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## Schmidt's recovery pace nothing short of a miracle

••• After pulling through 18 days of lying in a coma, the Lowell senior is recovering rapidly from a traumatic brain injury suffered in an accident. Schmidt eyes singing in school's spring concert.

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

When pulling into the drive at 3880 Segwun, it's easy to notice that construction work is still going on.

After visiting with Michael and Vicki Schmidt and their daughter Shelley, it is apparent that the real construction going on has nothing to do with their new home. Instead it has everything to do with Shelley building on her recovery from a serious accident on Jan. 23.

Schmidt left her home, on that day, in the late afternoon hours to run an errand to Erb Lumber for her father. "I asked Shelley to run to Erb Lumber and pick up some door shims," Michael Schmidt recalls.

An hour after his daughter had left, a state trooper patrol car pulled into Schmidt's driveway.

"He told me that Shelley had been involved in an accident just north of the s-curve on Segwun, was in and out of consciousness but was going to be fine," Michael Schmidt said. "What we learned after arriving at Butterworth Hospital was a little different."

Their daughter had suffered a traumatic brain injury, a broken rib and had slipped into a coma.

Schmidt remained in a coma for 18 days. "We slept in the waiting room the first four nights. The first 72 hours are very important because of brain swelling. They gave Shelley a 50-50 chance."

After surviving the first 72 hours, questions such as how much damage was caused, when would Shelley come out of the coma, and what complications would there be, remained.

When the Lowell senior did come out of her coma, she couldn't sit up, hold her head up, or walk and had no short-



Pictured above is Shelley Schmidt, center, with her parents Michael Schmidt and Vicki Schmidt.

term memory. Schmidt was also unable to move her left leg and right arm. "This paralysis was a result of a deep bruising of the brain," Michael Schmidt said.

Four days after coming out of the coma, Schmidt was transferred to Mary Free Bed where rehabilitation work began.

"It wasn't until about a half a week at Mary Free Bed that Shelley began asking questions," her mother Vicki Schmidt said.

While at Mary Free Bed, Shelley worked on strengthening exercises, motor skills, school skills, short-term memory and

cognitive skills.

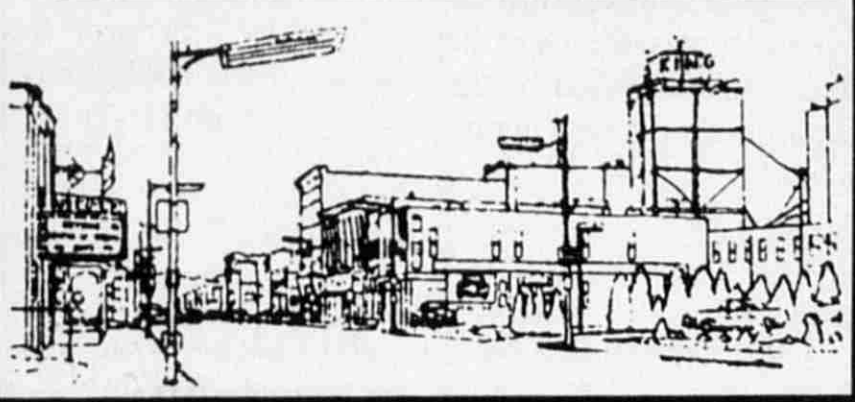
"Where Shelley's cognitive skills are now, after two-three weeks, usually takes two-three months," Michael Schmidt said. "Shelley has a teacher who is working with her on getting back her school skills."

Some of the physical skills Schmidt had to relearn include walking and writing.

"Walking took a while," Shelley said. "Part of the problem was I couldn't feel my left foot. I also couldn't

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### Along Main Street



#### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

#### HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS

A high school orientation meeting will be held for all current ninth, tenth and eleventh graders and their parents Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell High School. Preparation workshop to register for classes for the 1996-97 school year.

A high school orientation meeting will be held for all eighth-grade students and their parents Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell High School. Preparation workshop to register for classes for the 1996-97 school year.

#### YMCA SPRING SOCCER

The deadline for the YMCA spring soccer sign-up is Thursday, March 14.

For further information call 897-8445.

#### LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

Lowell Little League late sign-ups will be held Friday,

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## Potential developers spring up in township as weather warms

By Marc Popiolek  
 Contributing Writer

Spring is just around the corner and with the warm weather comes development requests by individuals who would like to contribute to Lowell Charter Township's growth.

Two such requests are in their infancy before the township's planning commission, but both hope to get approval in order to start construction shortly.

"1996 is a good year and nobody's sure about 1997, so I would like to get this done this year," said developer Tony Bouma.

Bouma hopes to receive permission from both the township and county regarding the extension of Timpson Avenue.

If approval is granted, Bouma hopes to develop 40 acres of land with a site con-

dominium development.

Standing in Bouma's way is the matter of who will develop Timpson Avenue, what it will cost, and how it will be done.

Bouma said he is in a catch 22 situation with the county and township because neither will give approval until the other side does.

"The county said they liked my plan, but couldn't approve it until the planning commission agrees to it," he said. "They are also not sure how to build it because Timpson is a natural beauty road."

The planning commission couldn't answer Bouma's questions regarding the natural beauty designation, but did say the road, if developed, must be done so to county specifications.

While Bouma and the commission try to sort through his road issue, the commis-

sion also listened to Bernard Anderson's desire to start a used car lot at 1139 E. Fulton, east of Cumberland Market on M-21.

Anderson hopes to receive his dealership license, but before he can do that he must get zoning approval from the commission.

"Before I get my license I must prove that the land is zoned properly," said Anderson.

Besides getting his license

and zoning approval, Anderson asked the council for direction in regards to getting his business started.

"I've never done this before so I need to know what kind of building is allowed and how to address other issues," he said.

Anderson said his proposed dealership would be a small low-volume lot with

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### INSIDE THE LEDGER

FFA convention success,  
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Model UN leads the way at  
 Hope, pg. 21

Spicer Medals, pg. 18



# OBITUARIES

**DEVRIES** - Scott D. DeVries, aged 30, of Alto, whose life ended December 10, 1989, passed away Sat., March 9, 1996. Surviving are his parents Larry and Carolyn DeVries of Alto; his brother Stephen and Ronda DeVries of Alto; his sisters Brenda and Mark Plants of Middleville; Kimberly DeVries of Alto; two nephews Nathan K. DeVries, Derek Scott Plants; his grandparents Andrew and Jane Ondersma of Alto. Iris DeVries of Grandville; many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family at Grand Valley Nursing Center. Memorial contributions to the Grand Valley Health Center Brain Injury Unit.

**KYSER (Greenville)** - June M. Kyser, aged 55, of Cedar Springs, passed away Sunday, March 3, 1996 in Grand Rapids. She was born December 31, 1940 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Emery and Viola

(Russell) Fisk. She is survived by her husband Wayne; four sons and their wives, Michael (Bonnie) Kyser of New Bloomington, Ohio, Steven (Mary) Kyser Gowen, Larry (Pam) Kyser of Greenville, David (Faye) Kyser of Cedar Springs; her father-in-law Leo Kyser of Hastings; two brothers and their wives, Russell (LaVon) Fisk of Lowell, and Jim (Chris) Fisk of Grand Rapids; one sister and brother-in-law, Beverly (Joe) Schmidt of Hopkins; three sisters-in-law Juanita (Dale) Sprague of Lowell, Norma (Bob) Bean of Howard City, and Darlene Kyser of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother-in-law Bruce Kyser; and mother-in-law, Letha Kyser. Funeral Service was held at the Pierson Bible Church, Pierson, with Pastor Steve Swanson officiating.

Burial in Spencer Mills Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pierson Bible Church Building Fund.

**RYMAN** - Mr. Floyd David Ryman, aged 51, of Big Prairie Twp., Newaygo, died Monday, March 4, 1996 from injuries he received in a snowmobile accident near his home. Surviving are his wife, June M. Ryman of Newaygo; sons David and Colleen Ryman of Lowell, Jason and Tracy Ryman of Newaygo; daughter Jennifer and Dan Thompson of Newaygo; grandchildren Eric Telfor, Kendra Jensen, Monica and Kayla Ryman, Jessica Thompson; parents Herman and Zella Ryman of Newaygo; sisters Virginia Durst of Newaygo, Ruth and Richard Newman of Grantsville, MD, Wanda and Earl Butler of Boynton, PA; brothers James and Dorothy Ryman, Marvin Ryman, Marshall Ryman, all of Newaygo, Russell and Wendy Ryman of East Liverpool, OH; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Friday with Pastor Ronald L.

Ayers officiating. Interment in Big Prairie-Everett Cemetery. For memorials please consider the charity of your choice in memory of Floyd. Arrangements by McKinley Funeral Homes, Newaygo.

**WINGEIER** - David Wingeier, aged 79, of Alto and Sarasota, FL, passed away at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on March 8, 1996. Born June 8, 1916, in Lowell, David was a dairy farmer until semi-

retiring 19 years ago when he and his wife began spending the winter months in Sarasota, FL. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Bertha; one daughter Sharon R. Zimmerman of Heyworth, IL; three sons Stanford L. of Bay City, Larry D. and Bruce D. both of Alto; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one granddaughter. There was a

memorial service on Saturday, March 9, at Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel in Sarasota conducted by church ministers. A funeral service will take place at the Alto Apostolic Christian Church on Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at the Alto-Bowne Township Cemetery, Alto. Memorial donations may be made to the Apostolic Christian World Relief Fund, 7157 Wingeier Avenue, Alto, MI 49302.

## LAHA finds new Graham Building location more favorable

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

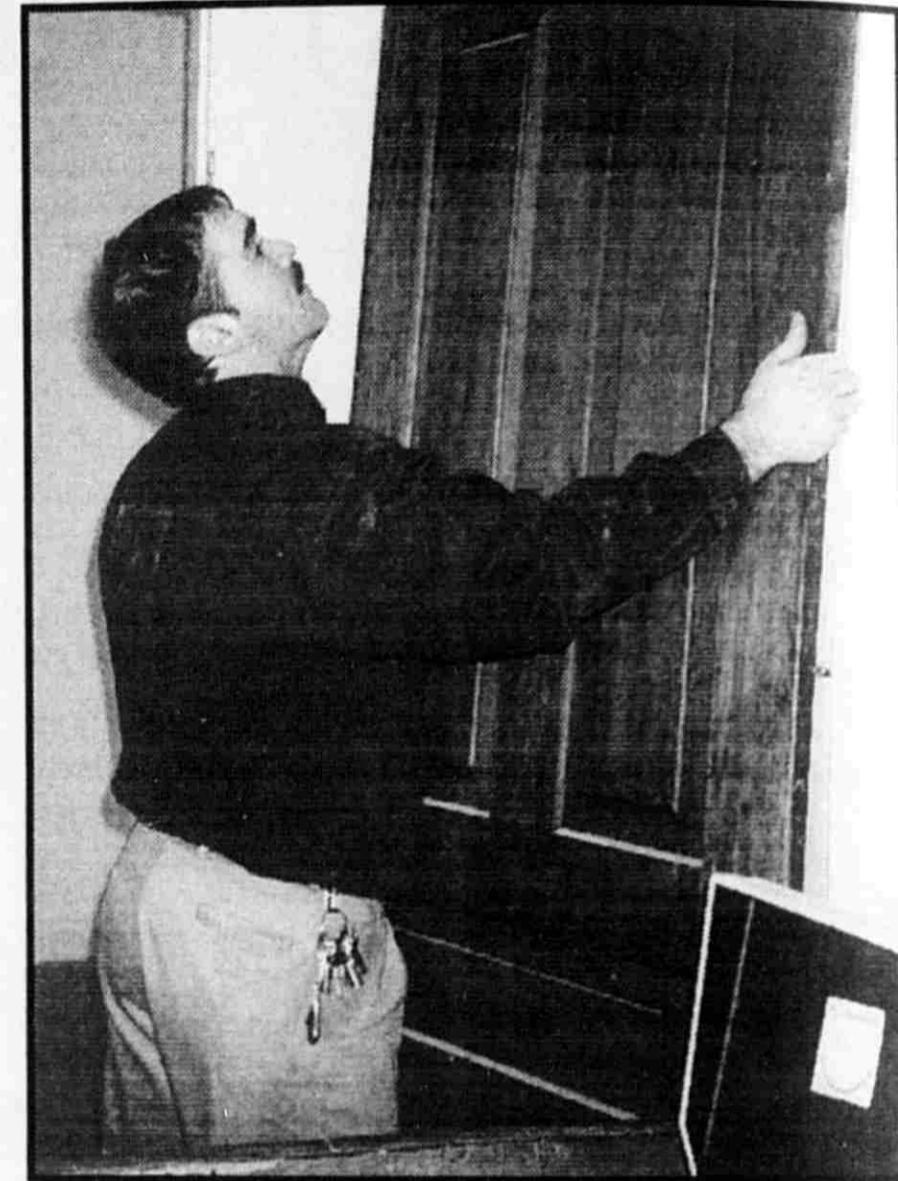
Lowell Area Historical Association's move to the upstairs of the Graham Building will help preserve Lowell's history for present and future Lowell residents.

LAHA moved from the second floor of City Hall because it did not provide a safe and secure place for preservation of artifacts, photographs and memorabilia.

"There was no way for us to control the temperature and there was a lot of dust," LAHA vice president Judy Straub said. "When you take artifacts and photographs as a donation, you take on the responsibility for their care forever."

