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MEAP Marvels

*** Lowell fourth- and seventh-grade students bucked the fourth- and seventh-grade trend both district and statewide. Lowell students scored well above the district and state averages.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

District and statewide fourth- and seventh-grade math and reading MEAP scores were down.

Superintendent Bert Bleke was excited to announce that Lowell students were the exception and not the rule.

"I am excited about the quality of work our children did on the test," Bleke said.

Lowell students scored well above district and state averages in both reading and math.

"The scores reflect we're

headed in the right direction," Lowell Board of Education vice president Pete Gustafson said. "This is an important bench mark. Success breeds success. I hope and suspect this improvement will continue."

The fourth-grade reading results showed Lowell to have the fourth best district scores out of the 20 schools in the Kent Intermediate School Districts. Lowell had 68.3 percent of its students score satisfactorily on the test.

There were 72.1 percent of the Alto students who earned satisfactory scores in

reading while 66.7 percent of Cherry Creek students did.

The district average was 53.1 and the state average was 49.0.

In math, 83.2 percent of Lowell fourth graders scored satisfactorily on the test.

Alto saw 82 percent of its students score satisfactorily while Cherry Creek had 83.7 percent reach the satisfactory level in math.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't comment on the excellent job done at Cherry Creek," Bleke said. "The scores fly in the face of what was accomplished at the state and district level."

The district average was 65.6 percent and the state average was 60.5.

At the seventh-grade level Lowell tallied a fourth best district score (73.4) in math and a third best (62.8) in reading.

The state math average was 51.4 percent. The KISD average was 53.7 percent.

In reading, 40.4 percent of the students scored satisfactorily. In the KISD, 43.3

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS
Fall 1996 MEAP Results

4TH GRADE MATH					
	Kent ISD	State	District	Alto	Cherry Crk.
1995	71.7	63.1	72.1	84.1	68.3
1996	65.6	60.5	83.2	82.0	83.7

4TH GRADE READING					
	Kent ISD	State	District	Alto	Cherry Crk.
1995	57.8	49.9	54.3	66.7	50.5
1996	53.1	49.0	68.3	72.1	66.7

7TH GRADE MATH			
	Kent ISD	State	District
1995	59.6	55.0	77.0
1996	53.7	51.4	73.4

7TH GRADE READING			
	Kent ISD	State	District
1995	46.5	42.3	61.1
1996	43.3	40.4	62.8

The MEAP results from last fall's state tests were released. The numbers in the above chart reflect the percentage of students who scored satisfactorily.

percent accomplished satisfactory scores.

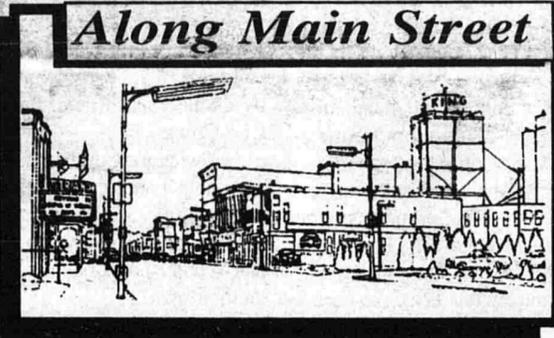
"Our vision is to see to it that all students score satis-

factorily on the test," Bleke said. "That is a difficult vision."

Bleke credited students for

their effort, and staff and school principals for their work.

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Along Main Street

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ON LCTV

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education regular board meeting of January 13 will be broadcast on Channel 2 on January 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT SUPPORT MEETING

A workshop will be held at Highlands Middle School cafeteria on 4645 Chandy NE on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It is entitled "To be gifted and learning disabled" with Dr. Susan Baum. There is no charge. If any questions, call Mary Nell Baldwin at 364-1333.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL'S FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

You are invited to assist Lowell Area Schools in developing five guiding principles for our community and schools. This will take place on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria, 750 Foreman Rd. Please call 897-8415 with your RSVP or any questions.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Association will host a public program entitled "Who Is It? What Is It? Where Is It?" Bring in your items (such as photos, memorabilia, etc.) of the Lowell area to share or have identified - or help us in identifying some of our mysteries.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. It will be preceded by the annual board meeting and election of officers at 6 p.m. at the same location. The public is invited to both meetings.

TIPS ON DISCIPLINE FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Learn tips on discipline for preschoolers Thursday, Jan. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Linda Huppert of Michigan Family Resources, Kent County Head Start program.

The program will be held at the board of education room in the Runciman building, 300 High St. Admission is free and babysitting is provided.

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Lowell Light & Power resolution has city looking into compensation across the board

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Section 16.1 of the city charter (approved March 7, 1960) states that Lowell Light & Power board members, following approval from the city council, shall receive nominal compensation for their time beginning in January.

"The charter says we're supposed to be compensated," Lowell Light and Power board member Charlie Doyle said. "I don't know what's happened but we have not been compensated."

Beginning in January, board members will be compensated \$25 per meeting up to \$325 per year, which allows for one extra meeting per year.

Councilman Don Green said that if the charter says the Lowell Light and Power board shall be compensated, he did not see that the council had any choice.

Doyle asked that the council either give its okay or turn down the request for compensation.

"This is something the council is supposed to act on," Doyle said. "We wanted the council to take action on it. We didn't want it to go through a number of meetings before action was taken."

Mayor Bill Thompson said he is concerned that if they pay one board, then the city should look into paying all boards.

Unlike the other boards, it is in the city charter that Lowell Light and Power board members be nominally compensated. "The board's compensation will be covered by Lowell Light and Power."

Before other boards can be compensated, changes in the charter would have to be made.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said he would check with city attorney Dick Wendt to see what is needed for an

amendment to the charter or to create a new charter.

"It is time we review the charter," concurred Thompson. "We know we need to make changes."

Councilman Chuck Myers said he believed the planning commission members should also be compensated.

"Serving on the planning commission is time consuming," Myers said. "I think a nominal compensation shows that the city recognizes an individual's time has value."

Myers added that Lowell Township board members are paid \$40 a meeting and Vergennes Township board members are paid \$35 per meeting.

Councilmember Jeanne Shores said she does not believe compensation will attract more people to serve on boards. "I am not against looking at the charter and paying members of other boards, but I think people serve on boards because they want to give back to the community," Shores said.

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OBITUARIES

ABEL - Gustave (Gus) C. Abel, aged 91, of Lowell, died Friday, January 10, 1997. He was preceded in death by his daughter Marilyn, brother Carl, and sister Clara Kingdom. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Doris; children Marlene (Pat) McCormick, Orison (Addie) Abel, Terry (Gerre) Abel, all of Lowell, Jane (Jerry) Comp, Doug (Terrie) Abel all of Saranac; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; sister-in-law Juanita Abel of Ada and special nephew Wayne (MaryEllen) Kingdom. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Gordon

Barry of The First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

FISHER - Dorothy Virginia Fisher, aged 79, of Saranac, passed away January 11, 1997 in Lowell. She was born December 19, 1917 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Albert and Rose Martin. She went on to marry Verlin Fisher April 8, 1939 in Ionia. He preceded her in death February 13, 1986. She is survived by her sons Duane and Barb Fisher of Saranac, Keith and Valerie

Fisher of Oklahoma, Rick and Dawn Fisher of Lowell. Daughters Sharon and Ed Grawburg of Lake Odessa. Betty and Gary Meyers of Saranac; brother Ed and Evelyn Martin of Lowell; sister Edna and Gene Rash of Lowell; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. One daughter Shirley Heintzleman preceded her in death in 1996, and one sister also preceded her in death. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Friendship Country Chapel with Rev. Robert Roush officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Saranac Fire Department. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

JACKSON - Lawrence Jackson, aged 83, of Ionia, passed away January 9, 1997 in Grand Rapids. He was born August 18, 1913 in Grand Rapids, the son of Clyde and Bessie (Badgerow) Jackson.

