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Increasing Students' Credit Line

.... Lowell School officials are studying the possibility of increasing the number of credits a student needs to graduate. A proposal on the idea is expected sometime this spring.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Raising the graduation requirement bar on high school students will not be treated as if one is throwing another log on the fire - at least not at Lowell High School and if principal Scott Vashaw has anything to do with it.

LHS students are currently required to earn 22 credits, plus one seminar credit to graduate.

Lowell is one of many schools around the state collecting information and wrestling with the possibility of raising the credit requirement.

At first glance, some may think it's just a question of

whether schools want to increase the number of credits. As Vashaw points out, it is much more than that. "We're not just throwing another log on the fire," Vashaw said.

The final decision on the matter may involve local businesses, colleges and other school buildings within the district.

Currently, Lowell High School students are required to have 13 core curriculum (three English, two math, two science, two social studies and one generic - student chooses one of the four core areas) credits, nine elective credits and one seminar credit.

Businesses and colleges

are looking for high schools to raise the bar of expectation in the areas of math and science.

Requiring students to attain three credits in math or science would raise the bar to 23 credits.

"We want to make sure the offerings are appropriate to all," Vashaw said.

The high school principal notes that the third-year science class is chemistry. "Not all students will be able to pass that class. We want to raise expectations but we don't want a process whereby we're preventing some students from graduating."

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State police a local call away for assistance in Vergennes Township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township residents affected by vandalism or unlawful acts have somebody else to turn to when the Kent County Sheriff's Department is not readily available.

Township clerk Mari Stone said her office has received complaints from a resident who has experienced vandalism and inquired about the possibility of adding an additional officer to the sheriff's department.

Stone and the rest of the board discounted the idea when it realized that a price tag of \$80,000 was not a good way of spending township funds.

"I don't think \$80,000 for a car that will be pulled out of our area anyway if something happens in Ada is a good way to spend our money," Stone said. "I've talked to the state police department and they said they have a regular route which patrols the

southern portion of the county."

Trustees Mark Weber and Alan Baird agreed with Stone and added that they have seen the patrol on Vergennes, Parnell Avenue, Three Mile Road, and Fallasburg Park.

"I don't think the current level of vandalism warrants \$80,000," Baird said.

Stone said the township has been approached by Grattan Township officials about the added sheriff's patrol car, but would like to see some figures on how many runs currently exist in the township and how many calls are answered.

Stone said she may call the sheriff's department to receive a run down, but for the time being is providing a local number to the Rockford State Police Post for residents in the township's upcoming newsletter.

Residents wishing to contact the state police post without a long distance bill can call 242-6684.

Phillips' "Buck" is first and best opening day has to offer

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It had been nearly an hour since Nathan Phillips dropped his first buck.

The euphoria that comes with that sacred hunting event was still visible on Phillips' face when he stopped at the Ledger office Friday morning with the "first buck."

"Oh man, it is a rush," exclaimed Phillips. "The rush was going so bad I couldn't sit down. It is still going."

Phillips pulled up in front of the Ledger office at approximately 8:20 a.m. with his eight-point, five-inch tine, 180-pound buck.

He's been hunting for five years and has taken more than his share of shots.

"I've probably taken more shots in five years than some take in a lifetime," Phillips said with a laugh.

Phillips started his morning at 5:30 with a plate of eggs and bacon, before he and his friend Jeremy Stevens set out for their spot on Pratt Lake Road.

The buck first came into sight at about 7:15 a.m. "He was probably 50 yards out and he got to within about 30 yards when I shot him." He plugged him in the chest/lung area.

"He went down, got up and ran, then laid down before getting up again."

"I've probably taken more shots in five years than some take in a lifetime."

Nathan Phillips

Phillips said. "We found him about 100 yards away from where I was."

Phillips fired the bullets from a Remington 870 Express.

Alto taxidermist

(Nature's Touch) Rick Gard was barely out 20 minutes when a seven-point, 170-pound buck came into view. He was following a doe and made the mistake of walking into a clearance.

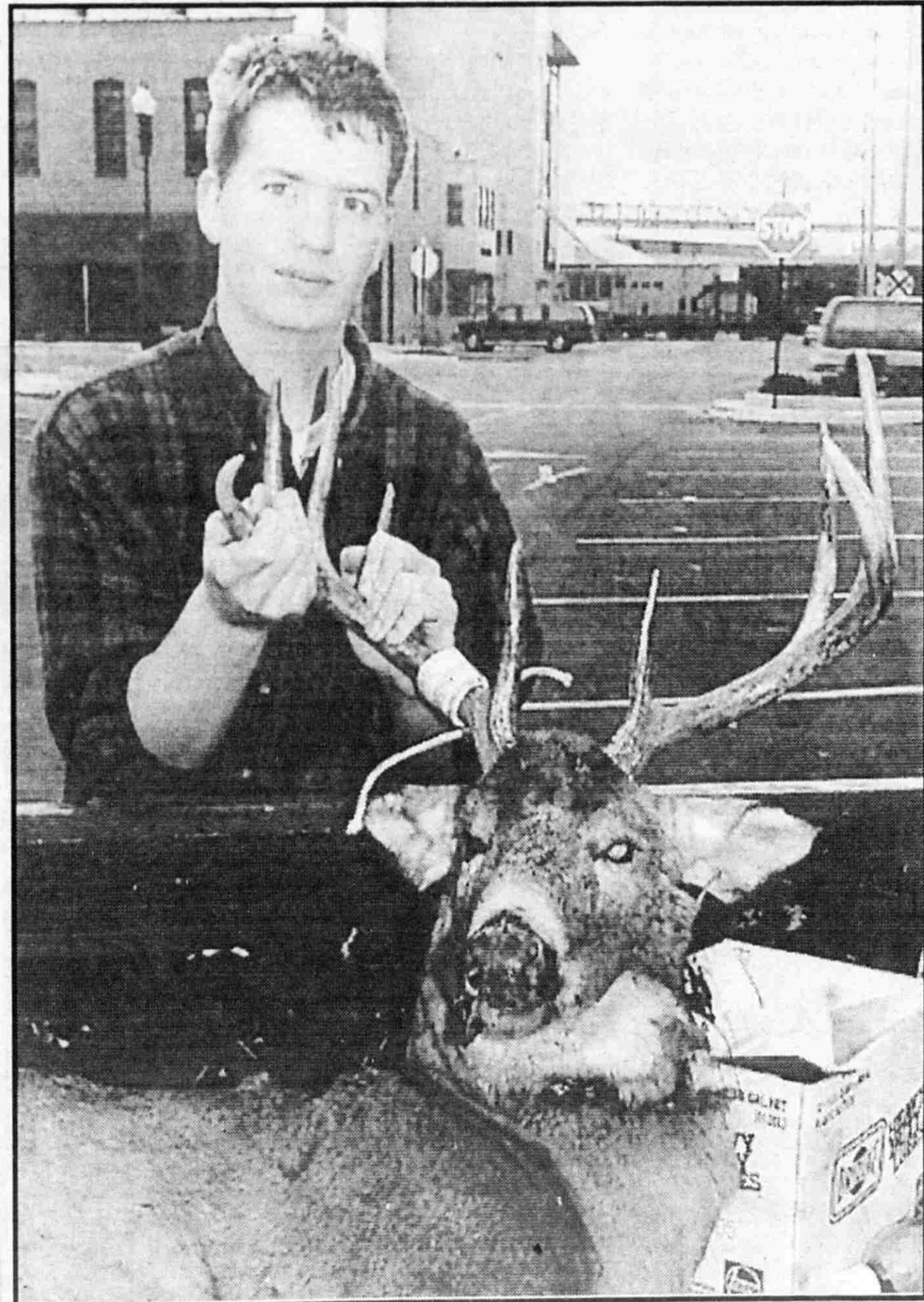
Gard, shooting a Browning 12 gauge, hit the buck and then trailed him for 50 yards before the buck dropped to the ground.

For Gard, it was his third career buck.

"Deer hunting is still fun. It probably will be until the day I can't walk," Gard explained.

Gard was hunting with his two sons Roger and Nick. He arrived at the Ledger office at approximately 8:45 a.m.

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Nathan Phillips, above, stands with his first buck. The Lowell resident was also the first hunter to arrive at the Ledger office on opening day. The buck was eight points and weighed 180 pounds.

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OBITUARIES

BRANTNER (ROCKFORD) - Mr. Raymond W. Brantner, aged 67, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday evening, November 13, 1996. Mr. Brantner served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. For thirty years, he was a truck driver with Tucker Freight Line. He is survived by his wife, the former Phyllis Wheeler, whom he married on December 4, 1953; his children Jo Ellen and Melvin Empie of Sparta, Mark and Darlene Cliff of Cedar Springs, Suzy and William Landry of Sparta, and Brenda and Lynn Manley of Rockford; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brother Roger Hoskins of Cedar Springs; his sister Donna and Barney Dykhouse of Belmont; nieces and nephews; his mother-in-

law Mrs. Hazel Wheeler of Cedar Springs; and in-laws Mrs. Vivian Hoskins of Lowell, Gerald and Suzanne Anderson of Cedar Springs, and Edwin and Sherri Wheeler of Sand Lake. He was preceded in death by his father Adam; his brothers Robert Hoskins and Russell Hoskins; his son-in-law, Greg Mosher; his parents, William and Effie Brantner; and his father-in-law, Edwin Wheeler. The Service was held Monday with Pastor Mike Mugett officiating. A military graveside service was held at Rockford Cemetery under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard.

HOVINGA - Raymond E. Hovinga, aged 70, of Lowell, died November 16, 1996. He was preceded in death by his

wife, Fern Hovinga. He is survived by his children, Marlene (Tom) Briggs, Alan (Carol) Hovinga all of Lowell, Steven (Lisa) Hovinga of Middleville; brother John (Vivian) Hovinga of Atlanta, MI; sisters Jeannet Kinsel of Alpena, Katherine (Gene) Snyder of Lowell, Ruthann Reda of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Mr. Hovinga was a veteran of WWII and a member of the Lowell VFW. The Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Dr. Clayton Klingenfus of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Interment Bowne Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HUMPHREY - Lindin M. Humphrey, aged 81, of Alto, died November 14, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie. Survived by his sister Helen Graszler of Grand Ledge, MI, also nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Service was held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Brian Schneider-Thomas of Alto-Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

ROBINSON - Rosemary Elizabeth Robinson, aged 59, of Lowell, died unexpectedly November 16, 1996. She is survived by her husband Roger; children Otis (Kimberly) Robinson of Saranac, Kim (Jud) Alward of South Carolina, Mike (Renee) Robinson of Grant, Tim (Wendy) Robinson of

Comstock Park. Tamela Spicer of Lowell; grandchildren Tara, Josh, Aaron, Mason, Ashley, James and Zac. Rosemary was a member of the Lowell Rotary Club (Paul Harris recipient), Lowell Area Arts Council, past president of Lowell Showboat, and a volunteer for the Woman's Resource Center. The Funeral Service will be held Wednesday 2:30 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Msgr. James P. Moran officiating. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst.

ROMAINE - Geraldine M. Romaine, aged 83, of Lowell, died November 16, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard and son Carl Mourer. She is survived by her grandchildren Lyle Mourer Jr. of Big Rapids, Martin (Karen) Mourer of Pennsylvania, Terry (Penny) Mourer of Florida, Roger

Mourer of Cedar Springs, Marilyn Mourer of Grand Rapids; sister Marjorie Watkins of Tennessee; special friend Vern Good of Lowell; also several nieces and nephews. The Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Dr. Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst.

SMITH - Mr. Frank Charles Smith, aged 73 of Grand Rapids, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1996. Smith owned and operated Smith & Clemenz Auto Sales in Lowell for 25 years. He was born Feb. 15, 1923 in Summerfield, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Rose Smith. He is survived by his former

wife, Shirley Smith; his children Tom Smith of Lowell, Gerry Smith of Lowell, Mark (Jill) Smith of Grand Rapids, Tonia (John) North of Lowell; daughter-in-law Pat Ring of Lowell; sisters Florence Smith of Bloomington, IN, and Kathryn Brady of Florida; grandchildren John, Jacob and Travis; step grandchildren Bonnie (Steve) Closson of Saranac, and Connie (Bryan) Musser of Traverse City.

WHITE - Bradford G. White, aged 91, of Lowell, passed away November 15, 1996. Surviving are his son Bradford; nephew C.T. Hoagland of Blissfield, MI; sister Dorothe of Key Biscayne, FL; and several grand nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Wednesday (today) at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2965 Wycliff St. SE, Cascade, at 7 p.m.

Robinson, past Showboat president, succumbs to congestive heart failure

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As family and friends of Rosemary (Terri) Elizabeth Robinson gathered for visitation at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, the sign reading, "Bring a Smile with Ya" seemed fitting.

Robinson, 59, died of congestive heart failure Saturday at her home (1465 Sibley). "Terri had time and a smile for everyone," said her husband of 41 years Roger Robinson. "Her heart was as big as the outdoors."

Family and the community were important to her. Robinson was involved in the Lowell Rotary (Paul Harris recipient), Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell Showboat (past president), Lowell Rescue (past volunteer) and



Terri Robinson

Woman's Resource Center (volunteer). "Terri was involved in everything and helped everybody," said her good friend and neighbor Sharon Johnson. "She was a super person and I will miss her. The community is going to miss her."

Robinson is survived by her husband Roger; children Otis (Kimberly) Robinson of Saranac, Kim (Jud) Alward of South Carolina, Mike (Renee) Robinson of Grant, Tim (Wendy) Robinson of Comstock Park, Tamela Spicer of Lowell; grandchildren, Tara, Josh, Aaron, Mason, Ashley, James and Zac. Robinson donated her body to the research center at the University of Michigan.

"It was just within the last six months that we both decided it would be beneficial if we gave our bodies to science," said Roger Robinson, owner of Fato's Pizza.

The funeral service was held Wednesday (Nov. 20) at Roth-Gerst Chapel with Msgr. James P. Moran officiating.

Miracle of birth changes friends' conversations - from softball and hunting to diapers and formula

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Softball and hunting used to dominate most discussions between close friends Toby Alderink and Andy Wester.

A few lasting and memorable moments have changed that forever.

Close friends for the past six years, they each recently shared one of life's marvels - the birth of a child. Separated by just four months, both witnessed the birth of their sons.