Because the conditions at the City Hall location were not favorable to securing the safety of the historical items, Straub said LAHA had to put a stop to accepting donations.

Through Community Development Block Grant funds and monies from Lowell Township and the Look Memorial Fund, renovation



Bob Ford from Hahn's Hardware helps out by securing artifacts area.

work has been completed on the second floor of the Graham Building.

Approximately \$50,000 worth of work was completed. The work included new heating and air conditioning (which will help to provide temperature and humidity control); new interior walls; and fire retardant paint on the floor.

"We still won't be able to put any items on display," Straub said. "The reason for that is because the upstairs of the Graham Building does not have two egresses."

LAHA is hopeful that the city will grant it the use of the space currently used by the library once the new library is built.

"The use of this space would provide us with the ability to have permanent and transitional displays," Straub said.

LAHA is in the process of making copies of historical pictures so that they can be matted, framed and hung up in its new offices.

Assisting LAHA with the move to its new location were Harding Enterprise and Bob Ford, Hahn Hardware.

"Bob was incredibly helpful," Straub said. "He put up doors for us and put in locks. The movers from Harding Enterprise were terrific also. They spent three hours on the coldest day of the year (Feb. 1) getting us moved."

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We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results.

—Herman Melville



The moving crew, Harding Enterprises employees, from left to right: Craig Crebessa, Dave Hovey, Mike Harding (owner), B.J. Barber and Ryan Gould.

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## Everybody Counts

Bushnell kindergarten students were made aware and helped to better understand the plight of the disabled through the school's K-3 "Everybody Counts" program. Through Lowell's special education department, materials were provided and volunteers were trained so that they could share important knowledge with students about the disabled through a variety of hands-on activities. This showed students that the disabled can do the same things they can; they just have to do some activities in a different way. The program also helped students gain a positive attitude toward the acceptance of others who have disabilities. The program has been in the works for a couple of years and will be used district-wide. It is being completely run by 27 trained volunteers. Activities include learning sign language, being blind-folded and playing catch using a beeper ball, and students were shown the inconvenience of having to use crutches. Next year the program will be expanded to grades four and five.



## School renewal language approved

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School Board will ask voters in June to support a five-year, 18-mill non-homestead tax renewal.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said districts have asked for anything from one to 20 years.

"I recommended five years because it seems to fit. It is a comfortable number and it prevents the board from having to go to the community on an annual basis. In a fast-paced society, more than five years may seem like an eternity," Bleke said.

The Lowell superintendent said the biggest task of the board and administration was not in determining the number of years, but making sure the public is informed and educated about what the 18-mill non-homestead tax renewal means to the district.

In dollars it accounts for \$1.8 million of its annual budget.

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## BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR MARCH 19 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the March 19, 1996 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted Thursday, March 14, 1996 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Twp. Hall, 8240 Alden Nash.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

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Back Row: Diane Jachim, Marlene McCormick, Jan Brown and Dr. Jim Reagan.

Hope You Have A Happy St. Patrick's Day!



# Lowell Wesleyan Church focuses on the work of missions

Missions "Across the Street...Around the World" will be focus for the next three Sundays at Lowell Wesleyan Church at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. Morning services at 11 a.m. will feature special music and speakers representing many mission organizations.

Rev. Bill Price, pastor of Lowell Wesleyan, says, "This is a first for us. We've never dedicated three consecutive weeks to an in-depth look at missions, from those next door to around the world and everywhere in between. This may become an annual event. We really need to discover how we can get involved in helping other people at home and abroad."

Sunday, March 10, focused on ministries within Kent County and the surrounding area of Lowell. Access Six, DivorceCare, Servant Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, In His Image, Parakleisis, Christian Service Club, CrossFire, Inc., Family Hope, USA and Lifeline Corp. are among the many groups that will be represented.

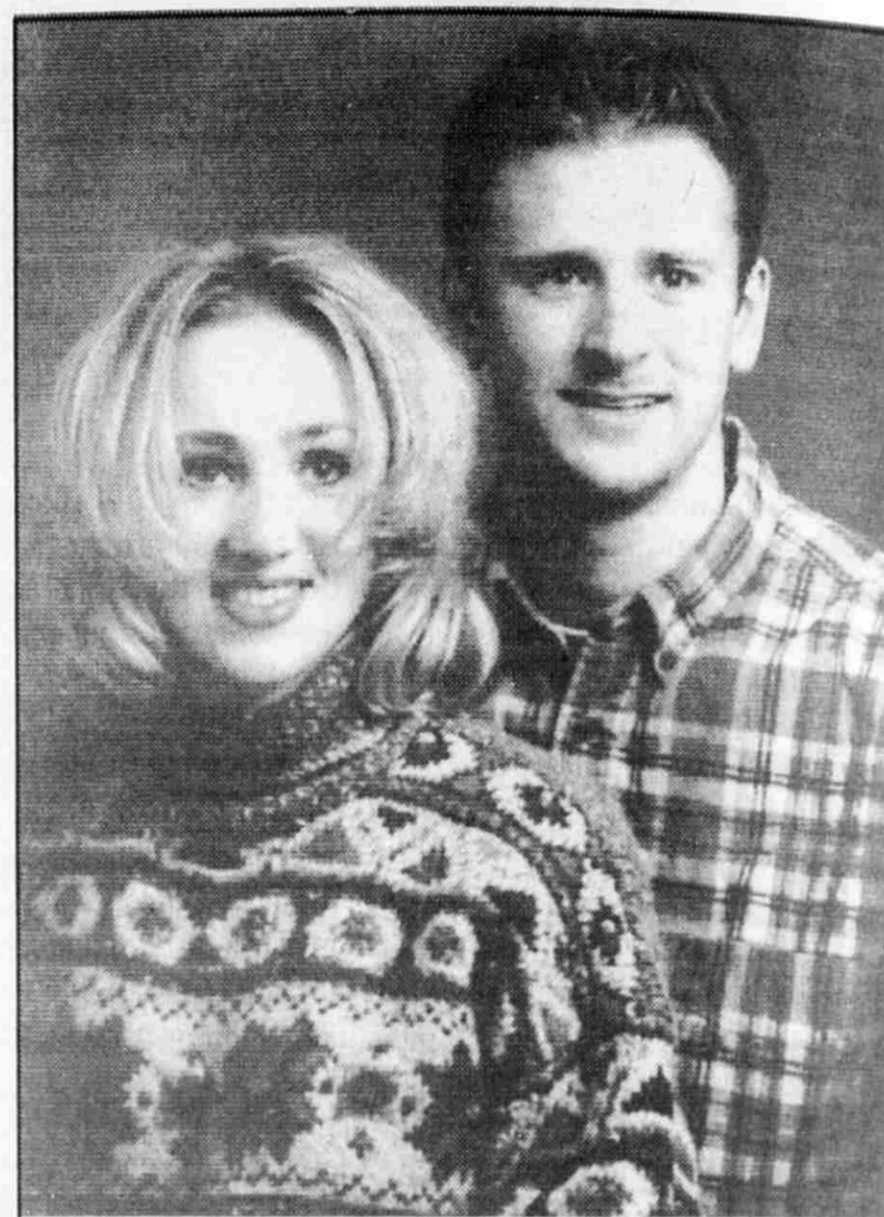
Sunday, March 17, will cover ministries throughout the USA and North America. Hephzibah Children's Home, Wesleyan Native American Ministries and Habitat for Humanity are among the groups coming. Rev. George Beals from Central Wesleyan Church in Holland will be our guest speaker. George has coordinated many "work and witness" trips with church members throughout Michigan and the USA.

On Sunday, March 24, world missions efforts will be highlighted. Rev. Steve Strand, missionary to Honduras, will be speaking and sharing the work of Wesleyan World Missions. Also represented will be Youth Ministry International, Bibles International and Mission Aviation Fellowship.

A special "Missions Mall" is being set up in the lower level. Many mission organizations will have booths with information and representatives to answer your questions. Visitors are encouraged to browse the "mall" after the worship service. Refreshments will be available.

Rev. Price, comments, "The purpose of this three-week missions emphasis is to help people get an idea of the wide range of opportunities for them, not only to support, but to get involved in."

Pastor Bill, invites you to bring your whole family. Comprehensive children's ministry is available for infants through kids in the sixth grade. If you have questions or would like more information, please call the church office at (616) 897-6890.



Jennifer Marie Hoytenga and Michael Allan Mull

## Mull and Hoytenga plan June wedding

Carl and Fran Hoytenga of Sand Lake and Allan and Patricia Mull of Lowell would like to announce the engagement of their children Jennifer Marie Hoytenga and Michael Allan Mull.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Tri-County High School and Ferris State University. She is a registered nurse.

The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School and Grand Valley State University. He is a kindergarten teacher. Wedding vows will be exchanged June 15.

Bibles come in various sizes, different colors, and many styles. They can be purchased in five and dime stores at reasonable prices. Or, there are expensive ones with lovely bindings or covers of olive wood. But the promises found within this Book of Books, regardless of its price or style, never change. They offer the same consolation, hope, and assurance to all of us. They are the same ones that Grandma Trimble found in her Bible.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thy promises are my comfort, my joy, and my meditation - a part of my very being. May I ever take Thee at Thy Word. Amen.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take Him at His word;  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.  
Frederick William Faber

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hamming, of Clare, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Helene to Charles Scott Callihan, son of Charles L. Callihan and the late Mildred Callihan of Lowell. Dana is employed by ITM Corporation in Lowell and Charles is employed by Steelcase in Grand Rapids. A June 8, 1996, wedding is being planned.

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It is easier to know man in general than one man in particular.

—La Rochefoucauld

## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

O how love I thy Law! it is my meditation all the day (Psalm 119:97).

Anyone who had seen Grandma Trimble's Bible could never forget the sight. She had handled it until the cover wore off, but that didn't stop her from reading the Scriptures. She made another cover - one of her own unique designing. The pieces of cloth she used for marking her favorite passages stuck out in variegated lengths and widths.

One thing was certain: Grandma Trimble loved God's Word! To her it was far more than a piece of fine literature, a handsome ornament for her coffee table, or a collector's item. It was the guide Grandma Trimble lived by, the source of her comfort, strength, and joy, and a light to illuminate her earthly journey.



Week of March 18, 1996  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian Spaghetti, cole slaw or mixed vegetables, French bread & margarine, choice of fruit, milk.

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

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nuggets or chef salad, buttered corn, homemade dinner roll & margarine or peanut butter, fresh or canned fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza pocket, lettuce salad or fresh baby carrots, fruit juice, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Italian dunkers, meaty sauce w/2 breadsticks & cheese stick, green beans or lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, turkey enchilada or chef salad, choice 2, cole slaw, peas or side salad, French bread & margarine or peanut butter, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or chicken patty in a bun or chef salad with bread, choice 2, pasta salad, side salad or baked beans, assorted fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or baked ham or chef salad w/bread, choice 2, mix. veg. or mashed potatoes/gravy or side salad; homemade dinner rolls w/margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

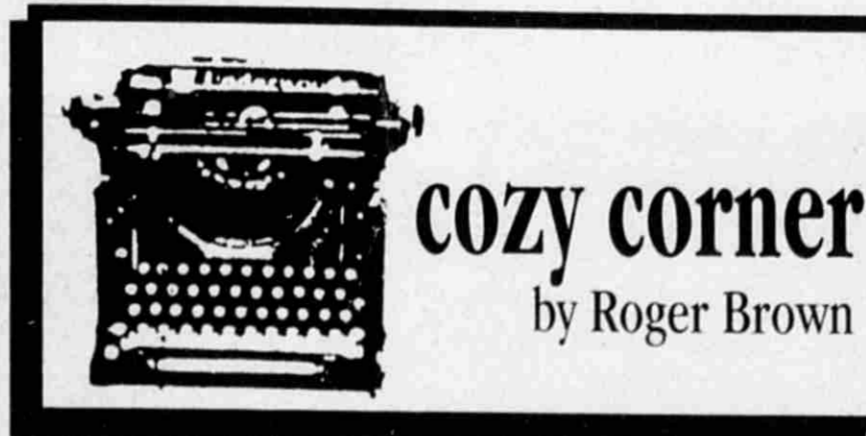
THURSDAY: Pizza pocket, scalloped potatoes & ham casserole, chef salad w/bread, choice 2, side salad, fruit juice or cole slaw, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Italian dunkers w/cheese stick, macaroni & cheese w/1 bread stick or chef salad w/1 bread stick, choice 2, green beans, side salad or carrot sticks, assorted fruits, milk.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 <b>Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M.</b> Pastor Bill Price</p>	<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA &amp; J.V. Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>
<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinkney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

# Viewpoint



A few weeks ago I filled this space with the details of my first root canal. The procedure had gone quite smoothly, and with the aid of nitrous oxide and local anesthesia, it had been relatively painless. I was feeling rather smug in having cleared one of life's aging hurdles with relative ease. Unfortunately, at the time I wrote that, I was scheduled to see the endodontist one more time. Yogi Berra or Casey Stengel, once said, "It ain't over, 'til it's over." I should have repressed my smugness.

This ordeal began well over a month ago with some rather severe pain in a lower left molar. As is typical with me, I waited until the pain was pretty much unbearable before calling the dentist. X-rays confirmed that the extensive work done when a cap was placed on the suspect tooth had caused damage to the nerves. Over the years the nerves had died allowing room for infection to form. I was referred to an endodontist - a title which seems to me would have been much better suited for protologists than the one they have.

