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Reduction in low MEAP scores applauded by school district

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke says he's pleased with progress shown at the middle school and Alto and Cherry Creek elementaries.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mark Weber, Lowell Middle School assistant principal, asked the building's teachers if the MEAP tests what they think students should be learning.

The answer that came back was an overwhelming "yes." Weber along with staff and curriculum director Jim White then began formulating strategies that would give students skills which are essential to performing well on the MEAP.

"It is no longer enough to teach students facts," Weber says. "The MEAP asked that students be able to do something with the facts."

Weber, who undertook the task of improving student performance on the MEAP at the middle school level, says the approach of providing students with strategies to learn and understand concepts they will see on the MEAP is the right approach.

"Without a doubt, it is the best approach I've seen in the 26 years I've been at Lowell," Weber said. "This approach is being taken in every curricular area."

This across-the-curriculum approach is evident in reading. "Reading a story is different than content reading in social

The scores were not bad, but were not satisfied. Our target has to be making everybody succeed on the test.

Bert Bleke
Lowell Superintendent

studies, science or math," Weber explains.

In an effort to improve scores on the informational part of the reading test, teachers in these content areas are providing students with strategies that will best help students read for and understand content.

Teachers also participate in inner-curricular work. Weber has designated Wednesday as the day various curriculum staff members meet in groups and discuss curriculum.

"I believe this approach will impact MEAP scores at the middle school level down the line," Weber said.

The assistant principal said this year's scores have valleys and highs. "The valleys are not as low and the highs are higher," Weber said.

In reading, 61.1 percent of the middle school students scored satisfactory (300 or higher) on the story and informational portions of the reading test; 28.4 percent scored 300 or

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Nauta misses old stomping ground; returns to serve on Vergennes Township Planning Commission

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Who said you can never go back to where you started?

After a year-and-a-half absence, Vergennes Township resident Carol Nauta will once again be serving her local government.

Nauta was recently appointed to the Vergennes Township Planning Commission, replacing Gil Wise.

"I was honored to be asked to serve on the commission, especially since it was Gil who asked me," said Nauta. "Nobody can replace Gil, and I'm

not going to try. I just missed being a part of my local government."

Nauta's term, which will be for two years, begins in January.

Although Wise is no longer an official member of the commission, he has volunteered to lend a helping hand, when needed.

"I don't need to look up our ordinances because all I do is ask Gil...it's like accessing a computer, he knows it all," said fellow planning commission trustee Mark Weber. "He will be missed, but I'm

sure Carol will do an excellent job."

Nauta is no stranger to Vergennes' ordinances either because she served as the township's treasurer for more than 14 years. She currently works in the business offices of the Lowell School District.

Nauta said she missed working within Vergennes' government, but didn't miss being politically involved.

"I have experience on the board and I missed working with them," she said. "The most important issue facing Vergennes is growth and how

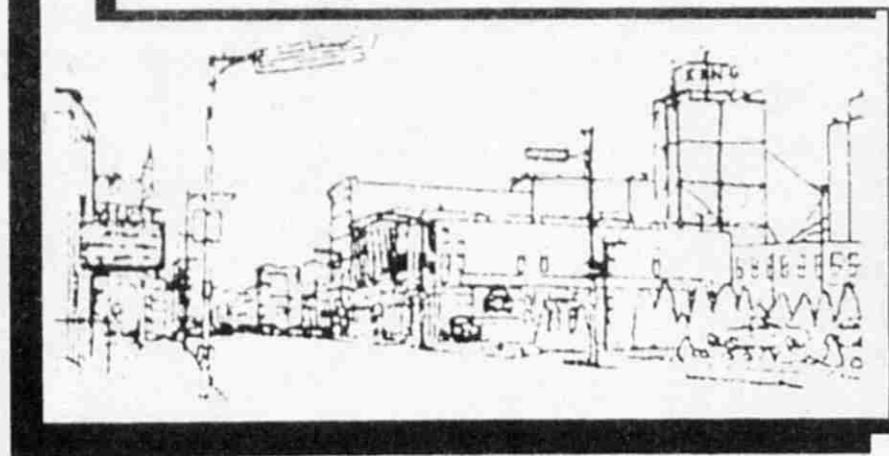
it will impact our future."

Because the Lowell High School is located in Vergennes Township, Nauta believes growth will continue, but she stressed it must be managed properly.

"There must be some control and if you don't do it locally, where will you do it?" she said.

Besides appointing Nauta, the board approved reappointing Tim Howard to the planning commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term.

Along Main Street



LMS DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS "GONE WITH THE BREEZE"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "Gone with the Breeze" on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the new middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

Don't miss this free evening of entertainment.

YMCA ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Starting Jan. 10, the YMCA will be offering open adult volleyball from 7 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the Lowell Middle School. The session will run thru April 24 with the exception of Jan. 24. The cost is \$2 per person, per time.

LACC QUARTERLY MEETING

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a quarterly meeting January 10 at FMB State Savings Bank, 414 E. Main St. at 7 p.m.

Come and meet the 1996 Board of Directors and enjoy an informative program, *Business Advisory - School to Work*. You need not be a member to join us. R.S.V.P., Liz Baker at 897-9161.

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 (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

Involved in a property damage accident Dec. 12th on Chatham near Smith St. was Shannon Parnofiello, 36, of Belding, when the vehicle she was driving struck a parked van

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INSIDE THE LEDGER

School orders new buses,
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Lowell wrestlers win, pg. 18

Stopping a budget trend, pg. 20

OBITUARIES

BARLOW - Clifford W. Barlow was born August 1, 1910 and went to his heavenly home to spend Christmas with his beloved wife, Mary, on December 24, 1995. He was a proud veteran of World War II. Celebrating his life and grieving their loss are his children, Terry (Roslyn) Duffy, Riah (Mike) Lee, Patty (Bob) Elzinga. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Coreen and Neva Duffy, Robyn, Missy, and Mike Lee, Heidi, Eric, Cris and Betsy Elzinga. On Wednesday, December 27, family and friends will gather at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell at 7 p.m. Memorial Services will follow at 8 p.m. with Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HUISKEN - Mr. Arend H. Huisken, aged 68, of Marne, passed away Friday, December 22, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Ellen (Price) Huisken in 1994 and his sister, Bernice Jackson and brother, Henry Huisken. Surviving are his children, Donn (Jill) Huisken of Grand Haven, Dann Huisken of Lansing, Debra (John) Prince of Big Rapids, Darcie (Tim) Porritt of Alto; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandsons; his sister, Eleanor (Ken) Palmer; his brothers, John (Lila) Huisken and Robert Huisken; his brother-in-law, Lyle Jackson; and several nieces and nephews. Arend Huisken was a retired Sergeant with the Michigan Department of State Police, a veteran of the US Army and a Past Commander and lifetime member of the American Legion Marne Post 376. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, December 27, at 11 a.m. at the Marne United Methodist Church, 14861 Washington, Marne, with his pastor Rev. Cathi Hamilton officiating. Interment in Marne Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to either Marne United Methodist Church or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

BONNEY - Mrs. Dorothy M. Bonney, aged 93, went to be with her Lord Sunday, De-

ember 17, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey; her son Bob; her grandchildren Gail Ray and Larry Blanchard. She is survived by her children Loryce and Charles McDonnell of Orlando, William and Violet Gill of Lowell, Wallace and Janet Bonney of Grand Rapids; Lois and George Anderregg of Muskegon, Gordon and Delores Bonney of Custer, Wilma and Andy Blystra of Wyoming; 17 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; her daughter-in-law Mary Jane Bonney of Grand Rapids; her sisters and brother-in-law Mrs. Vernice Franks, Irene and James Wright; her sisters-in-law Mrs. Nettie Sexton and Mrs. Helen Sexton; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Wednesday with Rev. Ed Visscher officiating, Entombment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

DRAKE - Mr. Glen M. Drake, aged 56, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 1995 at his home. Glen was born June 29, 1939 in Grand Rapids, the son of Maxwell and Evelyn (Roberts) Drake and had been a resident of this area all his life. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps, had been employed at Center Manufacturing since 1988 and had previously worked at Kelvinator in Grand Rapids for 26 years. His family includes his wife of 22 years Roberta; his mother Evelyn Drake of Grand Rapids; his children and their spouses, Michael and Ronda Kelly of Shelbyville, Rob and Dawn Kelly of Delton, Tracy Kelly

of Shelbyville, Sue and Mike Morris, G. John Drake and Joe and Lisa Drake all of Grand Rapids; his sisters and brothers and their spouses, Madeline and Norm Holbrook of White Cloud, Jack and Lois Drake of Lowell, Dale and Bonnie Drake of Grand Rapids, Judy and Dan VanderVeen of Edmore, Ron and Linda Drake of Grandville; ten grandchildren; a sister-in-law Joyce Allen; a special niece Kelly Whitaker; several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father. Celebration of life services were held Friday, Rev. William Bills officiating. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, Orangeville.

GESSLER (Bigelow) - Susan Jane Gessler, aged 49, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, December 21, 1995, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the loving wife of husband, Jerry, with whom she shared her life for 30 years. They raised three children, Brian Gessler of Lowell, Jeff and Michele Gessler of Clarksville and Amy and Bill Johnson of Grand Rapids. She was blessed with five grandchildren. Brandon, Torrey, Samantha, Kristin, Jeff Jr. and Alex. She was the treasured daughter of Wes and Madonna Bigelow of Ada; precious sister to Mary and Jack Harrall, Nancy and Dan Fansher, Babs and Ray Quada, Cindy and Bruce Boyce, Rose and Randy Maxim, Penny and Bob Webster, all of Lowell. She also leaves behind several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. The Funeral Service was held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. In lieu of flow-

ers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society of Hospice Care Center of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HORSLEY - Michael Horsley, 35, of Lowell, passed away December 24, 1995, of accidental injuries. He was born July 17, 1961, in Ionia to the parents of Roy (Ivy Bridge) Horsley. He was employed by Precise Engineering as a mold and die maker. He graduated from Saranac High School in 1980. He married Robin Kauffman October 15, 1983 in Ionia. Besides his wife he is survived by his mother Ivy Horsley of Greenville; three daughters, Laura, Lynda and Laurinda, all at home; three brothers, Keith (Marion) Horsley of Ovid; Terry (Chris) Horsley of Belding; Kevin (Kim) Horsley of Lowell; five sisters: Ann (Don) Bendt of Ovid, June (Dwight) Seiler of Saranac; Susan (Charlie) McRoberts of Belding; Lynne (Jerry) Osborn of Greenville and Jane (Ken) Jack of Belding. One sister Betty preceded in death. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, December 28 at 11 a.m. at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Stanley Hagemeier officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. and on Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Contributions can be made for a family choice.

