

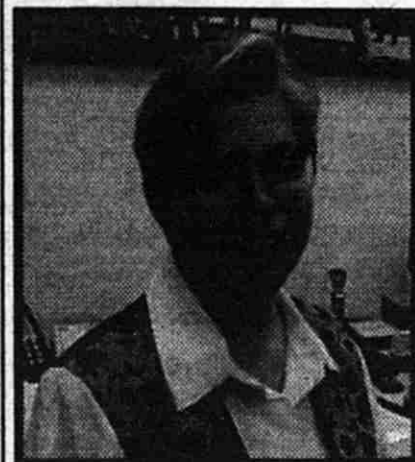
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## Noonon to retire from city treasurer/finance director position in May



Judy Noonon

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell ledger Editor

Wanting to spend more time with her family, Judy Noonon, Lowell treasurer/finance director for the past 15 years, will retire in May of 1998.

When asked if it was a

tough decision, Noonon responded, "I spent a year making it."

Char McNab, utility biller, will inherit some of Noonon's tasks, and deputy treasurer Sue Olin will undertake the rest.

During Noonon's tenure, she has dealt with the build-

ing of a new library and fire station, and the Downtown Development Authority project.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Dave Pasquale and the city council," Noonon said. "This is a good council. It does its thing and allows city employees to

do their job."

Noonon is particularly proud of the fact that the budget has been brought up to the standards of the Government Finance Officer Association.

The city's finance department, headed by Noonon, has been a recipient of the distinguished budget award in each

of the last two years.

The city treasurer says she and her husband Dave will spend more time at their cottage in Pickford.

"I also enjoy quilting and knitting," Noonon said.

Noonon's decision to retire was announced at the city council meeting Monday night.

## Holiday season swamps Lowell postal carrier

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Chanda Wieland wasn't a carrier for the United States Post Office for even two months and she now has a story Cliff Clavin would be proud to share with friends at that place "where everybody knows your name."

Wieland, a Lake Odessa resident, started as a part-time carrier for the Lowell Post Office in November, delivering mail only on Saturday.

She was half way through her route on Saturday (Dec. 6) when her delivery of mail was delayed.

"I was on Seven Mile Road when I began driving down this hill. That is when I hit a chatter bump," Wieland explained. "My car began to slide and I could no longer steer it."

Seeing that her sliding vehicle was headed off the road and into a swamp-like body of water, Wieland, keeping her presence of mind, rolled down her power windows before her car went into the water.

After the vehicle came to a stop, Wieland made her way out of the car and onto the top of its hood.

"I sat on top of the hood and waited for help," she said. Passers-by (Nancy Brenner and Joe Oleniczak) saw the predicament Wieland was in and went to get some waders

and an extension ladder.

They extended the ladder out 15-20 feet and placed the first rung over the car's antenna. "They held their end and I walked across the rungs to land," Wieland explained.

However, by this time her '94 Buick Skylark had filled up to the steering wheel with mucky swamp water. Wieland's purse and other personal items along with the undelivered mail were submerged inside the car.

Finding a phone, they called to have someone come and pull Wieland's car out of the swamp...a vehicle she had purchased just 10 days earlier.

"I got the Skylark after my sister totaled my Achieva," Wieland said. "She rolled it. Thank God she walked away from the accident."

Wieland walked away too, from her encounter with the swamp, but her 10-day old Skylark was totaled.

After the car was pulled from the swamp, Wieland retrieved the mail and got a return ride to the post office.

"We sprawled the mail out all over the floor," she said. There was a snail on one of the letters. Her fellow postal carriers chided her that she allowed unauthorized personnel in her car which the postal service forbids.

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Georgia Hall, left, helps her mother, Dorothy Earle, unwrap her gift.



Santa (Brad Phillips, Laurels of Kent physical therapist) visits with Helen Crismen.

## Spirit of Christmas

Many of its 132 residents will be unable to go home for the holidays so the Laurels of Kent staff brought an at-home Christmas to them.

There were approximately 200 residents, families and friends seated for a sit-down turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the Laurels of Kent Christmas party. The dinner was prepared and served by the staff.

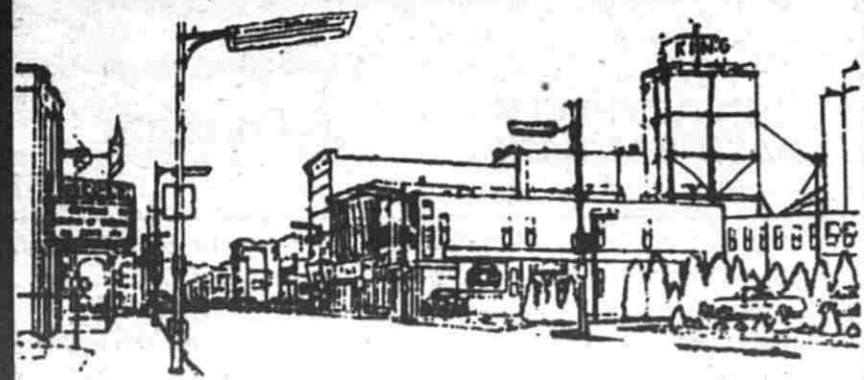
Before dinner, Laurels of Kent administrator Shawn Cates opened the Christmas party with an invocation.

Following dinner, Santa paid a visit, bringing with him hundreds of presents for the residents. "Every resident was listed on a 'giving tree' and most of their wishes were filled," said Jan Bieri, a Laurels of Kent volunteer.

Also included in the after-dinner festivities was a reading of the Christmas story from Scripture by maintenance supervisor John Paepke.

Bieri said the community is invited to visit Laurels of Kent and see the recent renovations which have been completed. "It creates a more homelike atmosphere for the residents," she says. "The walls have been painted in pastels and the halls and activity rooms are warm and inviting with plants and artwork."

## Along Main Street



### FREE CARRIAGE RIDES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

Call the chamber for more information at 897-9161.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN CLUB

The Lowell YMCA Christmas Break Fun Club will be held from Monday, Dec. 22 to Friday, Jan. 2 for ages kindergarten through 12 years old.

For more information call 897-4371.

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## OBITUARIES

**BAIE** - Bryce B. Baie, aged 79, of Ionia, formerly of Saranac, passed away December 14, 1997, in Lowell. He was born October 31, 1918, in Dekalb, Illinois, the son of Albert William and Nellie J. (Baker) Baie. He graduated from Saranac High School in 1937. He married Doris Mick December 2, 1939 in Carson City. He was a World War II veteran of the

Army. He is a lifetime American Legion member. He retired from Riverside Corrections in 1980. He is survived by his wife Doris Baie of Ionia; sons Terry B. and Susan A. Baie of Florida, David B. and Linda L. Baie of Trufant; daughter Lori and Alan Visser of Saranac; sister Audrey Henry of Saranac; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

**BARRIX** - Ray Gene Barrix, aged 70, of Lawrenceville, IL, died Tuesday, December 9, 1997. He was born December 5, 1927, the son of Ollie Barrix

and Hattie Allen. He attended the Highway Church of God in Lawrenceville, IL, retired from Grocers Dairy in Grand Rapids and was a veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are his wife Mary E. Wood Barrix; three daughters, Debra Ellen Miller of Lowell, Susan Diane Bills of Lawrenceville, IL, Evelyn Gitka Zalis of Lowell; three sons, Terry Gene Barrix of Palestine, IL, Jack Joseph Barrix of Wyoming, Jason Scott Barrix of Kentwood; two brothers John Barrix of Lawrenceville, IL and Charles Barrix of Bridgeport, IL; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Services were held Saturday at Highway Church of God, Interment May Chapel Cemetery.

**RENFR** - Ralph W. Renfro, aged 77, of Alto, passed away December 13, 1997. He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene. Survived by his children, Bob Renfro of Alto, Darlene (Jim) Schut of Garrett, IN, Dan Renfro of Sparta, Gloria (Bob) Verburg of Wyoming, Betty (Sam) Morlock of Lowell; brothers Kenneth Renfro, Dale and Daryl Renfro; sister Valerie Dekker; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Lee Taylor of the First Baptist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Hillcrest Cemetery, Jackson, MI. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**ROTH** - Harriet C. Roth, aged 67, of Clarksville, passed away unexpectedly at home on Wednesday, December 10, 1997. Harriet was preceded in death by a son James B. and two sisters Velma Loew and Betty Dame. She is survived

by her husband, Orlo; children Barbara Roth of Clarksville, Gerald (Kris) of Lowell; grandchildren Margaret (Mike) Wood, Jennifer Roth, all of Lowell; brothers Warren Finkbeiner, Robert (Amy) Finkbeiner all of Caledonia; brother-in-law Ray Dame of Kentwood; sisters-in-law Violet O'Harrow of Flat Rock, Lois Dusseau of Monroe; several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gary Dougherty officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**SMITH** - Alden R. Smith, aged 86, of Ionia, passed away December 11, 1997. He was born May 6, 1911 in Berlin Township, the son of Ray Arthur and Phena Adgate Smith. He was a 1929 graduate of Saranac High School. He was a member of Berlin Center Church, a member of Berlin Center Grange for over 50 years, a charter member of the Saranac Lions Club, past board member of the Independent Cooperative Milk Producers Association. He was a retired farmer from the Berlin Center Area. He married Jeannette Worden on June 29, 1932, in Ionia. She preceded him in death in 1991. He is survived by his sons E. John and Alice Smith of Ionia, Rev. Rolland and JoAnn Smith of Mexico City; daughter Charles and Janis Bateman of Ionia; brother-in-law Waldo and Chelly Fuller of Florida; sisters-in-law Mary and Karl Klahn of Saranac, Hazel and William Brickley of Ionia; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter also survive. He was preceded in death by his brother Arthur in 1981

and his sister Bernice Fuller in 1986. Funeral Services were held Sunday at the Berlin Center Church with Rev. David Fligel officiating. Anyone wishing may make contributions to Berlin Center Church Steeple Fund or the Gideons International, Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

**VANDAWATER** - Anna M. Vandawater, aged 91, of Big Rapids, died Wednesday, November 26, 1997 at Home of Hope in Grand Rapids. She was born August 2, 1906, in Paris, the daughter of Peter and Hattie (Hurst) Cavanaugh, and lived most of her life in the Big Rapids area. On December 27, 1926, she married Leonard Vandawater, and they were business owners in Chippewa Lake and Big Rapids. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Her husband preceded her in death in 1965. Surviving is one son Leon (Lyn) of Kentwood; grandchildren Paul (Debra) Vandawater, Linda Vandawater, Janice (Kenneth) Staal, Joanne (William) Wierenga and Susan (Daniel) Serne, all of Lowell, Carol (George) Talsma of Grand Haven and Lt. Todd (Laura) Vandawater of Ft. Riley, KS; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Peter and John Cavanaugh and sister Agnes Cavanaugh. A funeral mass was celebrated Sat., Nov. 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Big Rapids, with Rev. Michael McKenna officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Big Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to Home Hospice. Arrangements were made by the Rogers-Mohnke Funeral Home, Big Rapids.

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## Lowell Food Mart manager extinguishes a highly flammable situation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In her 10 years of managing a gas mart business, Sandy Rogers had never seen a gas pump-isle fire.

That was until Thursday at Lowell Food Mart, 11900 E. Fulton.

"I was just standing here at the counter taking care of groceries when I heard this boom," Rogers recalls. "I looked out the window and saw this flame shooting about seven feet in the air."

Her reaction was textbook. Rogers raced over and hit the emergency shut-off to the pumps. "I then grabbed the extinguisher, told my help

to call the fire department and ran out to the pump and began to try to put out the fire."

Rogers was out there just a very short while when veterinarian Bruce Langlois, of Animal Hospital and Pet Complex of Lowell, joined her.

"I looked out my office window and saw the fire. I grabbed our fire extinguisher and ran over to help her," Langlois said.

A couple of minutes later, Rogers and Langlois had extinguished the flames.

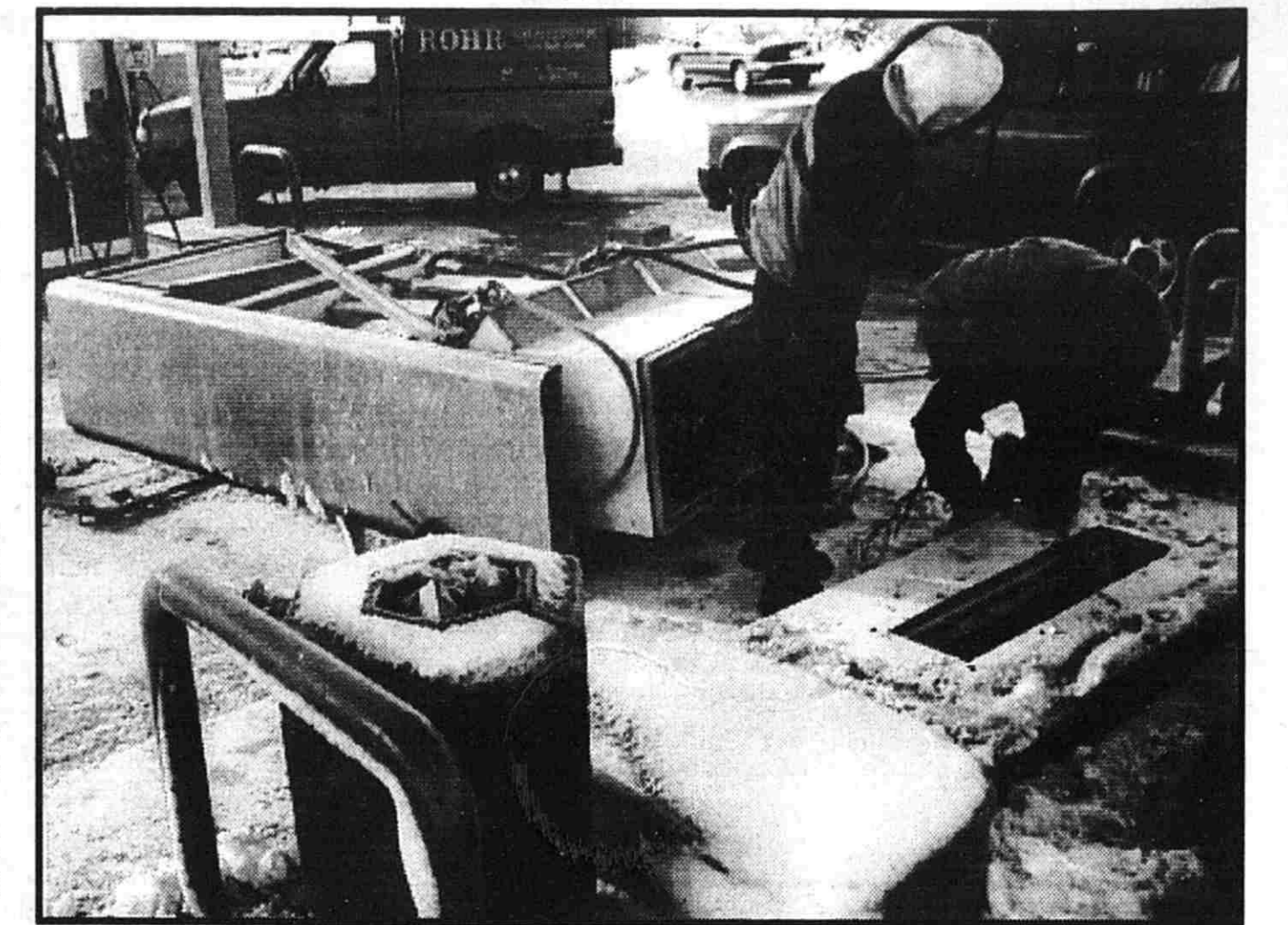
The fire was started when a truck pulling a trailer, driven by Greenville's Dave Champlin, pulled into the west entrance.

"When I tried to stop after pulling into the gas station, I began to slide. The trailer pushed me right into the pump."

The explosion took place right in front of Champlin's truck. "I put it in four-wheel drive, backed it up and then pulled ahead," he explained. "By the time I did that, the lady in the gas station was out here with an extinguisher."

Rogers and Langlois had the fire out before the firefighters arrived.

"Afterwards, my heart began racing," Rogers said. Champlin agreed. "The incident shook me also."



Flames shot out of this gas pump isle after a truck, unable to stop, slid into the pump.

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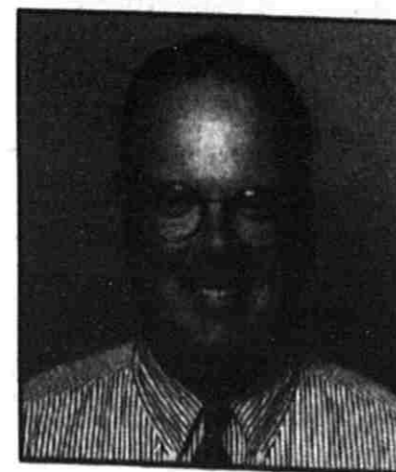


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# Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. George J. Fekete, St. Mary Church

In the debate that continues about health care and health insurance in our nation, one of the sticking points is what to do about those people who have no health insurance at all. Some people say that this situation is not acceptable. They say that we need a program that offers universal coverage, reaching to the most poor. Another group argues against this position, stating that any attempt to provide insurance for everyone will end up bankrupting the system and ruining what we already have. They

say better to cover as many people as possible and sacrifice those few people who slip through the cracks.

Well, as we have been doing with these Advent "Reflections of Faith," let's take this situation to the mirror of the Word of God with a backing of the Holy Spirit and see what it shows us. The Gospel from the Liturgy for Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent is from Matthew 18:12-14. There we find Jesus saying to His disciples: "What is your thought on this: A man owns a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away; will he not leave the ninety-

nine out on the hills and go in search of the stray? ...Just so, it is no part of your heavenly Father's plan that a single one of these little ones shall ever come to grief."

Jesus with the image of the shepherd shows the care and concern that He has for His people. If even one has gone astray, He will go out after it. He was teaching the disciples about the way they were to carry out their ministry. In particular, He focuses their attention on the weaker members of the flock for whom they were to go beyond the call of duty to bring them into full participation in the life of the community.

With this scriptural mirror, Jesus is teaching us how to be good shepherds. During this Advent Season, is there a need to begin some change in shepherding in our family (any strayed or so-called "black sheep"), our place of work, church, community or nation? God bless you.

## City's '97 productivity list filled with accomplishments

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The city certainly did not sit idle in 1997.

City manager David Pasquale gave the Lowell City Council its annual productivity report for 1997, which showed the city (staff and citizens) had quite a year.

"We have been able to accomplish a lot," said mayor William Thompson. "We have dealt with many issues and were able to complete some well needed projects mostly due in part to the city manager (David Pasquale) and his staff. You have to have the right crew to make these projects happen."

Topping off the list of ac-

tivities for 1997 was the opening of the Englehardt Public Library, which was dedicated May 18, 1997.

One of the more controversial projects was the demolition of Lee's Landing, which took place in July.

Pasquale also noted the boundary signs project, which he said is near completion. The signs have been ordered and will be installed in the spring, Pasquale said.

"There are a lot of people to thank for that project," he said.

Other activities, which are just some of the items completed by the city, included the completion of the westside sanitary sewer project; initia-

tion of the West Main sidewalk project; reconstruction of Bowes Road from South Hudson to near Pleasant; construction of Bowes Road realignment and intersection project; the new Airport Management Agreement with the School of Missionary Aviation Technology; remodeling of police dispatch/reception area; adoption of Zoning Ordinance amendment regulating sexually oriented businesses; adoption of Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding flags, banners, and signs; purchase of a new sludge thickening device for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and repaving of South Center Street.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 18 - Danielle Anchors, Hillary Graves, Cliff Walling.  
DEC. 19 - Lori Moore.  
DEC. 20 - Ed Mohr.  
DEC. 21 - Al Smith, Brooke Page.  
DEC. 22 - Jason Seelye.  
DEC. 23 - Norma Stevens, Marie Doyle.  
DEC. 24 - Jeffrey Pfaller.

## AREA BIRTHS

Tim and Deb Schuitema and big brother Matthew are proud to announce the birth of Sara Elizabeth Schuitema.

She was born Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at Butterworth Hospital at 8:15 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Donna Dombrowski and Mavis Schuitema of Grand Rapids and Howard and Marilyn Schuitema of Ada.

