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Marron takes front stage as LAAC presents him with the 15th Annual Arty Award

Jim Marron is as accustomed to being backstage as onstage. Marron was in the spotlight again as he was named the recipient of the 1996 Arty Award Thursday (Jan. 18).

The award is in recognition of a Lowell Area Arts Council member who has given significantly to the work of promoting the arts in the Lowell area.

Marron and his wife Evie are charter members of the LAAC. He has served in many capacities including terms on the board of directors, a position he currently holds.

"His special interest has always been theatre, and it has been with the annual production of community theatre where Jim has found Jim Marron, cont'd. pg. 8

Below, Lowell Area Arts Council chairperson Jill VanAntwerp presents Jim Marron with his "Arty" Award plaque. Pictured right is Marron standing with the "Arty" Award.



Planning Commission gives final site plan approval for Lowell 5 Theater

Construction is scheduled to begin in March and the theater is scheduled to open in June.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Asked if he was surprised at the speed in which things were moving along, Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc. president Robert Goodrich replied with a smile, "I've done this before."

The Lowell Planning Commission gave final site plan approval to Goodrich's Lowell 5 Theater, his 16th location.

The structure will be a 13,252 square foot five-screen movie theater at the west end

of Ridgeview Plaza.

Goodrich said the new structure is intended to be theatrical and fun, and bring about a sense of adventure.

Commissioner Jim Hall said he had a concern that the design sketch of the theater was not in content with the surrounding buildings.

"The architectural design is in severe contrast to the surrounding buildings," Hall said. "I'm not sure it fits in with the agricultural and milling community."

With the planning

commission's final approval, Goodrich said construction would begin sometime in March. "I expect the theater will open in June," Goodrich said.

The commission's approval of the final site plan was contingent on several conditions: The Michigan Department of Transportation's approval of an angled drive off M-21; that the trash compactor in back of the building be camouflaged by masonry that matches and blends with

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Cost of emergency response calls worries Lowell Charter Township officials

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The cost of Lowell City rescue workers responding to calls at Cumberland Manor has Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson a little concerned.

Timpson is worried that too many rescue workers may be responding to some calls that are less than an emergency.

"You can't say to respond to one rescue call, but not others," said Timpson. "But in the past some of the calls have been for lifting assistance and other nonemergencies."

Timpson's concerns center around eight rescue runs in November that were billed to the township in December. A total of 48 rescue workers responded to these 8 calls.

Timpson said the cost figures show that between three and nine rescue workers responded to each call "which can get expensive." The township is charged \$10 per person for every rescue worker who responds to a

call.

"We just want the Lowell City rescue workers to keep in mind the number of people responding," he said. "When the need is there the money is well spent, but I don't think their workers are crazy about running out to false alarms, not that I'm saying all the calls are false alarms, but they need to be investigated a little better."

Lowell City rescue workers' response to calls at Cumberland Manor adds up over a year, according to Timpson, and the money spent for each call can also add up.

"Something's got to be done. When people call in they need to determine if assistance is really needed," said Timpson. "Responding to unnecessary calls is not a good use of taxpayers' funds."

Timpson plans on meeting with ambulance officials regarding his concerns and may meet with Cumberland officials depending on the outcome of the meeting with ambulance officials.

Roberta Jayne residents to get some much needed assistance

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Christmas is over, but that didn't stop Roberta Jayne residents from expressing their seasonal joy with Lowell City Council's decision on how to spend its Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

"We appreciate any assistance we can get in solving the high groundwater table problem. It's been a long and expensive one for us," said Marilyn Branham.

The council approved using the \$39,643.35 in block grant funds to help fund the proposed underdrain pipe to be constructed immediately west of Roberta Jayne Street.

This project is estimated to cost \$67,000. The balance of the cost will come from the general funds.

Councilman Jim Hodges said he could not guarantee it, but if the project cost is more than the estimated price it is likely those funds would also come from the general fund. A Roberta Jayne Street resi-

dent questioned whether it would be special assessed back to them.

In years past funds from the block grant have been used to reovate the upstairs of the library, build a well house and build a booster station.

Perry Bieber said he was at the meeting to support anything that favored spending monies toward the highwater table problem.

Newly elected councilman Chuck Myers questioned how it is determined whether

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Lowell's Thompson appointed as city's new mayor

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For 12 years Bill Thompson sat to the left of former mayor, James Maatman.

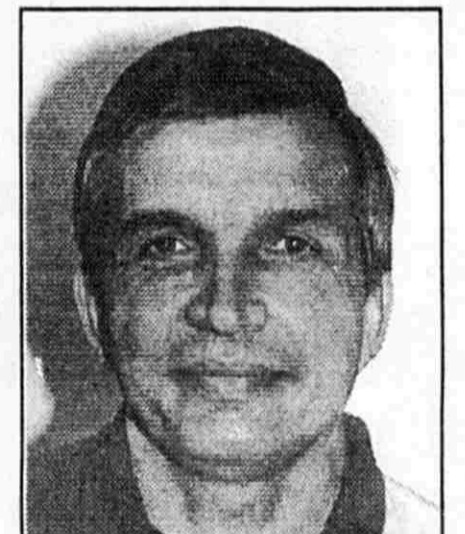
That changed Jan. 2. Thompson was appointed by the council to replace Maatman as Lowell's new mayor.

"I really didn't think Jim would leave. In fact, I asked him to stay on," Thompson

said. "I was approached by council members to replace Jim. It is something I wanted to do and with a recent job change I have a little more freedom."

Thompson's new role as mayor will require that he chair meetings, review and sign checks, sit on the Look Committee and represent Lowell at city functions.

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Bill Thompson

Lowell Charter Township finds cost assistance for Bowes Road project in Community Development Block Grant

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Board will allocate \$40,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the realignment of the Bowes Road project.

They will also allocate \$5,000 to Rockford Ambulance for equipment and \$2,000 to North Kent Transit Service.

The \$40,000 represents funds accumulated from previous years and new funds added this year.

The township rolled over \$44,503 of CDBG funds from last year toward these projects

and is eligible for \$10,035 in new CDBG funds. It has \$47,000 worth of projects approved and will allocate the remaining funds at a later date.

The project, which is currently being reviewed by the

city and county, was approved last year as a project eligible for CDBG funding, said township clerk, Carol Wells.

CDBG funds are allocated to townships and vil-

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Thompson connects with space,
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Myers resigns from commission,
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OBITUARIES

MYERS - Harold R. Myers D.O., aged 81, of Ft. Myers, FL, formerly of Lowell, died after a brief illness at the Hospice Care Center, January 18, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Myers. Surviving are his six children, Dr. Steven (Sally) Myers of Newberry, ML, John (Cheryl) Myers of Punta Gorda, FL, Larry Myers of Eureka, CA, Joanne (William) Forsyth of Grand Rapids, Anne Myers Smith of Grand Rapids and Carol (Dale) Myers-Austin of Grandville; also 17 grandchildren. "Doc" practiced family medicine in Lowell for over 30 years. In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

SMITH - Virginia L. Smith, aged 52, of Alto, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 1996, at Penmook Hospital. She was born February 13, 1943, in Bowne Twp., the daughter of

Frank and Marguerite (Allerding) Kauffman. She graduated from Lowell High School and from Grace College and was married to William S. Smith in Clarksville. She taught school in Indiana and the Alto Public Schools for 18 years retiring due to ill health. She was a member of the Calvary Grace Brethren Church of Alto. Surviving are her husband William; her parents Frank and Marguerite Kauffman of Hastings; two brothers Hillis (Jan) Kauffman of Battle Creek, Murray Kauffman of Alto; two sisters-in-law Inez Kauffman of Alto and Helen Boot of Alto; her mother-in-law Leona Smith of Alto, four nephews and one niece. She was preceded in death by a brother Thomas Kauffman, October 28, 1987. Funeral Services were held Friday, Jan. 19, 1996, at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto, Rev. Mick Funderburg officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Grace Brethren Church.

Brothers take turns winning geography bee

Turn-around is fair play even in Lowell Middle School's geography bee.

Two years ago, Aaron Kaeb won the LMS geography bee. His brother Ben was second.

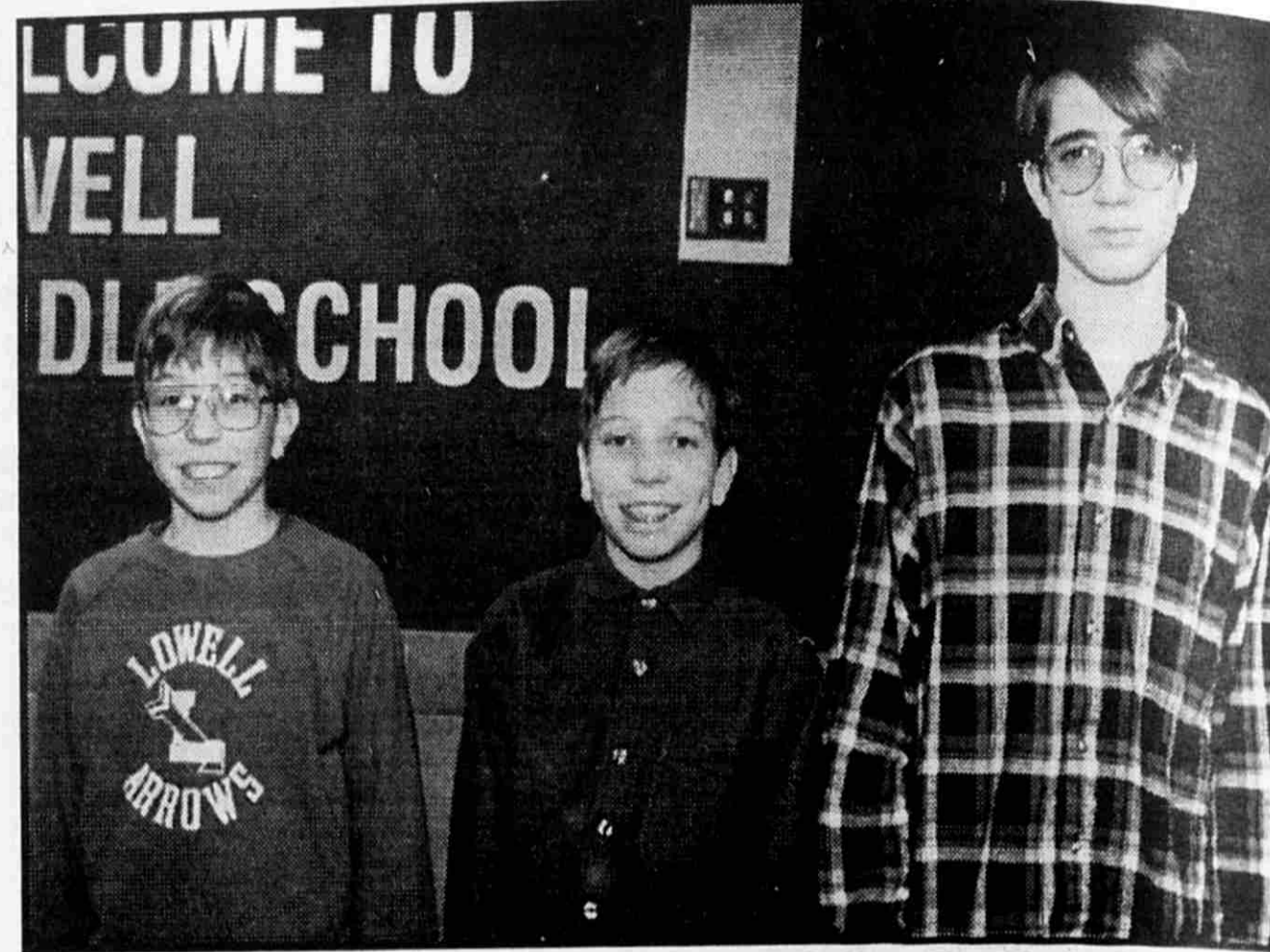
This year the roles were reversed. Ben Kaeb won the geography bee and Aaron finished in second place, tied with co-runnerup Jim Willits.

By winning the school-level competition of the national geography bee, Ben Kaeb gets a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, in which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the eighth annual National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic World and the Chrysler Corporation.

Ben Kaeb was one of 24 finalists who scored 35 or better out of a possible 39 points to qualify as a participant for the school-level competition.

The school winners from around the state will now take a written test, with up to



Pictured from left to right: Aaron Kaeb, second place; Ben Kaeb, first place and Jim Willits, second place.

100 of the top scorers in each state and territory being eligible to compete in their state bee on March 29.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National

Geography Bee on May 28th and 29th.

The geography bee was developed through a concern with the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

A 10-country Gallup survey conducted in 1988 and

1989 found that people in the U.S., ages 18-24, knew less about geography than young people in other countries.

The National Geographic Society declares its mission as the "increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge"

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The Salvation Army was recently presented \$1,000 of free Amoco gasoline, which translates to more than 12,000 miles of free gasoline for their trucks. The day also marked Lt. Col. Cheyne's last day before retiring from his post at the Salvation Army.

