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DDA views marketing the community of Lowell as important as its new brick and mortar

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Downtown Development Authority will contract the services of Dr. Lee Jacokes to facilitate the formation of focus groups as part of the analysis process for marketing the Lowell community.

DDA member Ray Quada said he thought it would be a mistake to put \$1.2 million into the bricks and mortar of the downtown and then not put money into marketing and selling the community.

"Even if the cost to do that would be \$30-\$40,000, I wouldn't bat an eye," Quada said.

David Doyle and Bill Wheadon of the Flatiron Group Inc. spoke to the DDA on the value of marketing the community.

Jacokes will lead the focus groups in studying and defining problems and what goals they want to meet.

"Typically there are not more than three or four focus groups. This depends on the issues within the community," Doyle said. "The groups are made up of eight to 12 people. They represent a cross section of the community."

Once that first step in the marketing process is completed, the DDA will then entertain proposals for the rest of the five-step marketing process.

Other steps include strategize (ways to achieve the process); plan (putting in place a process so that the goal can be reached); execute (implementing the plan); and evaluate (adjust program and seek feedback).

The focus group(s) will collect existing research, identify needed research and complete research, including identifying what is not known.

The marketing process will define what message about Lowell it wants to leave or project; to whom it wants to tell that message; the best way to reach those people; the resources available to help accomplish this; steps being taken to retain businesses and residents; and marketing efforts which were taken that worked and didn't work.

"It's important not to throw out the baby with the bath water," Wheadon said. "Because it was done before doesn't mean it didn't work."

Doyle said marketing is a constant tweaking process. "There are always adjustments along the way. It is a continuous process," he said.

As an example Doyle said 90 percent of all Apollo flights to the moon are off course. "It is the computers and pilots' monitoring of data that enable the flights to overcome and get through the problem," Doyle said.

While Doyle and Wheadon have never marketed a specific community, they have marketed items within a community (e.g. jail, library etc.). Doyle said there are certain basics and principles that are followed whether it's a community or one specific item within a community.

Lines opened for discussion on treatment facility usage

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With increasing inquiries for a light industrial site north of the expressway, Lowell Township is investigating what would be expected of it to send sanitary sewer to the Bowne Township treatment facility.

"Right now we need to know if it's an option," Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said. "If it's an option, the township would obviously pay for it."

Bowne Township Supervisor Christian Wenger said it is an option, but one that would require a heavy cost.

The treatment facility is currently at capacity, according to Wenger and Ron Woods from the Kent County Department of Public Works. Woods gathered that information from a 1994 Bowne Township study done on the facility's infiltration

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Council channels efforts toward operation and upkeep of Lowell Cable

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Cable Television is unique in that it is municipally owned.

It is not unique in that it too faces questions about upgrading its technology and maintenance.

Lowell Cable Television's profit margin pales in comparison to the bigger West Michigan cable corporations which raises the question... Are technology updates and maintenance improvements viable options for a company that netted \$75,000 in revenue?

"We cannot do a whole lot of maintenance and upgrading on our budget," Lowell Cable Television superintendent, Paul Christman said.

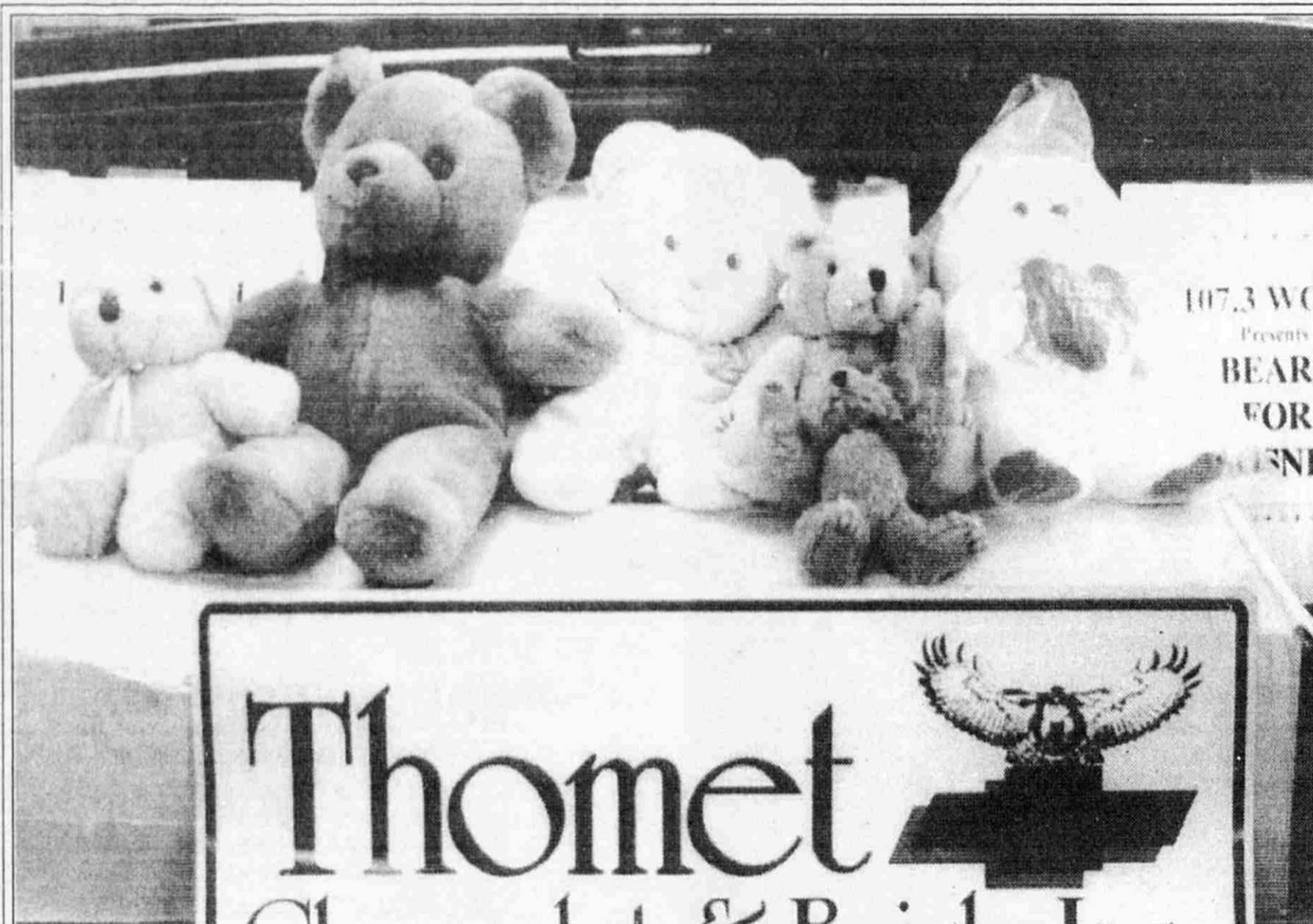
If Lowell Cable Television wants to keep up with the fast-forwarding technology, it will need more than its budget. "If we are going to keep up and enhance our system, we're going to have to borrow money to do so," Christman said.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale concurred. "If we want to keep up the system, we'll probably always have a debt."

Lowell councilman and cable treasurer Chuck Myers raised the question as to whether the cable system would be able to recoup its cost to stay current. More importantly - will the subscribers support it?

When Lowell Cable began 15 years ago, it started

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Thomet Chevrolet and Buick will be collecting bears for the children in Bosnia through the month of February.

Thomet joins West Michigan's "Bears for Bosnia" humanitarian effort

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As an aftermath of war-torn Bosnia a goodwill effort has been born in West Michigan.

It started off as a simple humanitarian effort to let the children of Bosnia know that somewhere in the world, someone was thinking about them.

WODJ (107.3) planned to collect a few teddy bears and send them over to Bosnia. Before it could get out the words "Winnie the Pooh," bears were marching in from all over and thus "Bears for Bosnia" was born.

With the large response, businesses, churches and schools from all across West Michigan have joined the effort, includ-

ing Lowell's Thomet Chevrolet and Buick Inc.

West Michigan residents are being asked, through the end of February, to donate new and gently used teddy bears at the drop-off locations.

WODJ has requested that each bear have a red ribbon tied around it to represent the love and good that is being sent to the young Bosnian victims.

Thomet Chevrolet's Charlie Craig, salesman/leasing manager, said Thomet was happy to be a part of such a humanitarian effort.

"It's a good promotion for a good cause," said Craig.

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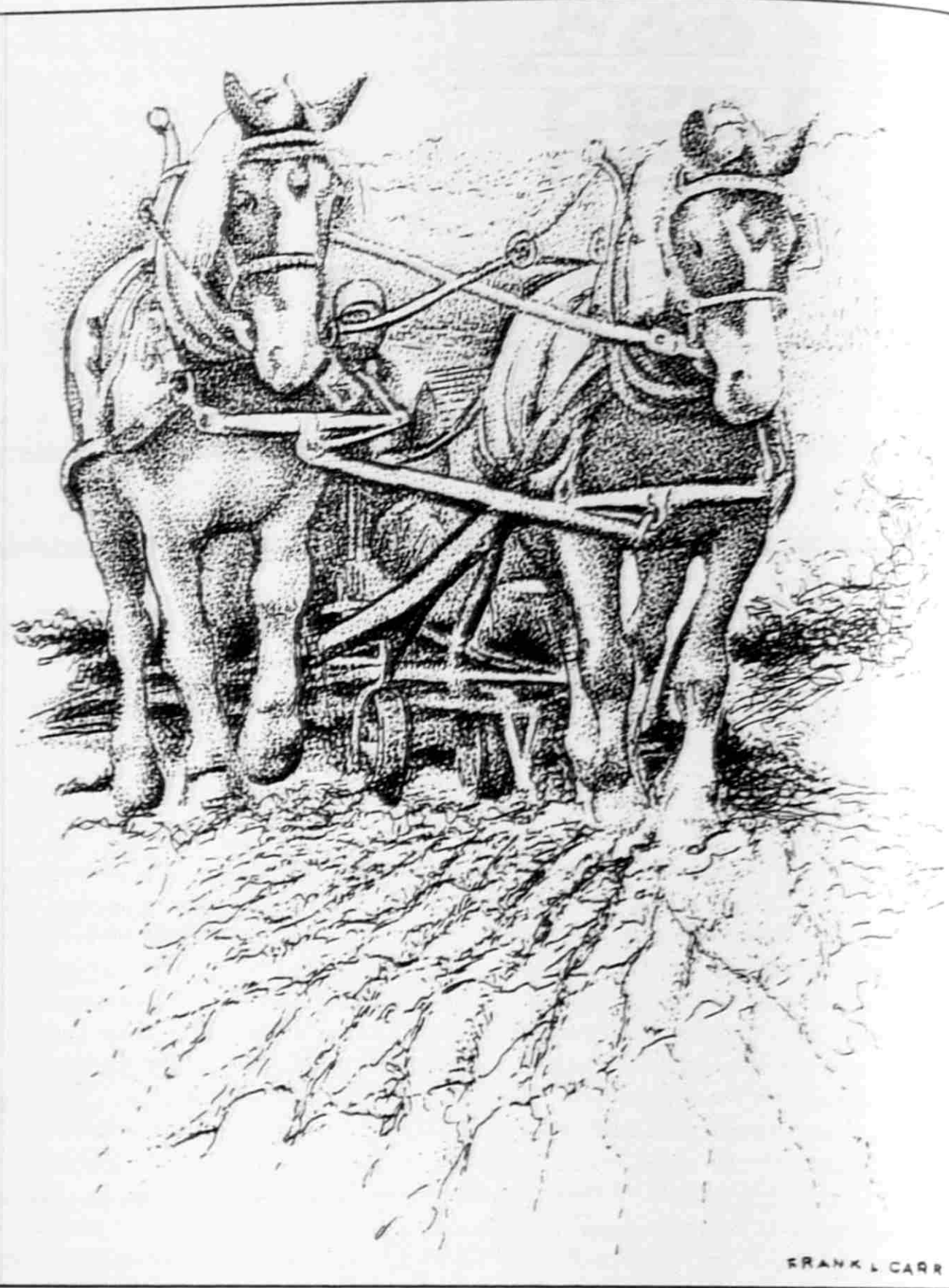
MASON - Shelby L. Mason, aged 17½, daughter of Edward and Barbara Mason of Clarksville, passed away Sunday, February 11, 1996. Surviving besides her parents are one step-brother Edward Mason Jr., one step-sister Angela Mason, both of Belding; a half-sister Melome Mason of Lowell; grandmothers Rita Mason of Clarksville, Lillian Anderson of Alto; two nephews, Edward Mason, Blake Warner, seven aunts and two uncles. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Koops Funeral Chapel, Clarksville. Rev. Brad Center officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery.