I was told the majority of the work had been done with that first visit. Because of the infection, the tooth was allowed to

drain. I was to complete my regime of antibiotics and come back about two weeks later. This all sounded simple enough, my pain was gone and as I mentioned earlier, I felt quite smug about the whole thing. My wife is always telling me, "Pride cometh before the fall." I think it's something she picked up from the nuns back in Catholic grade school. I should have been noticing a slight loss of balance by this time.

Sure enough, about a week before I was scheduled to have the work completed, an infection set in, the area around the tooth began to swell and the pain was back. I called my dentist for more antibiotics, and he said I'd have to talk to the endodontist. He was in surgery, but the receptionist said he would call me anyway. This meant another trip to Grand Rapids. He looked in my mouth, confirmed that it was indeed infected, wrote me a prescription and sent me on my way. I thought it could have been handled over the phone, but I guess in this day and age, with an attorney under every rock, these guys have to cover their ends.

The antibiotics seemed to do the trick, and I was still on schedule to have the work completed at the end of that week. Unfortunately, fate stepped in. About mid-week I was called out of town because of a family emergency. Not to worry, it wasn't life-threatening. When the dust settles I'll probably recount that fiasco in this space. My limited talents dictate that I cover one farce at a time.

This unexpected trip meant I had to cancel my appointment for the completion of my root canal. Wouldn't you know it, the infection flared up on me while I was gone. I kept up with the antibiotics, but they didn't seem to touch it. By the time I

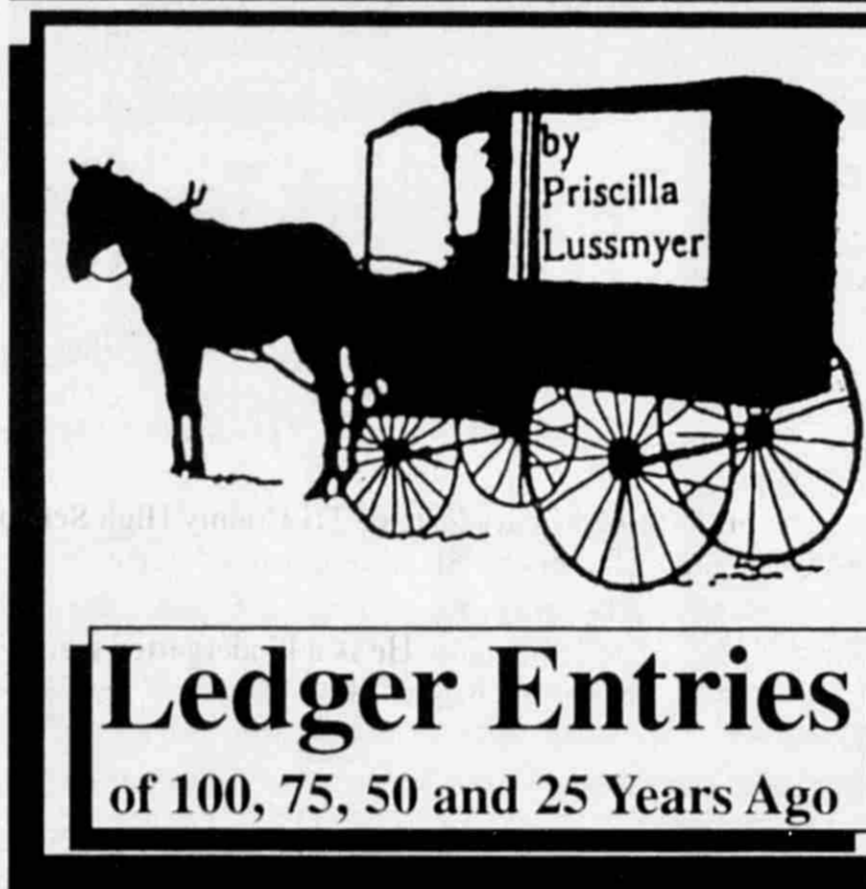
returned to Michigan, I looked like I had a golf ball in my cheek. I went back to the endodontist posthaste, was given a prescription for a different antibiotic and rescheduled for the completion of the root canal. This ordeal was getting very old, very fast.

The new antibiotic did the trick. Within a couple of days the swelling and pain were pretty much gone. My appointment to have the root canal finished was set for last Friday afternoon, and believe this or not, I was looking forward to it like a kid at Christmas. I wanted this thing over with!

Friday finally came and I was in the dental chair, scared to death the swelling hadn't sufficiently subsided to perform the work. Before I could say, "Nitrous Oxide, please," he was in my mouth with a big needle and numbing the tooth. I take those shots pretty well when sucking on nitrous, but without it I give the headrest on those dental chairs a real stress test. They must be built from some awfully sturdy stuff.

About a half hour later we were finished. Sort of. I was told I still need to go back to my regular dentist to have the hole in my tooth repaired, and return to the endodontist in six months for an X-ray to check on the healing process. I was told it could be up to a year before the jawbone and tooth have properly fused together. Those will be dental visits number six and seven for one tooth.

All semblance of smugness has vanished. It has been replaced by the deepest humility and respect a person could have for root canals. In fact, if and when I should ever require another one, I'm afraid I may just tell the dentist, "Pull that sucker!"



100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 6, 1896  
The ads take two double columns of the front page, and news the other two columns.

Old Settlers Association overflows the Hotel Irish and moves to the Music Hall for several talks and musical numbers.

The cold snap has damaged some peach buds but the crop should be at least medium.

Susan B. Anthony has started a speaking campaign in California and the editor wishes her success.

"The Flowing Bowl" - three men charged with drunkenness get fines of \$5-\$10 or 20 days on the stone pile, breaking up rocks. One chooses the latter.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 3, 1921  
Melville B. McPherson becomes the Republican nominee for a position on the state Board of Agriculture.

The Board of Trade's annual banquet serves over 300 at City Hall with "chicken pies, good reports, good music, good talk and old officers reelected."

Michigan is planting timber trees on its tax sale lands for future profits.

A few local "who visited whom" column headings: South Boston Breezes, Hickory Corners Crinkles, Ada Squiblets.

The ads take two double columns of the front page here too, but there are four news columns - a wider front page.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 7, 1946  
C.H. Runciman and L.W. Rutherford purchase the 50 acres recommended as a good airport site a mile north of Lowell and donate it to the city.

Mrs. Clyde Condon spears a 14-pound, 36-inch Pike through the ice on Flat River.

Keep your old War Ration Book 4 even after you use sugar stamp 39; spare stamps in the book will be designated for sugar from time to time.

The state liquor control commission bans all dice and card games, pinball machines and other amusements from licensed establishments. Too many minors are coming in to play.

Blanding Dairy has a new building on West Main Street.

Cumberland (Key Heights) Trailer Park renews its request to the city for sewer services.

Showboat directors vote a change from a week long program to two, three-day weekends the latter part of July.

The YMCA Lenten Book Reviews this year will have reviewers Betty Coons, Virginia Fonger and Father James Thelen.

Council enacts the new "Planned Mobile Home Parks" zoning ordinances.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 13, 1896  
Lowell State Bank wins out over various private investors for buying the electric light bonds for \$23,000.

Ernest Lovette has had two operations to relieve him of a total of 125 feet of tapeworm.

Findley's Shoe Store is closed by the mortgage holders. Robins have been sighted and agricultural implement dealers are displaying their goods.

It's the season of the grip ("La Grippe") and anyone who jokes about it obviously has never had it.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 10, 1921  
Lowell has two parties for the village elections tomorrow, the People's and the Citizen's. Pictures of all the candidates include a woman, E. Maude McNaughton, running for treasurer.

The U.S. Senate passed slightly more than 400 of the more than 23,000 bills introduced last year; in the House it was 5,784 out of 17,293.

More local column headings continued from last week: Moseley Meanderings, Elmdale Etchings, Keene Center Calls, Thunder and lightning March 4, with snow on the ground. The Benham boys at Fallsburg caught 72 fish Saturday.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 14, 1946  
In a light vote (395) two stickercandidates, Wm. Christiansen and L.W. Rutherford, almost defeat incumbent councilman Freeman Collins.

Dredging for mussels in stream beds July 1-Sept. 30 will be legal for the first time in eight years, now that populations have increased. The shells are used for buttons.

Fifteen-year-old Paul Foguth takes his homemade raft on the swollen Flat River and hangs up in a tree. Deputy Frank Stephens and fire chief Sylvester Bibbler manage the rescue by boat.

Chuck Hill watches his car being driven away, assuming that one of his brothers is in it. Wrong - the car is recovered later and the prison escapee went back to jail.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 11, 1971  
A public meeting next Thursday will present the \$1.9 million separation of storm and sanitary sewer that the state requires.

Williams and Works will carry out the FHA financed (\$50,000) study of rural Kent County water and sewage treatment needs.

With annual floodwaters receding, county health officials remind people whose wells have been flooded to not drink the water until it is tested safe.

A 15-year-old one-boy crime wave is caught, after several break-ins and selling stolen drugs to other high school students.

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So, let's face it, shiny and new is an attraction to employees as well as to students. But there is so much more here.

Let me point out a few of the great but not-so-visible, qualities the successful applicant for the coaching position will find here. First of all, there is a vision of continuously improving student learning. Even the football coach will have to be an educator capable of seeing and delivering on that vision. Next, there is a can-do attitude among the people who work in the schools. Caring teachers, bus drivers and support staff who know they make a difference in the lives of students are an inspiration to all of us. The kids themselves are bright and hard-working. The community that surrounds us displays a cooperative spirit that allows good things to happen. Just think about a proposed new library in town, an educational foundation recently formed, the continuous support for education by area businesses and the generous gifts of time and talent that parents and volunteers donate to the schools.

These are qualities which are not nearly as visible as the Red Arrow Stadium. But people working together toward a vision and treating each other with mutual respect are, in the long run, the important ingredients to the success of our schools.

It won't take an experienced coach very long to see that this community fields a winning team.

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# Rental request leaves township scratching its head with policy revisions

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township's new hall rental policy is only months old, but already situations have caused the board to rethink the policy's intention.

Before the policy was adopted, its creator, trustee Alyn Fletcher, said the rules would be subject to change if some unforeseen problems surfaced.

Some of those problems have surfaced and now the board must reject some possible suitors.

One such suitor is the area's Head Start program.

Designed to serve infants 3-5 years old, program officials had hoped to make the

hall's downstairs facilities its permanent home.

"They asked to use it five days a week, but we have the health clinic in on Wednesday," said township clerk Carol Wells. "They didn't have a problem with that and asked to use it four days a week."

The program asked to use the facility at a cost of no more than \$500 a month, but township officials declined the application because of insurance and other concerns.

"The hall was never intended to have full-time renters," said township supervisor John Timpson. "It really puts a crimp in the flexibility for other people who want to use the hall. This was built for

the community, not one entity...I don't want to take it away from the general public."

Fletcher agreed with Timpson, as did the remaining board members, and suggested the board adopt a time limit on the use of the hall.

"I believe the school limits the use of its facilities to 10 days to two weeks," Fletcher said. "Maybe we should do that in order to make it fair to

## Optec gets variances, construction starts in May

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Optec, Inc. owner Jerry Persha will begin construction of his new 1,300 square foot addition at 199 Smith St. in May with completion expected sometime in June.

The addition will accommodate a precision machine shop.

In reviewing the site plan, two variances were needed. The Zoning Board of Appeals acting in compliance with

the recommendation of the Lowell Planning Commission granted Optec the variances.

First, a 30-foot variance was needed from the required 50-foot setback to Chatham Street.

Second, a variance was required to expand an existing use on a nonconforming lot. The lot contains 17,424 square feet, where 20,000 square feet is required for industrial use.

day opens up a whole new can of worms for us," Timpson said. "What they do is admirable, but I don't believe it fits the intended use of that space."

Fletcher and Timpson also alluded to the "special needs" of kids as a concern for the township board.

"The insurance company said having kids in here every

# TOWN TALK

The state Senate in Tennessee passed legislation that encourages schools, businesses and homes to post the Ten Commandments on a wall. Do you think this is good use of legislation? Why?



**Jim Passarelli**  
Yes, I think there are places for that. But I don't think they should be put up in schools or at work places.



**Ed Miller**  
I don't think urging places to post the Ten Commandments would hurt anything. It shouldn't be required. Places should be able to choose.



**Coleta Rowe**  
I think it is needed. It probably imposes on our rights, but I also think this country needs more religion.



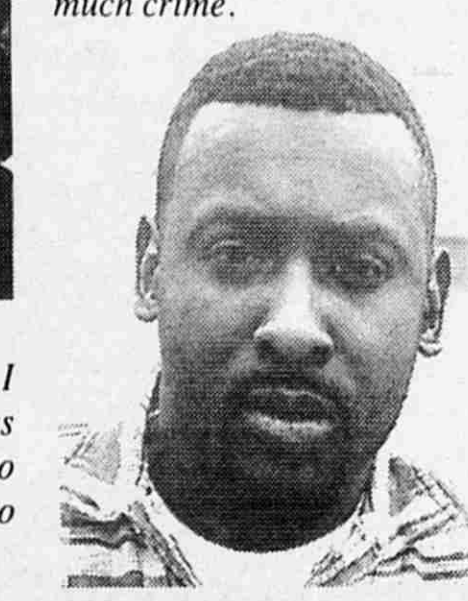
**Ryan Graham**  
It's okay for me because I was raised Baptist. But it does infringe on people's right to choose. So overall I'd have to say "no."



**Harriet Fisher**  
Yes. Kids are not getting enough religion. I think if the Ten Commandments were taught there may not be as much crime.



