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Questions on cost need to be answered before Vergennes Township will act on proposed water ordinance

J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

Working to keep its end of the bargain, Vergennes Township officials held a public hearing on a proposed water ordinance that could require new and existing homeowners to hook-up to city water.

When Lowell Township, which purchases water from the city of Lowell and then in turn sells a portion of it to Vergennes, put in the water line to the new Lowell High School, Vergennes agreed to adopt a water ordinance requiring connection to the line.

The area in the water district is basically north of Foreman Road and south of Vergennes Township.

At its meeting Monday night, the township board re-

viewed and listened to comments from the public about the proposed water ordinance. A few residents did raise questions about the language in the ordinance. A couple of people said they did feel requirement of Vergennes' residents to hook-up to water was unfair, especially since the residents would have little or no say in the matter of prices or other issues once the ordinance was passed.

Township supervisor Jim Cook said the Vergennes Township ordinance is less severe than Lowell Township's. Under this ordinance, residents who can split their property into two lots of 165 feet on the front would only have to pay \$35 per foot for the first 165 feet. Residents who cannot split their

lots, however, would have to pay the entire front footage. Residents in the rural agriculture would have a minimum of 300 feet.

Also under this ordinance, current residents who have wells would not be required to automatically hook-up like those in Lowell Township. Cook said the residents would only have to hook-up

once their well failed. Residents would still be able to use a well for irrigation and watering horses.

Township officials and residents came up with questions about the legitimate cost of the entire water project and raised concerns about the \$35 per foot. Trustee Mark Weber said he would like to be

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Lowell and Forest Hills high schools receive second bomb threat

Lowell High School classes are delayed two hours as authorities search building.

Lowell and Forest Hills high schools had to deal with their second bomb threat in a month.

A recorded message was left on the recorder at Forest Hills schools at 5:24 a.m. It was discovered by school officials at 7 a.m. They then contacted Lowell Area Schools.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said there were some similarities between Tuesday morning's bomb threat and the one that took place in December.

After the high school gym and locker rooms were scoured by high school staff, students were escorted into the gym at about 7:30 a.m.

They stayed there for roughly two hours as officials from Kent County Sheriff's Department, Lowell Police Department and the Lowell Fire Department searched the hallways, lockers and tiles above the rooms. A state bomb-sniffing dog from Lansing arrived at 9 a.m. and another thorough search was conducted. The investigation was completed at approximately 10:15 a.m. and classes resumed. None of the three high schools canceled classes.

"It created a lot of inconvenience," said Lowell associate superintendent Richard Korb. Tuesday was the first day of the second semester for Lowell High School students.

"The more times this is done, the more you tend to think it is a hoax," Bleke said. "A school must still assure the safety of students and staff."

Lowell Township finds REGIS intriguing but unsure of its practicality

By Amy Briggs
 Contributing Writer

Could a computer serve as the brain for Lowell Charter Township? Could a single program contain all of the township's vital statistics—the ultimate knowledge reservoir for topographical facts?

It could, and it very well might for Lowell Charter Township...if the REGIS computer system is approved.

Regional Geographic Information System, or REGIS, is a database file which is currently awaiting the go-ahead from the county. The system's

usefulness is vast: it will contain all sited information topographically such as utilities, water and sewer mains, and "parcels of land to two and a half feet," reports township supervisor John Timpson.

The REGIS system was reviewed at the Lowell Charter Township meeting January 19 and, though more research must be done on the system's practicality for the township, most found its concept intriguing.

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Lowell Community Fund accepting grant applications

Grant applications are due by April 27. The fund established is a result of Harold Englehardt's \$12 million trust created for the Lowell area.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell-area, nonprofit organizations with projects exemplifying community cooperation and participation may now begin applying for the first round of grants to be made available from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Grant applications are due by April 27; and grant awards will be announced sometime in June.

The fund was established as a result of Harold Englehardt's \$12 million trust created last year with the Grand Rapids Foundation for initiating a fund for charitable purposes for the Lowell area.

Englehardt lived in Lowell for 75 years. He died in April of 1997. The announcement of the trust he left the Lowell community was made in June.

The funds from the trust are to be earmarked for projects in seven critical areas necessary for promoting a healthy, dynamic community. The areas are: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human service and recreation.

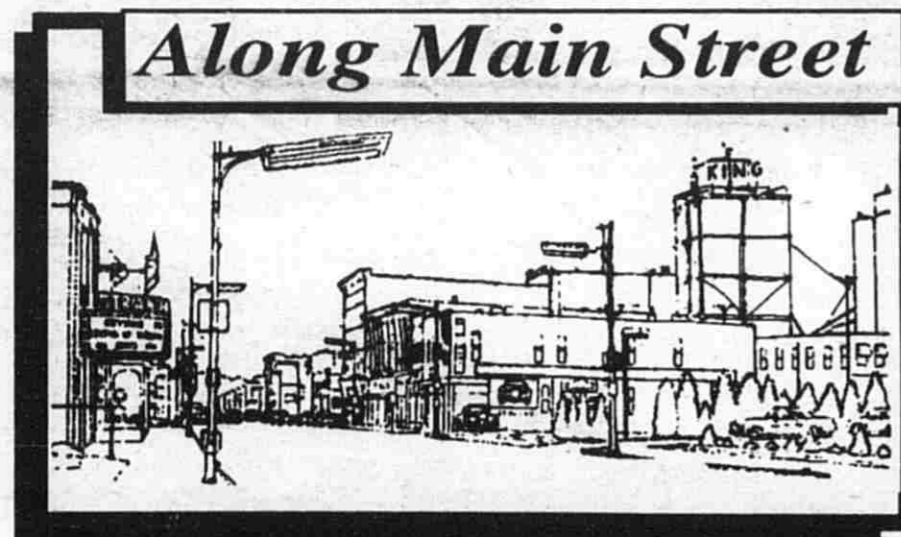
"Harold Englehardt's dream of a stronger, more vibrant Lowell community is one step closer to reality," said Diana Sieger, president of the Grand Rapids Foundation. Generating proposals from interested organizations is the first step of this process. The committee is eager to move forward in awarding grants to those projects which reflect Mr. Englehardt's deep concern for Lowell area's people and cooperation of the community."

The five-member committee, Bert Bleke, superintendent for Lowell Schools, John Darling, Pete Kubacki, Dave Pasquale, Lowell city manager, and Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School principal, will award the grants and allocate funds.

In addition to projects which address the critical areas identified by Englehardt, the committee will give priority to efforts which reflect an innovative, start-up effort, promote civic and community pride, strengthen or improve an agency's self-sufficiency or efficiency and/or other attributes.

"It is the committee's hope and desire to obtain positive measurable results and to improve the lives of our individuals and community through the wise application of these funds," said Darling, a great nephew of Englehardt. "The recommendations of this committee will be guided by Mr. Englehardt's deep concern for Lowell area's people."

Grant applications are available at the following locations: Lowell Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Hall, Englehardt Public Library, any Lowell Area Schools building or at the Foundation offices, 161 Ottawa Ave. NW., 209-C Waters Building in downtown Grand Rapids.



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.

SHOWBOAT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Lowell Showboat Corp. II, Inc. will be held Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Alternative School, second floor on Monroe St.

Your input and participation are welcome.

LAHA ANNUAL MEETING

The Lowell Area Historical Association's annual meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Members and public are invited to attend.

The program, by Steve Noal, will begin at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the history of the Lowell Fire Department and fires on Main Street.

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main. Seniors, please bring in your new 1998 benefit amount from the Social Security Administration you received in December 1997. Commodities this month: canned corn, dried potatoes, figs, apple juice and salmon.

LAAC PRESENTS LET'S MURDER MARSHA

The play *Let's Murder Marsha* will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 12, 13, and 14. On Thursday, tickets are \$4 for children, students and senior citizens and \$5 for adults. Tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$7.

Tickets are available at the door or at the LAAC, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and Sunday or by phone at 897-8545. Call for information on group rates.

