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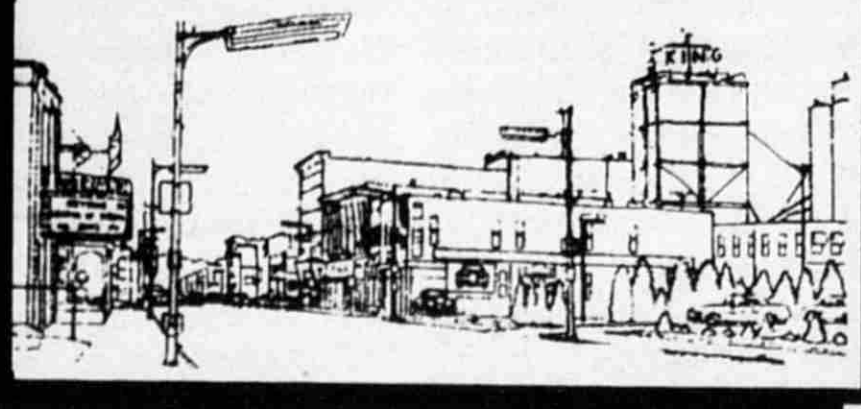
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Along Main Street



GOVERNOR'S SPEECH ON LCTV

Engler's speech, presented at Lowell Rotary and the Women's Club luncheon on Nov. 20, will be played on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates at 7 p.m.: Wednesday, Nov. 27; Friday, Nov. 29; Wednesday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 5.

LOWELL CABLE TV BOARD MEETING

Lowell Cable TV board meeting of November 21 will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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.

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.

LMS BAND CONCERT

The Lowell Middle School band concert, featuring the seventh and eighth-grade bands, will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 in the Lowell Middle School gym at 7 p.m.

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 Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. at the club house at 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell. Anyone interested in taking this class must contact the D.N.R. at (616) 456-5071 prior to December 3, 1996.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNT BOOKS

Dine at your favorite restaurants, enjoy top local and national attractions, save on airfare, cruises, car rentals and over 1,600 hotels, plus much more - all at up to 50 percent off.

Purchase the Entertainment Discount Book from any Lowell Women's Club member or call 897-5904, 897-8107 or 897-8088. Proceeds will benefit Lowell High School scholarships.

Engler strikes accord with Lowell Rotary

*** Michigan governor raises interesting political discussion on new way to determine school districts' state aid.



Sen. Dick Posthumus looks on as Gov. Engler speaks to Lowell Rotary.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There was a premium put on attendance at the weekly Lowell Rotary luncheon.

The 185 present made it one of the largest attended service club luncheons ever.

In attendance was the club's guest speaker, former Future Farmer of America member, and currently and most prominently the gov-

ernor of Michigan - John Engler.

The Michigan native son embraced the idea of using schools' average daily attendance to determine their state aid.

"This way, there are no ifs, ands or buts," Gov. Engler said. "The premium would be put on attendance."

Engler brought up the idea when questioned about the inequity of growing school districts not being funded in

the first year for each new student. Currently, schools receive funds for a blended count (an average of the spring and fall student counts or about half of the increase).

"School district growth is not always fully recognized in the first year, but it is in the second year," Engler said.

In part, this is because the state has determined districts with declining enrollment are worse off and should be addressed that first year.

"I have been told by school administrators it is more difficult to deal with declining enrollments than rising enrollments," Engler said.

The governor also spoke of public education and the need for its rapid improvement. He warned people not to misinterpret that statement.

"Michigan public schools do a good job. Many
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Gallery Christmas show provides one-of-a-kind gifts galore

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

If you're having problems deciding what to buy "Johnny" this Christmas season, a tour of the Lowell Area Arts Center may solve the situation.

The center's annual "Gala Christmas Show and Sale" is in full swing and one-of-a-kind handcrafted items can be found in all shapes and sizes.

The show features works from more than 50 area artists and range from paintings and pottery to chests and chairs.

The center features unique and unusual gifts for the holiday season or any special occasion.

The gallery of gifts fea-

tures jewelry of many kinds, handblown glass, as well as stained glass ornaments, vases and paper weights.

If wood is more to your liking, the gallery features everything from frames and clocks to hand-carved Santas, snowmen and angels.

People tired of the same old run-of-the-mill clothing can take advantage of many gallery offerings.

Ties, dresses, vests, and jackets with beaded and hand-painted designs provide an alternative to the typical store-bought merchandise.

Pottery, photographs, designer chairs and chests, hand woven baskets, candles, soap, woven scarfs and blankets, and angels of various

sizes and types are included in the gallery show and sale.

The gallery will be open for this special event from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The show is one of the center's biggest fundraising events, and provides scholarships and other items for local artists and students.

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Red Arrow Girls Make It
To District Finals, Pg. 20



Have A Safe,
Happy Thanksgiving

OBITUARIES

BICE (Grant) - Grandma Velda H. (Beckman) Bice, aged 75, passed away Monday, November 18, 1996, at her home. She is survived by her children Vernona and Gordon Kenny of Grant, David and Robin Bice of Comstock Park; six grandchildren; sisters and brothers Velma and Bob Perry of Lowell. Gerald Little of Grand Rapids, Dorene Patrick of White Cloud, Russ and Cubby Little of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law Audrey Densmore; special nephew Daniel and Mary Little of Kansas City, MO; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Service was held on Thursday, November 21, with Rev. Polly Standley officiating. Interment in Garfield Park Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Foster Parenting Newaygo Co. or Sparta Boy Scouts Troop #280.

BILLOCK - Mrs. Gladys H. Billock, aged 92, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, November 19, 1996 at

Butterworth Hospital. Mrs. Billock was born on December 22, 1903 in Washtenaw County, the daughter of Charles H. and Anna (Kelly) Freeman. She was preceded in death by her husband Edwin Billock on November 17, 1994 and by three sisters and one brother. Surviving are her daughter Mrs. Phyllis Ingersoll of Grand Rapids; her son and daughter-in-law Freeman E. and Vivian Billock of Lowell; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three sisters Leola King of Charlevoix, Eleanor Westcott and Ida Freeman, both of Plymouth. Mrs. Billock was a teacher at Comstock Park Elementary School for many years and she was a member of Plainfield United Methodist Church for over 60 years. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Graveside Memorial Services will take place in the spring at Oak Grove Cemetery, Dixboro, MI. For those who wish, memorials to Plainfield United Methodist, 214 Spencer St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI

49505 or to a charity of one's choice would be appreciated.

BLECHA - Noreen Sterzick Blecha died November 3, 1996 at Terrace Heights Care Center in Boulder, Colorado. She was born July 20, 1932 in Lowell Township to Fred Sterzick and Genevieve Patterson Sterzick. She graduated from Lowell High School and worked in Grand Rapids until she moved to Boulder, Colorado, in 1962. She married Jerre Blecha in October of 1963 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and divorced in 1967. She worked for the University of Colorado for 20 years in the Housing and Finance office, retiring in 1987. She lived with her sister Violet Russo and family for six years after her retirement in Louisville, Colorado. She is survived by her sister Violet, brother-in-law, Fred Russo; nieces Kathleen Laird of Kelso, Wash.; Claudia Sullivan of Lafayette, Colorado; Valerie, Cindy, Camille; nephews Gregory, Mark and Frederick of the Boulder area. Six great-nieces and nephews; three

great-great-nephews and a niece; two uncles and one aunt and many cousins survive in Michigan. A memorial service will be held in Louisville, CO, on November 30 at St. Louis Church. At a later date, a memorial service will be held in Alto with burial of remains in Merriman Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the local chapter of Alzheimer's Association or charity of the donor's choice in her memory.

COVEY - Eugene Covey, aged 80, of Ada, went to heaven November 25, 1996. His beloved wife June preceded him in death and they will never be apart again. He leaves a dear son Michael Covey of Texas, and his sister Patricia Nordmark of Delton. He also leaves a loving stepdaughter Dolores Collins (Mrs. Rex) of Lowell. There are many grand and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; two sisters June and Faye of CA; a special spiritual daughter Carolyn Moore of Grand Rapids; a host of friends and neighbors. Gene played violin with "Memory Lane

Strings" for many years. Interment was made at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. Memorial services will be held at the Smyrna Bible Church on Saturday at 3 p.m. Pastors Darwyn Hassert & Irwin Tunstara officiating. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

HOSKINS (Cedar Springs) - Mr. Roger Hoskins, aged 69, went home to be with the Lord on Friday evening, November 22, 1996. For over 41 years, Mr. Hoskins was a production worker at Michigan Plating. After retirement, he worked part-time at McDonalds in Cedar Springs, Bassetts, and The Garage. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the Creston Post VFW. He is survived by his mother Mrs. Senah Rounds and his sister Yolanda and Henry Bartrum both of Sand Lake; his half-sister Donna and Barry Dykhouse of Belmont; his sister-in-laws, Mrs. Vivian Hoskins of Lowell and Mrs.

Phyllis Brantner of Rockford; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Clifford Hoskins; his brothers Robert Hoskins, Russell Hoskins, Earl Hoskins, and Raymond Brantner. The service for Mr. Hoskins will be held on Wednesday (today) morning at 10:30 from the funeral home with Pastor James Shaner officiating. Military honors will be under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Interment will be at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Arrangements by Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford.

GALLADY - Pearl Lee Gallady, aged 90, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, November 21, 1996 at Laurel's of Kent Nursing Home in Lowell. She leaves to cherish her memories, one sister Willie Ross of Grand Rapids; three nieces, five nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held Monday, Bishop William Ozier officiating. Interment in Oakhill Cemetery.

Lowell youth provide holiday cheer for less fortunate

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Thanksgiving is a time of family and food, but a growing number of people struggle to celebrate the holiday feast.

For many local charities, providing assistance takes on a greater meaning at this time of year and for 32 Lowell students, it was a good time to help in the effort.

The Lowell YMCA Leaders Club volunteered three hours of their time on Sunday evening to assist the Mel Trotter ministries who provide food for those in need.

The group of students was divided into three teams and either helped organize Thanksgiving food boxes or helped prepare that evening's meal for residents of the Trotter ministry.

More than 1,200 boxes of Thanksgiving "goodies" were arranged by the students, who perform up to five community service projects each year. Nonperishable items, such as canned goods, sweet potatoes, and other staples of Thanksgiving dinners, were sorted and prepared in preparation of turkeys being added for Wednesday's give away.

The leaders group is made up of students in grades 8-12 who try to improve and develop leadership skills.

Those skills are enhanced through fundraisers and other projects and utilized by the students throughout the community.



Melissa Sobie, Andy Smith, Jeff Catlin, Lisa Posthumus, and Brooke Bennett prepare a savory salad for residents of the Mel Trotter Ministry in Grand Rapids.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 2, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

1425 W. Main - FMB State Savings Bank - had requested a variance to allow a new teller island setback 27 feet from the West Main Street right of way while 35 feet is required for a front yard setback in the General Business District.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

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.