NEU (TREECE) - Mrs. Eleanor "Elly" E. Neu (Treece), aged 77, of Jenison, passed away December 18, 1995. She was preceded in death by her daughter Ellen Kay; her husbands Harry Treece and Harlan Neu; her brother Charles and her sisters, Frances and Jean. Surviving are her children James Treece of Lowell, Lawrence and Arlene Treece of Jenison, Joy Lynn Treece of Grandville, Wayne and Trudy Neu of Smyrna, TN, Ross and Louise Neu of Troy, PA; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; her brother Fred and Sue Patrick of Wyoming, Marilyn and Stan Nedry of Cedar Springs; her half-sister Sandi and Gary Peterson of Murphy, N.C. A Funeral "Graduation" Service was held Thursday at Heritage Baptist Church, Pastor E.H. "Bo" Moore officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to Visiting Nurse Hospice or Heritage Baptist Church Fund.

QUILLAN - Daniel A. Quillan, born April 20, 1931, in Lowell, passed away December 21, 1995, after losing

his battle with cancer. He was a member of Central S.D.A. Church in Grand Rapids. He leaves behind his ex-wife, Carol Quillan; two sons Michael (Chris) Quillan of Grand Rapids, John (Shelley) Quillan of Saranac; four daughters Helen (Randy) Scherenel, Betty Marvin, all of Coopersville, Linda (Ron) Champion of Caledonia, Gern (Mike) Huyser of Grand Rapids; brothers Bill (Betty) Quillan of Alto, Tom Quillan of Newaygo; sisters Vianne (Don) Stout of ID, Rose (Bill) Cole of TN. Also he leaves behind 17 beautiful grandchildren. The Funeral Service was held Sunday, December 24, at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. John Fortune of Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

SMITH - Elmer E. Smith, 68, of Bartow, FL, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly December 19, 1995. He is survived by his wife Ethel; six children Terry (Joyce) of Lowell, Ray (Sue) of Alto, Marie (Bill) Atwell of Pomona, CA, Randy (Bea) of Middleville, Cindy (Toby) Jones of Lowell, Sheila (Tom) Barton of Galesburg; 14 grandchildren. 2 great-grandchildren; one brother Victor Smith of Greenville. Elmer was a dairy farmer for more than 40 years. He also served six years as Lowell Township supervisor and six years as Kent County Road Commissioner. Memorial contributions may be made to the local chapter of AA or The American Heart Association, National Cremation Society.

WOOD - Florence "Reynolds" Wood of East Grand Rapids (formerly of Lowell) departed suddenly and peacefully at her home Sunday December 24, 1995. Loving wife of Kenneth S. Wood of 52 years, her absence will be profoundly felt by her children, Kathleen M. (Edward) Sievert, Sequim W.A. Margaret Ann (Robert) Townsend, Ada, David C. (Cathy) Wood and Stephen M. (MaryAnne) Wood, both of Grand Rapids. Grandchildren Carlissa, Betsey, Ann-Marie, Ian and Bradley and several nieces and nephews. She has touched their lives and they will miss her. Memorial funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider of St. Robert of New Minister Presiding. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to God's Kitchen.

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Alzheimer's Support Group	50
American Heart Association	90
Arthritis Foundation	4
Blood Bank Donation	12
Blood Drive	12
Breakfast Forum/Community Dialog	20
Check Investigators Association	12
Church Volunteer	1085
Crime Prevention Association of Michigan	12
Crop Walk	4
Fallburg Fall Festival	8
Franciscan Sisters	50
Grand Rapids Youth Symphony	20
Holland Jaycees	20
Hoop	4
IACCC	12
Junior Achievement	140
Kent Community Hospital	60
Kent Metro Check & Credit Card Association	16
Lowell Area Housing Trust	40
Lowell Medical Care Center	20
Lowell City Council	220
Lowell Chamber of Commerce	118
Lowell Area Arts Council	550
Lowell Women's Club	736
Lowell City Planning Commission	40
Lowell High School Athletic Boosters Club	35
Lowell Library	225
Lowell School Foundation	225
Lowell Board of Education	500
Lowell SGA	70
Lowell High School World Studies Council	100
Lowell Community Fund	25
Lowell Showboat	227
Lowell Women of the Moose	30
March of Dimes	450
Michigan Agri. Coop Marketing Association	100
Midwest March of Dimes	6
Muscular Dystrophy Fundraise	24
National Association of Credit Management	6
North Kent FOC Aux	650
Order of Eastern Stars	25
Evermark	14.5
Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce	110
Ronald McDonald House	8
School Volunteer	639
Thanksgiving/Christmas Family Project thru FMB	10
Township Parks Committee	25
Toys for Tots	18
Vergennes Township Zoning	30
West Michigan Crime Prevention Association	12
West Michigan Check Fraud Association	12
YMCA	375
Lowell Life League	25
4-H	27.5
Lowell Lions Club	80
Tri-River Ducks Unlimited	10
Lowell Area J.C. Creekside Project	250
Grand Rapids/Ingham Sanitary Drain Board	40
Lowell Senior Center	7
Lowell Area Historic Association	36
Lowell School Foundation	10
Family Advocate Group/ Lowell Medical	24
Total	7,853.00

It's not easy to be a volunteer these days — people are busier than ever. But in 1995, the people of FMB-State Savings Bank in Lowell and Rockford found time to volunteer a total of 7,853 hours to 64 local clubs, events and organizations.

People helping people, getting involved, giving back to their communities — that's an important tradition to hold on to. We always knew we could count on our people — and we wanted to let you know that you can, too.



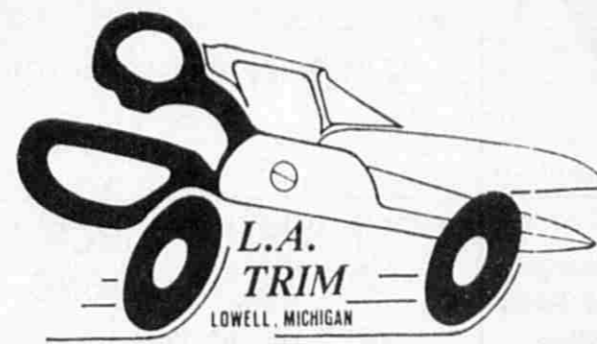
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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God... (Psalm 143:10).

Nightmares are terrifying. It's a dreadful sensation to be trapped in a forest fire, or to fall from a tall building, or to be clutched by a monstrous beast. All dreams are not unpleasant, however. My husband was telling about a dream he'd had. "It was such a nice dream," he said. "I wanted to go back to sleep and find out how it turned out."

Some people enjoy unreality so much they indulge in daydreaming - trying to escape the truth of their surroundings and circumstances. But seek as he may, man cannot escape from the Lord. Jonah tried doing that. While he slept aboard the ship bound for Tarshish, he temporarily forgot his sad disobedience. Upon awakening, he remembered it all too vividly. After some strong persuasion, Jonah repented, changed direction, and found peace in doing the will of the Lord.

Like Jonah, Christians run into trouble when they fail to

follow God's divine plan for their lives. Resistance to His will creates confusion and frustration. Cooperation with His leadings brings divine approval. Doing His will produces genuine soul satisfaction, joy, and peace.

Prayer: O Lord, "Teach me to do Thy will; for thou art my God." May I never fail Thee, nor resist Thee, I shall follow where Thou leadest. To do Thy will is all I ask. Amen.

Thy will I choose; I give to Thee

All of the life Thou gavest me.

Thy will I choose, no life I ask

Except to do Thy given task.

Author Unknown

AREA BIRTHS

Bill and Jane Scheid would like to announce the joyous birth of their second child, Jack Robert Scheid. He was born November 17, 1995, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

He is welcomed home by sister Rose. Proud grandparents are Jack and Marianne Scheid of Belding and Robert and Mary Greengtski of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Wesleyan Church offers DivorceCare program

Lowell Wesleyan Church will begin a new seminar/support group for people struggling with the pain of separation and divorce starting Jan. 3.

DivorceCare will meet Wednesday nights from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Ave. (between Lowell Wesleyan Church and the Lowell Medical Building). Free child care is available at the Lowell Wesleyan Church. DivorceCare is open to everyone in the greater Lowell area.

Each session includes refreshments, a 30 minute video "seminar," followed by small group discussion and support. There is plenty of time for sharing. Program director Don Schneider comments, "I wish DivorceCare were available years ago. It's just what I needed when I was experiencing the pain and hurt of separation and divorce."

DivorceCare sessions will help participants deal with such issues as anger, depression, loneliness, new relationships, finances, "kidcare," forgiveness, reconciliation and moving on.

Rev. Bill Price, pastor of Lowell Wesleyan Church

says, "Divorce hurts. Our intent is simply to provide help to hurting people and families in our community. This is the vision of our church. It doesn't matter if you attend LWC or any church at all. If you are separated or divorced, DivorceCare is for you. It will give you great insights and a fresh start."

DivorceCare combines 13 weekly video "seminars," featuring top experts on divorce and recovery topics, with the small support group that can provide important emotional backing to someone going through divorce. Author and speaker H. Norman Wright says, "DivorceCare is not only the highest professional caliber, but the practical, insightful content will help those recovering from the divorce experience." DivorceCare estimates that over 10,000 people are attending or have attended sessions across the USA.

Anyone interested in further information about DivorceCare may receive a free brochure by calling the church office at (616) 897-6890.



In an inner denominational celebration, six local churches in Lowell celebrated the joy of the Christmas season with a live nativity scene at St. Mary's Church last week. Pictured above are members of the Church of the Nazarene.

Viewpoint . . .



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 27, 1895
"River Road Rivals" is a local column. Coonrod, Engles and Pant are names mentioned.

A week of rain has filled the mill pond at Alton and they are sawing out the logs left from last spring. The accompanying ice breakup kept a crew at Lowell Light & Power busy until after midnight.



"BEING DIFFERENT"

We grow our own Christmas trees on the back forty, and I'll admit that without rigorous trimming, even the naturally symmetrical blue spruce are sometimes less than perfectly pyramidal-shaped.

I knew my 1995 Christmas tree was going to be a conversation piece when my grandchildren came in, spotted the tree, and yelled in unison, "Grandma, your tree has two tops!" It's true. There are two nearly even spikes at the tip. What to do



'95: A YEAR OF STUNNING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995 saw some of the most sweeping, comprehensive changes in how we in Michigan live, work and raise families. The Legislature dedicated itself in 1995 to reforming welfare, returning individual responsibility, rebuilding Michigan's business climate, getting tough on crime and letting taxpayers keep more of their hard-earned money. I'd like to take a moment to briefly discuss the highlights from Lansing.

Thanks to the Michigan Legislature, paying taxes will be a little less painful now. We permanently increased the personal exemption from \$2,100 to \$2,500 by 1997, and indexed the exemption to the rate of inflation, which will result in a savings of \$588 million over five years. We also gradually increased the amount senior citizens may deduct in interest, dividends and capital gains to \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for joint filers by 1998, which will save taxpayers \$197 million in the first four years.

Good news for all Michigan taxpayers is the fact that a 1995 income tax refund will provide taxpayers with a one-time, two percent income tax refund for 1995 because state revenues exceeded constitutional limits as required under the Headlee Amendment. To eliminate 27 years of double taxation on income from stocks and bonds, we approved two bills that will eliminate the state intangibles tax by 1998. To encourage state colleges to keep tuition and fee increases at no more than the rate of inflation, we provided an income tax credit for tuition paid by Michigan residents earning less than \$200,000 per year for students attending our state colleges. To maintain our surging job climate, we reworked the single business tax, allowing job providers to save millions of dollars each year and invest more heavily in Michigan and its workforce.

