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Lowell School District's Fund Balance Spared

•••• Academic programs untouched. Budget cuts of \$233,500 enables Lowell Schools to operate in the black this year.

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

While Lowell Area Schools received some good news from the state about funding, it wasn't enough to prevent board members from approving cuts of \$233,500 to the 1997-98 budget.

Earlier this fall, the state released a two-year state aid package that left Lowell Area Schools in good standings for this year. Under the plan, there would be a freeze on the foundation allowance in the second year, a restoring of money for the special education and At Risk programs, a 40/60 blended count, and a decrease in the retirement contribution made by school districts.

District business manager Connie Gillette said the reduction in retirement is quite a hefty savings for the district this year, totaling about \$357,000. However, the freeze on the foundation grant the following year could mean the district may lose about \$553,000. The freeze comes because of the recent settlement of the Durant case, where school districts will receive repayment for underfunded state mandated programs that ran before September 1997.

The goal will be to continue to keep a close eye on this year's budget, because it is so lean and because of the outlook for the following year.

Connie Gillette
Lowell Schools' Finance Manager

With that in mind, the Lowell Board of Education approved \$233,500.

None of the items were academic programs. The items hit included: professional development, \$15,000; supplies, \$10,000; curriculum, \$10,000; central office administration, \$32,500; transportation, \$20,000; contingency/capital outlay, \$110,000; early retirement, \$30,000; and athletics, \$6,000.

The board unanimously approved the cuts at its regular board meeting Monday night.

The cuts will allow the district to operate in the black this year, without having to touch its fund balance, which is currently at about \$1.84 million. In the budget approved in June, officials had estimated the district would need to pull about \$320,000 out of the fund balance for the 1997-

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Senior class votes to break graduation tradition

•••• By almost a 2-1 count, seniors voted to nix 24 years of graduation at the Showboat amphitheatre in favor of Red Arrow Stadium.

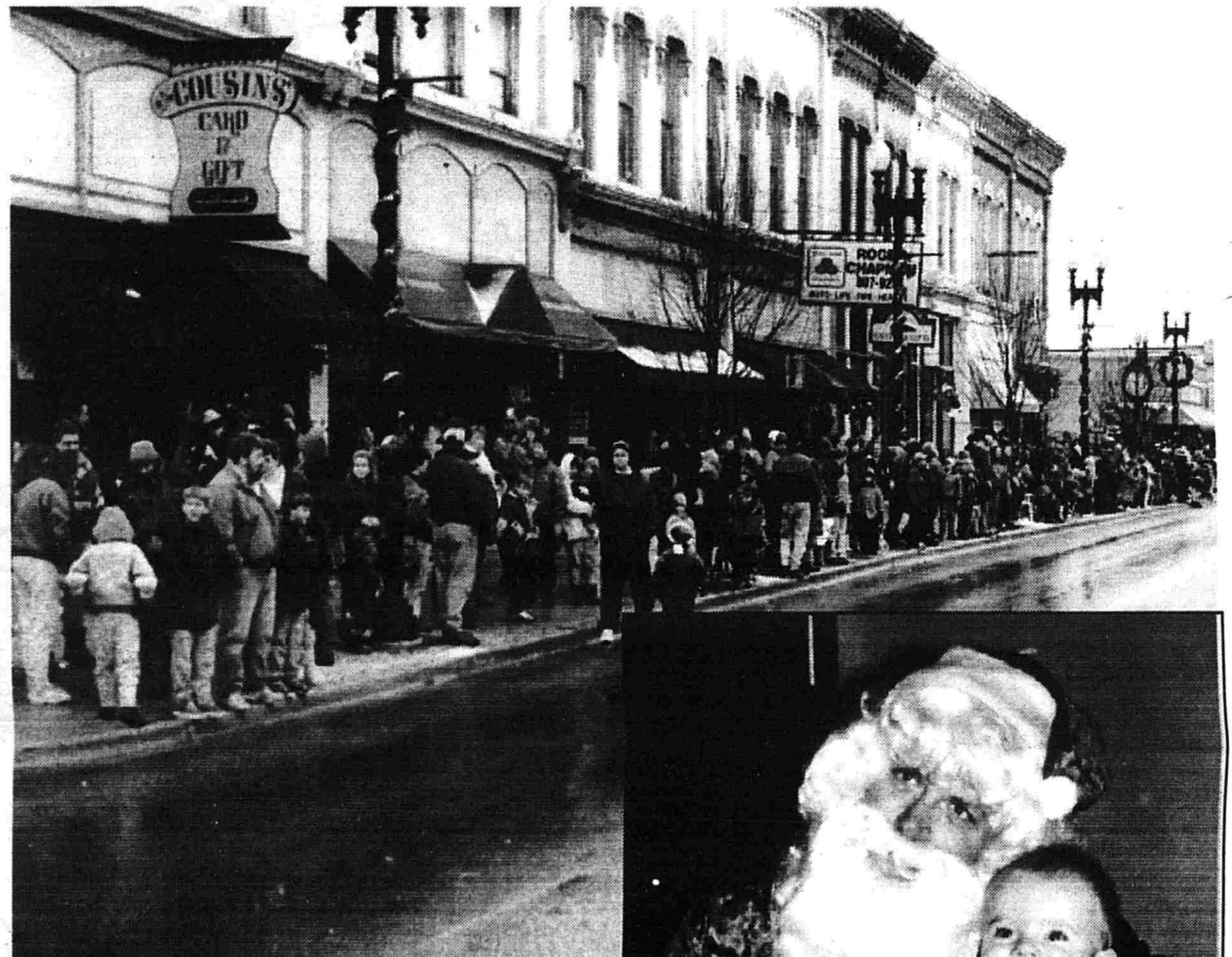
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The Lowell High School Class of 1998 may be breaking from tradition when the students take their ceremonious walk down the graduation aisle next spring.

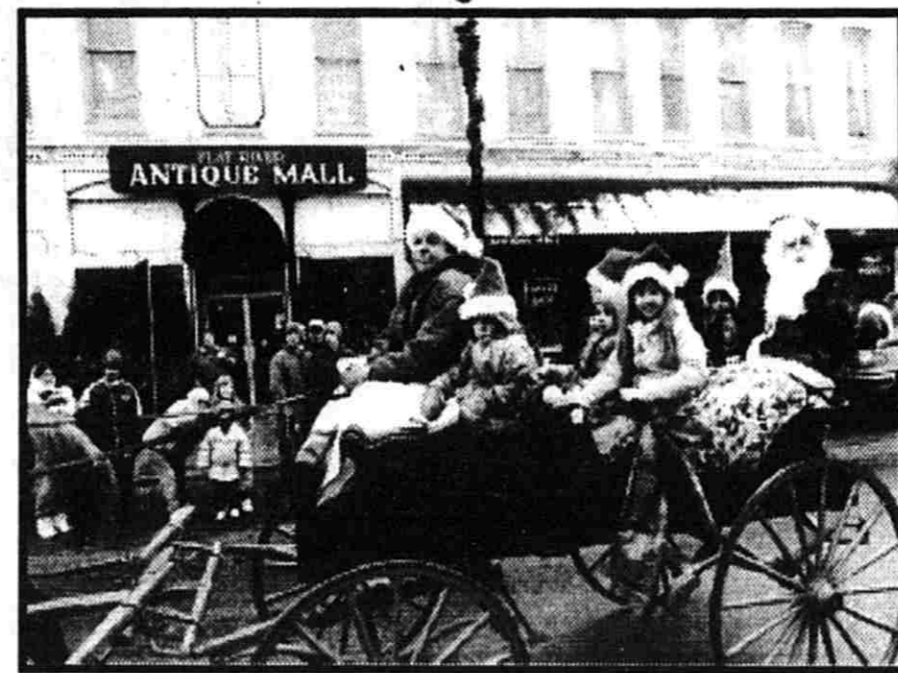
The students discussed and voted, 98-53 to move the graduation site to Red Arrow Stadium. Seniors were polled on whether or not they wanted to move the graduation ceremonies from the Lowell Showboat—which has been the site of the Lowell High School graduation for the last 24 years.

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Christmas parade marches in spirit of holiday season



Lowell residents lined the streets for the annual Christmas parade. Highlighting the list of 62 entries was a visit from Santa Claus. Seven-month-old Nathan Prangle, right, enjoyed a couple of moments with Ole St. Nick.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The spirit of Christmas could be felt along the entire Lowell Christmas parade route...from Bushnell Elementary to the First United Methodist Church.

The 62 parade entries marched past the lights of Lowell and the hundreds of residents who lined the south and north sides of Main Street during Saturday's main holiday event.

It wasn't the only Christmas activity Saturday, however. Following the parade was a craft show at Larkin's "The Other Place" and an opportunity for children to have their picture taken with Santa.

Throughout the day free carriage rides were available to residents. The celebration concluded with a city tree lighting ceremony and caroling.

Area churches also enacted a live nativity scene. Christmas parade (sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce) entry winners included the following, Luscious Landscape, first place, \$150 gift certificate to shop Lowell; Lowell Area Bus Transportation, second place, \$100



gift certificate to shop Lowell; and Boot-N-Scout 4-H Riders, third place, \$50 gift certificate to shop Lowell. Receiving honorable mention recognition was the Lowell Moose Lodge.

"The chamber is grateful to all businesses and organizations that had an entry in this year's parade," said Liz Baker chamber coordinator director. "They all helped to display the

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INSIDE THE LEDGER

More Christmas Parade Pictures, Pages 24-25



Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. George J. Fekete
St. Mary Church

I recall the story of the seminary professor who wanted to test his students. He got a large pure-white piece of poster board. In the very middle of the poster board he made a single black dot. The next day he took the poster board to his class, held it up and asked the students what they saw. All the hands went up and invariably every student answered, "I see a black dot." Finally in exasperation the professor asked, "Didn't anyone see the white?"

Last week in our Reflections, it was recommended

that we daily look into a spiritual mirror of the Scriptures with a backing not of silver but of the Holy Spirit. The reason for doing this during the season of Advent was to see ourselves as we are now and how the Word of God with the Holy Spirit wants us to be.

As we look into that spiritual mirror this week, I suggest focusing on our eyesight. I encourage a consideration of our eyesight because even those of us who have 20/20 vision may still have a blind side. We may not be able to see the good in certain people. We may get so caught up in our daily chores that we have no time to notice the beauty of God's creation. We may allow ourselves to read certain books, magazines or view videos that turn us from the Lord. We may overlook opportunities for reconciliation and not react to the need that is right at hand.

The Gospel of Luke 3:1-6 for the Second Sunday of Advent gives us God's messenger: John the Baptist. John tells us to "Make ready the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path...and all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

May we all be rewarded with 20/20 spiritual eyesight as we daily look at the mirror of the Word of God with the power of the Holy Spirit. God love you.



Greening and White exchange August vows

Mary Anne Greening and Jason Jamison White were united in marriage on August 23, 1997, at the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. The Rev. Gordon Barry performed the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Lynn Ford. Bridesmaids were Joni Greening, Shannon Greening, Heather Miner, Melanie Munsey and Elizabeth Price.

