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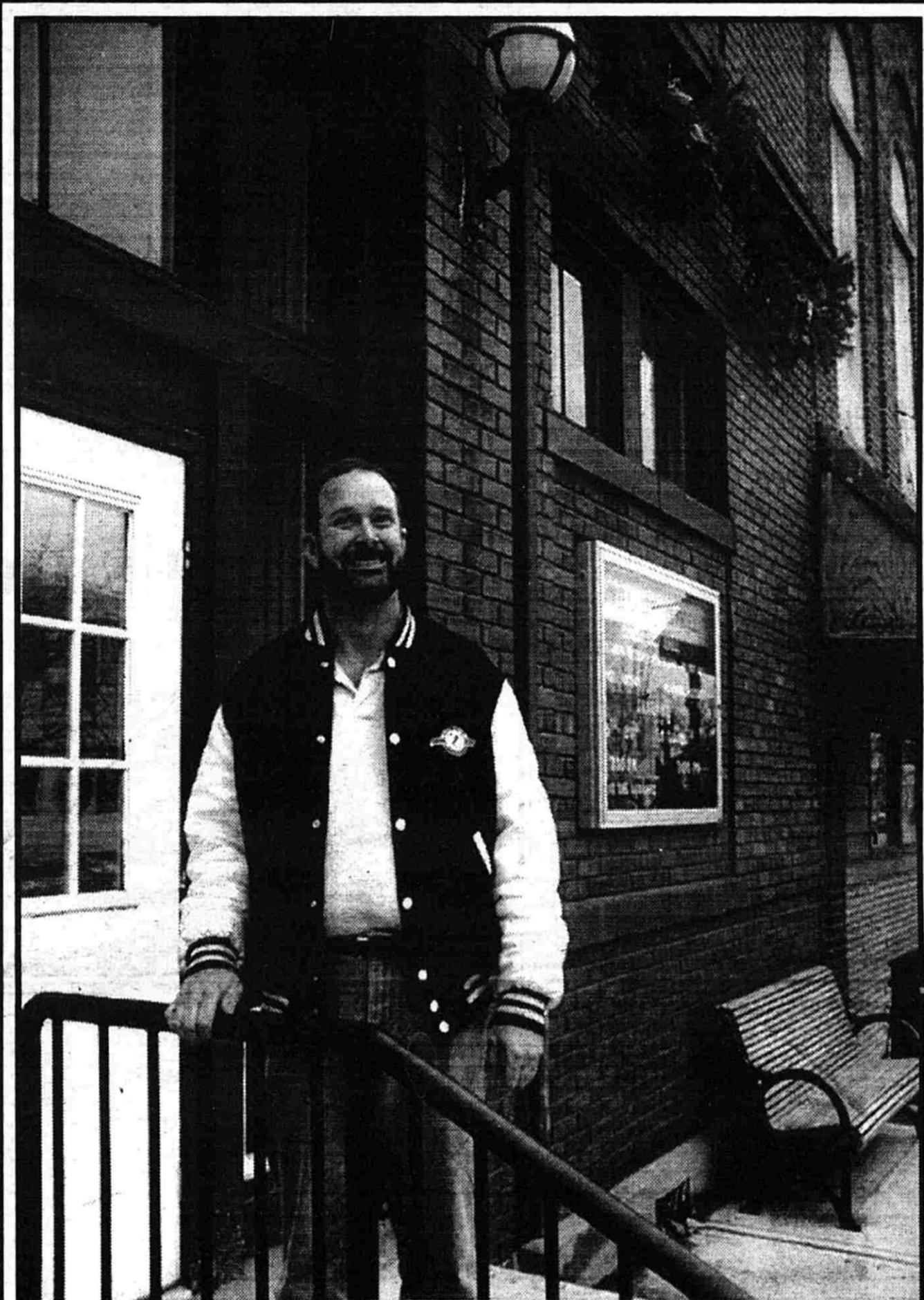
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Jim Hodges served on the Lowell City Council for nine years.

Councilman's long journey ends; Hodges ready to start anew

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Leaving the city council, be it not of his own choice, has come at a very natural point in Jim Hodges' life.

"I'd still like to serve on boards and there are things I'd still like to be a part of, but at a point where I've just completed my master's degree in public administration, it's time to pursue other things," Hodges said.

The nine-year council veteran lost his seat in the November city council general election.

Hodges, who seriously considered not running for another term, waited until the last hour to hand in his petition. "My one contingency was how many candidates were running," he says. "Had I not run, there would have been three people running for three seats. I did not want a perception of government rubber stamping."

Hodges said once the decision to run was made, despite all the pre-election considerations, he wanted to win another term. "Once I decided to run, I ran to win."

Election night did not produce win-

ning numbers for Hodges. However, it did produce some hurt. "The results were different than what I thought they were going to be," Hodges explained. "I will be honest...I felt sorry for myself for about 24 hours."

Hodges calls his nine years of council service a long but incredible journey. "I am very honored to have been selected and to have served on the council."

A council, he says, which has been diverse within reason but respectful among one another even in disagreement. "There has been diversity but also cooperation," Hodges explained.

A prime example of this is the Boves Road realignment dispute over property. Hodges points out that the council worked with the Barbers (Jim) to get things done.

"The county had just one plan which did not accommodate the Barbers," Hodges said.

The council worked with the Barbers to find an alternative.

"It was a classic example of how things can and should be done," Hodges said. "Local government is the best because

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School safety committee to address today's concerns before they're future problems

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Should all school volunteers be required to have criminal background checks?

This is just one of the questions that a new safety committee, formed by Lowell Area Schools, plans to address in the upcoming months.

The committee, formed by Superintendent Bert Bleke and put together by the district's head of security Al Eckman, includes parents, administrators and teachers.

"Basically, we had a variety of questions pop up on different issues and rather than take them all separately, I asked Al (Eckman) about putting together the committee to look into them," Bleke said.

There is not one single incident that has led to a review of the school's safety procedure, Bleke said, but rather just questions that have popped up during the day-to-day operations of the school. The questions centered around such topics as dispensing of medication, bus transportation, and volunteers in the schools.

"We are trying to be proactive instead of reactive," he said, adding it is the hope that by having the committee review the district's safety procedures, the district will be able to solve a problem before it even happens.

The committee was set to start meeting in December, but the first session was cancelled, not because of the district's recent bomb scare, but due to bad weather. Bleke said the

committee will begin meeting in January and probably will meet for two to three months.

The committee will report its findings to Bleke, who in turn will review the information and inform the board of any changes if any are recommended.

It is not uncommon for a school district to review its policies and procedures. In fact, for any school district to continue to update and improve itself, school officials often review policies to make sure they fit with the school's current needs and structure, Bleke said.

"This really is just being proactive in trying to address concerns and future problems before they really are problems," Bleke said.

North Kent Transit System gives its users freedom to go and come as they please

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

When Scott O'Beirne moved to Lowell last summer, he wasn't too concerned about how he was going to get to his doctor's appointments in Grand Rapids.

O'Beirne doesn't drive much and won't drive in Grand Rapids because of his eye sight. He figured Lowell was a big enough city to have a taxi service, so everything would work out fine.

But Lowell doesn't have a taxi service, which might have left O'Beirne in the lurch if luck, and the local senior center, hadn't connected him to the North Kent Transit Service provided by Hope Network.

"It's comforting to know that if I have to go to Grand Rapids or someplace, they'll be there," O'Beirne said. "There's really no other way here in Lowell to get to Grand Rapids."

North Kent Transit Service was

formed to help people like O'Beirne, who either don't drive or drive on a limited basis, get to places they need to go, whether it's a doctor's appointment or just going to Woodland Mall.

The program was started by the North Kent Service Center as the Rockford Area Transit Service. In 1994, the center decided to get out of the transportation business. Hope Network took over the program and changed the name to North Kent Transit Service.