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YMCA volunteers set to commence with Invest In Youth fund drive

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Each year, the Lowell branch YMCA reaches out to serve the youth of the community. Its ability to do this is made possible through its successful Invest In Youth campaign. Lowell YMCA executive director Andy Johnson notes that last year the campaign raised \$37,000 in pledges. These riches helped initiate a preschool sports program, increased the number of scholarships the Y was able to distribute and continued to help maintain programs already in place. "Over 300 youths received financial assistance from the Y last year," Johnson said. "Almost 2,000 youths were served through YMCA programs." The 1998 Invest In Youth will officially kickoff on

Jan. 26 with the Board of Managers campaign. YMCA board chairman Jim Bossert will lead that division. Rick Seese will head up the advanced gifts campaign which will be launched on Jan. 27. On Feb. 5, the team's gift division will be set in motion. Maureen and Alan Dorough will be the co-chairpersons. "All three campaigns hope to raise in excess of \$40,000," Johnson said. Over 60 volunteers will contribute to the effort. They will range from parents of youth program participants to local corporation and business individuals who have a vested concern for the Lowell community. Johnson explains that in years past, the YMCA campaign has been blessed with some of the community's top leadership which has led the large group of volunteers in meeting or surpassing the campaign goal.

Johnson said the YMCA has big plans for 1998. It hopes to expand into the Alto area in addition to creating a teen program that will give the area youth some additional safe and fun activities to be involved in. "We are also working with the Lowell Middle School on the possibility of providing an "After School" program for middle school students. Johnson would also like to start a late night basketball program on Friday at one of the schools. "The downtown YMCA has been very successful with this type of program," the Y director said. It would run from 10 p.m. until midnight. For the second straight year, Lowell Area Schools superintendent Bert Bleke will serve as the campaign's general chairman.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 2,178 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1997-98 academic year at Western Michigan University.

Among them are: Brenda K. Bittrick, Jon Joseph DeJong, Jennifer L. Sobie, Sara R. Triplett and Elizabeth M. Zeeuw of Lowell; Rachael Bledsoe, Wendy L. Faber, Mandy Jacobs, Shane S. Risner and Joel Weston of Alto; and Sarah Adele Williams and Daniel W. Zander of Saranac.

Jeffrey S. Nethercot will be a freshman at Northwood

University this fall and is the recipient of the Freedom Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. The Freedom Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years. Nethercot will graduate from Lowell High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University. He is

the son of Bradford Nethercot of Leesburg, FL, and Sharon Nethercot of Lowell. Northwood University is a private, accredited college specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields. The executive and full-time MBA programs make Northwood's free market-based degree offerings in management and entrepreneurship the most complete anywhere. The college emphasizes the importance of free enterprise and is dedicated to the preservation of the free market and the important relationship between business and the arts. Northwood operates a residential campus in Michigan, Florida and Texas.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a budget hearing on Monday, February 2, 1998 followed by a Special Meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the township shall be submitted for consideration.

Copies of the Proposed Budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
616-897-7600

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be having a "Dialogue Session" on Monday, January 26, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building - Board Room, 300 High St., Lowell, MI.

The purpose of the session is for the Board and the Administration to receive public input and to enter into dialogue regarding various issues. Please stop by to "chat."

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assured that the amount left is what is owed on the project and that school money didn't help to cover some of that cost. The board hopes to have answers to the questions about costs at its next meeting on Feb. 16. The water ordinance is expected to be on the agenda with revisions from the township attorney.

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Having all the pertinent township facts at a push of a button sounds appealing, but how expensive would it be for the township to access information like population and the distance from point A to point B? "Actual data entry could be costly," stated township clerk Carol Wells at the Monday night meeting. "Labor of the technical people would be the major expense." The REGIS system, if implemented, would be a time saver for seekers of both general and specific information about the township. The definitive pros and cons of the system will be reexamined as more details on the programming become available.

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 1998

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Nate Schoen, Student Council president and representative to the Board of Education, reported that students are back from break and exams are this week. In three weeks there will be a winter dance sponsored by the cheerleaders, and the student-council sponsored blood drive was a success.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION - January is designated as "School Board Recognition Month." The Board members received a coffee mug inscribed with the words "School Board Members - Shaping our Children's Lives" and a certificate of appreciation.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:
• Ellen and Roy Anker donation of an Apple lie computer, monitor, printer, Laser 128 computer w/monitor and miscellaneous software valued at \$200 to be used for classroom and administrative use.
• Metternich-Cole Ltd. donation of area rugs and carpet remnants valued at \$2,187 to be used by the high school Physical Education Department for locker room floor covering.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:
• Minutes for December 8, 1997 Regular meeting.
• Minutes for January 6, 1998 Special meeting.
• Instructional Overnight Trip Request for the girls varsity

softball team to travel to Athens, Alabama from April 3-11, 1998.
• Resignation of middle school teacher, Gerry Orszula, effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year.
• Job share position for Pam Thomas and Kelly Kidder to serve as Educational Support Services Director for the remainder of the 1997-98 school year.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Approved the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$580,318.42, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$58,750.74, Athletic Fund in the amount of \$14,211.76, the Trust and Agency Fund in the amount of \$17,056.05, and the 1990 Bond Fund Proceeds in the amount of \$13,579.60.

DURANT MONIES - Bert Bleke explained the district's current thinking on how to use the Durant monies. The Board will also discuss the issue at their Board Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. The Board may act upon this item at their February Board meeting.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION - Discussion was held on whether or not to charge for Driver's Education. The Board will further discuss the issue at their Board Finance/Personnel Committee meeting and the item will be placed on the February Board agenda for action.

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - As a continuance to update the Board on the Education and Business plan, Scott Vashaw reported on the Instructional Time

Professional Development Subcommittee recommendation accomplishments to date.

MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - Dick Korb and Lowell Chamber of Commerce Asst. Director, Liz Baker, who headed up the Marketing Subcommittee from the Education and Business Plan outlined the areas that have been accomplished from recommendations made by this subcommittee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke reported that the graduation site for 1998 has been changed to the Lowell High School Athletic Field. Bert shared that district auditor, Phil Saurman, conducted a mini-audit and reported that operations are better than ever. Bert thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to the students of Lowell Area Schools. Bert asked if the Board was interested in conducting a Board retreat at the suggestion of Board President, Pete Gustafson. A date will be set in the future for the retreat.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Board Dialogue Session - Monday, Jan. 26 - 7:30 p.m. Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room.
Board of Education Meeting - Monday, Feb. 9 - 7:30 p.m. Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room.

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Harrison announces she will seek Jack Horton's House of Representatives seat in November

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The only political position Judy Harrison has ever held is that of Kent County Commissioner. She has served in that capacity for the past 12 years - the last two as chairman of the aeronautics board. The Alto resident will seek a different seat with a different view come November. Harrison announced she will run for Jack Horton's House of Representatives seat.



Judy Harrison

Horton's term limit is up in November. The position of House of Representatives is limited to three consecutive two-year terms. "I've always been one to get involved and to see why things are the way they are," Harrison explains. "I don't like to sit back and complain. I'd prefer to work for the people of the community and feel like I'm doing something." Harrison says her involvement on the county board has provided her with experience and credibility. "As a member of the House, I'd work to see that the

renaissance (lowering of taxes, increased earnings and cutting government) Michigan is experiencing continues," Harrison explains. "West Michigan is seeing growth. We need to make sure that we're creating jobs and that there are qualified, trained people to fill positions." Harrison said she considered whether or not to run for the House of Representatives seat and then backed off, but

changed her mind after some encouragement from people within the district. "I think I can represent families, educational issues, and law and order concerns," Harrison said. When does she begin campaigning? "The campaign has already begun in earnest. It's in full swing. It's full steam ahead until election day."

DDA construction informational meeting tonight

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The spring and summer construction downtown will be the focus of a quarterly meeting sponsored by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority and city of Lowell. "We want to make business people aware of the major projects that will take place in the downtown area starting in April/May," said Chamber spokesperson Liz Baker. In attendance at the Wednesday, January 21 meeting will be a representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation; Steve Nichols, engineering coordinator from

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber; Chamber president Roger Bumgarner will moderate. "The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions," Baker said. "We believe the construction work could have a major impact on business." The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. The downtown project will include work on the bridge across from the Riverwalk Plaza, widening of the M-21/Hudson Street intersection, the repaving of M-21 from the east city limits to Valley Vista Drive, and streetscape work from Broadway to Lincoln Lake.