Alderink and his wife Wendy welcomed the arrival of Anthony John (7 pounds, 10 ounces; 20 1/2 inches long).

Wester and his wife Sue embraced the birth of Maxwell Charles (8 pounds, 3 ounces; 20 inches long).

Both babies were delivered at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8.

"Our conversations used to be about softball and hunting. Now it's formula and diapers," Wester said.

The two couples learned a few weeks apart that Wendy and Sue were expecting.

With Andy and Sue living in Grand Rapids and Toby and Wendy residing in Lowell, unknowingly both Sue and Wendy checked into

Butterworth Hospital at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Thursday (Nov. 7).

"We were on different floors," Wendy said.

evening walking the floors with Sue," Andy recalled.

"Wendy spent most of the night resting as comfortably as can be," Toby said.

due date," Wester said.

A few days before the birth of Anthony John, Alderink said he began to think about how he'd handle

baby girl, both were just hoping for good health when delivery started.

"I was hoping for a boy, but I didn't really care at birth

"I was in labor for 15 hours, but in the end it was worth it," Wendy Alderink said. "It is a fleeting pain."

"Fleeting! Not yet. I still remember it," said Sue Wester. "I originally wanted to have four children. I may have changed my mind."

Seeing the pain their wives went through was emotionally difficult for both fathers.

"It was tough watching," Toby said. "There isn't really anything you can do."

The couples also agreed it was nice having friends to talk to about the experience.

They also concurred that it will be nice when the boys get their days and nights straight.

"Anthony John is up nights," Wendy said. "He's got his days and nights confused."

Maxwell Charles' grandparents are Doug and Sue Wester and Don and Mary DeVlieger. His great grandmother is Shirley Hoffman.

Anthony Charles' grandparents are Ron and Katie Alderink and Dick and Kathy Noskey. His great grandmother is Stella Kathan.

"It was the greatest experience I've been through," Toby concluded.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Toby Alderink, Wendy Alderink and son Anthony John; Sue Wester and son Maxwell Charles, and Andy Wester.

Andy talked to his mom early that evening and learned that Wendy and Toby were also there.

Both first-time fathers admitted to some prebirth jitters.

"I was a little more nervous as we got closer to the

being a father, if he'd do the right things and provide the proper care.

While Andy was hoping for a boy and, Toby wanted a

as long as it was healthy," Wester said.

The experience of a first child was rewarding for the mothers too.

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Rogue River Artisan Show and Sale Dec. 7 at Deer Run

The sights and sounds of Christmas will bring combined pleasure to your special holiday shopping at the fourteenth annual Rogue River Artisans Show and Sale, Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Road S.E.

This quality group of artists and crafts people represent many West Michigan communities, including Rockford, Ada, Newaygo, Gaylord, Fennville, Niles, Lowell, Grand Rapids, Benton Harbor, Caledonia and more. A total of more than 30 designer/artists will be selling one-of-a-kind unique items. Beautifully crafted pottery, glass art, primitives, wearables, jewelry, Santas, baskets, dolls, birdhouses, wild life carvings, furniture, holiday decor and much, much more.

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St. Pat's to hold blood drive Dec. 8

Grand Valley Blood Program will hold a blood drive Sunday, Dec. 8, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church-school cafeteria in Ada.

Grand Valley Blood Program is the only provider of blood for patients in Kent County hospitals, which care for people from a 19-county area. To meet all patient needs, the blood program must collect more than 100 pints of blood daily.

Any healthy person who is 17 or older and who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness (Psalm 18:28).

Suddenly the earth has been transformed into a thing of breathtaking beauty. Yesterday we lived in a barren, dark world. Today, in a fairy wonderland. Every rooftop, every tree branch, twig, and blade of grass has been miraculously covered with soft, white snow. Even the car is lavishly iced with seven-minute frosting. The gray sky looks down on children merrily playing, making snowballs and falling in the fresh, feather-light down.

Christians, no doubt all of us pass through periods of dreaminess and gloom. Sometimes we begin to wonder if the sun will ever shine for us again. Then, without warning the presence of the Lord draws wonderfully near. Every doubt is erased. Every tear is wiped away. The clouds vanish. The gloom disappears. The darkness is gone.

God has promised that all will not be night. During times of darkness, it is our duty to be obedient and keep faith. With the passing of the clouds, the sun will shine again. Life, once more, will be transformed into "a thing of beauty."

Prayer: O God, I am grateful that darkness and night do not last forever. Thou wilt come and speak peace to my soul. Life will be changed into "a thing of beauty." Amen.

The light of smiles shall fill again
The lids that overflow with tears,
And weary hours of woe and pain
Are promises of happier years.

William Cullen Bryant



Lowell High School students attending the SADD conference at Shanty Creek Resort were front row, left to right: Rachael Fredline, Kaily Wittenbach, Carrie Hubbarth, Ann Townsend, Rachael Zalokar; back row, left to right: Marsha LaHaye, Betsy Maki, Niki Darling, Keith Valentine, Laura LaHaye, Mark Kirsch, Annie Zalokar, Amy Meiste and Emily Dunn.

SADD organization connects with students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Students and advisors from Lowell High School's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) organization attended a three-day conference

entitled "Making the Connection - Your Voice Counts at the Shanty Creek Resort." "It was a leadership conference teaching students leadership skills and ideas on how to better run the organization," LHS SADD advisor

Marsha LaHaye said.

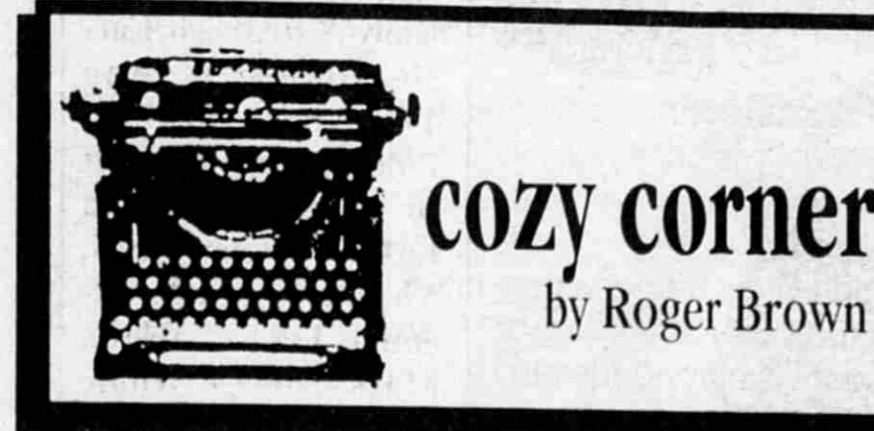
Students listened to a plethora of keynote speakers about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The conference's featured speaker was Brandon Silveria who suffers from

some speech and physical disabilities stemming from his own personal drinking and driving accident.

Performers included the musical rap group QTM and the music/drama group ARC. SADD, cont'd, pg. 7

Viewpoint . . .



In last week's column I related the encounter my dogs had with a skunk while out on our morning walk. The two big Labs, Thor and Tito, had surrounded a hapless skunk. The dogs had been sprayed extensively as they did their best to scare the liver out of the critter. They smelled bad. Really, really bad, and I had to deal with them before I went to work.

I have been around dogs all my life, and consequently have been through this drill a few times. I remember our big German shepherd killing a skunk in the backyard one morning before school. I had to bury the skunk, hose down the dog, lock it in the garage and get to class. The other kids made fun of me all day because of my odor. Even after a traumatic experience like that, I'm still a dog owner. Just call me stupid.

I've tried the tomato juice bath a number of times and found it to be not much more than an old wife's tale. Probably instigated by the folks at Del Monte or Campbell's. After a good tomato juice bath, a skunky dog smells pretty much like a Bloody Mary gone bad. In fact, you'd probably be better off to mix the tomato juice with a quart of vodka and drink it all down. Maybe you wouldn't notice the smell.

I've tried a couple different commercial neutralizers available at pet stores. They are slightly more effective than tomato juice as they at least provide a perfume cover up. I'm not so sure you wouldn't be just as far ahead to swab the dog down with cheap after shave. The products are terribly expensive, and unlike tomato juice, don't mix well with vodka.

There is one folklore remedy I've heard a number of times, but have never tried. Massengil feminine douche. The reason I've never tried it should be obvious, especially to male readers. If you think I'm going through the checkout line at the local grocery or drug store with a shopping cart full of douche, you've got another thing coming! I've been forced to pick up tampons for the wife and daughter a couple of times in the past. Hated it! I draw the line at douche. The dogs could smell like skunks 'til eternity before I'd go through. "Price check on aisle seven. Big guy with a cart full of douche." You know that's what would happen.

Fortunately, I had a new recipe to try. Just a few weeks prior, Tito had a brush with a skunk. It wasn't bad. I was suffering from a sinus condition and didn't even notice it. The dogs went to work with it, and everybody with properly functioning olfactory made me aware of the problem in no uncertain terms. I stopped by the vet clinic for a bottle of commercial skunk smell neutralizer and swabbed him good with that. He smelled like a cardboard floral air freshener you hang in the car. Even to my stuffed up nose.

While at the vet clinic, the receptionist gave me a home remedy to try. She wrote it on a three by five card. Luckily, I still had it in the car the morning of the great skunk encounter.

I made myself presentable, sort of, for a trip to the store to get the needed ingredients. I probably looked a bit silly in line

with early morning shoppers buying sweet rolls for work. I plunked four bottles of hydrogen peroxide and a box of baking soda down on the conveyor at the checkout. At least it wasn't a douche.

The recipe called for 16 ounces of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution, a quarter cup of baking soda and a tablespoon of liquid soap. I happened to have an empty liquid Tide bottle handy in which I figured there was approximately a couple of tablespoons of soap left. I poured in 4 eight-ounce bottles of peroxide and a half cup of baking soda to double the recipe. Enough for two dogs. I shook the concoction and went to work lathering up my two mongrels. They hate baths, but I won't even go into the details of that part of this ordeal.

Once lathered, the treatment called for leaving them sudsed up for 15 to 20 minutes, then rinsing them thoroughly with water. I did that, as I gradually became more and more late for work. I towed them off and headed for the shower to do what I could for myself. Since I had once experienced the trauma of going out in public smelling like a skunk, I took an extra long, extra hot shower and doubled up on the Aqua Velva.

When I finally showed up for work, I had the dogs in tow. I paraded them through the shop and asked everyone to take a whiff. Only one person said they could barely detect a skunk odor. This was absolutely amazing, considering just an hour earlier these same dogs had smelled like Pepe Le Pew himself!

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NOV. 24 - Sabra Kinsley.
NOV. 25 - Pat Vezino, Melissa Peterson, Amy Swift, Shawn Ayres Hazel, Megan Hewitt, Lorri Myers.
NOV. 26 - John Erickson.
NOV. 27 - Bonnie Vezino, Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Roudabush.

AREA BIRTHS

Lee and Angie Iteen of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Madalynne Paige. She arrived on October 30, 1996, at 6:10 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve and Sandy Watson of Lowell, Lee and Cathy Iteen Sr. of Lowell and Marc MacMillen of Grand Rapids.

Ron and Melissa vanOverbeek of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Sydney Anne. Sydney was born November 1, 1996 weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her big brother Joshua.

Grandparents are Dick and Marjorie vanOverbeek of Lowell and Chris and Patti VanDyke also of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Tom and Clara Marshall of Sparta and Wynner VanDyke of Florida.

Jared and Josh would like to announce their new brother Jace William. He was born in Butterworth Hospital on November 13, 1996 at 10:13 p.m.

The proud parents are Bill and Alice Thomas of Lowell. Grandparents include Betty Thomas of Lansing, William and Sherrill Thomas also of Lansing, Deloris Schoen of Ada and Dave and Pam Bensen of Belding.

Sharing The Vision
MARSHA WILCOX
Lowell Board of Education President

SHEDDING SOME LIGHT

Such a job description as this has evolved over the years, and makes sense. After all, even though we feel like we're at school meetings all the time, we're not. The time I spend as president involves approximately four meetings per month, visits to school events that I can squeeze into my calendar, and some classroom volunteering. Nowhere nearly enough time to "run" anything the size of a school system. That's why hiring a superintendent is so vitally important. That person becomes the chief executive officer and chief operating officer of the district. The policies set by the board then give the superintendent guidelines which say to him or her. "These are things that a majority of a board elected to represent the residents of the school district think are important."

Most school board members are not experts in maximizing the learning potential of all students. We are engineers, manufacturers, legal counselors, events' organizers, tax accountants, personnel directors and producers of commodities. In there somewhere are skills that have helped us hire a superintendent

wisely and set policy judiciously. Plus we have or had children in Lowell Schools, and we know our community well.

This qualifies us to be what could be called "holders of the lantern" for those school employees who are every hour digging for educational gold. We might say, "Let's dig over here" or something encouraging like "Keep up the good work" but we don't know how to run the shovel.

The author, E.L. Doctorow, once said that writing a book was like driving a car at night. You can only see as far as your headlights but you can make the whole trip that way. This seems like good advice for life too. In this age of rapid change, our knowledge and vision of the educational landscape are not infinite.

Hopefully, the school board can keep the light burning brightly for its community, and together with students, parents and school employees, we can shine our lanterns on that treasure we all strive for and covet - successful learners.

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125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - NOV. 22, 1871

All the records were destroyed, so it will be difficult for Chicago people to "read their titles clear" in the burnt area. Also, the price of newsprint has gone up.

Piles are being driven "thick and fast" in the Flat River, and it won't be long before the old dam will be hidden entirely.

State Pomological Society President Thompson says that Boston Township, as well as the eastern townships of Kent County, are among the best of the state fruit belt.

Mr. T.L. Reed, formerly of Lowell, is the proprietor of the Vergennes Cheese Factory, a sample of which won a blue ribbon at the recent Lowell Fair.

An elastic tire for car wheels has been tried and found to be of great value.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - NOV. 17, 1921

The Clover Leaf Club puts on a dinner for the Boy Scouts, Board of Education and men teachers. Speeches, solos and the Boy Scout orchestra are heard.

This week's heavy snow fall was cleared in very short order by the county road commission. Driving on county roads is almost as good as summer, but when one crosses into Montcalm the snow ruts, deepened by chains, make the going difficult. Trucks clear gravel roads; horse teams, the concrete roads.

