Brings Off-Setting Cash

Off-setting revenue from the sale of trash and biodegradable paper bags reduces the city's cost for its waste pickup program by nearly \$50,000.

## Security Secured



A flagpole and a plaque were put up in front of the Department of Public Works in honor of Tone Siciliano.

The city of Lowell contracts out ADT Security Systems of Kentwood to help in the prevention and detection of window breaking at the Water Treatment Plant.

## SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

## Students Receive Global Opportunity

Global information opportunity is available to Lowell students through a free connection to the bulletin board system as well as an internet connection. The gift was given to the school by Dale Wilcox, owner of Wings BBS, Inc.

## Festival Fun

Record crowds attend Fallasburg Fall Festival. Will Beaton of Grand Haven won the quilt designed and hand-quilted by Dolores Dey.

## New Teacher

Christine Tully is hired as Lowell Middle School's reading teacher.

## Third Gallery Opens

The Lowell Area Arts Council opens its third gallery. It is located at 300 High Street, the new school administration building.

## People Flip Over Pancake Breakfast

Over 400 people enjoyed a pancake breakfast at Lowell City Airport's "dawn-patrol" fly-in.

## Help, Not Hinder

Kent County Drain Commissioner Roger Laninga told Valley Vista residents that the proposed Mill Isle Estate development will not affect their water table problems and may in fact help relieve the situation.

## Well, Not If It's Within 300 feet

Lowell Charter Township approves an ordinance requiring households to hook into the township's water system if they dig a new well within 300 feet of the township's water line.

## Architect Selected

The Lowell Library committee selects Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber as the project's architect.

## OCTOBER 4, 1995

## Continuing On!

The Lowell City Council voted by a margin of 3-2 to proceed with the Boves Road relocation project after months of discussing the total cost of the project: the city's cost, the township's cost, the issue of safety, and whether or not there were other options to consider.

## Relocating to the West

A new Rite Aid building is expected to be completed by June of 1996. The new building will be located at the corner of Valley Vista and M-21.

## OCTOBER 11, 1995

## Maatman Honored

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of

Review, cont'd. pg. 37



Cleanup began for the outdoor science area at Alto Schools.

# Year in Review, continued... From Page 36

the Year award was given to Mayor James Maatman. He had served as mayor for 12 years and the city council for 16 years.

## Trucking to Lowell

Equity Trucking gets approval to move its business to the corner of Crand River Drive and Oberley.

## King and Queen for a Year

Ryan Graham and Jenny Jansma are crowned Lowell High School's homecoming king and queen for the 1995 school year.

needed so that students can be successful on the MEAP test. Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said he felt if a school uses its curriculum to prepare students the right way and if it uses good instructional practices, MEAP scores will improve.

## 36th St. Added to the List

Lowell Charter Township's board accepts Gerald Dykstra's petition to have 36th St. paved, putting it on their roadwork agenda list.

## Relocating the Outlet Street?

A proposal from Mill Isle Estate subdivision developer Fred Kamminga to move the Gee Drive outlet street to Ridgeview from Jacqueline is met with the question of feasibility. Kamminga asked the council to consider it along with financial participation.

## Pleading Guilty

Bruce Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinary Clinic, pleads guilty to criminal sexual conduct in Circuit Court before 17th District Judge Robert Benson.

## Chipping In!

Lowell Charter Township says it will fund a third of the cost for a new fire/rescue truck.

## OCTOBER 25, 1995

## Finding an Alternative Route

Jim and Barb Barber ask Lowell City Council to find an alternative route in the Boves Road realignment project. The realignment as drawn up by the engineer would turn a large portion of Barbers' front yard rental property at 1600 Boves Road into a roadway.

## New Program Director

Lowell YMCA hires Christy Droogema as its new program director.

## Rupert Drops In

Deb Pipe helps with Lowell's transformation to a cultural shopping area in West Michigan, as she opens the doors to Rupert's Drop. The shop will provide people with an insight to cultures around the world.

## Education Foundation Underway

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation begins its quest to create instruments, events, and plans that will encourage endowments, individual contributions, and governmental grants. Success of the program would bring enrichment to the education of Lowell Area School students

## OCTOBER 18, 1995

## Focusing on MEAP

Lowell School District staff begins a more focused approach on the objectives

by providing funding and resources for enhanced programs and innovative learning.