PFISHER - Devere H. "Dick" Pfisher, aged 72, of Lowell, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, went to the light Wednesday, February 14, 1996. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Lila; children Charles and Debra (Pfisher) Saganeck of Lowell, William and Denise (Pfisher) Pennington of Cedar Springs, Sandra Krusenga of Grand Rapids; brother Chester and Jackie Pfisher of Walhalla; grandchildren Brando, Shauna, Anthony, Dade, Derrick, Dustin, Danielle, Desrae, Rick, Randy and five great-grandchildren. Dick was a member of Snow United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held Saturday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel with Rev. Thurlan Meredith of Snow United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Arrangements by O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst.

STEWART - Robert John "Robby," aged 35, passed away February 16, 1996, in Mesa, AZ. Born July 14, 1960, in Grand Rapids and lived there for 20 years, until moving to Arizona. Survived by parents Robert G. and Genevieve of Mesa, AZ; brother John of Mesa, AZ; sister Valerie Pleasant of Phoenix, AZ; and grandmother Alice Johnson of Lowell. Services were held Monday at Phoenix Reformed Church.

SWARTZ - Mrs. AW Swartz, aged 78, of Greenville, passed away Wednesday, February 14, 1996, at United Memorial Hospital Long Term Care. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Ray I. Booth Post 101 American Legion, VFW Post 3974, and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a retired farmer and worked many years as co-owner of Rural Bottled Gas in Greenville. He is survived by sons and daughter-in-law, Ed and Sooky Swartz and Joe Swartz of Greenville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ann Swartz of Seattle, WA; Mary and Bryan Kimble of Lowell; Sue Swartz and her husband Greg Wolfe of Milwaukee, WI; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife Jane on June 2, 1994. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, February 16 at Greenville United Methodist Church, with Father Tom McKinney as celebrant. Interment was at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions in his memory are suggested to the St. Charles Catholic Church Building Fund.

WARNER - Mr. Dorothy M. Warner, aged 93, passed away Saturday, February 17, 1996. Surviving are her children Donald Warner of Kentwood, Colleen Hiemstra of Alto; a daughter-in-law Carolyn Warner of Dorr; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister Agnes (Lus) Warner of Wyoming; a brother Lewis Dutton of Kentwood; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday. Memorials to American Cancer Society will be appreciated. Arrangements by Ofield Metcalf & Jonkhoff.



This is a sketch that Frank L. Carr did in a Lowell Community Education class.

Carr, an art enthusiast, leaves Lowell Schools with trust fund

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A total of 1,707 persons are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University at the end of the fall semester of the 1995-96 school year. Among them are Scott Alan Davis receiving an MS in Engineering Management; Michelle Marie Doyle, receiving an MA in Reading; Deborah L. Stauffer-Wright receiving an MA in Educational Leadership and Laura Ann Zigmont receiving a BA in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

folio of his artwork. "Frank would lay out his art work on the floor so I could look at it," Rehl said. "He knew I liked art. I enjoyed viewing his work."

Carr used Rehl's assistance to enroll in an advertising art class at the Kent Skill center.

Carr's widow, Winnifred, said his love for the arts was nurtured at the Chicago Art Institute.

"Frank was always interested in art even before I knew him," Winnifred said.

Carr, who passed away on Nov. 4, 1992, left a trust fund in the amount of \$20,818.43 for Lowell Schools K-12 art department.

The money will be set up in a perpetual fund for the art department to develop art programs.

Carr also left a similar fund to the city of Lowell. The city has chosen to use the monies as a perpetual fund for the new library.

"Frank left a lot of trust," Winnifred said. "He was a Lowell person who loved the arts and cared about the city."

Carr was born in the house at 616 Washington Street.

"He was a very distinguished gentleman," Rehl recalls.

Frank L. Carr used to walk into Marj Rehl's community education office with a portfolio of his artwork.

LHS recognizes its January students of the month

Carrie Hubbarth, a junior at Lowell High School, was selected by the agriscience department as student of the month.

Hubbarth has been a very active member of the FFA and is currently serving as chapter treasurer. She was a member of the demonstration team which received a silver award at the state competition last year. She is the daughter of Steve and Nancy Hubbarth, both of Lowell.

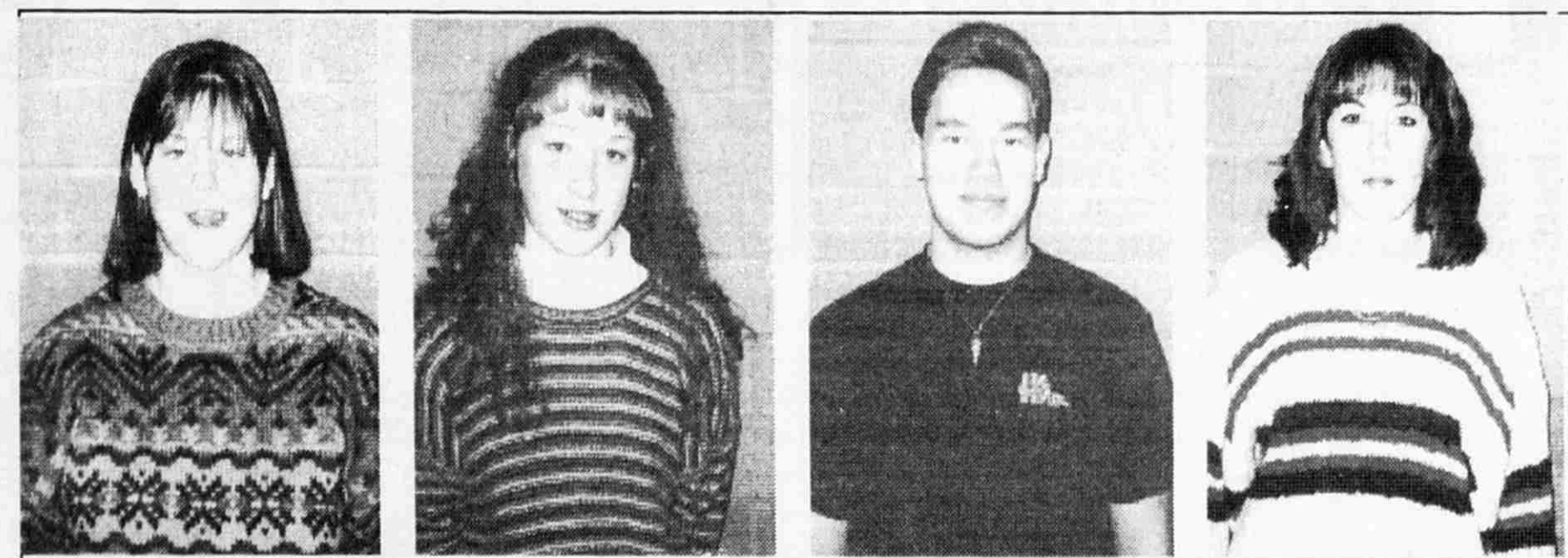
Hubbarth has also been involved in volleyball, golf, Ski Club, Art Club, International Club, and National Honor Society as well as 4-H and Leaders Club.

Her favorite classes are photography and science. Kuilema has been involved in Art Club, serving as secretary, International Club, golf and National Honor Society. She is currently active with Grace Church as a Sunday school teacher for three year olds.

Nick Berrington, a junior, was selected by the technology department.

Berrington sets high standards for his own performance and works hard to achieve his goals. He is willing to spend time helping other students and doing tasks beyond what is required.

Berrington, the son of Bob and Pam Berrington of Lowell, has been active in band and marching band while at Lowell High School. He is also active at First Baptist Church of Lowell and works part time at Family Fare as a stock person/bagger.



Carrie Hubbarth, Emily Kuilema, Nick Berrington, Lyndsey Brogger

Senior Emily Kuilema was selected by the science department.

Kuilema was chosen because she has been a model of consistency in her science classes. She constantly achieves at a superior level and sets an excellent example for other students by her actions and attitude.

Lyndsey Brogger, a senior, was selected by the art

Saranac High School first semester honor roll

The Saranac High School honor roll for first semester of the 1995-96 school year is as follows:

FRESHMEN
Jessica Bartosh, Whitney Bishop*, April Bruse*, Stephanie Cahoon, Jessica Diaz*, Katie Dingsong, Sarah Dixon, Marcie Frazer*, Jason Getts, Lucas Glashower, Sara Griffin, Stuart Griffin, Heather Harder, Ivy Haskins, Sally Hayden*, Brad Hesch, Brandy Hochkins*, Jamie Hubble*, Brian Hughes, Jodie Huver, Laura Kasperki, Erica Lippert, Mike McKay, Amber O'Boyle*, Danielle Oesch, Devin Pfifer, Rachael Powers*, Ami Rood, Amy Scharaswak, Kirsten Schieffer, Jason Stout, Dawn Vander Ziel, Kyle Vander Molen, Resa VanKuiken, Melissa Williams and Craig Winslow.

JUNIORS
Jeremiah Berends, Sarah Bowers, Kara Brown, Amy Carigan, Chris Culver, Gwen Geivett*, Katie Hafer, Pat Hendrick, Becky Hubble*, Leroy Lozada, Sara Monks, Amy Moon, Brandon Mulnix, Rory Murphy, Amy O'Boyle*, Andria Patrick, Al Raimer, Brienne Rutz, Heath Sabin*, Kate Smith, Tracy Stark, Bill Talcott*, Luke VanderZee, Greg Westbrook, Nicholas Westbrook, Bobbi Willison and Jennifer Yaw.

SENIORS
Tanesha Abel, Matt Booms, Jessica Covell*, Travis Decker, Jennifer DePotty*, Carrie Dingsong, Zarko Dragisc, Melanie Endres*, Kendra Greiner*, Jason Heaton, Inka Hillerns, Aleksandra Jovanovska, Kevin Kodat, Jimael Lawson, Jacob LeSarge, Phaedra McElvain, Larry Meyers*, Becky Mutschler, Josie Nilsson, Melissa Schneider, Kim Swiger, Amy Thompson, Jacob VanderZee, Sarah Visser, Eric Vroman, Jeff Westbrock, Madelyn Westbrock, Dawn Wigfield*, Sarah Williams and Eric Winslow*.

Four Lowell band members earn first division rating at Solo and Ensemble

Twelve students from Lowell High School band performed at the District 10 Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, Feb. 3. The festival was held at East Kentwood High School.

Doing very well and winning a third division rating was Julia Ennis - cornet solo. Receiving a second division rating and winning a red medal were: Amy Snell - clarinet solo; Jennifer Gingerich and Tonya Carter - clarinet duet; Amanda Dykstra - flute solo; Katie Akers and Julie Wisner - French horn duet; Steve Schmidt - tenor sax solo; Amy Snell and Colleen Mandle - clarinet duet; and Jennifer Gingerich - piano solo.

Receiving a first division rating and winning blue medals were: Sarah Mitchell - French horn solo; Melody Brubaker - piano solo; Troy Ballard - tenor sax solo and Dianna Rice - French horn solo.