Michigan still has the highest death rate of the 33 states in the U.S. Registration Area for diphtheria.

Mrs. Wheelock of a New York City American Legion post, starts a movement for married women to give up their jobs: "Working wives make lazy husbands."

The locks of the Panama Canal, eight years old, are already almost too small for the biggest warships.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 21, 1946

Lowell Light & Power Supt. Bruce McMahon takes 2400 volts when a crane unloading water main pipe on Elizabeth Street becomes entangled in high-voltage wiring. He recovers in a few days.

The Community Council hears arguments for and against starting a Parent-Teacher Association. They leave it up to the Board of Education.

A nationwide coal strike threatens havoc, since fuel dealers have only small supplies on hand. Lifting of wage and price controls is blamed.

More than half of farmers now have telephones.

Michigan had four divorces for every ten marriages last year, and 3,485 illegitimate births, a new high.

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

DIARRHEA

Diarrhea is a common symptom that is described as increased frequency of watery or loose bowel movements. Fever, chills, anorexia, vomiting, abdominal pain or cramping and fecal incontinence may be present also. Diarrhea is a symptom and not a disease.

Diarrhea results from either an imbalance in the absorptive-secretory processes of the bowel or from intestinal motility. Usually the intestinal tract is a site of water and salt absorption. In diarrhea, this process is reversed and valuable water and salts are lost. Severe dehydration and electrolyte (salt) imbalance can cause life threatening conditions.

Causes of diarrhea can be divided into two categories: infectious and non-infectious. Viruses, bacteria, parasites, food poisoning and traveling to foreign countries are examples of infectious causes. Examples of non-infectious causes are drugs such as laxatives, antacids, antibiotics, anti-inflammatory medications and some prescription drugs. Food additives such as fructose, mannitol and sorbitol (artificial sweeteners); milk (lactose intolerance), raw or undercooked shellfish, mushrooms, beans, caffeine, prunes and alcohol can all cause diarrhea. Other causes are fecal impaction, inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease), stress or emotional upset and radiation treatment for cancer.

Everyone has had a bout of diarrhea sometime or another, usually from an insignificant cause which disappeared with no lasting effects. Most episodes are short lived (24-48 hours) and the cause may not be determined. Diarrhea can become

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1996.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson. Absent: None. Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt, Streets and Parks Supervisor Daniel DesJarden and Director of Public Works Art Gall.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES that the minutes of the October 21, 1996 meeting be approved as corrected.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/04/96)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 70,316.09
AIRPORT FUND	216.43
CURRENT TAX FUND	3,379.21
BUILDING & SITE FUND	2,093.87
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,914.12
WATER FUND	1,386.34
DDA FUND	223,444.29
WASTEWATER FUND	28,262.35
MAJOR STREET FUND	260.37
LOCAL STREET FUND	4,862.92
DATA PROCESSING FUND	106.27

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 990 N. HUDSON ST. - MARK AND PATRICIA SELLNER - VARIANCE TO RETAIN A SIX FOOT HIGH PRIVACY FENCE - PUBLIC HEARING. Mark and Patricia Sellner had requested a variance to retain a six foot high privacy fence along their west property line. Since the Sellners reside at a corner lot by N. Hudson and Hunt Streets, the existing fence must be no higher than three feet measured from the Hunt Street right of way to thirty feet back. Mark Sellner stated that he would be willing to remove the first eight foot section of fence measured from the Hunt Street right of way. Sellner also mentioned that the six foot high fence is needed for several reasons, but primarily for the safety of his family.

Several neighbors in attendance and several letters provided had supported the Sellners' request, noting that the applicants' house and yard are well maintained. City Manager Pasquale also had received a letter from Karen Lambert (934 N. Hudson) and a telephone call from Mark Russell (945 Lincoln Lake) stating support of the variance request.

Myers said that the City is not requesting that the entire fence be removed, but reduce the height to three feet. There is a public safety issue for visibility purposes as individuals walking and vehicles backing out of driveways in the area. Myers could not support granting a zoning variance for the purpose of resolving neighbor disputes. The first issue is public safety. Secondly, the neighbors will not always be the same. Therefore, the problem will not always exist. However the variance will always be present.

Myers attended the October 28 Planning Commission meeting and noted that the Commission recommended the fence be tapered at a three foot height by the Hunt Street right of way to six foot perpendicular to the neighbor's fence approximately 20 to 25 feet back.

Mayor Thompson visited the property in question as well as requested information from Chief of Police Valentine regarding concern for the safety of the Sellner family.

After reviewing the police report, he felt that such a concern is merited. Thompson also stated that removing the first eight foot section would allow clear view for vehicles backing out and pedestrians walking.

Green, Hodges and Shores stated that the zoning laws are important, but some common sense needs to be followed. If the Sellners are willing to remove the first eight foot section, they believed that would be sufficient distance because of the location of the property.

Mayor Thompson stated that the Council had two responsibilities. These are the ordinances of the City and the safety and well being of residents within the City. In this situation, there is justifiable concern for the safety of the residents. The Planning Commission also was concerned with the safety of the residents and offered an alternative.

Planning Commissioner Dan Pipe stated that the Commission discussed two compromises, one being the fence tapered at a three foot height by the Hunt Street right of way to six foot perpendicular to the neighbor's fence approximately 20 to 25 feet back. The second would have the first section of fence be three feet in height, the second section be four feet six inches, and the third section six feet.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN that the variance of Mark and Patricia Sellner be granted to retain a six foot high privacy fence with the removal of an eight foot section of fence nearest the Hunt Street roadway at 990 N. Hudson Street.
YEA: 4. (Green, Hodges, Shores and Mayor Thompson)
NAY: 1. (Myers)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. 423 W. MAIN - JOHN AND JUDITH GISTINGER (J & J WHOLESALE OUTLET) - VARIANCE TO ALLOW AN OUTDOOR DISPLAY AREA - SET PUBLIC HEARING (12/2). John and Judith Gistingier of J & J Wholesale Outlet had requested a variance so that an outdoor display area could be allowed 12 feet out from their building located at the northeast corner of W. Main and Lincoln Lake. In Section 12.04A of the Zoning Ordinance, the outdoor storage or display of goods and materials is prohibited in the required front yard (measured 35 feet from the street right of way in the General Business District).

A hearing was proposed for December 2, 1996 so that the Planning Commission could review the variance request at their November 25, 1996 meeting providing a recommendation to the Zoning Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to establish a public hearing on December 2, 1996 to consider a variance request from John and Judith Gistingier of J & J Wholesale Outlet so that an outdoor display area could be allowed 12 feet from their building located at the northeast corner of W. Main and Lincoln Lake for outdoor storage or display of goods and materials which are prohibited in the required front yard (measured 35 feet from the street right of way in the General Business District).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE - SECOND PUBLIC HEARING. James Doyle, on behalf of the Lowell Historic District Study Committee, explained that the historic district is an ongoing process. There is an opportunity to study, review and recommend for those in the district wishing to provide changes. These changes will promote longevity of the buildings as well as its historic character. The Historic District will also provide preservation to those in the district. Doyle also mentioned that by establishing a Historic District, work could begin toward becoming a certified local government, which enables grants available to Lowell.

Many property owners within the Historic District stated support of the ordinance. This would be very positive for the community and the economy. Concerns were discussed regarding communication between the building owners and the Study Committee.

Concerns were also discussed on the Commission members being residents of the city. Some felt that there should be representation from the buildings owners.

City Manager Pasquale mentioned that upon adoption of the ordinance a Historic District Commission of five City

residents will be established. The meetings will be open to the public and advertised as well as noted on the board in front of the City Hall building.

Councilmember Myers mentioned that once the historic district is established downtown, he wished the Committee would extend that to the residential area as well.

Councilmember Shores stated that this would assist to market the downtown area and show that the City of Lowell is moving forward.

Councilmember Green stated that he is very supportive of the historic district as well as the required city residency for the Commission.

Mayor Thompson stated that there are business owners that live within the City and there would be representation from business owners.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adopt the Historic District Ordinance as presented.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Thompson said that five members of the Historic District Commission are required to be residents of the City. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council with staggered terms of one member for one year, two members for two year terms and two members for three year terms. It was recommended that Stephen Doyle (706 Riverside), Philip Johnson (810 Riverside), Robert Reagan (427 King), James Barber (318 King) and Michael Blough (724 Riverside) as Planning Commission representative be appointed to the Historic District Commission. Thompson would also support that the above appointees decide the terms.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to support Mayor Thompson's appointments of Stephen Doyle, Philip Johnson, Robert Reagan, James Barber and Michael Blough to the Lowell Historic District Commission.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. MERS RETIREMENT BENEFIT INCREASE FOR RETIREES. As adopted for the last seven years by Council, a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living has been provided for retirees. City Manager Pasquale requested that the City again adopt a 2% increase effective January 1, 1997 for retirees through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to adopt a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living for retirees through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS), effective January 1, 1997.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. PURCHASE OF HYDRAULIC BROOM FOR THE SKID LOADER. In order to assist with the cleaning of the downtown sidewalks and parking lots, the purchase of a six foot hydraulic broom for the Bobcat skid loader had been budgeted. Daniel DesJarden, Streets and Parks Supervisor, explained this would primarily assist with snow removal of areas where the snow plows can not reach. The following bids were received:

A.I.S. Construction Equipment Corp. (G.R.)	\$4300.
Kubota of Grand Rapids	4475.
Burnips Equipment Co. (Dorr)	4500.
Grandville Tractor and Equipment Co.	4530.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to award purchase of a six foot hydraulic broom from A.I.S. Construction Equipment Corporation at the cost of \$4300.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. REPAIR OF PRECAST COVER ON DIGESTER #3. Mark Mundt, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, stated that the concrete cover on Digester #3 has cracks in it. It did not appear that the structural

City agrees to remove Chinese elms from 908 Lincoln Lake

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Trees add aesthetically to property... provided they are not dead.

With that in mind, Dave Austin, 908 Lincoln Lake, coaxed the city into paying \$2,300 to Poortenga Tree Service to have three Chinese elms removed.

Before determining if the city would pay the bill, Lowell's Public Works director Art Gall tried to pinpoint where the property line was.

In judging from the property pin, Gall said he believed trees straddled the property line.

When trees have fallen within its right of way, the city has handled the total cost of removing a tree. Through the motion of councilman Jim Hodges, the council determined that was the right

thing to do again. "Cars pulling out from schools and industries have to inch their way out into the intersection to see oncoming

traffic," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

Austin said he was willing to financially participate in the project. "However, I

think my money can be best spent in restoration of the area after the trees are removed," he said. "I'd like my contribution to go toward landscap-

ing." The homeowner said any landscaping he'd do would be compatible from the site distance standpoint.

The brittle Chinese elm trees interfere with site lines,

and power and cable lines. Poortenga Tree Service determined that one of the Chinese elms is dead and said it believed that within two years, the other two trees would also be dead.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

integrity of the concrete has been affected at this time. But it is necessary to repair the damage to prevent this from occurring again.

Mundt contacted two companies to review the problem and provide a quote for both repairing and preventive measures necessary. Both had similar repair plans but different coating after the repair was completed. Pennington Brothers of Twin Lake would apply an epoxy coating while Speciality Painting would provide waterproofing membrane. The quotes were as follows:

Speciality Painting and Environmental Coating, Inc. (Manton and Lowell) \$6,800. Pennington Brothers, Ltd. (Twin Lakes) 5,975.

Mundt stated though the Speciality Painting quote is higher at \$6,800 than Pennington's \$5,975, he recommended Speciality Painting because the membrane allows gases to escape and gives greater flexibility.

Mayor Thompson asked what the warranty and life expectancy is. Mundt responded that both had a three year warranty with no life expectancy given.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to award contract to Speciality Painting at a cost of \$6,800 repairing the precast cover on Digester #3 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. PURCHASE OF LAPTOP PERSONAL COMPUTER FOR CEMETERY SEXTON. As documented in the City budget, a laptop personal computer had been planned for the Cemetery Sexton for record keeping needs. Also, the laptop will be used as by City staff for taking minutes at meetings. The following quotes were received:

Sharp PC 9000	\$2,299.
Dell Latitude LM P100SD	\$2,399.
plus shipping and handling	
Compaq Armada 4110	\$2,410.

After reviewing the three quotes, Receptionist/Clerk Typist Doris Titcombe recommended that the Sharp PC9000 be purchased at a cost of \$2,299 from the Data Processing Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to purchase the Sharp PC 9000 laptop personal computer at a cost of \$2,299 from the Data Processing Fund.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Brad Potter, on behalf of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, requested permis-

son to utilize park area south of Front Street on Division as a parking lot for snowmobile parking.

Chief of Police Valentine stated that the Snowmobile Club had always been very cooperative in working with the City.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to allow the Flat River Snowmobile Club to utilize City property south of Front Street on Division as a parking lot during the 1996-97 winter season.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. James Reagan of the Lowell Area Historical Association thanked the Council for the approval of the Historic District and also presented them with an article entitled "Miracle on Main Street, Help for Historic Commercial Areas" from the National Main Street Center for their review. He also thanked Jim Doyle for all his work on the Historic District.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green received a call from a resident regarding a sewer back up in the Valley Vista Subdivision which caused much damage. This is the second time such a problem had occurred. This back up was due to items being wrongfully placed in the sewer. Councilmembers asked if there was any type of screen that could be placed in the line to avoid this problem.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mundt stated there is an ordinance stating certain items will not be placed in the sewer. Whatever businesses cause the problem, these companies are responsible for all the clean up costs to all the homes involved.

Councilmember Myers inquired about Christmas decorations on the new light poles in the downtown area. City Manager Pasquale stated that the City has a contract with Meredith Supply Service for decorations. A wreath with garland and lights will be placed on each of the poles.

Myers also asked if the trees will be planted along Main Street before winter and will Christmas lights be available on them. Pasquale stated that the planting should start this week. He noted that there are no electrical hook ups by the trees.

Myers also recommended that everyone view the new library building which is nearing the final stages of construction.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. A request had been received from Dave Austin (908 Lincoln Lake) who lives on the corner of Lincoln Lake and Foreman to consider removal of several Chinese Elms located along the Foreman right of way.

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Both groups communicated messages of anti-alcohol and drugs.