**Bob Garcia**  
No. People know what the Ten Commandments are. There's no need of a constant reminder.



**Robert Britt**  
No. That's in violation of the Constitution - the separation of church and state.



**Ron Topolski**  
No. Anybody who's a good Christian already knows the Ten Commandments.



**Mark Smith**  
I guess it really doesn't face me one way or the other.

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## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

March 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Key Heights Community Building.

### LMS PRESENTS "LAGOONED"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "Lagooned" Monday evening, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria.

The public is invited and admission is free.

### DDA MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at noon on Thursday, March 21 at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street. Sandwiches will be provided.

The purpose is to review the proposal by Lee Jakoces to provide an assessment of community perspective and needs regarding Lowell.

### LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL

The LYFL Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek P.T.O. room. Anyone is invited to attend.

### MAPLE SYRUP RUN

The Lions Club presents the fourth-annual 5 K Maple Syrup

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remember how to write."

Schmidt's recovery time-table has been nothing short of remarkable. "Doctors say I'm a month and a half to two months ahead of schedule," she says.

Her father adds that people suffering from such head injuries usually spend five-six weeks at the hospital and eight to 12 weeks at Mary Free Bed. "Shelley has gone through it in six weeks," Michael Schmidt said.

There is no guarantee Shelley will recover 100 percent, but the fast recovery to this point makes it more likely that she will.

While at Mary Free Bed, Schmidt became a good friend to Libby Ingles, the daughter of Greenville basketball coach Kent Ingles.

"We became pretty close friends," Vicki Schmidt said. "I think that was helpful to both families. While Shelley is further along in recovery than Libby, I think it has been helpful to Kent. He now sees Libby going through stages of recovery he

Run Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m. at the Sap House, Maple Hills Sugar Bush, 9306 Grand River Dr., Ada. The entry fee is \$13, if paid by March 18; \$15, March 19 to race day.

All proceeds benefit Lions community activities, sight conservation and services for the blind. For further information, call (616) 940-3373.

### FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fallsburg Historical Society will be held Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck with beverages furnished, election of trustees and the speaker will be builder, Jeff DuPitka, owner of Westshore Museum Services.

For further information call 897-6430.

### 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

Patricia Orlowski, 31, of Lowell, reported to Lowell police

that she struck the rear of a pickup truck March 6 on West St. at Bowes. No one was injured but the truck left the scene.

Jogrim Grotmol, 32, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident on West Main St. near Riverside Dr., March 4, when he pulled from a parking space into the path of a vehicle driven by Henry Nelson, 84, of Ionia.

A 14-year-old juvenile from Lowell, will be referred to probate court in connection with an aggravated assault which took place on March 4.

Two 15-year-old juveniles, from Lowell, will be seen at a later date in probate court for auto theft which occurred March 1.

Joshua Dysard, 17, of Lowell, was released to appear in 63rd District Court, March 6, on a warrant charging him with retail fraud on Feb. 27.

Hans Roskam, 29, of Lowell, was released after posting bond on a warrant out of Berry County for failing to appear in court.

Joseph Schullo, 20, of Sparta, was cited into 63rd District Court, March 8, for use of marijuana and driving while license suspended.

Edward Rash, 74, of Lowell, made a left turn off Main onto S. Hudson, March 8, into the path of a vehicle driven by Andrew Stormzand, 30, of Lowell. A passenger in Stormzand's vehicle, Heather Hamp, 20, of Saranac, suffered minor injuries.



Shelley Schmidt returned to school to pick up a few school items from her locker. The Lowell senior is preparing for her return following her January accident.

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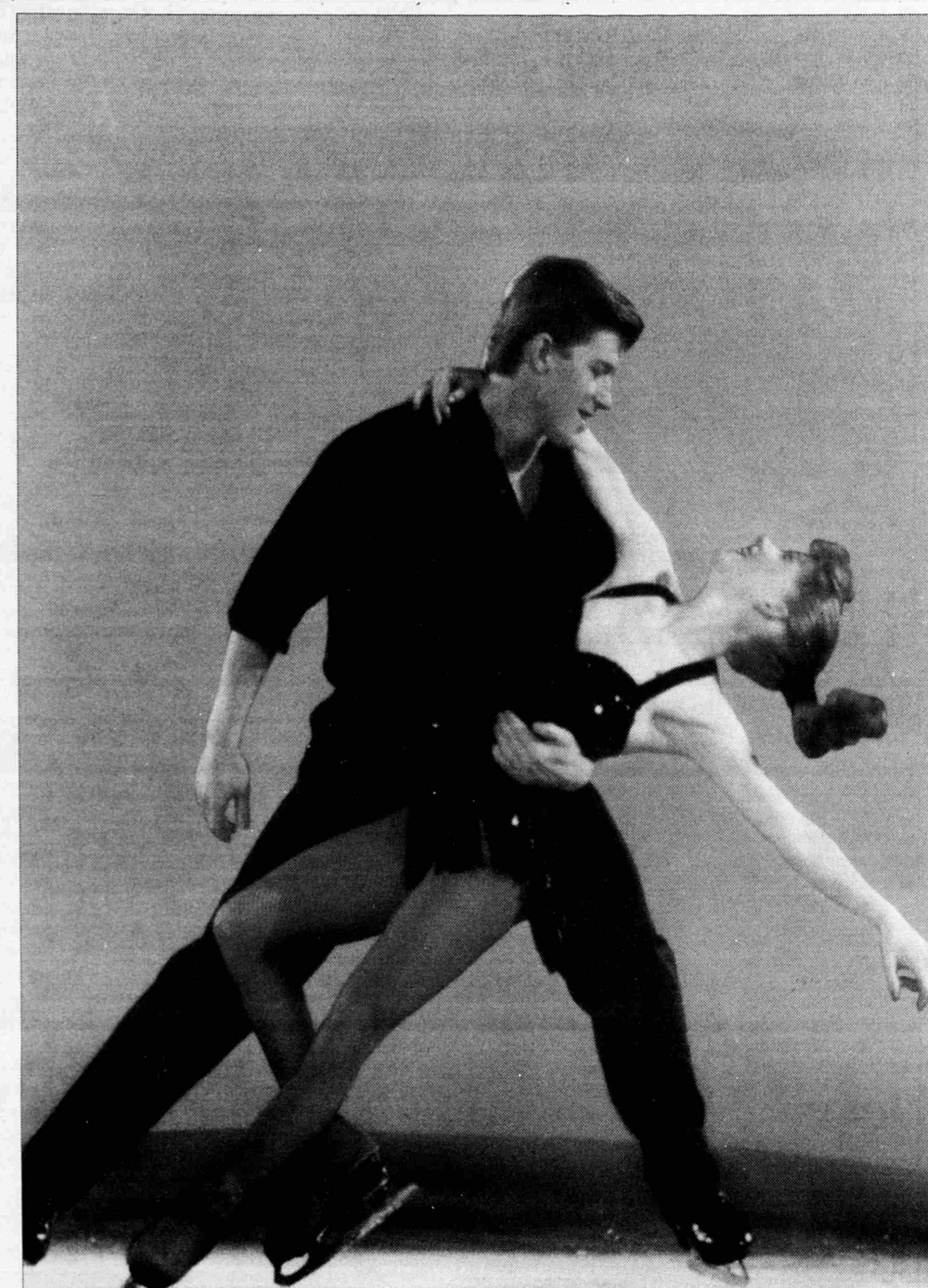
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### FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 THRU MARCH 21

Jenni Meno and Todd Sand, the reigning U.S. national champion pairs figure skaters, are among the competitors this week in the World Figure Skating Championships. ABC has coverage of the pairs, men's, ladies' and ice dance finals Thursday and Saturday.

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only himself as the salesperson.

The commission informed Anderson that he must get soil borings, submit a site plan drawing, and address the issues of acceleration/deceleration lanes before construction plans could

be approved.

While the two latest developing requests are not large ventures it is a sign, much like birds singing, that summer is almost upon Lowellites.

## Sweet Royalty



The 1996 Sweetheart Swirl Royalty are, from left to right: John Wojciakowski and Ericka Gless, juniors; Shannon Vos and Nick Staal, seniors; Kaily Wittenbach and Dusty Gless, freshmen and Erin Gannon and Scott Mikulski, sophomores.

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
4	WOTV	Highway Patrol	LAPD (In Stereo)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)
5	WGUV	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors
6	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Jacket"	Living Single	Martin "DMV Blues"	New York Undercover "The Finals" (In Stereo)	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Crossover"	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Crossover"
7	WOOD	Extra (In Stereo)	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Boston Common	Seinfeld "The Gum"	Caroline in the City	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)
8	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
9	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Violations"	Friends (In Stereo)	Boston Common	Seinfeld "The Gum"	Caroline in the City	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)	ER "Motherhood" (R) (In Stereo)
10	WKAR	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" (R) (Part 1 of 2)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" (R) (Part 2 of 2)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" (R) (Part 2 of 2)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" (R) (Part 2 of 2)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" (R) (Part 2 of 2)
11	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's Final. From Edmonton, Alta. Also, taped coverage of the Pairs' Final. (Live)
12	WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne "Radio Days"	Living Single	Martin "DMV Blues"	New York Undercover "The Finals" (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones (R)	Jenny Jones (R)
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17	TBS	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Movie: *** "Top Gun" (1986, Drama) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. Navy pilots take to the skies to compete for high honors.	Movie: *** "Deliverance" (1972) Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty.	Movie: *** "Deliverance" (1972) Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty.	Movie: *** "Deliverance" (1972) Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty.	Movie: *** "Deliverance" (1972) Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty.	Movie: *** "Deliverance" (1972) Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty.	Movie: *** "Deliverance" (1972) Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty.
18	FAM	Ice Capades	Highway to Heaven "Thoroughbreds"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
19	FX	Fall Guy "San Francisco Capers"	Hart to Hart "One Hat Too Many"	Trapper John, M.D.	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color
20	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Movie: * "American Gigo" (1980, Drama) Richard Gere. A hired companion for wealthy woman is framed for murder.	Weekly World News	Weekly World News	Weekly World News	Weekly World News	Weekly World News	Weekly World News
21	DISC	Invention (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wild Discovery: Predators and Prey	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone	Time Traveler "Mystery of the Sphinx" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Invention (R)	Simon & Simon
22	WGN	Family Matters	Newhart	Bulls Eye (In Stereo)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)
23	ESPN	Sportscenter	Figure Skating: World Championships -- Pairs and Men's Short Programs	Voices of the Game (R)	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight
24	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	Moneyline (R)
25	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Tiny Toon Adventures	Munsters	Dream of Jeannie	Love Lucy	Switched	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	Dick Van Dyke
26	A&E	Equalizer "Last Call"	Biography: Clint Eastwood-Man From Malpas	Ancient Mysteries (R)	Ape Man: "Story of Human Evolution" (Part 2 of 4)	Law & Order "Night and Fog"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"
27	PASS	Red Wings Hotline	IHL Hockey: Fort Wayne Komets at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box
28	TNT	In the Heat of the Night	"Rape" (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "S.O.S." (1980, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton. Three working women rebel against their sexist employer.	Movie: *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jack Lemmon.	Movie: *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jack Lemmon.	Movie: *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jack Lemmon.	Movie: *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jack Lemmon.	Movie: *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jack Lemmon.	Movie: *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jack Lemmon.
29	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Dear Diary"	Life and Times of the Everly Brothers (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)
30	SCIFI	Twilight Zone	Monsters	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Automan "Murder, Take One"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Femme Fatale"	Twilight Zone	Monsters	Monsters	Monsters
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
DISN	Eerie Indiana	MMC (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Man of the House" (1995) PG (Mild violence)	Torkelsons (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Bill Cosby -- Himself" (1982) PG (Adult language)	Aretha Franklin: Home	Aretha Franklin: Home	Aretha Franklin: Home	Aretha Franklin: Home	Aretha Franklin: Home
HBO	(6:00) Movie: ** "Marlin" (1993) PG-13	Movie: ** "The Next Karate Kid" (1994) Hilary Swank (In Stereo) PG (Adult language, violence)	Movie: ** "Direct Hit" (1994) George Segal, Jo Champa (In Stereo) R	Comedy Hour	Comedy Hour	Comedy Hour	Comedy Hour	Comedy Hour	Comedy Hour	Comedy Hour
MAX	(6:30) Movie: ** "Fast Getaway II" (1994) PG-13	Movie: ** "Cobb" (1994) Robert Wuhl (In Stereo) R (Adult language, nudity, violence)	Movie: ** "Blood Run" (1995) Anna Thomson (In Stereo) R (Adult language, nudity, violence)							

