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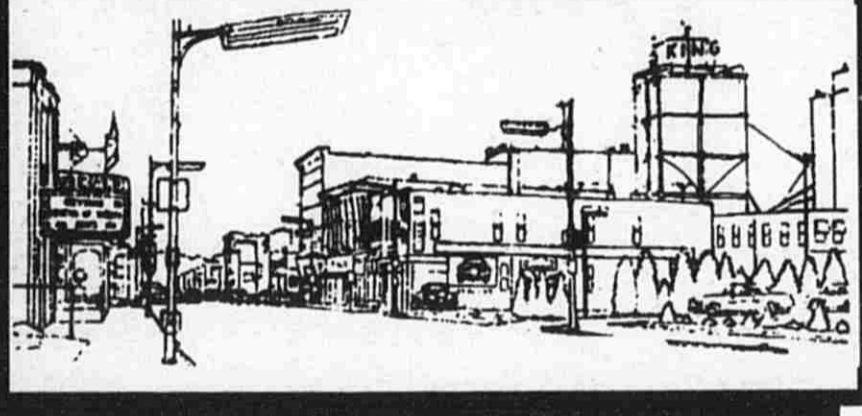
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Wednesday, February 18, 1998

Along Main Street



RECYCLE THOSE PHONE BOOKS

As a service to Lowell area residents and Habitat for Humanity, a trailer, donated by Pitsch Companies, will be in the United Methodist Church parking lot until Feb. 23 to recycle used phone books.

SHOWBOAT BOARD MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Board will have its general meeting starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Alternative Education building, 2nd floor on Monroe St. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION

The watercolors of Grand Rapids artist Pat Camillo are presently on view in an exhibit presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council at Huntington National Bank.

Camillo's paintings will be on exhibit through March 4. You are cordially invited to view her works during Huntington National Bank's business hours.

FREESTYLE WRESTLING SIGN UPS

Lowell freestyle wrestling sign ups will be held on Feb. 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek cafeteria. There will be a new group "0" for 5 and 6 year olds. Practice for all wrestlers starts Feb. 24 at 5:45 p.m.

You must be in the Lowell School District, bring a birth certificate and a parent must be present. The cost is \$35. If you have any questions, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566.

FATHER/DAUGHTER ART EXHIBITION

Award-winning Grand Rapids artist Larry Blovits and Laurie Blovits-Friar exhibit a collection of new works in portraits, landscapes and still-life. The Lowell Area Arts Center at 149 S. Hudson hosts the exhibition of oils, pastels and watercolors now through Feb. 28.

The public is invited. Normal viewing hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

The Lowell Area Schools athletic department will host a charity basketball game on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Tickets for Detroit Lions vs. local heroes are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets and raffle tickets are available at any of the Lowell schools, Sneaker's Restaurant, Lowell YMCA and Lowell Lanes or from any high school football player.

Free autographs from the Lions' players will be available for kids at halftime.

SANDY BARTLETT IS BACK

Lowell Area Arts Center and Sandy Bartlett bring drawing workshops back. Geared for children ages 8-12, the basic drawing classes reach both beginning and advanced students. All materials are furnished; class size is limited.

Classes begin February 18 and 19. Call the Art Center at 897-8545 to sign up.

HOW TO BE A C.O.O.L PARENT

How to be a "C.o.o.l" Parent in Hot Situations will be offered on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lowell Schools' Administration building. The parents' topic is based on the *Discipline with Love and Logic* program.

RSVP not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18, by calling Carol or Jantina at 897-8415. Child care may also be arranged when you call.

LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO

The second annual Community Expo is coming March 28. Businesses and entrepreneurs, if you haven't already received your application, please call Liz at the chamber office, 897-9161. Don't delay! Reserve your space today.

Lowell Rotary's auction/social event to benefit many local causes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"It went beyond an auction. It was a social event."

Those were the words of the Lowell Rotary Club Auction chairman, Wendell Christoff, following last year's event.