Best man was Ryan White. Groomsmen were Steve Bossert, Travis Briggs, Jon Kohler, Brian Ray and Martin Wilder.

The reception was also held at the Frederik Meijer Gardens. The couple honeymooned in Orlando, FL, and the Bahamas.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Deborah Greening of Ferndale and John Greening of Bloomfield Hills. She is a 1991 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School and a 1995 graduate of Albion College. She is currently employed at Young & Rubicam in Detroit.

The groom is the son of James and Bobbie White of Lowell. He is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1995 graduate of Albion College. He is employed at Holland Systems Corporation in Ann Arbor.

The couple resides in Novi, MI.

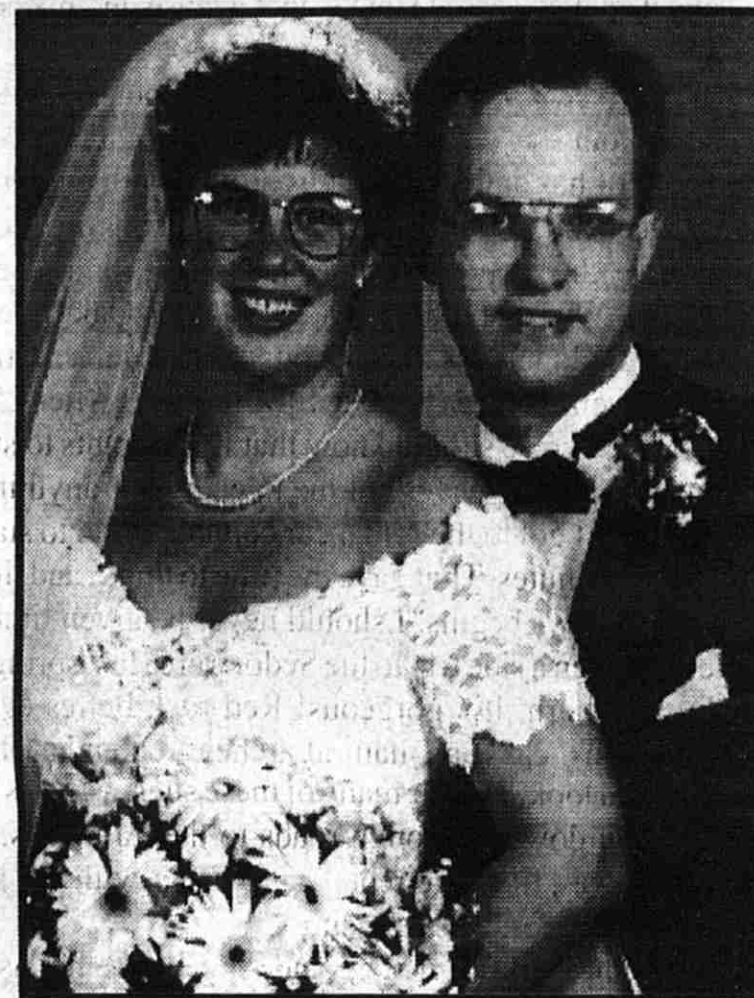
Johnson and Huizen wed

Jennifer Lynn Huizen and Kevin Lee Johnson were pronounced man and wife on September 13, 1997 at Beverly Reformed Church.

Maid of honor was Kim Huizen and bridesmaids were Becky Brink, Becky Poll and Julie Poll.

Brian Johnson served as best man and groomsmen were Curt Ritter, Tom Greenfield and Todd Huizen.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Bob and Denise Poll. Parents of the couple are Craig and Mary Huizen, and Lyle and Linda Johnson.



Jennifer and Kevin Johnson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 11 - Blanche Smith, Dave Rhodes, Kathryn Doyle.
DEC. 12 - Brad Briggs, Joyce Stormzand, Matt Newhouse, Sally Hacker.

DEC. 13 - Chrys Thaler.
DEC. 14 - Chris Kropf, Bryan Robert Roth.
DEC. 15 - Roger Brown, Karen Latva, Tammy Baird, Kathryn Duiven, Kristin Ellis, Danielle Brenk.
DEC. 17 - Bill Ellison.

School Menus

Week of 12/15-12/19

ELEMENTARY

MON: Ravioli, Calif. blend veg, French bread/peanut butter, assort. fruit, milk.

TUES: Hot dog in a bun, tater tots, grapes, canned fruit or bread pudding, milk.

WED: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat & cheese & pepperoni, cole slaw or juice, chocolate pudding or fresh fruit, milk.

FRI: Corn dogs, corn, baby carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Ravioli, burrito, chef salad or cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: Calif. blend, salad or Spanish rice; French bread w/margarine, peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Hot dog or crispito w/cheese stick, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger or yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, side salad or veg. soup & crackers; grapes, canned fruit or bread pudding, milk.

WED: Chicken nuggets or pork patty, cheeseburger in a bun, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes/gravy, rice, cole slaw or side salad; homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, pita fold sandwich, yogurt, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger; choose 2: broccoli, fruit juice or side salad; chocolate pudding or fruit, milk.

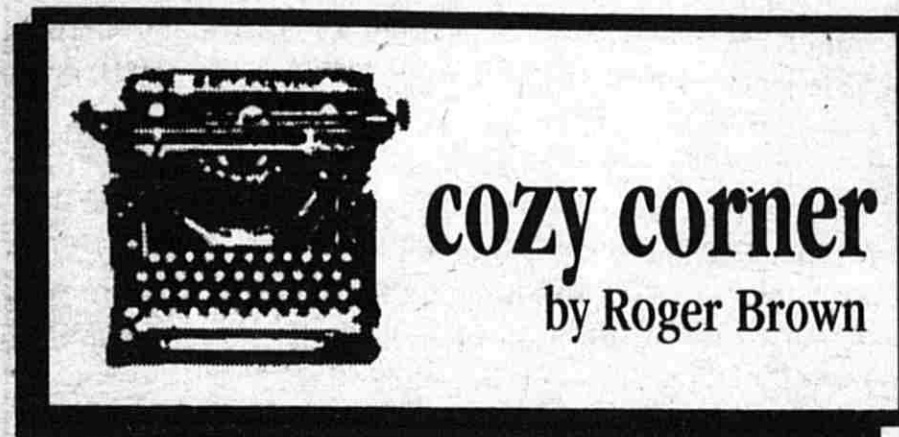
FRI: Nacho pieces w/meat & cheese, cook's choice, cheeseburger, chef salad or yogurt; choose 2: corn, fresh carrots or side salad; fruit selection, milk.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 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</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 3050 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</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Seltzerwood • Ph: 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>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/J.V. Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<p>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!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed Director Meghan Culyer.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>



Viewpoint



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

This column was missing in the last couple of editions because I was away. No, not the asylum again. The wife and I were visiting our new granddaughter over the Thanksgiving holiday. Madison lives in Chandler, Arizona. It's a suburb of Phoenix, and one heckuva long way from almost anywhere. I flew in from Michigan. Terese flew in from Florida. My son was working in Wisconsin, and couldn't make the trip. Our family may be small, but it sure is scattered. Oh, I should mention that while visiting Maddie, we also spent some time with my daughter and her husband... Angie and Brad... Maddie's parents.

I wasn't gone two weeks, though I wish that were the case. I happened to travel on two Tuesdays, and that's the day I write this column. Heaven forbid I should flex my schedule and write it a day early. I have that clause in my contract as publisher of this fishwrap.

I arrived a little ahead of Terese and was in charge of securing our rental car. Terese had reserved a mini-van for the purpose of hauling all five of us around with our clothes for a long weekend, food for a holiday feast, cooking utensils and, of course, the array of stuff needed to care for a seven-month-old baby. We had rented a place nestled in Oak Creek Canyon north of Sedona so as to make our visit a mini-vacation for the kids as well. Hence, the need for the van. After 25 years of marriage, Terese should know that if she wants to stick to her plans, she should never put me in charge of anything.

When I got to the rental car counter, I had to stand in line for a few minutes. That gave me time to think, and that's when trouble always begins. I should never be given time to think. We had taken a side trip to the Sedona area last spring when the baby was born. It's gorgeous! Red rock buttes everywhere. Indian ruins, canyons, natural arches... calendar photos anywhere you look. To four many of these sites, a 4X4 is necessary to get you down the rough roads to the trailheads. I merrily walked away from the rental car counter with the keys to an Isuzu Rodeo instead of a van.

Needless to say, Terese and Angie were not as enthused with my 4X4 as I was. We spent that evening at their place, and

numerous comments were made as to just how in the world we were going to get everybody, and everything, in the Rodeo. I brushed off these comments, though I had serious concerns of my own. I made secret plans to run to a nearby Home Depot for tie-down straps to secure some of our load to the roof.

The gods were with me, and a potential disaster was averted when Brad found he was stuck working all day Wednesday. This meant we would be driving on ahead to check in to our condo on the creek, and Brad would drive up after work. Now we could split the load between two vehicles. I had dodged a major bullet. I packed as much as I could into the Rodeo, and still a sizeable load went into Brad's car. I'm not sure the Rodeo's roof would have held up under the strain.

On the way to Sedona, we took one dirt road that in no way required four wheel drive, but would not have been a great choice in a heavily loaded mini-van. We saw several antelope along this stretch, and my choice of a 4X4 was beginning to gain favor. I wasn't off the hook yet, but they were letting the line slack a little.

We checked in, unloaded, settled in for our four-day stay and waited for Brad to arrive. He showed up that evening, we got him something to eat and we all hit the sack relatively early. The next morning was Thanksgiving Day. I got up for my morning walk, and took a rough trail part of the way up the canyon wall. The climb was steep and tough going, but getting to the top became an obsession with me. More about that in a future column.

When I got back, Angie and Terese were getting our turkey ready for the oven. It was a traditional Thanksgiving Day... family, football, feasting and phone calls to relatives. All the while I was studying maps and brochures of the area for 4X4 trails.

The next morning we loaded into the Rodeo and headed into Sedona. I think the girls would have preferred to do a little shopping, but I hooked a left and headed up Schnebly Hill, a steep, rough, dirt, switchback road that climbs up and out of the Verde Valley. After a 12-mile, one-hour climb, we were at the scenic overlook of Sedona and the valley. It was breathtaking. Best of all, I was actually told my 4X4 had been a good idea!

We spent the rest of our time four-wheeling and hiking. On some of the rougher roads, Maddie had to be wedged in her car seat with blankets and jackets, but she loved it. She knew that at the end of the rough ride, she'd get to go hiking in her backpack. Cool! She liked grandpa's 4X4 too!

On Tuesday morning, we had to reluctantly say goodbye to Maddie, Angie, Brad and Arizona, then board our respective planes back to reality. It was tough to leave, and really tough to hand over the keys to my Rodeo.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



PARASITES AND YOUR PETS

Can your dog or cat be carrying a parasite which can make you sick? Absolutely. Fortunately, this does not happen very frequently because exactly the right circumstances have to exist for you or other household members to become adversely affected.

