

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Council's New Look in '98

With little fanfare, William Thompson was elected by the Lowell City Council to serve as the city's mayor. In a 3-2 vote, Don Green was chosen to serve as the city's mayor pro-tem. Making up the city's 1998 Lowell City Council are seated, from the left, Donald Green, Mayor William Thompson, and Jeanne Shores; standing, from the left, are new councilmember Michael Blough and Charles Myers.

## Vergennes Township Planning Commission hears ongoing concerns with home based business ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

At what point do home based businesses, home occupations and rental storage begin to interfere with the maintaining of rural/agricultural property?

Elements leading to the answer of that question were bantered around during Monday night's Vergennes Township Planning Commission meeting held in the music room at Lowell High School.

Township attorney Jim Dozema and professional planner Steve Langworthy, of Langworthy & LeBlanc, were on hand to provide opinions to concerns and questions

raised by approximately 40 township residents in regards to the proposed ordinance. The township has been working roughly a year on the drafting of the ordinance.

"The purpose of this proposed ordinance is to provide Vergennes Township residents with reasonable business operation opportunity in rural/agricultural zones which does not change or interfere with the rural/agricultural character or nature of the township," said Vergennes Township planning commission chairman Rick Gillette.

That reasonable opportunity will be met with some limitation. The tense degree of nervousness created back in September, when

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## Safe and Sober grant curbs holiday traffic stops

Lowell Police Department allocated 177 hours of overtime through grant.

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

A grant may help Lowell police officers keep the city streets a little bit more safe—especially on the weekends.

For the second year in a row, Lowell Police Department has participated in the Safe and Sober grant, administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning. The grant is designed to fund overtime pay to put an extra car on the streets during prime holiday times. The target is drunk drivers, speeders, and people who don't wear seatbelts.

And according to Lowell police chief Jim Valentine, the campaign is having its effect.

"This last Saturday night, the officer for the first four hours saw that most drivers were driving under the posted speed limit," Valentine said. "Of course, media have been part of the campaign in getting the work out about enforcement. I think what we'll see is safer weekends, especially if people run into a police car every two miles."

Lowell is one of six Kent County law enforcement agencies participating in the grant. The others include the Kent County Sheriff, Michigan State Police, Kentwood Police, Wyoming Police, and Grandville Police.

This year, Lowell, along with the Michigan State Police and the Kent County Sher-

iff, will be targeting the M-21 corridor, which extends from the Kent/Ionia county line to the East Beltline. The remaining departments will focus on 36th and 44th streets and Chicago Drive.

Under the grant, Lowell has been allocated 177 hours of overtime. Valentine said his department plans to schedule 32 hours of Safe and Sober patrol during each of the targeted holidays, which include Christmas, New Year's Eve, Spring Break,

of 56 traffic stops, which Valentine said was below the department's goal of at least three stops per hour. However, the main emphasis of the program is alcohol enforcement and the department did meet the Office of Highway Safety Planning's goal of at least one alcohol arrest in every eight hours, Valentine said.

"The car that is out on the streets under the Safe and Sober grant primarily patrols M-21 and is in addition to the

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Jim Valentine  
Lowell Police Chief

Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. This will provide the department a cushion so officers can write up reports under the Safe and Sober funding.

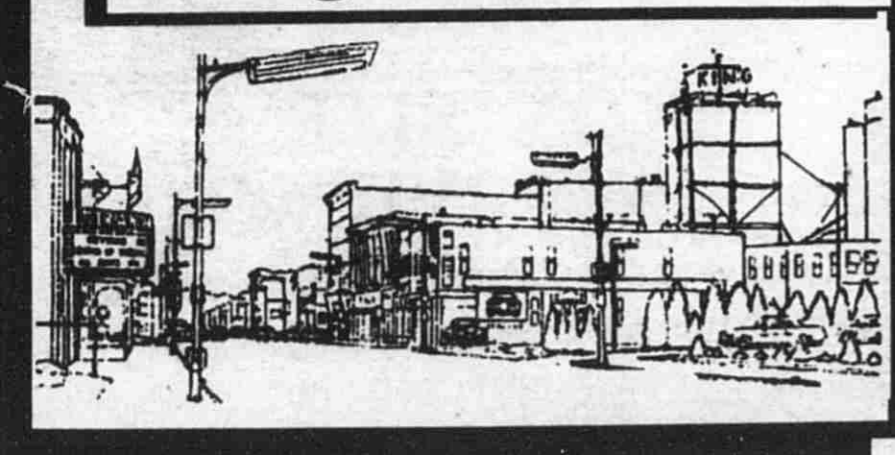
The department was out for four evenings over the recent holidays with officers making three drunk driving arrests and two other alcohol related arrests. Other activities included 11 seatbelt citations; three speeding citations; and 38 verbal warnings.

The officers made a total

department's regular two-car patrol," Valentine said. "The Safe and Sober car also will patrol mostly in the evening hours, when more of the serious accidents occur and when people are drinking and driving or not driving as safe."

The department is reimbursed on a quarterly basis by the Kent County Sheriff Department, which is administering the entire grant for all participating law enforcement agencies.

## Along Main Street



### LHS WRESTLERS HOMECOMING

Generations of Lowell wrestlers past are invited to the Red Arrow homecoming on Thursday, Jan. 15. Lowell will wrestle Forest Hills Central. The junior varsity starts at 6:15 p.m. with varsity scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

### 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.

### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Student Services Center will host the annual "Financial Aid Night on Wed., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Jill Nut, director of Financial Aid at Grand Rapids Community College, will review the process of applying for aid through the federal government and state of Michigan programs. Other scholarship information will be covered. Parents and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend this informative evening. Juniors and their parents are also invited to attend. For more information call 897-1465.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY MEETING

Lowell Chamber of Commerce Quarterly meeting will be held Wed., Jan. 21 at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, upper level, at 7 p.m.

The focus of this meeting is spring & summer construction on Main St., Lowell. RSVP Liz Baker at 897-9161.

### 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.

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## OBITUARIES

**FENNING** - Earl John (Jack) Fenning, aged 91, of Lansing, formerly of Lowell, died Wednesday, December 31, 1997. He is survived by seven children Lesa (Pat) Duncan of CA; Wendy (Glen) Looman of Ohio; John (Kristi) Fenning of CA; Kathy (Roger) Reu of MN; Caron Croo and Penny (Joe) Jardine all of Lansing and Jim (Shannon) Fenning of GA; brother Lester (Gerry) Fenning of

Warren, MI., special friends Lynn and Mike Munroe of Lansing; and 10 grandchildren. Mr. Fenning was the owner of Fenning's Drug Store in Valley Farms. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Rev. James O. Cusack officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Home for Children, 2800 W. Willow, Lansing, MI 48917.

**REGAN** - Orlo F. (Pat) Regan, aged 72, of Belding, passed away Thursday, January 1, 1998, at Ionia County Memorial Hospital. He was born April 21, 1925, in Belding to Herbert and Mabel Spencer Regan. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. in the Asi-

atic-Pacific area from October 15, 1942 to December 26, 1944. He participated in action at Guadal Canal, Cape Gloucester, New Britain Islands, Peleliu Island, Palau Islands and received an honorable discharge October 31, 1945. He was a member of the VFW post 4406 of Belding. He retired from Extruded Metals in 1983 after 33 years of service. He was married August 3, 1946 to Annis Crawford and she survives with their children, Wanda and Martin Shannon of Whitehall, Lee Regan and Ron Regan both of Belding, George and Linda Regan of Lowell. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one sister, Iva Comer, Holiday, FL, and one brother-in-law Franklin Clark of Rockford. He was preceded in death by one sister Maxine Clark. Funeral and Committal Services were held Sunday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Belding with the Rev. Harry Johnson officiating. Interment Rest Haven Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

**ROTH** - Mr. Charles Reinhard Roth, aged 90, of Lowell, passed away December 29, 1997. He was preceded in death by three brothers. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Geraldine; sons Charles LaRue and Laurence (Nancy); grandchildren Charles L. Jr. (Karen), Steven L. (Kathy), and Laurence Jr. (Mary); five great-grandchildren; his brothers, Franklin (Doris), Arthur, Robert, and Wesley (Ruth); and a sister, Helen Fuite. Funeral Services

will be held at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel with the Rev. Gary Burdick officiating. Interment Washington Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society.