He was a WWII veteran of the Army from 1942 - 1945 serving in England and France. He went on to marry Jane Mackenroth December 1, 1945 in Detroit. She preceded him in death October 3, 1996 after 50 years of marriage. He worked at General Motors in Detroit and also was known for excellent carpentry skills. He is survived by his step-son William Tyler Sr. of Saranac; grandchildren William and Jackie Tyler Jr. of Texas, Pamela and Mark Knight of California; six great-grandchildren; sisters Maxine Hurst of Westland, Peggy Greschaw of Texas; sisters-in-law Emily Laird of Saranac, Jean Mackenroth of Traverse City. Funeral Services were held Sunday with Scot Chadwick officiating. Memorials in memory of Larry and Jane Jackson may be made to the Saranac Iris Fund for the Fire Department. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

SISLOCK - Frances B. Sislock, aged 84, of Lowell, died Thursday, January 9, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Sislock and grandson Regan Eugene Reynolds. She is survived by her children Norman Jahnke of Allendale, Patricia Wallerstrom of FL; brothers Clarke Boulard of Kentwood, Ward Boulard of Alto; sisters Mrs. Marion (Barbara) Appel, Isabel Woods, both of Kentwood; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Sislock was a member of Bowne Center United Methodist Church where funeral services were held Saturday with Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

1997. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Georgiana; children Goldie (James) Callihan, Nancy (John) Richardson, all of Lowell; grandchildren Kimberly (John) Smith, Lori Callihan, Dale and Bradly Richardson; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Morgan Smith; sister Mary DeLaat of Hudsonville; brother and sister-in-law Daniel (Barbara) Cummings of Rockford, Jean (Thomas) Rainey of Wyoming. Mr. Tudor was a veteran of WWII, retired from Diesel Equipment, a member of Elmdale Nazarene Church, he enjoyed travel and camping. Funeral Services were held Saturday with Rev. Greg Freed officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, 9210 Elmdale Road, Clarksville, MI 48815 or Saranac Rescue Unit. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

TUDOR - Charles J. Tudor, aged 78, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, January 8,

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Future M-21 development hinges on access road construction

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The success of 29th Street in Kentwood may have a profound impact on the future development of M-21 in Lowell Charter Township.

In two separate proposed developments the key factor was the placement of a yet-to-be-built access road off

Bowes Road and Alden Nash. Bruce Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinary Clinic, discussed plans with the township's planning commission on the prospective development of 10 acres of land on M-21.

The development is far from fruition, but Langlois sought advice from the commission as to what needs to be done to make the development happen.

Langlois' plans include 8 one-acre building sites with access off M-21. No discussion has been given regarding what type of business would be located at the site.

The commission informed him that providing public utilities (water and

sewer) would be his biggest hurdle, but he must also make plans for access to the development from a road off Bowes Road.

"It (the road) may not be built in our lifetime, but any development in that area must show an easement that allows the road to access any site," said commissioner Mel Beers.

The commission said the idea behind the access road is to eliminate left hand turns off M-21 into any business, existing or yet to be built.

Langlois' discussion centered around property on the south side of M-21, just past the Golden Dragon Restaurant, but the idea of an access road also holds true to the north side of M-21.

As Jerry McMaster prepares to open a manufactured housing business, he discussed plans of further developing the site; the discussion boiled down to an access road being built off Alden Nash.

McMaster will also have to deal with the water and sewer issue, but may find assistance from the future development of property owned by Cumberland Manor and Curt Cowles.

Cowles and Cumberland may help Langlois as well, but the proposed access road is something each developer has to make concessions for on their own.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Anna M. Lietzke, a senior majoring in chemistry, is among the 248 students named to the 1996 fall semester dean's list at Adrian College. Lietzke is a 1993 Lowell High School graduate and the daughter of Theodore and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell.

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes.

Adrian College is a highly regarded, independent liberal arts institution located in southeast Michigan.

A total of 5,172 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 1996. Students from Michigan numbered 4,772.

Among the students having a 3.5 or better grade point average were: Sara Elice DeWaard, Tamara D. Froese, Craig Alan Coleman, Whitney C. Hopkinson, Elena Marshelle Richmond, Jolene J. Scheeringa and Kendra Nicole Walker, all of Lowell and Alisha A. Adrianse, Jennifer Lynn Dougherty, Heather L. Houweling, Jaimie Therese Outley and Stephanie Miles Woman, of Alto.

City worker finds body lying on roadside

The body of an 83-year-old Lowell woman was found Monday morning at the northwest corner of the Washington/King Street intersection.

Joe Baker, a snowplow driver for the city of Lowell, spotted the body of Marguerite Shaler while plowing Washington Street near Shaler's home at 503 N. Washington.

Shaler was lying about 10-15 feet off the side of the road. Lowell police officer James Hinton said it did not appear as if Shaler had been struck by a vehicle. "It appears to be a natural death."

Officials believe Shaler decided to take a walk earlier in the morning. Hinton said the body had been at the site for two-three hours.

The official word on Shaler's death is not expected from the coroner until Wednesday (Jan. 15).

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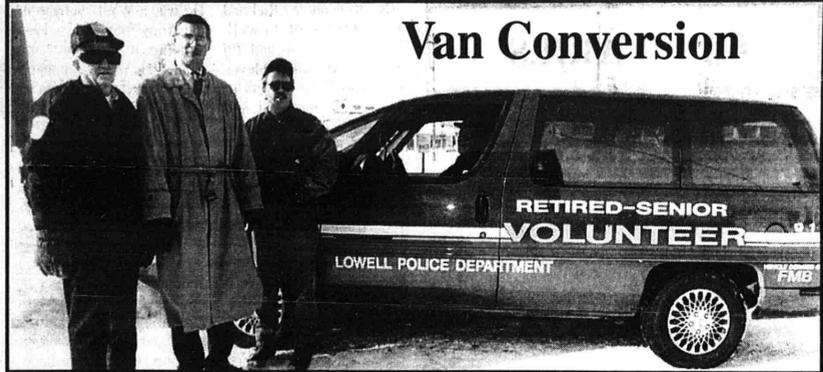
"We have to make sure we have the capability to handle progress in that area," said commissioner Dick Bryan. "That includes traffic."

The township's master plan calls for the access road to be located 400-600 feet from M-21 on the north side and 300-400 feet on the south side.

The commission compares the road to 29th Street saying businesses could have one entrance on M-21 and one from the proposed road.

McMaster agrees that the access road will be important and said today's developers will be the trendsetters for the road.

"We're going to set the pace. We need to do this as best as possible so that everybody wins," concluded McMaster



Lowell Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Policemen (RSVP) now have their own vehicle, thanks to FMB State Savings Bank. The local banking institution donated a 1991 Chevy Lumina van to the department. The vehicle was recommended to the department by LA Trim owner Dale Dawson. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Vern Venneman; Jim Bossert, FMB State Savings Bank president; Dale Dawson; and Keith Heydenburg (sitting in vehicle).

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Byrne Park Area Road Improvement Special Assessment District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having received petitions to make certain public improvements consisting of paving and improving Byrne Park Drive, Westerly 1100 feet from Lincoln Lake Avenue; Bordeau Drive, from Byrne Park Drive Southerly to its end; Pine Ridge Drive, from Byrne Park Drive to Ravine Drive; Larned Drive, from Pine Ridge Drive to the lake; Wimpole Drive, from Larned Drive North to its end; Pine Ridge Court, from Wimpole Drive to Pine Ridge Drive; and Ravine Drive 500 feet North and South of Pine Ridge Drive (the "Improvements"), has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said Improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefited by the Improvements and which together comprise the following proposed special assessment district:

Byrne Park Area Road Improvement Special Assessment District

Lots and Parcels Numbered:

- 41-12-10-201-003, -004, -005, -007, -009, -012, -013;
- 41-12-10-202-002, -003, -004, -009, -012, -014, -016;
- 41-12-10-203-005, -018, -019, -021, -022, -023, -026, -027, -028;
- 41-12-10-204-001, -002, -010, -011, -015, -016, -017;
- 41-12-10-251-007, -008, -010, -011, -013;
- 41-12-10-252-001, -002, -003, -018, -019, -026, -027;
- 41-12-10-276-003, -004, -005, -006, -010, -011, -013, -014, -016, -017, -018, -019, -020, -023, -024, -025, -026, -027, -028, -029, -030;
- 41-12-10-277-002;
- 41-12-10-278-004, -005, -006, -008, -009, -014, -021, -022, -023, -024, -027, -028, -029;
- 41-12-10-279-001;
- 41-12-10-426-001, -004, -005, -008, -009, -010, -011, -012, -013, -018, -019, -020, -022, -027, -028, -029 -031.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at the Historical Society Museum, 11675 Old Belding Road, in said Township, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, the proposed Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: January 13, 1997

Peggy A. Gurney, Clerk
Township of Grattan

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion (Psalm 71:1).

Driving on icy roads is hazardous. Riding with some drivers on a clear highway is about as dangerous. It is only after your destination has been reached that you feel free to take a deep breath.

Although there is no need, Christians are often guilty of going through life "holding their breath." If they allow fears to envelop them, worry when they should trust, try to work out their problems instead of allowing an all-wise Heavenly Father to do it for them, they are doing just that, "holding their breath." Too often Christians fret when they should rely upon Him to work out all things in accordance with His will and divine plan. Instead of expecting God's best, they "hold their breath" and anticipate the worst. They ponder what the next calamity will be when they could recline in peace and confidence.

It is our privilege, Christians, to enjoy the journey heavenward in absolute confidence and safety. We need not go through life "holding our breath." There is rest for those who put their implicit trust in the Lord. They can "relax and trust."

