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A forum, of which 153 local residents attended, discussed the issues of important community needs and which ones should be addressed by the \$12 million foundation left to the Lowell community by Harold Englehardt.

Faith Rewarded

Harold would have been tickled by what took place here tonight. This is what he envisioned. His faith in this community has been rewarded. --- John Darling

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

His physical presence may have been missing, but John Darling could hear the approval and unmistakable 'hee, hee, hee' of his great uncle Harold Englehardt.

Darling sat, watched and listened as a cross section of Lowell people pondered important needs of the community and discussed which ones should be addressed by the Lowell Community Fund at a Lowell community forum.

The money became available when it was announced by the Grand Rapids Foundation in June that Englehardt had left the Lowell community \$12 million.

"Harold would have been tickled by what took place here tonight," Darling said. "This is what he envisioned. His faith in this community has been rewarded."

The forum brought together 153 Lowell area residents (city and Lowell and Vergennes townships). "This

format is effective because it engages the whole. The people here tonight represented a microcosm of the community," said Frank Conner, the forum facilitator.

The needs and opportunities identified were as diverse as the cross section of people in attendance. They included improving awareness of cultural diversity to establishing an international airport and a multitude of things in between.

Some of the most often mentioned items included:



- Recreation facility
- Community pool
- Technology upgrades for city, townships and school
- Scholarships
- Expanded 4-H fairgrounds
- Showboat improvements.

The Lowell Community Fund will provide Lowell with approximately \$600,000 in 1998 and every year that follows.

"This forum was tremendous. It got people work

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Durant settlement provides school with final piece to budget puzzle

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan's Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus called it the most important thing legislature has done this year.

Posthumus was referring to the Durant Case agreement reached on paying school districts back for shorting them on special education and transportation funding in the early '80s.

Republicans and Democrats agreed on a compromise that will pay the 84 Durant plaintiff school districts a lump sum of \$212 million on April 15, 1998. Non-Durant school districts will receive \$750 million - half up front through state-issued bonds and the other half paid over 10 years from the interest off the budget stabilization fund.

The money received by districts that didn't sue will be restricted to capital improvements, technology and reducing

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Sunday fire destroys Custom Deer Processing

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Glen DenBraven, of 128 Flat River Dr., was in search of a buck Sunday, on the opening weekend of the firearm deer season, when he heard the yell of his friend Steve DenBoer.

The yell wasn't to let DenBraven know he had gotten a buck. Oh, how DenBraven wishes it was.

Instead, the frantic words echoing through the woods



Officials are still not sure what caused the fire that destroyed Custom Deer Processing on Sunday.

were that the Custom Deer Processing building of DenBraven and his father (Neil DenBraven) was burning.

Neil DenBraven, who was also out hunting, saw dark smoke mushrooming into the sky. "I saw it and knew there was something wrong," he said. "I gathered my stuff and headed in."

Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said the 30 by 40 foot pole barn was well involved when firefighters arrived on the scene about 3:30 p.m. "The roof was already gone by that time.

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Work to improve science MEAP scores interrupted by fire alarm

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The question for Rick White isn't so much "what is he teaching in his high school classes?" but rather "what

havoc will he create in the elementary schools?"

After all, this is the same man who because of a science experiment helped an elementary school get in an

unscheduled fire drill—all in the name of science.

Seriously, White, who recently was appointed to help the elementary schools improve on the science curricu-

lum, is just one of several people working to improve Michigan Educational Assessment Program's (MEAP) scores at Lowell Area Schools.

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OBITUARIES

DELOOF - Donald DeLoof, aged 71, of Cedar Springs, passed away Friday, November 14, 1997, at his residence. Surviving are his wife Helen; children Don and Jackie DeLoof and Mary DeLoof; eight grandchildren: 12 great-

and Arnold and Norann DeLoof of Lowell; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

FULLER - Ruby I. Fuller, aged 90, of Saranac, passed away November 15, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence and children William and Martha Fuller. She is survived by her

children Joe (Wanda) Fuller of MO, Miles (EllaMae) Fuller of Wyoming, Dorothy (Niles) of Saranac, Wesley (Emma) Fuller of Paw Paw; 18 grandchildren; many great and great-great grandchildren. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HOUSE - Jonathan J. House, aged 19, of Kentwood, passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, November 14, 1997. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Evelyn Jean House. He is survived by his parents, Edwin and Dorothy House of Kentwood; his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lacic of Lowell and Harry House of North Muskegon; his fiancée, Donna Pyatt of Kentwood; his godparents Mike and Linda Sinclair; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. John was a 1996 graduate of East Kentwood High School. Funeral services for John were held Tuesday with Pastor James Jeffery officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Visiting Nurses Hospice.

PERRY - Robert M. Perry, aged 76, of Saranac, passed away November 12, 1997, in Ann Arbor. He was born May 15, 1921, in Grand Rapids, the son of Medrick and Elizabeth Perry. He was a WWII veteran. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the Saranac American Legion and the Saranac VFW post. He married Eileen Carhart in England at St. Cuthbert Catholic Church in

August 1945. He is survived by his wife Eileen Perry of Saranac; sons James and Carol Perry of Sheridan, Richard and Jill Perry of Saranac, Robert II and Cindy Perry of Saranac, John and Janice Perry of Sheridan, William and Lynn Perry of Stanton, Paul and Lisa Perry of Lowell; one daughter Anna-Maria and Mark Herrington of Saranac; sisters Eileen and Clarence Bouma of Grand Rapids; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Rev. Norbert Leyrita celebrant. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to the Saranac VFW.

RANKIN - Lena Rankin, aged 88, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, November 12, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward L. Rankin. She is survived by her children Maureen (Charles) Beswick of Warren, MI, Dr. Brenda Mosgoe (Dr. Robert Fletcher) of CA; grandchildren Brenda Beswick (Andy Hale), Nancy Beswick, Sue Anne (Daniel) Neilson; one great-granddaughter Hannah; brother Willard (Delia) Mead of Kansas; sister Irene Menghini of Kansas. Mrs. Rankin was a member of St. Mary's Church in Lowell. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Fr. Joseph Reitz officiating. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of South East Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst of Lowell.

RUSSO - Mr. Tommy Russo, aged 82, went to the Big Boxing Ring in the Sky on November 11, 1997. He will be sadly missed by his wife Alma; children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sisters Eva and Lena; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nephews and nieces; cousins and numerous friends. Mr. Russo was active in Golden Gloves, Boxers Buffs, Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Sorrows Church and flea marketing. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church with Rev. Theodore Kozlowski celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity.

SPECKIN - Clair W. Speckin, aged 70, of Saranac, passed away November 17, 1997, in Grand Rapids. He was born December 14, 1926, in Ionia, the son of Clarence Winifred and Hazel Gertrude (Jerrils) Speckin. He married Madeline Kyser, April 6, 1968 in Ionia. He was a WWII veteran of the Navy serving in the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the Ionia Moose Lodge, member of Galilee Baptist Church, very involved in scouting and was a lifetime scout master. He was an avid golfer and bowler and enjoyed traveling. He is survived by his wife Madeline Speckin of Saranac; sons Ronald and Susan Speckin of Ionia, Robert and Debra Speckin of Greenville, Dennis Speckin of Ionia, Brian Speckin of Ionia, Vaughn and Sonia Vickery of Saranac; daughters Sandra and Michael Hawkins of California, Lorrie JeRue of Ionia, Valerie and Kevin Lordly of Arkansas; sister Martha Jane and Bill Wiecezorek of Spring Lake; 24 grandchildren; 19 1/2 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday 1:00 p.m. at the Galilee Baptist Church with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday (today) 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Galilee Baptist Church or Saranac First Responders. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

Municipal-run power benefits Lowell residents and commercial users in the pocketbook

J.N. Boersma Contributing Writer

If Virgil Biggs lived in the city of Lowell, he might be saving as much as 70 percent on his electric bill.

This is what Biggs, who is with Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson, discovered when he did a random test to see how the Lowell Light and Power stacked up against Consumer Energy, which services such communities as Grand Rapids, Wyoming and Grandville.

"I found that on my own bill, during my highest months of usage, when I have my pool going, I could have saved about 74 percent," Biggs said. Translated it meant that Biggs would have paid about \$78 versus \$136.

Biggs also found he would have had about a 40 percent savings during his lower usage months, going from \$46 to \$32.

"It does show that residents and commercial users, who were estimated to save as much as 33 percent compared to Consumer Energy rates, really do get a lot

of benefit out of a municipal-run power company." Biggs said.

Virgil Biggs Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson

Biggs attended the Lowell City Council's meeting Monday night to present the annual audit report on the Lowell Light and Power Company.

The net income for 1997, \$44,325, looked bad compared to 1996's \$344,753. However, the city needs to remember Lowell Light and Power gave about \$169,070 to the Downtown Development Authority's street lighting project.

"So it may look bad but, on the other hand, it was nice that the Lowell Light and Power Company was financially able to help out, which was a benefit to the city," Biggs said.

The biggest area of growth has been commercial sales, which has gone up about 10 percent. Also, the company has been able to maintain a nice buffer between energy sales and purchased power.

Biggs did have one area he thought the city should keep its eye on. His report recommended that the city periodically consider the need to increase the reserve for equipment replacement in light of inflationary increases. Currently, the utility reserve fund stands at about \$600,000.

The city council unanimously accepted the audit report at the meeting.

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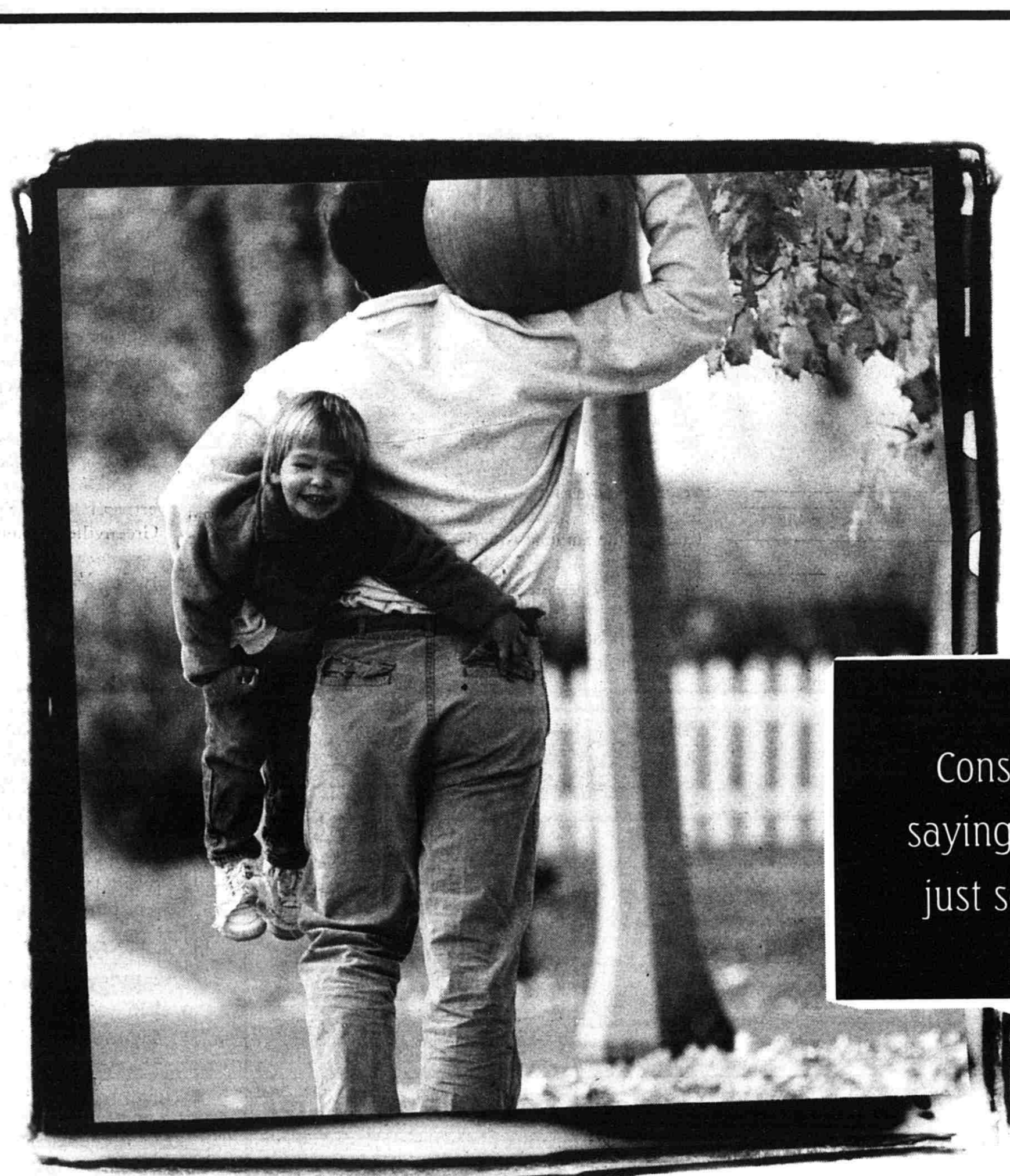
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ELECTRIC POWER OUTAGE On Sunday, November 23, 1997 at approximately 3:00 p.m., Lowell Light & Power will have an electric power outage, for about 4-6 hours, in the Northwest portion of their service territory. This outage is required to repair damage to cables and a transformer cabinet at the North Substation, located off Foreman Road between the Cherry Creek School and Metric Manufacturing, caused by a fire which occurred on August 19, 1997. Customers affected by this outage are those that reside north of Howard Street and east of Alden Nash. Contractors will be assisting Lowell Light & Power personnel in the work and every attempt will be made to keep this power outage to the minimum time required.



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Reflections Of Faith

By Tim Harmon

I stopped channel surfing just long enough to hear David Frost ask Larry King this question: "What is the secret to being successful?" "Of all the people which you have interviewed, is there a common trait among them?" I don't remember the exact words Larry King used, but I remember the point very well. He said that there were many differences among the highly successful people he had interviewed. Some were outgoing; others were reserved. Some were charismatic; others were shy. Some were highly intelligent; others were not so smart. But the one common trait among them all was passion. They each had a passion for what they were doing. Bill Gates had a passion for computers. Jerry Lewis had a passion for comedy. Michael Jordan had a passion for winning basketball games. The implication is that no one does anything great without passion. A life lived without

passion is a life destined for mediocrity and apathy. If you want to be successful in life, you must put your heart into it.

If that is true in general, it is even more true in spiritual things. To love the Lord with all our heart is the first and greatest command. The 18th century preacher and president of Princeton University wrote: "The importance of religion is so great that no halfhearted exercise will suffice. In nothing is the state of our heart so crucial as in religion, and in nothing is lukewarmness so odious." (Religious Affections) In other words, religion devoid of emotion stinks to high heaven. Jesus' criticism of the Pharisees was directed at just this point. He said they reminded him of the words of Isaiah: "They worship me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." They gave lip-service with detached hearts. They checked their emotions at the front door and would pick them up on the way out. Their worship was dignified and educated and formal and lifeless. Jesus was not impressed. It was as unattractive as it was dull.

On the other hand, passion is attractive. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was asked why people were so attracted to him. He is reported to have

said: "When you set yourself on fire for God, people love to come and watch you burn." Faith is not based on feelings, but faith devoid of feelings will never satisfy the deep longing of the heart. There are marriages that survive without romance, but they are always missing something critical. In the same way, faith without romance is just as lacking. The Lord calls us not to duty but to love. The heart of true Christianity is simply to fall in love with Christ and live in His love. To paraphrase the apostle Paul: "without love, all our religious commitment amounts to nothing." (1 Cor. 13) There's nothing better than being in love. It's the greatest.