Other entertainment included a Saturday night square dance and an Aspen Extreme dance on Sunday evening.

The conference played host to 100 Michigan SADD charters which included approximately 1,000 students.

Lowell students participating in the event were Emily Dunn, Carrie Hubbarth, Ann Townsend, Mark Kirsch, Niki Darling, Amy Meiste, Rachael Zalokar, Rachael Fredline, Laura LaHaye, Kaily Wittenbach, Annie Zalokar and Keith Valentine.

"Students also had an opportunity to network among themselves," LaHaye said.

One of the more emotional parts of the conference was the memorial. This is where charters remembered students from their areas who were killed in drunk driving accidents.

Other SADD advisors joining LaHaye were Betsy Maki and Kathy Talus.

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In accordance with City policy, the Council would review the trees in question and consider action at the next Council meeting.

B. Copies of the following meeting minutes were provided:

- September 23 meeting of the Planning Commission
- September 19 meeting of the Downtown Development Authority
- September 23 meeting of the Light and Power Board

C. The following bidding schedules had been planned:

Westside sanitary sewer	
- bid opening	November 14 at 2 p.m.
- bid award	November 18
Demolition of Lee's Landing	
- bid opening	November 21 at 2 p.m.
- bid award	December 2

E. A committee organization meeting had been scheduled to review the adult oriented business regulations on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Eric Williams, Big Rapids City Attorney, will provide a presentation.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Councilmember Green stated that the Lowell Area Schools had recommended Dale Latva be appointed to the Adult Oriented Business Regulation Committee. This appointment would be the seventh. Rev. Dan Wansten of Christian Life Center Church also expressed interest with this committee. Green asked the Council direction on considering this an eight member committee instead of seven. Councilmember Hodges stated that at this time keep it to seven and let the committee discuss the possibility of expanding to eight members.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to have the Adult Oriented Business Regulation Committee provide seven members and to appoint Dale Latva representing the Lowell Area Schools.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

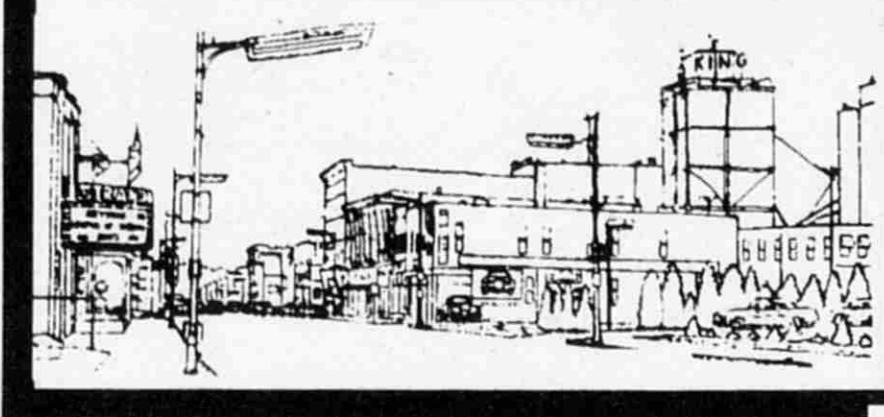
City Manager Pasquale provided a copy of the resignation letter from Robert Pfaller resigning from the Downtown Development Authority.

Dr. James Reagan mentioned that he had three different architectural groups tour the Lee's Landing and another is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 1996 at 9 a.m. to determine if the building could be renovated.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: November 18, 1996
William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Along Main Street



LAAC EXHIBIT

The work of Grand Rapids artist Kathleen Kalinowski will be on view in the Lowell Area Arts Council exhibit at FMB Galleria through Dec. 10. Kalinowski's work consists mainly of landscapes of this area in both oil and pastel.

FMB State Savings Bank is located at 414 E. Main in downtown Lowell. The exhibit is on view during business hours Monday through Saturday.

LHS SPIRIT STORE HOURS

The Lowell High School spirit store is open on Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

LACC SEEKING PARADE APPLICATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the 1996 annual Christmas parade. The parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

To obtain an application call LACC at 897-9161 or pick one up at Rupert's Drop, State Farm, Hahn Hardware or Amoco gas station.

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main.

Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social

security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

SNOWMOBILE CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Michigan law requires any persons between the ages of 12 and 17 to earn a safety certificate from a snowmobile education course before they can operate a snowmobile on their own.

The Department of Natural Resources along with the Flat River Snowmobile Club will be offering this class on Satur-

Credits, continued... From Page 1

Raising the graduation expectations will further help students be successful as adults.

Washaw cautions this cannot be done at the expense of student elective courses.

"There are ways we can do this without hurting students or decimating electives like band," Washaw said.

One example is by giving physical education credit to students through participation in an after-school athletic activity.

There are also opportunities, such as the school to work program and the dual enrollment program (college and high

school credit) outside the school walls which could open up more opportunities for students.

DON'T FORGET TO DECORATE

Don't forget to string your rights and decorations for the annual residential and business Christmas Lighting Contest. Gift certificates awarded. Judging will take place December 10. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Call 897-9161 for more information.

"I, for one, think our foreign language program needs to be expanded," Washaw said. "Maybe by offering foreign language at the middle school level, we can teach advanced classes at the high school and have more graduates who speak fluently in other languages. This, however, would have to be a cooperative effort between the two buildings."

The LHS principal said he expects to make a recommendation to the board of education in the spring (March or April).

First Buck, continued... From Page 1

The opening day's third buck was brought in by Tim Stepek.

Out with his brother Tony, on some state land in Lowell, Stepek dropped an eight-point 150-pound buck.

The buck stepped out from a field and into the range of Stepek's 870 Remington.

"I hit him right in the neck from about 80 yards," Stepek said. "He went right down."

Out near the Fallasburg area, Kyle Krebill bagged a six-point, 140-pound buck at about 10:30 a.m. He had been out since 6:30.

"I saw two doe come through and then a little while later the buck popped his head through," Krebill said.

He hit the buck in the stomach area with his 12 gauge. Krebill was hunting with his friend A.J. Teft.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 4, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance. Such amending ordinances would, if adopted, (1) add Section 2.08a, stating the definition of "canopy" as the term is used in the Zoning Ordinance; (2) amend Section 3.29 so as to specify additional requirements concerning private roads, including a provision for special land use for the splitting or dividing of parcels served or to be served by a private road; and (3) amend Chapter 3 so as to set forth regulations on the dividing or splitting of platted lots and unplatted parcels, or boundary reconfigurations thereof, including requirements pertaining to permits for land division and the requirement that no permit for a land division shall be issued until it is determined that the proposed division complies with all applicable requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance and other Township ordinances.

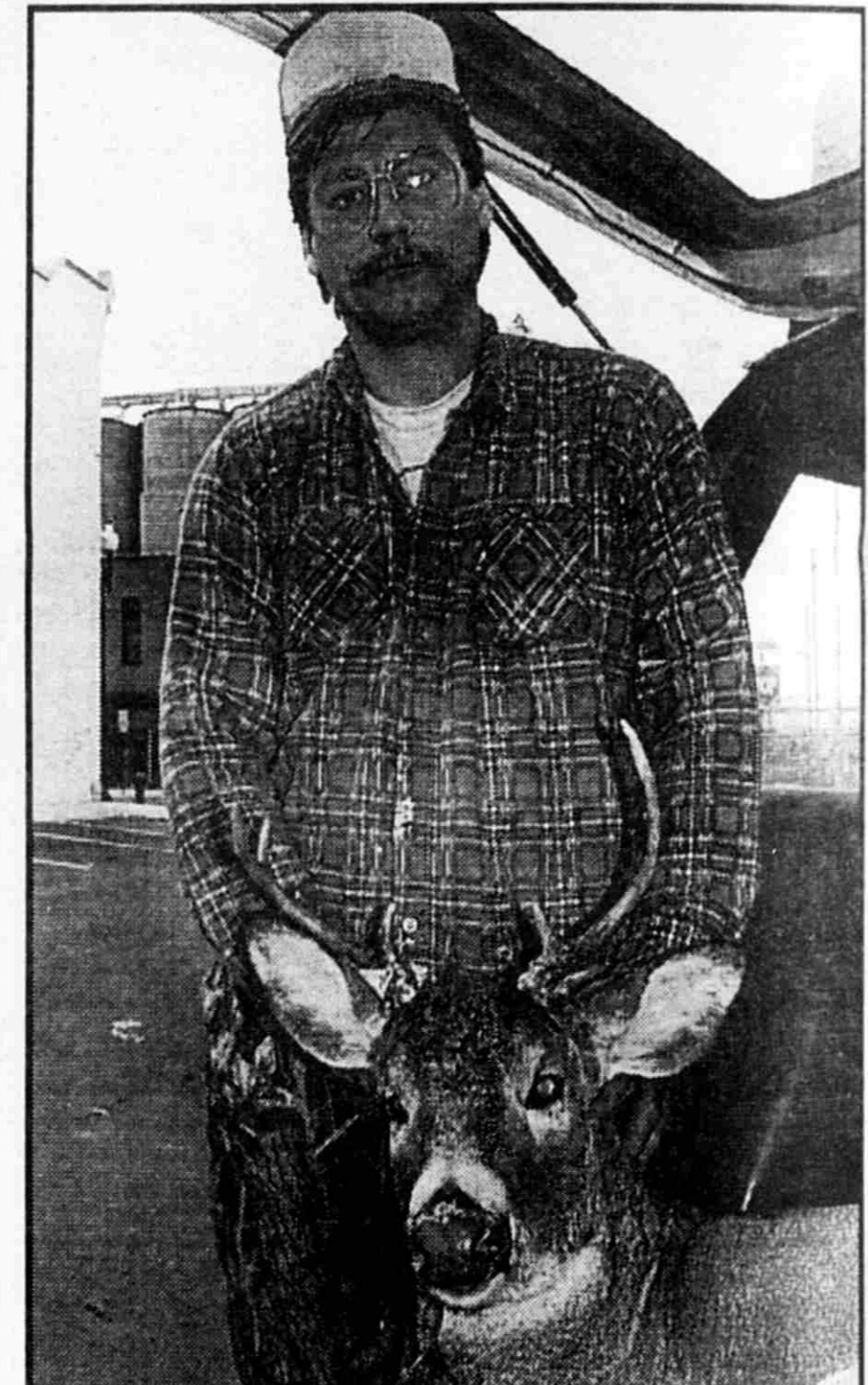
The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township clerk, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.

Dated: November 11, 1996

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan



Tim Stepek holds up the head of his eight-point, 150 pound buck.



Rick Gard stands with his seven-point, 170-pound buck on opening day.

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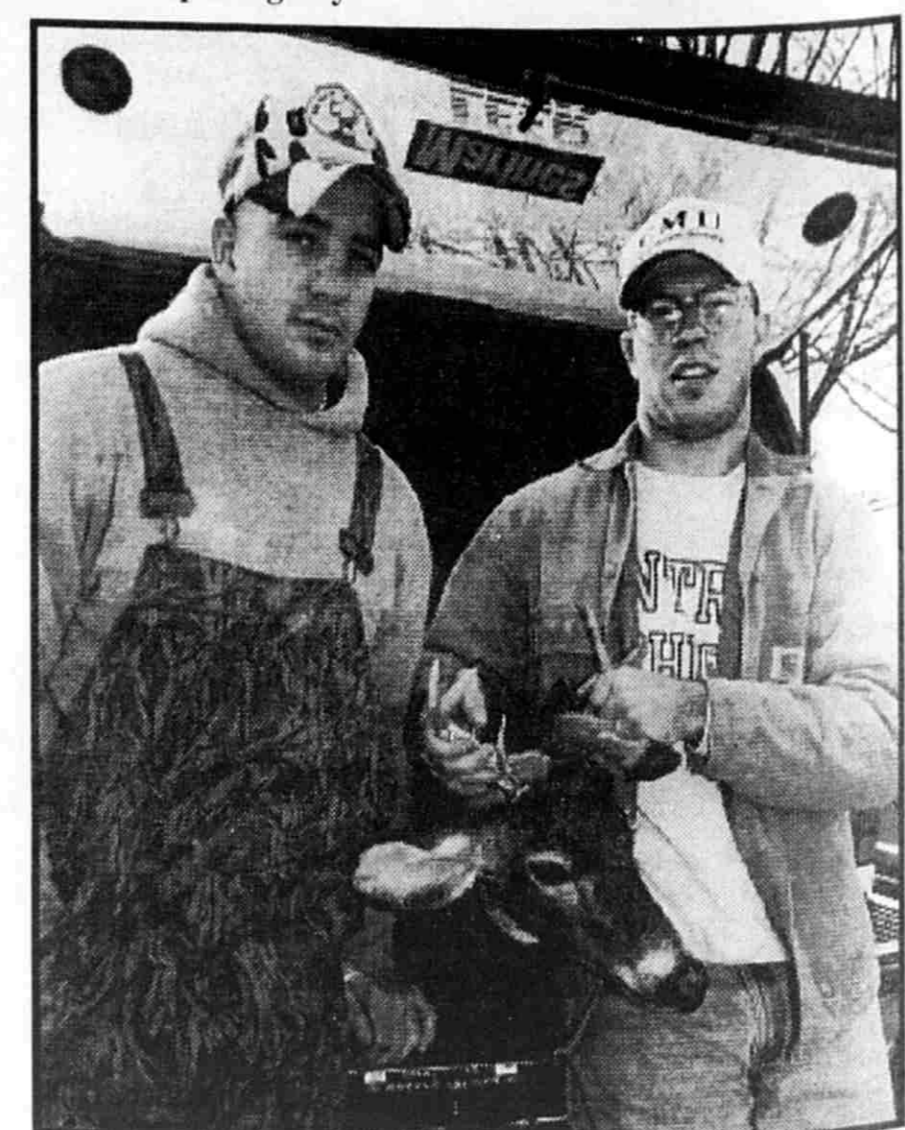
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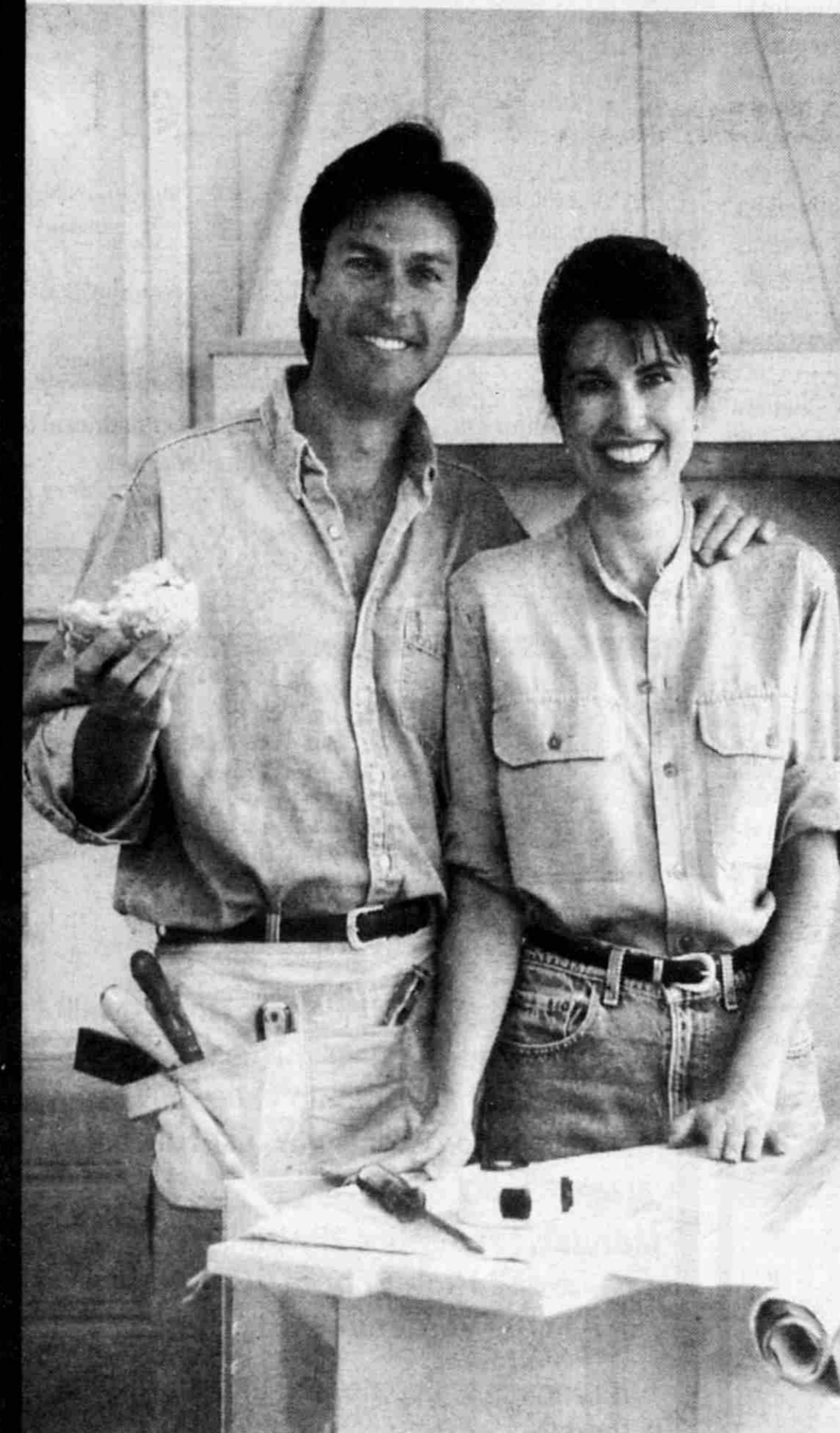
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Kyle Krebill, right, bagged a six-point, 140-pound buck. Standing to Krebill's right is hunting partner A.J. Teft.