On December 6, we took another historic step when the

A "Free Silver Coinage" supplement is included, with almost two pages of arguments against the gold standard.

The Michigan Wood Rim Company will start operations as soon as their special machinery arrives. Lumber and supplies are here.

The Vergennes Dancing Club will give a New Year's ball at Music Hall on Jan. 1. \$1 per couple will also buy dinner and care of horses.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 23, 1920
"Stalled Truck Without Tail Light Smashes Atkins' Sedan;" Mr. Atkins drove into a stalled truck, smashing his front end and windshield. The truck promptly drove away, but the driver was caught later. Nobody hurt more than bruises and \$100 damage.

The Lowell Literary and Cloverleaf clubs are arranging a community Christmas tree on the Main Street bridge. Friday night (Christmas Eve) will be gift night to leave gifts at the tree, and Santa will pass out bags of candy. All please leave porch lights on for Christmas Night.

John Stair started the Lowell-Ionia bus line, but had to stop when one of the bus wheels broke. He will start again when the new wheel is built.

A list of servicemen still missing from the World War that ended in 1918 is published by the American Legion.

when you only have one lonely little star made out of wheat bundles to put on top? Why, you get an angel with gilded wings for the other top, of course. The earthly and the heavenly make a tree that is different enough to be quite memorable. Who said a Christmas tree has to have only one top?

We're always commenting on how different our children and grandchildren are from one another. Who said they all have to be alike? Isn't it wonderful that all Christmas trees and all children are not alike? One of our recently retired elementary teachers used to tell his students they were like snowflakes; each one different and wonderful. That is how we consider students at Lowell Area Schools. There are over thirty-four hundred different and wonderful kids here!

As we continue the school year and begin a new calendar year, we want you to know that the board members, administrators, teachers and all staff persons are dedicated to ever improving the educational environment where your different and wonderful, earthly or heavenly, individual students attend school. The differences provide a synergy and an excitement about learning that we hope will stay with them for a lifetime.

As much as we cherish the diverse nature of our students, we do, however, prefer that they have only one top.

governor signed into law the most sweeping welfare reform package in the nation. Michigan is the first state to pass legislation implementing block grants, putting Michigan's families on a path toward self-sufficiency. To reflect this change, the Department of Social Services will be called the Family Independence Agency. To qualify for benefits, clients must be enrolled in an employment related activity. All minor parents will be required to live in an adult-supervised setting and attend school. Anyone not willing to meet these requirements will be cut off. We know that getting a job is the key to turning families around. That's why this reform stresses the importance of individual responsibility, not welfare dependence.

The Legislature enacted forward thinking unemployment insurance reform by reducing the minimum unemployment insurance tax. Eliminating automatic cost of living allowances on benefits and reducing the wage replacement benefit, all of which will help save Michigan jobs. We also made reforms in our product liability law that will help to curb frivolous lawsuits clogging our courts, and the outrageous jury awards that we have seen when products are misused.

In looking to the economic future of the state, we passed legislation that will allow Michigan to compete for banking and other financial services jobs that will be endangered by new federal interstate banking legislation. We also took steps to strengthen consumer protection laws while helping protect jobs in the state. To better prepare our children for the challenges of the global economy, one of the final legislative actions in 1995 was to enact some of the most significant education reforms in the country. I have heard from many citizens that we need to make our schools more responsive to the desires of parents and needs of employers. Many of the changes we just made will do that by reducing bureaucratic red tape and expanding charter schools.

We also passed significant legislation that rewrote the state's Telecommunications Act, took steps to further protect the state's environment, reformed the mental health code and protected the state's veterans' trust fund from future raids during tough fiscal times.

All in all, 1995 was a landmark year for Michigan. We have tackled many issues, all of which will have a significant impact on our state for many years to come. From welfare reform to tax cuts, we have set the pace for the nation to follow. I'm proud of what I and my colleagues in the Legislature accomplished in 1995, and I look forward to continuing down the path of Michigan's renaissance.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 27, 1945

Five pens of White Leghorn hens from Foreman Poultry Farms have set a new world's record in egg production.

Butter is still scarce. Kids are celebrating the return of bubble gum.

Village employees broke up the packed snow alongside Main Street with a power tractor and carted it away by truck. Monday morning.

Five to 15 degrees below zero Saturday night, followed by sleet, snow and wind two days later.

Carl English of Camas, Washington, sends greetings via the Ledger. He built Lowell's first horseless carriage 45 years ago, a two-cylinder, air-cooled machine.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 24 & 31, 1970

The Moose Lodge packs Christmas boxes for over 100 area families.

Bulb snatchers are reported; several yard displays have been raided.

Newly-elected officers for the Fallsburg Bridge Centennial in 1971 have their first meeting.

Congress orders a study for possibly changing to the metric system.

County elementary school principals are urged to institute drug and alcohol education as part of a systematic health program in the schools, say police and health agencies.

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



EXERCISING IN THE NEW YEAR

Many of our patients make a resolution to begin an exercise program or lose weight beginning January 1st. If you are one of those embarking on a similar program, congratulations. Studies have shown that even moderate physical activity improves both your physical and psychological well being. Regular exercise lessens the risk of cardiovascular disease and other chronic medical conditions.

If you're starting a new program, begin with realistic expectations. Start slow and gradually increase your duration and intensity. Any activity that uses large muscles and increases your heart rate will do. Pick an aerobic exercise that you enjoy and can stick with. Walking, running, swimming, biking, aerobic dance and many others provide similar benefits.

Prior to exercise, perform a stretching routine. Our goal in any exercise program is to raise our heart rate for 30 to 50 minutes, continuously. Our target heart rate is based on age as follows:

Target heart rate = (220-age) x 70 percent. So, a 40 year old would try to reach a heart rate of (220-40) x 70 percent = 126 beats per minute for 30 - 50 minutes during their exercise routine. This is all pretty technical and you don't have to measure your heart rate if you don't want to. A good rule of thumb to make sure you're not working too hard is to see if you can maintain a conversation with a partner during exercise. If you're unable to keep up a conversation, slow down.

Remember to start slow. Begin with 5 or 10 minutes at a pace that you feel comfortable with. Increase the duration of exercise by 10 percent or so each week until you're exercising for 30 - 50 minutes. Try to exercise at least three to five times per week to maintain your conditioning yet allow adequate recovery time.

Happy New Year...see you out on the roads.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week Of Jan. 1, 1996 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, homemade roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni, lettuce salad, frozen juice treats or canned fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH
French toast sticks with syrup, scrambled eggs, later triangle, warm apples or fruit selection, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY - NO SCHOOL!

TUESDAY: NO SCHOOL!

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, side salad, homemade dinner roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni or lasagna or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Carrot sticks, side salad, fruit juice, frozen juice treats or canned fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH
2 pancakes with eggs or 2 French toast with eggs or chicken paty in a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Tater triangle, side salad, orange juice, fruit selection, milk.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 876-1032 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>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN 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>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier • Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & J.V. Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting: Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 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>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • 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>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH 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>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "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>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 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>

Lowell High School recognizes December-Students-of-the-Month

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 December are:

Life Management - Hayley Braun

Mathematics - Matt Mix
Music - Sarah Mitchell
Physical Education - Erin Umlauf

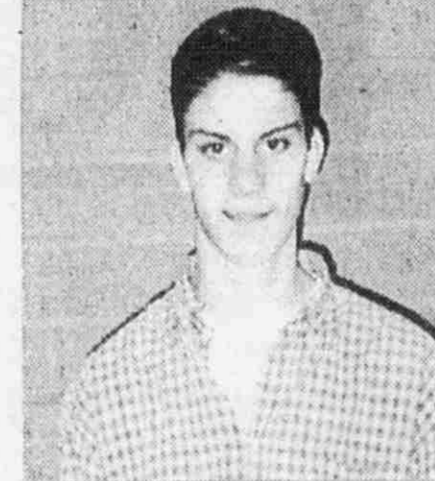
Hayley Braun, a junior at Lowell High School, was selected by the Life Management department because she is a very positive person to have in class. Braun is willing and excited about almost every assignment. She is one of the chairpersons for the Health Fair. Braun is the daughter of

Bonnie Thomas and Carl Braun both of Grand Rapids. She lives with her Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Barney both of Lowell. She has been involved in "basketball, cheerleading and softball. Braun has a red card with a 3.5 grade point average and her favorite classes are creative living, psychology and computer literature. She has collected stickers since the fourth grade.

Matt Mix, a senior, was selected by the Mathematics department because he is an A student in calculus class. He is a "quiet" leader allowing others to ask questions and explain the answers he already knows. He is diligent in doing homework. If uncertain about a problem, he comes in for help to correct his error. Mix is the son of Tom and Gisele Mix, of Ada. He has been involved in track, Leaders Club, National Honors Society, and