Prayer: O Lord, I surrender my fears into Thy keeping and trust Thee to protect me on my journey heavenward. Let me never be put to confusion, Amen.

He'll keep you when the storm is wild.
And when the flood is near:
O trust him, trust him as a child
And you have naught to fear!

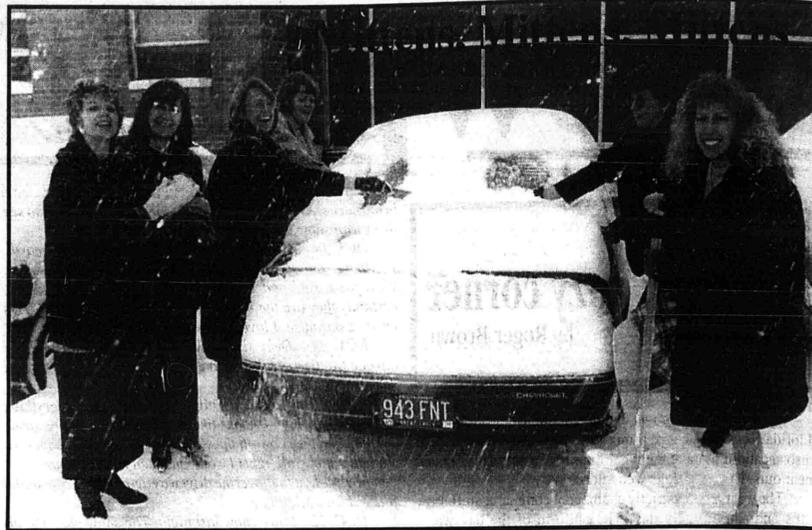
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AREA BIRTHS

Tate and Melissa Thomas of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Alainie Renee** Thomas. She was born December 6, 1996, weighing 10 lbs. 6 oz.

Proud grandparents are Darrell and Diane Thomas and Ronald and Laurel Hayward.

Memoirs: the backstairs of history.
—George Meredith



For the past four years, the Lowell Education Association and support staff have sponsored a contest to see who could collect the most mittens and things for needy kids in the county and community for the past three years the Lowell bus drivers have earned top honors. This year, the school district's central office brought in the most mittens. The Lowell Education Association rewarded the central office with a pizza party from Faro's. The entire school staff collected over 400 mittens, gloves, scarves and hats. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Carol Briggs, Rose Hartley, Jantina Wasciuk, Carol Schuster, Kathy Biggs and Kay Jones.

Fonger wins Florida's "Fantasy Lottery"

Winning \$15,000 in a state lottery game is a fantasy for most.

It is now a reality for Lowell's Rosie Fonger. The Florida snowbird matched five of the 26 numbers picked in the state's Fantasy Lottery on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

"The most money I'd ever won previously was \$250

playing bingo," Fonger said from her home in Lakeland.

The five lucky numbers selected by Fonger were 9, 13, 17, 22, and 24.

Fonger will use some of the money to take four grandchildren to Disney World.

"My son Nick is going to fly down with his two kids and my boy Neal's two kids," Fonger said. "I'm also going to make a donation to the school and the new library."

Fonger said she looks forward to the annual dinner Lowell snowbirds attend in Huntington Hills on the first Sunday in March.

There is nothing so consoling as to find that one's neighbor's troubles are at least as great as one's own.
—George Moore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JANUARY 17 - Kevin Rasch.
- JANUARY 19 - Tim Stencil, Susan Korte, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney, Evelyn Powell.
- JANUARY 20 - Shelby Baird.
- JANUARY 21 - James Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Eunice VanderVeen, Krysta Jankowski.
- JANUARY 22 - Cheryl DeYoung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, Jenni Sokolowski, Frances Walling.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Wednesday Worship.....6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and non-denominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinkney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-8695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10601 St. Helens • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 897-5648 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM & 8:00PM Sunday School Hours.....11:00AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. times 897-7168 JOE GERKIN, PASTOR</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LalWarr.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Cuver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>



Week of Jan. 20, 1997
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Staff professional development day, no school.

TUESDAY: Hot dog in a bun, baked beans, cookie bar, assorted fruit or peach cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, homemade dinner roll & margarine, gelatine, fruit, milk.

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

FRIDAY: Italian dunkers w/cheese stick, green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Staff professional development day, no school.

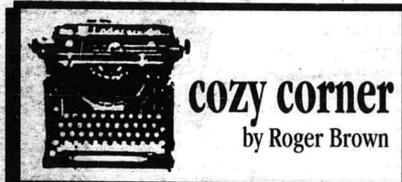
TUESDAY: BBQ roast beef in a bun, grilled chicken in a bun or chef salad w/bread, Choose 2: baked potato, side salad or pasta salad, assorted fruit or peach cup, cookie bar, milk.

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: Pizza pocket, burrito w/bread, cheeseburger or chef salad, choose 2: side salad, fruit juice or cole slaw, canned fruit or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Italian dunkers w/cheese stick, scalloped potatoes & ham w/1 breadstick or chef salad w/1 breadstick, choose 2: green beans, side salad or carrot sticks, assorted fruits, milk.

Viewpoint



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

beautiful here. The hills are so majestic, can hardly wait to see them with snow covering them. I love it here.

OCT. 14 - Michigan is the most beautiful place on earth. The leaves are all turning color to shades of red and orange. Went for a ride and saw some deer. They are so graceful, certainly they are the most wonderful animals on earth. This must be paradise. I love it here.

NOV. 11 - Deer season will start soon. Can't imagine anyone wanting to kill such a gorgeous creature. Hope it will snow soon. I love it here.

DEC. 2 - It snowed last night. Woke up to find everything blanketed in white. It looks like a postcard. We went outside and cleaned the snow off the steps and shoveled the driveway. We had a snowball fight (I won), and then when the snow plow came by, we had to shovel the driveway again. What a beautiful place. I love Michigan.

DEC. 12 - More snow last night. The snow plow did his trick to the driveway again. I love it here.

DEC. 19 - More snow last night. Couldn't get out of the driveway to get to work. I'm exhausted from shoveling. @#%*!# snow plow!

DEC. 22 - More of that white @#%* fell last night. I've got blisters on my hands from shoveling. I think the snow plow hides around the corner and waits until I'm done shoveling the driveway. @#%*!# snow plow driver!

DEC. 25 - Merry @#%*! Christmas! More frigg'en snow. If I ever get my hands on the S.O.B. who drives that snow plow, I swear I'll kill the @#%*! Don't know why they don't use more salt on the roads to melt the @#%*! ice.

DEC. 27 - More white @#%* last night. Been inside for three days except for shoveling out the driveway after the snow plow goes through. Can't go anywhere, car's in a mountain of white @#%*! The weatherman says to expect another ten inches of the @#%* again. Do you know how many shovels of snow ten inches is?!!??

DEC. 28 - The @#%*! weatherman was wrong. We got 34 inches of that white @#%* this time. At this rate it won't melt before next summer. The snow plow got stuck up the road and that @#%*! came to the door and asked to borrow my shovel. After I told him I'd broken six shovels while shoveling all the @#%* he pushed into the driveway, I broke my last one over his @#%*! head!!

JAN. 4 - Finally got out of the house today. Went to the store to get food and on the way back a damned deer ran out in front of the car and I hit it. Did about \$3,000 worth of damage. Those @#%*! beasts should be exterminated. Wish the hunters had killed them all last November.

MAY 3 - Took the car to the garage in town. Would you believe the thing is rusting out from all that @#%*! salt they put all over the road?

MAY 10 - Moved to Virginia. I can't imagine why anyone in their right mind would ever live in that God forsaken state of Michigan.

Take heart, folks. There are only 65 days until the first day of spring. Of course, that doesn't necessarily mean an end to the snow.



Sharing The Vision
MARSHA WILCOX
Lowell Board of Education President

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT

A long-ago strategic planner once asked board members, "What is at the very heart and core of the Lowell Area Schools?" My answer is the same now as it was then: People. As with almost any organization, the right people doing the right things at the right time with the right attitude leads to success.

In June, our board welcomed new member, Mark Blanding. He came just in time to learn the Michigan Revised School Code (which the rest of us had to learn). Revising the code meant that long-standing rules, under which boards have operated schools, had changed. The revisions allow cooperative efforts among parents, teachers, and boards to give students "reasonable opportunities to attain endorsed diplomas."

Lowell Area Schools opted out of the State School of Choice Plan, and instead, choose to participate in a cooperative effort to allow choices within the Kent Intermediate School District. This plan sensibly takes into consideration space and staff limitations which are unique to each district.

A community committee of over 150 people reported out its work in a Business and Education Plan. The board gratefully accepted and used many valuable ideas which resulted. The

specific recommendation to install a computer in every classroom was not possible for the near term because of technology's high price tag and our limited resources.