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<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 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><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 <b>Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M.</b> Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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 &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> 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><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER</b> 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • (616) 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service <b>SUNDAYS:</b> Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m. Kids Church <b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> 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><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Sibleywood • 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)</p>		<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell &amp; 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><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/JV.....Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> 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><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (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 Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 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>

## 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.

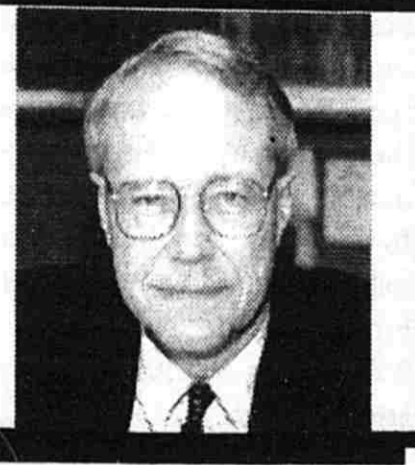
THURS: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, pita fold sandwich, yogurt, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger; choose 2: broccoli, fruit juice or side salad; chocolate pudding or fruit, milk.

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.

# Viewpoint

## Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent



Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend an induction ceremony at the high school for the National Honor Society. I have attended these induction ceremonies for over twenty years and have always looked forward to the simple, yet elegant ceremony. This ceremony was no different than many others over the years in that it was attended primarily by the students, an occasional brother or sister, the parents and a smattering of grandparents and friends. In many ways, it was an ordinary event in the typical life of the high school where thousands of events take place each year.

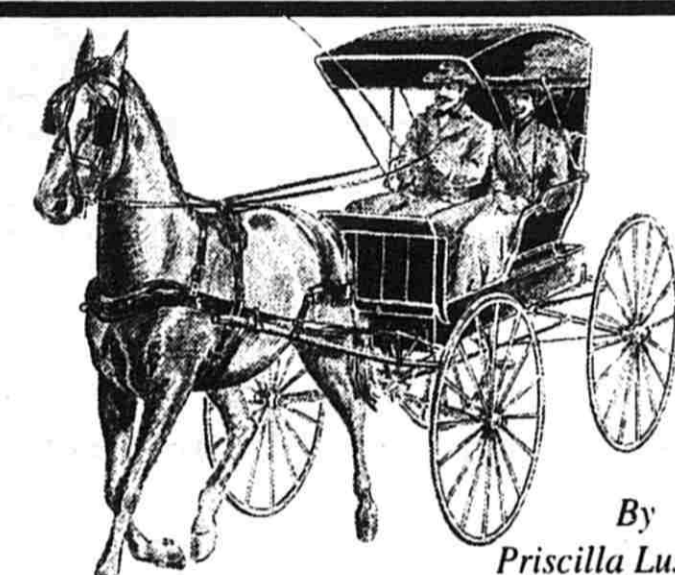
For a while as I watched the young adults cross the stage, I thought it would be appropriate and fun to have large crowds cheering their accomplishment much as we do in our sporting events. Yet upon further reflection, the dignity and quietness of the ceremony seemed increasingly appropriate and dignified.

As I sat and listened and reflected on the core beliefs of the National Honor Society: *Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service*, the more appropriate it seemed to me that the ceremony was an intimate one that consisted primarily of family and friends. For it is within these intimate circles that the public qualities of scholarship, leadership, character and service are first nurtured, developed and encouraged.

Life's reality is that our major accomplishments and rewards are most enjoyed and celebrated with the quiet grace of a few caring friends and family - far from the cheering crowds. The most critical and important aspect is, of course, the self-satisfaction of a job well done.

To those students who were inducted recently and to the senior students who have been in the National Honor Society for some time, both my sincere congratulations and best wishes for a job well done and a bright and productive future. *Scholarship, Leadership Character and Service* will long be traits that will be critical to you in your professional and family lives.

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.



By Priscilla Lusmyer

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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 16, 1897

McLachlan Business University in Grand Rapids lists all 1897 graduates and their employers on the front page.

Thomas Edison has spent years and millions to invent a process to extract iron from low-grade ore.

Alaskan Gold Rush latecomers are finding winter more than they thought, and are dying while trying to get out.

Cuban insurgents, under Gen. Garcia, used the pneumatic dynamite gun to destroy the Spanish stronghold of Guisa, killing 800 men.

The board has bought a globe for the schools. It has been placed in the downtown department.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - DEC. 14, 1922

This year's Red Cross drive mentions that last year most townships gave far less than they received. They are trying to do better.

The Legion country fair was attended by about 2500 in three nights, and receipts for the war memorial were \$200.

The U.S. is suing builders who overcharged during the war. \$5 million is involved at Fort Custer.

Petitions are circulated in Nebraska to put Henry Ford's name on both the Democratic and Republican primary tickets for president.

The clockline radio aerial has made its appearance where landlords forbid aerials on roofs.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 18, 1947

The American Legion circulates petitions calling for compulsory military training.

Campfire Girls and Bluebirds will have a Christmas candle-light ceremonial at the Nativity Scene tonight.

Council enacts an emergency increase in light rates to meet higher fuel and labor costs, the first change since 1940, which was a decrease.

The Lowell Board of Trade dance at South Boston Grand had several old-timers shaking a mean leg.

Kent County uses 5,000 gallons of gasoline every day to run snowplows on county roads.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - DEC. 14, 1972

The Jaycees sponsor free matinee tickets for children, given away by most Lowell merchants. The 2-hour matinee will give parents time to do some Christmas shopping.

Pennies are being filed down to the weight and size of dimes for coin changers and coin-operated vending machines. Federal offense.

Students are sent home on a Tuesday as heavy snow and sleet pile up.

The school board says children fifth grade and under must be accompanied by parents at ball games.

## Capitol Commentary

By Dick Posthumus



The state's job is not to parent, but to protect. Beyond protection and safety, every child requires a loving and nurturing home environment.

he findings of the Lt. Governor's Children's Commission were startling. The Commission heard testimony from parents, lawyers, social workers and many others. Those who gave testimony helped highlight weak links in the child welfare system.

With their help and testimony, the Children's Commission proposed many recommendations, some of which were legislative. The Michigan Legislature recently enacted a nine-bill package which embraces most of them. This means Michigan children are steps closer to more protection under the law - protection and care which they deserve.

The bills provide for changes to Michigan's child welfare system.

Highlights of the bills include:

- Giving priority on substance abuse service waiting lists to a parent whose child is, or may be removed because of child abuse or neglect.

- Provisions to keep siblings from one family together while in foster care.

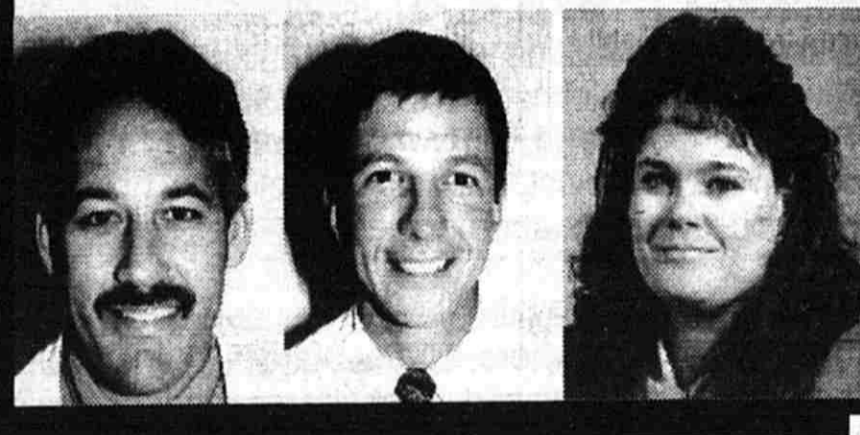
- Allowing interviews with a child apart from the presence of the alleged perpetrator.

- Reviews by prosecutors of all substantiated Child Protective Service cases involving a child's death, serious physical injury or harm or sexual abuse or exploitation of a child.

While government can never take the place of a nurturing family, our child welfare system needs to be improved. We must listen to those who work with bruised and battered children as they deserve our utmost respect. One thing is certain: we own these children more than they are getting now.

The family landscape has changed dramatically over the last few years, even decades. Gone are the days of two-parent homes, one-income families and white picket fences. As the family adjusts to changing roles and times, so too must government. Children have a right to live without the threat of harm. We must uphold that right.

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



### CHRONIC COUGH.

A chronic cough is a cough that is persistent for at least three to five weeks. If a cough persists for that length of time, it probably should be evaluated by your physician. A cough which should be considered suspicious is one which involves these features:

- \* a cough productive of green or yellow phlegm
- \* a cough associated with a fever
- \* a cough associated with weight loss or poor appetite
- \* a cough with accompanying night sweats
- \* a cough productive of bloody sputum

Many things besides infection can be responsible for a persistent cough:

- \* smoking
- \* post nasal drip caused by allergies or intermittent irritants (mold, dust, chemical fumes)
- \* asthma - most people think asthma means wheezing - while this may be true, often asthma will manifest as a cough only
- \* heartburn - acid from your stomach may "reflux" back up into your esophagus and stimulate a cough.

While many things may cause a persistent cough, the good news is that most causes are treatable. If your cough is chronic, take the time to have it evaluated by your doctor.

## To The Editor

To the Editor:  
Hooray! Since the new high school's completion and my familiarity with this outstanding complex, I've been a proponent of moving the graduation to the setting on Vergennes. I'm delighted to learn the graduating class of 1998 will be conducting this special occasion at the Lowell Red Arrow Stadium. My only regret -- I wish it had been so last year when my daughter Ann-Marie graduated!

I appreciate the rich history and affiliation the Lowell community has with the Showboat. As a young girl, many times I stood on the river bank with my Grandmother Reynolds watching the performers board the Showboat and ride it down

the river to the stage. Those were the glory days of the Lowell Showboat -- a festive and fun time for the community. Many a great entertainer has graced the Lowell Showboat and one can still hear the echo of laughter and music from Showboat summer nights. However, I don't expect up and coming Lowell graduates to be encumbered with my sentimentality for this tradition.

I've also attended a number of graduations at the Showboat Amphitheatre. While graduation at the Showboat is a novelty the logistics of parking, accommodating aging grandparents and special needs, and the discomfort of those particular bleachers, left me desiring a different venue. In addition, last year it was not hard to miss the fact that the stage was quite cramped. I hope those critical of this decision will look beyond the sentimental aspects and understand the logic and practicality behind this move. To me, it makes good sense to try the high school campus location for graduation.

Let us be sure graduation day is as memorable as possible

and respect the rule of the majority for the move to the Lowell High School campus. Whether they graduate with the Showboat as a backdrop or upon the turf of Red Arrow Stadium or within the confines of the high school building, we wish them happiness, success, and wonderful memories.

Thank you,  
Peggy Townsend

Dear Editor,  
Our fair city has a sidewalk snow removal ordinance which states you must clean your walks within 24 hours of a passing storm. It is also illegal to dump, shovel or scrape this snow into the street.

To The Editor, cont'd. pg. 6

# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** I am a widow. I would like to make some gifts to my children and to my grandchildren before year end. I know that I can give \$10,000 per year without incurring a gift tax, but is that amount the total I can give per year or is it \$10,000 per person?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** As a single person, you are entitled to gift up to \$10,000 per person per year without incurring any gift tax liability. Therefore, so long as you limit each individual gift to \$10,000 or less, depending on the number of individuals on your gift list, you have the ability to give away a large sum of money annually without any gift tax consequences.

Besides serving a charitable intent, gift giving can be an effective estate planning tool. If your estate exceeds the applicable exemption amount in any given year, which is \$600,000 this year and \$625,000 in 1998, making annual exclusion gifts of up to \$10,000 per person per year serves to reduce your estate by the amount of each gift, which in turn will reduce any federal estate taxes which will be due and owing at your death.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** As a married couple, can we each make a gift of \$10,000 to our son this year for a total of \$20,000, or are we limited to a total of \$10,000?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** The rule is that an individual, whether single or married, can make an annual exclusion gift of \$10,000 per person per year without incurring any gift tax liability. Therefore, each of you can make separate gifts of \$10,000 to your son without incurring any gift tax liability.

In the alternative, one of you can make a gift of \$20,000 to your son with the other one of you consenting to the gift. This is known as gift splitting. In this event, however, even though no gift tax liability will be incurred, you will need to file a gift tax return indicating that you have split the gift to your son. Further, gift splitting is only allowed if you split all of your gifts in any one given year. In other words, you cannot pick and choose to split some gifts and not others.

Gift splitting makes sense when one spouse has little or no assets in his or her name because by splitting the gift a married couple is able to give away property with the value of up to \$20,000 regardless of the fact that the "poorer" spouse has little or no assets.

It is important to remember that only gifts of present interests are available for the \$10,000 annual gift tax exclusion and that gifts of future interests do not qualify. A present interest gift is a gift where the donee has an unrestricted right to the immediate use, possession or enjoyment of the asset being given.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** Several years ago my brother named me as his fiduciary on all of his estate planning documents, including the personal representative under his will, the trustee under his trust, the agent under his durable power of attorney, and even as the guardian and conservator of his children. For

reasons I will not get into, I no longer feel comfortable acting in these capacities. Am I legally obligated to act in any of these capacities if something were to happen to my brother?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** No, there is no legal obligation requiring you to act in any of those capacities. However, as a courtesy, you should contact your brother and tell him that you are no longer interested in acting as his fiduciary and that he should find someone else to take your place. This is especially important if there is not an alternate fiduciary named in those documents to act in the event you fail to act. For example, if you are the only named agent under your brother's durable power of attorney and there is no alternate agent named, then, if your brother becomes disabled and you fail to act, that document is rendered useless. In this event, someone would have to petition the probate court to have a guardian and conservator appointed on behalf of your brother, the time and expense of which could have been avoided if there was an alternate agent named in his durable power of attorney who was willing to act in that capacity.

*The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.*

## To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

Our snow arrived last Wednesday, the 12th, early morning and had stopped by mid-afternoon.

I tried walking in the sidewalk Saturday (72 hours later) from the P.O. along W. Main Street to S. Pleasant Street.

I'll not mention a business whose parking lot and street sidewalk were not shoveled on Amity or M-21, and two other businesses and a few homes who were letting mother nature do it.

Even Sunday, some downtown offices still had icy walks. I feel sorry for the mailmen who must deliver your mail and mine.

City officials, let's warn and ticket these folks. Being a senior citizen, many of us must walk to maintain our health. Maybe we could help pass out these warnings or tickets as we pick our way across the snow and ice.

Phyllis Lessens

P.S. The snow piles on E. Main look so nice being used as dogs' bathrooms. Please, owners, take care of it.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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, Planning Commission Chairman Michael Blough and Planning Commissioner Daniel Pipe.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the November 17, 1997 meeting be approved as corrected and the Closed Session minutes be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN 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 (12/01/97)

GENERAL FUND	\$68,714.23
WASTEWATER FUND	990.93
CURRENT TAX FUND	1,985.50
AIRPORT FUND	118.00
WATER FUND	22,819.31
DDA FUND	51.32
MAJOR STREET FUND	82.50
LOCAL STREET FUND	3,737.41
DATA PROCESSING FUND	404.56
EQUIPMENT FUND	126.75

**Item #1. LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - COLLECTION OF SUMMER TAXES FOR 1998.** As in previous years, the Lowell Area Schools had requested that the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects LAS property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned

during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

Mayor Thompson questioned if this procedure is required every year. City Manager Pasquale responded yes, this process is necessary each year.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the continuing resolution to collect the Lowell Area Schools summer property taxes for 1998.

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

**Item #2. PROGRESS REPORT- 1998 M-21 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.** Steve Nichols of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, provided an update on the 1998 M-21 and DDA Improvement projects. City Manager Pasquale mentioned Nichols is the project engineer for several projects affecting the Downtown and M-21.

Nichols explained the projects include: street lights, curb and gutter, tree plantings and sidewalks with brick pavers from Broadway through Hudson west to Lincoln Lake. Also, a 12 inch watermain project is planned on West Main from Broadway to Amity. Further, a 6 inch water main from the West Main - Hudson intersection south will be constructed to the railroad crossing.

Further, the intersection at Valley Vista Dr. is scheduled to be widened to five lanes. A storm drainage system will be added and accommodations for a westbound side lane drop. Nichols noted the West Main Hudson Streets intersection will be widened at three of the four corners to provide for better truck turning movements. Also, the widening will require a new traffic signal pole on the southwest corner.

Nichols explained the bridge deck (old sluice way) on the far east side of the Veterans Memorial Park is planned to be removed. He stated after the deck is removed, the area will be filled with sand and a road surface placed over it. Nichols stressed MDOT is adamant this be included as part of the overall project.

A final MDOT review of these plans should be made in early January with bids advertised later in the month. Nichols said bid openings are anticipated at the March 6 City Council meeting. Construction would then commence late April or early May. He stressed the intent is for this project to be completed in the 1998 construction season.

Nichols mentioned an area of concern involves the disruption to the businesses downtown and their livelihood. The bridge deck removal will be the largest disruption extending 8 - 12 weeks. In order to maintain traffic,

Nichols explained sheet piling will be driven and the traffic lane moved to one lane with a temporary traffic signal in place. Nichols stressed during the first few days, there may be much congestion downtown. The intent is to remove the temporary traffic signal as soon as feasible.

When the corner of Hudson and Main is reconstructed, Nichols stated this may cause a temporary disruption. During this time, water mains will be installed as well as Cable TV lines and an irrigation system. Hopefully, a parallel operation with the bridge deck removal would be in place.

Nichols explained currently there is a minor concern with property acquisition for the intersection project. He added this may delay the construction sequence. Further, any prequalified contractor may bid on this project. Nichols stated the City will not have any input regarding the MDOT bidding process or how the inspections are to be carried out. Though MDOT is altering their present system by contracting with consultants to perform construction inspection work. Nichols anticipates Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber will be involved with the DDA portion of this project, but he does not know how MDOT will proceed with the remainder.

Mayor Thompson asked if MDOT is solely responsible for hiring the contractors, will the State be responsible for the complaints received. Nichols responded now the State plays a more integral role than previously. The State's cost is in excess of \$900,000 and would prefer to handle this project their way. From past projects, Mayor Thompson said it takes much to keep everyone as understanding as possible. Nichols stated the Greenville MDOT construction office will handle this project and has much experience working in downtown areas. He stressed MDOT is familiar with understanding business owners' concerns.

Mayor Thompson mentioned having the City with two river crossings presents a challenge to the community. Nichols stated MDOT undertook additional cost to maintain traffic through M-21 at all times.

City Manager Pasquale said in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce, an informational meeting for merchants and the public will be held Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Pasquale noted Nichols will be present as well as MDOT personnel to hear firsthand, concerns regarding these projects. Pasquale stated letters have been distributed to property owners in the downtown affected by the bridge removal. Mayor Thompson felt letters should be sent to all City residents.

Mayor Thompson mentioned the Lowell Township Hall is

## City chooses Fishbeck for assessment and design study

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

After a couple of months of interviewing and discussions, the Lowell City Council and Planning Commission have selected a firm to conduct a City Hall/police station needs assessment and schematic design study.

Ada-based Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was awarded the contract by the City Council at its Monday night board meeting. The company was among nine firms bidding for the project. It will work with Redstone Tiseo Architects on the project.

"They are an excellent company that has shown they have the ability to do the job, access to the city, and were the right price," said mayor William Thompson.

A key factor in the city's accepting Fishbeck was the company fee, which came in at about \$3,000 less than the other firms. Fishbeck's fee is \$9,775 plus a \$400 reimbursable expense allowance.

Thompson said another factor was the company's knowledge of Lowell. Fishbeck has worked on a number of city projects including the Englehardt Library, the downtown streetscape project, the fire station, and a number of utility projects.

In his report, city manager David Pasquale also cited the firm's following of the criteria of the Request for Proposal closely and its sharing of initial design concepts as well as being able to look at the big picture of the further development of the city and the downtown as other reasons why the committee recommended the firm to the City Council.

The city began to look at finding a firm to do the study earlier this fall with nine firms submitting proposals. Of the nine, the Planning Commission and City Council narrowed down the list to three finalists. The finalists were interviewed on separate dates, giving each of them an opportunity to further explain their written proposal and answer questions from the Planning Commission and City Council.

After the interviews, the committee composed of the City Council and Planning Commission unanimously recommended

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, with the City Council unanimously deciding to go along with the recommendation.

The study would commence in January and be completed by the end of March or early April.

A second recommendation by the committee that a team be appointed to interact with the architects as concepts are developed was tabled. It was proposed that the team would consist of representatives from the city staff, City Council, Planning Commission, Historic District Commission, and police department.

"What I visualize is that the thrust of what is needed here be on the shoulders of Dave (Pasquale) and his staff, and the Planning Commission and Historic Commission would serve as an advisory board," said councilman Charles Myers.