**SWIFTHAM** - Mr. William R. Swiftham, aged 86, of Lowell, passed away Friday, January 2, 1998. Surviving are his son, Michael C. Swiftham of Grand Rapids; his grandsons, Thomas, William, and Michael Swiftham; his sister, Wilma and Glenn Inman. The Funeral Service was held Monday at the Stroo Funeral Home with Pastor Ray Hall officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

**SWIFT** - Arlene I. Swift, aged 77, of Lake Odessa, passed away Friday, January 2, 1998 at her home in Lake Odessa. She was born April 9, 1920, in Vestaburg, MI, the daughter of James and Laura (Corben) Bennett. She married Deforest Swift in May 1942 in Gaylord. Surviving are her husband, Deforest and two sons, Allen (Linda) Swift of Lake Odessa and Ned (Kathy) Swift of Lowell; three grandchildren, Matthew, Suzanne and Rachel Swift and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson Tom Swift; four brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services were held Monday at the Koops Funeral Chapel in Lake Odessa with Rev. Ward Pierce officiating. Interment in Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Odessa. Memorials may be made to Swifty's P.L.A.C.E. Play Area, Lake Odessa.

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

**Financial aid night Jan. 14**  
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**Show Us Your Smile!**  
**DECEMBER SMILE OF THE MONTH:**  
NAME:.....Paul Carey  
AGE:.....7 years old  
BIRTHDAY.....11/26/90  
HOBBIES.....Playing hockey, Star Wars.  
SCHOOL.....Crestwood  
Paul receives a prize for his great checkup.  
**December "No Cavities" Club Members**  
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Morgan Doyle    Jessica Mueller    Kelsey Perow  
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Jacob Schiller    Sara Benaway      Jessica Reedy  
Dirk Timmer      Ashley Rollins    Margaret Griffith  
Paul Carey        Ed Zigmont        Hailey Degrote  
Elana Brubaker   Cody Clark        Jacob Vela  
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## Baker recognized with dairy award

Courtney Baker is the recipient of the dairy and conservation county awards through the Kent County 4-H program. Baker is the daughter of Burt and Karen Baker of Lowell and a member of the Friends and Neighbors 4-H Club. She is the club secretary and an explorer mentor for younger 4-Hers.

She is a member of the Kent County 4-H Dairy Judging Team. She competed this past summer at MSU/4-H Dairy Days receiving fourth junior individual in oral reasons, fifth junior team oral reasons, and 23rd overall junior individual. Baker has been very in-

volved in club conservation projects which have included a road adoption program, land use demonstrations and the adoption of an endangered West Indian manatee. If you would like more information on the Kent County 4-H program, call Sandra Springer at 336-3265.

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All items **MUST** be brought in **NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. ON THE MONDAY** before that week's issue.



Pictured, front row, is Emily Sandys; back row, left to right, are Phyllis Strader, Matt McCormick, Gena T. Buhler and Sarah Burkhardt.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**JANUARY 9** - Jordan Potter.  
**JANUARY 10** - Mary Jo Vezino, Alvin Brenk.  
**JANUARY 11** - Katie

Plutschow, Ian Blodger.  
**JANUARY 12** - Judy Ellison, Stuart Sauber, Mike Vezino.  
**JANUARY 13** - Jake Sterzick, Stephen Rutherford.  
**JANUARY 14** - Angie Nowak, Ryan Burns, Tim Yonker.

## Sore feet and all, Buhler wouldn't change a thing

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

On the left and right feet of Gena T. Buhler are dance lines.

Unlike lifelines, they did not come with birth. She has earned her dance lines through hours and hours of dance at Interlochen.

Since enrolling at Interlochen in September, Buhler has broken 15 pairs of point shoes while dancing. Each break has required tape for the cut and a new pair of shoes.

Buhler along with fellow Interlochen cast mates just completed the school's holiday production of *Nutcracker*.

"We did six performances in a week," Buhler explains. "Four formal and two informal."

Auditions and rehearsals for the *Nutcracker* began in October. Buhler played

Clara's mother and also had a role as a snowflake.

The Lowell resident passed up her senior year at Lowell High School so she could enroll at Interlochen. "I am very happy that I did. I wasn't real sure after the first week... it was an adjustment, but everything has worked out real well."

"Our academic classes (calculus, Russian Literature

and German) run from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 1 until 10 p.m. we rehearsed."

After Buhler graduates in May, her plans are undecided. The senior will choose between Butler, Eastern Michigan, Michigan and South Florida.

"The last couple of years I have danced down in south Florida over the summer," Buhler says.

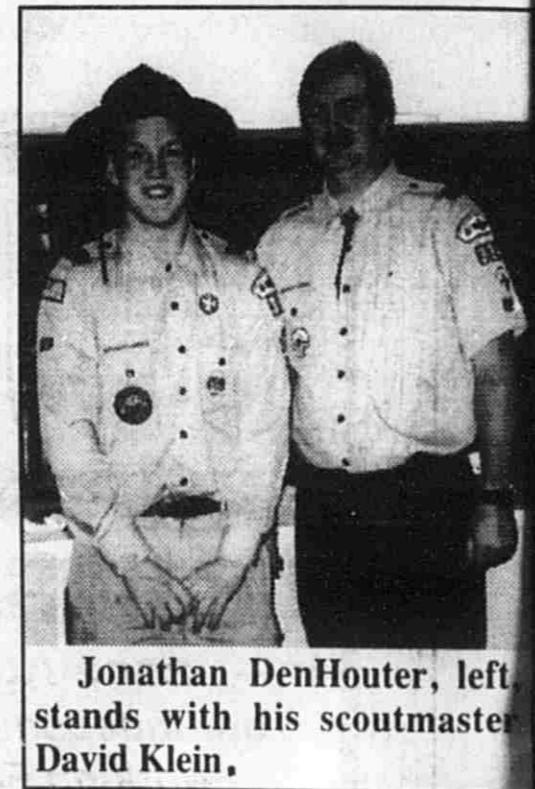
## DenHouter achieves rank of Eagle Scout

Jonathan V. DenHouter, a senior at Lowell High School and the son of Leonard and Kathryn DenHouter, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

A ceremony was held at Cascade Christian Church Chapel on Wed., Dec. 17, 1997, honoring DenHouter. Letters of congratulations were received from Gov. John Engler, Representative Vern Ehlers, and John W. Creighton, the president of the Boy Scouts of America.

The high point of the ceremony was when Dr. Stern presented DenHouter with a United States flag that was flown over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 7, 1997 in his honor.

DenHouter's final Eagle Scout achievement was a historical research project on the history of Lowell Area Schools. This is being published by the Lowell Ledger and should be available to the general public by the summer of 1998.



Jonathan DenHouter, left, stands with his scoutmaster David Klein.



Week of 1/12 - 1/16  
**ELEMENTARY**

**MON:** Taco w/meat & cheese & lettuce, sweet potatoes, corn bread/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

**TUES:** Lowell Red Arrow Sandwich, tater tots, oranges, canned fruit or apple crisp, milk.

**WED:** Chicken nuggets, corn, homemade dinner roll, gelatin w/whip or fruit, milk.

**THURS:** Pizza pockets, fruit juice, baby carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

**FRI:** Italian dunkers with cheese, Calif. blend vegetables, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS**

**MON:** Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, turkey & ham wrap sandwich, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; Choose 2: Lettuce salad, sweet potatoes, Spanish rice, corn bread w/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

**TUES:** Lowell Red Arrow sub, chicken fajita, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: baked potato half, dill pickle half or side salad; oranges or apple crisp, milk.