Wednesday,
December 4, 1996
from approx. 9 a.m. to Noon

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
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North of West Main Street to Howard Street

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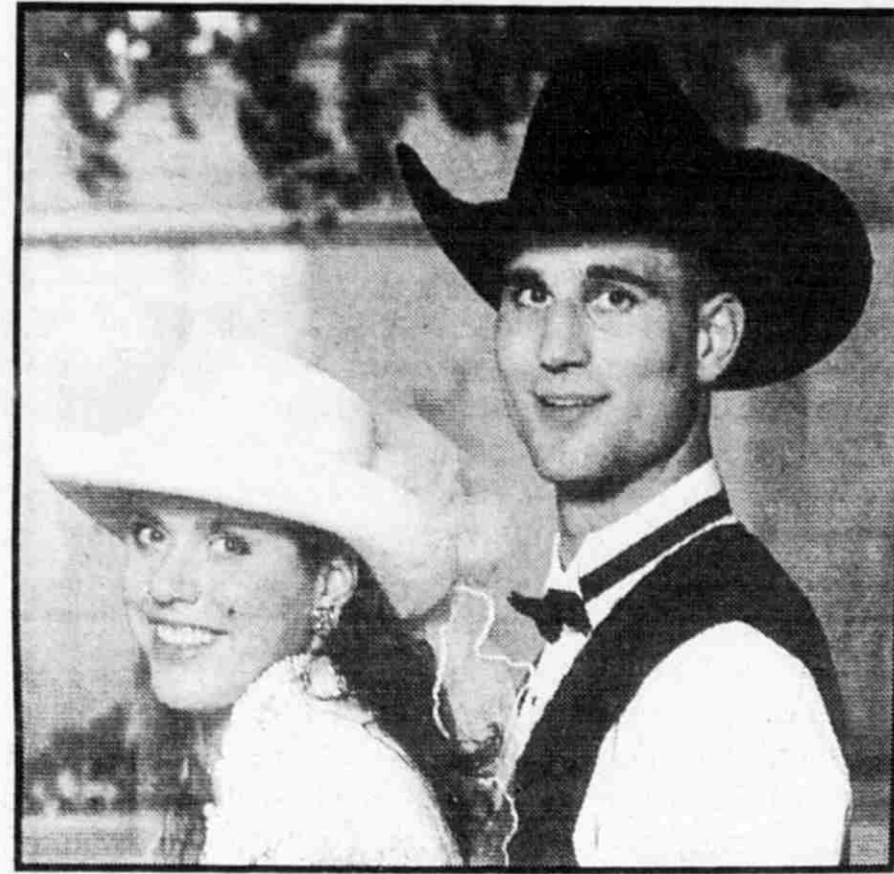
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Have A Safe And Happy Thanksgiving Day!

VOWS SPOKEN



Rebecca and Bliss Yeiter

Rebecca Marie Vandermeer, daughter of Don and Pam Vandermeer of Clarksville, and Bliss Arden Yeiter, son of Terry and Charlene Yeiter of Saranac, were married June 1, 1996, at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alto. Ministers Ronald and Bobbi Demute performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a white lace western style bridal gown with a lace handkerchief-cut bottom. The dress had a sweetheart neckline with long lace sleeves. To top off the western style, she wore a white western hat with veil.

Maid of honor was Jessica Brisen, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tammi Koetje and Karen Sather, friends of the bride; Tara Yeiter, sister of the groom; and Rachel Vandermeer, sister of the bride. The attendants wore teal peasant blouses with black "silver-lake" wranglers and black western boots. Flower girl was Julie Ann Vandermeer, cousin of the bride. She wore a white lace dress with a teal sash.

Best man was Thomas Tyler, friend to the groom. Groomsmen were Ben Teachworth, Kevin Nash and Ted Blakely, friends of the groom; and Paul Vandermeer, brother of the bride. The gentlemen wore black and white striped tux shirts with a black bow tie. They also wore black wranglers and black ropers with black Stetson hats.

Host and hostess were Thomas Sr. and Sharon Tyler, friends of the couple. Ushers were Don Vandermeer Jr., brother of the bride; Rich Meyers, cousin of the groom; and Dan Fogg, cousin of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Moose Lodge in Hastings.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Mackinac Island and reside in Wayland.



William and Kammie VanOosten

Kammie K. Laney and William A. VanOosten were united in marriage on August 17, 1996, at the First Congregational Church in Lowell.

Parents of the couple are Virginia Worthington of Ionia and the late Kenneth Worthington, and James and Suzanne VanOosten of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Kim Silverthorne, bridesmaids were Tina Cook and Sherry Lewis, miniature bridesmaids were Ashley Tyler and Nicki Hough. Flower girl was Chelsea Montgomery.

Best man was Jim VanOosten, groomsmen were Mike Vezino and Mark Strouse. Miniature groomsmen were Ethan and Spencer Silverthorne.

Ushers were Tarin Worthington and Steven Wyszochil. A reception was held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge in Ada.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Frank and Mary Kay Wright. The couple honeymooned in Traverse City and the upper peninsula and now reside in Lowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 28 - Shelly Hildenbrand, Lee Miller.

NOV. 29 - Margaret Gardner, Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Gary Rivers, Scott Swanson, Tara Propst.

NOV. 30 - Jason Craig, Todd Ryder, Joe Kiczanski.

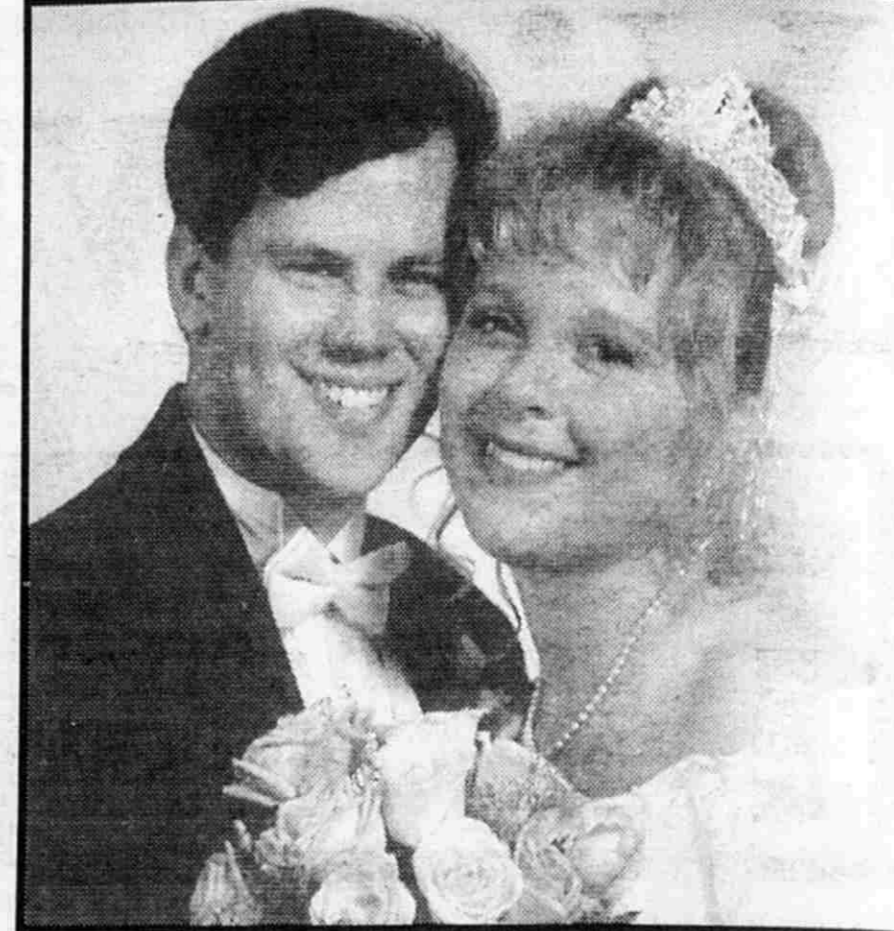
DEC. 1 - Travis Briggs, Jack Fonger, Karolyn Batt,

Mary Alice Bancroft, Deb Anchors, Denny Brenk II, Joyce Watrous.

DEC. 2 - Morgan Boss, Chelsey Treglia, Kari Bergy.

DEC. 3 - Chris Chambers, Chris Darby, Amanda Sterzick.

DEC. 4 - Tennille Bryant.



Jeffrey and Allison Pitsch

Allison Lenore Hess and Jeffrey Edward Pitsch were married in an August ceremony at St. Robert of Newminster Church in Ada.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Barb Hess of Alto. Parents of the groom are Edward Pitsch of Comstock Park and Marianne Hughes of Grand Rapids.

Matron of honor was Stacie Barnes. Bridesmaids were Jessica Groendyke, Mary Hess, Kamie Hyrns and Alicia Richmond. Flower girl was Jessica Wisinski, and junior bridesmaid was Melissa Pitsch.

Best man was Darrell Bowe. Groomsmen were Brian Pitsch, Tim Hess, Shane Smedley and Tom Wilson. Ringbearer was Nicholas Schoenborn. Usher was Mike Leavell.

ENGAGEMENTS



Maria Ritzema and E. L. Rohan de Silva

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritzema of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Maria Magdalena to E.L. Rohan de Silva, son of Dr. Parakram and Michiko de Silva and the late Chizuko de Silva.

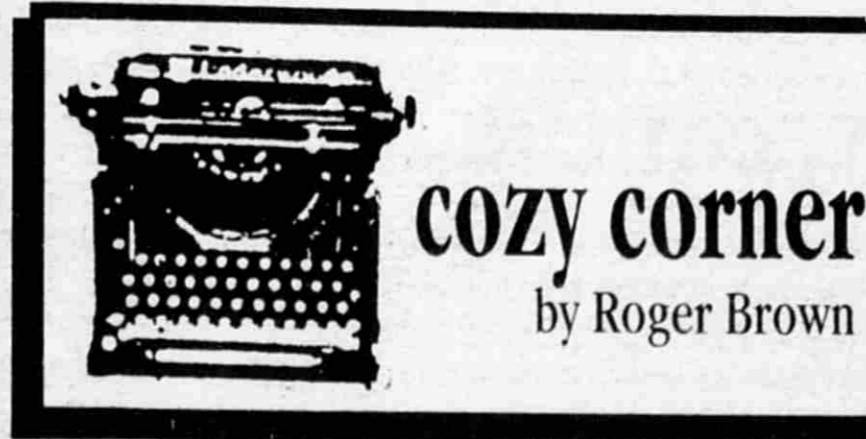
The future bride graduated from Lowell High School and Michigan State University. She is presently employed at WGN-TV in Chicago.

Her fiancé earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and masters' degrees from UIC and Northwestern University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. from Northwestern.

The couple, both of Chicago, are planning a summer 1997 wedding.

