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Wilcox, school board president, resigns

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Reading the word carcinoma on her lab report has changed the way Lowell School Board president Marsha Wilcox chooses to spend her time.

"It was scary," Wilcox said. "When your life looks as if it could be shortened, that has a way of helping you line up your priorities."

Approximately two months after surgery, Wilcox feels well and her prognosis is good.

With that has come Wilcox's announcement that she will officially step down as a member of the school board. Her resignation will go into effect on Feb. 5. She has served on the board for 5 years, the last three as president.

Board work and meetings are time-consuming and have meant time away from family. "I am the only mother and grandmother our family has," Wilcox said.

The Lowell School Board will have 20 days from Feb.



Marsha Wilcox served on the school board for five years three as president.

5 to appoint Wilcox's replacement. The appointee will serve until an election can be held in June.

The deadline for submitting an application to serve on the board is Thursday, Feb. 25 at 4:30 p.m. The selection of a candidate to fill Wilcox's seat is the responsibility of the board. Superintendent Bert Bleke said he would recommend a process for the board to follow.

"I feel comfortable with Bert (Bleke) and his staff," Wilcox said. "I also believe we have a very capable board."

The board president said she has enjoyed her stay on the board and the opportunity to work with all kinds of people.

"I think it is more difficult being in an elected office today," Wilcox said. "People tend to direct their dislike for federal, state and county officials at local officials."

Wilcox points to hiring Bert Bleke as superintendent, renovation work at the school buildings and completing the new high school as accomplishments that stand out during her tenure.

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Lee's Landing demolition date set for Feb. 3

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After much discussion and a hearty attempt at saving the building, the demolition of Lee's Landing has been scheduled to start in early February.

"Assuming there are no complications, the demolition will begin Feb. 3," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale confirmed.

Pitsch Companies has been contracted to do the work for \$42,000.

Pasquale said it will take Pitsch two weeks to clear the site.

While an observation deck has been discussed for the site once the building is removed, no official plans have been drawn up yet.

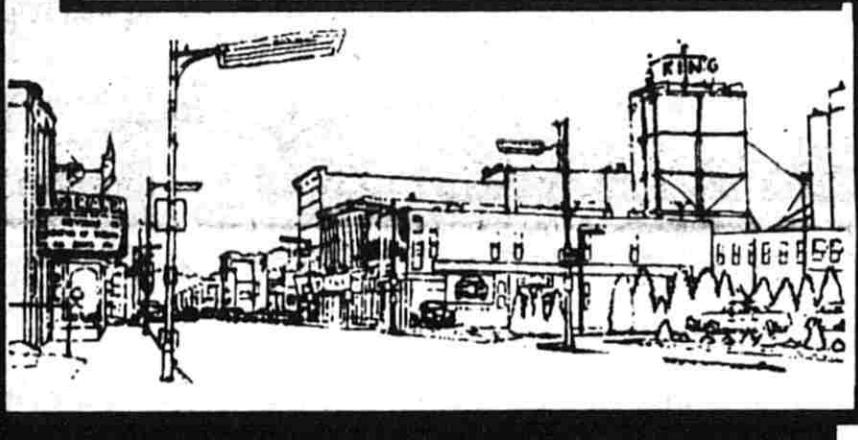
"The city hasn't allocated any money for it," Pasquale said.

The cost to cover the 85- by 80-foot site with a deck would cost approximately \$150,000. "The cost would depend on how large we wanted the deck," Pasquale explained.

Who the decision lies with will depend on where the funds come from, according to the city manager. If the monies come from the DDA, then it will have a say in the final decision.

Pasquale said until all the questions are answered, the site will initially remain open.

Along Main Street



LITTLE LEAGUE MEETING

The next Lowell Little League meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Key Heights Community building.

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.

CLASS OF '77 REUNION PLANNING MEETING

A meeting to plan the class of 1977 reunion will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at Mancino's in Lowell at 6:30 p.m.

All class members who are interested in planning or have suggestions are welcome.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The character development meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

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.

CLASS OF '87 REUNION BEING PLANNED

The class of 1987 needs to find you for the 10-year reunion. Contact Tony Beachler at 531-4727 or Rick Sauber at 897-8100 with name and address.

FREESTYLE WRESTLING SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups for Lowell freestyle wrestling will be February 4 and 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek cafeteria. The cost is \$35. A birth certificate is required and a parent must be present.

Call Barb Carpenter at 897-6566 for more information. Practice starts Tuesday, Feb. 18 for all wrestlers.

Vergennes proposes road work for three of its busiest roadways

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township has made out its wish list for Kent County Road Commissioners and three of their busiest streets are eyed for future improvements.

Township officials will meet with county officers next week to discuss what road projects will be added to an already existing list.

The township will ask for engineering studies on Burroughs and Four Mile Road in anticipation that both roads will receive paving sometime in the future.

The township submits potential projects each year for construction, but many times has to wait for them to be completed when the county can get to them.

Last year, the township requested an engineering study for Bennett Road, which was completed, but do not know when actual construction will begin.

The biggest hinderance is financial. The township must fund 55 percent of each project and at a cost of approximately \$600,000 per mile, projects are not easy to complete. The

other major hurdle is that the county regularly has more proposed projects to address than the short construction season can accommodate.

"I asked John Rice, with the road commission, if the projects can be out-sourced and he said no because only a few do a good job and most do an unsatisfactory job," said township supervisor Jim Cook.

With this year's submittal of projects, the township board is asking for two construction costs for Bennett.

The first would be doing the road in the normal manner, which could include bringing down many of its trees.

The other request is to keep as many of the trees intact in an effort to keep the road's natural beauty.

Township officials are hoping the latter can be accomplished, but realize it's a matter of safety.

"They won't approve that unless it meets drainage requirements," said Cook.

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Vergennes struts its stuff as part of inaugural community expo

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

When it comes time to show its goods, Vergennes Township will be beside its neighbors to the south at the Lowell Community Expo '97.

The township agreed to participate in the expo, which is sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

This is the first expo for the Lowell area and it's designed to showcase businesses, housing and other service benefits to potential residents.

The community expo committee will be sending out invitations to realtors and human resource departments of major companies, such as Amway, to promote the area.

The city of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township have already agreed to participate in the expo which will take place on May 10 at the Lowell High School, in Vergennes Township.

"Since it's in our township I think it's best to participate," said clerk Mari Stone.

Vergennes will set up a booth and offer refreshments to

people as they view photographs of the area's historical sites (Fallsburg) and other attractions.

"If people want to drive out to Fallsburg and view our history, it would be great. We have a lot to offer," said township supervisor Jim Cook.

INSIDE THE LEDGER

Starting This Month...



Lowell Area Schools
DIRECTIONS



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OBITUARIES

BENCKER - Larry Ray Bencker, aged 39, beloved husband, father & grandfather, of Gowen (formerly of Lowell) passed away unexpectedly Thursday, January 16, 1997. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Susan; his three daughters Heather (Jonathan) Dempsey, Heidi

Bencker and fiance Joe Kemen and Lindsay Bencker, one grandson Dominic Dempsey; parents Lyle and Delores Bencker; grandmothers Lilly Bencker and Hazel Strouse; two brothers Ron (Linda) Bencker, Pete (Nancy) Bencker; two sisters Michelle (Tom) Tava, Debbie (Tim)

Craig; several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bencker Children Fund through FMB State Savings Bank or the Alto Fire Department in lieu of flowers. Funeral Services were held Monday at the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst of Lowell.

CANSFIELD (WALTER) - Nessena "Lee" (Walter) Cansfield, aged 57, of East



Lansing died January 15, 1997. Born January 22, 1939 in Lowell, Lee was valedictorian of the Lowell Class of 1956. Mrs. Cansfield was a graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College and received her B.S. and M.S. in mathematics from the University of Michigan. Lee was a dedicated computer science and mathematics teacher at East Lansing High School. She previously taught at Grand Haven, Ann Arbor, Portage, Lansing Community College, Hannah and MacDonald Middle Schools. Lee loved sailing, travel, family and friends. Surviving are her husband, John H.; one daughter, Jennifer L. Cansfield of Royal Oak; one son Timothy J. Cansfield of East Lansing; parents Bruce and Anita Walter of Lowell; six brothers Peter of Grandville, Robin (Peggy) of Oceanside, CA, Craig (Carol) of Grand Haven, Gene (Judy) of Whitehall; Jon (Judy) of Suttons Bay and Chad (Parry) Walter of Williamston; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held Monday at the University United Methodist Church, East Lansing with Revs. Frank and Carole Lyman. Pastors officiating. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to a scholarship fund in Mrs. Cansfield's memory to East Lansing High School.

SHALER - Marguerite M. Shaler, aged 83, of Lowell, died Monday, January 13, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry and daughter Karen Hitchcock. She is survived by her children Kenneth R. (Fayrene) Shaler of Saranac, Patricia Ann (Claude) Daley of Sheridan, MI, Robert E. Shaler of Cassopolis, Lola Hunt of Lowell; brothers Rev. Roy G. Holland of Laurel, MS, Lee (Dorothy) Holland of Saranac; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson. Funeral

Services were held Thursday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst of Lowell.

VANDER JAGT - Paul D. Vander Jagt, aged 68, of Holland, died Tuesday, January 14, 1997 in a local nursing home. Born in Grand Rapids, he was a self-employed painter in both the Holland and Grand Rapids area. He was a member of the Central Wesleyan Church. He is survived by his children Richard Vander Jagt of St. Petersburg, FL, Bruce Vander Jagt of Lowell, Cindy Westfield of Allendale, Greg and Cindy Vander Jagt of Holland, Pamela Van Order of Holland, Mark Vander Jagt of Lansing (wife Sue), Luke Vander Jagt of Holland; 18 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother and three sisters. Funeral Services were held Thursday with Rev. Lamont Moon officiating. Burial in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given to Central Wesleyan Church Memorial Fund.

VANDERWOOD - Mr. Wayne W. VanderWood, aged 65, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday, January 16, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his son, Steve; his grandchildren Bryse and Shane VanderWood; his sisters, Virginia Mulder, Elois Riggs of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Wayne was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the Army. Funeral Services were held Monday, interment with Honor Guard at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Zaagman Memorial Chapel.

Vergennes seeks vision with its "Plan for Planning" first step

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

As Vergennes Township grows by leaps and bounds, it is faced by the tough decision of mapping out its future development.

In an effort to get a better understanding on how to properly do that, the township board has approved purchasing a "Plan for Planning" guide from the Planning and Zoning Center (PZC) in Lansing.

The guide is the first step in preparing an updated master plan for the township. Master plans provide specific outlines on how growth will be accommodated and how the township will handle the growth when it comes.

"Since most of us are new at this, we need help," said Rick Gillette, Vergennes Township planning commission chairman. "This will take the board and planning commission

through various steps needed to get a more effective master plan. It's time to get started on this and none of us are experts at this."

The cost of using the plan is \$3,250, but township officials believe it will be money well spent because much of the plan's research can be used in updating the master plan.

The plan will inventory and assess the present status of the township's plans, maps, and programs which are in place to manage land use and growth.

As it assess the date it offers solutions to clearly chart an effective course for future land use, growth, and the preservation of those qualities valued by the residents of the community.

Township officials aren't sure on the exact cost of updating its master plan, which originally cost \$12,000 to develop, but expect it to be around \$25,000.

"We're at a critical point in the future of the township," said trustee Mark Weber. "This master plan has a lot to it;

we're sure there are visions that we need to look at that normally we wouldn't. This group can give us that vision."

Weber also pointed out that the area's incredible growth rate, which included 75 new single family homes last year alone, can bring legal concerns to the township.

"The better job we can do on this now will be considered a cheap investment when legal issues surface," said Gillette. "Whenever you have rapid growth, you're more susceptible to legality issues. This can help us avoid those issues."

Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Dennis Frakes

COLLEGE NEWS

Dustin J. VanStee and Claire V. Basney, both of Lowell, are among the students on the fall 1996 dean's list at Calvin College.

VanStee is a sophomore majoring in engineering. He is the son of Jack and Linda VanStee and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Basney is a senior majoring in English. She is the daughter of Lionel and Ruth Basney and a graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School.

To earn a spot on the dean's list at Calvin requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

In fact, this past year Calvin was honored by U.S. News & World Report as not only one of the 15 best regional universities in the Midwest (the only Michigan school so honored), but also one of the top 10 buys in the Midwest.

Calvin also has been honored in the past by such prestigious sources as the New York Times, the Templeton Honor Roll and Peterson's Guide to Colleges and Universities. Established in 1876 in Grand Rapids, Calvin has a 1996-97 enrollment of 4,051

students. Only about 20 percent of that student body achieved dean's list status during the fall semester.

A total of 2,071 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1996-97 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Included on the list from Lowell were Lauren Eve Basney, daughter of Lionel and Ruth Basney, and David Paul Rogers, son of Paul and Joanne Rogers.

From the Alto area were: Tom Andrew Beetham, son of Roy and Sharon Beetham; Melissa J. Dykgraaf, daughter of Larry and Myra Dykgraaf; Tamara J. and Wendy L. Faber, daughters of Folkert and Margorie Faber; Mandy Jacobs, daughter of Tom and Mona Jacobs; Kris Lynn VanBelkum, daughter of John and Connie VanBelkum.

From the Saranac area were Kendra A. Greiner, daughter of Kenneth and Cheryl Greiner, and Nathan R. Wight, son of Gerald and Rheta Wight.