At that time, six municipalities participated, some using Housing of Urban Development Block Grant monies to help fund it, said Cathy Winick, who is the customer service representative for the program. Today, 19 municipalities participate in the program including Lowell Township, Vergennes Township, and the city of Lowell. Community Mental Health and St. Mary's also contribute.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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OBITUARIES

BRONDYK - Betty Ann (Potter) Brondyk, aged 63, of Saranac, passed away December 28, 1997 at her residence. She was born July 4, 1934 in Byron Center, the daughter of Herman and Susie (Helmoldt) Potter Sr. She married Jack Brondyk Sr. February 12, 1954 in Byron Center. He survives her in Saranac. Also surviving are her sons James and special friend Terri McKellips of Lowell and Jack and Carol Brondyk of Orleans; brothers Arthur and Savannah Potter of Byron Center, Herman and Florence Potter of Dorris; sisters Christina and Mary

VanderBee of Grandville, Gertrude and Robert Krol of Jenison, Wilma Dingess of Grand Rapids, brother-in-law Robert Zerfas of Dorris; 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her daughter Debra Kay Gould, granddaughter Kristal Ann and sister Henrietta. Funeral Services will be Friday 1 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Chaplain Robert Dahl officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday (today) from 2-4 p.m. and Thursday from 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

DE CATOR - Mrs. Evelyn De Cator, aged 91, of Wyoming, passed away Saturday, December 27, 1997, and went to be with her Lord. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald; her son Douglas; and two grandsons, Dennis and Dean De Cator. She is survived by her son Earl and Eleanor De Cator of Lowell; her daughter-in-law Delores De Cator of Grandville; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two great-

great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law Lillian De Cator and Burdene Huyser both of Hudsonville; one brother Lester and Evelyn Huyser of Grand Rapids; one sister, Esther Post of Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday from the Cook Memorial Chapel with Pastor Bill Cumow of Grandville Jenison Congregational Church officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery.

MASENGALE - Donald Jackson Masengale, aged 60, of Ionia, passed away December 24, 1997. Surviving are his wife, Joyce; children: Brian (Sue) Masengale, Brent (Cindy) Masengale, Beth (Blaine) Workman, Bridget (Joel) Harder all of Ionia; 7 grandchildren; one sister, Ionia (Blair) Workman of Florida; stepmother, Donna Gracie of Lowell; mother-in-law, Susie Hanline of Ionia; brother-in-law, James Arnold of Florida; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held December 27 with burial in Balcom Cemetery. Arrangements by Cook Funeral Home.

PENNINGTON - Ailene I. Pennington, aged 67, of Ionia, passed away at her residence early Saturday, December 27, 1997. She was born in Lyons on March 19, 1930, to Charles J. (Helen A. Cunningham) Voorheis. She married Robert Pennington on August 6, 1948, in Woodland who preceded her in death June 14, 1989. She is survived by one son Earl (Debi) Pennington of Ionia; two brothers Paul H. Voorheis of Saranac and Everett (Margaret) Voorheis of Ionia; one sister Evelyn Lemke of Bangor; four grandchildren Rebekah, Jonathan, Pamela and Ashley; two great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by three infant sons, one brother and one sister. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Pastor Jack S t a m p e r officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

WARNER - Donovan E. Warner, aged 89, of Cascade, died December 20, 1997. He is survived by his sister, Bernadine (Leonard) McCaul of Cascade; nephew, Gary (Jean) McCaul; niece, Mitzi Kay (Ronald) Wood, all of Dutton; and cousins. Private Services are being held. Memorial contributions may be made to Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8146 68th St., Alto, MI 49302. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO KEENE TOWNSHIP ZONING CODE

SECTIONS 20.05 TO 20.07 - VIOLATIONS, ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND PENALTIES SECTION 20.05

Any building or structure, including mobile homes, which are erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, converted, maintained or changed in violation of any provision of this ordinance, are hereby declared to be a nuisance per se, a violation of this ordinance and subject to the penalties of it. The Township Board, or any owner or owners of real estate within the district, in which such buildings, structures or land use is situated may institute injunction, mandamus abatement or any other appropriate action, actions, or proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove any said unlawful erection, construction, maintenance or use of such land, buildings or structures that are in violation of the Zoning Code. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative, and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

SECTION 20.06 - ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE

The following enforcement procedures may be applicable in the instances of violations of (1) provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, (2) approved special uses, (3) approved planned unit developments, (4) approved site plans, and (5) decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Township Board, District Court or Circuit Court relative to a particular land use development or activity approved under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance:

A. When a violation is initially determined by the Zoning Administrator, it shall be the Administrator's responsibility to issue a "Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation" to the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the land or parcel upon which the zoning violation has occurred. This Notice shall be issued on a special form for this purpose and shall at least include the following information pertinent to the violation:

1. Date and location of each violation observed by the Zoning Administrator.
2. Name(s) and addresses of owner(s) and occupant(s)
3. Specific section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance which has been violated. If more than one violation, list each violation and each section violated.
4. Length of time allowed before further prosecution of the violation(s). The length of time shall be no less than 15 days for each notice of Zoning Ordinance violation.

5. If any structures are erected in or moved into the township without a zoning permit being issued, a fine equal to double the zoning permit fee will be assessed.

B. Failing compliance by owner(s) and occupant(s) by specified date in A above, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a "Second Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation." The "Second Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation" shall include the information specified in paragraph 20.06(A) (1-4).

C. Failure to comply with the procedures outlined in A and B above shall then upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator result in the issuance of a "Notice of Show-Cause Hearing" by the Township Board and the holding of a special hearing by the Board of those parties interested in the violation(s).

D. Failure to comply with the procedures of A, B, and C above shall then result in the issuance of a "Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order" by the Township Board. The Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order Form shall indicate the findings of fact about the violation(s) by the Township Board, the Board's conclusions and its order for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to each violation.

E. Failure to comply with the procedure outlined in A-D above shall then be followed by the instituting of a procedure to seek a bench warrant from the Judge of the District Court for the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the property upon which the violation(s) occurred into court to seek correction of the violation(s). The information contained in the request to District Court for a bench warrant shall be drafted by the Township Attorney, submitted to the Township Board for its approval and submitted to the District Court Judge for appropriate setting of the date and determination for correcting the violation(s) in accordance with 20.07.

SECTION 20.07 - PENALTIES

Any person or the agent in charge of such building or lands who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance or amendment thereof, is deemed to have committed a municipal civil infraction. The fine shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each subsequent offense in the discretion of the Court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, and expenses provided by law. The costs shall include all attorney fees incurred by the Township in pursuing this matter.

For the purpose of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of the provisions of this ordinance committed by the same person within twelve (12) months of a previous violation of the same provision of this ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudged to be responsible; provided, however, that offenses - committed on subsequent days within a period of one (1) week following the issuance of a citation for a first offense shall be considered separate first offenses. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

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Cherry Creek fifth-graders brighten the holidays for furry friends



Alison Eslami, Humane Society development director, is presented with some checks from fifth-grader Kevin Eggeben.



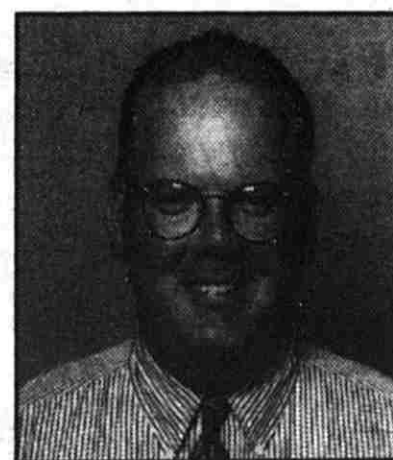
There were plenty of toy and food gifts for Alison Eslami to take back to the Humane Society following her visit to the classrooms of Karen Latva and Wendy Ackermann.

Perk up vegetables and perhaps tempt young palates by mixing in some (non-sweetened) cold breakfast cereal to give those peas, beans, etc. some crunch.

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The fifth-grade students of Wendy Ackermann and Karen Latva have checked a wish list several times this holiday season.

The list didn't contain their wishes and desires; instead it was for their furry friends at the Kent County Humane Society.

"The kids decided to forego a gift exchange so that they could make toy and food donations to the Humane Society," Latva said.