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Business Matters



Joice Smith

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Relatives searching for Sprague descendants

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Silas's father was Ignatius Sprague, born November 17, 1758, in Windham, CT. However, no information is available about his mother and no proof that Silas is the son of Ignatius. We will gladly share Sprague information we have compiled.

If you have any information please write: L & N Struck, 2234 Hermitage Dr., Davison, MI 48423.

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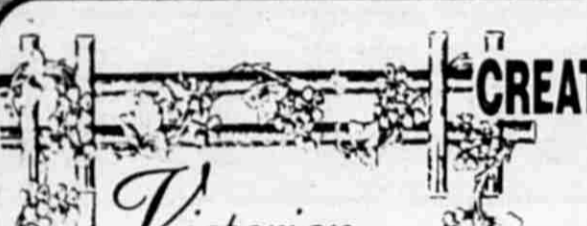
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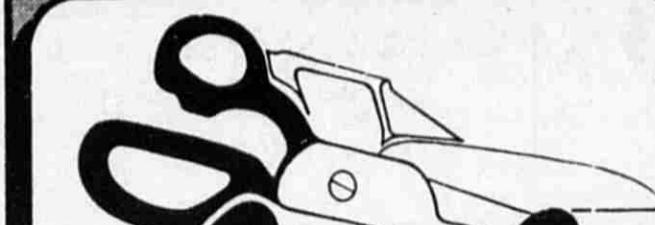
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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come into you... (John 16:7)

No other person can take the place of Mother, especially when one is ill or in trouble. Her touch soothes the feverish brow. Her caress brings healing. Her words sustain and encourage. Her presence brings reassurance and confidence. No human can comfort as she can.

Before Jesus Christ left this earth, He promised His disciples He would not leave them comfortless. But, He told them it was necessary for Him to depart before the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, could come to abide with them. "If I depart," He said, "I will send Him unto you." He further assured them that when the Comforter came, He would reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment,

and He would guide God's children into all truth.

Today Christians have need of the comfort which the Holy Spirit gives. He lifts up a standard against the enemy when he comes in like a flood. The Comforter binds up the broken-hearted, proclaims liberty to the captives, and opens the prison to those who are bound. He guides with His counsel and endures God's children with power to live victoriously. His presence brings the confidence needed to cope with the challenges of everyday living. He comforts "as a mother..."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thou hast promised not to leave me comfortless. Thank Thee for the Holy Spirit Whose presence abides with me daily and "as a mother" brings healing balm to my troubled heart. Amen.

As a mother stills her child,

Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey
Thy will

When Thou sayest to them
"Be still!"

Edward Hopper

LAAC brings "Play On" to the Performing Arts Center

The Director's Chair is an uneasy seat in Rick Abbot's "Play On" to be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council 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. At every moment that the actors feel confident that they might be



ready for opening night, in walks the amateur author to announce that she has rewritten a "few" pages. The results are chaos and comedy.

The three performances will be at 8 p.m. each night in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. All seats are \$7 on Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, tickets are \$5 with a special price of \$4 for students 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 Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Excellence in Art



Five Lowell High School students received Scholastic Art Awards in the regional competition at the Kendall College of Art & Design. The regional competition is the first step in obtaining national recognition in Scholastic Art Awards. Receiving awards for Lowell were, pictured left to right: Jessica VanderWal (senior), honor award in painting; Mike Gannon (junior), honor award in drawing; Austin Hardy (senior), honor award in graphic design; Aaron Taber (senior), gold key and award of honor in photography; Jayna Fuller (sophomore), silver award in drawing. The Lowell students also received Kendall College of Art & Design scholarships. There were 750 works entered in the regional competition; only 145 were selected.

Grandparents are John and Darlene Heeringa of Howard City, formerly of Lowell and Roger and Pat Billock of Walker. Great-grandmas are Opal Shepard and Grandma Ginger and loving aunt, Suzie.

Chris and Marcie Page of

Lowell are pleased to announce the arrival of an early Christmas present! A baby girl, Brooke Emily-Marion Page was born on December 21, 1995. She weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Brooke is welcomed home by big sister Kayleigh Elizabeth and big brother

Brennan James. Proud grandparents are James and Mary Dumbbeck of Lowell and Albert and Betty Page of Cascade. Proud great-grandmother is Ila Knapp of Cedar Springs.

Chris and Marcie Page of

AREA BIRTHS

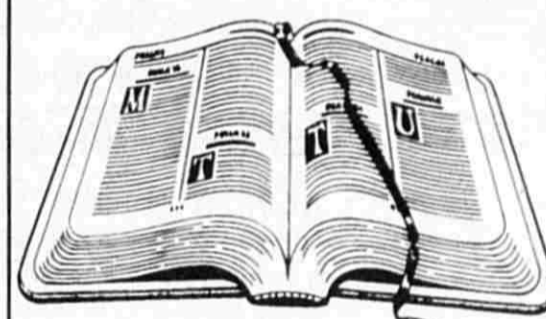
Steve and Bonnie Billock are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Tanner James, born November 24, 1995 at St. Mary's Hospital.

He weighed 11 lbs. 3 1/2 oz. and measured 24 inches long. Tanner is welcomed home by brother Steven and sisters Bethany, Chelsea and Aubrey.

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Week Of Jan. 29, 1996

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TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun (Catsup, Mustard, Pickles), tater tots, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dinner roll with margarine or peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: 1/2 DAY - ALL STUDENTS. BREAKFAST SERVED!

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, baked beans, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Ravioli or burrito or chef salad. Choose Two: Corn, side salad, fruit juice, French bread and margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or chili dog in a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Baked potato, side salad, carrot sticks, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or Swiss steak or chef salad. Choose Two: Mashed potato & gravy, peas, side salad, homemade dinner roll & margarine, fruit or gelatin with whip, milk.

THURSDAY: 1/2 DAY - ALL STUDENTS. BREAKFAST SERVED. LUNCH.

FRIDAY: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich or chicken patty in a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Side salad, baked beans, turkey vegetable soup & crackers, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

Viewpoint . . .

Thad's Thoughts

Many Ledger subscribers read Joan Wittenbach's book review column on children's literature. Almost all educational studies show that children benefit greatly from being read to at a young age. Invariably reading Joan's column reminds me of a book(s) that was read to me and the rest of my fourth-grade classmates. The book was written by Franklyn Meyer. It is entitled *Me & Caleb*. Its sequel is called *Me and Caleb Again*. My memories of these books and the adventures of the young boys that were chronicled in them have stayed with me and probably have even grown over time. Thinking back, I am now sure that the books' legacies were substantiated by the reader, the presenter of the material.

I'm speaking about my fourth-grade teacher. I've written before about the fondness and great admiration I carry for my fourth-grade teacher (Mrs. Lang).

I can still remember her laughing so hard that tears were rolling down her face. She read the books with such enthusiasm and passion. The 20 or so students couldn't help but be enveloped by the story and its teller.

As fourth-grade students we may not have realized it, but more importantly, she put that chip in our mind that said reading is fun. One thing about young kids that hasn't changed over the years is that if it's fun, they are an interested party.

This whole reading thing may also be the cause for some guilt I carry around with me. I am a terrible reader of books. In fact, I don't read books. I read newspapers and magazines. I've tried to read books, but it's something I do not do well. I have to work at it.

Anyhow, need I digress... back to Joan's column. It has been a constant reminder of this book tandem written by Meyer that I and others loved as children. So a couple of weeks ago I decided enough was enough. I was going to do my own children's book review. If *Me & Caleb* was the best thing since "sliced bread" when I was a kid, then today's fourth-graders should know about it and read it too.

While I remembered the titles of the books, I didn't recall the author's name. So I called the Kent County Public Library. I told them what books I was looking for and *shazam* if they didn't come up with the author's name. *Shazam*, wasn't that a cartoon or a comic book years ago?

After giving me the author's name, I asked if the books were available within the system. The answer was "yes." However, I'd have to make the request through the Lowell branch. When the books became available, they'd be shipped in the direction of Lowell.

When sharing with a fellow employee of what I had done, she told me, "Thad, you can't go home again." - It's possible, she will be right. The books will have lost that luster I've held for them all these years. That's probably why we call her "God" around here.

Anyway, I've got the books and I've begun reading *Me and Caleb*. In doing so, maybe I risk tarnishing childhood memories of what great books these were, but it may also reaffirm and reintroduce to me why they were so captivating to fourth-graders some 25 or so years ago.

The reading should be fun. Reading.....Fun..... Somewhere a wise fourth-grade teacher smiles.



GOVERNOR ENGLER UNVEILS HIS GOALS FOR 1996 IN HIS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Last Wednesday, Governor John Engler gave his sixth State of the State Address to the people of Michigan. In his speech, he praised the work of the legislature for the past five years for making our state "a model for the nation." He outlined a number of aggressive reforms to help Michigan continue down the path of prosperity and reform.

Some of the highlights of the Governor's address: **"No-form, No-file" Income Tax:** The Governor proposed this initiative as the ultimate reduction in paperwork. Through this voluntary program, qualified taxpayers may choose the no-form, no-file option at the beginning of the tax year. By doing so, an individual will not have to file a state income tax return. Of course, taxpayers who itemize to take advantage of current exemptions, credits and deductions may continue to file a return.

"Clean Corporate Citizen" Environmental Permit: This program is another way to cut government red tape. Our most environmentally-conscious corporations, which consistently meet or exceed Michigan's tough environmental standards,

will be given a Clean Corporate Citizen designation by the Department of Environmental Quality. This designation will become a hassle-free state permit that will allow these corporations to save time that would be spent in the application process as they expand and create jobs in our state. The economy benefits and the environment benefits because the state can target more resources to projects that need greater attention.

Cabinet Reorganization: Over the past few years, Michigan has earned the reputation as a leader in government reform. Continuing down this path, Governor Engler proposed merging the Department of Public Health with the Department of Mental Health to create the Department of Community Health. He also proposed merging the Department of Labor with the Department of Commerce to create the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. These moves will eliminate a great deal of overlap and redundancy that exists between the merging departments.

Renaissance Zones: The Governor reaffirmed his call for tax-free Renaissance Zones to help revive economically struggling areas of the state. This plan is aimed at the urban and rural sections of Michigan that have not yet shared in our record growth and prosperity. By making it more attractive for businesses to operate or people to live there, we hope to inject life into these areas.

More Charter Schools: We must do better in preparing our children for their future. We must make sure that the day they graduate from high school, they are job-ready or college-ready. Charter Schools was an initiative the Governor presented a few years ago to improve the quality of education in Michigan by introducing competition into our public school system. In his address, he called for at least 20 more charter schools in the Detroit area and many more throughout the state.

electric lighting to the township, and a more convenient voting place.

Friends of the national parks and women are working against the proposed new water power act, which would allow dams and power generation in national parks.

Farmers are increasingly going to 12-hour lighting of hen houses to increase production in the winter.

An ordinance for excavating sewer and water lines in public streets is published. In general, any opening or connection costs one dollar each, and only the village can do the digging.

A full-page ad from the "Waxahachie Daily" tells about the Texas Oil Products Company whose stock has been aggressively promoted in Lowell.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 24, 1946
The Lowell Community council is organized to meet community needs (housing locally and the national clothing drive). Local organizations, industries and churches send representatives.

It is reported that there is local sentiment toward prohibiting beer sales on Sunday.

Nearly two million workers are on strike in the U.S. There are 380 veterans attending Michigan State College who are living in Jenison Gymnasium until house trailers can be moved in.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 21, 1971
The police department reports no fatal or serious injury traffic accident during 1970.

Council opts out of the mayor's exchange lottery, choosing Portland as an exchange partner.

Forty-seven new homes were built in Lowell during 1970, and 133 properties remodeled or built.

The High Street and Foreman Street sewer assessments that turned out to be almost double the estimates have been changed from five years at six percent to 10 years at three percent.

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 24, 1896
A benefit speech by the well-known Washington Gardner for ailing veteran Earl W. Avery is well attended, raising \$70. Gardner emphasizes the hardships of war, lest the young men present think otherwise of soldier life.

Most local news is of visiting and who's sick. "Citizen" writes, "Why will our citizens throw refuse in the alleys to be blown around the corners to litter the streets and scare horses?"

Mr. Fandy of Ionia has rented a corner of Train's Opera House for a cigar factory and smoking parlor. The Michigan Association of ex-prisoners of war met in Grand Rapids yesterday.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 20, 1921
The Vergennes Cooperative Club is working on bringing

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

SNOW SHOVELING AND THE RISK OF HEART ATTACK

Every winter in Michigan you hear or read about adults, particularly males, who die suddenly while shoveling snow. Is there really a greater risk to this activity? The answer is YES.

A study done recently at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI took 10 healthy men aged 22 to 35 and measured their heart rate, blood pressure and oxygen intake as they shoveled clear, heavy, wet snow. They compared these values to ones taken while the men exercised on a treadmill to the point of exhaustion.

Shoveling snow was considerably more demanding than the treadmill exercise - after only 10 minutes of shoveling, heart rate and blood pressure much exceeded the rates noted after 10 minutes on the treadmill. It's not surprising. Each shovelful of snow weighed about 16 pounds, and each man lifted about 12 shovelfuls a minute, or 2,000 pounds for 10 minutes work. That's about the same as lifting a sports car.