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MY FELLOW AMERICANS (PG13)
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ONE FINE DAY (PG)
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FRI-SUN/TUES., 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:10 FRI/SAT LATE 11:15

*STARTING FRIDAY 1/24/97 • MARS ATTACKS (PG13)
FRI-SUN/TUES 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20
FRI. & SAT. LATE 11:25

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN 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 in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that the cost of 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;
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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

Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...charity shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

Snowflakes and people have much in common. Snowflakes fall softly or tempestuously. Some people live quiet and unobtrusive lives. They are peaceable and the promoters of peace. Others stir up strife and blow stormy gales wherever they go.

To young people planning tobogganing or sleighing parties, snowflakes bring joy. But to those who must travel on the highways, a blinding snow storm brings distress. Humans hold within them the power to bring joy or sorrow to others. They can be spreaders of happiness or propagators of gloom.

God created snowflakes to serve a purpose. Christians,

we have been given life that we may honor and glorify Him. We are to live unselfishly, spreading His love throughout the earth.

Nothing beautifies the world like freshly fallen snow. It covers the dirt, the piles of rubbish, and the disagreeable sights. Christians, we, too, can cover the faults and blemishes of others by exerting the right influence and surrounding them with love - "like the snowflakes."

Prayer: O God, my Heavenly Father, I marvel at the boundlessness of Thy great love. Let me not be satisfied to bask in Thy lovingkindness alone, but help me to love others as Thou hast loved me. Amen.

If our world is to survive in any sense that makes survival worth while, it must learn to love, not to hate; to create, not to destroy.

King George VI

Life Management Department hosts annual health fair

The Life Management Department hosted its third annual Health Fair for all Lowell district fourth-graders on January 9, 1997 at the high school. The Health Fair was the service-learning project for this semester. It consisted of twelve stations that each fourth-grade class visited during the course of the day.

The stations included nutrition, weight training, exercise and fitness, self-esteem, the senses, AIDS, peer resistance, bike safety, healthy emotions, disabilities, heart and circulatory system and smoking. Also included in the days' activity was lunch served by the kitchen staff of the high school. The day ended with a wrap-up session in the LPAC highlighted with a video presentation of the day put together by LPAC director Richard Graham.

One elementary teacher commented that the Health Fair is a wonderful concept and idea and one they hope will continue for many years



Beth Wierenga, right, discusses senses with fourth-grade students.

to come. One of the benefits of the day is the positive role models that the fourth grade

students see and hear by coming to the high school. Service-learning is a

method by which high school students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences. Service-learning is the blending of both service to others and learning goals in such a way that both occur and are enriched by each other.

The high school students learn just as much or more through their teaching of the various subjects as the fourth-graders learned in attending the fair.

The teachers in the Life Management Department are Marsha LaHaye and Kathy Talus. In the third year that the Health Fair has been going on, this seemed to be the best organized, according to several of the fourth grade teachers. One teacher commented that the improvement in the Health Fair from year to year is astounding.

What a heavy burden is a name that has become too famous.
—Voltaire

AREA BIRTHS

Charles and Stacey Spencer of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their son Brendan Matthew. He was born January 7, 1997, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ron Spencer of Frankenmuth, Kathleen Ring of Essexville, Mike and Sue Shinabarger of Lowell and the late Phyllis Shinabarger.

Brice Marie Warner is the new daughter of Douglas J. and Melonie Dawn (Mason) Warner of Lowell. She was born December 31, 1996 at Butterworth Hospital at 3:11 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length.

She joins one brother at

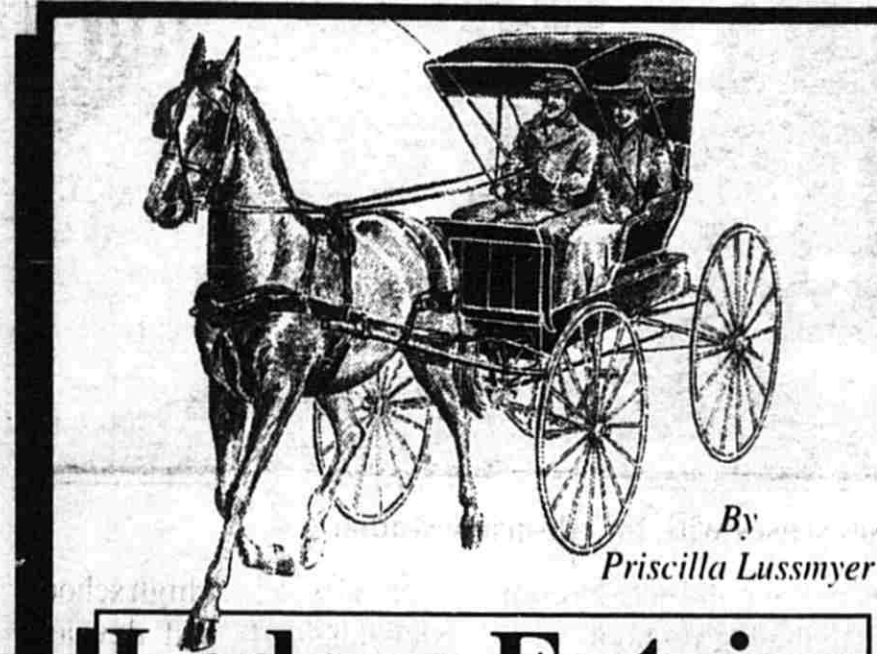
home. Blake Matthew Warner (2 1/2). Proud grandparents are Edward and Barbara Mason of Clarksville, Ron and Charmaine Fargo of Floral City, Florida, and Douglas J. Warner Sr. of Grand Rapids.

Todd, Annette and big sister Audrey would like to welcome Ethan Todd Pearson to the family.

Born November 29, 1996 he weighed 8 lbs. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Fay and Margo Sterling of Lowell and Myron and Shirley Pearson of Grand Rapids along with great-grandparents Rose and Ed Dancer of Lowell and Sadie Sterling of Chippewa Lake.

Viewpoint



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 22, 1897
The state fair grounds at Grand Rapids has been foreclosed on by the new owner, a real estate speculator, for back interest. The fair will have to go elsewhere.

The Michigan Senate and House are fighting over the annual ten-day junket to state institutions, the house declaring it "disgraceful and dishonorable."

One state representative wants to reduce tax moneys for the U. of M. from 1/6 to 1/10th of a mill; several others are trying to outlaw sale of cigarettes.

Ad: "Coughing leads to consumption (tuberculosis). Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to...your druggist at once; delays are dangerous."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - JAN. 19, 1922

Farmers vote "No" on the proposed Lowell-Grattan Road in a meeting at the Moseley Gleaners Hall. They can't afford it.

Ford Motor Co. goes back to work after a two-week layoff. Emily Ashton receives the first bachelor's degree in animal husbandry granted to a woman, at Pennsylvania State College. The headline is "Champion Milkmaid."

Readers are warned about carbon monoxide, one of the colorless, odorless, dangerous gases. It is found in closed garages, sewers, tunnels and silos.

To figure the bushels of corn in the crib: multiply the length by the width by the depth in feet, and divide by 2 1/2.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 23, 1947

Michigan Representative Shafer states that the potato surplus can be wiped out if 4 percent of potato flour is used in making bread.

Glendon Swarthout's first play, "O'Daniel," is scheduled to open in New York in February.

Michigan Bell is installing underground cable in some rural areas in the effort to speed up telephone installations and reduce the number of party lines.

FBI agent and local boy Robert Lalley speaks to the Lowell Woman's Club.

U.S. Savings Bonds are enjoying good sales, and the almost 3/4 of bonds sold since 1941 are still being held.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - JAN. 20, 1972

Record-breaking 16-20 below zero temperatures break water lines, including a major break on North Washington Street.

"Uncle" Carl Behnke builds a playhouse for the children at the Coldwater State Home and Training School, along with 50 reconditioned sleds and a sleigh that can be pulled by a large dog or garden tractor.

"Policies and Procedures of Suspension and Expulsion of Students," including athletic training rules, is published.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: I recently made out my last will and testament. Do the provisions in my will control the disposition of my assets regardless of how those assets are titled? For instance, several of my bank accounts and my home have both my name and my daughter's name on the title. However, in my will I have those assets being divided equally among my children. Since my will was prepared subsequent to the date I put my daughter on the title of my bank accounts and my house, doesn't the will control?

JONATHAN SAYS: It really depends on how those titles actually read. If your daughter is named as a "joint tenant with survivorship rights" on the titles to your bank accounts and your home, then regardless of what your will says, upon your death, those assets would legally belong to your daughter, and she would not be required to share them with anyone.

On the other hand, if your daughter is named as a "tenant in common" on the titles of those assets, then upon your death she would only be entitled to a one-half interest in the value of those assets and your one-half interest would be distributed according to the terms of your will.

Since you have indicated that you want all of your children to receive equal shares of your assets at the time of your death, then I suggest that you amend the titles on the bank accounts and your home to reflect that you are the sole owner of those assets. Before doing this, however, I recommend that you meet with an estate planning professional to review the titles on these assets and all of your other assets to make sure that whatever retitling he or she recommends is consistent with the terms of your last will and testament and with what you are trying to accomplish. Good luck.

DEAR JONATHAN: My father died suddenly in early 1996 and I was appointed the personal representative of his estate. No will of his was ever found, so at the conclusion of the probate his remaining assets were distributed to me and my two brothers and sister who were the heirs entitled to his estate under Michigan law. I really had a problem with this at the time since six months prior to my father's death he told me that he was going to make out a new will which disinherited two of my siblings because they had had a major falling out. At the time I explained this to my lawyer, but he indicated that since no will was found that we had no choice but to go forward with the probate. Based on my lawyer's recommendation I went ahead with the probate and approximately two months after the estate was closed I found the will my father spoke of paperclipped to the back of another document. Sure enough, my father had disinherited my two siblings. Can I reopen the probate estate, force my two siblings to return their share of the distribution and have the distribution redone to comply with my father's will?

JONATHAN SAYS: Once the probate of an estate has been completed and the final distribution has been made, a new will

Diagnosis can be made with a blood test for EBV and a complete blood count. Throat cultures for streptococcus pharyngitis is important because infectious mononucleosis closely resembles that of strep throat.

There is no specific treatment for mono. If the spleen is tender and enlarged, patients should avoid strenuous activity and contact sports. There is a significant risk of a ruptured spleen from contact sports.

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

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

MONONUCLEOSIS

Mononucleosis (Mono) is a viral illness caused by the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). This virus is in the family of herpes viruses. Mono primarily affects teenagers and young adults in the age group between 15 and 40 years. It can occur in children and older individuals.

The virus is spread by person to person close contact, such as kissing or shared food. The virus first infects the throat and then the lymphatic system. Symptoms of the illness usually begin after a one to two month incubation period after the initial exposure. Mono symptoms usually start with a sore throat, swollen lymph nodes usually in the neck, fever, fatigue and malaise. On physical examination, the spleen and liver may be enlarged and mild jaundice may be present.

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.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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>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 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</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 nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</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>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>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 14001 S. Howell • Pr. 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>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM & 6:00PM Sunday School Hour.....11:50AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. times 897-7168 JOE GERKIN, PASTOR</p>

School News

Week of Jan. 27, 1997
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, California blend veg., Johnny cake syrup, assorted fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Lowell Red Arrow sub sandwich, homemade vegetable soup w/crackers, fruit, Taz shake or milk.

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

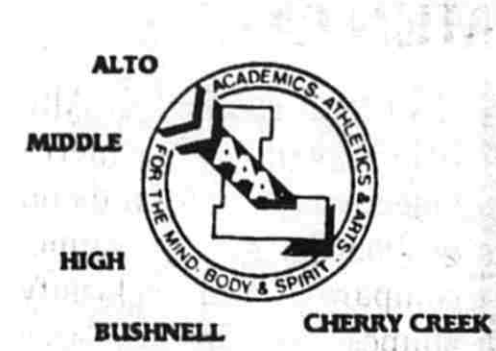
MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, turkey enchilada, cheeseburger or chef salad, choice 2 Calif. blend side salad or Spanish rice, Johnny cake syrup, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Sub sandwich or hot dog w/bun, cheeseburger or chef salad, choice 2 veg soup, side salad or deli pickle, crackers, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

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

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, shrimp poppers, \$2 chef salad or cheeseburger choice 2 baby carrots, side salad or au gratin potatoes, canned fruit or sherbet, milk.

FRIDAY: 2 pancakes w/eggs, 2 French toast w/eggs, chicken patty, cheeseburger or chef salad, choice 2 tater triangle, side salad or orange juice, fruit or warm baked apple slices, milk.



Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS



January 1997

LOWELL SHINES IN STATE MEAP

FALL 1996 MEAP RESULTS

Lowell Area Schools 4th and 7th graders again outperformed the state of Michigan and Kent County Intermediate School District average scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) reading and math tests. Students and teachers have worked very hard to master the skills contained in our curriculum which is subsequently measured by these tests. Efforts to align our curriculum with the State Core Curriculum have proven very successful as evidenced again by this year's scores. While MEAP scores are only one measure of achievement, we are very proud of the accomplishments that our students have shown this year.

The percentage of Lowell students scoring at the satisfactory level on reading and math tests is detailed in the chart to the right, as well as a comparison of where our students fall within the county and state.