The council decided to postpone setting up the team until the study at least got rolling, although Pasquale said the Historic Commission would be consulted since the building falls within that district.

## City announces 1998 council meeting schedule

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Once again, the Lowell City Council will be meeting the first and third Mondays of the month for the 1998 year.

The only months the council's schedule will vary are when

the Monday meeting dates fall on an observed holiday. Those months include January, when the meeting will be moved to January 20 because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; February, when the date will be moved to February 17 because of President's Day; and September, when the meeting date will

be September 9 because of Labor Day.

All meetings are public and take place at the Englehardt Library. The meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

The council meetings also are aired on the public access station, Channel 2.

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not within walking distance for residents. He suggested utilizing a school facility. City Manager Pasquale stated he would determine if a school facility is available.

Councilmember Myers mentioned the disruption of traffic flow is a concern to merchants. During past construction, many parking spaces were eliminated. He questioned if it was anticipated not being able to utilize the City parking lot (King Milling) near the Veterans Memorial. Nichols responded access to this lot may be blocked, especially during the first phase of construction. Myers asked if access to this lot could be obtained from the alley behind the Moose Lodge. Nichols stated access from M-21 may be deterred since the State has requested a construction easement. Pasquale noted that temporary directional signs leading traffic to S. Monroe and into the rear of this lot could be provided.

Councilmember Myers asked if the bridge project and Hudson-Main intersection projects were to be completed simultaneously by the same contractor. Nichols responded there may be a multiple of subcontractors. The paving contractor could be the general contractor for the entire project. Nichols stated a variety of contractors may be involved.

With the new traffic light, Councilmember Myers questioned if there are older style signals which would lend to the old style street lighting. Nichols responded what had been proposed were mast arms with a steel pole and the signal head mounted on the mast arm. To install these involves four poles. Nichols said a firm presented a number of signal lighting options to the DDA. However, the DDA Board opted to remain with a more traditional signal system. City Manager Pasquale stated in terms of cost, the "antique style" did not have the effect the DDA wanted.

Councilmember Myers questioned if construction would occur in front of the four businesses located near the bridge on Main St. Nichols responded concrete barriers will be placed in a tapered fashion in both directions to keep traffic out of the work areas. Nichols stated there will be some disruption to direct access, but sidewalks should be passible.

Daniel Pipe, owner of Rupert's Drop, 214 E. Main asked if parking on the north side of M-21 would be disrupted. Nichols responded one half block toward Monroe may be disrupted.

Mayor Thompson inquired if the majority of the construction would occur in the warmer months. Nichols hoped construction would commence as early in the Spring as possible. Early April would be best. This would allow the worst construction completed before summer. Nichols stressed the concern with construction not interfering

with the Lowell Showboat, 4-H Fair and Riverwalk festivities.

City Manager Pasquale stated he would continue to keep the Council informed. At the present time, the County has been negotiating to secure right of way easements. Currently, the two properties on the south side of M-21 and Hudson have agreements. These include acquiring easements from the Shell Station for \$1,450 and the vacant lot at 400 W. Main owned by Elwood and Marion Crawford for \$1,200. Pasquale noted these costs would be shared equally with the County Road Commission on a 50/50 split. He mentioned there will be additional costs incurred for the relocation of the Shell Station sign.

Mayor Thompson questioned if all easements should be secured prior to proceeding with the project. Pasquale noted the County wished these two easements finalized for recording.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the purchase of property easements with a 50/50 split with the Kent County Road Commission at 400 W. Main from Elwood and Marion Crawford of Stanton in the amount of \$1200 and Lemmen Pontiac and Farm Equipment of Coopersville, 324 W. Main, in the amount of \$1,450 allocated from the Major Street Fund.

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

**Item #3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL.** The Department of Public Works is in need of an upgrade for its telecommunications system. Director of Public Works Daniel DesJarden stated the old system, installed in 1981, is obsolete. In order to utilize the intercom, the user must know which room the employee is in. DesJarden explained an internal paging system is proposed. Also, disaster phone jacks and an automated answering system have been planned.

The following three quotes were sought:

Lucent Technology	\$4,235
First Telecommunications	\$4,947
Van Belkum	\$4,715

Mayor Thompson questioned if a disaster was to occur, could phones be utilized. DesJarden responded two disaster recovery phones could be used during emergencies or power outages.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve the quote from Lucent Technology of \$4,235 for the telecommunication system for the Department of Public Works allocated through the Public Works Budget.

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

**Item #4. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Daniel Pipe, owner of the building at 214 E. Main, stated currently there is no parking in front of his building. However, many customers don't realize this, since there are no "no parking" signs at this site. Pipe said presently, his customers are receiving citations for parking in this location. Pipe requested a "no parking" sign be placed on the pole in front of his building. DesJarden stated this sign must be registered with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Pipe did not want to see out of town guests ticketed when visiting. City Manager Pasquale stated the sign would be installed by the Department of Public Works.

**Item #5. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** No comments were received.

**Item #6. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. A copy of the October 27 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission was presented.

B. A copy of the Cable TV Board meeting minutes of October 16 was provided.

C. A press release from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce was presented outlining Christmas festivities. Also, nominations are being sought for three Boardmember positions.

D. Architect interviews for a City Hall/Police Station study will be held on December 2nd, 4th and 8th at the library, 7:00 p.m. to review proposals. Time will be set aside after the last interview so that a recommendation to the City Council may be formally made.

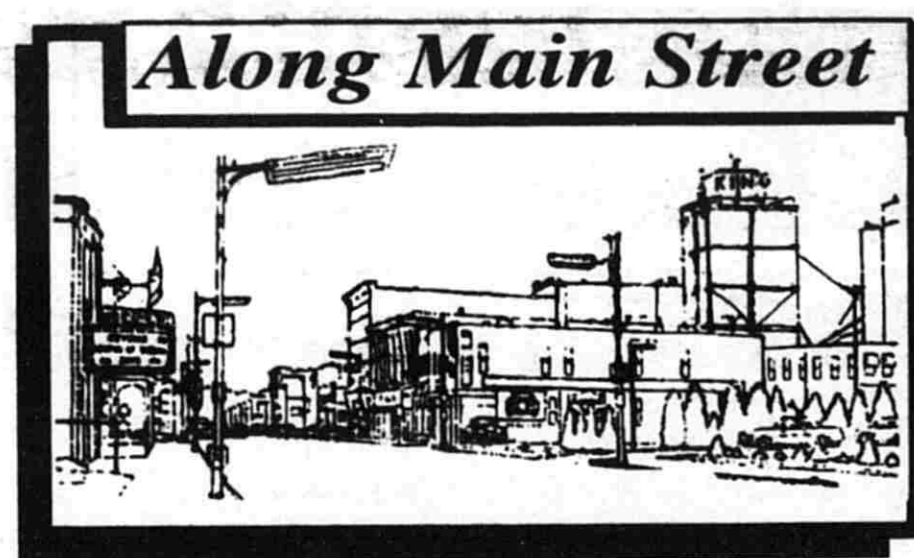
Councilmember Myers questioned if the interviews would be videotaped. City Manager Pasquale responded yes.

**Item #7. APPOINTMENTS.** Currently there are vacancies on the Board of Review, Cable Television and Airport Boards.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

DATE: Monday, December 15, 1997

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



**LAAC CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
The Lowell Area Arts Center will be closed for the holidays Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. "Christmas on Main St." closes for the season on Dec. 23.

**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.

**YMCA OFFERING BASKETBALL PROGRAM**  
The Lowell YMCA is offering its winter instructional basketball program for kids in grades Kindergarten-2nd grade at Cherry Creek Elementary Gym. Registration deadline is Jan. 7 and the program begins Mon., Jan. 12. Call the YMCA office at 897-8445 to sign up!

**5TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON LCTV**  
The 5th grade program *Christmas Tradition* will be on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates: Wed., Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.; and Sat., Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.

## Miniature school buses may appeal to the collector in area residents

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell School District's 37 full-time bus drivers all received new buses this holiday season.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke purchased 250 HO scale miniature buses through JMC International.

The remaining 213 buses will be sold to interested school- and non-district residents at a cost of \$7.50 each.

"It's been put together as a fundraiser for the transportation department," said Lowell transportation director Larry Mikulski.

The miniature buses are modeled after the seven new Bluebird buses the district is scheduled to receive this week following state police inspection. The cost of the seven buses (\$50,000 each) is "slightly" more staggering.

"The response so far has been great. They are collectible name-brand, HO scale size," Mikulski said. "I've had dealers and collectors of HO scale vehicles come in and buy four or five buses at a time."

The limited number of buses available helps to make them a collector's item.

The uniqueness of the product may lead to an annual fundraiser for the transportation department.



Lowell transportation director Larry Mikulski holds up a sample of a model miniature bus. Each Lowell bus driver received one as a Christmas gift from the district. The remaining buses will be sold to interested residents.

"If the company has the ability to make them each year, I can see this as an ongoing fundraiser," Mikulski said.

The miniature bus idea was passed on to the Lowell

superintendent through David Vago, an acquaintance of Bleke's over the years.

Proceeds from the sales could be used for safety equipment (e.g., first aid packets) and bus tire checkers.

Mikulski concluded by

saying that the miniature buses are good stocking stuffers. "I think new residents to the area and graduates will also be interested in the miniature buses."

## Swamp, continued... From Page 1

Lowell postmaster Sylvia Taylor adds, "When the mail got back to the office, we turned the heat up and then came back on Sunday and flipped the mail over that was

still wet and cased what mail had dried." Taylor said her first concern was whether Wieland was hurt and, second, the security of the mail.

Of the 250 customers that Wieland delivers mail to, only two pieces of mail were not delivered.

"Everyone at the post office helped in getting it dried and then delivered," Wieland said. "They were all very nice." As were her customers. Wieland received a letter stating the customer was sorry to hear about her fall into the swamp. "He said he was glad I wasn't harmed and that his mail while a little wet was readable."

Wieland, other than bruising her knee, said all she got from the incident was a cold a few nicknames.

"The other mail delivery people refer to me as the 'Swamp Fox' or the 'Creature from the Black Lagoon,'" Wieland says with a chuckle.

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## LHS' December students-of-the-month

Each month four of the twelve Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student who has shown exemplary work. For the month of December they are as follows: life management, Melissa Boomers; math, Christian Wieland; physical

education, Mike Williams and music, Jennifer Gingerich.

Melissa Boomers, a senior, is an outstanding student in the life management area. Mrs. LaHaye has her in three classes and she is doing 'A' work in all classes. Her

employer through the school-to-work program also agrees that Melissa is an asset in every way.

Boomers, the daughter of Mike and Laura Boomers of Lowell, works as a bank teller at Ionia County National Bank in Lowell and plans on attend-

ing Davenport in October for financing.

She has been on the honor roll and her favorite class is government.

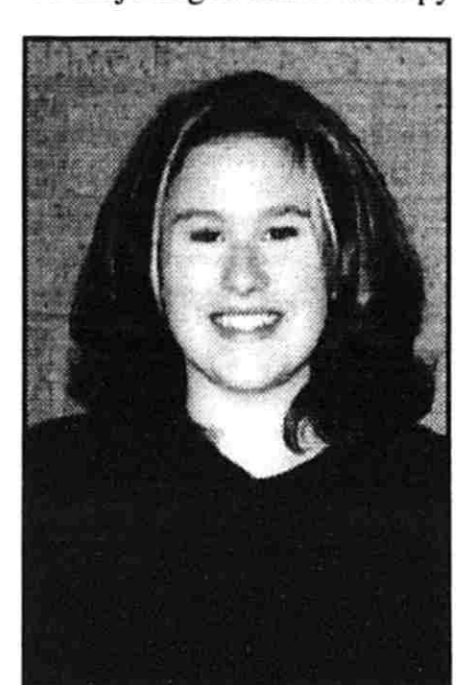
Christian Wieland is a senior and was selected by the mathematics department. He has epitomized dedication, patience and humility during his first 15 weeks of studying calculus. These qualities in combination with his keen ability to understand the abstract concepts have allowed him to maintain an 'A' in this very demanding course.

Wieland, the son of Bill and Carol Wieland of Lowell, has been captain of his football team all four years plus class president all four years.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and belongs to Lowell YMCA Leader's Club and works on his father's farm. He plans on going to college at Michigan State or Grand Valley University next year to be a civil engineer. He was an all-league guard for the football team and received the Phil Christensen Award for the

most dedicated and devoted to Lowell Football Sportsmanship Award his senior year.

Jennifer Gingerich, a senior, was selected by the music department. She is one of our drum majors in the marching band this year and is a leader in the class. She has also been selected the past two years as the only representative in the M.S.U. Honors Band. Gingerich is planning on majoring in music therapy



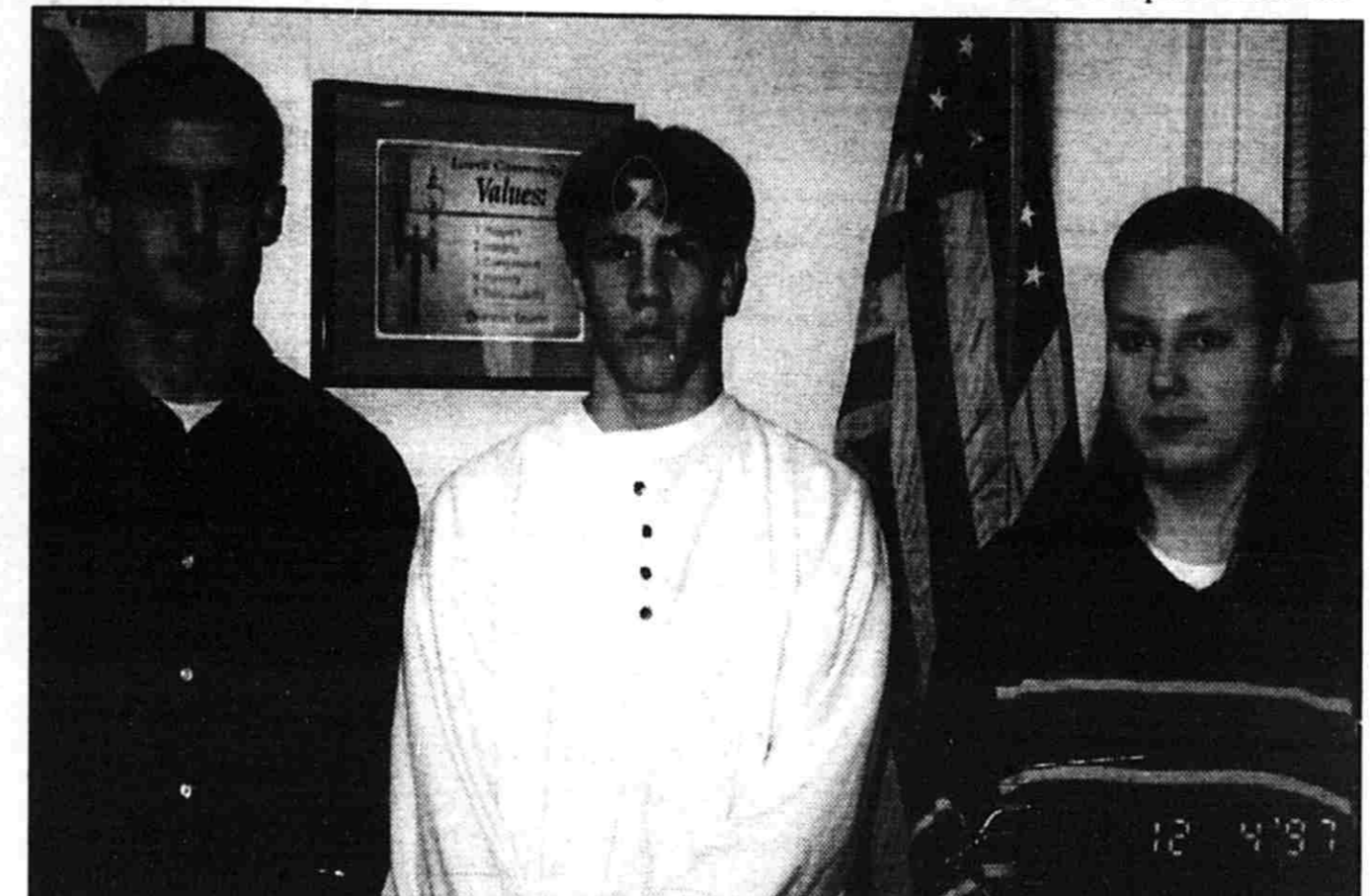
Jennifer Gingerich

next year. She is the daughter of Bob and Kathy Gingerich,

of Lowell, and has been involved in marching band, drum major, International Club, pom pom squad and National Honor Society. She received first division ratings in both district and state solo and ensemble festival. She enjoys playing music and plans on attending Western Michigan University.

Mike Williams is a sophomore and was selected by the physical educational department. He is quiet and soft spoken off the playing field, but on the field he speaks by his actions. He is a good athlete, who works hard in class and shows good sportsmanship. He never complains and leads by his work ethic on the field.

Williams, the son of John and Barb Williams of Lowell, has been active in football and track. He is a member of the youth group of First Baptist Church of Lowell. He lettered and got rookie of the year in track his freshman year.



Pictured, from left to right: Chris Wieland, Mike Williams and Melissa Boomers.

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## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 1997

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:** Nate Schoen, Student Council president and representative to the Board of Education, reported that the winter sports season is underway. The Student Council's recent food drive was a success and they are now sponsoring a blood drive. The student body is also participating in an Adopt a Family for Christmas and will be buying presents for area children.

**ACTION ITEMS -**  
Accepted the following gifts:  
• Lowell Community Fund donation of \$200 to the New Dawn Program.  
• Ratified the Administrative Offices Support Staff Contract for 1997-98 and 1998-99.  
• Amended the General Fund Budget, the Food Service Budget, and the Athletic Budget.

**CONSENT ITEMS -**  
Approved/Adopted were:  
• Minutes for November 10, 1997 Regular meeting.  
• The following payment of bills:  
**SCHOOL SERVICES FUND**  
A. Food Service Fund.....\$41,558.77  
B. Athletic Fund.....\$23,329.77  
**TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$63,847.98**  
1971 Debt Fund.....\$23,150.00  
1990 Bond Fund.....\$534.78

**PAYMENT OF BILLS -** Approved the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$512,263.86 and the Energy and Maintenance Fund bills in the amount of \$15,933.83.

**DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE UPDATE -** Dick Korb reported that the Demographics Task Force Committee continues to meet in the sub-groups of Facilities and Programs, Finance, Student and Community Growth and a report will be coming to the Board in July.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -** Bert Bleke reported that a study group has been established to look at a community swimming pool concept with representatives from Lowell Schools, YMCA, City, Vergennes, and Lowell Township. Focus groups consisting of community members will be established in the future to receive their input of a community swimming pool. A Safety Committee headed by Al Eckman has been established to review such issues as transportation, dispensing of medication, volunteers, etc. The senior class has voted to move the graduation ceremony from the Showboat Amphitheater to the High School Stadium.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
**Board of Education Meeting -** Monday, January 12, 1998 - 7:30 p.m. Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room.

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# Mounting concern over increasing snowmobile fatalities

Remember snowmobiling's heyday in the pre-oil-embargo days of the late 1960's and early 1970s? While the current boom hasn't yet reached the level of those times, when more than 400,000 machines cruised Michigan's snow country, registrations are climbing each year. Unfortunately, so are snowmobile-related fatalities.

"The alarming rise in deaths has authorities concerned, but following by a few simple rules can help ensure this winter will be safe and fun on the trail," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

## Safe Snowmobiling Means:

- \* Keeping your machine in good mechanical condition.
- \* Wearing a helmet. It's the law and protects against cold. Wear mask and goggles for added protection.
- \* Wearing proper gear, including snowmobile suit, insulated boots and mittens. Avoid loose clothes, which can tangle in machinery.
- \* Using the "buddy" system. Let someone know your route. Check partners frequently for frostbite.
- \* Carrying a first-aid kit, compass, map, flashlight, matches and candle, survival blanket, tool kit, rope and extra ignition key. A portable GPS (Global Positioning System) unit helps prevent getting lost.
- \* Being considerate of snowmobilers, property owners, and wildlife. Slow for oncoming machines and always use headlights. Never drink alcohol before or while snowmobiling.
- \* Never traveling on river ice. Make sure ice is at least six inches thick and remember that thick, "old" ice can be just as dangerous as thin ice.

Improvements in rider comfort, from better suspensions to warmer clothing and such amenities as optional built-in hand warmers, combined with the state's booming economy, have made snowmobiling appealing and affordable to thousands of new riders. Michigan has more than 5,700 miles of trails, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources records.