Alto library hosts Festival Floral Designs

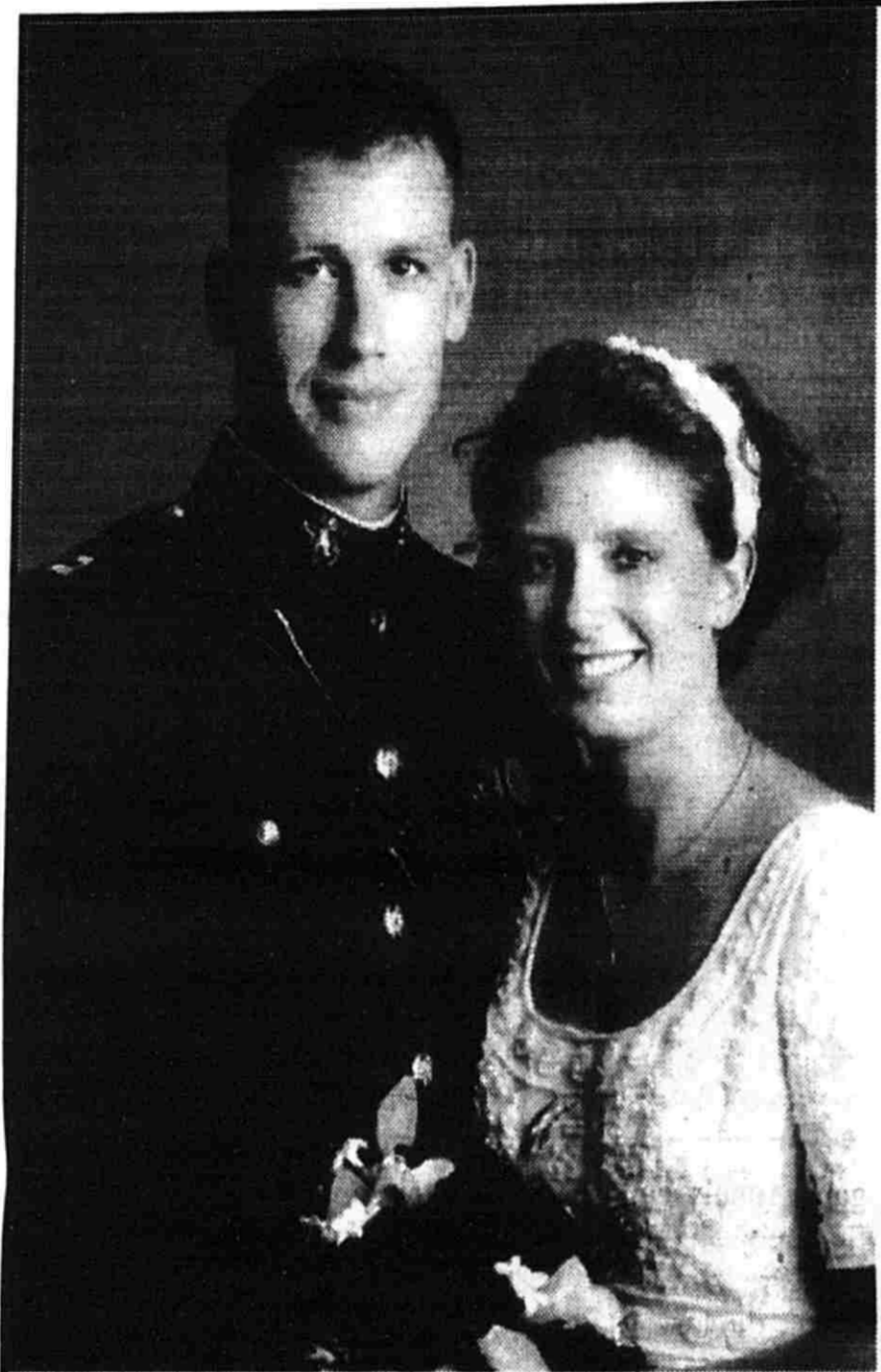
With the holiday season approaching, home decorating is on the minds of many. With that in mind, the Alto library, a branch of the Kent District Library, will present a special one-hour program, Festival Floral Designs, on Saturday, November 29, at 1 p.m. This program is for adults.

Joanne Poulais, co-owner of Victorian Thymes Floral and Gifts in Lowell, will demonstrate how to create floral arrangements for the holidays. Poulais has 10 years experience in floral design. She will demonstrate how to make wreaths and simple candle arrangements from Christmas greens such as thyme and cedar. Poulais will also demonstrate bow making.

The Alto branch of the Kent District Library is located at 6071 Linfield. For more information about or to register for the program, please call the Alto library at 868-6038.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 20 - Brian Brown, John Butler Sr., Michelle Wernet.
NOV. 21 - Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gildner.
NOV. 22 - Karrie Borton, Lou Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin.
NOV. 23 - Trisha Propst, Sherri Vezino, Gregory Duiven.
NOV. 24 - Sabra Nicole Kinsley, Ryan Moore.
NOV. 25 - Pat Vezino, Melissa Peterson, Amy Swift, Shawn Ayres Hazel, Megan Hewitt, Lorri Myers.
NOV. 26 - John Erickson.



Benjamin and Karen Richmond

Olinger and Richmond exchange August vows

Karen Olinger and Captain Benjamin Richmond of the U.S. Marine Corps were united in marriage on August 30, 1997, at St. Francis de Sales, Newark, Ohio, with Rev. Patrick Toner performing the ceremony.

Maid of honor were Nicole Olinger and Mary-Beth Olinger, bridesmaids were Andrea Richmond, Rachel Gress, Terri Smucny and Kim Bettwy. Flower girl was Laura Uzarski.

Best man was Patrick Brown, groomsmen were Sgt. Mark Richmond, USMC; Phillip Olinger; Lt. John Miller, USN; Patrick Nugent; and Capt. Jason Gilbert, USMC. Ringbearer was Zygfred Uzarski III.

The reception was held at Ohio State University in Newark. The couple honeymooned in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The bride is the daughter of John and Pierrette Olinger of Newark, Ohio. She is a 1990 graduate of Newark Catholic and a 1994 graduate of the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. She is currently employed at Owens Corning, Inc.

The groom is the son of Jerrold and Diane Richmond of Lowell. He is a 1989 graduate of Lowell Senior High School and a 1993 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He is currently employed by the United States Marine Corps.

The couple reside in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

A couple of weeks ago I was in the Florida Keys for one of my regular visits. My wife lives there, works there, and our home is there. I know it's a wacky setup, but for right now, that's the way it is. Don't look for an explanation from me, because I'm not sure there is one. It's a situation that has simply evolved. Like any of life's situations, it has its good points and bad. The key is to focus on the good ones.

This column will be based on one of the good aspects. It will be about fishing with my wife's grandfather. On the surface, that doesn't sound like such a big deal. Bear with me here, and I'll try to explain why I think it is.

Earlier this year, I became a grandfather. Angie, my daughter, the mother of my granddaughter, just turned twenty-four years of age. In about three weeks, I'll turn forty-eight. I'll be exactly twice as old as she is. My wife and I celebrated our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this year. The list goes on and on. All this, coupled with the fact that I'm staring the big "Five-Ohhhhhh my God!" in the face and will soon start receiving those dreaded solicitations from the AARP, makes me feel mighty old.

Going fishing with grandpa seems to help. How so? Well, for starters, he's ninety-nine-years-old! Need I say more? I will anyway. That makes him more than twice my age. In fact, I won't be exactly half his age for another three years...if I make it that long.

Grandpa's name is Lawrence Friend. A great name for him, because that pretty much sums the guy up. Anybody I know who's ever had contact with him came away his friend. My wife and her siblings all grew up calling him Grandpa Friend. All us siblings-in-law call him the same.

About three years ago, my mother-in-law bought a place

in the Keys just a couple of miles from our home. She spends winters there. A year or so later, it was decided Grandpa Friend shouldn't live on his own any longer. He sold his two-story home in Ionia, gave up driving, and moved in with my mother-in-law. Part of the reason for this decision was because they couldn't keep grandpa from getting out a ladder and washing his second-story windows.

It's tough to put this in perspective. The old guy was born in 1898. Here we are, coming up on the end of a century, and he wasn't even born in it. He dates back to a century that brought us baseball, the Civil War, the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Louisiana Purchase, etc. He's a World War I veteran, a Doughboy, and we ain't talkin' about the Pillsbury Doughboy on TV!

He grew up on a small farm south of Ionia. He once told me he went on a cattle drive when he was a kid. I immediately started thinking out west, Montana or somewhere like that. "Oh yeh?" I said. "Where was that?" He replied, "We drove about a hundred head from Sebewa (the little burg where he grew up) up to Greenville." If you know your local geography, that's all of about 30 or 40 miles. Took 'em a week or so. Nowadays, the cattle would be loaded on some trucks, and would be there that afternoon. To lift a phrase from my youth, that kind of stuff "blows my mind."

Hopefully, all this gives you some idea as to why I get such a kick out of taking the old boy fishing. Sure, he's old. He needs a little help getting in and out of the boat. He doesn't see well enough to tie on a hook. He'll let me bait his hook, but if I'm busy with something else, he's in the bait bucket taking care of himself. He's pretty feisty, independent and competitive for a guy his age. He's a riot.

On this particular excursion, we were bottom fishing for snapper, grouper, grunts and whatever happened to be biting. Grandpa Friend was in the back of the boat with me, and my wife and mother-in-law were in the front. Grandpa out-caught us all, and made darned sure we were aware of it. "What's the matter with you girls up there? I thought I taught you how to fish better'n that!" he'd say as he reeled in another one. What a hoot.

We were out for about four hours and fished until the bait was gone. We didn't catch any trophies, but some of those fish,

game finally ended, we were down a mere three points and threatening the score again. Never quitting, playing to the end, doing their best - this was all a demonstration of their character.

We did lose a football game in Kalamazoo. But we gained something far more important - community pride and support for a job well done. We can all learn from our youth. Striving for excellence with character, determination and togetherness is what community is all about. Our schools and community will become all that we hope by working together with the right attitude.

To those of you who did not see the game or perhaps left a bit early, the most important play took place approximately 15 minutes after the game ended. This was when our players walked off the field together, heads held high, hand in hand, TRUE WINNERS. Seeing this, I could not help but think of an old beat up brass plaque that I have had for years that says, "For when the one greater scorer comes to write against your name, he writes not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." Congratulations to our kids, coaches and community for a game well played.

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.

kidneys, legs, nerves, and skin. Diabetes causes changes that lead to high blood pressure, kidney failure, blindness, heart attacks, strokes, impotence, painful limbs, bladder and bowel problems, and amputation of toes, feet and legs.

Diabetes is the leading cause of new onset blindness in the United States. Diabetes affects the blood vessels in the eyes and can cause premature cataracts and glaucoma. All diabetics should have annual eye examinations with an ophthalmologist.

Diabetes accounts for 35 percent of all cases of end stage renal (kidney) disease in the United States. This process is slow and asymptomatic and requires laboratory evaluation for detection. With progression of diabetes high pressure related to kidney disease can be seen. Hardening of the arteries leads to strokes and heart attacks.

Diabetic neuropathy (nervous system problem) is commonly encountered and is highly variable in its presentation and is often difficult to treat.

Common symptoms of neuropathy include dulled perception of pain, vibration, and temperature in the lower legs or a

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especially the jacks, can bend a light rod over double and put up a pretty good fight. A couple of times the women suggested I help grandpa reel in a fish. I wouldn't dream of it. I'd rather see him lose the rod and all than to take the fun away from him. Back at the dock, grandpa hung out with a glass of whiskey and water while I cleaned fish. He wanted to know exactly what we caught, how many, how big and where we'd been fishing. I'm sure he wanted this information so he could do a little braggin'. What a great attitude. What a great fishing partner.

I've always held the belief that one should treasure friends. With Grandpa Friend, that goes without saying.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - NOV. 18, 1897

Lowell Township buys a stone crusher for \$800, after citizens observing it working in Walker's Woods see that its use will improve roads.

The Joseph Wilson Post of the G.A.R., with the W.R.C. and S.O.V. has a "camp fire" at the G.A.R. and Music Halls with music, speeches and food, most of Friday.

With improvements in photography and telescopes, 440 "planets" have been discovered between Mars and Jupiter. Alton reports the first snow storm of the season last week, and apple blossoms picked at E. Ring's place.

Lowell Water & Light is taking up unused poles and using them for a line to the reservoir, where a depth indicator will be set up.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 16, 1922

The Lowell Literary and Clover Leaf clubs meet jointly to hear the president of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Dorian Russell of Grand Rapids, speak on the influence of women's club work.

The logo of a stork walking up porch steps heads the new listing of recent births.

The East Ward Mothers' Club meets at the school, hears 3rd and 4th graders sing health songs and hears a speech about social welfare work.

The Lowell football team loses 25-14 in the game with Portland, attributing much of the loss to the opposing 198-pound fullback.

The Postmaster-General urges that Uncle Sam own post office buildings instead of leasing them.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 20, 1947

Kent and Ionia counties have a deer season for the first time; Lewis Condon, age 11, Bob Ford, Bill Schreur, Al Zigmont, Clayton Engle are among those who stay and get their bucks.

Opposition in Michigan to the "food-saving" program and sending food to Europe is strong, farmers suspecting attempts to cut food prices. The Ledger prints pros and cons.

Howard Peckham's "Pontiac and the Indian Uprising" appears in the Lowell literary.

Fire destroys the Gove school in Boston Township. The school board looks for a vacant house for the 22 pupils until a new building can be put up.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - NOV. 16, 1972

Monday night it snowed.

The State Highway Department orders Amway to return the Rix Robinson marker stone to its original spot. So much interest has been aroused that a park-like area is being planned around the marker when M-21 is widened in 1974.

Lowell votes in Liquor-by-the-glass and Veterans' bonuses. In record voting, most areas report 80-85% turnout. Nixon is in.

Cherry Creek Nursing Home opened officially on Friday with the first 10 patients.

Kent County gets an emergency medical and rescue unit, to help injured persons until an ambulance arrives. Doctors will ride weekends. The unit will be on continuous patrol.

MON: Italian spaghetti, peas, French bread, fresh or canned fruit, Smilk, milk.

TUES: Chicken patty in a bun, baked beans, cookie, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat & cheese, side salad, fruit or fruit sherbet, milk.

THURS: No School - Thanksgiving.

FRI: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Italian spaghetti, turkey stir fry, cheeseburger, chef salad or yogurt; choose 2: peas, side salad or cole slaw; French bread, peanut butter, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Chicken patty in a bun, hot ham & cheese in a bun, cheeseburger, chef salad w/bread, yogurt; choose 2: baked beans, side salad, fruit juice; cookie, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Pizza w/ham & cheese, chili w/giant pretzel, chef salad, cheeseburger or yogurt; choose 2: side salad, baby carrots or oven fries; fruit sherbet or fruit, milk.

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FRI: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 678-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship...9:30 A.M. Sunday School...11:00 A.M. Evening Worship...6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL	CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship...10:00 A.M. Sunday School...11:20 A.M. Evening Worship...6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free	LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship...8:30 A.M. Koinonia...9:30 A.M. Sunday School...9:50 A.M. Worship...11:00 A.M. Wed. Worship, 1st. Wed. of ea. month...6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance WELCOME TO ALL	EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.	CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 2050 Alden Nash S.E. • (616) 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service SUNDAYS: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m. Kids Church WEDNESDAYS: Family Night (for All Ages) 7:00 p.m. We don't build a church with programs We build people with a process
EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Seelick Road • P.O. 897-7185 Sunday School...9:45 A.M. Morning Worship...11 A.M. Evening Service...6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School...9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship...10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening...7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible	LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School...10:00 A.M. Morning Worship...11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening...6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry...7:00 P.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service...9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour...11:00 A.M. AWANA/JUV...Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship	ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School...10:00 A.M. Morning Worship...11:00 A.M. Evening Praise...6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA...7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study...7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School...10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare...Pastor Louise Weeks...Interim Christian Ed Director Meghan Culver...Music Director Barrier-Free...Nursery Provided

Some time ago I wrote a Sharing the Vision article about our girls' basketball team because I was so impressed with their effort, determination and grace in a losing cause. A couple of Friday's ago in Kalamazoo, I saw these same qualities displayed by our football team in a game that ended as a loss on the scoreboard but what was, in fact, a tremendous win for our players, our coaches and our community. Excellence and character are often terms discussed but, I suspect, seldom seen or experienced. I think what I, and thousands of fans, saw on that Friday in Kalamazoo was, in reality, both. Excellence in performance was displayed by a team that at the beginning of the year was picked to finish somewhere in the middle of the pack. Yet this team managed to become Lowell's first playoff football team in our history and a team that worked diligently day after day and game after game to improve. The character of our kids and coaches was clear. Down three touchdowns with but minutes to go in the game, most coaches and kids would simply play out the rest of the game, get on the bus and go home. Not our kids. When the

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

COMPLICATIONS OF TYPE II DIABETES (Non-insulin dependent diabetes)

People with type II diabetes may not have any signs or symptoms of diabetes. So what is the problem if a person's blood sugar is elevated and they feel fine? Diabetes affects the body's large and small blood vessels in the brain, eyes, heart,

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1997.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the October 20, 1997 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/03/97)

GENERAL FUND	\$99,688.38
WASTEWATER FUND	388.81
CURRENT TAX	2,031.42
AIRPORT FUND	16.68
WATER FUND	1,157.24
DDA FUND	1,028.48
EQUIPMENT FUND	10.00
LOCAL STREET FUND	283.34
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,859.63
MAJOR STREET FUND	483.33
CARR MEMORIAL FUND	100.00

Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGULATING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - CONSIDER ADOPTION OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (11/17). As initially discussed at a meeting held on November 12, 1996, a Zoning Ordinance Amendment regulating sexually oriented businesses has been recommended by the Planning Commission. With the previous adoption of findings and recommendations concerning the impact of adult uses on surrounding neighborhoods, zoning regulations were considered involving sexually oriented businesses. The ordinance proposes that these businesses may not be operated within 400 feet of churches, schools, residences, parks, library or care centers. City Manager Pasquale noted this will provide an area within the West Main Street corridor for such businesses, if the ordinance criteria is met. Also, a sexually oriented business may not be operated within 1000 feet of another.

Shela Thomson, owner of Salon by Design, 510 N. Hudson, questioned the procedure to allow a massage therapist to operate in her business. Councilmember Green stated currently, it is unlawful for any establishment to operate as a massage salon, parlor or similar type businesses by a person of the opposite sex, unless, a massage therapist certified by the Massage Therapy Association or by the State of Michigan is located in the General Business District.

Pasquale added the present ordinance states a massage facility without any certification, may provide massages from the shoulders up. Thomson believed feet and hand massages were allowed under the current zoning ordinance. Pasquale responded the present ordinance only allows massages administered to the scalp, face, neck and/or shoulder. He noted these are the only allowable places, unless certified as a massage therapist.

Brenda Bergy, owner of Brenda's Hair Design, 1002 W. Main, said she is licensed for massages from hand to elbow and pedicures from the feet to knee. City Manager Pasquale responded if located in the C-3 General Business, and a copy of a certification is provided to Zoning

Administrator Patrick Hudson, this would be allowed within the new ordinance.

Mayor Thompson stated the new ordinance may work better for these businesses. He further questioned where Brenda's Hair Design had obtained their licensing. Bergy responded through the State of Michigan.

Mayor Thompson mentioned the number of public meetings that were held regarding this issue. City Manager Pasquale responded initially several meetings were held of a committee formed with various sectors of this community. Councilmember Green felt the City has allowed enough discussion and may proceed to adopt the ordinance at this meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regulating Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Councilmember Myers felt in the future, he would not want to be a councilman who was asked whether there was a public hearing held by the Council in regard to this ordinance. He recommended to proceed with a public hearing.

