

1893  
1893  
1893  
Serving The Lowell Area for over 100 Years

HOAG & SONS' BOOK BINDERY X  
SPRINGPORT, MICHIGAN  
49284

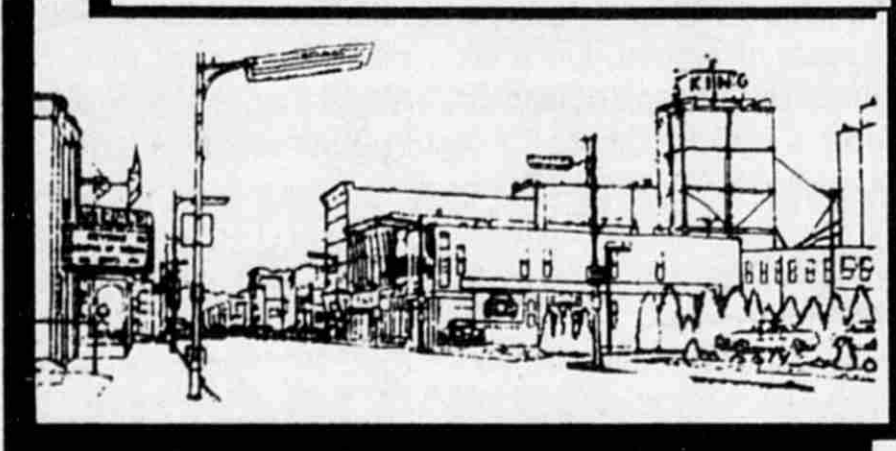
# The Lowell Ledger

Volume 21, Issue 9

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, January 10, 1996

## Along Main Street



### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

### LOWELL LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETINGS

The Lowell Little League will be holding its board meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 10 and Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Key Heights community building.

### 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 cafeterium at 750 Foreman.

Don't miss this free evening of entertainment.

### PTO CARNIVAL

The Lowell Elementary PTO is holding its "Winterfest" school carnival on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Also featured during the carnival will be a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses.

All proceeds will be used to purchase playground equipment for Bushnell School.

### TEEN CHALLENGE TO VISIT CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

Christian Life Center will be presenting Western Michigan Teen Challenge on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Students will be sharing their life stories and how they experienced a total life change by acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

A pot luck dinner will follow the service. Christian Life Center is located at 3050 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

### INFANT AND CHILD CPR TRAINING

Infant and child CPR training will be held Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington.

Call 897-8800 for reservations.

### LOWELL UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

The Lowell United Methodist Preschool will begin registration for fall 1996 classes on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Registration will be located outside the preschool classroom. A \$25 non-refundable fee is all that is required at this time.

Classes are offered for children who will be three years old by July 1, 1996 or four years old by September 1, 1996. If you have any questions call Mary Dudeck at 897-8690 or 897-5605.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visiting Nurse Services needs volunteers for Hospice patients in their neighborhood. Help is needed two hours per week doing homemaker services or errands and shopping.

General orientation is on Monday, Jan. 15. Call Sue or Elaine at 774-2702 or 1-800-774-2702.

### 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.

Main St., cont'd. pg. 8

## Proposed development could ease water rate problems in Lowell Charter Township

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The proposed development of an apartment complex in Lowell Charter Township took a step in the right direction when the township board agreed to pursue interest in bonding a water main project.

Developer Curt Cowles was informed by the township board that it has an "interest" in determining if a bond issue is a viable option for the township.

"We have an interest in pursuing a limited special assessment district for the project," said township supervisor John Timpson. "That limited special assessment would be limited to his (Cowles) project only."

Although it is too early to determine if bonding the project is possible, Timpson said it has been done before in other communities and has proven successful.

Providing public water to the proposed development, which would be located between Cumberland SE and Alden Nash off M-21, is one of two major stepping stones for Cowles.

The other issue facing Cowles will be addressed at a public hearing on Jan. 15. At that hearing the township

planning commission will determine whether it should approve rezoning 20 acres of land from Light Industrial and Residential I to Planned Urban Development.

Cowles has proposed building four two-story buildings consisting of 24 apartment units each. The project would be built over three years and could include a commercial enterprise.

If the approval is given, then Cowles faces his next challenge - providing public water and sewer.

Under the township's PUD guidelines, public utilities are necessary for construction.

If the township board determines that bonding a water project is possible, then Cowles would pay for the pay-off of the bond, with interest, over a period of time, usually 20 years, as his property develops and other properties hook into the system.

In order to protect the township, Timpson informed Cowles that his proposed project would be needed as collateral.

"You have to look out for your interest and we understand that, but our primary concern is the health and wealth

Water, cont'd. pg. 8

## Study offers a solution for high groundwater table

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowering the groundwater table adjoining the homes on Roberta Jayne is the most permanent solution to back-

ups due to high groundwater table situations.

This was determined through a study completed by McNamee, Porter & Seeley, Inc.

## Township hit hard by mailbox vandals

••• Residents talk about banning together to fight culprits

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

During Christmas break some of Lowell's youth decided a game of baseball would be a fun way to pass the time.

Their idea of baseball, however, could land many of them in jail or with a stiff fine.

Recently, Lowell Charter Township has been hit with a "monumental amount" of mailbox vandalism. So much so that the Kent County Sheriff's Department has been called in to arrest and prosecute anyone who destroys mailboxes or their posts.

"It was nothing for them to destroy 50 boxes in a day," said Sylvia Taylor, post master for the Lowell Post Office. "There has been a monumental amount of incidents between Christmas and the New Year."

Taylor said the destruction of mailboxes is a federal offense and could land some youth in jail if caught.

Sheriff's officers could

not elaborate on the investigations, but did say the simple smashing of a box is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$100 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

More drastic means of destroying a box, such as by fire or with an explosive device, will bring a much stiffer punishment, they said.

In her five years as post master, Taylor said she has never seen this many incidents in such a short time frame.

"We've always had a problem, but never this bad," she said. "Unfortunately we have dumb film makers who put this kind of thing in their movies without realizing the damage it costs."

One resident has had enough and said it's about time that other residents ban together and stop the destruction.

"If every resident who has had this happen to them put \$10 in a fund as a reward, we could put a stop to this," said

Mailbox, cont'd., pg. 8

The primary concern spelled out in the study indicated that a high groundwater table complicated by rainfall brings the water table to a level so that sump pumps can't keep up.

Also, the drainage ditch continually carries surface drainage to north of Gee Drive. This is consistently 4-5 feet above the level of basements along Roberta Jayne.

"Thus there is nowhere for the groundwater to drain out to the river. It is trapped," said Dennis Benoit, of McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Inc.

"When there is a substantial amount of rainfall, the drainage ditch cannot channel flow down to the storm sewer. The water surface in the ditch breaks out of the drainage ditch and floods the back areas, percolating down and contributing to the rising groundwater table."

Benoit also warned homeowners to check their sump pumps for adequate check valves on discharge. "The valves help to prevent the back flow of water," Benoit said.

The study further indi-

cated that the drainage ditch from Main Street to the river is overdrawn with trees and needs to be cleaned out.

In helping the Roberta Jayne residents correct the high groundwater table problem, the Lowell City Council approved the second option proposed by Benoit. The option calls for the construction of an underdrain pipe to the north of Sibley Drive, just to the west of the rear yards along Roberta Jayne Street.

Benoit says this will effectively lower the groundwater.

The cost of the underdrain is estimated at \$67,000. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said it can be financed through the Community Development Block Grant funds allocation of approximately \$40,000 programmed for the 1996-97 fiscal year. "The remaining amount (\$27,000) can be provided through the general fund," he said.

The city council established a public hearing for Jan. 15 to consider Block Grant

Table, cont'd. pg. 8

## INSIDE THE LEDGER

Bond issue discussions continue,  
pg. 22

Rental guidelines set,  
pg. 21

Cantata Choir coming to Lowell,  
pg. 4



# 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, Torry (Roslyn) Duffy, Ruah (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.

**BITTLE** - W. Leon Bittle, aged 70, of Ada, died December 24, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife Joanne. He is survived by daughter Barbara Horton of Lansing; sister, Maxine e Abshire; brothers, Troy and Maxine Bittle all of AR, Elmo and Betty Bittle of WA; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Dr. Roger LaWarre of First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. 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, December 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 Anderegg of Muskegon, Gordon and Delores Bonney of Custer, Wilma and Andy Blystra of Wyoming; 17 grandchildren; 37 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.

**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

**GESSLER (Bigelow)** - Susan Jane Gessler, aged 49, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, 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 flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society of Hospice Care Center or Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**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

Saranac Community Church with Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer 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, NC. 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.

**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.

**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) Scherencel, Betty Marvin, all of Coopersville, Linda (Ron) Champion of Caledonia, Gerri (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.

**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

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY 897-9261

**We Sell Service You're Our Top Priority!**



**Speerstra Agency**  
A Division of Carr Agency, Inc.  
835 W. Main St. • Lowell, MI 49331  
**897-9259 or 897-8500**

**showboat Automotive Supply, Inc.**  
See Us For Parts, Accessories, Paint Body Shop Supplies & Machine Shop Service

1450 W. Main Street, Lowell, MI (616) 897-9231  
HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8-7; Sat. 8-5:30  
**NOW OPEN SUNDAY 9-3**

AMERICA'S FAMILY OF AUTO PARTS STORES®

**STMG**  
"THE MACHINE SHOP"  
Complete Machine Shop Service  
Division of Showboat Auto, Inc.

**AERA**  
AUTOMOTIVE REBUILDERS ASSOCIATION

**Denny Hawk Towing**  
Nights & Weekends  
Local People...  
Helping Local People  
**868-6269**

\*\*\*\*\*  
**AUTO INJURIES! HEADACHES! WHIPLASH!**  
Call...  
**897-4999**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**DR. PAUL TUTHILL**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN  
\*\*\*\*\*

**Thomet**  
CHEVROLET BUICK Geo

1250 West Main Street • Lowell, Michigan 49331

**Mr. Goodwrench**  
★ COMPLETE BODY & FRAME REPAIR  
Phone **897-9294**

**ARCTIC, INC.**

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING • REFRIGERATION

1301 W. Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331  
Phone (616) 897-4123/897-4124  
Free Estimates • Since 1984  
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION  
BRYANT • ARCOAIRE • WATERFURNACE

**DURKEE LUMBER, INC.**  
Lumber and Building Materials  
**868-6026**  
6071 Depot St.  
Alto, MI

**ECKMAN LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE**  
Residential & Commercial  
**SNOWPLOWING**  
CALL **897-0819**



**OPEN SUNDAY**  
FLORAL & GIFTS  
PRODUCE GROCERY  
BEER & WINE  
HUDSONVILLE ICE CREAM


**CUMBERLAND PRODUCE MARKETPLACE**  
SUNDAYS 9 TO 9 • WEEKDAYS 8 TO 9  
1250 E. FULTON, LOWELL  
Phone **897-7617**

**CITY TREE SERVICE**  
**897-0339**

- Tree & Stump Removal
- Lot Clearing
- Trimming
- Brush Chipping

25 Years Experience • 24 Hour Emergency Service  
We're Insured For Your Protection!  
(Ask for our certificate)

**CHIROPRACTOR**



**R-E-S-U-L-T-S**

- AUTO INJURIES
- WORK INJURIES
- LOW BACK & NECK

**DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC**  
**897-4999**

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, SE, 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 and a commercial area. The properties are located in Section 4 (PP#s 41-20-04-401-017 and 41-20-04-401-028 at 11627 and 11729 Fulton Street East of 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

**ADVANCED AUTO GLASS**

"GIVE ME A BREAK...I'LL FIX IT - FOR LESS!"

**897-4912**  
**242-8401**

**CREATIVE DESIGNS FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

- Fresh, Silk and Dried Flowers
- Fresh Plants and Foliage
- Distinctive Gifts • Cards and Balloons

**505-B W. Main**  
(Next to Little Caesar's)

HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9-6 • SATURDAY, 9-3  
**PHONE: 897-5767 • FAX: 897-9097**

TRADING CARDS • COMIC BOOKS

**Rookies**  
SPORT CARDS PLUS

**BUY • SELL • TRADE**  
106 West Main • Lowell • 49331  
**(616) 897-5650**

**Let Everyone Know About Your Business!**  
This Space Only  
**\$11<sup>00</sup> Per Week!**



**BODYWORKS GYM & FITNESS CENTER**

- Nautilus - Cardiovascular
- Free Weights - Aerobics
- Personalized Programs - Tanning
- Supplements - Clothing - Co-Ed

1335 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331  
Brett Thomas, Owner  
Phone (616) 897-8397

**From this day forward**

Let us make your wedding day one you will treasure forever. We feature a complete line of elegant Carlson Craft invitations.

Stop By & Check Out One Of Our Books Today!  
Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway  
Phone 897-9261



**L.A. TRIM**  
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

**AUTO UPHOLSTERY**  
**897-6546**

**MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

117 West Main Street  
Lowell, MI 49331  
**(616) 897-3111**

Ross A. Leisman  
Daniel C. Brubaker

**From this day forward**

Let us make your wedding day one you will treasure forever. We feature a complete line of elegant Carlson Craft invitations.

Stop By & Check Out One Of Our Books Today!  
Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway  
Phone 897-9261

**Juggle Bills • Juggle Bills**

Juggling bills is easy with the FMB Personal Line of Credit.

A new blouse or power tool here, a stocking-stuffer there, before you know it, those holiday extras add up. Especially if you spread your spending over a few high-rate credit cards.

Make your New Year easier and save money by consolidating your bills with an FMB Personal Line of Credit.

You can tap your FMB Personal Line of Credit anytime you want extra money. It's just like writing a check, except you'll be taking out a loan, not depleting your checking account. Best of all, the interest rate is lower than most credit cards.

So once you've paid those holiday bills, think what else your personal line of credit can help with - a spring vacation, paying taxes, even getting a head start on next year's shopping.

Call or visit your neighborhood FMB branch. We'll show you how easy juggling can be.

Lowell (616) 897-4153

**FMB**  
State Savings Bank  
Where people like banking better®  
Member FDIC

Rockford (616) 874-8330  
Thursdays open until 8 p.m.

**The Lowell Ledger**  
(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$12<sup>00</sup> a year in Kent County, \$17<sup>00</sup> a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331

Roger K. Brown Publisher  
Thad Kraus Editor

(616) 897-9261  
Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI.  
Published every Wednesday  
POSTMASTER: Send address change to:  
The Lowell Ledger  
P. O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331



# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way... (Luke 24:32).