4TH GRADE MATH					7TH GRADE MATH				
Kent ISD	State	District	Alto	Cherry Crk.	Kent ISD	State	District		
1995	71.7	63.1	72.1	84.1	68.3	1995	59.6	55.0	77.0
1996	65.6	60.5	83.2	82.0	83.7	1996	53.7	51.4	73.4

4TH GRADE READING					7TH GRADE READING				
Kent ISD	State	District	Alto	Cherry Crk.	Kent ISD	State	District		
1995	57.8	49.9	54.3	66.7	50.5	1995	46.5	42.3	61.1
1996	53.1	49.0	68.3	72.1	66.7	1996	43.3	40.4	62.8

DISTRICT RESULTS

4TH GRADE DISTRICT RANKINGS				7TH GRADE DISTRICT RANKINGS			
DISTRICT	MATH	DISTRICT	READING	DISTRICT	MATH	DISTRICT	READING
Forest Hills	96.6	Forest Hills	91.9	Forest Hills	86.1	E.G.R.	73.1
Godfrey Lee	91.4	Northview	71.7	E.G.R.	85.2	Forest Hills	69.9
Grandville	89.4	Grandville	71.4	Sparta	77.3	LOWELL	62.8
Caledonia	85.2	LOWELL	68.3	LOWELL	73.4	Rockford	57.2
LOWELL	83.2	E.G.R.	67.0	Grandville	70.2	Grandville	55.9
ISD	65.6	ISD	53.1	ISD	53.7	ISD	43.3
State	60.5	State	49.0	State	51.4	State	40.4

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH LOWELL SCHOOLS

A. HEADSTART

- Entry Criteria:
- Three and one half to four and one half years old
 - Low family income

B. FOUR-YEAR OLD READINESS PROGRAM

- Entry Criteria: The student must meet two or more of the following "at risk" criteria.
- Low family income
 - Developmentally immature
 - Language deficiency or immaturity
 - Single parent
 - Teenage parent
 - Low birth weight

C. PRE-PRIMARY IMPAIRED (PPI) PROGRAM

- This program services children who are two and one half to five and one-half years of age and who require special education support within the structure of a classroom. This could include:
- Speech and language service
 - Occupational and physical therapy
 - Mobility training
 - Social work services

For more information on any of the above programs, you may call Pam Thomas, Director of Special Education, at 897-8415. Families with young children (0-3) may also access information about other available services by calling 1-800-EARLY ON for referral to a local agency.



CHERRY CREEK FIT-FOR-LIFE CLUB

The Cherry Creek Fit-For-Life Club celebrated their first month of successes with a free rollerskating party. Thanks to the Lowell Rotary Club, who will be sponsoring most of our monthly celebrations.

We also want to thank the following for providing some of our rewards for those students who exceed their monthly goals: Lowell YMCA, High School Athletics, Attwood Cop., Aquinas College, Lowell Elementary PTO, Springrove Variety, Roll Away, and Ada/Lowell 5 Theater.

Superintendent's Notes

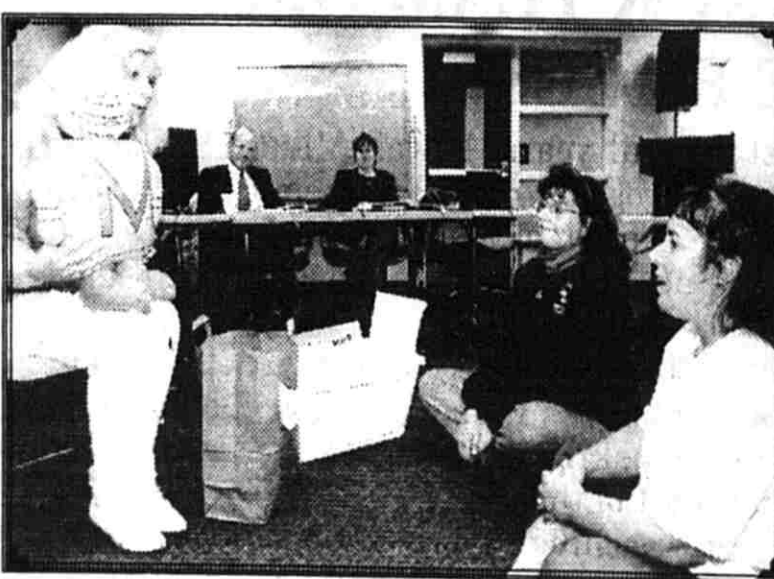
Over 200 community members including teachers, the clergy, members of civic organizations, representatives of local businesses, and parents will meet on Thursday evening, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria to develop character traits to be used by the Lowell Area Schools to support community standards.

If you have not signed up and wish to participate in this important and exciting opportunity, you may do so by simply attending the meeting on January 30, at the Middle School located at 750 Foreman Road. Any community member who is interested in working with the schools to develop these character traits is welcome and invited.



Bert Bleke

LETTER PEOPLE VISIT BOARD OF EDUCATION



Some of the most dearly loved and influential people in the Lowell Area Schools would have to be the Letter People. The Letter People are an important part of our phonetic based Alpha Time reading program which has been a component of our kindergarten reading program for more than 20 years.

Bushnell teachers Beverly Reid, Cindy Donahue, and Lanie Rice demonstrate Mr. M, Munchie Mouth, for the Board of Education.

BUSHNELL MITTEN MATCHERS

These four kindergarten friends from Mrs. Burd's room have cooperated and matched up 25 pairs of mittens. Success feels sooooo good!



John Drier, Ashley Whittington, Anthony Lawrence and Brittney Rypma.

CPR TRAINING

Several members of Cherry Creek's paraprofessional staff received First Aid Certification. Pinky McPherson was kind enough to donate her services and train the following staff members on the use of basic first aid and CPR.

Those trained were: Dawn Sprague, Denise Neubecker, Terri Kerr, Elizabeth Oetman, and Cindy Koning. It adds a boost of confidence to have these trained people working on the playground with our children.

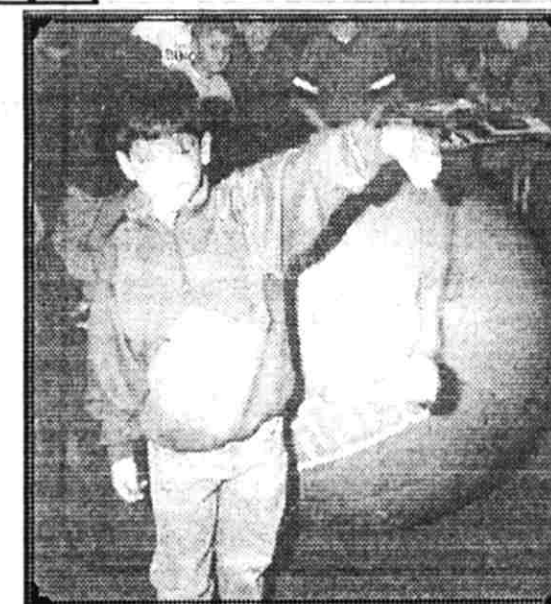
Dear Parent(s):

The old proverb "It takes a whole village to raise a child" is one we take very seriously at Lowell Area Schools. A partnership of families, schools and the community at large is vital to the success of our young people today. You may be asking yourself, "Why is the school district writing me a letter? My child isn't old enough to attend school yet." Our answer to this question is very simple - we want your children to have the very best start possible so that they will be ready for school when kindergarten - time rolls around. And, we want to share with you some of the services and programs we currently have available. Our thinking is that if any of our children, ages newborn to four years old, could benefit from our assistance, (the "whole village" working together), then the chance for school success later will be increased.

In order to do this, we are attempting to reach as many parents as possible so that we can compile a list of their names and addresses, as well as the names and ages of their preschool aged children. (Of course, this list will be kept in strict confidence, and will not be used by anyone other than Lowell Area Schools.)

If you are interested in receiving information from us on a periodic basis, (invitations to speakers, helpful tips, packets on best reading strategies for moms and dads at home, etc.), please take a minute and call me at 897-8434. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Marge Rehl



IN ORBIT AT BUSHNELL

Ms. Charles' class is actively studying space by walking the earth's orbit.

Nick Abdo, left, demonstrates the earth's rotation and orbit.

ACADEMIC TRACK TEAM OFF TO THE RACES!

On your mark, get set, GO! For the past several years, Lowell Middle School has offered an exciting, competitive enrichment program called Academic Track. This activity has enabled interested students to excel in an academic or performance area. Students experience the thrill of performing before an audience after intense, concentrated effort in preparing for each "track meet." The competition has two main focuses. Some students take tests on a variety of topics, which correlate with traditional school subjects. Others prepare a vocal or instrumental piece, an impromptu reading or skit, or a jazz band presentation. Impromptu charcoal and pastel drawings are part of the competition, as well. Staff members and a parent or two supply the coaching expertise. Coaches meet with students after school during the months of January and February. In addition, students are expected to study and practice extensively on their own.

The 1997 Track Meet schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 3.....Lowell at Kenowa Hills Junior High
Monday, March 10.....Lowell at Rockford Junior High
Monday, March 24.....Lowell hosts the regional Meet at Lowell High School
The public is cordially invited to attend any of the meets. The performance segment usually begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends by 8:00 p.m. The Lowell Area Schools Gifted and Talented program is the primary source of funding for the Academic Track program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month (except April which will be the third Monday). All people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS

Marsha Wilcox.....President	Pete Gustafson.....Vice President
Norm Byrne.....Secretary	Jack Lane.....Treasurer
Ann Mulder.....Trustee	Ellen McClain.....Trustee
Mark Blanding.....Trustee	

GEOMETRY AT ALTO ELEMENTARY



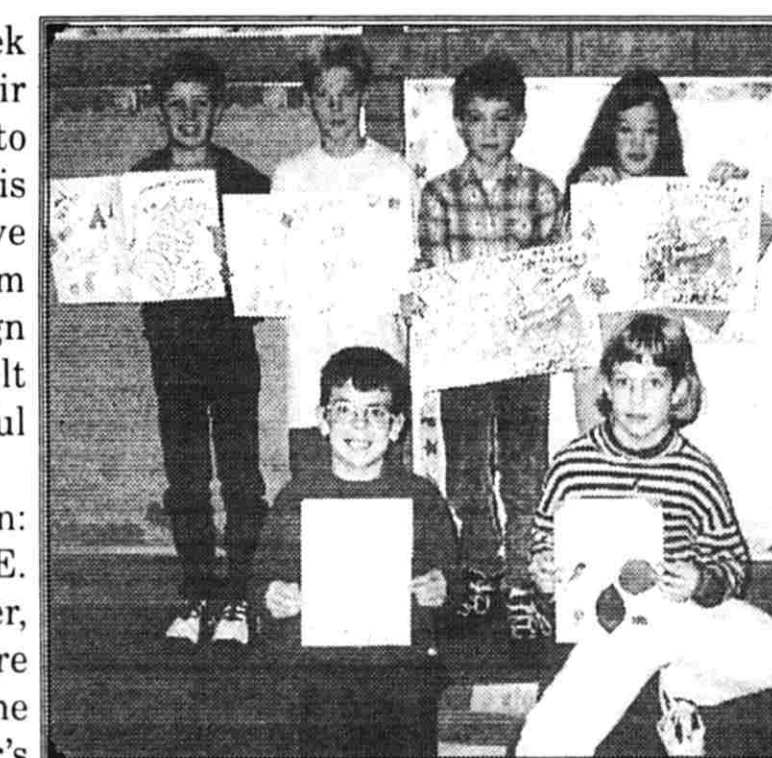
Second graders at Alto School work on geometry objectives using hands-on geoboards. They name, compare and classify shapes in two dimensions. The students create squares, rectangles and triangles in order to learn numbers, edges and vertices of these shapes. The geoboard is an effective way to learn flips, turns and slides.

CHERRY CREEK YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

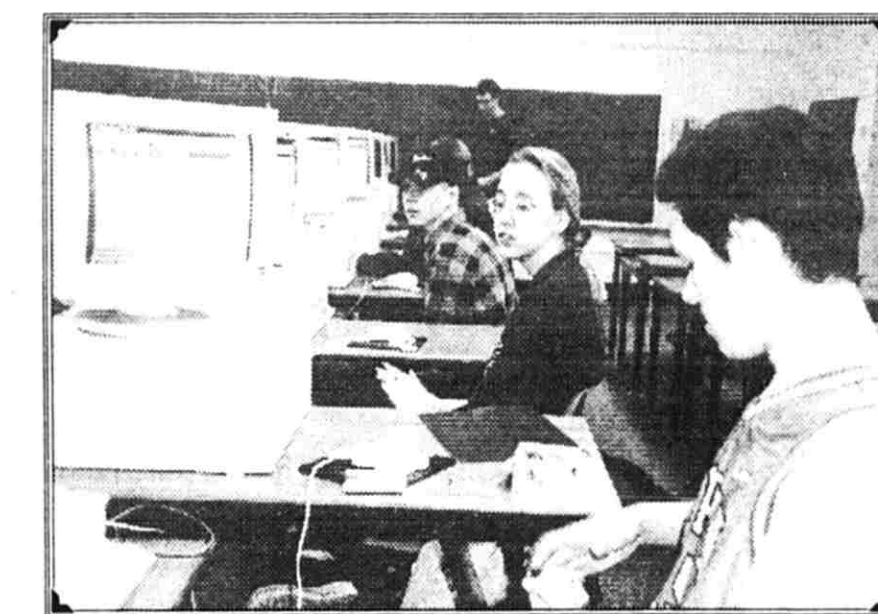
The students at Cherry Creek Elementary, with the help of their families, were given the opportunity to design their own yearbook cover. This is the second year in which students have had the chance to generate a custom cover. The idea to create our own design was generated by a parent and the result was a very colorful and meaningful cover.