Councilmember Hodges believed there had been discussions held publicly regarding this subject and it has been exposed sufficiently to the community. He could stand to the challenge of the issue being handled covertly.

Councilmember Green questioned if the ordinance could be approved without a public hearing held. City Manager Pasquale said the State Legislature amended the Zoning Enabling Act to allow for situations whereby if the Planning Commission held a public hearing, the City Council has the option of not conducting one. If there were very few comments, the Council does have the right to decide without a hearing.

Councilmember Hodges believed he would rather approve the amendment this evening than postpone a decision. He said there has not been a negative situation nor has anyone challenged this.

Councilmember Myers said this issue has been undertaken for a year thus far. He stressed the next meeting is in two weeks and would be in favor following the process allowing every opportunity for comments.

Councilmember Hodges withdrew his second and Councilmember Green withdrew his motion.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing date for November 17 to consider a Zoning Ordinance Amendment regulating sexually oriented businesses.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 901 GRINDLE - ROBERT AND TRACI MULLINS - VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 33 FOOT LOT WIDTH AT THE FRONT YARD SETBACK SO AN ADDITIONAL LOT CAN BE CREATED - PUBLIC HEARING. Robert and Traci Mullins petitioned to split their lot located at 901 Grindle so that an additional house can be built. Their current frontage is 150.71 feet, while the back lot line has been measured across at 419.21 feet. The Mullins' want to split the north 33 feet of their frontage to allow a driveway to access the proposed 5.56 acre parcel. With the property zoned suburban residential, a 165 foot lot width is required.

At its October 27 meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the variance based on the configuration of the lot. Further, the proposal does not change the character of the neighborhood.

Myers said a question was raised at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the possibility of further development of 5.56 acres and providing access to this property. Mullins responded 66 feet of lot width would be needed to establish a private road if added splits were requested.

Thompson questioned if the City proceeds with road, sewer or water improvements, how is the special assessment based on 33' of coverage. City Manager Pasquale responded special assessments can be calculated in a number of ways, including square footage of property. In

this case, there are limited ways to gain access. Further, it will allow the additional building of one house on 5.5 acres.

Myers said the driveway proceeds along the lot line. He questioned the need for setbacks for the width of the driveway. City Manager Pasquale responded the driveway must be hard surfaced and the width may extend to the property line.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the variance request for 901 Grindle, Robert and Traci Mullins, allowing a 33 foot lot width at the front yard setback so an additional lot can be created, based on the unusual configuration of the lot and no change to the character of the neighborhood.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. MERS RETIREMENT BENEFIT INCREASE FOR RETIREES. City Manager Pasquale stated as adopted for the last eight years by Council, a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living has been proposed for retirees through the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

Councilmember Myers inquired if this covered seventeen employees. Pasquale responded yes.

Councilmember Shores felt this increase was reasonable given Social Security provided a raise of 2.1%.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES to approve Benefit E providing a 2% compound cost of living increase for retirees, effective January 1, 1998, through the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2 Cont. 901 GRINDLE - ROBERT AND TRACI MULLINS - VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 33 FOOT LOT WIDTH AT THE FRONT YARD SETBACK SO AN ADDITIONAL LOT CAN BE CREATED. John VanderWilp, 1264 Fun, questioned if the driveway for 901 Grindle would be hard surfaced. City Manager Pasquale responded it would be either asphalt or cement. He further inquired how far the drive would extend. City Manager Pasquale responded to the garage or home.

VanderWilp questioned the size of home to be constructed. Mullins responded the home would meet the minimum 1500 s.f. requirement. VanderWilp added there is a mixture of sizes of homes along Grindle. Mayor Thompson mentioned the minimum square footage requirement has been upheld in this area. City Manager Pasquale noted the Mullins' are aware of the 1500 s.f. requirement and there has been no request for a variance.

Councilmember Myers expressed thanks to Mr. VanderWilp for expressing his opinion. He stressed these comments assist the Council in the decision making process. Further, these assist to feel our community is involved in what this Council is attempting to accomplish.

Item #4. PURCHASE OF NEW VOICE LOGGING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Chief of Police James Valentine requested to upgrade the voice logging system for the Police Department. He explained the current system records four voice activated sources which consists of three telephone lines and one radio frequency. Due to the recent phone upgrade to City Hall, his department currently has five incoming lines plus a radio frequency to be recorded. Valentine said some of the incoming and outgoing calls are not recorded. If two or three lines are busy, chances are the next incoming call will not be recorded. At the same time, with officers wanting outgoing calls, it would be beneficial to have recall. He explained the phone system automatically selects the outgoing line.

Valentine said quotes were received from two vendors for three different systems, including eight channel recording capabilities. He considered six or seven ports, if this proposal is approved. Valentine stated this will allow room for expansion in the future, or to add another system. He noted all three quotes have the capability with hardware modification, to expand to sixteen channels.

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The following two vendors supplied three voice logging systems:

Record/Play Tek, Inc.	
Bristol, Ind. (no maintenance service option)	\$11,300
VanBelkum, Inc.	
Lanier LDL - 416	
(annual maintenance agreement)	\$14,674
Comfile 1000	
(annual maintenance agreement)	\$11,410

Mayor Thompson questioned what is covered in the maintenance agreement. Valentine said everything with no additional expenses.

Councilmember Myers requested the original cost of the system in 1993. Valentine responded he did not know. Myers further noted the \$16,500 figure budgeted for office equipment during the 1997-98 fiscal year. He asked if Valentine planned for this equipment to cost this amount.

Valentine responded no, stating his department may be upgrading additional equipment. Councilmember Myers further questioned if this was the first expenditure for office equipment. Valentine responded yes. Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock mentioned the \$795 allowed for the present system on trade will be transferred to the City Hall office equipment budget.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to purchase the Comfile 1000 from VanBelkum at a cost of \$11,410 (with the maintenance agreement) allocated from the Police Department Office Equipment Budget.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER. As directed by Mayor Thompson, City Councilmembers were to provide suggested amendments to the City Charter at the meeting.

City Manager Pasquale stated the Planning Commission recommended in March that its members may be compensated (under Section 7.9). Also, the Commissioners suggested that the Planning Commission be eliminated as a possible designee as the Zoning Board of Appeals, noting a conflict in such a dual role (under Section 7.10).

Mayor Thompson mentioned the Planning Commission's recommendation to provide payment for meetings. He requested other Boards and Committees be reviewed for possible compensation.

Councilmember Myers believed there were a number of items within the Charter that appeared to be dated. This includes compensation for the City Council at \$100 per year. City Manager Pasquale mentioned a compensation board has since been adopted. Since March, 1960 (when Lowell became a City), there have been no voted changes to the Charter from adoption. Pasquale added State Laws have eliminated certain sections, including the requirement for a Justice of the Peace. The Court system had been revised. Thus, such a position had been eliminated.

Pasquale stated there have been concerns expressed regarding the status of the Lowell Light & Power Board, which requires further discussion. Councilmember Hodges added the Cable TV Board should also be addressed.

Councilmember Myers noted under the "City Planning" section, he did not see any wording regarding the required number of members. He believed the nine member Planning Commission was too large and the three member Board of Review was too small. Pasquale said the size of these Boards must be reviewed in terms of the State Enabling Acts. This indicated the need for nine members to serve on the Planning Commission. Pasquale said he would investigate if there is an allowance to reduce this number. Similarly, for the Board of Review, whether an expansion would be allowable must be considered in view of State law.

Pasquale said if the Council wishes, he would proceed to update the Charter and address these issues. Mayor Thompson felt this would be the least costly approach. Thompson stressed this Charter has worked well and has been utilized for many years.

Councilmember Myers noted under term of office, elected Councilmembers shall begin the day after the election is held. Myers mentioned currently, newly elected Councilmembers commence the first of the year.

Councilmember Green said at the time this Charter was generated, City elections were held in April.

Pasquale stated he would have City Attorney Richard Wendt initiate this process and review those items superseded by State Law.

Councilmember Myers mentioned the organization of the Light and Power and Cable TV Boards in terms of reporting to whom should be reviewed. Mayor Thompson felt this is an important issue. Pasquale noted this should be discussed further by the City Council and is a key issue.

The Council took no further action.

Item #6. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF SOLID THICKENING DEVICE. Jeff Pugh, Senior Project Manager of Earth Tech Engineering and Superintendent Mark Mundt were present to review the problems with the centrifuge, which is used to thicken and reduce the volume of sludge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Further, the options of repairing the centrifuge and the purchasing of a gravity belt or a rotating drum were reviewed.

Pugh explained the Waste Water Treatment Plant generates solids or sludge. At the plant, there are processes to handle these. He explained the ultimate disposal method is land application, whereby the solids are applied to farm land during the summer. During the winter, there is a need to store these solids. Fortunately, a device to concentrate the solids to a lesser volume has been developed to allow added storage. Pugh explained this device, called a centrifuge thickener and reduces the volume of sludge. He noted these have long been used and are sophisticated machinery. Pugh said the City's centrifuge has been in operation, since September of 1995. He explained this unit ran fairly well for two years. However, the bearing overheated and caused the machine to fail. In discussion with Sharples, the manufacturer of this equipment, a complete tear down at the factory is needed to inspect the machine.

Pugh said with a new rotating drum machine valued at \$140,000 equates to the cost of maintaining the centrifuge over the next twenty years. When analyzing the long term parts and service costs, amount to \$12,150 per year for the centrifuge compared to \$2,200 for the rotating drum and \$2845 for the gravity belt.

Pugh further explained the three different devices. He explained the centrifuge is fairly sophisticated. He said a bowl extends around the conveyor and spins at 2,000 revolutions per minute. The auger spins less and scrapes the sludge off the inside of the bowl which drops through the floor. The water is drawn off through a pumping arrangement and the tolerances are tight, while the bearings are continuously lubricated. Pugh said this is very costly to maintain.

Pugh explained the gravity belt thickener is a very simple device. This consists of a belt with sludge placed on the top of the filter belt while plows scrape the sludge off.

The other device is the rotating drum or sieve drum concentrator. The gravity belt thickener is not contained and causes odors and humidity to escape while the rotating drum is enclosed. The primary reason this rotating drum was selected over the gravity belt was the housekeeping aspects.

Councilmember Myers questioned the dimensions of the centrifuge. Mundt responded 18 feet long and 10 feet wide. He said the centrifuge is massive with a cast iron base. Mundt explained the centrifuge spins at 2,000 rpm with a 100 horse motor. The City did a complete disassembly in 1995 to ensure the centrifuge was in proper condition. He added problems started from the beginning and eventually the motor failed. Additionally, there was a controller problem. The manufacturer estimated \$30 - \$60,000 to repair, not to exceed \$150,000. After numerous phone calls, \$42,000 was given but not in writing. Mundt wanted to have the best decision possible. Since reviewing alternatives, he stated the rotating drum appeared to be the best alternative and is very popular around the State.

Mayor Thompson questioned the resale value for the centrifuge. Mundt mentioned the \$42,000 repair needed. He noted there is an aftermarket for used equipment. Mundt added depreciation also needs to be considered. Pasquale said the motor itself has a value.

Councilmember Myers inquired how the purchase of a sieve drum fits into the City's budget. City Manager Pasquale stated the City has a Capital Reserve budget (a requirement placed in effect by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection

Agency) of \$348,000, due to the possible need to repair costly equipment. Also, a budget within the yearly Wastewater Operating Fund provides \$345,000 for equipment replacement. According to City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, the City could provide funding from both funds.

Mayor Thompson questioned if this equipment would handle further growth. Mundt said the current plant may not handle more growth. He said when federal EPA funds became available for new construction, no allowance was made for extra capacity; only to need. Mundt said currently, the plant runs very well. Pasquale noted the plant has been processing much water infiltration which affects the plant's capacity. For this reason, there have been expenditures of \$20,000 per year to stop the infiltration and repair the sewer mains. At this time, the City has been unable to find the locations where this significant amount of infiltration occurs. Mundt said where a measurable difference can be determined is with the smoke testing which costs very little and inspects for direct connections to the sanitary sewer system. Further, Mundt explained where mains are flowing higher is where repairs are concentrated.

Mayor Thompson said if the DNR feels the City is at maximum plant capacity, what remedies are requested for the City. Mundt responded the DNR requested the City begin planning for expansion.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the sieve drum was needed, if the City planned to expand the plant. Mundt responded this equipment would be required regardless if the plant expands. Mundt explained if the City cannot thicken solids, there is not enough storage capacity to last through the winter. After this time, the system would eventually back up. Then, the solids may carry over into the river.

Councilmember Green questioned the impact of a possible subdivision to be located near the Eastgate Subdivision and a proposed apartment complex north of M-21 in Lowell Township. Pasquale added the township is allowed 17% of the existing plant. Mundt added currently, the township utilizes a little less than half of this capacity.

Councilmember Myers mentioned the technological expertise received by Earth Tech and Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Frank Martin (employed by the City of Lowell). However, he noted Earth Tech is considered a contractual service for the City. He questioned whether City Manager Pasquale supported Earth Tech's recommendation to purchase the rotating drum. City Manager Pasquale said he trusted Mundt's opinion, noting he has a Class A license (the highest level attainable). The data and information provided by Mundt makes sense. Pasquale added Mundt takes much pride in this plant.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the cost for the rotating drum was a burden of the users. City Manager Pasquale responded these costs are supported by the users of the system.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the recommendation of Earth Tech to remove the existing centrifuge and pursue the rotating drum for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and requesting staff to seek bids.

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

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores commended Lowell Light and Power, Superintendent Paul Christman and the Light and Power Board for the excellent manner the power outage on Sunday, November 2 was addressed. Shores stressed the L & P crew went out of their way to please all involved and did an excellent job in Lowell would one find this type of cooperation.

Councilmember Hodges mentioned the original outage was scheduled for 7 a.m. and expected to last four hours. He said that time conflicted with worship hours and was adjusted to 10:00 a.m. Councilmember Hodges stressed much effort and cooperation was given by the Light and Power staff. He added the First Baptist

Durant, cont'd....

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past debts and bonds. "The reason for this is so that the monies are not built into the operation base," Posthumus explained. "This also prevents funds from being tied into negotiations."

The Durant agreement was part of a three bill package approved by the Legislature.

To help with the billion dollar bill issued by the courts, the Legislature froze the basic foundation grant at \$5,462 for the 1997-98 school year. In the waning hours before voting, the Legislature did decide not to hold stable the foundation grant of schools under the basic allowance.

Posthumus said even though the grant will be held stable for schools over the basic allowance, they will still gain due to measures taken with retirement. Up until now, schools paid 3.44 percent of the total salary into retirement. Next year they won't have to.

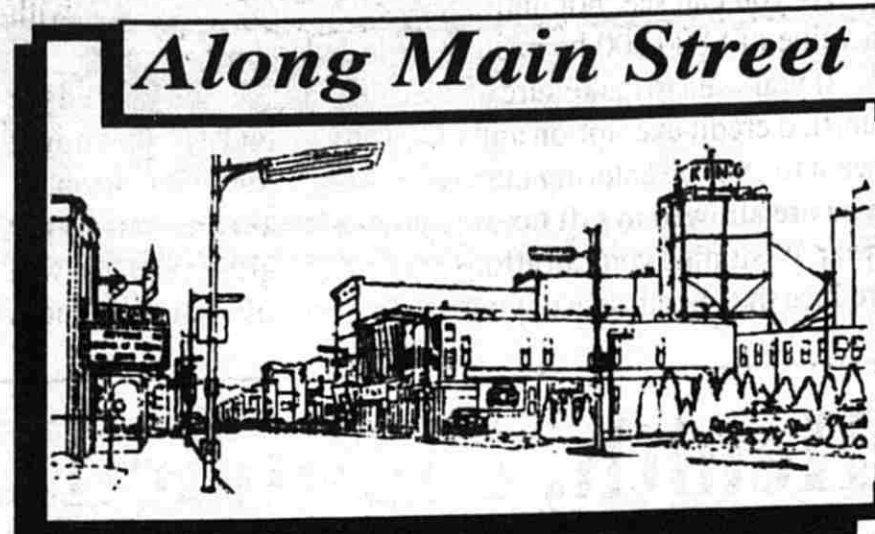
"Schools will gain more by the savings in the change in retirement than it would have in a foundation increase," Posthumus said. "In essence, even without the foundation grant, schools will have their expenditures lowered by three percent since retirement will be fully paid. When a billion new dollars is put into schools, everybody wins."

Under the Legislation, the At-Risk program will be restored to \$252 million this year and increased to \$260 million next year above the level in effect for the fiscal year 1996-97. The state also added \$20 million to the budget to reduce class size.

Special education funding will be increased to \$66.7 million this school year and another \$48.2 million will be added next year.

The Senate majority leader noted that the Legislature's action allows schools for the first time to plan long term. "This is a two-year budget. Schools know what they will be getting," Posthumus said. "I think schools were 90 percent sure this year. I think I could have estimated at most schools within a half-percent what they were going to get this year. I think schools could have too."

School accountants want and are most often asked for true figures. Posthumus does not believe that is true to life. "Nothing in life is 100 percent."



FLAT RIVER OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT

There will be a Christmas open house on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall, 212 W. Main St. Over 100 dealers will be present along with lots of specials and good food.

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Last year on the MEAP, districtwide, 37.1 percent of the fifth-graders demonstrated proficiency in the science test, a drop from 1996 results of 45.1 percent. At the middle school, scores went from 23.9 percent of the 1996 eighth-grade students showing proficiency in science to 20.5 percent of the 1997 eighth-graders.

"We worked really, really hard to make our scores better," said middle school principal Jim Harden. "We thought we would do better, and our scores came down."