The \$40,000 raised last year far exceeded what the Lowell Rotary Club had hoped for and provides a great challenge for 1998.

The second annual Lowell Rotary Auction is scheduled for April 18 at Noto's Old World Italian Dining, 6600 28th St.

The proceeds will benefit the Lowell ACCESS 6 Food Pantry, Lowell Fire Department and a project for the Rotary International Founda-

ACCESS 6 will be given 50 percent of the proceeds to use toward leasing or purchasing a building for the new Flat River Thrift Shop and Emergency Food Center.

The Lowell Fire Department will be given 30 percent to use toward the purchase of a thermal imaging unit, and the remaining 20 percent will go toward a Rotary Interna-

said this year's auction chairman Sylvia Taylor. "The Lowell Rotary Club is excited about all the projects and thinks this is a worthy community event."

The Rotary Club is accepting donated items, services or cash gifts. Donations are tax deductible and receipted.

Seating for the auction is

The event will feature two raffles: one for a 1998 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster (bright red) "Hugger" and one for a 1993 Stratos 18 foot boat. It has a 150 horsepower Evenrude motor and trailer.

Tickets are \$20 apiece and a limit of 1,000 tickets will be sold for each raffle.

Local auctioneer Jim

.... This year's auction proceeds will go to the Lowell Fire Department, ACCESS 6 Food Pantry and a Rotary International Foundation project.

tional Foundation project.

"The key is that the majority of the proceeds are going back into the community,"

limited. Tickets are \$30 a person. "It will include entertainment, fine dining and fun," Taylor explains.

Cook Jr. will volunteer his services at the auction.

Committee reviews options for community pool construction costs

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

If the community is to build a pool, it must first decide how to fund it.

That was the thinking of a committee representing the city of Lowell, Lowell and

Vergennes townships, and the Lowell Area Schools. At a meeting last Thursday, representatives, who are both staff and residents, discussed possible funding options presented to them by Pat Berardo, from Thrun, Maatsch, and

Nordberg, and Brian Leffer, from A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc.

Berardo said there were a couple of ways the community could move ahead on financing a pool. A joint building authority could be created to oversee pool operations, but under state law would not have any control in levying a tax. The individual municipalities could all try to pass a tax levy for the pool but if one municipality should vote it down, there is nothing that would force that community to help fund if the others should approve the millage, Berardo said.

The best way is to have the school district put the community pool out for a vote, he said. Proposal A has limited what schools can ask for. The district can ask for capital funding, but not operational funding. However,

the state has left one provision, a 1917 statute allowing a school district to seek operational funding for recreational facilities or playgrounds if it is a joint project between the school district and other municipalities such as a city, township, or county. This community pool proposal would fall under the statute, Berardo explained.

The downside for the district is that by seeking the capital funds, it could inhibit how much Lowell Schools could request for its own capital needs. Superintendent Bert Bleke, who sits on the committee, said the district may need some capital funding to keep up with the growth of the district.

Also, some of the committee members were concerned that by going through

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ICNB elects Reagan to board of directors

James Fast, president and CEO of Ionia County National Bank, announces the election of James Reagan DDS to the Board of Directors of the bank and to the ICNB Financial Corporation Board.



James Reagan DDS

Dr. Reagan is a lifelong resident of Lowell. His dedication to his community was

rewarded with recognition as 1997 Person of the Year by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Reagan has served as chairperson for the Lowell Downtown Development Authority since 1992.

He was recently elected to the board of the Lowell Area Public Schools, and is an active member of the Lowell Rotary Club and the Lowell Area Historical Association.

Dr. Reagan is a graduate of Marquette University Dental School. He and his wife Becky reside in Lowell where he has an active dental practice in town.

Ionia County National Bank is a locally owned and operated financial institution with six offices in Ionia, Belding, Woodland Township and Lowell.