This morning the world outside resembles a giant marshmallow sundae. Everything is lusciously and generously topped with the whitest of fluff. The temperature hovers precariously near the zero mark. The biting cold chills one to the bone.

O how good the fire feels on a day like this! What a comfort it is! There was a time when we did not have an automatic furnace to keep the temperature inside the house at a comfortable degree even in the severest weather. But then the wood stove or hard coal burner was equally appreciated when one was subjected to frigid temperatures.

Two disciples walked toward Emmaus. Sadly they discussed the events surrounding their Lord's death. But

then Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them. As He talked and expounded the Scriptures, their hearts were strangely warmed and comforted; joy replaced their sorrow.

The Risen Lord is with His children today. None need to walk through life in frigid loneliness. He ever waits to "make the trusting hear His home," and to comfort each of us with His presence. As surely as in days of old, "Jesus warms the heart."

**Prayer:** My Risen Lord, thank Thee for dying for me and conquering death and the tomb. Walk with me. Speak to me through Thy Word. Comfort and warm my heart with Thy presence. Amen.

Joys are flowing like a river  
Since the Comforter has come.

He abides with us forever.  
Makes the trusting heart His home.  
Manie Payne Ferguson

## G.R. Cantata Choir brings music to Lowell Jan. 14

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Grand Rapids Cantata Choir under the direction of Suzanne Spicer Tiemstra will be performing at the Lowell First United Methodist Church on Jan. 14 at 6 p.m.

The choir consists of 55 people from the West Michigan area, including Lowell's Priscilla Lussmyer.

Made up of professional musicians and those with informal training, the choir will sing choral/orchestral masterpieces.

The choir is an independent, nonprofit, non-sectarian organization.

Tiemstra said its charge is to acquaint listeners and performers with the less often-heard classical music for choir orchestra.

The Grand Rapids Cantata Choir is in its sixth concert

season as an independent choir. It started as an adjunct ministry of a local church.

Tiemstra has over 20 years of experience conducting college and church choirs in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

Examples of the music performed by the Cantata include J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Honegger's *Christmas Cantata*, Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and classical music from Latin America.

The Sunday evening concert is entitled *Festive Music in America*. It highlights music by American composers from New England to South America.

There is no admission, but a free will offering will be received during the intermission.

The concert is another in the series of the Performing Arts sponsored by the Lowell First United Methodist Church for the community of Lowell.

## City assessor increases work week by a day

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

City assessor Jim Marfia requested that his work week with Lowell be extended by a day.

Seem like an odd request? Possibly, but Marfia's work schedule was just one day a week.

Marfia, who has been the city's assessor since January 1988, has seen his workload for the position expand one day.

The Lowell City Council

voted to amend his work schedule to two days a week. Marfia will be paid bi-weekly (\$910). His salary will be \$23,660. He was earning \$610 per two weeks or \$15,860 a year.

"It has become clear to me in the past month that it takes two days a week to keep up with the workload," Marfia said. "This has something to do with the city's new-found growth pattern, but it has a lot

more to do with extra paperwork that has been dumped upon us by the Michigan legislature."

Marfia also serves as a PC support person for the city staff.

on April 3, 1996. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as an aircraft armament systems apprentice assigned to and Air Force duty station.

## IN THE SERVICE

Adam P. English, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary English of Lowell, enlisted in the United States Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), according to TSgt. David

Kramer, the Air Force recruiter in Grand Rapids. English is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force

## COLLEGE NEWS

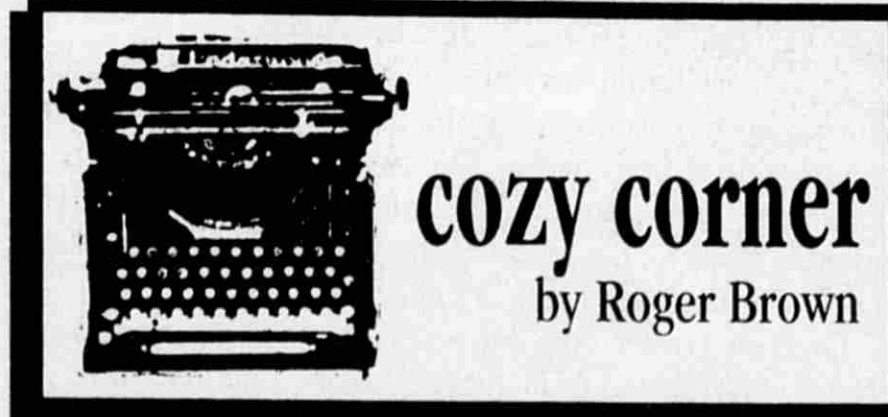
Bradley Robert Briggs, of Lowell, is among 2,000 winter degree candidates of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor campus.

Briggs attended the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and expects to receive an M.S. degree in engineering.

\*\*\*  
Play is one of the main bases of civilization.  
—Johan Huizinga

\*\*\*  
Plans are the dreams of the reasonable.  
—Feuchtersteen

# Viewpoint



## cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Happy New Year everyone! I'm back from my traditional Christmas break in the Florida Keys. The period spanning the holidays is about as dead as it gets in the publishing business and consequently a good time to sneak away for an extended break. I rode down and back with friends vacationing with us. My daughter, my son's girlfriend and the dogs drove down a couple of days later. My son flew in from Ft. Riley, Kansas. My daughter's boyfriend also flew down after spending an early Christmas with his family. The logistics were akin to the Normandy invasion, but having everyone together made it all worthwhile.

That road trip to the Keys is a killer. I've done it more times than I care to count, and I'm telling you straight up, it never gets any easier. We're talkin' nearly 1,700 miles, stopping only for fuel, the potty and one, maybe two, sit down meals. We're talkin' five people in a big diesel Chevy Suburban. We're talkin' towing a 20-foot boat loaded with clothes, Christmas presents, fishing gear, dive equipment, fishing tackle and who knows what else. Next year I'm going to throw in an old kitchen sink just so I can say we took everything.

My buddy and I split up the driving. He does the bulk of it.

but I'm called upon to fill in when he gets tired. That means I have to try to catch a few winks and be rested when it is my turn at the wheel. Actual sleep is pretty much out of the question, but I at least try to spend some time with my eyes closed and my mind throttled back to idle before taking over. I call it my screen saver. Like a computer, the power is on, but there ain't much happening. I may not be the most responsible guy in the world when it comes to some things, but when a friend entrusts me with his car, his family and especially with his fishing boat I want to be sure I'm not falling asleep at the wheel.

I got the tap on the shoulder about ten in the evening. We'd been on the road for about fourteen hours and were high in the mountains west of Chattanooga, Tennessee. I rolled our big rig down out of the mountains, thru Chattanooga, thru downtown Atlanta and was running with the still fairly heavy traffic in the southern outskirts of the city when police flashers came on behind me. I had definitely been exceeding the posted speed of 65, but I certainly wasn't the fastest vehicle on the road. I couldn't figure why I was being singled out of the pack at one in the morning. Nothing to do but pull over and find out.

I don't know if he was city, county or state, but when the officer came to the window there was the usual banter. "Evenin' officer" I said. He replied by asking for my license. He didn't ask for registration or proof of insurance. I interpreted that as a good sign. As he read my license with his flashlight I hoped he'd notice it was my birthday, wish me well and send me on my way. If he did notice, he didn't acknowledge it. So much for wishful thinking.

I was told he'd pulled me over for two reasons. One, I was clocked at 78 m.p.h. in a 65. But, the main reason I'd been stopped was because there were no lights on the boat trailer.

The committee is working to find long-term options and financial solutions for our schools in a changing economic and political environment. This report will be available to the Board of Education and the public in late April.

### 2) CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

Over the past several months, there has been a renewed commitment to the maintenance and custodial care of our facilities. Our maintenance operations have been reorganized and two external studies are currently being conducted to determine how we can improve our maintenance and cleaning operations. We are committed to excellence in the maintenance of the facilities that have been entrusted to us by our community.

### 3) CURRENT AUDIT REPORT AND FUND BALANCE

Our auditor's report indicates that over the past several years there has been a great improvement in our product and process. Hard work by the Finance Department and Board members has resulted in improvement in our day-to-day financial operations as well as in the financial condition of the district.

The district is in sound financial condition with a balance of approximately \$2.3 million which is equal to 13% of its annual budget. The Board of Education remains protective of the fund balance as there are many uncertainties involving the financ-

Sensing I might be in some trouble. I was about to ask if he couldn't give a guy a break on his birthday. Fortunately, he didn't give me time to put my foot in my mouth. He said he was only going to issue me a warning for the speed, but I had to get the trailer lights working before he'd let me continue. My buddy was awake by this time, and we scrambled out of the truck to check the wiring as the cop went back to his cruiser to write my warning.

We worked in the light from his headlights and discovered we did have brake and turn signals, but no running lights. When the cop returned with my warning ticket he helped by holding his flashlight for us as we traced wiring around hoping to spot the problem. We soon found a place where a wire had chafed against the steel bumper and worn through.

My friend spliced and taped the wire, while the cop continued to hold his flashlight. I nervously stood there thinking I should make some small talk, thank the cop or something when I noticed his name embroidered over his left pocket. Blame it on my nerves, lack of sleep, being giddy because it was my birthday and I was on vacation or just plain stupidity. Whatever the reason, I began to laugh. The cop seemed to be a pretty nice guy, but he couldn't help but give me that cop glare.

I was definitely pressing my luck now. I blurted out "You don't get any grief about that name, do you?" He replied, "What do you think?" Not being able to help myself, I kept it up with "You don't happen to have a band, do you?" He simply said, "Naw. No band." He didn't seem to be real enthused about me joking around with his name. Fortunately for me and my big mouth, the repair was completed, we quickly thanked the cop and continued our trek south. Sgt. Pepper never did wish me a happy birthday.

ing of our public schools and the Board wishes to protect the future of education for Lowell students.

### 4) PROPERTY VALUES

Good schools = increased property value. For many of us our home is our largest capital investment. It is important to remember that one of the most critical aspects of increased property value is the quality of our school district. As proposition A has reduced our property taxes, our homes become an even better investment at a reduced cost. Good schools remain our best long-term educational and economic investment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief financial update. We remain committed to the quality of your child's education as well as to the financial responsibility that you have entrusted to us. I look forward to working with you to create an even better school system for our children.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

## FOR SALE

REPOSSESSIONS - FMB State Savings Bank, 414 E. Main is offering the following vehicles for sale by sealed bids that must contain your name, address, phone, bid amount and signature. This is effective immediately, and the bids will be accepted until noon Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996. Upon opening the sealed bids, FMB State Savings Bank will reserve the right to final bid to protect our interests.

- 1992 Ford Tempo; auto., air, cassette
- 1991 Ford Escort GT; 5 spd, air, cruise, premium sound, 16v DOHC. Sharp!
- 1990 Olds Cutlass Ciera; auto, air, PW, PL, PS, cassette, very nice!
- 1987 Dodge Shadow; auto., air.

These cars are for sale now!  
• 1993 Dodge D350 Stake truck; Cummins turbo diesel, \$12,500.  
1990 Ford Escort; auto, cruise, low miles, \$3,300.

If and when these vehicles are sold, the conditions are as is, and without warranty, either expressed or implied. Contact person is Tom Kinney 897-3225, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</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 Sunday Morning 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 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><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>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 LaWarre.....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>



**Sharing The Vision**  
BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools Superintendent

In last month's article I wrote that the Board of Education had decided to utilize the remaining monies from the 1990 bond issue for long-term capital improvement projects. I also mentioned that our district had been working very hard to assure our community the maximum use of their tax dollars. I have listed below several key activities and results of that effort. We remain committed to an ongoing effort to assure our community a quality education for all of our students while doing our utmost to utilize all of our resources wisely.

### 1) COMMUNITY INPUT

A key aspect of the ongoing strategic planning that involves over 150 community members is the Finance Subcommittee. Headed by community member Mike Blough,



## Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 10, 1896**  
The third trial of Josiah Brown vs. Bowne Twp. begins, seeking damages for injuries to himself and a horse caused by a weak bridge.

Council takes bids from Chicago and Detroit electrical engineers for planning, supervising and testing the new lighting plant. H.H. Humphrey of Detroit comes in lowest of the \$500, \$600 and \$300 bids and is awarded the contract.

Miniature dogs are much in demand in Paris; it is said that some are fraudulently produced by raising puppies on an alcohol diet. The puppies don't grow.

16 below zero at Vergennes Sunday.  
Alton mill has a new cob crusher for feed, added to its Peerless flour, all wheat graham, choice bolted meal and pure buckwheat flour products.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 6, 1921**  
The body of Darwin Dickson, who died in service overseas, has been returned to Lowell and service will be held at City Hall on Friday. Businesses will be closed at that time.

The Grand Rapids Association of Commerce invites all business men and wives of Lowell and Alto to a banquet on January 27.

Fire Chief Frank Taylor resigns and Leon Alexander is appointed in his place.

Ira Blossom of Grand Rapids takes exception to the township/village representatives' meeting last week, in which they vowed to not let the proposed county commission form of government even get to the legislature.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 10, 1946**  
King Milling Co. is running 24 hours a day and grinding 1,450 bushels of wheat in those hours.

Lowell State Savings Bank reports record assets of over \$3 million.

Be sure to lock your car. Car stealing is at epidemic levels, and replacements will be hard to find for many months yet.

A sampling of American diets finds about half to be deficient.

Local congressman Bartel Jonkman reports on his recent factfinding trip to Europe.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 7, 1971**  
Runciman School adopts the new "Creative Reading Program" for children with serious reading problems.

A state law designed to keep all elections in November automatically extends city council members' terms from April to December this year.

Janis Folkertsma of Alto receives a \$600 4-H scholarship.  
The Lowell wrestling team wins its own invitational meet here with 110 points; the nearest is Gull Lake's 59.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Gerst family for all of their assistance and support during the recent losses of my parents.

The Gerst family has gently and professionally guided me through three immediate family funerals within the last three years. I have also witnessed their compassion with friends who have had tragic family losses.

We are fortunate to have the Gerst family in our community as our funeral directors. In contrast, I had the misfortune of dealing with another sole funeral director in a small community. I had to handle the emotions of this tragic death along with the unprofessionalism and insensitivity of the funeral director as well...thank you to the Gerst family for choosing Lowell.