Our per student foundation grant was raised slightly in 1996 from \$5,052 to \$5,291. The ever-growing student count was 3,504, up 108 from the prior year. With the "blended count" system, we receive per student funds for about one half of our actual increase in students.

For our annual required audit, we once again received an unqualified opinion, the highest designation, from our auditor, Phil Saurman. He did suggest business office changes because of budgeting problems. After carefully revisiting every line item, we feel confident that the budget is realistic and doable.

At the high school, we started an exciting new block schedule last fall. Because of thorough research and preparation on the part of parents and staff members, the 7-block seems workable and well-accepted. The strong points of such scheduling remain allowance for use of more effective teaching methods and flexibility for busy students.

Our increased expectations were clearly articulated in a District Vision. This vision has successful students as its clearly stated goal. A stable classroom environment, alignment of the curriculum, a supportive staff and community will all help our students to do their best. We are already seeing improvement in test results. Plans for identifying character traits important to this community are scheduled.

It has been, as always, an "interesting" year as superintendent Bert Bleke would say. After his first full year at Lowell, he continues his focused, hard-working style of leadership in the district. He is obviously there for kids.

All of these challenges were met and accomplished by - you guessed it - people! You are the very heart and core of Lowell Area Schools.



Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 15, 1897

E.H. Hayes of Detroit proposes to build a \$100,000 sanitarium at Cascade Springs in the spring and will organize a stock company here to finance it.

A Chicago reform has reached New York; ladies are requested to remove their hats at the theatre, thus increasing visibility. It's a popular measure.

After the Tradewell shooting last week, the following Sunday all Grand Rapids saloons were shut down tight for the first time.

The warm temperatures have exhausted ice supplies, so it is being brought in from Bay City, at higher prices.

"Wichita school boy's composition" in tailor B.C. Smith's ad: "Pants are made for men and not men for pants. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants, such mistakes lead to breeches of promise. Pants are like molasses, they are thinner in summer and thicker in winter. Men get on a tear in their pants and some say it is all right; but when the pants get on a tear it is all wrong. There has been much discussion as to whether 'pants' is singular or plural. Seems to me that when men wear pants they are plural, and when they don't they are singular."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - JAN. 12, 1922

Chase Furniture Co., which has opened a second factory in Lowell, manufactures library and davenport tables and has just received one order for \$75,000 worth.

Lowell Literary Club, Clover Leaf Club and Vergennes Cooperative Club report meetings with music, readings and discussion.

Who has the power — the county auditors or the supervisors? — is being argued with some heat.

Interior Secretary Fillet lists the coal and oil riches contained in public lands at a minimum of \$150 billion.

The first helium-filled dirigible is flown over Washington D.C. Smoking is allowed (no smoking within 100 yards with a hydrogen-filled dirigible).

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 16, 1947

Continuing export demand keeps soft wheat prices the highest in 26 years.

Farmers are warned that they need to build up their soil after heavy wartime demands.

Algoma Township is among the first to enact a Building Code.

Only Genesee County has lower administrative and operating costs than Kent County, says the Michigan Survey.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - JAN. 13, 1972

197 junior and senior high school students were home with a flu bug Monday.

The school board and YMCA agree to jointly sponsor high school completion courses, with up to five classes this coming semester.

Recorders will be installed on school phones on a trial basis for obscene calls and bomb threats.

Phil Johnson and Jim Cooper rescue two boys who fell through the ice near Riverside Drive, by working a ladder out to them.

Letters, Letters, Letters...
The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.
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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



SENATE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEXT SESSION

Last Wednesday marked the official beginning of the 89th Legislature in Lansing. Coming off the most productive session in Michigan history, we're ready to continue the work we've already begun since 1991. Among the greatest of our accomplishments since then has been our 21 tax cuts, saving taxpayers billions of dollars. With a new session comes a new set of goals and challenges. I already have several priorities that I've begun working on that I hope to accomplish.

My top concern for this session is education, specifically ways that we can better prepare our children for the future. I have three priorities that I hope will accomplish this. The first one is to find ways of identifying and helping high-risk children at an early age. If we can work with those children who are having trouble with reading and math skills while

they are still young, I believe we can dramatically increase graduation rates. By helping students succeed early on, that success will continue throughout their education and into their career.

A second priority in education is working at ways of changing the mind-set within our school system when it comes to learning a trade. The future looks extremely bright as far as job growth. There is strong indication that many of the highest-paying jobs being created aren't necessarily for college graduates, but those who are skilled in a specific trade. In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average gross weekly salary of U.S. workers in the skilled trades right now, is \$50-\$250 more per week than someone with a bachelor's degree. With this in mind, you can see why it's important to remove some of the negative stereotypes associated with choosing to learn a trade instead of attending college. I want to make sure we're putting as much effort into teaching skills as we do preparing students for college.

My third priority for our educational system is keeping the costs of higher education affordable. We've already begun this process by creating a tax credit for students who attend a college or university that held its tuition hike to under 3 percent. By doing this, not only are we making college more affordable for students, but we're discouraging colleges and universities from sharply raising their tuition rates. So far this seems to be working. This year, 30 Michigan schools kept tuition hikes below 3 percent, in comparison to only two schools in 1995.

An on-going concern to me, as I'm sure it is with your family, is crime. Recently we received word from the Michigan State Police that the occurrence of violent crime is at a ten-year low in our state. And although this is excellent news, I want to continue finding ways to keep our streets safe. Last year I was the main sponsor of the sweeping juvenile justice package designed to stem the instances of violent juvenile crime. This issue remains a top priority for the upcoming session. We'll be looking at further steps to continue the downward spiral of crime in Michigan.

Another priority that I have for the next session is judicial selection. Before Christmas, I shared with you my thoughts on taking politics out of choosing our higher court judges. My feeling is the grueling election process that we currently use to select judges and justices discourages some of the most qualified candidates from running. This issue hasn't been seriously studied since the Constitutional Convention of 1963. Early in this new session, I will be setting up a citizens committee to examine judicial selection and find some viable alternatives.

Some critics are saying this session won't accomplish much because of gridlock and the effect of term limits. I couldn't disagree more. We have a great opportunity ahead of us to continue to make Michigan a model to the nation. With the priorities that I've just outlined in mind, the 89th Legislature looks to be a session of great potential for the families of our state.

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



ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER IN ADULTS

Attention deficit disorder (ADD) tends to receive a lot of attention in the media with respect to how it affects children and adolescents. We now know that in many individuals it persists into adulthood with estimates that it may affect 1 percent to 3 percent of adults.

Like children, adults with ADD seem unable to remain attentive; staying focused for any but the smallest amount of time seems nearly impossible. ADD typically manifests when those affected are required to listen at formal meetings or remain "on task" during times of studious endeavor (i.e. reviewing important information prior to an important job

related encounter). As a result of the inattentiveness or distractibility, the ADD adult tends to make careless mistakes at inopportune times. These events tend to lower self-esteem, confidence levels, and may result in demotions or even job loss.

Generally speaking, adults with ADD can recall that they had similar difficulties during their childhood school years, perhaps at a time when ADD was under-recognized or undertreated. Typically they feel that their inability to remain

focused is just "the way I am" and they may not seek medical attention.

If you or a family member feel that you may have symptoms of ADD, it may be wise to consult your primary care physician. If deemed appropriate, a formal neuropsychological evaluation should be performed. If testing results in a diagnosis of ADD, treatment with medication may result in substantial improvement in the ability to concentrate and be productive.

Host families needed for international students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns

For each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Denmark, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship stu-

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IN THE SERVICE

Marine Lance Cpl. Phillip R. Stebbins, son of Marti Deacon of Ada, recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Detachment, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, RI.

Stebbins' new assignment is an example of how

Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Stebbins are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1995 graduate of Grand Rapids High School, joined the Marine Corps in April 1995.

Air Force Airman Larry J. Meyers has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Meyers is the son of Julie A. and Richard A. Meyers of Saranac.

He is a 1996 graduate of Saranac Community High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class William J. Hafer, son of Philip R. Hafer of Saranac, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Mitscher.

Home ported in Norfolk, VA, Hafer was one of more than 300 sailors who traveled more than 30,000 miles on the ship's maiden deployment while operating with the USS Enterprise Battle Group. The battle group included nine tactical aviation squadrons, seven surface combatants and two submarines.

In addition to serving as the premier platform in providing Tomahawk missile strike data updates to other ships in the battle group, Hafer's ship participated in more than a dozen fleet exercises with U.S. Navy, NATO and other allied assets.

An AEGIS-destroyer, USS Mitscher is one of the most powerful warships ever

put to sea. The computer based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

During the deployment, Hafer visited Crete, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Sardinia, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey.

The 1992 graduate of Coopersville High School joined the Navy in July 1992.