**WED:** Chicken fries, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: au gratin potatoes, green beans, side salad, dinner roll; gelatin w/whip or fruit, milk.

**THURS:** Pizza pocket, turkey croissant, chef salad, cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, side salad or cole slaw; assorted fruit, milk.

**FRI:** 1/2 day for grades 6-12, all day for elementary.

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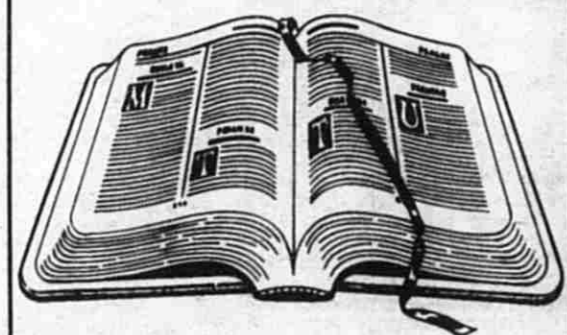
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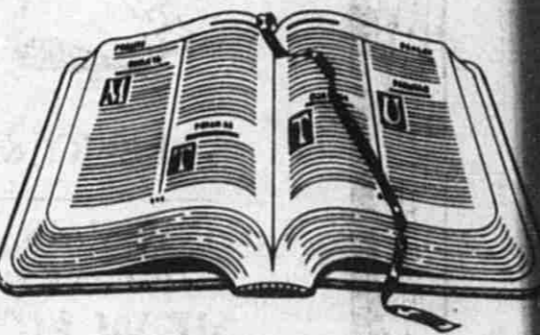
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 Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
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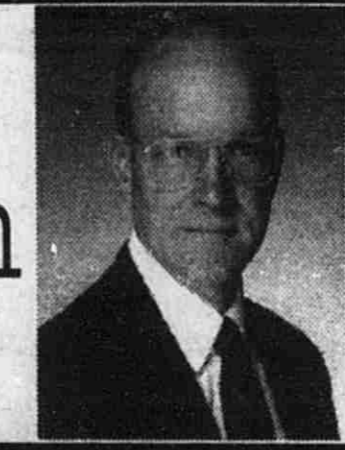
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
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 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M.  
 Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor  
 Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed Director  
 Meghan Culver.....Music Director  
 Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided

**LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 201 N. Washington • 897-8800  
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.  
 TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister  
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 Barrier-Free Entrance

# Viewpoint . . .

## Sharing The Vision

PETER L. GUSTAFSON  
 Board of Education President



The start of a new year is a good time for reflection. As history continues its relentless march toward the millennium, some basic questions about education come to mind, beginning with what, after all, is the purpose of going to school? Is it to absorb bits and pieces of knowledge, or perhaps to learn a special skill? If so, our collective experience might tell us that we have not done a very good job. Rock musician Tommy Lee

recently brushed his education aside with the following flippancy comment: "The first president of the U.S. doesn't matter to me. I don't need that upstairs." Most of us know our first president, but how many of us, a few decades or more removed from the classroom, specifically remember the details of the history, trigonometry or chemistry we learned? It is axiomatic that we forget the better part of what we learn. Why then do we learn it? What is the higher purpose of cramming information into our short-term memories toward the goal of passing exams or getting good grades?

The answer, it seems to me, lies in defining the characteristic which separates adults from children and wise men from fools: rationality. No offense to Tommy Lee, but he (like many modern rock musicians) misses the point. As Maria Montessori, the famous Italian educator, astutely observed: "If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines as the transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development

lags behind?" Learning to become a rational being is a bit like learning to play the piano. After years of hard work, the pianist is not likely to remember by heart every song or scale that was learned over all those years of practice. But what wonderful music finally results when the skilled musician sits down to play a Mozart concerto.

As our kids at school go about the daily task of learning bits and pieces of knowledge, we should all keep the bigger picture in mind...the total development of each young person. I know that such total development will be a central focus of our school system for each Lowell student in the coming year.



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By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

### 100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 6, 1898

Events of 1897 are itemized on the front page. Among them: May 6-Cornerstone of the German M.E. church laid; but mostly birth, marriage, death, fires, elections. Wives of cabinet members in Washington, DC are no longer serving refreshments at public receptions. Free-loaders have become too numerous and too gluttonous.

Town Line Tidings (Snow area) reports that Mrs. Hesche has a new organ and Mrs. Erb has a new top buggy. A gold cap with attached diamond on each fingernail is said to be the latest "fad" for millionaire women. Kalamazoo and Essexville may be the sites for the new process of producing sugar from beets.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JAN. 4, 1923

E.D. McQueen and son Bruce remodel their building and go into business as the McQueen Motor Co. The new village marshal, Pat Bowes, and new NightWatch Gene Carr, are cracking down on drunks. Massachusetts Senator Walsh wants to combine the Army, Navy and Air Force into a Department of Defense. Ionia County is opening a new marl (lime) bed for farmers, near the reformatory. Kent County public health nurses and three doctors from the state department of health will offer free examinations of rural children in January.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 8, 1948

The New Year's storm is claimed to be the worst in history, with snow, sleet, and ice. Gov. Kim Sigler hires a professional for commissioner of corrections, replacing the old five-man corrections commission, who served without pay. Kent County Road Commission head O.S. Hess says more money is needed to pave the other two-thirds of Kent roads.

Pre-packaged produce is a key to more sales in the postwar market.

"Along Main Street" carries subheads, "The Rialto" between items, which means, says the editor, "the market place."

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - JAN. 4, 1973

Five shoplifters were caught last week. The city's new ice-skating rink near the waste water plant will be maintained by the DPW. Heavy rain, mild weather, fluffy snow are the weather of the moment. City Hall gets a new phone number this Friday. Police chief Barry Emmons reminds Lowell citizens of the laws regarding door-to-door salespersons, especially their asking City Hall for permission to solicit.