This year a theme was chosen: D.A.R.E. to say NO to Drugs - D.A.R.E. to say YES to... (ex. reading, computer, sports, etc.) Several designs were submitted from all grade levels. The design chosen to represent this year's cover was created by Zach Horan, a fifth grader from Mrs. Pupel's class. Zach's design was a compilation of all the positive aspects of Cherry Creek Elementary. We look forward to seeing Zach's design on the 1996-1997 yearbook.

Grade level winners were: **2nd grade:** Kelsey and Patrick Quain; **3rd grade:** Abbot Kastanek; **4th grade:** Tara Brown and **5th grade:** Steven Koning. The grade level winners received gift certificates to Secret Santa Shop and to Wendy's Restaurant. Congratulations! You Are All Winners!



Back row, left to right: Steve Koning, Zach Horan, Patrick Quain and Kelsey Quain; front row, left to right: Abbot Kastanek and Tara Brown.



Journalism class composing articles for "The Chronic."

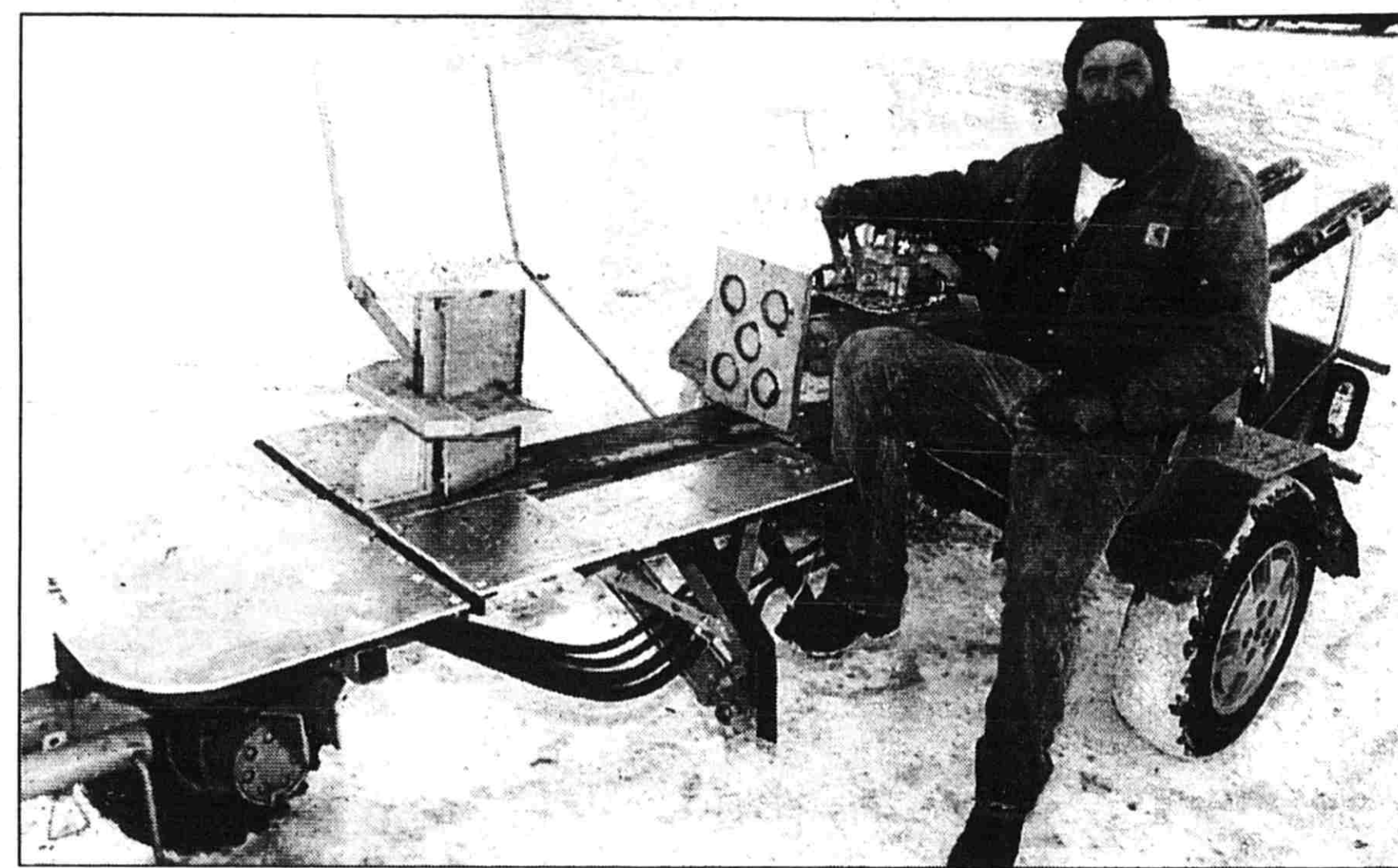
BUDDING REPORTERS AT UNITY HIGH

Unity High School students have worked very hard in journalism class to produce a school newspaper, "The Chronic." There are several sections including local news, sports, the outdoors, movie reviews, and restaurant reviews.

All of the newspaper staff members have interviewed local businesses, covered high school sporting events, reviewed movies and videos. The newspaper staff members were led by their teacher, Russ Schwarz, and co-editors Michelle Way, Jason Ghareeb and Kingsley Kennedy.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Parents should listen to radio stations: WCUZ, WGRD, WJFM, WKTH, WLAV, WLHT, WOOD, OR WZZM-TV when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 6:45 AM.



BAD AXE

Lowell's Robert Eickey spent two months constructing this "four-way split, log lift, self driven log splitter." Eickey, who works for City Tree Services, named the machine "Bad Axe." It can get Eickey to a job and make work quick and easy once he's there. The Lowell resident says the creation can roll along at about 30 miles an hour.

Wilcox, cont'd... From Page 1

"The high school was a tremendous job and I think we can say it turned out fairly well," Wilcox said. "I wish we could have gotten the tech-

nology up to the minute." Bleke said it is understood that the vice president (Pete Gustafson) will step in and serve as president until new

officers can be elected in June. "Marsha has been a marvelous board president, member and friend. She has made a lot of contributions to this

community," Bleke said. "She has always had the best interest of children in mind and has conducted herself with dignity and class."

Roadways, cont'd... From Page 1

Cook said making sure the road has proper drainage is key to keeping moisture off

the road, which prevents ice from forming in the winter and having the road washed out after a rain.

If the road can be constructed so trees are preserved the cost could be reduced as well.

"We'll tell them to do it both ways and hope to get it at a reduced rate," said Cook.

TOWN TALK

On the subject of children's pageants - do they benefit the child or do they have a negative impact?



Corinne Streeter

I think it is good for a child to be out and to compete. It must be kept in perspective. Pageants are bad when kids are pushed into them and their are expectations. If it is not fun for the kid, then I think it is wrong.



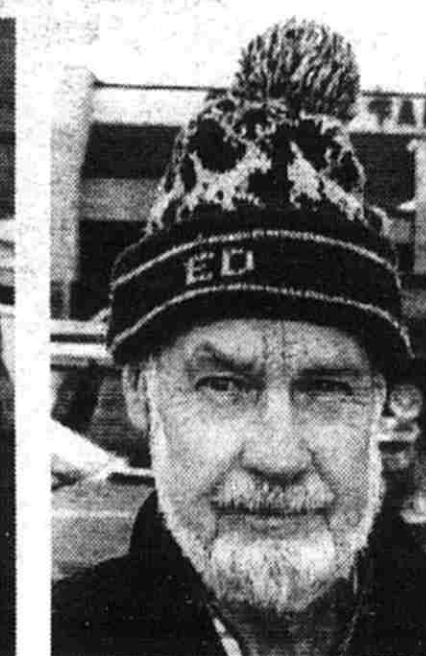
Ann Wood

They have a negative impact. It forces kids to grow up too fast. Pageants don't allow them to be children.



Barbara Land Cook

They are terrible and exploitive. They don't allow kids to be kids.



Ed Mueller

I think it has a negative impact on the kids. The parents are the ones who promote it to make money.



Chris Quiggle

To a certain extent I favor it. I am entering my child in a baby photo contest. I don't like all the money that is spent on pageants by parents. That money, I believe, could be better used (helping out needy kids). I also think the positive qualities that pageants may have can be picked



Kim Seeber

I think it is probably good if the child wins. But every child wins. I think parents spending all that money on clothes and makeup create pressure for the child. I think at that point it tends to be more for the parents than the child.

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Todd Lockwood

I think it can help. It gets the child experience in competing and working and getting along with others.

Sally Beaudoin

Children are too young to make the decision. They don't know what they're getting into. I think it probably has a bad impact. I don't like all that perfect body bull that it creates.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Board Vacancy

The Board of Education is seeking applicants to fill a Board vacancy created by the resignation of Marsha Wilcox. If you are interested in filling this Board seat which expires June 30, 1997, please forward a letter of interest and brief resume to Superintendent Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331. The application deadline is Thursday, February 6, 1997 at 4:30 p.m.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is a notice of public hearing on the Townships of Grattan's proposed use of Kent County's 1997-98 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

A public hearing will be conducted by the Grattan Township Board on Monday, January 27, 1997, at 7 p.m., at the Historical Museum, Grattan Center, 11675 Old Belding Road.

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

Grattan Community Senior Center.....\$127,000
North Kent Transit Service.....\$2,000

The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 1997-98 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the Township of Grattan. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program is "...the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and 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.

All comments should be addressed to: Peg Gurney, Clerk, Grattan Township, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, and received no later than 7 p.m. January 27, 1997.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - January 13, 1997

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION: January is designated as "School Board Recognition Month," and Board members received a "Thank-you" and certificate for their dedication in serving the students of Lowell Area Schools.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted 20 yards of carpeting from Metternich-Cole Ltd.'s valued at \$324 for the Lowell High School Technology Dept. for student projects and stage sets.
- Approved the consulting service contract with Dundee-Delta Corporation for roofing projects at Cherry Creek, Alto, and Runciman schools.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:

- The December 3, 1996 Board Workshop minutes.
- The December 9, 1996 Regular Meeting minutes.
- Bond expenditures for two gas boilers for the Runciman building in the amount of \$28,897.
- The following payment of bills:
GENERAL FUND.....\$903,710.94
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$61,464.00
B. Athletic Fund.....\$17,383.30
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$15,645.85
1971 BOND DEBT.....\$31,935.00
1990 BOND FUND PROCEEDS.....\$9,141.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$1,039,280.09

through the remainder of the 1996-97 school year.

- Temporary appointment of Mr. Kelly Kidder to fill the Educational Support Services Director position.

Teacher Exchange Trip to Japan: High school teacher, Jack Ogle, reported to the Board on his two week trip to Japan as part of the Teacher Exchange Program funded by the Close Up Foundation.

KINDERGARTEN READING PROGRAM - Bev Reid, Kindergarten teacher at Bushnell, demonstrated a sample lesson from the alpha phonics program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Shawn Eshragh shared a flier describing a video segment on the January 9 World News Tonight with Peter Jennings comparing public schools with Catholic schools in the Chicago area.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - The financial questions raised at the December Board meeting were answered by superintendent Bert Bleke. A brief report of the fall MEAP scores was announced by Bert with overheads explained by Jim White. The district scores were excellent particularly at Cherry Creek Elementary, and Bert commended the Cherry Creek staff and students for this achievement.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Dialogue Session - Administration Bldg. - Board Room - Monday, January 27, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education - Administration Bldg. - Board Room - February 10, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.

• Maternity leave for Pam Thomas, Director of Educational Support Services, beginning on or about February 25, 1997

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24 THRU JANUARY 30

Megan Ward and Eric Close star in the NBC sci-fi series *Dark Skies*, airing Saturdays. The program, which focuses on the government cover-up of an extraterrestrial invasion and the events that surround it, is just one of the new crop of gloomy science-fiction shows.

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MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 27, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, American Music Awards, and various news and entertainment shows.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 27, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30. Includes programs like Late Show, Politically Incorrect, and various comedy and music performances.

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 28, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, American Music Awards, and various news and entertainment shows.