At all costs, try to avoid touching your animal's waste products (urine or stool). The parasites may be contaminating these substances. Don't let children play in uncovered sandboxes that might be used as toilets by neighborhood cats. Avoid oral contact with your pet - especially sharing food or kissing the pet on the mouth. Pregnant women and people in poor health should never clean out cat litter boxes. People who do should wash their hands immediately afterward. Soiled cat litter can spread a parasitic disease known as toxoplasmosis, which can cause severe birth defects in an unborn child if the mother is infected during pregnancy.

Ways to avoid any parasitic infections in the home include:

- * Having your pet wormed and vaccinated exactly the way your vet recommends.
- * Not feeding raw meat to your pets.
- * Not letting your cat hunt or eat mice. This is how the cat can acquire toxoplasmosis.

Use common sense when attempting to decrease your risk of parasites in the home. Sometimes it is all that is needed.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 21, about noon, my 10-month-old black lab was hit and killed by an inconsiderate driver that wouldn't acknowledge what he had done.

Some people aren't animal lovers but the least they could do is show some consideration and respect for my beloved animal.

Pat Kowalczyk

Dear Editor,

Well, here it is, that time of the year that everyone enjoys, the hustle and bustle of Christmas. This is the time of the year when everyone tries to outdo last year as far as decorating and making all the delicious food for holiday weekends that are coming up.

This past weekend Linda and I had to go to Coldwater. We went through several towns to get there. We were amazed by the Christmas lights in the different towns that we passed

through. The size of the town was not of importance; big or small they all seemed to have lights.

The towns had their lights out whether it was pine trees or plain trees like the ones planted along the various Main streets of these towns.

When we arrived back to Lowell, we were very disappointed as there were no lights to be seen except what is on the individual homes or what is on the businesses along Main Street. I realize that some people do their lights so beautifully for everyone to enjoy and have been doing so for many, many years. We also have some people who have been destructive to the ones who have been putting these lights out for several years.

What I would like to know is - here we have a town that has their own power plant and we have not a light to show off our small town. I have checked around to find that several of our neighboring towns such as Ada, Saranac, Ionia, Greenville and Cannonsburg (yes, even Cannonsburg which if you blink your eyes you would have missed it).

I guess I'm wondering why we are so plain and drab. Let's light up our town and join in with the rest of the world and show our spirit.

Darlene Gahan



Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 9, 1897

George Winegar, the shoemaker, is moving to a Saranac farm, and the editor says: "May your potatoes be No. 13s on an EE last and your soul never peg out."

The Clarksville Academy prepares students for teaching or business.

J.C. English writes a long front-page article on supporting the Lowell public lighting plant, noting that more than \$1,000 has been paid in the last year to a "foreign" plant.

The editor advocates opening the school library to the public five days instead of two days a week.

"Don't let your wife scrub that kitchen floor when Blain will sell you linoleum so cheap."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - DEC. 7, 1922

Michigan sets up a state agency to survey properties for sale, for their agricultural worth. So much worthless land has been sold that buyers won't take a chance on Michigan land.

A speaker for the national Chamber of Commerce declares that illiteracy costs the country almost a million dollars a year. The Christmas Seal campaign states that one of every 12 babies born in the U.S. will die of tuberculosis.

Popular western writer Zane Grey's "Desert Gold" is running as a serial.

It is said that parking facilities are inadequate throughout most of the country.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 11, 1947

In the arguments over parking meters, St. Johns editor Ink White suggests a two-hour parking limit, to get merchants' cars off the streets.

The annual Nativity Scene at Richards Park begins this Saturday. Different chairmen are responsible for the one-hour programs each night at eight o'clock.

The Christmas parade will be at 3 p.m. Saturday the 13th and will include many school classes and the Saddle Club.

Kim Sigler, the reform governor, says the only way to clean up state government here is to write a new constitution.

Bowne Township, with new fire-fighting equipment, agrees to service Lowell Township as well.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - DEC. 7, 1972

Shoptlifting, once kept secret by merchants reluctant to admit it, is serious in Lowell. Merchants are now publicizing it and call police instead of trying to handle cases themselves.

The school board authorizes Supt. Sinke to hire a business manager for the first time.

Flat River Snowmobile Club is setting up free training sessions for youths ages 12-15 to prepare for the new Michigan law going into effect January 1.

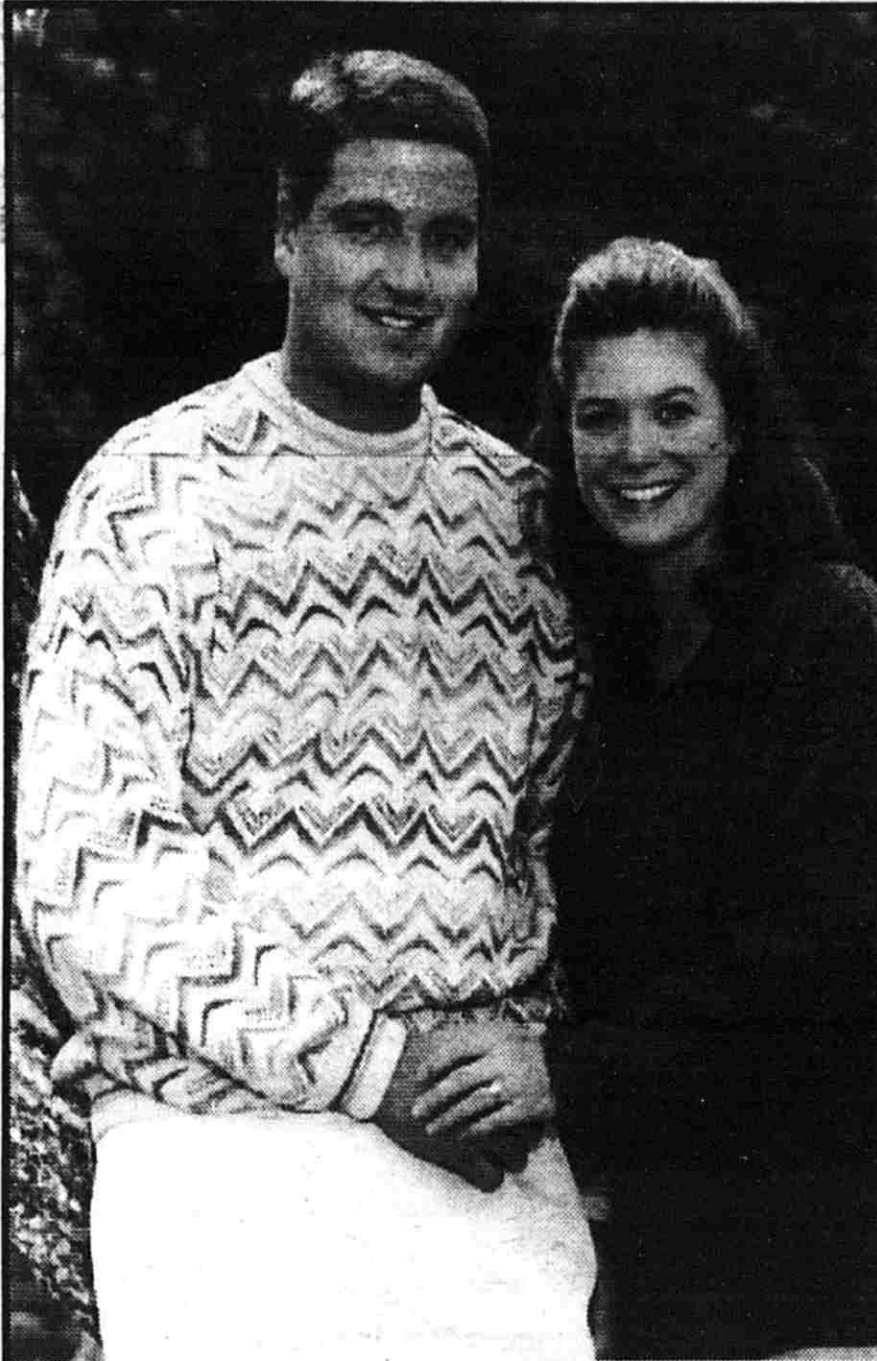
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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



Jim Barry and Amy VanVleck

VanVleck and Barry announce engagement

Roger and Janice VanVleck of Saranac are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy to Jim Barry of Lansing. He is the son of James and Jeanne Barry of Dexter. The bride-to-be is currently attending Michigan State University, anticipating a 1998 graduation. She works part time at Modern Photographics.

The future groom graduated from Michigan State University in 1993 and is currently self-employed in internet services in Lansing.

The couple is planning an October 24, 1998 wedding.

School district and administrative office support staff ink two-year pact

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Board of Education wrapped up its contract negotiations Monday night with the approval of a new two-year contract for the district's administrative office support staff.

The contract calls for a 4-percent raise in the first year and a 3-percent raise in the second year, for a total average of 3.5 percent.

Associate superintendent Richard Korb said the wage increase was higher than some of the other contracts. How-

ever, there was quite a bit of give and take from both sides on this contract.

On the language side, all new positions would be based on qualifications only. Seniority would no longer be a factor, but the district would try to promote from within, Korb said. Also when a position is vacant, the district will do a comparability study on what the position should pay compared to regular business. The number of vacation days were limited: new employees would receive 10 days for one to five years; 15 days for six

to 10 years; and 20 days for 11 or more years.

Also a merit pay based on yearly performance would be established.

On the economic side of the contract, besides the pay increases, the contract eliminates hourly wage for salary wages as well as eliminates steps and longevity.

The board of education approved the contract, 6-0, at its regular board meeting Monday night.

Korb said this is the last of eight contracts the district needs to finalize this year.

COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College student Melissa K. Peterson is a new initiate to Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honors society for freshmen. Alpha Lambda Delta was established at Albion College

in 1940 as an honorary society for academically outstanding freshmen. The honorary is given to students who have earned a 3.5 out of 4.0 grade point average at the end of their first semester or have an accumulative 3.5 at the end of their freshman

year, based on at least three units of graded courses per semester.

Peterson is a sophomore majoring in women's studies and anthropology and sociology. She is the daughter of Kay Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Lowell well represented in Christmas on the Radio - 1943 production

Ladies Literary Club Classical Theatre in conjunction with Oldies Radio Station WMJH Majic 810 will be presenting an original show never before seen in Michigan as the second show in their season of three. *Christmas on the Radio - 1943* is a musical review that includes over 40 Christmas songs performed by the radio stars of the 40's in the most popular shows of that era such as *Your Hit Parade*, *The Kollege of Musical Knowledge* and *Major Bowes Amateur Hour*.

Featuring a cast of 20 players, many will portray several different characters throughout the show. Lowell will be well represented in the production *Christmas on the Radio - 1943*. The show itself was co-written and will be directed

by Kathy Wheeler, Lowell High School's director of the spring musical. Is it any wonder that Lowell High School seniors Chris Mooney and Steve Schmidt will be singing the role of Frank Sinatra on *Your Hit Parade* and will also be featured in the role of Edgar Bergen.