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3	WVMT	College Basketball	News	Late Show (R) (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress Left in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress Left in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress Left in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress Left in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress Left in Progress)
4	WOTV	Top Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
5	WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)							
6	WXMI	Richard Bey	Billy Dee Williams	Murphy Brown	Gabrielle (R)	(Off Air)	Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers		
7	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Carnie (R) (In Stereo)	NBC News Nightside			
8	WLNS	College Basketball	News	Late Show (R) (In Stereo)	Cosby Show	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree
9	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Billy Dee Williams	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)	Headline News			
10	WKAR	(Off Air)								
11	WZZM	Current Affairs	Most Wanted	Cops (In Stereo)	Gordon Elliott	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)			
12	WSYM	Gabrielle (R)	LAPD (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	(Off Air)					
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17	TBS	(10:20) Movie: *** "Bonnie and Clyde" (1967, Drama) Warren Beatty. A fact-based account of the brutal bank robbers of the 1930s.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.	Movie: *** "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, Charles Durning.
18	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "Star-Crossed"	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
19	FX	Rawhide "Hostage Child"	In Living Color (R)	In Living Color (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	USA	Highlander: The Series "Take Back the Night"	Forever Knight "Fever" (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.	Movie: *** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (1959, Science Fiction) Pat Boone, James Mason. An expedition follows an explorer's trail to Earth's core.
21	DISC	Wild Discovery: Predators and Prey	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Time Traveler "Mystery of the Sphinx" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
22	WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Honeymoons	In the Heat of the Night "The Last Round" (R)	Movie: ** "The Andromeda Strain" (1971, Science Fiction) Arthur Hill. A crashed satellite releases deadly bacteria.	Movie: ** "The Andromeda Strain" (1971, Science Fiction) Arthur Hill. A crashed satellite releases deadly bacteria.	Movie: ** "The Andromeda Strain" (1971, Science Fiction) Arthur Hill. A crashed satellite releases deadly bacteria.	Movie: ** "The Andromeda Strain" (1971, Science Fiction) Arthur Hill. A crashed satellite releases deadly bacteria.	Movie: ** "The Andromeda Strain" (1971, Science Fiction) Arthur Hill. A crashed satellite releases deadly bacteria.	Movie: ** "The Andromeda Strain" (1971, Science Fiction) Arthur Hill. A crashed satellite releases deadly bacteria.
23	ESPN	Snowboarding	Sportscenter	Inside the PGA Tour	Inside Sr. PGA	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	PGA Golf: Freepont-McDermott Classic -- First Round. (R)	PGA Golf: Freepont-McDermott Classic -- First Round. (R)	PGA Golf: Freepont-McDermott Classic -- First Round. (R)
24	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Inside Politics (R)	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Tonight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	Newsroom
25	NICK	Bob Newhart	Lucy Show	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	I Love Lucy	Taxi	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart
26	A&E	Biography: Clint Eastwood-Man From Malpas	Ancient Mysteries (R)	Ape Man: "Story of Human Evolution" (Part 2 of 4)	Law & Order "Night and Fog"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"	Police Story "Trash Detail, Front and Center"
27	PASS	Golf	Skiing: Extreme Champ.	Press Box	Fast Track	Track and Field: Cal-Poly Invitational. (R)	Tennis: Champions Tour -- Final. From Naples, Fla. (R)	Tennis: Champions Tour -- Final. From Naples, Fla. (R)	Tennis: Champions Tour -- Final. From Naples, Fla. (R)	Tennis: Champions Tour -- Final. From Naples, Fla. (R)
28	TNT	(10:30) Movie: "The China Syndrome" (1979)	Movie: ** "Hurry Sundown" (1967, Drama) Michael Caine, Jane Fonda, John Phillip Law. A greedy developer wants two families off their land.	Movie: ** "The Vanquisher" (1953) Coleen Gray	Country News (R)	(Off Air)				
29	NASH	Life and Times of the Everly Brothers (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	(Off Air)					
30	SCIFI	Quantum Leap "Dreams - February 28, 1979"	Automan "Murder, Take One"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Femme Fatale"	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
DISN	Aretha Franklin: Home	Movie: *** "Twins" (1988), Danny DeVito, Kelly Preston PG (Adult language, mild violence)	Movie: "White Wolves" (1993), Mark-Paul Gosselaar (In Stereo) PG	Movie: ** "Man of the House" (1995) PG						
HBO	Comedy Hour	Comedy Jam	Movie: ** "The Late Shift" (1996), John Michael Higgins (In Stereo)	Shock Video 2: Crime and Punishment	Movie: * "Dinosaur Island" (1994) R (Adult situations, nudity)					
MAX	(11:50) Movie: ** "Last Gasp" (1995), Joanna Pacula (In Stereo) R	Movie: * "Test Tube Teens From the Year 2000"	Movie: ** "The Spy Within" (1995), Theresa Russell (In Stereo) R	Movie: ** "Pentathlon" (1995) (In Stereo) R						

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# Lowell's FFA students have another big day at convention

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the 28th consecutive year, Lowell High School's Future Farmers of America advisor Pete Siler took student representatives to the state convention at Michigan State University.

As has been the rule over the years, Lowell students performed well. "The students came back with six awards," Siler said. "Over the years students of this age have been labeled as non-caring and non-motivated. I think FFA students prove that label to be not true. These students are very motivated. Their accomplishments are examples of this."

Siler said despite all of his trips, he has watched only three students during their competition. "I get too nervous; therefore I watch from a monitor," Siler said.

FFA members who won awards in their events were as follows:

- The Ag Forum team of Brett Plattner, Carrie Hubbarth, Brian Knudstrup, Annie Oesch, Denny Briggs and Josh VanSpronsen was the state runner-up. "They had 10-12 minutes to discuss the problems, solutions and their own involvement in the topic - the lack of qualified people filling agricultural jobs and opportunities," Siler said.
- Before an audience of 3,000 people at Wharton Center, Lisa Posthumus finished runner-up in public speaking.
- Shannon Finnegan was the state champion in Greenhand Public Speaking.
- Teammate Tricia Fick was the state runner-up in Greenhand Public Speaking.
- Finnegan and Fick placed first and second in Greenhand Public Speaking at the district, regional and state conventions.
- "This is the first time any school has earned a first and second place in one event," Siler said.
- Shari Grieser received a silver award in job interview.
- Beth Hoag received a silver award in extemporaneous public speaking.
- Amy Larabee and Grieser were given outstanding junior awards.
- Monica Jaarsma and Cindy Cook received their state FFA degree.
- Elena Richmond was awarded a scholarship.
- Kevin Nugent, an LHS graduate, was elected the state vice president for the 1996-97 year.

Others who attended were Hillary Tichelaar, Melissa Luyk, Beth Larabee, Meghan Geer and Aaron Plattner.

"It should be noted that I could not do this on my own. Many thanks need to go out to FFA alumni who are active in helping to work with the kids to prepare them for the convention," Siler said.



This year marked the 28th time Lowell FFA advisor Pete Siler has taken Lowell FFA students to the state convention.



Shari Grieser: silver award winner in job interview.

Lowell's Ag Forum team was the state runner-up. Members of the team are, front row, left to right: Annie Oesch and Carrie Hubbarth; back row, left to right, are: Brian Knudstrup, Josh VanSpronsen and Brett Plattner. Missing from the picture is Denny Briggs.



Shannon Finnegan, left, and Tricia Fick, right, placed first and second respectively in greenhand public speaking.



Lisa Posthumus: state runner-up in public speaking. Beth Hoag: silver award winner in extemporaneous public speaking.

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

Gerald White Johnson

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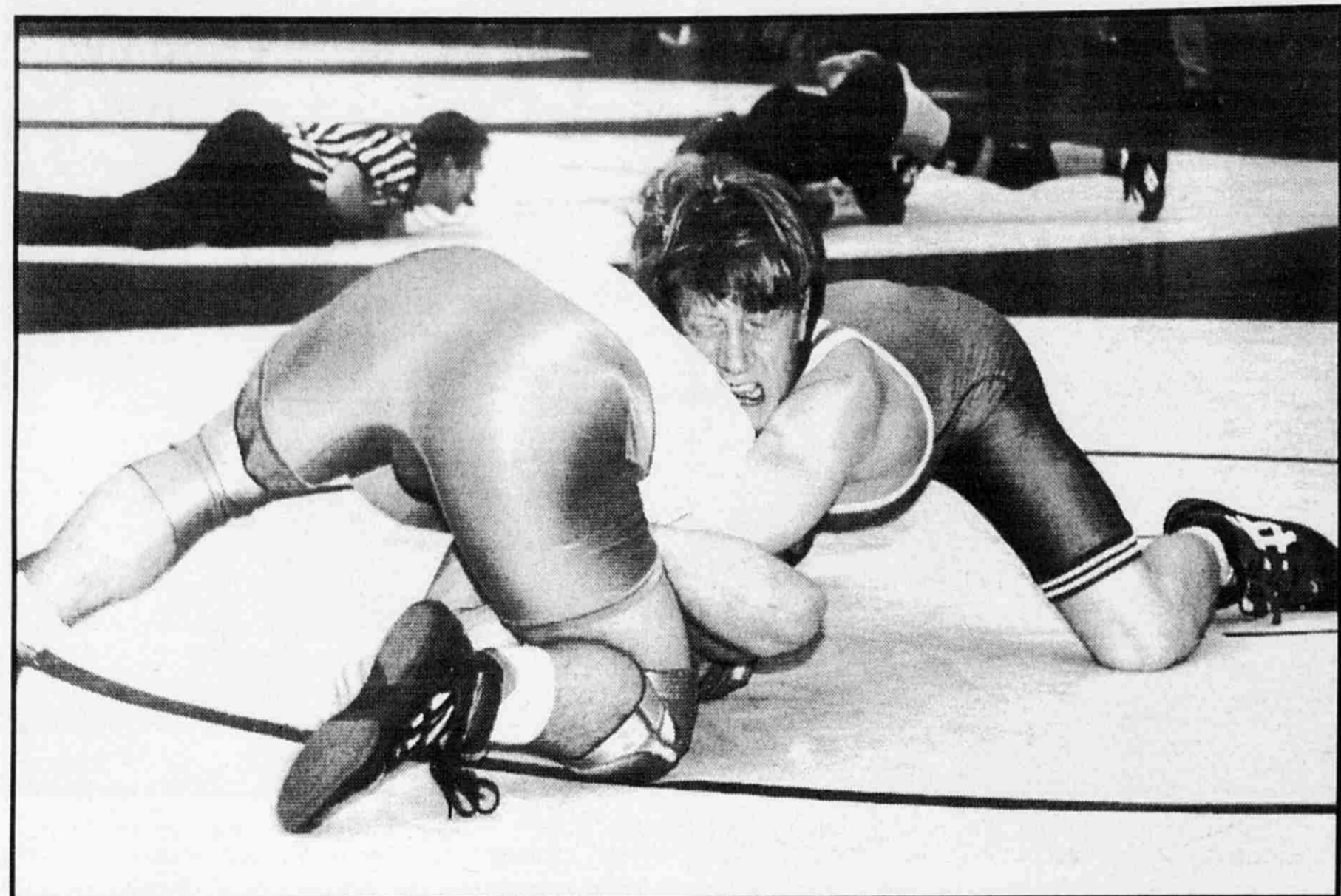
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## Lowell wrestlers bring home a medal; Spicer places seventh



Dan Spicer was 3-2 at the state wrestling tournament and took seventh place.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Any one of the wrestling coaches at the state individual wrestling tournament in Battle Creek would say it's an honor for a wrestler just to make it to the tournament. To medal at the tournament is really something.

For senior wrestlers who advance into the second day of the tournament, their take

on this changes just a little.

Lowell's Dan Spicer placed fifth in the tournament his sophomore year and fourth his junior year.

The Red Arrow's goal in his final tournament was reaching the championship match.

Losses of 4-3 to Grosse Pointe's Derek Phillips and 2-1 to Farmington's Matt Michalski left the Lowell se-

nior wrestling for seventh place against Gibraltar-Carlson, a match the Red Arrow won 6-3.

"I feel for Dan. He wanted so much and to do so well," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "When you get beat by 30, you know you've been beaten. But to lose by a point, you naturally think back about what would have happened if you redo this and that."

Rivers added that the competition between the top eight wrestlers is so tough and so close that if the tournament was held again the results would be different.

"It truly is something to make it to the medal round," Rivers said.

Spicer finishes his wrestling career at Lowell with three appearances in the state individual tournament. He also emerges as the wrestler with the most wins in a career.

The senior finishes with 164 career wins, three better than the record held by Mike Rivers who won 161 matches

between the years 1984-1988.

Spicer defeated Stevensville-Lakeshore's Mike Shelton 13-1 in his first match on Friday. After losing to Phillips, Spicer bounced back and defeated Brian Hiatt of Jackson North 9-4.

Lowell's other representative at the tournament was senior Matt Inman. For Inman it was his first trip to the individual state tourney.

"Matt was so much better a wrestler and accomplished so much more this year than any of his previous three years," Rivers said. "He wanted to make it to the medal round, but didn't quite get there. When you see seven to eight returning champs finish with only one win, you begin to realize just how tough the tournament is."

Inman lost his first match to Jeff VanDusen of Harper Woods 15-6. He followed that up with a 7-4 decision over Jason Hoskey of Otisville. He suffered his second loss against John Graybeal, Hartland. Inman was pinned in 2:35 of the second period.

The senior finished the season with a 41-16 record.

Spicer finished up at 51-6.

## Lacey has tough first appearance at state tourney

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Brenda Lacey battled through shin splints and nerves as the sophomore competed in her first state division II individual gymnastics tournament.

"I think Brenda really wanted to place, but I think the injury and nerves may have prevented that from happening," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said.

Lacey competed in the balance beam event. She tallied a score of 6.65. "Brenda just had too many falls. A gymnast can recover from one fall, but two or more and you're done," DeHaan said.

Lacey qualified for the state tournament by placing seventh at the regional competition in Holland with a score of 8.65.

"The experience of having been to a state tournament will help her out over the next two years," DeHaan said.

## Red Arrow cagers fall short in district semifinal against Rams

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A stellar first-quarter effort gave Lowell a six-point lead and hopes that they'd survive another day in the Class A boys basketball districts at Lowell High School.