The first division also qualified to go on to the state festival on Saturday, March 23.

Courtney*, Jeanna Culp*, Emily Doyle, Amanda Droste, Shandra Eliason, Brian Greiner, Lindsay Harder, Jason Harley, Becky Hunter, Mike Kelly, Ryan Kimble*, Tera Lockwood, Paul London, Mike Mager, Andrea Mark, Annie Michelin, Natasha Nordhoff, Julie Owen, Russ Palmittier, Todd Powers, Tricia Raimer*, Katie Repik, Stacie Satterlee*, Amanda Seese, Brad Sigafosse, Jessica Trierweiler, Ted VanKuiken*, Kirsten Vroman, Katie Williams and Paul Wilson.

SOPHOMORES
Jamie Baker*, Jake Catalano*, Lisa Chase, Erin

TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN

County of Kent, Michigan
ELECTION NOTICE
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN:

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the Township of Grattan on March 19, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the same day as the presidential preference primary election, for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON GRATAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 94-09P

Township of Grattan Ordinance No. 94-09P is an ordinance which amends the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance to: (1) include noncommercial private club buildings within the definition of institutional or public uses; (2) require that the Planning Commission determine whether a special land use for an institutional or public use is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Grattan Township land use plan; (3) enable the Planning Commission to limit the use of noncommercial private club buildings to club members or other users; (4) require that a special land use comply with the minimum dimension requirements of the zoning district in which it is located; and (5) provide that the Board of Zoning Appeals shall not have jurisdiction over special land uses or planned unit developments.

Shall Ordinance No. 94-09P be approved?

PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON GRATAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 95-35Z

Shall Township of Grattan Ordinance No. 95-35Z, being an ordinance to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance so as to provide civil infraction penalties for the violation of the Zoning Ordinance, be approved?

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Slippery floors and icy streets cause unexpected tumbles. We once had a neighbor lady whose highly polished floors gave us youngsters many an upset.

Overconfidence must be avoided in other areas of life, too. When one gets to the place where he feels immune to temptation, trouble is lurking dangerously near.

Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility.

Of his accomplishments. It is best for the Christian to tread cautiously at all times, guarding his thoughts and attitudes, lest temptation takes him unawares.

It pays to be cautious. "Beware of falling." Prayer: Dear Lord, save me from overconfidence.

Jonathan Edwards.

Cilley and Bowen to wed in May

Robert and Brenda Cilley of Lowell and Roger and Jill Bowen also of Lowell are happy to announce the engagement of their children Rachel and James.

The future bride is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School, attended Grand Valley State University and will graduate in May from Aquinas College.

The future groom is a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College.



Rachel Cilley and James Bowen

Special Lenten services at Lowell Wesleyan Church

Lowell Wesleyan Church will offer our community seven special Lenten season services beginning Wednesday, February 21 (Ash Wednesday).

Each service will feature drama, contemporary music and a practical message. Special programs for all ages are available, including quality nursery care.

Lowell Wesleyan Church is located at 1069 Lincoln Lake Road (on Hudson Road, just south of the medical offices). More information may be obtained by calling (616) 897-6890.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 22 - Kevin Gerard, Lloyd Powell. FEBRUARY 23 - Joe Ellis, Heather Essich. FEBRUARY 24 - Cliff Mulder, Amy Aksamitowski, Sarah Essich. FEBRUARY 25 - Brett Taylor. FEBRUARY 26 - Jeremy Goff, Barry Vezino, Bob Ford. FEBRUARY 27 - Joshua Soyka, Justin Soyka. FEBRUARY 28 - Mark V. Ritzema, Connie Roth, Scott Denton.

The universe is true for all of us and different for each of us.

Absence sharpens love, Presence strengthens it.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week Of Feb. 26, 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, lettuce salad or fresh baby carrots, fruit juice, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

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

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti or crisp-to with cheese stick or chef salad, Choose two: peas, cole slaw, salad, French bread with margarine, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Chili 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 baked ham or chef salad with bread, Choose Two: Mashed potato & gravy, side salad, homemade dinner roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

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

FRIDAY: Baked macaroni and cheese or turkey stir fry with rice or chef salad, sweet roll, Choose Two: Green beans, side salad or carrot slices, assorted fruits, milk.

AREA BIRTHS

Grandparents are Bud and Ruthann Bouma of Kentwood and Marlene Jackson and the late Carl Jackson of Lowell.

Jeff and Cara Bouma are proud to announce the birth of their son Mitchell Ryan, born February 3, 1996.

Clint and Sue Roberts are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Fields, born February 1, 1996.

She is welcomed home by big sisters Dabney, Keely and Shelby. Proud grandparents are John and Ruth Sarniak of Lowell and Nancy Roberts of Florence, Alabama.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

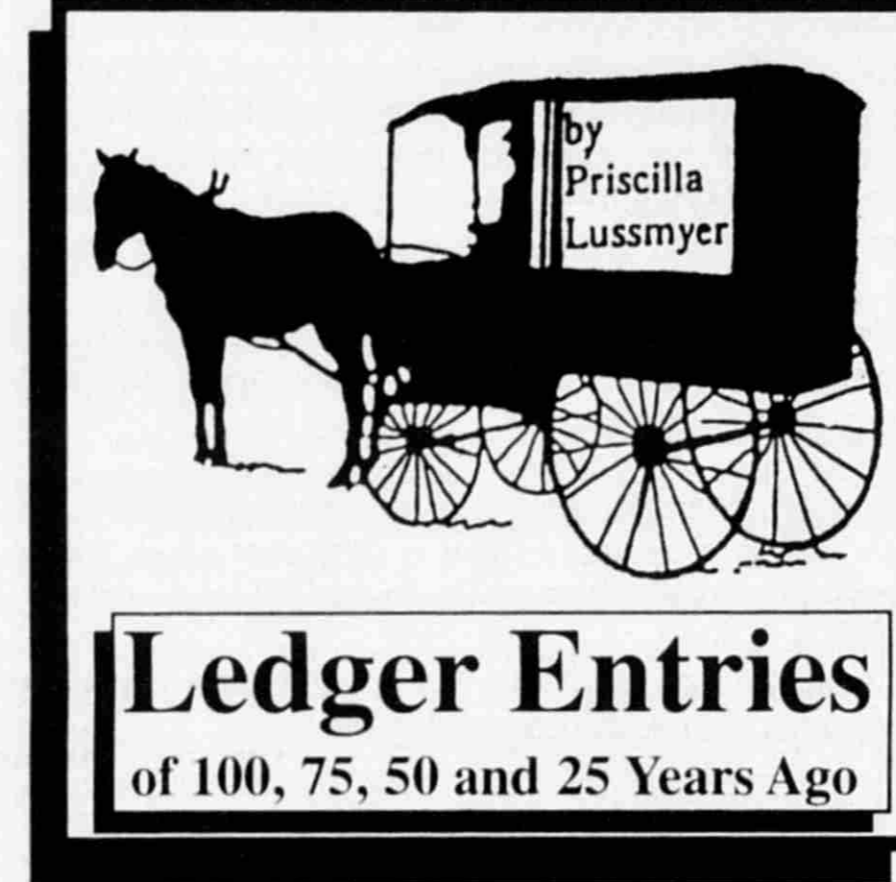
Grid of church listings including ADA Community Reformed Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Lowell Wesleyan Church, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, First Baptist Church of Lowell, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Evergreen Missionary Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Alton Bible Church, Day Bible Chapel, and Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

Viewpoint



I get nasty looks from people when I tell them that I am going to shed some of the excess from my waistline. I also get looks of disbelief or a "don't be joking about weight loss with me" look.

One diphtheria death, undiagnosed before about 50 people were exposed, has resulted in whole families in Grattan and Cannonsburg becoming ill. Schools are closed and people panicking.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 21, 1896 Council awards the lighting contract to Westinghouse electrical company of Pittsburgh.

To The Editor

Dear Editor: Last week I went out for a real Saturday night excursion, and I wound up at the Lowell Performing Arts Center—celebrating the wealth of Lowell.



MICHIGAN AWAITS FEDERAL ACTION TO IMPLEMENT SWEEPING CHANGES IN WELFARE

Our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln once said: "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Another way to avoid energy loss is to avoid dehydration. A person's energy drops by eight to 10 percent when suffering from just one percent of dehydration.

After reading the study on energy and fatigue, it's a wonder I can even get out of bed in the morning. All the things a person could do or eat that sucks energy from one's body are on my resume: I eat fatty foods, I drink coffee, I don't exercise.

Dear Editor: As a community we long for a troubling situation to be put behind us. During October 1995, a private citizen informed the superintendent and the board that a private investigator had been contacted by a teacher to investigate an outspoken parent in the district.

When I questioned the superintendent and board, it was admitted that a mutual decision was made by Marsha Wilcox, board president, Jack Lane, vice president and Superintendent Bleke to not inform the rest of the board.

As you know, the legislature has joined me in this belief by taking the lead on welfare reform. I don't refer to the efforts we've made as reform - we've actually changed the entire system.

As I have said before, no government program has had a more destructive effect on the American family than the Great Society welfare system of Lyndon Johnson.

Over the past few years, it's become apparent that any effective welfare program must require individual responsibility and get people to work.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 21, 1946 The annual village caucus brings out nearly 300 voters and results in upsets for nominations for village president and two trustees.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 18, 1971 City Council passes a much-stiffened Mobile Home Park ordinance, increasing the size of lots and parks, among other things.

Pontiac breaks into the compact car market with the "low-priced; stylish" Ventura II. The Red Arrow Wrestling Team clinches the Tri-River Conference Championship for the second year in a row.

matter to him that he was not informed. Clearly he voices what has been the criticism of the Lowell school board for years. Decisions are made with incomplete or erroneous information.

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

Governor Engler and other governors from both parties have worked hard with national leaders to create a plan that is acceptable to all parties.

The changes we made have produced the boldest concept block in this reform in order to help families become self-sufficient.

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Two four-year board terms are open for June 10 school election

There are two four-year Board of Education positions to be filled at the annual school election which will be held on Monday, June 10, 1996. These positions are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2000. Norm Byrne and Steve Idema currently hold these positions.

Residents interested in running for a board seat must first file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, and a resident of the Lowell Area School District for at least 30 days before the election.

Nominating petitions and affidavit forms may be obtained by any candidate from the Board of Education office located at 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331 between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The petitions must contain at least 20 signatures of registered school electors of the district. It is recommended that a reasonable number of signatures over the minimum be obtained to protect against invalid signatures.

Petition circulators must be registered voters, individual petitions must be taken for each township and city in which signatures are obtained, and electors can sign as many petitions

as there are persons to be elected.

If you are interested in running, please note the following dates: April 8, 1996 - 4 p.m. last day for filing nominating

petitions; April 11, 1996 - 4 p.m. last day for a candidate to withdraw his/her name; June 10, 1996 - Annual school election. For more information contact Kay Jones at 897-8415.

Area dentists celebrate children's dental health month

February is Children's Dental Health month. All the dentists in Lowell are making sure the children in Lowell's schools are being taught good oral hygiene and are taking care of their teeth. The Lowell dentists have targeted the fourth-grade and kindergarten classes in each of the schools and are coordinating "Tooth Talks" with the teachers.

The Michigan Dental Association (MDA) is sponsoring a poster contest for children K-6. Entries must be returned by mail to M.D.A. by March 3, 1996. Prizes will be awarded by mail at the expense of Michigan Dental Association and Procter and Gamble, makers of Crest. There is one grand prize and four first prizes in each of four categories.

The volunteering dentists are all members of the Michigan Dental Association and they do have copies of the coloring contest poster in their offices.

Participating dentists are: Dr. Judd Carroll, 100 W. Main St.; Dr. Todd Gillan, 2186 W. Main St.; Dr. Joe Kirkwood and Dr. Jim Reagan, 207 W.