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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 30, 1997										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
33 WYMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder "Murder Two"	Moloney "Damage Control" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
41 WOTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	High Incident (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Freejack" (1992) Emilio Estevez, Anthony Hopkins. (In Stereo)	News	Nightline				
35 WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors Trailside: Adventure	Mystery! "Inspector Morse"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)			
17 WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Sponge"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "Soloman Papers"	Party of Five "Misery Loves Company" (In Stereo)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (In Stereo)			
6 WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Sinfeld (In Stereo)	Naked Truth (In Stereo)	ER (In Stereo)			
27 WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse"	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors			
19 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	High Incident (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Freejack" (1992) Emilio Estevez, Anthony Hopkins. (In Stereo)	News	Nightline				
16 WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "Soloman Papers"	Real TV	Coach "Judy's Tum"	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)		
18 TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: ** "Big Trouble in Little China" (1986) Kurt Russell, Dennis Dun.		Movie: ** 1/2 "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" (1988) Keenen Ivory Wayans, Jim Brown.					
14 FAM	Waltons "The Baptism"	Highway to Heaven "Catch a Falling Star"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Miami Vice "The Milk Run"	In Living Color	College Basketball: Southern California at Oregon State. (Live)	Carson Classics	Carson Classics		
23 FX	Mission: Impossible "Robot"	A-Team "Trouble Brewing"								
20 USA	Highlander: The Series "For Evil's Sake"	Murder, She Wrote "Amsterdam Kill"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Almost an Angel" (1990) Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski. (In Stereo)							
20 DISC	Wings	Wild Discovery "Wonder of Baby Animals" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step	Cronkite Remembers "Vietnam and Civil Rights"	Wild Discovery "Wonder of Baby Animals" (R)				
20 WGN	Family Matters	Bzz! (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Bloodsport" (1988) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Leah Ayres.							
23 ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	College Basketball: Massachusetts at George Washington. (Live)	College Basketball: Cincinnati at Louisville. (Live)							
23 CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN Sports Illustrated	Moneyline		
23 NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	Taxi "Thy Boss's Wife"	Odd Couple
10 A&E	Equalizer "Beyond Control"	Biography "Ted Bundy: The Mind of a Killer" (R)	Ancient Mysteries "Pompeii: Buried Alive" (R)				Unexplained "ESP, Dreams and Disasters"	Law & Order "Switch"		
10 P&S	CCHA Digest	NBA Action	College Basketball: Indiana at Ohio State. (Live)				FOX Sports News	College Basketball: Arizona at Washington State. (Live)		
10 TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Sacketts" (1979) (Part 2 of 2) Tom Selleck, Glenn Ford.					Movie: ** 1/2 "The Sacketts" (1979) (Part 2 of 2) Tom Selleck, Glenn Ford.			
10 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Duke"	Championship Rodeo (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)				Today's Country (In Stereo)	Dallas "Barbecue Two" (In Stereo)		
10 TRAV	Inn Country U.S.A.	Exploring America	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon		BBC Travel	Getaway	Inn Country U.S.A.	Exploring America
10 TLC	Hometime "Bathrooms"	Hometime "Bathrooms"	Real America: 48 Hours				Small Arms - Soft Targets (R)	Real America: 48 Hours (R)		
10 SCIFI	Time Trax "Forgotten Tomorrows" (In Stereo)	Tekwar "Alter Ego" (R) (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Spin Doctor" (In Stereo)	Sci-Fi Buzz	Inside Space		Time Trax "Forgotten Tomorrows" (R) (In Stereo)			
10 HIST	Combat at Sea "Rescue" (R)	Century of Inventions "The Motion Picture"	Civil War Journal (R)				Automobiles "Volkswagen Beetle" (R)	Year by Year "1941" (R)		
10 AMC	(6:15) Movie: ** 1/2 "The Perfect Furlough" (1959)	Movie: ** "The Big Trail" (1930), Marguerite Churchill, Tyrone Power Sr					Movie: *** "The Tamished Angels" (1957), Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone	"The Perfect Furlough"		
10 DISN	Movie: *** "Gay Purr-ee" (1962), Robert Goulet, Red Buttons 'G'	Weird Al Yankovic: There's No Going Home (R)	Movie: ** "The Great Outdoors" (1988) (In Stereo) PG (Adult language)	Movie: ** "Ice Castles" (1979) PG						
10 HBO	Movie: *** "Bye Bye Love" (1995) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations)	Movie: "Mercenary" (1997), John Ritter (In Stereo) NR (Adult language, brief nudity, violence)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)							
10 MAX	(6:00) Movie: ** 1/2 "Trapped in Paradise" (1994)	Movie: *** "Kiss of Death" (1995), Nicolas Cage (In Stereo) R (Adult language, nudity, violence)	Movie: ** "Vampire in Brooklyn" (1995), Angela Bassett (In Stereo) R	Movie: "Mo'Nasty" (R)						

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 30, 1997										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
33 WYMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Pat Bullard (In Stereo)			Geraldo Rivera			CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)
41 WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)					
35 WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
17 WXMI	Gordon Elliott	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)					Wonder Years	Doogie Howser, M.D.
6 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Paid Program					NBC News Nightside
27 WKAR	(Off Air)									
19 WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends				ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)
16 WSYM	Bzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe	(Off Air)							
18 TBS	(11:50) Movie: *** "The Blues Brothers" (1980) John Belushi. Two musicians reassemble their blues band for a fund-raiser.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Electra Glide in Blue" (1973), Drama Robert Blake. A police officer seeks the killer of an elderly recluse.								
14 FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club (Left in Progress)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23 FX	College Basketball	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20 USA	Duckman (In Stereo)	Big Date	Knight Rider "Kittnap"	Movie: ** "D.O.A." (1988) Dennis Quaid, Charlotte Rampling. (In Stereo)						Sirens (In Stereo)
20 D-SC	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Cronkite Remembers "Vietnam and Civil Rights"	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20 WGN	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23 ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	World Cup Skiing: Men's Slalom	Hawaii Sports	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	Racehorse Digest (R)	College Basketball: Cincinnati at Louisville. (R)			
23 CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latenight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	
23 NICK	Bewitched	Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	Taxi "Thy Boss's Wife"	Dick Van Dyke
10 A&E	Biography "Ted Bundy: The Mind of a Killer" (R)	Ancient Mysteries "Pompeii: Buried Alive" (R)	Unexplained "ESP, Dreams and Disasters" (R)	Law & Order "Switch"						Movie: *** "The Divorce of Lady X" (1938)
10 P&S	College Basketball	Cycle World (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
10 TNT	Movie: * "The Hunting Party" (1971, Western) Gene Hackman. A vengeful rancher sets out to rescue his kidnapped wife.	Movie: ** 1/2 "All Night Long" (1981) Barbra Streisand, Diane Ladd.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Deliver Us From Evil" (1973)							
10 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Duke"	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
10 TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip "Maine"	Water Sports World	Undersea Adventures	
10 TLC	Ghosts of Wonder (R)	Small Arms - Soft Targets (R)	Hometime "Bathrooms"	Hometime "Bathrooms"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
10 SCIFI	Tekwar "Alter Ego" (R) (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Spin Doctor" (In Stereo)	Sci-Fi Buzz	Inside Space (R)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller					
10 HIST	Century of Inventions "The Motion Picture"	Civil War Journal (R)	Automobiles "Volkswagen Beetle" (R)	Year by Year "1941" (R)						
10 AMC	(11:30) Movie: "The Perfect Furlough" (1959)	Movie: ** "The Big Trail" (1930, Western) John Wayne, Tyrone Power Sr. A young trapper takes a job as scout for a wagon train.	Movie: *** "The Tamished Angels" (1957), Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone	Movie: *** "The Proud Rebel" (1958), Alan Ladd, David Ladd	"The Great Outdoors"					
10 DISN	(11:05) Movie: ** "Ice Castles" (1979) PG	Movie: *** "Gidget" (1959), Cliff Robertson, James Darren (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Proud Rebel" (1958), Alan Ladd, David Ladd							
10 HBO	Tracey Takes On... (R)	Real Sex 16 (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Mi Vida Loca" (1993), Seidy Lopez (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations)	Larry Sanders (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Deep Down" (1994), George Segal (In Stereo) R					
10 MAX	(11:45) Movie: ** 1/2 "Mo'Nasty" (1992) (In Stereo) R (Adult language)	Movie: ** "Children of the Corn III: Urban Harvest" (1995) (In Stereo) R	Movie: ** "Stripshow" (1996) NR (Adult language, strong sexual content)	"Nemesis-3-Time"						

Red Arrow wrestlers rally for thrilling two-point championship win

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a formula Ionia used with an abundance of success against Cedar Springs, Lakeview and Millington - a strong light-weight class attack anchored by state medalists Jason and Josh McGraw with just enough balance in the heavier weights.

It got the Bulldogs into the finals of the Lowell Invitational against the host Red Arrows. However, the formula became a little tainted as Lowell came from behind to win in dramatic fashion 31-29.

Through the first six matches of the championship against Lowell, Ionia's formula showed no marks of contamination.

The Bulldogs, victors of five of the first six wrestling matches, forged to a comfortable 23-5 advantage.

A rebellious Lowell fought back with a middle attack in stringing successive wins together at 140, 145, 152 and 160, pulling within one of Ionia at 23-22.

Decisions of 11-5 and 7-6 by Bulldogs' David Cotter and Clay Hattinger over Lowell's Keith Krebill (171) and Mike Minier (189) pushed Ionia's lead to seven at 29-22 with two matches remaining.

Billy Stouffer, with experience that belies his freshman status, pinned Ionia's Jason Bennett in 1:30 of the first period, closing the Bulldog's advantage to one at 29-28.

As has been the case in recent history, a Lowell/Ionia wrestling match came down to the heavyweights.

Lowell coach Gary Rivers' final instructions to Mike Arnsward were to wrestle smart and not make any mistakes... simple instructions that are not always easy to carry out. The sophomore did alright in deciding Jeff Cody 9-2 and giving Lowell a dramatic win.

"We just couldn't keep things together at the top," Ionia coach Bill Rodgers said. "I am extremely happy with the way our boys wrestled today. We beat two good teams in Cedar Springs and Millington to get into the finals. It is hard to keep up the emotion."

Rodgers pointed to matches at 140 and 160 as keys to the match. "Those were matches I felt we should have won."

For Lowell, the win is a much needed lift prior to a difficult stretch of conference matches against Hastings, Northview, Wyoming Park and Forest Hills Central.

"It took 14 kids to win this thing," Rivers said. "It was a team effort."

Dan Rottier (103) started Lowell off with a 15-0 technical fall against David Nelson.

Ionia strung five wins together to take a 23-5 lead, before Brett Plattner (140) pinned Brandon Gorby at 3:33 of the second period. David Luyk (145) then hung on for a 7-5 decision over Josh Bocks. Scott Hays followed with a convincing 17-1 decision against Joe Lamphere. Kyle Roth then earned a surprising 10-3 win against Chance Irvin.

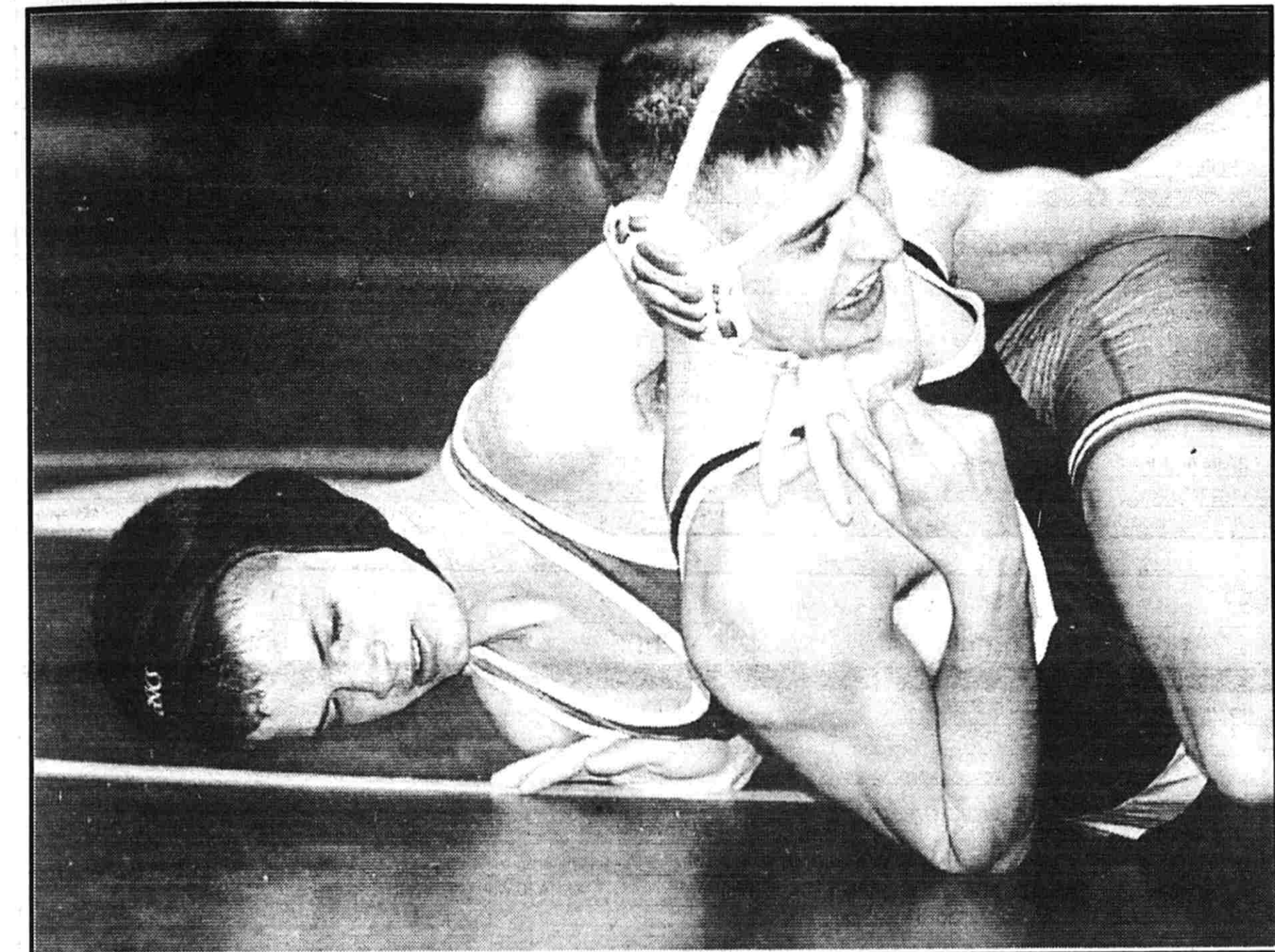
"Wins by Luyk and Roth were big. Those were matches that could have gone either way," Rivers said.

After dismantling Creston 62-18, Lowell faced Richmond, winner of the first two Lowell Invitational team championships.