Since the 1991-92 season, when 206,000 machines were in use, snowmobile registrations have jumped 31 percent to more than 271,000 now.

"Sadly, last winter, 44 persons died in snowmobile-related crashes. While that figure is down slightly from 47 fatalities recorded during 1995-96, last winter's count is double the average for the previous 10 years," Basch said.

"Alcohol remains a large factor in snowmobile deaths. It was known to have been involved in 50 percent of last year's fatalities. Other factors were speed and inexperience," Basch says.

More than 100,000 snowmobiles - roughly 37 percent of all machines registered in the state - have been purchased

in the last four years. It's believed that many of these new machines are being operated by inexperienced drivers.

"Drivers with little time behind the controls believe that they can stop and steer as precisely as cars. They cannot," Basch emphasizes. "Combine that with the fact that many new machines have as much horsepower as some cars and can quickly accelerate to speeds in excess of 100 mph, and you have a recipe for tragedy."

Basch gives this profile of snowmobiling's "danger zone":

- \* Fifty-one percent of last winter's fatal accidents occurred on Fridays and Saturdays, and 22 percent took place on Sundays.

- \* Fifty-six percent of those involved in fatal accidents were between 19 and 40 years old, and 93 percent of fatalities were male.

- \* Forty-seven percent of fatal crashes occurred from 4 p.m. to midnight; 27 percent from midnight to 8 a.m.; and 26 percent from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- \* In addition to speed and alcohol, the other major cause of fatalities was collisions while illegally on a road or along the shoulder.

"Snowmobiling is big business in the north," says Basch. Michigan State University surveys show that more than 17 percent of recreational travelers to Michigan in the

last 12 months participated in snowmobiling. Some 60 percent of all snowmobiling by tourists occurs in the Upper Peninsula, according to MSU. In the Lower Peninsula, Cadillac was just named one of the country's top five snowmobile destinations by *Men's Journal* magazine.

That's why the state Department of Natural Resources is working with local and state law enforcement to increase patrols. Officers in orange vests on snowmobiles will step up trail patrols statewide. Special emphasis will be placed on Kalkaska and Wexford counties, where four deaths occurred, plus Grand Traverse County.

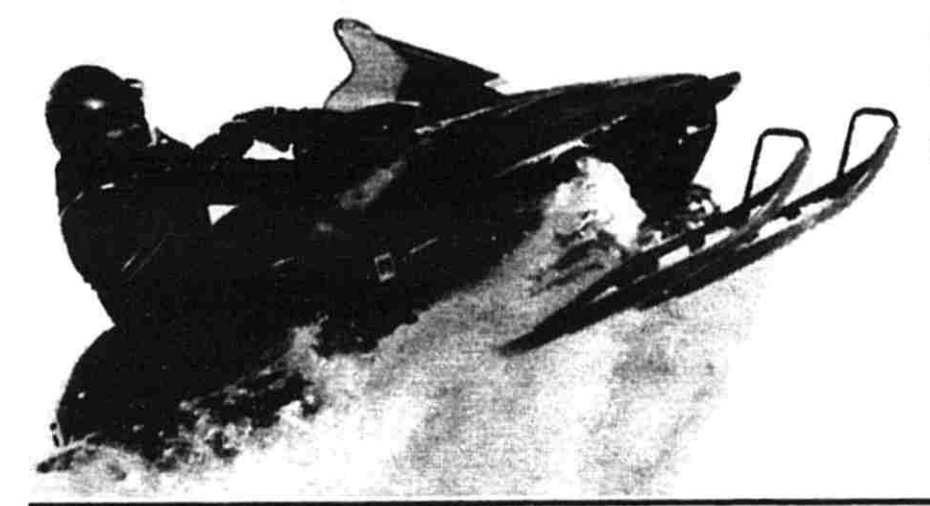
In addition, patrols will increase over the holidays. Officers will visit major winter events to emphasize safety.

AAA offers these reminders to snowmobilers using public trails:

- \* Snowmobiles must be registered. Cost is \$15 for three years, and the funds help maintain trails.

- \* To use public lands, operators must purchase a trail permit sticker, available from snowmobile dealers, businesses near trails, or the secretary of state. Permits are not required if the snowmobile is used only on private property.

- \* Youths, ages 12 to 16, must pass a safety class and be certified to operate a snowmobile without adult supervision.



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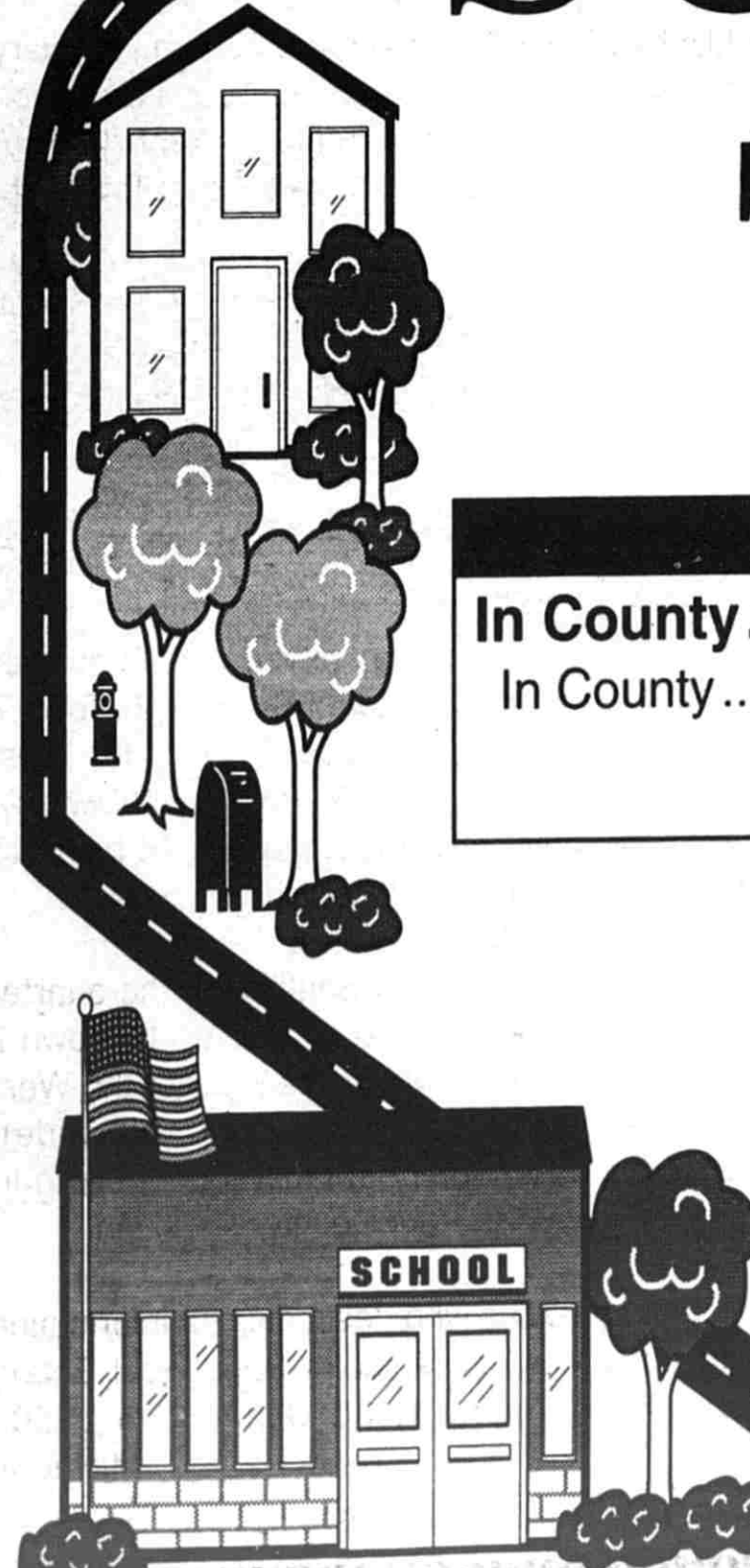
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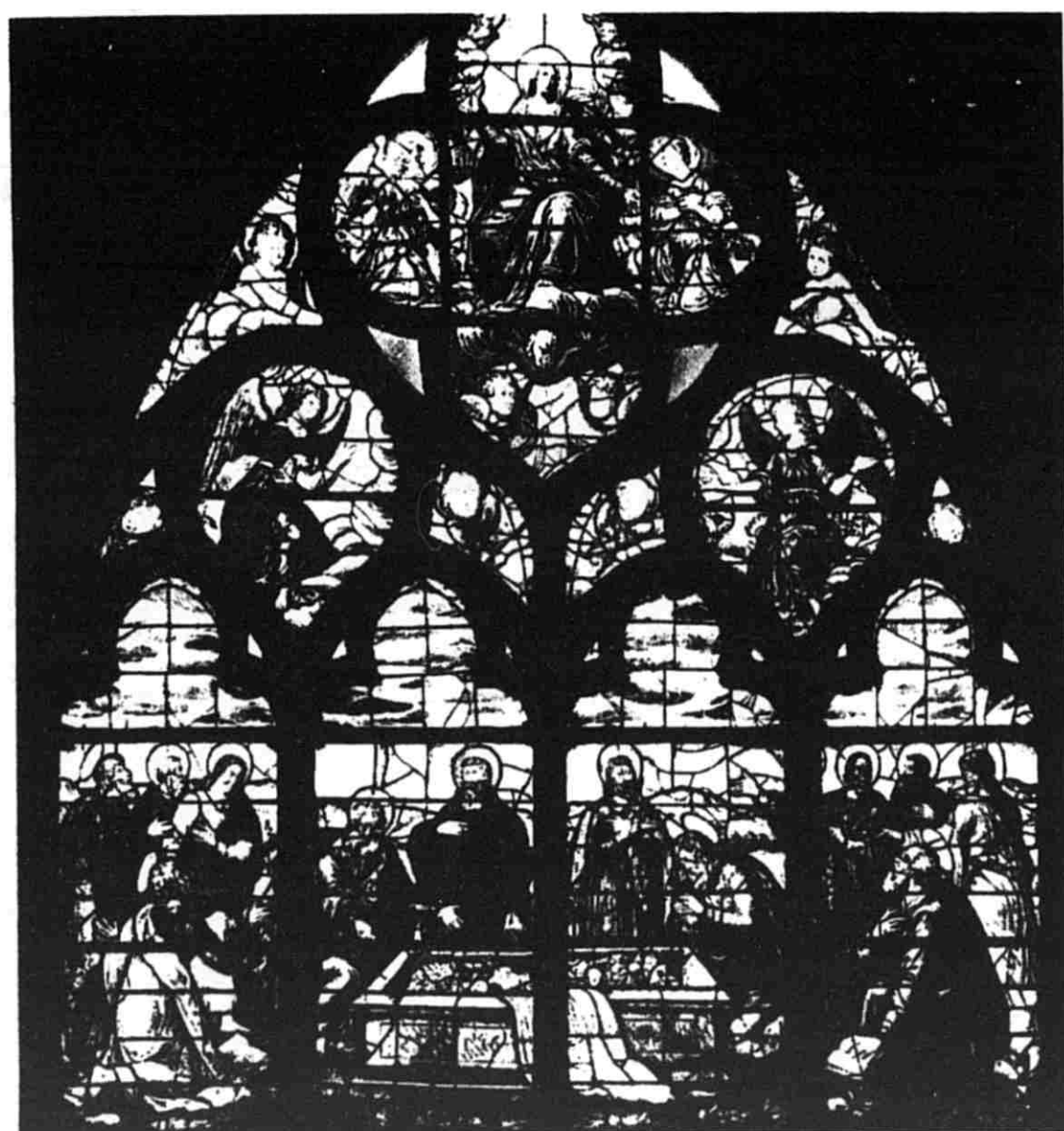
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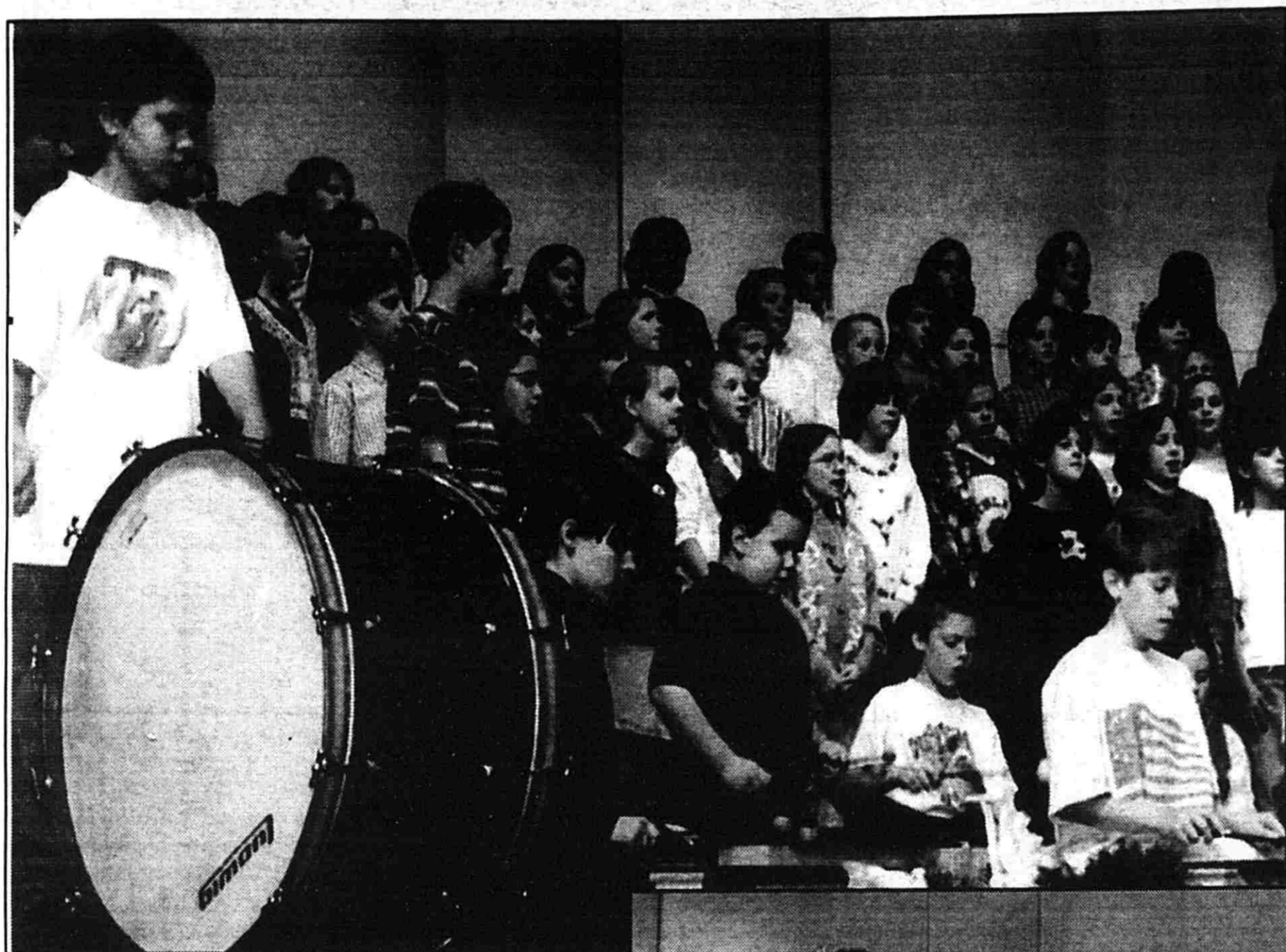
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# Sounds of the season.....