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Tod Nyson Band's performance at New Riverview Restaurant to benefit ACCESS 6

The Tod Nyson Band will provide a little country and a little classical rock 'n' roll when it performs at the New Riverview Restaurant on Saturday, Jan. 25.

The proceeds brought in from the Tod Nyson Band performance will benefit the ACCESS-6 food pantry located in the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

"My church (Congregational Church) and the Methodist Church have taken a big interest in the food pantry," band member Roger MacNaughton said.

MacNaughton, Nyson, Dale Kropf and Mike Hyde (The Tod Nyson Band) will be joined by Kathi Avalon.

"Kathi has done studio work at River City Studios," MacNaughton said.

Local residents will recall MacNaughton was a member of the "Alive & Well" band years ago.

The Tod Nyson band has played for a few things here and there, according to MacNaughton. Most recently they played at a benefit for Randy Warner. "We're just looking for places to play," MacNaughton said. "The band first came together at the Riverwalk Festival."

MacNaughton credits Dale Triplett with the idea for the ACCESS-6 benefit.

The New Riverview Restaurant is located just east of the Lowell city limits on M-21.

Admission to the event is \$5 per person or per couple and the band will play from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Tickets are available at the door or from Triplett at Speerstra-Carr Agency in Lowell.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Fall 1996 MEAP Results

7TH GRADE DISTRICT RANKINGS

DISTRICT	MATH	DISTRICT	READING
Forest Hills.....	86.1	E.G.R.....	73.1
E. G.R.....	85.2	Forest Hills.....	69.9
Sparta.....	77.3	LOWELL.....	62.8
LOWELL.....	73.4	Rockford.....	57.2
Grandville.....	70.2	Grandville.....	55.9
ISD.....	53.7	ISD.....	43.3
State.....	51.4	State.....	40.4

4TH GRADE DISTRICT RANKINGS

DISTRICT	MATH	DISTRICT	READING
Forest Hills.....	96.6	Forest Hills.....	91.9
Godfrey Lee.....	91.4	Northview.....	71.7
Grandville.....	89.4	Grandville.....	71.4
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TUESDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 21, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NCK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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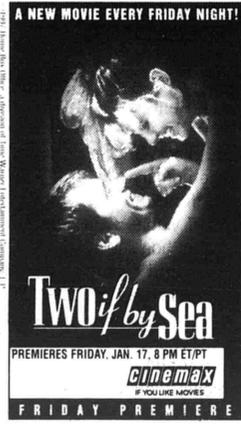
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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 23, 1997		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder "Delusions of Murder"	Class of 2000 What this year's high-school freshmen think of their futures. (In Stereo)	News	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
4	WOTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	High Incident (In Stereo)	Murder One (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
5	WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside Adventure	Mystery! "Original Sin" (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
7	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Note"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "Rules of Engagement"	Party of Five "I Declare" (In Stereo)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Our Man Bashir"	Tonight Show		
8	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Package"	Naked Truth (In Stereo)	News	Nightline		
23	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Original Sin" (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors		
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	High Incident (In Stereo)	Murder One (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
19	WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "Rules of Engagement"	Real TV	Access Hollywood	Bzzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe	
17	TBS	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Movie: ** 1/2 "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Fantasy)	Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Earl Jones. A warrior fights snake worshippers to free a princess.	* 1/2 "Beastmaster 2: Through the Portal of Time"	Carson Classics	Carson Classics			
16	FAM	Waltons "The Fledgling"	Highway to Heaven "Hello and Farewell"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club (Left in Progress)	College Basketball: UCLA at USC. (Live)					
18	FX	Mission: Impossible "The Controllers"	A-Team "Moving Targets"	Miami Vice "No Exit"	in Living Color	College Basketball: UCLA at USC. (Live)					
14	USA	Highlander: The Series "The Sea Witch"	Movie: *** 1/2 "Fried Green Tomatoes" (1991, Comedy-Drama)	Kathy Bates, Fannie Flagg's tale of friendship between Alabama women. (In Stereo)	Silk Stalkings "Cadillac Jack" (R) (In Stereo)	Wild Discovery "Saving the Tiger" (R)					
15	DISC	Wings	Wild Discovery "Saving the Tiger" (R)	Next Step	News (In Stereo)	Wiseguy (In Stereo)					
22	WGN	Family Matters	Bzzz! (In Stereo)	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers. From Gund Arena.	News (In Stereo)						
21	ESPN	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Iowa at Minnesota. (Live)	College Basketball: Memphis at Louisville. (Live)							
20	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN Sports Illustrated	Moneyline		
12	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda (Part 2 of 2)	Taxi "Fantasy Borough"	Odd Couple
11	A&E	Equalizer "The Line"	Biography "Bette Davis: If Looks Could Kill" (R)	Ancient Mysteries (R)	Unexplained "Cannibalism"	Law & Order "Cruel and Unusual"					
10	PASS	Michigan State Wrestling	To Be Announced	College Hockey U.S.A.	CCHA Digest	Pistons Insider	Game Night	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Golden State Warriors. (Live)			
9	TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Movie: "Last Stand at Saber River" (1997) Tom Selleck, David Carradine.	Movie: *** "The Comancheros" (1961) John Wayne, Lee Marvin.							
8	NASH	Dukes of Hazard "The Fortune Tellers"	Championship Rodeo (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (In Stereo)	Dallas "Blocked" (In Stereo)					
6	TRAV	Exploring America	Travel America	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Exploring America	Travel America	
5	TLC	Hometime: Contracting	Hometime: Contracting	Real America: 48 Hours	Ghost Towns: Stories of Gold Rush	Alien Hand (R)	Sci-Fi Buzz	Inside Space	Real America: 48 Hours (R)	Time Trax "The Last MIA" (In Stereo)	
4	SCI-FI	Time Trax "The Last MIA" (In Stereo)	Tekwar "Tek Posse" (R) (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Dead Air" (In Stereo)	Civil War Journal	Automobiles "Jeep" (R)					
3	HIST	Two Jims: Hell's Volcano (R)	Ellis Island (R) (Part 2 of 3)	Civil War Journal	Automobiles "Jeep" (R)						
2	AMC	Movie: *** "The Seven Year Itch" (1955), Tom Ewell, Evelyn Keyes	Movie: *** "The Robe" (1953), Jean Simmons, Victor Mature	Movie: *** "The Hobbit" (1977), Otto Preminger, John Huston	American Teacher Awards	Celebrities present awards to the country's outstanding teachers. (R)	Movie: *** "Oh, God!" (1977), John Denver 'PG'	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)			
1	DISN	Movie: *** "The Hobbit" (1977), Otto Preminger, John Huston	American Teacher Awards	Celebrities present awards to the country's outstanding teachers. (R)	Movie: *** "Oh, God!" (1977), John Denver 'PG'	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)					
1	HBO	(6:30) Movie: *** "Urban Cowboy" (1980) PG (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Broken Arrow" (1996), Christian Slater (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)	Movie: *** "The Journey of August King" (1995) (In Stereo) PG-13	Movie: * "Naked Souls" (1995), Brian Krause (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: ** "Flashfire" (1994) (In Stereo) 'R'					
1	MAX	(6:30) Movie: ** "Mom and Dad Save the World"	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Journey of August King" (1995) (In Stereo) PG-13	Movie: * "Naked Souls" (1995), Brian Krause (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: ** "Flashfire" (1994) (In Stereo) 'R'						