In addition to the staggering weight lifted during snow shoveling, the cold air of winter is also a risk factor. Cold air constricts blood vessels, which may raise heart rate and blood pressure to the point where susceptible people may suffer chest pain, irregular heart beat, or heart attack.

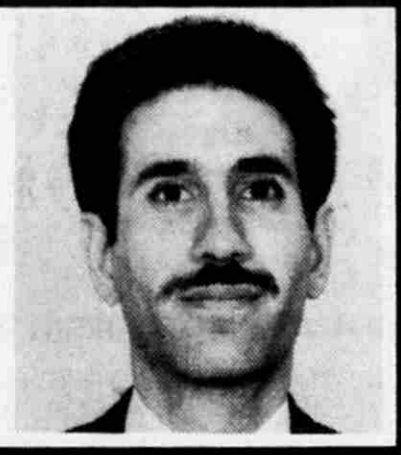
If you are not in good shape, smoke or live a sedentary life, consider hiring out the snow removal. It probably makes good sense.

The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time.
—Willie Tyler

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.
—Phyllis Diller

LEGAL EASE

With
Jonathan J. David



Dear Jonathan: I recently loaned \$10,000 to my son to get him out of a bind. I made it clear to him that it was a loan and expected to be repaid and he agreed to pay me back. However, I did not make him sign any papers. My question is what will happen if I die prior to him paying me back. Although my will divides everything equally between my son and two daughters, I want my son's share to be reduced by the amount he still owes me at the time of my death. What should I do?

Jonathan says: First of all, you should have your son sign a promissory note evidencing the loan. This note should include the amount of the loan, the date of the loan, what interest he has agreed to pay you on the principal and the terms of payment. By doing this, you not only evidence the existence of the loan, but you get your son to formally commit to paying the loan back based on the terms set forth in the note.

Secondly, you should indicate in your will that your son's share of your estate is to be reduced by whatever amount is still due and owing you at the time of your death. By doing this, you are basically treating the outstanding balance due on the loan as an advancement against your son's share of your estate which assures that your three children will be treated equally.

Dear Jonathan: My husband recently died and while I was going through his things I discovered a couple of stock certificates and bank accounts that were titled in his name alone. This surprised me since we have always held all of our assets in both of our names and in fact all of our other assets are held in both of our names. When I tried having the stock and the bank accounts transferred into my name, I was told by both the bank and my stockbroker that these assets cannot be transferred into my name without a court order. The total value of the bank accounts and the stock is in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Is it true that I need to go through the court to have these assets transferred into my name?

Jonathan says: Yes. Since the stock certificates and the bank accounts were in your husband's name alone, then the only way you can get the titles on those assets changed from your husband's name to your name is to have the probate court assign those titles over to you. Since the total value of those assets, however, is under \$15,000, you are eligible for the "small estate" probate procedure. With this procedure you prepare a petition and order for assignment of those estate assets and then file that petition and order with the probate court along with the appropriate filing fee. If you have properly completed the paper work, then the court will generally execute the order assigning the assets immediately upon the filing of the petition and the payment of the filing fee.

There are a few other steps that you need to follow, so I recommend that you contact a lawyer or the probate court located in your county of residence to get further information as to what you need to do to finalize this matter. Good luck!

Dear Jonathan: I recently executed a durable power of attorney naming my best friend as my agent to act for me in the event I become disabled. I am not married and I do not

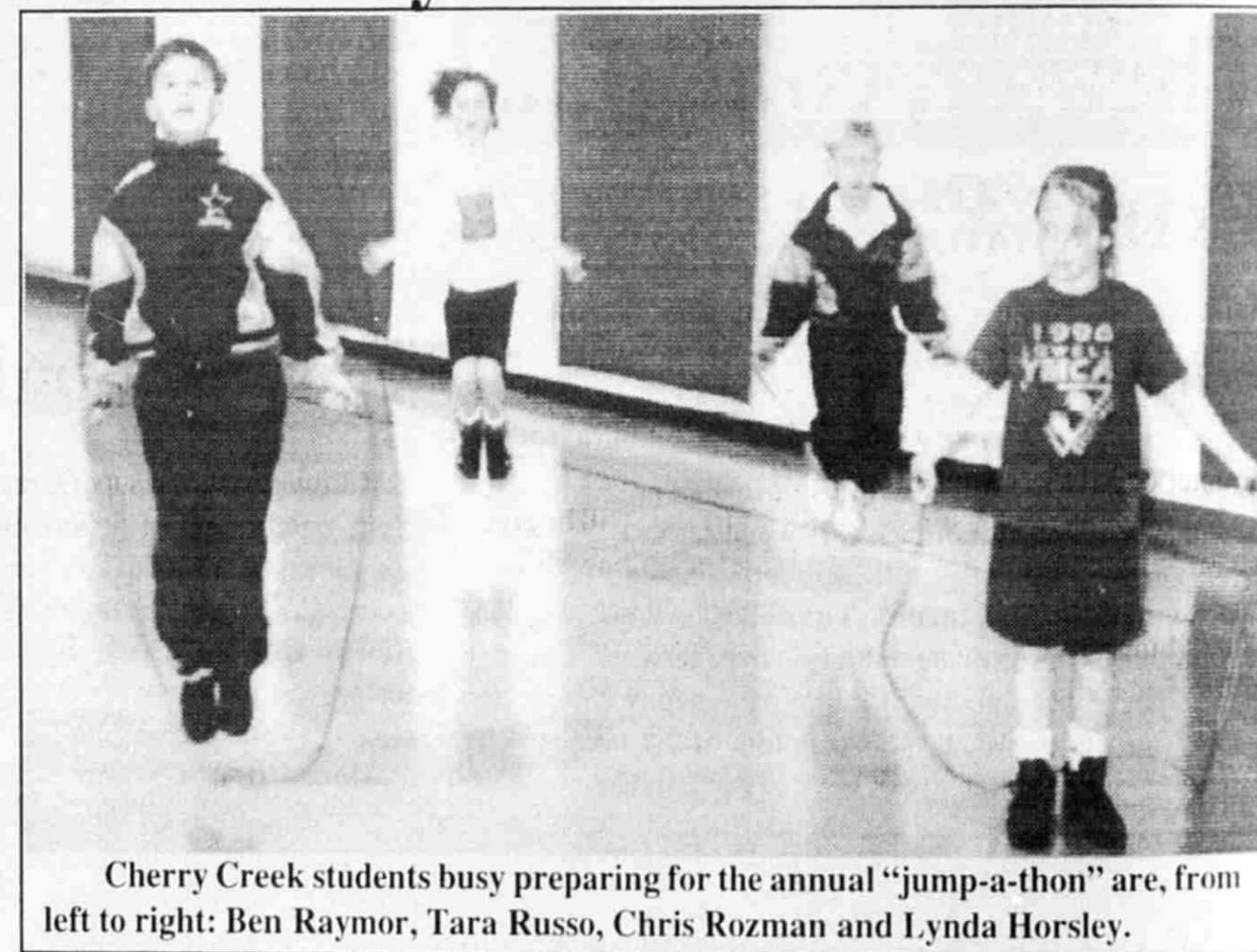
have any children so my friend was the logical choice. Recently my friend was hospitalized with a serious illness and thankfully she pulled through. However, when it wasn't clear as to whether she would survive or not, it made me wonder as to what would happen to me if I became disabled and my friend was no longer alive. If my friend is unable to serve as my agent, is my power of attorney still valid or would it become a useless document at that point?

Jonathan says: Assuming your friend is in fact unable to serve due to death or disability rather than simply refusing to serve, then your durable power of attorney would be of no use to you. I draw the distinction because your friend could simply refuse to serve for some reason and if your durable power of attorney contained a provision allowing her to appoint a substitute agent to act on your behalf, then she could appoint another agent to act for you and you would still have a viable durable power of attorney.

The reason your durable power of attorney would be useless to you if your friend is disabled or deceased is because you have not named an alternate agent to act in her place. If your friend cannot act and there is no alternate named, then the document cannot help you. Consequently, I recommend that you redo your durable power of attorney and name one or two individuals who you trust to act as alternate agents. This will give you some measure of protection in the event that your friend fails to act on your behalf.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

Students "jump" at the chance to raise money for Heart Association



Cherry Creek students busy preparing for the annual "jump-a-thon" are, from left to right: Ben Raymor, Tara Russo, Chris Rozman and Lynda Horsley.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jump Rope for the Heart is organized and conducted by physical education teachers, classroom teachers, parents and community organizations.

In 1979, a physical education teacher in Milwaukee, Wis., found a way to motivate her students to exercise through this school "jump-a-thon."

Last year more than 558 Michigan Jump Rope for the Heart coordinators helped teach the value of cardiovascular health and fitness to over 45,000 students throughout the state.

Cherry Creek Elementary students will be jumping in teams of five or six during their gym classes. Their goal will be to raise \$5,000 for the American Heart Association of Michigan during the week of Feb. 12-16.

Students will be asking businesses, friends, neighbors and family for pledge donations.

Early sponsorship support has come from the Cherry Creek Elementary physical education department, Lowell Area PTO and the Lowell Ledger.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a budget hearing at the February Special Meeting of the Lowell Township Board Monday, February 5, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE.

In accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should write or call:

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
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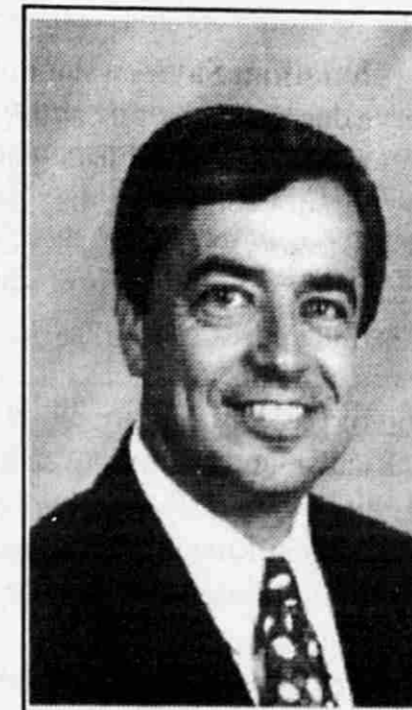


Myers resigns from planning commission

Stating his new appointment on the Lowell City Council and his involvement in the new library project as reasons, Chuck Myers decided to tender his resignation as a city planning commissioner.

Myers served five years on the planning commission. "Those five years of service have been a valuable learning experience for me," Myers said. "As I begin my new position on the city council, I realize the time required to serve both positions adequately is more than I can afford."

In Myers' resignation letter, the councilman said that one of his concerns as a commissioner was maintaining a positive, cooperative atmosphere for residents and business owners who present issues before the commission. He also called for a spirit of cooperation and consideration for the value of growth through a proactive business approach. "This would help avoid negative interaction of city officials and business citizens," Myers said.



Chuck Myers

In his letter, Myers explained that often the commission is faced with making a round peg fit in a square hole, whereby every ordinance must fit every circumstance.

"A proactive approach to business and our constituency make us city ambassadors, negotiating within constraints for the good of our community rather than acting as mere sheriffs, enforcing ordinances by the letter of the law," Myers said. "It becomes easy to allow the strict enforcement of ordinances to stand in the way of compromise for the greatest good overall."

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"I'm proud to be able to fill the role as mayor. I'm proud of Lowell and proud to represent it," Thompson said.

His father served on the Lowell City Council back in the late 50's and early 60's. Thompson watched

Maatman closely for 12 years.

"Jim had a knack for dealing with issues fairly and justly. He was always willing to go back and start over if facts indicated that needed to be done," Thompson said. The new mayor would like to follow Maatman's lead in that area.

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surrounding buildings; and that the sidewalk meets with approval of the Department of Public Works.

Some of the concerns brought up at the preliminary site plan review in November were answered by Goodrich and Bill Brunner of MHS Design Group.

Brunner said a matching six-foot high fence will be erected along the rear lot line. The proposed sidewalk along M-21 will have handicapped ramps and the handicapped parking spaces by the building will have depressed curbs or ramps.

Brunner and Goodrich did note that instead of 10 small landscape islands, the final design had just six. Brunner said that the six islands met or exceeded the area required by the ordinance.

"The new theater structure should bring about a sense of adventure," Goodrich said.

A.C. Geenan, owner of the Ridgeview Shopping Center, will lease the property and building to Goodrich.



Viable bacteria were reported in 1991 to have been recovered from sediments, three to four million years old from the Sea of Japan.

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School board honored

Lowell Schools superintendent Bert Bleke called the month-long celebration of School Board Recognition Month long overdue.

Michigan's 1996 theme - Uniting Communities Through Public Education - reflects national efforts to focus public education on the value of local governance in the American Democratic process and to stress the role of public education in bringing together people from all walks of life.

There are 4,200 state school trustees. They are elected to:

- Provide an equal chance for all to pursue the American dream.
- Encourage community input and involvement in the education process.

Serving on the local district for Lowell Area Schools are Marsha Wilcox, four years, president; Jack Lane, 7 1/2 years, vice president; Steve Idema, 3 1/2 years, treasurer; Norm Byrne, 7 1/2 years, secretary; Pete Gustafson, 1 1/2 years, trustee; Ellen McClain, 1 1/2 years, trustee; and Ann Mulder, 2 years, trustee.

