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Bill Lee, Superior Furniture, left, and Stan Gardner, right, stand behind items they will donate toward the Lowell Rotary auction to be held on April 19. The solid cherry display chest being donated by Superior Furniture is retail valued at \$779. The Chairside chest house design which Gardner is donating is retail valued at \$959. Standing between Lee and Gardner is auction chairman Tony Asselta, president of Root Lowell.

Rotarian auction speaks volumes of library's importance to children

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Round-trip air tickets anywhere in the continental United States, a seven-night stay at the Marriot Villa Resort in Orlando, and tickets to the MIS (Michigan International Speedway) 200 are just some of the items available to those who attend the Lowell Rotary Auction benefit for the Englehardt Library on April 19.

The auction will be held at the Charlevoix Club located on 28th St. in Cascade.

The proceeds will go toward matching the club's \$20,000 donation for a children's section in Lowell's new library.

The community event will start with a social hour and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. A continuous buffet will begin at 7:30 with a live auction starting at 8:15.

Lowell Rotarian Charlie Doyle will emcee the event with Jim Cook Jr. serving as auctioneer.

"The Rotary Club has been elated with the donation response and the near sell-out," said auction chairperson Tony Asselta,

president of Root Lowell. "There will be over 250 people in attendance."

Asselta said 25 tables have been filled (10 people to each table). Five tables were added and two have already been sold.

The cost for the event is \$25 per person or \$50 per couple.

"The auction is a way of showing the community that the club is active and is giving back to the community," Asselta said. "We also want to extend an invitation to the community to attend and/or donate an item. All will be accepted and greatly appreciated."

People interested in attending should call Asselta (Root Lowell) at 897-9211, ext. 324 or use his 24-hour voice mail.

They can also call co-chairman Wendell Christoff (Chadalee Farms) at 897-5911.

A major corporate underwriter for the event is Lowell's FMB State Savings Bank.

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Englehardt Library, a heavenly bookmark for community's history

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"I'm jealous," said Byron Township library branch manager Marie VanFleet, upon her visit to Lowell's new Englehardt Library.

The 9,000 square foot library, which opened on Feb. 5, is definitely something to be envious of - unless, of course, you are Lowell district branch manager Jane Aronson.

"It's heaven," Aronson said with a smile as bright as the illuminated structure. "I truly appreciate it and the way the library came about."

Library patrons are also enjoying it. There has been a steady flow of people over the first three weeks.

"People who have never used the library before are coming in," said part-time assistant Anne Pasquale. "It's been busy."

The first noticeable difference as one walks through the French doors is the space.

"I'm still getting used to it," Aronson said. Besides the extra shelving space that patrons notice, the Lowell librarian is appreciative of the staff work space, lunchroom and restrooms.

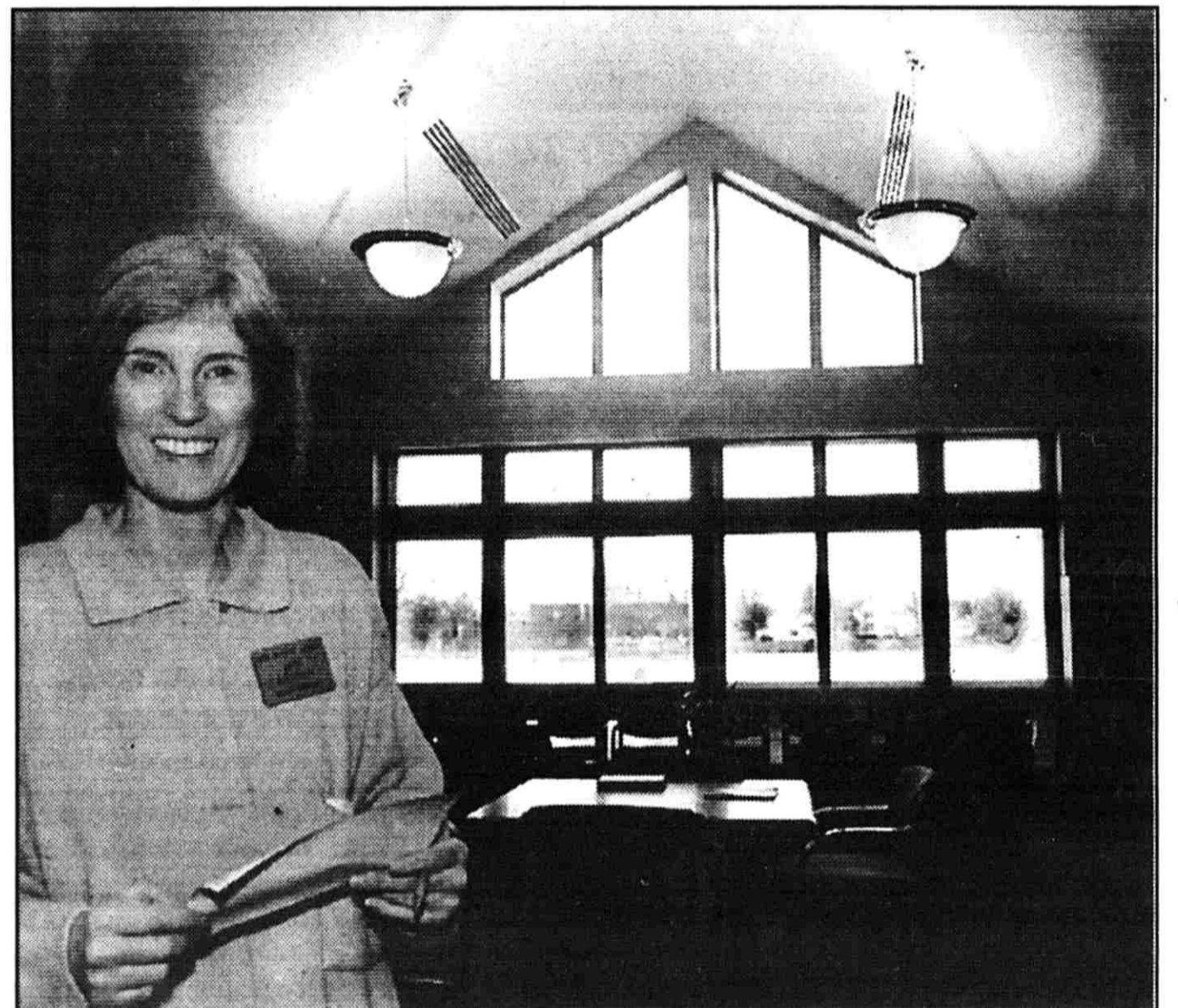
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I love it. It's beautiful. There is much more space.

Grace Rash

I usually visit the library once a month. Since the new library opened, I've been there threefour times. It is a wonderful, bright and cheerful building.

Mary Fontaine



Lowell librarian Jane Aronson can't help but smile with the wonderful view the windows in the Englehardt Library provide her and the library patrons.

Vergennes Township works quickly to trump state's subdivision amendments

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials have taken the first step to preserve land division techniques by discussing plans to pass an ordinance which mirrors ways of dividing land during the past 30 years.

The township's discussions come on the heels of Gov. John Engler's amendments to the Subdivision Control Act of 1967.

"What he did was do away with more than 30 years' experience in splitting property," said township liaison Gil Wise. "Nobody really knows how this will shape out, but I do know this puts more of a burden on the township and makes it easier for some people to divide their land."

Wise and the township's planning commission have decided to use the state's old subdivision act as a skeleton for their own ordinance which would supercede Engler's amendments.

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OBITUARIES

ANDERSON - Robert A. Anderson, aged 64, passed away at his residence Saturday, February 22, 1997. He was born September 24, 1932, in Green County, PA, to the parents of Daniel (Etta May Stout) Johnson. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Saranac. He married Kathleen Marcellus in Indiana on December 27, 1951. Besides his wife he is survived by 4 sons Robert (Sue) Anderson of Lowell, Lewis (Melodie) Anderson of Saranac, Timothy and Kenneth Anderson both of Lowell; 3 daughters Kathleen Sterzick of Saranac, Elizabeth Anderson of Lowell, Lorette (Brian) Vosburg of Middleville; 2 brothers Arleigh (Martha) Willy of PA and Arthur (Faye) Stout of CA; 1 sister Margaret Thornbury of Grand Rapids; 1 niece Marlene and 2 nephews Daniel and Alvin; special friend Archie Gregg; 23 grandchildren. One son Daniel preceded him in death in 1993. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Norbert LeyRita officiating. Anyone wishing may make contributions to St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

BARRINGTON - Rena M. Barrington, aged 91, of Douglas, MI, died Friday, February 21, 1997, at Harbors Health Facility in Douglas. Born February 19, 1907 in Allegan County to John Bush and Minnie Case Bush. Rena was a resident of Fennville until she was forced by failing health to move to The Harbors. She had previously been employed by Michigan Fruit Cannery of Fennville and also General Electric of Holland. Rena was preceded in death by her husband Harold on April 28, 1985. Also preceded in death by her daughter and son-in-law, Clifford and Donita Paine; her grandson Jeffrey Paine; sister Vera Gilbert; brother Keith Bush; and three great-granddaughters, Kristina and Alexis Noonon. Committal Service was held Tuesday with burial in the Fennville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice in memory of Rena Barrington.

RIOJAS - Agapito (Pete) Ruiz Riojas, aged 76, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour on February 16, 1997. He is survived by his wife Laura of 49 years; sons, Terrace (Delaine) of AZ, Steven (Agnes) of CA, Edward (Mary) of Byron Center; daughter Diane (Keith) Bennett of Lowell; 13 grandchildren; one brother, Sam (Adeline) of Greenville; three sisters, Eloise Allison of Greenville, Francisca Riojas of Greenville, Ollie (Tom) Zuniga of Saginaw; two sisters-in-law, Eleanor Riojas of Lakeview, Trine Ortiz of TX; and several nieces and nephews. Pete, a World War II veteran, was retired from Columbian Stg. and Transfer. He was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church,

Welfare Chairman of Local 406 Retirees Club, and member of the Senior Neighbors Dance Band. Funeral and committal services were held Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church with pastor John Stieve officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Luther Hour Ministries.

PORRITT - Albert E. Porritt, aged 77, of Alto, died Wednesday, February 19, 1997. He is survived by his wife Anna; children Chris (Joe) Holysz of Kalamazoo, Peter (Lorraine) Porritt of Alto, Ben (Diane) Porritt of Plymouth, Judy (Mike) Punt of Middleville; brother Marvin (Gloria) Porritt of Alto; sisters Elizabeth (Kenneth) Palmer of Belleville, Marilyn

(Harold) Johnson of Alto, Martha (Elwin) Wellfare of Alto; 12 grandchildren. Albert, a farmer, was a life-long resident of Bowne Township and a member of farming organizations and various boards. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Bowne Center United Methodist Church, (Alden Nash and 84th, Alto), Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to West Michigan Alzheimer's Association in Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

ZIMMERMAN - Lewis Christian Zimmerman, aged 91, of Grand Rapids, passed away February 22, 1997. The

legacy of this grand man will forever live through family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Vivien; his sons Donald Zimmerman of Grand Rapids, Ronald Zimmerman of Lowell; seven grandchildren, Laurie Brown, Cathy Willer, Scott Zimmerman, Greg Zimmerman, Donnie Zimmerman, Barry Zimmerman; 9 great grandchildren; 1 brother Carl Zimmerman of Caledonia. Services will be held on Wednesday (today) at 1:00 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

Hope Network receives lone allotment of Lowell Charter Township CDBG funds

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township residents benefiting from the use of Hope Network Transportation Service will be happy to hear that township officials have agreed to continue association with the service.

During the first year of participation, the township accrued only \$300 in usage fees, but at the midway point of this year that figure jumped

to more than \$900.

As a result, the township agreed to allocate \$2,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Hope Network (North Kent Transit Service).

Hope Network is the only group to receive CDBG funds because most of this year's allocations have been earmarked for improvements to the Boves Road/M-21 intersection.

While Lowell Charter

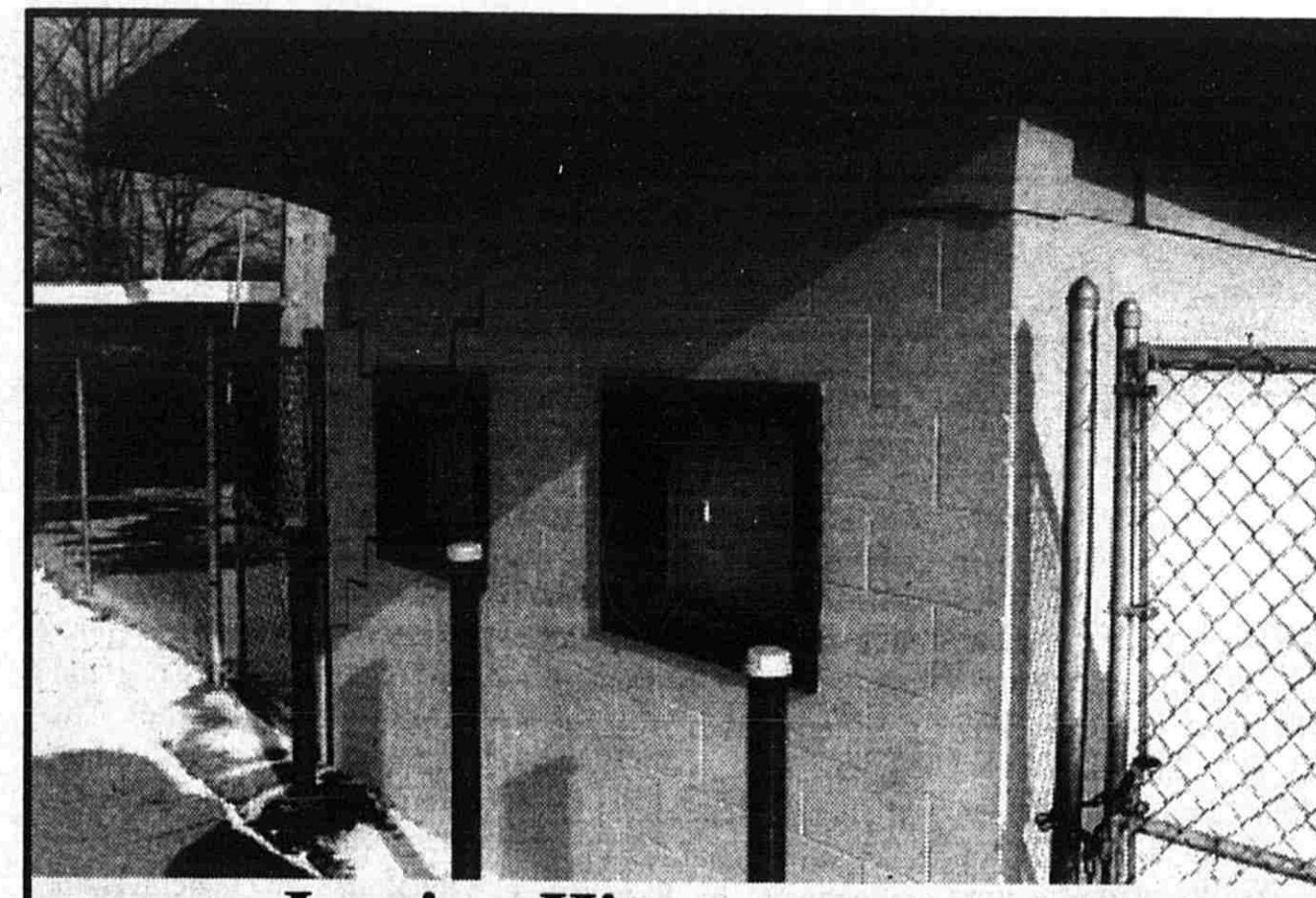
Township agreed to remain in the system, Hope Network expanded its service to Oakfield and Spencer townships.

Both municipalities agreed to participate in the service at a cost of \$1,000 each.

Hope Network provides transportation for senior citizens and handicapped individuals at a reduced rate in communities that agree to provide funds.

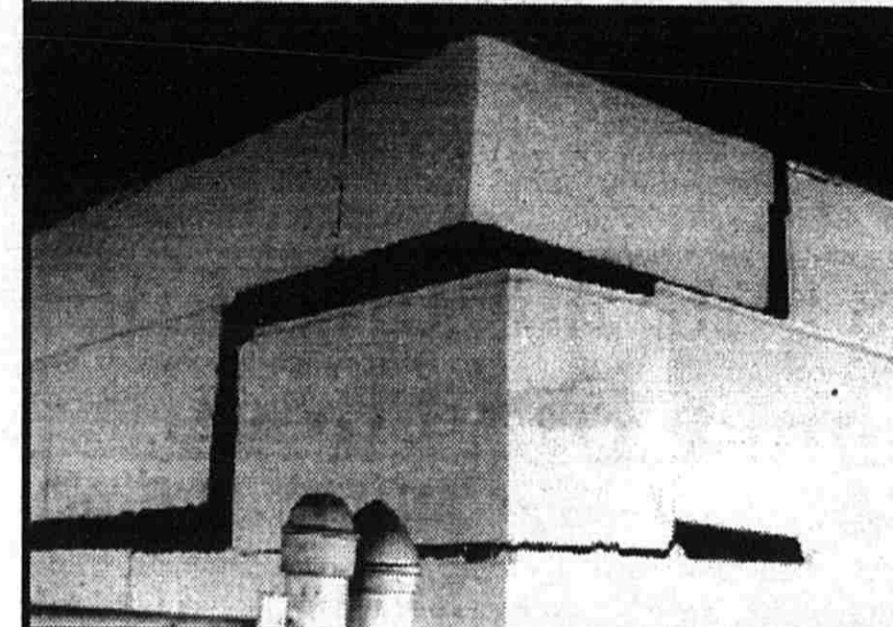
Most governmental units pay for the service by allocating CDBG funds, which are given to them by the federal government for projects that benefit the entire community or low income individuals.

Service to Oakfield and Spencer townships is expected to begin on April 1.



Jarring Hit

The old ticket building at Burch Field was jarred by what Lowell Youth Football officials believe must have been a truck. However, no one is really sure. What they are sure of is the building will be razed and a new one will be built. Lowell Youth Football League president David Biggs said the new building will be used as a storage facility for field equipment and as a place for players to weigh in.



Lowell Charter Township agrees to display wares at Community Expo

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Proud of their home, Lowell Charter Township officials have agreed to take part in the first ever Lowell Community Expo.