Mooney will be Edgar's partner, Charlie McCarthy, who will go blow-for-blow with his old nemesis, W.C. Fields, in a version of *A Christmas Carol*. Both are featured throughout the show in various roles and as members of the Holly Jolly Singers. For Lowell High School musical fans, Schmidt was featured last year in the leading role of Sid in *The Pajama Game* and Mooney Theatre, cont'd. pg. 8



The Caroling of Musical Knowledge segment of LLC Classical Theatre's production of *Christmas on the Radio - 1943* features WMJH Majic Radio's Roger Munyon as Professor Kay Kyser. The contestants, from left to right, are: Steve Schmidt, Jeremy Wheeler, Corrie Wood and Chris Mooney.

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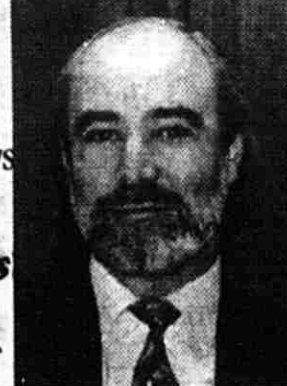
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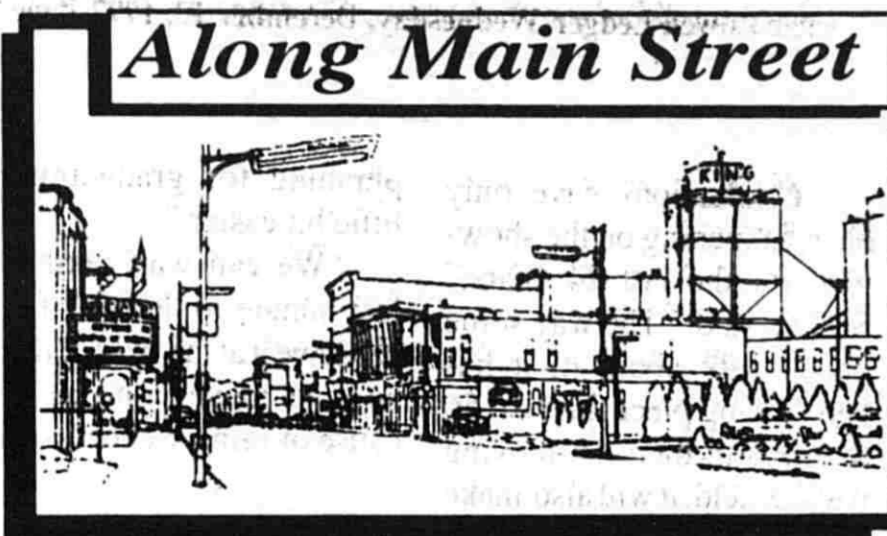
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Parents and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend this informative evening. Juniors and their parents are also invited to attend. For more information call 897-1465.

FREE CARRIAGE RIDES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce will be offering free carriage rides throughout the holiday season on Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21.

Call the chamber for more information at 897-9161.

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A public hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m., January 6th, 1998 for the purpose of discussing a petition requesting the abandonment of a portion of Downes Street in Section 15, Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan.

LOCATION OF HEARING
Kent County Road Commission
Earl G. Woodworth Building
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The North 33.0 feet of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 15, Town 7 North, Range 9 West, which lies West of the West line of the Mid-Michigan Railroad (100' wide). EXCEPT the West 580.0 feet thereof. All being in Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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All interested parties who desire further information are asked to contact Malcolm Balk, Real Estate Division, Kent County Road Commission, 1500 Scribner Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504. Phone (616) 242-6966.

ART EXHIBIT
Sherry Meeuwse and Joanne Peltz, both Rockford artists, join together for an exhibition sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Huntington Bank at 414 E. Main St. This exhibit of paintings will be on view through Jan. 6. View during business hours Monday through Saturday.

CHERRY CREEK SKI CLUB
The Cherry Creek Ski Club is now looking for new members to ski at Cannonsburg Ski Area on Thursday nights starting Jan. 8. For more information please contact Nancy Anderson at 897-8471, 897-9257 or 897-6539.

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spirit of Christmas here in Lowell."

This year's Christmas poster coloring contest winners were Sarah and Katie Weaver, five and under; Katie Serne, five-10; Austin Gentry, 11-16; and June Dilly, 17 and over. They received \$25 gift certificates to shop Lowell. The pictures are on display at the old Lowell Paint and Wallpaper store located just west of City Hall.

The coloring contest was sponsored by the Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide and judged by the Lowell Area Arts Council. Seven residences houses received gift certificates for their Christmas decorations.

Gary and Sharon Pieroni, 329 N. Washington, received top honors in the traditional category. They were rewarded with a \$50 gift certificate.

Leo and Madelyn Pfaller, 810 Bowes Rd., were second with a \$35 gift certificate; and Dale and Karen Latva, 904 Riverside Dr., were third with a \$25 gift certificate.

Jack Ryan, 1291 Ryan Ridge Dr., was first in the spectacular residential category. He received a \$50 gift certificate.

Roberta Wylie, 624 N. Hudson, was second receiving a \$35 gift certificate; and Blair Cahoon, 2599 Gee Dr. was third \$25 gift certificate.

The Ned Swift family, 1001 N. Washington, was the

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 9, 1997 • 7:30 P.M.

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing a request from Tim & Kathy Metternick, 8725 Fawn Crest Drive, for a variance of Article 3.02 in the A-2 District. They wish to place a pole building in a side yard.

Donald Schriemer
Secretary-ZBA
Bowne Township

CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

As referenced in the Snow Removal Ordinance #86-1, all occupants or owners of any premises or property are responsible to keep sidewalks and areas adjacent to existing sidewalks clear of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of snow fall.

No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-of-way, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

Any occupant or property owner that violates this ordinance will be fined.

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UPGRADING YOUR PERSONAL COMPUTER
Lowell Community Ed., Riverside Dr., will offer a class on Tues., Dec. 16, from 7 - 9 p.m. on how to add ram memory, hard disk drivers and upgrade the processor on your computer. Cost is \$25. Call 897-8235 for more information.

SOUVENIR SCHEDULE KEYCHAINS
Next Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the boys' basketball game, souvenir schedule keychains will be given away (while supplies last) to the fans who donate a canned food item for the ACCESS 6 Food Pantry.

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winner in the Spirit of Christmas category. It receiving a \$50 gift certificate.

Honorable mention status was given out to Darla West, Bob and Gay Pfaller, Jon Vezino, Arnie Kimball, Helen Schaefer and Donna Koewers.

All certificates awarded in the decorating contest were used while shopping in Lowell.

This year's winner in the business category was The Lowell Ledger-Buyers Guide-Lowell Litho. It received a plaque for its participation.

Honorable mention status was awarded to Hahn Hardware, McGee Homestead, Superior Furniture and Salon 206.

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wowed the audience as one of the members of the dance number *Steam Heat*. Both just completed starring roles in Lowell's fall production of *You Can't Take It With You*.

Lowell resident, singer and performer Corrie Wood will also be part of this Christmas production playing multiple roles including one of the Andrews Sisters and the featured singer in the Arthur Godfrey segment. Wood is no stranger to Lowell High School productions either and is remembered well for her performance in the Carol Burnett role of *Once Upon A Mattress* several years ago. That musical, by the way, will be revised as the 1998 spring production at Lowell High School. Wood also has been featured as one of the "end men" for the Lowell Showboat show.

Helping with lighting and set design is Lowell Performing Arts director, Dick Graham.

The performances at the Literary Club Classical Theatre will be December 12 through the 15th. Tickets are available at the door at \$9 each or \$4 for students. Group rates are available on 20 or more tickets by calling 940-6067 or 454-0525.

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"There were a number of reasons why we considered it," said Nate Schoen, who sits on the high school student council and who is also a student representative on the Lowell Board of Education. Those reasons included the overcrowding of the stage area because of the increased number of graduating students, parking, and what happens when it rains.

Over the last three-five years, graduating classes have ranged from 150-200 students. Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw explained that in a couple of years, the graduating class at Lowell will be approximately 300. "That is more than what the Showboat amphitheatre stage can hold," he said.

"Still, it is breaking with a tradition some community members have grown accustomed to. Superintendent Bert Bleke said he expected some reaction to the news by the community.

Reaction came swiftly from one board member, Jim Reagan, who expressed his disappointment in the decision of the students and asked them to reconsider.

"Maybe if we gave them all a ride in the showboat, they would change their minds," Reagan said.

Bleke said if the board had no objection, the district would allow the seniors to move ahead with their plans to have the graduation at the high school field. He said a final decision would have to be made soon so that the printing of programs and invitations could be taken care of.

Vashaw said the school would listen to any concerns brought forth by the city or citizens before making a final decision.

Vashaw said there are also political considerations to look at. "The school must be sensitive to all the different audiences and to the city and Showboat board for the working relations it has held with the school over the years. Lowell Schools is very appreciative of that," he explained.

The high school principal said while moving the gradu-

ation site to the stadium would provide better parking, a larger facility, and make moving inside easier in case of rain, it would lose aesthetics and the closeness that the Showboat brings.

At the 1997 graduation, about 191 students filled the showboat stage. In 1998, it is estimated that about 202 students will graduate.

Schoen said the entire senior body was polled with about two thirds in favor of having the graduation cer-

emony at the high school field. The Class of 1998 is the first one to start and complete all four years in the new high school. It would also be the first class to graduate at the stadium - beginning a new tradition.

"Graduations have only been happening on the showboat for the last 24 years," Schoen said. "The way some people talk about it, it has been taking place the last 50 to 100 years there. By moving it to the field, it will also make

planning for graduation a little bit easier."

"We can wait until the last minute to decide if we can have it at the field or if we need to move it inside because of rain," Schoen said.