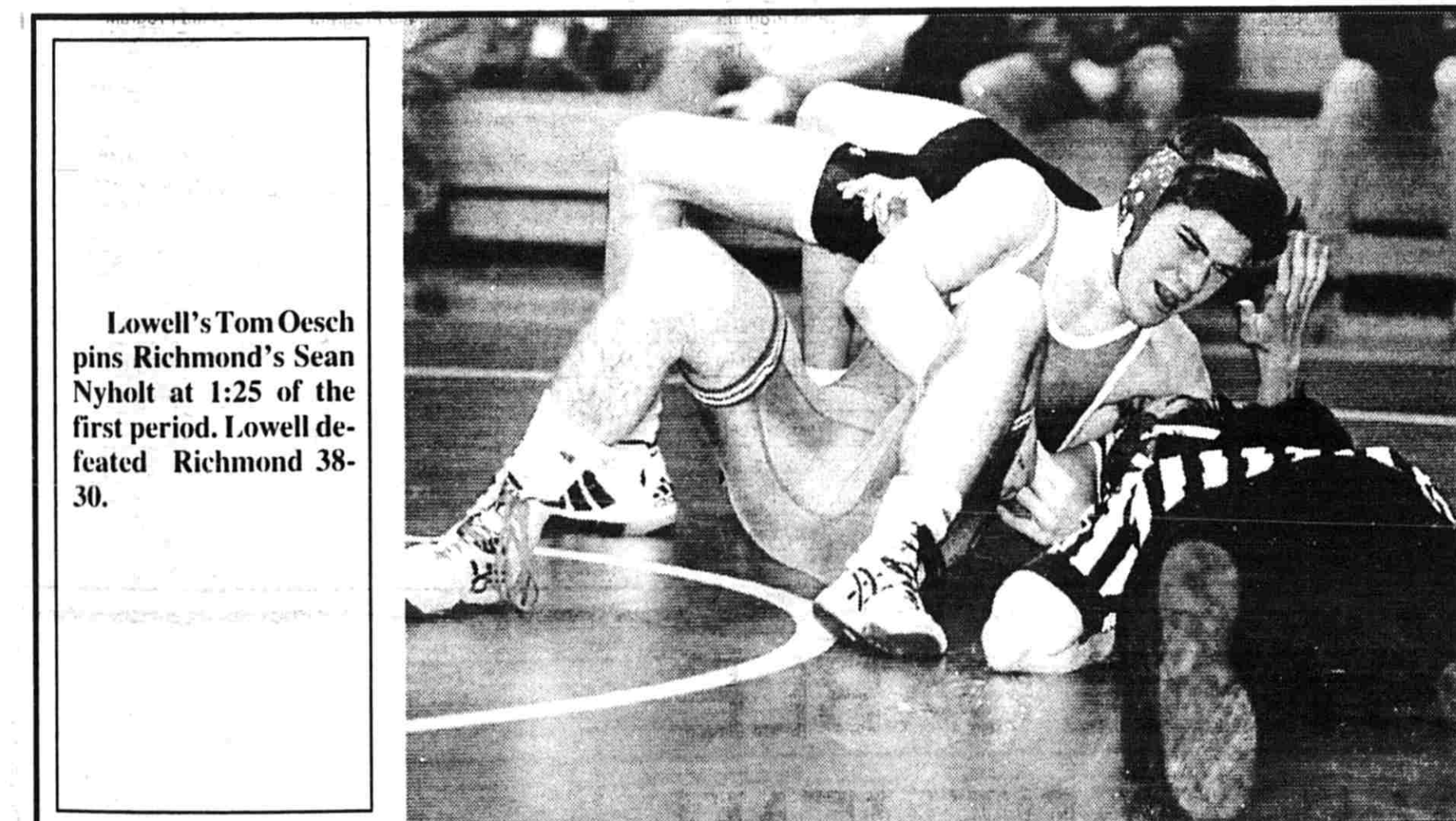
The Red Arrows started strong by winning six of the first eight matches. Posting victories were Nick West (11-6); Casey Harper (13-4); Tom Oesch (pin at 1:25); Brad Lyons (12-2); Plattner (8-5); and Luyk (pinned at 1:31).

The Red Arrows led 26-9 going into their match at 152. Lowell, however, lost four of its last six matches in hanging on to a 38-30 win. Its wins came from Stouffer and Minier (by forfeit).

"Lowell wrestled tough," Richmond coach George Hamblin said.



Red Arrow Brad Lyons dominated action in a 12-2 decision over Richmond's Jeremy Krause.



Red Arrow wrestlers celebrated their first ever Lowell Invitational team title on Saturday. Lowell defeated Ionia in the title match 31-29.

Lowell Wrestling Invitational Final Standings

- 1st Place: Lowell 31 Ionia 29
- 3rd Place: Fremont 37 Cedar Springs 23
- 5th Place: Millington 40 Richmond 32
- 7th Place: Lakeview 51 Christian 27
- 9th Place: Lowell (B) 57 Creston 22

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 1997 for the purpose of receiving public comments on an application from Brian Winkelmann, AIA, on behalf of ITM Corporation, for an extension of an existing special exception use.

This extension would provide for the construction of a 75,000 to 100,000 square foot warehouse facility on ITM property in Section 35 in the Industrial District. This is an extension of the plan started in 1996 with construction of a parking facility.

Proposed site plans and support material can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

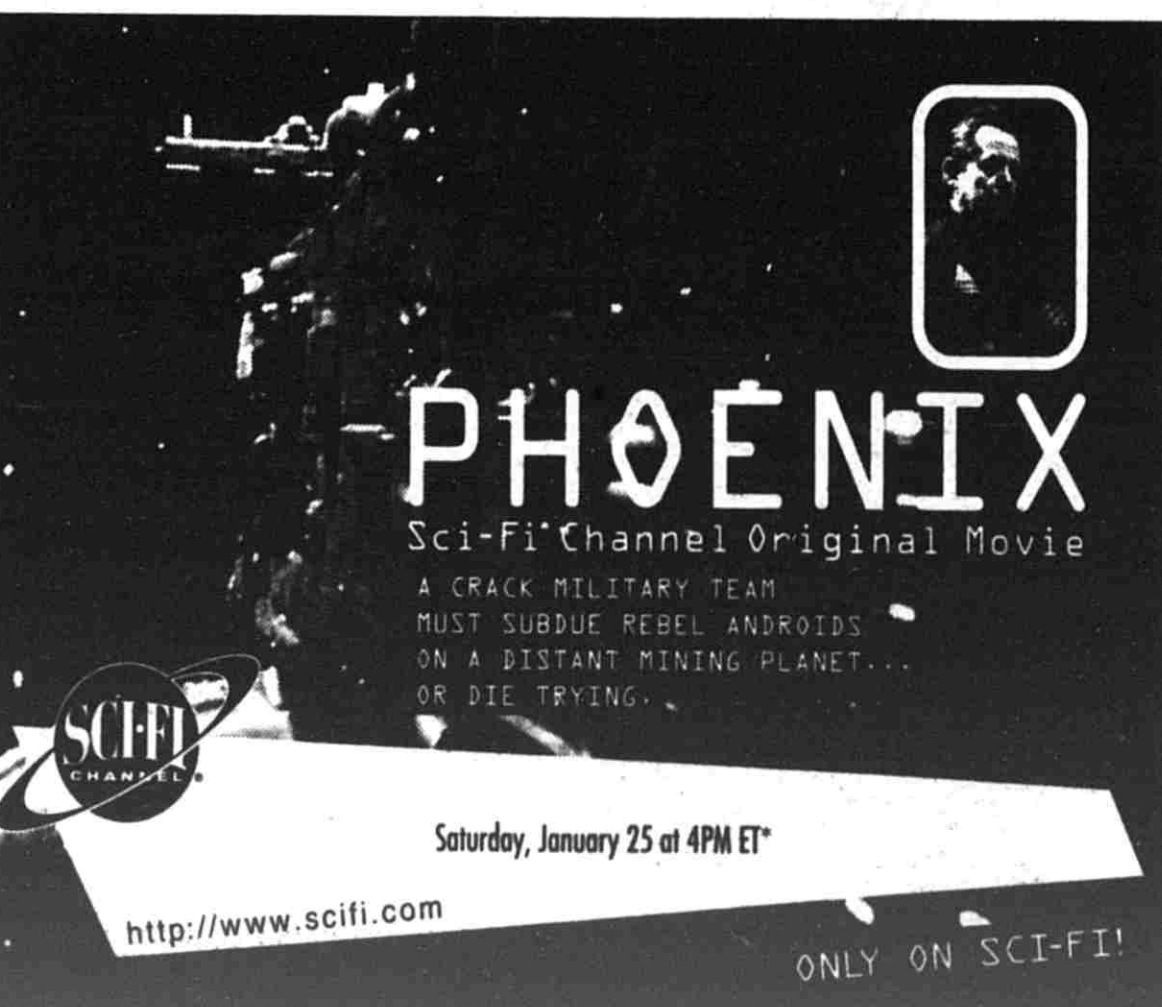
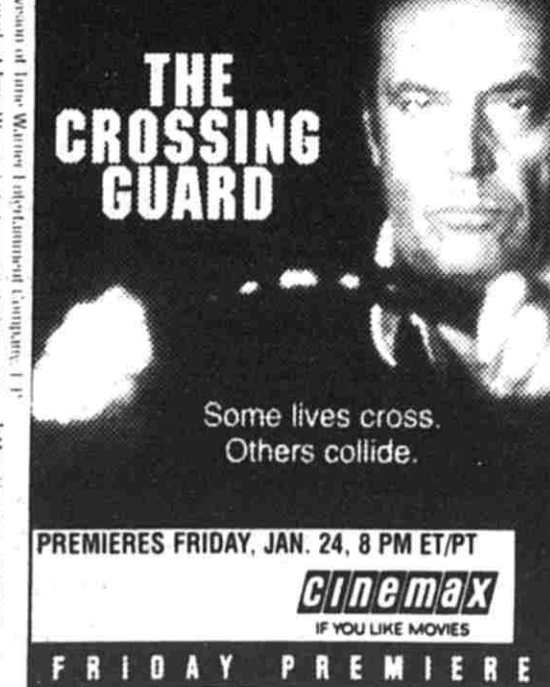
Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 1997.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

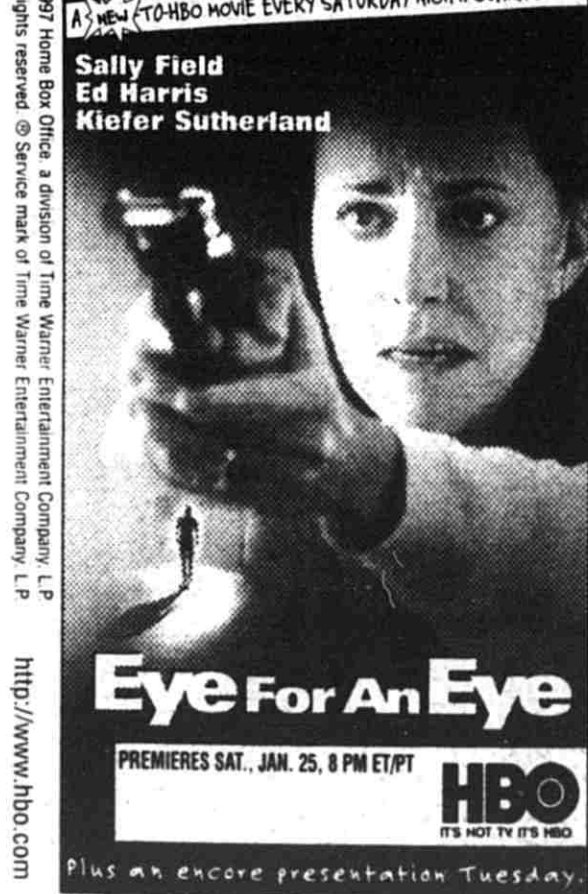
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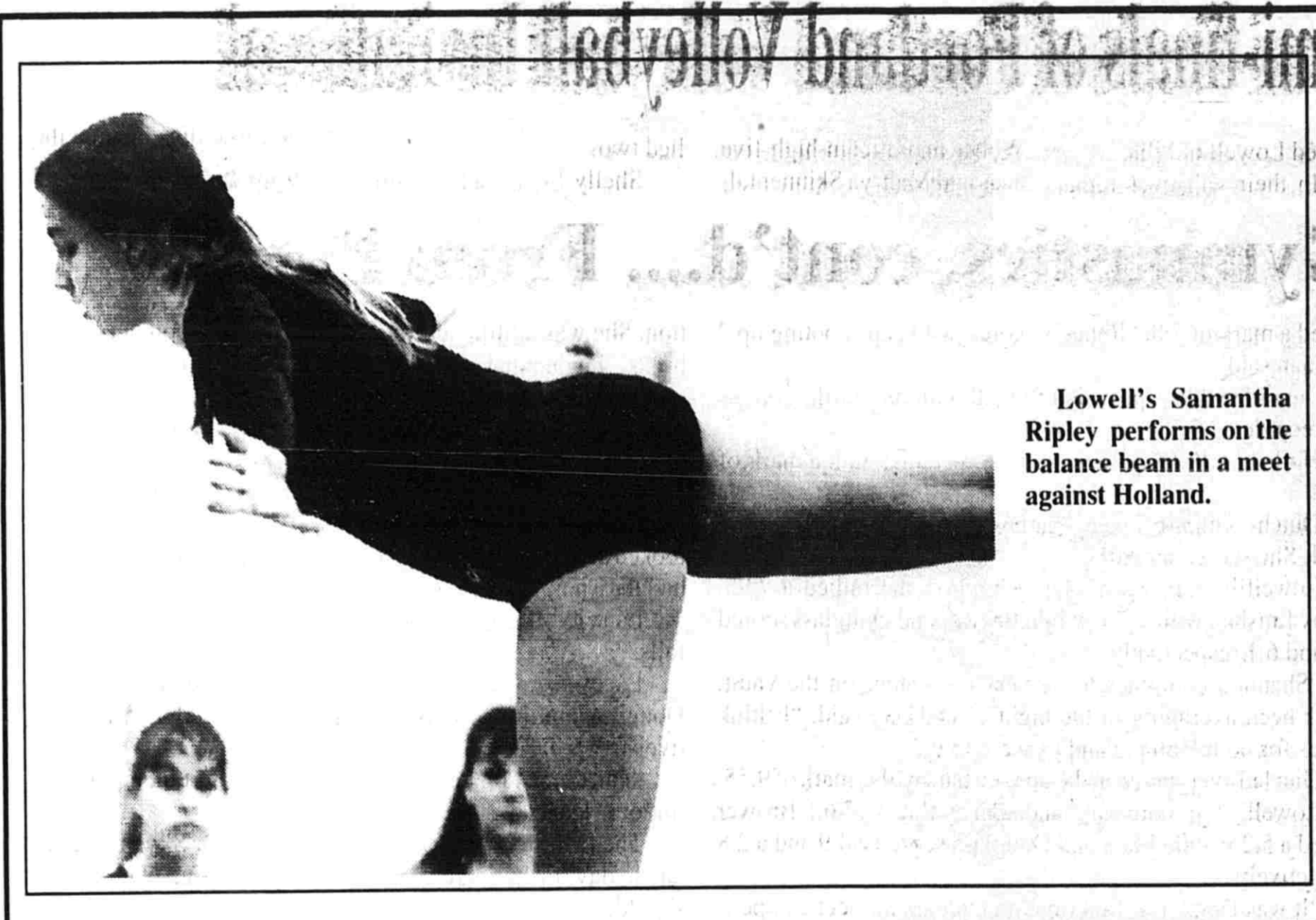
Lowell gymnasts make strides in loss to Holland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In its first dual meet of the season, Lowell's gymnastics team fell to conference foe and two-time defending state champion Holland, 136.15 - 102.95. "It was nice to see the girls get over the 100 mark," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "Because of injuries we've been a little behind from where I'd like us to be." The Red Arrows' strongest event was the floor exercise. Lowell junior Brenda Lacey led all Red Arrows with a mark of 8.2. Senior Shannon Laux was on her heels with a mark of 8.15.