The Expo, which will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 10, will take place at the Lowell High School and showcase one of West Michigan's fastest growing areas.

Vergennes Township officials agreed to take part in the Expo, which will also showcase the city of Lowell, Lowell School District, Lowell chamber of commerce and area businesses.

The event is co-sponsored by the chamber of commerce and the school district.

Chamber spokesperson Liz Baker said the Expo will try to encourage the community to come and see what's available and present itself to human resource departments as a community that should be seriously considered by relocators.

Baker said the event is an opportunity for others to find out why choosing Lowell as a place to live, raise a family,

work, shop and educate their children is a smart move.

Businesses interested in participating can contact the chamber for more information.

Kaimu Beach on Hawaii Island has glistening black sand which consists of grains of lava.

COLLEGE NEWS

For more than a decade, Grand Valley has been the state's fastest-growing university. That growth has been paralleled by increases in the quality of our students and of their academic accomplishments.

Students who were graduated at the conclusion of the fall 1996 semester from this area include: Kenneth J. Berg, Timothy V. Dimmick, Tara L. Gerer and Mark V. Ritzema, of Lowell, and Maria Huizing of Alto.

Carrie Sadler, of Lowell, was among the students named to the dean's list at Alma College.

Alma College has named over 350 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 1996 fall term which ended December 13.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the dean's list.

Sheryl Nugent, a senior in chemical engineering, and Scott Smith, a freshman in civil engineering, both from

Lowell and David Pell, a freshman in engineering-manufacturing, of Alto, were among a total of 1,194 students who achieved placement on the fall quarter 1996 dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Dr. Martha Janners, dean of students, reported that 263 students earned straight 'A' averages of 4.00, one of which was Smith.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Engineering has named Adrian Schuster to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 1996 semesters. He is the son of Don and Carol Schuster of Lowell.

FRIDAYS AT CALVARY CRC SEMINAR SERIES

• FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 •

"Character Development Through Suffering"
Speaker - Margaret Broersma, M.A. • Time - 7:30 p.m.

Margaret Broersma is a speaker and author who has written in the area of step-parenting and blended family issues. Her most recent book is *Devotions for Couples in Blended Families*. She is currently Adjunct instructor in English at Aquinas College and has served for a number of years as an adult Bible teacher and inspirational speaker.

On February 20, Margaret Broersma will lead the seminar, "Character Development Through Suffering." She will talk about how suffering through a life-threatening illness changed her and what she learned about trusting God. The presentation will also show how the Lord prepared her for her husband's death and the suffering that was yet to come.

The public is cordially invited. The seminar is free.

Calvary Christian Reformed Church is located at 1151 West Main Street in Lowell, across from Burger King. For more information, call the church office at 897-7060.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF KENT

FILE NO. 97-00889-CH

First Congregational Church of Lowell, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff

vs.

Julietta Parker, Her Devises, heirs and assigns, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, Defendant.

MICHAEL J. TUMMINO, JR., P-21618
Attorney for Plaintiff
311 East Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331
(616) 897-5931

NOW COMES Plaintiff, First Congregational Church of Lowell, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, by and through its attorney, Michael J. Tummino, Jr., and states as follows:

1. That the Plaintiff, First Congregational Church of Lowell, is a Michigan nonprofit corporation whose principal place of business is 404 N. Hudson, City of Lowell, County of Kent, State of

Michigan.
2. That the Defendant, Julietta Parker, is an individual whose last known address was 212 N. Hudson, City of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan. Said Defendant having died approximately in the year of 1912.

3. That Jane Doe and John Doe are any individuals who claim by any interest, title, right, or color of title, an interest in the below described property.

4. The Plaintiff was, at all the relevant times, and now is, the owner in fee simple and in legal possession of the following described premises:

Lot 8, less 10 feet off the south side, Block 17, Richards and Wickhams Plat, City of Lowell

5. The Plaintiff's ownership interest was derived by way of a transfer of said property from the Defendant, Julietta Parker, to the Plaintiff by way of deed or gift; however, if transferred by deed, none was ever recorded.

6. That the Plaintiff has

been in possession and control of the above described since approximately the year 1912.

7. That the Defendants unlawfully claim the title to the above described property by having failed to transfer the title of said property to the Plaintiff.

8. The claim of the Defendants are invalid because of the above stated facts, and the claim of Defendants are a cloud on Plaintiff's title to the land.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

1. That all claims of rights, title or interest of the Defendants in the above described property be declared illegal and void and set aside as a cloud on the title of the Plaintiff.

2. That the Defendants be ordered to release to Plaintiff all right, title and interest which Defendants claim, or appears to have, in the above described land.

ordered to have no right, title or interest whatever in or to the land or any part of it, and that the Plaintiff be vested with title in fee simple to said land and an order from this Court may be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds office as proof of same.

4. That the Plaintiff have any other relief agreeable to equity and good conscience.

COUNT II
9. That the Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8, as though fully set forth.

10. That the Plaintiff claims the right of adverse possession as to the above described property in that the Plaintiff openly and notoriously had exclusive possession of or control over said property since the year of 1912. Said period of time being in excess of 15 years.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

1. That all claims of rights, title or interest of

the Defendants in the above described property be declared illegal and void and set aside as a cloud on the title of the Plaintiff.

2. That the Defendants be ordered to release to Plaintiff all right, title and interest which Defendants claim or appear to have, in the above described land.

3. That the Defendants and any persons claiming under them be ordered to have no right, title or interest whatever in or to the land or any part of it, and that the Plaintiff be vested with title in fee simple to said land and an order from this Court may be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds office as proof of same.

4. That the Plaintiff have any other relief agreeable to equity and good conscience.

Dated: January 24, 1997
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March 10 thru March 15, 1997

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Handbell choir "Embellish" to perform at United Methodist Church

As part of the Series for the Performing Arts, Lowell United Methodist Church is pleased to present the outstanding handbell choir, Embellish. The concert will be Sunday, March 9, at 6 p.m.

Embellish is the result of a vision that several Grand Rapids area handbell enthusiasts shared in the spring of 1995. Their common purpose was to provide an opportunity for a few area ringers to perform technically challenging handbell music, and to bring performances of this literature to area audiences covering a wide spectrum of venues.

First rehearsals were held in the fall of 1995, after auditions were held to fill out the core group of interested ringers who numbered seven. It was agreed that Carl Wiltse would be the musical director.

Wiltse studied music at Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University and Michigan State University. He was a public school music teacher at the elementary and middle school levels

in Portage for two years and served as an elementary music specialist in the Holland Public Schools for 24 years. He has composed and published over 75 compositions and arrangements for handbells. He is founder and editor of Stained Glass Music, a music publisher specializing in handbell music. Retired from teaching in 1993, he now spends his time composing for handbells as well as voices and enjoys singing in local choral ensembles. Wiltse is presently interim artistic director of the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys.

During their first year, Embellish performed twice with the Grand Rapids Symphony, twice with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids and at St. Cecilia Music Society's Musical Tour of Homes. Full concerts were performed at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte and at South Congregational United Church of Christ in Grand Rapids. The group's "Premiere Concert" was presented

in May of 1996.

This season's performances include the Grand Rapids Symphony's Christmas Pops concerts, the Women's City Club, a return engagement with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids, a Choral Evensong with The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys and Embellish's first solo Christmas concert in Royce Auditorium of the St. Cecilia Music Society.

The group has been coached each year by internationally known composer, clinician and handbell authority Donald E. Allured. Many of the ringers are also handbell directors in area churches and bring a variety of musical skills to the organization. Embellish rings with six octaves of handbells manufactured by Malmark, Inc. of Plumsteadville, PA.

There is no charge for the concert but a free will offering will be received. Refreshments will follow along with an opportunity to chat with the ringers.



Handbell choir "Embellish" will perform at the Lowell First United Methodist Church on March 9 beginning at 6 p.m.



Madeline and Frank Barnhart

Barnharts to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Frank and Madeline (Phillips) Barnhart will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 6 in Placida, FL.

They are the parents of Gay Washburn, Jerry and Connie Winterburn, Jim and Barb Barnhart and Dan and Ann Huver.

A family celebration with their children, 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren will be held in the spring when they return to their Michigan home.

Viewpoint . . .



I have a list next to my computer. Currently there are nine items on the list to remind me of some fiasco, mishap, circumstance or stupid mistake. There is a story behind each listing, so I have a plethora of things to write about. Some of the items on my list date back several months and are in danger of succumbing to C.R.S. (Can't Remember #%!@). I mentioned that I suffer from a little C.R.S. during a conversation with a copier repairman recently. He told me C.R.S. was nothing compared to the C.R.A.B.S. Before I could embarrass myself with a crabs story from my army days, the repairman explained that C.R.A.B.S. is a syndrome in which a person... Can't Remember Anything But #%!@.

At the risk of losing some of these pearls to C.R.S., or

C.R.A.B.S., or whatever, I'm afraid I have to put them all on the back burner and deal with the latest news. You may not agree with me, yet, but I think this clone business is the biggest news story of the century. I know... that's a pretty tall statement when talkin' about a century that featured a couple of world wars, the atomic bomb, computers, air travel and a whole host of neat stuff advertised on TV like the Vegamatic, The Clapper and Chia Pets!

You'd have to be living in a cave, or at least Smyrna, not to have heard the news that scientists in Scotland have successfully cloned a sheep. They claim that the procedure is relatively simple, and see no reason why any mammal, including humans, can't be cloned. I guess they extract the D.N.A. signature from a cell of the mammal to be cloned, inject it into the hollowed out egg of a like creature, implant the egg into the womb of yet another like creature, let it incubate and voila... you've got yourself an exact duplicate! Kinda like a Xerox, only different.

Maybe you haven't had time to think about some of the possible ramifications. You're only limited by your imagination. Suppose you had yourself cloned. My clone would get all the crud... work, cleaning up around the house, dealing with insurance salesmen, etc. I'd play all day. Get sick... send the

clone to the doctor, he finds out what's wrong, picks up the prescription, comes back and gives it to you. The scenarios are endless. Life would be great with a clone.

I ran this one by the wife. Suppose I got cloned right now, at age 47. Suppose I live to be 67. Suppose that in twenty years brain transplants are all the rage. I say to my 20-year-old clone whom I've kept in the gym, working out and living on a strict diet, "Okay, pal, time for the ole switcheroo." The next thing you know, he's stuck with a worn out old body and I'm sportin' a new set of skin, lookin' fine and ready to rock 'n roll! Always the pessimist, my wife pointed out that brains age too. I countered with the notion that this might not be true if said brain were hooked up to a brand new sports model.

Forget about me. Let's look at the broader spectrum. Take sports, for instance. Suppose this year they clone the all-star teams of all the major sports... 20 or 30 times each. In the year 2020, every team gets a complete set. There'd be Michael Jordans, Barry Sanders, Brett Farves, Wayne Gretskys runnin' around everywhere. Talk about team parity.

What would we do with a couple dozen Michael Jordans and Tiger Woods? We'd run out products for them to endorse for one thing.

claiming bounties and for having woodchucks and crows shipped from other counties to them.

All school children were examined in December and January by the school nurse, and slips are being sent home.

Mayor Fred Green and former PM Smith are injured in a freak auto accident: one opens the door to throw out a cigar; the driver helps close the door; the car swerves into a culvert, backs up and overturns.

The editor hints at attacks by the rival journal editor as being beyond legal or moral.

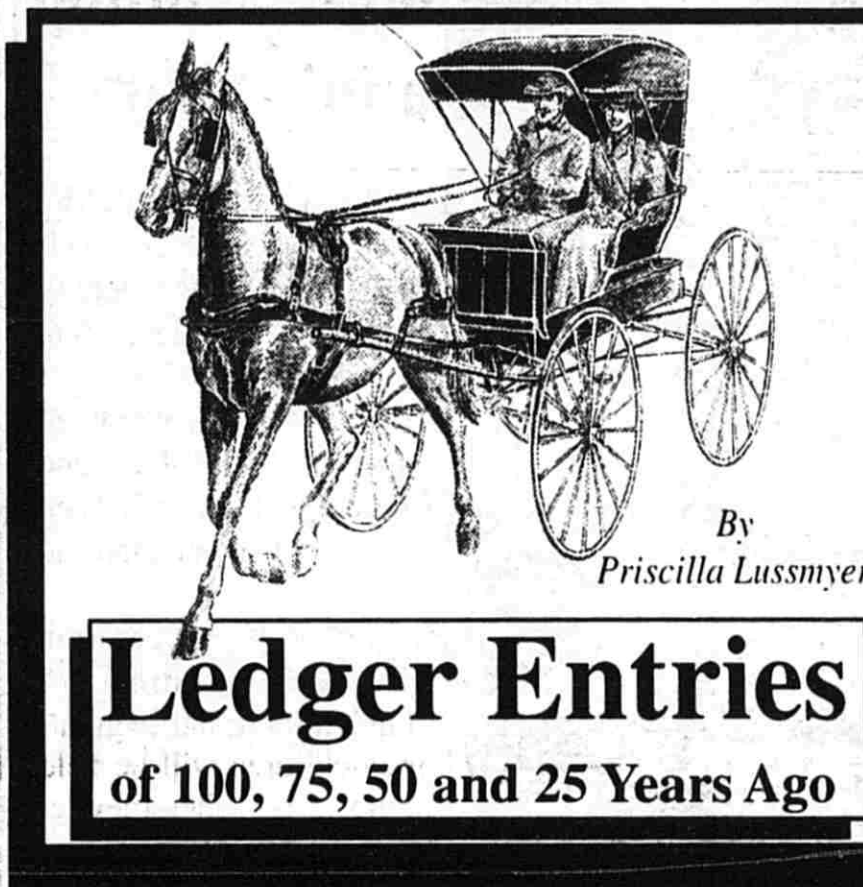
50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 20, 1947
February 22, Saturday, is Washington's birthday, so the bank and post office will be closed.

The Strand Theater is undergoing complete interior re-decoration in shades of blue, rose and green.

The primary election Monday was only for nonpartisan candidates for circuit court judges; a very expensive election for the few votes cast.

A warm spell in January means it's time to tap the maple trees. Early tapping means more syrup.

Herb Elzinga replaces trustee Jay Boelens as the only change on the caucus list.



100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - FEB. 19, 1897
Several pupils of the high room in school (high school) have mumps, caught from the professor.

Bean buyers Bergin & McCarthy are handling large quantities, with over 100 persons processing beans for shipment. It appears that most picking is done by families in their homes. The Vergennes library is now at George Krum's.

"A beautiful set of artificial teeth for \$5 at Dr. J. H. Rickert's. Ask to see sample."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - FEB. 16, 1922

Four garbage collectors are charged with using the same woodchuck, crow, rot and sparrow heads over and over for

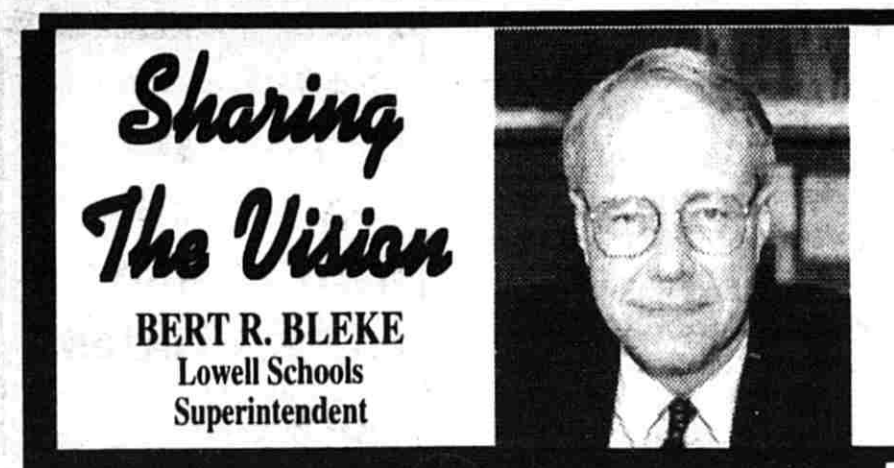
25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/ SUBURBAN LIFE - FEB. 17, 1972

Showboat Corporation will name this year's talent at the annual joint banquet with the Chamber of Commerce.

The post office will be closed Monday, February 21, in honor of Washington's birthday.

The Drug Abuse Anonymous seminars are well attended: 150 at the second. DAA is headed by Chuck Lippert.

Orion Thaler receives an honor award from the Lowell Education Association for his 35 years of service to public education.



In today's fast-paced world with many citizens over-extended in their time commitments, I was very interested to see how many people would apply for the vacant school board position. When one considers that serving on the Board of Education necessitates a considerable amount of time, effort and, in some cases, emotional turmoil, you can understand my curiosity.

While volunteerism has always been a critical ingredient in the fabric of American society, it is becoming increasingly more important. As state, federal and local government dollars shrink, the burden to maintain and improve public services shifts to an already harried and busy populace. Thus, it was refreshing, and certainly most gratifying that four excellent candidates stepped forward to apply for the vacant board position. While Jim Reagan emerged from the selection process to fill the vacant seat, the remaining three candidates provided the Board of Education with a most difficult choice as all four candidates would have provided excellent talent and dedication to our Board of Education and our children.

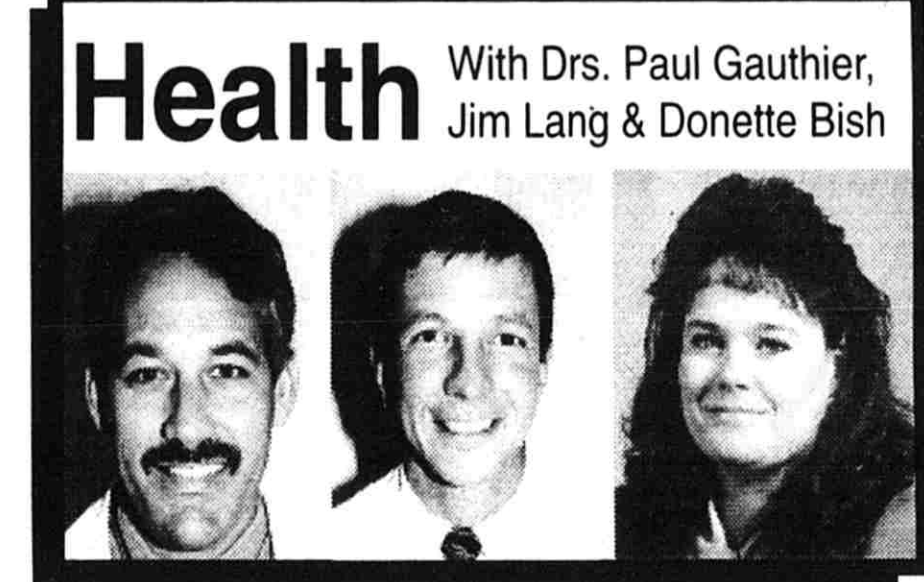
Jim Reagan, Pat Nugent, Bill Brandner and Terry Amidon are all busy men involved in varied activities in our community. Yet they stepped forward to help improve the education of our children and the quality of life in our community. To Jim, Terry, Bill and Pat a sincere thank you for caring and wanting to help. All four individuals are symbolic of the many, many people, both young and old, in our community who every day volunteer their time, efforts and talents. Without people like this, our schools and staff could not deliver the services that our children need and deserve.