Humane Society development director Alison Eslami said the shelter exists on donations. "We survive because of generous donations like this," she said. "Most of the food and toys are donated each year."

The Humane Society of Kent County operates on an \$800,000 budget. It cares for abandoned, sick and injured animals, from dogs and cats to ferrets and snakes. "About half of the animals that are brought in and can be put up for adoption, we're able to

adopt out," Eslami said. The director told students that lost animals are kept four days. "If animals are really sick or hurt when we get them, we put them to sleep."

Latva said a shelter wish list was printed in the society's quarterly newsletter. "From that list, they brought gifts in."

This is the second year in a row students from Ackermann's and Latva's classes have made donations to the Humane Society.

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Reflections

Of Faith

by Rev. George J. Fekete
St. Mary Church

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 1, when the angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he said to her: "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." He, then, told her she was going to give birth to Jesus. He, also, informed her that her cousin Elizabeth was in the sixth month of her pregnancy (with John the Baptist) and Mary goes to assist her. Elizabeth praises Mary with the words: "Blest are you among women

a prayer an ego-trip for ourselves. But if we think about it, we would become aware that God comes into our lives in many ways that bless us and do great things for us and through us.

On this last day of 1997 and as we celebrate the first day of the New Year tomorrow, wouldn't it be uplifting if we would think about how we have found favor with God in 1997 and the years before, too? Why not focus for a moment on our blessings? Think of the opportunities we have had. Think about the people who have touched our lives. Ponder the good things that have come our way that can't be explained away as the result of luck or our own personal effort. What has happened to us recently or is happening right now which shows that we are truly blessed? As we end 1997 and begin 1998, with Mary, we can say: "God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is his name."

and blest is the fruit of your womb." Then we hear Mary saying: "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord...For he has looked upon his servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed. God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is his name."

I wonder how we would feel if we were assured that we were filled with grace and had found favor with God. Could we reply with Mary: "Yes, and people will call me blessed because God has done great things for me!" We would probably consider such



Torrey and Heidi Kempf

Kempf and Holmes tie the knot

Heidi Charlene Holmes and Torrey Curtis Kempf were united in marriage on September 17, 1997 in Walt Disney World at Sunset Point.

Matron of honor was Kim Wilcox, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Stacy Gemmell, friend of the bride, and Jenell Gemmell, sister of the groom.

Best man was Travis Gemmell, brother of the groom. Groomsman was Mark Wilcox, friend of the groom.

Nicole Ann Wilcox served as the junior bride. Parents of the bride are William and Kathleen Holmes of Lowell.

The groom's parents are Ty and Christine Gemmell of Lowell and Skip and Gloria Kempf of California.

The couple honeymooned in Disney World and now happily reside in Lowell.

Viewpoint . . .



Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 30, 1897

Warm Footwear at Geo. Winegar's: "Woman's Dongola Foxed Beaver button, \$1.25."

The three-year-old Vergennes Dancing Club splits over who's to furnish the music: Patterson, Robinson & Howe's Orchestra at Train's Opera House, or the Lowell Orchestra at Music Hall.

Four or five gold-seeking parties from Grand Rapids are planning to start for the Klondike soon by way of boat to Seattle

and points north. One group will build its own dredging boat in Seattle.

Lyons is enticing the Lowell Cutter and Buggy Company to come there; a building and \$500 will be furnished. The company burned out in November.

A feature of the Paris Exposition will be an 84-foot globe of the Earth, viewed from nine floors. It will be marked with all towns of over 5,000, plus seas, countries, etc.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - DEC. 28, 1922

Fire destroys the Smith building next door to Hattie Scott's candy store, including the Frank Stephens' apartment upstairs.

New sheriff William L. Smith says the county board of supervisors must hire two more deputies if a liquor squad is to be formed.

Meanwhile, the new Prohibition Commissioner in Washington insists that abolishing saloons will soon be followed by genuine success in enforcement of the Volstead Act.

Meanwhile, the former sheriff calls for taking the sheriff's appointment out of politics, and for a workhouse for vagrants.

The Fellowship Class will present "Springtime," a musical with professional director, at City Hall in January.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 1, 1948
State treasurer D. Hale Brake talks to Rotary about "our tax muddle."

Bill Kerekes' annual Ledger renewal letter reads in part. "The year 1947 will record on the cuff of history...it was the most spending year since the passing of copper-toed boots or the exit of homemade bologna..."

Highway Commissioner Charles Ziegler, asking for education and enforcement of highway laws, says there were more deaths and injuries on Michigan highways during World War II than in the Michigan armed services.

The P.O. reports 73,470 letters mailed the week before Christmas, and more than 50,000 1/2-cent stamps sold.

Harvey Callier opens his new theatre in Belding.

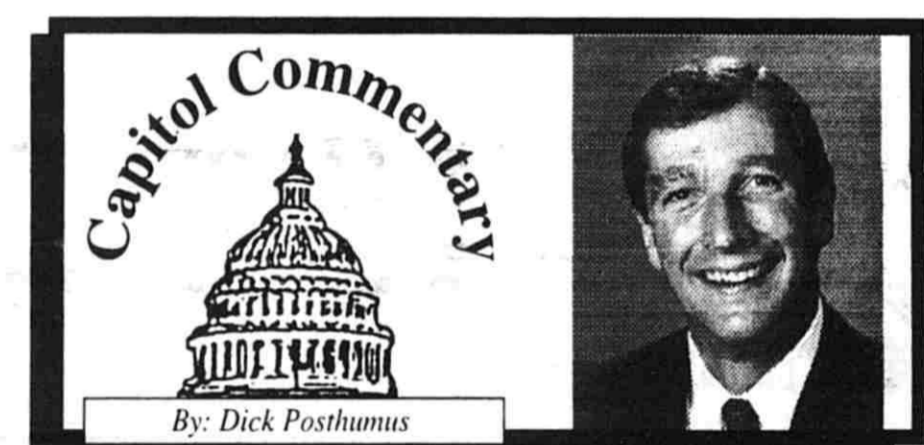
25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - DEC. 28, 1972

The new "E-63" unit of the Kent County Sheriff's Dept. has been kept busy and is credited with saving one life already.

Comes the annual reminder to keep the way clear to your mailbox, whether city or rural.

The Alto Recycling Center volunteers report a successful year. Income from glass and newspapers exceeded expenses; so donations were made to two environmental organizations.

With bad roads and terrible weather, the annual Senior High Band and Choral Concert is still packed. William Mills and Paul Balaam are the conductors.



By: Dick Posthumus

Michigan is known by many as the Winter Wonderland. Skiing, snowmobiling and other pursuits make our state a joy during the winter months. Snowmobiling can be a fun and exciting way to spend a winter's day, but it can also be very dangerous.

Michigan citizens are no strangers to snowmobiling. With approximately 200,000 registered snowmobilers and another 100,000 out-of-state snowmobilers visiting each year, our state tops the nation in this winter sport. In spite of legislative efforts to require posting machine registration numbers on the machines, the Trail Permit stickers are currently sufficient. They can be obtained at any Secretary of State office as well as the machine registration decals which must be affixed to the vehicle.

The more than 4,000 miles of snowmobile trails throughout the state have created a snowmobiler's haven. But the conditions of these trails can be hazardous. Snowmobilers often reach speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. In spite of Michigan's well-groomed trail system, there may be curves, trees and other obstacles, that are extremely dangerous to snowmobilers reaching such speeds. If alcohol is added to this mixture, they can be downright deadly.

Snowmobilers can reduce accidents and fatalities by following basic safety rules.

Drinking and driving can be fatal. Drinking alcohol before or during snowmobiling can impair judgment and slow reaction time. Snowmobilers who have been drinking often drive too fast or race across unsafe ice. Alcohol also causes body temperature to drop at an accelerated rate, which increases the likelihood of hypothermia.

Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. Drivers should proceed at a pace that will allow ample reaction time for any situation. Drive at moderate speeds, and drive defensively.

When traveling, make sure to bring a first aid kit, a flashlight, waterproof matches, a knife and a compass.