Some things have to be believed to be seen.
—Ralph Hodgson

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

During one of my stops at the office yesterday, I had a phone message from Roger Robinson, owner of Faro's Pizza. Rog wanted me to call him back, so I did. I figured he wanted to talk about his weekly ad in the Buyers Guide. "Hey, Rog. What's up?" I said when I got him on the phone. "Oh... not much. I was just wondering if you would consider writing about Terrie in your column this week?" came the reply. I was immediately very uncomfortable, and incriminated myself with a long pause. I hide my feelings with as much success as my hundred pound dog trying to hide under a coffee table when I'm scolding him.

Terrie was Roger's wife. She died unexpectedly ten days ago. Her passing shocked the community and left a huge hole in the Robinson family. You can imagine why I'd be uncomfortable with a request to eulogize her life. Especially in this space where I typically try to take a humorous jab back at the punches life is always dealing us. I also tend to center the humor on myself, so as not to step on anyone's toes. If you read

this column with any regularity, you know that I'm the last person in the world who should be making fun of someone else.

I told Rog that I would feel like a duck out of water trying to write a tribute to Terrie. I tried to explain that it just wasn't my style. I told him I was afraid I wouldn't do the job justice. I said I was afraid of writing something that would be misinterpreted and would offend him or one of the kids. I did tell him I'd chew on the idea, but wasn't very positive about following through with it.

When I hung up the phone, I knew I'd just done a bunch of side stepping, tap dancing, ducking and dodging to avoid doing something tough. The more I thought about it, the more I realized that it had taken a lot of courage for Rog to call me with that request. I also realized that the call had come from his heart. I'm still chewing on the idea as I write this, but out of respect for a friend and customer's request... here goes nothin'.

If I were asked to describe Terrie Robinson in a word, it would be "goofy." I say that out of total respect. Here's why. I would have to describe anyone I admire as being goofy. The people I take my hat off to are those who selflessly give of themselves for others, the community, a church or an organization. And, these are almost always the people I know who have a true zest for life. They bounce around life like it's a giant pinball machine. They're goofy.

This type of individual is seldom a perfectionist. They're too damned busy to be perfect. They are unselfish, outgoing, happy and enthused. At age 59 you might expect a woman to spend her time around the house baking cookies for the grandkids, reading Redbook and watching a soap opera or two,

I'm sure Terrie did some of that, but you were more likely to spot her working at a community blood drive, chairing a Rotary fundraiser or zipping down the street in her Lincoln on her way to do something for somebody.

I knew Terrie mostly through Rotary. She was our club secretary, a time consuming and thankless job in itself. On top of that, she worked every Rotary project that came along and chaired a good number of them. She had an excellent attendance record, and if she were asked to babysit a grandkid, no problem, she brought the kid with her. Goofy!

I knew Terrie, but we weren't close friends. That's part of the reason I'm having trouble writing this piece. I do know she suffered from a litany of health problems. Asthma, high blood pressure, sleep disorders, etc., are some that I'm aware of. Despite these afflictions, she was always doing something for someone else. Someone who she felt needed help more than her. In some cases, the shoe should have been on the other foot, but that's part of why she was the goofy person that I admired.

When I went to the visitation at the funeral home, there was a sign posted near the front door. It read something like, "SMILE! This is a celebration of Terrie's life!" And, there at the front door was Rog, smiling, refusing handshakes and insisting on big hugs from everyone. The atmosphere seemed different. Odd perhaps. Goofy too. But a really good kinda goofy. Just the way Terrie would have wanted it.

With Thanksgiving upon us, I believe we can all be thankful there are goofy people like Terrie Robinson in this world. It would be a pretty stodgy, dull, selfish place without them.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ledger:

"Once upon a midnight dreary
As I pondered weak and weary..."

Undone again. I am a fool, a fool. The cause of my insomnia is the recent election results.

Some months ago I confidently predicted electoral disaster for Lowell Township's "political class," one of George F. Will's favorite expressions. Why? Because of the supermajorities given 1992's Proposal "B" in our two precincts. Remember, anyone? Term limits? The results confound: William Jefferson Clinton. The township's voters really went after this member of the "political class," leech upon the people of Arkansas who sought to extend his grip on the whole country for another four years.

Carl Levin. An even better example the "professional class" (R. Pilon, Wall Street Journal, 16 Oct. 1996, A21), and my township's voters expressed their great disapproval.

But then something happened... Commissioner Harrison. Good Lord, how long has he been around? Re-elected.

Supervisor Timpson. If Coleman A. Young were a white country boy, this is who he would be like. Elected to a third term. Easily defeated my write-in for the infamous Ron Carney. Clerk Well. The Strom Thurmond of the Township but better looking, in office since Ford was in the White House. I voted for her anyway, so she was returned.

There are also Trustees who are pretty long of tooth, also re-elected.

Representative Horton is not enough of a mossback to count. Yet. But this was his fourth election.

There you have it. Good voters of Lowell Charter Township: Are you firm believers in term limits...or is there some other mechanism at work?

Restlessly yours,
G.M. Ross
Lowell

grazing cattle and sheep, but are judged careless about predators, poisonous plants and disease.

Mrs. J.S. Hooker read a history of the LaFramboise Trading Post at the dedication of the marker last week, which is published in full in the Ledger.

"Thornapples" column in the Alto Solo: the men served a great rabbit supper at the hall to about seventy, including several from the Cascade Grange.

The New Orleans Limited on the Illinois Central Railroad is held up by a gang of 12 armed robbers.

The chemical warfare department of the War Department is working with agriculture on chemical gases and poisons for insects and vermin.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 28, 1946

The Michigan State Medical Society sets up the first diagnostic centers to diagnose rheumatic fever, which is hard to detect, but kills more children than any other disease.

Various proposals are advanced to finance schools, higher education and welfare, to ease the financial crisis at Lansing.

Labor unions are pushing to take the state sales tax off food. A local chapter of the SPEBSQUA (barbershop singers) is being formed, the Lowell Harmonizers.

Vegetables prepared for the kettle while still in the field are forecast for this winter; individual ears of corn wrapped in ploiiform are an example, and speedy shipment to market is now possible.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - NOV. 25, 1971

Student Richard Posthumus of Alto is the chair of the new 37-member Youth Council of the Republican State Central Committee.

Police chief Barry Emmons complains that businessmen still forget to close windows and lock doors. Wittenbach Sales and Service starts to stay open three evenings a week.

A report of some of Lowell's worst nursing homes accompanies announcement of a hearing next week. The city will have to set minimum standards.

Deer season ends with a lower take, due to harsh winter conditions last season.

By Priscilla Lusmyer

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - NOV. 29, 1871

Two full columns on Page 1 (the rest is ads) plus others inside list the Lowell Agricultural Society premiums for the fair held in October, including several that received no cash prize because of the faulty entry sheets.

Five below zero this morning.

For 25 cents a child, 15 cents children, one can see Prof. McAllister's exhibition of biblical, world and life pictures, statuary, comic pieces and then dance to the music of Stocking & Clafin's Band.

Parker & Bodell's Meat Market has added a "Silver's Patent Power Sausage Cutters" much superior to a grinder. It has been set up in Avery's Planing Mill and is well worth looking at.

Mrs. M.H. Brinkerhoff will speak in Union Hall Wednesday evening on "Women in Politics."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - NOV. 24, 1921

Western cattlemen appreciate having national forests for

By Dick Posthumus

HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME TO BE THANKFUL

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we often forget to take time to reflect on our lives and count our blessings. We're busy preparing meals and planning gatherings with friends and family. Before long, the holidays are gone and we return to the routine of our daily lives. This season, let's try to make the time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the next.

Here in America, we have many reasons to be thankful.

We're constantly reminded of other countries' difficulties as we watch the news, listen to the radio or read the newspaper. Visions of bitter civil wars, starving children and poverty stricken nations are far too common. When we see sights such as this, we can better appreciate America's unity, promise and abundance.

We have much to be thankful for in Michigan as well. Our economy is surging, crime is down, and our educational system is one of the best in the nation. Michigan's unemployment rate has now been at or below the national average for 33 consecutive months, after being higher than the national average for more than 16 years. Our personal income grew by 3.0 percent for the second quarter of 1996, nearly twice the national average of 1.7 percent. The healthy income growth in the second quarter continues a trend that began in 1991. In fact, during the last five years, Michigan has led all the states in personal income growth.

Certainly, there is still hunger and poverty in Michigan, but we can also be thankful for the progress we've made on this

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Outdoor display gets the nod from city planners

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

John and Judith Gisting's popular sales and marketing tool will make a return appearance at the J & J's Wholesale Outlet business.

The city of Lowell planning commission approved a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance that allows an outdoor display area in front of the couple's business at 423 W. Main St.

"There is a lot of customer approval," said Judith Gisting. "A lot of times

people stop because of our displays. At least one item a day is sold because of it."

The commission unanimously approved the variance which allows the Gistingers to place items within six feet of their building as long as they put only items for sale out front and they must remove the items at the end of the business day.

The city's ordinance prohibits the displaying or storage of items in a Commercial one or three zoning unless the business is set back 35 feet from the road right of way.

The commission granted J & J's request because the building, built in the 1940's, presents a unique situation to the city.

Other than a couple of car dealerships and FMB State Savings Bank, no other business is located less than 35 feet in a C-3 or C-1 district.

"We wouldn't be setting a precedent because we've got a very unique situation here," said zoning administrator Patrick Hudson. "Most struc-

tures are set back 35 feet...this is unique because the property is pre-existing and nonconforming to the district."

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issue. AFDC (welfare) cases dropped to a new low recently as more and more people are becoming self-sufficient. We'll continue working so that every family can enjoy a warm and happy home, year-round.

As the holiday season begins, let's reflect upon our lives. We're truly fortunate for the opportunities we have. However, as we count our blessings, we shouldn't lose sight of those less fortunate than ourselves. Take the time to enjoy family, renew old friendships and build new relationships. Cherish the opportunity to experience loved ones. This can provide the key to keeping the holiday spirit alive all year long.

I recently came across a quotation taken from Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation that I'd like to share with you:

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of

heaven. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Let's remember the true spirit of Thanksgiving this week. Please have a safe and wonderful holiday.



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Alto firm receives state grant for additional employee training

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Employees at Lowell Engineering, Inc. are going back to school - sort of.

The Alto firm, which began in the Lowell area more than 20 years ago, was recently awarded a \$36,907 Michigan Jobs Commission grant to help upgrade the job skills of 153 workers.

The workers will train through the Kent Intermediate School District and learn more about technical support and working in teams.

"We're really excited about this opportunity," said Scot Reynolds, human resource generalist with the firm. "Our company is trying to transfer to work teams and this is part of the process."

The switch to work teams is new to the engineering com-

pany, which produces outside rear view mirrors for the automobile industry, but for many companies it's the wave of the future.

"It's not for everyone, but many cutting edge or progressive companies are making the switch," Reynolds said. "More workers will have a handle or say on production quality and safety issues throughout the company."

The commission works in partnership with local communities and existing state businesses to retain and expand job opportunities, prepare workers for career advancements and improve overall business climate, according to the jobs commission.