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LHS recognizes its October students of the month

Each month four of the twelve Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area. Each of these students has shown exemplary work and added effort in a particular area.

For the month of October they are as follows: Lisa Posthumus, agriscience; Brett Plattner, science; Mike Heiman, technology and Mike Gannon, visual art.

Posthumus is a junior and was selected by the agriscience department. She has been a dedicated FFA member serving as a chapter officer this year and was the state runner-up in public speaking last year. Posthumus

has been a good student in her agriscience classes and a leader by her example. She has been involved in student council, youth ambassador, SADD and is the secretary of her junior class. She has been a member of the basketball and softball teams and has participated in Leader's Club and 4-H as a secretary. She is the daughter of Dick and Pam Posthumus, of Alto.

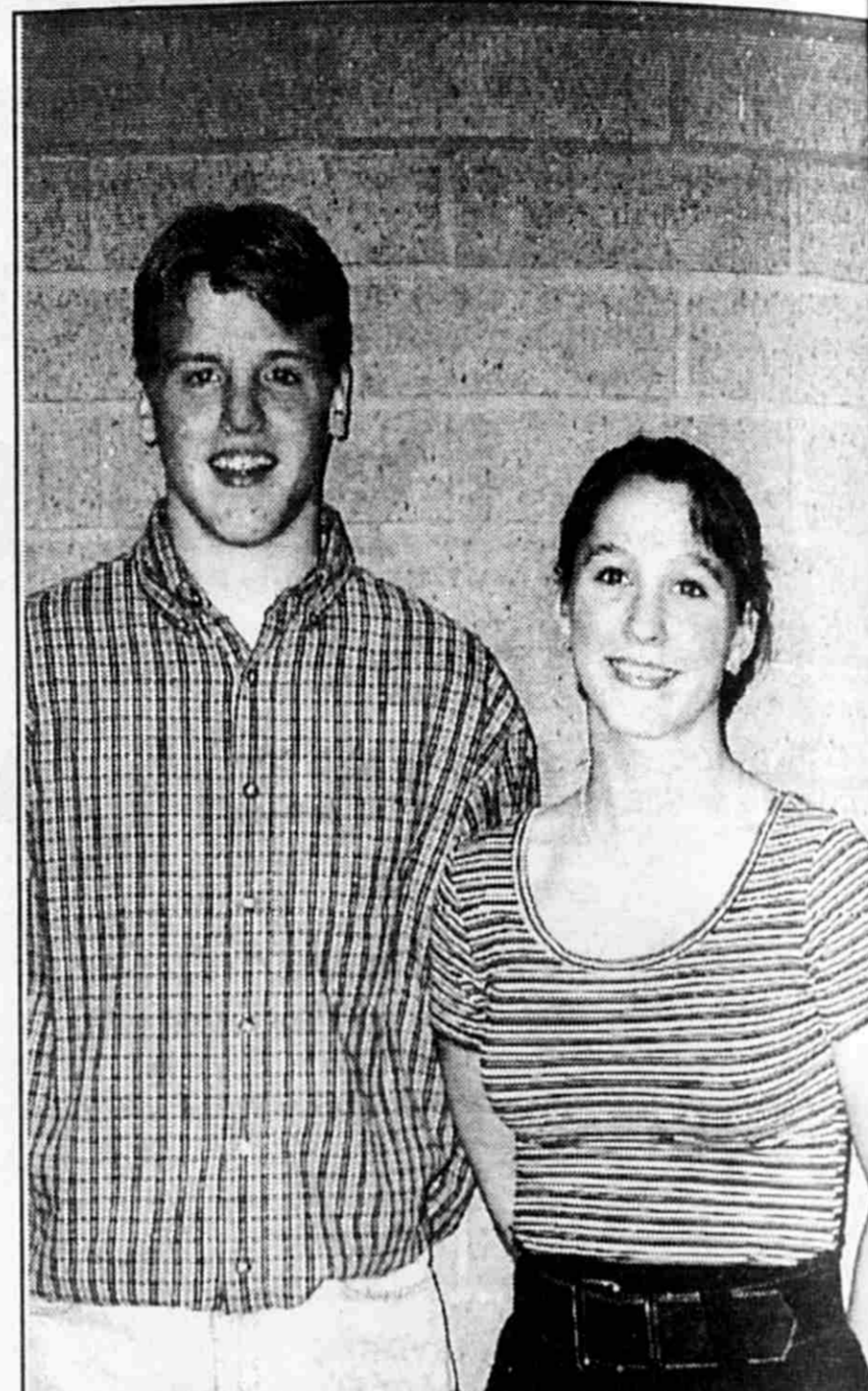
Plattner is a senior and was selected by the science department. He has consistently been one of the top students in honors chemistry, physics and advanced chemistry. He works extremely well in lab situations and his leadership in lab groups

makes them get done completely and precisely. His individual work is excellent in quality and attention to detail. Plattner has been involved in soccer, wrestling (captain, senior year), FFA (sentinel, junior year), National Honor Society (treasurer, senior year), Project Pals and FCA and was a member of the OK White conference for wrestling his junior year. He is active in World Relief for the Apostolic Christian Church. He works as a farm hand at the Schutte Farms and likes to fish. His favorite classes are advanced chemistry and gym. He is the son of Howard and Kristen Plattner, both of Lowell.

Heiman is a junior and was selected by the technology department. He is able to work independently on new projects and solve problems when they arise. He is always willing to take time to help others and works to maintain

shop facilities. Heiman has been involved in football as a freshman player and as a manager for the junior varsity and varsity teams. He is active in the Alton Bible Church youth group where a trip to South America is being planned for this summer. He works at the Meijer-Cascade store as a bagger. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, models, carving, art and building. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heiman of Ada.



Gannon is a senior and was selected by the visual art department. He demonstrates tremendous abilities in design and art technique. His work has received regional and local awards through the Michigan Art Education Association. He is extremely dedicated and serious about his approach to his work. Gannon has been active as a part of Vingard Christian Fellowship and has taken classes to be a home group leader. He works at Amway and plans to attend Calvin College next year. His hobbies are snowboarding, aggressive skating, wakeboarding, art-related stuff and rock climbing. He is the son of Mike and Liz Gannon.



Pictured above are Brett Plattner and Lisa Posthumus. Not pictured are Mike Heiman and Mike Gannon.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - November 11, 1996

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Emily Dunn, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported on the upcoming food drive which is sponsored annually by the Student Council. She also reported that the Student Council will have a student exchange day with East Grand Rapids, and that the Lowell High School SADD group sponsored a Red Ribbon Week to make kids aware of how often someone dies from drunk driving.

ACTION ITEMS - The following gift to the district was accepted:
 • Karen Lambert's donation of Reference Books for Art Classes valued at \$50 for the Lowell High School Art Department.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:
 • The October 14, 1996 Closed Session Meeting minutes.
 • The following payment of bills:
 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 A. Food Service Fund.....\$30,246.84
 B. Athletic Fund.....\$19,494.90
 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$25,449.28
 • Appointment of Jim Gallagher as Acting Business Manager for the remainder of the 1996-97 school year.
 • Adoption of the Summer Tax Resolution which continues tax collection for the 1997 year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board amended and approved the October 14 Regular Meeting minutes.

GENERAL FUND BILLS - The Board approved general fund bills in the amount of \$1,053,406.33.

1990 BOND FUND - The 1990 Bond Fund checks in the amount of \$59,868.10 were approved.

PERSONNEL ITEMS - The following personnel items were approved:
 • Resignations of Phil Christensen, Dale Folkert, and Pamela

Puckett, and the separation agreement for Dale Folkert.
 • The employment of Kevin Pearson as High School Assistant Principal for the 1996-97 school year.
 • Maternity leaves for Suzanne Gilewski, Heather Kohtz, Kristine Stedman, and Sandra Keeney.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - Superintendent, Bert Bleke, reported that the review of the 1996-97 budget is near completion and asked for a Board workshop on December 3 to review the financial status of the district. The amendment to the 1996-97 budget is planned for the December 9 Board meeting.

SCIENCE CURRICULUM UPDATE - Curriculum Director, Jim White, gave an update on the new K-8 Science Curriculum that will be coming to the Board for adoption at the December or January Board meeting.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS UPDATE - High School Principal, Scott Vashaw, gave a brief report on the possibility of increasing the graduation requirements due to the new block schedule at the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Shawn Eshragh raised several questions regarding administrative contracts and asked if the Superintendent had considered the reduction of central office administration staff. Art Warning asked if the questions raised at a Board meeting could be answered at the next Board meeting so that the public hears the answers to the questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke informed the Board that the Character Development process is underway and that he has received several calls and letters offering assistance. A community-wide meeting is planned for January 16 with letters of invitation going out to churches, local organizations, governmental units, and ads being placed in the paper to solicit help from the entire community.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Educational Forum -High School Cafeteria -
 Monday, November 25, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education - Administration Bldg. - Board Room - Monday, December 9, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be conducting an Educational Forum to review educational programs with school staff at Lowell High School.

Monday, November 25, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.
 Lowell High School - Cafeteria
 11700 Vergennes St., Lowell

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

ATTENTION LOWELL CABLE TV CUSTOMERS CABLE OUTAGE NOTICE

Due to a house being moved from North Hudson Street, subscribers to Lowell Cable TV will be experiencing a cable outage.