However, the Rams from Rockford recovered from a 19-5 second-quarter rally on their way to a 62-47 district semifinal victory.

The win sent Rockford into the district final against Grand Rapids Central who came from behind to defeat Union in the other semifinal.

The Red Arrows, behind some strong inside play from Chris Wilcox, finished the first eight minutes of play with a 16-10 lead.

Wilcox scored six points in the first quarter - all within five feet of the basket.

Junior Brandon Hamilton scored four points, coming on baseline drives to the hoop.

"Lowell did a nice job early with their inside game," Rockford coach Stephen Brown said.

However, with Wilcox and Hamilton resting on the bench to start the second quarter, Lowell's inside game disappeared. Rockford's defense also shut down the outside shooting of Scott Smith and B. J. Barber.

"We knew coming in Rockford wasn't going to give them open looks at the basket," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "The boys quit doing what we wanted to do after that first quarter."

Lowell was eight of 12 from the floor in the first quarter. All eight shots were taken from within 10 feet of the basket.

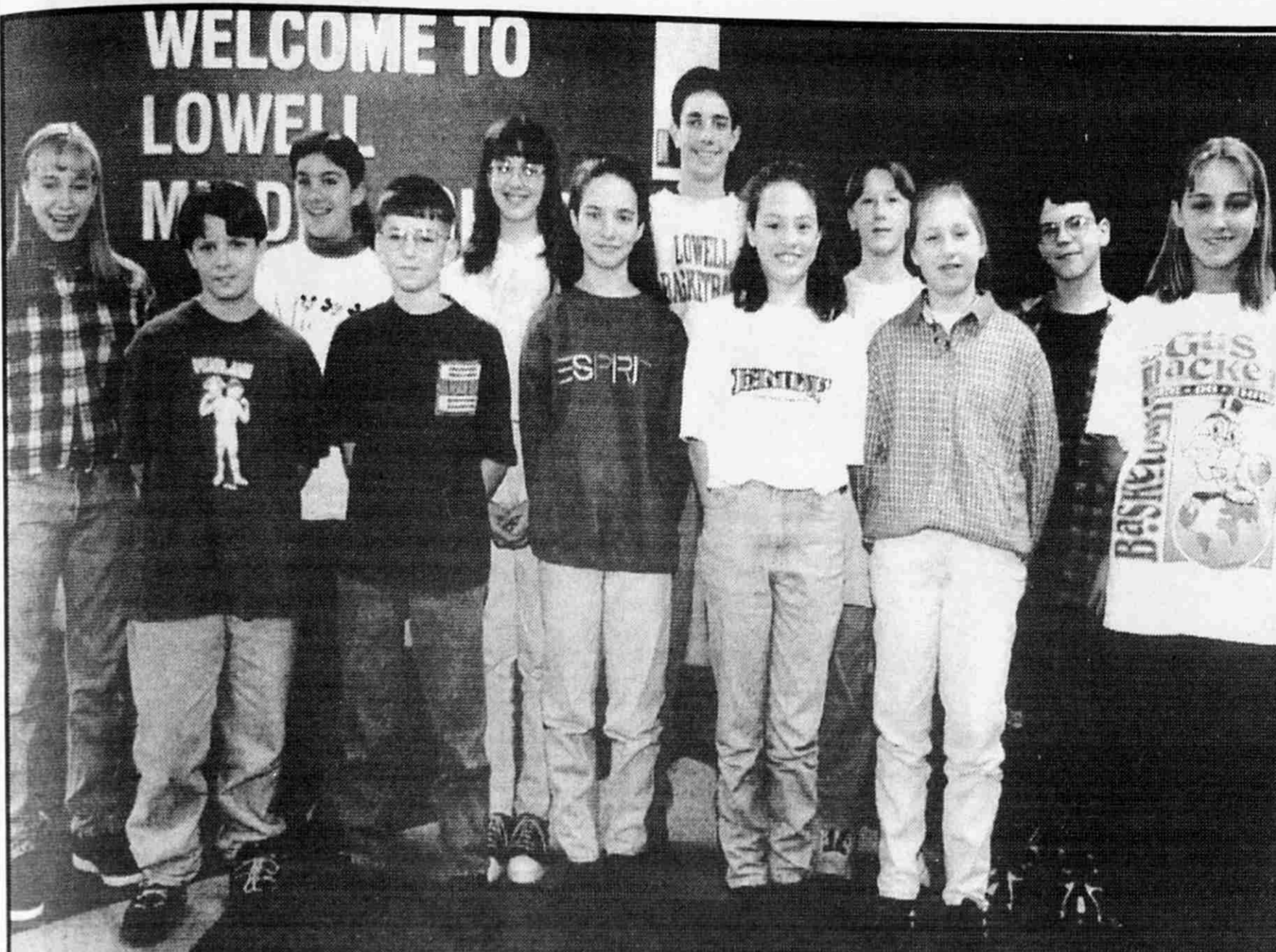
Lowell made just one bucket from the field in the second stanza, and it took only three shots. Its field came at the 2:36 mark of the second quarter, tying the score at 19-19.

Rockford outscored Lowell 10-2 to close the half and take a 29-21 lead.

The two teams traded buckets in a low-scoring third quarter. Both teams managed just eight points.

Rockford extended its 37-29 third-quarter advantage to

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## LMS February Students of the Month

Lowell Middle School February students of the month are, front row, left to right: Nick Onan, sixth-grade; Erik Hays, seventh-grade; Amy Bellechasses, sixth-grade; Anna Moore, sixth-grade; Cherie Gillman, eighth-grade; Annie Zalokar, eighth-grade; back row, left to right, are: Sarah Balcer, seventh-grade; Jaclyn Estes, sixth-grade; Jolynn Stalsonburg, seventh-grade; Keith Valentine, eighth-grade; Matt VanTatenhove, eighth-grade; and Josh Griffin, seventh-grade.

## Engineering design for Roberta Jayne in place

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Engineering design and construction services for the Roberta Jayne Street underdrain sewer project were approved by the Lowell City Council.

The service contract was awarded to the engineering firm of McNamee, Porter and Seelye, Inc.

The sewer project will be constructed immediately west of Roberta Jayne and will help relieve groundwater problems for approximately 10 homes.

Construction will commence this summer.

The cost for the engineering services will be \$15,000, covered through the city's general fund.

Lowell city manager Dave

Pasquale said the engineering firm completed the drainage study which led to the project.

The majority of the underdrain sewer project cost will be taken up by the city's Community Development Block Grant.

The anticipated project cost is \$73,600.

In the design phase McNamee, Porter and Seelye, Inc. will provide the following:

- Survey and mapping efforts that suitably define the vicinity for design of the sewer.

- Detailed drawings showing trench excavation details and pavement replacement details.

- Prepared plans and specifications suitable to convey the design intent.

And a coordinated acquisition of soil borings to document the soil conditions for the selected site.

The underdrain sewer project will run north/south approximately 25 feet west of the rear lot line of the homes along the west side of Roberta Jayne from Sibley Street to Faith Drive.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 1 - Barak Brown.  
MARCH 2 - Mary Vezino.  
MARCH 3 - Sarah Newell.  
MARCH 4 - Pat Fonger.  
MARCH 5 - Don Silvius.  
MARCH 6 - Pat Covell.

Patrick N. Johnson.  
Goldie Clark, Casey Sokolowski, Bea Richardson.  
Darlene McClure.

## Planning commission clears path for Heibel development along Grand River Drive

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Developer Russ Heibel has cleared the last hurdle for his proposed housing development off Grand River Drive in Lowell Charter Township.

Heibel received the go ahead on his private road from the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission, contingent on final approval of a private road maintenance agreement.

The commission had concerns on several issues facing Heibel's private road, which will service a potential of 19-22 homes, but came to an agreement which will allow the road to be built and development to take place.

One of the commission's biggest concerns centered around the turn radius on two curves in the road.

Township officials wanted to make sure the road would be wide enough to accommodate fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

Heibel changed the road curve/bed to handle the situation and put eight feet of gravel on the shoulders of the curves.

"We have to look at the worst case scenario and determine if the road is safe enough to handle it," said planning commission chairman Mel Beers.

The commission's decision was enhanced more when told school buses would not travel on the road, that it would not be turned over to the township or county in the future, and that all people buying a parcel in the development must enter into a Private Road Maintenance Agreement to handle the future upkeep of the private road.

## Basketball, cont'd.... From Page 18

double digits with a 5-0 run to open the fourth quarter.

Lowell answered with a 13-6 run cutting the deficit to six at 48-42 with 2:33 to play.

The Rams netted eight-of-10 shots from the line in the final 2:30 of play to secure the victory.

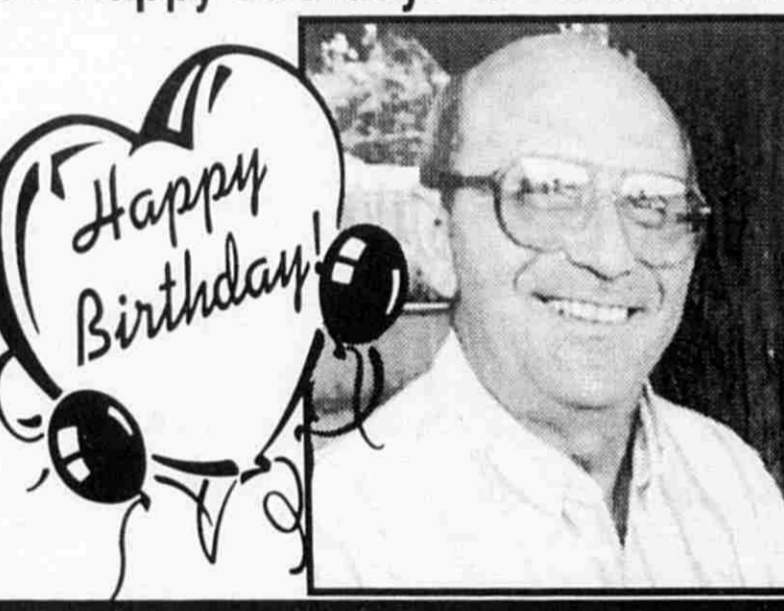
"Rockford is a tough team to play against from behind," Bush said. "They spread the floor and take the ball to the hoop well. We were never able to get the deficit down to three or less."

Lowell finished its season with a 3-19 record. "Our boys worked hard and I think improved," Bush said. "We were blown out by 30 and 40 points in the first half of the season. In the second half, we played everybody tough with the exception of Park and East Grand Rapids."

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Bees are not as busy as we think they are. They just can't buzz any slower.

—Kin Hubbard

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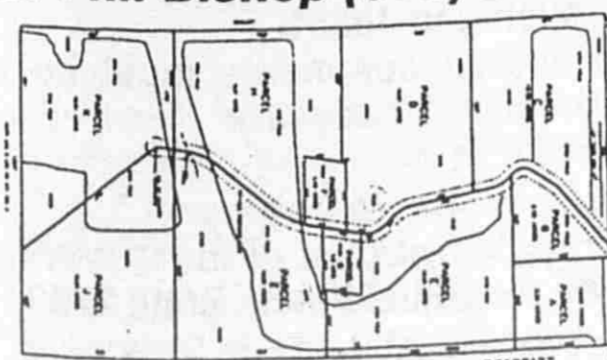
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# Eighth-grade drama class to present comedy "Lagooned"



Pictured from the cast of "Lagooned" are front row, left to right: Kerri Postema, Bob Shindorf, Laurie Biener, Amanda Stouten, Kara Tousley and Pat VanTatenhove. Back row, left to right: Lori Walsh, Jennifer Bellechasses, Melissa Miller, Ian Corey, Mike Dereske and Denny McClure. Not pictured: Luke Cesarz and Brent Lyons.

The Lowell Middle School's eighth grade drama class will present the comedy "Lagooned" on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The play is about the passengers and crew of the ship, the "Vengeance," who were shipwrecked on a seemingly de-

serted island. The delightfully confused captain and first mate try their best to get their bearings, while a totally eccentric and interesting bunch of passengers try to make the best of a situation, which keeps presenting them with new surprises: a witch doctor searching for a bride for the local volcano, a wild



Pictured from the cast of "Lagooned" are front row, left to right: Liz Graham, Jaime Sheppard, Tara May, Caleb Grummet, Rachel Rice, Lindsey Thaler and Nicki Deters. Back row, left to right: Jackie Dykstra, Deb Ward, Renee Brower, Katie Fleet, Molly Knooihuisen, Mike Dykstra and Stephanie Smith.

gorilla, an Aviatrux who dropped out of the blue and pirates of Bamboola looking for a hostage, to mention a few.

Don't miss this free evening of lively entertainment, which will take place in the middle school cafeteria on 750 Foreman.

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



BRONCHIOLITIS

This is the time of year that we usually see an upswing in the number of bronchiolitis cases and so far this winter RSV infections seem to be right on target.

Bronchiolitis is an infection of the upper respiratory tract commonly caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) among

others. Children under the age of two are most commonly infected and the illness seems to peak in late winter and early spring. Most children will have symptoms for about a week.

Symptoms of bronchiolitis include a mild fever, runny nose, cough and wheezing which is often worse at night. Your child's respiratory rate may increase depending on the severity of respiratory distress. Bronchiolitis is spread like a cold so day care centers are likely places to be exposed to the illness.