"By updating workers' skills, job providers stay competitive and employee confidence increases," said state

Rep. Jack Horton, R-Lowell. "Businesses in West Michigan are always seeking cost effective ways to improve services and product quality. This grant helps our region meet those goals."

Reynolds said once teams are chosen, which is expected

after the first of the year, the company has one year to complete the training.

He said the first group of trainees will learn the new techniques and help the company iron out the kinks before sending more of the 800 employees in for training.

"This is a pilot group that will smooth out the process and answer any questions that might appear," Reynolds said. "After the pilot group finishes the program, we hope to apply for another grant and get more of our employees trained."

The commission has more than \$35 million in Economic Development Job Training Program funds available to assist companies throughout the state to improve their existing work force.

By Pauline Spray

Be still, and know that I am God... (Psalm 46:10).
Have you ever tried closing your eyes and listening to the sounds about you? How many do you hear? Perhaps you can hear the pleasant hum of the furnace blower, a neighbor's door opening and closing, the clang of a car door, the yelping of your pet. There may be also the low rumble of the refrigerator motor, the friendly ticking of the clock, the whistle of an approaching train, and the passing of automobiles.

We miss much of life because we fail to listen. We seldom hear the rhythmic sound of the dancing leaves as the wind rushes through them, the lowing of the cattle on a distant hillside, and the chattering of hungry sparrows as they search for food in the yard.

Likewise, we miss much that the Lord has to tell us because we fail to "stop and listen."

In a time of need God spoke to Elijah, not in the great and strong wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in a "still small voice." And He is waiting to whisper His secrets to us, if we will "stop and listen."

Prayer: O Lord, I am listening. Let me hear Thy faintest whisper. Tell me Thy secrets. I am waiting for Thee. Amen. Silently now I wait for Thee.

Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Vergennes tables water agreement to address citizens concerns

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

A controversial water service agreement between Vergennes and Lowell Charter townships has been put on hold until Vergennes officials can clarify several issues brought up by concerned citizens.

Vergennes officials tabled the agreement after residents complained that hooking up

to the existing line may cost more than the land it would actually serve.

In the case of two property owners hooking up to the line, which has existed since the construction of the new high school, costs could amount to as much as \$25,000 and \$90,000.

Tom and Marilyn Mendendorp, 11461 Foreman Road, own 60 acres of residential-one land and have

nearly one half mile of road frontage to contend with, if they are required to hook up to the system.

The Mendendorps estimate that hooking up would cost them \$90,000.

The cost of hooking up to the system is determined by multiplying the amount of road frontage by \$35 and then adding in hook-up charges (\$1,000) and other access charges.

Earlier this year, Lowell officials adopted an agreement

for Vergennes Township and why it was constructed. Vergennes clerk Mari Stone said the line was constructed three years ago to serve the high school and property owners in Eastgate Village and on Foreman and Alden Nash roads.

Stone said the township agreed to the water line because it didn't want the school using well systems.

As part of the construction, Vergennes and Lowell officials agreed to adopt a water service agreement which would regulate who must hook on and help reduce the debt of building the line.

Earlier this year, Lowell officials adopted an agreement

and waited for Vergennes' officials to follow suit.

However, Vergennes' officials found fault with some wording of the agreement and following last week's meeting with residents have additional concerns.

Besides the cost issue, which could be the biggest stumbling block, Vergennes officials are concerned about how much say they have in the rates and regulations, what constitutes a failed well, and if a fee schedule is necessary for future hook-ups.

No decision was made in regard to when or if the proposed agreement would be accepted by Vergennes' officials.

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Officials adopted an agreement

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states would trade for our public school systems," Engler explained. "However, public schools are competing against the world. It is not enough anymore for a public school to be better than its neighbor."

Engler said technology and making some tough calls can help aid in the rapid improvement.

The governor boasted of the improved welfare program Michigan has undertaken during his leadership.

He is quick to point out that the number of people dependent on public assistance in Michigan is lower than it has been since 1971.

"We have a new name for it - The Family Independent Agency," Engler said.

Unemployment is another area Engler addressed before the gathering of Lowell Rotarians and members of the Lowell Women's Club.

"Before I took office in 1991, Michigan had double digit unemployment. We had 192 months where the state's unemployment was not below the national average," Engler said. "At the end of this year, Michigan will have had 36 straight months of unemployment being below the national average."

He credited that to Michigan being the "high performance heartland" state. Recently, a foreign firm picked Mason, MI, to locate its plant over cities in South Carolina and Indiana.

"Michigan is competing very well," Engler said. "It is also fourth among states in exporting."

The governor said eventually there will have to be a fuel tax, but he does not support one now. "There are things we need to do first. Using a gas tax now is the

easy way out, so tough decisions don't have to be made."

The tough decisions he referred to were fixing the liability laws, the diesel discounts that cost the state \$20 million and right of way reform (so people can't buy property and then when right-of-way is needed, sell it back to the state at a price that far exceeds its value).

The governor said he was and is opposed to gambling casinos. "I wish we didn't have them," he said. "I am for compacts which would lock down their speed of growth."

In regard to the environment, he said states are better able to legislate the clean air and water acts. "Michigan lives with it. We better understand its importance and how vital it is to our communities. We also can do it in a more cost-effective way."

Norman Powell, a retrospective of art & music

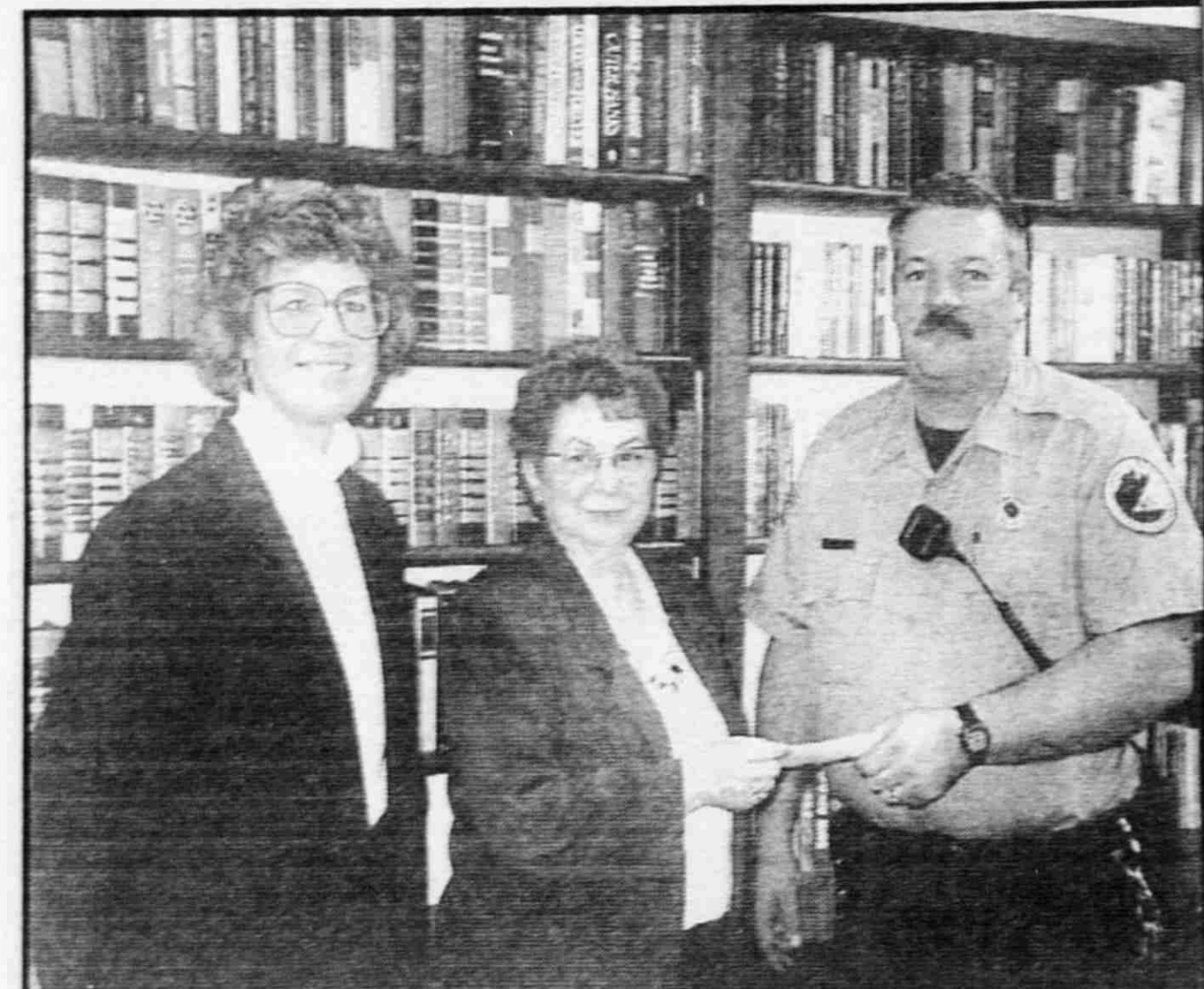
In honor and remembrance of artist and musician, Norman Powell, (October 7, 1952 - September 25, 1996) members of the Rivertown Artist Guild and the Artist Alliance will be hosting an exhibition and sale at the Franciscan Life Process Center on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Donations and proceeds from the sale of works will be for the benefit of the Powell family and the children's education fund.

Piano music will be provided by Rabbi Joshua Ellison with taped guitar music by Norman Powell.

Powell's work will be on exhibit at the Franciscan Life Process Center from December 5 through the 30th. The Center is located at 11650 Downes St., a half-hour from Grand Rapids, 15 minutes from Ada or 10 from Lowell.

For directions, please contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.



Women's Club donates funds to "safety house"

The Lowell Women's Club donated \$500 to the Lowell Fire Department to help in funding the Fire Safety House. In addition to their initial contribution, they have pledged an annual donation towards general maintenance. Pictured, left to right, are: Lowell Women's Club president, Barbara Zandstra; treasurer, Marj Harding; and fire department captain, Bryan Kimble.

We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors.

—Lyndon B. Johnson

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 2, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

423 W. Main Street - John and Judith Gisting (J & J Variety) had requested a variance to allow an outdoor display area 12 feet out from their building located at the northeast corner of W. Main and Lincoln Lake where outdoor storage or display of goods or materials are prohibited in the required front yard (measured 35 feet from the street right of way in the General Business District).