Hayley Braun



Matt Mix



Erin Umlauf



Sarah Mitchell

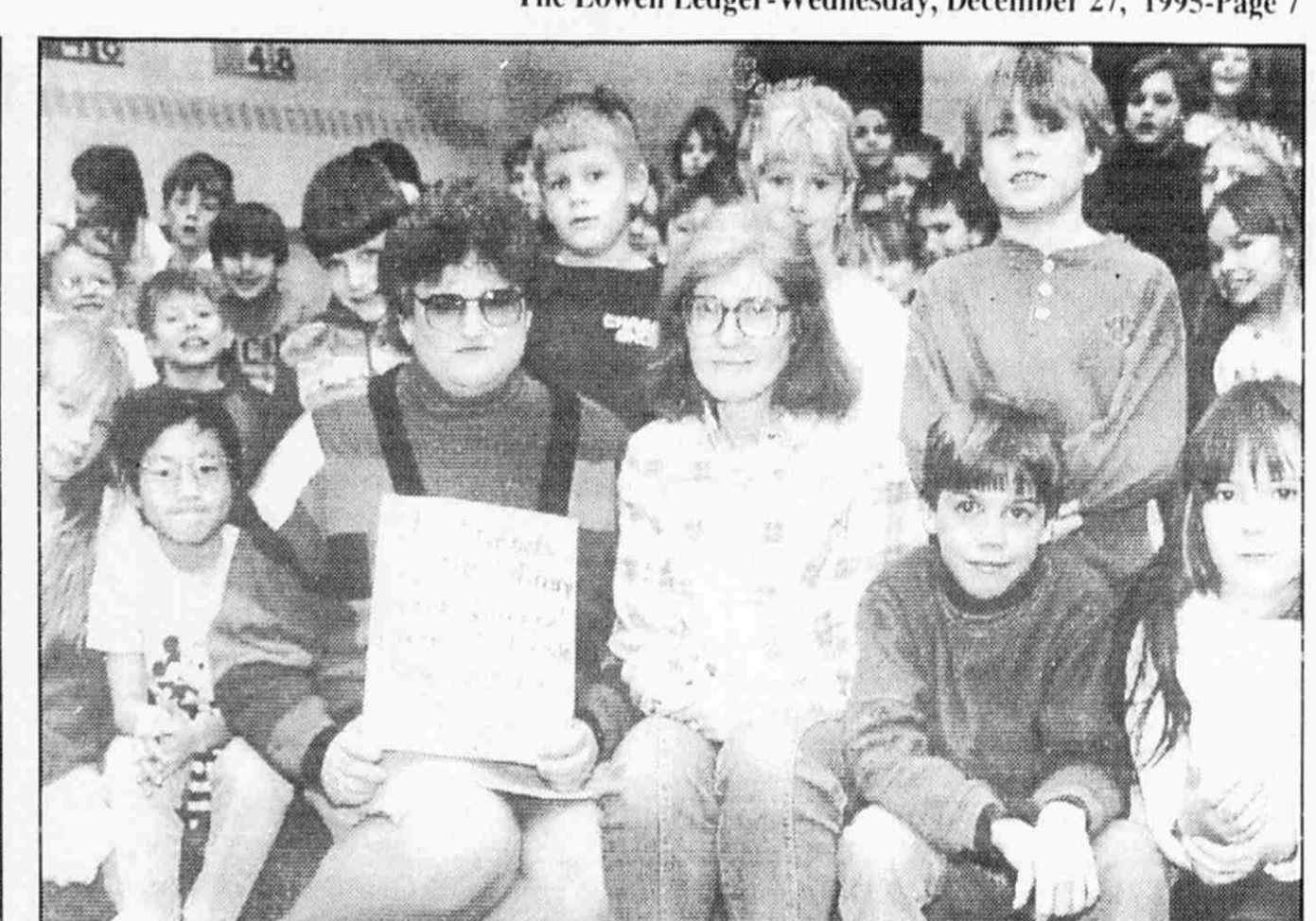
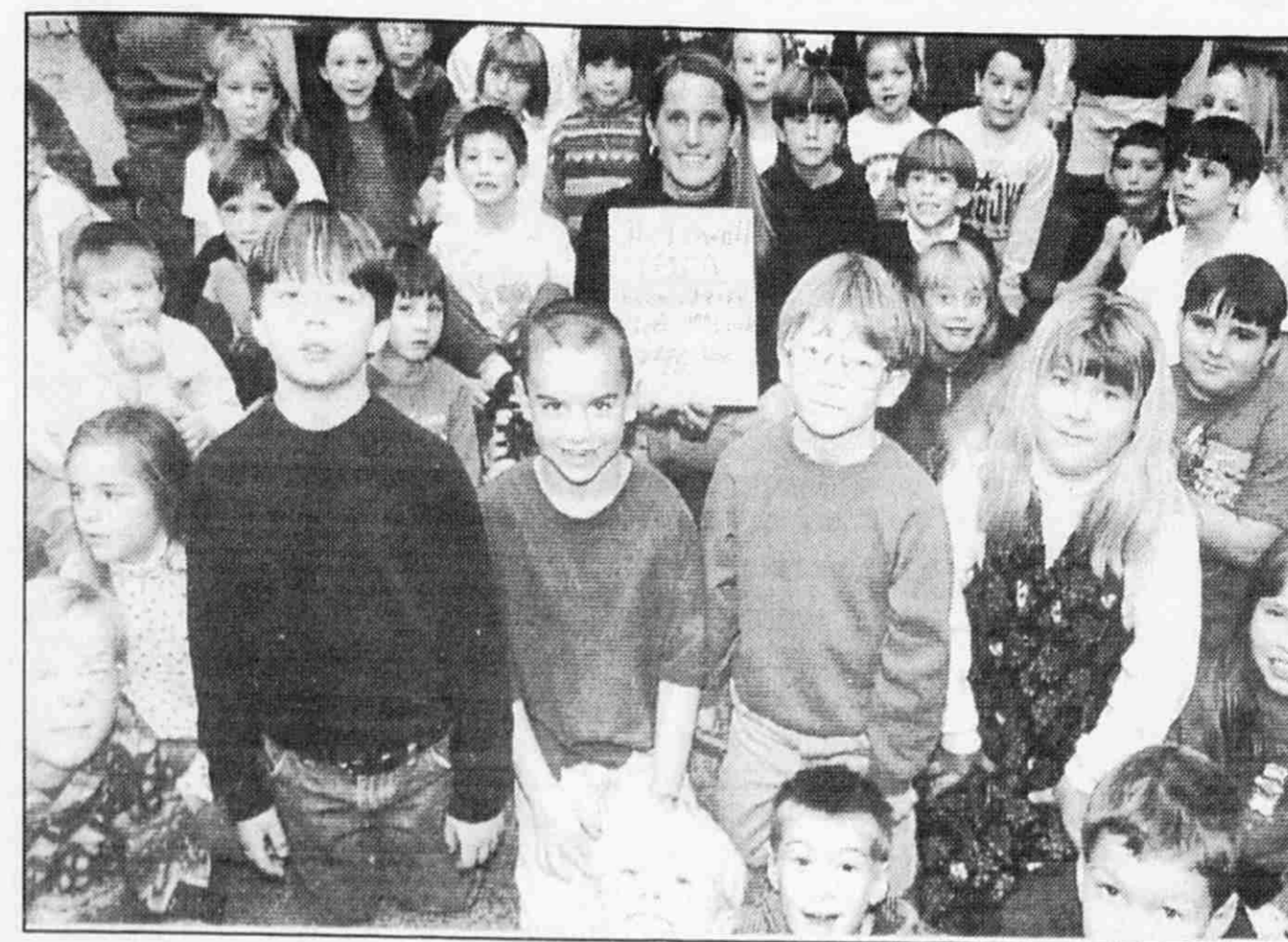
Science Olympiad and is currently active with the Thornwood Baptist Church Youth Group. His hobbies are cars, stereos and computers with his favorite classes being physics and honors government.

Senior Sarah Mitchell was selected by the Music department. She plays Drum Major of the marching band and has been in the Grand Valley College Band and in the "Grand

Valley All-Star Band. She also participates in solo and ensemble festivals. Mitchell is the daughter of Rena and David Mitchell, both of Ada. She has been involved in marching band and art club and works part-time at Meijers and Cascade Music. Mitchell plans on going to college to study physics at the University of Michigan.

Erin Umlauf, a freshman, was selected by the Physical Education department because she is a very positive person. She influences her peers by role-modeling as a student who cares about education and who cares about others. She is a great listener and brightens the day with her

smile. Umlauf, the daughter of John and Theresa Umlauf of Lowell, has participated in basketball for four years and likes softball which she has played for the past eight years. She enjoys spending time with her friends and likes all of her classes with no favorites.



Cherry Creek Elementary Students Donate Funds to Local Organizations

Instead of spending their money on teachers' Christmas gifts, second-graders at Cherry Creek Elementary made donations to the Lowell YMCA and Friends of the Library. Pictured above, Christy Droogsma, YMCA program director, receives a check for \$46. Presenting her the check were, kneeling, left to right: Joseph Woodhead, Matt Rozema, Andy Gordon and Lisa Brown.

Gathered around Evie Leeman, and Lowell librarian Jane Aronson are, left to right: Ashley Colon, Jenny Lupton, Caleb Baker, Josh Morrison, Alicia Weber, Melissa Warners, Andrew Hopkins and Angela Miller.

Community donation benefits special needs students

For children and youth with special needs, there often are additional educational essentials that must be purchased in order to provide proper instruction and create a good learning environment. The cost of these essentials sometimes exceeds the general budget allowance for a school year. Community groups periodically provide the additional funding required to educate the special needs student.

For several years, the Knights of Columbus organization of the Lowell area has contributed the money they raised in their annual Tootsie Roll™ sales to the Lowell Special Education Department. The money, \$463, is earmarked for use in ways that directly affect Lowell's special education students. This year's contribution has thus far been used to purchase

books on tape for nonreaders; communication devices for the physically impaired who have limited conversation ability; sensitivity awareness materials to help others understand the "feeling" of being impaired; and provide off-site experiences which may not otherwise be possible to the special needs student.

"It is with the help of organizations such as the Knights of Columbus that these needs can be fully met. Lowell Area Schools - and the Special Education Department in particular - are very grateful to this group for their assistance in our program. The 300-plus special needs students who are educated in Lowell benefit greatly from this generosity," said Pam Thomas, director of Special Education.

Humility is the most difficult of all virtues to achieve, nothing dies harder than the desire to think well of oneself.

—T.S. Eliot

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 95-06
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A - ZONING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

Councilmember Hodges, supported by Councilmember Thompson, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment. Appendix A - Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended in its entirety and replaced with the Zoning Ordinance, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Publication of Summary of Ordinance. That as permitted by law, a summary of the Zoning Ordinance as follows shall be published in the LOWELL LEDGER within 15 days after its adoption:

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CITY OF LOWELL ZONING ORDINANCE 95-06 AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 18, 1995, the City Council of the City of Lowell adopted a Zoning Ordinance for City of Lowell. The principal provisions of the Zoning Ordinance can be summarized as follows:

1. Definitions are provided for various ordinance terms.
2. General provisions containing regulations for such matters as required lots and yards, accessory buildings and uses, home occupations, essential services, nonconforming uses and buildings, minimum requirements for dwellings outside manufactured home parks, riparian access, private roads, and storage of recreation equipment, among others.
3. The establishment of zoning districts and zoning map, including regulations for uses and development requirements within those districts.
4. Regulations and requirements for site plan review, parking and special land uses.
5. Membership, jurisdiction, application procedures, and standards of review for a Zoning Board of Appeals.
6. Various regulations governing the administration and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.
7. Provisions regarding the scope and legal basis of the Zoning Ordinance and repeal of previous zoning ordinances.

The effective date of the ordinance is 30 days following the publication date of this notice.

The text of the newly adopted Zoning Ordinance is on file and may be examined or purchased at the offices of City of Lowell.

Dated: December 27, 1995

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOWELL

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after notice of its adoption is published in the LOWELL LEDGER, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

YEAS: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Shores, Thompson and Mayor Maatman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

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Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Jane Bolthouse Reedy received the Sales Associate of the Month award for October.

This award recognizes Reedy for her outstanding success and achievements.

Jane Bolthouse Reedy

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Mary Clark received the Sales Associate of the Month award for November.

This award recognizes Clark for her outstanding success and achievements.

Mary Clark

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Thomas A. Davis for a special land use for a proposed private road to serve four parcels of land. The special land use covers the lands located at 14074 Four Mile Road, and legally described as follows:

The South 825 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 except the West 562 feet and except the South 528 feet of the East 396 feet of Section 36, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: December 19, 1995

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on the 15th of January, 1996 of the Township Planning Commission.

They will be considering the preliminary development plan request of Curtis Cowles and Stoneridge Development Company to rezone two (2) parcels of land totaling approximately twenty (20) acres from the present LI (Light Industrial) and R1 (Residential) to a P.U.D. zone for the purpose of developing multiple family housing in Section 4 (PP#s 41-20-04-401-017 and 41-20-04-401-028) at 11627 and 11729 Fulton Street East in Lowell Township.