## Seniors Extend Warmth to Newborns

Hats, mittens and booties stitched together by Lowell seniors Jo Willard, Lila Thaler, Virginia Hydenberg, Treva Johnson and other seniors in the West Michigan area help newborns stay warm from the tops of their heads to the tips of their toes.

## Well Use Extended

Vergennes Township extends the school's use of an eight-inch well indefinitely, provided the school doesn't add irrigation areas. The decision was based on a survey by the Raymer Co. The survey indicates that the use of the

irrigation well does not significantly lower the regional water level.

## Facility Selected for a Shoot

Lowell High School's athletic facility is chosen as the site for Rogers Athletic Equipment Company catalog shoot.

## Craig Retires

Helen Craig retires from FMB Bank after completing 18 years as a full-time teller.

## Keiser's Celebrates 50

Keiser's Kitchen celebrates its 50th anniversary in business. The restaurant was started in 1945 by Frank and Letha Keiser. It was built next to their home on the corner of M-21 and Amity with the idea that a truck stop was needed between Flint and Grand Rapids.

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## NOVEMBER 1, 1995

## In Need of a Sign

Jim Fizer raises concerns that he is renting three quarters of a building at 2001 W. Main, but is not represented on the pole sign in front of the building. Admiral, which owns the building, is using 100 percent of the signage. Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale suggested that Fizer consider a ground sign.

Fifth-grade students at Cherry Creek and Alto elementaries open their FMB branch banks.

## Harriers Take Second

Lowell boys cross country team finishes second at the Class B cross country regional.

## Tenure Comes to a Close

Lowell's Phil Christensen ends his 16-year coaching tenure at Lowell High School by coaching his Red Arrows to a 20-0 win over Greenville.

## Proceeds Distributed

The local CROP Walk proceeds are distributed. Lowell Senior Neighbors Center receives \$916. The ACCESS 6 Food Pantry receives a donation of \$2,749.

## In Need of a Plan

Lowell's city council asks Kent County Road Commission engineer Dave Review, cont'd. pg. 38

## Branches Opened

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# Year in Review, continued... From page 37

Greenlee for another plan on the Bowes Road realignment.

### Light Industrial Plans

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said the township board owes it to developer Robert Grooters to look into his request about plans to develop a light industrial land. Timpson said any decision hinges on Bowne Township's commitment to helping with the sewer system Grooters would need for the light industrial development.

### NOVEMBER 8, 1995

### Council Seats Taken

Incumbent Bill Thompson and candidate Chuck Myers win four-year seats to the Lowell City Council. Incumbent Donald Green earns a two-year term.

### Engineer Contracted

McNamee, Porter & Seeley Inc. is awarded the engineering service to determine a solution regarding the stormwater problems in the Roberta Jayne area.

### 22 Dropped

A proposed formalized arrangement between Lowell Cable and Channel 22 operator Linda Taber cannot be reached; thus Channel 22 is removed from Lowell Cable Television.

### Poor Judgment

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke says Cherry Creek Elementary teacher Sue Burt's decision to call a private investigative agency to obtain information on Shawn Eshragh showed a lack of judgment and should not be condoned.

### NOVEMBER 15, 1995

### Communications Grounded

Traverse Bay Land Company withdraws its special use permit application for a communications tower which was to have been built on 10.5 acres of land near Morse Lake Road.

### Donation Made

FMB State Savings Bank presents the Lowell Area Schools Foundation with a check for \$1,000.

### Students Soar

Lowell Area Schools experiences a 3.8 percent growth in enrollment from October of 1995 through November of 1996.

### MADD About Hinton

Lowell police officer James Hinton is recognized by the national organization Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for the third consecutive year.

### New Coach

Lowell athletic director Barry Hobrila announces that his new volleyball coach for the 1995-96 school year will be Jacki Malokofsky.

### Potential

Miles McPherson, former

NFL player for the San Diego Chargers, speaks to high school students about reaching their potential and not letting drugs, alcohol, sex or violence get in the way.

### CMU Bound

Lowell's Dawn Burrows signs a letter of intent to attend Central Michigan University on a full ride track scholarship.

### Moving On Up!

Increased student enrollment helps push Lowell Schools into the Class A classification.