Patricia A. Elzinga

## 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.





Back in the late 1980's, after years of irresponsible spending, Michigan found itself with a \$1.8 billion budget deficit. At that time, we were suffering from high unemployment and a stagnant economy. In 1991, knowing the importance of a balanced budget, the legislature and newly-elected Governor John Engler shrank government and balanced the books. The results have been a growing confidence in our economic outlook and the best credit rating we've had in decades. A better credit rating for Michigan means we pay less tax money for interest on loans, giving us more money to spend on more productive things, like education or public safety. Balancing the state budget was a key factor in Michigan's economic rebirth.

Much like Michigan in the 1980's, the federal government has been operating with budget deficits for years. In the 1960's, deficits averaged \$6 billion per year; in the 1970's they

averaged \$38 billion per year; in the 1980's they averaged \$156 billion per year; and so far in the 1990's they have averaged \$259 billion per year. Right now, the national debt stands at \$4.8 trillion. Each American owes nearly \$19,000 of the federal debt.

In order to correct this, one of the major points in last year's "Contract with America" was a promise to balance the federal budget. In keeping true to that commitment, for the first time in 25 years, Congress has passed a credible plan to balance the budget in seven years. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the Republican proposal will actually generate a budget surplus in the year 2002.

You might be asking yourself why it's so important to have a balanced budget now, after these many years of deficit spending.

When asked what a balanced federal budget means for Americans, Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board replied, "I think their real incomes and purchasing power of their real incomes would significantly improve...they would look forward to their children doing better than they."

Some sources indicate that if the federal budget is balanced, interest rates will fall by at least two percentage points. This means if we balance the budget today, the average family will save \$1,400 a year on the average home mortgage, \$174 a year on the average car loan, \$216 a year on the average student

loan, and trim \$500 per child off their federal income taxes. For the average family, this adds up to an immediate bonus of \$2,791.

It has been estimated that a balanced budget will mean 6.1 million more jobs that will be created in the next 10 years, a per capita income increase of 16 percent, \$235 billion in more federal revenues without a tax hike and \$232 billion in more revenue for state and local governments. After looking at these astounding statistics, it's easy to see why it is so important that the federal budget be balanced.

President Clinton has vetoed the plan passed by Congress. Our leaders in Washington are hammering out a proposal that is agreeable to both parties. We have seen the ill effects of continuing to operate the government under a deficit. The price we'll pay for not balancing the budget is too high and too much of a burden to leave our children.

Of even greater concern is the fact that these negative effects are expected to increase in magnitude over time. As budget deficits persist, they will push interest rates even higher, further slow economic growth, and place a great debt burden on future generations. Ultimately, the longer it takes to balance the budget, the more it will cost middle class families. If we procrastinate bringing spending in line with revenue today, it will be much more difficult for our children tomorrow.

title insurance company will prepare the deed, conduct the title search or if necessary, issue a new title insurance policy and the cost of closing this transaction shall typically be split between both parties, with the exception of the cost of the title search or title insurance policy, which should be the seller's responsibility.

**Dear Jonathan:** I recently met with a lawyer for the purpose of making changes to my will and at the conclusion of our conference it was recommended that in addition to revising my will that I prepare a revocable trust and a durable power of attorney. My understanding of the trust is that it will allow me to place all of my assets in the trust so that if something happens to me those assets can be immediately distributed to my beneficiaries without having to be probated first. Also, during my lifetime I have full control over those assets, but upon my disability or death the person I have named in that document to act as successor trustee would take over for me as trustee and manage the assets on my behalf or if I am deceased, on behalf of my beneficiaries until those assets are distributed. I also understand the purpose of the durable power of attorney is to allow me to name someone to act for me in the event I become disabled. My question is this, since I plan on transferring all of my assets to my trust immediately after executing it, isn't it overkill to have both the durable power of attorney and a trust in place? In other words, won't my agent under the durable power of attorney and my trustee under the trust be given the same powers? If so, there will be nothing for the agent named in my durable power of attorney to do on my behalf.

**LEGAL EASE**  
With  
**Jonathan J. David**



**Dear Jonathan:** My wife and I bought a house on land contract several years ago. Our last payment will be in February of 1996. In anticipation of making our final payment, I called the people we bought our house from and told them we would like to get our deed on February 1, 1996, which is the day we make our final payment. They indicated to us that we should prepare the deed and send it to them for review. Is this our responsibility? Is there anything else that we need to do? **Jonathan Says:** When most land contracts are executed, the parties usually do not think about who will be responsible for the final closing requirements when the contract is paid off. The requirements when a land contract is paid off typically include execution of a warranty deed, delivery by the seller of a title search evidencing that the seller has not placed any liens or encumbrances against the property since the date of the land contract (or the issuance of a new title insurance policy if one was not issued before) and the payment of the appropriate transfer tax to the county where the property is located and to the State of Michigan.

If the transaction is completed by either your attorney or the seller's attorney, typically that individual would pay his or her attorney for whatever fees are incurred in closing the transaction. Maybe the fairest approach is to have a title insurance company close the transaction. If you choose this route, the

**LEGAL NOTICES**

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT  
333 Monroe NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

File No. 95-2387-DM  
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER




TAMI SUE MARTINEZ  
Plaintiff  
vs  
RAUL MARTINEZ-ANGELES  
Defendant

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 29, 1995

PRESENT: The honorable DONALD A. JOHNSTON, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 20th day of October, 1995, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff

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

**BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS 1996  
WHAT ARE THE RISKS IN RECEIVING TRANSFUSED BLOOD?**

According to Harvey G. Klein, Chief of the Department of Transfusion Medicine for the National Institute of Health, the country's blood supply is extremely safe. A sophisticated tier of screening systems protects blood supplies from contamination with infectious agents.

To put risks in perspective, Klein compares current safety levels to those in the 1960's: your chance of developing hepatitis after open-heart surgery was about 35 percent. In contrast, researchers in the 1990's who followed up on patients after major surgery have found only one case of post transfusion hepatitis. The chance that a unit of blood will contain HIV (the AIDS virus) is 1 in 420,000.

All blood used for transfusions in the U.S. is relatively safe in part because all donors are unpaid volunteers. The donated blood is tested for several different types of infectious agents. Scientists will admit, though, that there is always the chance of a new, unidentified infectious agent being missed in the screening process, and thusly being transmitted via transfusion. For this reason, a person's best protection before an elective surgical procedure is to save some of his own blood, in case a transfusion is needed.

If you are to undergo surgery which may be serious enough to warrant a blood transfusion, talk to your physician about donating your own blood ahead of time should the need for transfusion arise.

DONALD A. JOHNSTON  
Circuit Court Judge  
LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN  
By: Christine A. Wu (P48845)  
89 Ionia NW - Suite 400  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 774-0672

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Case No. 95-5453-CH  
OTTACO, INC.  
A Michigan Corporation,  
Plaintiff  
vs

ALBERT SHED;  
ELNORA SHED; AND  
THE OCCUPANT OF  
REAL PROPERTY  
COMMONLY KNOWN  
AS 414 PLEASANT, SW,  
GRAND RAPIDS,  
MICHIGAN 49503,  
Defendants

ORDER UNDER MCR 2.105(I) PERMITTING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION UNDER MCR 2.106 UPON ALBERT SHED, ELNORA SHED AND OCCUPANT OF 414 PLEASANT, SW, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503 AND ORDERING SAID DEFENDANTS TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held in the Court-house, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on December 19, 1995

PRESENT: Honorable Dennis B. Leiber

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Defendants Albert Shed and Elnora Shed and Occupant at 414 Pleasant, SW, Grand

HON. DENNIS B. LEIBER  
SOTIROFF ABRAMCYK & RAUSS, P.C.  
By: Keith A. Sotiroff (P42904)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 444  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
(810) 642-6000

**Bus garage wins mitten contest for third year in a row**



Members of the Lowell bus garage won the Mittens for Munchkins contest for the third straight year, knitting and crocheting 247 winter items. The program is a project of the Kent County Education Association. Also participating in the project were the Lowell Cooks Association, Bushnell, Alto and Cherry Creek elementaries, Lowell High School, the Lowell Middle School, and the Central Office. In all, 494 items were gathered. For its winning effort, the bus garage won pizza, pop and brownies.



Pictured above, Lowell Education Association public relations chairperson Lanie Rice displays all the items knitted and crocheted.

**LHS student to perform at MSU's Wharton Center**

Lowell High School student and sophomore clarinet player: Jennifer Gingerich, has been selected to perform with over 80 of the state's premier high school band musicians in the second annual Michigan State University High School Honors Band and Chamber Music Weekend, Jan. 12, 13 and 14.

Students from as far away as Houghton will spend the weekend working to improve their musical skills in master classes with MSU faculty members and attend workshops designed to help shape the direction they want to take their music careers.

The event, co-sponsored by Wharton Center for Performing Arts, will culminate with the students performing a free concert in the Great Hall on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m.

Along with the honors band, the students will also work in chamber music ensembles including brass and woodwind quintets, brass and woodwind choirs, a saxophone quartet and percussion ensemble. These ensembles will perform on the Sunday afternoon program as well. The weekend was developed by the MSU School of Music. According to MSU's di-

**Business Matters**

Ato's Linda Hawk was promoted to manager of the United Bank Clarksville office and eastern region. United Bank president Arthur Johnson announced the promotion. Locally owned, United Bank has been serving West-

ern Michigan communities since 1887 and is Michigan's most experienced SBA lender. FMB announces the promotion of Randall Schultz to the position of investment officer. Schultz received his bachelor of science degree in management from Southern Illinois University and attended graduate courses at Chapman University in Orange, CA. Schultz and his wife, Ronna, and their two sons now reside in the Lowell area, where he serves the customers of FMB-State Savings Bank. First Michigan Bank Corporation is a \$3 billion diversified financial services company. Headquartered in Holland, MI, FMB consists of 13 bank affiliates and 84 branch offices.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 1996-97 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on Monday, January 15, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

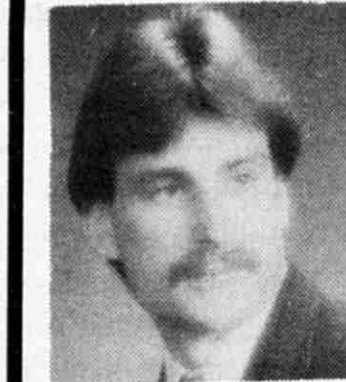
Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

Installation of an Underdrain Sewer Immediately west of Roberta Jayne Street. \$39,643

The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 1996-97 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

David M. Pasquale  
City Clerk

**OUR GUARANTEED IRA**  
An IRA from FB Annuity Company guarantees you a lifetime retirement income. You save on taxes, too, because your interest earnings are tax-deferred. You might also qualify to tax-deduct all your IRA deposits. Call today. Making your future more predictable. **FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**



MARK JOHNSON  
6095-28th Street  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546 - 940-8181

AD-3029-4 (9-91) \*\*\*  
The greatest minds are capable of the greatest vices as well as the greatest virtues.  
—Rene Descartes

**Prime Retail Space  
Lowell, Michigan  
Main Thoroughfare**



2,700 square feet to 15,000 square feet retail on main thoroughfare in Lowell, MI. Adjacent to new Rite Aid facility.  
Newly remodeled retail center appealing to the discriminating retailer.  
**Darren W. Wilbee 554-2716 or 554-2700**  
United Realty Associates, Inc.  
4525 Broadmoor S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49512

**UNITED REALTY**



## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

### 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 Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters, Lowell on January 13, 1996 at 9 a.m. To participate, please contact the DNR at 616-456-5071 or 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI by Dec. 31, 1995.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Deanna Taylor, 54, of Hastings, was involved in a property damage accident on Main St. near Broadway when she pulled from a curb parking space into the path of a car driven by Elizabeth Baker, 39, of Alto, Dec. 26.

Larry Vandevette, 35, of Lowell, failed to stop in time and struck a vehicle driven by Teresa Hoag, 39, also of Lowell in the rear of her car on West Main near Hudson St. Dec. 28. No one was injured.

James Stoutjesdyk, 17, of Lowell, struck a deer on Alden Nash north of West Main St. Dec. 29. He was not injured.

Tara Krebs, 23, of Alto, reported to Lowell Police Dec. 27 that her car had sustained damage by a hit and run driver while parked in a parking lot on West Main St.

## Water, cont'd.... From Page 1

of the township," Timpson informed Cowles at last night's meeting.

Timpson said providing water to the site would mean running a line from the city limits to the proposed development. He doesn't know exactly how many feet that is or the exact cost, but initial figures indicate it could cost approximately \$130,000.

Besides allowing Cowles to develop his apartment complex, providing a water line could also allow neighboring businesses to hook up as well.

"There has been interest from the Chinese restaurant to get public water and Cumberland Manor could use the water in order to expand," said Timpson.

However, Timpson doesn't believe having existing businesses hook up is as important as the main attracting new construction.

"All new construction would be forced to hook up. By doing this he (Cowles) recoups his money and the township is able to spread out the cost of supply water even more," said Timpson.

Spreading out the cost of water usage is a big concern with the board, especially following this year's unexpected water rate increase for township residents.

Eastgate residents received an 85 cent per gallon increase in water rates after it was revealed that the township fell short in its estimated water usage. Any new hook ups to the water system would help defer that cost, Timpson said.

No time frame was given to determine if a bond issue is something township officials would pursue.

Lowell officers investigated 22 accident complaints in the month of December - none incurring injuries. The total for 1995 was 223 compared to 241 in 1994. This was the least amount of accidents in one year since 1983.

Edward Newhouse, 42, of Kentwood, was arrested on a warrant Dec. 25 for possession of marijuana.

Gregory VanOostendorp, 33, of Lowell, was arrested Dec. 25 on a warrant out of Montcalm County for child neglect.

Michael Welch, 39, of Lowell, was arrested Dec. 26 for driving while license suspended, second offense.

Charles Grover, 62, of Ada, was cited into 63rd District Court Dec. 26 for open intoxicants in a motor vehicle as was his passenger, Malcolm Chambers, 42, of Lowell.

Christopher Zuiderveen, 19, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent County Jail on a warrant for violation of probation Dec. 27.

Elizabeth Lyonais, 17, of Lowell, along with a 16-year-old from Grand Rapids and a 15-year-old from Alto were cited into

## Mailbox, continued... From Page 1

Lyle Bogner, a resident on Cumberland Avenue. "Ten dollars is a small price to pay to stop this when you consider it costs \$25 for a box and then you have the pole and time it takes to put it in the ground."

Putting boxes back in the ground adds to the frustrations of Lowell residents during this time of year because the ground is frozen.