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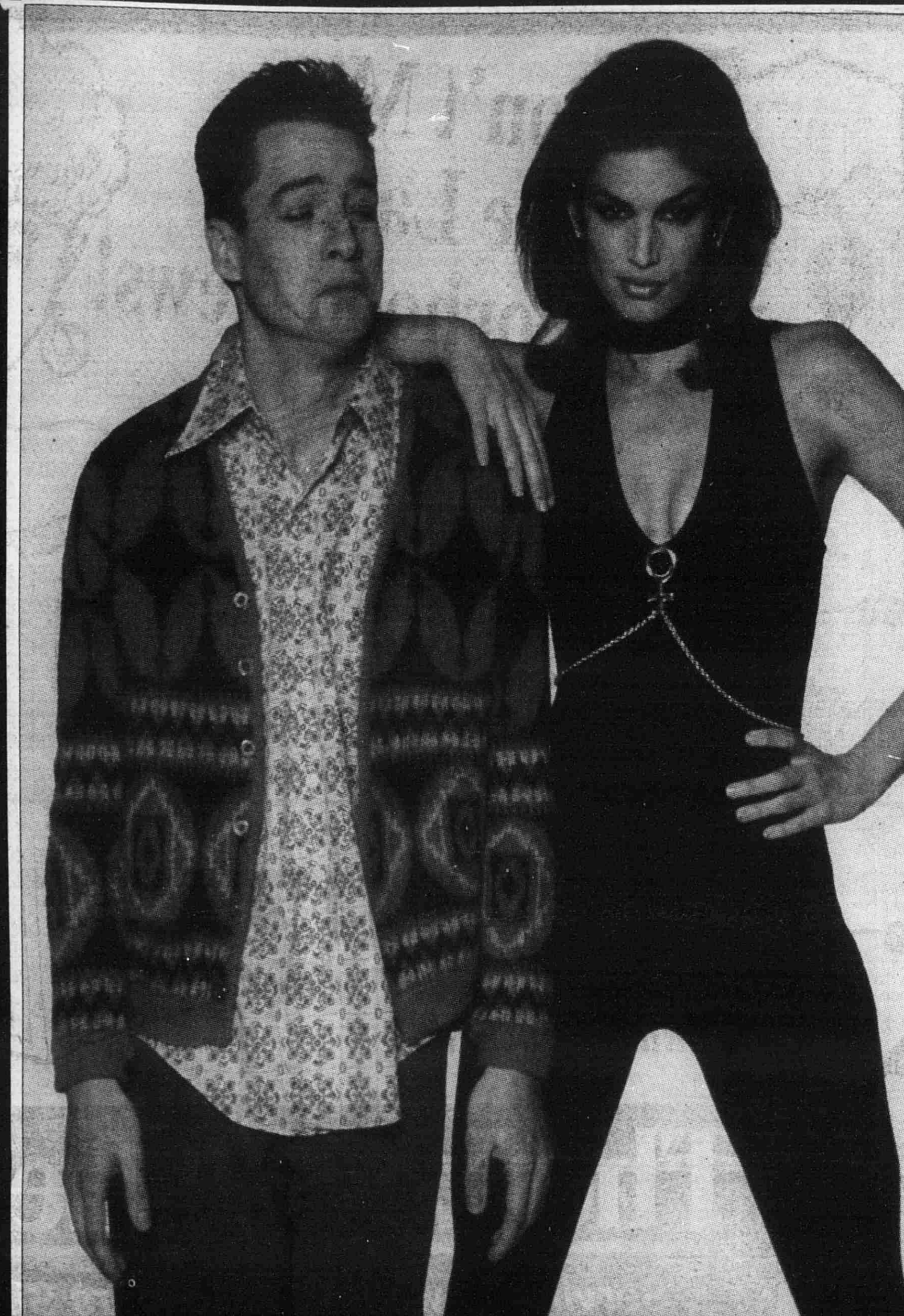
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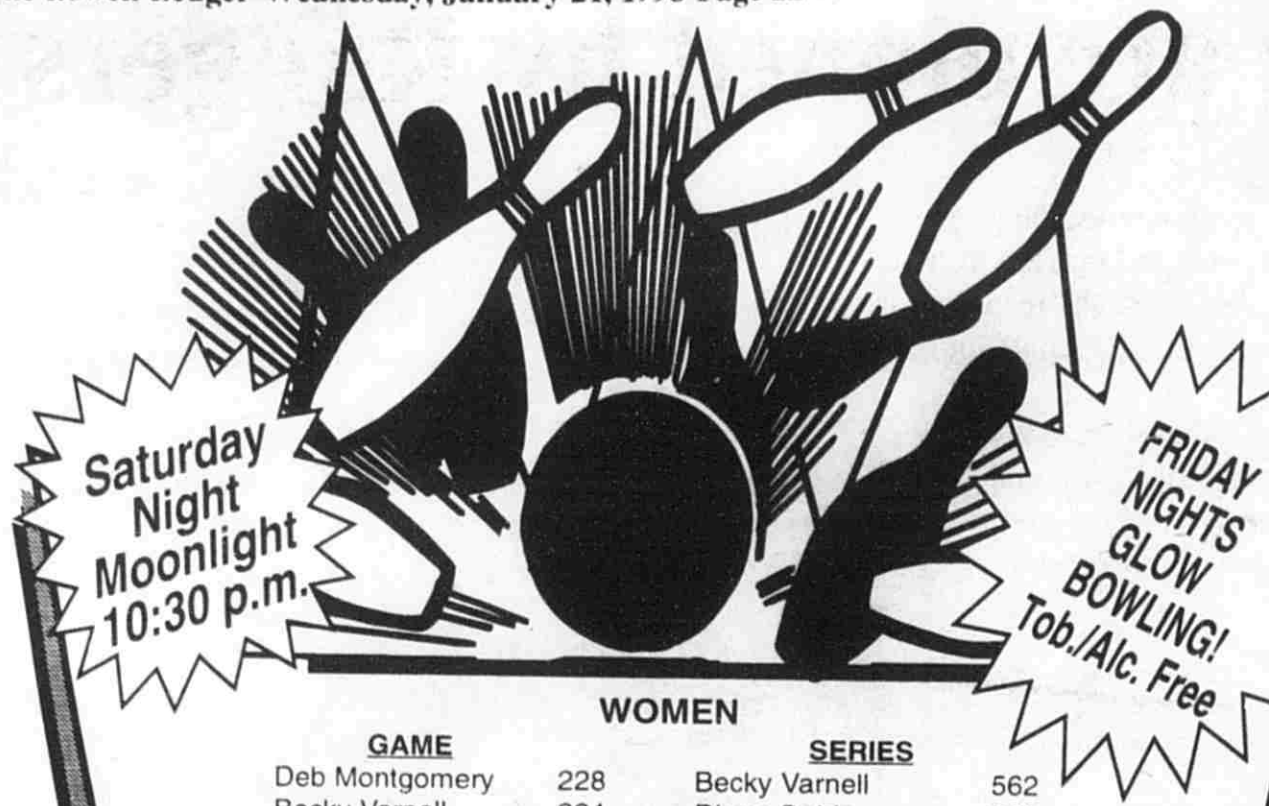
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Vergennes Township residents question why tree has to go

J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

It's been there for awhile and a group of Vergennes residents don't understand why it has to go.

It's the tree on the corner of Parnell Avenue and Bailey Drive that sits right in front of Vergennes Township Hall.

The Kent County Road Commission has planned to remove the tree for awhile, contending that it obstructs a driver's view when driving south on Parnell.

The issue of removing the tree came up again when the township presented its plan for adding parking spaces to the township hall. Recently, the county has marked the tree for trimming by Consumers Energy in preparation for its removal.

But a group of residents, with petition in hand, approached the township board at its meeting Monday night asking that the tree be spared. The residents, who made it clear they too were concerned about safety, suggested that a four-way stop be put up instead.

A four-way stop is what township representatives have asked for, but the county has said no because traffic volumes are not enough to warrant one.

Since everyone seemed to be in agreement about the need for a four-way stop, the township decided to petition the road commission about the issue.

"I would like to save the tree," said trustee Mark Weber. "At the same time, I don't want anyone dead either. If we can get a four-way stop before we do this project, fine. If not, the tree has to go."