### NOVEMBER 22, 1995

### Change of Plan

The focus on the Bowes Road project changes to alternative plans. The Kent County Road Commission said it did not believe Bowes Road could be relocated without using a portion of the Jim and Barb Barber rental property. The Barbers disagree and present their own plan. The city says it will seek another opinion.

### Potter Wins

Lowell's Dave Potter wins the Lowell Ledger "First Buck" contest.

### Panel Replaced

Lowell Charter Township agrees to pay \$8,628 to replace the control panel and to add generator capabilities at the Cumberland lift station.

### LaHaye Honored

Lowell High School's Marsha LaHaye, life management teacher, is presented with the 1995 Merit Teacher Award by the Michigan Life Management organization.

### Monitoring Income

The auditing firm of Biggs, Hauserman, Thompson & Dickinson recommends that Lowell Cable closely monitors its four-year Lowell net income due to potentially significant effects on profits.

### NOVEMBER 29, 1995

### Lowell 5 Theatre

A preliminary plan for a Lowell 5 Theatre is presented to the Lowell Planning Commission. Ridgeview Shopping Center is the proposed site for the theatre.

### Powerless!

Lowell's first major snow storm of the winter leaves most of Lowell without power for approximately six hours.

### New Member

Bob Pfaller is appointed the newest member of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission.

### Loving Teacher Passes

Vic DeWaard, an 18-year veteran of the Lowell School District, dies after a two-year fight with leukemia.

### Moving

Bodyworks Gym and Fitness Center moves to its new location at 1335 W. Main.

### Siciliano Remembered

The city of Lowell held a dedication ceremony in honor of Tone Siciliano at the Department of Public Works garage. A flagpole was erected and a plaque was placed at the bottom of the pole in honor of him.

### Nature Calls

Volunteers begin clearing the path toward the eventual

creation of an Alto Elementary nature area and classroom.

### Sign Uniformity

Lowell Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of a sign variance for the Flat River Antique Mall carries with it the hope that sign uniformity can be encouraged throughout the central business district.

### DECEMBER 6, 1995

### Getting Out Bids

With nearly 70 percent of the funding accounted for and the site plan approved, the Lowell Library committee sets its sights on getting bids for the new \$1.2 million library in

### Progress May Be Slowed

The possibility of wetlands may impede the progress of the Mill Isle Estate subdivision development. DNR's Chuck Towns identifies land adjacent to the proposed development as having substantial wetlands. He says a determination is needed on the proposed development property.



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SEATTLE VS KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY
PITTSBURGH VS GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY
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MINNESOTA VS CINCINNATI	MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA
Last Week's Record	8-2	7-3	8-2	6-4
Overall Record	89-60-1	93-56-1	97-52-1	92-57-1

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# Engineering services contracted in hopes a Bowes Road solution can be found

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Engineering services submitted by Williams & Works Inc. and Swanson and Associates for the Bowes Road relocation project will cost the city \$22,800.

However, phase I of the engineering service is the development of the Bowes Road alignment. If that cannot be worked out, it's likely that the city will stop the process and only be out \$5,800.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale told the city council that the engineers had good talks with the property owners involved.

Jeffrey Vos, Williams & Works told Pasquale he believes there is a workable solution.

At an earlier city council meeting this year, Jim and Barb Barber said they were not interested in departing with any of their property.

Councilman Bill Thompson, the only councilman to vote against the engineering services, said he would have preferred to have a written agreement between all parties involved before moving forward and spending any money.

"All future projects involving property must include communications ahead of time

to the property owners involved," Thompson said.

Pasquale assured the council that there is a commitment to avoid going after any resident's property by way of condemnation or eminent domain.

The development of the new Bowes Road alignment will involve the Barbers, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kent County Road Commission. "This will ensure that all parties are notified and that a safe road is constructed," Pasquale said.

Pasquale also noted that the total cost of the engineering services would be offset

by a portion of expenses previously assigned to the road commission as well as less property acquisition than originally proposed.

Following the completion of the alignment stage (phase I), the second phase or the preliminary design engineering portion of the project would commence.

The cost of the second

phase would cost the city \$9,000.

Phase III of the design engineering phase is projected at \$5,300.

The final phase (IV) or bidding for construction will cost \$2,700.