Avoid traveling across bodies of water when uncertain of ice thickness or water currents. Rapidly changing weather and moving water in streams and lake inlets also affect the thickness and strength of ice on lakes and ponds. Snow cover can act as a blanket and prevent safe ice from forming. Never travel in a single file when crossing bodies of water.

Use a full-size helmet, goggles or face shield to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice and flying debris. Windproof and water-repellent clothing should be worn in layers and should be just snug enough so that no loose ends catch in the machine.

When it is necessary to cross a road, first come to a complete stop, listen and look for traffic, and use hand signals. Stay away from any automobiles, whether moving or parked.

Never travel alone. Most snowmobile accidents result in some personal injury. The most dangerous situation can occur if a person is injured and alone. If you must travel alone, tell someone your destination, planned route, and when you will return.

Snowmobiling is an enjoyable part of winter for many individuals throughout the state. It is imperative that all enthusiasts follow the laws and safety guidelines. Please have a safe and exciting snowmobile season in Michigan, and remember that adding alcohol to the sport creates a formula for tragedy.

School Menus

Week of 1/5 - 1/9 ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

THURS: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner roll, gelatin or fruit, milk.

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/crackers, fruit selection, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

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

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

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

THURS: Chicken nuggets, Swiss steak w/peanuts, yogurt, cheeseburger, chef salad; choose 2: green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy or side salad; dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Grilled ham/cheese, western beef on cheese bun, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: tomato soup/crackers, side salad; fruit selection, milk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 1 - Tory Abel, Alice Hesche, Carolyn Yonker, John Wenger.
JANUARY 2 - Rose Nead.
JANUARY 3 - Jon Vezino, Agnes Kent, Audrie Olszewski.
JANUARY 4 - Nicholas Knonenwetter, Donna Johnson, Nita Baker-Czapek.
JANUARY 5 - Ryan Sauber, Craig Carpenter.
JANUARY 6 - Don Green, Mary Ellen Miller, Dimpna Hill Brown.
JANUARY 7 - Lois Seese, Helga Wester, Bob Leyman.



The name Mary means "bitter."

COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College sophomore Melissa K. Peterson has been elected to the Student Senate at Albion College.

Peterson is the daughter of Kay Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

The Senate is the official voice of the students and the disburser of the students' activity fee. Much of the Senate's work is done in four standing committees: Campus Rela-

tions, Faculty and Academic Affairs, Financial Affairs and Student Affairs.

Through senators' "Pet Projects," the Senate is involved with improving study facilities on campus, publishing a course evaluation booklet, holding campus elections and other activities.

Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

AREA BIRTHS

Gary and Lori Van Der Scheer are happy to announce the birth of their son Zachary William, born on Tuesday, December 23, 1997, at 2:25 a.m.

He weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are John and Lorene Van Der Scheer and Jim and Carolyn DeBoer.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>		
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship.....8:30 A.M. Koinonia.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Worship.....11:00 A.M. Wed. Worship, 1st. Wed. of ea. month.....6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN E.L.C.A. Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 8:45 & 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M. Church office 956-6695</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • (616) 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service SUNDAYS: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m. Kids Church WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7:00 p.m. We don't build a church with programs We build people with a process</p>		
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>Join Us In Worship</p>			
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/JV.....Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed. Director Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: I recently set up a revocable living trust and transferred all of my assets to that trust. I would now like to make certain gifts of money from the trust to various family members. Some time ago you wrote in one of your columns that individuals with revocable trusts should not make gifts from the trust and instead the gifts should be made in their individual name. Is this still true?

JONATHAN SAYS: Before the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 was implemented, it was recommended that if a grantor of a revocable living trust wanted to make a gift from that trust, that he or she first transfer the asset back into his or her individual name and then make the gift in his or her individual name rather than in the name of the trust. This was to avoid the application of IRS§2035 which brought gifts made from a revocable trust within three years of a grantor's death back into the grantors estate.

Under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, this "double" transfer is no longer necessary. As a result, you can now make gifts directly from your trust without having to worry about those gifts being brought back into your estate if you die within three years of the making of those gifts.

DEAR JONATHAN: I am in the process of setting up a revocable living trust and upon completion thereof I plan on transferring all of my assets to that trust. One of the main reasons I am doing this is so that my estate can avoid probate at the time of my death. My attorney has recommended that in addition to the trust that I set up a durable power of attorney to allow someone to act for me if I can't act for myself regarding my financial and business matters. However, doesn't the trustee of the trust and an agent under a durable power of attorney basically do the same thing, i.e., manage assets? If so and if I transfer all of my assets to my trust, then why is there a need to have a separate durable power of attorney? Can you explain?

JONATHAN SAYS: You are right in that there is some overlap between what a trustee under a revocable living trust does and what an agent under a durable power of attorney does regarding asset management, but it always makes good sense to draft a durable power of attorney in conjunction with a trust for a variety of reasons, which include:

1) A trustee of a trust only controls those assets which are titled in the name of the trust. Consequently, if you were to become disabled prior to transferring all of your assets into the trust or at some point in the future you acquired new assets which you did not immediately title in the name of the trust,

then those assets would not be controlled by the trust. In this event, you would want to have a durable power of attorney in place so that those assets could be controlled by your named agent rather than having to have a conservatorship established on your behalf through the probate court.

2) If at some point you terminate your trust and you do not have a durable power of attorney in place, then upon your disability you will have no agent in place to manage your assets. Consequently, you will again have to face having a conservatorship established on your behalf through the probate court.

3) If the trust ever needs to be amended pursuant to a change in the law or it makes sense to have it amended pursuant to a change in your circumstances and you as the grantor of the trust are unable to make this amendment due to your incapacity, your named agent under a durable power of attorney could be given the power to amend your trust on your behalf.

4) IRAs and retirement accounts can only be held in the name of an individual. Therefore, if you want to delegate management authority over those accounts, you must do so through a durable power of attorney rather than your trust.

As you can see from the foregoing discussion? It does make sense to prepare a durable power of attorney along with your trust. Good luck.

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.

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"It is the coordinating of all these different fundings that helps to pay for a particular route, that driver, that bus, in that particular area," said Dan Goudy, director of Transportation for Hope Network. "On its own, there isn't enough rider participation to support something like this. However, by pulling all the funding sources together, they are able to have more options than by trying to run something on their own."

For Lowell resident Jean Frazer, who doesn't know how to drive, it has given her a freedom to be able to go where she wants without having to rely on family and friends.

"It has opened a whole new world," Frazer said. That whole new world included her first trip ever to Woodland Mall this past October. Her primary objective—to do a little holiday shopping, of course.

Projected figures for 1997-98 indicated that North Kent Transit Service will have provided 71,687 rides. About 372 rides are expected to come from the city of Lowell; 248 from Lowell Township; and 104 from Vergennes Township. The service's fiscal year runs from July 1 to July 1.

Goudy said both the city and the township of Lowell allocated \$2,000 apiece for the program and Vergennes Township has allocated \$1,000. He noted that both the city of Lowell and Vergennes Township have had to increase their amounts because of the higher than anticipated usage of the system.

Winick said most of the people are senior citizens and people with disabilities, which is the population the service is targeted for, but anyone can use the service.

And O'Beirne said he would like to see more people use the North Kent Transit Service.

"I don't think people really know about it or the service," he said, adding that it took him some time to track down the service's phone number. "I do believe there are more people in Lowell who could use the service than those who are."

Winick admits the recent publicity campaign she has been doing is to encourage more people to use the service. Residents can call 243-2783 or 1-800-410-9491 to set up a door-to-door pick-up. Residents must call by noon the day prior to the day they plan to use the bus so that the stop can be placed on the schedule.

Because the service does cater to persons with disabilities and senior citizens, those individuals do pay a reduced fee of \$3 for primary service area or connecting trips to Grand Rapids' fixed bus routes and \$6 for destinations to other locations in Kent County and return trips. The general public pays \$5.50 and \$11.50.

And, at least according to O'Beirne, the service has been reliable.

"It's just great," Frazer said. "I am used to doing a lot of walking, but you can't walk on the country roads—it just isn't safe. Now, I can go into town when I want."