And the tree may go whether the township likes it or not. The tree is located in the Kent County Road Commission's road right of way, which means the road commission can remove the tree any time it wants with or without the township's blessing.

"Up to this point, the county has pretty much been leaving it up to the township, which has been nice," said clerk Mari Stone.

She agreed, however, that the tree is on their property and they do have the final decision.

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Lowell's hopes for victory are pinned by Rangers

Four pins in seven matches ignited Central to a 34-33 win over the Red Arrows.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There were approximately 700 sets of eyes focused on the biggest wrestling match of the season in the OK White Conference Thursday night.

Yes, Forest Hills Central and Lowell both still had three league matches remaining, but who's the schedule trying to fool - the dual part of the conference title was determined with this union of wrestling powers.

Forest Hills Central's 34-33 win over Lowell provided plenty of drama and excellent high school wrestling.

It would only be fitting that the term "dual conference champion" be pinned on Ranger uniforms. After all, FHC's four pins between the weights 135 and 171 proved pivotal.

"As a team we have focused more on pinning this year," Central wrestling coach Dave Mills said.

It was their pins that turned the dual meet. Central knew its chances of winning were best if the match was decided before Red Arrows' Bill Stouffer (215) and Mike Arnswald (HWT) took to the mat.

Lowell wanted the dual meet to take the full 14 matches before being decided.

The Red Arrows won four of the first five matches to take an 18-3 lead. "We knew we'd have to scrap hard at the lower weights," Mills explained.

Lowell was then left to scrap through the middle weights. "Boy, they are good up through the middle," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "I think Central is probably a better team this year than they were last year."

The Rangers won six of seven matches from 135 to 189.

"To beat Lowell at Lowell is a great accomplishment. Lowell has a strong wrestling tradition and we respect that," Mills said.

Central took a 3-0 lead when Andy Coleman decided Brett West 10-3.

Lowell then rattled off four straight wins. Nick West pinned Joe Nestor in 3:49 of the second period; Dan Rottier earned a 15-5 major decision; Caleb O'Boyle recorded a technical fall against Matt Mundrick 15-0; and Denny Snuffer decided Jake O'Rourke 10-4.

Trailing 18-3, Central strung together three consecutive pins against Brad Lyons (135), Tom Oesch (140) and Travis Lake (145) to take a 21-18 lead.

Red Arrow David Luyk (152) scored a reversal with

Lowell Invitational

The Red Arrows were clearly the class of their own tournament as they won five matches by an average score of 60-12.

In the finals, Lowell defeated Otsego 54-9. Coldwater and Columbia Central (B team) were late entries, filling spots left vacant in the absence of Richmond and Millington.

In the finals, Lowell won 12 of 14 matches from the Bulldogs of Otsego. The Red Arrows recorded five pins.

Posting pins for Lowell were Brett West, 103 pounds; Dan Rottier, 119; David Luyk, 152; Jeff Altoft, 171; and Bill Stouffer, 215 pounds.

"The boys didn't wrestle as well as they could have in the four dual matches leading up to the finals," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "I was very pleased, however, with their effort against Otsego. They proved they could come back after a tough loss (FHC)."

Rivers said his club continues to show improvement in the area of take downs.

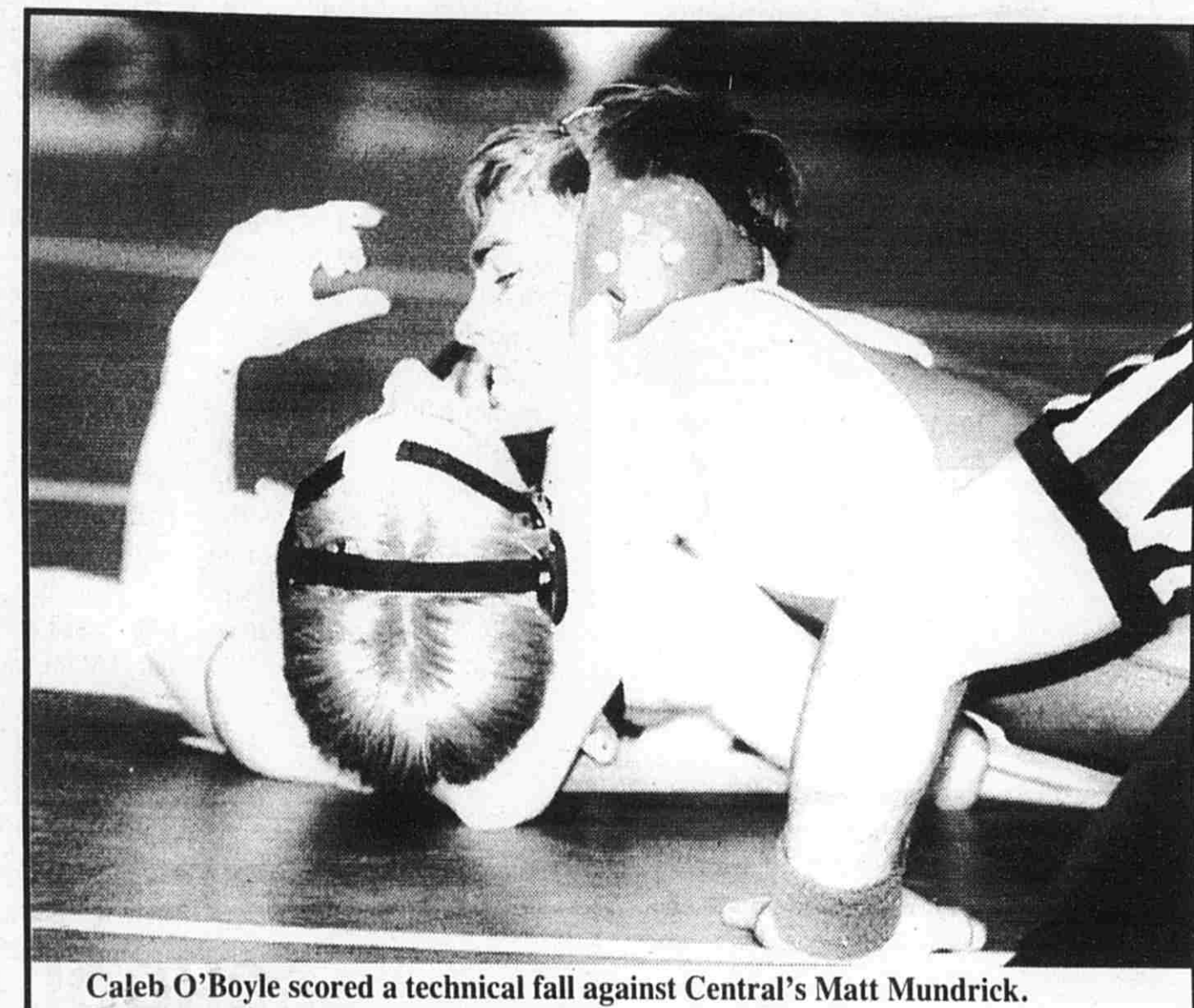
Steve VanLaan, 160 pounds, who has gotten off to a slow start this season, showed signs of breaking out in his 20-4 technical fall against Bulldog Fred Smith.

"Steve has been complacent. He hasn't been wrestling, going after people," Rivers said. "Steve's performance on Saturday could have been a turning point for him. He scored 44 points in two matches."

Earning decisions for Lowell were Nick West (112 pounds), Caleb O'Boyle (125), Brad Lyons (135), Tom Oesch (140), Lucas Grummet (189), and Mike Arnswald (HWT).

In other dual matches, Lowell defeated Coldwater 59-12, Columbia Central (B) 63-10, Lakeview 54-22, and Grand Rapids Christian 73-6.

Fremont placed third with a 49-21 win over Coldwater and Lakeview was fifth with a 46-28 decision over Ionia. Columbia Central (B) took seventh after defeating Lowell (B team) 46-32 while Grand Rapids Christian placed ninth with a 48-12 win over Creston.



Caleb O'Boyle scored a technical fall against Central's Matt Mundrick.

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Red Arrow gymnasts find their mark against defending state champion

Renee Brower's third-place finish highlighted Lowell's good showing in its meet against Holland.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Competing against a four-time defending state champion can be intimidating.

It can also be a good measuring stick for a young team.