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Voters say no-fault divorce leads to family breakdown

More than half of registered Michigan voters believe the state's no-fault divorce law has led to a breakdown of Michigan's families, according to results from a statewide survey released Wednesday.

When asked "Do you believe the state's no-fault divorce law has led to a breakdown of Michigan's families?" 56 percent responded "yes." In addition, an overwhelming 90 percent cited "a breakdown of morals in society" as the most prevalent factor in making divorce more acceptable in society.

Released by Citizens for Justice in Family Law, the survey polled 300 registered voters throughout Michigan in late December to measure public opinion on divorce and its impacts. The East Lansing-based Communication Research Institute (CRI) conducted the statewide telephone survey. Half of the respondents were female; half were male. Other survey findings:

- 93 percent of respondents believe divorce has long-term effects on children.
- Ninety-eight percent believe divorce negatively affects a child's sense of security; 94 percent believe it affects a child's ability to trust and 89 percent believe it affects a

child's self-esteem.

• Nearly two thirds of those surveyed believe women lose more than men in a divorce.

• When asked if children of divorced parents are more or less likely to get divorced themselves, two thirds of those surveyed said "more likely."

The survey results echo recent social science research on the impact of no-fault divorce and the effects of divorce on children. In a January 5 *Wall Street Journal* article, Rutgers University sociologist David Popenoe noted that "[c]hildren of divorce...have a two to three times greater risk of dropping out of high school, becoming delinquents, having out-of-wedlock children or getting

divorced themselves."

The release of the survey comes on the heels of a recent surge in the attention paid to divorce reform nationwide. Iowa—which is patterning its efforts after Michigan's—and other states are reconsidering their no-fault divorce laws. Michigan's package, introduced by Rep. Jessie Dalman (R-Holland) and currently before the Michigan Legislature, would replace the state's unilateral no-fault divorce law with a system of mutual consent divorce, whether or not minor children are involved.

Citizens for Justice in Family Law is a coalition of citizens seeking to educate the public on the effects of Michigan's no-fault divorce law.

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lages throughout the state for projects which will benefit the community as a whole.

The township must submit its CDBG fund application by Feb. 1 in order to receive funds.

If the funds are not used by this year, the township can carry them over for the same project or other projects next year, according to Wells. "If we receive all of the funding, we'll have \$7,500 left over for any potential project next year," said Wells.

COLLEGE NEWS

David Rottier and Hillari Madison were among the 1,221 students achieving placement on the fall quarter 1995 dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, dean of students, reported that 265 students earned straight A averages of 4.0.

Rottier, a senior, achieved a 4.0 and is majoring in electrical engineering.

Madison, also a senior, is majoring in biological sciences.

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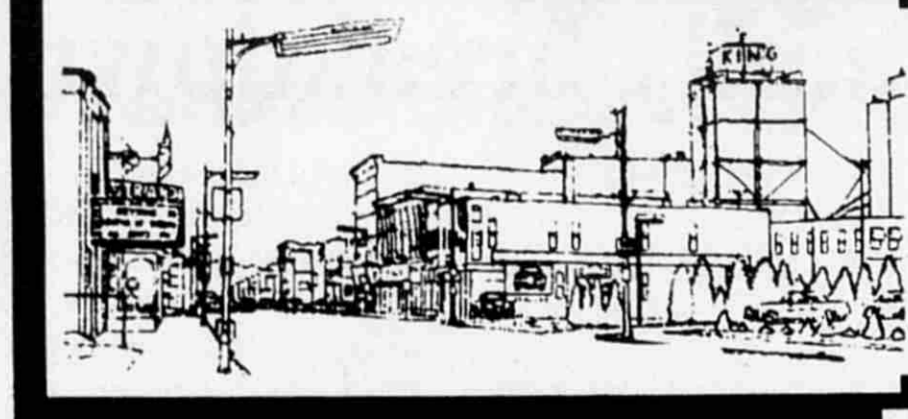
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YMCA ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL

The LYFL Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek P.T.O. room on Thursday, Feb. 15.

SENIOR PARENTS

The Steering Committee and Committee chairpeople would like to invite all parents of seniors to come to a public meeting to become involved in the planning and working of the Senior All-Nighter.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

WRESTLING SIGN-UP

Lowell freestyle wrestling sign up will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, Feb. 15 at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For information on cost, age groups and requirements, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin, 874-9318.

LAAC PRESENTS "PLAY ON!"

The play "Play On!" will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

On Thursday tickets are \$4 for senior citizens and students and \$5 for adults. Tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$7 and are available at the door or at the LAAC from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. everyday but Monday. For ticket information call the LAAC

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his niche in the arts council." role onstage or backstage in almost every production.

In 1978, Marron played Jonathan Brewster, a member of the strange family who was responsible for several murders in the ever-popular *Arsenic and Old Lace*. That was the first of the LAAC productions and Marron's favorite. Since then, he has played a

role onstage or backstage in almost every production.

His love for theatre has stretched well beyond the LAAC. He has been active in Civic Theatre and Circle Theatre, and has had roles at the Stage Three, Spectrum and Sand Lake theatres.

"The theatre has always provided me with a rush - sort of like a panic," Marron explained. "The first theatre I ever worked at was the Civic."

Marron said the liveliness of the organization (LAAC) is what has kept him active in it for 19 years. "My wife Evie has studied and has an interest in pottery," he said.

Throughout his membership with the LAAC, Marron has helped with building projects, Fallasburg Fall Festivals, White Elephant sales and gallery events.

Since his role as Jonathan Brewster, Marron has worked lights and sound in *The Haunting of Hill House*.

In 1981, Marron directed his first LAAC play *Strange*

Rick Gillett, Chairman

at 897-8545.

VISIONING EVENING

The Lowell Area Schools is sponsoring a "Visioning Evening." Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Cherry Creek School at 12675 Foreman Rd. The school's cultural organization subcommittee is organizing this evening, with help from a consultant, to gather input from 50 to 60 community and school persons in order to form benchmarks and set the stage for an organization dedicated to continuous improvement.

Are you willing to be part of this brainstorming process? Please call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 before January 31. This event is partially underwritten by Old Kent Bank and Lowell Engineering.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Two very informative seminars will be held for parents of area elementary students. These will be given by FMB - sponsored by the Lowell and Alto PTO's.

The Alto seminar is 7 p.m., Feb. 13 at the school and the Lowell seminar is 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Cherry Creek School cafeteria. You are invited to attend at either location.

LMS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

Lowell Middle School is looking for several girls volleyball coaches. Practice is scheduled to begin in late January and end in late March.

Qualified individuals interested in a coaching position should contact Barry Hobra at 897-4442.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION SEEKING APPLICANTS

The Vergennes Township Historical Commission is seeking applicants for the 1996-98 term of office. Appointments will be made at the March 25 meeting of the Township Board. Candidates should be residents of the township and interested in serving the community.

Contact Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, phone 897-5671.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Stephen Czajkowski, 29, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 12 and lodged in the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol, second offense.

Pamela Grubham, 35, of Lowell, sustained injuries in an accident Jan. 16 when she lost control of her car on Bowes Rd.,

skidded off the road and struck a tree near Main St.

Chadwick Woodbury, 19, of Ionia, was involved in a property damage accident on Main St. at Valley Vista Dr. Jan. 17 when the car he was driving was struck from behind by a car driven by Salley Frazee, 37, of Ionia.

Dannon Reeder, 37, of Ionia, was involved in a property damage accident on West Main near Valley Vista Dr. Jan. 17 when he struck the rear of a car driven by Kristopher McNeil, 18, of Grand Rapids.

Shawn Schmitz, 20, of Ionia, was arrested by Lowell officers Jan. 15 on a warrant issued out of Ionia County.

Gerald Wisner, a passenger in a car driven by Kay Wisner, 47, of Lowell, was injured in an accident Jan. 14 on Main near Pleasant St. when her car was struck by a hit and run driver.

Thomas Smith, 29, of Lowell, backed into a utility junction box on Grand River near S. Jackson St. Jan. 15. No injuries were reported.

Clarence Whittum, 29, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers Jan. 17 on a warrant issued out of the Muskegon County Friend of the Court office.

Angela Rutz, 18, of Saranac, and Brian Thompson, 17, of Lowell, collided in the Burger King parking lot Jan. 19. No one was injured.

Vehicles owned by Cheryl Ward, of Ionia, and Allen Miller of Lowell, sustained damage Jan. 19 when one of the cars rolled backwards and struck the other. Both vehicles were parked in a private lot off Godfrey St.

Kevin Smith, 42, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers Jan. 20 for open alcohol in a motor vehicle, two counts of assault and battery and resisting and obstructing.

David Bardwell, 30, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail Jan. 21 for domestic assault.

Paul Luna, 42, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers Jan. 19 for domestic assault.

Rodney Hemmingsen, 28, of Greenville, was arrested Jan. 20 for driving while license suspended, second offense.

Travis DenBoer, 19, of Lowell, was arrested Jan. 20 for driving while suspended, second offense and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Joshua Brower, 19, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court for open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle Jan. 20.

Mary Boos, 36, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Erika Hatfield, 28, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 16 when the vehicle she was driving slid on ice and struck a rock on West Main near Bowes Rd.

This year, Marron will be back onstage Feb. 8-10 playing Henry Benish in *Play On*, the 19th LAAC winter play.

Marron is a retired employee of the state department of social services. He has also played a role in the development and on-going operation of the Vein Observatory, and is a member of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association.

City manager Dave Pasquale said he expected work on the project to be started this summer.

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Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 5, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, for the purpose of receiving public comments on proposed amendments to Section 202 (Private Roads) of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Section 202.005, private road construction specifications, would be amended to add certain construction specifications for private roads serving at least two but less than five residential parcels.

Section 202.006, private road approval, would be amended to specify that the Township of Vergennes will not be responsible financially for any road cuts, curbs and gutters that may be required at the entry of a private road onto a public road.

A copy of the full text of the proposed amendments can be reviewed at the Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on February 5.

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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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP The Vergennes Township Cemetery Ordinance numbered 95-7 will hereafter be numbered 95-17. This change is in number only, and does not affect the content of the ordinance. Mari Stone, Clerk

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 1841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

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

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.

MON. - FRI: Senior Meals program, noon.

Special Events THURS., JAN. 25: 12:30 p.m., Shopping - Fruitbasket and K-Mart.

WED., JAN. 31: Women's breakfast.

WED., JAN. 24: Financial aid workshop at Lowell High School cafeteria, 7 p.m.

SUN., JAN. 28: Ada Community Reformed Church will be presenting Western Michigan Teen Challenge beginning at 5 p.m. The church is located at 7239 Thornapple River Drive just west of the light in the village of Ada.

THURS., FEB. 1: College night for all underclassmen from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Help for parents filling out financial aid forms.

FEB. 6 & FEB 15: Lowell freestyle wrestling sign up at Cherry Creek Cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information on cost, age groups and requirements, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin, 874-9318.

THURS., FEB. 8: National Assoc. of Retired Fed. Employees meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton at 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Senator Carl Levin. Subject: Legislation affecting the retiree.

FEB. 8, 9 & 10: Lowell Area Arts Center presents "Play On," a hilarious evening of theater on stage at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center, 11700 Vergennes. Call 897-8545 for ticket information.

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

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

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on the 12th of February, 1996 of the Lowell Township Planning Commission.

They will be considering Brian Monson's request to rezone a portion of his property (approximately 35 acres) located at 4102 Segwun S.E. in Section 23 (PP#s 41-20-23-200-015 and 41-20-23-300-008) from the present AG-1 (Agricultural 1) zone to an AG-2 (Agricultural 2) zone. Tentative text and zoning map may be examined at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information. Carol L. Wells, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Red Arrow gymnasts have their "finest hour" on beam

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three personal best performances on the balance beam highlighted a gymnastic meet that saw two Red Arrows qualify for the regional in two events.

Red Arrow gymnasts gave their best performance of the year in a 102.3 - 101.1 loss to Creston.

"All four girls have really shown improvement from the start of the season," Lowell coach Michele DeHaan said. "I'm really happy with the way the girls have come along."

The improvement was most noticeable on the balance beam.

Stepping forward with her best performance of the season, Brenda Lacey led Lowell on the beam with a mark of 8.6.

Not to be outdone were Shannon Laux and Skye Fisher, who also performed their beam routines at peak proficiency.

Laux recorded a season best 8.1 on the balance beam. Fisher also earned her highest score of the year with a 7.1.

Senior Trisha Schmidt earned a 5.35.

"We just didn't have many falls," DeHaan said. Creston's Beverly Borek and Sara Stankus were vault medalists with scores of 8.3.

Laux recorded another seasonal best with a score of 8.2. Laux's score qualified her for the regional in the vault.

Brenda Lacey tallied a 7.9. Fisher and Schmidt followed with scores of 5.65 and 5.45 respectively.

Borek led all gymnasts on the uneven bars with a score of 7.4. Lowell's Lacey posted a 7.15 while Fisher and Laux earned marks of 4.15.