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33 WJTV	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "The Outrage"	Diagnosis Murder "Murder in the Family"	Delta Adventure	News	Late Show	News	Late Show	News
41 WQTV	American Journal	Real TV	Nothing Sacred "Hodie Christus Natus Est"	Cracker "Lemmings Will Fly"	20/20	News	Nightline	News	Nightline	News
45 WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Over the Grand	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose	News
47 WXMI	Home Improvement	Sinfeld "The Airport"	Living Single	Between Brothers	413 Hope St. "Lost Boys and Gothic Girls"	Pet-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal	Frasier "Ham Radio"	Frasier "Ham Radio"	M*A*S*H	News
48 WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra	Friends	Union Square	Sinfeld "Veronica's Closet"	ER "Do You See What I See?"	News	News	Tonight Show	News
49 WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Wolf's Origins	Mystery! "Murder on the Links"	Practical Sports	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	News
49 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Nothing Sacred "Hodie Christus Natus Est"	Cracker "Lemmings Will Fly"	20/20	News	Nightline	News	Nightline	News
49 WSYM	Frasier "Ham Radio"	Home Improvement	Living Single	Between Brothers	413 Hope St. "Lost Boys and Gothic Girls"	News	Real TV	Real TV	Keenen Ivory Wayans	News
49 TBS	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Movie: *** "The Living Daylights" (1987, Adventure) Timothy Dalton, Maryam d'Abo. James Bond faces a KGB general and an American arms dealer.	Movie: *** "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977)	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
49 FAM	Waltons "The Triangle"	Branson Country Christmas	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.	Movie: "The Christmas List" (1997) Mini Rogers, Rob Stewart.
49 FX	Miami Vice "Asian Cut"	X-Files "Tunguska"	X-Files "Tunguska" (Part 1 of 2)	NYPD Blue "I Love Lucy"	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color
49 USA	Highlander: The Series "The Warmonger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"	Walker, Texas Ranger "One Rict, One Ranger"
49 DISC	Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery "The Island of Apes"	Into the Unknown	Movie Magic	Wings "The Flying Tanks"	Wings "The Flying Tanks"	Wings "The Flying Tanks"	Wings "The Flying Tanks"	Wings "The Flying Tanks"	Wings "The Flying Tanks"
49 WGN	Family Matters	Coach	Sister, Sister	Smart Guy "DateLine"	Wayans Bros.	Steve Harvey	News	News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Castles in the Sand
49 ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the CoreStates Center. (Live)
49 CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden of Proof	Larry King Live	World Today	Up Close Special	Up Close Special	Up Close Special	Up Close Special
49 NICK	Doug	Rugrats	Allen Strange	Happy Days	Wonder Years	Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart "High Fidelity"
49 A&E	Law & Order "Act of God"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"	Biography "Joan Collins"
49 FSD	FOX Sports News	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers. (Live)
49 TNT	Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.	Movie: ** "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.
49 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Legacy"	Alabama's Christmas Greetings	Prime Time Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country
49 TRAV	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Amazing America	Mystic Lands	Lonely Planet	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Amazing America	Mystic Lands	Amazing America	Mystic Lands
49 TLC	Home Again	Home Again	Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Aviators "X-Men"	Future Fantastic "Immortals"	Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Medical Detectives	Without Warning
49 SCIFI	Time Trax "Beautiful Songbird"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Sequest DSV "Daggers"
49 HIST	Air Combat "WWII: Pacific"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"
49 AMC	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939), Merle Oberon, David Niven
49 DISN	Jack Frost	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange	Movie: *** "The Nanny" (1996), Ted Lange
49 HBO	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick	Movie: *** "The Cable Guy" (1996), Matthew Broderick
49 MAX	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Movie: *** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)







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33 WJTV	Late Show	Late Show	Geraldo Rivera	CBS Up to the Minute	(Joined in Progress)					
41 WQTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
45 WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
47 WXMI	Vibe	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Paid Program	Home Team	(Off Air)				Blossom
48 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night	Later	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside					
49 WKAR	(Off Air)									
49 WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King	News	Access Hollywood	View	ABC World News Now	(Joined in Progress)		
49 WSYM	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Gayle King	Martha Stewart Living	News	Jenny Jones	All News Night	All News A.M.	All News A.M.	All News A.M.	All News A.M.
49 TBS	(10:50) Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.	Movie: *** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.
49 FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
49 FX	NYPD Blue "A Wrenching Experience"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"	Miami Vice "Payback"
49 USA	(11:30) Silk Stalkings	Highlander: The Series "Pharach's Daughter"	Pharach's Daughter	La Femme Nikita "Voices"	Tucker: The Man and His Dream	Tucker: The Man and His Dream	Tucker: The Man and His Dream	Tucker: The Man and His Dream	Tucker: The Man and His Dream	Tucker: The Man and His Dream
49 DISC	Wild Discovery "The Island of Apes"	Into the Unknown	Movie Magic	Wings "The Flying Tanks"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
49 WGN	In the Heat of the Night "A Depraved Heart"	Simon & Simon	Simon & Simon	St. Jude's: Story of Hope	Columbo An aging movie queen plans to return to a Broadway musical against her husband's wishes.	Columbo An aging movie queen plans to return to a Broadway musical against her husband's wishes.	Columbo An aging movie queen plans to return to a Broadway musical against her husband's wishes.	Columbo An aging movie queen plans to return to a Broadway musical against her husband's wishes.	Columbo An aging movie queen plans to return to a Broadway musical against her husband's wishes.	Columbo An aging movie queen plans to return to a Broadway musical against her husband's wishes.
49 ESPN	Superouts: Muhammad Ali vs. Leon Spinks	Running & Racing	Golf Hawaii	Sportscenter	Up Close	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers	Up Close	Up Close	Up Close	Up Close
49 CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today	Burden of Proof	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live	Crossfire	CNN/Sports Illustrated	CNN International	Newsroom	Newsroom
49 NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Bewitched	Odd Couple	Bob Newhart	Rhoda "Joe"	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart "High Fidelity"
49 A&E	Biography "Joan Collins"	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.	Holiday at Pops! The Boston Pops Orchestra performs Christmas holiday favorites.
49 FSD	Football Wkly	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.	NHL Hockey: Cincinnati Cyclones at Detroit Vipers.
49 TNT	(11:00) Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.	Movie: *** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Vera Miles.
49 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Legacy"	Prime Time Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country	Today's Country
49 TRAV	Lonely Planet	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"	Rough Guide "South Africa"
49 TLC	Aviators "X-Men"	Future Fantastic "Immortals"	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again
49 SCIFI	Sequest DSV "Daggers"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"	Forever Knight "Amateur Night"
49 HIST	In Search of History "The Mormon Rebellion"	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young	When the Century Was Young
49 AMC	(11:15) Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)	Movie: *** "The Black Swan" (1942)
49 DISN	Zorro	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois	Movie: *** "The Christmas Star" (1986), Rene Auberjonois
49 HBO	Titanic: First Look	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes	Movie: *** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996), Jonathan Frakes
49 MAX	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)	Movie: *** "Killer: A Journal of Murder" (1996)

TOWN TALK



What do you want for Christmas?

					
Brandy Washburn I want a Casey Casey Cartwheel.	Emma Bencher A curly haired doll.	Jamie Goggins Oopsy Daisy, she crawls and falls.	Michael Keith A new dump truck.	Nicole Platz A Barbie and horsie.	Kirstin Eickhoff A Barbie doll and clothes.

					
Sarah Eickhoff Clothes.	Jordan Potter A Jeff Gordon remote control car and skis.	Cheyenne Brown Beanie Babies and Beanie Baby books.	Cody Johnson A gun, tractors and a sword.	Nikki Elliott A coat from Abercrombie.	Holly Grummet A sweater from Abercrombie.

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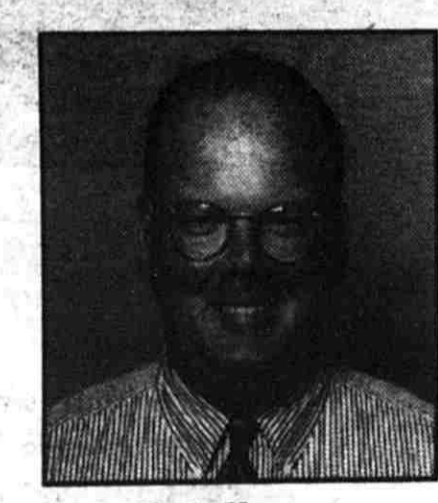
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Red Arrow wrestlers second to Charlotte at Battle Creek

••• Dan Rottier, Brad Lyons and Bill Stouffer earn firsts in respective weight classes.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A season-opening wrestling invitational at Battle Creek Lakeview Saturday gave Lowell coach Gary Rivers a pretty good indication of what he wanted to know about his 1997-98 grapplers.

"Our younger wrestlers learned that they need to work harder on their strength and conditioning," Rivers explained. "We have spent a good portion of our time throwing out information. We learned Saturday work is also needed on countering wrestling moves."

Rivers said he was pleased with his club's second-place finish. Charlotte won the invitational with 170.5 points. Lowell was second with 149 and East Kentwood came in third with 141.5.

"We were in there against two pretty good Division I schools and I thought we competed quite well," Rivers explained.

Lowell placed six wrestlers in the finals. Three earned championships in their weight classes.

Dan Rottier, wrestling at 119 pounds and up from 103 a

Luik was pinned by East Kentwood's Justin Leslie at 5:38 of the third period. "Dave wrestled with control, but he needs to be more aggressive," Rivers said.

West was 2-1, losing to Phil Bowers, of Battle Creek Lakeview, 15-5 in the finals.

Freshman Caleb O'Boyle, 125 (3-1), and sophomore

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Gary Rivers
Lowell Wrestling Coach

year ago, finished 3-0 on the day. "Dan's a good wrestling technician," Rivers said. "He needs to work on his strength." Rottier pinned Battle Creek Central's Jon Dungey at 3:01 of the second period.

Brad Lyons, at 140 pounds, pinned East Kentwood's Andy Bielecki in 46 seconds of the first period. "Brad looked great. He is stronger and a more mature wrestler," said Rivers.

Bill Stouffer, 215 pounds, was 2-0 and had a pretty easy time of it. "They are going to have to be a pretty good wrestler to compete with Bill," Rivers said. "I think there will be two wrestlers at Hemlock Saturday who can challenge Bill."

Placing second for Lowell were Steve VanLaan, 171 pounds; David Luik, 152; and Brett West, 112.

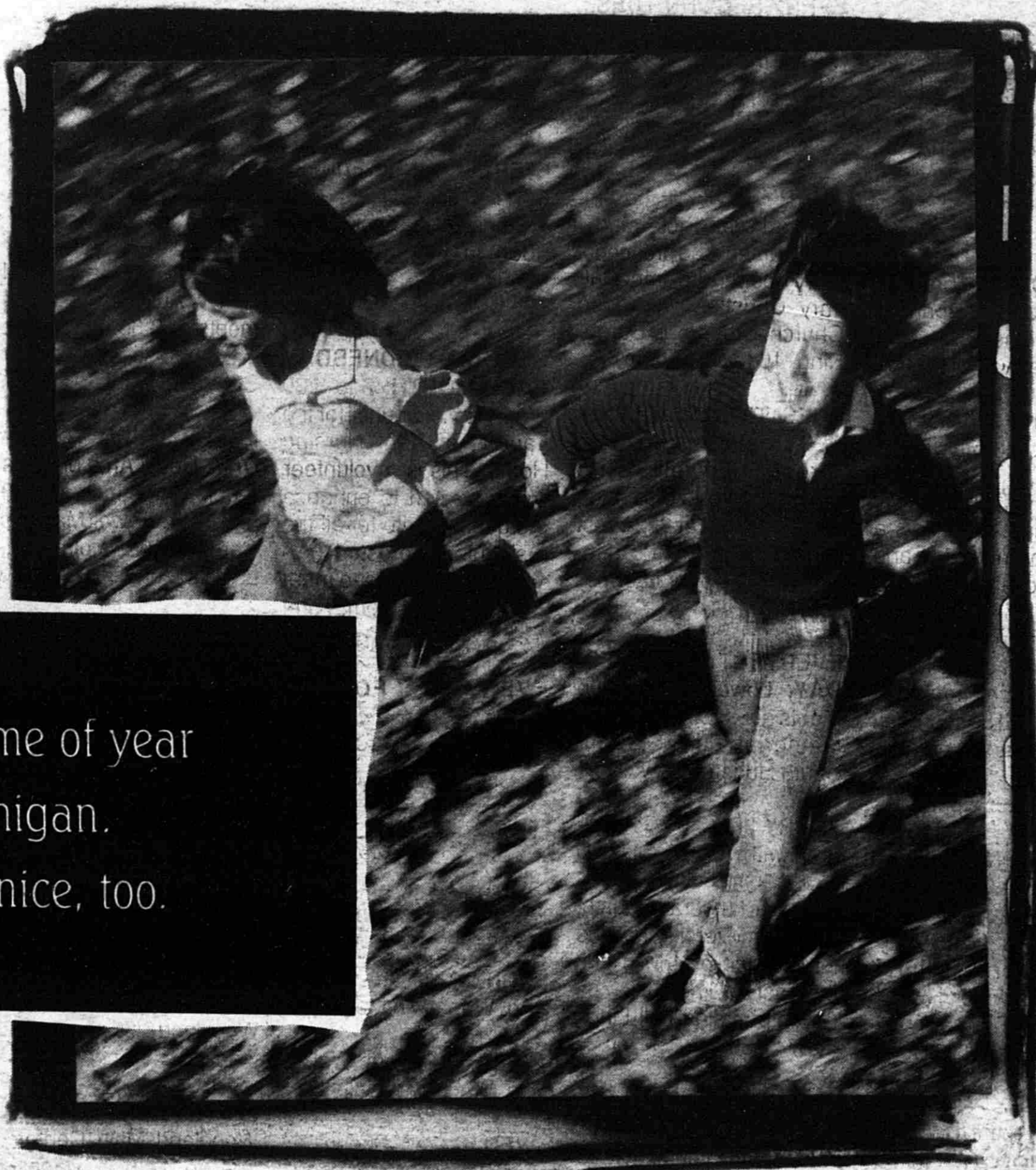
Van Laan lost in the finals to state medalist Josh Brzycki from Charlotte.