Main St.; Dr. Tom Northway and Dr. Ann Wilson, 505 W. Main and Dr. Clark Vredenburg, 1150 N. Hudson. Schools participating are Cherry Creek and Alto elementaries and St. Patrick's.



In his lifetime, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote 40 symphonies, 24 string quartets and 21 piano concertos.

Engineering firm hired to provide space needs and feasibility study

By **Thad Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

The engineering firm of JCK and Associates has been contracted to complete a space needs and feasibility study on Vergennes Township Hall.

The firm was one of three interviewed by Vergennes Township Planning Commission consultant Gil Wise and township clerk Mari Stone.

The study will cost the township \$3,600 and will be paid for through the Community Development Block Grant.

"The study will indicate if the renovation is economically feasible," Stone said. "It will investigate parking, space needs, and office needs."

Stone added that the selection of JCK was based on its understanding of barrier-free codes and the fact it was more technically oriented.

The township expects the study to take two-three weeks to complete.

In other township action:
Luscious Landscapes was awarded the Vergennes Cemetery contract for 1996.

The township will pay Luscious Landscapes \$3,400 for the upkeep and care of its cemetery.

Luscious Landscapes is co-owned by Sandy Burgess and Don Anderson. The 12-year-old company currently grooms the Ada Cemetery and lawns including Attwood, Chadalee Farms and Root Lowell.

The company A-1 took care of the cemetery for Vergennes Township in 1995 at a price of \$3,200. A-1 did not submit a proposal for the contract in 1996.

Township clerk Mari Stone said the Bailey Cemetery

and inflow.

Salary increases were issued for the positions of supervisor, clerk, treasurer and assessor.

Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook's salary will increase to \$13,000 from \$12,855. As the role of township assessor, Cook's salary will jump to \$15,500 from \$14,000.

The salaries of township clerk Mari Stone and treasurer Jeanne Hoffman will be bumped up to \$12,200 from \$11,625.

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and inflow.

"What we know is if there is an interest, there would be a need for renovation," Wenger said. "In order to add on, more property would be needed. There is land surrounding the facility, but whether or not it can be obtained I don't know."

Lowell Township is interested in running a line straight south from north of the expressway to the Bowne Township treatment facility south of 64th St. along Bancroft Avenue.

Timpson said what a light industrial site would bring to the township is not as significant as what it would bring to the school, community and merchants. "It brings revenue, jobs and trade with area merchants. It will be an asset to the children in the area. It will help keep those who are trained working and living in the area," Timpson said.

Both townships are looking to set up a joint meeting to discuss the matter. A date has yet to be set.

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

with 800 subscribers. It currently has 2,140.

Advancing into the world of fiber optics from coaxial is a costly one. It is estimated that such a change would cost approximately \$600,000. Fiber optics would also open the doors to further enhancements beyond just the quality in the system. The internet is just one of many applications that could be tied into the system.

Such improvements would likely drive up the cable customer's costs.

Another option is to upgrade and maintain its aging equipment. Geo Tech representatives George Orphan and Steve Klusovsky noted as equipment gets older, it becomes more expensive to maintain.

A way to possibly hold down some of the cost is to raise revenue through allowing telephone companies such as Ameritech to piggyback on the existing coax. Christman noted that in small cities around the country, telephone companies have begun to provide cable television services.

"We need a now plan. So if someone wants it now, someone else isn't taking care of their problem," Lowell mayor, William Thompson said.

Lowell Cable chairman Ivan Blough pointed out that the cable company could be paid off shortly and as indebtedness

goes, is in good shape.

"What is needed is a plan to upgrade and maintain the system and to provide quicker service," Blough said. "I think the cable company is a viable addition to the city and community if we can find a way to operate and upgrade it."

With the need to appoint several new cable board members, Thompson and the city council have decided to temporarily assume control of the television cable board.

Thompson and the board noted it would be for a short term so that operational and financial information on the company could be reviewed and looked at.

"I think the council needs to be involved in the direction and future of the cable company," Thompson said.

Blough and cable board members Jim Hodges and Chuck Myers will continue to serve. Both also serve on the city council.

The cable board is advisory in nature and has no autonomous power outside of the city council.

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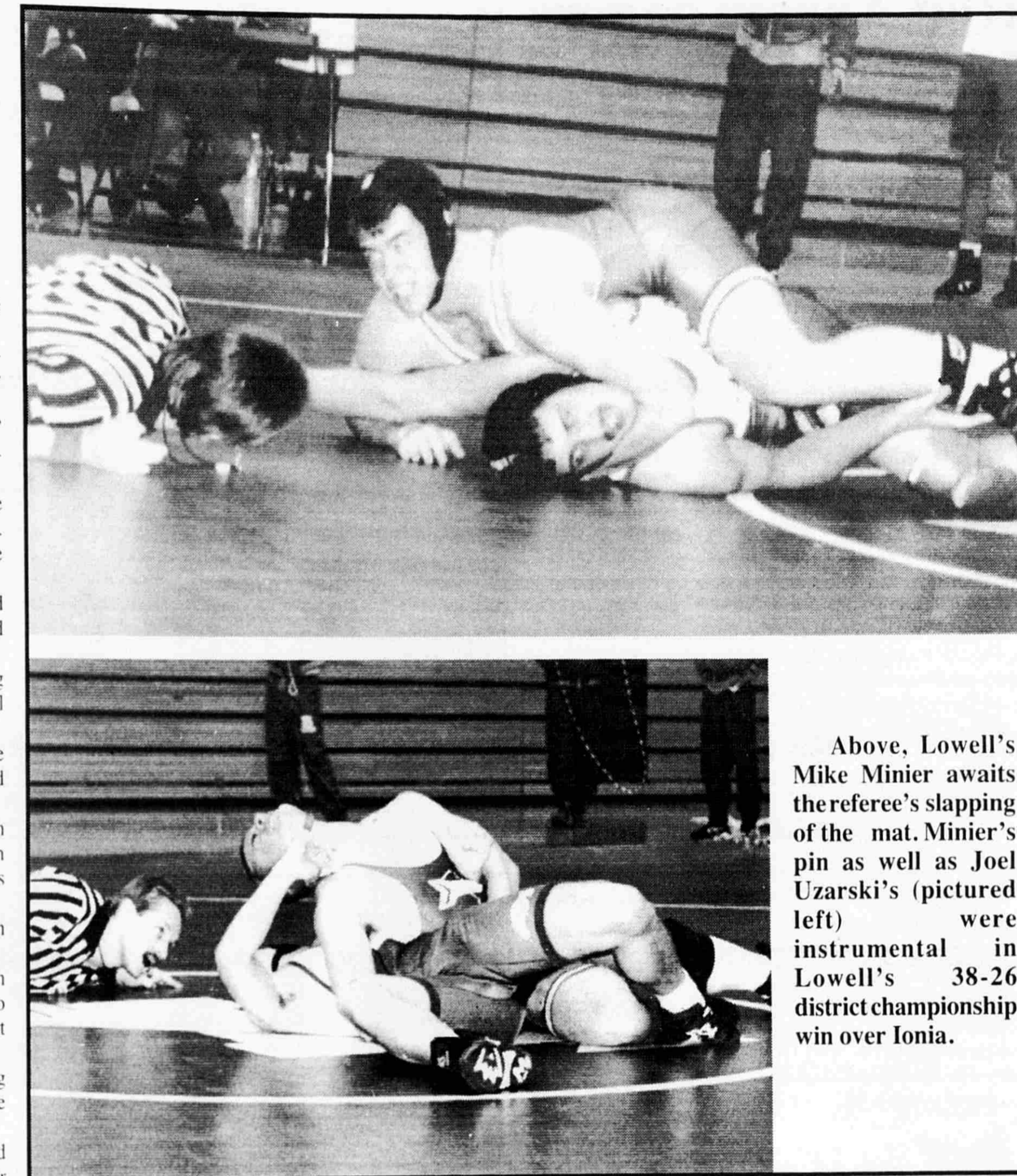
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Lowell grapplers celebrate a dramatic win over Ionia, 38-26

Lowell's fifth district wrestling title in the 90's. The Red Arrows 38-26 win over Ionia also proved to be its most dramatic. Chad Uzarski battled from his back for approximately one minute in the second period before escaping. Uzarski used the momentum of his escape in the second and pinned Ionia's Jason Bennett at 4:56 of the third period.



Above, Lowell's Mike Minier awaits the referee's slapping of the mat. Minier's pin as well as Joel Uzarski's (pictured left) were instrumental in Lowell's 38-26 district championship win over Ionia.

The dramatic finish was set up by some strong wrestling performances by Lowell's Scott Hays, Steve VanLaan, Joel Uzarski and Mike Minier. Minier, who finished third in the O-K White conference a week ago, pinned Matt Kammerers at 2:59 of the second period to give Lowell a 32-26 advantage.

Lowell's Dan Spicer and Ionia's Jason McGraw. In their meeting at the Lowell Invitational, Spicer bettered McGraw by the count of 13-5. Spicer got the best of Spicer on Saturday. McGraw's win followed his brother's (Josh McGraw) 15-

Lowell's Patrick Rockwell (145) was pinned by Ionia's Bryan Claycombe at 1:00 of the first period. Ionia won four matches in a row after Lowell's Nick West technical fall of David Nelson 17-1 at 103 pounds.

After the McGraw victories, Mike Adamson decided on Brett Plattner (125) 2-1 and Troy Wittenbach (130) decisioned Brad Lyons 13-10. Lowell's Matt Inman (140) stopped the Bulldog run with a 5-2 decision over Joe Lamphere.

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Red Arrow cagers trimmed by FH Central 65-57

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Central basketball coach Ken George calls Jeff Stewart the best three-point shooter in the O-K White.

In Friday night's 65-57 win over Lowell, the junior gave support to his coach's claim.

With a little less than two minutes to play and Lowell trailing by just two (54-52) and on a 6-1 mini run, Stewart took a pass in the far corner from guard Jud Schrottenboer. Stewart squared up and buried the three-pointer, extending the Ranger lead to five at 57-52.

"That was a big shot. Jeff has the green light when he's open," George said. "He's hit a lot of big shots like that for us this year."

Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush agreed. "There's no doubt that's a big shot. However, the defense we were in is designed not to allow penetration." Bush said. "Our defense broke down, allowing penetration and enabling their guard to dish the ball out to an open Stewart."

However, it was a three-minute stretch of the second quarter where miscues and turnovers helped turn an even game into a seven-point FHC halftime lead.

"The boys played hard and I thought played some pretty good half-court defense, but we must eliminate and learn from the little mistakes we're making," Bush said.

Lowell came out and took a 13-11 first quarter lead. B.J. Barber netted a three-point shot with 15 seconds to play in the first quarter, giving the Red Arrows the lead. Barber finished the game with 11 points.

Kevin Brown led all scorers with 16 points. Chris Wilcox added nine.

Stewart led FHC with 13 points and Schrottenboer and Cory Vanderlugt each tallied 11.