Tentative Text and zoning map may be examined at the township office during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Mark R. Gauck for a special land use to permit a single-family residence on a nonconforming lot for which the requirements of Section 3.45 of the Zoning Ordinance cannot be met. The special land use covers the lands located at 6484 Farmbrook, and legally described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said section; thence North 00° 14'35" West along the West line of said section 936.39 feet to a point which is 740.02 feet South of the intersection of the West line of said section with the centerline of Belding Road to the place of beginning of this description; thence North 00° 14'35" West along the West line of said section 260.00 feet; thence North 88° 36'47" East 1019.46 feet; thence North 00° 09'04" East 419.47 feet to the south line of said Belding Road; thence Easterly 40.94 feet along the South line of said Belding Road on a 7579.44 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears South 89° 36'47" East 40.94 feet to the West line of the East 264.00 feet of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section; thence South 00° 16'56" East parallel with the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section 320.00 feet to a point which is 330.00 feet south of the former right-of-way of said Belding Road; thence South 88° 27'47" East 264.00 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section; thence South 00° 16'56" East along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section 367.44 feet; thence South 89° 37'19" West 1327.44 feet to the place of beginning; Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: December 19, 1995

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

MEAP, continued.... From Page 1

higher on one of the two portions of the test; and 10.5 percent did not score 300 or above on either the story or information part of the test.

The 61.1 percent is up from 43.2 percent a year ago. The 10.5 is down from 24.5 percent a year ago.

In mathematics, 77 percent (up from 59 percent in 1994) of the students scored 80 percent or higher; 18.7 percent scored moderately between 77 and 79 percent; and 4.3 percent scored below 77 percent.

The total number of satisfactory scores was up 19 percent from 1994 while the low math scores were down six percent from 1994.

"I'm pleased with the math scores over the entire district," said Sue Beute, at-risk math resource teacher. "The seventh-grade scores improved a lot and the math scores at the elementary level improved and the number of low scores decreased."

Beute said the weak area was in problem-solving.

"There has been a curricular change in the math area. It takes a while for change to take place. But now there is more of an awareness and everyone is all in it together," Beute explained. "The new approach has made us abandon what we thought was important and put in what is important to industry and in life skills."

The math teacher said the math portion of the MEAP test requires a higher level thinking skill.

An area Beute was most pleased with was in item analysis. Last year over 70 percent of the students mastered 62 of the 92 items. This year over 70 percent mastered 72 of the 92 items in that area. "I think that is a great improvement," Beute said. "While we are pleased with the progress we know there is still work to be done."

Beute also noted that 93 percent of fourth-grade students scored satisfactory or moderate on the math test.

"I think it is important to know that to score satisfactory on the test, a student must score 80 percent or better," Beute explained.

The students in the moderate range scored between 77 and 79 percent. "There isn't much that separates moderate from

satisfactory, she said.

The district summary for fourth-grade reading indicates 54.3 percent of the students scored 300 or higher (satisfactory) in both the story and information part of the MEAP test; 33.2 percent scored 300 or higher on one of the two portions of the test; and 12.5 percent scored below 300 on both parts of the test. The low number is down eight percent from last year.

The satisfactory number saw a slight improvement. The moderate number was up eight percent.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said he was pleased with the progress shown at the middle school and Alto and Cherry Creek elementaries.

"The scores were not bad, but we're not satisfied," Bleke said. "Our target has to be making everybody succeed on the test."

To do that, Bleke said the MEAP test cannot be a one-month marvel.

"The MEAP has forced schools to focus and target what kids ought to be able to do," Bleke said.

The Lowell superintendent believes one area that needs to be looked at is the test score difference between Alto and Cherry Creek.

"I think the fact Alto teachers have been together longer makes it easier for them to adapt to curricular changes," Bleke said. "The Cherry Creek staff has been together for a year and a half."

He also said the size of the staffs may play a role in the difference in test scores.

"It is easier for two or three third-grade teachers in one building to be consistent and to adapt to changes than it would be for seven or eight third-grade teachers," Bleke said.

White said the Alto staff is very focused particularly in reading and writing. He agrees a staff that has been together longer has more of an opportunity to be on the same page.

At Alto, 66.7 percent of the students scored satisfactory on both portions of the reading test. At Cherry Creek, 50.5 percent of the students did. District-wide, 54.3 percent scored satisfactory.

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

owned by William Haring, 51, of Palo.

Arrested on a warrant issued out of Middleville District Court on Dec. 18 was Mark Rybiski, 30, of Middleville.

Two 13-year-old juveniles from Lowell will be referred to probate court on charges of retail fraud (shoplifting) from five stores in Lowell over the past month.

Kenneth McBain, 28, of Lowell, was arrested Dec. 19 on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids court for failure to appear in court and also for driving while license suspended.

Melissa Merren, 27, of Belding, reported to officers Dec. 18 that her vehicle which was parked on a private lot off Godfrey St. was struck by a hit and run driver.

Fiora Beachum, 67, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident, Dec. 18, when she backed from a drive on Beech near Hunt St. and struck a parked car.

Russell Blakeslee, 76, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident, Dec. 21, when he struck a parked car in a parking lot owned by Christine Posthuma, 33, of Grand Rapids.

Berneda Howe, 46, of Lake Odessa, was not injured in an accident Dec. 21 when she lost control of the car she was driving and struck a light pole on Main near West St.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 28 - Lisa Stormzand, DeHaan.
C.J. Sokolowski, Matt Francisco, Matt Francisco.
DEC. 29 - Amanda Martin, John Wenger, Alice Hesche, Carolyn Yonker, Karen Cummings.
DEC. 30 - Stacy Klahn, Ben Hodges, Kyle Triplett, Joe Hunt, Stacey Craig, Joshua Gee, Maliree Trierweiler, Matthew Trierweiler, Olszewski.
DEC. 31 - Marcie Page, Bill

To know how to grow old is the master work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.

—Frederic Amiel

O-K White District School Summary MEAP Results

HASTINGS	FOREST HILLS CENTRAL	NORTHVIEW
Fourth Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 51.8 percent Story: 83 Information: 53.1	Fourth Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 92.1 percent Story: 99 Information: 92.9	Fourth Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 65.1 percent Story: 90.4 Information: 66.3
Fourth Grade Math Satisfactory: 73.7	Fourth Grade Math: Satisfactory: 97.2	Fourth Grade Math: Satisfactory: 76.3
Seventh Grade Reading Satisfactory: 41.6 Story: 70.4 Information: 48.3	Seventh Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 78.9 Story: 94.2 Information: 82	Seventh Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 52 Story: 80.7 Information: 55.4
Seventh Grade Math Satisfactory: 57.3	Seventh Grade Math: Satisfactory: 92.7	Seventh Grade Math: Satisfactory: 65
EAST GRAND RAPIDS	HUDSONVILLE	LOWELL
Fourth Grade Reading Satisfactory: 78.8 percent Story: 94.6 Information: 82.3	Fourth Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 66.8 percent Story: 89.3 Information: 71.2	Fourth Grade Reading Satisfactory: 54.3 percent Story: 85.3 Information: 56.6
Fourth Grade Math Satisfactory: 89.7	Fourth Grade Math: Satisfactory: 83.8	Fourth Grade Math Satisfactory: 72.1 Moderate: 21.5 Low: 6.4
Seventh Grade Reading Satisfactory: 85 Story: 96 percent Information: 87.5	Seventh Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 52.2 Story: 80.8 Information: 54.5	Seventh Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 61.1 Story: 84.4 Information: 66.1
Seventh Grade Math Satisfactory: 89	Seventh Grade Math: Satisfactory: 78.4	Seventh Grade Math: Satisfactory: 77 Moderate: 18.7 Low: 4.3
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Fourth Grade Reading: Story: 80.6 percent Information: 63.7	Fourth Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 47.6 percent Story: 77.6 Information: 51.1	
Fourth Grade Math: Satisfactory: 80.6	Fourth Grade Math Satisfactory: 62.6	
Seventh Grade Reading: Story: 70.8 Information: 43.3	Seventh Grade Reading: Satisfactory: 40.4 Story: 72.2 Information: 45.5	
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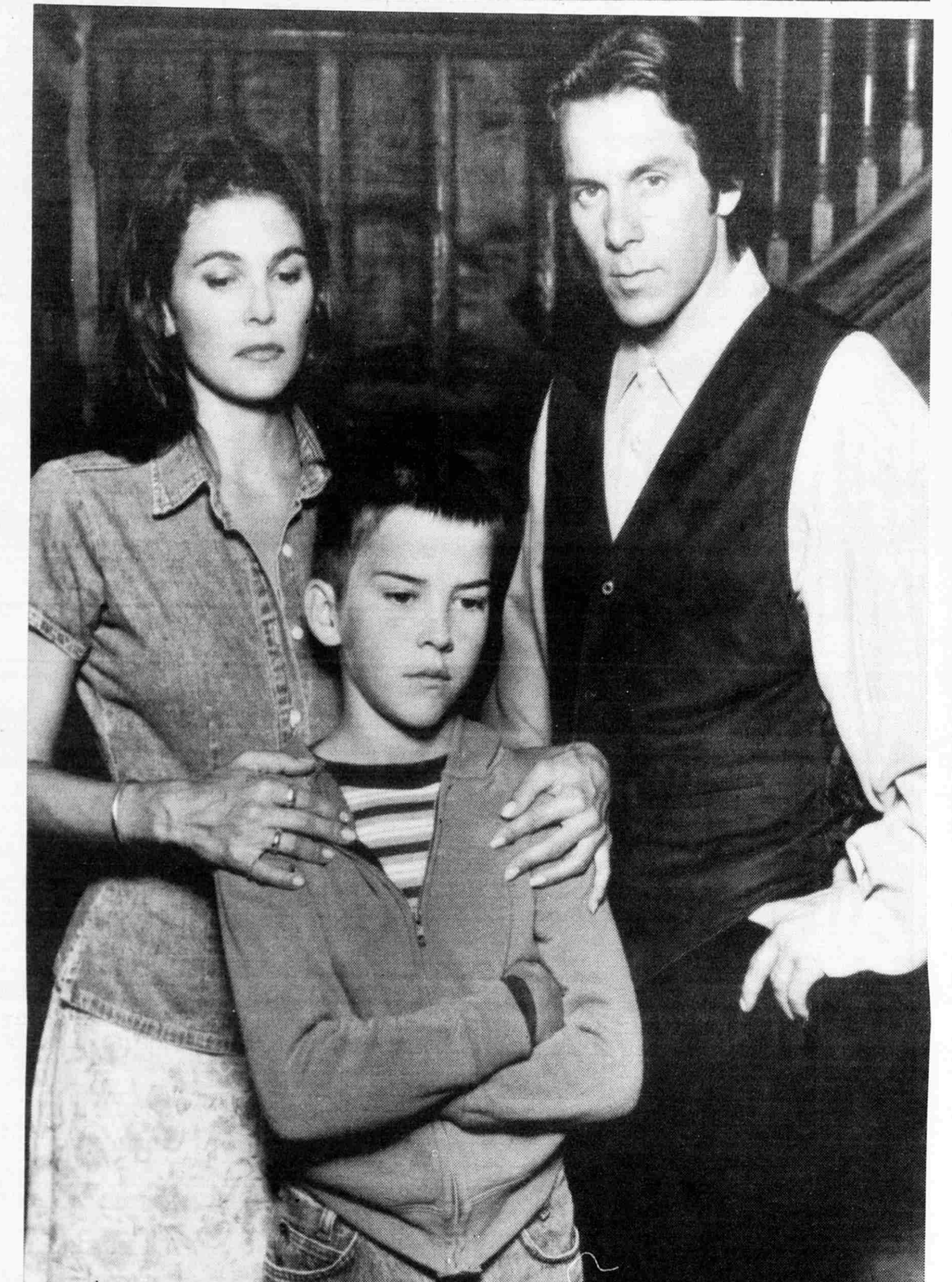
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MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 1, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 2, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 3, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 1996										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Murder, She Wrote "Kendo Killing"	Grand Ole Opry 70th Anniversary	News	Late Show				
4	WOTV Highway Patrol	LAPD	Before They Were Stars Part III	Movie: "Falling Down"	News	Nightline				
5	WGVU Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Mystery: "The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose		
7	WXMI Home Improvement	Seinfeld	The Shoes	College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan State	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Living Single	Crew		
8	WOOD Extra	Inside Edition	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline in the City	ER "Dead of Winter"	News	Tonight Show	
6	WLNS Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Murder, She Wrote "Kendo Killing"	Grand Ole Opry 70th Anniversary	News	Late Show				
19	WILX Star Trek: The Next Generation	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline in the City	ER "Dead of Winter"	News	Tonight Show		
23	WKAR Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery: "The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes"	Practical Sports	Wild America		
13	WZZM Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Before They Were Stars Part III	Movie: "Falling Down"	Movie: "Falling Down"	Movie: "Falling Down"	News	Nightline		
14	WSYM Home Improvement	Roseanne	Living Single	Crew	New York Undercover	Cops	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones		
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Movie: "Toy Soldiers"	Movie: "Red Dawn"						
18	FAM Waltons	The Genius	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Evening Shade	Evening Shade			
20	FX Fall Guy		Hart to Hart	Trapper John, M.D.	In Living Color	In Living Color	Vega\$			
22	USA Wings	Wings	Movie: "Tremors"	Highlander: The Series	Highlander: The Series	Silk Stalkings	Silk Stalkings			
23	DISC Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention		
25	WGN Family Matters	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Charlotte Hornets	College Update	College Basketball	Massachusetts vs. Memphis	Swaps	Simon & Simon		
27	ESPN College Basketball	North Carolina-Charlotte vs. Virginia Tech	From Worcester, Mass. (Live)	College Update	College Basketball	Massachusetts vs. Memphis	Sportscenter	Sportscenter		
28	CNN Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World News	Sports Tonight	Moneyline		
29	NICK Tiny Toon	Tiny Toon Adventures	Munsters	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	
30	A&E Equalizer	"The Lock Box"	Biography: Rita Hayworth	Ancient Mysteries	Blood and Treasure in Peru	Voyages	Law & Order	Black Tie		
31	PASS Red Wings	Hotline	Golf: Mitsubishi Invitational	CCHA Digest	CCHA Digest	College Basketball	College Basketball	Arizona at California		
32	TNT In the Heat of the Night	Movie: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"	Movie: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"	Movie: "Mommie Dearest"						
33	NASH Club Dance	Country News	Life and Times of Marty Robbins	Music City Tonight	Loretta and Cissie Lynn	Forester Sisters	Club Dance	Country News		
34	SCI FI Twilight Zone	Monsters	Quantum Leap	Future Boy - October 6, 1957	Movie: "Conquest of the Planet of the Apes"	Roddy McDowall, Ricardo Montalban	Twilight Zone	Monsters		
PREMIUM STATIONS										
14	DISN Flash Forward	MMC	Movie: "Stanley's Dragon"	Movie: "Private Resort"						
15	HBO Movie: "Bugs Bunny Movie"	Movie: "Addams Family Values"	Movie: "Private Resort"	Movie: "Private Resort"						
16	MAX Movie: "Steel Magnolias"	Movie: "M. V. L. Dreams"	Movie: "Galaxia"	Movie: "Witchboard"						