Lowell has been most consistent throughout the year in the floor exercise. Things were no different against Creston.

Laux and Lacey both qualified for the regional with their scores. Lacey finished with an 8.45 and Laux tallied an 8.3.

Fisher earned a 7.6 with her floor routine. Schmidt scored a 4.9.

"All the girls did well with their routines. They didn't have any noticeable flaws," DeHaan said.

Holt Invitational

Lowell placed eighth out of 10 schools at the Holt Invitational on Saturday.

Holt won the tournament with 131.7 points. It was followed by Lansing Waverly 131.4; Plymouth-Salem 130.6; Napoleon 115.65; Jackson 114.6; Haslett 99.65; Ypsilanti 97.8; Lowell 95.25; Coldwater 93.65 and Everett 93.

"The girls were not as sharp at Holt as they were against Creston," Michele DeHaan said.

Top honors went to Plymouth-Salem's Kristen Kozak on

the vault. She scored an 8.7.

Lowell's Shannon Laux earned a 7.8 followed by Brenda Lacey 7.5; Skye Fisher 5.45; and Trisha Schmidt 4.45.

Plymouth-Salem's Zoe Yockey was the medalist on the uneven bars. She came off the bars with a score of 9.25.

Lacey tallied a 7.5 to lead Lowell. Laux earned a 4.25 and Schmidt scored a 2.05.

Jamie Redder, Lansing Waverly, scored a tournament

high 8.8 on the balance beam.

Fisher led all Lowell gymnasts with a mark of 7.45. She was followed by Lacey with a 6.8; Laux 6.2; and Schmidt tallied a 4.9.

Kozak earned top honors in the floor exercise with a score of 9.5.

Lowell had three gymnasts score above 8.0. Lacey scored an 8.65. Laux and Fisher scored an 8.25 and 8.0 respectively. Schmidt's 6.0 was her personal best.

Kuna and Christensen bestowed with honor



Former Lowell athletic director Bob Perry presents coaching service awards to Laurie Kuna and Phil Christensen



Former Lowell Athletic Director Bob Perry helped Lowell honor two of its former coaches for their years of service to the Red Arrows and for the impact they had and continue to have on Lowell students.

Perry presented plaques to Laurie Kuna and Phil Christensen at halftime of the Forest Hills Central basketball game Jan. 12.

Kuna served as the varsity volleyball coach for the last 13

years with only a brief hiatus.

Kuna said highlights included "working with some outstanding scholar athletes over the years." The Lowell coach also included winning the O-K White Tournament Championship in 1995 in a marathon match against Forest Hills Central.

Christensen served as head varsity football coach for the past 16 years and was a member of the football staff for 18 years.

He also served 15 years with the track team, eight as a head coach and seven as an assistant coach. He spent one year as the boys' tennis coach.

"It was a privilege for me to work with the kids and the community of Lowell," Christensen said.

TOWN TALK

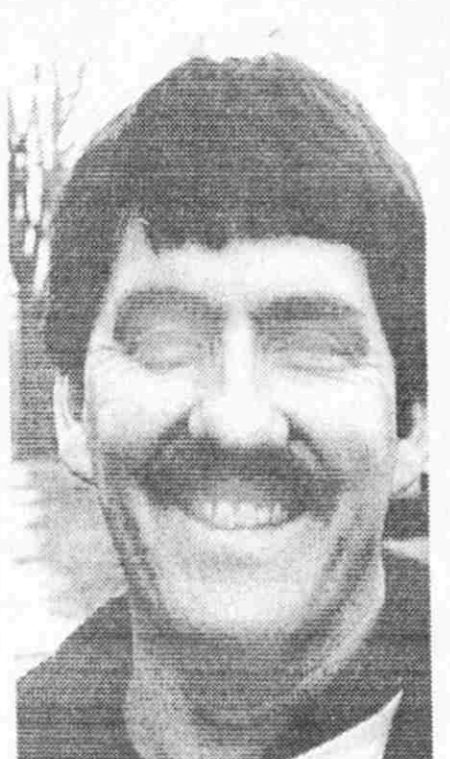
Who do you think will win the Super Bowl and what will the score be?



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Dallas will win 28-21.



Shirley Briggs
Dallas. The score will be 41-23.



Dave Fosburg
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Jeff Meyers
Dallas, 35-24



Joe Seitz
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Lowell wrestling team does an early number on Hastings

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A reversal of fortunes brought Lowell's wrestling team a wealth of points and a 39-37 O-K White victory over Hastings.

Two weeks ago Hastings was second in its L.H. Lamb Invitational. The Saxons finished nearly 70 points ahead of Lowell who finished seventh.

"We lost to Hastings in four weights at their tournament," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "I told the kids I thought if we could win those matches, we could beat Hastings in the dual meet."

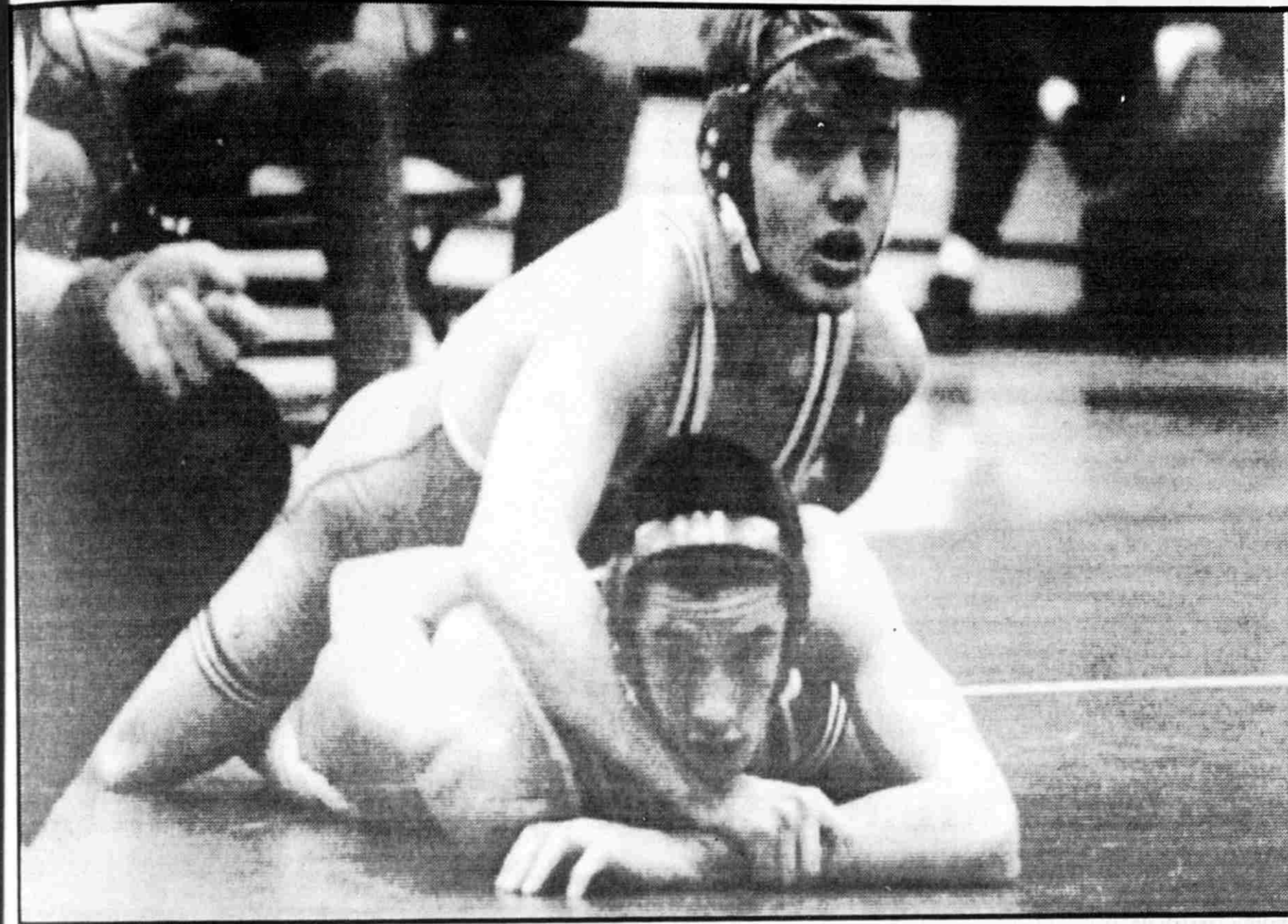
The Red Arrows won three of the four matches they lost at the invitational and secured a two-point victory.

The match was not as close as the score indicates, according to Hastings coach Dave Furrow. "The only thing close about the match was the final score."

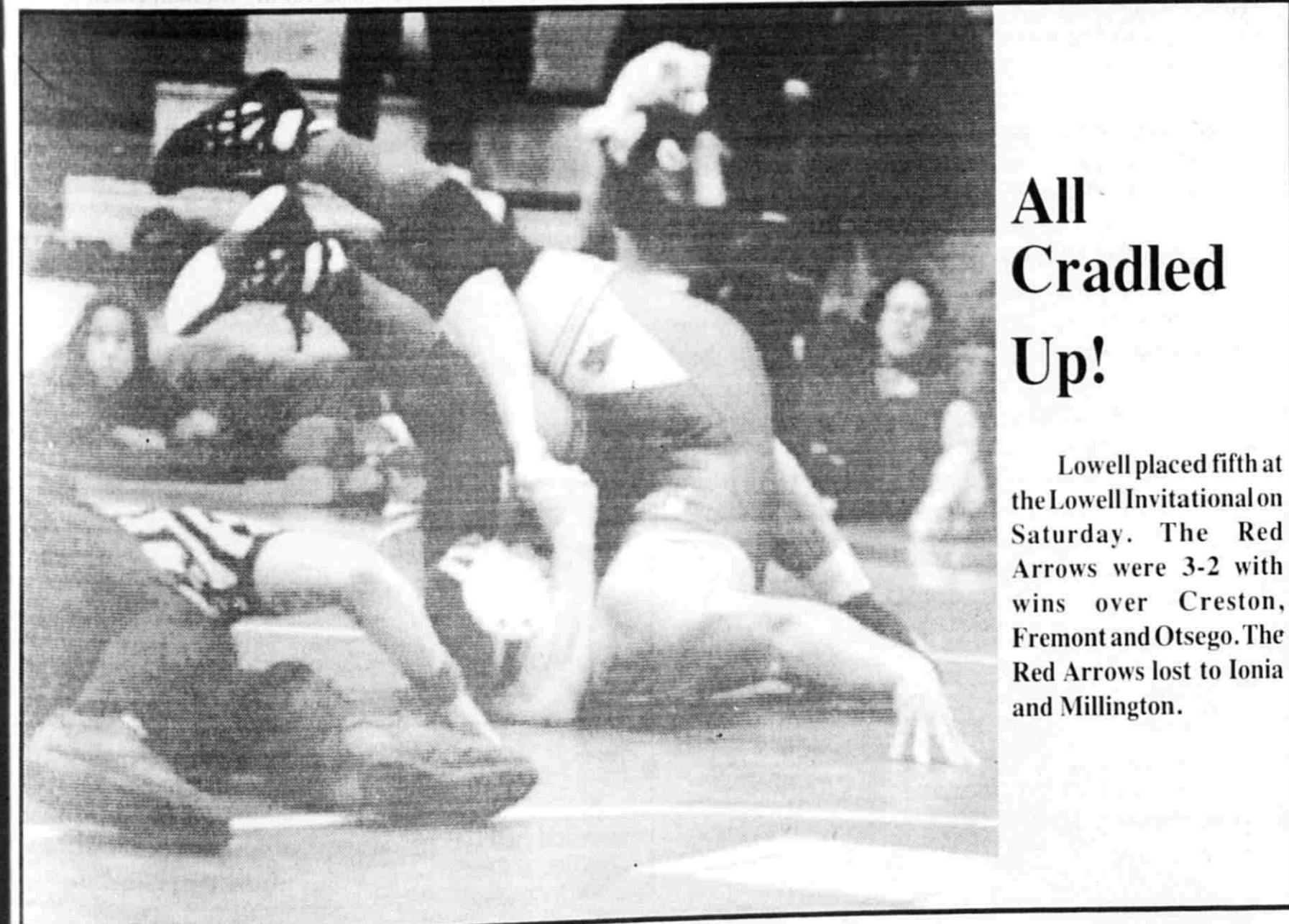
The 22-year Saxon wrestling mentor thought the key to the whole dual meet was the first match.

The Saxons sent out 103-pounder Luke Noteboom. Lowell's Nick West, who lost 8-4 to Noteboom at the Hastings tournament, tagged a pin on Noteboom in 1:21 of the first period.

"Record-wise Luke (20-3) is one of our better wrestlers,"



Brett Plattner takes control of his match early on against Millington.



All Cradled Up!

Lowell placed fifth at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday. The Red Arrows were 3-2 with wins over Creston, Fremont and Otsego. The Red Arrows lost to Ionia and Millington.

Furrow said. "I thought that loss took the wind out of our sails."

What made it even bigger in Furrow's eyes is that it was the only match of the first five that he expected his club to win.