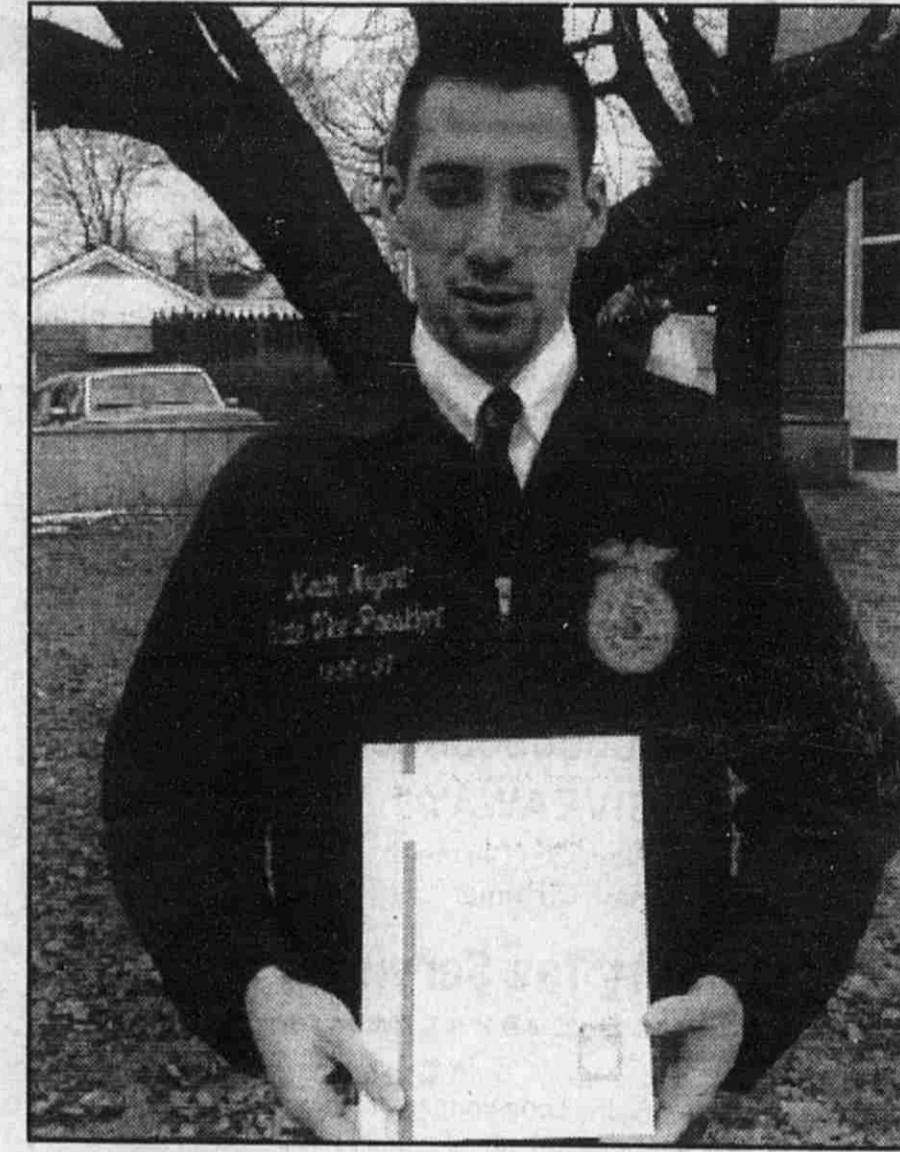
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## Lowell's Kevin Nugent recipient of FFA's highest award



Kevin Nugent was honored with the American FFA Degree at the 70th National FFA Convention.

Kevin Nugent, of Lowell, was the recipient of the American FFA Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization.

This honor recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. "It's an award I've worked toward throughout my high school career," Nugent said. "I've pretty much achieved what I had hoped to through the FFA."

He was one of 1,711 members who received the degree at the 70th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 13-15.

Only one in 260 of the 449,814 FFA members has advanced through chapter and state FFA degrees to earn this national degree.

Each recipient received a gold American FFA Degree key

and a certificate. The degree recognition program was sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. of Johnston, Iowa.

Nugent is the son of Dennis and Mary Nugent. He is currently attending Michigan State University, majoring in agriscience education.

Nugent is a member of the Lowell chapter and his agricultural education instructor/FFA advisor is Pete Siler, a teacher at Lowell High School.

The Michigan State junior intends to use his degree toward teaching agriscience at the high school level. "I'd also like to be an FFA advisor. Pete Siler has played quite a role in my decision," Nugent explains.

Nugent has also served as the FFA state vice president and as the regional treasurer.

## In the name of safety - city adds fence along Cherry Creek

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

decided to add a fence along Cherry Creek.

For safety's sake, the Lowell City Council decided to create a foot path from Foreman Road to Creekside Park. And now for safety's sake, the council unanimously

At its Monday night meeting, city manager David Pasquale presented a proposal and bid to the city council for the installation of a chain link fence along the north-south creek ditch line. The fence would be 462 feet long with a 42-foot long section, four feet high near the Foreman right of way. The remaining fence will be six feet high.

The city received three bids for the project with the council unanimously accepting the lowest bid of \$3,092 from Cedar Springs Fencing. Pasquale said the fence, like the path, was recom-

mended simply for safety purposes.

The city council approved the new path last year hiring O.E. Bieri and Sons in October to do the work. The path was created to provide a safe passageway for school students walking to Foreman Road to reach Lowell Middle

School or Cherry Creek Elementary School. Pasquale said at this point a culvert has been placed over the creek and gravel has been placed along the path with anticipation that asphalt will be put down once the warmer weather comes.



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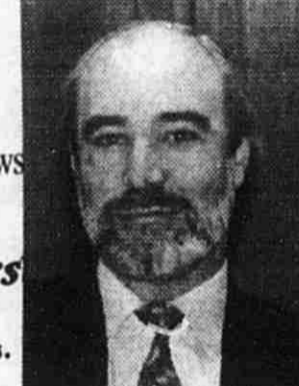
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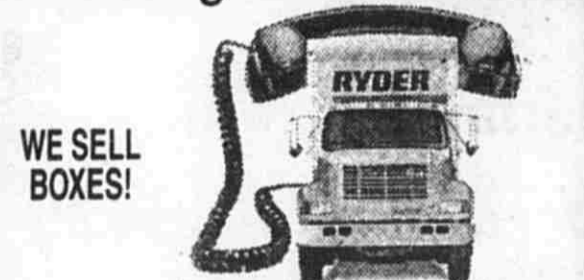
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# Ordinance, continued.... From Page 1

proposed regulations were outlined, seemed dissolved to a calm concern.

It is expected there will be a large group of home occupations that will occur in the township whether it is computer repair or desktop publishing. These are occupations which can happen within the home and not interfere with residential area.

Gillette said it is clear cut as to what the regulations are going to be and can be easily handled by the zoning administrator.

The zoning board of appeals would deal with any problems.

Home occupation is when the main part of the business happens within the home.

Home based business is when the majority of the business happens off site.

Gillette said the person operating the home based business must live in the dwelling.

The planning commission was queried on whether adjacent properties should be included in home based business. If it includes using adjacent properties, then it may no longer be a home based business depending on how much land a person owns.

"That is one of our concerns - instances where the farm

house is across the street from the barn, two separate parcels," Gillette said.

One way to deal with that is allowing use of just one building for home occupation.

"We're trying to allow local people to operate a local business in legal fashion, but yet keep a rural nature," said planning commissioner Mark Weber.

Gillette said the township's objective is to give people the opportunity to have a home occupation or a home based business. The concern is that the capital investment put into a site can make it too difficult to move it into a commercial district where it belongs when there is growth in the business.

"That is why we have some of the writing we have in the proposed ordinance. When the capital put into business becomes such that it is too tough to get off site. When it is commercial and when it is that the family works the business," Gillette said.

A resident questioned whether a zoning compliance permit should be required. The resident asked whether the township needed to know what a home based business or home occupation was doing as long as it wasn't illegal.

Township clerk Mari Stone said the permit provides a business owner with protection. "It tells the township what the business owners has and if someone calls and questions what

the person is doing, the township can look in the file."

Another sensitive point for a number of residents was the parking and storage area (2,500 square feet) allowed for home based business.

It was asked if the parking space could be pro-rated according to how much property is owned. "We felt it ought to be at least what is expected in the commercial district. Again, once there is capital investment in something it is a lot tougher to shrink it down," Gillette said.

There was also dissatisfaction with the proposed minimum 40-acre restriction to operate any rental storage facility.

The planning commission will hold another informal meeting on the ordinance in February. "If all the ducks are in order, then a regular public hearing would be held in March," Gillette said. "Then it is up to the township board to ratify it."



The steam hammer was invented in 1839 by Scottish engineer James Nasmyth.

## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, to receive public comment on proposed ordinance 98-1, Water Service Ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance would amend Ordinance 93-6, Water Service Ordinance, and would require connection to the water system in certain instances.

The full text of the proposed ordinance can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 1998.