"The floor exercise is definitely one of our stronger events," DeHaan said. "I thought the scoring on Brenda's and Shannon's scores was a little low. The girls did a nice job on their routines."

Freshman Renee Brower continues to improve as she
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Lowell's Samantha Ripley performs on the balance beam in a meet against Holland.

Lowell battles its way into semi-finals of Portland Volleyball Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's volleyball team continued down the trail of steady improvement as it split its eight games at the Portland Invitational on Saturday.

"The girls played really well together," Lowell volleyball coach Tammy DeVries said. "They played as well as they have all season."

The Red Arrows made it all the way to the semi-finals before bowing out to the host Red Raiders 15-9, 15-8.

"Overall, our serving was pretty good all afternoon, but it fell off against Portland," DeVries said.

Lowell recorded just two aces (Laurie Barton and Courtney Kissinger) against Portland.

Rachele Thomas led the Red Arrows in digs with six and in kills with 10.

"Rachele did a great job with attacks. She was really hitting hard," DeVries said. "I liked the way she was calling for it and then going after it."

Lowell's victories came against Central Montcalm (15-6, 15-9) and Ionia (15-8, 15-5).

Against the Hornets Barton (four) and Kissinger (five) combined for nine aces. Barton also added three digs as did teammate Cherielle Weber.

"The girls are moving their feet on defense and doing a good job of adjusting and anticipating what's going to happen," DeVries said.

Thomas (3) and Weber

(2) led Lowell in kills. In their win over Ionia,

Weber had a team-high five aces and Mahrya Skinner tallied two.

Shelly Staal had a club-

leading five digs against the Volleyball, cont'd. pg. 22

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tallied a mark of 7.8. "Renee's scores just keep shooting up," DeHaan said.

Laura Douglass provided Lowell with its fourth score as she recorded a 5.25.

Holland's Katrina Gier was the medalist with a mark of 9.35.

Dutch gymnast Stacey VanDyke took top honors on the vault. She scored an 8.05.

Lowell's Laux wasn't far behind as she tallied a 7.95. Lacey finished with a 7.65 while Brower and Douglass scored 7.1 and 6.1 respectively.

"Shannon continues to be very consistent on the vault. She's been averaging in the eights," DeHaan said. "I think scores for both Holland and us were low."

Gier led everybody on the uneven bars with a mark of 9.55.

Lowell's top score was handed in by Lacey (7.6). Brower tallied a 5.25 while Laux and Douglass scored a 4.9 and a 2.8 respectively.

"It was Douglass' first time on the bars in meet competi-

tion. She was a little nervous. After she missed on one of her tricks, she decided to cut her routine short," DeHaan said.

Lowell's coach said Lacey's scores should continue to improve. "Brenda just needs to work on her flow. Everything needs to connect so there are not any breaks."

The Red Arrow gymnasts were left wondering "what if" following their performances on the balance beam. "The girls looked at their scores and realized what they could have scored had they not fallen," DeHaan said.

Laux led all Arrows with a mark of 7.05, but suffered three falls.

Lacey scored a 6.75 and also suffered three falls. Brower, Douglass and Lisa Malone scored 5.8, 5.4 and 4.55 respectively.

"Falls break up a routine and they also hurt their concentration," DeHaan said.

The Lowell coach said the status of senior Skye Fisher is day to day. Fisher is recovering from pulled ligaments in her shoulder.

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Red Arrow second-half turnovers lead to 71-53 loss to Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Pressure helped Zeeland keep pace with O-K White

leaders (Hudsonville and FHC) and shake a pesky Lowell basketball team.

Full-court pressure forced Lowell into numerous turnovers in the third quarter, helping Zeeland pull away to a 71-53 league win.

"We handled their pressure pretty well in the first half and even got some easy buckets," Lowell coach Pete Bush said. "But in the third quarter we made a couple of turnovers and they hit a couple of threes and then the frustration factor set in."

The Red Arrows and the Chix were pretty evenly matched for the first 16 minutes. Zeeland led 13-6 after one quarter of play. Lowell cut the halftime deficit to four (27-23) by outscoring the Chix 17-14 in the second quarter.

"We were lifeless. We didn't have that same fire we've had in previous outings," Zeeland coach Mickey Cochran said. "The boys came out in the third quarter and moved better on offense. We were attacking. Our pressure caused them to make some passes they couldn't handle."

Lowell made more field goals than Zeeland (24-21), but the Chix were 24-of-34 from the stripe. Lowell made it to the line just four times and hit two of its shots.

Kevin Brown led all scorers with 16 points. Justin Balcer tallied 12 and grabbed a team-high six rebounds. Aaron Brander and Jeff Catlin scored nine and eight points respectively.

Zeeland's Doug Ammeraal led the Chix with 15 points. Matt Karsten and Aaron Gruppen each contributed with 14 points apiece.

Lowell, now 1-6 overall and 0-5 in the league, travels to Forest Hills Northern before hosting Hudsonville on Friday.

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Bulldogs and Skinner contributed with four.

In the kill department, Skinner led with three and Thomas, Julie Wisner and Jessica Winsor each added two.

In Lowell's 15-10, 15-11 losses to Fowlerville, the Red Arrows recorded nine aces - six by Corrine Arnett and three by Barton.

"Arnett also did a good job of setting for us throughout the day," DeVries said. "Corrine and Rachele have done a good job as team leaders."

Barton and Thomas led Lowell in digs against Fowlerville with four apiece.

Lowell's Barton, Thomas, Kissinger and Jenny Borg all contributed with two kills apiece.

Lowell, 11-22, travels to Northview on Thursday.

Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.

George Burns

I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam; I looked into the soul of the boy next to me.

Woody Allen

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be having a "Dialogue Session" on Monday, January 27, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building - Board Room, 300 High St., Lowell, MI

The purpose of the session is for the Board and the Administration to receive public input and to enter into dialogue regarding various issues. Please stop by to "chat."

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES to accept the designated depository banks, authorized signatures for bank accounts and access to the safety deposit box during the ensuring year as recommended.

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

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1997.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock and Chief of Police James Valentine.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the December 16, and December 30, 1996 meetings be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (01/06/97)

GENERAL FUND \$89,634.21
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LOOK FUND 118.84

Item #1. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY BANKS. As provided annually, the City must designate its depository banks and authorize signatures for the coming year. The following designations were recommended:

- a. Authorized signatures:
Mayor William F. Thompson
City Manager David Pasquale
Mayor Pro Tem Donald L. Green
City Treasurer Judy Noonon
Police Chief James Valentine

b. Safety Deposit Box:

SATURDAY 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

As the owner of the building, the City was formally requested to approve the schedule to the Kent District Library.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to approve the increase in operational hours to 36 hours as recommended for the new Englehardt Public Library.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. PRESENTATION ON THE FIRE SAFETY HOUSE. Volunteer Firefighters Kelly Holst and Mark Mundt gave an update on the fund raising to purchase a fire safety house. This 29 foot travel trailer would be used to demonstrate fire prevention and escape methods.

The Fire Department had raised the \$22,000 to purchase the safety house through private and corporate donations. The two story, one bedroom unit should be delivered in approximately three months.

Mayor Thompson stated that the credit should be given to the Fire Department for their hard work in soliciting the funding and commended the local businesses and residents for contributing.

Item #5. RESOLUTION RELATED TO FINANCING THE WESTSIDE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION. The resolution that formally outlines the method of payment and deferrals for affected properties utilizing the westside sanitary sewer extension was presented. The terms were the same as previously reviewed by the Council.

The affected property owners have been aware of the terms with no challenges to the project. Therefore, it was recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution for financing the westside sanitary sewer project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution as presented for the method of payments and deferrals for affected properties utilizing the westside sanitary sewer extension project.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. REQUEST INCREASE IN OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR THE NEW ENGLEHARDT PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY. With the opening of the new Englehardt Public Library in February, the City must formally request an increase in hours of operation to the Kent District Library. The proposed 36 hours, from the current 29 hours, would be scheduled as follows:
MONDAY 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
THURSDAY 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
FRIDAY 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Item #6. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE M-21 PROJECTS. City Manager Pasquale stated that the City had been working with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kent County Road Commission regarding construction projects involving M-21. The four projects included the milling and resurfacing of M-21, the redecking of the Flat River bridge, the widening of the M-21 - Hudson Street intersection and the final two

Vergennes Township takes care of history and infrastructure with annual CDBG allocations

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township will provide financial assistance to the Fallasburg Historical Society, while helping itself in this year's allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG).

The funds are allocated to Kent County by the federal government and then trickled down to municipalities in the county.

This year, Vergennes had more than \$22,000 to allocate and with a long list of past organizations still receiving assistance from last year's funds, the township decided to work on projects that would benefit the entire community.

The historical society will receive \$2,000 to help with painting the interior and exterior of the Fallasburg School Museum.

"When it's done, we will be able to give students tours and let the public visit to view some of our archives. More people will be able to enjoy this than ever before," she said.

The township also allocated \$14,000 toward the construction of a handicapped accessible ramp for the township hall's second floor. "This will make the second floor usable for the public," said clerk Mari Stone.

The ramp was recommended in the township hall's study performed last year. The study offered ways of better utilizing space within the hall so officials and the public could benefit from its use. The remaining \$6,000 was allocated toward the completion of a township master plan.

The plan allows the township to map out its future development in accordance to zoning and growth. Earlier the township gave Rockford Ambulance \$2,500 for their communications improvement project.

From 1994 to present, the township has allocated more than \$66,000 toward community projects and service organizations including the Lowell Senior Center and North Kent Transit.

rior of the Fallasburg School Museum.

The latest allocation brings the township contribution toward preserving the museum to over \$25,000.

Historical society member Priscilla Lussmyer said the project is coming along nicely and is excited about the potential of the finished product.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Thompson stated that there had been other requests pertaining to compensation for those on City boards and commissions.

City Manager Pasquale explained that this request is in accordance with a Charter provision, allowing such compensation. The Charter states that the Planning Commission can not be compensated and would need a Charter amendment to change it. The other boards and commissions would need a resolution or ordinance to receive compensation.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the request from the Lowell Light and Power Board to compensate each member \$25 for each meeting attended to a maximum of \$325 per year, effective January 1, 1997.

YEA: 4. (Councilmembers Green, Shores, Myers and Mayor Thompson)
NAY: 1. (Councilmember Hodges)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Thompson requested that a letter be sent to all Chairpersons of the city boards and commissions of this decision and inform them that the City Council will be reviewing the compensation issue for all appointed boards and commissions.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores inquired on the status of the Lee's Landing building and are there any figures on the use of the North Kent Transit. City Manager Pasquale said that a meeting is being scheduled with Pitsch Companies to determine when demolition of the Lee's Landing building can begin. Pasquale said that while he has no figures immediately available on ridership using North Kent Service, it is estimated being low. More advertising of this service is needed.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the Council should reschedule their next meeting from Monday, January 20, 1997, to Tuesday, January 21, 1997 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Councilmember Hodges stated that a few years ago, the Council did schedule their meeting to Tuesday because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to reschedule the City Council meeting of Monday, January 20, 1997 to Tuesday, January 21, 1997 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Nichols stated that the second stage of the Downtown Development Authority streetscape project from Broadway to Lincoln Lake (including the installation of a water main) tie into the improvements at the intersection of Hudson Street and M-21. The intersection work involves widening the curb radius on three corners to improve truck turning movements. Also, the redecking of the Flat River bridge is scheduled. The City had strived to have the streetscape project completed in 1997. However, it was recommended that this be scheduled for 1998.