"We can't put them back up. I've seen a whole row of boxes still on the ground because it's been too cold to do anything," said Bogner, who has replaced his box three times since moving to the area

## Table, cont'd.... From Page 1

funding for the underdrain project.

The study also recommends that the city spend \$34,000 for ditch improvements and \$9,000 for ditch cleaning south of Main Street.

Benoit did state that they are not necessary right at this time. He said the underdrain sewer will take care of the problems residents have been experiencing.

court Dec. 31 for minors in possession of alcohol.

Jeffrey Brown, 31, of Lowell, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol Dec. 30.

Darryl Moore, 33, of Lansing, was lodged at the Kent County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

Carol Simington, 46, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 1 on a warrant out of Wyoming for contempt of court for non-sufficient funds check and out of Walker for failure to appear in court.

Shawn Schmitz, 20, of Ionia, was lodged on a warrant out of 63rd District Court for uttering and publishing Jan. 3.

Darryl Isaacson, 31, of Saranac, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 1 when the vehicle he was driving slid into a trailer on N. Pleasant St.

Eric Sorenson, 24, of Lowell, backed into a car owned by David Lutschow in a parking lot off W. Main St. Jan. 4 resulting in minor property damage to both vehicles.



## Price wins Ranger Truck

Root Lowell employee Carl Price, Greenville, has made entering contests a hobby of his for the past 35 years. Last week it paid off; he picked up the 1994 Ford Ranger 4-wheel drive truck that he won in Parts Plus' statewide promotion. Price entered the contest at Lowell Showboat Automotive, owned by Hugh Cosgrove. The contest ran from March through November. The drawing took place at the Auto Parts Distribution Center in Grand Rapids. Price said he will keep the truck. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Denny Bryan, Auto Parts' account executive; Price; Cosgrove; and Auto Parts' Bill Haynes.

**HOMEOWNERS!** **STOP**  
living from paycheck to paycheck!  
**LOANS BY PHONE**  
**SAME DAY APPROVAL!**  
Statewide Service: 1-800-968-2221  
AAA MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL CORP.

## NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

- **NURSE MANAGER** - full time 1st shift. RN with previous supervisory experience preferred. Person will be responsible for 2 of our facilities 4 halls.
- **MDS NURSE** - full time, 1st shift.
- **RN's/LPN's** - Full, part-time, weekends available on all shifts.
- **CNA's** - Full, part-time & weekends available on all shifts. \$7.59/hr.
- **INFECTION CONTROL NURSE** - 1st. shift, part time.

PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON OR SEND YOUR RESUME TO:

**CASCADE CARE CENTER**  
1095 Medical Park Drive  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Attn: D.O.N.

# The Lowell Ledger's

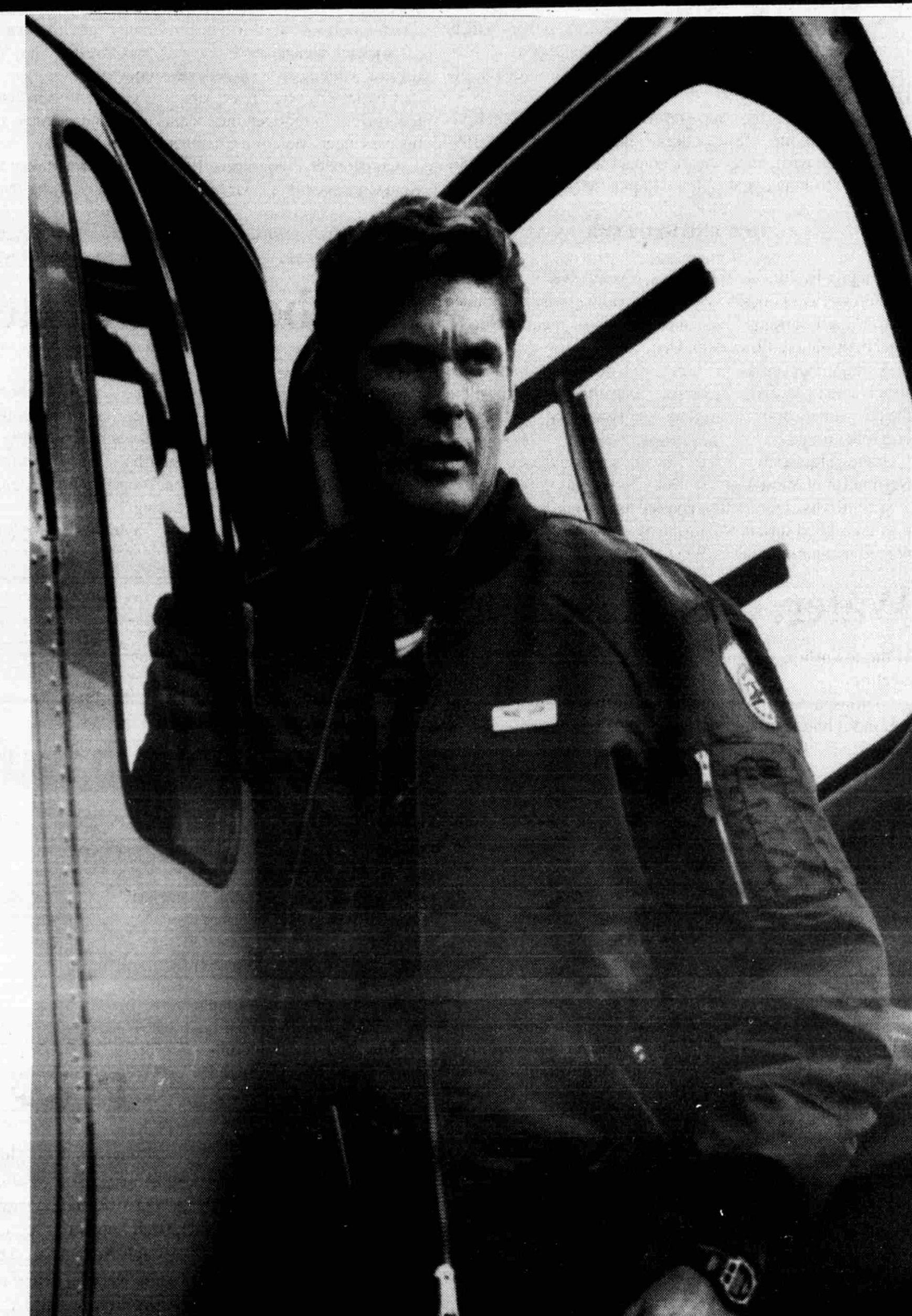
## TV

### LISTING MAGAZINE

- Features Complete Listing Of Lowell Cable TV Channels On A Daily Basis.
- Complete & Easy-To-Use
- Listings Coincide With Numbers On Your Tuner

CHANNEL	SYMBOL
2	LOCAL
3	WWMT-3
4	WOTV-41
5	WLLA-64
6	WGVU-35
7	WXMI-17
8	WOOD-8
9	WLNS-6
10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	DISNEY**
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
17	WTBS
18	C-MAX**
19	FAM
20	FX
21	M-TV
22	LOCAL
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A & E
31	PASS
32	TNT
33	DOPLAR RADAR
34	EWTN
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39	VH-1

\*\* Denotes Premium Channels



## FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12 THRU JANUARY 18

David Hasselhoff (*Baywatch*) stars as New York City helicopter police officer Jake Gorski, who battles vicious criminals targeting the Federal Reserve Bank, in *Gridlock*, premiering Sunday on NBC. Supermodel-actress Kathy Ireland co-stars as Jake's girlfriend, Michelle, a tour guide who works at the bank.

Great movies!!!

January

So many channels!!

February

Incredible specials!!

March

More great movies!!

April

Wow! Free cable this month!!

May

# Sign Up Before January 31, Get May, Free!

Sign up for basic\* cable or for any premium\*\* channel—The Disney Channel, HBO, or Cinemax—anytime before January 31, 1996, and you'll get your May '96 basic cable service, free! Happy New Year from your friends at

**Lowell Cable 897-8405**

Or stop by our office at 127 N. Broadway

\*Offer available to new subscribers only. \*\*Offer available to new premium channel subscribers only.

*Knights of Columbus*

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

**ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10 TO 14 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 1996 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

The local competition will be held at the Lowell Middle School gym on **Thursday, January 18, 1996 • 7:30 pm**

All contestants are asked to arrive at 7:15 PM to register. The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district and state level competition. Last year, more than 212,000 boys and girls participated in 3,099 local competitions.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic fraternal organization with over 1.5 million members in 10,000 local councils. In 1993, Knights donated 43.3 million manhours and \$94 million to charitable causes, sponsoring programs to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

ANY QUESTIONS...CALL BRENT NOSKEY 897-4982



DAYTIME MORNING 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30

DAYTIME AFTERNOON 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 12, 1996 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30

FRIDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 12, 1996 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30

SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 13, 1996 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JANUARY 13, 1996 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30



SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 13, 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.

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 13, 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.

SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 14, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JANUARY 14, 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, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 14, 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.

SUNDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 14, 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.



MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 15, 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 15, 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 16, 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 16, 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 17, 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 17, 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 18, 1996		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Murder, She Wrote	Walker, Texas Ranger	CBS Reports: The Gulf War Plus 5	News	Late Show			
4	WOTV	Highway Patrol	LAPD	Home Videos: Guide to Parenting	Movie: "The Man Next Door"	Premiere	News	Nightline			
5	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Tales From the Crypt	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Charlie Rose			
6	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Living Single	Crew	New York Undercover	Tales From the Crypt	News			
7	WOOD	Extra	Friends	Single Guy "Distance"	Seinfeld	"The Hot Tub"	ER	Tonight Show			
8	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Murder, She Wrote	Walker, Texas Ranger	CBS Reports: The Gulf War Plus 5	News	Late Show			
9	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Allegiance	Friends	Single Guy "Distance"	Seinfeld	ER	Tonight Show			
10	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery!	Wild America			
11	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Home Videos: Guide to Parenting	Movie: "The Man Next Door"	Premiere	News	Nightline			
12	WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne	Living Single	Crew	New York Undercover	Cops	Jenny Jones			
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
1	TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: "Midway"	Walker, Texas Ranger	CBS Reports: The Gulf War Plus 5	News	Late Show			
2	FAM	Waltons	"The Nurse"	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Movie: "If a Man Answers"				
3	FX	Fall Guy	"Death Boats"	Hart to Hart	Trapper John, M.D.	I Living Color	Vegas				
4	USA	Wings	"Lifeboat"	Movie: "Back to the Future Part II"	Michael J. Fox, Lea Thompson	Highlander: The Series	Silk Stalkings				
5	DISC	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Movie Magic				
6	WGN	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Toronto Raptors	From the SkyDome	Night Court	News	Swaps				
7	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	College Basketball: Illinois at Iowa	(Live)	College Basketball: Arkansas at Memphis	(Live)	World News				
8	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	Sports Tonight				
9	NICK	Doug	(In Stereo)	Tiny Toon Adventures	Munsters	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched				
10	A&E	Equalizer	"Dead Drop"	Biography	"Gen. Omar Bradley"	Ancient Mysteries	"Mysteries of the Bible"				
11	PASS	Red Wings Hotline	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Detroit Pistons	From the Palace of Auburn Hills	(Live)	Press Box	College Basketball: UCLA at Arizona State				
12	TNT	In the Heat of the Night	"Random's Child"	Movie: "The Incredible Mr. Limpet"	Don Knotts	A live-action animated tale about a timid bookkeeper.	Movie: "Up Periscope"				
13	NASH	(6:30) Club Dance	Country News	Life and Times of Roy Acuff	(In Stereo)	Prime Time Country	Club Dance				
14	SCI FI	Twilight Zone	Monsters	Quantum Leap	(In Stereo)	Tekwar	"Teklab" Jake and Sid attempt to unravel a murder conspiracy in London.				
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
15	DISN	Eerie Indiana	MMC	Movie: "Beanstalk"	PG	Adult language, mild violence	Scenic America: New Mexico				
16	HBO	(6:00) Movie: "Radio Flyer"	PG-13	Movie: "Another 48 HRS"	(1990), Nick Nolte	(In Stereo)	Movie: "Watchers III"				
17	MAX	(6:00) Movie: "Panic Moon"	PG-13	Movie: "Silent Fall"	(1994), John Lithgow	(In Stereo)	Movie: "The Specialist"				

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 18, 1996		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)				
4	WOTV	Top Cops	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)						
5	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
6	WXMI	Richard Bey	Hair Replacement	Cheers	Charles Perez	(In Stereo)	Stephanie Miller	(In Stereo)	Wonder Years	Dragon Ball	
7	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night	(In Stereo)	Later	(In Stereo)	Paid Program	NBC News Night			
8	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	(In Stereo)	Cosby Show	Home Shopping Spree	(Joined in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)		
9	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night	(In Stereo)	Later	(In Stereo)	News	(In Stereo)	NBC News Night	(Joined in Progress)	Headline News
10	WKAR	(Off Air)									
11	WZZM	Current Affairs	Most Wanted	Cops	Gordon Elliott	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now	(Joined in Progress)			
12	WSYM	Gabrielle	LAPD	Rescue 911	Billy Dee	(Off Air)					
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
1	TBS	(11:50) Movie: "Invasion U.S.A."	(1985) Chuck Norris, Melissa Prophet	Movie: "Speedtrap"	(1978) Joe Don Baker, Richard Jaeckel	Laverne & Shirley	Gomer Pyle, USMC				
2	FAM	(11:00) Movie: "If a Man Answers"	(1962) PG	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Movie: "Young Indiana Jones and the Attack of the Hawkmen"	(1995)			
3	FX	Rawhide	"Incident of the Stargazer"	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program			
4	USA	Highlander: The Series	"For Evil's Sake"	Forever Knight	"Let No Man Tear Asunder"	Movie: "Murder C.O.D."	(1990) Patrick Duffy, Chelsea Field	(In Stereo)	American Gladiators		
5	DISC	Wild Discovery	"Grand Teton Wilderness"	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	"Saipan"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
6	WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night	"The Littlest Victim"	Honeymooners	Honeymooners	Movie: "Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold"	(1987) Richard Chamberlain		
7	ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	World Cup Skiing: Freestyle	Hawaii Sports	Sportscenter	Up Close	College Basketball: Arkansas at Memphis	(In Stereo)			
8	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today	NewsNight	Larry King Live	Overnight	Sports Latentight	Crossfire	Newsroom		
9	NICK	Bob Newhart "Motel"	Lucy Show	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	I Love Lucy	Taxi	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart "Motel"	Lucy Show
10	A&E	Biography	"Gen. Omar Bradley"	Ancient Mysteries	"Mysteries of the Bible"	Voyages	"The I-Bomb"	Law & Order	"Mayhem"	Police Story	"The Ripper"
11	PASS	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Detroit Pistons	From the Palace of Auburn Hills	(In Stereo)	College Basketball: UCLA at Arizona State	(In Stereo)				
12	TNT	(10:20) Movie: "Up Periscope"	(1959) James Garner, Andrea Martin	Movie: "They Were Expendable"	(1945) Robert Montgomery	PT boats move in after Pearl Harbor is bombed. Colorized.	Movie: "Operation Pacific"	(1951) John Wayne, Ward Bond			
13	NASH	Life and Times of Roy Acuff	(In Stereo)	Prime Time Country	(In Stereo)	Country News	(In Stereo)	(Off Air)			
14	SCI FI	Quantum Leap	Tekwar	"Teklab" Jake and Sid attempt to unravel a murder conspiracy in London.	(In Stereo)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program			
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
15	DISN	(11:30) Movie: "Lawrence of Arabia"	(1962, Adventure) Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn	David Lean's blockbuster about adventurer T.E. Lawrence. PG	Legend of Billy the Kid	(In Stereo)	Scenic-New Mexico				
16	HBO	Comedy Jam	Movie: "Open Fire"	(1994) (In Stereo) R	Adult language, violence	Shock Video 3: Turn-On TV	(In Stereo) R	Movie: "Cobb"	(1994), Robert Wuhl	(In Stereo) R	Adult language, nudity, violence
17	MAX	Movie: "Illicit Dreams"	(1994), Shannon Tweed, Joe Cortese	(In Stereo) R	Movie: "Zero Tolerance"	(1994), Titus Welliver	(In Stereo) NR	Movie: "Revenge"	(1990), Anthony Quinn, Madeline Stowe	(In Stereo) R	