Tom Oesch, 145 (3-1), placed third. Brent Lyons, 130, Keith Krebill, 160, and Lucas Grummet, 189, finished fourth.

The results at other weight classes were: Eric Hays, 103, 0-2; Peter VanLaan, 135, 0-2; and Mike Arnswald, HWT, 0-2.

TRIVIA

Astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young named their Gemini space capsule Molly after the film *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.



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COMING EVENTS

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

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.

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

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 TUES. DAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East 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 TUES. DAY: 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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

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

WED.: 12:45 Shopping assistance. Center open to 3 p.m. for videos with volunteers.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk

THURS., DEC. 11: 12:20 p.m., Tour Sr. meals program, Ronald McDonald House.

TUES., DEC. 16: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

WED., DEC. 17: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

THURS., DEC. 18: 12:30 p.m., Walmart/ Fruitbasket Flowerland.

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

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

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

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

FRI., DEC. 12: 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple initiation ceremonies and

DEC. 13, 14, 20 & 21: The Lowell Chamber of Commerce will be offering free carriage rides throughout the holiday season. Call the chamber for more information at 897-9161.

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Vesper services will be held during the regular monthly meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES. Prior to the meeting there will be a potluck dinner, bring a dish to pass and own table service. Eat at 6:30. This is a new year, come support your officers.

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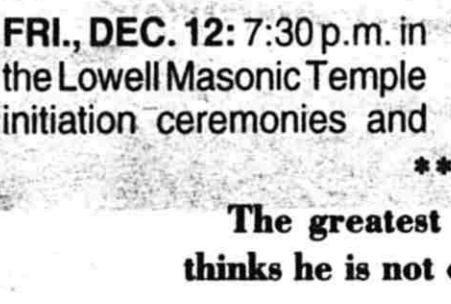
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The greatest fool is he who thinks he is not one and all others are.
—Baltasar Gracian

IF YOU SEE THIS GUY ON TUESDAY, DEC. 16...



WISH HIM HAPPY 18TH! LOVE, MOM, DAD & NIKKI

Local FFA Chapter part of record-setting convention

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was an amazing sea of blue - and it didn't have anything to do with football in Ann Arbor.

The 70th annual national Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City drew a record-setting 46,000 registrants, attired in blue jackets, to the three-day (Nov. 13-15) gathering.

The first convention, back in 1928, at the formation of the FFA organization, drew just 33 participants.

Lowell members attending this year's convention were Aaron Kaeb, Ben Kaeb, Brad Jackson, Jennifer Wisner, Andrea Baker, Tricia Fick, Tom Oesch, Chris Van Spronsen, Joe Patterson, Lindsay Perkins, Aaron Plattner, Beth Larabee and Shannon Finnegan.

This year's keynote speaker was Orion Samuelson, chairman of the board of Channel Earth Communications.

Finnegan also got to be observed. She was one of 100 FFA members selected to per-

form in the National FFA Choir.

The Lowell FFA member tried out last spring. "She was recommended by our choir director Paul Balaam," Siler said. "It's quite an honor to be selected. Shannon is the seventh from the Lowell chapter to be selected."

Some may think the national convention is an end of the year thing - a time to wind down.

That won't be the case with the Lowell FFA chapter.

This year, the chapter will

adopt nine Kent County families during the holiday season as part of its Adopt-A-Family program. This is the

"The program has grown over the years. Just knowing you're helping someone is a great feeling. No 'thank you'

Local FFA students also

The national convention is a time for students to observe. It's a reward for those who have worked hard.

-Pete Siler, Lowell FFA director

seventh year for the program.

"The idea for the program came about seven years ago. Three of my students, Heidi Kaeb, Melanie Kaeb and Danielle-Fellows Scott suggested we start the program," Siler said.

All the funds for the program are donated by the students. They are used to purchase food, clothing and toys.

Names of families were attained through Threshold Services in association with Kent Client Services.

is necessary," Siler said.

The national FFA program has also been active in Project Pals for six years. It is a mentoring program whereby high school students spend some of their free time hanging around with students in grades two through five. Lowell's local program has been up and running for four years.

While in Kansas City, FFA students spent six hours with 400-500 elementary students from schools in the Kan-

partner up with local elementary students outside the classroom during the school year.

Siler views the adoption of character traits integrated throughout curriculums, organizations and businesses as a way to further develop positive attitudes toward leadership development in all student organizations at the high school.

"Student leadership can come in different ways and from all different angles," Siler said.

Friends of Englehardt Library sponsor Victorian Christmas tea

The Friends of the Englehardt Library in Lowell will sponsor a Victorian Christmas Tea at the library on Friday, December 19, at 1:30 p.m. This event is for adults, and registration is required.

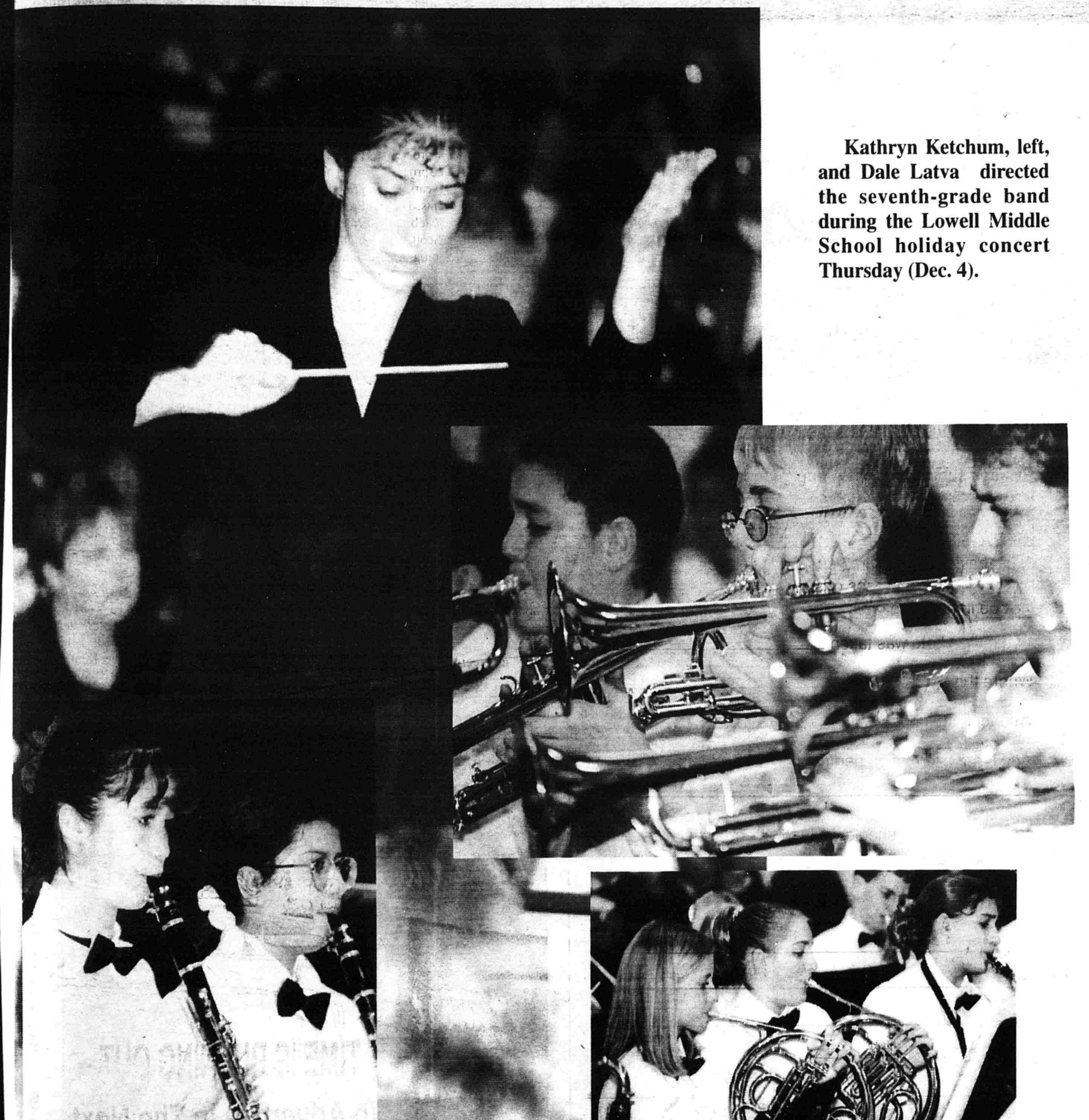
June Murphy, a hostess in the Meijer Gardens Victorian

Tea Room, will speak on tea, calling practices and manners of the Victorians. Murphy has been a volunteer at the Voigt House for the past 20 years and is a member of Questors - a group which studies antiques and promotes historical preservation. Her interest in Victorian history and customs

comes from her English background.

For more information about the Victorian Christmas Tea or to register, please call the Englehardt Library, a branch of the Kent District Library, at 897-9596. The library is located at 200 N. Monroe in Lowell.

Middle school bands on key for the holidays



Kathryn Ketchum, left, and Dale Latva directed the seventh-grade band during the Lowell Middle School holiday concert Thursday (Dec. 4).