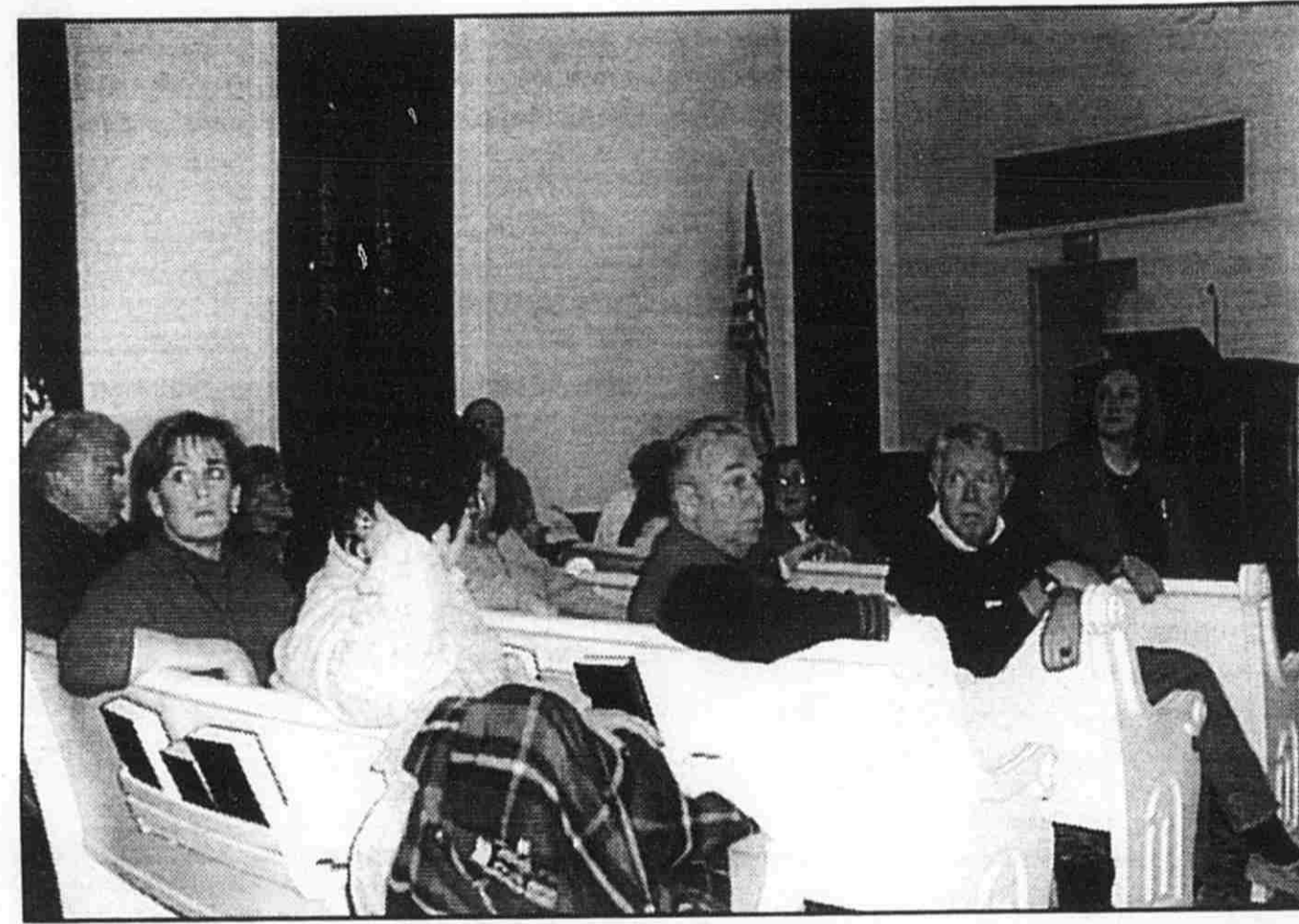
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Meeting brings a commitment to clearing Showboat debt



Community members met at First Congregational Church this month to discuss the fate of the Lowell Showboat.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Divided they sat, but united they were in their concern for the Lowell Showboat.