Once bids are received they would be evaluated and the mathematics would be reviewed and verified. The

project would commence immediately with construction planned for 1996.

"The tasks presented and the fees proposed for the engineering services are structured to build on the history of the Bowes Road project and take into account the results of investigations undertaken," Vos said.

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## Churches to share nativity story throughout week

Throughout the week of December 18-23, some of the churches of Lowell will conduct a "live nativity" from 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly. People from First United Methodist, Evergreen Missionary, Lowell Wesleyan, Church of the Nazarene, First Congregational and St. Mary's Catholic Church will each share the story of the nativity one night during the week.

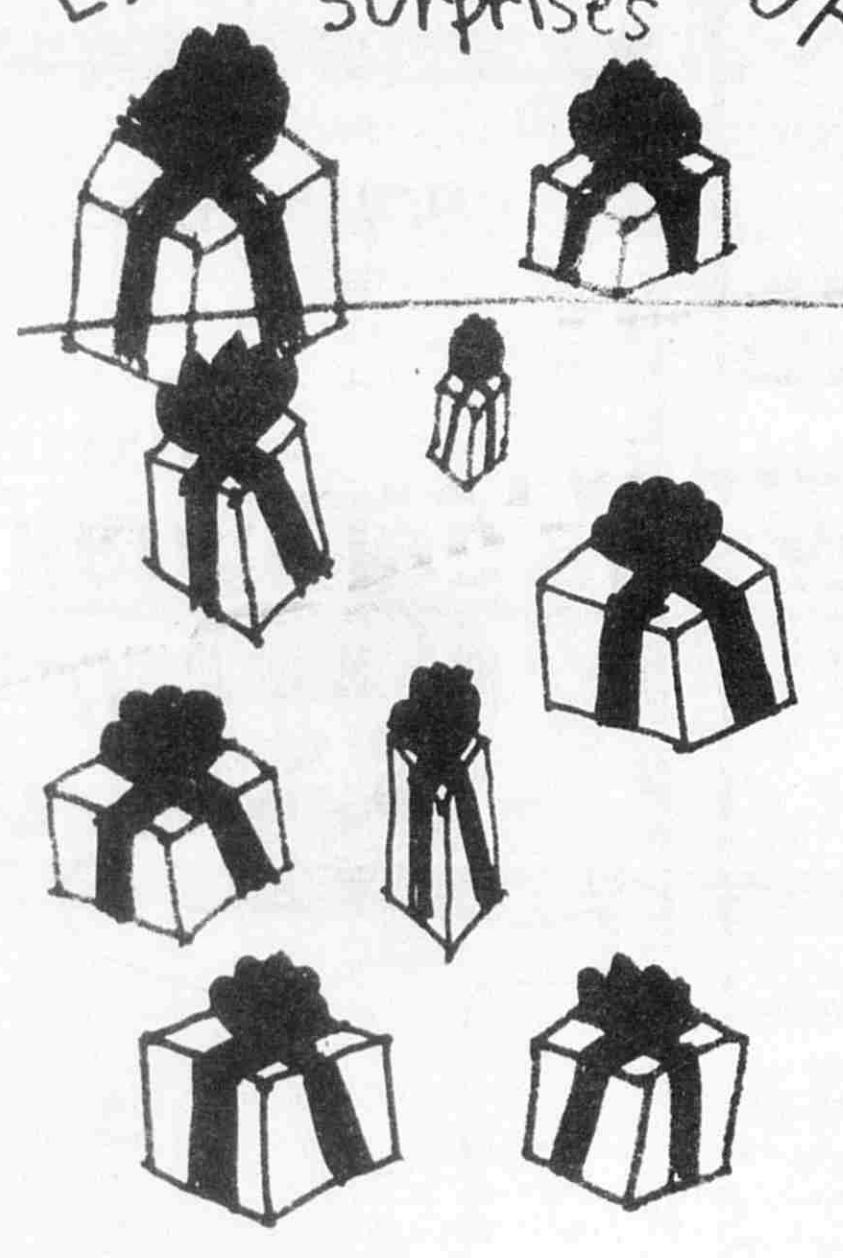
Live animals will be in

place in a crude and rugged manger scene depicting the place of Jesus' birth as told in the gospel of Luke. With the scene there will also be times of music, carolers, and the reading of the Christmas story as told in Christian scriptures.