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 4, 1996										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	Late Show	Late Late Show	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree				
4	WOTV	Top Cops	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
5	WGVU	Charlie Rose	(Off Air)							
7	WXMI	Stephanie Miller	Paid Program	Bullwinkle	Richard Bey	Charles Perez	Wonder Years	Dragon Ball		
8	WOOD	Tonight Show	Late Night	Later	Leeza	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside			
6	WLNS	Late Show	Late Late Show	Cosby Show	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)			
19	WILX	Tonight Show	Late Night	Later	News	NBC News Nightside	(Joined in Progress)	Headline News		
23	WKAR	(Off Air)								
13	WZZM	Current Affairs	Most Wanted	Cops	Gordon Elliott	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now	(Joined in Progress)		
14	WSYM	Gabrielle	LAPD	Rescue 911	(Off Air)					
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS	Movie: "The Border"	Movie: "Toy Soldiers"	Movie: "Red Dawn"						
18	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	The Iron Butterfly	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
20	FX	Rawhide	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
22	USA	Highlander: "Innocent Man"	Forever Knight	Movie: "At Close Range"	Movie: "At Close Range"	American Gladiators	American Gladiators			
23	DISC	Wild Discovery: "A Flight of Deer"	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
25	WGN	Simon & Simon	Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night	Honeymooners	Honeymooners	Honeymooners	Movie: "The Man From Bitter Ridge"		
27	ESPN	Sportscenter	World's Strongest Man	Racehorse Digest	Sportscenter	Up Close	College Basketball	Massachusetts vs. Memphis		
28	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today	Sports Tonight	Larry King Live	Overnight	Sports Tonight	Newsroom		
29	NICK	Bob Newhart	Lucy Show	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Nick at Night	Classic TV Countdown	Lucy Show		
30	A&E	Biography: Rita Hayworth	Ancient Mysteries	Blood and Treasure in Peru	Voyages	Against the Clock	Law & Order	Black Tie		
31	PASS	College Basketball	College Hockey U.S.A.	Press Box	CCHA Digest	Prime Cuts	College Basketball	Arizona at California		
32	TNT	Movie: "Mommie Dearest"	Movie: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"	Movie: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"						
33	NASH	Life and Times of Marty Robbins	Music City Tonight	Loretta and Cissie Lynn	Forester Sisters	(Off Air)				
34	SCI FI	Quantum Leap	Future Boy - October 6, 1957	Movie: "Conquest of the Planet of the Apes"	Roddy McDowall, Ricardo Montalban	Suspense Theatre	"The Deep End"	Paid Program	Paid Program	
PREMIUM STATIONS										
14	DISN	Cowboys Amer.	Loretta and Crystal: Going Home	Movie: "Angel in My Pocket"	Movie: "Angel in My Pocket"	Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella				
15	HBO	Movie: "Whore 2"	Movie: "The Getaway"	Movie: "The Getaway"						
16	MAX	Movie: "Witchboard"	Movie: "L.A. Dreams"	Movie: "Spitter"						



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADING

Members of the Freshman Cheerleading squad are, front row: Liz Lonick. Second row, left to right: Amanda Lesky and Jennie Sherman. Third row, left to right: Jessica Koopman, Ainsley Smit, Stephanie Schulte and Brenda Tarney.



JV CHEERLEADING

Members of the Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad are front row, left to right: Jessica Garber and Melissa Sobie. Second row, left to right: Beth Cummings, Sandy Spicer, Sarah Sper, Amy Meiste and Josie Inbody. Third row, left to right, Elena Valentine, Sandy Lonick and Christy Kroskie. Coach Carri Slot.

New buses ordered for special education runs

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell is the largest geographic school district in West Michigan.

While dependability and safety of a bus fleet are essential in all districts, they are magnified in a district that covers 130 square miles.

Larry Mikulski, Lowell School District transportation director, received two of the four 71-passenger Vista buses ordered last year. The remaining two are expected within the week.

With last year's order just now arriving, Mikulski got the okay from the school board to order four 65-passenger buses (two lift and two conventional).

All four will be used for special education runs.

Mikulski said there are currently no backups for the lift buses.

"The two lift buses (1990 & 1992) we now have are at full capacity," Mikulski said.

The '90 bus has over 200,000 miles on it and the '92 bus has approximately 189,000 miles.

The four new buses ordered by Mikulski will take six to eight months to arrive. They will cost roughly \$50,000 apiece.

Because the buses will be used for special education, the cost is reimbursable.

Depending on the mileage, the district can recoup its cost over a four-to-seven year period.

There are currently 61 special education students in the Lowell School District.

With a number of new programs slated to begin next year, and with a number of new housing developments proposed, Mikulski expects that number to increase.

A reasonable man needs only to practice moderation to find happiness.

—Goethe

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

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Lowell's young wrestlers make a point in win over Hudsonville

Steve VanLaan stopped the clock at 56 seconds of the first period with a pin against Aaron Manshavan.



By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some may have been confused by what they saw Thursday night as Lowell's young wrestling team beat up on Hudsonville's young wrestling team 54-24.

However, Eagle's head coach Jeff Henderson wasn't. "When people say Lowell is young, they mean in chronological age, not in wrestling experience. Most of their kids have probably been wrestling since the age of five," Henderson said. "We're young because we have kids who are new to wrestling, but given time, they will improve."

Lowell's lineup, filled with three freshmen and four sophomores, recorded eight pins; five of those were recorded in less than a minute.

"We're young and probably a couple of years away," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "We've been practicing three hours a night, throwing as much at the kids as we can. Every time they go out onto the mat, they show improvement."

Lowell opened the match against Hudsonville with pins in each of the first four weights.



Lowell recorded eight pins against Hudsonville.

Nick West, 103 pounds, pinned Jason Crossen at 1:04 of the first period; Casey Harper (112 pounds) pinned Kirk MacDonald at 1:29 of the first period; Dan Spicer, (119 pounds) pinned Mark Starlin at 3:19 of the second period; and Brett Plattner (125 pounds) pinned Allen Kurtz at :46 seconds of the first period.

"The boys showed some intensity out there tonight," Rivers said. "That's wrestling. They have to take that out onto the mat with them. It has to come from within."

Pins five and six for Lowell came at 135 and 140 pounds. Dave Luyk (135) pinned Dave Boss in 29 seconds of the first period. Matt Inman (140) followed with a pin over Casey Glass in 35 seconds.

Wrestling at 152 pounds, Scott Hays pinned Jason Duran's blades to the mat at 42 seconds of the first period.

Steve VanLaan came off the mat in 56 seconds with a pin

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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.

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Lowell's General Federation of Women's Club presented the library committee chairman Chuck Myers with a little holiday cheer in the form of a check for \$245. The club matched member contributions to the "Buy A Brick" fundraising program for the new library. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Myers, Women's Club president Diane L. Thomas, and club treasurer Marj Harding.