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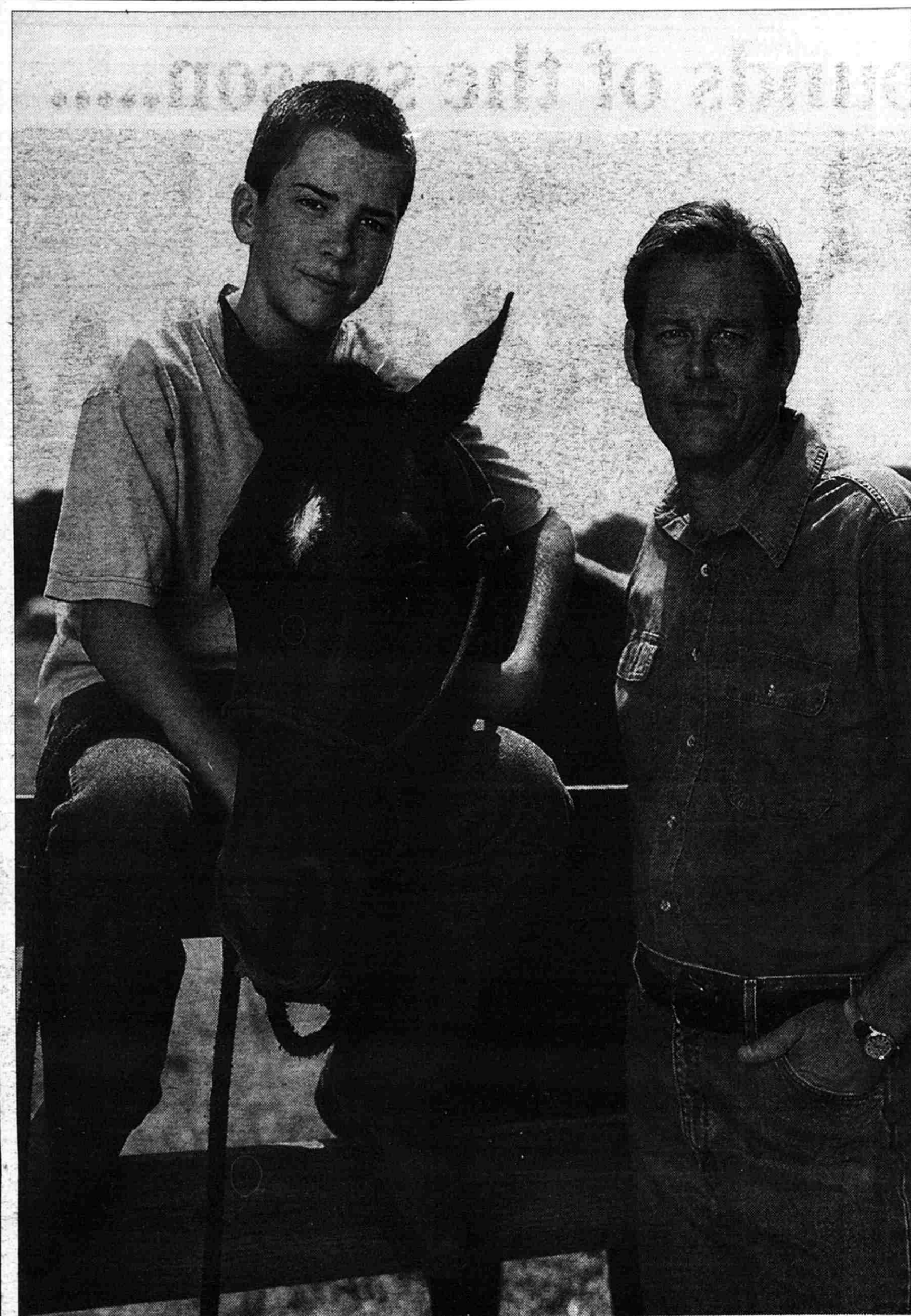
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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 1997										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
33 WJMT	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Jeopardy! (R)	Promised Land "Christmas" (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: "The Christmas Box" (1995) Maureen O'Hara, Annette O'Toole. (In Stereo) (R)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)				
41 WOTV	American Journal (R)	Real TV (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: **** "To Kill a Mockingbird" (1962, Drama) Gregory Peck, Phillip Alford. Two youngsters witness racial prejudice in the Deep South. (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: "The Christmas Box" (1995) Maureen O'Hara, Annette O'Toole. (In Stereo) (R)	News	Nightline (R)				
35 WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (R)	Practical Sports	This Old House (R)	Michigan Out-of-Doors (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Fly Fishing	Waiting for God	Mary Christmas, George Balley (In Stereo) (R)	Pa-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Frasier "Frasier Grinch" (R)	M*A*S*H "Dear Sir" (R)
11 WXMI	Home Improvement (R)	Seinfeld (In Stereo) (R)	Living Single (R)	Between Brothers (R)	413 Hope St. "Thanksgiving" (In Stereo) (R)	Pa-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Frasier "Frasier Grinch" (R)	M*A*S*H "Dear Sir" (R)	Tonight Show (R)	Michigan Out-of-Doors (R)
1 WOOD	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls. (R)	Friends (In Stereo) (R)	Men Behaving Badly (R)	Sainfeld (In Stereo) (R)	Veronica's Closet (R)	ER "Homeless for the Holidays" (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Mystery "Cadfael" "The Laper of St. Giles" (R) (In Stereo) (R)	News	Nightline (R)	
23 WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (R)	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors (R)	Merry Christmas, George Balley (In Stereo) (R)	Mystery "Cadfael" "The Laper of St. Giles" (R) (In Stereo) (R)	News	Nightline (R)			
13 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight (R)	Mad About You (R)	Movie: **** "To Kill a Mockingbird" (1962, Drama) Gregory Peck, Phillip Alford. Two youngsters witness racial prejudice in the Deep South. (In Stereo) (R)	News	Real TV (In Stereo) (R)	Keenen Ivory Wayans				
25 WSYM	Fraser "Frasier Grinch" (R)	Home Improvement (R)	Living Single (R)	Between Brothers (R)	413 Hope St. "Thanksgiving" (In Stereo) (R)	News	Real TV (In Stereo) (R)	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
13 TBS	(6:05) Little House on the Prairie (R)	Movie: *** "Cocoon" (1985, Science Fiction) Don Ameche, Willard Brimley. Alien pods rejuvenate a group of Florida retirees. (In Stereo) (R)	Figure Skating: Stars on Ice (R)							
13 FAM	(6:00) Jesus of Nazareth (R) (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) (R)	Movie: *** 1/2 "Airport" (1970, Suspense) Burt Lancaster. Crises, including a mad bomber, abound for air passengers. (In Stereo) (R)	700 Club							
13 FXH	Miami Vice "The Cell Within" (R)	X-Files "Kaddish" (In Stereo) (R)	NYPD Blue "Simone Says" (In Stereo) (R)	In Living Color	X-Files "Memento Mori" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2) (R)					
13 USA	(5:30) Movie: *** 1/2 "Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill. (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: ** "Kindergarten Cop" (1990, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A two-listed L.A. cop poses as a kindergarten teacher. (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: *** "Scrooged" (1988) (In Stereo) (R)							
13 DISC	Gimme Shelter (R)	Wolves at Our Door (R)	Movie: ** "Kindergarten Cop" (1990, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A two-listed L.A. cop poses as a kindergarten teacher. (In Stereo) (R)	Wings "The Valiant Few" (R)	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Highway" (In Stereo) (R)					
13 WGN	Family Matters (R)	Coach (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Return to Mayberry" (1986) Andy Griffith, Ron Howard. (In Stereo) (R)	News (In Stereo) (R)	Super Bowl 31					
13 ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Best of Up Close Special	Golf Hawaii	Sportscenter's Games of the Year	Super Bowl 31					
13 CNN	Moneyline (R)	Burden of Proof (R) (R)	Larry King Live (R)	Crossfire (R)	World Today (R)					
13 NBC	Doug (In Stereo) (R)	Rugrats (In Stereo) (R)	Secret of Alex	Wonder Years (R)	Happy Days					
13 A&E	Northern Exposure "Soul Mates" (R)	Biography "George Armstrong Custer: America's Golden Cavalier" (R) (R)	Unexplained "The Mystery of the Crystal Skulls" (R)	Law & Order "God Bless the Child" (R)	FOX Sports News					
13 FSD	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic Semifinal	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic Semifinal - Iowa St. or TCU vs. St. Louis or Syracuse	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News					
13 TNT	(6:00) Movie: *** "A Christmas Story" (1983) (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Wuthering Heights" (1992, Drama) Juliette Binoche, Emily Blunt's tale of Heathcliff and Cathy's doomed love. (In Stereo) (R)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo) (R)	Miracle on Highway 31 (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Dallas "The Crucible" (In Stereo) (R)					
13 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "By-Line, Daisy Duke" (R)	Twelve Videos of Christmas (In Stereo) (R)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo) (R)	Miracle on Highway 31 (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Dallas "The Crucible" (In Stereo) (R)					
13 TRAV	Castles-Europe	Castles-Europe	Amazing America	Great Palaces	Rough Guide "Alaska" (R)					
13 TLC	Stories of Miracles (Part 1 of 2)	Stories of Miracles (Part 2 of 2)	Angel Stories (R) (Part 1 of 2)	Entertaining Angels Unawares (R)	Stories of Miracles (R) (Part 1 of 2)					
13 SCIFI	Movie: "Bionic Ever After?" (1994) Lee Majors, Richard Anderson. (R)	Flash "Pilot" A scientist becomes a superhero when a mishap endows him with superhuman speed. (R)	Movie: ** "M.A.N.T.I.S." (1994), Gina Torres	Christmas at War (R)	Movie: ** "M.A.N.T.I.S." (1994), Gina Torres					
13 HIST	Trains Unlimited "Model Railroads" (R)	Christmas Unwrapped: History-Christmas	Movie: *** "A Christmas Carol" (1938) Reginald Owen, Leo G. Carroll. (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)					
13 AMC	Movie: *** "The Return of the Pink Panther" (1975), Christopher Plummer, Catherine Schell 'G' (R)	Movie: *** "Mary Poppins" (1964, Fantasy) Julie Andrews. A magical nanny happily disrupts a stuffy British family. 'G' (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)					
13 DISN	Movie: *** "Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988) (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: *** "The Bridges of Madison County" (1995) A photographer and an Iowa farm wife share a brief romance. PG-13 (R)	Amistad: First Look (R)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo) (R)						
13 HBO	Movie: *** "One Fine Day" (1996) "PG" (R)	Movie: ** "Eraser" (1996), James Caan (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, violence) (R)	Movie: ** "Broken Arrow" (1996), Christian Slater (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, violence) (R)							
13 MAX	Movie: ** "Space Jam" (1996) "PG" (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Eraser" (1996), James Caan (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, violence) (R)	Movie: ** "Broken Arrow" (1996), Christian Slater (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, violence) (R)							

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
33 WJMT	(11:35) Late Show (R)	Late Late Show (In Stereo) (R)	Geraldo Rivera (R)	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)						
41 WOTV	Politically Incorrect (R)	Strange Universe (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
35 WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
11 WXMI	Video	Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo) (R)	Home Team (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Home Team (R) (In Stereo) (R)	(Off Air)					Blossom (In Stereo) (R)
1 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo) (R)	Later (In Stereo) (R)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside					
23 WKAR	(Off Air)									
13 WZZM	Politically Incorrect (R)	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King (In Stereo) (R)	News (R)	Access Hollywood (R)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress) (R)				
25 WSYM	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Gayle King (In Stereo) (R)	Martha Stewart Living	News (R)	Jenny Jones (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman (In Stereo) (R)	All News A.M.			
13 TBS	Figure Skating: Stars	Movie: *** "Cocoon" (1985, Science Fiction) Don Ameche, Willard Brimley. Alien pods rejuvenate a group of Florida retirees. (In Stereo) (R)	CHiPs "Journey to a Spaceport" (R)	Laverne & Shirley	Beverly Hillsbillies (R)					
13 FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
13 FXH	NYPD Blue "A Draining Experience" (In Stereo) (R)	Miami Vice "Stone's War" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
13 USA	(11:00) Movie: *** "Scrooged" (1988) (R)	Movie: *** "The Dream Team" (1989) Michael Keaton, Peter Boyle. (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Smoky and the Bandit 3" (1983) Jackie Gleason, Pat McCormick. (In Stereo) (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
13 DISC	Wild Discovery "Caribou - The Endless Journey" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "The Valiant Few" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
13 WGN	In the Heat of the Night "A Love Lost" (In Stereo) (R)	Simon & Simon "Still Phil After All These Years" (R)	St. Jude's Children's Hospital	Columbo "Swan Song" (R)	Rodeo: PRCA National Finals - Championship Round. From Las Vegas. (R)					
13 ESPN	Snowboarding	Running: Waikiki Mile	Sportscenter's Games of the Year (R)	Sportscenter (R)	Crossfire (R) (R)	CNN/Sports Illustrated	CNN International	Newsroom (R)		
13 CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Burden of Proof (R)	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R) (R)	Dick Van Dyke	Happy Days	Rhoda	Phyllis	
13 NICK	Bob Newhart	Newhart (R)	Wonder Years (R)	Happy Days	Taxi (R)	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Happy Days	Rhoda	Phyllis
13 A&E	Biography "George Armstrong Custer: America's Golden Cavalier" (R) (R)	Unexplained "The Mystery of the Crystal Skulls" (R)	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic - Best Semifinal. From San Juan, Puerto Rico. (R)	CHiPs						
13 FSD	To Be Announced	Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1992) Juliette Binoche. (R)	Rough Cut (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: *** "Time After Time" (1979) Malcolm McDowell. Jack the Ripper steals a time machine and travels to 1979. (In Stereo) (R)	(Off Air)					
13 TNT	(11:00) Movie: *** "Wuthering Heights" (1992) Juliette Binoche. (R)	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Miracle on Highway 31 (R) (In Stereo) (R)	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa
13 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "By-Line, Daisy Duke" (R)	Rough Guide "Alaska" (R)	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa
13 TRAV	Lonely Planet "Central Asia" (R)	Entertaining Angels Unawares (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Deadly Duet" (1978) Nicholas Hammond, Robert Alda. (R)	Christmas at War (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Deadly Duet" (1978) Nicholas Hammond, Robert Alda. (R)					
13 TLC	Stories of Miracles (R) (Part 2 of 2)	Movie: ** "Dr. Strangelove" (1978) Peter Hooten, Clyde Kusatsu. (R)	Movie: *** "A Christmas Carol" (1938) Reginald Owen, Leo G. Carroll. (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)					
13 SCIFI	(11:00) Movie: *** "M.A.N.T.I.S." (1994) (R)	Movie: *** "The Return of the Pink Panther" (1975), Christopher Plummer, Catherine Schell 'G' (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)					
13 HIST	Christmas Unwrapped: History-Christmas	Movie: *** "A Christmas Carol" (1938) Reginald Owen, Leo G. Carroll. (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)					
13 AMC	(11:05) Movie: *** "The Return of the Pink Panther" (1975), Christopher Plummer, Catherine Schell 'G' (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)	Movie: *** "An Affair to Remember" (1957), Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning (R)					
13 DISN	Zorro (In Stereo) (R)	Mickey Mouse Club (R)	Movie: *** "Follow Me, Boys!" (1966), Vera Miles, Lillian Gish 'G' (R)	Movie: *** "Son of Flubber" (1963), Nancy Olson, Keenan Wynn 'G' (R)	Movie: *** "Son of Flubber" (1963), Nancy Olson, Keenan Wynn 'G' (R)					
13 HBO	Movie: *** "Tin Cup" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Costner. An undisciplined golfer attempts to reach the U.S. Open. 'R' (R)	Movie: "Brest Men" (1997) (Adult language, adult situations) (R)	Movie: *** "Steal the Sky" (1988) (In Stereo) (R)							
13 MAX	Movie: *** "Alive" (1993), Vincent Spano, Josh Hamilton 'R' (Violence) (R)	Movie: *** "Terminator" (1984), Lisa Zane, Rustam Branaman (In Stereo) 'R' (R)	Movie: *** "Bottle Rocket" (1996) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language) (R)							

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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 1841 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 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 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:** 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."

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# COLLEGE NEWS

Casey Lee Harper, a freshman in chemical engineering from Lowell, was placed on the fall quarter dean's list at

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achieved placement on the list. Dr. Martha Janners, dean of students, reported that 263 students earned straight 'A' averages of 4.00.

Harper is the son of Tom and Carol Harper of Lowell.

Brad D. Holtz, son of Bill Holtz of Lowell, and Philip

T. Davidson, son of Robert and Jacquelin Davidson of Ada, have been named to the dean's list for fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, acting academic dean of the college.

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## Breuker relates personal experience to classroom situation

It is good for the other students too. It gives them an appreciation of how hard these students must work to learn a new language.

Nancy Breuker  
Cherry Creek Third-Grade Teacher

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Nancy Breuker's third-grade classroom is filled with name tags. The tags are not attached to the shirts of students, instead to items found in the classroom.

A person might run his/her hand over a tag that reads light switch when turning on or off Breuker's classroom lights.

A student will see a name tag identifying the faucet when using the sink.

All of the students in Breuker's class know what a faucet is. Most probably can even spell it.

For Tamara Al-Masri, native Jordanian, identifying a faucet in Arabic comes more naturally than in English. Al-Masri and her family moved to the Lowell area from Jordan this past summer.

For Anita Sturm spelling faucet in German or even in French comes more naturally than English. Sturm and her family moved to the Lowell area just three weeks ago from Germany.

For Bosnian Nusret Audulajah adapting to the English language still requires some work even after a year in the removed from Bosnia.

For Canadian Adam White the change hasn't required such a difficult adjustment to the English language.

How all four international students all got in the same third-grade classroom is both a quirk and a blessing for them and their teacher.

How does a teacher prepare for such a task? In Breuker's case, she's lived it. The third-grade teacher and her husband, adopted their daughter Olivia at the age of four from Guatemala.

"I went through our house and labeled everything in Spanish to help Olivia," Breuker said. "In the classroom I've labeled everything in English to help the international students."

While Breuker isn't surprised, she marvels at how quickly the students have adapted.

"Tamara has no 'Th' sound in Jordan. She can't make that sound. But, her decoding skills allows her to come pretty close."

Breuker has also adapted. Tamara's spelling lists are

from second grade. "I do this to help her get the rules down." In reading the international students are teamed up to read with a partner so they can through an assignment.

"It is good for the other students too. It gives them an appreciation of how hard Tamara and Anita must work to learn a new language," Breuker said.

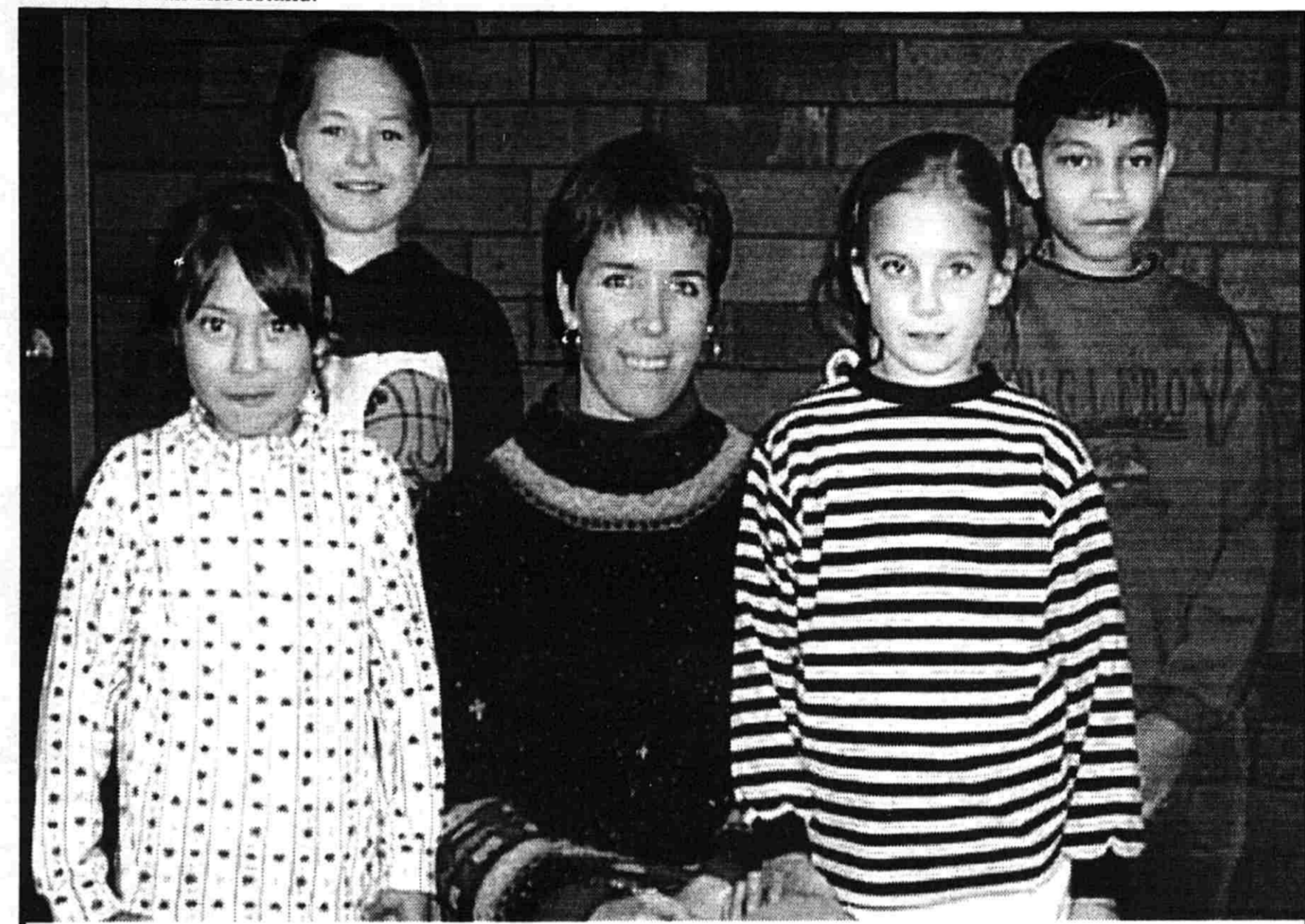
The third-grade teacher is also more aware of the words she uses in class. Breuker tries to simplify instruction so that all students can understand.

the English words to put on paper.

Despite the language barrier, which everyday is less and less, Breuker says the communication is still there.

"We speak different languages, but we're still able to communicate through hand signals, body language and drawings," Breuker said.

Sturm agrees. "English been difficult, but I'm getting better."

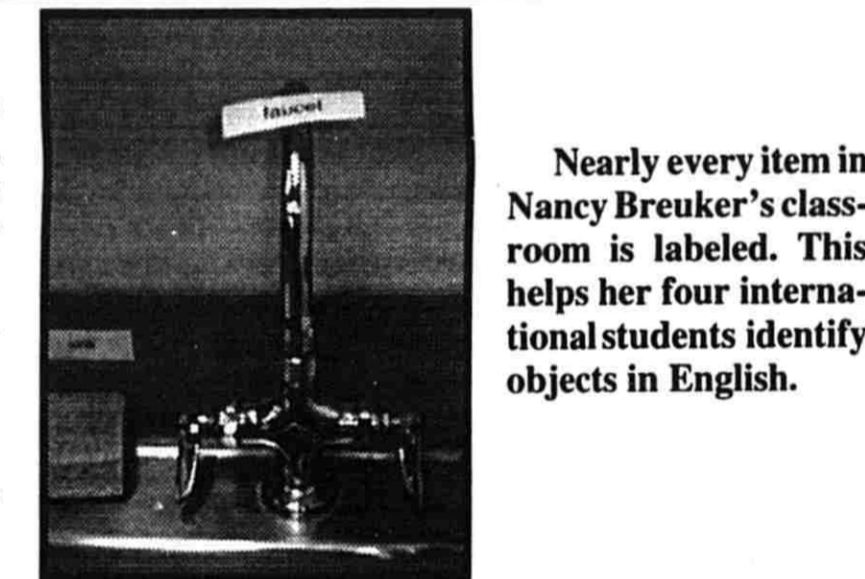


Pictured with teacher Nancy Breuker are international students, from left to right, Tamara Al-Masri, Adam White, Anita Sturm, and Nusret Audulajah.

"When I'm having difficulty getting a point across I'll draw a picture," Breuker said. Her artistic ability draws laughter from students. More importantly it relates to Nusret, Tamara, Anita and Adam that it is alright to struggle and laugh at ones self. But more importantly, one must continue to try and put forth an effort.

Breuker called on her limited German in trying to make a point to Anita. "I know just enough German to be dangerous," she said. "After trying to communicate to Anita in German, she responded 'No German, speak English.'"

Writing is the most difficult of the subjects. For the international students. It is difficult for them to come up with



Nearly every item in Nancy Breuker's classroom is labeled. This helps her four international students identify objects in English.

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## Lowell wrestlers focused on regaining OK White's top spot

•••• The 1997-98 season could bring Red Arrow Gary Rivers his 500th career coaching win.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The last time Lowell won a conference championship in wrestling was 1995.

That is two years too many for its venerable coach Gary Rivers.