Lowell's gymnastics squad did not measure up to the team from Holland in an OK Rainbow dual meet. The Dutch defeated the Red Arrows 133.15-102.7.

Individually, though, Lowell had some notable achievements against the defending state champions.

"All the girls are steadily improving," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said.

Red Arrow sophomore Renee Brower placed in two of four events.

Brower's 7.15 on the balance beam earned her a third-place finish. "Renee was happy to place third against Holland. We were disappointed that Renee didn't receive a qualifying score (7.3) from the judges."

Brenda Lacey, the only senior on the team, was fifth. She recorded a score of 6.65. Teammate Laura Douglass tallied a 6.5 and placed sixth.

Red Arrow Suzanne Swift did not place but received a score of 6.15.

Holland's Michelle Travis claimed top honors with a mark of 8.7.

Holland's Melissa Bailey was the dual meet leader in the floor exercise with a score of 8.95.

Lacey finished fourth for Lowell with a 7.5. Douglass

was fifth at 7.45 and Brower was sixth at 7.0.

"Laura's routine flowed much better," DeHaan said. "It was also Brenda's best floor routine of the year. She had better height on her aerial tucks and cartwheels."

In the vault exercise, Travis led all gymnasts with a 9.0. Lacey was sixth with a 7.8 which qualified the Red Arrow for the regional in the vault exercise.

Brower showed improvement as she earned a mark of 7.25. "We've been working with Renee so she doesn't bend her arm. I think we've corrected that by moving the board back," DeHaan said.

Douglass' 6.75 was Lowell's third best score.

Travis again led all gymnasts with a 9.45 on the uneven bars. Lacey led all Red Arrows with a 6.75. Brower came off the bars with a 5.7 and Douglass scored a 5.5.

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Michele DeHaan
Lowell Gymnastics Coach

"The girls keep adding more tricks and are showing more consistency," DeHaan said.

Holt Invitational

Brenda Lacey is expected to miss a week after injuring her ankle during her floor exercise at the Holt Invitational on Saturday.

"A couple of seconds into her routine, Brenda rolled her ankle," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said.

"Brenda sprained her ankle. We thought she had broken it."

The Red Arrows finished last in the 11-team field with 91.3 points. Hillsdale won the tournament with 131.95. Holt was second at 131.8 and East Lansing was third with 131.65 points.

Angela Cosgrove placed first in three of the four events. The Grand Ledger gymnast, in the first rotation of the day, scored a 9.65 on the balance beam.

Lacey qualified for the regional on the balance beam with a score of 8.25. There was some discrepancy with Lacey's score. The Red Arrow was given a warning 30 seconds into her routine. The warning is supposed to come at 80 seconds, 10 seconds prior to when a gymnast is supposed to finish.

Because of the error, Lacey was awarded her score at the time of the warning error.

Other Red Arrow scores were Renee Brower 6.35 and Amber O'Boyle 5.6.

In the floor exercise, Cosgrove recorded a meet-leading 9.4. Brower posted Lowell's best score at 7.9. It was her first regional qualifying score in the floor exercise.

O'Boyle tallied a 6.05 and Suzanne Swift scored a 4.9. Cosgrove's 9.15 led all gymnasts on the uneven bars. Brower led all Red Arrows with a 5.35. O'Boyle scored a 4.05 and Swift finished with a 3.55.

On the vault, Holt's Tracy Buckner was the meet medalist with an 8.6.

Brower recorded her third qualifying score (7.6). She now needs just one more to qualify for the regional in the event.

O'Boyle scored a 6.15 and Swift finished with a 6.0.

"It's a long day. We leave Lowell at 6 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.," DeHaan explained. "Brenda getting injured also took a little out of the squad emotionally."

Vikings worthy of league standing in 87-61 win over Lowell

◆◆◆ Despite netting 10 shots from behind the arc and having three players in double figures, the Red Arrows didn't have enough fire power to stay with undefeated OK White leader Wyoming Park.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush believes his Red Arrow players are learning at every level.

Lowell's varsity team learned Friday night that Wyoming Park is a sound basketball team. Not that it wasn't evident by the Vikings' record.

The Vikings were undefeated in non-league and league play coming into Lowell. It left town with a 7-0 mark overall and a 5-0 record in the OK White following an 87-61 win over the Red Arrows.

"That is a quality basketball team," said Bush. "They play good defense, they are deep, they can shoot the three

and they can score inside." Wyoming Park jumped out to a 23-8 advantage. Lowell withstood the early onslaught and fought its way back into the contest at 29-23. "Mentally this team is pretty tough," said Viking basketball coach Thom VanderKlay.

That mental toughness enabled Park to close the first half on a 14-6 run to take a 43-29 halftime lead.

"We played pretty well for two-and-a-half quarters," Bush explained. "I think by the end of the third quarter we began to run out of gas."

Park, although it won, was coming off a poor performance at Hudsonville. "I thought we came out tonight and played hard and played well at both ends of the floor," VanderKlay explained.

The only part of the game he was unhappy with was his club's foul shooting. "We've been a good foul-shooting club. We weren't tonight."

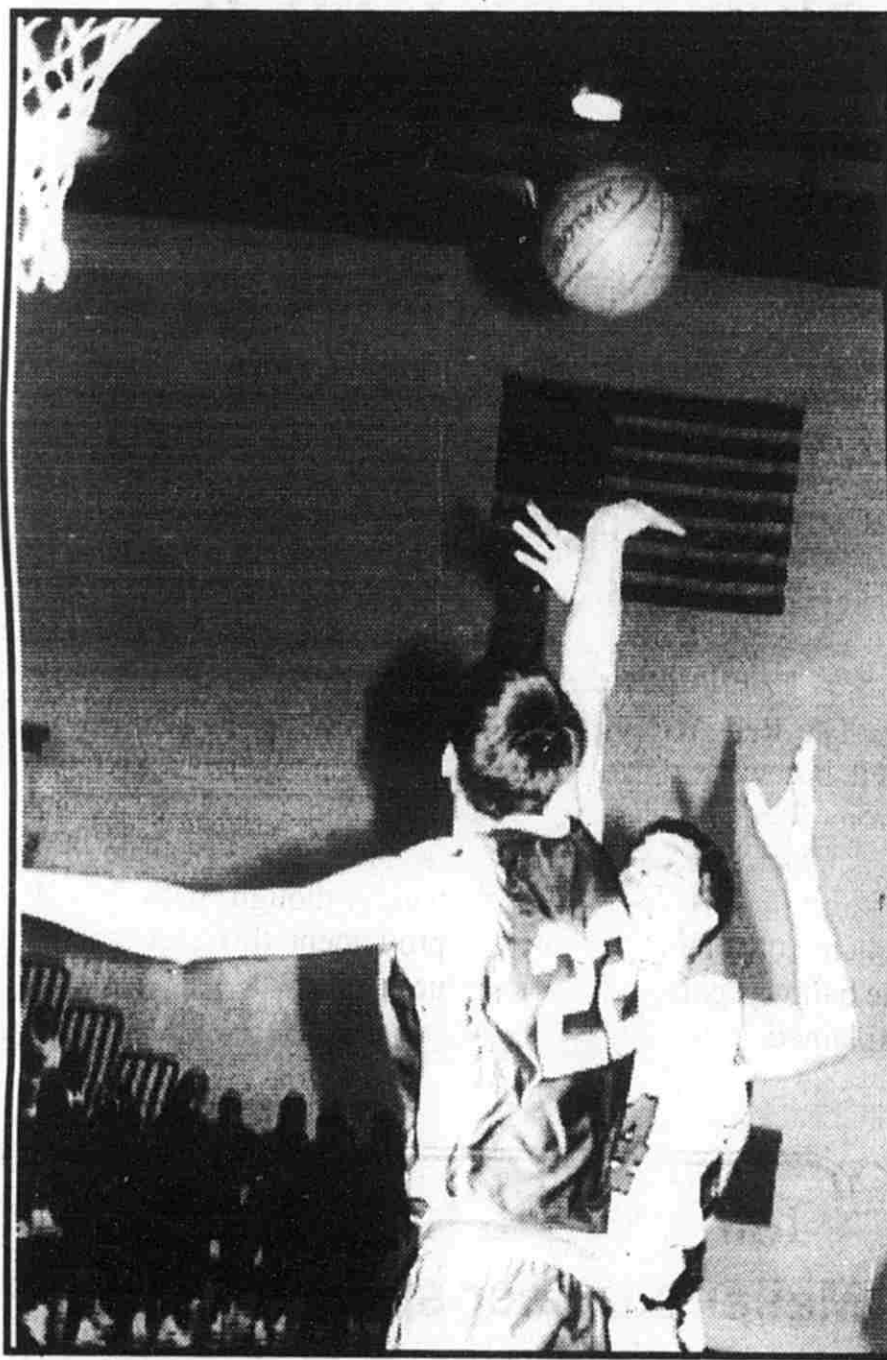
Lowell, which hasn't been a great perimeter shooting club, had the range against the Vikings. The Red Arrows netted 10 shots from the three-point arc.