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 23, 1997		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Pat Bullard (In Stereo)	Geraldo Rivera				CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)	
4	WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)					
5	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
7	WXMI	Gordon Elliott	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	Scoop (R)	(Off Air)				Wonder Years	Doogie Howser, M.D.
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Paid Program				NBC News Night	
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends			ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
19	WSYM	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)	(Off Air)								
17	TBS	(10:50) Movie: "Beastmaster 2: Time"	Movie: ** "The Beastmaster" (1982, Fantasy) Marc Singer, Rip Torn. An ancient warrior sets out to avenge his father's murder.	Leave It to Beaver	Laverne & Shirley	Gomer Pyle, USMC					
16	FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club (Left in Progress)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
14	FX	College Basketball	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
12	USA	Duckman (In Stereo)	Big Date	Knight Rider "Knight in Retreat"	Movie: ** "Less Than Zero" (1987) Andrew McCarthy, Robert Downey Jr. (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
11	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Cronkite Remembers "Television and Politics" (R)	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
10	WGN	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Paid Program	Paid Program	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (In Stereo)	Xena: Warrior Princess (In Stereo)			
9	ESPN	Sportscenter	Super Bowl VII	Golf Hawaii (R)	Hawaii Sports	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	College Basketball: Memphis at Louisville. (R)			
8	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latenight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	
7	NICK	Bewitched "Ling Ling"	I Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda (Part 2 of 2)	Taxi "Fantasy Borough"	Dick Van Dyke
6	A&E	Biography "Bette Davis: If Looks Could Kill" (R)	Ancient Mysteries (R)	Unexplained "Cannibalism" (R)	Unexplained "Cannibalism" (R)	Law & Order "Cruel and Unusual" (R)					
5	PASS	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Warriors	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Wm. Basketball	High School Basketball: Kretz Classic. From Coral Springs, Fla. (R)					
4	TNT	Movie: *** 1/2 "Cahill, U.S. Marshal" (1973, Western)	John Wayne, rugged lawman J.D. Cahill tracks a wily bank robber.	Movie: ** "Eureka" (1963, Drama)	Gene Hackman. A gold prospector learns money cannot buy happiness or peace.						
3	NASH	Dukes of Hazard "The Fortune Tellers"	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
2	TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Get Wet	Undersea Adventures
1	TLC	Ghost Towns: Stories of Gold Rush	Alien Hand (R)	Hometime: Contracting	Hometime: Contracting	Sci-Fi Buzz (R)	Inside Space (R)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
1	SCI-FI	Tekwar "Tek Posse" (R) (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Dead Air" (In Stereo)	Sci-Fi Buzz (R)	Inside Space (R)						
1	HIST	Ellis Island (R) (Part 2 of 3)	Civil War Journal (R)	Automobiles "Jeep" (R)							
1	AMC	(11:15) Movie: *** "The Seven Year Itch" (1955)	Movie: *** "The Robe" (1953), Jean Simmons, Victor Mature	Movie: *** 1/2 "Peyton Place" (1957), Lloyd Nolan, Hope Lange							
1	DISN	(11:00) Movie: "Oh God" (1977), John Denver 'PG'	Movie: *** "A Man for All Seasons" (1966) Paul Scofield. Oscar-winning account of Catholic statesman Sir Thomas More. 'G'	Movie: *** "Up in Arms" (1944), Constance Dowling (In Stereo)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Impact" (1949), Charles Coburn	Movie: *** 1/2 "Virtuosity" (1995), Kelly Lynch (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: ** "Flashfire" (1994) (In Stereo) 'R'				
1	HBO	Movie: "Dead Silence" (1997), Kim Coates (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Broken Arrow	Larry Sanders (R)							
1	MAX	(11:00) Movie: ** "Assassins" (1995), Antonio Banderas (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)	Movie: ** "Nick of Time" (1995) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)	Movie: ** "Unlawful Entry" (1996) (In Stereo) 'R'							

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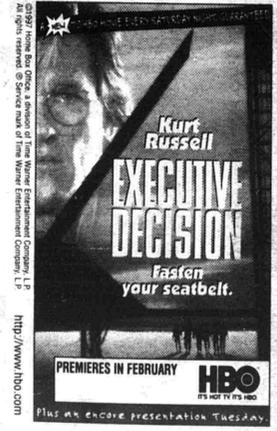
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What are your thoughts on the Lions choosing Bobby Ross (former Charger football coach) as their new football coach?



Kyle Rozema
He's okay. He took the Chargers to the Super Bowl. Hope he does the same for the Lions. He's got to be better than Fontes.

Tom Hobbs
He's a pretty good coach. He may be a little old to coach the Lions for five years.

Joe Yurkinas
Ross was a pretty good choice. He can't be as bad as Fontes has been.

Eric Symanski
He's alright, better than some they could have chosen.

Host families, continued...From Page 7

dents from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a nonprofit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSJET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSJET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Lowell area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818 or via the internet at <http://www.pieusa.org>. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.
—Francis Bacon



Rich Tindall
It's about time. I am just glad to see Fontes gone.

Lee VandeBunte
I would have liked Joe Gibbs. I'm glad they changed coaches, but I think they need a new owner as well.

Ray Quada
Anything but Fontes. I would have liked to have seen the Lions turn to a college coach like Saban.

Russ Videan
I like Ross. He took San Diego to the Super Bowl and to the playoffs.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF LOWELL MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 1997-98 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

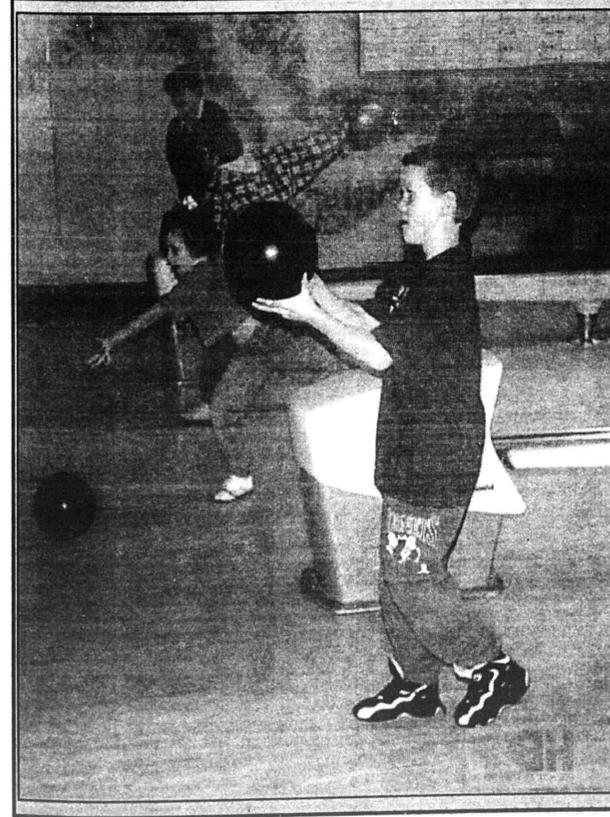
A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

- West Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Project.....\$41,882.35
- North Kent Transit, assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders.....2,000.00

The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 1997-98 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the city of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk



Fitness is Fun!

Cherry Creek Elementary students who successfully met their fitness goals for the month of December were treated to some free bowling and skating at Roll Away Ltd. Bowling and Skating. Lowell Rotary sponsored the event.

Lowell falls a couple rebounds short in three-point loss to Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell was within 36 seconds of recording its first O-K White conference win of the '97 basketball season, before Northview rebounded for a 59-56 victory.

Lowell led 56-55 with 14 seconds left to play when Northview's Dusty Nelson grabbed a Wildcat miss shot and put it in, giving Northview

a 57-56 lead.

Nelson was fouled on the put-back. The Wildcat missed the foul shot which bounded off the rim and was grabbed by Northview guard Kyle Verlin.

Lowell fouled Verlin immediately, sending the guard to the line with nine seconds to play. The Wildcat missed the front end of the one-and-one, but teammate Dick Wa-

ger grabbed the long rebound in the lane before being fouled by the Red Arrows.

Wager proceeded to miss both shots from the line. Lowell grabbed the rebound and called timeout with four seconds remaining.

Lowell was unable to get off a decent shot before falling to 0-4 in the conference and 1-5 overall.

"I told the kids before the game I didn't care if we won by 20 points, or one point. Let's just get out of here with a win," said a relieved Northview coach Bob Roelofs. "I hate this place. We never play well here."

Northview as a team had been shooting 75 percent from the foul line. The Wildcats were 0-for-5 from the line in the last minute of play.

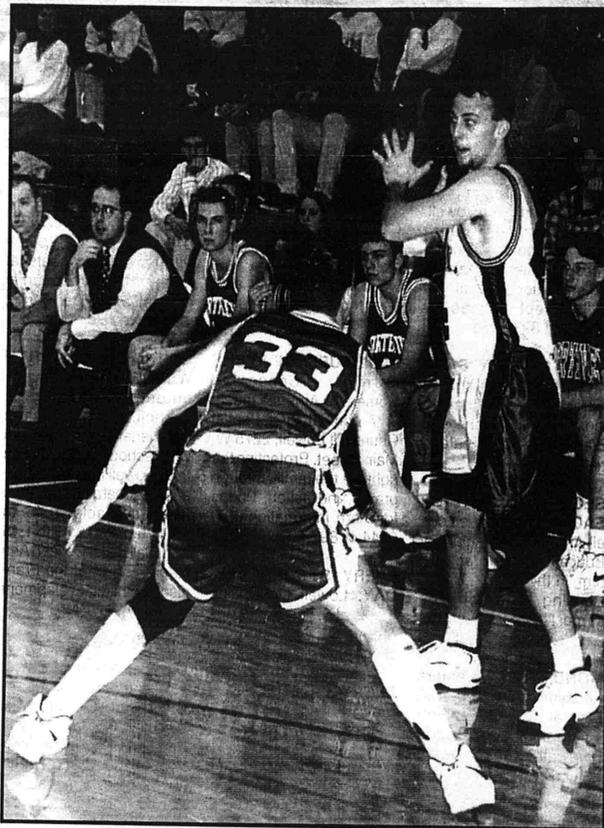
"We just couldn't knock down a foul shot," Roelofs said. "We do not shoot well here."