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 —John Gardner

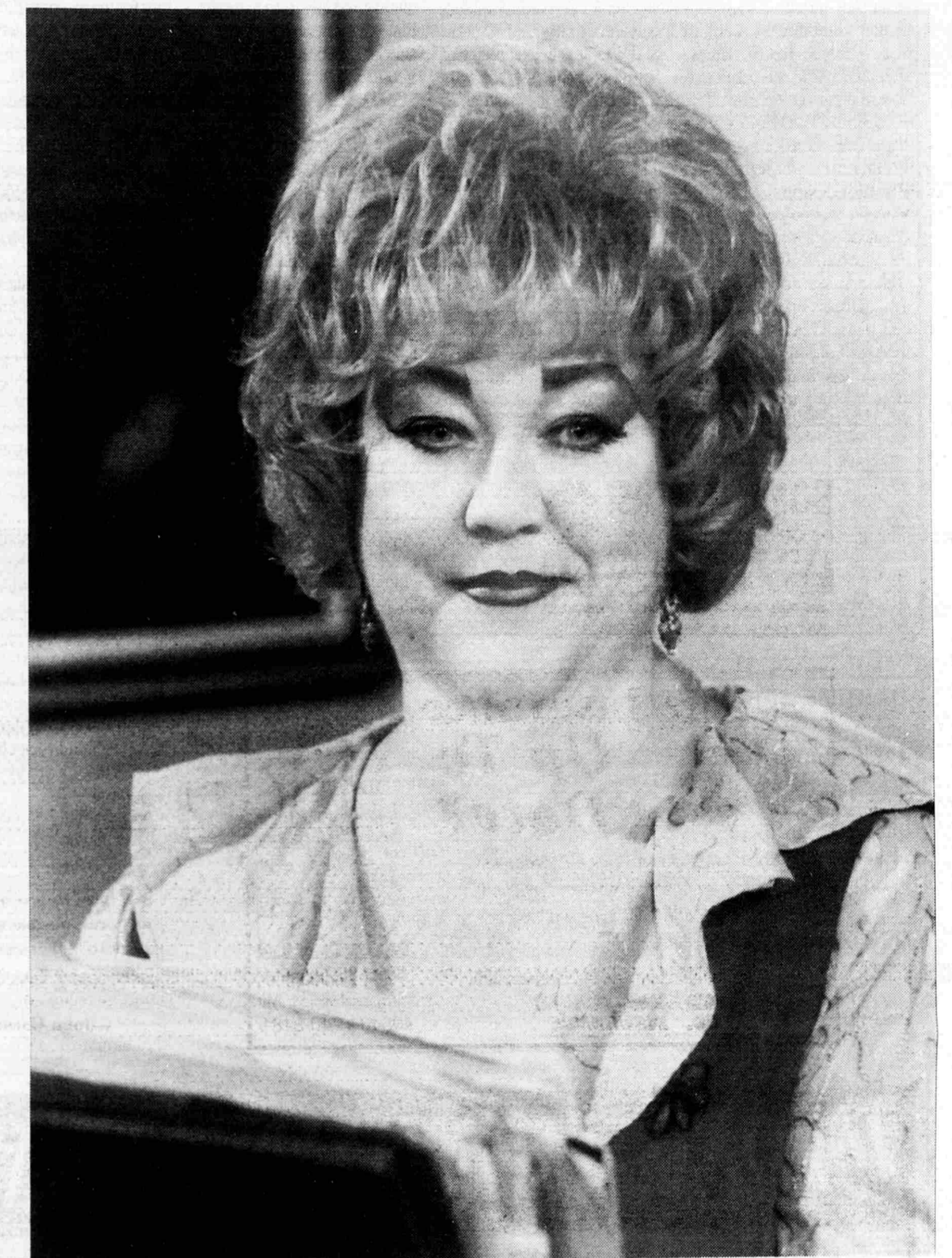
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THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 28, 1996		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Movie: **** "My Fair Lady" (1964, Musical) Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, Stanley Holloway. A professor bets he can teach a street vendor to be a lady. (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)						
4	WVTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	High Incident (In Stereo)	Celebrate the Dream: 50 Years of Ebony Magazine (In Stereo)	News	Nightline				
5	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Mystery! "Poitot"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)				
17	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Martin (R) (In Stereo)	Living Single (R)	New York Undercover "Checkmate" (In Stereo)	Highlander: The Series "The Messenger"	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Second Skin"			
6	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin, Daniel Stern. (In Stereo)	ER "Hell and High Water" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)				
8	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Movie: **** "My Fair Lady" (1964, Musical) Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, Stanley Holloway. A professor bets he can teach a street vendor to be a lady. (In Stereo)	ER "Hell and High Water" (R) (In Stereo)	ER "Hell and High Water" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show				
10	WILX	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: *** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin, Daniel Stern. (In Stereo)	ER "Hell and High Water" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show				
12	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet "Fish"	Mystery! "Poitot" (R)	Practical Sports	Wild America		
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	High Incident (In Stereo)	Celebrate the Dream: 50 Years of Ebony Magazine (In Stereo)	News	Nightline				
15	WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (R)	New York Undercover "Checkmate" (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Real TV	Access Hollywood	
CABLE STATIONS											
17	TBS	Flintstones Christmas	Grinch-C'mas	Movie: *** "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley, Melinda Dillon. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Spencer's Mountain" (1963) Henry Fonda, James MacArthur. (In Stereo)						
18	FAM	Movie: *** "Yours, Mine and Ours" (1968) Lucille Ball, Van Johnson. (In Stereo)	Carson Anniversary (R)			700 Club	Three Stooges				
20	FX	Picket Fences "System Down"	Movie: ** "Toys" (1992) Robin Williams, Joan Cusack. (In Stereo)			Movie: ** "Bachelor Party" (1984) Tom Hanks, Adrian Zmed. (In Stereo)					
23	USA	Movie: ** "Cocoon: The Return" (1988) Paul Hogan, Charles Dutton. (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner, Burt Lancaster. (In Stereo)		Movie: ** "Sixteen Candles" (1984) (In Stereo)					
23	DISC	Beyond 2000	Wild Discovery "In the Company of Moose" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Rivals! "Halsey & Yamamoto" (R)	Next Step "Cyborgs" (R)	Beyond 2000			
23	WGN	Family Matters	Bzz! (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Rescuers" (1977) Voices of Bob Newhart, Geraldine Page. (In Stereo)		News (In Stereo)	Wiseguys (In Stereo)				
23	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Weekend Kickoff	Up Close Special	College Basketball: Great Alaska Shootout First Round - Kentucky vs. Syracuse (Live)		Sportscenter				
23	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		
23	NICK	Kablam! (In Stereo)	Kablam! (In Stereo)	Kablam! (In Stereo)	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	Taxi "Jim's Mario's"	Odd Couple
23	A&E	Equalizer "The Sins of Our Fathers"	Biography "JFK: A Personal Story" John F. Kennedy, the man who was able to inspire an entire nation.	Mysteries of the Bible "The Execution of Jesus"		Law & Order "Wannabe"		FOX Sports News			
23	PASS	This Is the PGA Tour	Motorsports Hour	Cycle World (R)		FOX Sports News					
23	TNT	(5:30) Movie: ** "The Goonies" (1985)	Movie: ** "Theodore Rex" (1996) Whoopi Goldberg, Juliet Landau. (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Theodore Rex" (1996) Whoopi Goldberg, Juliet Landau. (In Stereo)		Movie: ** "Theodore Rex" (1996) Whoopi Goldberg, Juliet Landau. (In Stereo)					
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Lawman of the Year"	Life and Times of the Everly Brothers (In Stereo)	Evening of Country Greats: A Hall of Fame Celebration (R) (In Stereo)		Dallas "Love and Marriage" (In Stereo)					
23	SCI FI	Movie: *** "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" (1986) William Shatner. (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" (1989) William Shatner. The Enterprise crew is kidnapped by a renegade Vulcan. (In Stereo)	Star Trek: First Contact							
PREMIUM STATIONS											
10	DISN	Movie: *** "An American Tail" (1986) Dom DeLuise, Madeline Kahn 'G' (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Hocus Pocus" (1993), Kathy Najimy 'PG' (Adult language)	Movie: "A Walton Thanksgiving Reunion" (1993), Ralph Waite		Sound-Andrews					
10	HBO	Movie: ** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989), Beverly D'Angelo (In Stereo)	Movie: PG-13 "The Mangler" (1995), Ted Levine (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "The Mangler" (1995), Ted Levine (In Stereo)		Inside the NFL (In Stereo)					
10	MAX	Movie: *** "Only the Lonely" (1991)	Movie: *** "Disclosure" (1994), Demi Moore, Donald Sutherland (In Stereo)	Movie: "Breach of Trust" (1996) (In Stereo)		Movie: "Breach of Trust" (1996) (In Stereo)					

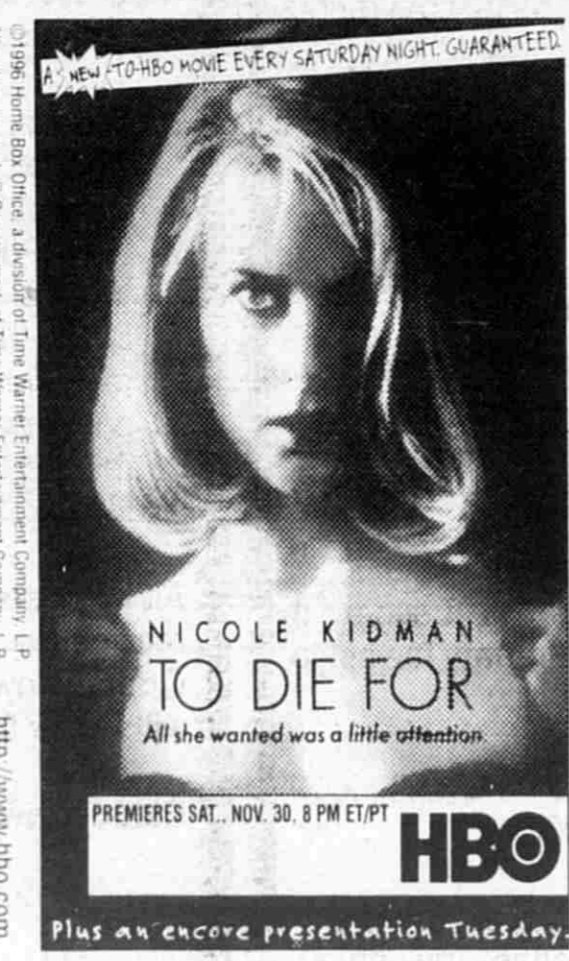
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BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Pat Bullard		Geraldo Rivera			CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)	
4	WVTV	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)						
5	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	Arts in Michigan							Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers
17	WXMI	Gordon Elliott		Billy Dee Williams	Murphy Brown	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	(Off Air)				
17	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Paid Program				NBC News Night	
6	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)		Cosby Show	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)					
10	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Baywatch "I Spike" (In Stereo)					NBC News Night	Headline News
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With	Night Court "Party Girl"	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends			ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
15	WSYM	Bzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe	Jenny Jones		(Off Air)					
CABLE STATIONS											
17	TBS	(10:45) Movie: *** "Spencer's Mountain" (1963)	Movie: *** "With Six You Get Eggnog" (1968) Doris Day, Pat Carroll. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Oh, God!" (1977) George Burns, Teri Garr. (In Stereo)							
18	FAM	Carson Classics	Carson Classics	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
20	FX	Miami Vice "No Exit"	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
23	USA	(11:09) Movie: ** "Sixteen Candles" (1984)	Movie: ** "Risky Business" (1983) Tom Cruise, Joe Pantoliano. (In Stereo)			American Gladiators	American Gladiators				
23	DISC	Wild Discovery "In the Company of Moose" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Rivals! "Halsey & Yamamoto" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
23	WGN	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon	Zephyr	Zephyr	Columbo	College Basketball: Great Alaska Shootout - Kentucky vs. Syracuse	Honeymooners	Wm. Volleypall		
23	ESPN	College Basketball: Great Alaska Shootout First Round - Maine at Alaska-Anchorage (Live)		Sportscenter (R)		Overnight	Sports Latenight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom		
23	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (R)					
23	NICK	Bewitched	Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Happy Days	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	Taxi "Jim's Mario's"	Dick Van Dyke	
23	A&E	Biography "JFK: A Personal Story" John F. Kennedy, the man who was able to inspire an entire nation.	Mysteries of the Bible "The Execution of Jesus"			Law & Order "Wannabe"				Movie: *** "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (1974)	
23	PASS	CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A.	To Be Announced	Paid Program	Great Sports Vacations "Prime Cuts" (R)	Billiards: Gordon's Women's 9-Ball Champ: Semi	Motorsports Hour (R)			
23	TNT	Movie: *** "Revenge of the Nerds III: The Next Generation" (1992) Robert Carradine, Gregg Binkley. (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Howard the Duck" (1986, Science Fiction) Lea Thompson. A laser beam transports an outer-space low to Cleveland. (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Howard the Duck" (1986, Science Fiction) Lea Thompson. A laser beam transports an outer-space low to Cleveland. (In Stereo)		Movie: ** "Howard the Duck" (1986, Science Fiction) Lea Thompson. A laser beam transports an outer-space low to Cleveland. (In Stereo)				Kung Fu "The Elxir"	
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Lawman of the Year"	Evening of Country Greats: A Hall of Fame Celebration (R) (In Stereo)			(Off Air)					
23	SCI FI	V "The Conversion" (R) (In Stereo)	Time Trax "To Kill a Billionaire"			Friday the 13th: The Series "Shadow Boxer"	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "Dark Legacy"	Paid Program	Paid Program		
PREMIUM STATIONS											
10	DISN	Sound-Andrews	Movie: *** "Mary Poppins" (1964, Fantasy) Julie Andrews. A magical nanny happily disrupts a stuffy British family. 'G' (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Santa Clause" (1994), Judge Reinhold 'PG' (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "The Santa Clause" (1994), Judge Reinhold 'PG' (In Stereo)				"The Land Before Time"	
10	HBO	Arliss (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Invasion of Privacy" (1996) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Swimming With Sharks" (1995) (In Stereo)		Danny Hoch: Some People (R) (In Stereo)				Larry Sanders (R)	
10	MAX	Movie: ** "Virtuosity" (1995), Kelly Lynch (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Something to Talk About" (1995) (In Stereo)	Movie: "The Redemption" (1995) (In Stereo)		Movie: "The Redemption" (1995) (In Stereo)					

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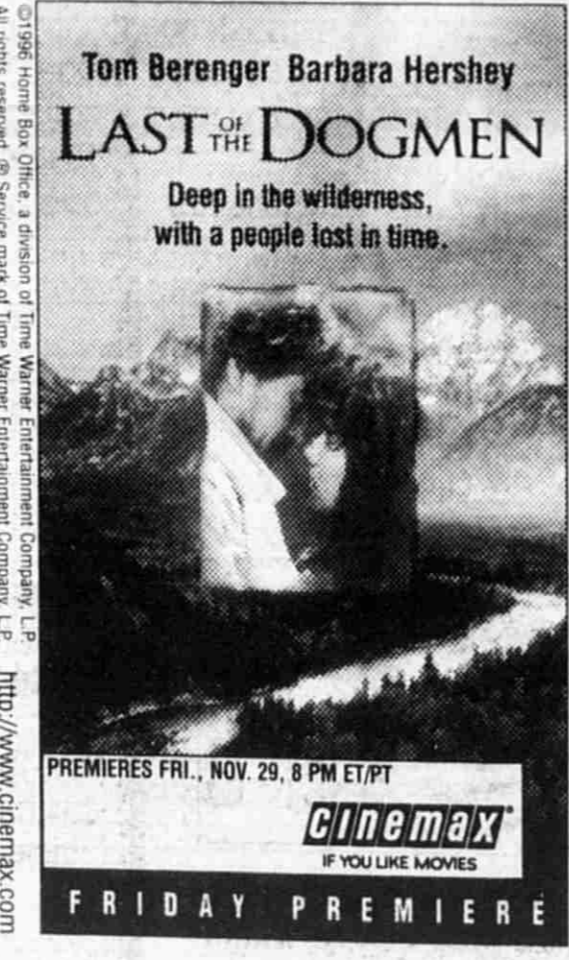
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FRIDAY PREMIERE

Red Arrow girls end nine-game losing streak; defeat Hudsonville in regular season finale

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Both girls' basketball teams entered the fray in search of something. Wyoming Park was in search of its third straight O-K White conference crown. Lowell was in search of answers to ending an eight-game losing streak.