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Copies of the application are available at the township offices during regular business hours, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

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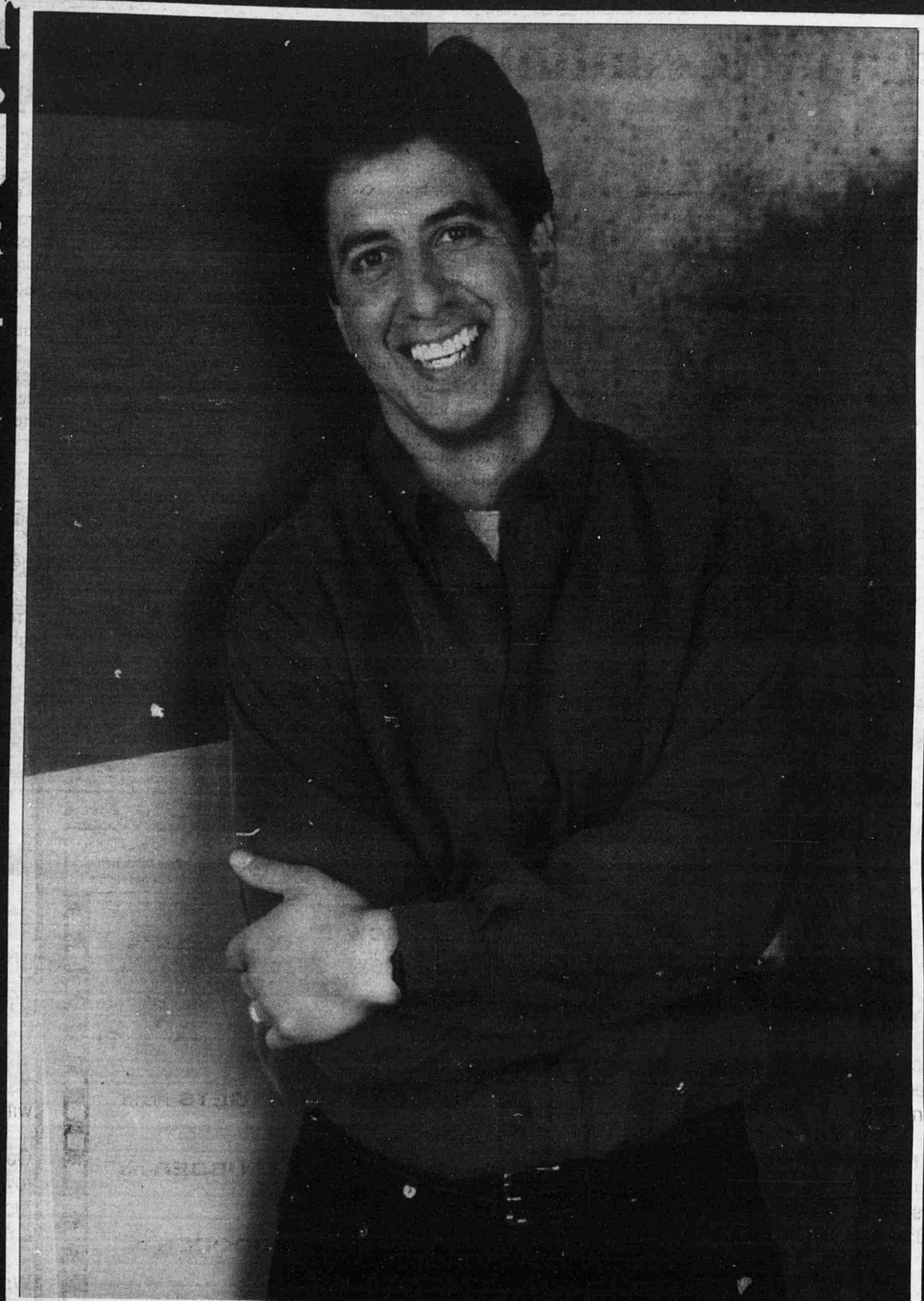
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## Lowell grapplers third at Hastings Invitational

••• Nick West and Bill Stouffer earn top honors at 112 and 215 pounds respectively.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The holiday stop at the Hastings L.H. Lamb Tournament has been unkind to Lowell wrestlers.

"I'm not sure what it is, but over the years we have not wrestled well here," said Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers. "I was pleased, however, with our performance today."

Seven Red Arrow wrestlers medaled. Four grapplers wrestled in the finals with three others making it into the consolation round.

"This was probably as strong a tournament as we will wrestle in all year," Rivers said. "I think that is evident when you look at the top four schools."

Middleville took home the trophy with 165 points. It was followed by Charlotte 133, Lowell 125.5, Grand Ledge 107.5, Lakewood 82, Harper Creek 77.5, Ionia 61, Coloma 51 and Battle Creek Central 28.

The Red Arrows received strong performances from their four lower weights. They accounted for a first, two seconds and a third.

Nick West, 112 pounds, pinned Ionia's David Waddle in the finals at 1:12 of the first period. "Nick's starting to come around. He's wrestling like I expected he would," Rivers said. "Nick was in control in all of his matches."

Brett West, 103 pounds, was decided in the finals by Middleville's Kyle Brower

14-4. "Brower's a pretty good wrestler. He was a state qualifier last year," Rivers explained.

Dan Rottier gave up a five-point move early and was never able to recover as he was decided 12-8 by Grand Ledge's Brian Beech in the finals.

Caleb O'Boyle, 125 pounds, pinned Grand Ledge's Mike Kunde in 2:29 of the second period to finish third. The freshman's only loss came to the eventual champion Lenny Leschino of Coloma. O'Boyle was decided 6-4.

Red Arrow Bill Stouffer (215 pounds) claimed top honors with a pin against Middleville's Miso Glavin at 1:43 of the first period.

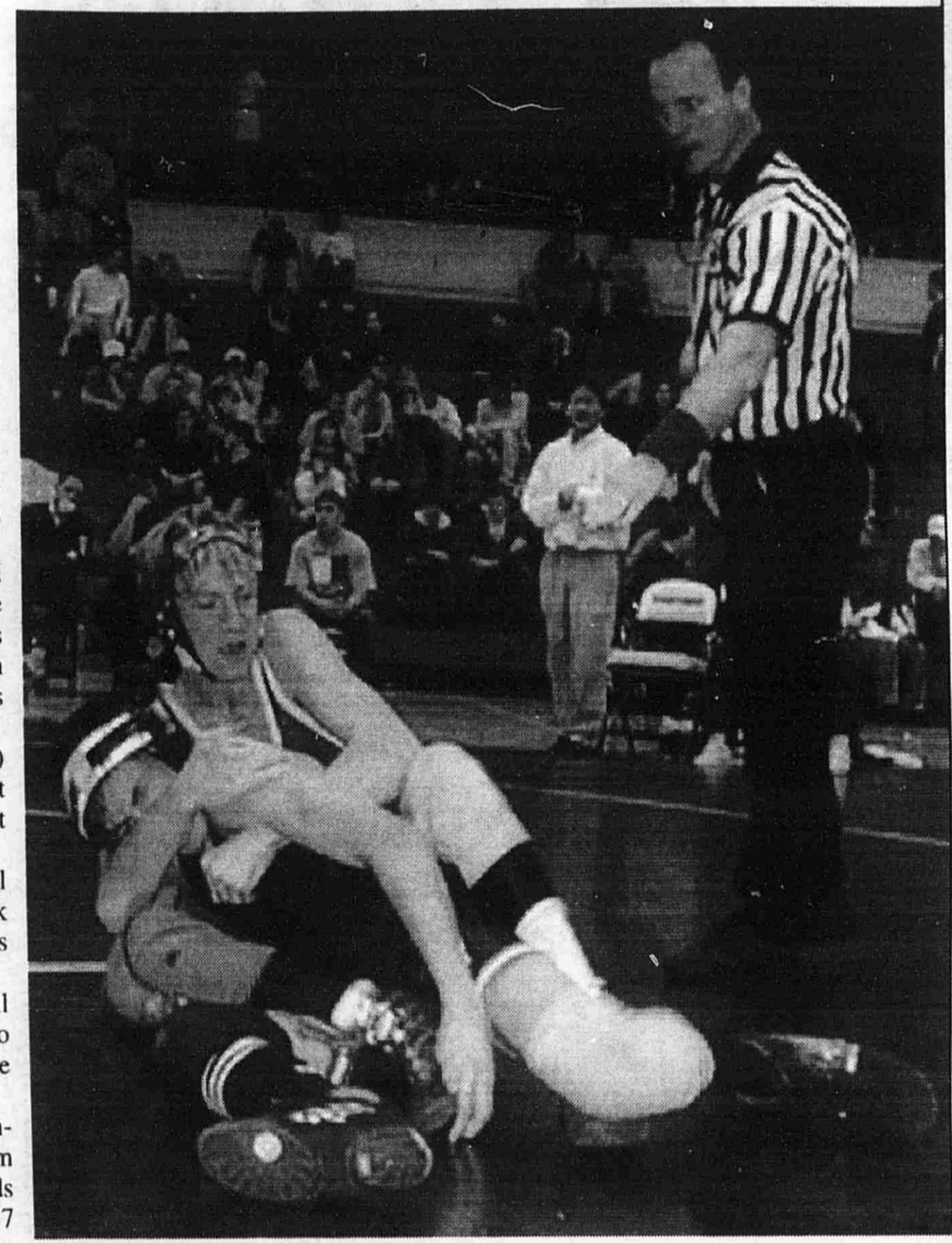
Wrestling as well as he's wrestled all year, according to Rivers, David Luyk took third with a 9-2 decision against Lakewood's Ponch Wildman.