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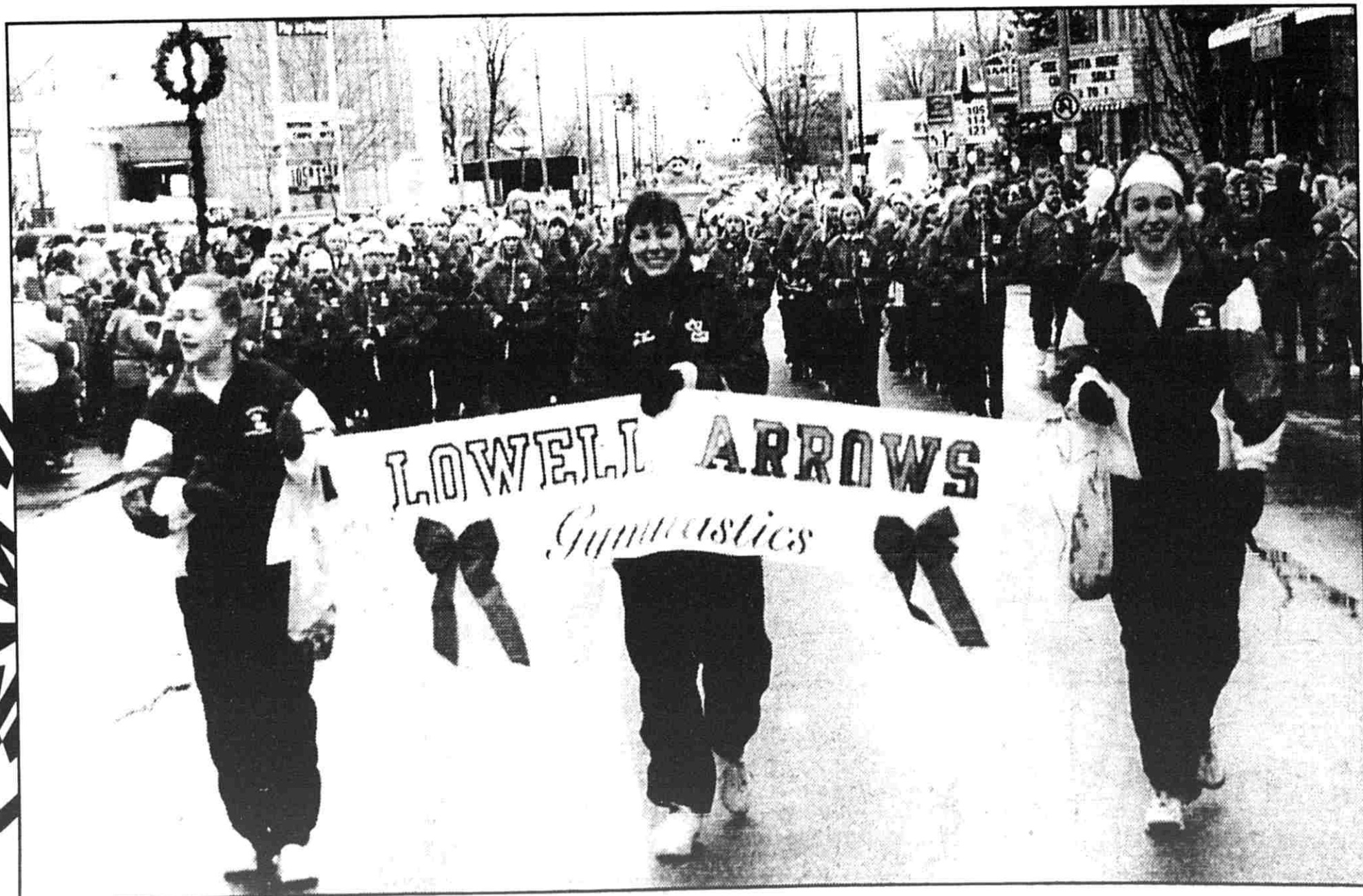
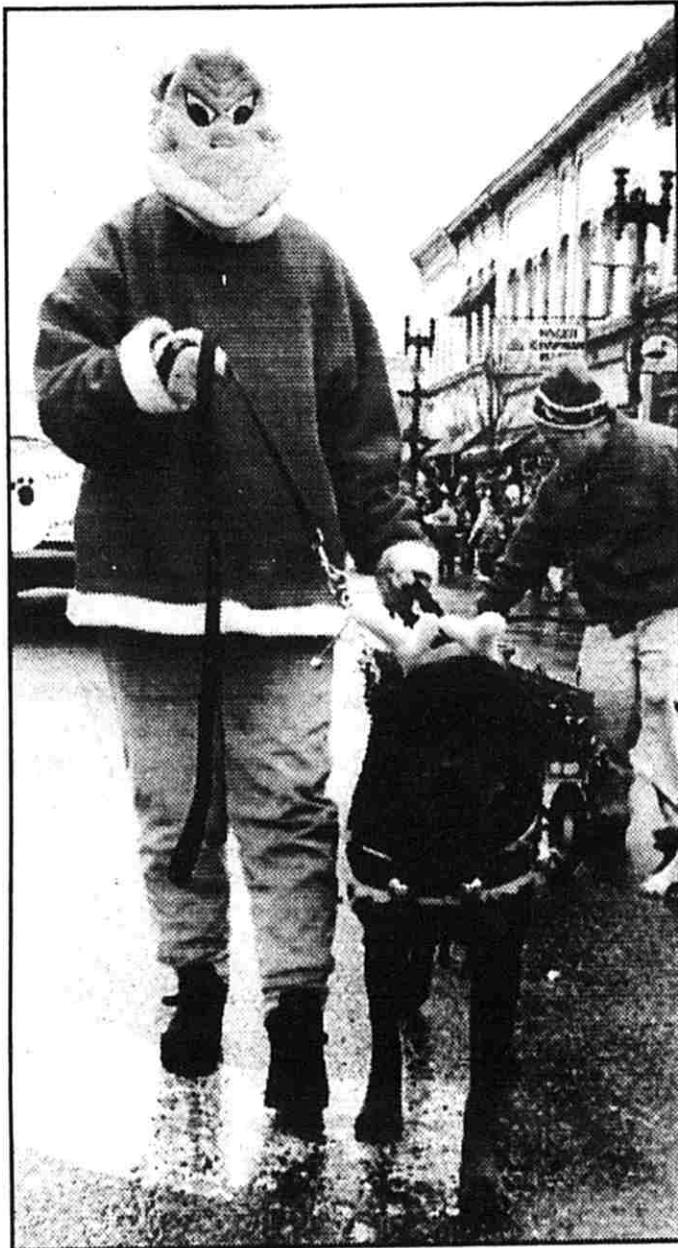
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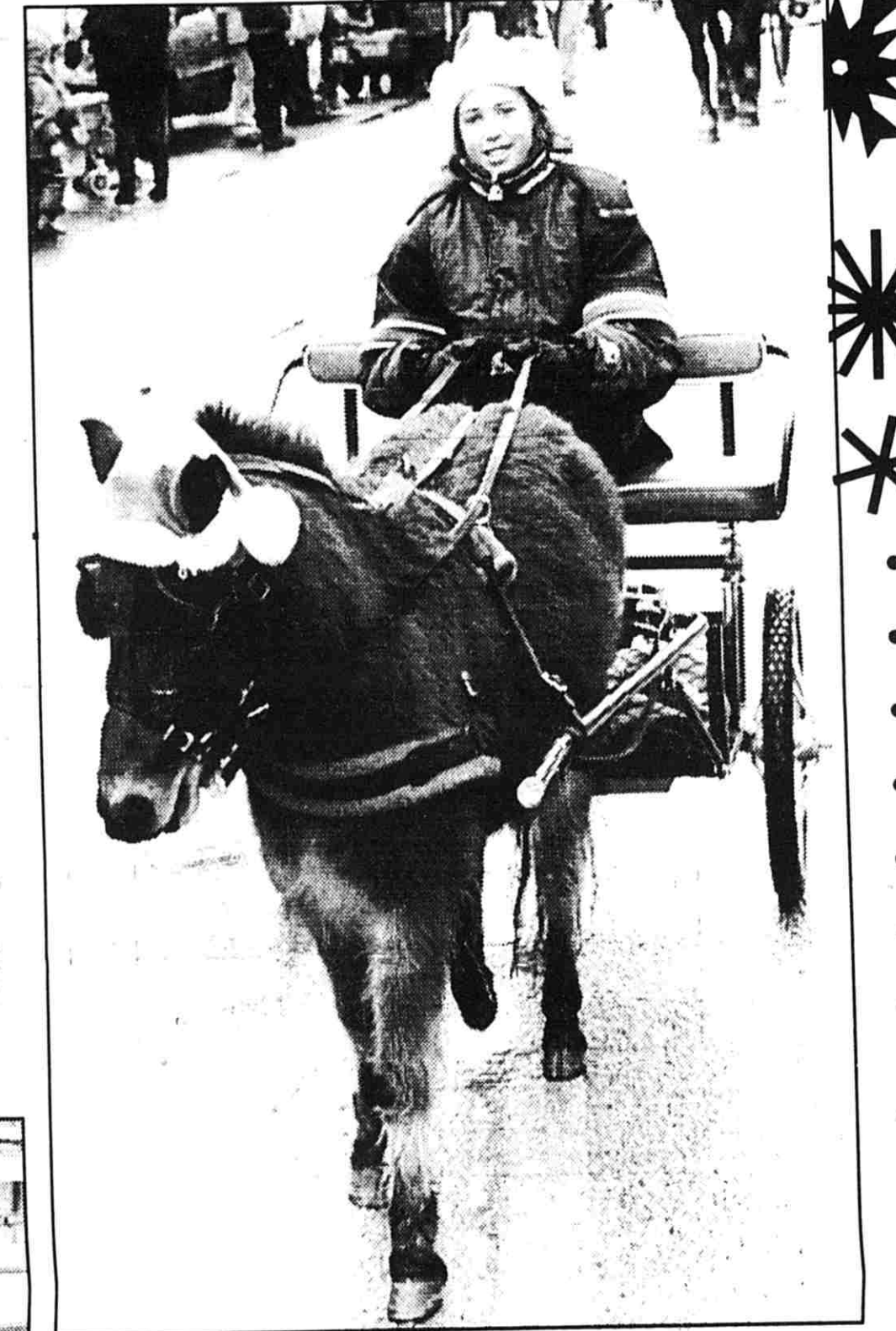
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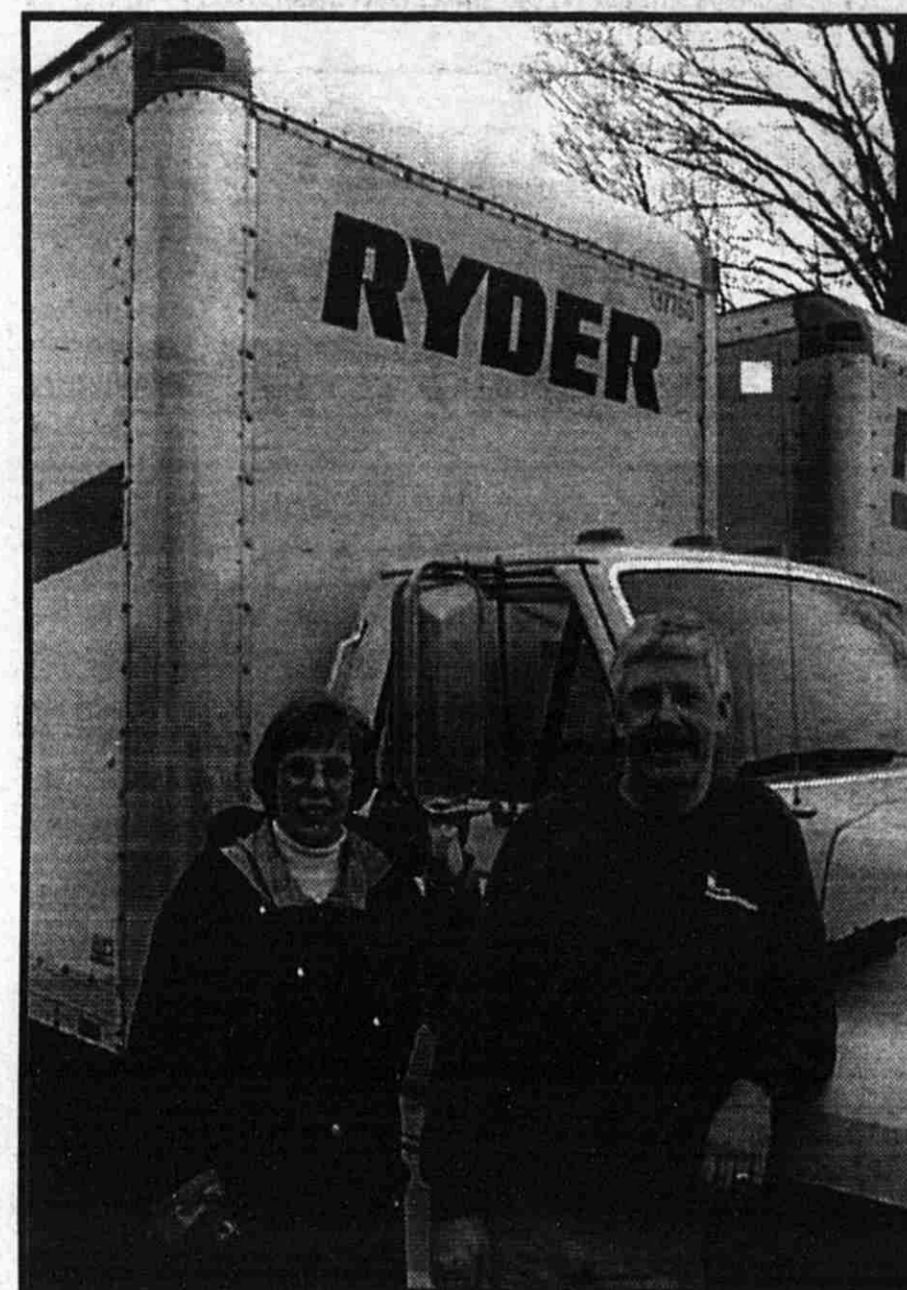
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Santa Claus Comes To Lowell