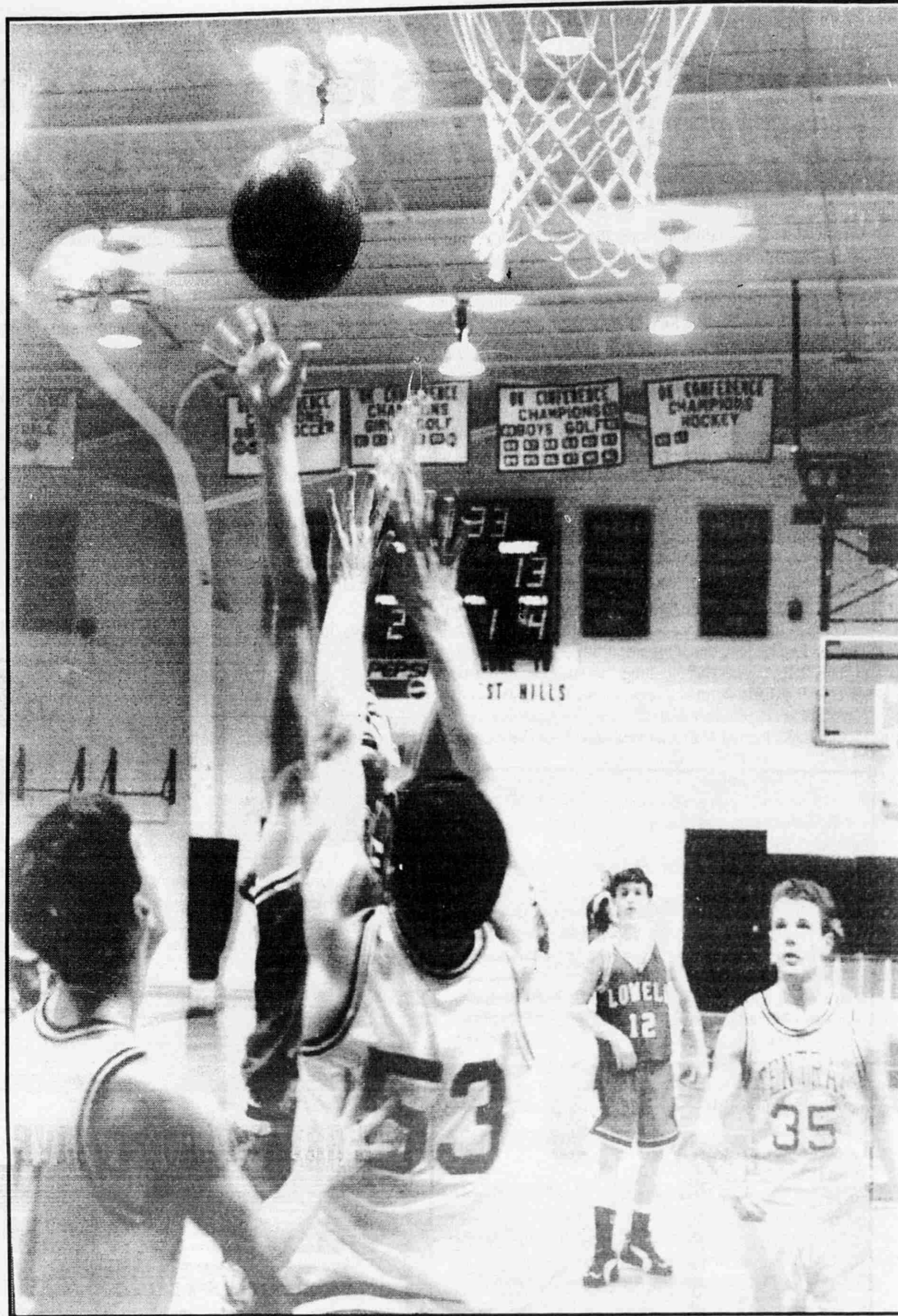
Lowell trailed 30-23 at halftime and 43-38 at the end of three.

The Red Arrow deficit was between two and six points before Stewart's three sent the Rangers on an 8-0 run extended their lead to 40 at 62-52 with 35 seconds to play.

"We didn't play real well offensively and Lowell battles hard," George said.

The win improved Central's league mark to 6-6. Lowell fell to 1-11 in the O-K White.

The Red Arrows host Northview on Friday.



Kevin Brown led all Lowell scorers with 16 points. Above, he goes up and over his Ranger counterparts.

Wrestling, continued.... From Page 19

sat in their respective corner with their arms folded and silently observed. "What can you say?" Strejc asked.

How can you coach when your wrestler's opponent is also attired in the Red Arrow red and white?

Dan Spicer and Casey Harper didn't have to look up when they got out to the center circle in the 112-pound individual district semifinal.

They both knew what stood in front of them. In reality, it may have seemed like another day at practice where the two are paired together more often than not.

In preparation, the two wrestlers warmed up not more than five feet apart. As is their custom, neither does any talking.

"They are both very quiet and they don't say a lot," Rivers said.

The only talking that went on before the match was between Rivers and Strejc. "I told Dave he'd go with the junior (Harper) and I'd take the senior (Spicer)," Rivers said.

Spicer recorded a pin over Harper at 2:40 of the second period.

The win propelled the senior into the finals against Ionia's Josh McGraw. The Bulldog escaped with a 5-4 decision over Spicer.

"Dan chased him for one and a half periods," Rivers said. "Dan just ran out of time. They'll probably meet again at the regional."

In getting to the finals at 112 pounds, Spicer decided Mike Randall of Creston and Ryan Rudd of Hastings.

Harper made it to the consolation match by pinning East Grand Rapids' Rob Bowman and decisioning Forest Hills Central's Mike Sampson 19-8. However, Harper lost a decision in the consolation match to Greenville's Terry Ortiz 14-0.

The only wrestler to be crowned district champion was Lowell's Matt Inman.

Seeded second, Inman pinned Ionia's Joe Lamphere at 1:46 of the first period. He then decisioned Nick Roberts 12-5 before pinning Central's Isaac Haywood at 5:00 of the third period in the championship match.

"Matt wrestled very well. He was in charge the whole match against Haywood," Rivers said.

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Lowell gymnasts fall a point shy of Kenowa Hills; Fisher qualifies for the regional on beam

Lowell's continued improvement and consistency on the balance beam have been a highlight of the 1996 gymnastic season.

Saturday, in the conference meet at Mona Shores, the beam snuck up and bit the Red Arrows.

"The girls have done a pretty good job on the beam all year, but Saturday they struggled," Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan said. "It was our first event of the day. I'm not quite sure why but we struggled."

The early day problems prevented Lowell from finishing ahead of Kenowa Hills. The Knights finished a point ahead of the Red Arrows, tying the two schools for sixth overall.

In the regular season dual meet, Lowell defeated the Knights.

Despite its team struggles on the beam, junior Skye Fisher recorded her fourth regional qualifying score on the beam with a team-leading 7.85. The score enables her to compete at the regional on March 2 in both the floor exercise and on the beam.

Other scores on the beam included Brenda Lacey's 6.1, Shannon Laux's 6.45 and Trisha Schmidt's 5.8.

The Red Arrows did anything but struggle in the floor exercise. For the first time all season three gymnasts recorded scores over eight in one event.

Lacey led the way with a mark of 8.65. Fisher tallied an all-

time best mark of 8.3 and Laux finished her routine with a mark of 8.25.

Schmidt scored a 6.6.

On the vault, Laux tallied a season-best 8.5. Lacey scored an 8.1 and Fisher and Schmidt scored 6.7 and 6.05 respectively.

Lacey's 7.75 led the Red Arrows on the uneven bars. Laux scored a 4.9. Schmidt tallied a 3.8 and Fisher finished with a 3.5.

Lowell will compete next in the regional at Holland on March 2.

Lacey will compete in all four events. Laux will compete in all of the events except on the uneven bars. Fisher will participate in the floor exercise and on the balance beam.

its loss at Rockford.

Laux sat out the final dual meet of the season with an injured toe.

"I think Shannon's being out affected the performance of the other girls," Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan said.

Rockford's Anna Wynbeek was the medalist on the vault. She scored an 8.6. Brenda Lacey scored an 8.0. Skye Fisher earned a mark of 6.65 and Trisha Schmidt tallied a 6.3.

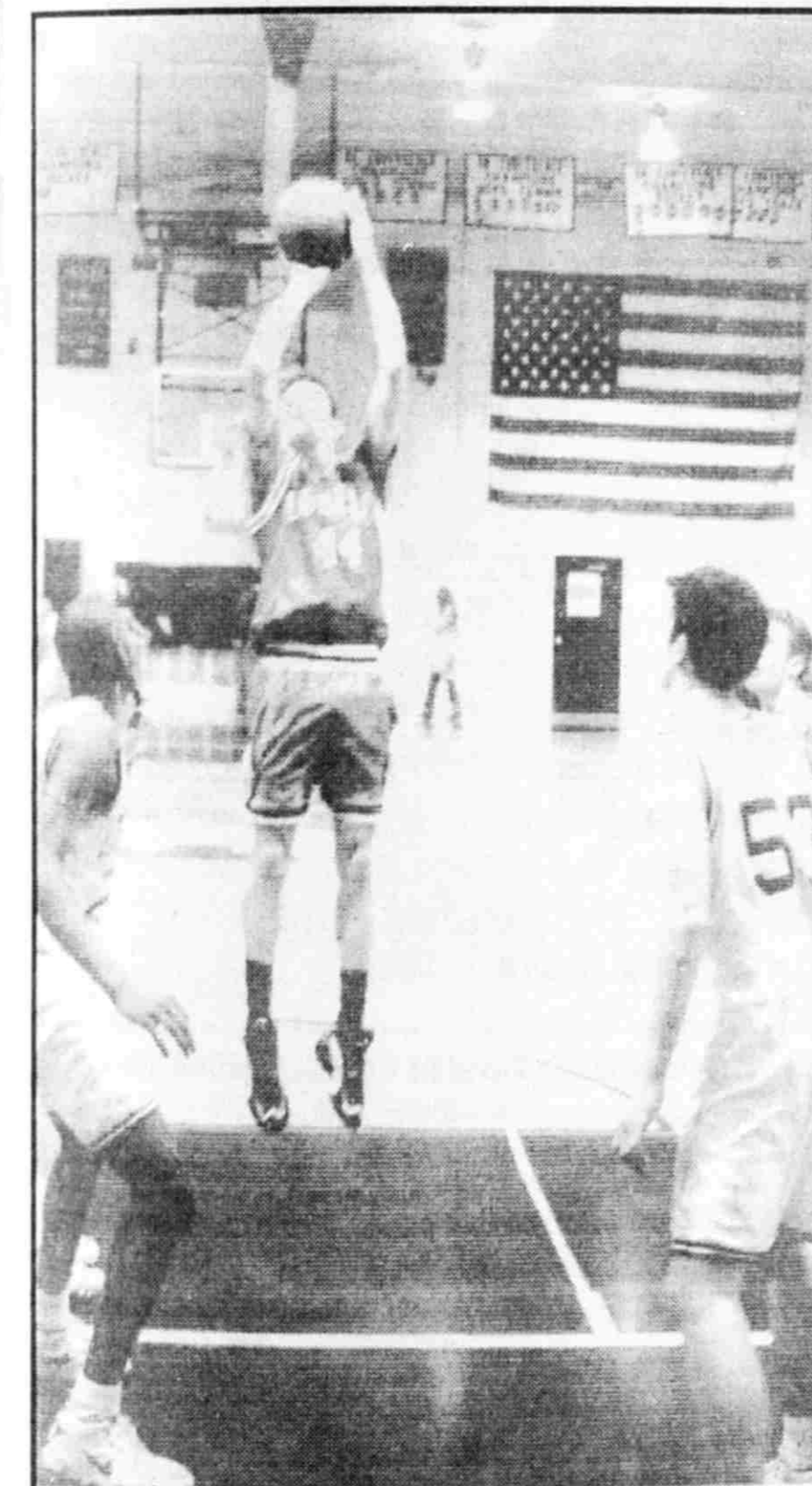
Wynbeek also was the meet medalist on the balance beam. She recorded a mark of 8.65. Lacey led Lowell with an 8.25. Schmidt scored a 6.8 and Fisher earned a 6.75.

In the floor exercise Rockford's Katie Rothwell was first with a 9.0. Lacey earned an 8.25. Fisher scored a 7.8 and Schmidt finished with a 4.8.

Wynbeek led all gymnasts with an 8.55 on the uneven bars. Lacey was fifth overall with a mark of 5.75 and Schmidt scored a 3.1.