Because bronchiolitis is caused by a virus, antibiotics are not indicated for treatment. If your child has bronchiolitis, encourage liquids to avoid dehydration, use a cool mist vaporizer in your child's room or run hot water in the shower and sit with your child in the bathroom if he/she is having trouble with wheezing or coughing.

Use acetaminophen for fever. You should call your doctor if your child is breathing faster than 40 breaths per minute or if the

skin of the chest wall retracts between the ribs during respiration or if your child has to sit up to breathe.

Occasionally children with RSV infections will have to be placed in the hospital for a day or two if there is significant respiratory distress. In the hospital your child can be given oxygen, breathing treatments to lessen wheezing, and IV fluids if needed. Fortunately, most children with bronchiolitis can be safely treated at home.

## Joan Wittenbach's BOOK REVIEW



SOPHIE AND LOU

By Petra Mathers

Sophie lives in a spotless house. She shops when she knows there will be few people out. Most of the time she sits and spends her days looking out the window. Sophie is shy.

One day something finally gets Sophie's attention. Across the street, in a house that has been vacant for a long time, people move in and turn the house into a dance studio. Sophie watches from her window and wonders what they are doing with their feet.

Quite shy and a bit nervous, Sophie goes to the Book Mobile and inquires about books on dancing.

From there on Sophie really gets involved with dancing - even to the point of pushing all the furniture against the wall and painting dance steps on the floor. Way to go, Sophie. She even watches herself dance in the mirror, while she counts out the different steps on the floor.

One thing always leads to another, and what lovely lady would ever dance with old shoes on,

right? So once again, Sophie challenges her shyness and goes to the store and finds a lovely pair of dancing shoes. On her way home from the store she notices someone whom she's seen before, and he acknowledges her as well. In that brief encounter, Sophie notices that this time her heart is dancing. Look out, Sophie.

At home she practices the steps to her dancing, while watching her neighbors out of her window. "One, two, three and..." The doorbell rings and Sophie dances her way to the door. There stands that special someone greeting her with a little mousey smile, flower in hand, and with "May I have this dance?" Guess what her answer is?

There are several quiet decisions on the part of this shy story person, but each one grows out of the choice made before. How encouraging. Look to the Lowell Library for this delightful book or at local bookstores.

The Louis King family called the Ledger office to say they spotted a robin at the corner of Hunt and Riverside and one on Lincoln Lake across from the airport on March 12.



## NOTICE

On this date, the Ionia County National Bank of Ionia has filed an application to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Such application requests the establishment of a branch office at 2569 West Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

Any written comments must be sent within the next 30 days to:

David Rogers  
Deputy Comptroller of the Currency  
One Financial Place, Suite 2700  
440 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

# Model UN class brings home six awards from two-day competition

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell High School's Model United Nations team returned from the competition at Hope College, for the third consecutive year, with the most awards acquired by any of the competing 48 schools.

"The Lowell students have worked very hard and have done it on a volunteer basis," Lowell Model UN coach Steve Kampfschulte said. "They began preparing for Model UN in January, working on it one to two nights a week, a couple hours at a time. As we got closer to the competition, they built on the amount of time they spent."

Lowell students brought home seven awards (2 firsts, 4 seconds and 1 third).

Matt Langridge and Joel Uzarski earned a first in a security council role for the third straight year. Their achievement also marked the third consecutive year a Lowell team has won a first in the emergency category under the role of security council.

Ryan Graham and Scott Smith were second in covering the topic of Peru/Equador. Justin Hoag and Ben Michael also earned a second under the topic of Indonesia/East Timor.

"Students must be prepared to discuss issues on any topic," Kampfschulte said. Langridge and Uzarski were given the topic of U.S./Japanese trade war.

In an international court of justice role, Melissa Peterson and Aaron Skidmore represented Bosnia and placed first. Amy Teunis placed second in her role as a judge in the Algeria case.

This was the second consecutive year Lowell has taken a first and second in the area of international court of justice.

In the economics and social council role, Tom Roudabush placed second discussing the status of women.

Nate Seeley was also second covering the category of international health care.

Kampfschulte also recognized Dave Arnold/Brandon Onan and Josh Speerstra/Denny Briggs for their hard work, despite not getting an award.

Assisting Kampfschulte was history teacher Jack Ogle. "Steve deserves a lot of credit for our success. He fires the students up with his enthusiasm."

Kampfschulte said the competition this year was tougher and more intense.

## Affordable Towing eyes use of spot in Vergennes Industrial Park for impound lot

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

An impound lot would be welcomed by Lowell Charter Township officials, if properly licensed and located in Vergennes Township.

Affordable Towing has asked Lowell Charter Township officials for its "support" in the development of a proposed impound lot, to be located in the Lincoln Lake Industrial Center in Vergennes Township.

"If it was properly licensed and the sheriff's department said they were reputable, we would support it," said John Timpson, Lowell Charter Township supervisor.

Lowell support of the proposed lot is nice for Affordable Towing's plans, but holds very little weight when it comes to approving the venture.

"I don't know why they would ask Lowell Township for approval," said Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook. "Lowell has nothing to do with the approval of something like this in our township."

Walter VanderWulp, president of Affordable Towing, could not reveal why he sought Lowell's support, but did confirm that his company has expressed interest in an impound lot in Vergennes.

"Right now I can't comment on much because everything is very preliminary for everyone involved," he said.

Cook verified that Affordable Towing has contacted his office, but said nothing official has been submitted.

"We don't have any plans or know exactly what they want, but they have expressed interest in purchasing land in the park," Cook said.

In order for any development in the industrial park Cook said the plan would have to meet the criteria "spelled out" in the township's zoning.

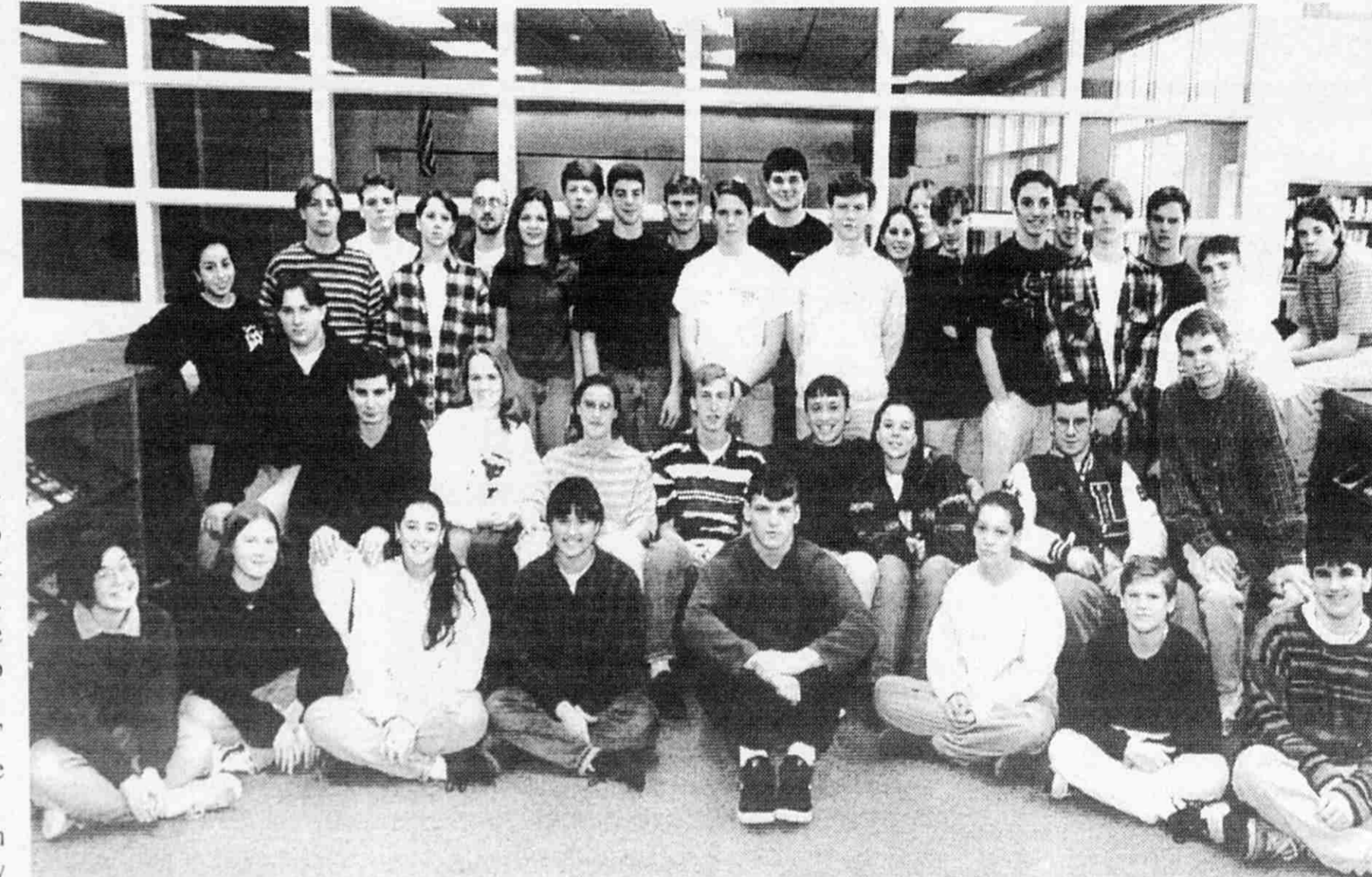
"The land is zoned light industrial, which means they could put up a warehouse. And cars could be stored there," Cook said. "But no matter what plans they have they must meet our criteria. If they don't, it will not be permitted."

Plans, other than a warehouse or other acceptable uses under the current zoning, would need to be granted a special use permit, Cook said.

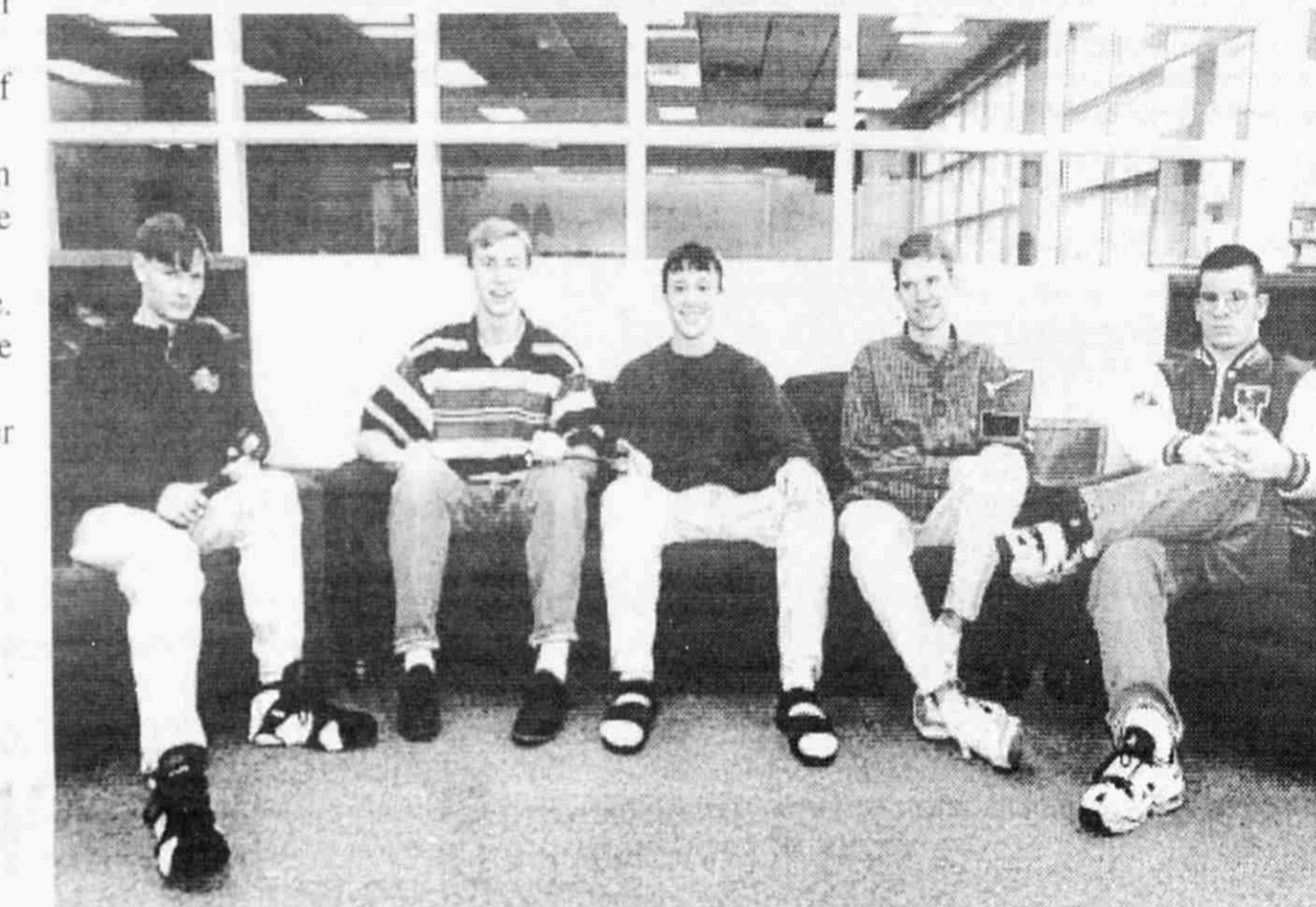
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To endure is greater than to dare; to tire out hostile fortune; to be daunted by no difficulty; to keep heart when all have lost it; to go through intrigue spotless; to forego even ambition when the end is gained—who can say this is not greatness.