With their impressive 48-28 win over the Red Arrows, the Vikings laid claim to their third consecutive league crown. Lowell, however, was still hoping to find some answers.

Red Arrow coach Ken Akers had answers as to why his club suffered its ninth consecutive loss.

"Missing shots begets missing shots. Losing begets losing," Akers exclaimed afterwards. "We started the game playing good defense and setting good screens. After missing a few easy shots

our defense broke down and we quit setting good screens. If we hit a few shots early, I think the game is much more competitive."

The loss dropped Lowell to 3-10 in the O-K White and 6-13 overall.

"Wyoming Park is a good ball club, but we helped them look good tonight," Akers said.

While Akers was searching for answers, Park was trying on its "three-peat" championship shirts.

"It feels pretty good," said Viking coach Rich Pullen. "We started off a little slow. I thought the girls would come out with a little more intensity. We hit some threes to start the second quarter and that helped the girls turn it up."

Ronda Bolitho netted 4 three-point shots. The Viking has connected on 48 percent of her shots from the arc in 1996.

Park led 7-4 after one quarter, 22-13 at halftime and 37-17 after three quarters. Shannon Laux led all Red Arrows in scoring with eight points.

Bolitho led all scorers with 18 points. Park improved its league record to 12-1.

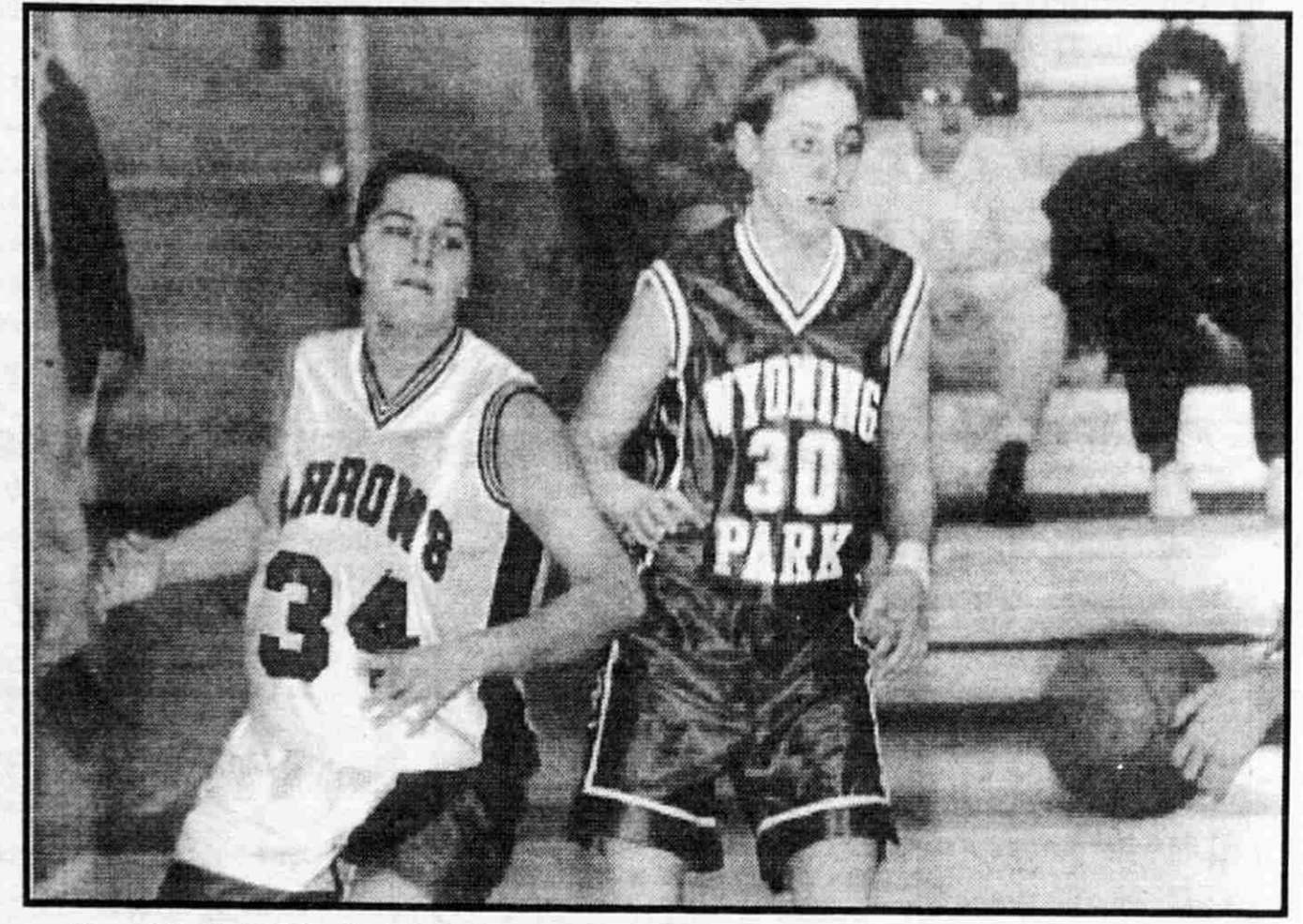
Lowell 44 Hudsonville 36

Lowell girls' basketball team played with the confidence of a team on a nine-game winning streak, instead of a team in the midst of a nine-game losing streak.

"The girls played with confidence," Lowell coach Ken Akers said. "They also didn't make the little mental mistakes."

Lowell trailed 11-6 after one quarter of play. The Red Arrows rallied with 12 second-quarter points to take an 18-17 lead at halftime.

"I told the girls at half if they continued to play defense like they did in the first



Lowell's Heidi Noskey, left, battles for position underneath the basket.

College reps to visit Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Representatives from Division I, II, and III universities and colleges will speak on National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requirements for each division and what the high school athlete should be doing to prepare for the intercollegiate experience.

Athletes from around West Michigan interested in participating in collegiate athletics are invited to attend the program on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

In attendance will be Clinton Gardner, admissions athletic counselor at Michigan State University; Tim Selgo, director of athletics at Grand Valley State University; Patti Leavenworth, admissions at Grand Valley State University; Ralph Hondred, director of men's athletics at Calvin College; and Brooke Mansfield, admissions at Calvin College.

The NCAA Clearinghouse will be discussed in relation to what must be done by the athlete and parents to assure eligibility.

The program will be run as a panel discussion with time at the end to meet with representatives and ask questions.



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Day	Date	Hours
Friday	Dec. 6	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 13	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 20	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 27	9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Taxes may be paid any day the Township Office is open for business. **Please check with December office hours.**

The Treasurer's normal business day is Tuesday. If you have any questions, call the Grattan Township Office, 691-8450.

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 4, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Malcolm Farquhar for a special land use for a proposed nursery and greenhouse business to be located on a parcel of land in the "A" Agricultural District, under Section 6.02K, Section 13.25 and other applicable provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance. The requested special land use will also include a proposed roadside stand for the retail sale of plants, produce and other items customarily sold at roadside stands. Other proposed construction and land use on the property includes a single family, detached dwelling. The special land use covers the lands located at 5450 Gavin Lake Avenue, and legally described as follows:

Part of Government Lot 1 commencing 1260.06 feet North 89°40'40" East along the North line of said government lot and 791.10 feet South 0°11'35" East from the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1, thence South 0°11'35" East to South line of said government lot 1, thence West along said South line to East line of West 264 feet of Government Lot 1, thence North along said East line to North line of South 82.5 feet of Government Lot 1, thence West along said North line to West line of said Government Lot, thence North 250 feet, thence East 380 feet, thence North 190 feet, thence East to beginning, Section 20, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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

Dated: November 13, 1996

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Farmers and Vergennes officials ponder use for non-farming buildings

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Farm land property owners in Vergennes Township will be given the opportunity to brainstorm with local officials on the best use of farm buildings that are no longer used in farming practices.

At its Dec. 2 meeting, the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will conduct an informal discussion with farmers and non-farmers on what, if anything, can be done with barns and other accessory buildings no longer used for their intended construction.

"We know we have several property owners who use their buildings for things other than farming," said planning commission chairman Rick Gillette. "What we want to do is have a brainstorming session to go over ideas we have and get

reactions from people."

The commission hasn't formally adopted a zoning ordinance or written any specific rules, but would like to get a handle on the situation before it gets out of hand.

"We want to establish uses that don't compromise our rural zoning," said commissioner Gil Wise.

If anything were to be adopted, Wise said the zoning board of appeals would govern the rules.

"This will allow us to monitor what is happening. It is subject to ZBA review and could be reviewed yearly by them," Wise said. "We took a stab at this issue several years back, but we couldn't come up with something. We decided to take another stab at it."

Wise and Gillette said they know of some farm buildings being used as storage facilities and other business ventures. Any action would allow them to keep track of the situation so the township doesn't have a mess on its hands.

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Sports challenge adds event and access pass to next year's competition

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

After three successful years in Vergennes Township, the YMCA Corporate Sports Challenge will be back next September for a fourth year and will add to its competition.

Despite some concerns by Alan Baird regarding access on local streets, the township board unanimously approved an in-line skating event for the day-long competition conducted at Fallsburg Park.

In addition to a 5k walk and run and eight-mile bicycle completion along Lincoln Lake Avenue, the event will sponsor a two-mile in-line skating event from the stone arch in Fallsburg Park to Beckwith Street and back.

"People really love the competition and expressed interest in adding the skating," said Robin Dixon, program coordinator for the challenge. "We are also going to change the name to Fit-4-Fun to coincide with the four events."

The competition draws nearly 300 athletes from corporations such as Amway, FMB, Michigan National Bank, Bissell, and several law firms.

As with the biking competition, in-line skate competitors will wear appropriate safety gear.

"We use a time predicted format, which takes the speed element out of the race and makes it less dangerous," Dixon

said. "We want people to have fun and not do anything dangerous."

Part of the competition's safety theme is managed by the Kent County Sheriff's Department, which provides officers at certain points in the competition to direct and regulate traffic.

According to Baird, one officer refused Baird's brother access to his home during last year's event.

To insure that incident doesn't occur again, Baird asked Dixon to provide residents with some type of access form to show law enforcement officials.

Dixon and the board agreed that the notice sent to residents on streets which are reduced to one lane traffic, including residents on Three Mile Road, can be used as an automobile pass for this year's event.

However, Dixon said some motorists may have to wait before receiving access to insure the safety of athletes.

"The officer may ask you not to enter until our athletes have cleared out," Dixon said. "Officers have been instructed to warn traffic of bicyclists on the roads and sometimes stop traffic to insure their safety."

Dixon also plans to add more signs informing motorists of the events taking place on the road.

"A lot of people will not mind taking an alternate route if they know ahead of time that there is a problem ahead," said

trustee Mark Weber.

The approval is contingent on the township receiving updated liability insurance forms from race officials, which clear the township from any wrongdoing as a result of the race.



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

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

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous 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 8 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 Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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 south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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.

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

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

for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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.

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

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

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FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.
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WED., NOV. 27: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.
THURS., NOV. 21: 11 a.m., North Center, lunch and band.
THURS., NOV. 28: Thanksgiving, center closed.
TUES., NOV. 26: 12:30 p.m., Meijer's shopping.
FRI., NOV. 29: Center closed.

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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.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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NOV. 20 & 21: Literacy tutor training from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call 527-2345. Help an adult or child read or write better.

MON., NOV. 25: 6:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Fal-lasburg Historical Society annual banquet. Special music by Roger and Deane. Good food, great entertainment, bring a friend. \$8, reservations necessary. Call 897-6430 or 897-7088.

SAT., DEC. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club (note day change) at Schneider Manor. Noon punch bowl with catered dinner following. \$6.50 must be paid in advance. Call 676-2362 for reservation. Program "The Boston Bead Story" by Judy Tummino. Please bring items for Access 6 in lieu of gifts. Hostess, Doris Ellis. Sponsor, Evelyn Briggs.

SAT., DEC. 7: "Christmas Crafts and Kris Kringle" at

Larkin's Other Place. To reserve a space call 897-5977. Craft booths will be open from 10 to 3. Santa will be at Larkin's Other Place at 10 a.m. Come see Santa and shop for Christmas.

SAT., DEC. 7: All-you-can-eat fish dinner at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults, \$6.50; children, 6-10, \$4; and under 6, free. Public welcome.

SAT., DEC. 7: Luncheon and Christmas bazaar 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's School, 322 Amity St., Lowell following the Christmas parade. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation only. Public welcome. Have the children visit Santa and have their picture taken. Fine selection of gifts, homemade jams, candies, baked goods and craft items. Limited amount of tables available for crafters. If interested call 897-7492

SUN., MARCH 2: Lakeland gathering at Huntington Hills. For information call (941) 688-7089.

MARCH 14-22: (1997) All inclusive trip to Italy (air fare, meals, hotel, tours) for \$1099. Call Mary Condon, 616-897-7092.

Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day.
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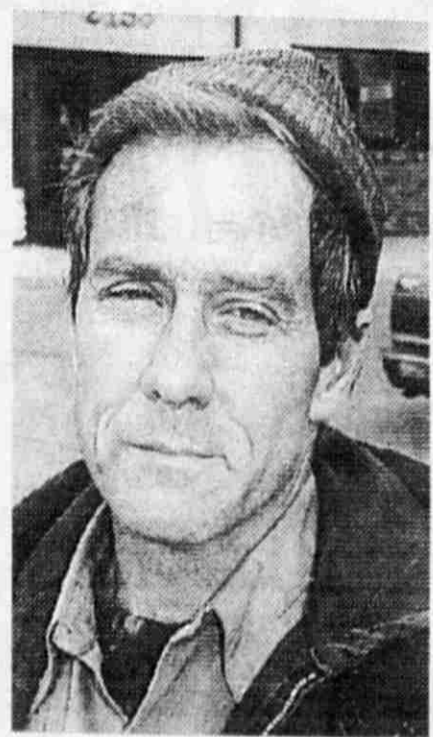
CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 25, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following rezoning request:
FMB State Savings Bank petitioned to rezone a lot at 1425 W. Main Street (parcel #41-20-03-401-019) from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to C-3 (General Business).
Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.
Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk
616-897-8457

TOWN TALK

Should the Jenny Jones Show and Jones be held liable/responsible for the wrongful death of Scott Aemdure in a civil suit?



Evelyn Heim
Yes. We don't need shows like that on television. They are just not needed.



Jerry Croshaw
No. I can't see how any show can make a person commit a murder. The person is responsible and should pay the price.



Joan Hedgecock
Not really. A show can't be responsible for everyone's actions. It is easy to blame someone or something for your own action.



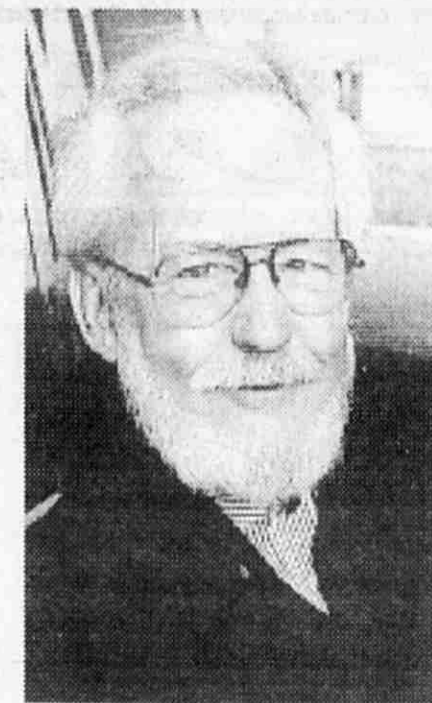
Bill Price
No. I don't think so. A person should be responsible for his/her own action. A person can't control what happens to them, but they can control how they react to it.



Jim Phillips
No. He had time to think it over. Being embarrassed doesn't give a person the right to kill someone.



Al Traver
I think Jenny Jones and the show were instigators. I think the show is produced that way.



Andy McFarland
Yes. In some ways the show brought it about. I think it shares some responsibility.



Donna Osbon
Yes, I do. I believe Jones knew what the show was about and what was going to happen.

ATTENTION LOWELL LIGHT & POWER CUSTOMERS POWER OUTAGE NOTICE
There will be an electrical service outage at your residence or business due to a house being moved from North Hudson Street, on Wednesday, December 4, 1996 from approximately 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
The area affected is:
West of Flat River to Smith Street
and
North of West Main Street to Howard Street

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE PROPOSED ZONING & MAP AMENDMENTS
Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed map amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on December 12, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, MI. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The proposed amendments to the zoning map would rezone approximately 20 acres of land on the east side of M-50 (Alden Nash Road), lying south of the C&O Railroad from Agricultural (A-2) to Light Industrial (I-1). The area to be rezoned is more fully described as being:

Commencing at the Southeast intersection of highway M-50 and the C&O Railway, then South 500 feet, then East 600 feet, then South approximately 434 feet (to a point which lies 66 feet North of the North line extended to parcel -013), then East 573 feet, then North approximately 934 feet, then West approximately 1,230 feet to the place of beginning.

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, MI 49302, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, telephone number is 616/868-6846.

COLLEGE NEWS
Lauren Eve Basney of Lowell and Mandy Jacobs of Alto are among the 318 freshmen who are new members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University this fall. These students, who represent the largest entering class in the 34-year history of the honors college, have demonstrated a strong enthusiasm for living and learning. They have excelled academically in their high schools and displayed commitment to their schools and local communities through an impressive list of co-curricular activities and volunteer service.

Basney is the daughter of Lionel and Ruth Basney and is majoring in music. Jacobs is the daughter of Tom and Mona Jacobs and is majoring in general business.

Measures of their outstanding academic achievement include an average high school grade point average of 3.85 and a composite average aptitude score of 27 on the American College Test

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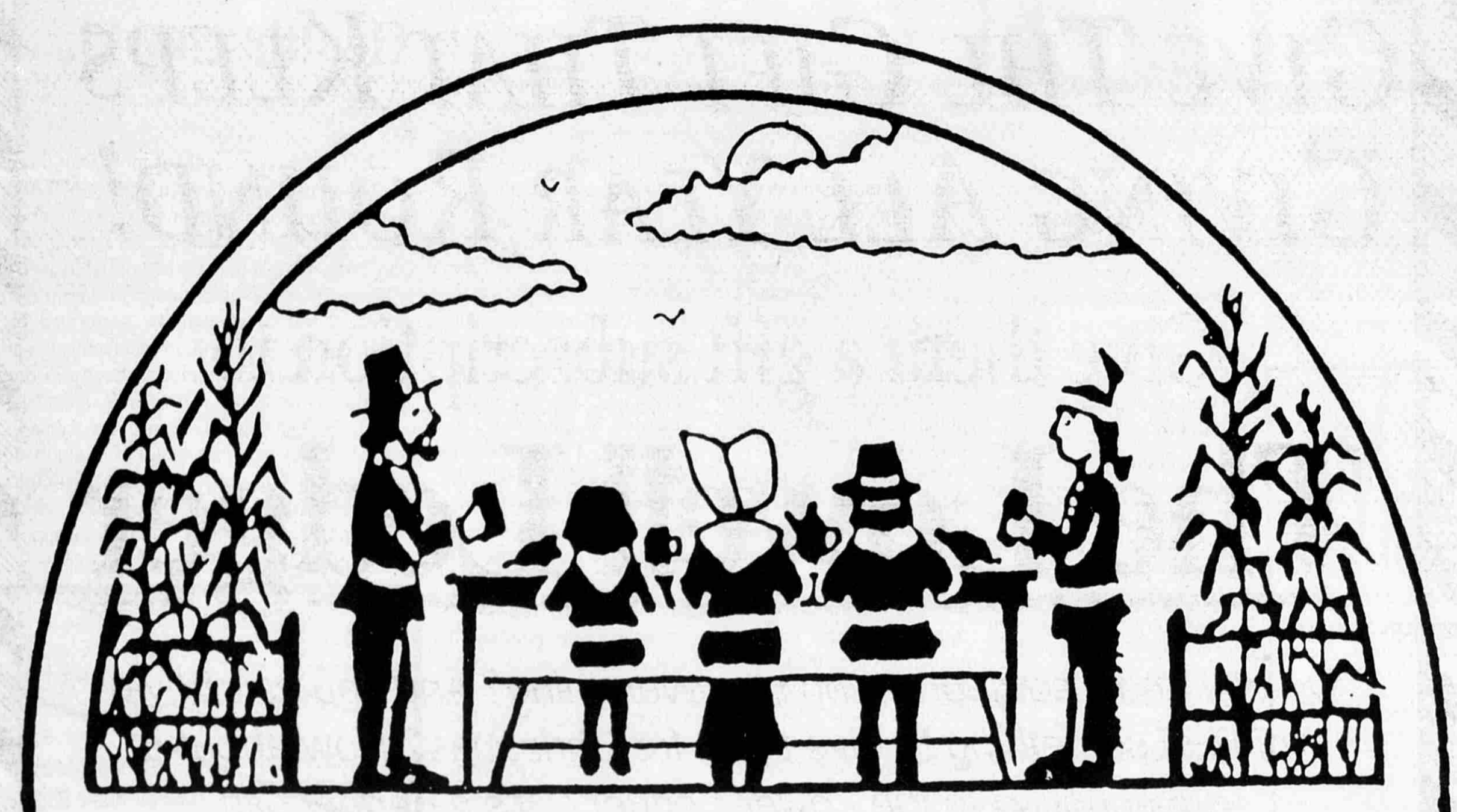
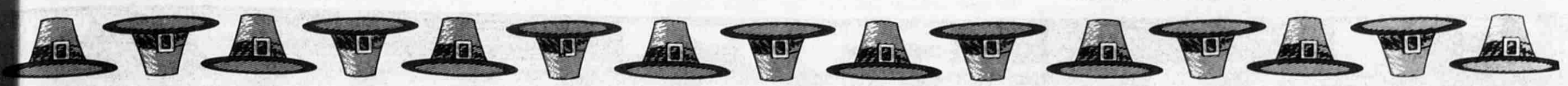
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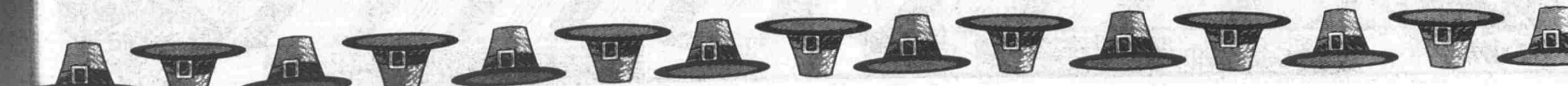
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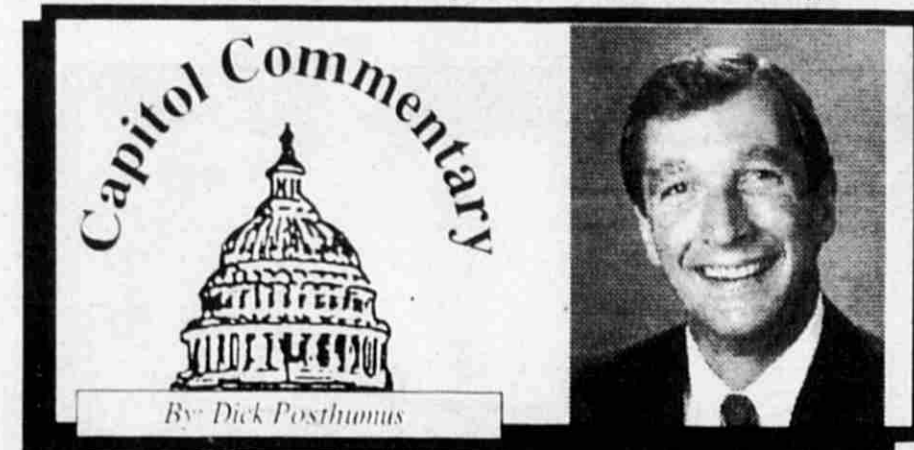
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CONSIDERING A CHANGE IN SELECTING OUR JUDGES

The elections are over in Michigan and most people in the state are breathing a sigh of relief, as we are no longer being bombarded by political ad after political ad. This year we saw an unprecedented

amount of money spent in many of the races. One race in particular was the Michigan Supreme Court race. I don't think we've ever seen as much money spent on races for higher court as we did this year. After all the partisanship and costliness, it's becoming evident that this method of selection by general election may not be the best way to fill vacancies on the Supreme Court. Over the years, there has been great concern with the way we select our justices, but this process hasn't been addressed or studied since the Constitutional Convention of 1961.

Another potential problem is that in courts with several seats to be filled in an election, there is no way for people to target one incumbent who may not be doing a good job. A non-incumbent must run against all of the incumbents, and the seats go to those with the highest vote totals. As a consequence, elections don't focus on qualifications or performance, but name recognition and fund-raising ability.

This year, we saw an unprecedented amount of money being spent by groups from both sides of the political spectrum on the Supreme Court campaigns. Because of the high cost of running for office, which is well beyond the personal resources of all but the wealthiest, candidates must necessarily seek and rely on endorsements and financial help from interest groups and lawyers whose agendas and interests may some day come up before the court. Clearly, that's putting a price on justice.

Right now, Michigan is one of the few states remaining that still elects its higher court judges and justices. In fact, 2/3 of our sister states are implementing some type of appointment process that appears to provide greater emphasis on quality and accountability. I think we should take a serious look at what the other states are doing in order to decide if there is a better way for us to choose our higher court judges. In Michigan, when filling court vacancies in the middle of a term, candidates are reviewed and rated by a State Bar committee. This committee considers a number of factors, including experience, temperament, community reputation and complaints or ethical misconduct. This isn't done for candidates during the election process.

Although we have a long tradition of quality judges and justices in this state, we need to be sure that we're sending the right people to office for the right reasons. I'm taking action now, with the support of the State Bar of Michigan, to form a nonpartisan

citizen's committee to examine this issue. This committee will be formed next year and I will play an active role in helping to find the answers. I think it would be in our best interest to remove politics from the process in selecting candidates for our higher court. I hope the findings of this public committee will help us to remove political positioning and send a clear message that in Michigan, justice is not for sale.

Health, cont'd...From Page 5

serious in the very young and elderly if it is prolonged and dehydration is present.

If diarrhea is present for more than three days, medical evaluation may be warranted especially if high fever, bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain or signs of dehydration are present. Signs of dehydration include dry mouth, wrinkled skin, excessive thirst, no tears with crying and decreased or no urination. A history of symptoms, time and duration of diarrhea and physical examination will be performed by your doctor. Treatment may include fluid replacement, a change in medications or dietary changes. Stool cultures may be obtained. Not all diarrhea needs an extensive diagnostic work-up. If a parasite or bacterial infection is the cause of the diarrhea, antibiotics may be prescribed. For minor discomfort and not in individuals with fever, abdominal pain or bloody stools, Pepto-Bismol or Imodium AD may help to relieve symptoms. Persistent diarrhea or bloody diarrhea may warrant further evaluation such as flexible sigmoidoscopy.

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

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, homemade dinner rolls w/margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving, No School.

FRIDAY: Thanksgiving, No School.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti w/3 meatballs, crispito w/cheese stick or cheeseburger, chef salad; Choose 2: cole slaw, peas or side salad, French bread & margarine or peanut butter, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: BBQ roast beef in a bun, chicken patty in a bun or chef salad w/bread; Choose 2: baked potato, side salad, pasta salad; cookie bar, assorted fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, pork chop pat., cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: mixed veg. side salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, homemade dinner roll/margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving, no school.

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