"David looked the best he's looked all year," Rivers said. His only loss came to Harper Creek's Charlie Taft who was the runner-up.

"It's difficult to get all 14 wrestlers mentally ready in a tournament and have them peak every match," Rivers said. "The kids start at 9:30 a.m. and don't finish up until 7 p.m."

Tom Oesch finished fourth, losing 3-1 in the consolation match.

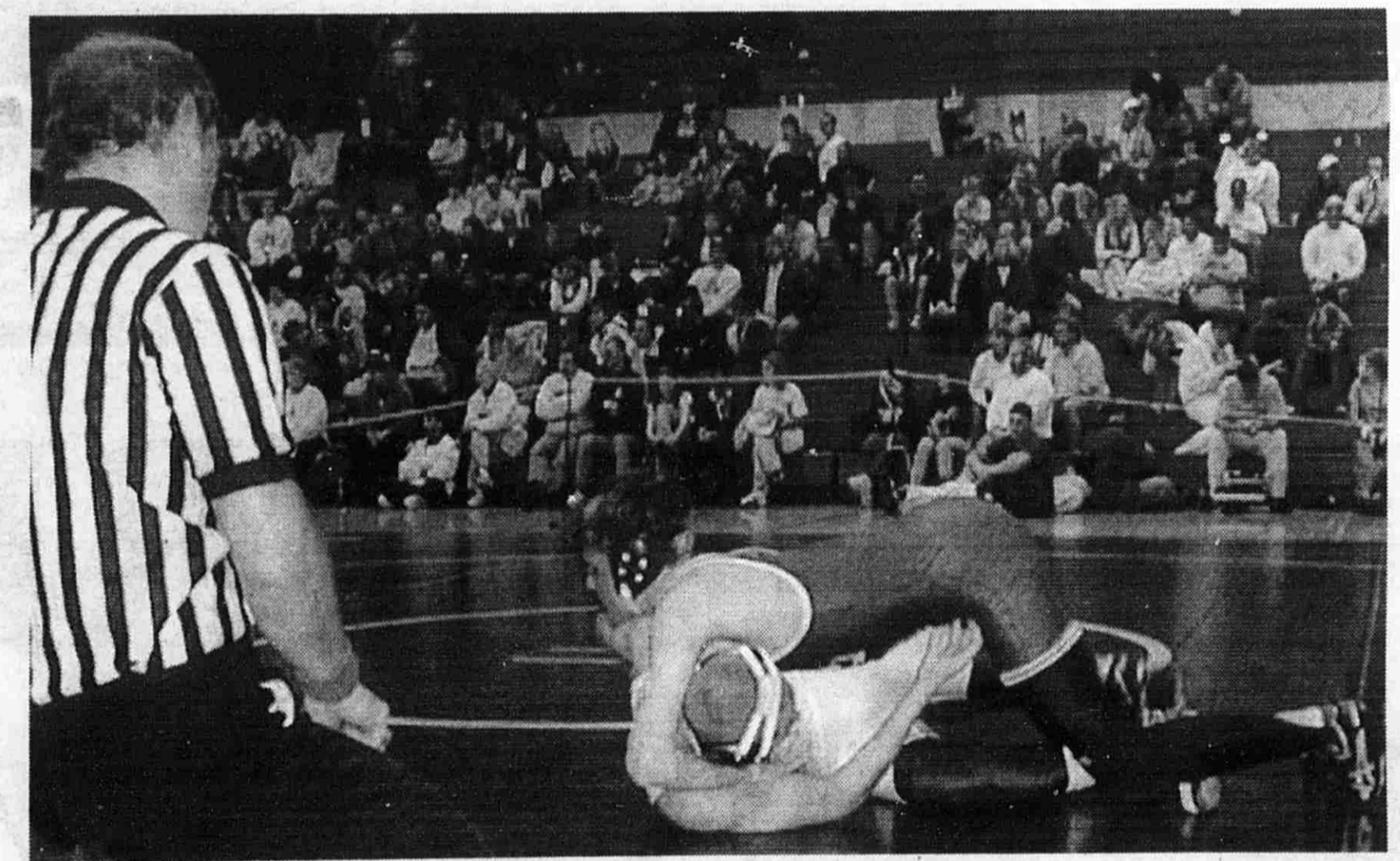
Lowell travels to Hastings on Thursday for a conference dual.



Lowell's Brett West has Middleville's Kyle Brower all wrapped up early in the first period. Brower battled back to defeat West 14-4.

### LHS Wrestlers' Homecoming Thursday, Jan 15

- Reception in Cafeteria Following Match with FH Central



Caleb O'Boyle scored a second period pin over Grand Ledge's Mike Kunde.

## Gustafson records first in 100 backstroke against Ottawa Hills

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A young, inexperienced Forest Hills Central swim team fell to Ottawa Hills in its season-opening meet 94-89.

"We're inexperienced," said FHC swimming coach Mike Jasperse. "Our goal is to qualify a relay team(s) and some individuals for the state meet."

Mike Gustafson, one of six Lowell swimmers on the Ranger team, earned a first in the 100-yard backstroke (59.07) and had a leg in the Rangers winning 400-yard freestyle relay. Gustafson also took a fifth place in the 100-yard butterfly (1:26.88).

"Mike's an excellent all-around swimmer," FHC swimming coach Mike Jasperse said.

Chris Chittick took top honors in the 200-yard intermediate (2:26.68) and the 100-yard freestyle (56.03). The Ranger along with Philip Wegert and Shawn Torgna also had a leg in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Their time was 3:48.72.

Lowell's Luke Rosenberger and teammates Andrew Klipa, Peter Gillen and Wegert placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:53.70.

Tyler Southwell, Adam Billingsley, Jon Rosenberger and Aaron Franklin were fourth in a time of 2:02.01.

Lowell's Luke Rosenberger was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:08.40) and sixth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.89.

Lowell foreign exchange student Alex Shevchenko finished fifth in the 100-yard breast stroke with a time of 1:23.04.

Forest Hills Central swims against rival Forest Hills Northern on Thursday.