To conclude a week of nativity, a special "Singing of Christmas Carols" is being

held for the entire Lowell community, regardless of religious affiliation. Saturday, Dec. 23 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. People may come for the entire time or stop in as time permits. The live nativity will be on display as we sing together, reminding everyone of the joy and good will that is so much a part of the Christmas story.

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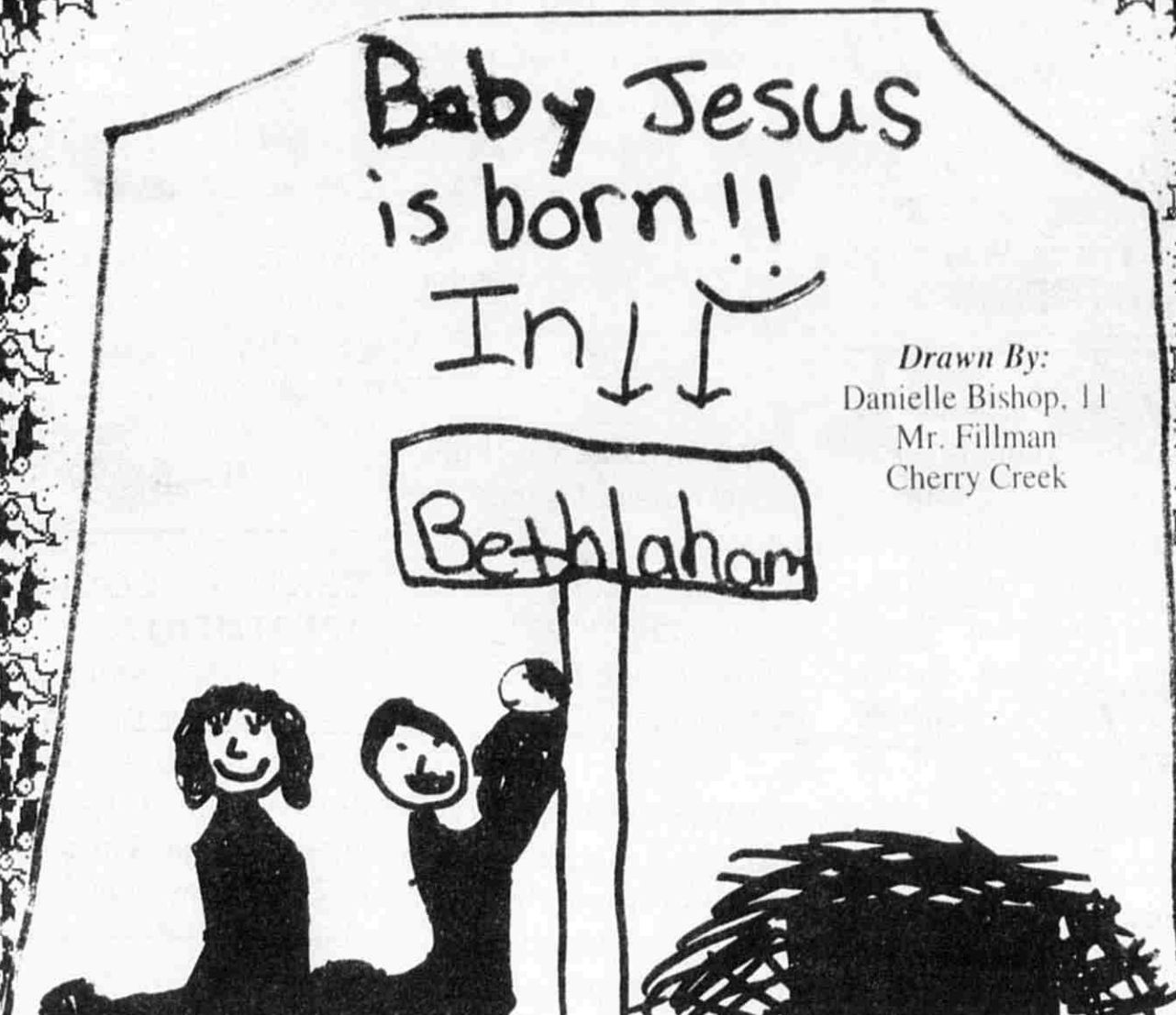


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