# Sign Up Before January 31, Get May, Free!

Sign up for basic\* cable or for any premium\*\* channel—The Disney Channel, HBO, or Cinemax—anytime before January 31, 1996, and you'll get your May '96 basic cable service, free! Happy New Year from your friends at

**Lowell Cable 897-8405**

Or stop by our office at 127 N. Broadway

\*Offer available to new subscribers only. \*\*Offer available to new premium channel subscribers only.

## Balance missing in Lowell gymnasts' loss to East Grand Rapids

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell gymnasts' Shannon Laux and Brenda Lacey each posted their first regional qualifying scores in the floor exercise in a home meet against East Grand Rapids. Gymnasts must post four scores of 7.8 or higher during the regular season to qualify for the regional in the floor exercise. Both Laux and Lacey recorded scores of 8.0 against the Pioneers. Both Red Arrows tied for second behind Pioneer Leslie Zavidil who tallied a mark of 8.05.

"Laux' s routine was made for her and it plays to her strengths," said Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan. "Brenda did the same routine a year ago. I was impressed that she was able to come after a layoff and do the routine so well."

Teammate Skye Fisher, aided by her dance background, scored a 7.4 in the floor exercise.

Zavidil, the meet medalist, posted the best score on the vault. She scored an 8.2.

Lowell's Laux was third with a 7.6 and Lacey was fifth with a mark of 7.5.

"I really thought Shannon's scores should have been higher. She started right where she left off at the end of last season and her scores were higher than that," DeHaan said.

Fisher and Trisha Schmidt posted marks of 5.05 and 5.0 respectively. "I was pleased with our scores. I think the vault will be one of our better events throughout the year."

On the uneven bars Lacey led all Lowell gymnasts with a mark of 6.45, placing her third. Zavidil was first with a score

of 7.15.

Fisher was sixth overall with a mark of 3.9.

On the balance beam, the Red Arrow scores were hampered by the number of falls.

"We just had too many falls. That made the difference," DeHaan said.

Laux was the team leader with a mark of 7.05. She was second behind Zavidil's 8.0.

Lacey was third at 6.9; Fisher was seventh at 5.45 and Schmidt was eighth at 5.1.

Lowell's team score was hindered by the fact that it did not have four gymnasts competing in each event. DeHaan said she is hopeful that in time that will change.

### East Lansing Invitational

The Red Arrow gymnasts finished sixth in a field of eight at the East Lansing Invitational.

St. Johns won the tournament with 126.15. East Lansing was second at 123.25. They were followed by Mason 120.40; Vassar 118.75; Napoleon 116.7; Lowell 86.5; Jackson Lumen-Christi 76.5; and Lansing Eastern 70.45.

"It was a good day for us," DeHaan said. "The girls did much better on the balance beam. Three of them qualified for the regional in the floor exercise and Shannon qualified for the regional on the vault."

Lacey led Lowell on the beam with a mark of 8.0. Fisher tallied a 7.1 and Laux and Schmidt finished with marks of 6.7 and 5.3 respectively. "They looked so much better. The girls cut down on their falls."

In the floor exercise, Lacey scored an 8.15; Laux an 8.0 and Fisher finished with a 7.8. All three were regional qualifying scores.

On the vault, Laux led the way with a mark of 7.85. Lacey recorded a 7.75 and Fisher and Schmidt scored a 5.4 and 5.1 respectively.

Lowell's Lacey and Fisher were the only two Red Arrows to compete on the uneven bars. Lacey earned a 6.8 and Fisher was given a 2.5.

## Hastings rallies in final five minutes to knock off Lowell

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's 66-57 loss to Hastings Friday night proved that five is sometimes greater than 27.

The Red Arrow boys basketball team played its best basketball of the year in the first 27 minutes of its game against the Saxons. The end result was a 52-47 lead with five minutes to play.

However, over a three-minute stretch that followed, the Red Arrows' play from a mental standpoint perished and with it the lead and eventually the game.

"We were never behind during the first 27 minutes," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said.

Hastings (J-3, I-5) went on a 13-0 run over a three-minute stretch of the final five minutes to pull ahead 60-52.

"The boys played the final five minutes like they were afraid of making mistakes. They quit doing what kept them ahead over the first 27 minutes," Bush said. "You can't be disappointed when you're in a position to win. Now we must learn to finish."

Thanks to the play of Jay Bolthouse and sophomore Kyle Pohja, Hastings found a way to win its first league game of the year.

Lowell did not have an answer to Pohja's post play. He scored a game-high 20 points.

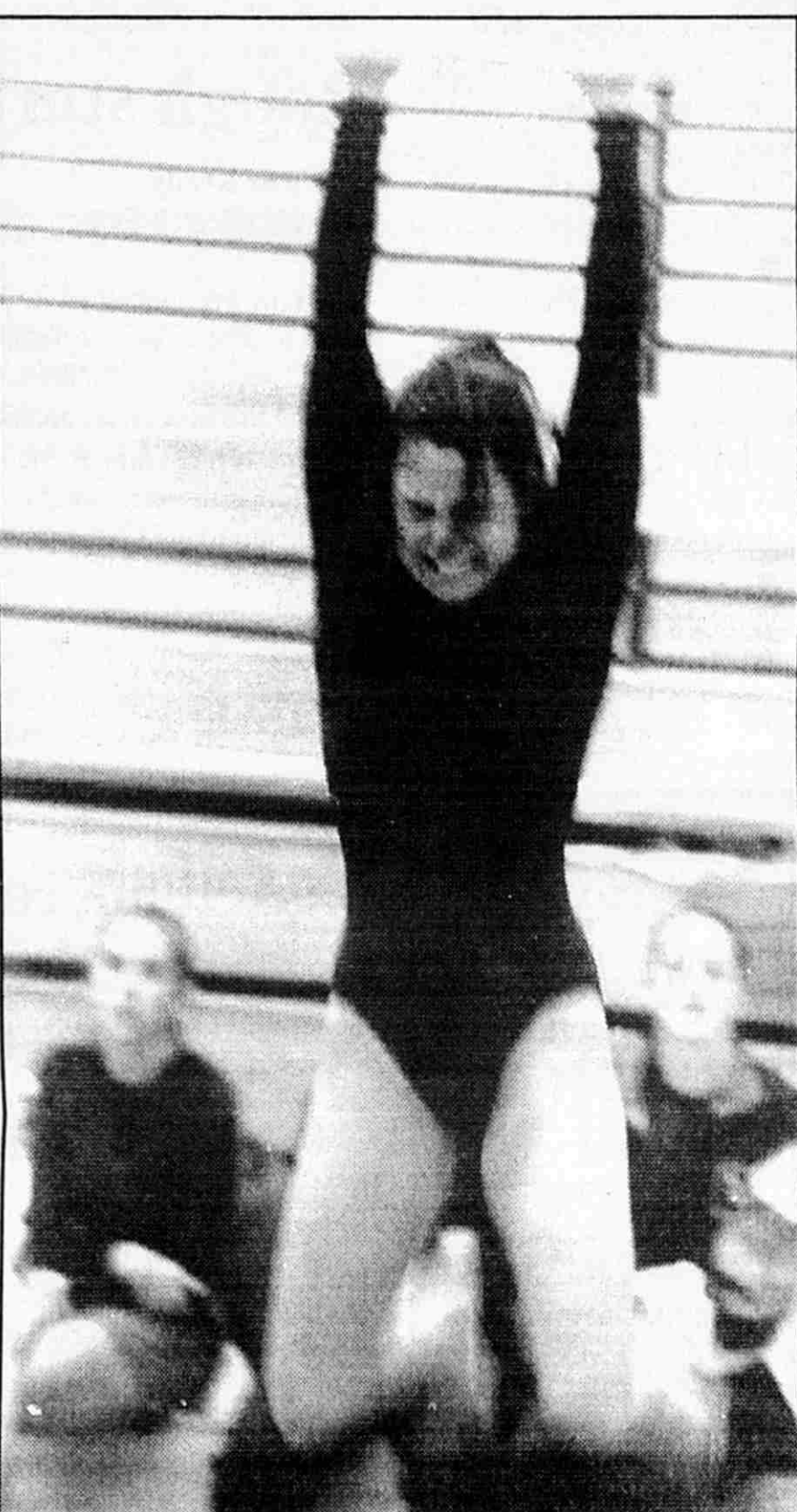
Bolthouse tallied 12 points but killed the Red Arrows with his offensive putbacks.

"We didn't have a defensive answer for Pohja," Bush said.

Lowell's coach was pleased with a number of positives he did see from his club.

"Brian Willmarth came off the bench and played an excellent game," Bush explained. "He played good post defense for us and he rebounded."

Basketball, cont'd., pg. 18



Brenda Lacey scores a 6.45 on the uneven bars.

\*\*\*  
Nothing changes more constantly than the past; for the past that influences our lives does not consist of what actually happened but of what men believe happened.  
—Gerald White Johnson

**A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

**PEBBLE BEACH APARTMENTS**

Next To The New Stoney Lake Park

- Tranquil setting
- Appliances, air conditioners
- Garage Port Included
- Security Entrance
- 24 Hour Maintenance
- Two Bedrooms
- Dishwashers
- Blinds on all Windows
- On Site Manager
- Low Security Deposit

Call Penny Armstrong for an Appointment 897-6880

HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday by Appointment

1112 Boves Road, Lowell, MI

**WINTER IS HARD ON YOUR CAR!**

Be Sure To Keep It Properly Serviced With The Help Of

**COUPON**

**OIL CHANGE**

**\$20.95**

Grease (lube), oil filter & oil

**COUPON**

**COOLING SYSTEM SERVICE**

**\$43.95\***

Cash or Check only

SEE THE DEALER BEHIND THE STAR

**VENNEN**

SALE HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8:30-8, Thurs. - Sat. 8:30-8, Sunday 9-3

SERVICE & PARTS: Mon. - Fri. 9:00-5:15, Wed. 10:00-7:45 pm

930 W. Main, Lowell, MI 897-9281

Dodge Chrysler Jeep Plymouth Eagle

**CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER**

As referenced in the Snow Removal Ordinance #86-1, all occupants or owners of any premises or property are responsible to keep sidewalks and areas adjacent to existing sidewalks clear of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of snow fall.

No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-of-way, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

Any occupant or property owner that violates this ordinance will be fined.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk



# Spicer earns MVW honors at LH Lamb Invitational; Lowell places seventh

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

His scores may not have indicated it, but the coaches at the LH Lamb Invitational saw control and therefore voted Lowell's Dan Spicer the tournament's most valuable wrestler.

Spicer, wrestling at 119 pounds, was 3-0 on the day. In his final match, the championship tilt, Spicer defeated Charlotte's Ryan Elliston 13-7.

"Dan didn't win by a lopsided score but he was in control," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "He went out there and got after it."

Spicer began the day with a pin against Battle Creek Central's Juan Ramon at 5:04 of the third period.

In the senior's second match of the day, Spicer decided Middleville's Sean Crowfoot 4-3.

"Dan needs to work on defending deep shots," Rivers said. "He's letting people get into him on their shots. He can do that now and get away with it. He won't be able to do that at the state tournament."

Also medaling for Lowell were Casey Harper. Dave

Luyk and Joel Uzarski. All three wrestlers placed fourth. Harper, 112 pounds, went 2-2. He pinned Jonathan Dungey of Battle Creek Central at 4:44 of the third period. The Red Arrow also decided Dendel Craven of Middleville 11-9.

Both of Harper's losses came to Coloma's Mike Moser. The Comet pinned Harper in the first round and decided him 9-6 in the medal round.

Luyk, 135, 2-2, defeated Lakewood's Gerimiah Svida and then decided Middleville's Terry Trudell 8-7.

His two losses came at the hands of Coloma's Mike Sullivan. "Sullivan is an awfully big kid and a good wrestler," Rivers said.

Wrestling at 171 pounds, Uzarski pinned Battle Creek Central's Matt McAlvey at 1:29 of the first period.

The Red Arrow decided Harper Creek's Jeff Mullins 7-4 in his third match of the day.

Uzarski's two losses came against Ron Haynes of Middleville. He was decided 8-4. In the medal round he lost to Hastings Kevin Morgan 4-2.

The records of other



Dan Spicer  
Lowell wrestlers were as follows: Jason Willard (HWT)

0-2; Nick West (103) 1-2; Brett Plattner (125) 1-2; Brad Lyons (130) 0-2; Matt Inman, (140) 1-2; Kyle Roth (145) 1-2; Scott Hays (152) 1-2; Steve VanLaan (160) 2-2; Mike Minier (189) 0-1; and Tom Dumas (215) 0-1.

## Lowell 76 EGR 6

East Grand Rapids forfeited eight of its 14 matches to Lowell.