Kanem was one of the longest lasting empires in history. It began during the A.D. 700's and lasted till the late 1800s, including Cameroon, Chad, Libya, Niger, Nigeria and the Sudan.

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ected officials live and work where they are making decisions. Their constituency knows them personally and can talk to them."

He served as he believed - there is always room for compromise. "If you're willing to work it, think it, and use some logic, you can get where you need to go," Hodges says. "The goal of public service is to reach an end that serves the most the best."

Bokor to hold workshop at Franciscan Center Jan. 17

The Franciscan Life Process Center proudly announces its January Artist-In-Residence, Gail Bokor. As part of her residency, Bokor will exhibit her work and give a workshop on bead making and necklace design for children ages 8 to 11.

The workshop will be held on January 17 from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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42	AMC

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2 THRU JANUARY 8

Jean Smart (left) stars as an insensitive domestic expert with a television show, and Nancy McKeon portrays her caring producer in *Style & Substance*, airing Monday on CBS. The show replaces *Cybill* for a limited run until the network begins its coverage of the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in February.

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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 8, 1998										
BROADCAST STATIONS	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "Recycled" (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Retribution"	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
WOTO	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	Figure Skating: U.S. Championships. Men's long program and ladies short program, from Philadelphia. (Live)			News	Nightline			
WGUV	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors Fly Fishing	Trailside: Adventure	Great Lakes Outdoors	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	WFA'S "Mail Call"	
WMMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Pity"	Simpsons "Bart Star"	Ask Harriet "Hot Coco"	New York Undercover "Change Change Change"	Pat-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (R)	Frasier			
WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Union Square	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	ER (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Origins With Burt Wolf	Mystery! "Cadillac" "The Sanctuary Sparrow" (R)	Michigan Out-of-Doors	News	Nightline	
WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Figure Skating: U.S. Championships. Men's long program and ladies short program, from Philadelphia. (Live)			News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
WSYM	Frasier	Home Improvement	Simpsons "Bart Star"	Ask Harriet "Hot Coco"	New York Undercover "Change Change Change"	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
TBS	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Simpsons "Bart Star"	Ask Harriet "Hot Coco"	New York Undercover "Change Change Change"	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
FAM	Waltons "The Car"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	X-Files "Shadows" (In Stereo)			Movie: *** "Kelly's Heroes" (1970, Comedy) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles. An American soldier hatches a plan to steal Nazi gold.	700 Club			
FX	Miami Vice "No Exit"	X-Files "Shadows" (In Stereo)				Movie: ** "Stolen Memories: Secrets From the Rose Garden" (1996) Mary Tyler Moore. (In Stereo)	In Living Color			
USA	Highlander: The Series "Blackmail" (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Unfinished Business"				Movie: ** "Any Which Way You Can" (1980) Clint Eastwood. Bare-knuckle fighter Philo Beddoe agrees to one final match.	X-Files "Jersey Devil" (In Stereo)			
DISC	Gimme Shelter (R)	Wild Discovery "Arctic Wanderers" (R)				Strange but True	Movie Magic			
WGN	Family Matters	Coach (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Hangin' With the Homeboys" (1991) Doug E. Doug, John Leguizamo. (In Stereo)			Wings "Flight Deck" (R)				
ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	College Basketball: Wisconsin at Michigan State. (Live)				College Basketball: Illinois at Iowa. (Live)				
CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Burden of Proof (R)	Larry King Live		World Today				
NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Wonder Years "Pilot" / Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart	
A&E	Law & Order "Confession"	Biography: Wayne Newton: King-Vegas	New Explorers "Betrayal at Little Big Horn"	Unexplained "Secret Societies"						
FSD	Hardcore Football (R)	Boxing: Fight Night at the Great Western Forum. From Inglewood, Calif. (R)				FOX Sports News	College Basketball: Arizona State at Washington. (Live)			
TNT	Babylon 5 "Infection" (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Uncommon Valor" (1983, Drama) Gene Hackman. A father goes after his son, who is missing in Vietnam.				Rough Cut (In Stereo)				
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Dear Diary" (In Stereo)	Long Live the King: Country Salutes Elvis (R)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)			Today's Country (In Stereo)				
TRAV	Loose in Wildest Africa	Amazing America	Castles-Europe	Lonely Planet		Rough Guide "Kenya"				
TLC	Home Again	Home Again	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)		Ancient Prophecies One (R) (Part 1 of 2)	Blast Masters: The Science of Explosion (R)	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)	
SCFI	Sequest DSV "Dead End" (In Stereo)	Sightings (In Stereo)	Movie: * "Scanner Cop" (1993) Daniel Quinn, Richard Lynch.			Movie: * "Scanner Cop" (1993) Daniel Quinn, Richard Lynch.				
HIST	Air Combat "WWII: Europe"	In Search of History (R)	Secrets of World War II	History Undercover		World at War "Home Fires"				
AMC	Movie: **** "The Best Years of Our Lives" (1946, Drama) Fredric March, Myrna Loy, Dana Andrews. Three World War II veterans readjust to civilian life.					Movie: *** "Demetrius and the Gladiators" (1954) Susan Hayward				
DISN	Movie: *** "Alice in Wonderland" (1951) G	Movie: *** "The Preacher's Wife" (1996) Denzel Washington. An angel becomes drawn to a pastor's dulcet-toned wife. PG				Growing Pains				
HBO	(6:15) Movie: *** "Never Say Never Again" (1983) (In Stereo) PG	Firestorm: First Look	Movie: ** "Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." (1992) R (Adult language, adult situations)			Inside the NFL (In Stereo)				
MAX	(6:00) Movie: ** "Gung Ho" (1986) PG-13	Movie: *** "Blood and Wine" (1996), Stephen Dorff (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)				Movie: * "Bloodsport 2" (1996), Pat Morita (In Stereo) R (Violence)				

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 8, 1998										
BROADCAST STATIONS	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)			Geraldo Rivera					CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)
WOTO	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe (R)	Paid Program		Paid Program					(Off Air)
WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
WMMI	Vibe		Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)		Paid Program					(Off Air)
WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)		Paid Program				NBC News Night
WKAR	(Off Air)									
WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King (In Stereo)	Access Hollywood	Access Hollywood	View				ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)
WSYM	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Gayle King (In Stereo)	Martha Stewart Living	News (R)	Jenny Jones (R) (In Stereo)					All News Night
TBS	(11:05) Movie: *** "The Dirty Dozen" (1967)	Movie: *** "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Fantasy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Earl Jones. A warrior fights snake worshippers to free a princess.								All News A.M.
FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "Winter Kill"	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club		Paid Program				Laverne & Shirley
FX	NYPD Blue "Emission Accomplished" (In Stereo)	Miami Vice "Streetwise"		Paid Program		Paid Program				Beverly Hillsbillies
USA	(11:30) Silk Stalkings	Highlander: The Series "Vendetta" (In Stereo)	La Femme Nikita "Hard Landing" (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Pose" (1993, Western) Mario Van Peebles. Former soldiers defend a black township from KKK raiders. (In Stereo)		Paid Program				
DISC	Wild Discovery "Arctic Wanderers" (R)	Strange but True	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Flight Deck" (R)						
WGN	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon "Thin Air"		Paid Program		Paid Program				Columbo A photographer schemes to cover up his wife's murder with a phony kidnapping plot.
ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	Billiards: WPBA Nat'l Championships Semifinal	World's Strongest Man	Sportscenter		Up Close (R)	Super Bowl VII	College Basketball: Illinois at Iowa. (R)		
CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Burden of Proof	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)	Crossfire (R)	CNN Sports Illustrated	CNN International	Newsroom	
NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Switched	Odd Couple	Bob Newhart	Rhoda	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart
A&E	Biography: Wayne Newton: King-Vegas	New Explorers "Betrayal at Little Big Horn" (R)	Unexplained "Secret Societies" (R)							
FSD	College Basketball	FOX Sports News	Last Word	FOX Sports Rewind (R)		College Basketball: Arizona State at Washington. (R)				
TNT	(11:00) Movie: *** "Viva Las Vegas" (1964)	Movie: ** "Speedway" (1968) Elvis Presley, Bill Bobby.				Rough Cut (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Popeye" (1980) Robin Williams, Ray Walston.			
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Dear Diary" (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)				(Off Air)				
TRAV	Lonely Planet	Rough Guide "Kenya" (In Stereo)	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Undersea Adventures	Sports Safari	Taste for Travel	Taste for Travel		
TLC	Ancient Prophecies One (R) (Part 1 of 2)	Blast Masters: The Science of Explosion (R)	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)						
SCFI	Sightings (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: * "Scanner Cop" (1993) Daniel Quinn, Richard Lynch.				Boris Karloff Presents Thriller				
HIST	In Search of History (R)	Secrets of World War II (R)	History Undercover (R)			World at War "Home Fires"				
AMC	(11:45) Movie: *** "The Damned Don't Cry" (1950), David Brian	Movie: **** "The Best Years of Our Lives" (1946, Drama) Fredric March, Myrna Loy, Dana Andrews. Three World War II veterans readjust to civilian life.				Movie: **** "Demetrius and the Gladiators" (1954)				
DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: *** "Kidnapped" (1960), Peter Finch, Peter O'Toole PG	Movie: *** "The Preacher's Wife" (1996) Denzel Washington. An angel becomes drawn to a pastor's dulcet-toned wife. PG						
HBO	Comedy Hour: "Steve Harvey: One Man" (R)	Movie: *** "Primal Fear" (1996) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, graphic violence)	Movie: ** "Back to Back" (1996), Ryo Ishibashi (In Stereo) R	Movie: ** "Boomerang" (R)						
MAX	(11:30) Movie: "Bloodsport III" (1997) NR	Movie: ** "Demolition High" (1996), Alan Thicke, Jeff Kober (In Stereo) R	Movie: ** "Love Child" (1982), Beau Bridges, Mackenzie Phillips R (Adult language, nudity)	Movie: "Under the Gun"						