To all of you who care and who serve, a sincere and grateful thanks.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.



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Hypothyroidism results when the thyroid gland under produces thyroid hormone. The thyroid gland is located in the anterior neck area and affects almost all bodily functions.

It can affect both sexes, but more commonly affects women. It can occur in newborns. Newborns are screened for congenital hypothyroidism prior to discharge from the hospital. The incidence of congenital hypothyroidism is approximately 1 in 4,000 births. Treatment is essential in the newborn age group to ensure normal mental and physical development.

Worldwide, the most common cause of hypothyroidism, is iodine deficiency. However, in the U.S. this is not the case because of iodination of salt and the food supply. In the United States, the most common causes of hypothyroidism are autoimmune disease (body's immune system malfunctions and attacks the thyroid gland); surgery for treatment of hyperthyroidism, radioactive iodine treatment; decreased activity of the pituitary gland; and from drugs such as lithium and amiodarone (heart drug) or any iodine-containing medication.

Symptoms of hypothyroidism may be subtle and have a slow progression. Most commonly, patients complain of weight gain, fatigue, cold intolerance and muscle cramps. Other symptoms include constipation, decreased sweating, depression, carpal tunnel syndrome, decreased memory, menstrual disorders, and hearing impairment.

Physical signs of hypothyroidism include the following: dry coarse skin, swelling around the eyes or of the hands and feet, slow heart rate, huskiness or hoarseness of voice, changes in blood pressure, reduced body or scalp hair, anemia and heart problems.

Keep in mind, not every symptom or sign listed above means you have hypothyroidism. Some are nonspecific and other medical conditions can cause similar symptoms.

Hypothyroidism can be diagnosed with a blood test (thyroid-stimulating hormone "TSH" level) and possibly other thyroid testing. Treatment involves thyroid hormone replacement medication. Treatment will be monitored with a TSH level. Changes in the blood TSH level after a dose adjustment may take 4 to 6 weeks before a normal TSH level is obtained. With treatment, symptoms resolve.

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

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LAHA'S 1997 Officers

The Lowell Area Historical Association appointed its new officers for 1997. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Sara Clemence, secretary; LuAnne Kaeb, board member; Judy Straub, vice president; Shirley Peckham, board member; back row, left to right, are: Marj Harding, treasurer; Dorothy Steinforte, board member; Norm Borgerson, board member; Jim Doyle, board member; Jim Reagan, president; and Deb Canfield, board member. Not pictured are board members Dan Brubaker, Bev Holst, Harold Englehardt, Mike Tummino, Tina Phillips and Steve Doyle.

With cost covered, Bowes Road/M-21 work slated for summer and fall

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With funding in place, the Bowes Road/M-21 intersection project is scheduled to be completed during the summer and fall of this year.

Bids are scheduled to go out and be received this spring. The preliminary cost for the improvement project is \$333,471. The city's cost will be approximately \$230,000 covered by a \$60,000 federal transportation grant and its local street fund.

The township has committed \$40,000 from its block grant funds. Monies to purchase one-twentieth of an acre will also come from this fund if it is legal to do so.

"I am not sure it is legal to use HUD monies to acquire property," said Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson. "If we can't, the township will probably ask the city to pay for it and then allow it to use the HUD monies toward something else, although that has not been discussed with the city yet."

The cost of that parcel has not yet been determined. Negotiations are still under way.

Changes in the design engineering were necessary to prepare construction plans for the intersection and reconstruction projects.

With the two projects being bid separately, the design

engineering for both projects will be completed separately rather than as a single effort. The engineering contract with Williams and Works Inc.

provides redesign meetings to MDOT specifications and administration as well as inspection services. The cost for the engineering service will be \$45,816.

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LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON LCTV
The Lowell City Council meeting will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on Wednesday, Feb. 26 thru Sunday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

SHOWBOAT QUEEN CONTEST
If you know of anyone that would like to be in the Miss 1997 Lowell Showboat Queens contest, please pick up an application at these area businesses: Lowell Showboat office in the Flat River Antique Mall; Lowell chamber of commerce; Roger

Amendments, continued... From Page 1

A March 3 public hearing has been scheduled to discuss the proposed ordinance, which Wise said has been tweaked only a little to fit the township's needs.

"The only group I know of who wanted this passed was realtors; everybody else was against it because it put more activity on the assessor and township," Wise said.

Wise also said the amendments could lead to a greater quantity of land splits in a shorter time frame.

Wise said the ordinance will not affect plat developments, which are governed under a completely different set of rules, and added site condominium developments will continue to operate the same as in the past as long as the ordinance is enacted by March 31.

"No one knows how the new law will work, but there promises to be years of court cases and judgments before it is totally understood," Wise said.

Wise believes if the township passes the proposed ordinance, it will give developers guidelines to follow now rather than putting it in the hands of the state's amendments which can't be figured out at this time.

"This will keep developers set at our table, rather than running around the table," said Tim Howard, a member of the planning commission. "It's better to have something adopted that we are familiar with rather than a new system that nobody has experience in."

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI, at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 1997, to receive public comment on an application from Focus Land Surveying, Inc., acting for Mark McWilliams, Grandville, MI, for preliminary approval for a proposed three parcel tract in the NW 1/4 of Section 26, Vergennes Township, located in the R-1 District on the north side of Burroughs Road and River Pine.

This tract would consist of three two-acre lots and will be developed under the Michigan Subdivision Control Act.

The application and site plan 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 op.m. on Monday, March 3, 1997.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

Chapman - State Farm office; Lowell High School office; Saranac High School office and Springgrove Variety.

For more information please call the Lowell Showboat office at 897-8280.

YMCA WINTER VOLLEYBALL

The YMCA is currently taking registrations for winter volleyball for grades 3 - 6. The program begins February 26 and meets on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Call the YMCA for further information or to register at 897-8445.

SHOWBOAT ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The Lowell Showboat St. Patrick's Dance will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Larkin's Other Place.

The Todd Nyson Band will perform at 8 p.m. There will be a \$5 cover charge.

SPORTSCARD SHOW

There will be a sportscard show Saturday, March 29 at Cherry Creek Elementary from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$35 a table with the proceeds going to the Cherry Creek Elemen-

tary fifth-grade radio station (W.C.K.R. 'Cherry Creek Kids Radio').

For table information contact Mike Fillman at 897-9257 or 364-8835.

LAAC OFFERS AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL

Instructor Sandy Bartlett returns to the Art Center to kick off the spring workshop series. Her basic classes for children eight to 12 remain ever popular as she begins an eight-week workshop March 5 and 6. Beginning students will meet at the Center studio on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Advanced students will meet Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

All materials are furnished. Workshop fee is \$60 for LAAC members and \$65 for non-members. To register phone the Arts Center at 897-8545. Two scholarships are available. Mastercard/Visa welcome.

SENIOR CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY

On Tuesday, March 25, a Senior Appreciation Day is being sponsored by FMB State Savings Bank and Lowell Senior Neighbors at Lowell Township Hall. Watch this space for more details.

Auction, continued... From Page 1

Asselta said the bank is sponsoring the continuous buffet.

"Lowell is a great community in that it does so much in many different areas to support Lowell," Christoff said.

Christoff said he believes the focus on the new library has added a new dimension to the support. "People recognize the value of the new Englehardt Library. This kind of support continues to make Lowell a great place to work and live," he said.

In conjunction with the auction, there will be a raffle on a new \$6,000 boat donated by Atwood. There will be 400 tickets printed, selling for \$20 a piece.

The boat is a Starcraft aluminum Fishmaster fishing boat. It is 14 feet in length and comes with a 25 horsepower Mercury-Mariner engine.

Library, continued... From Page 1

Aronson and her help moved 16,000 items (books, videos, magazines, etc...) from the old Graham Building location to the Englehardt Library.

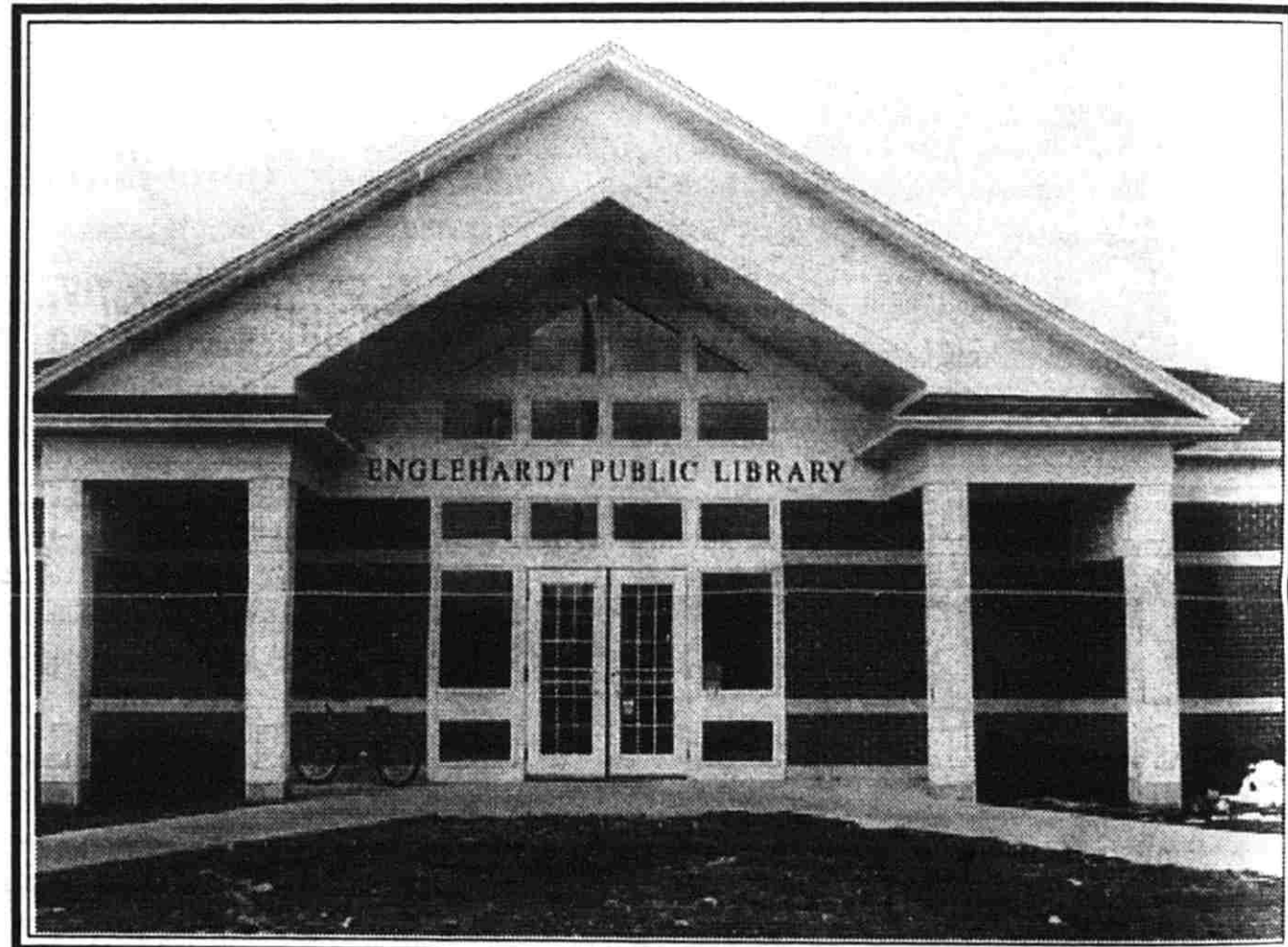
"Ironically, people have asked if we got more books," Aronson said with a smile. "We haven't yet, but because the shelves are spread over a larger space, the perception is we have more."

Aronson will begin ordering new books, periodicals and materials in March with the \$8,000 grant the Lowell branch received from the Kent County District Library.

Not everything is completed in the \$1.2 million structure. There are still some tables that need to be put up, some shelving that hasn't been delivered yet, and three computers that need to be hooked up to the internet.

"I expect we will be connected to the internet within the week," Aronson said.

The first public library in Lowell opened 119 years ago. In 1922, in memory of Earnest Graham's parents, and in recognition of his father's position as librarian,



Englehardt Library has been a favorite spot to visit over the last three weeks.

Graham allowed the library to occupy half of the family's house rent-free. The library remained there until February of this year.

Aronson called the Graham Building a picturesque landmark and an appropriate place for a museum.

"I think the new library represents a growing commu-

nity which recognized it had different needs than in the past and rose to meet the challenge," Aronson said.

The librarian admits she had some doubts about whether the community would ever build a new facility. "I had some doubts. However, our city manager Dave Pasquale was unshakable in

his pursuit. He deserves a lot of credit."

The library project was a community effort. It involved a building committee, the city council, Friends of the Library, the school, businesses and organizations. "They all played an integral part," Aronson said.

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TOWN TALK

Lowell Schools recently held a character development work session in which five values were identified that should be integrated throughout the curriculum and community - they were responsibility, respect, integrity, compassion and honesty.

Do you agree with the list of values and would you add any? Which two would you say are most important?



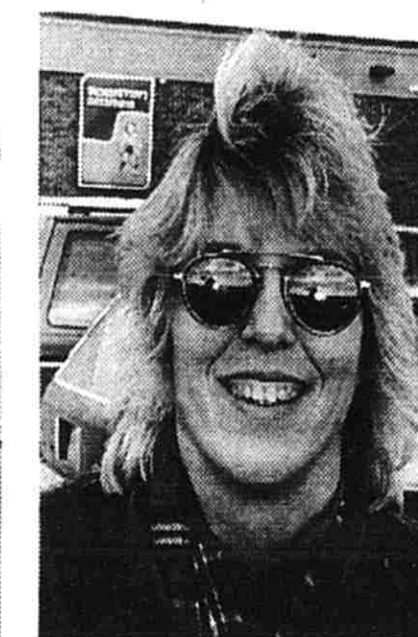
Pearl Murphy
I like the list of values selected. I think integrity and honesty are the two most important.



Dennis Bailey
I think respect and honesty are the two most important. I think integrating them in the curriculum is a good idea. I think respect is very important.



Bruce McMahon
Yes, it is a good idea. Those values should be there anyway. Integrity and honesty are most important.



Amy Patrick
I'd choose integrity and honesty. I think the group did a good job in selecting five values.



Phyllis Jones
Honesty and responsibility are the top two. I think it is great what the school did and the number of people who were involved. I think more people should get involved.



Marie Calvaneau
I think discipline should have been on the list. I think respect and responsibility are the top two of those listed.



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MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

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TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

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The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto on

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. by appointment; also on

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1). By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8.
- 2). Appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Christian Wenger, Supervisor
Bowne Township

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 3, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI, for the purpose of receiving public comment on proposed amendments to Section 201.426, Subdivision of Property, of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

Background: The Michigan Subdivision Control Act, P.A. 288 of 1967, has recently been substantially amended by the adoption of P.A. 591 of 1996, the Land Division Act. In order that the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance can respond to these changes, certain amendments to Section 201.426 of the Ordinance will be required. In general, the recent changes in Michigan law will allow additional property splits of unplatted property than previously allowed under the process required in the 1967 Subdivision Control Act and in so doing will place some additional responsibilities on the Township.

The full wording of the proposed amendments can be reviewed at the Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 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 March 3, 1997.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

Award honors Siler's ability to motivate students to achieve and learn

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Throughout Pete Siler's 23 years as a Lowell High School agriscience teacher and as its Future Farmers of America director, the Michigan State University graduate has received an untold number of awards.

Siler will add the 1997 Outstanding Service Award to that list on March 4.

The award will be presented to him on behalf of the Michigan Power Suppliers and the Michigan Association of FFA.

This award will honor Siler's efforts and achievements in FFA over the last 29 years. The first six were spent at Millington.

Siler earned an Honorary state FFA degree in 1983 and was selected for an Honorary American FFA degree in 1990. He has been named Michigan Agriscience Teacher of the Year in each of the last two years and four times overall.

"Pete uses his heart, mind and soul to push kids to excel," said state FFA advisor Richard Karelse. "He shows students the spark and then feeds them fuel to make it burn."

The end result has been nothing less than extraordinary. During his 23-year tenure at Lowell, the FFA has earned 18 Superior Chapter awards and 12 Outstanding National Chapter awards.

Siler has had eight American FFA degree recipients; 65 state FFA degree winners; seven state Greenhand Public

Speaking winners; one state Prepared Public Speaking winner and two runners-up; three state winners in Extemporaneous Public Speaking; four state winners in the Job Interview contest and four runners-up; two state-winning Demonstration teams; three state runners-up in Agricultural Forum; one state winner in the Michigan Farm Bureau Discussion meet; two national Landscape and Nursery Management teams; two students in the top 10 in the National Dairy Handlers contest; one state winner in the Computers in Agriculture program; and one state-winning Horse Selection and Management team.



Pete Siler

"It is really an honor to be selected out of 130 teachers statewide," Siler said. "This award is the best yet. It is a lifetime accumulative award. It is in recognition of my service to agriscience education and to the agriculture industry."

Siler's most important strength may be in his ability to motivate students to do their very best.

"I tell students success is not winning an award. It is being able to say I did the best I could and I learned something," Siler said.

During Siler's tenure he has had nine students serve as state FFA officers, including the 1993-94 president and vice president. That was the first time the top two FFA officers were selected from the same chapter. There have been 28 students who have served as regional officers, 10 as president; more than 180 district and regional leadership contest winners and 54 state finalist teams who have received gold and silver awards.

There's more. Six Lowell FFA members have been selected to the National FFA chorus, two to the national band, two groups to national talent, and 20 members to the state FFA band.