Nichols stated several reasons for this recommendation. But primarily MDOT, who has a major funding commitment for the overall project, would prefer to have a single contract. The project would be more manageable if it is bid as one contract. This should minimize the time that the intersection is partially closed and traffic is detoured. Also, it gives the downtown business owners one year of "normal" operation.

The City does have the option to carry out streetscape work this year, except for the intersection since the State will not complete its work at the location until 1998.

Nichols mentioned that concerns the City and the DDA should be aware of involving this project include: (1) MDOT will bid and award the contract. Thus, any contractor who is approved by MDOT may be awarded the project, if the firm submits the low bid. (2) MDOT may require that the project be bid in metric; however, an exception is being pursued. (3) MDOT's requirements for the City's portion of the project must be well defined, and how transitions for construction inspection be understood by both governmental units.

The Council stated its concerns whether MDOT could delay the project past 1998. Councilmember Green noted if the project is delayed until 1998, then the old street lights should be turned back on between Hudson and Lincoln Lake.

City Manager Pasquale said that the Downtown Development Authority will discuss this issue at their January 9, 1997 meeting to receive their comments.

Item #7. REQUEST FROM THE LIGHT AND POWER BOARD FOR COMPENSATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS. Charles Doyle, a member of the Lowell Light and Power Board, stated that at their December 16, 1996 meeting, the Board recommended to the City Council that Light and Power Board members receive nominal compensation of \$25.00 for each meeting attended up to a maximum amount of \$500.00 per year. The payment of this compensation will be paid from funds of Lowell Light and Power. This is in accordance with Section 16.1 of the City Charter.

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. The following is a listing of major accomplishments undertaken by the City in 1996:

- Downtown streetscape project
- New Public Library
- Roberta Jayne Street Underdrain
- Westside sanitary sewer
- Establishment of a Downtown Historic District Ordinance
- Adoption of new Subdivision Ordinance
- Asphalted projects
- resurfacing of DPW parking lot
- expanding of the Fire Station parking lot
- repaving Water Treatment Plant lot
- paving Horatio Street and Grindle Drive
- paving two more Oakwood Cemetery roads
- purchase of new phone system for City Hall and Police Department
- purchase of computer hardware, software and programming for Water Treatment Plant
- Establishment of the West Main Street sidewalks program over the next two years.

B. A letter from Prein and Newhof was presented regarding the closure of the monitoring and recovery well site at the DPW Garage utilized to remediate the underground fuel spillage.

C. A copy of the Schneider Fund Annual Account was provided.

D. A Public Act 116 application submitted by William and Brenda Schreur, 538 Flat River Drive for their 65 acres of property in Vergennes Township was submitted. The City has the right to comment. It appeared that the City has no impact experienced from this proposal.

5. Poortenga Tree Service reviewed the tree located in the street right of way by 517 Front Street and gave a quote of \$600 for its removal.

By consensus, the City Council approved the quote of \$600.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: January 22, 1997

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk



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The month of January was designated by Governor John Engler as "School Board Member Recognition" month. Recognized for the service they have provided to the school district are board members, sitting, left to right: Marsha Wilcox (president) 5 years; Ann Mulder (trustee) three years; Ellen McClain (trustee) 2 1/2 years; standing, left to right: Norm Byrne (secretary) 10 1/2 years; Mark Blanding (trustee) half year; Pete Gustafson (vice president) 2 1/2 years; and Jack Lane (treasurer) 9 1/2 years.

Water feasibility study put on hold until proposals are clarified

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials are mulling over two proposals for a wastewater feasibility study and want to make sure they get what they pay for.

The township received proposals from engineering firms Wilcox Associates and Prein & Newhof, but the difference in cost estimates made the township hold off in its decision.

Wilcox's proposal was "impressive and detailed," according to the board, but cost \$3,000 more than Prein & Newhof.

Wilcox offered to perform the study, which will look at constructing a wastewater facility for companies located in the Lincoln Lake industrial park, for \$6,570.

Prein offered to do the

same study, but would only charge \$3,300.

While it's common for municipalities to jump at the lowest bid, Vergennes officials were afraid Prein & Newhof left out some key information in their proposal.

"Prein & Newhof's is vague and we don't know what we're getting," said trustee Mark Weber. "I think we should go back to them and ask them exactly what we get for their services. If we get everything Wilcox offers, then let's go with them."

Officials were leaning toward Wilcox's proposal, because of its thoroughness and the way it answers most of their questions, but want to make sure they are getting an extra \$3,000 worth of information.

The township will provide Prein & Newhof with some of Wilcox's suggestions

and determine which proposal best fits them.

Vergennes Township would like to make the decision by Feb. 1 because the time line for starting a study is

quickly approaching.

The township must also decide if building a plant makes good business sense.

"After getting the study

back, we may decide to drop it altogether," said planning

commission member Gil Wise, an advisor in the matter to the board. "We may

decide to have each factory do one individually. We need to get enough information to answer all our questions and make a logical decision."

Web site limited only by imagination

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The creation of a school web site features information on Lowell schools, links to other web-sites and promises exciting growth in its future.

The framework of the new web site was authored by Lowell High School senior Brad Richardson and district technology coordinator Mark MacDonald.

"There is one internet station in each of the buildings," MacDonald said. "It is an opportunity to make use of technology that the taxpayers of Lowell put in our schools."

MacDonald does not limit its potential to just the school district. "I think as it grows

we'll add information about the community, promoting the townships, city, and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce events."

Richardson logged about 100 hours in helping get the site up and running. The concept came from the technology plan subcommittee of Lowell Area Schools Education and Business Plan.

"The web site is a way to connect to parents and students alike," MacDonald said. Currently it serves as a billboard which explains about the schools and community. Under the current framework, information is updated monthly. MacDonald said eventually information will be updated on a daily basis.

A student feature which can be accessed through the web site is the "Student Coffee House." It features a poet's corner, an art gallery and "On Stage" (performing arts information).

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The surest way to be late is to have plenty of time.
Leo Kennedy

It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane.
June Henderson

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 96-163,238-NC

In the matter of BEN-
JAMIN KILTS.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on February 5, 1997 at 10 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before Judge Carpenter for hearing on the name change of Benjamin Kilts to Benjamin VanStee.

January 8, 1997

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP ALTO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT
Oct. 1, 1996 to Dec. 31, 1996

Beginning Balance	\$61,505.48
Income	
Interest earned	\$416.81
Total	\$416.81
Disbursements	
Alto Library	\$144.80
Operating	\$1,292.67
Total	\$1,437.47
Ending Balance	\$60,484.82
William R. Harris Treasure.	

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 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.

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

EVERY THURSDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm

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FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Darl'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.

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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.

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

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.

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

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

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

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

Special Events

THURS., JAN. 23: 12:30 p.m., Senior Neighbors North - dance. **WED., JAN. 29:** 8:00 a.m., Women's breakfast.

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



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Kent ISD identifies concerns which may have lead to lower MEAP scores

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Testing a student's ability to use, find and interpret information as opposed to memorizing it is a clear transformation schools have seen in the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests.

"There has definitely been an increased emphasis on students being able to utilize information as opposed to memorizing it," Lowell curriculum director Jim White said. "Years ago, MEAP was a basic skills test. They were asked factual information questions."

Over the last number of years, schools on a statewide basis have had to adjust their

instruction approach in an effort to better help students prepare for the state tests, whether it be MEAP or the High School Proficiency test.

Many schools have done this by coordinating their core curriculum with the state tests.

This transformation does not explain the '96 decline in scores both at the local district levels and statewide.

In Kent County, five percent fewer fourth- and seventh-grade students scored satisfactorily on the MEAP test in 1996. This is the first time since the current test has been in place that Kent ISD scores dropped.

The results have left curriculum coordinators and su-

perintendents searching for answers.

Dave Buell, a testing administrator with the Kent Intermediate School District, said there is no way a drop in scores could have been anticipated.

"All of a sudden our local (districts) all drop and then there's a statewide drop. That shouldn't happen," Buell said. "Usually that indicates there is something wrong with the test."

Lowell was one of the few schools in the KISD that did not experience a drop in scores.

Buell disagrees. "All schools' scores experienced a drop. Those who showed increases would have shown larger increases if not for a

systematic failure," he said.

School administrators from around the state will look for some unusual response patterns when reviewing the results. Such patterns normally indicate drops in scores and possible flaws in the test.

Buell said he expects some of the drop is due to a failure of the Michigan Department of Education equating process to precisely account for the differences in this year's version of the test compared to last year's version.

Another possible reason for the overall decline is in the percentage of correct answers needed to attain a satisfactory score.

The need to set an equivalent passing score from one edition of the test to the next in whole number units on a 20-item test can lead to significant differences in students reaching satisfactory.

"Based on the statewide

data, moving the cut point from 15 (last year's cut) to 16 (this year's cut) results in a 10 percent decrease in the percent of students reported as satisfactory," Buell explained.

In fourth-grade reading, students had to correctly answer 75 percent of the questions, up from 70 percent.

In seventh-grade reading, students had to achieve a score of 80 percent to get a satisfactory mark, up from 77 percent. Buell said this adjustment may have been more than justified to account for the easier version of this year's test.

This year's fourth- and seventh-grade statewide reading scores were both higher and improving over all previous administrations of the same edition of the test.

However, it was lower than the version given in 1995.

On the math test, districts

reported up to 30 percent of the questions were new items. This brought about significantly more items with unusual response patterns.

The decline in test scores is in the face of considerable efforts statewide by school staff in buildings to raise performance levels.

"There is no evidence that other major indicators of student performance such as nationally normed tests are showing the pattern of decline," Buell said.

White added it is not always safe to assume the people who put the test together have done it correctly and that there are not any flaws.

"The purpose of the test is to measure if students are mastering and learning what is considered important," White said. "If students are to be successful, it requires teachers to focus in their classrooms on what is important."

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stretching contribute to most muscle strains. Many persons do their stretches, but the stretches often stretch the wrong muscles for the planned activity.

Even supposedly flexible teenage athletes strain muscles merely because they don't take the time to do proper warm-up and stretching exercises.

Stretching increases the flexibility of joints and by also lengthening the muscle provides a greater range of motion. This decreases the possibility of muscle injury.

Though there are many home remedies for muscle strains, it's best to get a chiropractic evaluation immediately after an injury occurs, and thereby minimize the possibility of a long-term chronic problem.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 1997, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted amendments in the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The regulatory effect of the Zoning Ordinance amendments can be summarized as follows:

1. Land Divisions. Section 3.53 is amended so as to set forth regulations on the dividing or splitting of platted lots and unplatted parcels, or boundary reconfigurations thereof, including requirements pertaining to permits for land division and the requirement that no permit for a land division shall be issued until it is determined that the proposed division complies with all applicable requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance and other

Township ordinances. Fees for land division permits may be established by Township Board resolution. No platted lot may be divided into more than four parcels of land.

2. Canopy. Section 2.08a is added to provide a definition of "canopy" as the term is used in the Zoning Ordinance.

3. Private Roads and Driveways. Section 3.29 is amended so as to specify additional requirements concerning private roads, including a provision for special land use for the splitting or dividing of parcels to be served by a private road, and also a provision for amendment in any existing private special road land use where parcels are added or divided.

4. Effective Date. The Zoning Ordinance amendments will become effective January 29, 1997.

A copy of the amending ordinance may be examined or purchased at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: January 17, 1997

Township Board of the Township of Grattan

Wells at Department of Public Works abandoned

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After nearly four years of removing an underground fuel tank, and purging fuel from the soil, the monitoring and recovery wells at the Department of Public Works have been abandoned.

Stearns Drilling was contracted to abandon the wells at a cost of \$5,205. The abandonment was completed in late December.

An additional requirement for closure was recording the restrictive covenant on the property, prohibiting use of ground water for human consumption. This did not present a problem since the DPW has always used city water for drinking.

Now that the wells are abandoned and the restrictive covenant filed, no more activity at the site will be required.

except following the terms of the restrictive covenant.

Edward Higuera of Prein and Newhof said the equipment at the facility which was removed and abandoned has little salvageable value, based on information he'd been given.

ART Corp., a supplier of carbon, was contracted to re-

move the spent carbon from the cells and the carbon canisters for \$200. It will be regenerated and then sold for use at another location.

The well problem was first discovered years ago when a pipe that went from the tank to the gas pump leaked.

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES GRATTAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motions passed:

- Motion to approve agenda.
- Motion to approve budget amendments.
- Motion to reduce check to Mika, Meyers.
- Motion to approve consent agenda.
- Motion to eliminate public hearing for renovation of residential building with Block Grant Funds from the options.
- Motion to hold a public hearing to build a stand alone community room for senior and community use.
- Motion to adopt Land Division Ordinance.
- Motion to Computerize the Kent County Tax System.
- Motion to pass resolution to hold public hearings on Byrne Park Paving Project.
- Motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen O'Brien, transcriber.

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