Christmas Spirit Abound!

The employees of FMB State Savings Bank brightened the homes of three Lowell families this Christmas season. Instead of exchanging names and buying gifts for one another, they purchased Christmas gifts for their "adopted" families.

Wrestling, cont'd.... From Page 18

against Aaron Manshavan.

Lowell's Mike Miner won by way of forfeit at 189 pounds.

Hudsonville earned wins at 130, 171, 215 and at heavy-weight.

Jeff Hearsh (130) decisioned Brad Lyons 7-5.

Matt Slenderbroek (171) decisioned Joel Uzarski 6-2.

Pat East (215) pinned Chad Uzarski at 29 seconds of the first period.

Ryan Brinnall (HWT) pinned Jason Willard in 1:24 of the first period.

Hudsonville's Corey Landacre won by way of forfeit at 145 pounds.

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs, no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies or can die.
—Thomas Carlyle

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—Logan Pearsall Smith



Lowell's wrestling program has some loyal fans, one of the biggest of which is John Rupp.

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TEXAS TECH VS AIR FORCE Copper Bowl	TEXAS TECH	AIR FORCE	TEXAS TECH	AIR FORCE
MICHIGAN VS TEXAS A&M Alamo Bowl	TEXAS A&M	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN
WASHINGTON VS IOWA Sun Bowl	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	IOWA	IOWA
LOUISIANA ST. VS MSU Independence Bowl	LOUISIANA ST	MSU	MSU	MSU
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Folkert hard at work to end fluctuation trend in budget

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell business manager Dale Folkert wants the swing to stop.

The year-end fluctuations in the actual revenues of the school district have been a burning issue that Folkert is working to downsize.

The actual 1994-95 budget showed excess revenues totaling \$352,101. The 1995-96 budget showed a budget reporting excess expenditures totaling \$53,953. The amended 1995-96 budget reported on by Folkert at the

December board meeting showed revenues in excess of \$9,144.

The audit report suggests that the general fund revenue budget be reviewed on a regular basis throughout the school year, and amended where necessary. This will allow the school's business office to be more responsive to fluctuations in actual revenues and allow for a more accurate projection of year-end fund balances.

"Last year I pushed to watch and control school district expenses. That is something we can control," Folkert

said. "However, we do not control revenues."

Folkert has taken steps to keep the community and board updated on the change in revenues.

The business manager will use amendments to respond to fluctuations in revenues. "Also, every month board members will be receiving a report that shows the budget - year to date, percentage of budget to date and compares the budget with the previous year's," Folkert said. "With these tools in place the district shouldn't see the swings in revenue that it has

in the past."

Folkert said reasons for the swing from a \$53,953 deficit to an amended budget showing excess revenue of

School code reform passes

The Michigan State Senate recently took a significant step in reforming the State's School Code by concurring with various amendments to Senate Bill 679 by the House of Representatives. The new Revised School Code replaces the School Code of 1976 and continues on the natural progression of improving Michigan's public education

over \$9,000 included a change in state grants, an increased number of students, and a change in local taxable values, which provided the dis-

trict with additional money. Lowell School District's fund balance currently stands at 13 percent of its total budget or \$2.3 million.

SB 679 amends and deletes various sections of the code to allow schools the freedom to do anything not specifically prohibited in the code. Previously, schools could do only those things that were specifically allowed in the code. Now school districts can be more responsive to the needs and interests of their constituents.

Highlights of the reform are:

- to reward teacher excellence, the development of a method of compensation for educators based on job performance and accomplishments;
- to level the playing field among schools, the elimination of the multiple class designation of public school districts and giving all districts the same general powers; and
- the requirement that the state Board of Education submit a report to the Legislature outlining additional mandates which should be waived.

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

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

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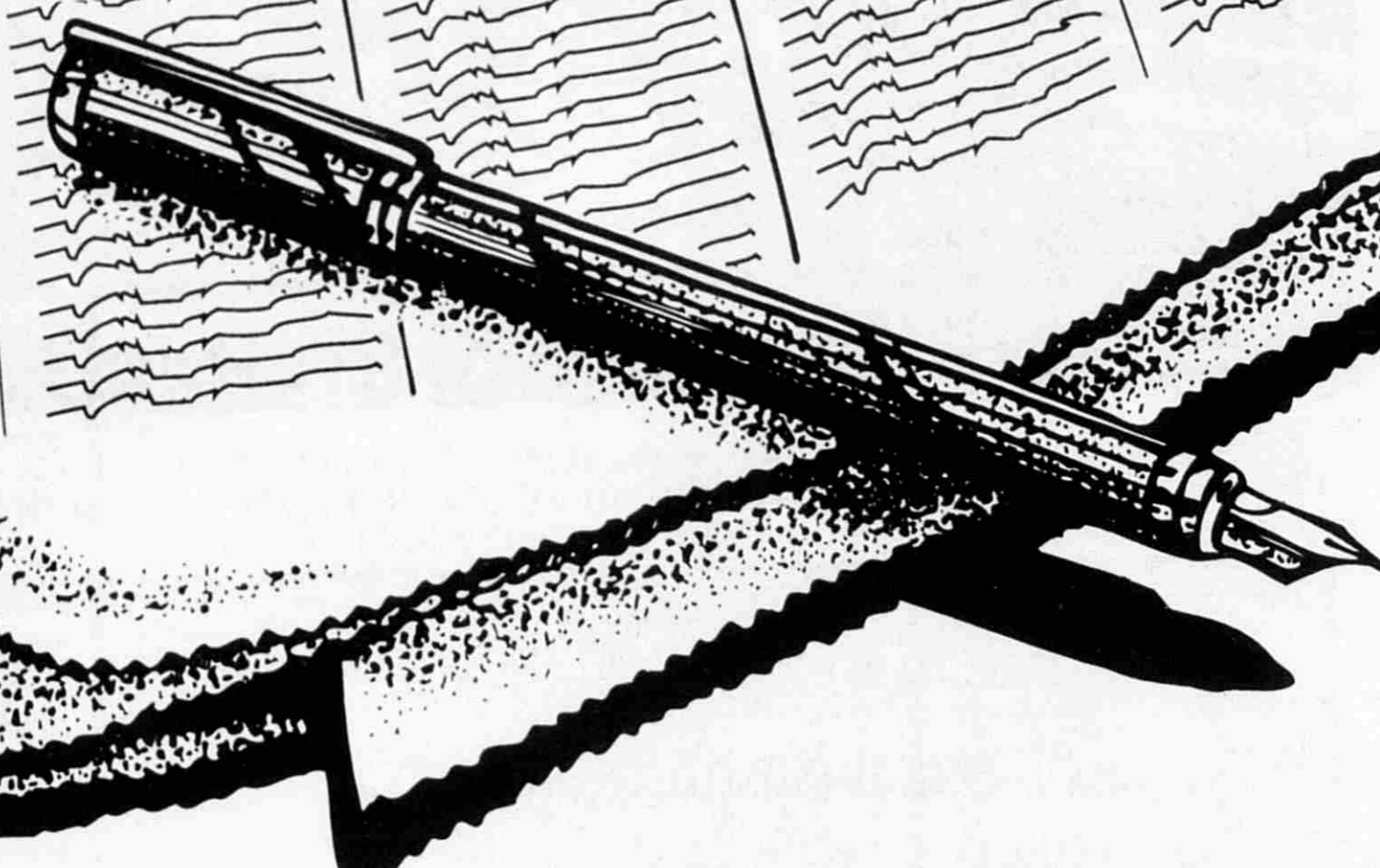
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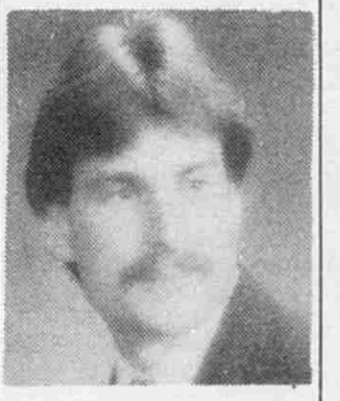
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Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous new meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30

p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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

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SUN., JAN. 7: A video series, "Discovering Jesus,"

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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.

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

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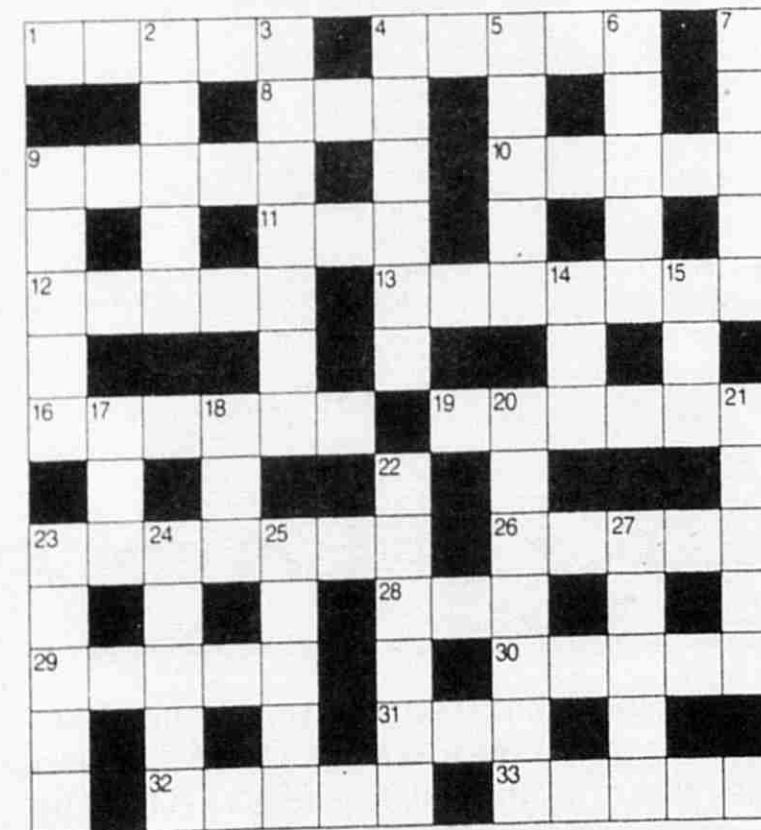
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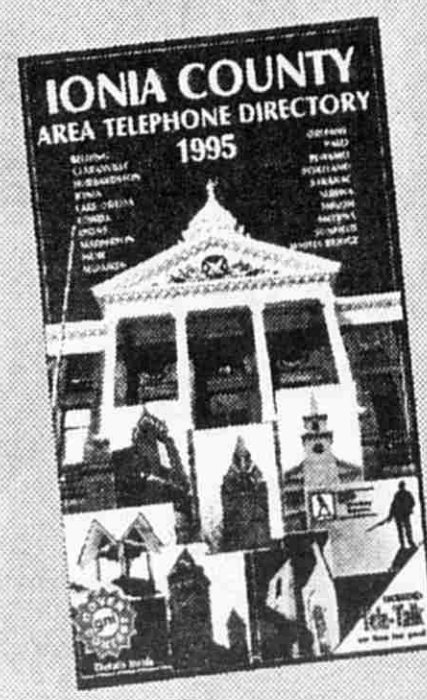
Lowell Women's Club quilt winner