Siler said the outstanding service award also represents to him a recognition of the FFA program in Lowell. "It has grown from humble beginnings to being quite successful. I'd like to be remembered as someone who instilled values in students as far as leadership, sportsmanship, commitment and getting along with people."

Township approves work order for improvements to Timpson and Bowes Road

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township officials have approved work orders for road improvements on Timpson Avenue and Bowes Road for the upcoming year.

The work order allows the township to improve 1,500 feet

of Timpson Avenue, from 6 Mile Road north of Court Drive to Grand River Drive, and begins appraisal proceedings for a parcel of land off Bowes Road.

The Timpson Avenue improvements include tree removal, drainage improvements, providing a sand base, aggregate and bituminous surfacing and general restoration.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$129,697.

The township will split the cost with the county 55/45, with the township picking up the larger portion of the tab.

The township's cost is estimated at \$71,333. The appraisal project is another step in the township's attempt to reconstruct the intersection of Bowes Road and M-21.

The appraisal will assist the township in determining the value of the land so the purchasing process can begin.

The cost of appraising the parcel, which is less than an acre, is estimated at \$2,150.

Like the Timpson project, the township will split the cost with the county and pay approximately \$1,182.50.

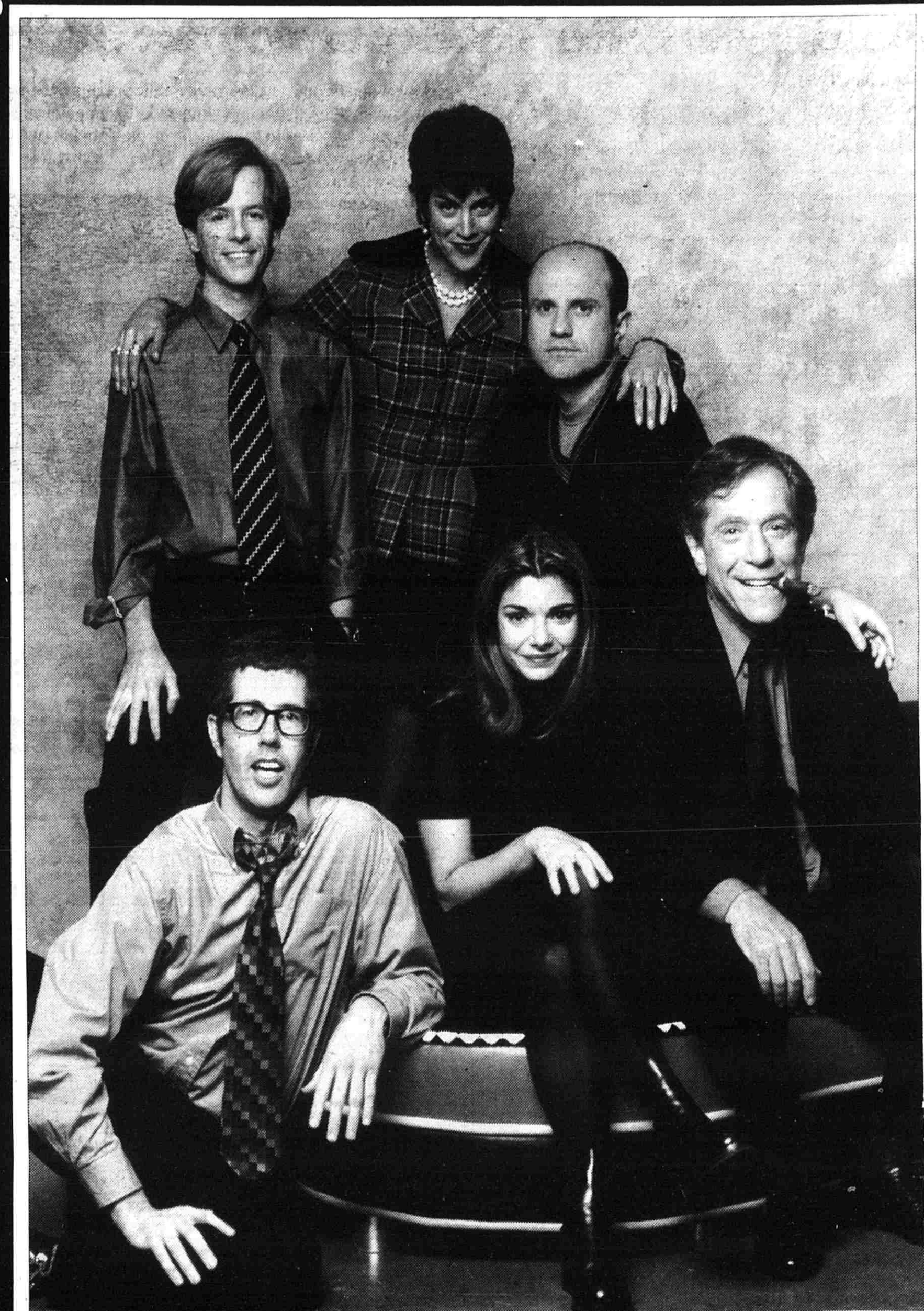
The parcel is located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Bowes Road and M-21.

Work on the projects is expected to begin sometime this summer.

The Ledger TV LISTING MAGAZINE

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2	LOCAL
3	WVMT-3
4	WOTV-41
5	WLLA-64
6	WGVU-35
7	WXMI-17
8	WOOD-8
9	WLNS-6
10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	DISNEY**
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
17	WTBS
18	C-MAX**
19	FAM
20	FX
21	M-TV
22	LOCAL
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A&E
31	PASS
32	TNT
33	DOPLAR RADAR
34	EWTV
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39	VH-1
40	WEATHER
41	HISTORY
42	AMC

* Denotes channels not appearing in the grids
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FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28 THRU MARCH 6

Just Shoot Me opens with a bang Tuesday on NBC. The show stars, clockwise from top left, David Spade, Wendie Malick, Enrico Colantoni, George Segal, Laura San Giacomo and Chris Hogan. The combination of an experienced cast and sharp writing makes for a promising new sitcom.

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE

FILE NO. 97-163,272-IE

ESTATE OF
CATHERINE G. ROSATI
DECEASED
SS# 510-32-9809

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

The decedent, whose last known address was 2161 Leonard, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, died December 27, 1996. An instrument dated May 11, 1996 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that

all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, MARK A. KUBIK, c/o John D. Mitus, Attorney-at-law, 410 Bridge Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

JOHN D. MITUS
(P-31244)
410 Bridge Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 774-4001

COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE

FILE NO. 97-163,221-IE

ESTATE OF
VERGIE B.
VAN HOOVEN
DECEASED
SS# 370-18-0073-D

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

The decedent, whose last known address was 3383 Flamingo Ave., S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509, died March 13, 1995. An instrument dated May 11, 1988 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that

all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, CHARLOTTE A. BARGY, c/o John D. Mitus, Attorney-at-law, 410 Bridge Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

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SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 2, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FOX, CNN, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 4, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZMM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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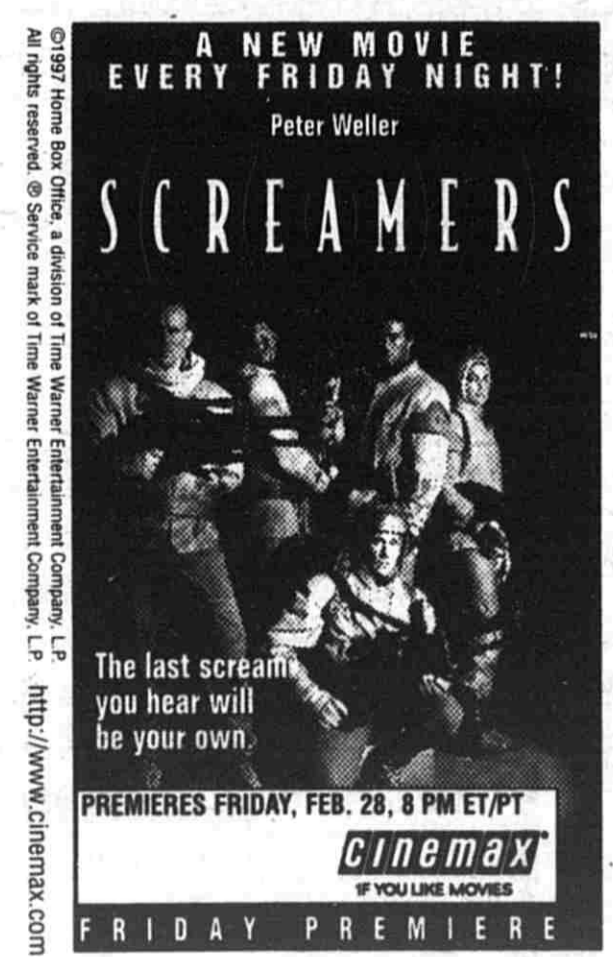
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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 6, 1997										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3 WJLT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder	Moloney	48 Hours	News	Late Show			
4 WOTV	Step by Step	Mr. Cooper	High Incident	Vital Signs	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
5 WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Mystery: "Cadae"	M*A*S*H	Winter Lights			
7 WXXI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Martin	Living Single	New York Undercover	Party of Five	Deep Space 9			
8 WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra	Friends	Suddenly Susan	Seinfeld	3rd Rock From the Sun	Tonight Show			
10 WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Building the Mighty Mac	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
11 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Billy Graham	Vital Signs	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
12 WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin	Living Single	New York Undercover	Party of Five	Deep Space 9			
13 TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: "Flashdance"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"			
14 FAM	Waltons	"The Hawk"	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Carson Classics	Carson Classics			
15 FX	Mission: Impossible	"Decoy"	A-Team	"Trial by Fire"	Miami Vice	College Basketball	College Basketball			
16 USA	Highlander: The Series	"The Warmonger"	Murder, She Wrote	"If a Body Meets a Body"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"			
17 DISC	Wings	"Wing of Mercy"	Wild Discovery	"Legend of the Lightning Bird"	Movie Magic	Next Step	Time Traveler			
18 WGN	Family Matters	Bzzz!	Movie: "Hoosiers"	Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey	Movie: "Hoosiers"	Movie: "Hoosiers"	Movie: "Hoosiers"			
19 ESPN	College Basketball	Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament First Round	College Basketball	Big East Conference Tournament Quarterfinal	College Basketball	Big East Conference Tournament Quarterfinal	College Basketball			
20 CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden of Proof	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN Sports Illustrated			
21 NICK	Doug	"In Stereo"	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Love Lucy	Munsters	Taxi			
22 A&E	Equalizer	"Regrets Only"	Biography	Andrew Carnegie: Prince of Steel	Biography	Andrew Carnegie: Prince of Steel	Biography			
23 PASS	College Hockey U.S.A.	CCHA Digest	College Basketball	Michigan State at Minnesota	College Basketball	Michigan State at Minnesota	College Basketball			
24 TNT	In the Heat of the Night	"Perversions of Justice"	Movie: "Flashdance"	Jennifer Beals, Sunny Johnson	Movie: "Flashdance"	Movie: "Flashdance"	Movie: "Flashdance"			
25 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard	"Route 711"	Championship Bull Riding	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country			
26 TRAV	Travel America	Bob Dotsen's America	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	On the Horizon			
27 TLC	Hometime	"Bathrooms"	Real America: 48 Hours	"Behind the Badge"	Hanging Coffins	Future Fantastic	"Immortals"			
28 SCIFI	Time Trax	"Darien Comes Home"	Tekwar	"Hunted"	Forever Knight	"Hunted"	Sci-Fi Buzz			
29 HIST	Korea: The Forgotten War	(Part 1 of 2)	Most Decorated	Civil War Journal	Civil War Journal	Civil War Journal	Civil War Journal			
30 AMC	Movie: "Whispering Smith"	(1948)	Movie: "A Double Life"	(1947), Signe Hasso, Edmond O'Brien	Movie: "A Double Life"	Movie: "A Double Life"	Movie: "A Double Life"			
31 DISN	Movie: "The Muppet Movie"	(1979), Bob Hope	Movie: "Oh God! You Devil"	(1984), Ted Wass	Movie: "Oh God! You Devil"	Movie: "Oh God! You Devil"	Movie: "Oh God! You Devil"			
32 HBO	Movie: "Modern Problems"	(1981) PG	Movie: "Strange Days"	(1995, Science Fiction) Ralph Fiennes	Movie: "Strange Days"	Movie: "Strange Days"	Movie: "Strange Days"			
33 MAX	Movie: "Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home"	(1997)	Movie: "Machine Gun Blues"	(1996), Cynda Williams	Movie: "Machine Gun Blues"	Movie: "Machine Gun Blues"	Movie: "Machine Gun Blues"			

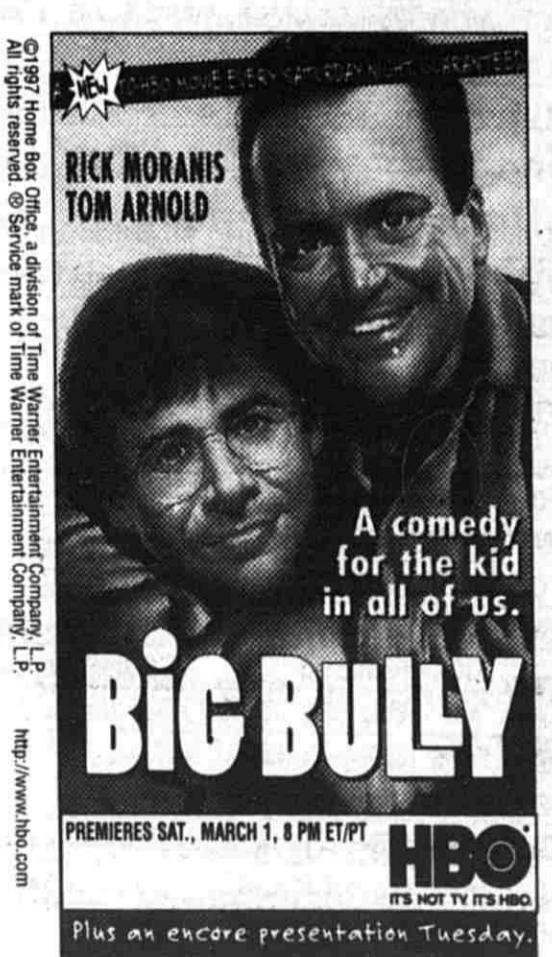
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BROADCAST STATIONS										
3 WJLT	Late Show	Late Show	American Journal	Pat Bullard	Geraldo Rivera	CBS Up to the Minute				
4 WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)					
5 WGVU	Charlie Rose	(In Stereo)	(Off Air)							
7 WXXI	Deep Space 9	Cops	Paid Program	Gordon Elliott	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)	Wonder Years	Doogie Howser, M.D.		
8 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night	Later	Highway Patrol	Paid Program	NBC News Night				
10 WKAR	(Off Air)									
11 WZZM	Politically Incorrect	High Incident	"Change Partners"	Married... With	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends	ABC World News Now			
12 WSYM	Bzzz!	Strange Universe	(Off Air)							
13 TBS	(10:20) Movie: "Year of the Dragon"	(1985) Mickey Rourke, Ariane	Movie: "Return to Macon County"	(1975) Nick Nolte, Robin Mattson	Laverne & Shirley	Gomer Pyle, USMC				
14 FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	700 Club	(Left in Progress)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
15 FX	College Basketball	In Living Color	College Basketball	In Living Color	College Basketball	In Living Color	College Basketball	In Living Color	College Basketball	In Living Color
16 USA	Silk Stalkings	"Hills of Fire"	Movie: "A Breed Apart"	(1984) Rutger Hauer, Powers Boothe	Sirens	"Chasing a Ghost"	Movie: "A Star Is Born"	(1937), Ursula Kent		
17 DISC	Movie Magic	Next Step	Time Traveler	"Hitler's Death - The Final Report"	Next Step	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
18 WGN	In the Heat of the Night	"A Frenzied Affair"	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon
19 ESPN	College Basketball	Western Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinal	College Basketball	Western Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinal	College Basketball	Western Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinal	College Basketball	Western Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinal	College Basketball	Western Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinal
20 CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today	NewsNight Update	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live	(R)	CNN Sports Illustrated	Crossfire	Newsroom	Newsroom
21 NICK	Bewitched	I Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	"I Won't Dance"	Taxi
22 A&E	Biography	Andrew Carnegie: Prince of Steel	Ancient Mysteries	Ancient Mysteries	Unexplained	"Between Life and Death"	Law & Order	"White Rabbit"	Movie: "A Star Is Born"	(1937), Ursula Kent
23 PASS	College Basketball	Arizona State at California	College Basketball	Michigan State at Minnesota	College Basketball	Michigan State at Minnesota	PBT Billiards	Southern Nine-Ball Championship	From New Orleans	(R)
24 TNT	(11:30) Movie: "Terms of Endearment"	(1983) Shirley MacLaine	ShoWest Awards	Industry awards are given to top box-office stars	ShoWest Awards	Industry awards are given to top box-office stars	Charlie's Angels	"I Will Be Remembered"		
25 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard	"Route 711"	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country
26 TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Water Sports World	Undersea Adventures
27 TLC	Hanging Coffins	Future Fantastic	"Immortals"	Future Fantastic	"Immortals"	Future Fantastic	"Immortals"	Future Fantastic	"Immortals"	Future Fantastic
28 SCIFI	Tekwar	"Hunted"	Forever Knight	"Hunted"	Sci-Fi Buzz	Inside Space	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
29 HIST	Most Decorated	Civil War Journal	Civil War Journal	Civil War Journal	Automobiles	"Honda-NSX"	Year by Year	"1946"	Civil War Journal	Civil War Journal
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Comfort with ability enables Laux to enjoy a rewarding senior season

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Shannon Laux knows how far she's come since her freshman year. The Lowell gymnast also knows how far she wants to be in a couple of weeks.

Laux wants to be one of the competitors to march into the Rockford gym on March 15 at the state meet.

"In years past I have focused on trying to do harder tricks," Laux said. "This year I've focused on cleaning up and making the tricks I do look better."

That subtle adjustment has made Laux Lowell's most consistent gymnast in 1996-97.

It is also why qualifying for a state tournament, once deemed an unreachable goal, seems well within grasp for the Red Arrow senior.

Laux has qualified for the regional in each of her four years. "I want to make it to the state tournament. Everything will need to be perfect. I don't have room for error."

The gymnast identified her mental approach as a significant change from previous years to her senior year.