Of the six that were contested, the Red Arrows won five.

Casey Harper (112)

pinned Rod Bowman at 32 seconds of the first period. Brad Lyons (130) pinned John Machiorlatti at 5:45 of the third period.

Matt Inman, 140 pounds, pinned Eric Williams at 3:08 of the second period.

Wrestling at 152 pounds, Scott Hays major decided Andren Haurak 16-4.

Joel Uzarski (171) pinned Adam Bush at 1:32 of the first period.

Pioneer Sam Laureto (215) pinned Lowell's Chad Uzarski at 3:28 of the second period.

## Rough start for Lowell spikers brings about defensive change

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With her club unable to adapt to a perimeter style defense, Lowell volleyball coach Jacki Malokofsky has decided it's time for an adjustment.

"The girls were not moving and reading," Malokofsky said.

Seeing that the first-year coach has changed the defensive scheme to a rotation style.

That decision was made following her club's 0-8 performance at the Belding Tour-

namment on Saturday.

Lowell finished 0-8 at the Belding tournament on Saturday.

"We were lacking in fundamentals and the girls were not communicating," Malokofsky said. "We were so inconsistent."

The Red Arrows' best performance of the tourney came against Ron Haynes of Redskins. It was also Lowell's final game of the day.

"I switched the lineup around and the girls really

played well," Malokofsky said. This adjustment came after the Red Arrows lost the first game to Belding 15-1. Lowell lost game two 15-12.

The Red Arrows did show improvement in the area of serving. "As far as error percentage our serving was better," Malokofsky said. "The serving errors we did make came at critical times."

Lowell's Corrine Amnett led the team in assists with 15. Dawn Burrows had a club-high 11 kills and Tracy Loughlin and Laurie Barton contributed with nine and six kills apiece.

"I think the change in defense will help our offense feel more comfortable," Malokofsky said.

The Lowell coach said she used the tournament to get all her players time on the floor. "They all contributed in one area or another," Malokofsky said.

Saranac 15-15  
Lowell 12-2

The Red Arrow netters

## Basketball, cont'd.... From Page 17

Willmarth was also four of five from the foul line. The sophomore finished with eight points.

Senior Steve Bosserd achieved a pleasing degree of success at his new position of point guard. "He handles the ball real well and he sees things better from the point because of his height," Bush said. "He also gives us a little more of an offensive threat."

Bosserd scored a team-high 13 points. In his first start of the season Scott Smith tallied 10 points. Senior B.J. Barber added nine.

Lowell led 12-10 after one quarter of play; 35-33 at halftime; and 46-43 at the end of three quarters as a result of a three-point bucket by Mike Bielecki.

Lowell is now 1-5 overall and 0-4 in the O-K White. Lowell will play host to Forest Hills Central on Friday.

**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU**

Week Of Jan. 15, 1996  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

TUESDAY: Hot dog in a bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, cookie, milk.

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

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

FRIDAY: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, sweet roll, assorted fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

TUESDAY: Hot dog in a bun or chicken patty in a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Pasta salad, side salad, baked beans, assorted fruit, cookie, milk.

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

THURSDAY: BREAKFAST SERVED Secondary 1/2 day - exams NO LUNCH.

FRIDAY: BREAKFAST SERVED. Secondary 1/2 day - exams NO LUNCH.

## Your Independent Agent Goes All Out For You.

Auto-Owners Insurance selects its agents the same way you do - carefully! That's why you can always count on quality protection and service from your Auto-Owners agent. Because our agents also represent other fine companies, they will take the time to tailor the best protection for your needs.

**Auto-Owners Insurance**  
Life Home Car Business  
*The No Problem People*

Phyllis Haybarker, Dale Triplett, Agent, Diane Piselli

## Speerstra-Carr Agency

a division of Carr Agency Inc.

**Stop by and see us at our new office!**

835 W. Main St.  
Lowell  
897-9259  
or 897-8500

## Top "Pigskin Pick" honors bestowed upon Christensen

The bowl season was not kind to the Lowell Ledger Pigskin Pick prognosticators. In the end, that favored the 1995-96 Pigskin Pick champion Phil Christensen.

The former Lowell football coach entered the bowl bonanza with a four-game lead over Lowell athletic director Barry Hobla and former Lowell athletic director Bob Perry. Lowell Ledger editor Thad Kraus finished a distant 10 games back.

Christensen was 8-8 in his bowl picks. That was one game better than Hobla and Perry who finished at 7-9. Kraus brought up the rear with a dismal mark of 5-11.

Christensen finished the year with a winning percentage of .628. His overall record was 110-65-1.

Hobla and Perry were five games back at 105-70-1 for a winning percentage of .599.

Kraus was 100-75-1 overall with a percentage of .571.



Phil Christensen

SAVE \$50 on any Humidifier installed in January 1996

**Arctic, Inc. Arcoaire**

1301 Bowes Rd. • 897-4123  
DBA Lowell Heating and Air Conditioning

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

On Thursday, January 11, 1996, Denny's Disposal will be picking up Christmas trees. The trees must be at the curb and a red bag attached.

If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal 691-8530.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

# COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

**MONDAYS:** Overeaters Anonymous new meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 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 M#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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO GET IN SHAPE AT BODYWORKS GYM & FITNESS**

**NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL No Sign-Up Fee Thru January**

**Aerobics Classes**  
Beginning Jan. 8;  
**Tanning Specials**  
**Stop in or call**  
**897-8397**  
Located at  
1335 W. Main

(Across from McDonald's)

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949**

<p><b>MON.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p><b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p><b>WED.:</b> 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.</p>	<p><b>THURS.:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p><b>FRI.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.</p> <p><b>MON.-FRI.:</b> Senior Meals program, noon.</p>
--	---

**Special Events**

<p><b>FRI., JAN. 12:</b> 12:30 p.m., Movies in Grand Rapids.</p> <p><b>TUES., JAN. 16:</b> 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.</p> <p><b>WED., JAN. 17:</b> 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.</p>	<p><b>FRI., JAN. 19:</b> 12:30 p.m., Reminiscence.</p> <p><b>THURS., JAN. 25:</b> 12:30 p.m., Shopping - Fruitbasket and K-Mart.</p> <p><b>FRI., JAN. 31:</b> Women's breakfast.</p>
--	--

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



## Artist turns landscape and fantasy into little jewels for show at LAAC

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Area Arts Councils Center Gallery (LAAC) opens 1996 in grand style as "little jewels" are showcased by Grand Rapids artist Dick Stien.

Stien, an artist instructor at Grand Rapids Community College, will have his "little jewels" as well as other works displayed at the center from Jan. 14 through Feb. 24. A reception will be conducted in his honor from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 at the center's main gallery, 149 S. Hudson St.

Although this will be Stien's first showing in Lowell his work has been shown throughout the country.

Landscape and fantasy images are a major theme to Stien's work, which include depictions of flora and fauna.

"I'm an escapist. I paint places I would like to escape into," Stien said. "I try to create a world on canvas that is magical, or appealing or a fantasy."

The "worlds" in which Stien captures on canvas come from many places and things that most people take for granted.

"Just living provides me with ideas. I get them from walking the dog, by looking in my backyard, or by visiting museums," he said.

"Rights of Spring" is one such work that was adapted from a classic theme found in museums.

"It's an allegory on baroque painting from the 1600's," he said. "I take classic themes and put my own twist on them."

One such theme that is all Stien's are his "Rosenweig" paintings.

Stien's "Rosenweig" paintings (Rosenweig is a German word meaning rose branch) are named after a family which became a patron to Stien.

"As I was building my house I used their studio to paint in.

They were very supportive of me, even buying my work, so I named a series of painting after them," said the instructor of 26 years.

The "Rosenweig" paintings are also referred to by Stien and LAAC director David Davis as his "little jewels."

"The first time David saw my work his called them little jewels. I was surprised that somebody actually called them what I meant them to be," he said. "I believe all art work should be jewel like and these particular paintings are small, thus they are called little jewels."

Stien's career as an artist can be traced back to his youth, when as a fourth-grader he spent a year at home with Rheumatic fever.

With little to do Stien began to read a lot and draw.

"When I entered the fifth-grade I was clumsy, but I could read and draw well," he said. "I think like anything you tend to build on things that are your strong points."

The work featured by Stien range in time from most recent paintings to ones done 10 years ago.

In his search for beauty and magical places to escape into Stien has also found new and interesting ways to present his work.

"Some work is done on fabric and looks like tapestry. One painting is 12 feet and is put together in three sections, while another has a velcro and paper mache frame," Stien said. "This is not your typical paintings and show. I just hope people like it and welcome it."

## State requires bus safety policy for schools

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A newly formed board policy required by the state will help insure student safety while they are being transported to and from school.

To meet and fulfill the requirements set forth by board policy #4214.3, each Lowell bus driver, as well as others who perform safety-sensitive functions with district ve-

hicles, must be mentally and physically alert at all times while on duty.

Accordingly, the policy establishes and implements an alcohol and controlled substance testing program for its employees who perform safety sensitive functions as mandated by the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 and its regulations.

CDL holders are expected to comply with a policy which prohibits the possession, use, sale or distribution of alcohol and any controlled substance on school property at all times.

A drug and alcohol testing program will be established for each regular and substitute bus driver, as well as any other staff members who hold a CDL license. They will be tested for the presence of alcohol in their system as well as for the presence of marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidine (PCP).

Prior to the beginning of the testing program, the Lowell School District will provide a drug-free awareness program. This will cover the dangers of illegal drug use and controlled substance and alcohol abuse, and the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of policy.

Any staff member who tests positive shall be prohibited from driving any school vehicle. They will also be referred to the district's employee assistance program and will face disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

## Wendt reaffirmed as city attorney

Richard Wendt was reaffirmed by the city of Lowell as its city attorney.

Wendt has served as the city's attorney since 1981.

As of Jan. 1, Wendt took a position with the Grand Rapids law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDuessen and Freeman. Previously, Wendt served with Clary, Nantz & Wood.

Wendt has served on a number of legal matters for the city as well as on bond council.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said no changes in fees have been proposed.

**WE'VE MOVED!**  
**Arctic, Inc. Arcoaire**  
1301 Bowes Rd. • 897-4123  
DBA Lowell Heating and Air Conditioning

SAVE \$50 on any Humidifier installed in January 1996

**GOOD  
Credit  
GOOD  
References  
GOOD**

Chance of Moving Into  
**Birchwood Garden  
Apartments**

LOWELL • 897-0849 • TDD# 1-800-649-3777  
Professionally Managed by...  
Medallion Management, Inc.

**\$100 Off**  
**1ST MONTHS RENT FOR  
1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS**

## TOWN TALK

What three events are you less likely to see happen in 1996? - 1. Lisa Marie Presley becoming pregnant; 2. U.S. troops are sent home from Bosnia; 3. The Detroit Lions fire Wayne Fontes; 4. Bill Clinton gets reelected; 5. The Menendez brothers are convicted.



**Stephanie Millering**  
The troops being sent home from Bosnia; Clinton being reelected; and Lisa Marie Presley getting pregnant.



**Doug Burnett**  
Wayne Fontes getting fired; troops being sent home from Bosnia; and the Menendez brothers being convicted.



**Tim Quain**  
Lisa Marie Presley getting pregnant; Clinton being reelected; and Fontes being fired.



**Bruce Howe**  
The U.S. troops being sent home; Clinton being reelected; and the Menendez brothers being convicted.



**Stephanie Voorheis**  
The Menendez brothers being convicted; Clinton getting reelected; and Lisa Marie Presley becoming pregnant.



**Beth Wellman**  
The Menendez brothers being convicted; U.S. troops being sent home from Bosnia; and Lisa Marie Presley becoming pregnant.



**Phillip Shoemaker**  
Lisa Marie Presley becoming pregnant; Wayne Fontes being fired; and U.S. troops being sent home from Bosnia.



**Clifford Bevier**  
Bill Clinton being reelected; Wayne Fontes being fired; and U.S. troops being sent home from Bosnia.

\*\*\*  
Most men make use of the first part of their life to render the last part miserable.  
—Jean De La Bruyere.



## LMS December Students-of-the-Month

Lowell Middle School Students of the Month for December are front row, left to right: Megan Fleet, sixth-grade; Chris Wansten, eighth-grade; Nichole Straub, seventh-grade; Shanda Yonker, sixth-grade and Jordon Steele, seventh-grade; back row, left to right: Lindsay Perkins, eighth-grade; Erin Weber, sixth-grade; Ryan Mix, eighth-grade; Melissa Waldron, seventh-grade and Laura Befus, seventh-grade. Not pictured is Robin Green, eighth-grade.

## Township Hall rental guidelines provide residents with options for parties and receptions

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

While dust and debris may still be flying in the air at Lowell Charter Township's new hall (it's optimistically expected to be completed Jan. 15), rules have already been laid down regarding any public use of the new facility.

The Lowell Charter Township Board has agreed to rent out the hall for parties and receptions for a fee to interested parties.

The cost will depend on what each prospective renter wants to use it for.

There will be a \$100 se-

curity deposit as well as a \$30 fee for use of the building, and a \$25 fee for use of the kitchen.

However, the fee for using the hall, which includes the use of table and chairs, could be waived by the township supervisor in certain instances.

The security deposit is to cover extra clean up and/or damages. If no charge is made against the deposit, then it will be refunded within 10 days.

Under guidelines set by the township, the use of intoxicants or drugs or other disorderly conduct on town-

ship property is prohibited. Also no activity shall last after 11 p.m. (with clean up to end by 11:30 p.m.).

Smoking and gambling are also prohibited.

All groups must be accompanied by an adult supervisor (over 21 years old) whose responsibilities include discipline, proper use of the facility, and vacating the premises at the arranged time.

The township also reserves the right to refuse or

revoke permission to use the facilities to anyone.

The township board said it would review the policy after six months to handle any situations or problems that the township didn't anticipate.

"As time goes by and we get more experience with things, we can make changes," said Alyn Fletcher, the trustee who developed the guidelines. "But for now this gives us a policy to work with."

Make Space Heat  
**SAFE  
HEAT**



A space heater is a convenient way to heat rooms and small areas. But you need to make sure your space heat is safe heat. Follow these safety rules:

- Keep heaters clear of drapes, blankets, furniture, or any flammable materials.
- Turn off the heater when you leave the room.
- Never leave pets or children unattended near space heaters.
- Don't hide the heater's cord under rugs or furniture.
- Try to put space heaters on hard, noncombustible surfaces, not on a carpet.

Remember, space heaters are not substitutes for central heating systems.