Rockford 131.05
Lowell 72.4

Minus the services of Shannon Laux, Lowell struggled in



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SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Kek 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 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: Alzheimer's 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.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation! For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

EVERY THURSDAY: Good News Club for children, ages 5-12 meets after school in the Community Center at Key Heights. This activity for kids is one hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun! For more information, please call Phyllis Bender, 897-6890.

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.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

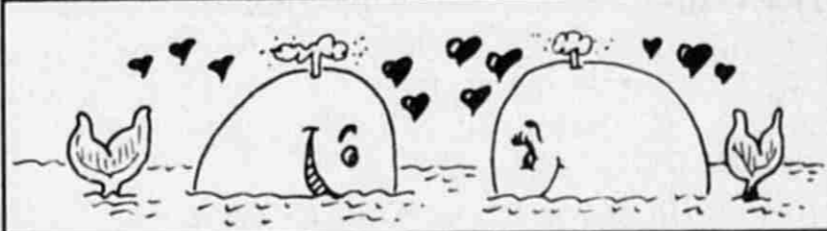
FEB 22-MAR. 3, 1996: Hawaii Cruise. Contact Mary Condon at 897-7092 for more information.

SAT., MARCH 2: Fish fry at the Lowell Masonic

SUN., MARCH 3: Lowell Lakeland Florida group. Change of meeting place to Huntington Hills Golf Course. For information call 897-9542.

THURS., MARCH 7: Vergennes Co-operative Club first meeting at Schneider Manor for a Vergennes Indian surloin curry luncheon at 1 p.m. Reservations must be given to callers. Answer roll call with a current event. Dues must be paid to get the new year book. Bring canned, boxed or personal item for ACCESS-6, our on-going community project.

SUN., MARCH 10: Fund-raising for Nicole Deters to become a student ambassador to China from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen, 700 East Main St. Adults, \$8; kids 10 & under, \$4. Purchase tickets in advance or at the door.



A whale's heart beats only nine times a minute.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be having a "Dialogue Session" on Monday, February 26, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria, 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI.

The purpose of the session is for the Board and the Administration to receive public input and to enter into dialogue regarding various issues. Please stop by to "chat." The following items will also be presented that evening:

1. Knowledge Master Open Recognition
2. Cherry Creek Radio Station
3. C.A.R.E.S.
4. Service Learning
5. School Store

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

- MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
- 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

- WED., MARCH 6:** 8 a.m., Men's breakfast
- WED., MARCH 6:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Blood pressure.
- WED., MARCH 6:** 12:30 p.m., Telemarketing and other fraud to senior citizens.
- THURS., MARCH 7:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping in Grand Rapids.
- FRI., MARCH 8:** 12:30 p.m. Dutton General Store.
- TUES., MARCH 12:** 12:30 p.m. Michigan Pro Medicare Inc.
- WED., MARCH 13:** 6 a.m., Bingo at Meijers.
- WED., MARCH 13:** 12:15 p.m. Volunteer recognition.
- FRI., MARCH 15:** 12:30 p.m., Reminiscence.
- TUES., MARCH 19:** 10:30, Wellness class.
- TUES., MARCH 19:** 12:30, Shopping at Meijers.
- WED., MARCH 20:** 9:30, Advisory council.
- FRI., MARCH 22:** 12:30 p.m., Flea market, Shady Acres.
- WED., MARCH 27:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

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

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Dennis Heffron for a special land use for construction and use of a building for bona fide agricultural purposes on lands not devoted to a principal use, under Section 3.01A(2) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The special land use covers the lands commonly described as 8083 Ashley, and legally described as follows:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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

Dated: February 15, 1996

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

TOWN TALK

Do you think there should be a ratings system for network television programming and would it make a difference in your viewing habits?



Kerry Waterman
It's definitely a good idea. There's a lot of programming that is not good for children. It would give parents an idea as to what kind of material is on programs.



Dave Rash
Yeah, I think it's a good idea... although it won't make a difference in what I watch.



Sue Clements
Yes, I do. I think it would make a difference in what I don't allow my children to watch - especially programs that have violence.



Barbara Roth
Yes. It wouldn't necessarily change my viewing habits, but it would affect what I let my daughter watch.



Brenda Oesch
It is definitely a good idea. I think it would affect what people watch a lot.



Sara Smith
Yes. It is an excellent idea. It probably wouldn't affect me too much because we only watch good family shows.



James McCready
Yes, it is a good idea. It would affect what I'd allow my children to watch.



Grace VanderMeulen
It is definitely a good idea. It won't affect what I watch because I don't watch programs with sex and violence. Good parents will pay attention to the ratings.

Brother finds much needed kidney in sibling

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Valentine's Day is one of giving and sharing with a loved one.

The Lenten season is one of sacrifice, giving thanks and reflection.

Both of these events share the month of February.

This year, John and Gert DeHaan and family have combined the two.

DeHaan's son, Gordon, made his way through bypass heart surgery last year.

The surgery was a success and DeHaan's recovery has gone well. However, recovery means he must now



Gordon DeHaan Sydney DeHaan

Sidney. The kidney transplant is scheduled to take place on Feb. 26 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Doctors tested just two of Gordon's siblings before determining Sidney's was a perfect match.

"We're very happy that a perfect match was found," Gert DeHaan said. "I'll just be glad when it is over."

Gordon lives on Gun Lake and Sidney is from Howard City.

Their parents have been residents of Lowell since 1972.

prepare for a kidney transplant.

The donor of his new kidney will be his brother

IN THE SERVICE

Robert Christopher Tran Harasim entered the Army in August, 1995. He completed his basic training at Fort Sill, OK, and graduated November 2, 1995.

Harasim completed his Advanced Technical Training in Forward Laser Tracking and has been assigned permanent duty in Hawaii.

Harasim is expected to participate in an exchange training program in March in Singapore.



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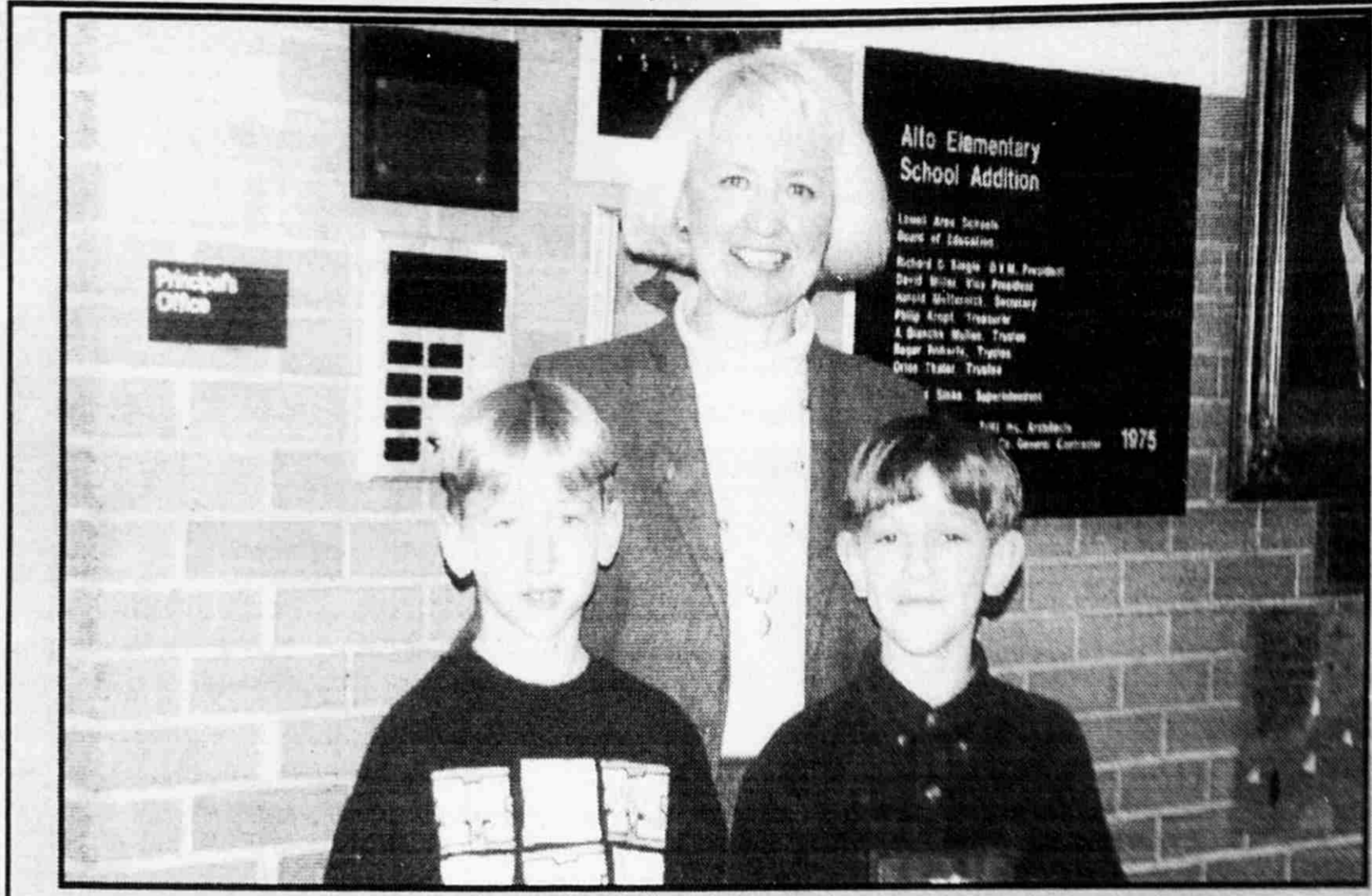
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Alto Elementary "abuzz" over spelling bee champ

Pictured from left to right: Spelling Bee winner, Eric Gillman; principal, Mary Ann Schramm; and runner-up, Jeremy Goff.

Keep young passengers safe; review safety tips

Children are fragile. That's the message of "Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week" (Feb. 11-17), a good time to review how you buckle up young passengers to prevent injuries, according to AAA Michigan.

Consider this:
• Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 5 through 15.

• In Michigan, 27 child passengers under age 5 were killed and 2,309 injured in 1994, the last year for which statistics are available.

"In 1994, it was projected that child restraints saved the lives of 308 children under 5 nationwide," noted Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Of

those saved, 250 were using child safety seats and 58 were wearing safety belts."

Basch says if safety seats were used nationwide by all children under 5, an estimated 532 lives could have been saved in 1994.

"The law in all 50 states says that babies and children must ride in child safety seats until they are old enough to wear safety belts, generally when they reach 40 pounds," Basch adds. Compliance with child restraint laws in Michigan is currently at 70 percent compared to 12 percent in 1982 when the state law took effect.

While Michigan boasts a generally high percentage of child safety seat use, more than a third are being used improperly, and some seats may not meet federal safety standards.

Misuse may occur by not affixing the straps over the shoulders and between the legs of the child. Also, by not properly anchoring the restraint to the vehicle seat, it could fly forward in the event of a crash, or even an abrupt stop.

"It is important for parents to read the safety seat manufacturer's instruction, as well as the car manufacturer's instructions to guarantee maximum crash protection," Basch emphasized.

If a secondhand seat is used, Basch cautions to make sure it was manufactured after Jan. 1, 1981, when child safety seats had to meet federal standards. Also, be sure a secondhand seat has not been involved in a crash, as this could weaken the seat.

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



ALTITUDE SICKNESS

Altitude illness is a spectrum of medical problems ranging from mild discomfort to fatal illness that may affect any

traveler who ascends to elevations of more than 5,280 feet. It can affect anyone, including the most experienced and fit individual who ascends to the high elevations. The length of stay, the time it takes to make the ascent and the elevation affects an individual's response to adapting to the altitude.