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

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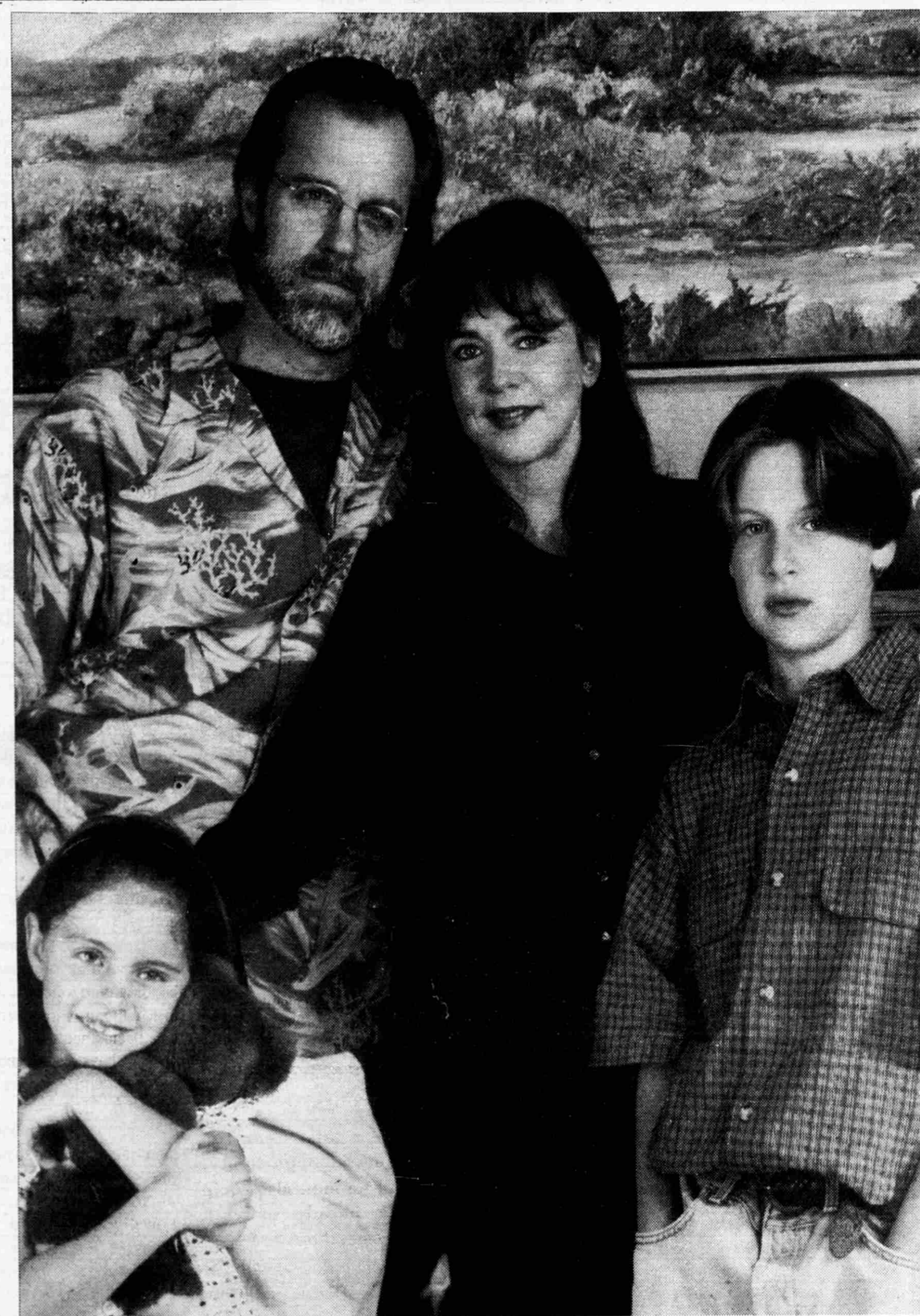
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MONDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 2, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNM, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 3, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNM, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 3, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNM, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 4, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNM, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 5, 1996		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Winnie the Pooh, and Christmas Too (In Stereo)	Moloney (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
4	WTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	High Incident (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Seven" (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
5	WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Make Your Own Adventure (In Stereo)	History of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "The Collaborator"			
7	WXXI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "Going Platinum"	Highlander: The Series "One Minute to Midnight"	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "The Collaborator"			
8	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Suddenly Susan	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Men Behaving Badly	ER "Baby Shower" (In Stereo)	News	Practical Sports	
13	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Wool! Wool! - Uncle Matty's Guide to Dog Training	Pavarotti and Friends 3: "Together for the Children of Bosnia" (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
17	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Billy Graham: A Season for Peace (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Seven" (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
18	WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "Going Platinum"	Real TV	Access Hollywood	Bzzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe	
19	TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Highway to Heaven "With Love, the Claus"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	In Living Color	Picket Fences			
20	FAM	Waltons "The Fighter"	Mission: Impossible	A-Team	Miami Vice	700 Club	In Living Color	Picket Fences			
21	USA	Highlander: The Series "Take Back the Night"	Murder, She Wrote "Unauthorized Obituary"	Movie: *** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray, Carol Kane. (In Stereo)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Time Traveler	Silk Stalkings (In Stereo)			
22	DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step "Paragliding"	Wild Discovery "Africa's Lost Jungle" (R)	Movie: *** "One Magic Christmas" (1985) Mary Steenburgen, Gary Basaraba.	Next Step "Paragliding"	Time Traveler	Wiseguy (In Stereo)			
23	WGN	Family Matters	Bzzz! (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Outlaw Josie Wales" (1976, Western) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George. A Confederate soldier vows to avenge his family's murder.	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Country News	Club Dance (In Stereo)	Dallas "Second Thoughts" (In Stereo)			
24	ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	NFL Tonight	NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Indianapolis Colts. From the RCA Dome. (Live)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Country News	Club Dance (In Stereo)	Dallas "Second Thoughts" (In Stereo)			
25	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		
26	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Love Lucy	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda "Lady's Choice"	Taxi	Odd Couple
27	A&E	Equalizer "Lullaby of Darkness"	Biography "Sammy Davis Jr.: Mr. Entertainment"	Barry Manilow: Live by Request	NBA Action	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News			
28	PASS	CCHA Digest	College Basketball: Detroit Mercy at Michigan. (Live)	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.			
29	TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Outlaw Josie Wales" (1976, Western) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George. A Confederate soldier vows to avenge his family's murder.	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)			
30	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Hazzard Hustle" (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)			
31	TRAV	Golfing America	Golfing America	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Golfing America	Golfing America
32	TLC	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	Bermuda Triangle: Secrets Revealed (R)	U.F.O. (R)	U.F.O. (R)	U.F.O. (R)	Bermuda Triangle: Secrets Revealed (R)			
33	SCIFI	Twilight Zone	V "The Rescue" (R) (In Stereo)	Tales-Darkside	Time Trax "Beautiful Songbird"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Faith Healer"	Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside			
34	HIST	Masters of War "In the Lair of the Bear"	Jazz Age (R)	Civil War Journal (R)	Civil War Journal (R)	Automobiles "Ford GT40" (R)	Year by Year "1953" (R)	Automobiles "Ford GT40" (R)			
35	AMC	6:00 Movie: *** "My Gal Sam" (1942)	Movie: **** "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930, Drama) Lew Ayres. A German youth learns the horrors of war firsthand.	Movie: *** "A Time to Love and a Time to Die" (1958), Lilo Pulver	Movie: *** "The Nutcracker Prince" (1990) G	The Good, the Bad and the Huckleberry Hound	Love Lucy: The Very First Show (R)	Avonlea (In Stereo)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)	Man's Favorite Sport?	
36	DISN	Movie: *** "The Nutcracker Prince" (1990) G	The Good, the Bad and the Huckleberry Hound	Love Lucy: The Very First Show (R)	Avonlea (In Stereo)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)	Man's Favorite Sport?				
37	HBO	Movie: *** "Necessary Roughness" (1991) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations)	Movie: *** "Desperado" (1995), Salma Hayek, Joaquim de Almeida (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Neel" (1995) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations, violence)							
38	MAX	6:15 Movie: *** "Riche Rich" (1994) PG	Movie: *** "Haunted" (1995), Kate Beckinsale (In Stereo) R (Adult situations, nudity)								

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BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WMT	11:35 Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Pat Bullard	Geraldo Rivera	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)				
4	WTV	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Highway Patrol	(Off Air)					
5	WGVU	11:30 Charlie Rose	Arts in Michigan				Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers			
7	WXXI	Gordon Elliott	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	(Off Air)					
8	WOOD	11:35 Tonight Show	Late Night (R) (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol		NBC News Nightside				
13	WKAR	(Off Air)									
17	WZZM	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With	Night Court	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)			
18	WSYM	Jenny Jones (R)	(Off Air)								
19	TBS	10:05 Movie: "Double"	Movie: * 1/2 "Cyborg" (1989) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Vincent Klyn.	Movie: ** "Double Impact" (1991, Adventure) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Twin brothers join forces against their parents' killers.							
20	FAM	Carson Classics	Carson Classics	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
21	USA	Miami Vice	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
22	DISC	Wild Discovery "Africa's Lost Jungle" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Time Traveler (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23	WGN	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon	Cheerleading	Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	Overnight	Sports Latenight	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	
24	ESPN	Cheerleading: HS Dance Team Championships	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latenight	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom
25	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latenight	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	
26	NICK	Bewitched	Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days	Munsters	Law & Order "Apocrypha"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Eternally Yours" (1939), Billie Burke		
27	A&E	Biography "Sammy Davis Jr.: Mr. Entertainment"	Barry Manilow: Live by Request (R)	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.
28	PASS	Cycle World (R)	CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.	College Hockey U.S.A.
29	TNT	11:00 Movie: *** "The Outlaw Josie Wales" (1976) Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke.	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)
30	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Hazzard Hustle" (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)	Life and Times of Kenny Rogers (R) (In Stereo)
31	TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Get Wet	Undersea Adventures
32	TLC	U.F.O. (R)	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse	HomeTime: Playhouse
33	SCIFI	V "The Rescue" (R) (In Stereo)	Time Trax "Beautiful Songbird" (R)	Friday the 13th: The Series "Faith Healer"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Faith Healer"	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Year by Year "1953" (R)	Civil War Journal (R)			
34	HIST	Jazz Age (R)	Civil War Journal (R)	Civil War Journal (R)	Civil War Journal (R)	Automobiles "Ford GT40" (R)	Year by Year "1953" (R)	Civil War Journal (R)			
35	AMC	10:30 Movie: *** "A Time to Love and a Time to Die" (1958), Lilo Pulver	Movie: **** "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930, Drama) Lew Ayres. A German youth learns the horrors of war firsthand.	Movie: *** "A Time to Love and a Time to Die" (1958), Lilo Pulver	Movie: *** "The Nutcracker Prince" (1990) G	The Good, the Bad and the Huckleberry Hound	Love Lucy: The Very First Show (R)	Avonlea (In Stereo)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)	Man's Favorite Sport?	
36	DISN	11:30 Movie: *** "Man's Favorite Sport?" (1964), Paula Prentiss	Rock Hudson: Tall, Dark and Handsome	Movie: *** "A Song Is Born" (1948), Virginia Mayo, Benny Goodman	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "The Force" (1994) (In Stereo) R
37	HBO	Ariss (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: "The Chain" (1996) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)	Larry Sanders (R)	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R	Movie: * 1/2 "Milk Dreams" (1994), Shannon Tweed (In Stereo) R
38	MAX	Movie: ** "The Immortals" (1995), Tia Carrere (In Stereo) R	Movie: "Fugitive X: Innocent Target" (1996), Richard Norton "NR" (Adult language, nudity, violence)	Movie: "Hostile Intentions" (1994), Tricia Leigh Fisher (In Stereo) R							