More parade pictures...





Catharina and Evert Bek have seen their Ryder Truck service more than double within the last year.

New business riding high, one year later

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Truck Rental and Storage moved quietly into Lowell back in March of 1996 and its Ryder trucks have been moving ever since.

"We didn't expect much in the first year, but we have more than doubled our revenue in year two," said owner Catharina Bek.

Bek and her husband Evert are longtime owners and operators of Arctic, Inc. at 1301 Bowes Rd.

"We were approached by Ryder Trucks' main office in Grand Rapids," Bek said. When the Beks' vision of building at 1301 Bowes Rd. became a reality, giving them plenty of parking space, they decided to become a Ryder Truck Rental dealership.

Prior to its arrival in Low-

ell, the closest Ryder Truck Rental was located in Cascade.

"We always have two trucks in our lot," Bek explained. "The rates are set by the corporate office in Atlanta.

We have some leeway which enables us to match quotes when necessary."

Rental trucks are available in four different sizes - 10, 15, 20 and 25 feet.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon or by appointment. For more information call 897-0180.

Showboat Automotive collecting Toys For Tots

Showboat Automotive Supply Inc., 1450 W. Main, will again this year be a drop-off location for the Toys For Tots program.

The automotive store is one of many Parts Plus stores nationwide which participates in this program.

Area residents interested in helping to make this Christmas a better one for kids can purchase a gift and drop it off, unwrapped, at

Showboat Automotive Supply between now and Saturday, Dec. 20.

"The last two years we have gotten a very good response," owner Hugh Cosgrove said.

The auto supply dealer is open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday; 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Johnson scores a hole-in-one

Alto resident Dick "Big Stick" Johnson had a hole-in-one on the 17th hole at Tyler Creek Golf Course on Friday, Nov. 28.

It was a par 3 hole at 195 yards. The shot was witnessed by Bob Reagan. Johnson's

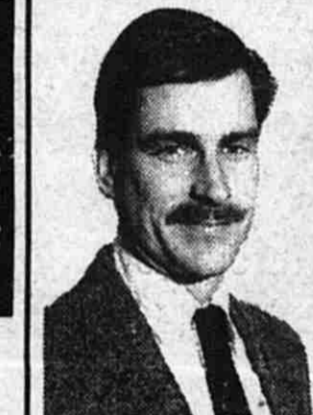
other partners, Howard Hobbs and Mark Varekoi, missed all the excitement.



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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Hearing Of The Public Grattan Township Zoning Board Of Appeals

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1997 AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be heard.

Thomas Dood has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance 7.04, HEIGHT AND AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR LOTS NOT SERVED BY PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. Said parcel is 1.6 acres (including water) and is proposed to be used for house and accessory structures as permitted by ordinance. Said lot is located at 12537 Belding Road, Belding, parcel 41-12-15-200-024.

DESCRIPTION:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 15, T8N, R9W, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the NE corner of said Section; thence S89°08'33"W1926.14 feet along the North line of said Section; thence SO 33' 12"W 1020.0 feet along the West line of the East 600 feet of said NW1/4, NE1/4; thence S89°08'33"W 50.0 feet to the Place of Beginning; thence S89°08'33"W 230.0 feet; thence S0°33' 12"W 277.30 feet to the Northerly line of Highway M-44; thence Easterly 280.30 feet along said Northerly line, along an 11,519.16 foot radius curve to the right, the long chord of which bears N87°16'53" E 280.30 feet; thence N10°02' 09"W271.59 feet to the Place of Beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions, and rights of way of record.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: George Polias, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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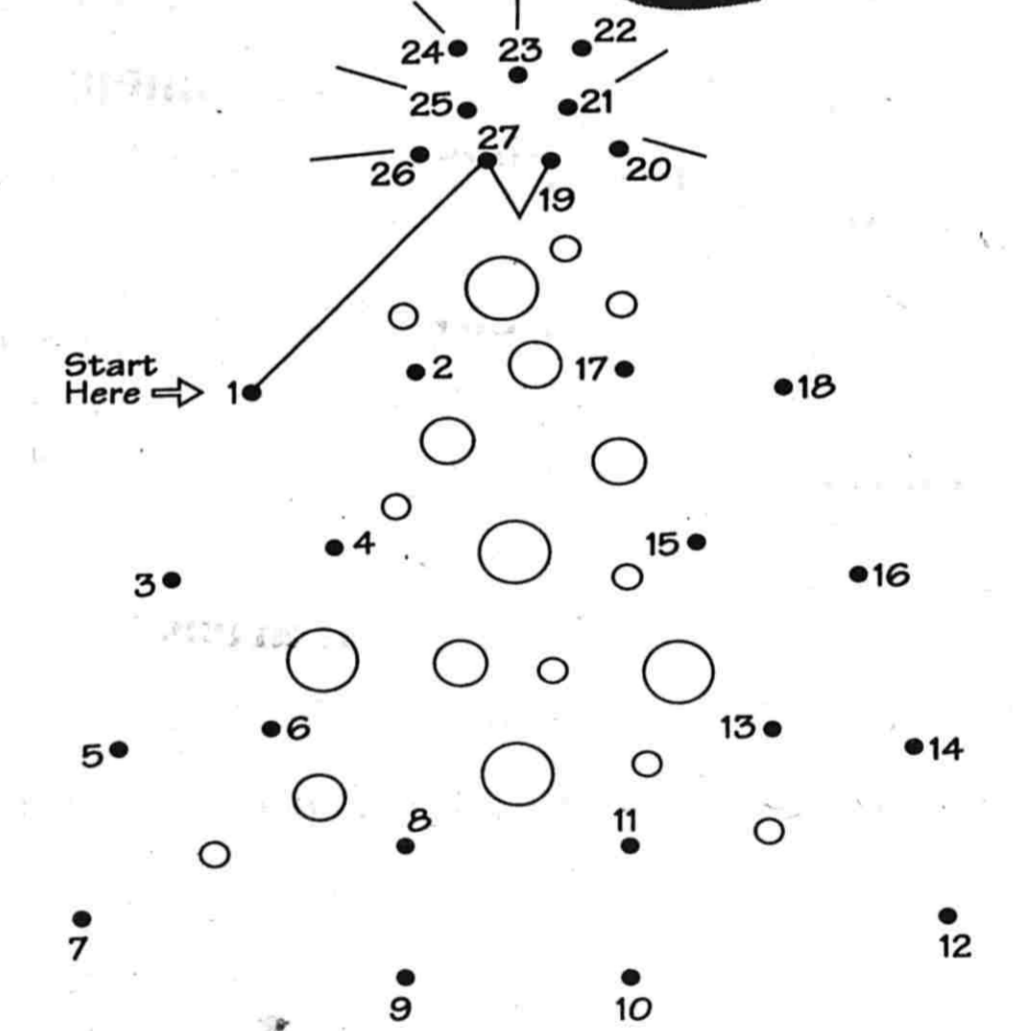
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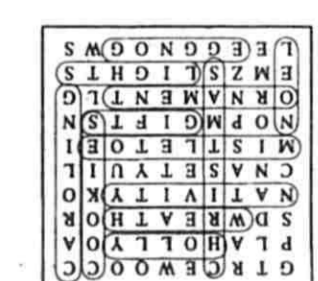
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Answers





Clinton Hopaluk's truck suffered some heavy damage when Hopaluk was unable to stop in time before ramming into a vehicle driven by Edward Lodholtz.

Injury incurred in M-21 accident near NAPA

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A broken leg or ankle was the result of a two-car accident at 2240 W. Main in front of the NAPA auto parts store.

Edward Lodholtz was westbound on M-21 when he stopped to turn left into NAPA.

An oncoming vehicle driven by Lowell's Clinton Hopaluk, did not realize Lodholtz was stopped and hit him in the right, rear corner.

Lowell police officer Trevor Slott said Hopaluk swerved right in an attempt to miss Lodholtz but struck the vehicle before going off onto the right-hand shoulder of the road and striking a no parking sign.

Lodholtz complained of stiffness in his back and leg, but declined medical help.

Officials believe Hopaluk broke either his leg or ankle. The Lowell man was transported to Butterworth Hospital via Lowell Ambulance.

Hopaluk's passenger, his son Tad Weaver, was treated and released at the scene to his mother.

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