Acute mountain sickness (AMS) begins within four to six hours after arrival at altitudes 5,280 - 10,000 feet. Symptoms vary from combination of headache, insomnia, anorexia, nausea, and dizziness, to more serious conditions, such as vomiting, difficulty breathing, muscle weakness, increased urine output, swelling legs and arms, and retinal hemorrhage. AMS is perhaps best characterized as feeling "hungover." A small percentage of AMS can lead to high altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE), or high altitude cerebral edema (HACE). HACE occurs when the lungs fill with fluid. It begins 24 to 96 hours after arrival at high altitude. HACE indicates swelling of the brain. It is the least common, but most severe of the high altitude illnesses since it can result in permanent injury or death.

Acute mountain sickness symptoms are related to the reduced oxygen content and humidity of air at high altitudes. Colorado Rockies are at an elevation between 8,000 and 10,000 feet, the air contains approximately 45 percent less oxygen and approximately 50 percent to 80 percent less humidity than at sea level. Individuals who become progressively short of breath and have difficulty breathing and have coughing, and lower leg swelling are demonstrating signs and symptoms consistent with

fluid accumulation in the lungs, and require prompt medical attention. Travel companions should suspect altitude illness in group members if they notice that person is skipping meals, stumbling, exhibiting antisocial behavior, or is having difficulty taking part in the group's current activities.

The initial symptoms associated with acute mountain sickness should disappear as the body adjusts to the lowered oxygen content and dryness of the air. It may take several days or as much as one week. On arrival to high elevations go slow, avoid alcohol and excessive stress and increase fluid intake. If you are 35 or older, plan ahead, visit a gym for conditioning and prepare for the ascent. Slow ascent is most important on trips to altitudes above 10,000 feet. For some avid skiers or climbers, sleeping at lower elevations may be beneficial. Allow two days of acclimatization before engaging in strenuous exercise at high altitudes. If you have experienced (AMS) in the past, ask your doctor regarding medications that are available to help with AMS.

Capitol Commentary, continued...From Page 5

on welfare in the nation. We became the first state to prepare for federal block grants. Our new plan creates the toughest work requirements in the country. We're saying, if you're not willing to work, you won't get a check.

The goal of this system is not cruel, but compassionate. We want to get families and individuals off government dependency and renew their belief in themselves, so they can become active members of our society.

On February 8th, I appointed three senators to serve on a newly-formed bipartisan task force that will work with Family Independence Agency as it continues to establish our welfare policies. Senators Robert Geake of Northville, Joel Gougeon of Bay City and Joe Conroy of Flint will serve alongside representatives Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak, Jack Horton of Belmont, and Robert Emerson of Flint to oversee the progress of the agency.

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

LOWELL REUNION

PLACE: Lakeland, Florida
ADDRESS: Huntington Hills Country Club
2626 Duff Road
(98 North To Duff Road - Turn West At Midas Sign)
TIME: 1:00 P.M. Sunday, March 3rd

FOR INFORMATION CALL
941-682-7136 • 941-683-6336

SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting of February 12, 1996

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

MOTIONS APPROVED:
Approval of the Agenda, with amendments.
Approval of Consent Agenda.
Motion to approve Design Plus seeking further Construction Cost Estimates for the Township Building Project.
Motion to not sign the Signal Corp/Brooks Fiber Communication transfer agreement.
Resolution for Employee Salary - office staff.
Resolution for Assessor's salary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 26, 1996.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Kay Harris
Approved By: Peggy Gurney

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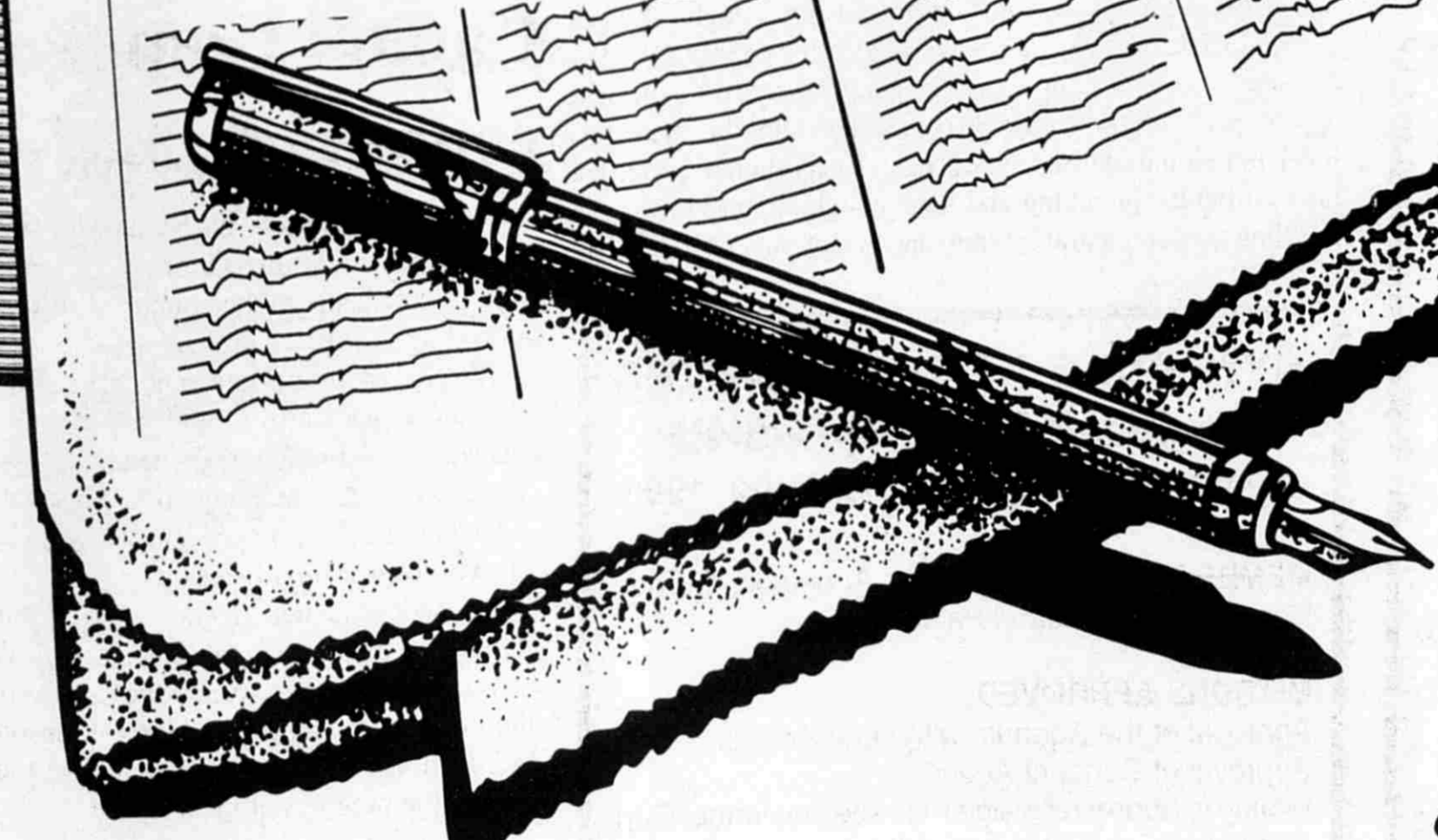
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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL, 10381 BAILEY DRIVE, ON

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) By letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8, 1996; or
- 2) By phoning the Township Hall (897-5671) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk



Parliamentary Procedure

Placing third at the 1996 Region V Leadership contest in Parliamentary Procedure was Lowell FFA team, front row, left to right: Katie Akers, Elizabeth Reimbold and Beth Larabee. Back row, left to right: Amy Larabee, Hillary Tichelaar, Michelle Billingsley, Melissa Luyk and Lisa Osterhaven.

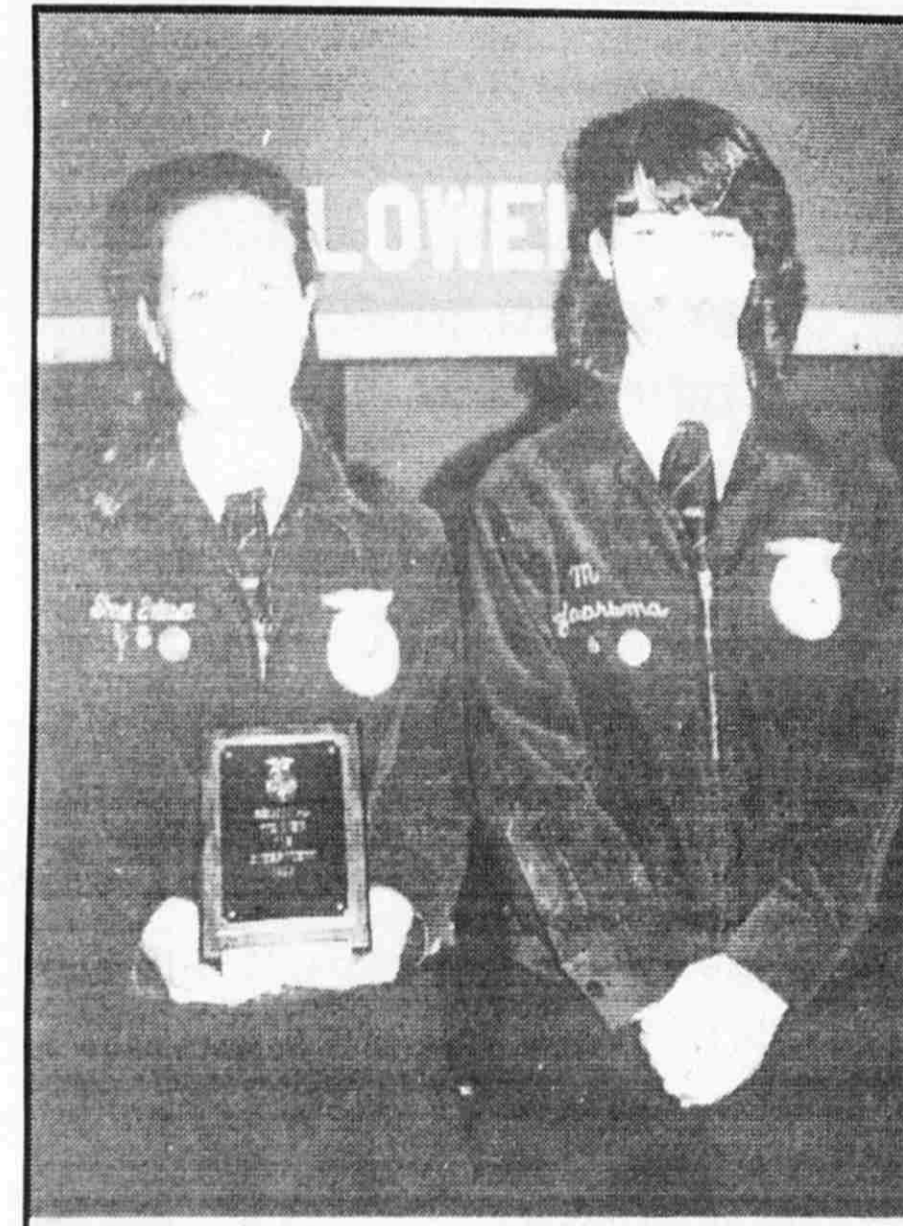
Agricultural Forum

Placing first at the 1996 Region V Leadership contest in Agricultural Forum was Lowell FFA team, left to right: Brian Knudstrup, Annie Oesch, Carrie Hubbard and Josh VanSprousen. Missing from the picture are Brett Plattner and Denny Briggs.