"The mental part of gymnastics is the toughest part," Laux said. "You must zone out what everybody else is doing and just focus on what you're doing. If you're worried about what

others are doing, you can't focus on what you're doing."

Laux admits in years past she has been awestruck by how good other gymnasts are. "Now, I am comfortable with what I am capable of doing. I know what to expect from myself," she said.

Prior to the beginning of the year Laux and her coach Michele DeHaan discussed whether she was capable of hitting her balance beam cartwheel mount more consistently.

Laux said she was and she has. "The problem was I was hitting the board on the back instead of the front where the springs are. By hitting on the back of the board, I was farther away from the beam and not getting as much spring," she explained.

Laux said she is most proud of her 8.9 score she received in the floor exercise in the first meet of the year.

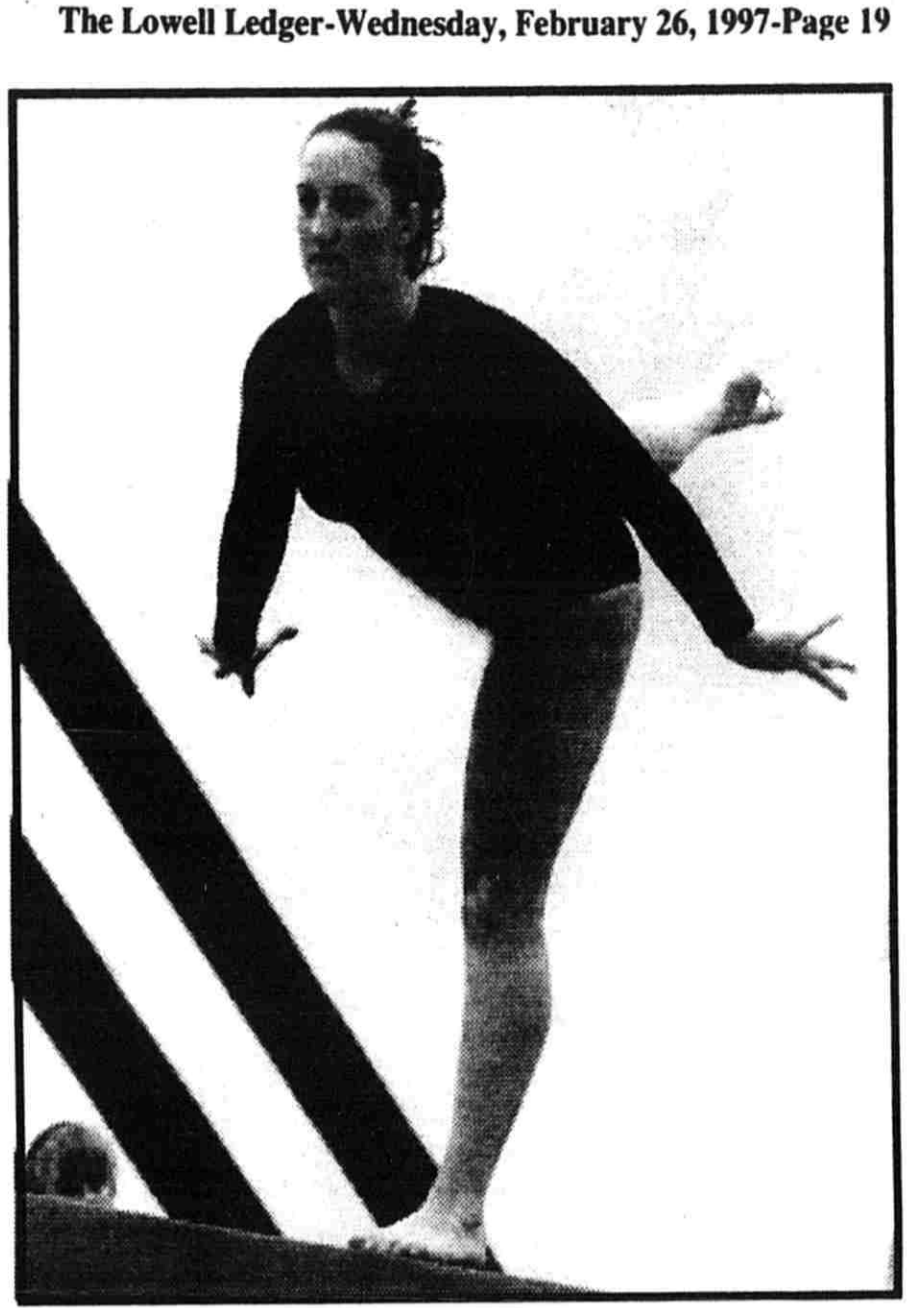
DeHaan said the biggest change she has seen in Laux's senior year is her expression. "Shannon is more relaxed and she's having fun out there. An example of this is against Rockford - Shannon smiled throughout her floor routine."

Laux's highest score on the vault has been 8.25. Her highest score on the beam has been 8.6.

When she was a freshman, she didn't want anything to do with the beam. That has changed over the four years... it is now her favorite event.

"As a freshman, the balance beam was so different from anything I had ever done before. I guess I was a little intimidated," Laux said.

The senior is intimidated no more - in fact, she is focused on marching all the way to Rockford.



Shannon Laux will compete on the balance beam, vault and in the floor exercise in the regional at Holland on Saturday.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL, 10381 BAILEY DR., ON

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) By letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 7, 1997; or
- 2) By phoning the Township Hall (897-5671) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio-50% Multiplier - 1.00

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI, at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 1997, to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

DRIVEWAY SETBACK: It is proposed that Section 201.408B be amended to reduce the presently required 15-foot sideline distance to 10 feet for lots with a permitted width of 100 feet (R-2 and R-3 Districts).

FIRST-FLOOR LIVING SPACE: Presently the Ordinance requires 900 square feet of first floor living space for all types of housing units except, for a full two-story house, that size can be reduced to a minimum of 750 square feet. As this reduced size has not been used for many years, and as new construction now exceeds 900 square feet, Sections 201.306 and 201.311 are proposed for amendments that would require all types of dwellings to have a minimum of 900 square feet of first-floor living space, and that the Bulk Table (an outline of size and setbacks) be amended to reflect that change.

The exact wording for the proposed amendments 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 Monday, March 3, 1997.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank George Pauli, Jr. and Julia Pauli, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Whitcomb & Keller Mortgage Co., an Indiana Corporation, dated December 10, 1976 and recorded on December 15, 1976 in Liber 1859, Page 766, Kent County Records; assigned by mesne assignment to Millikin Mortgage Co., dated March 18, 1981 and recorded March 19, 1981 in Liber 2010, Page 1297, Kent County Records; assigned by mesne assignment to Midland Mortgage Corp. dated September 12, 1988 and recorded on October 7, 1988 in Liber 2409, Page 1246, Kent County Records; assigned by mesne assignment to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an officer of the United States, on June 15, 1995 and recorded June 23, 1995 in Liber 3664, Page 447, Kent County Records. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare the entire amount unpaid of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due, for principal and interest on said mortgage, the sum of twenty-four thousand four hundred twenty-two and 41/100 dollars (\$24,422.41). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to cover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at Hall of Justice, 333 Monroe Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Kent, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at 10:00 in the forenoon, local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971, (MSA 27A3240(3)) the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the city of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, and more fully described as:

Lot 156 of Powers Pine Addition No. 1 to City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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Red Arrows come up short against Rangers in regional final

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Central's wrestling team realized its dream at the team dual wrestling regional Wednesday night, despite Lowell's gritty effort to turn it into a nightmare.

The Rangers won the final four matches in battling back from a 22-19 deficit to post a 38-22 regional final win.

The victory was significant in that it sends a Ranger wrestling team to the state tournament for the first time in its school's history.

"This is the happiest I have ever been as an athlete or as a coach," Forest Hills wrestling coach Dave Mills said. "It was teamwork that made this dream work."

It worked in part because at 112 pounds, Central reversed its fortunes as Matt Mundrick tagged a pin on Nick West at 50 seconds of the first period. "That was a huge win for us," Mills said. It was a weight in which Lowell had defeated the Rangers in three previous meetings.

"The losses at 112 and 130 hurt," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said.

While the Red Arrows suffered some key defeats, they had a couple of key victories too.

Scott Hays (152) battled from behind the entire first two periods before sticking Brad Anderson at 4:21 of the third period.

"That was a key match - one we didn't anticipate losing," said Mills.

Hays' pin tied the score at 19-19.

With the okay from his doctor, Steve VanLaan returned from knee surgery and gave Lowell a 22-19 lead with a 13-6 decision against Ben Levy.

The win at 160 was Lowell's last of the evening. Decisions by Tim Teft (189) and Art Romence (215) were sandwiched in between pins by Nick Erickson (171) and Austin Zeno (HWT).

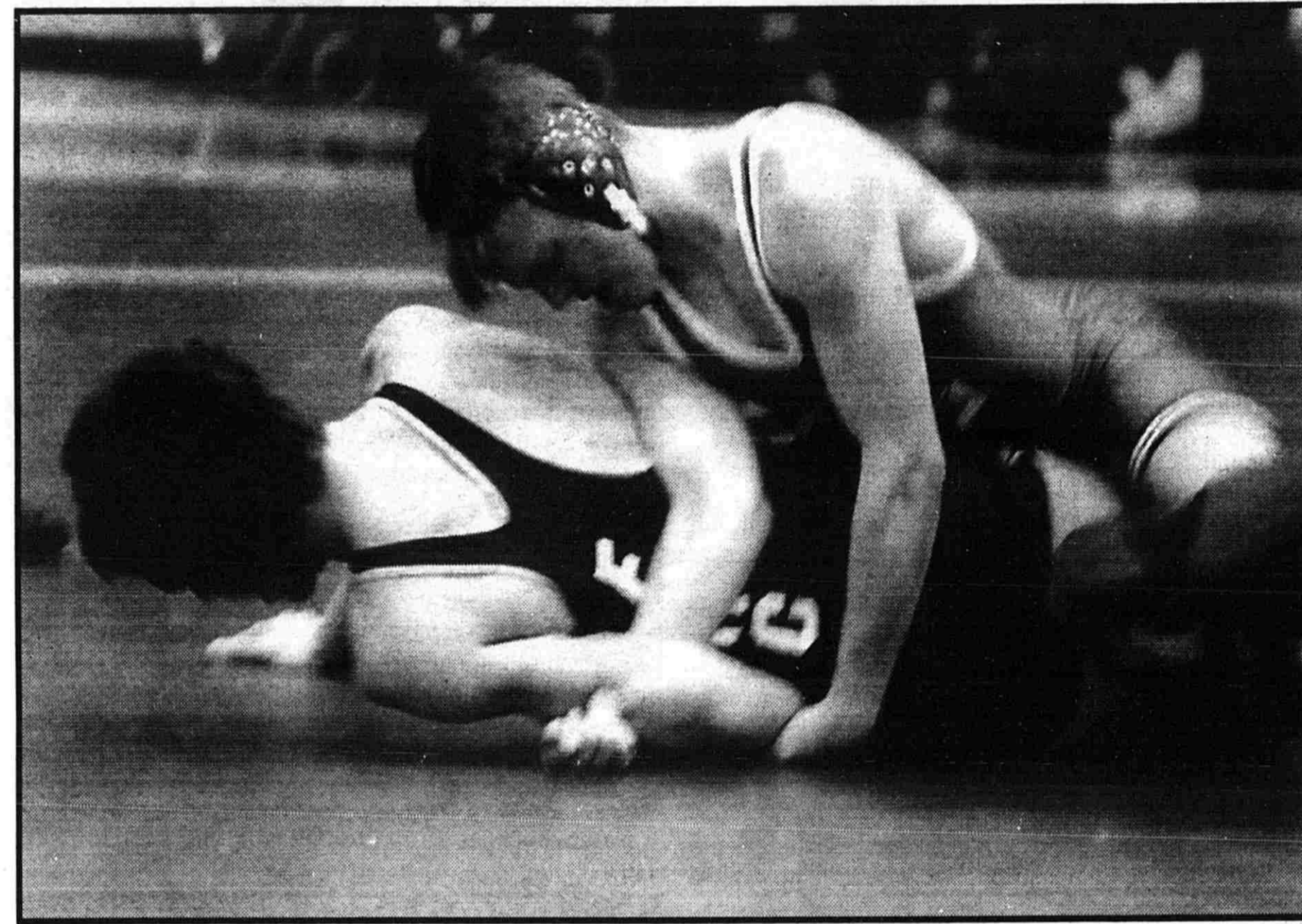
Erickson pinned Keith Krebill at 33 seconds of the first period; Teft decided Mike Minier 18-5; Romence decided Billy Stouffer 11-5; and Zeno pinned Mike Arnswald at 2:36 of the second period.

"Their strength is up top," Rivers said. "Central's kids wrestled well."

Central reached the regional final by defeating Cedar Springs 38-28.

Lowell reached the final with a 40-27 win over Northview.

Minier's pin at 5:30 of the third period secured Lowell a victory in the semi-final. It gave Lowell a 34-21 lead with two matches remaining.



Brett Plattner decided Central's Jason Mussman 10-0 in the regional final 135-pound match on Wednesday. The win gave Lowell a 13-9 lead. Central battled back to win the match 38-22.

Minier's pin was one-of-five Lowell tagged on Northview. The other four came from Casey Harper (119); Hays (152); VanLaan (160); and Stouffer (215).

One point separated the two teams after eight matches with Lowell holding a 16-15 advantage. Each of the last six matches ended in a pin, with the Red Arrows recording four of them.

Earning decisions for Lowell were Mike Rottier (103); Brad Lyons (130); and Brett Plattner (135).

"Considering how young most of our kids are, we've done much more this year than I had anticipated," Rivers said.

Hays leads a quartet of Red Arrows to state tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Scott Hays was the only Red Arrow wrestler to win a championship at the Division II Regional in Ionia on Saturday.

However, the senior was one of four Lowell wrestlers

who qualified for the individual state tournament in Battle Creek.

Hays, wrestling at 145 pounds, decided O-K White nemesis Nick Anderson (Forest Hills Central) 8-6 in the regional final.

Lowell's Dan Rottier and

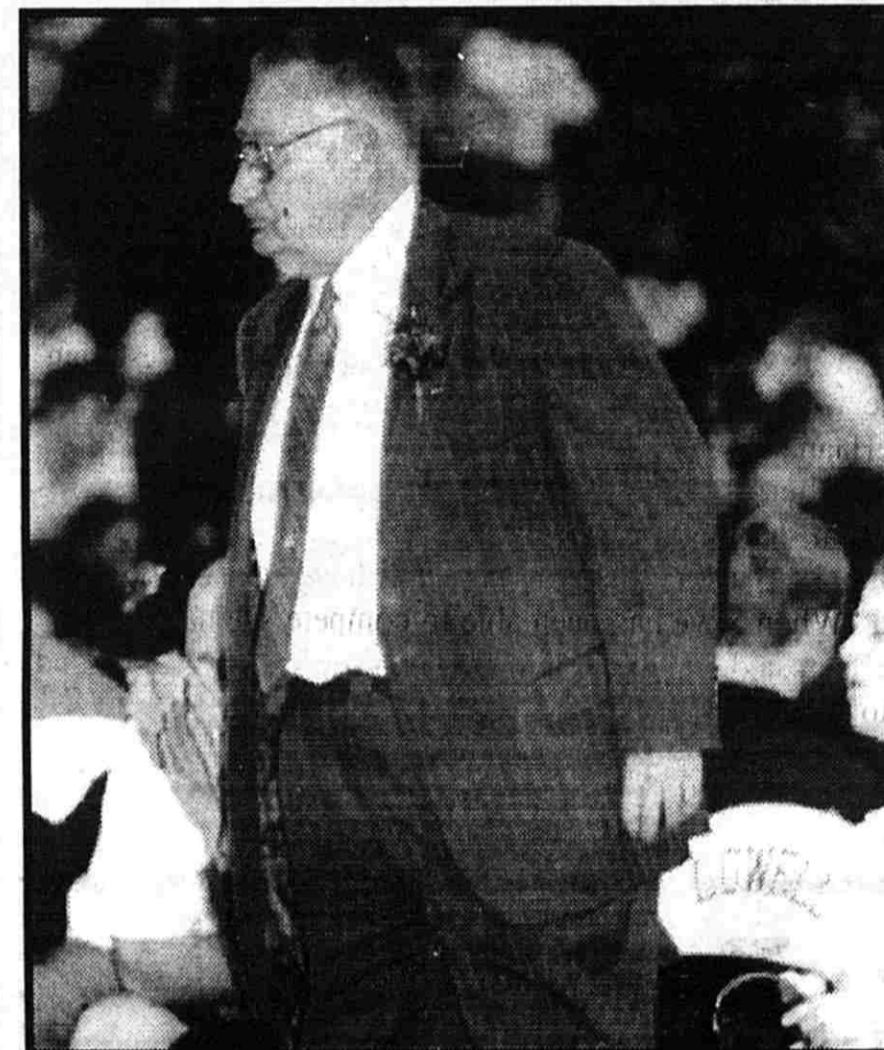
Brett Plattner also made their way into the finals.

Rottier lost to Northview's Joe Fortier 12-6 in the 103 pound weight class.

Plattner was on the short end of a 7-5 decision to Fruitport's Chad Ross.

Freshman Bill Stouffer

finished third at the regional. He earned an injury default over Lakewood's Gabe Stewart in the consolation match at 215 pounds.



Even after 37 years, Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers still has some anxious moments.

Brower and Fisher use last chance to qualify for regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

And then there were four....

Skye Fisher and Renee Brower used the two weeks before the gymnastics regional to post regional qualifying scores.

Brower and Fisher will join Brenda Lacey and Shannon Laux at the individual regional in Holland on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 11 p.m.

Fisher went to Kenowa Hills on Tuesday needing one qualifying score in both

the floor exercise (7.8) and on the balance beam.

The senior responded with a score of 8.1 in the floor exercise and 7.5 on the beam.

A gymnast needs four scores of 7.3 or higher to

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Strong Lowell effort goes unrewarded in 74-66 loss to Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A team's final home game of the season is reserved for fans, in particular parents, to salute their seniors.

In Friday night's 74-66 loss to Wyoming Park, Lowell seniors Mike Sigliano, Joe Hohbach, Brian Willmarth, Jeff Catlin, Aaron Brander and Kevin Brown made their final home appearance.

"I can't say enough about these seniors," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "They responded tonight and played well."

Three of the four starting seniors scored in double figures. Brown tallied a game-high 23 points. Catlin netted 15 and Brander tossed in 10.