"I was glad we were able to be a part of that," a tongue-in-cheek VanderKlay quipped.

Kevin Williams led all Lowell scorers with 17 points. Ryan Mix tallied 16 and T.J. Thayer added 11.

"We stood early, but then started to make cuts and do some good things," Bush said. "The boys should feel good about the way they played tonight."

Brad Burnet led Park with 14 points. Ryan Rikkert and Adam Smith each contributed with 13.



Kevin Williams gets off a jump shot over the outstretched arms of his Wyoming Park defender. Williams led all Lowell scorers with 17 points.

FH Central's swim team too much for Union

◆◆◆ Lowell's Jacob Billingsley breaks 30 second barrier in 50 freestyle against Union

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Luke Rosenberger had a leg in 17 points of Forest Hills Central swim team's 116-62 win over Union.

Rosenberger was the third leg in the winning men's 200 freestyle relay. He was teamed with Phillip Wegert, Andy Campau and Chris Chittick for a time of 1:46.14.

In the men's 100 breast stroke, Rosenberger stopped the clock at 1:14.82. Teammate Alex Shevchenko was second at 1:15.27. "Those are both good times," said Central's assistant swimming coach Heather Heritage.

Rosenberger finished a distant third to Chittick in the 200 freestyle. Chittick won the event in 2:01.99.

Rosenberger came home in 2:21.78.

Freshman Mike Gustafson was the third leg in Central's winning 200 medley relay.

Gustafson was teamed with Andrew Klipa, Peter Gillen and Tyler Southwell. They were clocked at 1:59.87. The team of Jacob Billingsley, Shevchenko, Wegert and Jon Rosenberger finished third in a time of 2:08.55.

Gustafson was eight seconds better than Wegert in the men's 100 fly. The freshman was timed in 58.16. Wegert, second, stopped the clock at 1:06.87.

Gustafson was also first in the 100 backstroke. He came home in 1:00.04. Billingsley was third for Central with a time of 1:19.30. "Mike is so technically

refined. He has such a nice stroke, thus making it look effortless," Heritage said.

It was Gustafson, Jon Rosenberger, Campau and Chittick who finished second in the 400 freestyle. They stopped the clock in 4:03.38. Southwell, Wegert, Klipa and Shawn Torga took top honors at 4:02.38.

Southwell, diving for the first time, stepped in and filled a hole for Central.

At 106.40, he was second behind Union's Matt VanderPloeg with 220.05.

Billingsley placed fifth in the men's 50 freestyle. He broke 30 seconds with a time of 29.03. "It was a personal best for Jacob," Heritage said.

Torga won the event for Central. He came home in 24.70.

Jon Rosenberger was third in the men's 100 freestyle. He stopped the clock in 1:05.02. Chittick was first at 54.17.

Forest Hills Central swims against Rogers on Tuesday, Jan. 27.



T. J. Thayer looks for room along the baseline in action against Wyoming Park. Thayer scored 11 points in Lowell's 87-61 loss.

Red Arrow spikers turn the tables on Saranac

◆◆◆ Lowell recovered from a league loss at Forest Hills Central on Thursday by winning the Portland Invitational over the weekend.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's volleyball team battled back from a conference loss to Forest Hills Central on Thursday to win the Portland Invitational over the weekend.

In doing so, the Red Arrows also avenged an early season loss to Saranac. Lowell defeated the Redskins in the finals, 15-10, 15-11.

"Our play at the beginning of the day was rocky, but by the finals the girls were playing to make themselves happy and that meant winning," Lowell volleyball coach Tammy DeVries said.

They played defense like they didn't want any ball to drop. They were determined.

Tammy DeVries
Lowell Volleyball Coach

Lowell's determined effort brought a strong attacking game and some great defensive play. "They played defense like they didn't want any ball to drop," DeVries explained. "They were determined."

The Red Arrows got some great play from their setter Shelby Williams and their right-side attacker Liz Rooker.

Williams had 12 assists in game one and 11 in game two. "Shelby got the ball in

the right spots and then we did something with it," DeVries said.

Rooker recorded five kills in game two and three in game one. She also had nine serves in game two, of which two were aces.

"Liz played remarkably well. She's playing like I had hoped and expected," DeVries explained.

Lowell got to the finals by defeating Central Montcalm in the semi-finals 15-9, 15-13.

"We went after them with a number of attacks. Central adjusted in game two, but

we were able to hold on," DeVries said. "The girls served really well against Central Montcalm. We also had a couple of big blocks in game two."

Jessica Winsor recorded six aces in the match and Amy Snell posted three kills.

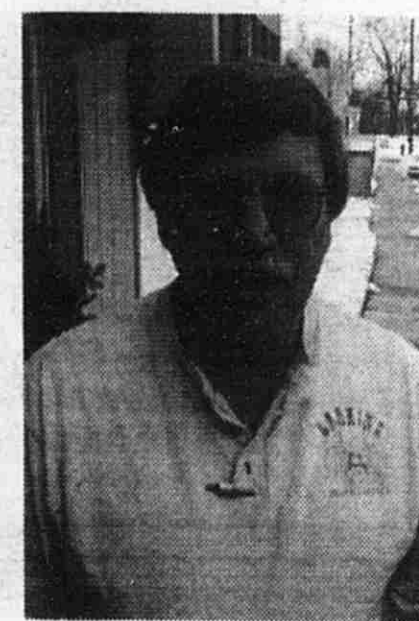
"We never let up," DeVries concluded. In pool play, Lowell was 3-3. It splits its Volleyball, cont'd. pg. 25

TOWN TALK

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl, Green Bay or Denver?



Mike Hornbecker
The Packers. The sentiment is with the Broncos, but Green Bay is the better team.



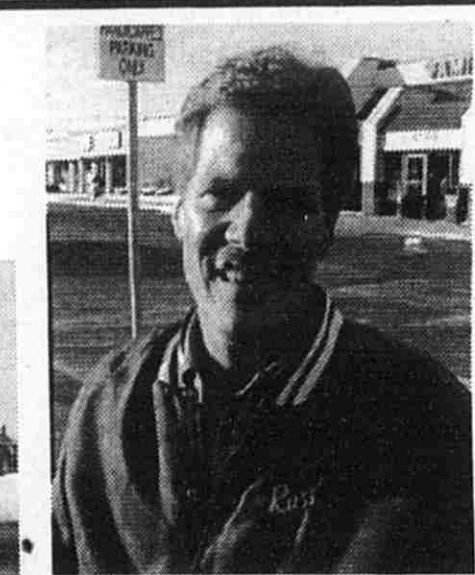
Mike Larkin
Denver. They run the football better than Green Bay.



Jamie Smith
Green Bay. I like them better.



Eric Symanski
Green Bay. The Packers have been there before and they have a better defense.



Dan Post
I will root for Green Bay. I'm not a Denver fan.



Roma Minnie
I hope Denver wins. I have relatives who live out there.



Jim Monroe
Green Bay.



Francis Thomas
Denver. I was born in Colorado.

Vergennes Township approves new parking lot construction

J.N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

By November, Vergennes Township residents could find a little more parking room at the township hall.

Monday night, the board gave the approval to go ahead with the construction of a new parking lot at the hall. The new lot would create two entrances to the township by improving the current entrance on Bailey Drive and by creating a new entrance on Parnell Avenue. Both entrances would have deceleration lanes.

The parking lots for the two entrances would connect via a roadway on the other side of the township hall. The entrance off Parnell would have 23 parking spaces and the entrance off Bailey would have 17.