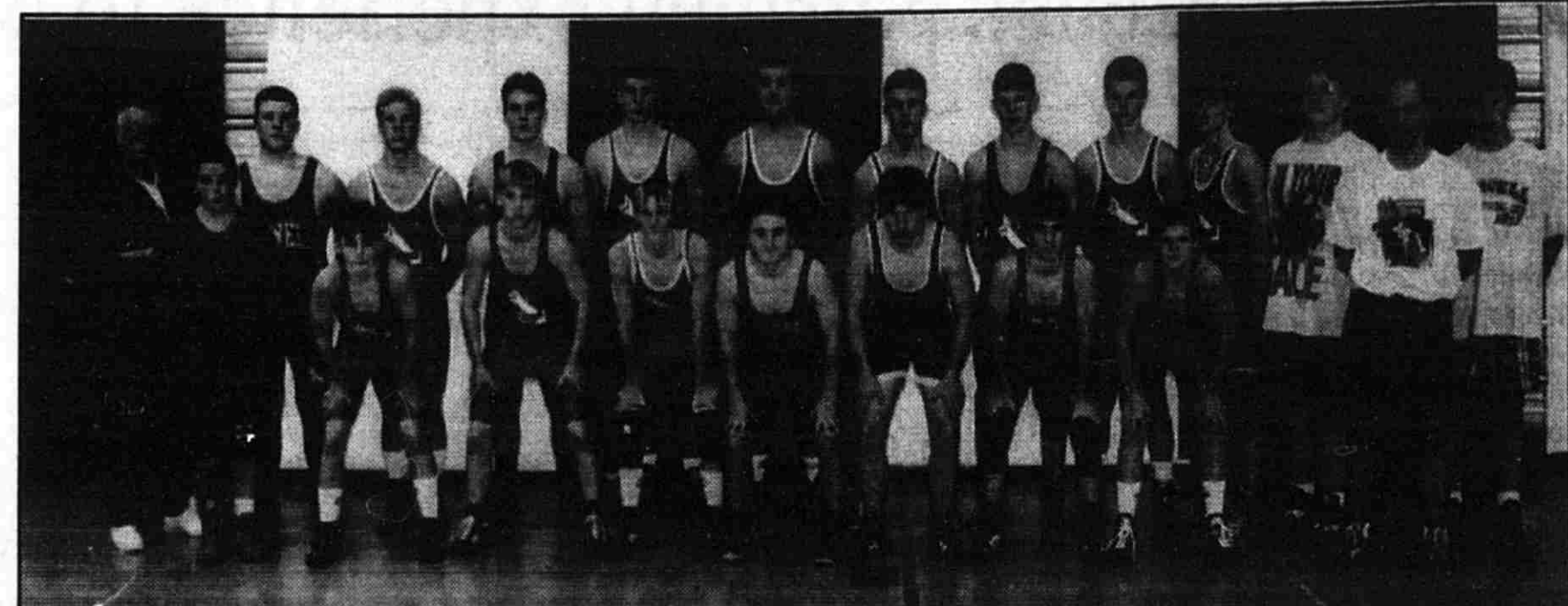
"Our primary goal is to win a conference championship and we also want to qualify for the team state tournament," he said. "Both goals are realistic."

If both goals are met, it is highly possible that along the way, the Red Arrows will have defeated two-time defending league champion Forest Hills Central, and Rivers will claim his 500th career coaching win in 1997-98.

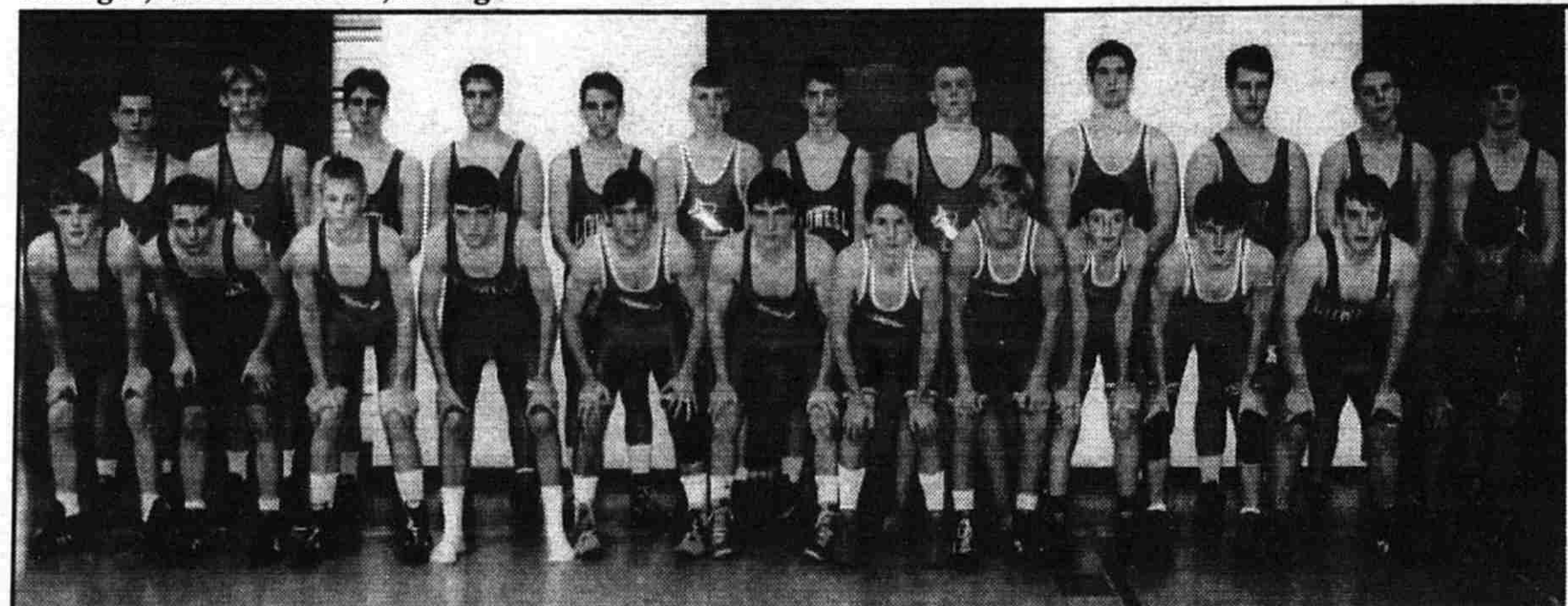
"This year's squad has a better work habit, is focused and is stronger physically," Rivers said. "Many of the boys have been lifting on their own."

Rivers, through the urging of his assistant coach Dave Strejc and the help of Michigan State University's Dave Dean (Noel Dean's brother), has begun a lifting program for wrestlers. "I'm sold. I've seen the improvement in strength from what they've done and how it has rubbed off on the younger kids," he explains.

Lowell's wrestling squad has ballooned to 46. It holds the biggest class of freshmen wrestlers Rivers has seen come through his program. "This class of freshmen



Junior and senior members of the Lowell wrestling team, pictured front row, left to right, are: Joe Rottier, manager, Anthony Saganek, Denny Snuffer, Brett West, Chris Wilkins, Patrick Rockwall, Gerrid Uzarski, Aaron Plattner and assistant coach Dave Strejc; back row, left to right, are: coach Gary Rivers, Joe Talbot, Keith Krebill, Jeff Altoft, Lucas Grummet, Mike Arnsward, Steve VanLaan, David Luyk, Brad Lyons, Nick West, Ben Vaught, manager, and Peter Serne, manager.



Freshman and sophomore members of the Lowell wrestling team, pictured front row, left to right, are: Dustin Harmon, Roger VanderMeer, Doug Ford, Brad Jackson, Tom Oesch, Matt Oesch, Brent Lyons, Pete VanLaan, Eric Hays, Caleb O'Boyle, Alan Stiver and John Mendez; back row, left to right, are: Kip Morris, T.J. Forward, Tim Hill, Mike Junewick, Brad Johnson, Dan Rottier, Alex Schloop, Caleb Grummet, Bill Stouffer, Kevin Rasch, Luke Seitz and John Kelly.

knows more coming in than those in the past. They are not only more knowledgeable, but they are stronger and they are in better health."

Lowell's lineup will include two state medalists in Dan Rottier (119) and Bill Stouffer (215). In Nick West (112), it also has a conference champion and a regional qualifier from a year ago.

Preceding Rottier and West will be Brett West at 103 pounds.

Rivers expects sophomore Brent Lyons and junior Denny Snuffer to battle all year for the spot at 130. "They'll be wrestling a varsity match in the challenges so that they can wrestle varsity," Rivers says.

Senior Brad Lyons will wrestle at 135 with sophomore Tom Oesch currently at 140. "Brad was 29-18 last year and is improved this year. Oesch is physical and will be challenged in practice by T.J. Forward and senior Chris Wilkins."

Freshman Matt Oesch will battle Kyle Roth for wrestling honors at 145.

Senior captain David Luyk was 21-21 last year and will wrestle at 152 this year.

Keith Krebill, a junior, is improved and should see plenty of mat time at 160.

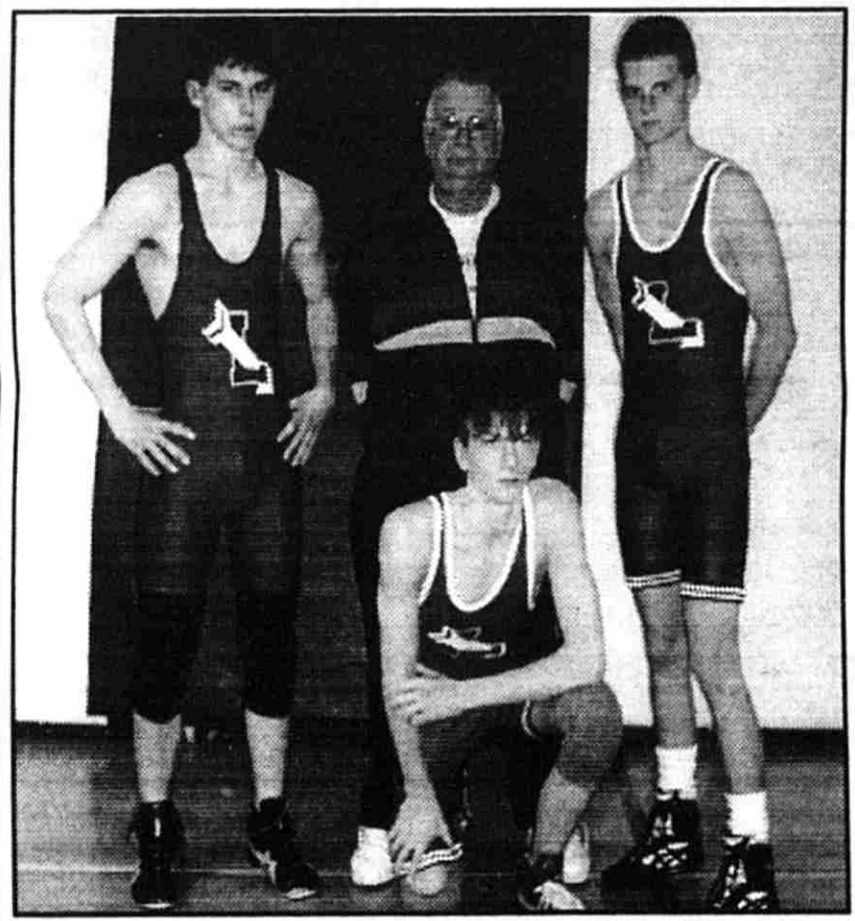
Steve VanLaan, a junior, is a returning letter winner and will wrestle at 171, although Rivers says he may move down to 160. The move would make room for senior Jeff Altoft. "I wish Jeff would have started wrestling when he was a freshman."

Senior Lucas Grummet will wrestle at 189 with sophomore Stouffer at 215 and Mike Arnsward at heavy-weight.

"We have a lot of wrestlers who are close seconds," Rivers explains.

They include Eric Hays, 103 pounds; Aaron Plattner, Anthony Saganek, John Mendez, and Gerrid Uzarski, 112; Dustin Harmon and Roger VanderMeer, 125; Peter VanLaan, Brad Jackson and Alex Schloop, 130; Doug

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Pictured with wrestling coach Gary Rivers are 1997-98 tri-captains David Luyk, Nick West and Brad Lyons.

## Red Arrow spikers eye the start of a new tradition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Volleyball has not been a traditionally strong winter sport at Lowell High School over the years.

But with work, desire and some confidence, that can change. A new tradition can begin.

"I have a great group of girls who want to win... who want volleyball to look important to Lowell... who want to start a winning tradition in volleyball," said Lowell varsity volleyball coach Tammy DeVries.

In preparation for the 1997-98 season, the Red Arrow spikers played in open gym over the summer and attended a three-day volleyball camp at Michigan State University.

"The camp took a more intense approach to improving a player's skills," DeVries said. "It went through and knit-picked areas of a player's game that had to be improved or changed."

Lowell returns seven letter winners, six of whom are seniors. "They are going to work well together. The girls have confidence in one another and have been playing together quite a bit," explained DeVries.

Lowell's physical presence may be its biggest strength this year. Its big, strong front line is filled by players who can attack and block.

In the middle of the front line will be senior tri-captain Laurie Barton. DeVries says Barton will be involved in every play. "She's a great player who has improved her hitting ability," DeVries explains.

Joining Barton in the middle will be se-

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Tammy DeVries  
Lowell Varsity Volleyball Coach

Playing on the right side of the front line will be Liz Rooker. The senior is tall and described as a very good blocker.

Setting for the Red Arrows in 1997-98 will be junior Shelby Williams. Junior Shannon Finnegan will back up Williams.

Junior tri-captain Amy Snell will also play at a middle hitting position. "Amy is extremely aggressive and will play a lot in the back row," DeVries said.

Senior Mahrya Skinner has a solid, controlled, passing game. "She will be one of our primary passers. She is also strong in the areas of serve, receive and defense," said the coach.

Senior Jeni Schmidt is the club's serving specialist. "She can place her serve extremely well," DeVries explains.

Junior Laura LaHaye will play behind Winsor and Weber. "Laura's behind some pretty good company," said the second-year coach.

Junior Morgan Scheid will see playing time in the back row.

Defensively, DeVries says her club still has some work to get done. "We must go after and make sure that every ball is touched. That requires movement and communication," DeVries said.

The Lowell coach expects nothing less than a winning season. "I think we should finish in the upper echelon of the league," she

said. DeVries says Zeeland is the team to beat, with FHC and EGR not far behind.



Members of the varsity volleyball team are, 1st. row, left to right: Laura LaHaye, Morgan Scheid, Cherelle Weber, Amy Snell, Shannon Finnegan; 2nd row: Jennifer Schmidt, Jessica Winsor, Shelby Williams, Mahrya Skinner; 3rd row: head coach Tammy DeVries, Julie Wisner, Liz Rooker, Laurie Barton, assistant coach Kristen Ference.

nior Julie Wisner. "She is new to the front line, but has improved and has good jumping ability," DeVries explains.

The outside hitters will be tri-captain

Jessica Winsor and Cherelle Weber. "Jessica is a strong hitter and does a good job of attacking. Cherelle did a great job for us defensively last year."



## Lowell JV Volleyball

Members of the JV volleyball team are, 1st. row, left to right: Nikki Russell; 2nd row: Jennifer McCaul, Sarah Happie, Rebecca Brander, Jody Seif, Kelly Keman; 3rd row: Jenny Dean, Katie McPherson, Maggie Wisner, Lindsay Scigliano, Angie Schmidt, Courtney Hedlund, coach Rick VanderVeer.



## Lowell Freshman Volleyball

Members of the freshmen volleyball team are, 1st. row, left to right: Lindsey Thayer; 2nd row: Lisa LaHaye, Liza Brander, Jacki Thuston, Abby Matthews, Keeley Sadlak, Abby Goff, Sunny Moyer; 3rd row: Coach Laurie Kuna, Jamie Seif, Mari Rich, Jenny Williams, Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Charlene DeShane, Kara McMahon, manager Nicole Briggs.

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# Building of a Basketball Program

•••• Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush looks to build from consistency and commitment.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

All the components are in place as far as getting the Lowell basketball program where it needs to go.

"To have a successful program there must be consistency at all levels," Lowell varsity basketball coach Pete Bush said. "I think we have that now."

The other ingredient Bush has acquired this year includes underclassmen who have shown the willingness to put in time during the off-season.

"Kids put in time this past off-season. That is why this program will grow," Bush said. "We had a core of 10-12 sophomores who were at every open gym this summer. They made a commitment. The kids themselves are raising the level of expectation."

At the lower levels, there is the expectation that players will accomplish the game's fundamentals.

One of the top priorities according to Bush is to de-

velop shooters. "We need to begin young so by the time kids reach the high school level, the technique is automatic," he said.

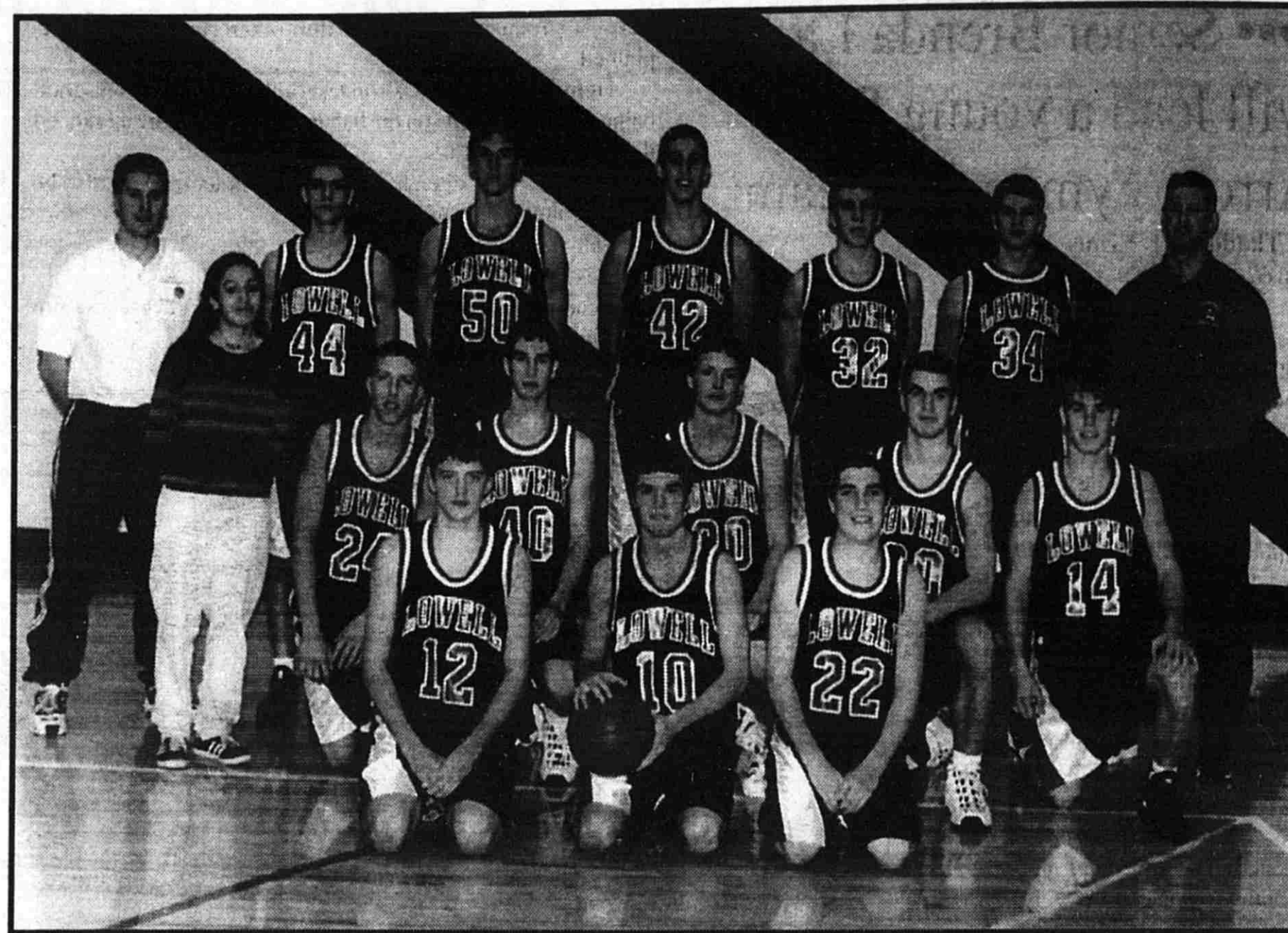
With its exclusive three-guard offense, Lowell's success will depend in part on how well it shoots the ball. Bush will look to Shane Teelander, T.J. Thayer and Kevin Williams.

"Shane is maturing and developing more confidence and consistency," Bush said.