Harden said he could use the excuse that the test was harder or the cut-off line was higher, but it really didn't change the facts.

Instead, teachers at the elementary and middle schools are taking a proactive approach, attempting to learn from last year's scores in an effort to improve this year's scores.

At the elementary level, White said he has been working with teachers to review the test and see where the elementary curriculum falls and where their teaching of science falls against the test and state standards.

He also has been working with teachers to make science fun and interesting for the students. To do that, White has run a Mr. Wizard program to generate interest in science.

At the fifth-grade level, students are given a science question of the week and are encouraged to talk to teachers,

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ing together, providing genuinely good ideas," Bob Reagan said. "The possibilities are great."

Student representative Susan Clark, who served as a reporter, liked the ideas of a scholarship fund and a community center/pool.

The Columbian native added that she would like to see monies used in education to bring about a better awareness of cultural diversity.

"I am overwhelmed by the turnout. It's an effective, organized process which gave people an opportunity to have a voice and to hear others' opinions," said Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw, also an advisory committee member

for the fund. "From high school students to senior citizens were represented."

Others serving on the committee are the Lowell Public Schools superintendent, Lowell city manager, president of FMB State Savings Bank (now Huntington Banks) and a family representative.

Juan Oliverrez, of Community Learning Enterprise with Grand Rapids Community College, said copies of the report from the forum would be sent out to all of those who participated.

"Lowell is on the right track. It needs to do what it can to see that this sort of thing happens again," said Tonia North.

explosions. "They were caused by shotgun shells which were kept in the building."

Neither Martin nor DenBraven knew what the cause of the fire was.

"We're still trying to find the answers" DenBraven said. Martin noted that the wood burning stove inside the building may have played a part. "But that is only speculation," he said.

Firefighters were at the scene for approximately two hours. Martin said neighbors nearby may have heard some

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

A. A copy of the September 22 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission were provided. At its October 27 meeting, the Commission determined to review and analyze each of the nine proposals for the City Hall Needs Assessment and Schematic Design Study on Saturday, November 1, 1997. Pasquale stated the Commission met from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. During this time, each of the proposals were reviewed and placed into spread sheet format. Pasquale added the Commission has requested a worksession with the City Council on November 10, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to further review these proposals.

Councilmember Myers requested a copy of the spreadsheet prior to the meeting. City Manager Pasquale said he would check with Chairman Michael Blough when a copy would be available.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club Christmas party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Schneider Manor. Call Sue before Nov. 21 for reservations at 897-9331 after 4 p.m.

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main. Commodities include: applesauce, rice cereal, canned chicken and potatoes, soup mix and tomato juice. Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS NEEDED

Lowell Cub Scout Pack #3188 is looking for used Cub Scout uniforms for their boys. Anyone wishing to donate a uniform please contact Mark Mundt at 897-4209.

parents, and do library research to discover the answer. Students with the correct answer are entered into a drawing for a free "Science is Cool" t-shirt, which was designed by a high school student. White said this is to help keep science and the processes of science fresh in students' minds versus doing a review a few weeks before the test.

The middle school staff certainly is not lacking for creative ideas. Harden explained, "The staff, which is implementing a new science curriculum this year, is keeping close tabs on the new curriculum as to how it is reaching the goals and outcomes of the MEAP test."

Lowell's eighth-grade teachers have been meeting with other Kent County eighth-grade teachers to talk about different problems and hash out issues in science curriculum. Harden said it is the hope that such countywide programs will assist in creating ideas and suggestions to help students be more successful on the MEAP tests.

When concerns were raised about the district focusing too much on the test, Superintendent Bert Bleke said he makes "no bones about it, we are teaching to the test."

Bleke said it is the belief of school officials that by teaching to such tests, which are challenging and demanding, it is helping students prepare to be successful in the real world.

DATE APPROVED: November 17, 1997

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

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 1997

- MOTIONS APPROVED:
- MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH AMENDMENTS
 - MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PAYROLL
 - MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF A "MANAGING INFORMATION WITH RURAL AMERICA" "GRANT TO THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION'S FOOD SYSTEMS/RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AREA.
 - MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR CONTRACTING OF BUILDING INSPECTION DUTIES TO IMPERIAL SERVICES OF 263 NORTHLAND DRIVE, ROCKFORD MICHIGAN, GRATTAN TOWNSHIP APPROVES ANDY SPARKS (#PP002447) BUILDING INSPECTOR AND PLAN REVIEW OFFICIAL; AND GRATTAN TOWNSHIP APPROVES DOUG HOPKINS (#P003211) BUILDING INSPECTOR AND PLAN REVIEW OFFICIAL.
 - MOTION TO GIVE CASCADE TOWNSHIP ENGINEERING FORTY FIVE (45) DAY NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SERVICES
 - MOTION TO ADJOURN
Meeting Adjourned At 7:55 P.M.
- Respectfully submitted by
Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

LEGAL EASE

By
Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: I am a widow and I would like to leave my estate intact to my children without having to incur any federal estate taxes. The value of my estate is approximately \$800,000 and I know that under current law I can only exempt \$600,000 from federal estate taxes. Under the new law, when will an estate valued at \$800,000 be exempt from federal estate taxes?

JONATHAN SAYS: Pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the unified credit exemption amount, which is currently \$600,000, will be gradually increased over a period of nine years as follows:

Year	Exemption Amount
1998	\$625,000
1999	\$650,000
2000-01	\$675,000
2002-03	\$700,000
2004	\$850,000
2005	\$950,000
2006	\$1million

As you can see, not until the year 2004 will an estate with a value of \$800,000 be exempt from federal estate taxes. If you want to make sure that your estate does not exceed the unified credit exemption amount in any given year, you might want to explore entering into a gift giving program. Currently, you are allowed to gift tax-free up to \$10,000 per person per year. Assuming you can afford to do so, any gifts you make will reduce the overall size of your estate which ultimately reduces

the amount of federal estate taxes which will be due and owing at the time of your death. For example, if you make only two gifts per year of \$10,000 each for a period of five years, and assuming your estate does not grow during that time, then at the end of five years, you will have gifted a total of \$100,000 leaving an estate valued at \$700,000, which at that time will be totally exempt from federal estate taxes.

Health, continued...From page 5

hypersensitivity to light touch and severe "burning" pain particularly in the lower legs. Constipation and alternating bouts of diarrhea, bladder emptying problems, and impotence are other common results of complications of diabetes.

With decreased sensation and awareness in the legs and feet, foot care is essential. The incidence of gangrene of the feet in diabetics is 20 times greater than the nondiabetic person. The factors responsible for its development are decreased blood flow, nerve changes and secondary infections. Patients should do daily foot inspections for reddened areas, blisters, abrasions or cuts and calluses. Calluses can be filed with an emery board, toenails should be cut straight across, and tight shoes avoided, as well as barefoot walking should be avoided at all cost.

The lower legs may show signs of brownish, painless spots and shiny skin with the absence of hair. Yeast infections are common on the skin below the breast, underarms and in the groin and between fingers and toes.

There are several complications that result from diabetes and the main treatment is to reduce the blood sugar in order to reduce the risks of these complications. Next week's article will talk on how to achieve good blood sugar control.

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LHS first marking period Honor Roll

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FRESHMAN

Karrie Akers*, Kristine Akers*, Ashley Alsop*, Douglas Anchors, Katie Anderson*, Travis Anderson, Courtney Baker*, Sarah Balcer, Melissa Barringer, Amy Barton, Jacob Baum, Rachelle Becker, Laura Befus, Rachel Bender, Lori Bessey, Jacob Billingsley, Wendy Bischoff, Steven Black, Jay Blair, Regina Blough, Nathaniel Borth*, James Bosserd*, Elizabeth Brander, Patrick Brinkley, Amanda Brown, Joshua Brown, James Brown II, Andrew Brubaker, Virginia Bultema*, Heather Canfield, David Church, Adam Coates, Matthew Collins, Jason Condon, Rebecca Corbit, Danielle Corteville, Nicole Craig, Ashley Cunningham, Molly

Debiak, Heather Delamar, Jessica DenHouter*, Ryan Drough*, Kimberly Drough*, Emily DuBois, Kenzie Dykeman, Jennifer Engle, Reade Evans, Stacy Everitt, Kristen Ford, Morna Michele Ford, Jordan Gallagher, Lyndsey Geer, Troy Gillan*, Alyssa Gillikin*, Lori Gleason, Derek Gless, Abbey Goff, Joshua Griffin, Kathryn Gunberg*, Michael Gustafson*, Melissa Hamstra, Robert Harrison*, Brandy Haybarker, Erik Hays, Nicole Heacock, Heidi Hefner, Kyle Hines, Thomas Hobbs, Ryan Hoffman, Christopher Hoogewind, Daniel Huffman*, Brennan Huisman, Christopher Huyser, Matthew Jackson*, Shawna Jones*, Lindsay Koehn, Elizabeth Koopman*, Michael Krause, Nicole LaFave*, Lisa LaHaye, Michael Lechner, Erik London, Michael Lott, Andrew Lux, Justin Malone, Abbey Mathews, Treasure McElveen*, Kara McMahon, Jason Meis, John Mendez, Laura Miller*, Katie Moore*, Sunny Moyer*,

Emily Myers*, Sarah Newell, Caleb O'Boyle, Matthew Oesch, Veronica Oesch, Eric Ostrander, Adrian Pattok, Ryan Phillips*, Heather Posthumus*, Tina Quillan, Angela Rasch, Robert Receptor, Douglas Reed, Mari Rich, Ashley Rickert, Ryan Riemer, Christopher Rittersdorf*, Jennifer Roth, David Rozema, Keeley Sadlak, Lindsey Sage, Alexander Schloop, Lisa Schoen, Jami Seif, Donald Shores, Jason Siemhor, Shawn Simpson, Kristin Smit*, Sara Soyka, Jolynn Stalsonburg, Katherine Stanford, Jordan Steele, Jenny Stever, Alan Stiver, Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Nichole Straub, Sandra Sturis, Ellen Suman, Suzanne Swift*, Brandon Taylor, Nicole Tegg*, Kurt Telman, Lindsey Thayer, Teresa Thompson*, Jacqueline Thuston, Matthew Trierweiler*, Rebecca Trierweiler*, Kurt Umlauf, Vanessa Vanderbilt, Ruth VanderHart, Benjamin VanderVeen, Beth VanEns, Phillip VanLaan*, Collin Vincent, Gavin Vincent,

SOPHOMORES

Steven Adams, Aaron Alsaard, Michael Armstrong, Katie Balaam, David Barry, Jennifer Bellechasses, Jacqueline Bennett, Laurie Biener*, Theresa Bonner, Callie Boyce, Eric Bradley, Rebecca Brander, Daniel Burke, Daniel Burton, Bryan Buys, Lucian Cesar, Kelly Chapman*, Abigail Christenson, Sarah Claire, Brian Conley, Jacqueline Cress, Jennifer Dean, Michael Dereske, Nicole Deters, Nicole DeVries, Laura Douglass*, Michael Dykstra, Betsy Eldridge*, Stephanie Ellison*, Felicia Eshragh*, Sarah Everitt, Brian Fitzpatrick*, Kathleen Fleet, Douglas Ford, Richard Ford, Bethany Fredline*, Tara Friesner, Nicole Gauw, Megan Gillett, Cherie Gillman, Joseph Giuliano, Elizabeth Graham, Robin Green, Caleb Grummet, Stefanie Hafey,

Michael Williams, James Willits, Jennifer Wisner*, Maggie Wisner, Charles Wood, Annie Zalokar*,

JUNIORS

Marie Aitchison, Katherine Akers*, Jason Alber*, Dara Anchors*, Stacy Anderson*, Josephine Anstett, Michael Arnsfeldt, Andrea Baker, Elizabeth Baker*, Jonathan Ballama, Heidi Baumgardner, Daryl Behrens, Brooke Bennett, Robert Bessey, Stephanie Bishop, Joshua Blanding, Allison Blough, Nicholas Blough, Lynn Boersma, Sarah Bommarito, Melissa Bowne, Nathan Brandner, Lisa Bristol, Matthew Brockner, Derek Brooks, Erin Burgess*, Rebecca Cantwell, Kelly Capen, Megan Cindric, David Clinton, Nicholas Collins, Kevin Condon, Angela Conner, Rebecca Cook, Rose Corey, Ceili Cowan*, Stacey Craig, Joshua Croshaw, Christopher Cunningham, Justin Curtis, Sarah Debiak, Nils Driessen, Brandy Dunmyer, Amanda Dykstra, Carrie Dykstra, Nola Dzwonek, Adam Eggerding, Julia Ennis*, Brandy Fedewa, Brent Feusse, Patricia Fick*, Shannon Finnegan*, Robert Ford, John Fox, Rachael Fredline*, Janelle Freed, Meghan Geer*, Dustin Gless, Andrew Graham, Kenneth Gunderson, Heather Halbeisen*, Benjamin Hodges, Kyle Hoffman, Heidi Holmes, Janna Holst, Emily Hovinga, Eric Howes, Jennifer Hubenet, Tracy Huymeyer, Amy Inman, Bradley Jackson, Jamie Jahnke, Christie Johnson, Bobbie Jones, Jennifer Kimble, Stacey Kinyon, Jennifer Kitchen, Erin Koewers, Jessica Koopman, Austin Krieg, Laura LaHaye*, Beth Larabee, Amanda Lesky, Cory London, Elizabeth Lonick*, Kai Lum, Colleen Mandle, Joshua Manion*, Tanya Mapes, Trisha McCaul, Stacy McKay, Annie McMahon*, April Meternick, Andreas Mikutta, Caleb Moore, Amber O'Boyle*, Douglas O'Dell, Kelly O'Dell, Tanya Oberlin, Damian Omness, Karen Roudabush, Susan Roudabush, Jennifer Schmidt, Nathan Schoen*, Julie Shortle, Geniel Skidmore, Candice Skiffington, Mahya Skinner, Tyler Southwell, Amy Sparks, Sarah Sper*, Sandra Spicer, Jacob Stever, Adrian Stolz, Kyle Taber, Tina Taylor, Kevin Teunis, Robert Thompson, Virgene Trudell, Holly Tweston, Alana Valentine, Nicole VanderWal, Timothy VanLaan, Lindsay VanStee, Sara Vosovic, Sherianna Vrioni, Crystal Waldron, Nicholas West, Christian Wieland, Jessica Winsor*, Julie Wisner*, Ryan Wittenbach, Angela Young, Theodore.

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Jeff Altoft, Stephanie Anderson, Jamie Averill, Laurie Barton, Michael Befus*, Tyler Berrington, Kelly Biener*, Amber Bolen, Melissa Boomers, April Boston, Cynthia Bofos, Lori Catlin, Susan Clark, Elizabeth Cummings, Todd Dalga, Nicole Darling, Jonathan DenHouter, Tamra DeRuischer, Emily Doyle, Andrew Dykstra, Ryan Eisentrager, Sean Ellison*, Christopher Flater, Jennifer Foss, Matthew Fox, Michael Frey, Chad Gallagher, Jessica Garber, Lyndsey Gerebe, Jennifer Gingerich, Kenneth Gregersen II, Brandon Grove, Lindsay Gustafson, Hubert Hacker Barajas, Alicia Hale, Aaron Hanson, David Herbst, Cheryl Herweyer, Curtis Hines, Beth Hoag, Justin Hoag, Rebecca Houweling, Rachael Huisman, Jedediah Hunt, Jennifer Huysler, Josie Inbody, Charles Johnson, Ryan Jones, Stephen Junewick, David Kennedy, Michael Knudstrup, Misty Koenig*, Elizabeth Krebill, Chad Kremer, Nicholas Kuilema, Mauro Lima, Sandra Lonick, David Luyk*, Matthew Maatman, Mark MacNaughton, Jennifer Magee, Maegan Malone, Frances Martin, William McPherson II, Cara McQueen, Amy Meiste, Benjamin Michael, Scott Mikulski, Jennifer Miller, Adam Mix*, Christopher Mooney*, Thomas Mourier, Cheryl Nederhoed, Jeffrey Nethercot*, Mindy Onan*, Lisa Osterhaven*, Adam Peters, Amber Pope, Andrew Pope, Kristin Potter, Joshua Price, Eric Prins, Nathan Reimbold, Elizabeth Rooker, Steven Rottier, Karen Roudabush, Susan Roudabush, Jennifer Schmidt, Nathan Schoen*, Julie Shortle, Geniel Skidmore, Candice Skiffington, Mahya Skinner, Tyler Southwell, Amy Sparks, Sarah Sper*, Sandra Spicer, Jacob Stever, Adrian Stolz, Kyle Taber, Tina Taylor, Kevin Teunis, Robert Thompson, Virgene Trudell, Holly Tweston, Alana Valentine, Nicole VanderWal, Timothy VanLaan, Lindsay VanStee, Sara Vosovic, Sherianna Vrioni, Crystal Waldron, Nicholas West, Christian Wieland, Jessica Winsor*, Julie Wisner*, Ryan Wittenbach, Angela Young, Theodore.