The project would cost about \$52,000; the township has more than enough funds in a CD containing \$75,000, which has been designated for the project.

The township plans to utilize its money from the Community Development Block Grant program to help cover handicap accessibility issues, about \$15,058. The amount of \$13,000 would be used toward the project with the township's remaining \$2,000 of block grant money going toward the North Kent Transit System.

The price also includes a deck which would lead to the upper level of the township building.

Currently, the upper level is not in use. Plans call for the space to be used as a planning and meeting area. The township does, however, need to look into the entire cost of

converting the upstairs before moving ahead with that project.

Parking spaces are needed and with that in mind, the

township board decided to go ahead with the parking and entrance project.

Showboat community forum, Feb. 5

There will be a Showboat community forum held on Feb. 5, 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

Discussion will focus on the future of the Lowell Showboat. Everyone is invited to attend and voice their opinion.

RECEPTIONIST/CLERK TYPIST

The City of Lowell is seeking a Receptionist/Clerk Typist to provide secretarial services and clerical support to the administrative staff, serve as the receptionist and cashier to the city, answer inquiries from the public and direct them to the proper department.

Required training and experience includes a high school diploma supplemented with courses in secretarial science and word processing. Candidate must have a minimum of two years of secretarial experience which includes working with the public. Salary range of \$18,700 - \$23,900.

Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please prepare your own resume and submit it by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 30, 1998, to the City of Lowell, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

Join us for a fun night at a Meijer's dinner sponsored by:

Cyclamen Chapter 94 OES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 • 6:30 PM
In The Lowell Masonic Hall.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting:

Doris Boyd at 897-8152 or
Sandy Caswell at 868-7467 or
Nancy Wood at 897-8546 or
any Eastern Star member.

Tickets are \$6 each.

ADA-LOWELL 5

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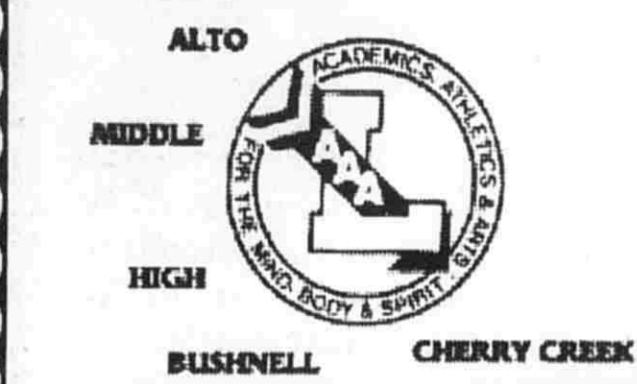
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PIERCE BROSNAN
W/TH: 5:15, 9:30

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MORGAN FREEMAN
W/TH: 4:50, 7:20, 9:20

MR. MAGOO PG
LESLIE NIELSON
W/TH: 7:35 ONLY!

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Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS

January 1998

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

One of our projects in the Educational Support Services office this year has been to refine the process used when the question of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder arises. There is no specific test to diagnose ADHD. The diagnosis is made by the physician with school input. Below are a couple of general guidelines we are following in an effort to provide more comprehensive and consistent service to parents and students.

- We have a variety of resources available for parents to check out which includes videos, books and articles on the subject of ADHD.
- Our psychologist and teachers, in conjunction with parents, compile a student profile to give to the family physician, including a letter which is written by our school psychologist addressing the school's findings. In addition to the student profile, we will address other learning concerns on an individual basis.
- If ADHD is diagnosed, the student's progress will be monitored by parents and school personnel. An individual Student Instruction Plan will be written if necessary and reviewed as needed.
- Information gathered to complete the student profile and any written instruction plan will be kept in the student's school file as a reference for future teachers.

It is our hope that this process will provide a comprehensive method for appropriately servicing parents and students. It will also be a proper avenue to communicate information from one teacher to the next so that a consistent educational plan will follow the student each year.

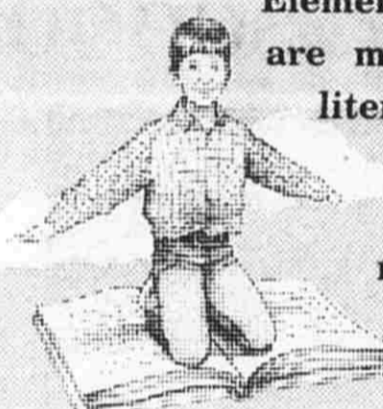
If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Pam Thomas or Kelly Kidder through the Educational Support Services Dept., at 897-8415.

PLEASE NOTE:

Beginning Monday, January 19, the director's position within the Educational Support Services Dept. will be filled through a job share. Pam Thomas will be working in the department Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with Kelly Kidder working in the department all day on Mondays, Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Kelly has over 25 years experience in education, and he has been a longtime resident of Lowell. He served as our Interim Director last year when Pam was on maternity leave. When you contact our department, either director will be able to help you and answer your questions.

The Junior Great Books reading enrichment program began at Cherry Creek and Alto Elementaries at the end of November. About 90 second through fifth graders are meeting with volunteer leaders to read and discuss the classical literature series provided by the Great Books Foundation. The emphasis is on critical thinking to answer interpretive questions. Interpretive questions may have more than one "right" answer, so the students return to the text for evidence to support their answers.



The parent and teacher leaders have taken part in a two-day training session at the Kent Intermediate School District under the direction of Great Book Foundation instructors. The students and

parents express great appreciation to Lynda Austin, Glenna Blanding, Patty Brechbiel, Cindy Foster, Pat Mull, Ann Nichols, Kim Padgett, Kate Dernocoeur, Ellen Lietzke, Marcy Tawney and Mrs. Roth.



Megan Vaught, (stitching) and Melissa Blough.



Brock Graham with his grandmother, Dee Gabrion. Also Alisha Trebian, Kenny Bieri, Nathan Clements, Brad Corlett.

HELPING HANDS GRANDMOTHERS AT ALTO SCHOOL

During December, fourth graders in Mrs. Vensas' class learned a simple, diagonal needlepoint stitch to construct a bird feeder ornament complete with bird and bird seed.

They were sent home the week before Christmas to hang on their tree this year, and hopefully for years to come. Many students continue to stitch book marks and other ornaments.



Leannah Seese with her grandmother, Venita Wheeler. Also pictured, Audrey Zook and Christina Derby.

CHERRY CREEK COLLECTING GAMES

Are your children's games collecting dust in the cupboard? Consider donating them to the 5th graders at Cherry Creek. Teachers Brent Noskey, Mike Fillman and Paul Jacobus are collecting the games Scrabble, Yahtzee, Stratego, Connect 4 and chess.

These games are excellent for teaching skills such as strategy and team work. Are there pieces of the game missing? That's okay. These kids are

willing to mix and match or even design new pieces. Sort through your cupboards today and get a jump start on spring cleaning!



1996-97 AUDIT REPORT

Annually, public schools are required to contract for an independent audit of financial operations, following the June 30 year-end. Our 1996-97 audit has been completed by Phillip W. Saurman, CPA, and is available in the business office for review. Total revenues for 1996-97 were \$20,184,953, while total expenditures and transfers out were \$20,057,916. As revenues exceeded expenditures by \$127,037, our fund balance at June 30, 1997 was increased from \$1,716,713 to \$1,843,750.

Should you have questions regarding the annual audit or other financial issues, please feel free to call Connie Gillette (finance manager) at 897-8415.

PARENT - TO - PARENT ATTENTION MENTORS!

How's it going, mentors? Come to a meeting on Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 in the Central Office Building and talk with other mentors about what is working, what is not working, and what we can do to make the program better.

Questions? Call Susan Lockwood at 897-8415.

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AND GED PREPARATION CLASSES

Classes begin in the Riverside Building on North Monroe Street (next to the library) on JANUARY 19. Please call 897-8235 for information or to register.

Classes offered are:

MONDAY - Language Arts 5 - 9:30 p.m. • TUESDAY - Social Studies 5 - 9:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY - Math 5 - 9:30 p.m. (pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, business math) THURSDAY - Science 5 - 9:30 p.m. • THURSDAY - Computers 6 - 9:30 p.m.