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Jurors in the Terry Nichols federal trial found him guilty of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter but not guilty of using explosives to destroy federal property. What is your reaction to the verdict handed down?



<p>Charles Doom <i>I agree with the conspiracy verdict since they cannot get him with weapons of mass destruction.</i></p>	<p>Bill Schaefer <i>I guess I agree with the verdict. He was involved and I think he is guilty. He didn't tell anyone about what was going to happen.</i></p>	<p>Chris Borton <i>The jury didn't find him not guilty. If he was found guilty of conspiracy and had a part in it, then he should have been found of all charges.</i></p>	<p>Orley Kamenberg <i>I'm not sure what to think. It seemed like there was more evidence to convict. I'm sure the jury did its job. I can't disagree with our system.</i></p>	<p>Trenna VanderWoude <i>I thought it was a fair verdict. In a sense, it was overshadowed by the Timothy McVeigh trial which preceded it. There was a lot of negative publicity before Nichols' trial began.</i></p>	<p>Richard Carey <i>I disagreed with the involuntary manslaughter charge. With our system the way it is, it is just accessory. Based on the way the system is set up, Nichols got what he's supposed to get.</i></p>
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COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College sophomore Melissa K. Peterson has been elected to the Student Senate at Albion College.

Peterson is the daughter of Kay Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

The Senate is the official voice of the students and the disburser of the students activity fee. Much of the Senate's work is done in four standing committees: Campus Relations, Faculty and Academic Affairs, Financial Affairs and Student Affairs.

Through senators, "Pet



Michelle Rose
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John Pitt
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NEVE CAMPBELL
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- *AS GOOD AS IT GETS PG13
JACK NICHOLSON
DAILY: 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
- *FLUBBER PG ROBIN WILLIAMS
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LMS drama class presents Snow White & Friends

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present a modern version of a beloved fairy tale, *Snow White & Friends* on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

The play brings you all the familiar characters, but they may be a little different from your childhood memories. The Queen is so totally

vain she just can't handle it when the Magic Mirror (who's sick of telling lies), tells her that her stepdaughter, Snow White, is the most beautiful in the land.

When the Queen orders the huntsman to do away with Snow White, he's just too kind to do the deed, so the mean Queen transforms herself into an old hag and cons Snow White into buying a candy

bar as a Girl Scout fundraiser. Like who can resist chocolate - especially when it's for a good cause?

Luckily, Snow White has lots of friends - seven very unique dwarfs and four delightful forest animals - who call 911 when their beautiful princess falls into a deathlike sleep. Even the Queen's six rowdy gargoyles are upset to learn only love's first kiss will wake up the lovely princess.

But lo and behold, it just so happens that the handsome prince of Aboonistan is in the neighborhood on a peace treaty mission and is a specialist in kissing.



Pictured above, from left to right, front row: Shelly Rekeny, Cori Hess, Melanie Ligman and Kirk Johnson; middle row, left to right: Dan Thaler, Danica Brooks, Holly Grummet and Keri Justifer; back row, left to right: Jake Schulte, Steve Palasek and Casey Conley. Not pictured: Charlie Cook, Liz Gerard and Brian Green.



Pictured to the left, from left to right, front row: Shelby Tomczak, Anna Komejan, Bryn Southwell, Katie Blough and Mark Kimberlin; middle row, left to right: Todd Drenth, Courtney Perkins (Snow White), Kristi Anderson and Kelsey Scheider (The Queen); and standing, left to right: Lacey Capen, Tory O'Haire and Hillary Johnson.

The Rumanian pianist Celta Delavrancea (1887-1991) gave her last public recital (receiving six encores) at the age of 103.

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COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave., for 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 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 M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W.

Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

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

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

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

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

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in

high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

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

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

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Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. e Club, 11841 Potters Rd.

TUES., JAN. 6: The regular monthly meeting of the newly-formed Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will meet at 7 p.m. at Rogers Plaza (on 28th St. just west of highway #131) in Wyoming. For information call Sandy at 222-4859.

THRU JAN. 2: Lowell YMCA Christmas Break Fun Club. Ages kindergarten thru 12 yrs. old. For information call 897-4371.

SAT., JAN. 3: Western Michigan Genealogical Society will meet at the Grand Rapids Public Library downtown at 1:30 p.m. Terri Land will speak on "Kent County Judicial and Land Records." The meetings are free and open to the public. Book sales, coffee and cookies after the meeting. There will also be a computer users meeting at 3:30 p.m. For more information call 532-3867 or 364-9629.

One can always be kind to people about whom one cares nothing.
—Oscar Wilde

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR 1998 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 30	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21

The board will meet the third Monday of every month (except March, which will be on the 30th of the month) at the Township Hall at 10381 Bailey Dr. at 7:00 p.m. Phone 897-5671.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 1998 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

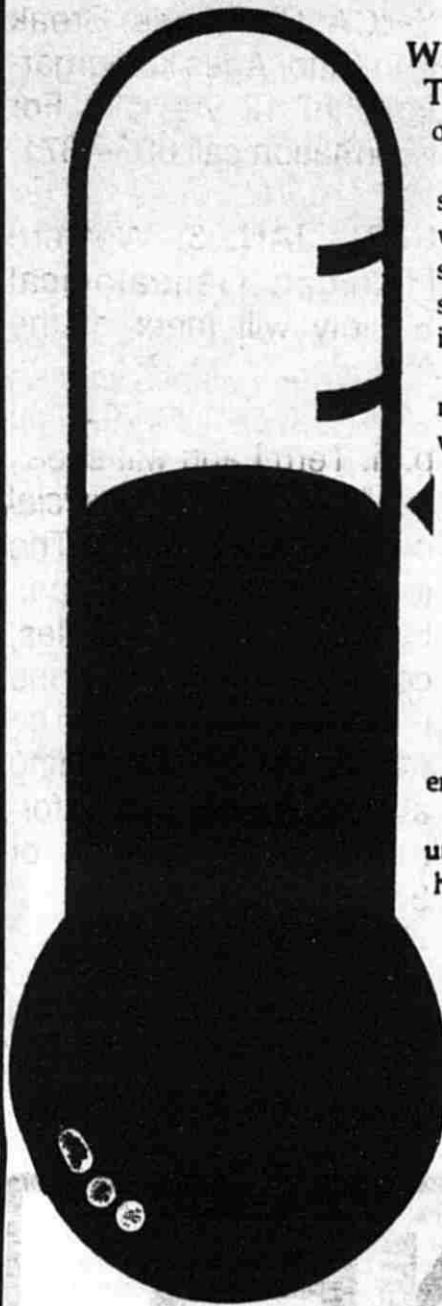
January 5	July 6
February 2	August 4
March 2	September 8
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

All Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as required or requested.