Middle School first marking period Honor Roll

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SIXTH GRADE

Joshua Abdo, Brandi Abel, Morgan Abel, Lyndsey Adriane, Amanda Alexander, Joshua Anderson, Stacey Anderson, Audrey Bailey, Jacob Baker, Darcie Banfill, Britney Batchelor, Allison Bault, Heather Becker, Andrew Benedict, Aaron Benmark, Stefany Bieber, Anthony Biggs, David Blair, Stephanie Blanchard, Melissa Blattner, Joey Blumm, Edward Boeve, Amy Bogner, Anna Boruta, Amanda Bouwkamp, Daniel Brinks, Elizabeth Brower, Chanel Butler, Zachary Butts, Heather Cadwallader, Elizabeth Camp, Kathryn Capps, Cody Carr, Christopher Chambers, Jamie Clark, Ashley Claypool, Christopher Corlett, Jonathan Cosgrove, Amanda Craig, Helen Crimmins, Christopher Curtis, James DeLiefde, Annie Didion, Tohnya Doyle, Michelle Dryer, Tom Eldridge, Jennifer Emser, Heather Essich, Claire Evans, Ryan Ezinga, Jamie Fink, Stacy Fleet, Katie Folkema, Christopher Gallagher, Amanda Grochowalski, Julie Halbeisen, Jessica Hamp, Matthew Hansen, Brendon Harden, Sarah Harmon, Zachariah Hays, Eric Hasso, Bryan Hoekstra, Zacharias Horan, Lynda Horsley, Stacey Hubenet, Katherine Hubert, Katherine Huver, Andrew Inghram, Taylor Jamison, Matt Johnson, Andrew

Jousma, Roy Juarez, Stephan Kansman, Ashley Kehoe, Jessica Kincaid, Leslie Koehn, Andrea Kropf, David Kropf, Nathaniel Kyes, Kacey Kysler, Patricia Leasure, Christopher Lechner, Kristen Lee, Melissa Liszewski, Kristen Maki, Sarah Manion, Larinda Marker, Clayton Marvel, Tabitha May, Heather McCready, Cassandra McKinley, Jeffrey McQueen, Heather McQueen, Caitlin Meaney, Cody Merklinger, Macey Mikesell, Jessica Miller, Andrew Min, Cara Mooney, Colin Moore, Amanda Moykkynen, Sean Myers, Rachel Nawrocki, Emily Nurkikko, Derek Offenbacher, Dustin Osborne, Jonathan Osseward, Dustin Pedley, Justin Peterson, Terese Phillips, Brian Randolph, Andrew Reed, Scott Riddle, Adrienne Ripkey, Erin Rolfe, Kyle Rozema, Brian Scaturro, Matthew Scheider, Paul Schellenberger, Amy Scheller, Adam Scott, Caitlin Seafross, Meagan Shellenberger, Michael Shinabery, Jessica Smith, Katelyn Smith, Matthew Smith, Rebecca Smith, Sydney Snyder, Eric Staal, David Stephens, Eric Sysma, Brett Taylor, Luke Tomczak, Lyndsey Trierweiler, John Truskowski.

SEVENTH GRADE

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Lisa Marker, Sara Meaney, Christopher Michael, Philip Moerdyke, Anna Moore, Craig Myers, Torrence Dykhuis, Logan Dykstra, Bradley Eldridge, Nicole Elliott, Jaelyn Estes, Jerry Farr, Thomas Fick, Benjamin Fleet, Corey Foote, Elizabeth Gerard, Holly Grummet, Bridget Harrigan, John Hauschild, Corinne Hess, Samantha Hoekstra, Matthew Horan, Laura Horsley, Amy Howes, Austin Hunt, Keri Jastifer, Tiffani Jastifer, David Johnson, Hillary Johnson, Kirk Johnson, Patrick Kaufman, Laura Kenworthy, Mark Kimberlin, Michael Kinney, Molly Kirsch, Michael Klemish, Tara Kuipers, Adam Kuzmin, Christie Lacic, Joel Land, Andreas Larisch, Nicholas Lillie, Sean Mandle,

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 1997

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Nate Schoen, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that the Fall sports are almost over with Winter sports starting in a couple of weeks. The Student Council will again sponsor a food drive for the local food pantry.

CHERRY CREEK ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM - Teachers Kim Lum, Jackie Tousley, and Gary Goff, along with parent, Sue Sejat, explained the Accelerated Reader Program to the Board. Students read a book within their reading range, complete a brief report which they explain to their teacher, and then are able to get on the computer and take a test. They can earn points and pick prizes. Parent volunteers have been invaluable to the success of this program and have helped with reading with kids and operating the point store.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:
 • Mr. Bryan Betz donation of 172 rolls of 120 film, KOWA 6 Camera, and 80 mm lens and 50 mm lens valued at \$924 to the Lowell High School Art Department Photography class.
 • Mr. Michael Case donation of one set of Micro and Macro Encyclopedia Britannica and one Propedia valued at \$500 to the Cherry Creek Resource Room.
 • Mrs. Susan Frasier donation of Eshers Posters valued at \$75 to the Lowell High School Art Department.
 • GWI Engineering, Inc. donation of an HP DraftMaster II Pen Plotter w/pens, cables and paper, and a Blueprint Machine with paper and developer valued at \$2,500 to the Lowell High School Tech Ed for use in Computer Aided Design.
 • Samuel & Rose Juarez donation of sheets of large white paper valued at \$300 to be used by the Lowell High School.
 • Lowell Community Fund donation of \$200 to the Lowell Athletic Program and \$200 to the Cherry Creek and Alto 5th Grade Camp.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:
 • The following payment of bills: SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 A. Food Service Fund.....\$47,242.62
 B. Athletic Fund.....\$9,818.92
 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$27,040.50
 ENERGY & MAINTENANCE FUND.....\$5,311.64
 1971 Debt Fund.....\$15.00
 1990 Debt Fund.....\$286,862.50
 • The resolution which allows Lowell Area Schools to join a cooperative energy purchase program through the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC).
 • The resolution which calls for the continuation of a summer tax collection for the 1998 year.
 • The Lowell High School Art/Drama Club trip to New York City with tentative dates being April 30, May 1, 2, and 3, 1998.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approved the October 13, 1997 regular meeting minutes as amended.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Approved the General Fund bills in the amount of \$616,225.57 and the 1990 Bond Fund Proceeds for \$941.50.

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION - Adopted the resolution which allows the electronic transfer of money from Huntington Banks to NBD Bank to pay back the \$1.5 million State Aid Note.

SCIENCE/MEAP UPDATE - Rick White, Jim Harden, and Mark Weber reported on what the elementary schools and middle school are doing to improve curriculum and instruction in the science area due to results from the MEAP.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SURVEY REPORT - Scott Vashaw and Kevin Pearson gave a report to the Board on the results of the Drug and Alcohol Survey which 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students completed last Spring. There will be a public forum scheduled in the future for anyone interested in reviewing the results and discussing ways to deal with this growing concern.

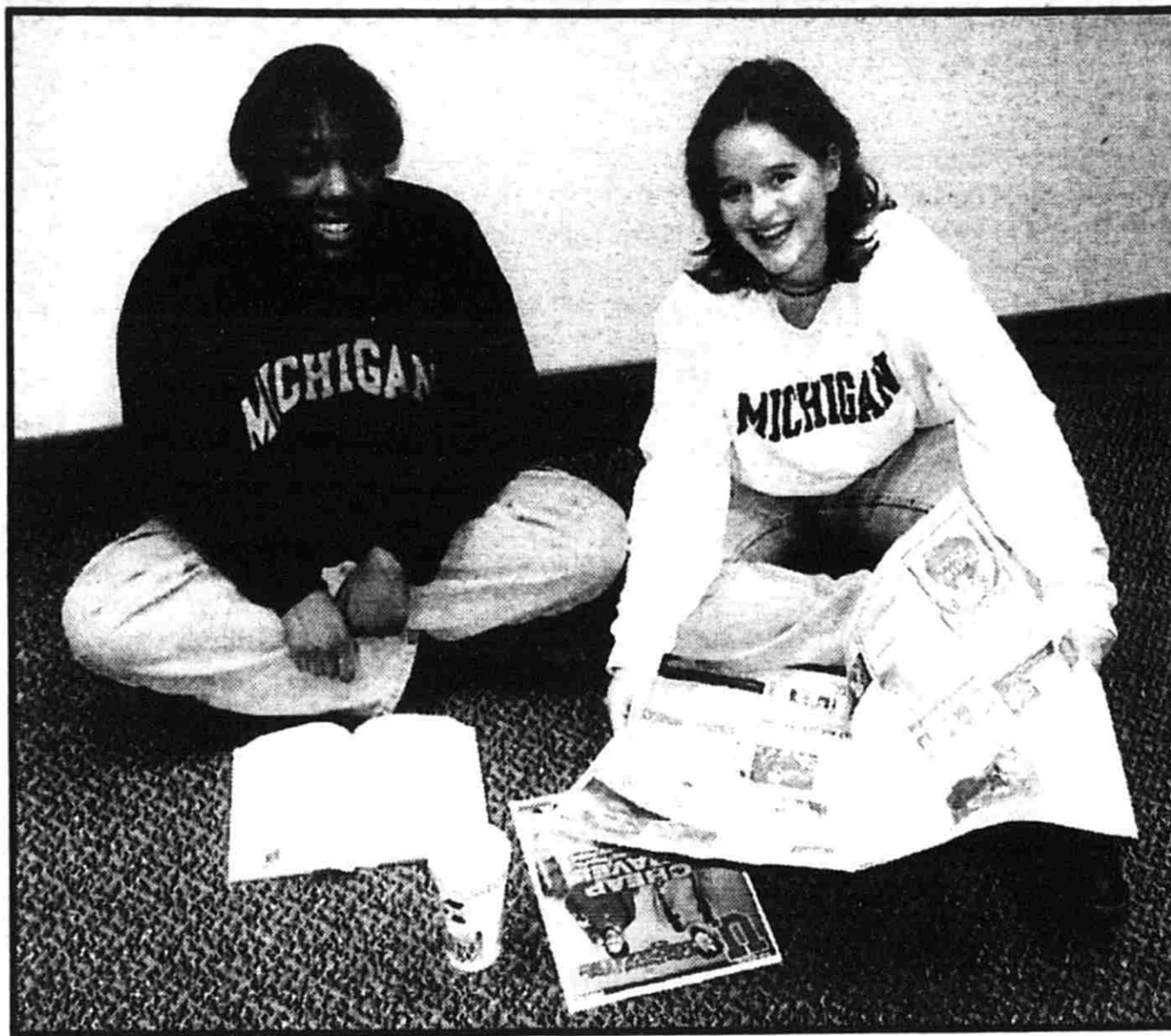
ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - Pam Thomas and Maureen Dorough gave an update on many of the accomplishments of the Organizational Culture Subcommittee. This subcommittee was a part of the Education and Business Plan which was presented to the Board in the Spring of 1996.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Shawn Eshragh presented the Board with a copy of a magazine entitled "Privatization" published by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. He asked the Board to take a look at it and make some comments. He also asked if the Board would inform the public of recommended cuts to the 1997-98 budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - As part of the Superintendent's Report, Bert Bleke asked Business Manager, Connie Gillette, to give a brief update on the finance situation in Lansing and the financial picture for Lowell Area Schools. He reported on the Community Forum to be held at the High School on Thursday, November 13 with regard to the Lowell Area Community Fund, praised the football team and coaches, and clarified that the teacher raise was actually 2.2% with a .9% step increase.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 Board Educational Forum - Monday, November 24, 1997 - 7:30 p.m. Middle School Cafeteria.
 Board of Education Meeting - Monday, December 8, 1997 - 7:30 p.m. Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room.

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Idema "Golden Key" recipient

The University of Michigan held its annual induction reception for the Golden Key National Honor Society recipients in The Power Center at the U of M. Golden Key is a prestigious organization that recognizes the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study at more than 150 leading universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia and Canada.

Jennifer Idema, daughter of Peggy Idema and the late Steve Idema, was one of over 500 students honored for outstanding academic achievement at the reception held in Ann Arbor.

Pictured are Lindsay Jones, left, and Idema, who were two of several tour leaders at the U of M Campus Day 1997. Idema, a U of M senior from Lowell, led admitted freshmen students on a tour of the campus and answered their questions about campus life and the university's offerings to help them decide whether or not to enroll. The program gives admitted students the chance to attend classes, have lunch in a residence hall and learn about U of M's academic offerings and financial aid.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary W. Meyers, son of Gary W. and Elizabeth Meyers of Saranac, recently participated in Exercise Bright Star '97 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Meyers is one of more than 5,000 sailors and marines aboard the carrier who participated in the multinational exercise which entailed

naval, tactical air, amphibious assault, undersea, special forces and ground combat training. U.S. troops from all branches of the military participated in the exercise along with forces from Egypt, France, Italy, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Exercise Bright Star was designed to improve unit readiness and interoperability with coalition forces.

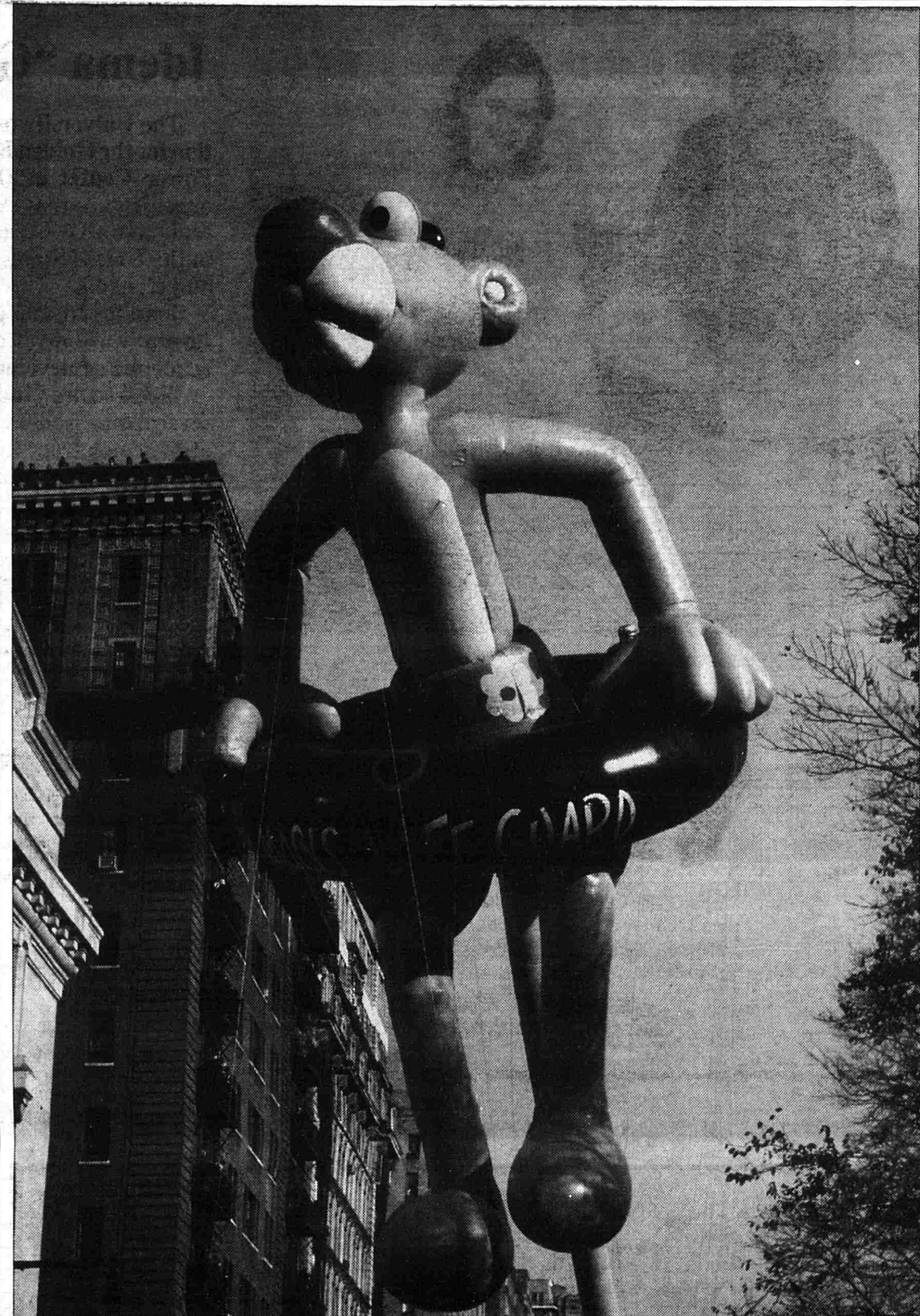
Aircraft carriers, like USS George Washington, are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available. With Tomahawk cruise missiles, tactical aircraft and combat-ready Marines, the forces provide unified commanders with a range of flexible options and capabilities.

The 1993 graduate of Saranac High School joined the Navy in June 1993.