Presented by your local, consumer-owned electric utility.

Presented by your local, consumer-owned electric utility.  
**LOWELL LIGHT & POWER**  
\*Owned by the People of Lowell\* • 127 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI

# LOWELL YMCA 1996 WINTER PROGRAMS

YMCA

897-8445

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**KIDDY GYM:** A fun gym class for ages 3 - 5 years. Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. at Bushnell School. **Session #1:** January 9 - February 20 **Session #2:** February 27 - April 16. **Fees:** \$20 for YMCA member, \$30 for non-YMCA member.

**INDOOR SOCCER:** For boys and girls in grades 1 - 3 and grades 4 - 6. Have fun learning the fundamentals. Scrimmages each week. Held at Runciman School starting March 4 through March 20, on Mondays and Wednesdays. Grades 1 - 3 will meet from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Grades 4 - 6 will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Fees:** \$20 for YMCA member, \$30 for non-YMCA member.

**YOUTH VOLLEYBALL - COED:** For boys & girls in grades 3 - 6. Starting February 26 - March 27, Mondays and Wednesdays at Cherry Creek Elementary. Grades 3 - 4 at 6:00 p.m., grades 5 - 6 at 7:00 p.m. **Fees:** \$25 YMCA member, \$37 non-YMCA member.

**GYMNASTICS:** Coming in the Spring. Girls & boys in grades K through 8. Starting week of April 8. Call YMCA office, 897-8445 for times and fees.

**LOOK FOR THESE EXCITING CLASSES IN OUR NEXT BROCHURE!!!** \* Spring Soccer, 4 yrs - 8th grade. \* T-Ball, 4 - 6 years old. \* Baseball, boys 3 - 6th grade. \* Softball, boys and girls grades 1 & 2. \* Also girls softball for grades 3 through 6.

**CHILD CARE PROGRAMS:** Ages: Infants to Kindergarten. Hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. School age program. Hours 6:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Call 897-4371 for program detail about child care and information about our Winter Break Fun Club.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**FITNESS: HI/LOW:** A fun upbeat program for all fitness levels. Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. **Fees:** 14-visit punch card, \$33 YMCA members, \$44 non-YMCA member, \$56 non-YMCA members. **Per visit:** Member, \$3.75. Non-member \$4.75. \*\*Babysitting available\*\* Ongoing through June 10.

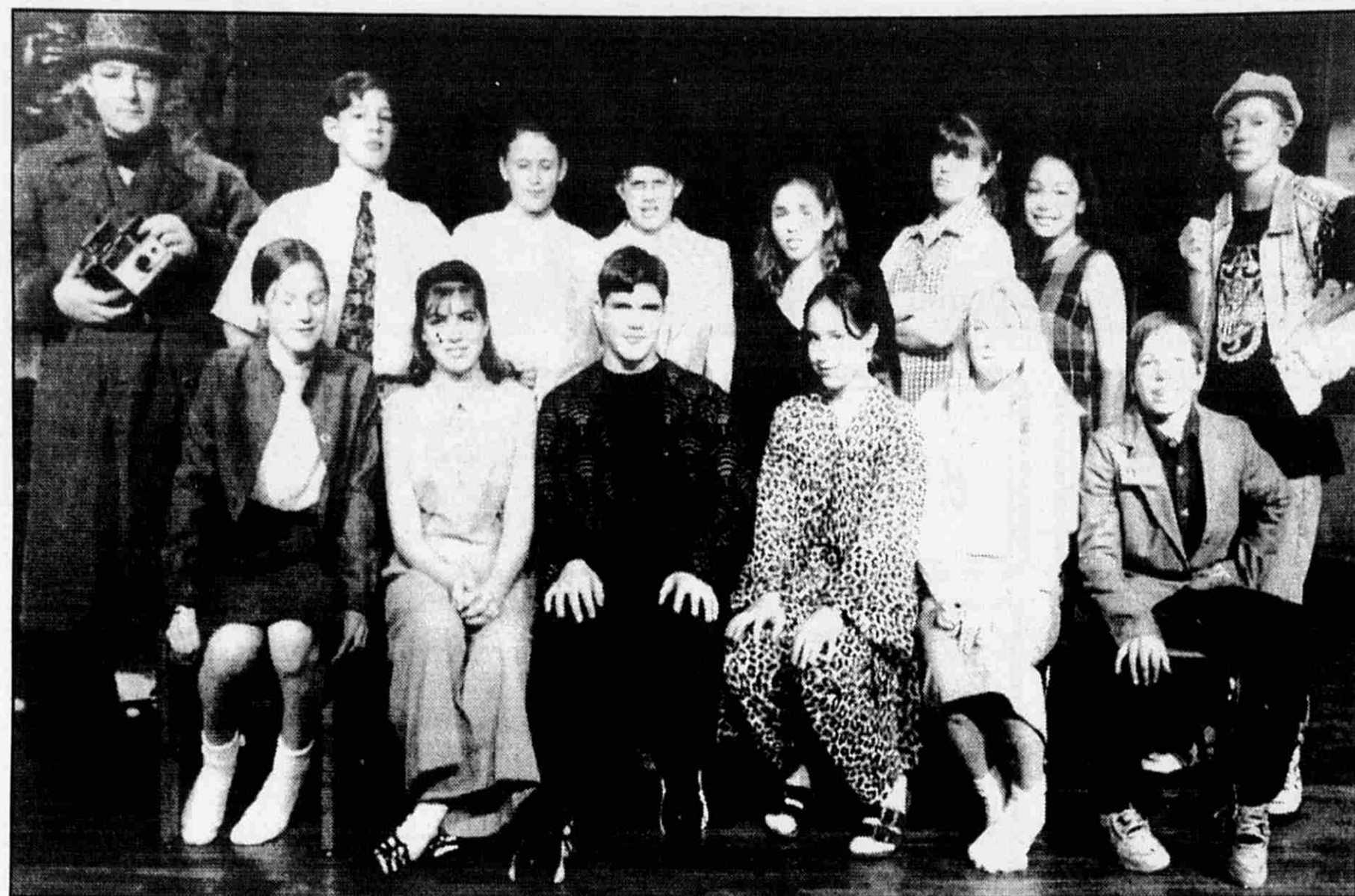
**LOW INTENSITY/LOW IMPACT FITNESS:** Exercise at your own pace. Classes will be held at First Methodist Church of Lowell on Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. **Fees:** 14 visit punch card, \$31. Per visit, \$3.50. Ongoing through June 10.

**MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL:** Open gym will be held at Lowell Middle School on Mondays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. **Fee:** \$2.00 per person/per visit. Ongoing through March 25.

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING:** No partner necessary! Come - join the FUN! Classes are held at Bushnell Elementary on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Fees:** \$17 YMCA member, \$30 non-YMCA member. At least eight participants are needed for class to run.

**LOOK FOR THESE PROGRAMS IN OUR NEXT BROCHURE!!!** \* Co-ed, Mens & Adult Softball. \* Spring Leagues. \* Summer Leagues.

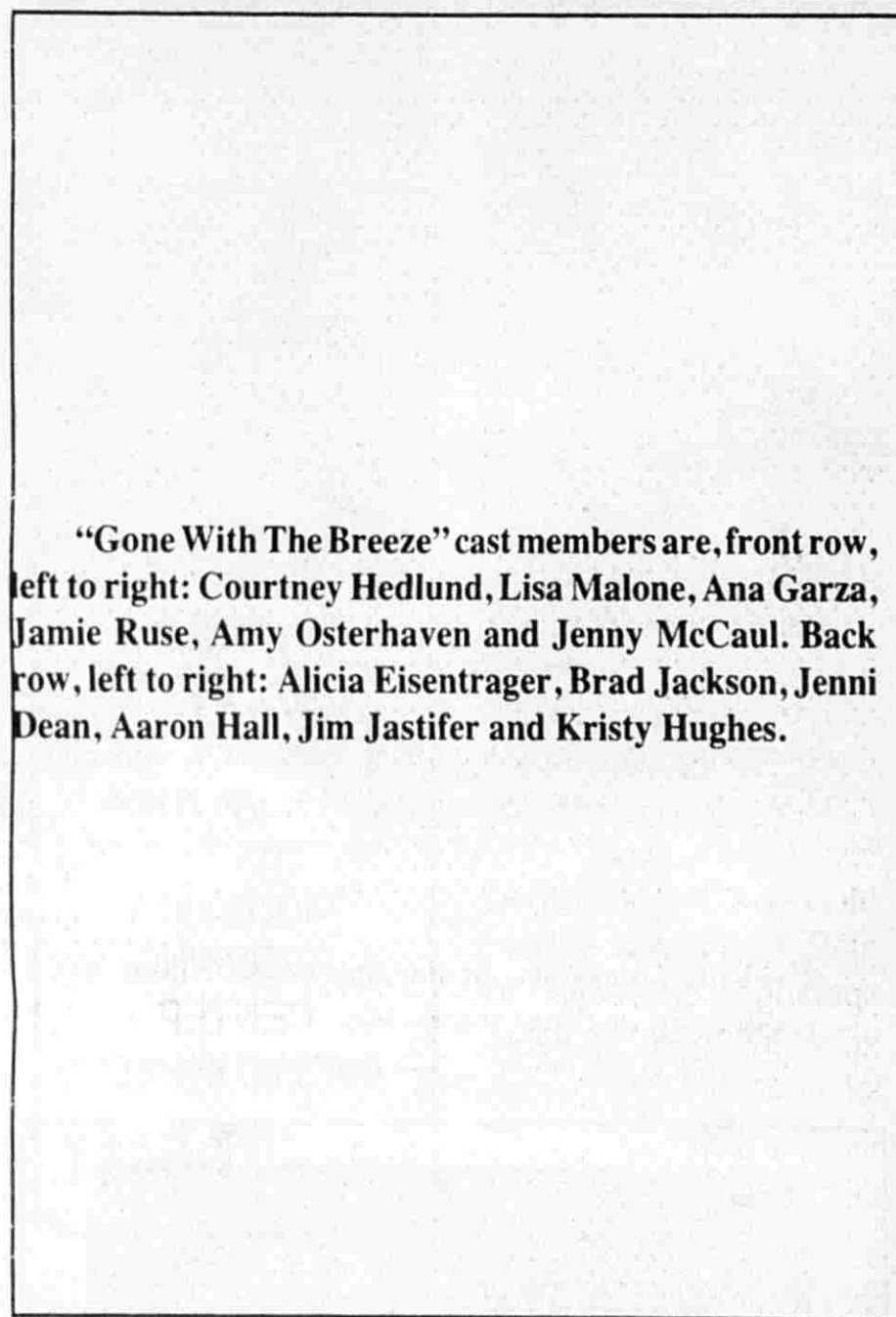




## LMS to present "Gone With The Breeze"

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. The play is a comedy about young hopefuls descending upon Hollywood with the dream of becoming a star and landing the role of the century as Jezebel O'Toole. Don't miss this free evening of fun and entertainment.

Members of the cast of "Gone With The Breeze" are, front row, left to right: Lindsay Scigliano, Lindsay Perkins, Tom Oesch, Angie DeWit, Deb Overway and Ben Kaeb. Back row, left to right: Kyle Holst, Brice Swanson, Rebecca Brander, Ryan Kremer, Beth Fredline, Katie McPherson, Niki Russell and Dave Barry.



"Gone With The Breeze" cast members are, front row, left to right: Courtney Hedlund, Lisa Malone, Ana Garza, Jamie Ruse, Amy Osterhaven and Jenny McCaul. Back row, left to right: Alicia Eisentrager, Brad Jackson, Jenni Dean, Aaron Hall, Jim Jastifer and Kristy Hughes.



## Lowell to begin seeking bids on recommended bond issue list

••• After bids are in, Board will decide which projects the bond money will be spent on

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The equivalent to the city's Bowes Road relocation project - how to spend the remaining 1990 bond issue funds - continues to be a focal point of discussion for the Lowell School Board. Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke explained to the board that the administration would begin a six to eight-month process of getting bids on the proposed bond project list and any other projects brought forward that may have been left off the list. As bids are received, they will be presented to the board to decide whether bond money should be spent in that area.

"We want to make sure there are no surprises or misunderstandings. We want the board to have the best information available and then it is up to them," Bleke said. Board trustee Ellen McClain said she could not fundamentally agree with spending bond money on some of the projects on the list. McClain, as she had stated previously, believes the bond money should be spent on projects that are going to be around in 20-25 years. Her views are also shared by board secretary Norm Byrne. "I cannot fundamentally agree to spending money in the technology areas listed because they will only be good for 5-7 years," McClain said. "I've gone through four computers in

the last three years." Board vice president Jack Lane said while the longevity of a project is probably a good criteria to use in making a decision, he does not think it should be the only criteria a decision is based on. McClain said she favored using money from the general fund or the fund balance instead of bond money to pay for the technology projects identified on the bond project list. Bleke said he opposed using the fund equity. "I think we should maintain as large a fund balance as we can." The Lowell superintendent agreed the general fund could be used, but that it would mean deficit spending.

## LAAC community theatre to present "Play On" Feb. 8-10

The Lowell Area Arts Council announces its 19th community theater production with three performances of Rick Abbot's "Play On!" on February 8, 9, and 10. Sue Bradford directs a cast of ten in a comedy featuring the problems of an amateur theater group staging an unpublished play written by a novice playwright. Cast members are Laura Leasure, Susan Veenema, Jim Marron, Diana Roush, Martha Meade, Keith Kar, Josh Fremer, LeAnne Tanner, Tony Stencil and

Dolores Dey. Steve DeNolf is producer assisted by Dolores Dey and Anne Pasquale. The three performances will be at 8 p.m. each night in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes. All seats are \$7 on Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, tickets are \$5 with a special price of \$4 for students (with ID) and senior citizens on Thursday only. All seats are reserved. To order tickets call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or go to the center at 149 S. Hudson from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets will also be sold at the door. \*\*\* That which, perhaps, hears more silly remarks than anything else in the world, is a picture in a museum. —Goncourt

**Don't Let This Strip Your Business's Identity!**

LIQUORS	SHOES	BOUQUET	CARDS	PIZZA
---------	-------	---------	-------	-------

**STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD...**

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**, the nation's leading new homeowner welcoming program will help you reach a select new market BEFORE YOUR COMPETITOR does. Become a sponsor and make a lasting impression so that the newcomers in your area won't have to shop around!

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**  
WELCOMING NEWCOMERS NATIONWIDE  
For sponsorship details, call 1-800-255-4859

\*\*\* An intelligent man never snubs anybody. —Vauvenargues

**Professional Sound Systems**

Professional Mobile DJ Service  
Music Variety For All Your Party Needs!