Wyoming Park coach Thom VanderKlay got what he told his club to expect - a close game.

"I told the team to come into Lowell, mentally tough and prepared to win a close game," he said. "They buckled down and did a nice job in a difficult place to win."

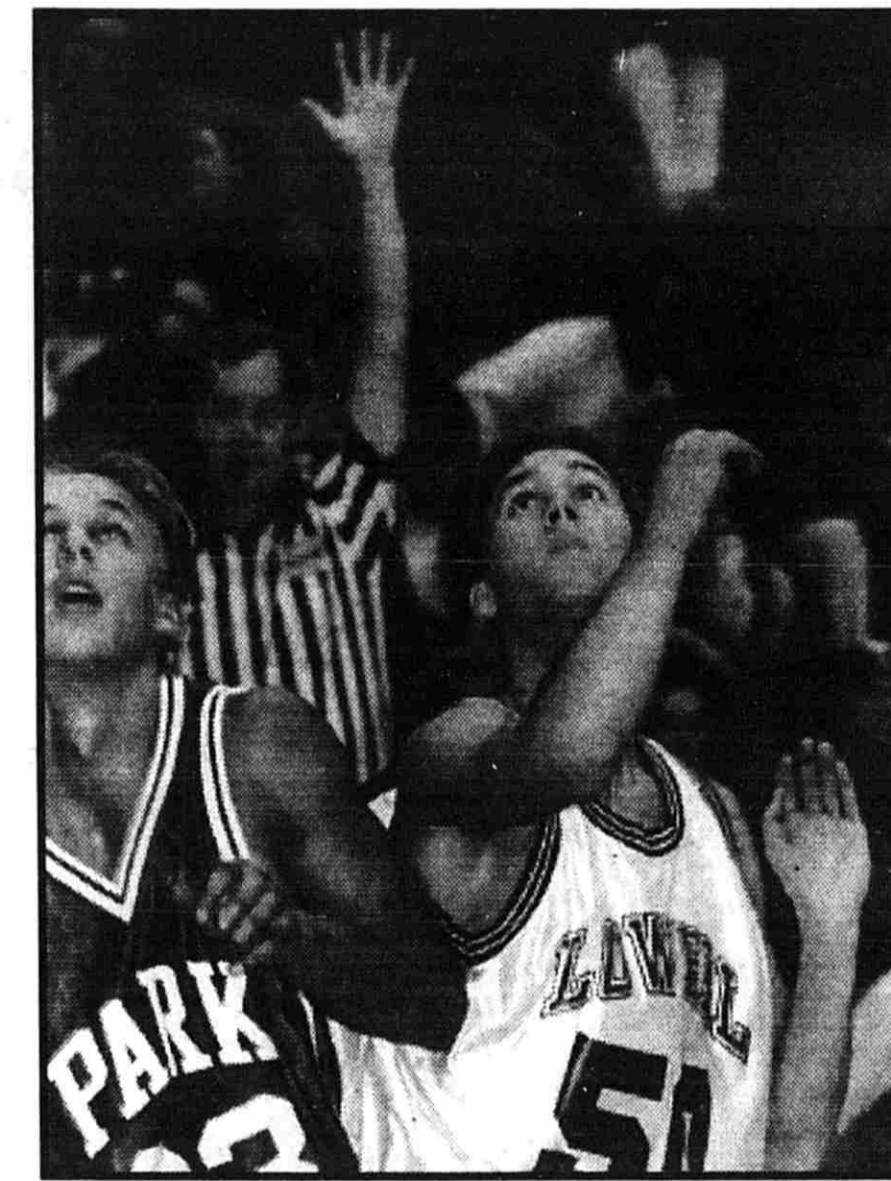
Brown scored 15 second-half points, making the Vikings' job more difficult than they would have liked.

"Brown played an excellent game. He is a great competitor," VanderKlay said. "We did not have an answer for him tonight. We threw every defense we had at him."

Senior Micah Bell, who scored 23 points for Park, made big plays to keep Lowell at bay.

"Bell hit some big shots for them," Bush said.

The biggest may have come with less than a minute to play in the third quarter.



Nate Schoen jostles for position following a missed foul shot.

Brander netted a three-point shot from left of the key to bring Lowell to within four of the visitors at 52-48.

On Park's return trip down the floor, Bell found the range from in front of his bench on the left side, pushing the Vikings' lead back to seven at 55-48. The Viking senior netted 4 threes on the evening.

"We didn't play real well early and fell behind by as many as 13," Bush said. "I thought we came out in the second half and played extremely well. We aren't disappointed in the way we played, but we are disappointed we didn't win."

Park led 13-8 after one quarter of play and 36-28 at halftime. The two teams played evenly in the second half, both scoring 38 points.

Ionia 69
Lowell 34

Lowell's 35 point defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs was correctly labeled by Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush as a "total disaster."

"We did not come into the game ready to play and we didn't play," Bush said.

The Red Arrows were outscored 34-17 in the first half and 35-17 in the second half.

Kevin Brown was the only Lowell player to reach double digits. He tallied 14 points.

Kyle Barker led a balanced Ionia attack with 11 points. Lowell finished the week at 2-16 overall and 0-13 in the O-K White.

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qualify for the regional on the beam. In the same meet Brower tallied a 7.4 on the beam; at home on Wednesday night she recorded a mark of 7.55. It was her fourth qualifying score in the event.

"It is very gratifying for Renee to qualify as a freshman. She is very happy," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said.

Fisher has qualified for the regional in individual events each of her four years, although with all of the injuries the senior has battled, this year there may have been some doubt.

"When Skye has been able to compete she has scored," DeHaan said. "The problem has been getting her healthy and into enough meets."

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN NOTICE

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, on:

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997
Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997
Between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 9, 1997. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the township offices to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

Frank Buckley
Assessor, Grattan Township

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, has resolved its intent to proceed of its own initiative 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"), pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended. The Township shall proceed unless written objections are filed at or before the public hearing provided for herein by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the total road frontage in the proposed special assessment district, in which case the Township Board shall not proceed unless a petition in favor of the Improvements is filed by record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total road frontage in the special assessment district. 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;
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TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 10, 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: February 24, 1997
Peggy A. Gurney, Clerk
Township of Grattan

UNSUNG ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MICHELLE SCHMIDT
Coach, Cheerleader

JACKI MALOKOFSKY
Coach, Volleyball

BRENT NOSKEY
Coach, Boys Basketball

This week we salute our winter sport freshmen coaches Brent Noskey in boys basketball, Michelle Schmidt, in cheerleading and Jacki Malokofsky in volleyball.

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Zeeland knocks off Lowell on way to conference title

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The volleyball teams of Lowell and Zeeland played one another twice within 48 hours.

The results were nearly identical.

Thursday night's 15-3, 15-9 win over Lowell secured Zeeland's perfect regular season conference record (7-0).

Saturday's 15-7, 15-2 win over the Red Arrows in the opening round of the O-K White conference tournament was a springboard to Zeeland's second consecutive league title. It was also the fourth time in five years that the Chix were crowned conference champions.

Zeeland earned the honors with a 15-3, 15-6 win over Northview in the finals.

The Red Arrows played without the services of its

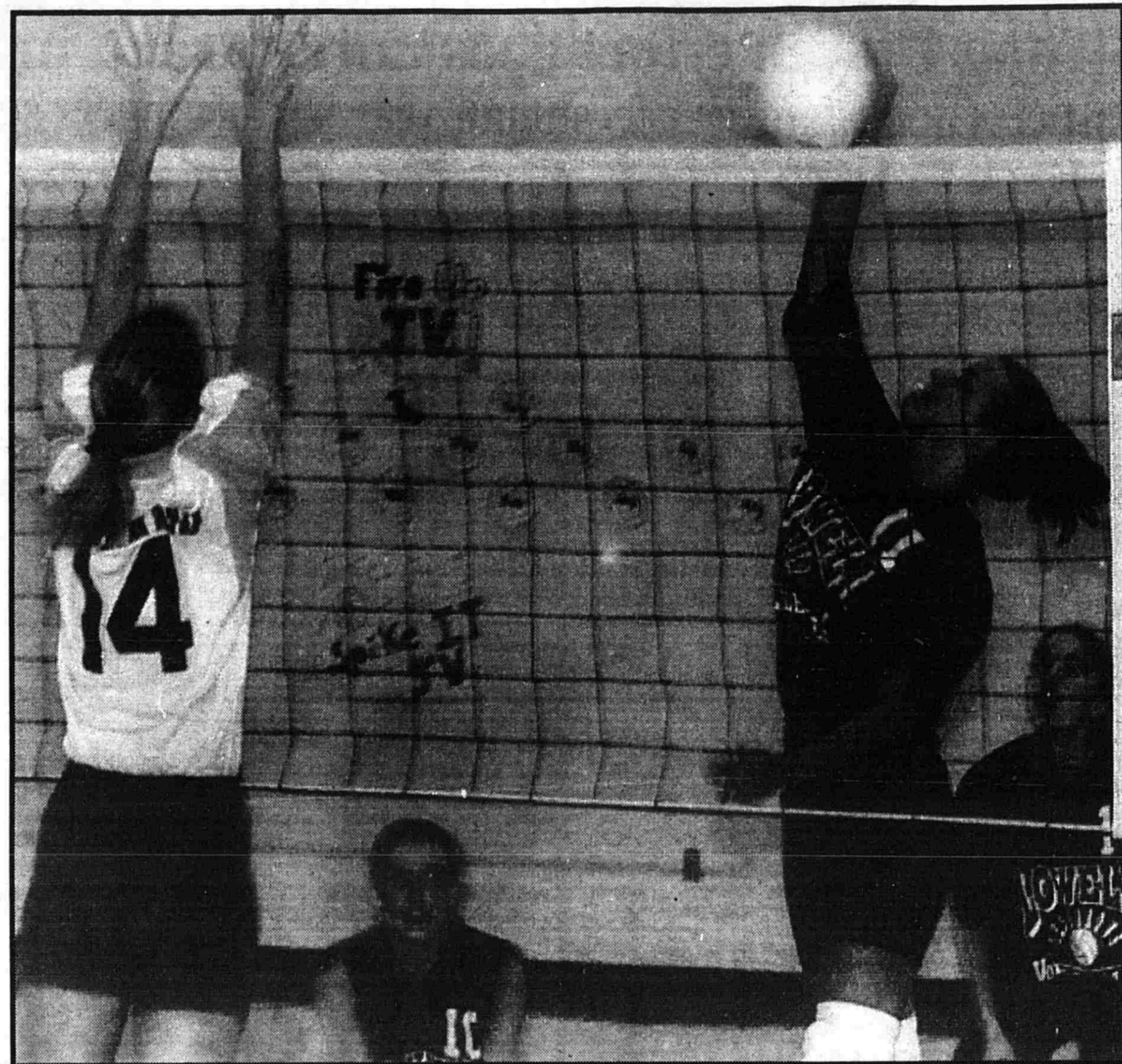
leading server and hitter Laurie Barton Thursday night.

"Our girls were aggressive and never let up," said Lowell coach Tammy DeVries. "The girls didn't just stand out there; they went at Zeeland and ran some good attacks."

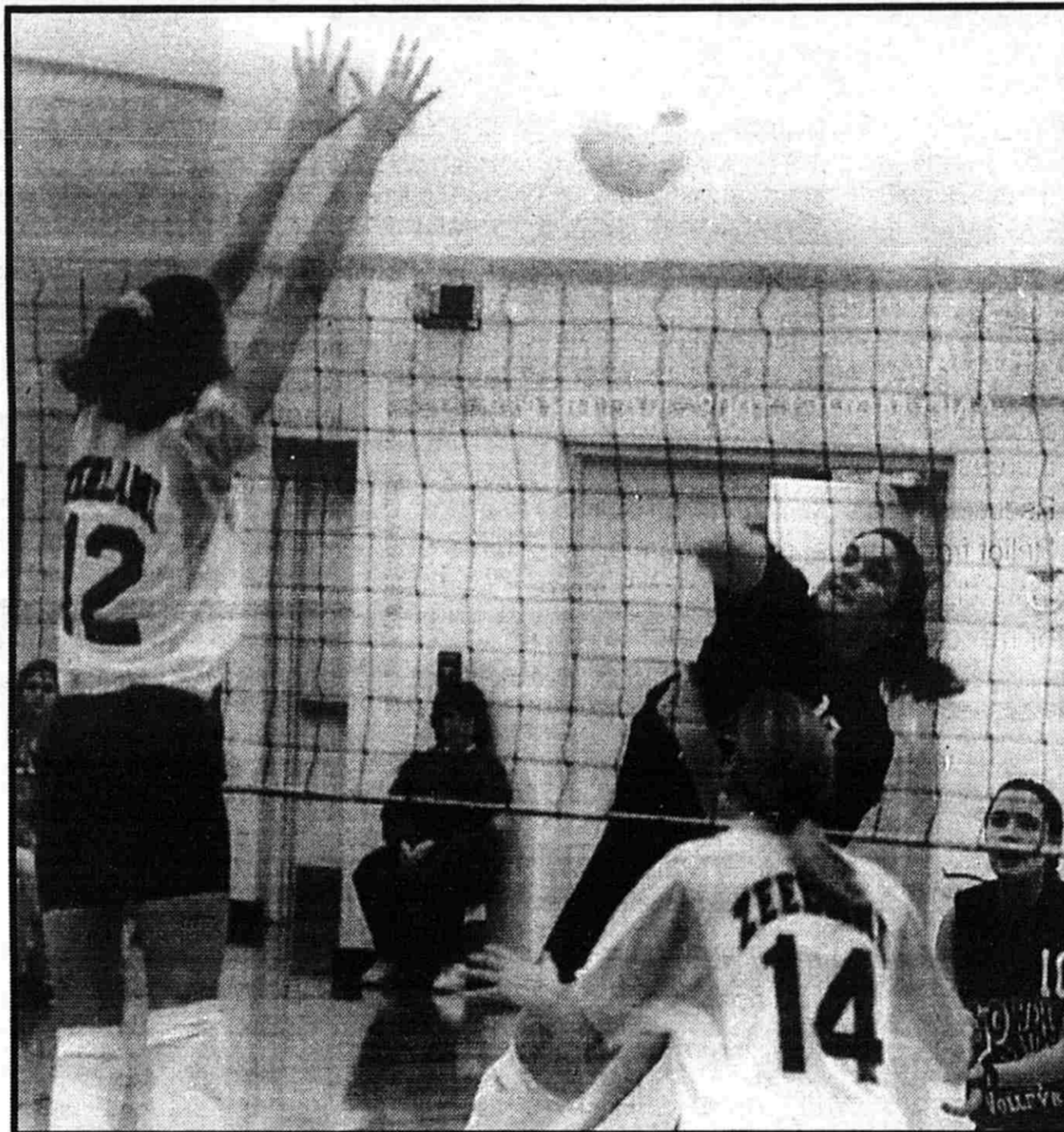
Barton got hit in the eye playing floor hockey in gym class. Doctors gave the senior the okay to play on Saturday.

In reflecting on Thursday's win over Lowell, Zeeland coach Ivan Janssen said his club wasn't consistent. "Some of that may have had to do with a quad meet we played in on Wednesday," he said. "When we pass well, we're a pretty good team. Tonight, we did in spots."

Courtney Kissinger led Lowell in kills with six. Rachel Thomas had the club's only ace and Corrine Arnett had a team-high four assists.



Right, Courtney Kissinger sends one past the outstretched arms of a Zeeland blocker. Above, Rachel Thomas goes high for a side attack.



Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous.
—George Bernard Shaw

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1997

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 7 board members present. Minutes of January 20, and February 3 approved.

Approved bills totaling:

- General Fund \$23,085.04
- Sewer Fund 15,543.43
- Water Fund 8,239.92
- Trust & Agency Fund 1,736.46
- Tax Fund 445,084.96

Business Conducted: Approved the budget for the fiscal year 97/98 as presented at the public hearing of February 3; authorized the supervisor to sign the work order for Timpson Avenue and for a Bowes Road appraisal; authorized the signing of the annual Community Development Block Grant Program agreement with the county; moved to designate \$2,000.00 of the 97/98 Community Development allocation for the North Kent Transit Service/Hope Network; moved to take part in the Lowell Community Expo '97; and received the January building report.

Adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerk
616-897-7600

UNsung ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JESSICA GARBER
Junior Cheerleader

Jessica has been a valuable member of the varsity cheerleading squad through her dedication to the sport. She is involved in supporting many sports and her enthusiasm is contagious. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help and works well with her teammates. Jessica truly exhibits the spirit of sportsmanship and serves as an outstanding representative of the community of Lowell.

Next week we salute a member of our wrestling team.

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Rottier's and Stouffer's freshman year performances surprise even their coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

To look at freshmen wrestlers Bill Stouffer and Dan Rottier, it's apparent that there are a lot of pounds that separate the two... like 100 of them.

Once a person looks beyond "all them pounds," they will find there are many things that conjoin Stouffer and Rottier.

"They are a lot alike in that they both have learned and progressed from their mistakes at a faster pace than most freshmen do," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said.

Rottier, 43-11, earned conference champion honors in his first year and followed that up with an individual district title at 103 pounds a week later and qualified for the state tournament with a second-place finish at the individual regional on Saturday.

"It is a lot harder than middle school. I anticipated that. The difficult part is toward the end of the year you wrestle the same guys every week. It gives your opponent a chance to study your moves," Rottier said.

Stouffer, 44-11, was sec-

ond at the conference meet to Northview's Ben Jansen, but avenged that setback a week later by winning the individual district championship at 215 pounds. He had to defeat Jansen to get there.

Stouffer, qualified for the state tournament by placing third at the individual regional.

"It's been pretty much a fairy tale year for me," Stouffer said. "Wrestling at the high school level is pretty tough. Wrestlers are bigger and stronger."

The 1997 season, especially in the O-K White, seems to have a number of quality freshmen wrestlers. "This has to do with the freestyle programs. They are coming into high school with so many more years of experience," Rivers said. "They also wrestle more matches in a season which provides them with valuable experience."

The venerable Lowell coach notes Rottier's father (Bob) as an example. "Dan had 47 matches under his belt going into the team regional. His dad wrestled half as many matches in an entire season."

Rivers said Rottier's and Stouffer's techniques and

moves are better than the average freshmen. "Knowing where to reach and where to step isn't something you can teach. A coach can drill it and hope a wrestler picks it up. With the good wrestlers it comes naturally," Rivers said.