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FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21 THRU NOVEMBER 27

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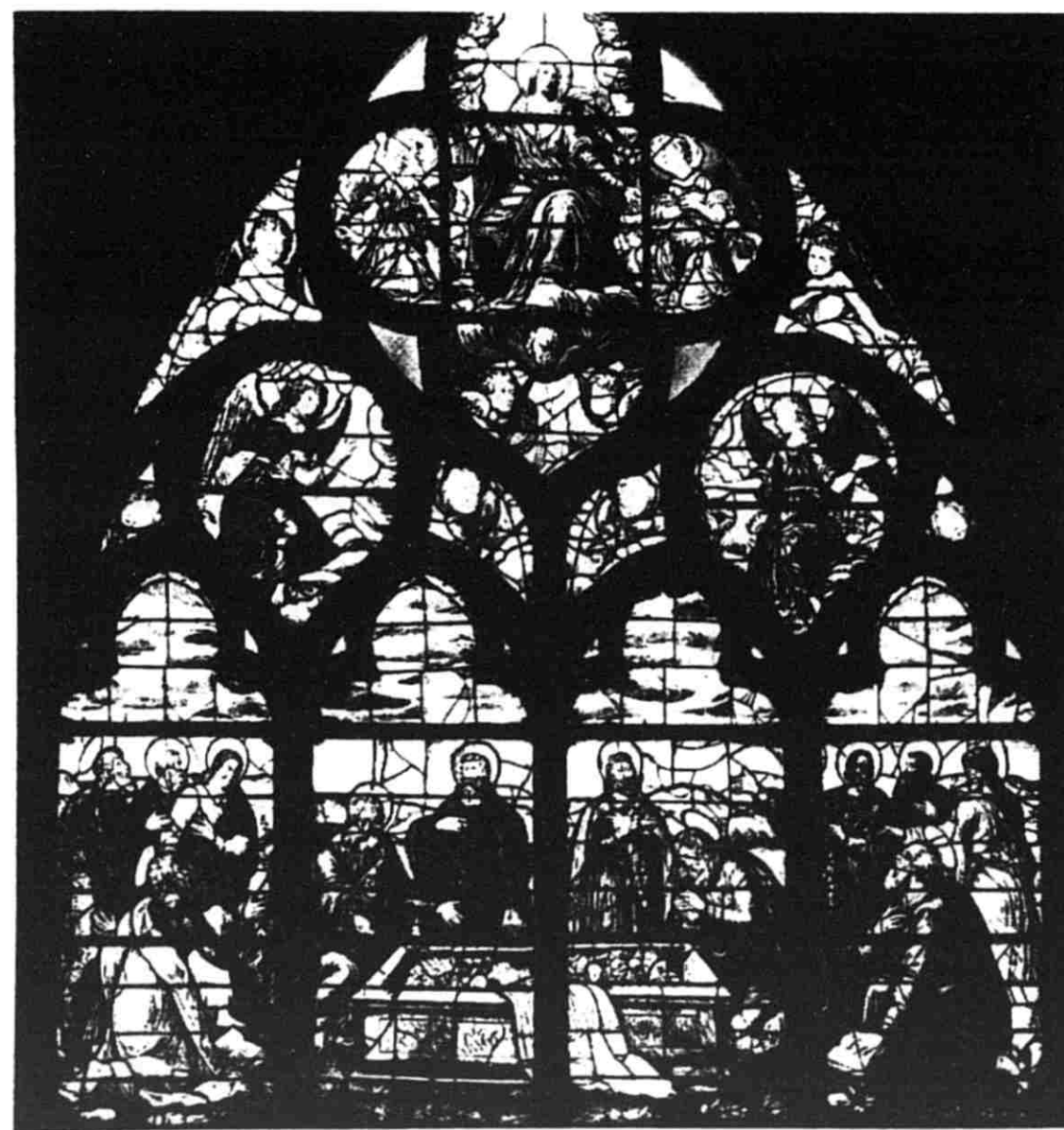
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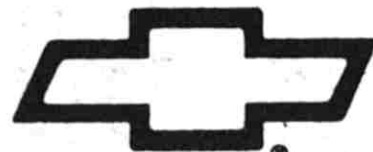
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SATURDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 22, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Star Trek: Next Gener.', 'Grand Alley', and 'Paid Program'.

SUNDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Wall Street Jnl', 'Breaker High', and 'Sesame Street'.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'This Week', 'Think Tank', and 'Follow Money'.

SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like '60 Minutes', 'The Santa Clause', and 'World's Funniest'.

SUNDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Paid Program', 'Team Knight Rider', and 'FX: The Series'.

MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 24, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 25, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, 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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BROADCAST STATIONS																										
WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "To Everything a Season"	Movie: "Unlikely Anger" (1996) Dolly Parton, Brian Kerwin. (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	WVTV	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	Sabrina-Witch	Home Improvement	Drew Carey (In Stereo)	Spin City (In Stereo)	Ellen "Salad Days"	To Be Announced	News	Nightline									
WGUV	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Trailside: Adventure	Great Lakes Outdoors	Waiting for God	Fraser (In Stereo)	MA'S'N	WXXM	Home Improvement	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) Richard Attenborough, Dylan McDermott. (In Stereo)	Pai-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal	Fraser (In Stereo)	MA'S'N									
WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Jurassic Park" (1993, Science Fiction) Sam Neill. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island amusement park.	News	Tonight Show	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery! "Poison" "Murder on the Links" (R)	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	WZMM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Sabrina-Witch	Home Improvement	Drew Carey (In Stereo)	Spin City (In Stereo)	Ellen "Salad Days"	To Be Announced	News	Nightline	
WYSM	Fraser (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Movie: *** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) Richard Attenborough, Dylan McDermott. (In Stereo)	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenan Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)	TBS	Movie: "Honey, I Shrank the Kids" (1989)	Grinch-C'mas	Movie: **** "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988) Bob Hoskins, Joanna Cassidy.	Movie: *** "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley, Melinda Dillon.	FAM	Movie: *** "Columbo: Grand Deceptions"	Movie: "Hawaii Five-O: V for Vashon" (1972, Drama) Jack Lord, James MacArthur, Al Harrington. A vindictive criminal empire seeks to destroy McGarrett.	700 Club	FX	X-Files (In Stereo)	X-Files (In Stereo)	X-Files (In Stereo)	X-Files (In Stereo)	USA	Movie: *** "Problem Child 2" (1991)	Movie: *** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride.	Movie: *** "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987) Steve Martin.		
DISC	Gimme Shelter (R)	Wild Discovery "Antlers" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic	Wings "Steel Rain" (R)	Justice Files "Under the Influence" (R)	WGN	Family Matters	Coach (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Amadeus" (1984) (Part 1 of 2) F. Murray Abraham, Elizabeth Berridge. (In Stereo)	News (In Stereo)	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Competitive Edge" (R)	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Weekend Kickoff Show	NFL's Greatest Moments	College Basketball: Great Alaska Shootout - North Carolina vs. UCLA. From Anchorage, Alaska.	Sportscenter	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Burden of Proof (R)	World Today	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Moneyline (R)	
NICK	Rocko's Modern Life	Rocko's Modern Life	Rocko's Modern Life	Happy Days	Wonder Years	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Odd Couple	Taxi "Friends"	Newhart	A&E	Law & Order "Mayhem"	Biography "R.H. Macy"	Sea Tales "The Deadly Arctic Expedition"	Unexplained "Pottergeist"	Law & Order "Blue Bamboo"										
PASS	(Off Air)	TNT	Movie: (6:00) "Police Academy 4: Patrol"	Movie: *** 1/2 "Back to the Future" (1985, Fantasy) Michael J. Fox. A boy travels through time to his parents' teen-age years.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Wargames" (1983), John Wood	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Treasure of Hazzard"	Today's Country Greats: A Hall of Fame Celebration A country music tribute. (In Stereo)	Dallas (In Stereo)	TRAV	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Amazing America	Great Palaces	Lonely Planet "Pakistan"	Rough Guide "Australia"	Amazing America	Great Palaces	TLC	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Horse's World (R)	Dog's World (R)	Cat's World (R)	Horse's World (R)
SCIFI	(6:00) Movie: *** "The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Return of the Jedi" (1983, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Luke Skywalker and his comrades face a final confrontation. (In Stereo)	HIST	Automobiles "Cadillac" (R)	In Search of History "The Cavemen"	Home for the Holidays: Hist.-Thanksgiving	Air Force One: A History (R)	World at War "Wolf Pack"	AMC	(6:30) Movie: *** "Road to Bali" (1952)	Movie: *** "The Seven Little Foys" (1955), Milly Vlade, George Tobias	Movie: *** "Son of Paleface" (1952), Jane Russell, Roy Rogers	DISN	Movie: *** 1/2 "James and the Giant Peach" (1996), Jane Levees PG	Movie: **** "Mary Poppins" (1964), Dick Van Dyke, David Tomlinson (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "The Thanksgiving Promise" (1986) (In Stereo)	HBO	(6:45) Movie: *** "The Evening Star" (1996) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations)	Movie: *** "Frankie and Johnny" (1991), Michelle Pfeiffer, Hector Elizondo (In Stereo) 'R'	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)	MAX	(6:00) Movie: *** 1/2 "The Arrival" (1996) PG-13	Movie: *** "Never Say Never Again" (1983) (In Stereo) PG (Adult situations, brief nudity, violence)	Movie: *** "Invasion of Privacy" (1996), Jonathan Schaech, Naomi Campbell (In Stereo) 'R'	

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BROADCAST STATIONS																			
WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Geraldo Rivera	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)	WVTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	Paid Program (Off Air)										
WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)	WXXM	Vibe	Keenan Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Simpsons (In Stereo)	(Off Air)	Blossom "Intervention"	Murphy Brown									
WOOD	(11:42) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside	WKAR	(Off Air)	WZMM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King	News (R)	Access Hollywood	View	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)				
WYSM	Gayle King	Martha Stewart Living	News (R)	Jenny Jones (R) (In Stereo)	Home Team (In Stereo)	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)	All News A.M.	TBS	(10:35) Movie: "Poppye" (1990, Comedy) Robin Williams, Shelley Duvall. The cartoon sailor and friends come to song-filled life.	CHiPs "Head Over Heels"	Laverne & Shirley	Beverly Hillsbillies							
FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	FX	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program				
USA	(10:30) Movie: "Planes"	Movie: *** 1/2 "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983) Chevy Chase, Anthony Quinn	Michael Hall. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987) Steve Martin, William Windom. (In Stereo)	Facts of Life (In Stereo)	DISC	Wild Discovery "Antlers" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Steel Rain" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program					
WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Brother's Keeper"	Simon & Simon "Enter the Jaguar"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Columbo Fed up with being passed over for promotion, a network executive plans to murder her boss.	ESPN	College Basketball: Great Alaska Shootout - Alaska-Anchorage vs. Seton Hall. (Live)	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Preseason NIT Semifinal - Teams to Be Announced.	College Basketball	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Burden of Proof (R)	CNN/Sports Illustrated	CNN International	CNN International	Newsroom	
NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Rhoda "Gary and Ida"	Happy Days	Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Taxi "Friends"	Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	A&E	Biography "R.H. Macy" (R)	Sea Tales "The Deadly Arctic Expedition" (R)	Unexplained "Pottergeist" (R)	Law & Order "Blue Bamboo"	Movie: *** "Dracula" (1974), Pamela Brown			
PASS	(Off Air)	TNT	(11:00) Movie: *** "Wargames" (1983) Matthew Broderick, John Wood.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Campus Man" (1987) John Dye, Kim Delaney.	Movie: *** 1/2 "Zapped Again" (1989), Reed Rudy	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Treasure of Hazzard"	Today's Country Greats: Hall of Fame	(Off Air)	TRAV	Lonely Planet	Rough Guide "Australia"	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Undersea Adventures	Sports Safari	Taste for Travel	Taste for Travel
TLC	Dog's World (R)	Cat's World (R)	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	SCIFI	Mystery Science Theater 3000 "Paras: The Clonus Horror" (R)	Mystery Science Theater 3000 "Incredibly Strange Creatures" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program							
HIST	In Search of History "The Cavemen" (R)	Home for the Holidays: Hist.-Thanksgiving	Air Force One: A History (R)	World at War "Wolf Pack"	In Search of History "The Cavemen" (R)	AMC	(11:30) Movie: "The Private Navy of Sgt. O'Farrell" (1956), Farnandel, Anita Eiberg	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Lemon Drop Kid" (1951), Marilyn Maxwell, Lloyd Nolan	"How-Marrige"	DISN	(10:45) Movie: "A Wedding on Walton's Mountain" (1982), Ellen Corby	Movie: *** 1/2 "James and the Giant Peach" (1996), Jane Levees PG	Movie: **** "Mary Poppins" (1964), Dick Van Dyke (In Stereo) 'G'						
HBO	Movie: "Don King: Only in America" (1997), Vondie Curtis-Hall, Jeremy Piven	Movie: *** 1/2 "If These Walls Could Talk" (1996), Cher (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Young Americans" (1993) (In Stereo) 'R'	MAX	Movie: *** "Strange Days" (1995, Science Fiction) Ralph Fiennes. A black marketeer peddles other people's experiences. 'R'	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Juror" (1996) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Movie: *** "The Great White Hype"												

Arby's grand opening Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



At Arby's grand opening on Saturday tickets to a Garth Brooks concert in Chicago will be given away.

Arby's grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 22, will be an event... just the way the newest fast food restaurant in Lowell wants it.

"As long as I've been doing them, Arby's has made openings a grand event," said RTM marketing manager Donna Smith.

Arby's of Lowell is the 21st store opened in West Michigan by the RTM franchise. It operates nearly 700 Arby's restaurants nationwide, making it the largest purchaser of roast beef in the nation.

"We're very excited to be a part of the Lowell community," Smith said. "Arby's enjoyed a spectacular opening three days."

The grand opening will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. with Lowell mayor William Thompson; "Bounce the Clown" from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.; the Lowell High School Band; free balloons and cake and free-T-shirts to the first 200 combo purchasers. WBCT and WCUZ will broadcast live from 1 a.m. until 1 p.m. and local high school sports captains will battle in a Big Mountain eating contest at 1:30 p.m. Patrons will be able to register to win a mountain bike and boom box and a couple of lucky people will win sets of Garth Brooks tickets to a concert in Chicago.

"It's exciting to be opening a new restaurant that we can call our own," Smith said.

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Nevertheless, the passions, whether violent or not, should never be so expressed as to reach the point of causing disgust; and music, even in situations of the greatest horror, should never be painful to the ear but should flatter and charm it, and thereby always remain music.

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Endurance Products prepares snowmobilers for the long haul

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As the little white flakes begin to fly, thoughts have begun straying to a favorite seasonal pastime for literally thousands of Michigan residents.

In the recesses of their garages or sheds, they uncover their Arctic Cat, Ski-Doo, Polaris or other snowmobile brand and begin preparing it for the trails and fields that await.

For those a little less mechanically inclined, tune-ups and check-ups are left for service shops.

In recent years, that may have meant hauling a snowmobile to Ionia or Grand Rapids. This year, the ride has been made easier and shorter, with the opening of Endurance Products Sales & Service at 11390 E. Fulton.

The new shop services snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATVs, watercrafts and boats and owner Bernie Anderson Jr. sells snowmobiles, boats and dirt bikes.

"The key in this business is the distance between dealers," Anderson explains. "Between Ionia and Grand Rapids, there isn't another shop. The other key, obviously, is treating customers right and taking care of their problems."

The Lowell resident says this is also a key in getting a franchise - something he continues to work on. "A franchise would provide us with name recognition, warranty

work and financing," Anderson said. When he's not busy with sales or service, Anderson spends time designing parts to help prevent the need for service.

It took seven months, but Anderson recently earned a patent on a track adjustment collar he designed. The part was designed for the Arctic Cat, Ski-Doo and Polaris.

Its function is to prevent bolt breaking and bending, and requires less track tightening.

"It's kind of neat to have people buy a product you designed," Anderson said.

The part is being manufactured by Dey Manufacturing. Anderson said there have been approximately 2,200 produced. The collar comes with a lifetime warranty. Eventually he'd like to see the collar become a part of the machine when built.

Anderson has also contracted his sister Chris to make pouches for Endurance Products' custom tool kit for any untimely repair or maintenance needed when out on a trail.

"She's produced about 2,500 tool pouches," he explains. Anderson says he has other ideas in the design process.

The Lowell man employs one full-time, full-service mechanic (Phil Reisbig) and a sales clerk (Amy Kaechele).

Endurance Products' store hours are from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.



Bernie Anderson Jr.'s Endurance Products provides service for snowmobiles, ATVs, watercrafts and boats.



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Smith establishes a nature conservancy education area in memory of her father -- Dan Wingeier

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Danni Wingeier Smith wanted to do something to commemorate her father for all he had done for the city of Lowell.

Dan Wingeier had worked at the State Bank, now Huntington Bank, under the leadership of such people as Harold Englehardt. He was involved with the Masonic

Temple and the local Methodist church.

But at the age of 63, Wingeier had a massive heart attack and died, never really getting the chance to leave something behind like Englehardt or Look.

But his daughter decided his contributions would not be left unremembered.

"He did a lot for individuals and the community," Smith said. "He would often

do people's income taxes and wouldn't charge them...He just wouldn't take any money."

In her father's memory, Smith decided it would be best to establish a nature conservancy/education area in Lowell where the Flat and Grand rivers come together. It was her original hope to put the conservancy on the east side of the river, complete with hiking trails. However, the

railroad prevented such a dream from becoming a reality, at least for now.

"It has become taboo to have pedestrians walk over or under the railroad tracks," said Dan DesJarden, director of the Department of Public Works.

Instead, through the Parks and Recreation Commission, it was determined that a scenic turn-around be placed on the west side of connecting

the rivers, where the city could take advantage of an already existing road.

Smith agreed to that and donated \$4,840 for the project. The money would be used to

ating a conservancy at the intersection of the two rivers from another town she once lived in, Wichita, Kansas, which places a lot of emphasis on the two rivers that meet

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Danni Wingeier Smith

gravel and grade the road from the boat ramp to the mouth of the Flat River, to purchase black dirt and grass seed, to purchase a park bench with a concrete pad, to aid in the placement of rocks for a barrier, to purchase a trash can, and to purchase and place a boulder with a plaque honoring the Wingeier family. The city would take care of the maintenance of the area, which DesJarden said would be no problem.

The city council, at its Monday night meeting, gave unanimous approval to the project and appreciation to Smith.

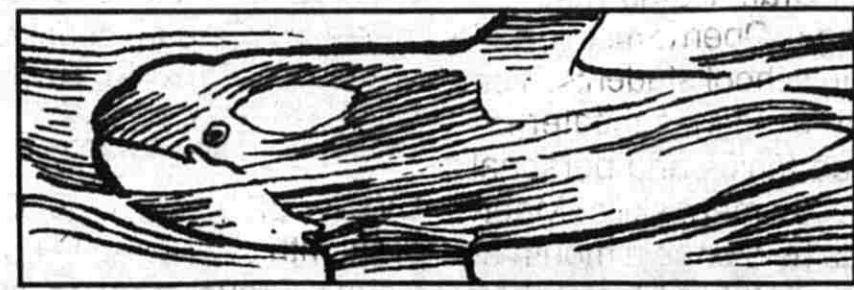
"I just wish (my father) could be here to see his little plaque," Smith said with a smile after the board voted.