- ★ Reasonable Rates
- ★ CD Quality Sound
- ★ 1000 Watt Stereo System
- ★ Over 5000 Titles On Hand
- ★ From 1930's To Current Top 40
- ★ We Cater To Your Special Requests

Call... Jay Vezino  
(616) 897-8520

# THE CLASSIFIEDS

<p><b>HELP WANTED</b></p> <p><b>EARN MONEY</b> - Reading books! income \$30,000/yr. potential. Details. 1-800-513-4343 ext. Y-1520.</p> <p><b>HELP WANTED</b> - Lowell Amoco is looking for reliable friendly help for full- &amp; part-time positions. Apply in person at the 403 W. Main location.</p> <p><b>HELP WANTED</b> - Front office clerk for busy medical practice. 32-36 hours per week. Send resume to Lowell Medical Specialists, 1150 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. Attn: Mary.</p> <p><b>HELP WANTED</b> - Full time presser, no weekends, no holidays. If interested, apply at Curtis Cleaners.</p> <p><b>ATTENTION HOMEWORKERS NEEDED</b> - legitimate companies listed with the Chamber of Commerce need you now! Call right away for your free information package. 616-281-9385.</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE</b></p> <p><b>ELECTRIC DRYER</b> - \$80; queen size bed, \$50; heated horse tank &amp; also tack. Call 897-8125.</p> <p><b>1/2 TON 1990 DODGE PICKUP</b> - 2nd owner, very good condition, 77,000 actual miles, \$7,500 firm. 897-9501.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - 11-year-old female cat, front paws declawed, spade, loves lots of attention, comes with litter box &amp; carrier. Call 676-3928.</p> <p><b>MOVING SALE</b> - 32 pc. set clear glasses \$10, garbage disposal never used \$30, Powerglide row/ski machine \$50, glass-front stereo cabinet \$20, barbecue used once \$30, older blender \$5, satin queen waterbed sheet set \$5, kerosene heater used once \$50, new medium pet carrier \$15, old Delta battery lantern \$5, 2-barrel stove heats large area \$25, city bus converted to motor home \$9,900. 897-6430.</p> <p><b>FIREWOOD FOR SALE</b> - \$45 face cord, split &amp; delivered. (517) 676-2885 ask for Ken.</p> <p><b>ROTTWEILER PUPPIES</b> - AKC, excellent temperament, healthy &amp; beautiful, ready for loving homes. \$250. \$350. 616-754-2565.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Ceramic kiln &amp; accessories. Call 897-4929.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFIEDS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$1? - It's true!</b> 15 words for \$1 and each additional word is only 10 cents! Call the Lowell Ledger to find out how! 897-9261!</p>	<p><b>CARD OF THANKS</b></p> <p>The family of Clifford Barlow wishes to thank friends and family who expressed their sympathy for our loss. Special thanks to Reverend Gordon Barry, ladies of the First United Methodist Church and the Gerst family.</p> <p>Bob &amp; Patty Elzinga, Heidi, Eric, Chris &amp; Betsy Elzinga.</p> <p><b>CARD OF THANKS</b></p> <p>We would like to thank those that donated candy and gifts that "Santa Claus" gave out at our home at Christmas time. Also all the children and their parents for stopping by. Too, the other people that stopped by and those that gave myself and my wife gifts. You all make our Christmas for which we will never forget you.</p> <p>John &amp; Lucille Erickson</p> <p><b>CARD OF THANKS</b></p> <p>In memory of Francis Smith. We thank you for the cards, prayers, and all other acts of kindness shown the families. A special thanks to Cumberland Manor, Dr. Evenhouse, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home and to Pastor Michael Funderburg.</p> <p>The Family of Francis Smith</p>	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>BINGO</b> Every Saturday Night</p> <p><b>LOWELL MOOSE BINGO</b> 1320 E. Fulton Early Bird Bingo at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BINGO</b> Every Friday Night 6:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>LOWELL VFW HALL</b> East Main St., Lowell Early Bird Bingo at 6:00 p.m. PUBLIC INVITED</p> <p><b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>VERY RELIABLE</b> - 13 year-old-girl would like to babysit on weekends. 897-8125.</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>NEW RIVERVIEW NOW OPEN!</b> - Come out &amp; see what's going on! Food &amp; beverages. 14043 E. Fulton, Lowell. 897-9948.</p> <p><b>DAVIS ELECTRIC</b> Quality • Service Dependability RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL LIGHT INDUSTRIAL <b>Ph. 676-9574</b></p> <p><b>DONE RITE CONSTRUCTION</b> - Total home repair, interior/exterior painting &amp; roofing, etc. 761-2060.</p> <p><b>LICENSED DAYCARE FOR 16 YEARS</b> - Has 3 openings on days for ages infant to 4 years, located on Vergennes, call 897-7359.</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>Put your family's names in the Lowell Ledger Birthday List!</b> Just call 897-9261! Or send them to P O Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.</p> <p><b>NOW OPEN</b> Licensed Day Care In Valley Vista Housing, Lowell 2nd &amp; 3rd shifts, after school &amp; part-time welcome. Reasonable Rates Phone (616) 897-5574</p> <p><b>UPHOLSTERY JANUARY SPECIAL</b> - 25% off labor on chairs. Make your favorite chair like brand new. Free written estimates. Great deals on fabric choices. 22 years experience, quality guaranteed work. Call Beth 897-7654 or 897-7756.</p>
--	---	--	---	--	---

**Next Time, Fax It**

**Send Up Signals in the Classifieds**

**Buyers Guide Fax # 897-4809**

You can fax us your ad! Please include name, address, phone number & when you would like your ad to run!



# Increased technology pushes Lowell to upgrade wiring at City Hall

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell has found keeping up with today's technology is somewhat more challenging in a building constructed in 1909.

In eight-and-a-half years City Hall has gone from one

to nine computers, not to mention a fax machine and other 90's electrical appliances.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said the city has learned that it is unwise and unsafe to keep adding electrical items without upgrading the electrical service

within City Hall.

"Basically we were told for what we have, the wiring in the building should be updated," Pasquale said.

The recommendations include:

- Installing a new 200 amp 120/240 volt, single phase

electric service.

- Installing a new mast and a new meter pipe to inside.

- A new feed to the new 200 amp, 42 open breaker panel.

- Rewiring existing electric, all old circuits to new

breaker box, installing new breakers, label panels and test.

City treasurer Judy Noonon said the cost is expected to be less than \$5,000.

"Bids will be put out as soon as possible," Noonon said. "We haven't had any

problems yet, but with electricity we don't want to take any risks either."

Pasquale and Noonon said the work can be completed this spring without any interruption in city service.



## ADULT HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Earn your high school diploma - it will make a difference! Our Adult High School Completion Program is FREE to all non-graduates, including classes at the Kent Career/Technical Center. Classes begin the week of January 22 and run for 17 weeks each semester. Others may take classes for a fee.

If you are an adult who was not able to finish high school, come back and earn

your diploma in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere! Call and let me find out just how many credits you need. There is no obligation on your part.

High school completion classes are offered during the evening hours and are held in the Riverside Building on North Monroe Street.

### KENT CAREER/TECHNICAL CENTER

#### ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE SPRING 1996

Starting Date January 22, 1996 • Enrollment Starts January 8, 1996

High School Completion - Classes will meet from 6-10 pm for 15 weeks.

Accounting I & II	Monday	VanSwol
Auto Body Repair	Wednesday	Hickey
Auto Mech-Brakes	Monday	Larson
Drafting-CAD/Basic	Monday	Estes
Heating-Boiler Systems	Wednesday	Shedd
Manufacturing/Machining II	Monday	Nowak
Manufacturing/Machining I	Wednesday	Tworck
Residential-Roughing	Wednesday	VanderWilt
Small Engine Repair	Monday	Jacobs

Tuition fee will be \$100.00 except for Auto Body Repair which will be \$175.00 and Drafting which will be \$125.00.

**Tuition classes - Classes will start the week of February 5 unless otherwise noted.**

CLASS	WEEKS	COST	DAY	TIME	START DATE
Auto Body	15	\$175.00	M	6-10	Jan. 22
Basic Electricity	10	\$100.00	M	6-9	
Blueprint Reading	4	\$60.00	M	6-9	
Car Care	8	\$80.00	W	6-8:30	
Claris Works-IBM	4	\$60.00	W	6-9	Mar. 6
CNC Router	10	\$175.00	T	6-9	
CNC Router	10	\$175.00	T	3-6	
Drafting-CAD/Basic	10	\$125.00	W	6-9	
Entrepreneurship	10	\$100.00	M	6-9	
Floral Design I	10	\$100.00	M	6-9	
Floral Design II	10	\$100.00	W	6-9	
Floral Seminars-Materials will be provided for the 1-3 week classes.					
Balloon Ideas/Arch	1	\$15.00	T	6-9	Mar. 5
Easter Arrangement	1	\$25.00	TH	6-9	Mar. 28
Eucalyptus Wreath	1	\$20.00	TH	6-9	Feb. 29
Horizontal Wall Swag	1	\$20.00	TH	6-9	Feb. 22
New Trends In Arrangements/Parallel and New Convention	2	\$30.00	T	6-9	Apr. 9
New Trend In Arrangements/Sheltering and Waterfall	2	\$30.00	TH	6-9	Apr. 25
Pressed Flowers	1	\$15.00	TH	6-9	Mar. 21
Topiary Designs	1	\$20.00	T	6-9	Feb. 6
Valentine Arrangement	1	\$20.00	T	6-9	Feb. 13
Wedding Arrangements	3	\$60.00	W	6-9	May 1
Working with Tropicals	1	\$25.00	T	6-9	Mar. 12
Geometric	4	\$60.00	W	6-9	
Dimensioning & Tolerancing					
Landscape Design	10	\$100.00	W	6-9	
Microsoft Works-IBM	3	\$60.00	W	6-9	
Nail Art	8		T	5:30-9	
NEC Code-Journeyman	8	\$165.00	T	6-9	
NEC Code-Masters	10	\$195.00	TBA	6-9	
Nurse Aide	8 1/2	\$175.00	M & W	5-10	
PageMaker 5.0 Basic	8	\$100.00	W	6-8:30	
Photography I	10	\$100.00	M	6-9	
Photography II	10	\$100.00	W	6-9	
Problem Solving	4	\$60.00	W	6-9	
QuarkXPress 3.3 Basic	8	\$100.00	T	6-8:30	
Refrigeration I	10	\$100.00	W	6-9	
Refrigeration II	10	\$100.00	M	6-9	

### KENT REGIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SPRING GARDENING CLASSES 1996

CLASS	DATE	TIME	FEE	INSTRUCTOR
Composting Soils	5/7/96	7:30-9	\$7	Bosserman
Growing, Collecting & Arranging Dried Flowers	4/24/96	7:30-9	\$7	Weisner
Herb Gardening	5/14/96	7:30-9	\$7	Adkins
Home Greenhouses	4/16/96	7:30-9	\$7	Gilmet
House Plants	4/15/96	7:30-9	\$7	VanderHyde
Landscaping	4/11/96	7:30-9	\$7	Otter
Organic Gardening	4/9/96	7:30-9	\$7	Reusch
Perennials	3/28/96	7:30-9	\$7	Szymczak
Perennials	4/25/96	7:30-9	\$7	Szymczak
Propagation	4/18/96	7:30-9	\$7	Smith & Young
Roses	3/21/96	7:30-9	\$7	Otter
Vegetable & Flower Gardening	3/19/96	7:30-9	\$7	Kosten
Vegetable & Flower Gardening	4/23/96	7:30-9	\$7	Kosten

All classes will be located at the Kent Career Technical Center on the East Beltline. Call Nancy at the Byron Center Community Education Office at 878-1511 to register for any or all of these classes.

## LOWELL COMMUNITY EDUCATION SECOND SEMESTER - 1995-96.

# CALL MARGE 897-8434

### ALL CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22

#### NEW DAWN

New Dawn, an alternative high school for pregnant teens and young mothers, is located in the Runciman Building. To register, please call Marlene at 897-8235.

#### NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings Alternative High School is located in the Riverside Building. Eligibility is determined by a screening process. For information, call Marlene at 897-8235.

#### ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

If you are an adult with reading and/or math difficulty, we have help for you! These classes are FREE to most adults. Please call 897-8434 for information.

#### GED TESTING

Lowell Community Ed. is a GED testing site. Call 897-8434 for information.

#### DAVENPORT COLLEGE

For your convenience, Davenport College holds classes in the Riverside Building in Lowell. Please call the college for information.

#### GOLDEN AGE CARDS

If you are at least 60 years of age and retired, get a Golden Age Card by calling 897-8434 for an application. It is useful for discounts and for free admission to school athletic events.

## ★ ★ ENRICHMENT CLASSES ★ ★

#### INTRO TO IBM COMPUTERS

Begins Thursday, January 25; 6:30-10 p.m. FREE to adult non-grads; \$75 fee for others. Class runs 17 weeks.

#### SANCHIN-RYU KARATE

Junior Karate, Women's Self-Defense, and Open Family Karate - (for all ages). One-hour or two-hour classes. Classes meet each Monday evening, 7:00 p.m. in the Riverside Building.

#### ATHLETES IN MOTION

(A safety awareness & self-defense program for children & teens)  
Alto Elementary School, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996 6:30 p.m..  
Runciman Community Building, beginning Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996, 6:45 p.m.

#### ONE DAY PIANO WORKSHOP

(The Chord Approach To Piano)

You will learn how to play any pop tune with both hands in this ONE three-hour workshop. The secret lies in using chord symbols rather than reading all the notes in the music. (You will need to know the treble clef.) For piano, organ, or portable keyboard. Workshop will be held in the Runciman Building on Tuesday, March 5; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fee is \$50, which includes a workbook and 60 minute cassette tape for home study and practice. You must register in advance by calling Marge at 897-8434.

#### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

We have space for a few more players for Wednesday or Thursday night volleyball. Please call 897-8434 for details.

## GUN & HUNTER SAFETY

### March 9 and March 16 • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$10.00

- For anyone previously unlicensed and born after January 1, 1961. (12 year minimum age)
- Class is held at Union High School, 1800 Tremont NW, Grand Rapids, MI
- Bring a sack lunch.
- Must attend both classes to receive the orange hunting card.
- To enroll call Nancy at 878-1511 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please specify class and dates.
- Sponsored by the Kent Regional Community Education Association.