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Accessory buildings, except as otherwise permitted in this Ordinance, shall be subject to the following regulations.

A. Where the accessory building is structurally attached to a main building it shall be subject to, and must conform to, all regulations of this Ordinance applicable to the main building.

B. No detached accessory building shall be located closer than ten (10) feet to any main building nor shall it be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to any side or rear lot line. In those instances where the rear lot line is in common with an easement right-of-way the accessory building shall not be closer than five (5) feet to such rear lot line. In no instance shall an accessory building be located within a dedicated easement or right-of-way.

C. Accessory buildings shall be stick-built or the equivalent new building construction, no mobile home, tank, junk object, or salvage materials, semi-trailer, vehicle or similar items shall be utilized as an accessory building or storage structure, provided, however, that such requirement shall not be applicable to tool sheds, or similar temporary storage structures utilized pursuant to the construction of a building so long as the period of construction does not exceed one (1) year.

Technology creates new license plate tabs and wallet size vehicle registration forms

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced that motorists purchasing or renewing vehicle registrations this month may find a noticeable change in the license plate tabs they receive.

"We are applying technology to every phase of our operation, including the routine process of issuing tabs for license plates," Secretary Miller said. "We have begun to phase-in a new license plate tab that is designed to deter theft, offer customers added convenience and bring new efficiencies to the Department of State."

Among the advantages of new tabs are:

- Deters theft of tabs by printing the license plate number of the vehicle for which the tab has been issued on the tab.
- Eliminates the need for two separate tabs by combining the month and year of expiration onto one tab that is slightly larger in size.

Eliminates need for cumbersome inventory because tabs are now individualized and printed at the branch office on laser printers.

"The most important advantage of this new process is that every tab will have the license plate number to which it has been assigned, printed on the tab," Secretary Miller explained. "Printing the license plate number on the tab will deter the theft of tabs since law enforcement officers will be able to quickly determine whether the tab was issued for the plate on which it is displayed."

Motorists who are issued the redesigned tab for their license plate registrations will notice that the new tabs are slightly larger and include the month and year of expiration.

The month of expiration will be indicated numerically. For example, tabs expiring in January 1999 will read: 01-99. Vehicles registered by gross vehicle weight (GVW), such as large trucks, will be issued license plate tabs with the configuration reversed. For example, GVW tabs expiring in January 1999 will read: 99-01.

With the exception of license plates, the department's goal is to eliminate all inventoried items from branch offices by printing all forms on laser printers.

Secretary Miller noted she expects motorists will also appreciate that each tab comes with two copies of the vehicle registration that has been downsized to fit more conveniently into a standard size wallet.

"In talking with customers around the state I have learned the forms we issue are not always practical for the customer," Secretary Miller said. "As long as we are making a change in how we issue tabs, we have taken the opportunity to 'right size' the form as an added convenience." Secretary Miller concluded.



The Secretary of State's office has started issuing a new license plate tab that incorporates the month and year of expiration numerically onto one tab. A license plate that expires on the owner's January birthday in 1999 will be shown on the tab as 01-99. In addition to being more convenient, the tab will help deter theft by including the license plate number it is assigned to.

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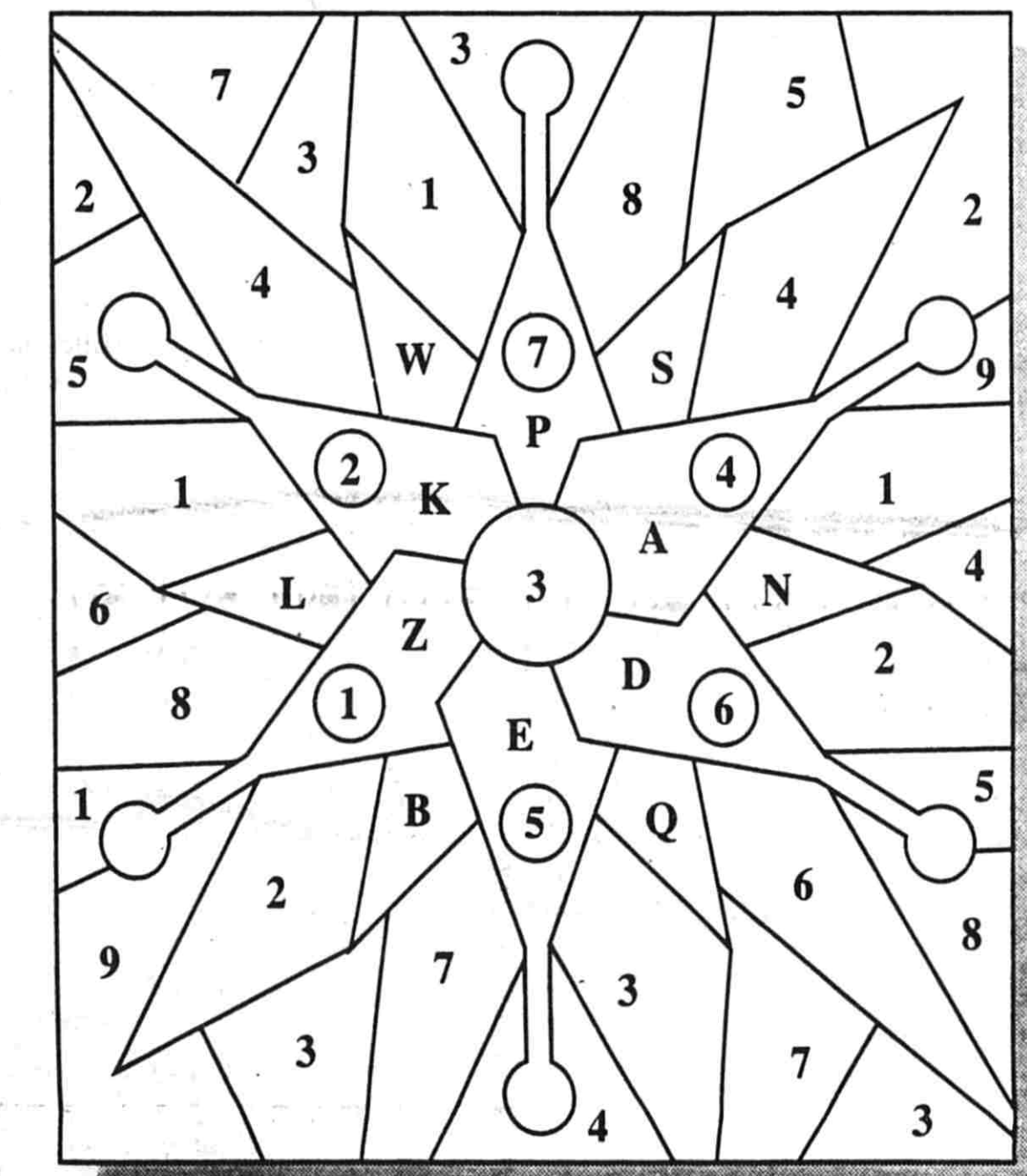
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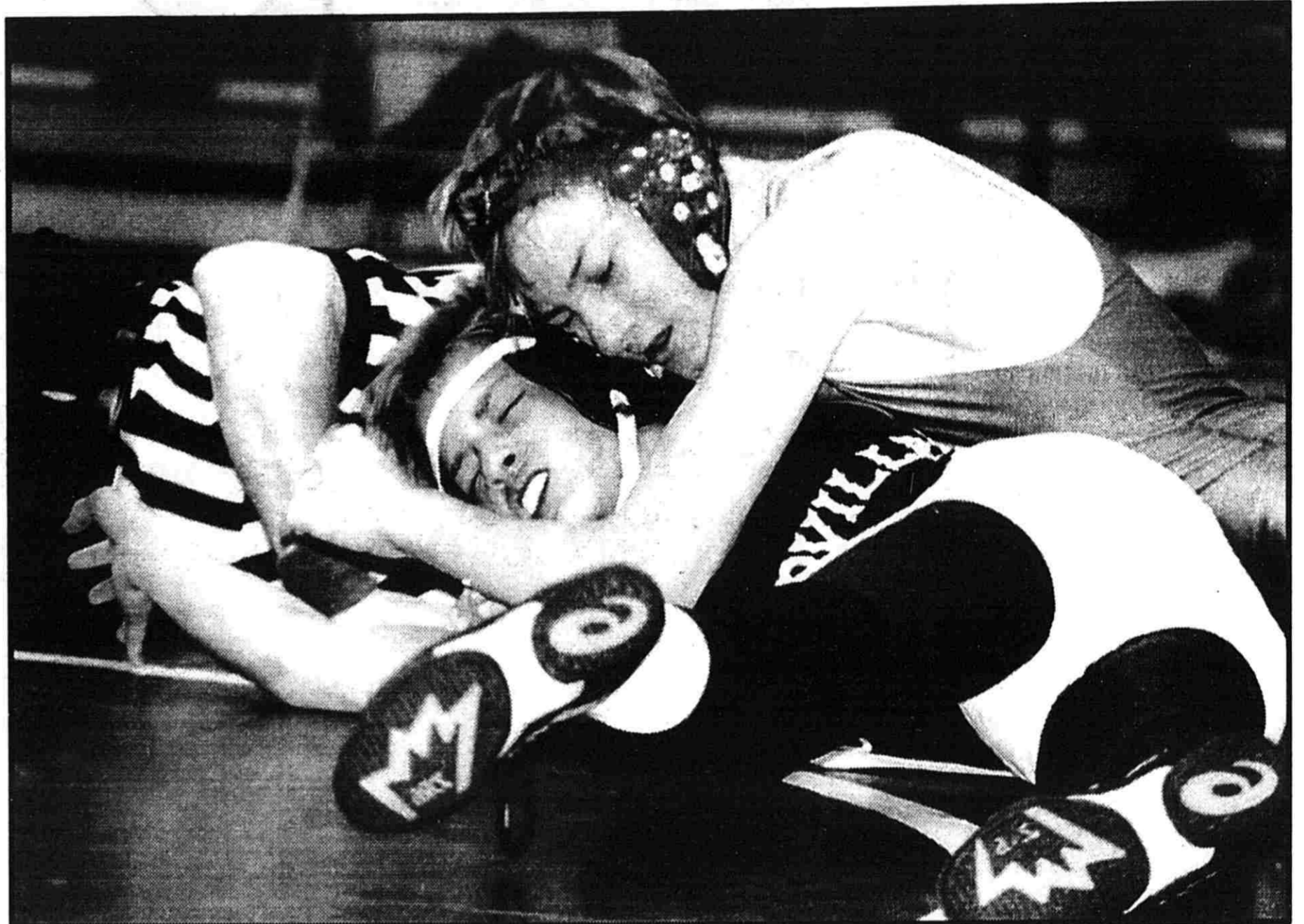