Rivers, on the other hand, thought if his club could reverse its four tournament losses to Hastings, it would then come down to which team recorded the most pins.

Both clubs won seven weights; Lowell tallied six pins and Hastings tallied five.

However, Hastings' fourth and fifth pins did not come until after the match was decided.

"I guess this shows we were a good tournament team and not a good dual meet team," Furrow said. "We won the Wyoming Park tournament but lost to Park in a dual meet. We finished well ahead of Lowell in our tournament but lost the dual meet."

The win propels Lowell to 4-0 in the O-K White with Forest Hills Central waiting in the wings on Thursday.

Hastings was handled easily by the Rangers earlier in the season. "FHC was as good a wrestling team as I've seen that early in a season in my 22 years," Furrow said.

Rivers said he was very pleased with the way his young team wrestled. "The first five matches were key. The boys were really intense," he said. "I thought the West victory gave us momentum."

Following the pin by West, Casey Harper (112) pinned Ryan Rude in 3:50 of the second period.

Dan Spicer (119) followed with a pin against David Koutz at 2:52 of the second period.

Brett Plattner made it 21-0, Lowell, with a 5-2 decision over Jeremiah Cook.

Brad Lyons upped the ante to 27-0 with a pin over Michael Lipstraw at 4:34 of the third period. Lyons trailed 4-3 when he scored a reversal and pinned Lipstraw.

Momentum could have shifted to Hastings' side when Craig Bowen (135) pinned Travis Ebmeyer at 41 seconds of the first period...except Matt Inman (140) followed with an impressive first period pin against Jacob Miller at 1:42 of the first period.

"Inman has been up and down," Rivers said. "But give him one match to wrestle and he can beat anybody."

Saxon Tom Moore (145) pinned Kyle Roth at 2:52 of the second period, closing the gap to 33-12.

Again Lowell had an answer. Scott Hays (152) dispatched Bill Blair in 35 seconds, increasing the Lowell lead to 39-12.

Hastings won the final five matches. Matt MacKenzie pinned Steve VanLaan in 3:08 of the second period. Joel Uzarski (171) was decisively won by Kevin Morgan 9-3, closing Lowell's advantage to 38-21.

Mike Minier (189) lost an 18-8 decision to Jamie James. By avoiding a pin, Minier assured Lowell of a win.

Trailing by 14, Hastings recorded pins at 189 and heavy-weight.

Lowell Invitational

The host Red Arrows ended the day with a 3-2 record in the 10-team tournament.

It defeated Otsego 68-12 to earn a fifth-place position. Its other wins came against Creston 69-12 and Fremont 57-18.

The Red Arrows were defeated by Millington 53-10 and Ionia 38-33.

For the second straight year, the championship came down to a match between Millington and Richmond. Once again the meet wasn't decided until the heavyweight match. Richmond's heavyweight recorded a pin, giving the Blue Devils a 36-33 win and their second consecutive Lowell Invitational championship.

Other than its opening bout with Ionia, Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said he was pleased with his kids' effort. "Ionia out-wrestled us. Our boys didn't go at it hard enough," Rivers said. "We came out flat."

Lowell and Ionia battled nip-and-tuck through the first seven weight classes. The Red Arrows held a 22-20 lead going into the match at 160-pounds.

Steve VanLaan pinned Bulldog Chance Irvin in 59 seconds to increase Lowell's advantage to 28-20.

Joel Uzarski, 171 pounds, recorded a 22-7 major decision against David Cotter, increasing Lowell's lead to 33-20.

The Bulldogs fought back. Clay Hattinger posted a pin against Mike Minier at 5:03 of the third period. Ionia was within seven points at 33-26.

Tommy Dumas, 215, led 12-6 with 30 seconds to go in the third period. Ionia's Matt Kammeas then caught Dumas, put him on his back and pinned him at 5:59. The dramatic win brought the Bulldogs to within one at 33-32.

Heavyweights Jason Willard (Lowell) and Jason Bennett (Ionia) then decided the match. Bennett prevailed with a pin at 4:24 of the third period.

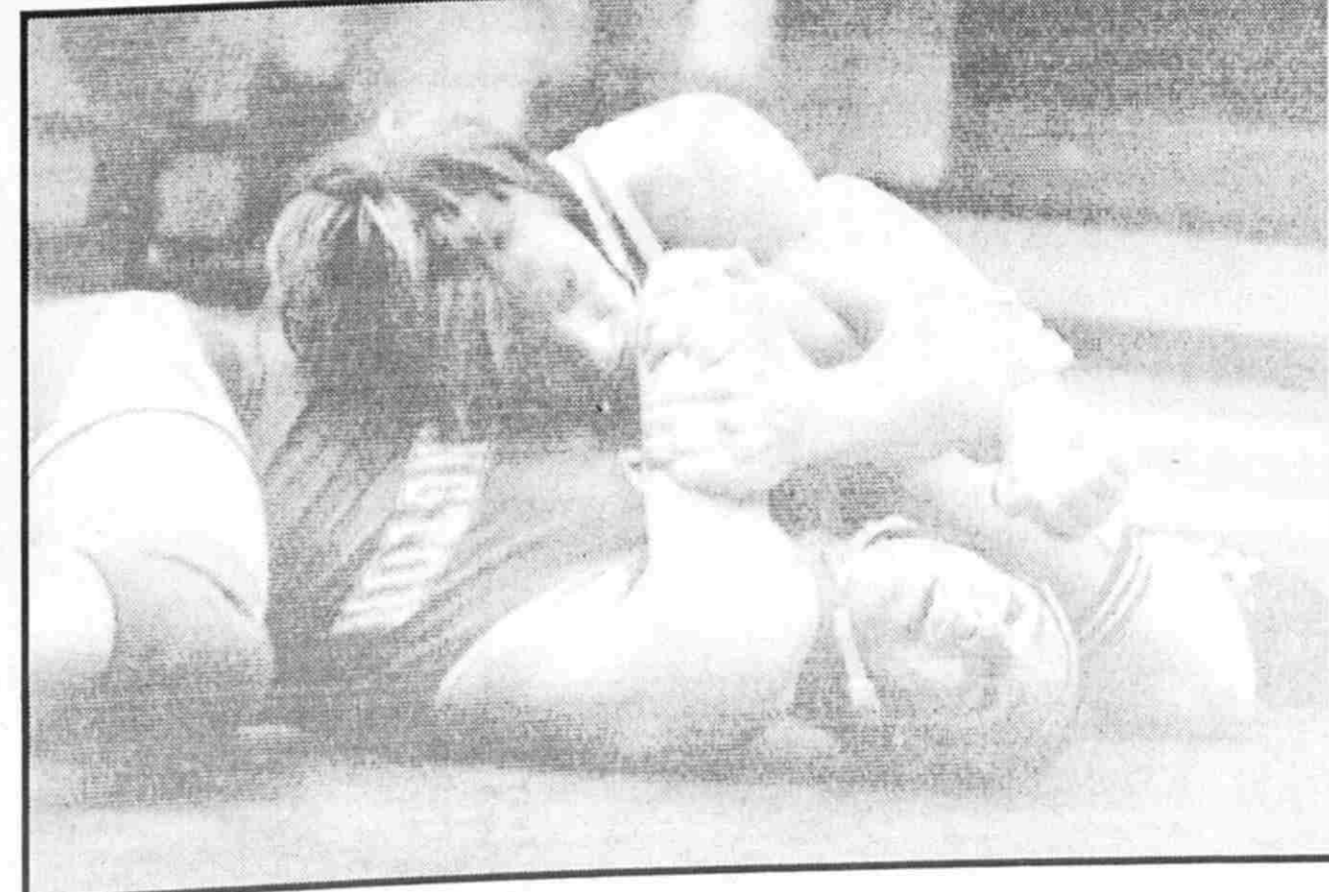
"The key matches were at 125 and 215," Rivers said.

At 125, Ionia's Mike Adamson decisively won Lowell's Brett Plattner 13-12.

Posting pins for Lowell were Nick West (103); Matt Inman (140); and Steve VanLaan (160).

Earning decisions were Dan Spicer, 119 pounds, 9-3; Dave Luyk, 135, 21-9; and Scott Hays, 152, 15-11.

Dan Spicer kept his slate clean with wins in all five dual meets on Saturday.



Lowell's offensive woes continue in 59-43 loss to Northview

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The frustrating offensive woes for the Lowell boys' basketball team continued Friday night at Northview as the Red Arrows lost an O-K White game to the Wildcats 59-43.

For Lowell it was its sixth straight conference loss without a victory.

"It's frustrating offensively because we're getting shots," Lowell coach Pete Bush said. "Right now the boys just don't have any confidence shooting the basketball."

The Red Arrows only field goal in the first 10 minutes of the game was a three-point shot by B.J. Barber at the 3:47 marker of the first quarter.

On the upside, Bush said he was very pleased with the way his club defended Northview's first shot. Lowell was hurt, though, by Northview's ability to get second and third shots. "It is difficult to defend second and third shots," Bush said. "We're not boxing out. The boys are just running to the hoop."

Lowell trailed 15-4 after one quarter of play. Northview improved on its lead in the second quarter, building a 30-16 halftime lead.

The two squads played close to even in the second half as the Wildcats outscored the Red Arrows 29-27. However, Lowell was never able to cut the deficit below 13.

"We got up on Lowell and then just held them at bay," Northview coach Bob Roelofs said. "The game was kind of ugly, although I thought we played pretty good defense."

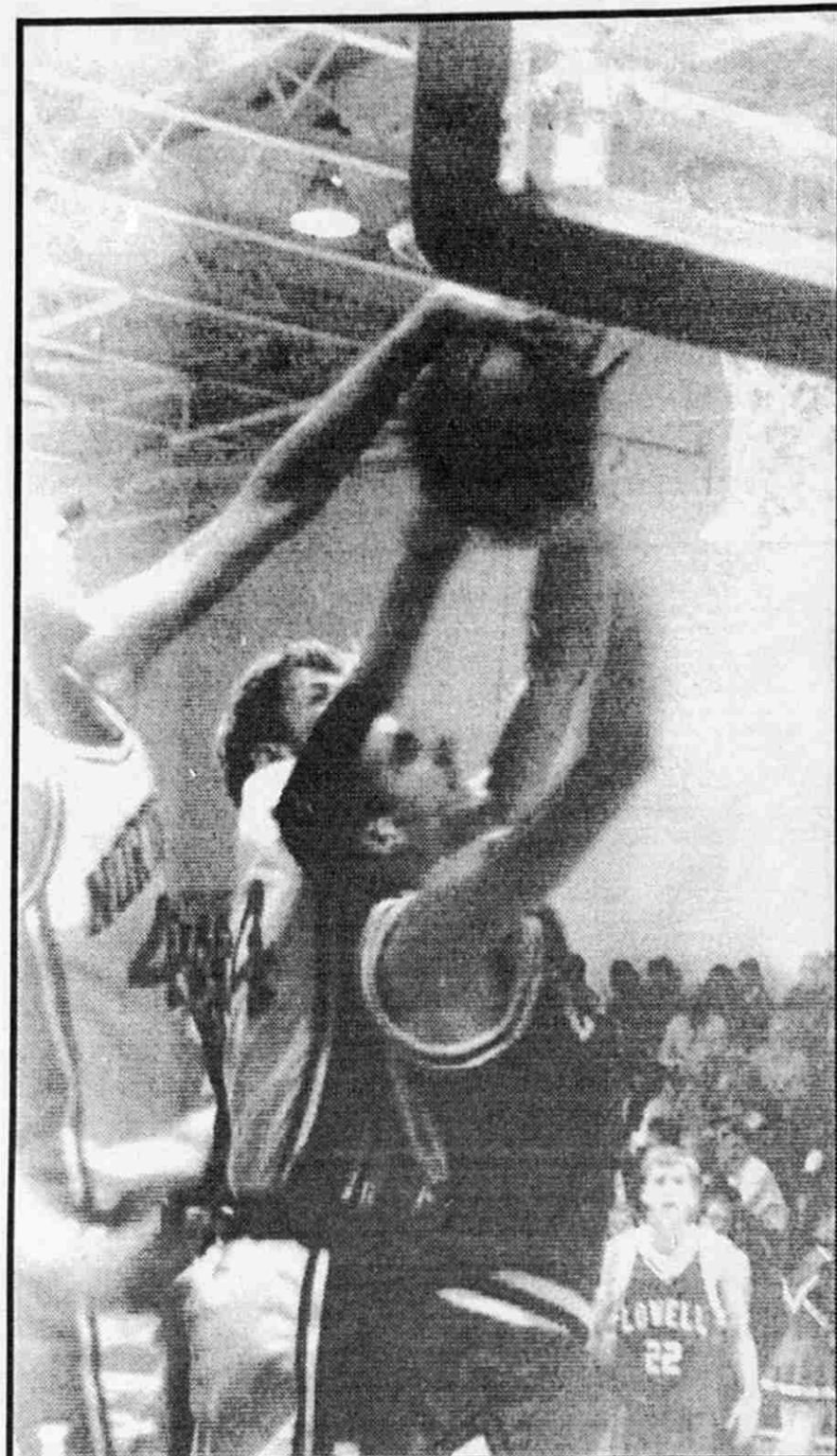
Mark Armstrong led all scorers with 19 points. Mike Hooping added 12 points for Northview.