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ating a conservancy at the intersection of the two rivers from another town she once lived in, Wichita, Kansas, which places a lot of emphasis on the two rivers that meet

"A thousand people have come through this town, lived here and died here and have never been down there," she said. "It is a good cause just from the history and the geographical standpoint."

And Smith isn't giving up her hopes of one day having the east side open to the public as well. She said she plans to put aside some money in her will to leave behind in hopes that there will be an opportunity for that side to become a place for people to enjoy mother nature.



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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. No Sept. meeting.

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

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

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.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: 4-H Drama Club (Life's a Stage). Open to middle and high school students. The club examines theater related topics and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. 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 Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

TUES. THRU SUN.: Shop at Christmas on Main Street, Lowell Arts Council's World of Unique Gifts. Located at 222 West Main St. Open 1 - 5 p.m. Call 897-8545 for information.

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. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline). at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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.

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THURS., NOV. 20: Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main. Commodities include: applesauce, rice cereal, canned chicken and potatoes, soup mix and tomato juice. Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

WED., DEC. 3: Lowell Showboat Garden Club's Christmas party will be held at Schneider Manor. Call Sue before Nov. 21 for reservations at 897-9331 after 4:00 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 6: An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held at Lowell Masonic Temple from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$6.50; children, 6-10, \$4; under 6 free. Public welcome.

SAT., DEC. 13: Testing dates for the Snowmobile Home Study Course held at Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Rd. For more information contact the DNR at 456-5071.

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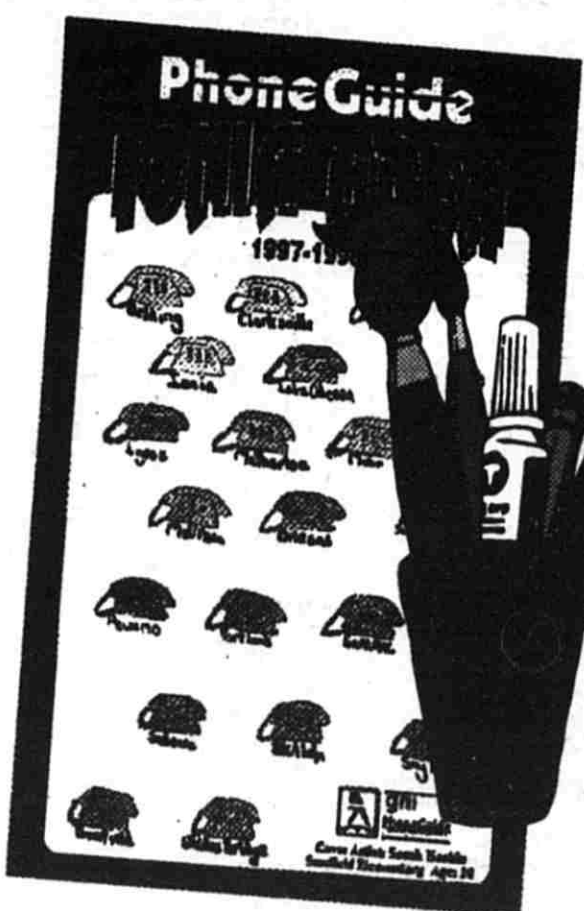
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Lowell's the first stop on 93 hour tour

WBCT's B-93 of Grand Rapids kicked off its annual "Roof-sit" in the parking lot of Rite-Aid in Lowell, on Sept. 17. Lowell was the first stop of the '93 Towns in 93 Hours donation pickup marathon.

D.J.'s Conrad and Taylor were welcomed by Diane Bennett, president of the Thom Ellis Fan Club, and Cindy Cornell, both local residents.

B-93's campaign called *Country Cares For Kids* is what the Roof-sit is all about. For the past five years, money has been raised for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund to prevent and counsel children and adults of child abuse. This year, over \$300,000 was raised to fight this terrible sickness. The money raised stays in the area.



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CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Summary of Ordinance No. 97-2 Adopted by the Lowell City Council on November 17, 1997.

Ordinance No. 97-2 amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell by amending Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance. Ordinance No. 97-2 makes several findings concerning the impact of sexually oriented businesses on the surrounding community. Specifically, sexually oriented businesses cause crime rates to increase in their vicinity, downgrade nearby property values and quality of life and contribute to urban blight; they also are frequently used for unlawful and unhealthful sexual activities. Ordinance No. 97-2 describes its purpose as the regulation of sexually oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and prevent the deleterious location and concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the City, thereby reducing or eliminating the adverse secondary effects on the community from such sexually oriented businesses.

Ordinance No. 97-2 specifically states that its provisions are not intended to impose a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Nor is it the intent of Ordinance No. 97-2 to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the United States or Michigan constitutions, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment in their intended market. Ordinance No. 97-2, however, is also not intended to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

Given these findings and purposes, Ordinance No. 97-2 regulates sexually oriented business in three ways: (1) by limiting the locations available to such businesses, (2) by requiring the licensing of sexually oriented businesses and registration of its employees, and (3) by regulating the conduct of such businesses.

Concerning location, Ordinance No. 97-2 only permits sexually oriented businesses to exist in areas zoned C-3 - General Business District, as a special use. Ordinance No. 97-2 prohibits the existence of sexually oriented businesses within 1,000 feet of each other, and within 400 feet of residential districts and structures, churches, synagogues, regular places of worship, public or private elementary or secondary schools, public school academies, public parks, public libraries, child care centers, family day care homes and group day care homes.

Ordinance No. 97-2 further requires that operators of sexually oriented businesses must be licensed. Such operators must not have been convicted of any of a list of various sex-related crimes. Operators must comply with specific requirements concerning the physical layout of the facility and must pay an annual licensing fee along with an application fee and investigation fee. Ordinance No. 97-2 also requires that managers and entertainers register annually and pay an annual registration fee. Other employees must also be registered. Operators and employees of sexually oriented businesses must be at least 18 years old, as must patrons.

Ordinance No. 97-2 regulates the conduct of such businesses, including prohibiting physical contact between employees and patrons and restricting their hours of operation.

Finally, Ordinance No. 97-2 regulates specific adult-related uses, such as adult motels and massage parlors.

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 97-2 may be obtained or inspected at the office of City Clerk at City Hall located at 301 E. Main Street.

Ordinance No. 97-2 is effective 10 days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger.

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- City Hall
- Hahn's Hardware
- Family Fare
- Lowell 66
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These bags are sold in lots of 20 for \$5.00. They hold 30 gallons and are made of a paper, biodegradable material. The leaves are taken to a compost area.

This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday.

If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal (691-8530) or City Hall (897-8457).

Red Arrows gain Rockford's respect in district loss

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell ended its regular season by taking the champions of the OK White down to the final three seconds before losing by three points.

The Red Arrows' post-season play ended Monday night in an opening round district loss to the OK Red champions. Defying its 1-19 record, Lowell played with Rockford for a little more than three quarters before falling 57-43.

"We gave Rockford all they wanted," said Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers. "I am so proud of these girls for the way they have hung together, worked hard and strived for continued improvement."

The Rams became the latest believer in Lowell's progression of improvement.

Rockford was never able to shake a pesky Red Arrow squad in the first half. The Rams led 16-14 after one quarter of play and 35-29 at halftime.

"The last two weeks we have come around and played well," Akers said. "The play of our guards and the way they handled Rockford's pressure was a key. We also did a good job on the boards."

Unofficially Lowell outbounced Rockford 23-17. "Earlier in the year Rockford would have annihilated us on the boards," Akers said.

Lynn Boersma led all Red Arrows with 12 points. Nikki Arnett and Lisa Posthumus each scored six points while Rachael Fredline and Amanda Stoutjesdyk netted five points apiece.

Rockford got a game-high 15 points from Katie Harnes and Jenny Rood tallied 12. "Those two sweet, sweet basketball players," Akers said.

Lowell's season ends with a record of 1-20. "You would expect that the girls would have been glad the season was over. They weren't. They didn't want to leave. They love the game. That makes me feel good," Akers concluded.

Lowell girls' BB team takes Eagles and Pioneers to the brink

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With a 1-19 record, there are numerous reasons why the Red Arrow girls' basketball team could have packed it in long before its final two games of the regular season with Hudsonville and East Grand Rapids.

But the club's collective heart wouldn't hear of it. Instead, the Red Arrows took Hudsonville into overtime before falling 53-51. On Friday, Lowell extended the Pioneers into the final minute of play before losing 53-50 to the conference champions.

"The way we're playing right now, I wish it was the beginning of the year," Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers said. "These girls are a great bunch of kids. They

don't have any quit in them."

Lowell made it clear early that it wasn't going to roll over and make things easy for the Pioneers. The Arrows jumped to a 10-2 lead against East in the opening minutes of the game. Six of those points came on the three-point shooting of Lynn Boersma.

EGR responded like league champions as they battled back to take a 21-15 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"East is very balanced and they caught us in some mismatches inside," Akers said. The Pioneers outscored Lowell 19-13 in the second stanza to extend their lead to 40-28 at halftime.

Teams with losing records and with lesser heart might have just gone through the

motions in the second half.

The Red Arrows, however, continued to challenge East. Lowell outscored the Pioneers 16-13 in the third quarter and trailed by nine (53-44) to start the fourth.

Pioneer coach Colleen Lamoreaux, leading by nine against a 1-18 opponent, spread the floor to open the fourth quarter. The move backfired. East did run time off the clock, but turned the ball over on its first three possessions.

Lisa Posthumus connected on a three-pointer with 5:21 to play, cutting the deficit to six at 53-47.

East continued to struggle in its spread offense and came up empty at the foul line.

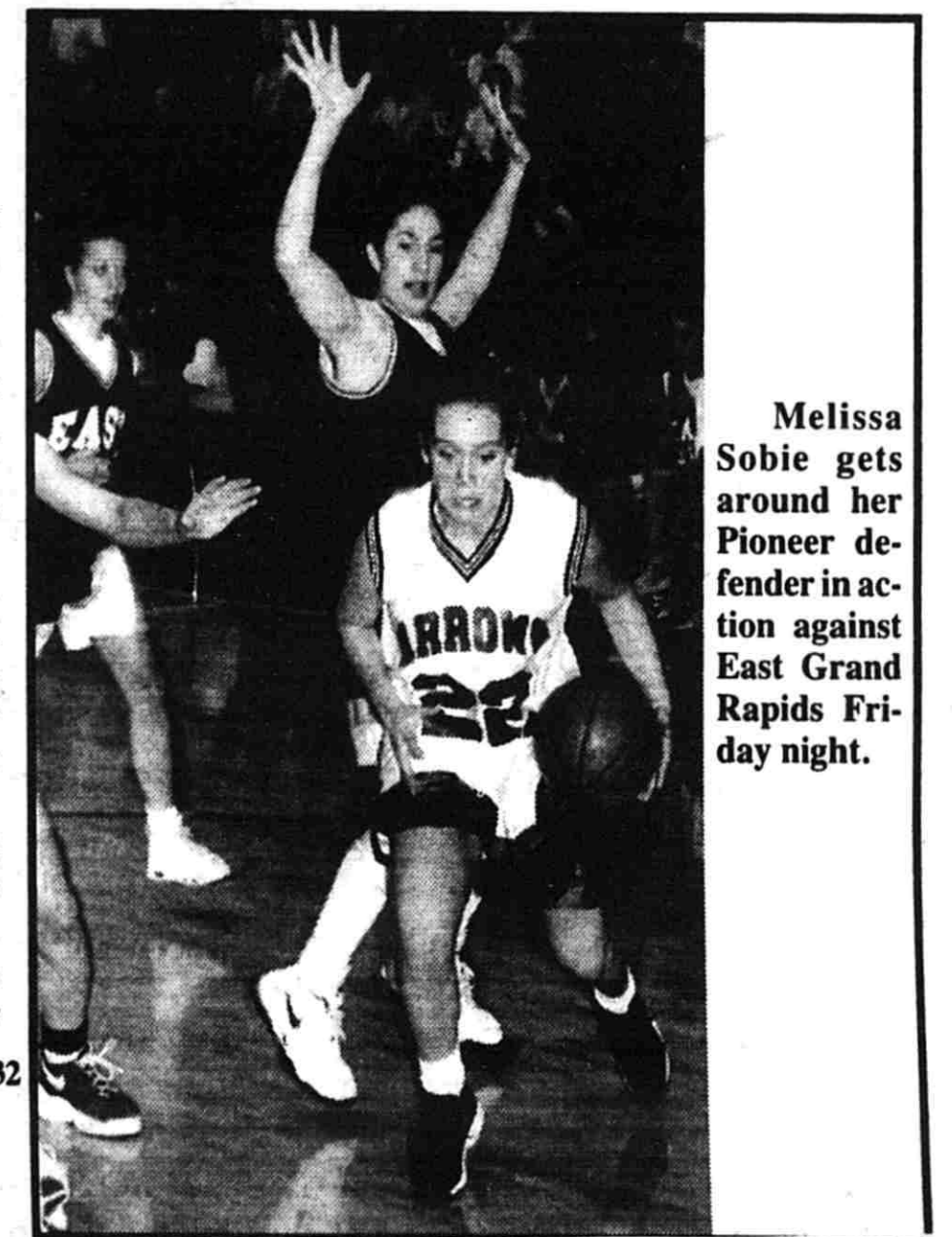
Rachael Fredline cut the East advantage to three at 53-50 with 30 seconds to play.

East missed the front end of a one-and-one with 14 seconds to play. It then fouled Boersma as she released a three-point shot from in front of the Lowell bench. The Red Arrow came up empty on all three attempts.

"The girls have continued to work hard and get better throughout the year," Akers said. "They are still playing with a lot of heart."

Lamoreaux did not have the heart to speak to the press after the game. Instead, it was left up to junior forward Lisa Bruwer

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Melissa Sobie gets around her Pioneer defender in action against East Grand Rapids Friday night.

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HOBBIES.....Roller skating & drawing
SCHOOL.....Bushnell Elementary



Brittany receives a prize for her great checkup.

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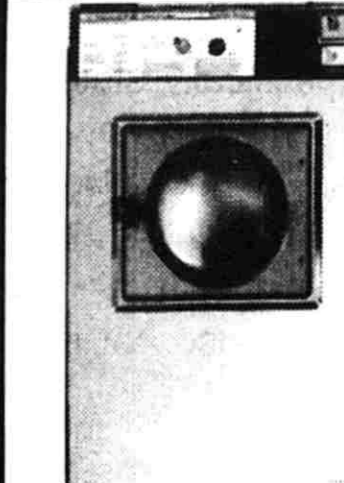
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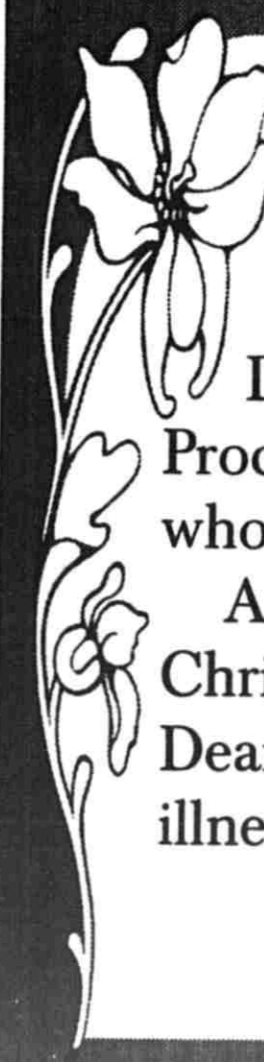
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We appreciated the opportunity to spend an evening with friends and neighbors. A thank you to the Alto Fire Department, Alto Lions Club, Alto Meat Processing, Bowne Township and all those who helped put on this supper.

A very special heartfelt THANKS to Chris Wenger, Jerry Posthumus and Noel Dean for their special kindness during my illness.

Thank you everyone,
Carol Wieland and Family

Excess expenditures to come from city's reserve fund

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell received a clean bill from its auditors for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

"We have given you an unqualified opinion, which means we have found nothing to be concerned about," said Thomas Dickinson, who is with Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson, the firm that does the city's audits. "This is the highest level rendering you can receive."

Dickinson went through the report, noting that revenues went up by \$148,000 with the 1996-97 year topping off at \$1.847 million compared to the previous year's \$1.698 million.

The bulk of the increase came from a change in the way the state distributed the sales tax, which came in favor of Lowell.

With the increase in revenue came an increase in expenditures. The city spent \$1.99 million in 1996-97, which was roughly \$150,000. "The extra money was a one-time expense paid by the city for the new Englehardt library," said David Pasquale, city manager.

Dickinson said the city did expect the expenditure and was planning to take it all out of its reserve fund balance. However, the sales tax monies and the fact that some departments underspent help to defray some of the total \$150,000 cost. The city's fund balance ended on a good note with \$646,000.

"You need to remember that you don't start collecting taxes until July 1 and that the audit was done June 30, which shows you are definitely in good shape as far as the fund balance," Dickinson said.

Another area that came out in good shape was the Downtown Development Authority, which had a positive of \$65,000.

The report also had a recommendation to keep an eye on the cash flow requirements of the wastewater and water funds. The report noted that the funds have significantly expanded in recent years, which have required rate increases in both funds.

The Lowell City Council unanimously accepted the report at its regular Monday night meeting.

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WANTED

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November 1997

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS CHARACTER CORNER

We all want our children to have good character. Good character doesn't just happen! It's up to each of us to lay a solid foundation for character development by teaching what is right and wrong and by acting as positive role models. Character education can be more successful if families and schools work as partners teaching our community's five core character traits of respect, integrity, compassion, honesty and responsibility.