Rivers describes Rottier as coachable and very intelligent. "Dan needs to work on his strength and his technique on his feet."

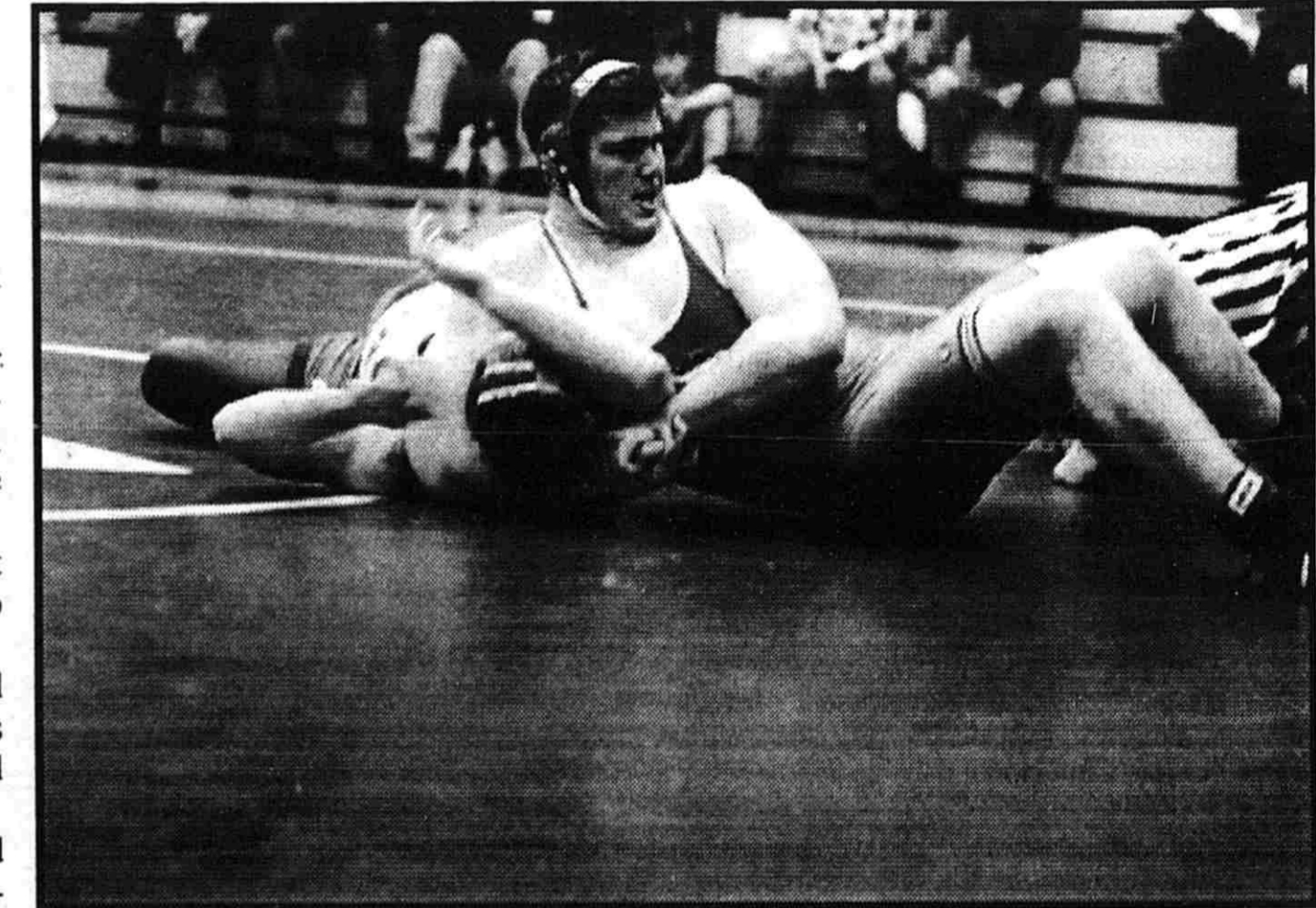
He said Stouffer has great agility and balance and is also knowledgeable.

Stouffer also identified take downs as an area he needs to work on between now and the start of next season.

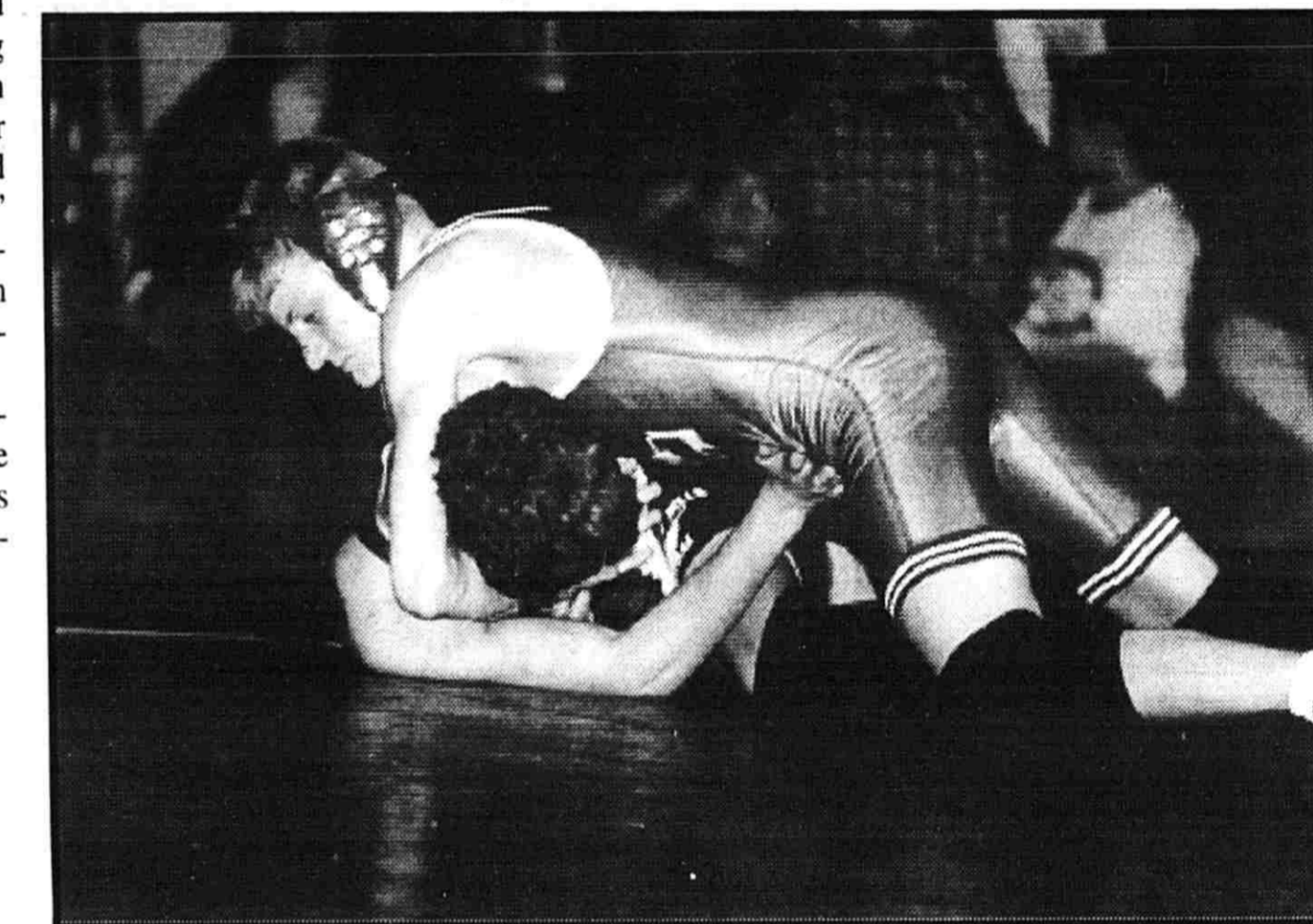
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Lowell's coach was expecting good seasons from both, but they have even surpassed we he anticipated.

"The only thing that separates Bill and Dan is that one wrestler is about 100 pounds heavier than the other," Rivers concludes.



Freshman Bill Stouffer has posted a record of 44-11 so far this season.



Dan Rottier has all but matched Stouffer with a record of 43-11.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 3, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

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

David Roskamp petitioned to construct a 14' x 16' addition to his garage for the residence located at 1270 Sibley. He intends to extend the garage to within 3'8" of his house. Under Section 4.08F.1. of the Zoning Ordinance, accessory buildings must be located a minimum of 10 feet distance from any main building.

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

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8
8 PM

Greenville (13-5)
TUESDAY, MARCH 6 • 7 PM

Bye

G. R. Central (8-10)
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Creston (4-14)

Lowell (2-16)
TUESDAY, MARCH 4 • 6 PM

G. R. Union (1-17)

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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 St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Bellline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: La Leche League of Ada/Cascade/Lowell has its breast feeding information meetings at First Congregational Church of Ada, 6330 Ada Dr., S.E. All mothers and babies welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland

Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 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 Ml, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd.

Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 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.

NEW ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10-5 p.m.

SAT., MARCH 1: Lowell Masonic Temple Fish Fry, 119 Lincoln Lake. Serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: adults, \$6.50; children, 6-10, \$4; under 6, free. Public welcome.

SUN., MARCH 2: Lakeland gathering at Huntington

Hills. For information call (941) 688-7089.

THURS., MARCH 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets for the first meeting of 1997 at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. No luncheon. Hostesses: Dorothy Randall and Evelyn Tichelaar. Program: "Fallsburg Happenings" with Priscilla Lussmyer. Sponsor: Esther Clemenz.

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

SAT., MARCH 15: Smyrna annual St. Patrick's Celebration, Smyrna Maccabee Hall. Roast beef dinner 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; hot beef supper 5 - 8 p.m.; Euchre tournament, 1:30 upstairs. Dance, Prime Time DJ, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Food & cash bar open. Everyone is welcome.

TUES., MARCH 25: FMB State Savings Bank and Lowell Senior Neighbors sponsor an all-day "Senior Appreciation Day" at Lowell Township Hall. Watch for details.

 Plans are the dreams of the reasonable.
 —Feuchtersteen

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

Special Events

- WED., FEB. 26:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. **TUES., MARCH 18:** 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.
- WED., MARCH 5:** 8 a.m., Men's traveling breakfast. **WED., MARCH 19:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.
- WED., MARCH 5:** 9:15 - 11:15, Blood pressure. **TUES., MARCH 25:** 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., FMB Senior Appreciation Day, Lowell Township Hall.
- THURS., MARCH 6:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Income tax assistance by appointment. **WED., MARCH 26:** 8 a.m., Women's Traveling breakfast.
- FRI., MARCH 7:** 12:20 p.m., Meijer Gardens (butterflies) and Molesta Floral. **THURS., MARCH 27:** 12:30 p.m., shop, Woodland Mall/Visit Eastern Floral.
- TUES., MARCH 11:** 12:30 p.m., shopping, Meijers. *(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)*
- THURS., MARCH 13:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Income tax assistance by appointment.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a continuance of a public hearing on Wednesday, March 5th, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, to consider an application for a zoning variance, as follows:

James Blair, 13922 Thompson Dr., in the SW 1/4 of Section 24, has applied for an interpretation of the zoning ordinance, Article III, Section 201.307, and a variance to build a deck within the 50-foot setback requirement along a bluff in the Flat River District.

The application can be reviewed at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received at the Township Hall by 7:00 p.m. on March 5th, 1997.

Tim Howard, Chairperson
 Zoning Board of Appeals

Mustangs head the list of vehicles most often stolen

This is one top 10 list you don't want to make. AAA Michigan claims records reveal the top ten cars stolen between January 1994 and August 1996, with the Ford Mustang leading the way.

An analysis of reported claims shows that the Mustang is the most popular make and model among car thieves, who appropriated 570 of them during the study period.

Second most stolen is the Plymouth Sundance (453), followed by Dodge Shadow (450), Chevrolet Caprice (382), Chevrolet Blazer S-10 (365), Jeep Grand Cherokee (362), Pontiac Grand Am (358), Plymouth Acclaim (354), Ford Taurus (339) and Olds Cutlass (327).

"Overall, reported auto thefts were up 6 percent in 1996, compared to 1995," said Robert Vogt, Area Manager of Claim Investigations for AAA Michigan. "That's a total of 9,000 cars."

According to Vogt, AAA Michigan has boosted the rate of theft investigations to compensate. The Auto Club also has some useful suggestions motorists may follow to avoid becoming the victim of auto theft.

Motorists thinking of selling a vehicle through the newspaper or other publication should use caution. There's a new auto theft scam which can sting the unsuspecting seller. This is how it works: the car thief reads about your car and then approaches you with an offer to buy, often for the asking price. For payment, the buyer presents a legitimate-looking, but forged, cashier's check. No seller would think to question the check's authenticity...until it is rejected by the bank. By that time, your car and its title have been processed and resold to buyers in other states.

How to avoid the fake check scheme? Simple: tell the prospective buyer that you want to go to the bank together to sign the title and deposit the check. Bank employees are more likely to recognize fraudulent checks and an unscrupulous buyer will not be anxious to pro-

duce identification. For this reason, you should also request to see a photo I.D., and record the buyer's address, license number and, if possible, the buyer's social security number when completing the sales transaction.

Anti-theft devices and discounts

Nothing can totally ensure that your vehicle will not become the target of a professional thief; however, alarms, locking devices and kill switches can slow or deter them altogether. Such devices cost from \$30 to more than \$300, depending on size and sophistication. You can recover some of this expense by receiving comprehensive coverage premium discounts for eligible systems.

Some of the more popular types of anti-theft devices and how they protect your car include:

- **Vehicle alarms.** A car alarm, wired to the car's electrical system, can act as a deterrent. Some alarms also disable the vehicle's ignition, making the car undrivable. Others merely make noise. Of these two types, the kind that disables the vehicle is more costly—but more effective.

- **Steering wheel locks/wheel clamp.** Any type of locking device such as hardened steel bars that attach to the steering wheel may deter an inexperienced thief. Another popular type of lock is the wheel lock, which clamps to the wheel and tire of the car, preventing it from being driven.

- **Kill switches** are simple, inexpensive but effective hidden switches which disable the vehicle's ignition or fuel system. If the thief cannot find the switch, he or she cannot start the car. To work well, the switch must be well-hidden inside the car or in the trunk.

- **Original equipment, anti-theft systems.** General Motors, and more recently, Ford Motor company, have designed and equipped certain late model, high-theft cars with sophisticated locking and ignition keys which are electronically matched to the car

for which they were made. Passive auto theft systems such as PASS key (GM) and PATS (Ford) equipped cars are almost impossible to start and drive away using conventional

theft methods. For other vehicles not originally equipped with these devices, after-market suppliers have designed similarly effective electronically encoded devices that

must be plugged into a specially matched receiver, which is permanently attached to the vehicle. Like PASS key and PATS, these systems are excellent deterrent devices.

- **Vehicle recovery systems.** These systems, which are basically high-tech tracking devices, do not prevent theft, but use tiny electronic transmitting systems which can be monitored by local and state police to locate a vehicle once it has been stolen. Because these systems do not deter theft, AAA Michigan does not currently offer a discount for vehicle recovery systems but many locator devices are packaged with alarm systems that do qualify for discounts.

- **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.** A small, but permanent etching of the 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) on the windshield, rear glass and front door glass can deter professional thieves by reducing the after-market desirability of the vehicle's parts. Chop shops are reluctant to keep easily identifiable parts which can be traced back to a stolen car.

AAA Michigan Discounts

AAA Michigan currently offers a variety of discounts for cars equipped with anti-theft devices. These discounts are applied to the comprehensive coverage portion of the premium:

- **5 percent**, if the device is classified as an "active" device, or if the vehicle has been VIN etched. Active means that a manual step is required to engage the device, as is the case with a steering wheel lock, wheel clamp, kill switch and most "low-end" alarm systems.

- **10 percent**, if the device is classified as a "passive" device. Passive means that a system is automatically activated when the driver turns the ignition key to the off position and the key is removed. Examples of a passive device might include "high-end" alarm systems.

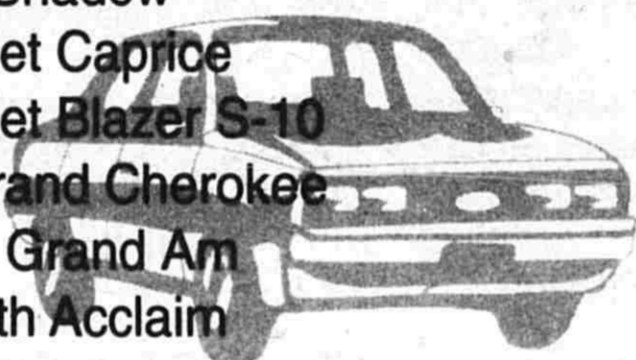
- **25 percent**, if the device is classified as a VATS or PASS key device. A computer-coded VATS or PASS key is the only anti-theft device that qualifies for the 25-percent discount.



MICHIGAN'S "TOP 10" MOST STOLEN VEHICLES

1. Ford Mustang
2. Plymouth Sundance
3. Dodge Shadow
4. Chevrolet Caprice
5. Chevrolet Blazer S-10
6. Jeep Grand Cherokee
7. Pontiac Grand Am
8. Plymouth Acclaim
9. Ford Taurus
10. Oldsmobile Cutlass

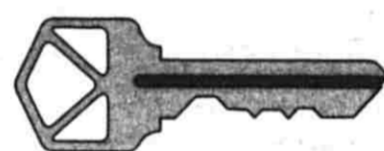
Source: AAA Michigan claim reports, Jan. 1994-Aug. 1996



Theft Prevention Tips

To help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto theft, AAA Michigan offers the following common-sense safety tips:

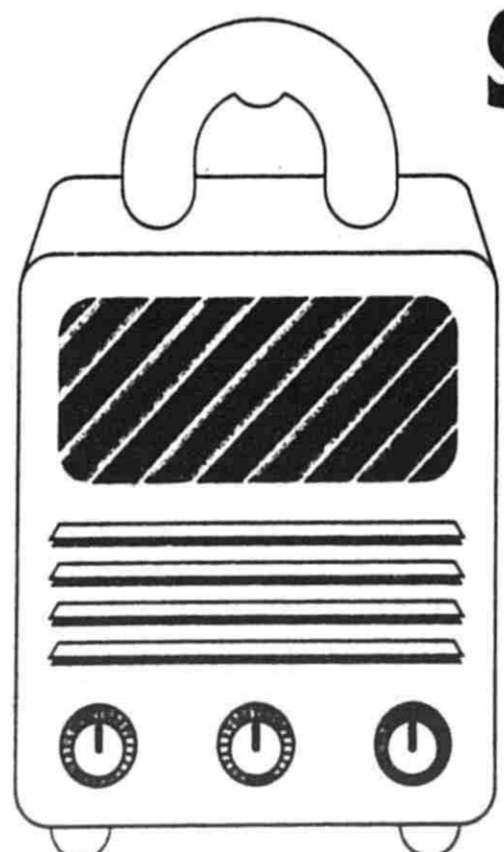
- Lock it and pocket the key.
- Park in a well-lit location.
- Don't leave valuables in view.
- Keep license and registration in your wallet or purse.
- Install an approved anti-theft device and use it.
- Etch windows with Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).