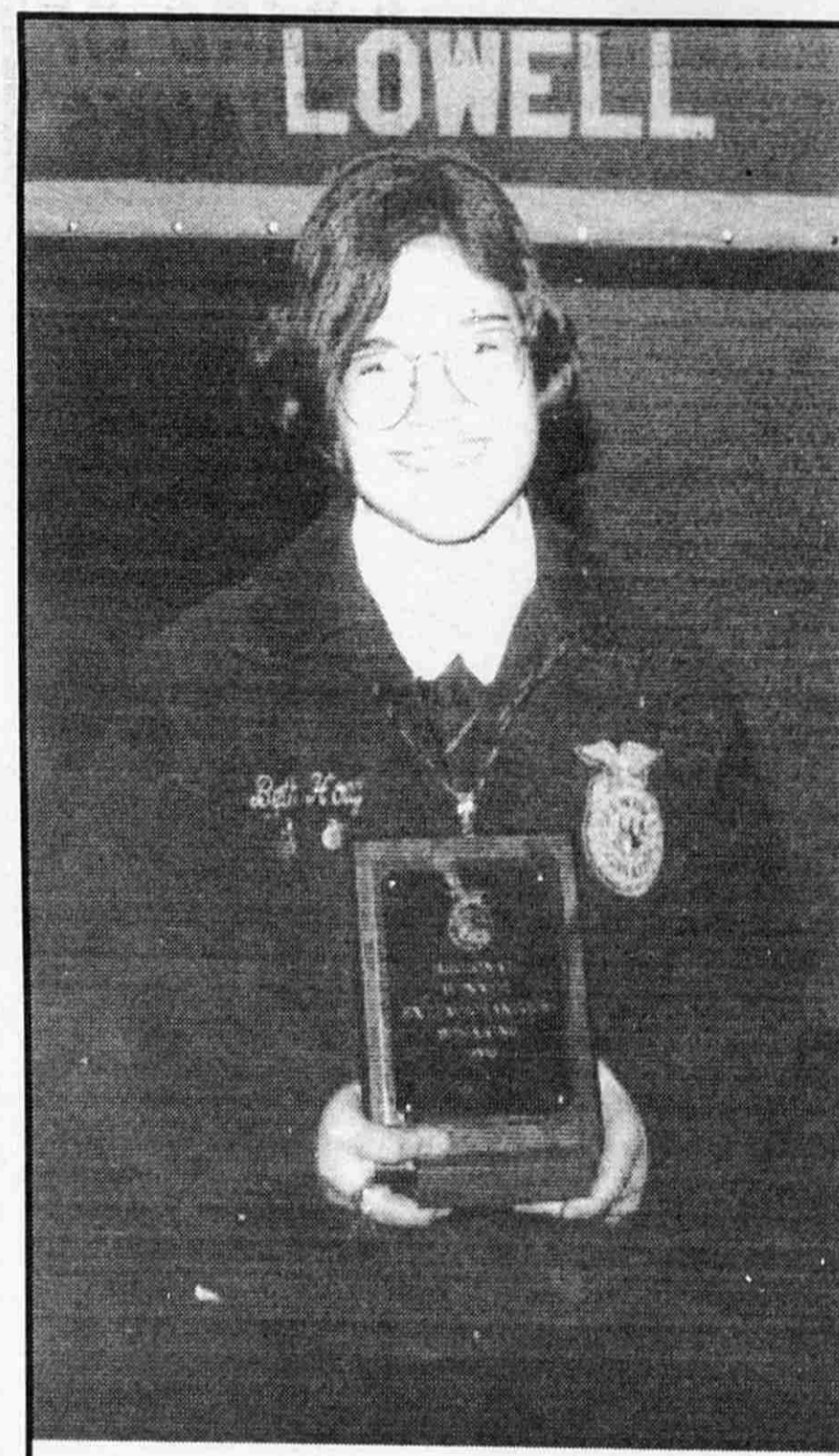
Lowell FFA host Region V Leadership contest

Lowell's Performing Arts Center played host to one of six FFA Region Leadership contests in the state of Michigan. The Lowell FFA organization was one of 12 teams to compete in eight different areas. The top two places in each of the eight categories advance to the state level competition at Michigan State University on March 4-6. Lowell's Lisa Posthumus, not pictured, placed first in public speaking. Lowell FFA director Pete Siler was happy with the outcome. "I am very pleased with the results and the efforts of the Lowell students," he said.



Job Interviewing

Participating in the 1996 Region V Leadership contest in Job Interviewing was left to right: Shari Grieser (first) and Monica Jaarsma (fourth).



Extemporaneous Speaking

Participating in the 1996 Region V Leadership contest in Extemporaneous Speaking was Beth Hoag. She placed first.



Greenhand Public Speaking

Placing first at the 1996 Region V Leadership contest in Greenhand Public Speaking was Tricia Fick. Not pictured is Shannon Finnegan. She placed second.

Do not shorten the morning by getting up late; look upon it as the quintessence of life, as to a certain extent sacred.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

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LOWELL APARTMENTS - Now has 1 bedrooms available starting at \$300 (based on income). Rent includes: heat, water, sewer & much more. Call 897-7135 for more information. TDD # 1-800-760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity.

FOR RENT - Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse. has kitchen facilities & seats approx. 75. Call 897-7398.

1 BEDROOM NEWLY DECORATED - great for professional couple or single, clean, \$390/month + utilities, no pets. 676-2156 after 5 p.m.

FOR RENT - Large, spacious, 2 bedroom apartment, within Lowell city limits, in quiet neighborhood. Heat/water included in rent. Must have references, excellent credit history. \$550/mo. 897-6183 & leave message.

SALES

ESTATE SALE - 523 Lincoln Lake, Thurs., Feb. 22, 9-5:30; Fri., Feb. 23, 9-2 p.m. Antiques, furniture, household misc. Sale by Flat River Estate Services.

HELP WANTED

COUNTER PERSON NEEDED - part-time, afternoons & Saturdays. Apply in person at Cooper's Drycleaners, 591 Ada Dr., or 6555 - 28th St.

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FOR SALE - 1984 GMC Vandura conversion, auto., AM/FM cassette, air, cruise, 4 captain's chairs & fold-down bench; new brakes & muffler, 40,000 miles on engine. \$1,800. Call 897-6430.

FOR SALE - Sears Kenmore stove, electric, self-cleaning, 8 years old, \$75. 897-7729 after 5:30.

PARTS FOR SALE - 1986 Ford Bronco, 4x4, full size, rebuilt motor, new tailgate, many new parts. Best time to call after 5 p.m. 897-7965.

KING-SIZE WATERBED - 4-drawer pedestal, 6 in. fiberfill mattress, headboard with mirror. \$250 o.b.o. Call 897-0174 after 5:30 p.m.

FOR SALE - Mickey Thompson aluminum rims, 12.5x15 with 12.5x33 MT tires, \$750. Call 897-7965.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE - '89 Schultz Citation mobile, 14x80, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, appliances, dishwasher, c. air. \$18,000 o.b.o. 897-0174. Call after 5:30 p.m.

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We would like to thank all our friends, neighbors and relatives for their visits, cards, food, memorials, plants and flowers during Ernestine's illness and death. Thanks to Helping Hands Hospice of Ionia County with special thanks to Betty and Sonda for their caring and help. Special thanks to Calvary Grace Brethren Church and Pastor Mick. Also thanks to Gary Koop and his staff in making a very trying time a bit easier.
Thad Wigfield,
Richard & Lynn Wigfield & family;
Michael & Marie McNeal & family;
Owen & Molly Wigfield & family &
David & Norma Cooley & family

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I wish to express my sincere appreciation to relatives, friends, & neighbors for the flowers, food & cards which I received while I was in the hospital and since I returned home. Your kindness will not be forgotten.
Pauline Burtle

EVENTS

FREE MAMMOGRAMS & PAP TESTS - by women providers for eligible women 40 years & over. **WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK**, Kent County Health Department. Call (616) 336-3058.

ADA & FOREST HILLS CRAFT SHOWS! - Sat., March 16, Meadow Brook Elementary; Sat., April 20 Forest Hills Central Middle School. Booths available, \$40, 8x10. 676-0667 for application.

BINGO

Every Saturday Night 4:00 P.M.
LOWELL MOOSE BINGO
1320 E. Fulton
Early Bird Bingo at 4:00 p.m.

BINGO

Every Friday Night 6:00 P.M.
LOWELL VFW HALL
East Main St., Lowell
Early Bird Bingo at 6:00 p.m.
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In memory of our mother, Nedra Jane Bristol, who passed away February 19, 1982. We treasure forever our memories of you. Today, tomorrow and for all our lives through. Wherever we go, whatever we do, nothing can compare with the love from a mother like you.
Sadly missed by your children

BUSINESS SERVICES

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Computers bring Almy's fourth-grade resource room students independence

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a fourth-grade resource teacher in Lowell's special education program, Suzie Almy sees computers providing her students with independence.

"Resource students get a great amount of direct instruction. The computer is an independent tool students can use," Almy explains. "It allows students to gain information from another source. It is a different mode of presentation which provides a good experience for the student."

The computer is also an instructional tool and provides children with reinforcement of skills they have already learned.

An example of this can be demonstrated in the math curriculum. Computer software is used to reinforce and practice math concepts in preparation of MEAP testing.

Resource room students also work a great deal on various phonics software to improve decoding skills. Comprehension software is also used.

Currently, Almy and other teachers are previewing software programs that will assist in teaching a writing process which will help prepare fifth-graders for the fifth-grade MEAP assessment (Almy will teach fifth-grade students next year).

Almy is hopeful that some day each classroom will have its own computer in which lab software can be networked.

"This way students can access and practice what they have learned in the lab, once regular classwork is finished," Almy said. "Once every two weeks in a computer lab is exposure, but not enough for use independently."

Almy adds that students in her class who are not versed in computers receive peer tutoring. "This is not only good for the students not versed in computers but it is also good for the peer tutors. It helps with the students' self-esteem."



Suzie Almy works with a student on their classroom computer.

Finances have city rethinking sidewalk program

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The financial weight of city sidewalk improvements has given city staff reason to reconsider whether or not bonding should be used for the program.

Under the current sidewalk program, owners pay 75 percent and the city chips in 25 percent of the cost.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale points out that the current program extends the general fund over a period of time. "The city's general fund cannot afford to continually front end this work indefinitely," Pasquale said.

The city manager feels that bonding for the sidewalk program is needed. "This would allow the city to complete the sidewalk program over a four-year period as opposed to 10 years," Pasquale said.

Bonding for the project would allow for special assessment and city shares to be

equally planned.

By doing the entire sidewalk project over a shorter period of time, the economy of scale tips in favor of the city. "We'd get more bang for our buck," Pasquale said.

Millage increases would need to be undertaken in order to finance the city share.

The residents' share of the bond would be covered through special assessment.

Pasquale would like to see such a program begin in 1997.

While the city manager shared his thoughts with the council, it is the council who will determine whether the program is changed at all.

Any change will not come in time for the sidewalk work scheduled for Foreman and Elm streets in 1996.

Lowell's Pachulski attends Ann Arbor convention

Barb Pachulski, of Lowell, recently attended Creative Memories' annual regional convention in Ann Arbor on

Feb. 9 and 10.

Creative Memories, headquartered in St. Cloud, MN, is a national direct-sales company that teaches people how to organize and preserve their family photos. Creative Memories' 10,000 consultants offer educational seminars and hands-on workshops at club/organization meetings and in-home classes. Consultants also sell a line of photo-safe albums and supplies.

Pachulski, who attended the regional convention along with 301 other consultants, had been with Creative Memories for over one year. She was recognized for Top Recruiting in January 1996 at the business seminar on Feb. 9.

LOWELL YMCA SOCCER

A lot of what rubs off on kids at the YMCA doesn't wash off.



Spring Program Begins In April

- Mini-Kickers (ages 4-5 yrs.) Starting April 8th
- Kindergarten - League/Instructional
- 1st - 8th Grade Leagues

COACHES MEETING (GRADE, 1-6) SATURDAY, MARCH 23th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE ▶ Mini-Kickers-Kind. - March 28th
1st - 8th Grade - March 14th

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CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 1996 at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996
at 9:00 a.m.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals, and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996
FROM
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
AND
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 8, 1996. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

Commercial Property	50%	1.0000
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Residential Property	50%	1.0000
Personal Property	50%	1.0000

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