GED PREPARATION CLASSES

MONDAY - English, Writing Skills, & Interpreting Literature and the Arts 5 - 9:30 p.m. TUESDAY - Social Studies 5 - 9:30 p.m. • WEDNESDAY - Math 5 - 9:30 p.m. • THURSDAY - Science 5 - 9:30 p.m.

(Graduates may take these classes for a \$100 fee.)

Adult non-grads can also take classes free at the Kent Career/Technical Center for high school credit.

CALL 365-2320 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KC/TC CLASSES OFFERED.

GED TESTING

\$20 per test - 5 tests total \$100. Call 897-8235

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Lowell has 2 alternative programs: New Dawn for pregnant teens or young moms, and Unity High School. Second semester classes start Jan. 20 from 7:55 a.m. 2:15 p.m. for students ages 16 to 19. Please call Marlene at 897-8235 for information.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION EVENING CLASSES

Students ages 16 to 19 and adults may take English, Science, Social Studies, Computers and Math. Classes meet Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Riverside Building.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION ENRICHMENT COMPUTER CLASSES All held in the Riverside Bldg.

Introduction to IBM Computers - Begins Thurs., Jan. 22 - June 11, 1998 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. 10 weeks (until March 24) \$100; 20 weeks (until June 11) \$160 Office '97 - Begins Tues. March 31 - June 9, 6:30 - 9 p.m. • 10 weeks - \$100 Windows '95 - Begins Tues. Jan. 20 - March 24, 6:30 - 9 p.m. • 10 weeks - \$100

ACTIVE PARENTING CLASSES (for parents of teens) Parenting education groups are flourishing as never before. We are pleased to offer an Active Parenting Course which consists of 6 two and 1/2 hour sessions. The class starts: Feb. 24, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Cost for this class is \$25 per person/couple. If interested, please call Lowell Community Ed at 897-8235.

COED REGULATION VOLLEYBALL - Come join in the fun and play coed regulation volleyball every Tuesday evening, January 20 - May 26, 1998, from 7-9 p.m. in the Runciman Building. Fee of \$10. Call Lowell Community Ed at 897-8235 to sign-up.

SANCHIN-RYU PROGRAMS (Kids & Adults)

At Riverside Gym Mondays, Jan. 26 for 8 wks. from 7-9 p.m. Youth Karate & Self-Defense (K-8th grade) \$20; Grace Under Pressure (Self-Defense for women) \$20; Open/Family Karate (all ages) - Individual \$40, Family \$75. SIGN UP WITH INSTRUCTOR NIGHT OF CLASS. Another 8-week session will begin on April 13.

ATHLETES IN MOTION

Runciman Gym January 19 and April 6. Self-Defense and Safety Awareness Class I 6:15-7 p.m. Beginning students - all ages; Class II 7-7:45 p.m. Returning students - ages 6-8; Class III 7:45-8:30 p.m. Returning students - ages 9-15. Cost \$54 per class for 8 weeks. TO ENROLL CALL 891-4445.

BONNIE BLUE BELLS

Riverside Bldg. Gym Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Jan. 13 - March 3 and March 17 - May 12 Baton 6:00-7:00 p.m. \$5 per class Cheerleading 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$5 per class TO ENROLL BRING REGISTRATION TO FIRST CLASS

LEISURE TIME CLASSES

What Every Woman Needs To Know About Money 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Starts Tuesday, Jan. 27 • 1 week, \$5, Riverside. Roth IRA Information Riverside • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Starts Tuesday, Feb. 3 • 1 week, \$5. Interior Design Monday at 850 Forest Hills Ave. • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Starts Feb. 9 • 4 weeks, \$80. Enrollment limit 10 Be A Better Baby Sitter Saturday at Runciman Nursery • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. • Starts Feb. 21 • 1 week, \$25. Photography Tuesdays at Riverside • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Starts Feb. 17 • 6 weeks, \$40. Ceramics Thursdays at LHS art room • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Starts Feb. 19 • 6 weeks, \$30. (Includes clay & glaze, additional items extra - enrollment limit 15)

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Parents should listen to radio stations: WCLE, WRDZ, WJFA, WJTB, WLAV, WLHT, WOOD, WRVZ, WYB-FM when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 6:45 AM.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month. All interested people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Pete Gustafson.....President	Norm Byrne.....Trustee
Jack Lane.....Treasurer	Ellen McClain.....Trustee
Mark Blanding.....Vice President	Jim Reagan.....Trustee
Ann Mulder.....Secretary	

BOMBS

On December 16, Forest Hills Schools received a call that said, "There may be a bomb at Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, or Lowell High School." At 7:45, the message was passed on to Lowell Schools, and the teachers and staff were assembled to receive the news. Students had already arrived at school and were in the hallways, making their way to classes. Teachers met their students in the classrooms, took roll, and directed them to the gym which had already been secured by Security Director Al Eckman and his staff.

A decision was made to close the high school for the day. As soon as the buses were finished transporting the elementary students to school, they went to the high school to take the high school students back home.

Lowell Area Schools has a written policy for how to handle bomb threats. We compliment Eckman, Principal Scott Vashaw, and the entire high school staff for the terrific job they did in carrying out this plan under tense circumstances. If you would like to receive a copy of the policy, please call central office at 897-8415.

Forest Hills Schools has taken the responsibility of finding and prosecuting the caller. The case is being assembled and the caller will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. We would like to encourage Lowell families to take a moment and talk about our community values of respect, responsibility, honesty and integrity and the seriousness of this type of offense. Let's work together to make a RICHER community.

COMMUNITY VALUES: Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Responsibility.

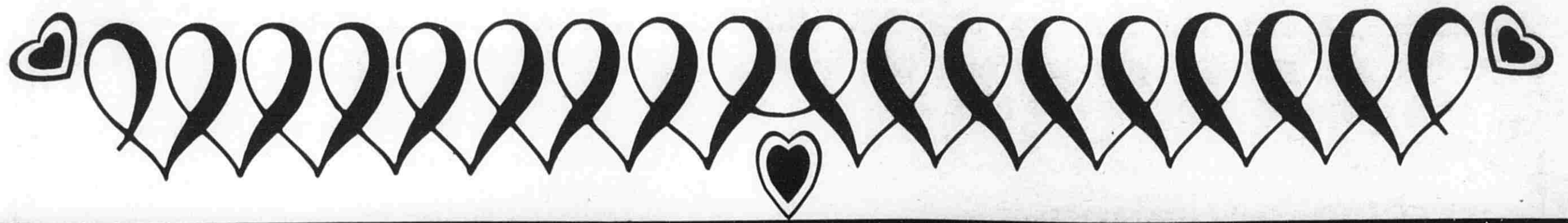
READINESS PRESCHOOL



Mrs. Eldridge's Readiness Preschool classes (four-year-olds) wrote letters to Santa. Every child was very excited when Santa returned ice cold letters from the North Pole.



Mrs. Ingraham, Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Eldridge's preschool classes went caroling through the central office to help get everyone into the Christmas spirit.



Say Happy Valentine's Day To Your Grandchildren OR To Your Grandparents!

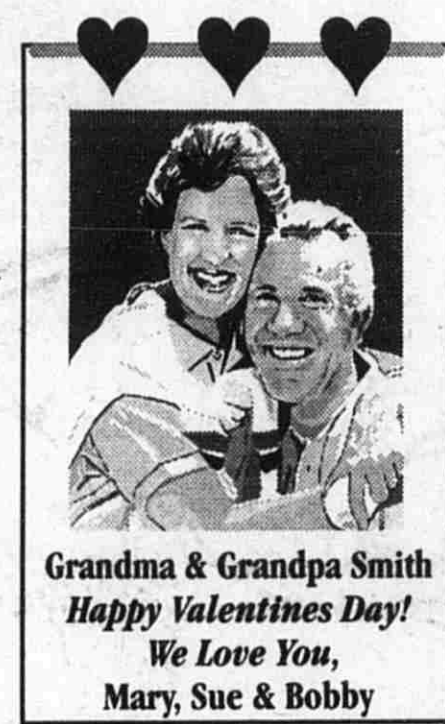
Send in the form below with a picture of your grandchild or grandparents and we will print it as shown in The Ledger in time for Valentine's Day!



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Your greeting will appear in the
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Name: _____

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Greetings are limited to 4 lines as shown in examples.

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