By calling 1-800-242-HEAT (4328), Michigan citizens can provide police with tips that put auto thieves and chop shop operators in jail, with rewards up to \$10,000. Since 1985, HEAT resulted in 4,813 valuable tips, leading to the recovery of 2,191 stolen vehicles valued at an estimated \$23 million.



MAKE SPACE HEAT SAFE HEAT



ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS can be an excellent way to supplement your home's heating system, but it's important that you use them safely.

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- Don't leave a heater unattended, especially if there are children or pets around.
- Unplug the heater when it's not in use.
- As with any appliance, be particularly careful if you use a space heater in a bathroom or another location where water is present.

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THE CLASSIFIEDS

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FOOD SERVICE - Full-time opportunity available in Lowell area. M-F, 6-2 p.m. Call Julie 534-9688.

HOME SUPPORT STAFF - Full time & part-time positions available working with people who have disabilities in the Lowell area. Paid training is provided. We are looking for dependable people who enjoy helping people with disabilities. Spectrum Community Services. Call Jon at 897-8261 for more information. EOE/AA/H.

PRODUCTION MANAGER - Manpower is currently seeking a first shift supervisor for a Lowell area company. Candidates must possess good leadership skills, manufacturing experience & a college background. Payrate will depend on experience. For more details contact Manpower at 897-0050. EOE.

THE LAURELS OF KENT INVITES YOU - to become a member of one of the fastest growing professions. Become a Health Care Professional. Our skilled health care facility is currently seeking Certified Nursing Assistants to care for our geriatric residents. We offer a competitive wage & benefits package. Please apply at The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331 or fax resume with cover letter to 897-0081.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - The Laurels of Kent is now accepting resumes for an opening in our business office. This is a full-time position, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Qualified individuals will possess computer knowledge in Microsoft Word, Excel and Print Shop. This person must be organized & detail oriented. Excellent telephone etiquette is a must. We offer a competitive benefits package including Flex Benefit Program & 401K. Salary commensurate with experience. Please mail resume with cover letter to Janet Smith, The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331 or fax to 897-0081.

HELP WANTED

COUNTER PERSON NEEDED FULL-TIME DAYS - Apply in person at Cooper's Dry Cleaners, 591 Ada Dr. SE or 6549 28th St. SE.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE - Hard-working individuals needed for mowing, landscaping & other outdoor work at Ada-based Landscape Management firm. Full-time positions with benefits & seasonal positions available. Competitive wages. 942-9591.

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VACANT LAND - M-50 & 84th Street area. Quality 3, 5 & 10 acre building sites, future land splits available. Excellent investment at \$35,000 to \$55,000. Garbow Realty, 891-8980.

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER - Near schools, 3+ den, formal dining room, new furnace & central air, hardwood floors, attached 2 1/2 car garage, fenced yard with sandbox, 318 Lincoln Lake, \$88,500 or make offer. 897-0647.

BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM RANCH - includes den, dining & family room, new kitchen, new bathrooms & carpet, quiet cozy setting, a 5 minute walk to the Flat River, 13347 Vergennes, asking \$124,900 or make offer. Call 949-6996.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1987 Chevy 3/4 ton, 2 WD pickup, runs great, looks good, \$3,800. Call 868-6051.

WANTED

HONEY BEE LOCATIONS WANTED - Call Darrell Fase, 676-1751, evenings.

BABYSITTER NEEDED - for 8-year-old girl after school occasionally. Call Saturday 897-7170.

ROOMMATE WANTED - Female, Christian, employed non-smoker, to share expenses in the Lowell area. 616-897-6840.

FAMILY OF 3 - needs 2+ bedroom home in the country with enough space for our horse. To rent or buy land contract. Call anytime, 897-2701.

WANTED TO RENT - Teacher needs house to rent for long-term. Clean, quiet, non-smoker. Ownership care. Call 616-765-3140 after 4 p.m.

WANTED - Ride to 36th St. & US 131 or drive my car. (Must have good driving record) Need to be there at 6:30 am. Picked up at same at 3 pm or at Buchanan & Celia St. at 5:30 pm. Will pay for gas & mileage to & from my home. 6 miles ENE of Lowell in Ionia Co. Call for better info or leave message, will return all calls. 897-7431.

FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household access, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

CENTER COURT APARTMENTS - Lowell. 1 & 2 bedroom apartments with heat, carpets, garages, short-term leases, small pet, air & more. 897-0099 day or night.

EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE FOR LUCY COLE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY - at Snow United Methodist Hall, 3189 Snow Ave., Sun., March 16, 1997, 2 to 4 p.m. No gifts please.

CLASS OF 1992 - 5 year class reunion. The class of 1992 needs to find you for the 5-year class reunion. Please contact Jen Dougherty (Wieland) 868-0439 w/ your name & address.

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS - The family of Albert Smith would like to thank friends and relatives for their thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. A special thanks to Lowell Police and Rescue, Rev. Gordon Barry for his kind words and Roth Gerst Funeral Home.

CARD OF THANKS - We would like to thank the Lowell Rescue and Ambulance for their quick response to our 911 call for help. We appreciate all of your kindness during this very difficult time. The Clifford Dalstra Family.

CARD OF THANKS - We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our family, Snow Church family, Rev. Thurlan Meredith, Dr. Evenhouse, the other doctors at Lowell Medical Specialists, PC, doctors and nurses at Butterworth Hospital, staff at Laurels of Kent, friends, neighbors, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home staff, and other church families that were praying for us. A special thank you to David Gerst, Jr. for all of the special attention and courtesy he extended to us. There doesn't seem to be enough words to express our feelings for all of the acts of kindness, prayers, food, flowers, love, visits, words of encouragement, donations to the Snow United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, and support that were shown to us in this time of sorrow and great loss of my husband and our father, Clifford Dalstra.

The Family of Clifford Dalstra:
Clara Dalstra,
Ron & Joan Denman,
Gerald & Elizabeth Dalstra, and Ted Dalstra.

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS - Thank you for all the cards sent to us for our fiftieth wedding anniversary. Matt & Oneta Briggs.

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORIAM - In loving memory of my husband, father and grandfather, Lynn Gardner, who passed away 12 years ago, March 1, 1985. Always loved & remembered, Margaret L. Gardner & family.

BUSINESS SERVICES

CHILD CARE - Full or part-time, 1st. or 3rd. shift. Call Nancy 868-0582.

PAINTING CLASSES WITH DIXIE - to be held at Creative Hands Crafts & Gifts, 201 E. Main in Lowell. Beginner oil & watercolor classes. Call Pat 897-7222 or Dixie 616-693-3104, March 17, 24 & 31.

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Burrows returns to the track

After being sidelined for five months with a severe knee injury, Dawn Burrows stepped on the Grand Valley State University track Saturday, Feb. 8, for the first time as a competitor.

Running unattached at the Grand Valley State Lakers Challenge meet, Burrows took second place in both the 55- and 200-meter sprints.

"I was a bit nervous about my knee because I still had some pain. I worried about the right turns of the indoor track for the 200," Burrows said. "I had not been in the starting blocks at all since the high school state meet."

The meet tested Burrows and helped answer the question of whether her knee could take such a workout.

The meet included Division II teams from Ferris, Lake Superior, Hope, Albion and Aquinas.

Burrows plans on running in the outdoor track season for Central Michigan University.

"It has been a tough winter being unable to begin workouts until right after Christmas," Burrows said. "The support I received from both the men's and women's teams helped keep my attitude up."

School board appoints Reagan to fill seat vacated by Wilcox

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jim Reagan got what he asked for - an appointment onto the school board.

"I hope I can adequately

fill in where Marsha Wilcox left off," Reagan said.

Wilcox recently resigned as the school board president.

The Lowell dentist was selected by the Lowell School

Board to fill in until June when an election for the seat will be held.

Reagan was one of four candidates who sought the appointment.

The selection came via a two-step process whereby candidates were interviewed and each individual was generally discussed by the board. A first ballot was then

cast. Each board member voted for two individuals.

Reagan and Terry Amidon received the most points in ballot one. In a second vote between Reagan

and Amidon, Reagan received the majority of the votes (4-2).

Reagan has been a study in community involvement over the last number of years.

Reagan serves as chairman of the DDA with a great portion of the work under way. He is president of the Lowell Area Historical Association, served on a subcommittee for the school's education and business plan and is a Lowell Rotarian.



Jim Reagan

He will serve as the president of the Kent County Dental Association through March.

"I think the board was looking for someone who is involved and active in the community," Reagan said. "Some will be coming to a close," Reagan said.

The Lowell High School graduate said his objective is to help the board continue to move forward and assist in the district's decision-making.

"I am comfortable with the direction this board has taken and I feel comfortable working with it," Reagan said.

The newly appointed board member believes he can help bring a balance between academics and health and fitness.

When asked about challenges facing the district, Reagan mentioned being prepared to deal with the district's continuing growth.

"I think we need to be proactive when determining how to accommodate the potential growth," Reagan said. "I am very excited and feel as if I am qualified to serve on the board of education."

No man ever listened himself out of a job.

—Calvin Coolidge

To the good listener half a word is enough.

—Spanish proverb



LOWELL YMCA

ADULT PROGRAMS

LOW INTENSITY/LOW IMPACT FITNESS

Ongoing through June 13
Come join the fun at our morning low intensity/low impact fitness class. Exercise at your own pace to music from the past and today. Enjoy the benefit of having more energy while toning your muscles and strengthening your heart and lungs. Location: First United Methodist Church.
Monday/Friday 10:30 - 11:30 am
Fee: \$3.75 per visit or \$31 for a 14 visit Punch Card

HI/LOW IMPACT FITNESS

Ongoing through June 13.
This is a fun upbeat program for all fitness levels. Participants may exercise at their own level. This program is a medium to high intensity workout with combination high/low impact. Workout includes warm-up, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility/toning and a cool down. Call for class location. Child care is available. Location: First United Methodist Church.
Monday/Weds/Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am

Fees: 14 Visit Punch Card:
MEMBER: \$33, NON-MEMBER: \$45
21 Visit Punch Card:
MEMBER: \$44, NON-MEMBER: \$57
Per Visit:
MEMBER: \$3.75, NON-MEMBER: \$5

MEN'S OVER 30 OPEN GYM

Ongoing through March
Open gym will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary.
Monday 7:30 - 9:00 pm

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

KIDDY GYM

Age 3-5
Session I February 25 - April 15 No class April 8
Session II April 22 - June 3
A gym class with emphasis on body and spatial awareness, locomotor skills, movement education, and social skills. Class will be held at Bushnell School. Limited space available.
Tuesday 3:30 - 4:15 pm
Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$30

3 YEAR OLD - PRE-K SOCCER

April 16 - May 21
Start the basics and learn the fundamentals of the game. Class will be held at outside at Riverside Elementary, unless inclement weather when it will be held in the school gym.
Wednesday 10:30 - 11:15 am
Member Fee: \$19 Non-Member: \$31

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT LOWELL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 897-4371

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LOWELL YMCA PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 897-8445.

YMCA NIGHT AT THE WHITECAPS

Attend a West Michigan Whitecaps game with your friends and family.

Thursday, July 31 evening game
Reserved seat tickets are \$5 each and must be purchased from the YMCA office.
Watch for details later this spring.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

LOWELL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Lowell Child Development Center offers quality, licensed child care. Our program promotes physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.
• Ages Infants (6 weeks) to Kindergarten
• Hours - 6:00 am - 6:00 pm
• Located at First Congregational Church - 404 Hudson St.
• Meals are provided
• Financial assistance available to those who qualify
• Year round programming
• Call for program details - 897-4371

SCHOOL AGE SPRING BREAK FUN CLUB

Come join your friends at the YMCA during Spring Break!
• Hours - 6:00 am - 6:00 pm
• Activities "Outer Space" activities, field trips, swimming and more!
• Sports and games
• April 4 - April 11
• Advance registration required - call for details - 897-4371

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Men's Spring League
Wednesdays and Thursdays
Starts: April 9 and 10 - 6 games
Fee: \$200 per team - your team fee includes balls, umpires, etc.

Summer League

Please note starting dates are tentative
Mondays Co-ed/Church Division 12 games Starts May 5
Mondays Co-ed/Open Division 12 games Starts May 5
Tuesdays Men over 30 12 games Starts May 6
Tuesdays Women's 8 games Starts May 20
Wednesdays Men 12 games Starts May 7
Thursdays Men 12 games Starts May 8
Fridays Men 12 games Starts May 2
Fee: \$405 per team for those with 12 games
\$270 per team for those with 8 games
Fee includes balls, umpires, etc.

Call the YMCA for detailed flyer with **NEW IMPROVED RULES FOR BOTH SPRING AND SUMMER LEAGUES!**

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Ongoing through March
Open gym will be held at Lowell Middle School.
Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Fee: \$2 per person per visit

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

March 6 - April 24, no class April 10
Easy to learn and no partner is necessary for this type of dancing. Come and join the fun. At least eight participants are needed for each class to run.
Held at Bushnell Elementary
NEW FORMAT! Beginner Class
Instructor - Terri Nausieda and
Advanced Class Instructor - Jose Ruiz
Beginner - Thursdays - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Advanced - Thursdays - 8:00 - 9:00 pm
Member Fee: \$17
Non Member: \$35

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

The Lowell YMCA will conduct a values oriented Youth Co-ed Soccer League for Kindergarten and grades 1-6 and an instructional "Mini-Kickers" program for 4 - 5 year olds. Grades 7 and 8 have a separate girls and boys leagues.

STRUCTURE... Games begin April 19. Mini-Kickers meet only on Mondays, beginning April 14. Kindergarten games are on Saturdays beginning April 19, except for one weeknight game on May 22. Grades 1 - 6 will play games on Saturdays and have one practice during the week. Grades 7 - 8 will play games on weeknights and Saturdays. Home games will be played at various Lowell community fields. Away games will be played at other YMCAs and schools. Grades 3 - 8 may play away games. The YMCA staff will assign all participants to their teams prior to coaches meeting on March 22 at 10:00 am.

DATES... Practices could start as early as the week of March 23, depending on the weather. Coaches will inform players of dates and times for grades K - 8. Mini-Kickers will begin April 14 at 5:30 pm. Location: TBA

REGISTRATION Registration must be received by March 13 for all programs except Mini Kickers whose deadline is April 3. Late registrations will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

FEES
Mini-Kickers Member Fee: \$20 Non Member: \$32
Kindergarten Member Fee: \$21 Non Member: \$35
Grades 1-6 Member Fee: \$23 Non Member: \$37
Grades 7-8 Boys Member Fee: \$30 Non Member: \$44
Grades 7-8 Girls Member Fee: \$30 Non Member: \$44

VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED - CALL FOR DETAILS!
No refunds or credits will be issued after teams are assigned.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Our program provides licensed before and after school child care to children attending Lowell and Alto schools.
♦ Kindergarten through fifth grade
♦ Hours - 6:00 - 8:45 am and 3:30 - 6:00 pm
♦ Full days available for holidays, conferences, and bad weather days
♦ Breakfast and afternoon snack are provided
♦ Homework time
♦ Sports, games, arts and crafts, outdoor fun and more
♦ Financial assistance for those who qualify
♦ Call for program details - 897-4371

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Check out our specially funded program for 4 year olds in need of special attention before Kindergarten. FREE to those who qualify. Call the details 897-4371.
Taking names now for 1997-98 school year!

INDOOR SOCCER - LOWELL & ALTO

Grades 1-3 & 4-6
Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. There will also be scrimmages each week. Limited space is available.
March 4-19
Lowell - Runciman School - Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Grades 1-3 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Grades 4-6 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$32

March 11-27
Alto - Elementary School - Tuesdays & Thursdays
Grades 1-3 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$32

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL/T-BALL

The Lowell YMCA will conduct values oriented Youth Softball and Baseball Leagues for grades 1 - 5 and T-Ball for ages 4 years and kindergarten. Teams will concentrate on the basic fundamentals while emphasizing fun.

T-BALL - 4 YEARS: This co-ed program runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays, May 31 - June 24 at Creekside Park - South Field. There will be a short parents meeting at the field on the first day, Saturday, May 31, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Times will vary after first day.

T-BALL - KINDERGARTEN: This co-ed program runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays, May 31 - June 24 at Creekside Park. Players will attend one of two clinics on Saturday, May 31: Clinic 1: 11:00 a.m. or Clinic 2: 12:15 p.m. Coaches will inform players of which clinic to attend. There will be a short parents meeting at the field on the first day. Times will vary after first day.

SOFTBALL GRADES 1 - 2: This is a co-ed program with coach pitch format for games and practices. Games will be played on Thursdays and Saturdays from May 29 through June 28. Coaches will call with practice times.

BASEBALL GRADES 3 - 5: This is a program for boys in grades 3 - 4 with pitching machines for games and some practices. Games will be played on Thursdays and Saturdays from May 29 through June 28. Coaches will call with practice times.

SOFTBALL GRADES 3 - 5: This is a program for girls in grades 3 - 5 with coach pitch format for games and practices. Games start April 30 and will be played on Wednesdays. Coaches will call with practice times. Some games may be played at other area YMCA's.

REGISTRATION: Registration must be received by April 10 for grades 1-5 and May 1 for T-Ball. Late registrations will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Financial assistance is available.

FEES:
T-Ball: Member: \$21 Non-member: \$35
Grades 1-5: Member: \$23 Non-member: \$37

VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED - CALL FOR DETAILS!

COACHES MEETING -
Grades 1-5 - April 15 - 6:00 pm at the Lowell YMCA
T-Ball (4yrs - Kdg) - May 8 - 6:00 pm at the Lowell YMCA

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