Lowell wrestlers stumble in finals to Grandville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

was looking to do something Saturday it had not done since 1991.... defeat Grandville.

Lowell's wrestling team



Lowell's Brett West, Nick West and Dan Rottier swept the top three weight classes, but the Red Arrow wrestling team was unable to hold off Grandville. The Bulldogs won 34-32.

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The chamber office will be closed for the holidays until 7:30 a.m. on Tues., Jan. 6.

LMS DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS "SNOW WHITE"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present a new version of the beloved fairy tale, *Snow White & Friends*, on Thursday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria, 750 Foreman.

Don't miss this free evening of entertainment.

LHS CLASS OF '83 REUNION

The Lowell High School class of 1983 is beginning to plan their 15-year reunion.

Any classmates interested in helping, please contact Kristi Dine-Alguire at 897-1786 daytime, or 868-7616 evenings.

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!

A Red Arrow strong start and strong finish, however, were not enough to offset Grandville's bull-like run through the middle weights which enabled the Bulldogs to earn a 34-32 win in the Tate and Marge Frederick Invitational.

Lowell won the first three and last three matches but, in between, Grandville won seven of eight. In four of those, the Bulldogs recorded pins.

"We came back well after

aslow start," Grandville coach Tom Krepps said. "The kids have worked well all week. A number of them had great days today."

Grandville waltzed into the finals, making easy work of Byron Center 59-15 and Tri County 54-21.

Lowell had to work some against Lansing Eastern before winning 38-28. "It wasn't easy," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. The Red Arrows then earned a spot in the finals by beating up on Cedar Springs 61-15.

Lansing Eastern defeated Cedar Springs 42-35 in the consolation match and placed third.

"It's been a while since we've beaten Grandville. They are strong in the middle weights. We had things in the end but the difference was the number of pins they had and we gave up some match points early on. All points count when you're wrestling a quality team like Grandville," Rivers said.

Lowell's daily double of Brett and Nick West pushed Lowell to an early 7-0 lead. Brett West posted a 14-0 major decision at 103 against Croft Homnick. Nick West

followed with an 8-1 decision against Don Nigenbum.

Dan Rottier increased Lowell's cushion to 10-0 with a 13-6 decision against Scott VanOffelan. It was VanOffelan's first loss of the year. "Those three have been wrestling well. Having them up top is a good way to start a match."

The Red Arrows finished with Caleb Grummet (189) winning on an injury default; Bill Stouffer pinned Robert Chichester in 36 seconds of the first period; and heavy-weight Mike Arnsward put Tony Lozon on his back in 52 seconds.

Lowell outscored Grandville 18-0 in those six matches. The Bulldogs made up for it in the middle weights, outscoring Lowell 34-4.

The Red Arrows' only win between weights 125 and 171 came at 152. David Luyk decisioned Mo Cavenna 19-10.

Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle was decisioned 10-5 at 125; Brent Lyons, 130 pounds, was pinned at 5:13 of the third period by Jeremy VanVeen; Brad Lyons lost a 6-5 decision at 135 to Grandville's Ben Grifhorst; Tom Oesch

(140) was pinned at 1:03 of the first period; Matt Oesch

(145) was pinned in seven seconds of the first period by Aaron Grifhorst; Keith Krebill (160) was put on his back in 3:13 of the second period by Tim VanderVeen; and Steve VanLaan (171) was major decisioned by John Workman 17-4.

"The win at 171 gave us that jump. It got our heads above water. It got us above 33," Krepps said.

The loss dropped Lowell to 3-1. The Red Arrows will wrestle Saturday in the Hastings Invitational.

Tom Krepps' 23rd year as head of the Grandville wrestling program will be his last.

"Tom has been a good coach because he knows how to get the most out of his boys and he knows the sport," said Lowell coach Gary Rivers.

The paths of Krepps and Rivers first crossed back in the sixties. "Tom wrestled against Lowell for Ravenna," Rivers explained. "He was a well-built muscular farm boy."

For the past 23 years, their relationship has been as coaching peers - friends.

"I have great respect for Coach Rivers and what he has done and the time he has put into the sport," Krepps said.

The admiration is mutual. "Tom is not only a good wrestling coach but he is an excellent person," Rivers said.

The decision to step away is something Krepps began thinking about last year.

"When it becomes a job and not fun anymore, it is time to get out," Rivers said. "I know, however, he wanted to be around when the new school opened this year."

Krepps said there are other things he would like to do. The Bulldog coach is one of only six active coaches with over 400 career victories.

"The wins and losses... they come and go, but the companionships and friendships I've gained through wrestling will last forever," Krepps concluded.

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There will be a change in location for the regularly scheduled January 5 meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission. This meeting will be held at the Lowell High School Band Room, located on the West side of the school at 11700 Vergennes Rd., Lowell. There will be a discussion of the proposed Home-Based Business Ordinance with the planning commissioners, township attorney, and community planner. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mari Stone, Clerk