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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 Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Chief of Police James Valentine, Director of Public Works Daniel DesJarden, and Planning Commission Chairman Michael Blough

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the minutes of the December 1, 1997 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS 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 (12/15/97)**

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND         | \$103,976.64 |
| WASTEWATER FUND      | 274.64       |
| CURRENT TAX FUND     | 1,205.78     |
| AIRPORT FUND         | 35.59        |
| WATER FUND           | 55,937.42    |
| DDA FUND             | 17,822.74    |
| DATA PROCESSING FUND | 14.99        |
| MAJOR STREET FUND    | 17.76        |
| LOCAL STREET FUND    | 17.76        |
| EQUIPMENT FUND       | 549.36       |

**Item #1. KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 1998.** As in previous years, the Kent Intermediate School District had requested the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the KISD'S property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the continuing resolution to collect the 1998 summer property taxes for the Kent Intermediate School District.

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

**Item #2. SELECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FIRM TO CONDUCT CITY HALL AND POLICE STATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN STUDY.** On December 2, 4 and 8, a committee composed of City Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners interviewed three firms: Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Tower Pinkster Titus and Beta Design Group to determine who will carry out a Needs Assessment and Schematic Design Study for the City Hall and Police Station. Each session gave a firm the opportunity to further explain their written proposal and answer questions from the Council and Planning Commission.

After the last interview was held, those Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners present recommended that Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber in association with Redstone Tiseo Architects be awarded the study based on the following:

- Lowest fee proposed - \$9,775 plus \$400 in reimbursable expense allowance

- Familiarity with the City
- Followed the criteria of the Request for Proposal closely
- Shared initial design concepts being able to look at the big picture of further development of the City and the downtown

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

The committee also recommended that a team be appointed to interact with the architects as concepts are developed consisting of representatives of City staff, City Council, Planning Commission, Historic District Commission and Police Department.

Mayor Thompson questioned who would assign the team to interact with the architects. Pasquale responded as these concepts are formulated, there should be a review process.

Ultimately, Pasquale stated it is the City Council who decides how this study should be structured.

Councilmember Myers visualized the main thrust of determining needs for new facilities rests on the shoulders of the City and Police Department staff. He envisioned the Planning Commission and Historic District acting as an advisory board.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to award Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber in association with Redstone Tiseo Architects the City Hall and Police Station Needs Assessment and Schematic Design Study as allocated through the General Fund at a cost of \$10,175.

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

**Item #3. APPROVAL OF 1998 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES.** The Council reviewed the proposed list of 1998 meeting dates. By consensus, the second meeting in January will be held Tuesday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

As established, the first and third Mondays have been scheduled each month for regular meetings, at 7:30 p.m. in the Englehardt Public Library. When a holiday occurs on Monday, the meeting would be established for Tuesday.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the 1998 meeting dates as presented.

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

**Item #4. MONTHLY REPORTS.** The following monthly reports were presented:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Police                | Building     |
| Fire                  | Public Works |
| City Manager Activity | Budget       |

Councilmember Myers said he enjoyed reading the Police Department's statistics. He mentioned the drunk driving arrests have increased 36% over last year. Myers further noted only 28% of the traffic stops resulted in a citation issued. He felt these figures state significantly how this department works with the community.

**Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Director of Public Works DesJarden said a request for a street light was received for 433 James and the new section of Bowes Rd near M-21. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the installation of light poles in these locations.

**Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Hodges said it has been a pleasure serving this City the last nine years. He has good feelings for this community and its leadership. Councilmember Hodges enjoyed working with many different people on behalf of the City through these past years.

Mayor Thompson presented Councilmember Hodges with a plaque in tribute to nine years of service as City Councilmember, Parks and Recreation Commission member and Cable TV Board member. He gave many

thanks to Councilmember Hodges for his efforts in making Lowell a better Community.

Councilmember Shores wished everyone a "Happy Holiday" and said she would miss Councilmember Hodges at the Council meetings.

Councilmember Green wished everyone a "Merry Christmas" and stated it has been a pleasure working with Councilmember Hodges.

Councilmember Green also expressed his condolences to Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock for the loss of her father.

Councilmember Myers stated he appreciated Councilmember Hodges efforts over the years. He wished everyone a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

**Item #7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. The following major accomplishments undertaken by the City in 1997:

- Opening of the Englehardt Public Library
- Completion of the westside sanitary sewer project
- Initiation of the West Main Street sidewalk project (construction in Spring, 1998).
- Reconstruction of Bowes Rd. from S. Hudson to near Pleasant
- Lee's Landing demolition
- Construction of Bowes Road realignment and intersection project
- 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 amendments regarding flags, banners and signs

- Boundary signs ordered and installed in Spring, 1998

- Purchase of new sludge thickening device (rotating drum) at Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Repaving of S. Center Street

B. A copy of the November 12 Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes was presented.

C. The Downtown Development Authority minutes of November 13 meeting were given to the Council.

D. City Manager Pasquale stated City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon plans to retire in May, 1998. She has been employed with the City since March 21, 1983, will be greatly missed. Pasquale noted Noonon has done a terrific job. Upon retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family. Pasquale will reorganize the Finance Office, assigning new responsibilities to the existing staff. But, this will not require the hiring of a Finance Director from outside the organization.

As part of the reorganization a new Account Clerk position will be provided. Advertisements for this will begin shortly.

Pasquale wished everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

**Item #8. APPOINTMENTS.** The following vacancies exist with positions on the Airport Board, Cable TV Board, Board of Review and the Planning Commission (in January).

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

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# FCDBG in concrete - city allocates funds toward Main Street sidewalks

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Sidewalk—that is what the Lowell City Council decided it wanted to use expected federal monies for.

At its Monday night meeting, city manager David Pasquale recommended putting all but \$2,000 of the \$44,942.07 of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds on completion of sidewalk installation along West Main Street. The remaining \$2,000 would go to the North Kent Transit System, a bus program run by Hope Network.

"We feel that by allocating this money, we will be able to get a good portion (remainder) of the sidewalk along West Main," Pasquale said.

The funds would not be available until July 1, 1998. Just to get the money, the city does need to host a public hearing on the proposed use of the money, which the board set for January 21 at the Englehardt Library. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Actually, the city council approved the West Main sidewalk improvements last year with work expected to start this spring. Monies from the Community Development Block Grant funds, Downtown Management, and the city's Improvement Fund are being used to fund the work which will cover the sidewalk on the north side of the road from West Street to Alden Nash and on the south side of the road from West Street to Allisandra, which is the Valley Vista Village entrance drive. Cost for this portion of the project is about \$141,000.

Pasquale said that money would not cover the entire south side of West Main. From the Valley Vista Village entrance to Alden Nash, it has been estimated the city would need about \$140,000. A letter from Dennis Benoit of McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Inc., which has been working with the city on this project, said the sidewalk and embankment work would be

about \$81,200. This is based on the average of the three lowest bids received for the work which came in at about \$29 per foot multiplied by 2,800 linear feet, the length of sidewalk between Allisandra and Alden Nash.

An allowance of \$30,000 was recommended for either an embankment with a culvert extension or a bridge to cross the drain west of Allisandra. Add in a 25-percent allowance for engineering and contingencies, and the project comes to around \$140,000.

Pasquale said all the city is proposing to do is put in at least \$42,942.07 worth of sidewalk. At this time, there are no other funds available to make up the remaining \$97,053.93.

"If we happen to get together funds to speed it up, we'll do that," Pasquale said.

Because of the uncertainty of other funding, Pasquale said the city will be eyeing future Community Development Block Grant funds to complete the south side work.

# Spreading the news... community values are in

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Walk into the First Congregational Church of Lowell and they are hanging in the lounge area: walk into the YMCA

office and they are being modeled in a wooden frame in the entry way.

Within the last month, approximately 30 frames displaying the five character traits identified by the community have

been distributed throughout to churches, organizations and businesses.