Our schools will be focusing on the character trait of compassion during the month of November and December through class discussions, role-playing, creative writing, literature, art and community service. Students will be learning ways to become more compassionate at home, at school and in the community.

One of the ways children learn about compassion is through examples they see in their homes. During the next two months, take time to talk to your child about what compassion means to your family. Generate discussions about why it is important to be compassionate and the personal rewards people get when they help others. Pick a project your family can participate in to help someone in need in the community so your child can learn firsthand about the great feeling that comes from helping others.

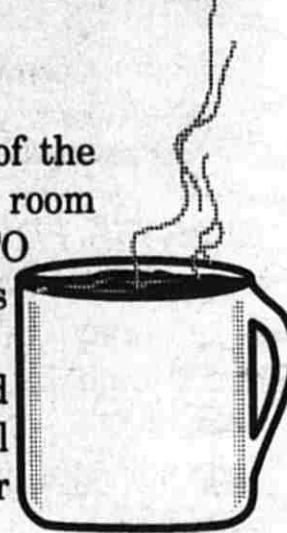
The holiday season ahead is the perfect time to reinforce the character trait of compassion with your child.

Families, schools and the community working together can help all of our children come to know the good, love the good and do the good!

- Kathy Cole

A COMMUNITY INVITATION TO A "PARENT-TO-PARENT" COFFEE

On Friday, Nov. 21, from 8:30 - 9 a.m. all new and veteran parents of the Lowell Area Schools are invited to a "Parent-to-Parent" Coffee in the PTO room at Cherry Creek. The event is sponsored by the Cherry Creek/Bushnell PTO Welcoming Group and is the first of several "parent-to-parent" activities the Welcoming Group, a new parent mentor program, will offer this year. Join us for the chance to make new acquaintances, chat with old friends, and learn about your school community. Coffee and a continental breakfast will be served. Preschoolers are welcome to attend with their parents. Please park in the east parking lot.



RED ARROWS MAKE HISTORY

A season that began with a lot of hope but uncertainty ended under the same circumstances. Lowell's charmed 1997 football season came to an end following an 8-1 regular season finish and a share of the OK White Conference championship when on fourth down they came up a little short of the first down yard marker.

Before a crowd in excess of 5000, more than half of them supporting the Red Arrows, Lowell played a valiant game against a bigger and faster team from Kalamazoo. After falling behind early, the Red Arrows fought back to trail 14-7 at halftime. The Knights from Loy Norrix held a 26-7 lead with four and a half minutes to play when Lowell struck back. A touchdown and two-point conversion set the stage for the onside kick. With the Lowell crowd cheering and standing for the remainder of the game, the Red Arrows covered the kick and scored another touchdown and two-point conversion to pull to 26-23. The defense held and forced the Knights to punt. With just over a minute and a half left and no time-outs the crowd could sense the comeback. The Arrows drove to the 30 yard line and were closing on a chance for a last second tying field goal when the Loy Norrix defense stiffened.

The win went to the Knights but the Red Arrows made history as the first football team from Lowell to qualify for the playoffs. The game will be remembered for the effort and "never say die" attitude displayed by the players, coaches and fans from Lowell.

- Barry Hobla

SADD FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

The Lowell High School SADD Chapter hosted a Father/Daughter dance at Cherry Creek Elementary School. Each young lady received a carnation and a photo with their father or other significant male. The high school students lead the couples in group dances such as the Limbo, chicken dance and YMCA. The high school SADD Chapter will provide other activities throughout the year.

On Oct. 20-23, the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), hosted Red Ribbon Week. The goal was to bring awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving and to promote seat belt awareness. Monday was Red Ribbon Day, Tuesday, Mystery Day; Wednesday, Hat Day; and Thursday, B.Y.O.B. (bring your own banana) "Banana Split" party. Mystery day reminded the students of the consequences of drinking and driving as they observed a body lying in a casket. A mirror served as the head. The students also rewarded drivers wearing seat belts with a ticket that they could win prizes at the end of the day.



RUNCIMAN STUDENTS VISIT APPLE FARM

In October, Lowell Head Start visited Orchard Hill Apple Farm and enjoyed a hayride while learning about apples. There are 17 children in the classroom at Runciman School.

The children enjoyed their Halloween party on October 30. We thank the many parents who attended and helped us on that fun day.



KASH-4-KIDS BANK & LEARNING WITH INTEREST BANK

Our school banks are held twice per month for students and teachers to bank at both Cherry Creek Elementary and Alto Elementary schools.

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If your student has not opened an account and would like to participate, please have them stop in the office and pick up an application. Applications will also be available on all banking days at their "Kash-4-Kids Bank" and "Learning With Interest Bank."

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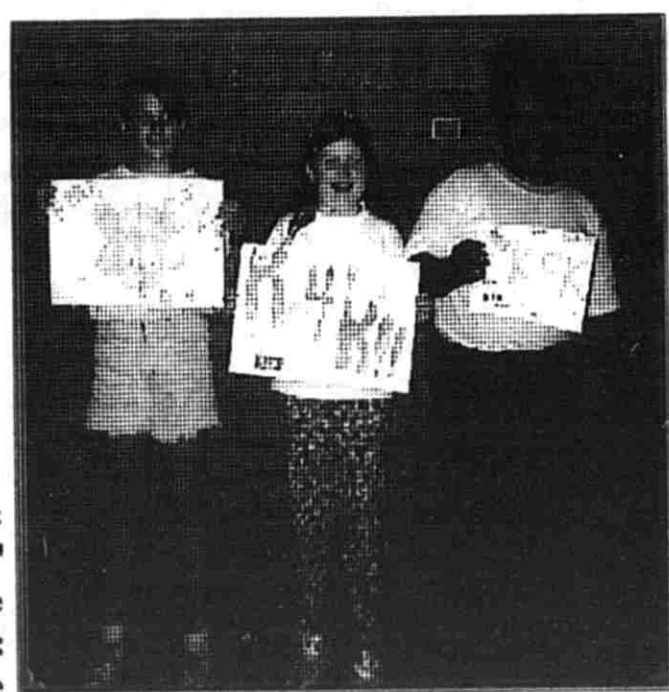
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POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

"What Banking At Kash-4-Kids Bank & Learning With Interest Bank Means To Me" poster contest winners pictured above from Alto Elementary, left to right, are: Katie Callihan, Ben Graham and Jackie Larisch.

Winners from Cherry Creek Elementary pictured bottom right are: first-place, Cora Spickler; second place, Heather VanderHeide and third place Tianna Harvey.



PARENTS WORKSHOP

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"Parenting A Child With Attention Deficit Disorder"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH - 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
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R.S.V.P. to Carol Briggs at 897-8415 by

Monday, November 17, so that appropriate

handouts may be prepared.

Also, child care may be arranged by phoning Carol by the same deadline.



FIRST GRADERS STUDY GERMANY

Ms. VanVleck's first grade class has been studying Germany for their first-grade trip around the world. Ian Beddow's mom is German (what a great resource!) and she brought in Nutcrackers from Germany and let us try cracking peanuts. It was fun!

Pictured are Carmen Beddows and Brooke Spoelman.

STUDENT DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

The student directories for Alto, Bushnell, Cherry Creek and the middle school are available for purchase. The High School Directory will be available the week of December 1. The cost is \$1 for each directory. Make checks payable to Lowell Area Schools.

You should have received information from your child's school about how to purchase the directory.

If you still have questions, call Susan Lockwood, Community Outreach Coordinator, 897-8415.



SNOW WHITE & HER DWARFS

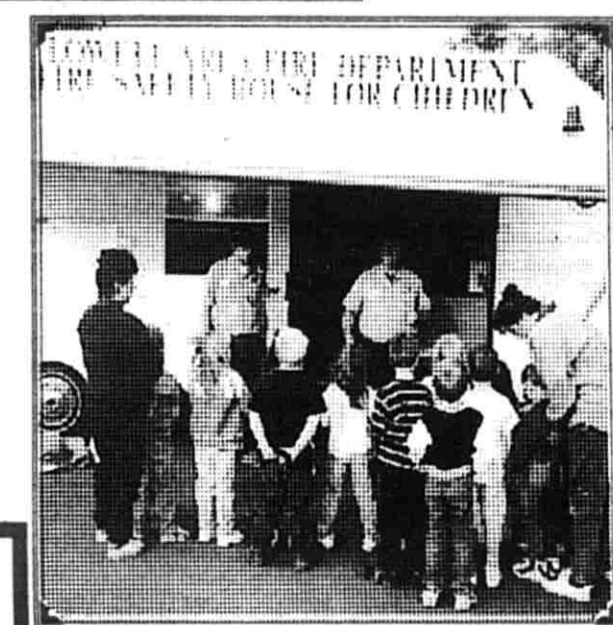
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs roamed the halls of Bushnell on Friday, October 31. Halloween is a special time for kids.....kids of all ages.

Pictured, front row, left to right: Denise Southland, Gail Vidro, Martha Hayden and Annie Charles; back row, left to right: Nan Zeeuw, Becky VanVleck, Jean Seman, Lanie Rice, Juli Dick.

FIRE SAFETY

The Lowell Fire Department brought their fire safety house to Bushnell in mid-October.

Pictured with Mrs. Donahue's class are firefighters Roger Reed and Brian Kimble.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SPORTS SCHEDULES

7th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL "RED" TEAM

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
11/24/97	M	7BBB-RD	Belding	A	5:15 PM
12/1/97	M	7BBB-RD	Greenville	H	5:15 PM
12/3/97	W	7BBB-RD	EHI	H	4:00 PM
12/8/97	M	7BBB-RD	Kenowa Hills	H	5:15 PM
12/11/97	TH	7BBB-RD	Northview	A	4:00 PM
12/15/97	M	7BBB-RD	RN	H	5:15 PM
12/18/97	TH	7BBB-RD	RHC	A	4:00 PM

7th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL "WHITE" TEAM

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
11/24/97	M	7BBB-WH	Belding	A	4:00 PM
12/1/97	M	7BBB-WH	Greenville	H	4:00 PM
12/3/97	W	7BBB-WH	EHI	H	5:15 PM
12/8/97	M	7BBB-WH	Kenowa Hills	H	4:00 PM
12/11/97	TH	7BBB-WH	Northview	A	5:15 PM
12/15/97	M	7BBB-WH	RN	H	4:00 PM
12/18/97	TH	7BBB-WH	RHC	A	5:15 PM

VOLLEYBALL FROSH/J.V./VARSITY

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
12/13/97	SA	VJ	Creston (V)	A	8:00 AM
12/29/97	M	VJ	Saranac (JV)	A	9:00 AM

BOYS' BASKETBALL FROSH/J.V./VARSITY

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
12/9/97	TU	BBB	Lakewood	H	4:00/5:30/7:00
12/12/97	F	BBB	Rock-oid	A	4:00/5:30/7:00
12/16/97	TU	BBB	Zeeland	H	4:00/5:30/7:00
12/19/97	F	BBB	Hastings	A	4:00/5:30/7:00

8th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL "RED" TEAM

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
11/24/97	M	8BBB-RD	Belding	H	5:15 PM
12/1/97	M	8BBB-RD	Greenville	A	5:15 PM
12/1/97	M	8BBB-RD	Greenville	A	4:00 PM
12/3/97	W	8BBB-RD	EHI	A	4:15 PM
12/8/97	M	8BBB-RD	Kenowa Hills	A	5:15 PM
12/11/97	TH	8BBB-RD	Northview	H	4:00 PM
12/15/97	M	8BBB-RD	RN	A	5:15 PM
12/18/97	TH	8BBB-RD	RHC	H	4:00 PM

8th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL "WHITE" TEAM

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
11/24/97	M	8BBB-WH	Belding	H	4:00 PM
12/3/97	W	8BBB-WH	EHI	A	5:30 PM
12/8/97	M	8BBB-WH	Kenowa Hills	A	4:00 PM
12/11/97	TH	8BBB-WH	Northview	H	5:15 PM
12/15/97	M	8BBB-WH	RN	A	4:00 PM
12/18/97	TH	8BBB-WH	RHC	H	5:15 PM

WRESTLING

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Site	Time
12/6/97	SA	WR	Lakewood (JV)	A	9:00 AM
12/6/97	SA	WR	Lakewood (V)	A	10:30 AM
12/12/97	F	WR	Tri County Inv. (JV)	A	4:30 PM
12/13/97	SA	WR	Hemlock Tour.	A	9:00 AM
12/18/97	TH	WR	Zeeland	H	5:30 PM
12/27/97	SA	WR	Grandville Tour. (V)	A	10:00 AM

FREE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has announced that openings are available in the Caring Program for Children, a program that provides outpatient health care coverage to eligible uninsured youngsters under age 19 who don't qualify for Medicaid.

There is no cost to families except for \$1 whenever they need a prescription drug for their child. Openings are available for a limited time and parents are encouraged to apply directly to the program.

The Caring Program is a joint effort by the Blues, the state of Michigan and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. The Blues donate administrative services.

The nonprofit program pays health care premiums for youngsters through a combination of state grants and private donations.

Youngsters in the Caring Program receive a package of outpatient health care benefits that includes office visits, prescription drugs (with \$1 copay), immunizations, emergency treatment, outpatient surgery and diagnostic tests such as x-rays, at no premium cost to their families.

"Parents are encouraged to apply while funds are available," said Diana Jones, Blues assistant vice president for community affairs. "You can receive an application form by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-543-7765, on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m."

Uninsured youngsters must be under age 19 and unmarried, not eligible for Medicaid or employer-sponsored health care coverage and meet family income and other guidelines.

The income maximums vary depending upon a child's age. For youngsters age one to 14, they are \$19,632 for a family of two, \$24,672 for a family of three, \$29,700 for a family of four and \$34,728 for a family of five. Call the program for specific information.

If children are not eligible for the Caring Program, they may qualify for premium-free health care through Healthy Kids, a Medicaid program offered by the state of Michigan.

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Parents should listen to radio stations: WCUZ, WGRD, WJFM, WKTH, WLAV, WLHT, WOOD, OR WZZM-TV when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 5:45 AM.

Bonanza!

••• "Little" Joe Wisner hit his mark on opening day for hunting deer with firearms. Wisner was The Lowell Ledger's "First Buck" contest winner.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The wait, although different, ended for both Gerry and Joe Wisner Saturday.

Gerry Wisner waited 14 years for a hunting partner. Saturday, his son Joe accompanied him, not as an observer, but for the first time as a fellow deer hunter.

Some hunters wait years before dropping that elusive first buck. Some never realize that thrill at all.

Then, there are some who hardly have to wait at all. Joe Wisner would fall into that category.

The Wisners were out in their individual blinds at approximately 7 a.m.

Joe was at his own hand-picked site comfortably positioned in a blind he helped his father build. The youngest Wisner had preoccupied himself listening to the squirrels when a six point, approximately 175 pound buck presented himself. The wait was only 45 minutes.

"I was just listening to the squirrels when I looked up and there he was," Joe said. "He went behind some tops of toppled trees and then stepped out into a driveway. He sniffed the air, looked at me and then looked the other way. That is when I let him have it."

The 14 year old plugged him with a 12-gauge slug in the neck. The buck fell, then got back up. Wisner then hit him with some buckshot. The buck fell again and then got up and ran.

"I began tracking him and yelling for my dad," Wisner said.

It took 30 minutes before the blood trail led the father and son to the fallen buck.

Joe said his heart began to go thump, thump, thump when he first saw the buck. "I did what a story in Outdoor Life said to do to calm yourself down... I took a



Joe Wisner, 14, in his first year out, bagged this six-point buck. Wisner went out with his father Gerry. They brought the buck to the Ledger office at approximately 10 a.m. Saturday.

couple of deep breaths and that helped stop my shaking."

Along with its convenience, Wisners hunt on their own property to help rid themselves of the corn bandits. "I figure I lose about \$5,000 worth of corn every year to deer," Gerry Wisner said.

The Wisners brought the first buck to the Ledger office at 10 a.m.

Jody Hall, Murray Lake area, brought the morning's only other buck in at 11 a.m.

It was a 10-point buck that weighed over 200 pounds.

"I was out in the woods about 6:15 a.m. I didn't see the buck until 9:30," Hall said. "He crossed the road into the woods and into my deer decoy."

Hall shot him with his 12-gauge using buckshot.

"I hit him. The buck went down. He got up and I hit him again. End of story," Hall said. "It's my eighth or ninth buck, but the first one I've ever gotten on opening day. It's quite a rush."



Jody Hall holds the rack of his opening day 10-point, 200 pound buck.

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to speak on behalf of the league champions.

"Lowell played well. We didn't play all that great. We were lucky to get out of here with a win," Bruwer said.

The Red Arrows may have played their best game of the year, three nights earlier, when it traveled to Hudsonville.

"I think it was our best game both defensively and offensively," Akers said.

Defensively, Lowell was sparked by the tenacious play of Nikki Arnett. The Red Arrow held Renee Babin to just eight points. "Arnett did a tremendous defensive job on Babin," Akers said.

On the offensive, Lowell rode the wave of Lynn Boersma. The Red Arrow netted 31 points, making six three-pointers from the arc.

"Lynn moved well without the ball. Her teammates set some good screens to get her open and Lynn had a hot hand," Akers said.

Lowell trailed 19-15 after one quarter of play. The Red Arrows bounced back to take a 29-27 lead at halftime.

The two teams were tied at 38-38 to start the fourth quarter. Lowell held a three-point lead with 1:17 to play, but a couple of Lowell mistakes helped send the game into overtime at 49-49. Hudsonville outscored Lowell 4-2 in overtime for the victory.