Kevin Brown led all Lowell scorers with 11 points.

The Red Arrows were outrebounded 37-19. Brown had a team-high five rebounds.

"We've been playing better the last couple of weeks," Roelofs said. "The boys are playing together and we're beginning to see the results now." Northview is now 2-4 in the league and 3-6 overall.

The loss drops Lowell to 1-7 overall.



Jeff Catlin drives to the basket against Northview defenders.



Kevin Brown puts up a short jumper in the lane.

Red Arrow volleyball team finds winning formula against Hornets

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was the best of play and the worst of play for the Lowell girls volleyball team.

The Red Arrows played their best volleyball of the season against Central Montcalm Saturday at the Portland Invitational.

JV loses to Wildcats

Lowell's junior varsity boys' basketball team fell to Northview 53-39.

Shane Teelander led the Red Arrows in scoring with 14 points. Nate Schoen contributed with seven.

Justin Balcer was Lowell's leading rebounder with seven. Northview's Tom Huizing led the Wildcats with 14 points.

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Lowell played its poorest match against league foe Hastings on Thursday (Jan. 18).

"Central Montcalm is a good passing and serving team," Lowell coach Jacki Malokofsky said. The Red Arrows kept their confidence with good serve receive, passing and hitting. Lowell defeated the Hornets 15-10, 15-7.

In its second match of the tournament, Lowell met up with Fowlerville, a strong serving and passing team. The Red Arrows were beaten 15-1, 15-13.

Lowell rebounded in its third match with a 15-5, 15-5 win over a rebuilding Ionia team.

The win sent Lowell into the championship round. The Red Arrows qualified by finishing second in their pool.

Lowell faced Saranac who placed third in its pool. The Red Arrows jumped out to a 9-2 lead.

"The girls started off really strong, but then Saranac made some substitutions and began hitting and serving a little harder," Malokofsky said, "which caused our girls to lose their confidence. Our girls have the skills. When a team begins hitting and serving against us we lose focus and quit thinking, working and talking."

The Redskins capitalized as they rallied for a 15-13 win in game one and finished off Lowell 15-1 in game two.

Despite their struggles Malokofsky said her club's serve reception has been good. "Our serve reception has been right around 80-90 percent which is good," Malokofsky said. "The girls that have come off the bench have also played well for us."

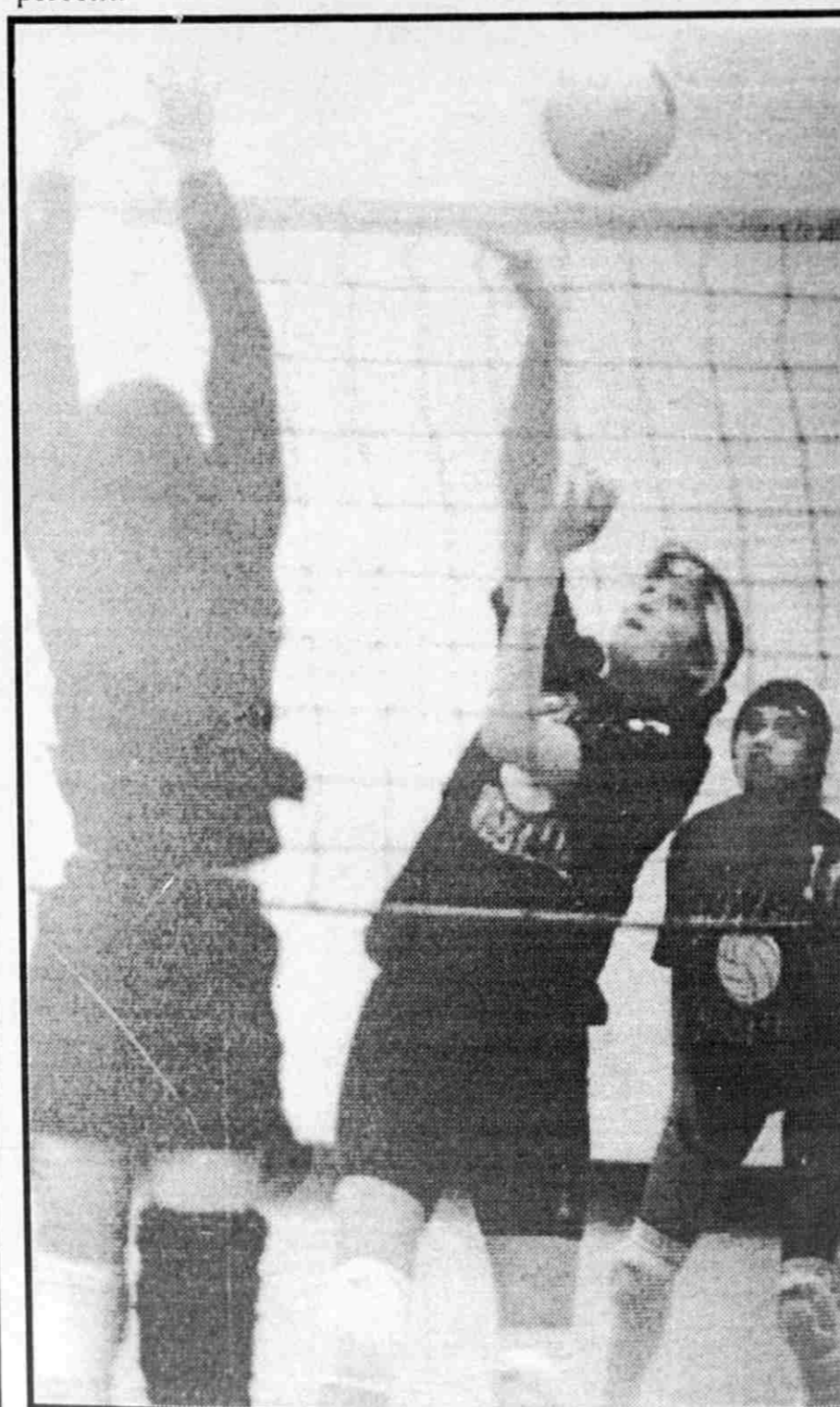
Malokofsky also recognized Jenny Borg for her play in the Portland Invitational. "Jenny did a wonderful job passing, serving and hitting."

Dawn Burrows and Laurie Barton also had good days. Burrows tallied 18 kills and 10 aces. Barton had seven aces and 29 digs.

Hastings 15-15

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Katie Rooker punches the ball over the net against Hastings.

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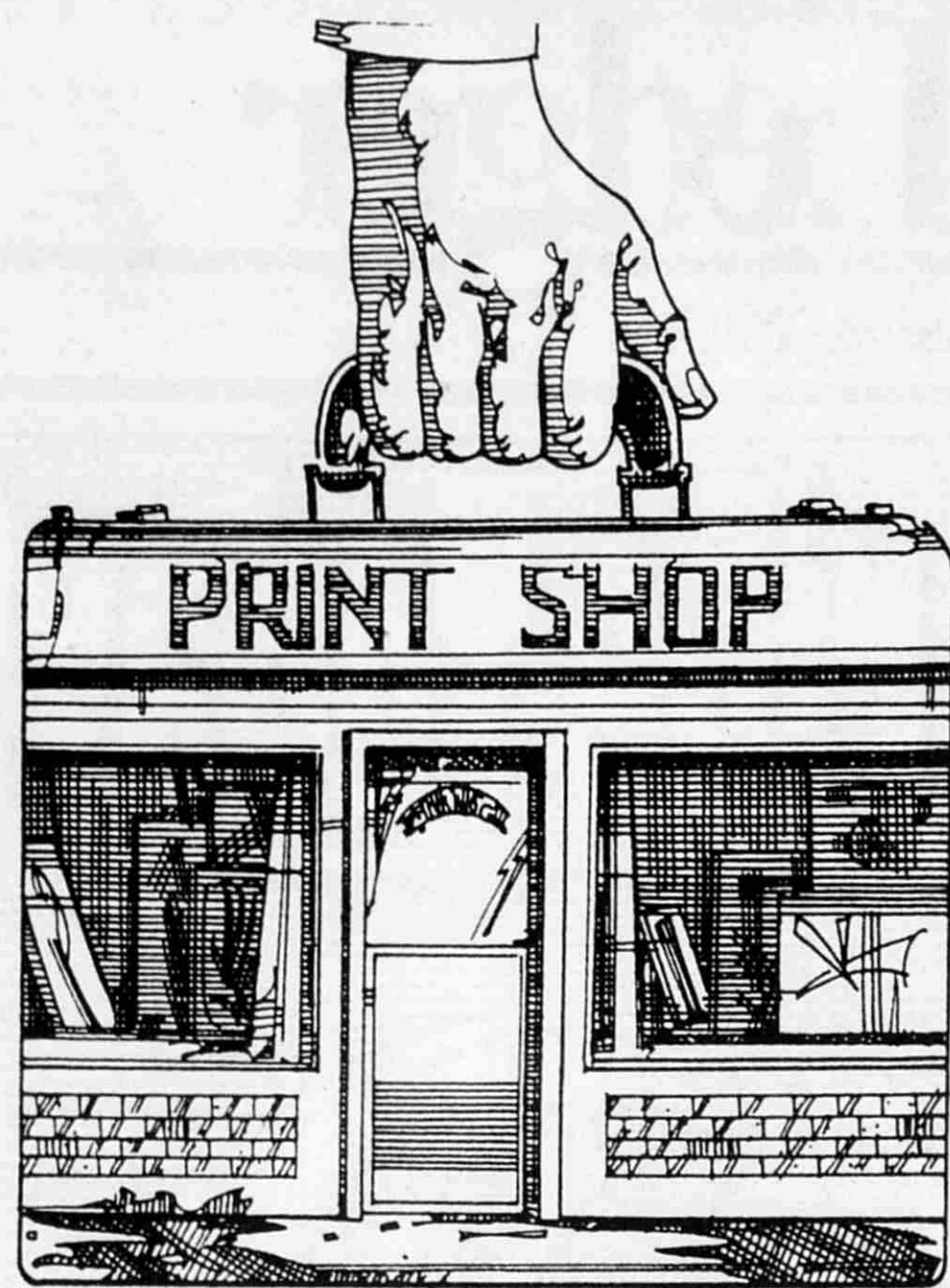


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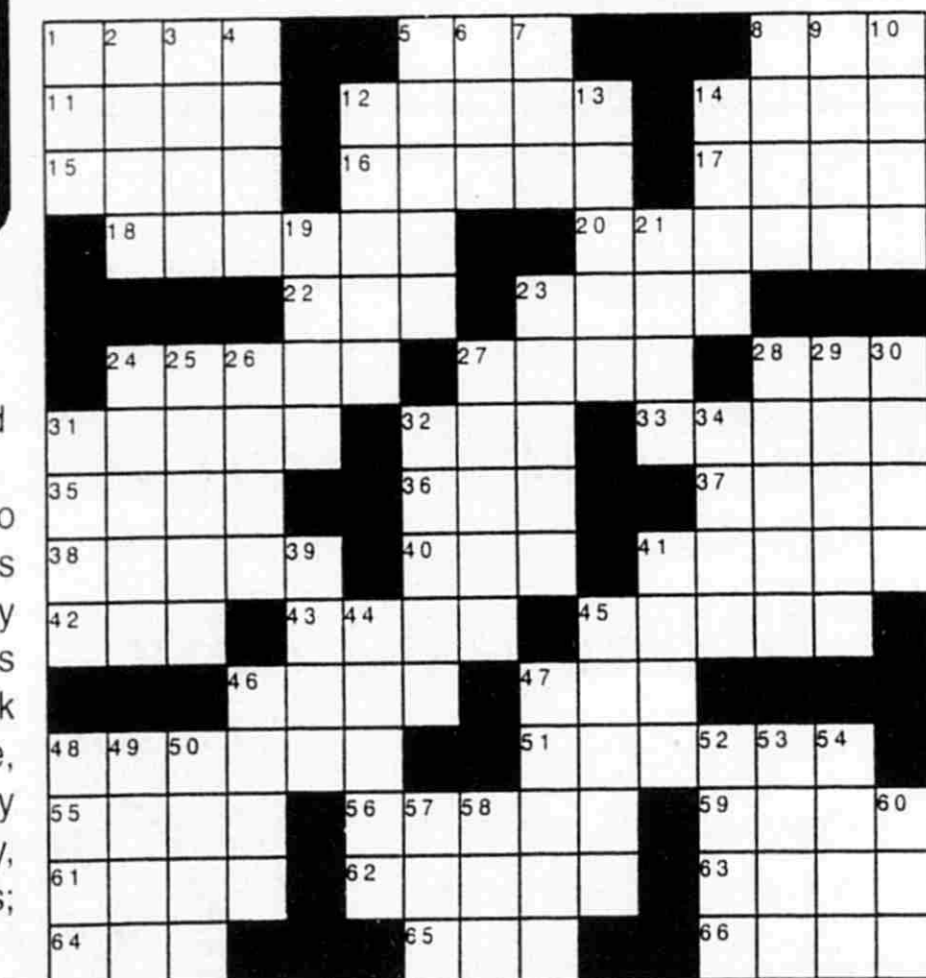
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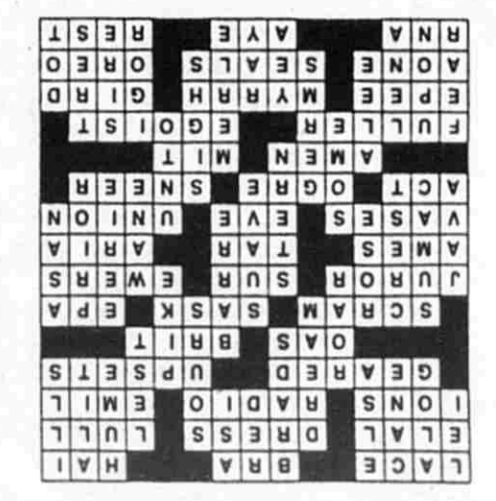


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ANSWERS



Distance is not an object for phone call to space

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Long distance phone calls can be expensive, so what do you think a call to the MIR's space station would cost?