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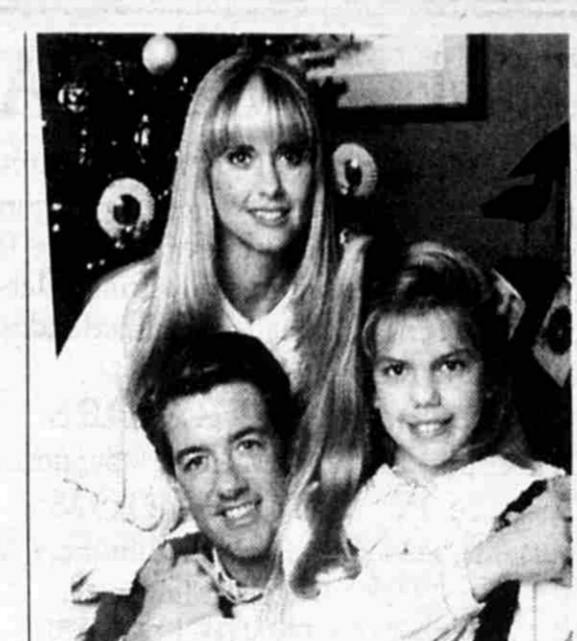


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Christmas Crafts Call

The sights and scents were that of the Christmas season. On Sat., November 16, over 1,000 patrons sauntered through the 15 homes that made up the 5th annual Christmas Through Lowell tour. What their wandering eyes found were hundreds of handcrafted items made by over 50 local artists. Bill Collins, the event coordinator, said visitors drove from Charlotte, Hudsonville, Jenison and Comstock Park. "We received positive comments about the quality of items and reasonable prices," Collins said.

Raffle prize winners were Pat Fisk, Hudsonville; Silvia Ranburger, Alto; January Friesner, Lowell; Dianna Bulthuis, Lowell; Robin Raymor, Ionia; Terry Watson, Holt; Tami Griffith, Lowell; V.M. Bauer, Alto; Veronica Towne, Lowell; Linda Wohlfert, Comstock Park; Karen Westover, Lowell; Linda Phillips, Lowell; Brenda Wiczorek, Ionia; Theresa Peavey, Lowell; and Lynn Green, Lowell.

Participating crafters were Country Calicoes, Porcelain Treasures, Crafts By Collins, Lowell Area Arts Council, From the Brush of Marla, Heart & Flower Gifts, Creative Hands & Crafts, Earth Angels; From Our Home to Yours, Hodge Podge Crafts, Something for Everyone, Corner Crafts, Chris' Crafts, Brenda's Country Charm and The Honey Farm.

An added bonus for patrons this year was the First United Methodist Church's Holiday Craft Show.



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Dr. Anthony Trombly

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#1-The patient realizes the doctor values his or her own reputation as a doctor and is therefore striving for the patient's recovery as quickly and thoroughly as possible. (The doctor likes seeing patients get well and the good patient senses this.)

#2-The patient realizes his own best interests are fulfilled by

#3-The patient's actions and attitudes harmonize with the doctor's treatment plan, advice, recommendations, and goals. When patients see the wisdom of following the doctor's advice wholeheartedly, they tend to respond to treatment much more quickly and decisively than uncooperative or lackadaisical patients.

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Lowell High School honor roll

Lowell High School has released its first marking period honor roll list. Students earning a B or better average with no failing grade are included on the list.

*denotes all A's
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Steven Adams, Aaron Alsgaard, Michael Armstrong*, Katie Balaam*, David Barry, Daniel Barton, Jennifer Bellechasses, Jacqueline Bennett, Laurie Biener*, Theresa Bonner, Callie Boyce, Eric Bradley, Rebecca Brander*, Deanna Brooks, Renee Brower, Ryan Brown, Jesse Bultema, Daniel Burton, Bryan Buys, Erik Byle, Lucian Cesarz, Kelly Chapman*, Melaina Cinco, Sarah Claire, Sarah Clark, Brian Conley, Clark Corey, Jacqueline Cress, Brett Darling, Jennifer Dean, Kristina Delamar, Jennifer DenHouter, Michael Dereske, Nicole Deters, Nicole DeVries, Angela DeWit*, Colleen Donahue,

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CROP Walk Proceeds Distributed

Proceeds from the 1996 Lowell Area CROP Walk were presented to the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center and the ACCESS 6 Food Pantry at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. There were 266 walkers who participated in the 6.2 mile CROP Walk, bringing in pledges exceeding \$19,000. Below, Lee Feusse presents a check for \$1,164.63 to Lowell Senior Neighbor director Sue Simmonds. The funds will be used to assist the Lowell Senior Neighbors. Feusse also presented a check for \$3,493.87 to food pantry coordinators Kraig Haybarker (left) and Jody Haybarker (center). In all, \$4,658 of the monies pledged were dispersed within the Lowell community. The third annual Lowell CROP Walk is now being organized. Those interested in helping with the 1997 event are asked to call the Lowell First United Methodist Church.



Vergennes Twp. seeks feasibility study on waste water management plant

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

With the growth of its industrial district, the Vergennes Township Board has given planning commission officials the clearance to seek analysis of a feasibility study for a Waste Water management plant.

Commissioner Gil Wise asked the board for the approval, saying Jim Cook, himself, and other commissioners have gone as far as they can on the issue.

"We've done all we can do. We've visited several plants and talked to a lot of people; now we need to have some professional advice," Wise said. "What I'm asking

for today will not cost the township a penny; we're not at that point yet. All we want is the permission to ask professionals how much a feasibility study would cost us."

Wise said the expansion of ITM and other companies in the southern section of the township sparked interest in determining if a waste water plant was a viable option.

Wise said the township will send letters to firms which specialize in performing feasibility studies to determine if they would be interested in helping the township and at what cost.

"We've talked to three or four firms which specialize in this, but we want to see if

there are any others interested," said Wise, who stressed this procedure will not cost the township any money.

If pursuing a feasibility study for a plant is something the township is interested in, Wise said, the matter will be brought up to the board before any penny is spent and they will decide who is to move forward with the project.

"We have no idea how much a feasibility study costs, but this will give us some ideas on what our options are," Wise said.

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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

School News

Week of Dec. 2, 1996
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TUESDAY: Lowell Red Arrow sub sandwich, homemade chili soup w/crackers, fruit & B'Day cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, homemade dinner roll/margarine or peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, baby carrots, sherbet or fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast for lunch, 3 French toast sticks w/syrup, scrambled egg, tater triangle, warm apples or fruit, milk.

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TUESDAY: Sub sandwich or hot dog w/bun, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: chili soup, side salad or deli pickle half; crackers, fruit & birthday cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, roast turkey, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans or side salad; homemade dinner roll w/margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, corn dogs, chef salad or cheeseburger; choose 2: baby carrots, side salad, au gratin potatoes, fruit sherbet or canned fruit, milk.

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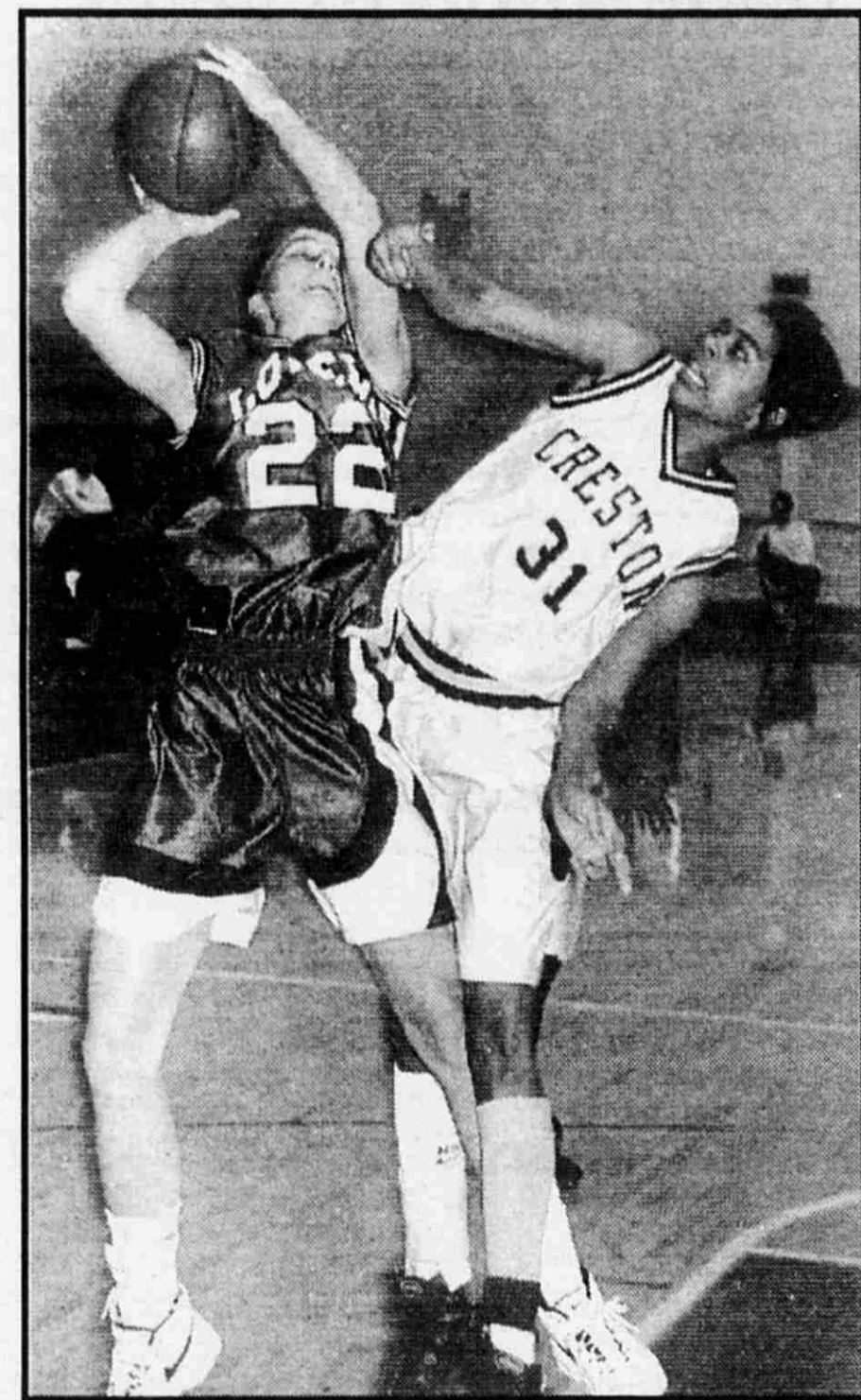
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Emily Dunn has not only provided leadership on the basketball court, but has also displayed her leadership skills in a multitude of non-athletic areas.