Inside, the scoring load will fall mainly on the shoulders of 6-foot-8 senior center Justin Balcer. "He just needs to be tough mentally. Emotionally, Justin is up and down. We need him to bring enthusiasm and desire into every game."

Balcer demonstrated a year ago that he has a nice soft jumper from within 10 feet.

Helping Balcer out on the inside will be 6-4 senior forward Nate Schoen. "Nate and Kevin Williams will be our leaders," Bush said.



Members of the varsity basketball team are, 1st. row, left to right: Nils Driessen, Austin Krieg, Scott Mikulski; 2nd. row: manager Susan Clark, Shane Teelander, Shaun Precious, Kevin Williams, Phil Krzykwa, T.J. Thayer; 3rd. row: Head coach Pete Bush, Ryan Mix, Nate Schoen, Justin Balcer, Todd Dalga, Bob Jones, assistant coach Joe Stacey.

The first post player off the bench will be sophomore Ryan Mix. "He's mentally tough and has been playing well this fall. By season's end, Ryan could be starting," Bush said.

Home school transfer Phil Krzykwa is not eligible to play

until the second semester. "He's mentally tough and will help us out at guard."

Lowell's three-guard lineup will run a motion offense. Its success will depend on spacing, the quality and type of cuts, and when and how screens are set. "If we

stay focused, the confidence will come," Bush said.

On the defensive end of the floor, Lowell will defend man-to-man. "They understand what I want. Man-to-man defense takes teamwork, execution and communication. If we are to be successful with it, our communication must improve," Bush said.

Lowell's third-year coach gives the league's top billing

to a deep Hastings squad. "I think they're head and shoulders above the rest of the teams in the league."

Not far behind are East Grand Rapids, Zeeland and Forest Hills Central. "East may struggle early, but as the year progresses, they will be tough. Zeeland will be big, and Central will be as good as it's been in a long time," Bush explained.

## Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders

Members of the varsity cheerleading squad are, 1st. row, left to right: Ainsley Smit, Nola Dzwonek, Sarah Debiak, Kelly O'Dell, Liz Lonick, Jessica Garber, Sandi Spicer, Lori Catlin, Beth Weber, Jessica Koopman, Amy Meiste; 2nd. row: Erin Umlauf, Melissa Sobie; 3rd. row: Sarah Sper, Sandy Lonick, Alana Valentine.



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# Lowell gymnastics numbers adding up for 1997-98 season

•••• Senior Brenda Lacey will lead a young Red Arrow gymnastics team.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Michele DeHaan grabbed the reigns of the Lowell High School gymnastics program four years ago, there were nine members.

Two years later, her team had shrunk to four. "Something had to be done or I was going to be without a coaching job," DeHaan said.

What the Lowell coach did was begin building a feeder program for young, aspiring Lowell gymnasts.

"We now have fall and spring (YMCA) sessions and a summer camp for the young girls," DeHaan explains.

The results are adding up. In both sessions, there were six classes, and in each class there were 15 kids.

"All the time and effort I've put into the YMCA gymnastic sessions are paying off," DeHaan explained.

The coach's immediate payoff is five freshmen will join the varsity gymnastics squad in 1997-98, all of which participated in DeHaan's summer camps and YMCA sessions.

The freshmen are Suzanne Swift, Casey Fox, Shawna Dalga, Heidi Hefner and Alyssa Gilliken.

Swift will be an all-around performer. DeHaan says she does well on the beam, but her strength may lie on the uneven bars.

Fox will also compete in all four events. "Right now, in the beam, vault and floor exercise.

Casey's strongest area is the floor exercise," DeHaan explained.

Hefner, possibly the strongest of the freshmen, has good balance, and her skills on the balance beam are more advanced than in the other areas.

Gilliken, described by her coach as graceful, will also be an all-around performer.

Dalga will compete on the beam, uneven bars and in the floor exercise.

Leading a handful of letter winners from last year is senior Brenda Lacey.

"We will look to Brenda for leadership," DeHaan said. "She has added some new tricks to her beam and floor exercises."

Sophomore Renee Brower competed on the balance beam in the regional tournament as a freshman. "Making it into the regional as a freshman is quite an accomplishment. I expect she will qualify for the regional in more than one event this year," DeHaan said.

Between a trip to the Dominican Republic and a bruised tailbone, sophomore Laura Douglass was never able to find a groove as a freshman.

"Laura learned a lot, but wasn't able to do much because of her injury and trip," DeHaan said.

Sophomore Lisa Malone has added more difficult tricks to her beam and uneven bar routines.

Samantha Ripley joins the Red Arrow gymnastics team as a sophomore. She will provide depth on the balance beam.

Also new to this year's squad is junior Amber O'Boyle.

DeHaan says the junior is strong and has good tumbling abilities. "I think Amber will help us in the floor and uneven bar areas."

With an increase in the number, all-around gymnasts should provide Lowell with more depth. "We lost some matches last year by tenths of a point," DeHaan said. "More all-around gymnasts could have changed those losses into wins."

The added depth to this year's squad will be most evident in the uneven bars and floor exercises, according to DeHaan.

"If the girls improve individually, then the team will also," DeHaan said. "Most importantly, I want the girls to enjoy themselves and for gymnastics to be fun."



Members of the gymnastics team are, 1st. row, left to right: Renee Brower, Brenda Lacey, Heidi Hefner; 2nd. row: Lisa Malone, Casey Fox, Suzanne Swift, Laura Douglass; 3rd. row: Alyssa Gilliken, Shawna Dalga, coach Michele DeHaan, Amber O'Boyle, Samantha Ripley.

## Wrestling continued.... From Page 24

Ford, Brad Johnson, and Kip Morris, 135; Alan Stiver and Jay Blair, 152; Patrick Rockwell, Luke Seitz, Mike Junewick, 160; Kevin Rasch, 189; and Joe Talbot, 215.

"We need to see progress at 130, 160 and 189. We have people in place that can do the job. Their progress is key," Rivers said.

Lowell's coach believes Central is the team to beat. "They've got some good young wrestlers returning. I think it will come down between Forest Hills and ourselves. Hastings and Zeeland should be good."

Lowell opens its league play at home against the Chix Thursday.

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# Depth delivers the goods for Red Arrows at Hemlock Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ten Lowell wrestlers medaled at Saturday's 16-team Hemlock Invitational as the Red Arrows walked away with the tournament championship.

The Red Arrows earned 2 firsts, 3 seconds and 5 thirds in tallying 221 points, easily outdistancing its closest challenger Mt. Morris which finished with 171 points. Corunna was third with 157 followed by Alma, 146.5, and St. Charles, 130.

"The boys wrestled with determination. They wanted it," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "We have a good number of wrestlers

who will place in tournaments."

Brett West earned top honors at 103 pounds. He was 4-0 on the day. He finished the day with a pin against Alma's Jake Gulick at 56 seconds of the first period. "Brett is just so aggressive. He goes after it. He was dominating."

In the title match at 171, Steve VanLaan was in total control in a 13-4 decision over Chesaning's Ryan Tarrant.

Mike Arnswald (HWT) defeated the tournament's first and fourth seeds to reserve a place in the finals before losing to the third seed from Meridean. "Mike wasn't seeded. He wrestled well, but when things didn't go well he got flustered

and Thompson, who's a senior, took advantage," Rivers explained.

Lowell won all five of its consolation matches. Nick West pinned Corunna's Jordan Brooks at 2:49 of the second period.

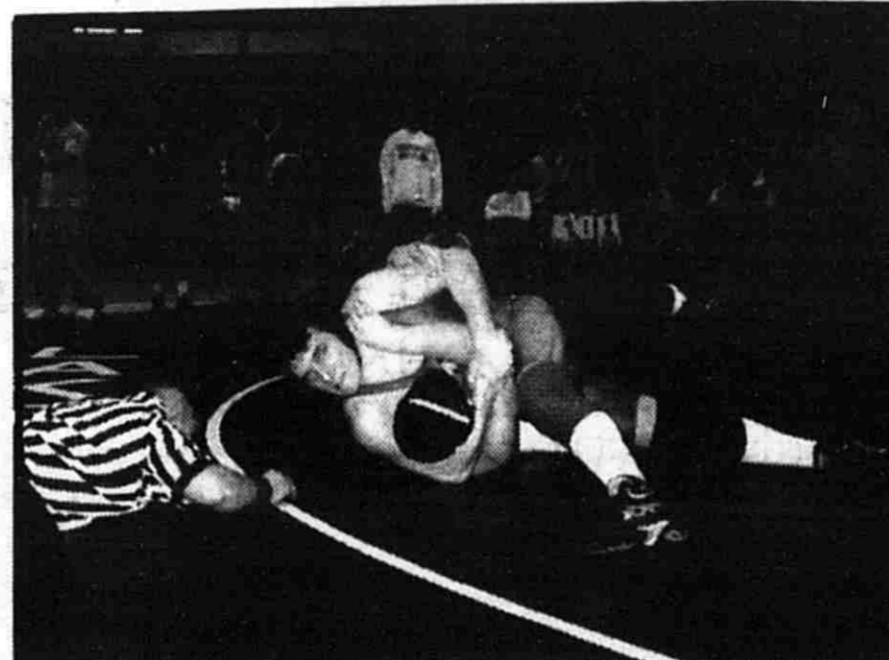
Dan Rottier, 119, decisioned Sam Kuchar, of New Lothrop, 18-4. Caleb O'Boyle bested Reed City's Willie Jacobs 9-1. "Caleb is constantly moving. He goes from one move to another," Rivers explained. His only loss (6-5) of the day came to the number one seed.

Sophomore Tom Oesch decisioned Freeland's Brandon Thorton 7-4.

At 152 pounds, David Luyk pinned Ryan Haley (Freeland) in 4:05 of the third period.

Wrestling but not placing were Denny Snuffer (0-2) 130 pounds; Matt Oesch (2-2) 145; and Lucas Grummet (1-2) 189 pounds.

Lowell hosts Zeeland Thursday.



Jeff Altoft, 189 pounds, placed first at the Lakewood JV wrestling tournament.

## Lowell JV wrestlers begin season at Lakewood

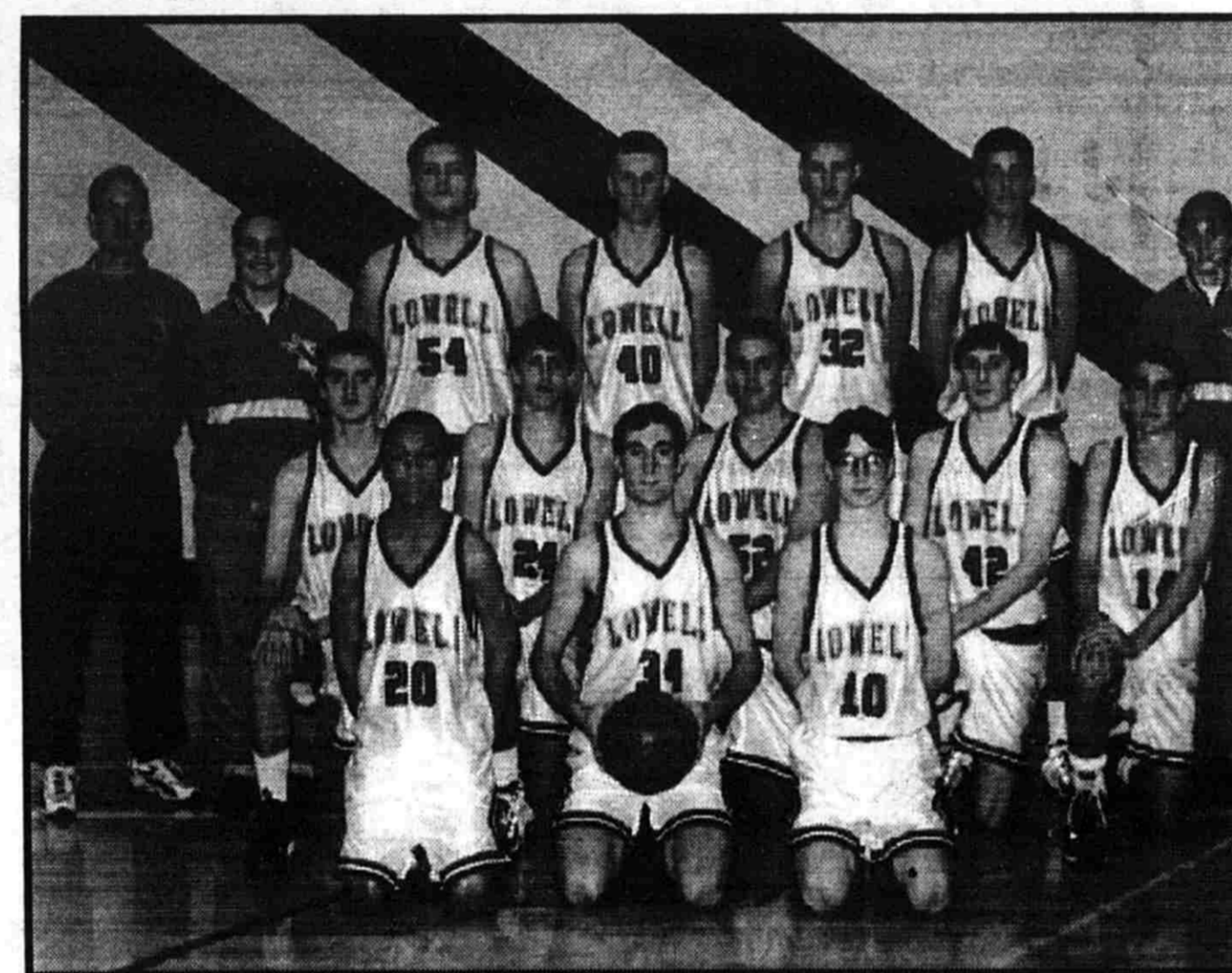
Lowell's JV wrestling team is off to a successful start this season. In action at Lakewood, placing first for the Red Arrows were Aaron Plattner (112), Brad Jackson (130), Gerrid Uzarski (125), Denny Snuffer (125), Chris Wilkins (140), Jeff Altoft (189), and Caleb Grummet (275). Finishing in second place were Matt Oesch (145) and Patrick Rockwall (160). Third-place finishers were Doug Ford (135), Anthony Saganek (112), TJ Forward (140), and Joe Talbot (215).

Lowell also competed in the Tri-County Team Tournament. Lowell finished in third place with a 2-2 record. Individual medalists for Lowell were: Erik Hays (103) second; John Mendez (112) fourth; Brad Jackson (130) first; Brent Lyons (130) 4th; Doug Ford (135) second; TJ Forward (140) first; Chris Wilkins (145) 4th; Luke Seitz (152) 3rd; Kevin Rasch (189) fourth; Jeff Altoft (215) third; and Caleb Grummet (275) first.



## Freshman Boys Basketball

Members of the freshmen basketball team are, 1st. row, left to right: Andy Lamoreaux, Ryan Phillips; 2nd row: Jim Bosserd, Jordan Gallagher, Dave Bellechasses, Kurt Telman, Troy Gillan; 3rd. row: Coach Mark Stedman, Matt Trierweiler, Kevin Walker, Matt Jackson, Nate Borth, Dave Rozema, Jermaine Rhoden.



## JV Boys Basketball

Members of the JV basketball team are, 1st. row, left to right: Leto McElveen, Brian Conley, Bryce McMahon; 2nd. row: Aaron Hall, Brady Foster, Tim Schutte, Scott Pullen, Aaron Alsgaard; 3rd. row: Coach Tim Antel, manager Amy Osterhaven, Josh Vrooman, Dave Veinbergs, Steve Adams, Keith Valentine, manager Rachel Rice.



## JV Basketball Cheerleaders

Members of the JV cheerleading squad are, 1st. row, left to right: Lauren Dee, Felicia Eshragh, Kristi Ford; 2nd row: Nicole Heacock, Elizabeth Graham, Treasure McElveen; 3rd. row: Jacki Cress, Lori Walsh, Kristy Hughes.



## Freshman Cheerleaders

Members of the freshmen cheerleading squad are, 1st. row, left to right: Jamie Roth, Ashley Rickert, Melissa Precious; 2nd. row: Becky Trierweiler, Toni Addington; 3rd. row: Rachelle Becker, Sarah Balcer, coach Erin Bryant, Patty Wilson, Jolene Stalsonburg.

# Compeau wins \$50,000 in Road to Riches lottery

Call it beginner's luck, and call it wonderful, for Lowell resident Janis A. Compeau, who took home the \$50,000 top prize on Road to Riches, the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show.

The 42-year-old production worker with Amway Corporation in Ada figured her chances of getting on the show were slim since this was the first time she had submitted entries.

Now Compeau says she can help her daughter with college expenses and put some of her winnings toward the home she recently bought.

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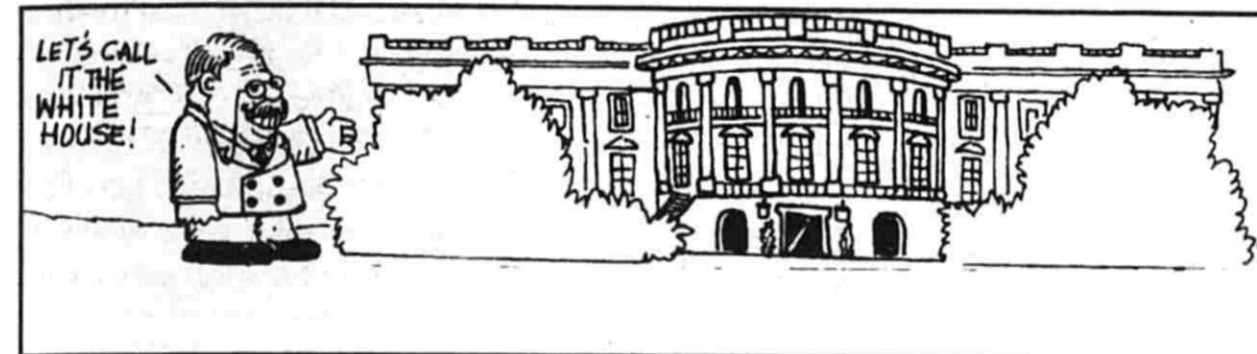
going over in the first four rounds advances to the final round... the home of the big vault.

The player then chooses the correct key to open the vault. If successful on the first try, the player wins \$50,000. Subsequent tries bring prizes of \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000. Other bonus prizes include instant cash bonuses and a Caribbean cruise for two.



## Local hunter bags trophy elk

Approximately 35,000 Michigan hunters apply each year for elk permits. Only 350 permits are issued. Lowell's Bryan White applied for a permit for the first time this year. He got it, and on Thursday, Dec. 11, made good use of it. White, hunting between Onaway and Atlanta in northern Michigan, dropped a six by seven, 575-pound elk bull (field dressed). White will shoulder mount his prized game.



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## Lowell bitten by its turnovers in losses to Lakewood and Rockford

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A hard, trapping press separated Lakewood from Lowell in a non-conference high school boys' basketball season opener.

"Our pressure and trap forced them into turnovers and created easy baskets for us," said Lakewood coach Mike Maciasz. "It helped us build a 10-12 point lead which we were able to keep throughout the game."

The Viking coach went to a trapping press with about four minutes to play in the first half and his club clinging to a 16-15 lead. The result was an 11-1 run before half-time and an eventual 55-46 win over the Red Arrows.

"I thought we played quite well defensively, but on offense we have to do a better job of protecting the basketball," Lowell basketball coach

Pete Bush said. "When we made mistakes and turnovers, Lakewood scored."

Lowell, which trailed 27-16 at halftime, never got to within single digits of Lakewood until the closing seconds of the game.

Shane Teelander led all Red Arrows with 14 points. Justin Balcer netted 10 and T.J. Thayer and Ryan Mix added nine and eight points respectively.

"T.J. played a great game for us. He kept control and got us into our halfcourt sets," Bush said. "Balcer did a better job in the second half of getting in position and wanting the basketball. Justin has talent and needs to be a leader on the floor."

Lakewood played without its leader and all-state player Jason Ellenbaas.

Rockford 71  
Lowell 33

There is something to be said for playing defense how it is supposed to be played.