Considering that the space

passes and there were a lot of other operators trying to do what I was trying," said Thompson, a licensed amateur radio operator. "It's extremely odd to reach them because everybody and their mother is

"I've always had an interest in the space program. Ever since I was a kid I watched the early launches," he said. "And, I was fascinated with the ability of what man can do and to seek what

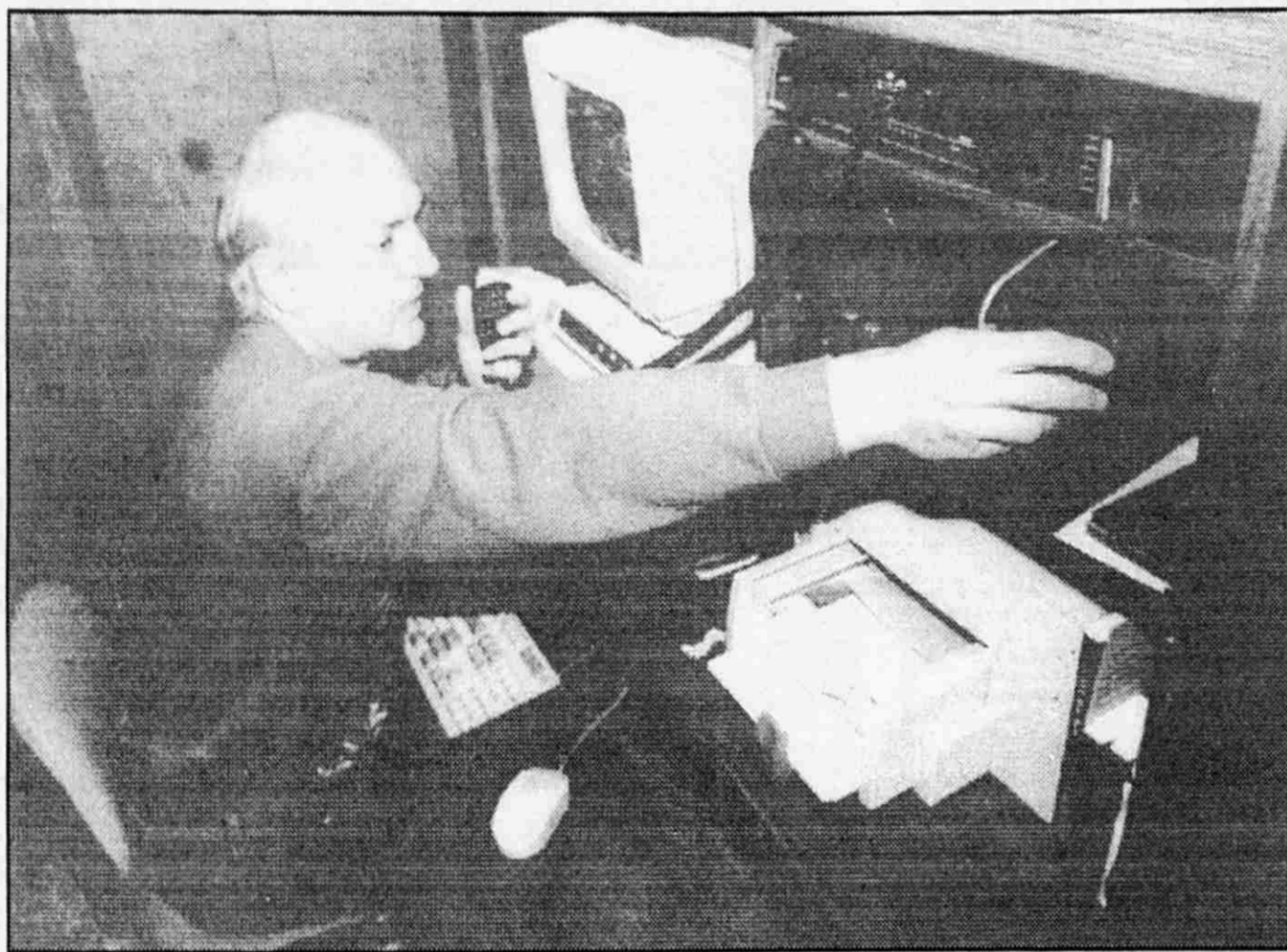
what it is like to talk to the space shuttle as part of a program conducted by ITT's Technical Radio Club.

"These clubs provide once in a lifetime opportunities and our club has managed to grow

quite impressively," he said. "We're one of the most recognized clubs in West Michigan and we continue to grow."

If conversations with astronauts are an indication of

what the group can do, then it's just a matter of time before more operators put antennas up, (if not for anything else but to save one heck of a long distance phone call.)



Germaine Thompson makes contact with Space Station MIR.

station is orbiting earth at a distance of 56,610 feet, it's highly doubtful that MCI, Sprint or AT & T's best calling plans would be enough to warrant such a call.

In fact, the only people who could even think about contacting the station or any other object in space are a handful of amateur radio operators who wait patiently for the station to cross their path at that one perfect moment.

One man who was lucky enough to get that opportunity was Lowell's own Germaine Thompson.

On the evening of Dec. 29, the station passed over the state of Michigan. Thompson used his basement equipment to try the impossible - actually make contact with the station's occupants - one German astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts.

"I didn't think I would get in. This was one of its best

trying, but I guess I got lucky."

And what did Thompson get for his diligent efforts?

The message: "Hello from Space Station MIR!!!"

Although the message lasted only five seconds, it is something Thompson will remember for his entire life.

"I would love to talk to them live, but that is extremely rare. In this case, I got their computer message," he said. "It may not seem like much, but when you consider there are people out there with bigger and better equipment, it means a lot to somebody who does it out of their basement."

Thompson, whose other name is officially N8WDG (the call letters granted to him by the FCC), started his chase for the space station and NASA's space shuttle in 1992 and has to constantly update his computer software to keep track of the station's movements.

dangers they seek."

Besides chasing space stations and shuttles, Thompson is a member of Lowell's amateur radio club, which operates out of Lowell High School.

The club teaches people the important role amateur radio operators can play in times of emergencies.

"If Lowell or Grand Rapids or even West Michigan lost power, we (amateur radio operators) would still be able to communicate," Thompson said. "We've played important roles in natural disasters and recently followed the Oklahoma City bombing."

Lowell's amateur radio club also consists of kids who find this type of communication interesting.

Recently, members of Lowell's Amateur Youth Club shared in Thompson's quest for a conversation in space.

The club got a taste of

Woodruff's artistic talent speaks to the students

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tom Woodruff generates enthusiasm for writing and illustrating among children by engaging them in successful drawing projects as they explore the history and natural resources of Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

Woodruff, an artist who resides in Grattan, was invited to Cherry Creek Elementary to help kick-off its Young Author program.

He presented three visually-filled programs to second, third and fourth/fifth grade students.

The elementary students followed along as Woodruff explored the development of their first scribbles, through trial and error, to the more refined drawings of a full-time artist.

Using an overhead projector, drawing demonstra-

tions and examples of his work, Woodruff shared experiences and techniques he has learned.

He then guided the students through a process which turns them into illustrators. They began with simple shapes and ended with complex illustrations that far exceeded their expectations.

Second-graders sketched illustrations of the circus, third-graders worked on frogs and pond life, and fourth- and fifth-graders drew up an illustration of the ocean.

Woodruff began making a living as an illustrator seven years ago. "I have always loved drawing. A friend approached me about a book idea and wanted me to do the illustrations," Woodruff said.

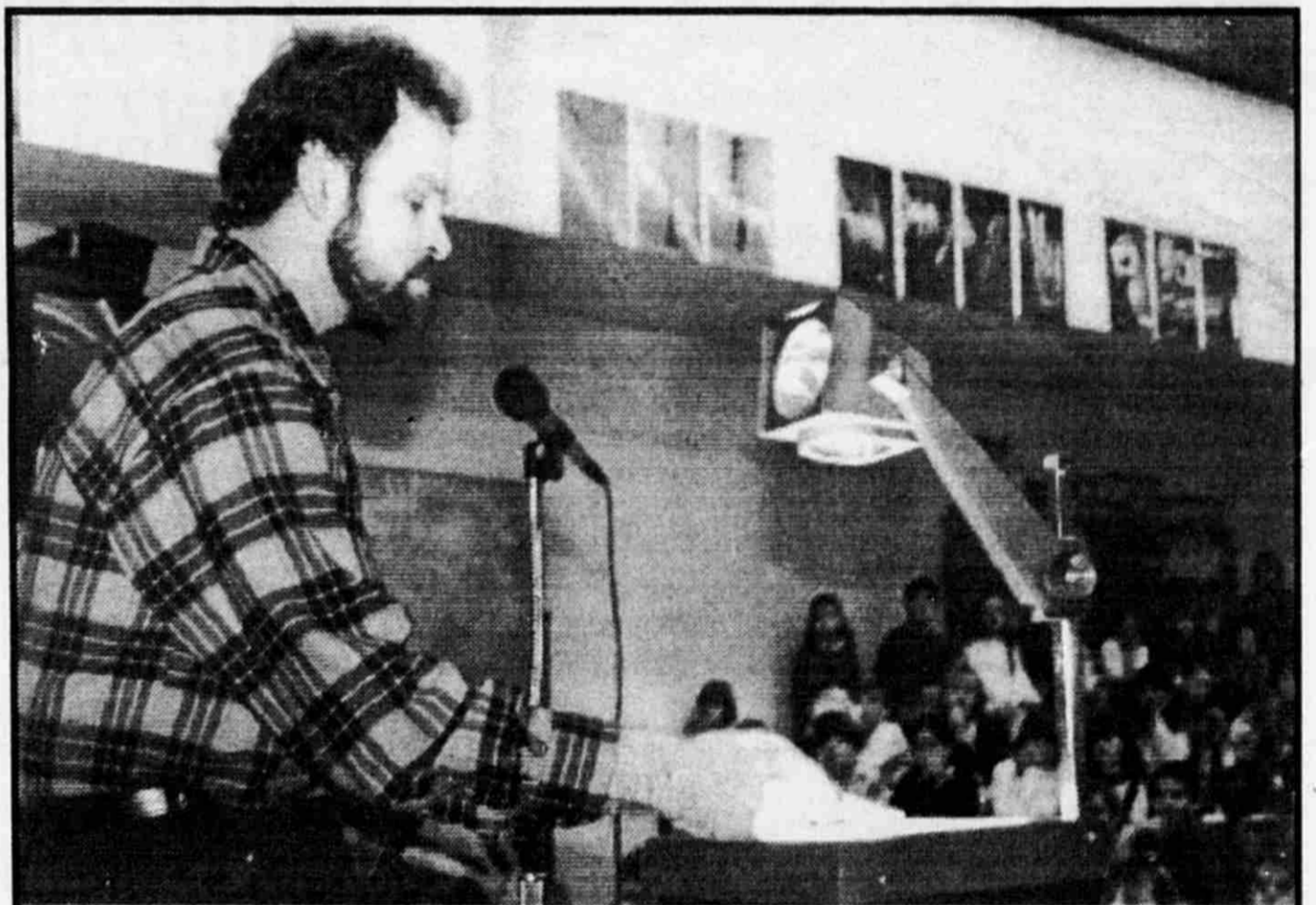
The book entitled *Michigan* is a narrative and illustrative history of the Great Lakes state.

Since then Woodruff and John Mitchell have collaborated on two other books, *Great Lakes and Ships* and *Indians of the Great Lakes*.

The two have a fourth book in the offing. It will be titled *Prehistoric Great Lakes*.

Woodruff said children's books are the most logical place to start. "They also allow you to be the most creative and let your imagination run free," Woodruff said. "The other thing it's done is given me the opportunity to work with kids. They have a lot of enthusiasm and get a lot of pleasure out of participating."

Although relatively new to the district, Woodruff said it was nice to be in an elementary school where there was an art room and an art teacher. "Art is a language and it either can be stifled or developed," he explained.



Tom Woodruff leads Cherry Creek students through an artistic fishing expedition.

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