Lowell's Dunn is in constant motion off as well as on the court

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

On the basketball court, Emily Dunn is respected for her tireless work on the boards.

Off the basketball court, the senior is revered for her unwearied work in nearly everything else.

"Emily not only belongs to things on paper, but she gets involved," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said. "She is involved in so many things. She is an incredible girl."

Dunn is the leader of the Lowell girls basketball team, senior class president, and a contributor to the school and community.

"She does all of this and still maintains a 3.5 GPA," Akers said.

"All of this" includes student council, SADD, Peer

Resistance team, student representative on the city council and school board, National Honor Society, Rotary, yearbook staff (sports editor), girls basketball, boys basketball cheerleader, and golf.

"I like to be active. I hate sitting around and doing nothing," Dunn says. "I like to be involved. Sitting on the city council and school board enables me to know what's going on."

Her activities and leadership off the basketball court have helped her be a better leader on the court.

"As the senior leader on this year's team, it is my job to be a communicator between the team and coach," Dunn said. "As a leader, I've got to be more aware of how I'm acting and what I'm doing than I might otherwise."

From a record standpoint,

this year's team struggled with a regular season record of 7-13. However, according to Dunn, it hasn't struggled in the unity department.

"I think everybody has a good attitude."

In four years of playing basketball for Lowell, Dunn has garnered three varsity letters and all conference honorable mention honors. It is likely she will also gain all-conference honors in her senior year.

Dunn set a school record for most rebounds in a game with 19 against Forest Hills Northern in her junior year.

"I was hoping to break that record this year," Dunn said. "I'm running out of time."

Lowell's top rebounder has had to work harder for each rebound in '96.

"Teams have double teamed Emily to keep her off the boards. She's been a marked player," Akers said. "The other thing that has hurt her production is the fact she's played half of the season with a hurt ankle."

The senior says this year's team is her favorite. "We all get along together," Dunn says.

She has also enjoyed playing for her coach (Akers).

"I love him. He is so caring," Dunn said. "I think in my four years of playing high school basketball, he has also become more laid back."

Dunn plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College where she will work to continue playing basketball.

Wins against Creston and Union advance Lowell to district finals

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell opened the Class A girls basketball district #8A tournament with carbon-copy victories over Grand Rapids Creston and Grand Rapids Union.

The Red Arrows disposed of Creston Tuesday night with a 47-24 win over the Polar Bears (7-14).

Lowell (9-13) followed that win up Wednesday night with a 47-24 win against the Red Hawks (6-16).

The win earned the Red Arrows the herculean task of playing number two ranked and undefeated Grand Rapids

South Christian (22-0) in the district finals on Friday.

In its opening two games of the district, Lowell used second-half runs to gain lopsided victories against the city schools.

Leading by 10 (31-21) to begin the fourth quarter, the Red Arrows outscored Creston 13-3 over the first six minutes of the final stanza, building a 44-24 advantage.

Against Union, Lowell led 20-15 midway through the third quarter. From that point to the three-minute mark of the fourth quarter, the Red Arrows outscored the Red Hawks 25-8 to take a 45-21 lead.

"The girls seemed to get a sense of urgency in the second half," Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers said. "We're just happy to be playing in the district finals for the third straight year."

Led by senior Jenny Borg (6 threes, 18 points), Lowell had a big evening from the three-point arc. The Red Arrows netted 7 three-point shots.

"Anyone that has watched us play throughout the year knows the three-point shot is a big part of our game," Akers said. "Without it, we're hurting. With our lack of size, we don't have much of an inside game."

Against Union, Lowell received a solid 18 points from senior forward Emily Dunn. "Many of those points came in transition," Akers clarified. "Emily has been in an offen-

sive slump. It was nice to see her pop out of it."

Borg led all Lowell scorers with 12 points against Creston. Lisa Murphy netted 11 points and Rachael Fredline contributed with 10.

Following Lowell's win in the district semifinals against Union, Akers told his club that between then and Friday night they'd hear 100 different people tell them why they can't beat Christian. "I told the girls to believe none of them," Akers said.

Lowell 34
G.R. Christian 79

Despite a "yes we can" attitude, the Red Arrows couldn't overcome the high-powered Eagles of South Christian in a 79-34 loss.

"We played a very, very good basketball team. They are ranked one or two in the

district...and they deserve that ranking," said coach Ken Akers.

Christian came out firing on all cylinders early and often and took it to the Red Arrows from the opening tip-off.

A suffocating defense, which caused turnover after turnover, gave the Eagles a 27-point first quarter lead. By halftime the lead had ballooned to 38 points.

Lowell was led in scoring by Dunn's 10 points. Lisa Posthumus and Missy Luyk added five points apiece as the Red Arrows fought hard

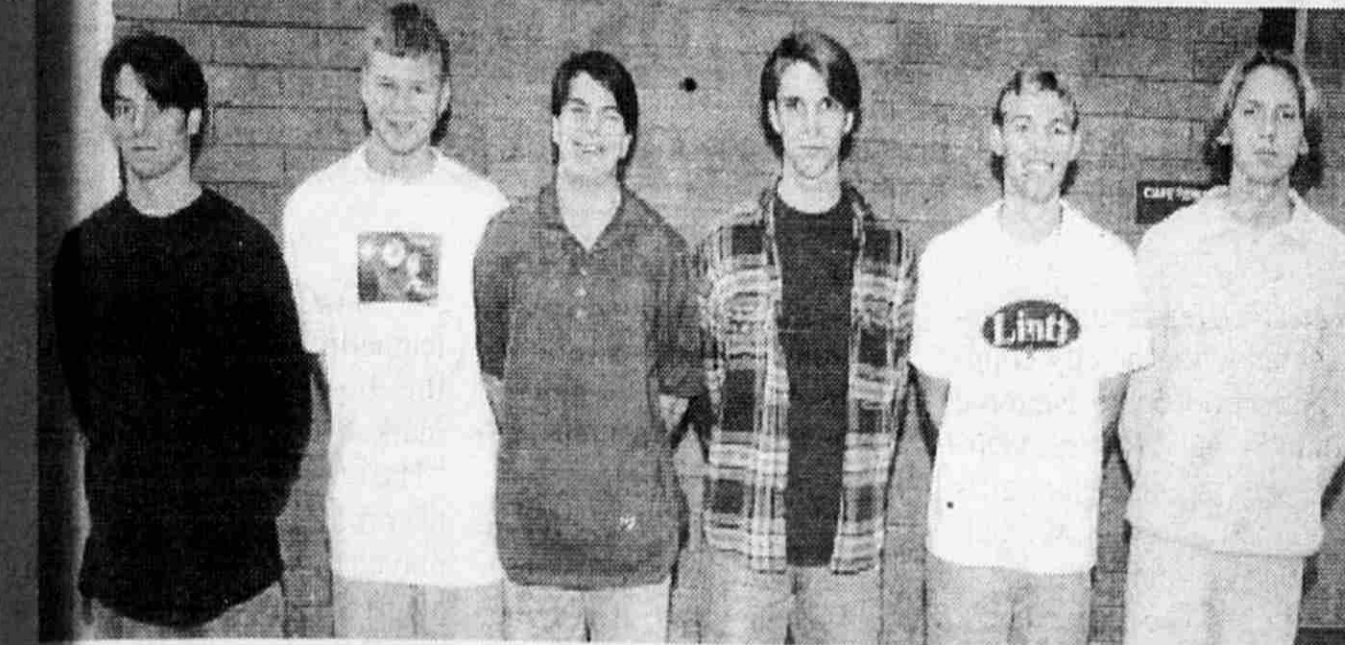
throughout the game.

"I'm very proud of the way our girls played. They never backed down and fought as hard as they could," Akers said. "We were just outclassed out there."

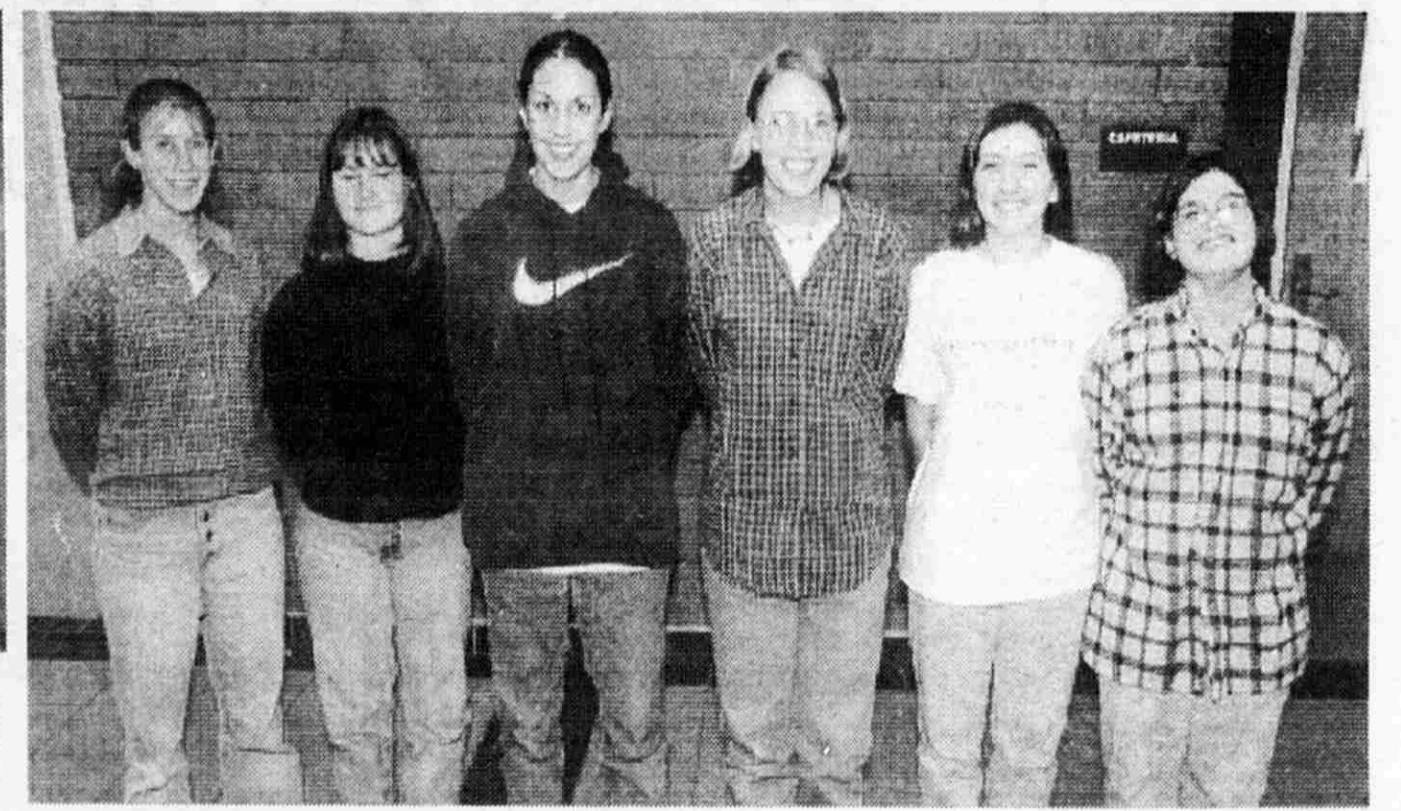
Lowell ended the season 9-14 and drew praise from coach Akers for their year-long effort.