Lowell trailed 53-44 with 3:50 to play in the game. The Red Arrows went on a 12-2 run over the next three-and-a-half minutes to take its short-lived 56-55 lead.

Aaron Brander started the rally with a bucket and then a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 53-49. A Wildcat basket put the Lowell deficit back to six at 55-49.

A basket by Jeff Catlin sandwiched around two baskets by Kevin Brown gave Lowell a one-point lead.

"We made mistakes, but we played extremely hard," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "We had an op-



Lowell's Aaron Brander looks for a cutter in high school basketball action against Northview Friday night.

portunity to win, but couldn't get a rebound."

Bush was pleased with the way his club came back in the last four minutes.

"I was also pleased with the way Brown shot and the way he went to the basket down the stretch," Bush said. "We played well against a good team. We just have to eliminate some mistakes."

Lowell travels to Wyoming Park on Friday.

FHC 74
Lowell 58

Kevin Brown tossed in 26, but it wasn't enough to offset the balanced attack of the Rangers.

Central's Chris Telman netted a team-leading 11 points and Travis Johnson and Scott Rumpas each contributed with 10 points each.

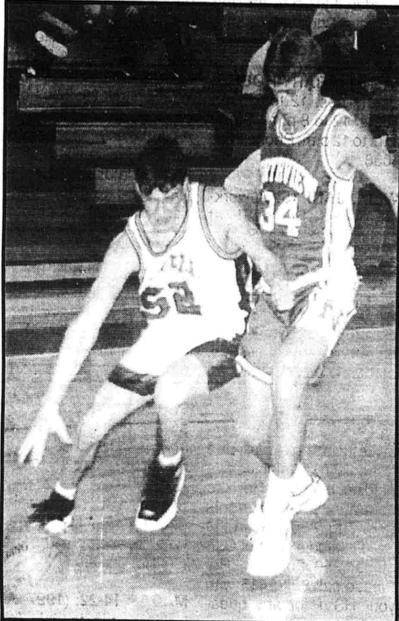
The Rangers outscored Lowell 18-6 in the first quarter and 21-18 in the second

quater to take a 39-24 half-time lead.

The two teams played relatively even in the second half as FHC outscored the Red Arrows 36-34 in securing a 16-point victory.

Lowell was outrebounded 39-27, leading Lowell on the boards was Brown with seven.

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Kevin Brown drives past his Northview counterpart for two of his 25 points.

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COMING EVENTS

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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.

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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 897-9310 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: G.F.W.C. 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.

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

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

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

WED., JAN. 15: A workshop will be held at Highlands Middle School cafeteria on 4645 Chandy NE from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It is entitled "To be gifted and learning disabled" with Dr. Susan Baum. There is no charge. If any questions, call Mary Nell Baldwin at 364-1333.

THURS., JAN. 16: You are invited to assist Lowell Area Schools in developing five guiding principles for our community and schools from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria, 750 Foreman Rd. Please call 897-8415 with your RSVP or any questions.

TUES., JAN. 21: Children and adults with attention deficit disorder presents a

Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 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 Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. thru the holidays. Phone 897-8545.

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free lecture "The Multi-Modal Approach For Children With A.D.D.: Behavioral Modification, Educational Accommodations and Medication" by Dr. Robert Bulten, M.D., at 7:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ministries, 3300 East Beltline. For more information call CH.A.D.D., voice-tele-info line, 248-2423. CH.A.D.D. is a nonprofit organization offering support and educational services to individuals and families affected by A.D.D./A.D.H.D.

WED., JAN. 29: The Lowell Area Historical Association will host a public program entitled "Who is It? What is It? Where is It?" Bring in your items (such as photos, memorabilia, etc.) of the Lowell area to share or have identified - or help us in identifying some of our mysteries. This meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. It will be preceded by the annual board meeting and election of officers at 6 p.m. at the same location. The public is invited to both meetings.

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

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

Special Events

WED., JAN. 15: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council. **THURS., JAN. 23:** 12:30 p.m., Senior Neighbors North - dance.

FRI., JAN. 17: 12:30 p.m., Bank Bingo. **WED., JAN. 29:** 8:00 a.m., Women's breakfast.

TUES., JAN. 21: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

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Lowell prepares for showdown against Central with strong showing at Clinton

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If you're going to travel four hours on a cold, snowy weekend to participate in an invitational, you might as well bring back something more than your shovel.

Lowell's wrestling team did just that as they came home with the Clinton Invitational championship trophy.

"The boys had been getting beat on, so a change was nice," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "I think the boys found themselves. This will help their confidence."

For Brett Plattner and Bill Stouffer, the invitational just added to their confidence.

Plattner, wrestling at 140 pounds, finished first by pinning Napoleon's Doug Dubois at 1:51 of the first period. The Lowell senior was 3-0 on the day.

"I think Brett is having fun. He looks to be enjoying

himself out there," Rivers said.

Stouffer, 215, defeated Springport's Chad Lincoln 18-5 in the finals. In winning the championship, Stouffer had to defeat the number one seed and two state medalists. His work earned him the most valuable wrestler honor.

Senior Mike Minier awakened from a slow start as he took top honors in the 189-pound weight class. Minier pinned Brian Welch of Clinton in 48 seconds in the finals.

"Mike wrestled the way we had hoped he would go into the season," Rivers said. "He was drawn in against the number one seed and proceeded to pin him."

Placing third with wins in the consolation rounds were Denny Snuffer, Nate Roudabush and Scott Hays.

Snuffer (119) defeated Mike Pederson (Springport) 2-1. "Denny needed that. This should help his confidence," Rivers said.

Roudabush was also 3-1 and beat Onstead's Tony Akshire 16-15 in the consolation round. "Nate did wrestle seven minutes within six minutes," Rivers said.

Hays pinned Jonesville's Matt Lillie in 1:45 of the first round. The senior was 3-1 on the afternoon.

Finishing fourth were Lowell's Dan Rottier, 103, 2-1; Tom Oesch, 130, 2-1; and Brad Lyons, 135, 2-2.

Others competing at Clinton were Nick West, 112 pounds, 2-2; Dave Luyk, 145, 1-2; Kyle Roth, 160, 0-2; Keith Krebill, 171, 0-2; and Mike Arnsward, HWT, 1-2.

Lowell travels to Forest Hills Central, defending conference champion, on Thursday.

Red Arrow gymnasts' performance at Rockford a marked improvement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cleaner and crisper execution highlighted Lowell

gymnastics' appearance at the Rockford Invitational on Saturday.

Holland won the event

with 139,825 points. Rochester Adams placed second with 134,175 and Union was third at 128,175. The Red Arrows were 13th with 84.1 points.

"We had a good day at Rockford," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "At some invitational, the girls warm up and then have to sit around before competing. That wasn't the case at Rockford. I think this helped the girls."

Leading Lowell was Shannon Laux. The senior finished sixth in the floor exercise with a mark of 8.65. "Shannon performed her new routine which was choreographed to bring out her strengths," DeHaan said. "She did an excellent job with it."

Teammate Brenda Lacey was 10th overall in the floor exercise with a score of 8.55. Laux tallied a team-high score of 7.55 on the balance beam. Lacey scored a 6.35 and was followed by Skye Fisher 5.83; Renee Brower 5.65; and Lisa Malone 5.05.

"It was Lisa's first time competing on the beam and she did not have one fall," DeHaan said. "Overall, the girls have to work on cutting down on their falls."

Laux also led her Red Arrow mates on the vault. She scored a mark of 8.25. Lacey recorded a 7.95 and Brower finished with a 7.35.

"Renee's score was much improved over her score at East Lansing," DeHaan explained.

Lacey scored a team-best 6.9 on the uneven bars and Brower finished with a 4.2.

"We have a few injuries. So we need to work at getting four girls competing in each event," DeHaan said. "That will also help boost our team score."

At East Lansing, Lowell was seventh with a score of 78.65.

Lacey and Laux were the only two Red Arrows to place in any of the four events.

Lacey was fifth in the

floor exercise with a score of 8.9

Laux finished sixth on the vault with a score of 8.25.

"Shannon has really started strong," DeHaan said. "That is somewhat surpris-

ing considering she missed the first three weeks of practice."

The Red Arrows host Holland on Wednesday (Jan. 15).

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing was held on April 16, 1996 at 10 a.m. in the probate courtroom, 320 Ottawa Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan before Judge Donald J. DeYoung on the petition of Delores Roodvoets and Sally Koordnyk requesting that Delores Roodvoets and Sally Koordnyk be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Cecil Marie Christy, who lived at 1700 Westwood, NE, Grand

Rapid, Michigan and who died March 7, 1996; and requesting also the will of the deceased dated July 21, 1980 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative, or to both the probate court and the independent personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will, then, be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

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Dundee-Delta hired to supervise replacement of Cherry Creek roof

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Given the complexity, the delicate conditions and the cost of between \$180,000 and \$200,000 to replace the roof at Cherry Creek Elementary, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke felt it was prudent that the district hire Dundee-Delta Corporation as a roof consultant.