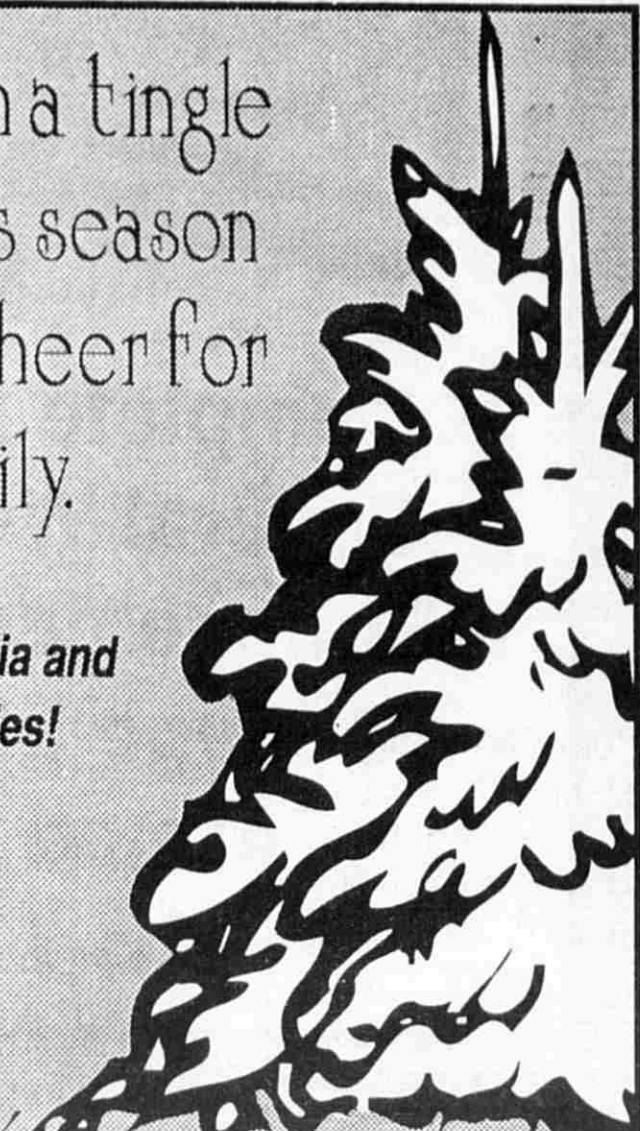
No one was more surprised than Amy Teunis when she heard her mother's name called as the holder of the winning raffle ticket for the Lowell Women's Club quilt, made by Rose Roberts. Pictured above is Diane Thomas, club president, presenting the quilt to Amy, on behalf of her mother Mrs. Chuck Teunis.

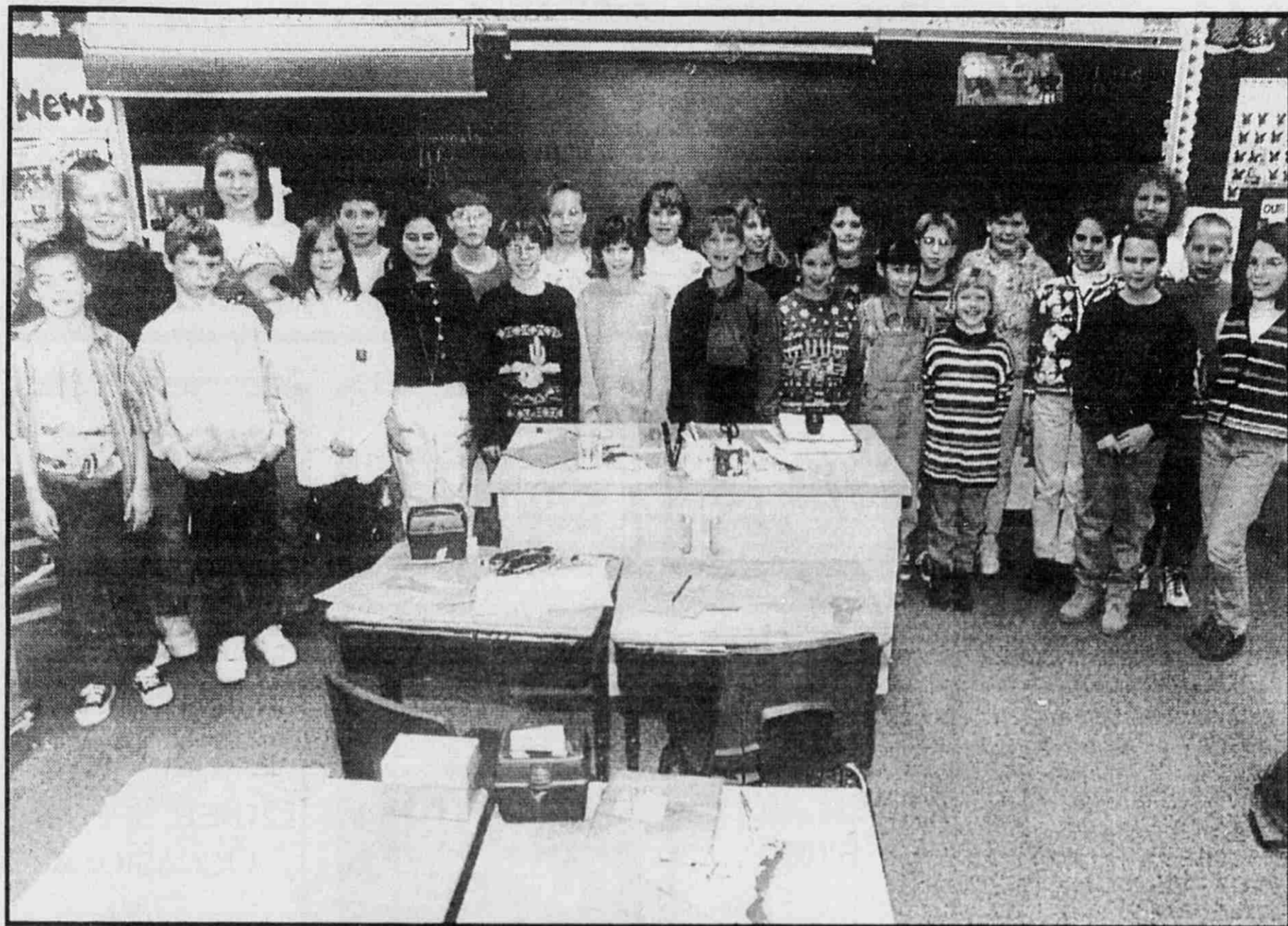
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Cindy Young/Carol Mandle's fifth-grade class donated \$100 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Vic DeWaard.

Class donates to cancer society in memory of Vic DeWaard

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vic DeWaard told Eric Soules, a former third-grade student of his, that he bought his wife a new Buick before he died because he wanted her to drive around in style when he was gone.

Soules and other former students of DeWaard are not driving Buicks yet, but they are carrying around that style which DeWaard passed on to them.

The fifth-grade class of Cindy Young/Carol Mandle chose not to exchange gifts this year.

Instead, they took the suggestion of Cherry Creek Elementary principal Bill Markovich to heart.

Markovich suggested they take that money and donate it

to a charity.

"The students went home and talked to their parents about charities the class could donate to," said Mandle, a substitute for Young who is on maternity leave. "They came back with a list of about 15 charities which included ACCESS 6, the Salvation Army and God's Kitchen."

However, the class chose to make a \$100 donation to the American Cancer Society in the name of the late Vic DeWaard, who died from leukemia last month.

Three of the students in Young/Mandle's class had DeWaard as a third-grade teacher the last half year that he taught.

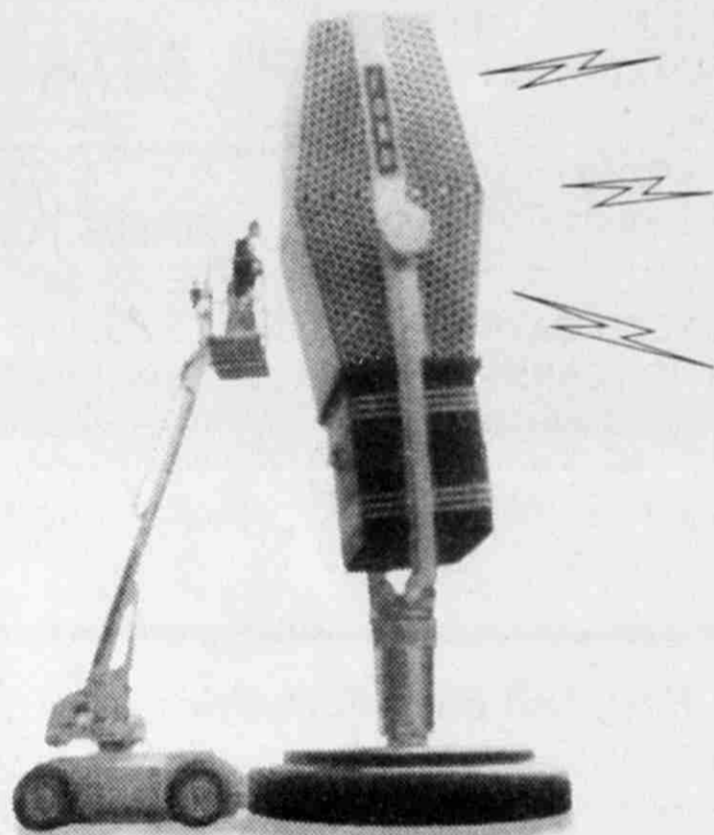
"What I will remember about Mr. DeWaard is that he always listened and he didn't ignore anyone. He talked to everyone," said Melissa Neubecker.

Jenni Myers reflects, "Mr. DeWaard always remembered my name. He was really nice and funny and really good at reading books."

Robert Larva who didn't have DeWaard as a teacher but knew him through his family said, "He used to have dinner at our house. He liked to make jokes and he made me laugh."

Soules concluded in saying DeWaard was probably the nicest man he ever met.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College student Mindy L. McCalmont participated in Emerging Leaders, a seminar sponsored by the Sleight Leadership Program, during the 1995 fall semester.

McCalmont, a freshman at Albion College, is the daughter of Ms. Deborah McCalmont of Lowell and a graduate of Saranac High School.

Emerging Leaders is a seminar for first-year students, designed to provide an understanding of campus and local communities and develop leadership skills. Issues discussed in the seminar include: student activism, leadership styles and preference, situational leadership, community service and decision making.

The Sleight Leadership Program was developed to provide a comprehensive nationally-recognized development program for the students of Albion College. Student participants are challenged to critically evaluate and strengthen their personal leadership skills in a manner that would benefit their lives, campus community and the Greater Albion community.

The Sleight Leadership Program was founded by Albion College alumni Norman, Justin, and Marjorie Sleight and Alethea Sleight.

Albion College is located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.