"Anytime you win your last game and win two in the districts is a sign that your team still has some desire and fight," he said. "It's a tribute to our seniors who didn't let down or give up...they fought to the end."

Lowell athletes honored for hard work and dedication to team



Post-season soccer awards were presented at the Red Arrows' annual banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ben Cowan, all-conference and 1996 tri-captain; Matt Maatman, all-conference; Nick Malokofsky, all-conference and 1996 tri-captain; Denny Briggs, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, all-conference and 1996 tri-captain; Ryan Teelander, all-conference honorable mention; and Steve Schmidt, sportsmanship award. Missing from the picture is Brett Plattner, scholar athlete (3.896).



Post-season tennis awards were presented at the Red Arrows' annual banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Amy Snell, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player; Susan Roudabush, sportsmanship award; Lisa Osterhagen, scholar athlete; Colleen Mandel, most improved; Liz Lonick, most dedicated; Beth Hoag, most dedicated, all-conference and captain. Missing from the picture is Nicole Linkfield, captain and most spirited.



Post-season golf awards were presented at Lowell's annual banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are James Vezino, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player and sportsmanship award, and Rob Cindric, scholar athlete and 1996 captain.

Christmas Parade kicks off holiday season for downtown district

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Snow is flying and miniature lights are shining, which can mean only one thing - it's Christmas in Lowell once again.

Like any holiday season, shopping for a loved one's gift becomes of utmost importance.

While the malls are sure to be overburdened with cars, people, and jolly Saint Nick, the Lowell area will unwrap its new downtown look and offer holiday shoppers a wide array of gift ideas with half of the shopping headaches.

The season kicks off on Saturday (Dec. 7) with the annual Christmas Parade through downtown Lowell and numerous other activities during the day.

The parade, which brings Santa Claus to Lowell children for pictures and some wishful conversation, will

give visitors a chance to enjoy the newly constructed riverwalk plaza with carols and hot chocolate from 1-5:30 p.m.

Those who want to enjoy Christmas in the past can take a carriage ride on Main Street to view the historic buildings and lighting celebration.

The Christmas spirit grows even brighter with the lighting of the town Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m. at the Riverwalk Plaza and a live nativity performance from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Liz Baker, with the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, said the day will show people all the fun things to do in the shopping district.

"We're sure our downtown businesses and activities will have people coming back again and again," Baker said.

After shopping at one of the area's quaint stores, visi-

tors can cure their appetite with one of many delightful restaurants.

Strolling Lowell's Riverwalk Plaza for Christmas gift giving doesn't end on Dec. 7.

Santa makes a return appearance on Dec. 11 at Spring Grove Variety, on Dec. 14 at Station Break Video, on Dec. 18 at Rupert's Drop, and on Dec. 21 at Cousin's Hallmark.

Carriage rides return from 6-7 p.m. on Dec. 18 at the entrance of the Riverwalk Plaza, and the live nativity performance can be enjoyed from 6:30-9 p.m. on Dec. 18-21.

"There is something for everyone," Baker said. "From antique stores and art gallery offerings to variety stores, downtown Lowell is a great place to shop for Christmas."

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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 M#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-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just 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: Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

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

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

EVERY 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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

THURS., DEC. 5: Commodities will be distributed 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.

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

Special Events

WED., NOV. 27: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.
THURS., NOV. 28: Thanksgiving, center closed.
FRI., NOV. 29: Center closed.
(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

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

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

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EVENTS

A CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR - will be held at West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Nov. 30, 1996, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. .50 admission, 180 booths.

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Cherry Creek students help fill volunteer need for popcorn operation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Long before the smell permeates throughout the Cherry Creek Elementary building, students from the rooms of Kim VanBelois and Pam Kinnucan are busy scooping, popping and bagging popcorn for its 700-plus customers.

It is a service the two classrooms volunteered to undertake.

"With more students than ever in Cherry Creek, more and more volunteers are needed," VanBelois said. "The PTO was having difficulty finding volunteers."

The service/learning project provides students an opportunity to work within and assist its school community.

"The kids have taken a lot of pride in what they are doing and it is providing them with life and academic skills," VanBelois said.

The students provide this service to the building teachers, administrators and fellow students on an every other Friday basis.

Along with popping, bagging and delivering, students are also in charge of advertising their product, collecting 25 cents for each bag delivered, and sorting and counting the money. "They are also keeping

graphs to show how many students purchased popcorn," VanBelois said.

Justin Bogdanik, a fifth-grader in Kinnucan's class, is one of the students who sorts and counts the money. "We've been making over \$100 every Friday we've sold popcorn," he explains. "We're selling a lot of bags."

All the proceeds go back to the PTO (owners of the popcorn machine). In turn, the PTO uses the money to do things for the school.

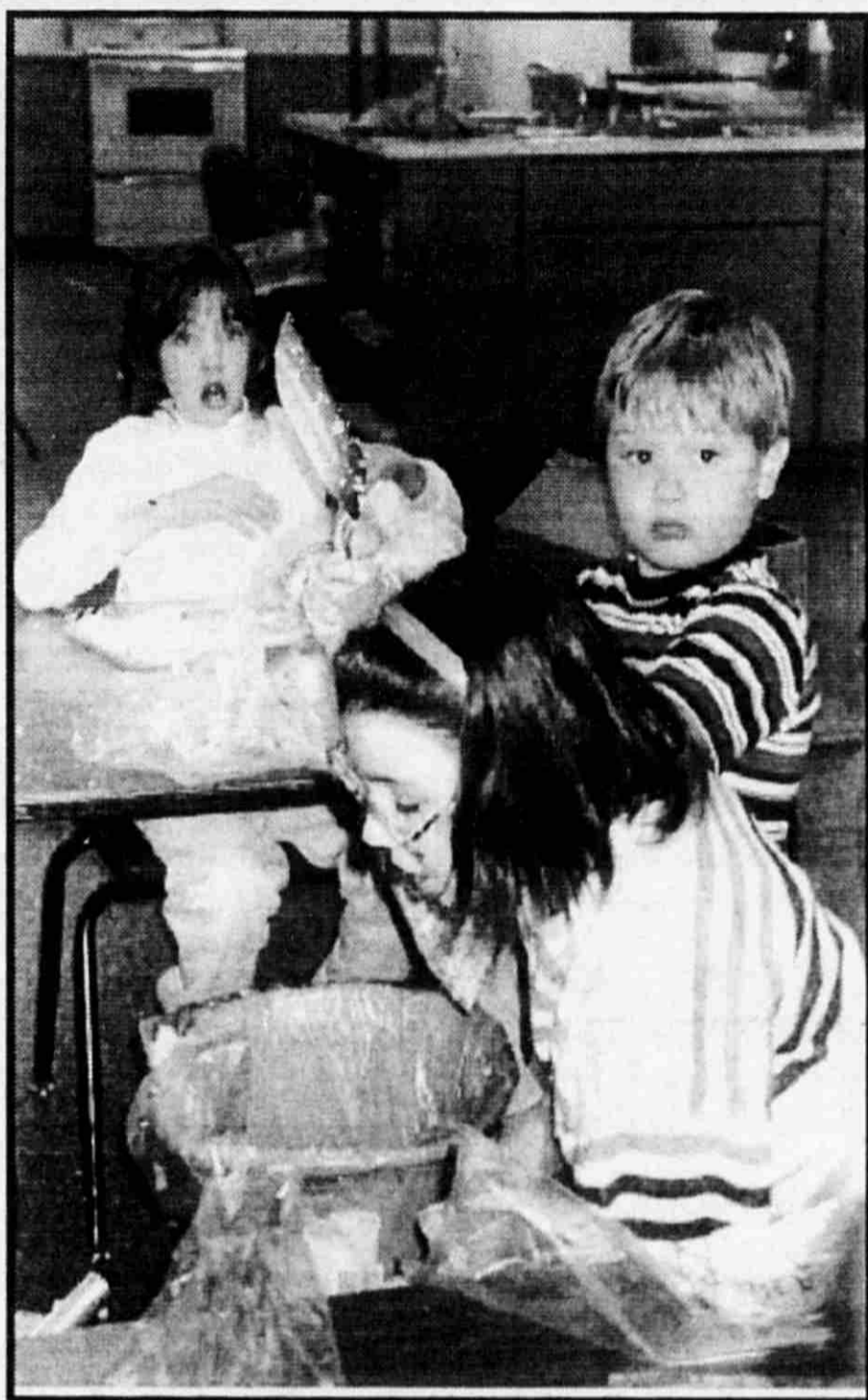
"It has given the kids a feeling of importance - that they are making a difference," Kinnucan said.

That was re-emphasized in a letter the classrooms received from Cherry Creek principal, Bill Markovich.

The service/learning project requires four-five hours from the students every other week. If the job is to be completed successfully, it also requires cooperation, common sense, courtesy, caring and consideration.

"The kids feel good about what they are doing. These kids also need hands-on activities," VanBelois said.

Leslie Keech, a fourth-grader in VanBelois' class, says the project is cool. "It



has helped me to count money better and has taught me how to cooperate with people," the 10 year old said.

Roy Juarez, a fifth-grade student in Kinnucan's class, helps deliver the popcorn. "It has been fun," he said.

Juarez added that he has had to use math skills in doing his part in the service/learning project.

The sales stem from the advertising that can be seen on the hallway walls. Andrew Coates (Kinnucan's class) has had a helping

hand in that part of the project. "I help make the signs and hang them up," Coates said.

Sanitation is a big part of any food service. Larry Shoop, a fourth grader, helps meet the standards set. He cleans the popcorn baskets.

VanBelois and Kinnucan applauded the efforts of PTO volunteer Veronica Towne. "She has been a faithful volunteer. She's here every Friday we make popcorn."

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Shelly Hoogewind, Carrie Hubbarth, Suzanne Inman, Sarah Jannenga, Julia Johnson, Teresa Kenney, Mark Kirsch, Courtney Kissinger, Brian Knudstrup, Erin Kohler, Corinne Land, Amy Larabee, Michelle Latham, Shannon Laux, Bethany Leeman, Nathan Lietzke,

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Consider the hour glass: there is nothing to be accomplished by rattling or shaking; you have to wait patiently until the sand, grain by grain, has run from one funnel into the other.

—Christian Morgenstern

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, December 2, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan, to consider the adoption of amending the Code of Ordinance by adding Division 4 entitled "Public Nudity" to Article VII of Chapter 13 of said Code.

A copy of the ordinance is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

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