—Thackeray



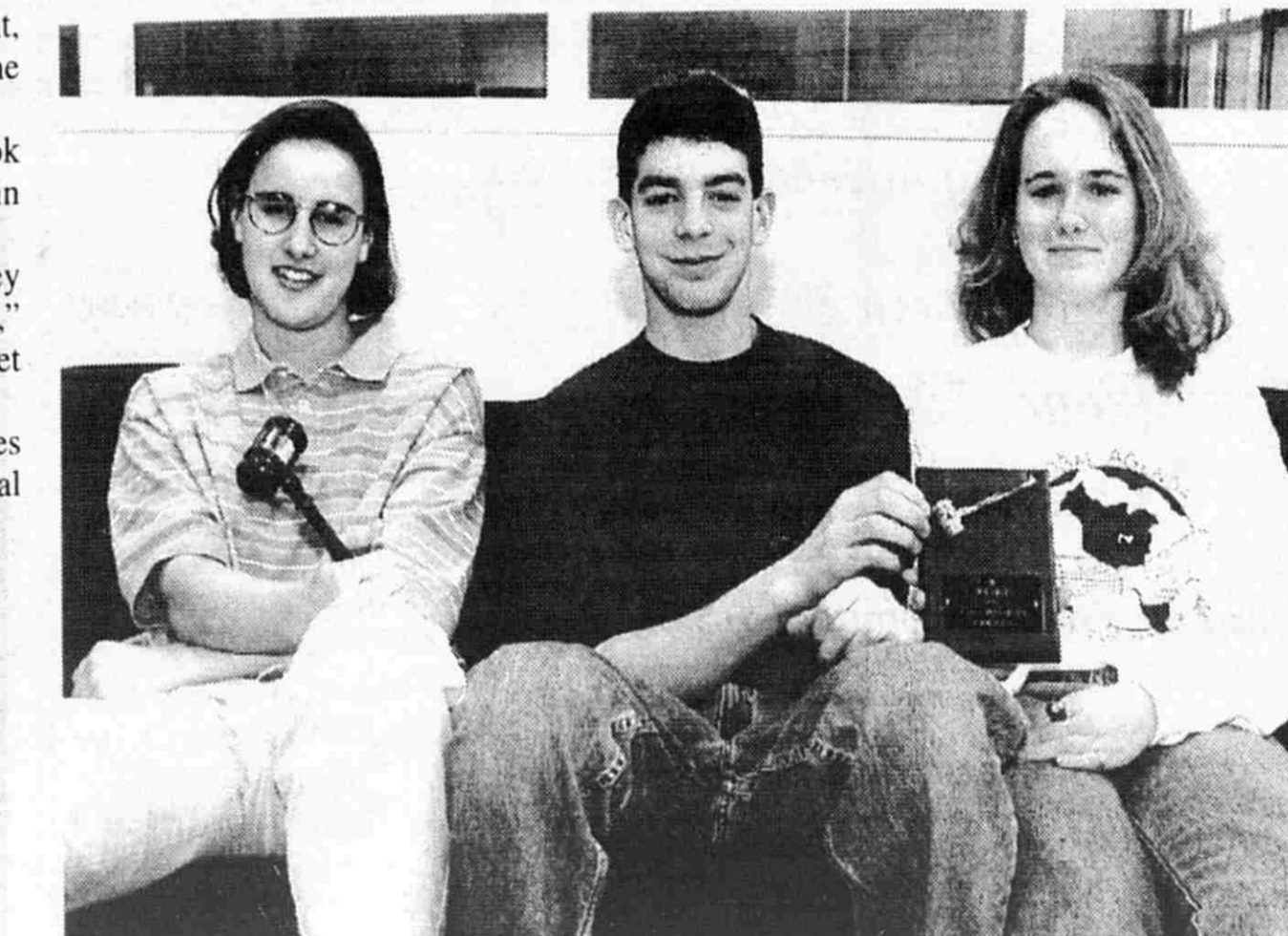
Lowell was one of 48 schools who participated in the Model UN competition.



Members of the Model UN security council team, from left to right, are: Justin Hoag, Scott Smith, Ryan Graham, Matt Langridge and Joel Uzarski. Missing from the picture is Ben Michael.



Members of the Model UN Economic and Security Council, from left to right, are: Nate Seeley and Tom Roudabush.



Members of the Model UN International Court of Justice team, from left to right, are: Amy Teunis, Aaron Skidmore and Melissa Peterson



# COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

**EVERY 1ST TUES.:** Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just s. of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

**EVERY TUES.:** Good News Club for children, ages 5-12, meets at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. The Good News Club is an hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun. For more information please call Phyllis Bender, (616) 897-7571.

**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:** Alheimers 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.

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**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 Westling, 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.

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

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **MON.-FRI.:** Senior Meals program, noon.

**Special Events**

**WED., MARCH 13:** 6 a.m., Bingo at Meijers. **WED., MARCH 20:** 9:30, Advisory council.

**WED., MARCH 13:** 12:15 p.m. Volunteer recognition. **FRI., MARCH 22:** 12:30 p.m., Flea market, Shady Acres.

**FRI., MARCH 15:** 12:30 p.m., Reminiscence. **WED., MARCH 27:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

**TUES., MARCH 19:** 10:30, Wellness class.

**TUES., MARCH 19:** 12:30, Shopping at Meijers.

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

**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.

**THURS., MARCH 14:** National Assoc. of Retired Fed. Employees catered lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton at noon \$5 per person, reservations required. Call Eleanor Keim, 363-0409 or Mary Tryc, 235-4063. Meeting to follow.

**SAT., MARCH 16:** Ken-O-Sha annual silent auction and dance from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Knights of Columbus Hall, 5830 Clyde Park S.W. Admission \$6 in advance or \$9 at the door. Tickets are available from members of the South Kent Ambucus Club or The Ken-O-Sha programs, 1353 VanAuken, S.E., Grand Rapids 49508. For information call Bill at 771-2685.

**TUES., MARCH 19:** Cannon Township Historical Society will hold its regular meeting at the museum,

**NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM TESTING FOR THE MARCH 19, 1996 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1996 AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 11676 OLD BELDING RD., BELDING, MICHIGAN.

PEGGY A. GURNEY  
GRATTAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING**

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1996  
AT 7:30 P.M.

in the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto, Michigan.

A Budget shall be submitted for consideration.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Bowne Township Office, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

8045 Cannonsburg Rd. Any questions call Frank at 874-6861.

**TUES., MARCH 19:** Children and adults with ADD present psychiatrist, Philip Haines, M.D., speaking on "Beyond Rewards and Punishment for Parenting and Teaching Children with ADD" at 7 p.m. at Sunshine Ministries, 3300 E. Beltline. For more information call Voice-Tel Info Line, 248-2423.

**SAT., MARCH 23:** Maple Syrup Run at the Sap House, Maple Hills Sugar Bush, 9306 Grand River Dr., Ada. Cost: \$13 by March 18; \$15 from March 19 to race day. For further information call (616) 940-3373.

**SAT., MARCH 30:** All-you-can-eat Lowell Fire Department pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station. Adults, \$4; children, \$2.



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**BOAT FOR SALE** - 1990 SmokerCraft Big Fisherman, 14 ft., live wells, 1991 ShoreLander trailer, 15 h.p. Evinrude, \$2,500 o.b.o. Call 897-5084 after 6 p.m.

**FOR SALE - 1985 Mercury Topaz, 4 dr., runs great, \$400 firm. Call 897-5934.**

**LAB PUPPIES FOR SALE** - 1st. shots given. Call 897-5982.

**FOR SALE - '93 Probe, red, fully loaded, need to sell, asking \$9,900. Call 897-7036 leave message.**

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**VENDING MACHINES FOR SALE** - 17 table top machines, several placed around the Grand Rapids area. \$7,000. Must sell. 897-7903.

**PERSONAL**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN** - I am no longer liable for any debts incurred by my ex-wife Sandy Sturgeon from this date forward, March 6, 1996. Gene Sturgeon Jr.

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# School administration questioned about selection and recruitment process used in hiring new teacher

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell School's administration came under attack for the selection process used in hiring a middle school academic remediation teacher.

The school board approved the appointment of Judith Thomas to the three-month pilot project position as an academic remediation teacher at the middle school. The position was designed to provide additional academic support for selected middle school at-risk students.

Board trustee Ellen McClain stated that the recruitment and selection guidelines process as defined in policy #4111 were not followed.

"At-risk students deserve to have the same process that other children experience in hiring other teachers," McClain said.

Superintendent Bert Bleke disagreed with McClain's assessment of the process used. "Applicants were recruited for the job, it was posted from within and we hired someone within the timetable. To insinuate we did not follow policy is wrong. This was a situation where we wanted to do something that would help kids. I believe we've brought in a good teacher who will do that."

McClain contended that the candidate hired did not meet the standards defined in policy #4111. "The grade point

average on the application does not meet the standards," she said.

Lowell assistant superintendent Dick Korb said at-risk students are falling through the cracks because their academic and social needs are not being met. "Thomas has experience working with at-risk students. She knows how to relate to the kids and can draw on her own personal experiences in helping them," Korb said. "Rockford and Fowlerville school districts also spoke highly of her abilities."

Korb added that it is not known whether Thomas' position would be needed next year on a full-time basis.

Bleke added that if it was determined that the position should be full-time next year, the recruitment and selection process would be reopened.

"If we were searching for a chemistry teacher who would best serve the district over a long period, then a long-term search is needed to guarantee we find the best teacher available," Bleke said. "For the position we were seeking to fill, I believe a thorough search was used to fill a short-term time frame. We conducted a good search and have a good person in place filling the position."

Korb said the school received four applications. Two of them withdrew and a third had only elementary experience.

"With at-risk/alternative education positions you don't always get the quantity of applications," Korb said.

With time being of the essence, board vice president Jack Lane said he did not have a problem with the selection or recruitment process used.

Board trustee Ann Mulder said policy #4111 stated that the committee would strive to recruit and employ an applicant who meets many standards of excellence and not just academic achievement.

Some of those standards include: personal integrity; exemplary teaching ability; ability to inspire student learning and achievement; and breadth of interest and achievements consistent with experience.

In evaluating the success of the pilot project, middle school assistant principal Mark Weber said attendance and academic achievement would be used. "These at-risk students also need nurturing, and a frame of mind that allows them to take a positive attitude into the high school setting."

Weber noted that all but one of the at-risk students who would be served by the pilot project are eighth-graders.

Board trustee Pete Gustafson said the guidelines and policies in #4111 are intended to reflect a careful review of teachers the district hires.

"It is more difficult to make changes after a teacher is hired than to make the right decision during the hiring process," Gustafson said.

The three-month pilot project will be funded with remaining at-risk grant monies.

# Snags in site plan slow Cowles proposed Stoneridge development

Curt Cowles' desires to develop an apartment complex off M-21 continue to progress, but he must still meet criteria regarding public water and sewer before it can officially get off the ground. Cowles has stated that he hopes to "break ground" this spring with his 96-unit com-

plex. After receiving the proper rezoning, Cowles must now get final approval on his site plan before the Lowell Char-

ter Township Planning Commission can allow him to start the development.

Currently, Cowles and the commission are ironing out wrinkles concerning a new lift station, water main extension, water runoff and the construction of a commercial road.

The two sides have agreed that the development must have a commercial road, as opposed to a residential road, which appeared on the initial site plan. They have also agreed that the water main, which will serve the property, does not need to be fully constructed until the property is fully developed.

Cowles plans on developing the property in three stages, at which time the water main needs will be addressed accordingly.

"The issue is to have it done now or done later," said Cowles. "With the amount of the front end cost to get this project going, all I ask is to construct the main as the property is developed. There is no need to build a main if the property isn't developed."

While the two sides agreed on the road and water, discussion remains concern-

ing the lift station and water runoff.

Cowles would like to have a separate station for his property only, as opposed to building a new station near Cumberland Manor.

According to township officials, the lift station at Cumberland isn't sufficient to handle the extra sewage.

"There are currently three or four interim lift stations in the area and until there is a permanent station that can accommodate all the businesses,

I would like to have my property serviced by an interim station," Cowles said.

The issue of water runoff will be answered by the county and township engineers when they view Cowles' revised plan.

No time line has been given on when those issues will be finalized, but Cowles hopes to have them answered in time to break ground when the weather begins to warm up.

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**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS, REVIEWING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 1996/1997 FISCAL YEAR.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1996 IN THE GRATTAN MUSEUM, 11676 OLD BELDING ROAD, BELDING, MICHIGAN, AT 7:00 P.M.


ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS CAN BE VIEWED AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING.


PEGGY A. GURNEY  
GRATTAN TOWNSHIP CLERK


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**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION**

The Deputy City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday, March 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the March 19, 1996 Presidential Primary Election.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP ALTO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT**  
January 1, 1996 to February 29, 1996

Beginning Balance		\$211,425.50
Income		
Interest earned	\$954.54	
Total	\$954.54	
Disbursements		
Alto Library	\$49,477.00	
Operating	\$112.93	
Total	\$49,589.93	
Ending Balance		\$162,790.11

William R. Harris  
Treasurer

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Notice is hereby given that the Public Testing of the OPTEC Computer Program for the March 19, 1996 Presidential Primary will be conducted Friday, March 15, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell.

Mari Stone  
Clerk