"If we are going to be models of these values then we must put them out in the community and talk about them," said Roger LaWarre, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

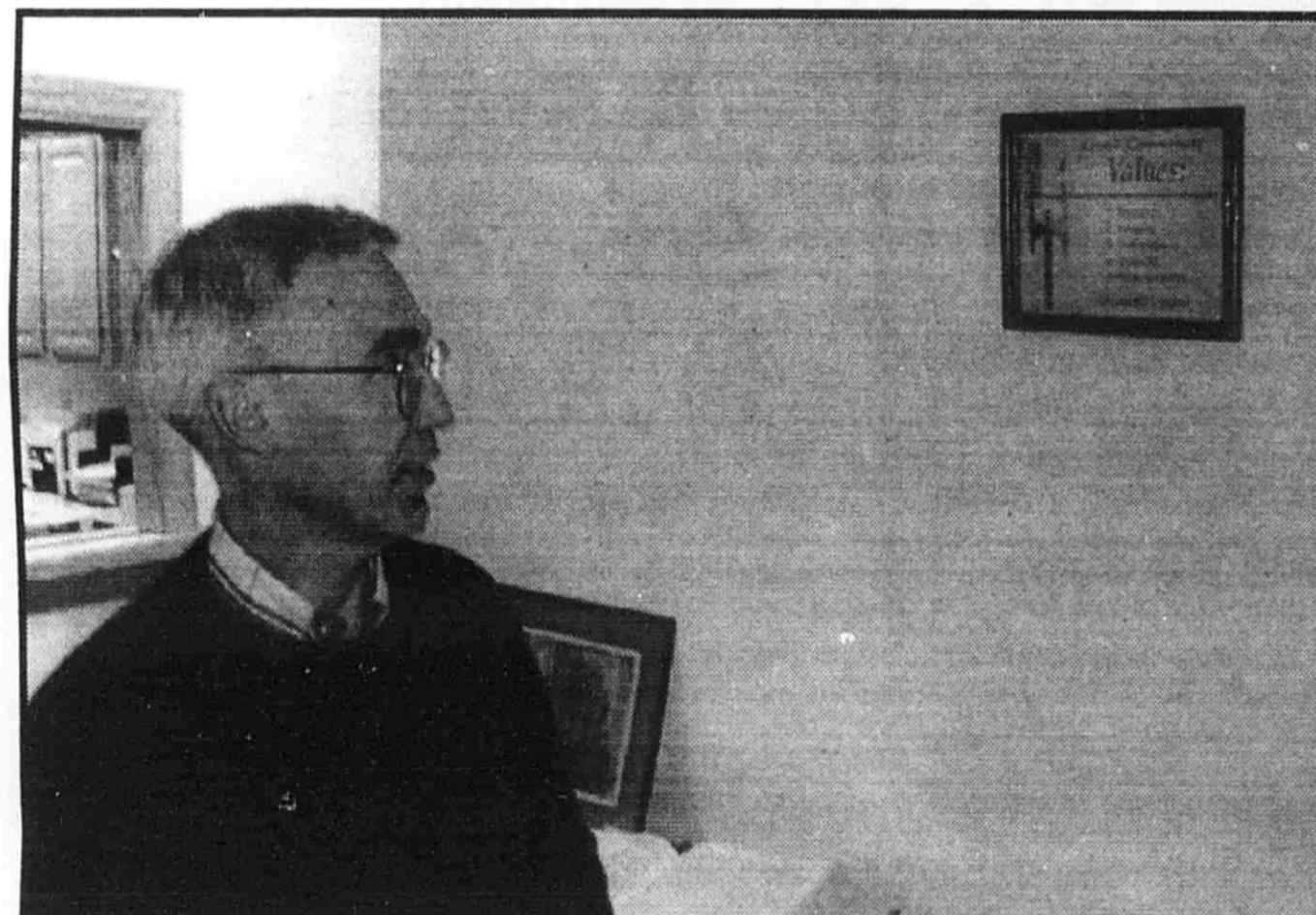
The goal behind the distribution is to broaden the impact around the community with an emphasis on the five character traits - responsibility, integrity, compassion, honesty and respect.

Lowell YMCA director Andy Johnson said displaying the five character traits helps keep the values in front of the community. "The YMCA organization has four core values that it follows. They are well represented in the group of five community character traits."

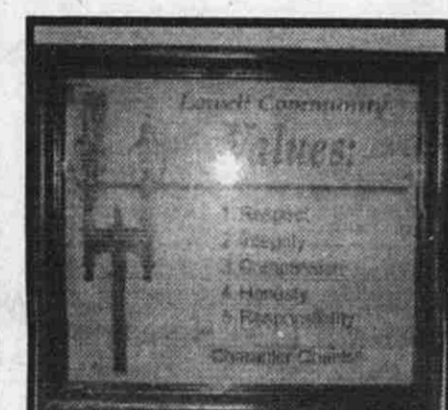
The community values were identified by a cross section of residents. Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said displaying them out in the community is an extension of that process.

"I am hopeful within the next couple of months to have banners displaying the values in the downtown," Bleke said.

Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction, said the distribution is a common effort to encourage and promote traits within the community as a whole.



Roger LaWarre, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, displays the five character traits in the lounge area of the church.



Lowell High School students competing on the Forest Hills Central swim team are Jacob Billingsley, Mike Gustafson, Jon Rosenberger, Alex Shevchenko, Mike Suman and Tyler Southwell. Members of the Forest Hills Central swim team pictured front row, left to right, are: Philip Wegert, Aaron Franklin, Brett Goldberg, J. Rosenberger, Paul Wesselink; back row, left to right, are: Shevchenko, Billingsley, L. Rosenberger, Shawn Tornga, Chris Chittick, Gustafson and Nick DeZwaan. Not pictured are Andy Campau, Brett Goldberg, Andrew Klipa and Peter Gillen.

# Collaborative efforts of FHC and Lowell provide students with more opportunity

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In an age where public schools compete against one another for students, many will find the collaborative effort between Forest Hills Central and Lowell most refreshing.

Lowell does not have a swimming pool but, eight of its students will swim competitively this winter.

Forest Hills Central does not have gymnastics equipment, but 12 of its high school girls will compete in gymnastics this winter.

Forest Hills Central opened up its boys' swim team to Lowell after just 9 Rangers came out for swimming in 1998. With a mix of Rangers and Red Arrows, the FHC swim team is 17 strong.

"It helps us and it gives Lowell kids an opportunity to

swim," Forest Hills Central coach Tim Jasperse said. "The boys have received each other well."

Lowell has made its gymnastics equipment available to Central for practice. The Rangers practice four nights a week. On days in which their practice time is the same as Lowell's, the two schools alternate gymnasiums.

"It's a way to help children and give them more opportunities," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "The more we can share and save resources, the more we help children."

Forest Hills Superintendent Michael Washburn said the idea of allowing schools to share resources went into effect five to six years ago. "It was started to help small communities in the northern part of the state," he said.

While it isn't done much, it has been an ideal opportunity for Central and Lowell. "The more that public school districts can cooperate, the more they can improve opportunities for kids," Washburn said.

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**TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE**

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

Prices Effective January 4 thru January 10, 1998

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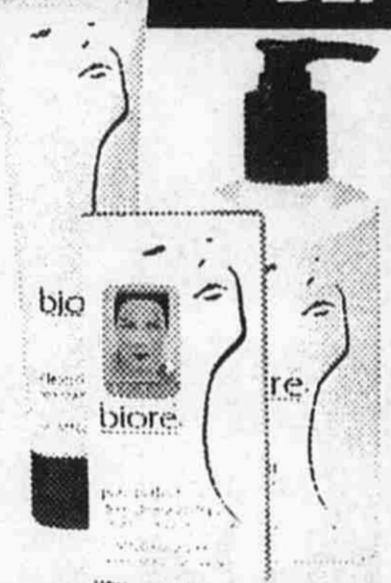
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