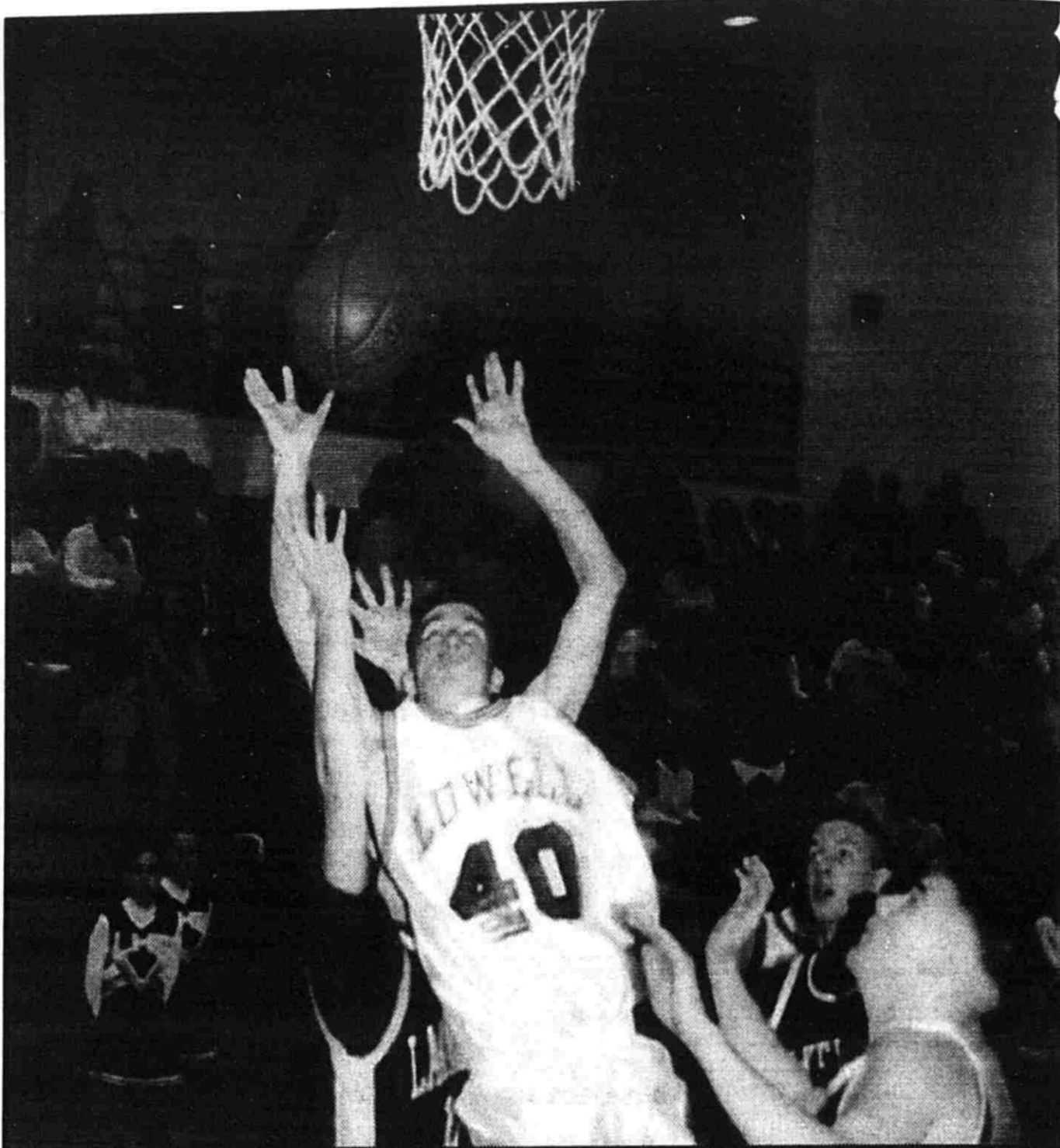
Just ask basketball coach Pete Bush. "Rockford forced us into mistakes and we didn't adjust. They took away our options. They played defense the way it is supposed to be played."

The result was a most convincing win by the Rams.

A bigger, stronger Rockford club outscored Lowell 26-8 in the second quarter, 11-0 in the final 3:40 of the half, as it took a 35-12 half-time lead.

It built on that lead in the third stanza as it outscored Lowell 23-7 to take a commanding 58-19 advantage. Taylor Bro led Rockford in scoring with 13 points.

T.J. Thayer led Lowell with a team-high 10 points. Justin Balcer contributed with eight.



Lowell's Shaun Precious elevates to the ball in non-conference action against Lakewood.

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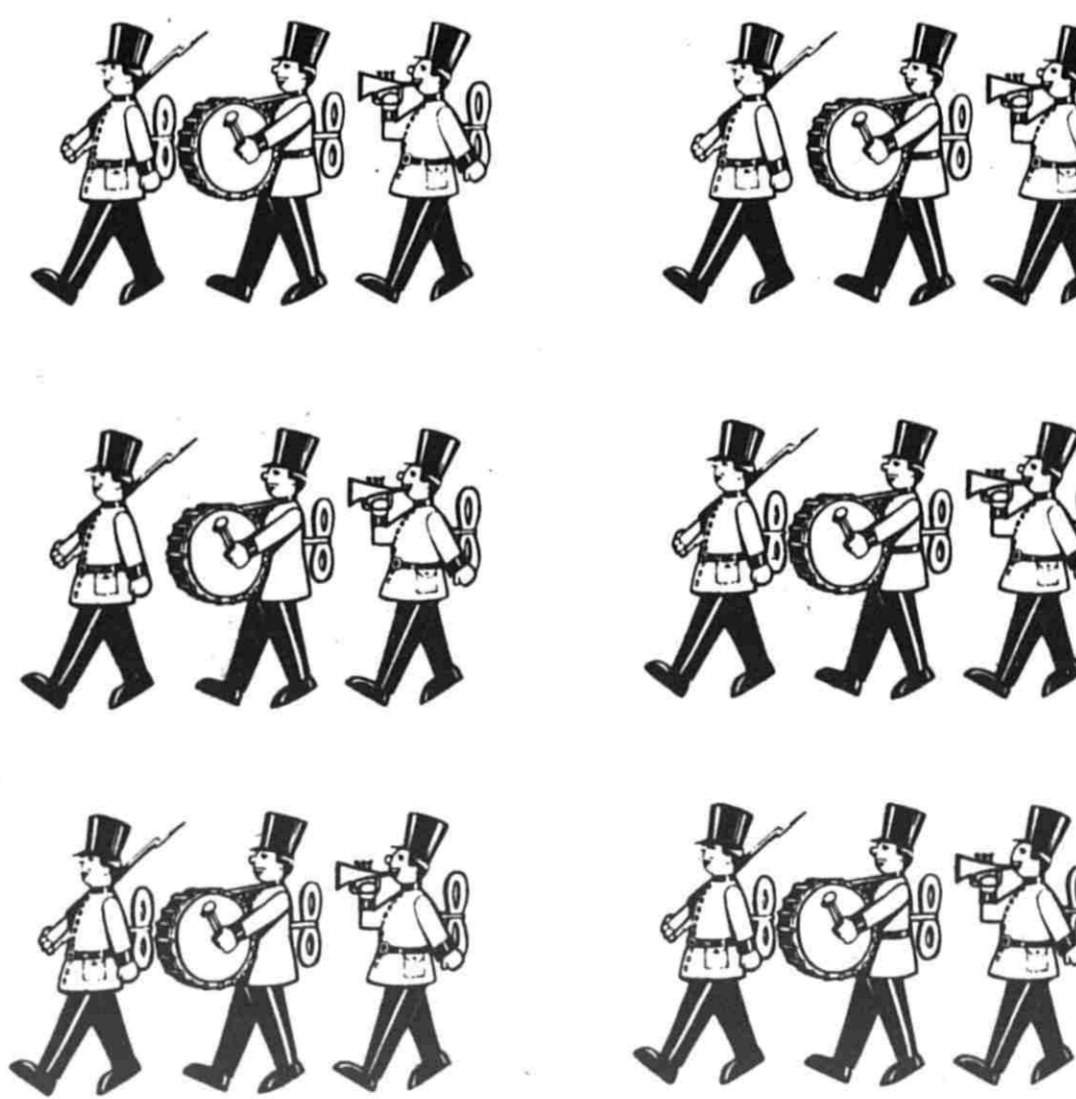
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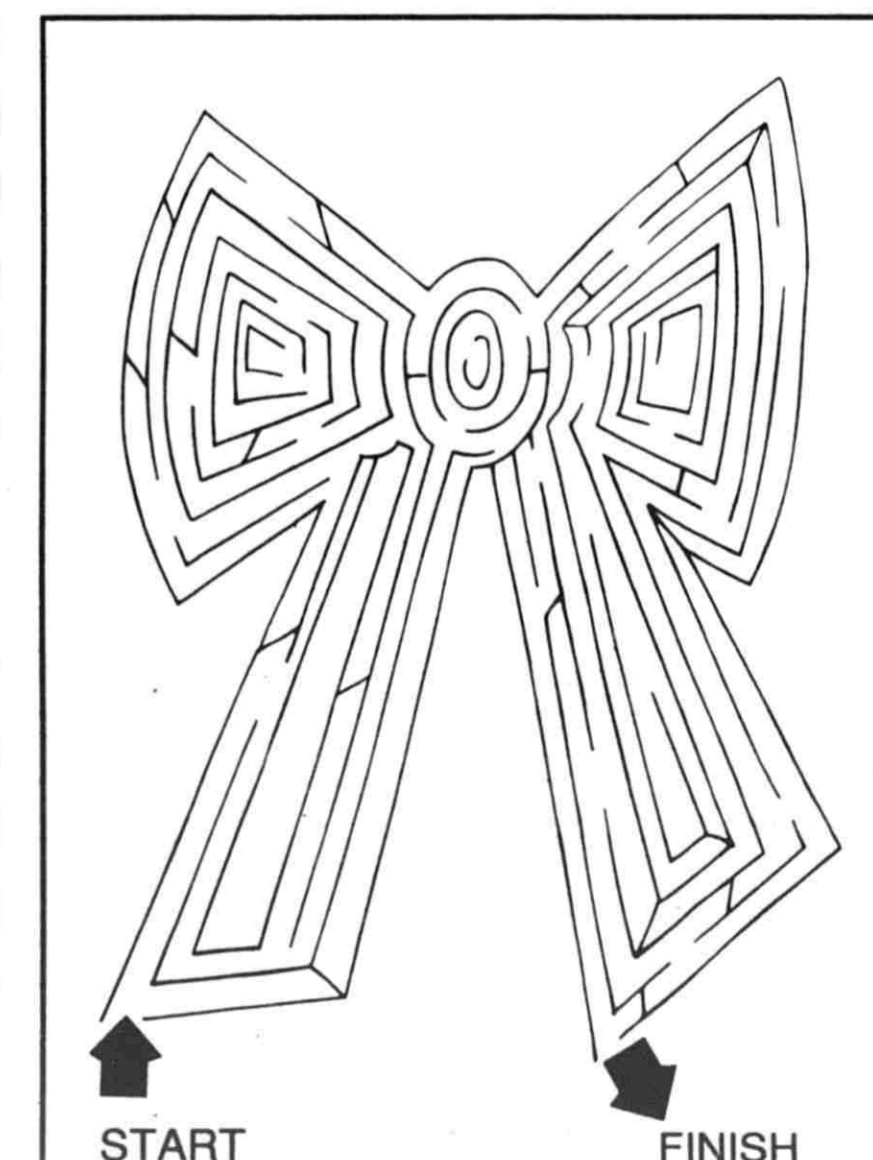
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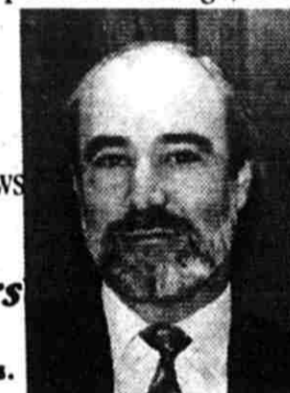
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# Math standards and assessments a challenge for both teachers and students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took Sue Frasier's function, statistics and trigonometry students a month to prepare for Math Day at Bushnell Elementary.

The time was well spent. "It's a lot of work to be a teacher," said junior Nikki Arnett. "It was a real good learning experience."

The juniors and seniors in Frasier's high school math class were charged with looking at first-grade math standards and assessments (measurements used to determine if students are meeting the standards) and devising a lesson plan with a Christmas theme.

Some of the standards incorporated into the lesson

plan included problem solving, interpreting graphs and patterns, and measuring length.

Bushnell Elementary first-grade classes participated in the Math Day activity. Each of the eight classes participated in six 20-minute lessons between 9:30 and noon.

"It was wonderful. I'd like to see it take place more often," Frasier said.

The high school math teacher explained that not only do the first-grade students learn, but so do the students in her functions, statistics and trigonometry class as they put into practice what they have learned.

In preparation, high school students gathered in-

structional method recommendations from Sue Beute, an at-risk math teacher.

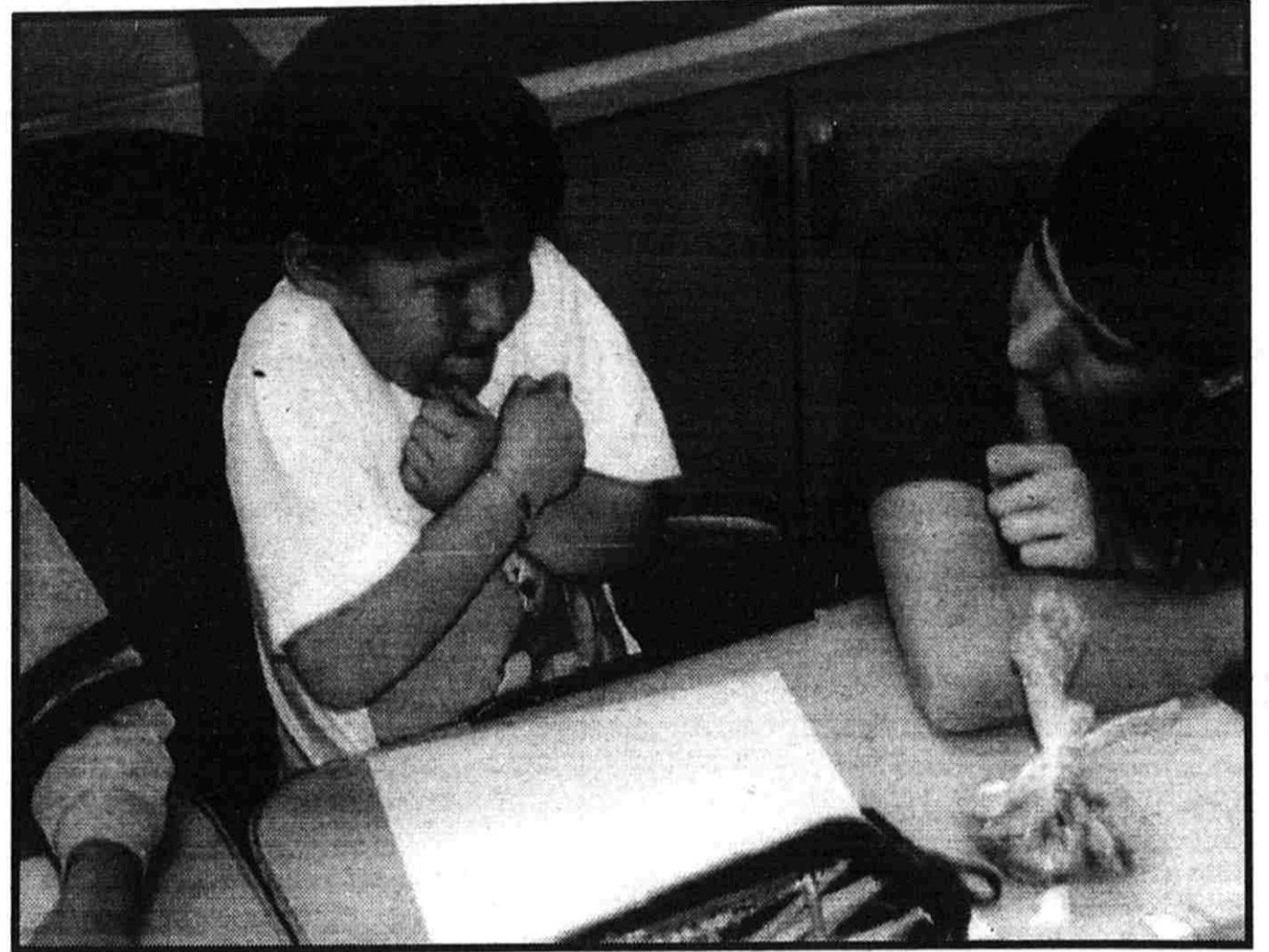
"I shared with the students that participation and hands-on activities as opposed to writing works better with young children," Beute said.

Junior Dan Vosovic said he enjoyed the experience, but found it to be a little weird being around little kids.

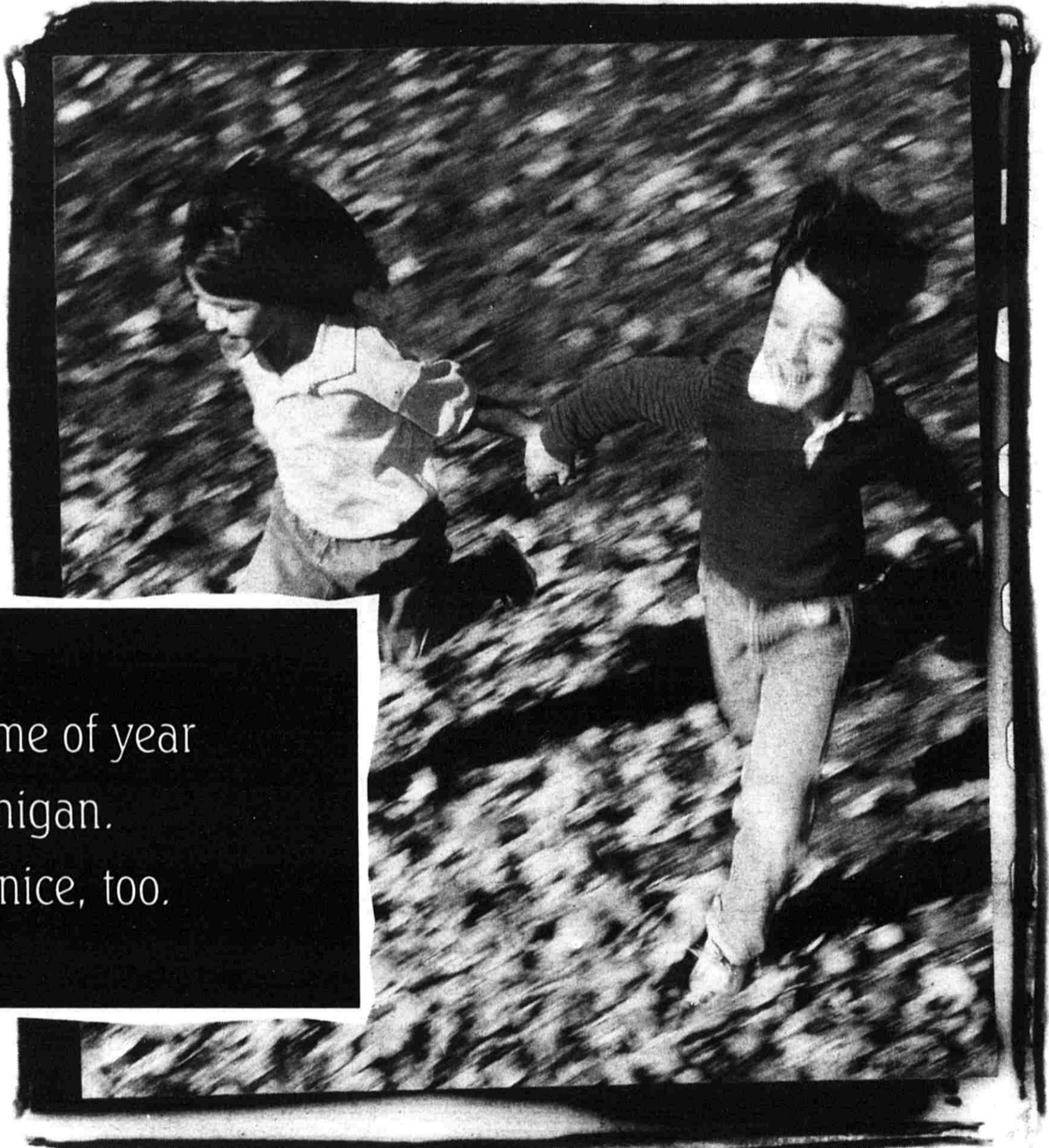
"One thing I learned quickly is you must be careful not to leave anybody out," he said.

Serving as teacher assistants were Sandi Spicer, Jessica Garber, Beth Hoag and Lisa Osterhaven.

First-grade students were awarded at the end of the day with candy Santas.



Lowell High School senior Aaron Hansen works with an apprehensive Natasha Eickhoff.



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