The consulting cost will run the district approximately \$11,500.

Lowell Board of Education secretary Norm Byrne advised the district seek a warranty on any advice provided by the

consultant. "We better make sure we are getting \$11,000 worth of insurance."

Byrne and board trustee Ellen McClain both voted no on hiring a roof consultant. The motion passed 5-2 to hire Dundee, MI firm as the roof consultant.

McClain asked interim business manager Jim Gallagher if the firm will be supervising the contractor, guaranteeing that the roof is installed as recommended by the manufacturer.

"If they are not going to be up there on the roof with the contractor supervising, then they are providing just paper work," McClain said. "I can do that."

McClain suggested that Bleke call Owen Ames and

Kimball, an architectural/contracting firm, and ask which contractor is best and which one will provide the best price and warranty specifications.

Bleke said a consultant is needed because it is a complex situation. "If it was a small project or there were no complexities the district wouldn't hire a consultant." He added that he wants to make sure the district does the right thing and the roof last 15-20 years.

"It is the same scenario as the middle school air handling system. The district was going to handle that itself, but the finance committee asked that we use a consultant because of the complex situation," Bleke said.

Board vice president Pete Gustafson warned the district to be careful in hiring a consultant not knowing who the contractor might be.

"I think that leaves a potential for error and problems down the line," Gustafson said.

Treasurer Jack Lane asked that a current assessment and a maintenance schedule be provided.

The district will ask for a 15-year warranty on the new roof. Bleke said the cost differential would have to be looked at.

At the request of Gallagher, the board took action only on the roof at Cherry Creek. It will address roofs at Alto and Runciman in the summer.

Last year the Cherry Creek trocal (fiber made of plastic) roof shattered due to the extreme cold, causing water damage to some of the school's drop ceilings and to the art room.

Metsker "kids" keep home after meeting guidelines

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Jane Metsker's "kids" will not have to find a new home following the construction of a fence on half of her 40-acre property.

Lowell Charter Township clerk Carol Wells sent a letter to Metsker informing her she had met all of the township's requirements regarding her dogs and can now apply for a kennel license.

Metsker doesn't plan to run a kennel under that license; all she wanted from the beginning of the controversy was to keep all of her dogs.

Metsker's dog problems started when township supervisor John Timpson investigated complaints of barking dogs during early morning hours at Metsker's home on Parnell Avenue.

Upon review, Timpson was amazed by the number of dogs the horse trainer kept on the premises, a number that was estimated at 12.

According to township ordinances, a property owner is allowed to have only three

dogs per household. Those wanting more than three must obtain a kennel license from the Kent County Animal Shelter, which can be reviewed by the township.

In order to receive the license, Metsker must provide adequate care for the animals, which she has called her "kids" in past meetings with the township.

"These dogs are like my family. I take better care of them than some people care for their kids," she said earlier in the year. "These are my kids - you can't ask me to give them up."

The township set a cap of 10 dogs on Metsker's property earlier this year and Timpson said that number can be met either by natural causes or by giving them away.

While some neighbors complained of the animals, many came to Metsker's side and said the dogs were necessary and not a nuisance.

Metsker said the dogs provide a large measure of security for her and the horses she boards, and when barking did occur she quickly tried to

solve the problem. Before issuing the letter of approval, the board did say that no further complaints had been received by the township and all of its guidelines had been met by Metsker.

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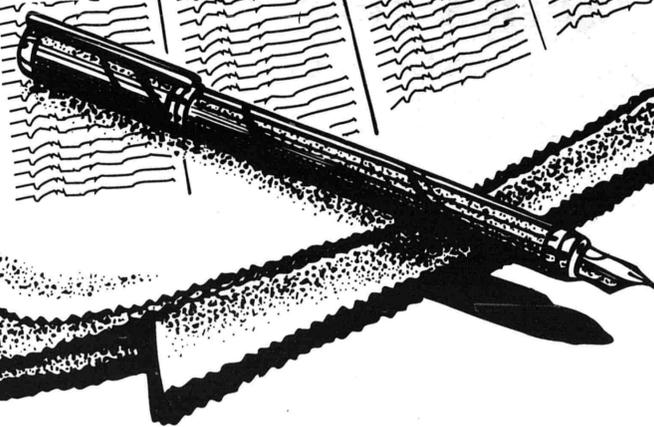
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GET SET...

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GO!

- 1 Take cookie dough from refrigerator. On a greased cookie sheet or metal pizza pan, press cookie dough out until it is about 1/4" thick. You can trim the edges so it is round, or make it any shape you like. Bake the big cookie for 12-15 minutes or until done. Let cool on a wire rack.
- 2 When the cookie is cool, spread a thin layer of frosting on top. Decorate it with assorted candies, sprinkles, etc.
- 3 Eat a slice with a big glass of milk!

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The White House, at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, has been the home and office of every U.S. President except George Washington. It has 132 rooms.

The point of living, and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come.
 Peter Ustinov

CABIN FEVER

When the winter is coldest, and the days seem very short, how do you feel? If you're like a lot of people, you might have cabin fever. Cabin fever is what we call it when all you want to do is go outside and play, run, shout—basically, do anything but sit inside.

Unfortunately, when it's really, REALLY cold, you might have to stay inside anyway. Here are some ideas for things you can do on a cold, snowy, cabin fever-ish kind of day:

- Bake cookies (ask an adult for help).
- Have a parade with friends and toys.
- Pretend that you're in the jungle looking for animals.
- Have a party (ask an adult for help).
- Read a book.

Students, the common link to U.S. & Japan's educational systems



Japanese students start school at 7:30 a.m. and many do not return home until 12 hours later.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After hosting Nanao High School's Japanese history teacher Yoshifumi Yamamoto, Lowell history teacher Jack Ogle returned to Nanao High School with Yamamoto as part of the Close-Up Foundation's national teacher exchange program.

The program enabled both teachers to experience and better understand the differences and similarities in their systems' educational approaches.

"We are doing just fine," Ogle said. "It is ironic though. We want our educational system to be more like Japan and they want to be more like us."

Prior to spending a week at Nanao High School, Ogle and Yamamoto attended a conference in Tokyo where they sat in on symposiums and panel discussions on education, trade and cultural comparisons.

The exchange program included four U.S. communities: Grand Rapids area; Phoenix, AZ; Madison, WI; and Cheyenne, WY. Eight teachers

were selected from each area. They were matched up with similar Japanese communities. Grand Rapids was paired with Kanazawa Ishikawa Prefecture located in western Japan.

As students grow older, Ogle said they grow more serious. "From the eighth-grade on, every educational moment is pointed toward and directed at students passing a 12th-grade test. "That test determines what university they can attend and what they will do and where they will spend their lives."

This approach has left Japanese educators fearing that their students are becoming too mechanical. Their approach hinders Japanese students' creativity and problem-solving abilities.

Unlike U.S. high school classrooms, there is no teacher/student interaction in Japan.

"The students hinge on every word spoken by the teacher," Ogle said. "The teacher walks in, students stand and bow, and then the rest of class time is lecture and students taking notes."

The Lowell history teacher said he liked the fact that students wore uniforms, were very respectful toward others and focused on education.

There aren't many similarities in the two countries high school classrooms, but one important facet remains the same - the students.

"Students are the same worldwide. They have the same problems, successes and failures," Ogle said.

Another interesting aspect of Japanese high schools is that students take care of their buildings, clean the windows and serve themselves lunch. "Japanese kids have bought into taking care, cleaning and maintaining their schools. School starts at 7:30 a.m. and those involved in school activities don't get home until 7 p.m."

Ogle used the word contrast to describe Japan and its people.

"They are very friendly, polite, and quiet," Ogle explained. "However, an elderly lady will elbow you in



From left to right: Junko Ooyabu, Jack Ogle, Marilyn Bourgard and Yoshifumi Yamamoto.

the ribs to get onto the subway."

Ogle added that in some areas of Japan there are bright lights and high technology. "Other parts are countrysides and old-fashioned. Where Yoshi lives is the same house 15 generations of his family have lived."

Ogle was one of 32 teachers across the country selected to participate in the Japanese industry-sponsored program.

"People often refer to teachers who after teaching

a number of years just get in line and do the same old thing year after year." Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "Jack Ogle renews himself each year and stays current. He cares about the subject and the kids."

Lowell School Board trustee Mark Blanding said he was thrilled that Ogle had the opportunity to participate in the program. "I think it is remarkable he was one of only 32 teachers chosen," he said.

A small town is a place where there's no place to go where you shouldn't.

Burt Bacharach

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