A contingent of 25 community members and the Showboat Board (five members) discussed the future of the Lowell tradition at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

Corrie Wood began the meeting with questions about the success of the 1997 shows, the financial standing of the Showboat and why an article

of incorporation has not been filed since 1993.

"The Showboat license was pulled from the Michigan state file in 1996," Wood reported. "Showboat does not currently exist according to the state."

The Lowell Showboat has an outstanding debt of \$24,937 following last year's shows (The Smothers Brothers and Loretta Lynn).

Lowell Showboat president Laura McCollum explained that the board had reduced the debt from previous years to \$10,759.

With the '97 shows in the

with Clark. "Should the Showboat take a big leap and possibly fall further into debt or should it stop and work to get the debt paid?" inquired former Showboat board member Carol Briggs.

In a letter printed in the Feb. 4 edition of the Lowell Ledger, Showboat board member Sharon Vosovic wrote that this would be the final Showboat.

Ray Quada said he did not believe any board can make a logical decision when it is in debt.

"A last hoorah (final show) could create a whole new annual for that night," Quada explained. "It may be something people can rally behind."

Ron Wood, the 1997 Showboat president, said last year should have been enough. "We were running on empty. The board knew the shows weren't going to be profitable. Showboat's time is up... enough is enough."

Past Showboat board member Jim Hall voiced a similar opinion. "I don't see how it can possibly continue. The amphitheater is totally inadequate for today's use," he said. "Unless you were to go to local talent and charge \$1 or \$2."

A decision to discontinue the Showboat was enforced in the early '80s with a debt

of \$57,000. After the debt was cleared, a decision to start the shows back up was made in 1987.

Quada who was part of that decision called it a mistake. "Paying the bills and then starting the Showboat back up showed a lack of vision," he said. "I'm willing to commit time now to clearing the existing debt."

Following the meeting, five volunteers came forward to serve on the board.

McCollum in a statement on Monday morning explained that Nick Door, Showboat's talent agent, said the Showboat may still be able to get out of the contract with Clark if it so chooses.

COLLEGE NEWS

Kelley Jo Sysma of Lowell was among several Lake Superior State University students from the area who have been named to the dean's list for the 1997 fall semester. These students attained at least a 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0.

Grand Valley State University announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits.

For more than a decade, Grand Valley has been the state's fastest-growing university.

Students from this area honored include:

Robert J. Berrington III, Levi J. Harper, Peggy A. Luebs, Susan L. MacDonald, Shirli L. Oracz, Heath L. Sabin, Jennifer R. Spoor, Michael G. Travers, Kyle R. Triplett and Debra A. Wieland all of Lowell and Jennifer J. Ekkens, Amy B. Pugh and Paul A. Syswerda of Alto.

DePaul University in Chicago, IL announced its first quarter dean's list. Among its students was Dianna Rice.

She is the daughter of Bob and Lanie Rice of Lowell.

Rice is a sophomore majoring in voice performance. She recently performed in the opera *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss Jr.

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the school district, the pool would be perceived as a school project versus a community one.

"I don't see it as a school thing, but more for adults, senior citizens, young kids learning how to swim," Bleke said. Bleke pointed out that the amount of time the school would use the facility would be relatively small compared to the time the community would utilize the pool. Others said they believed this is a

point that needed to be emphasized during the raising of funds for the pool project.

At the same time, Bleke said he knows he would have a hard time selling the project to his board unless the pool facility were located next to a school.

"I want to see the numbers before we make any type of decision," said Lowell city manager David Pasquale. "Once we have done our homework completely, then

we can look at what type of facility we want."

A subcommittee was established, led by Lowell Schools business administrator Connie Gillette, to look at what type of bonding should be done to raise the capital for the pool. Estimates on past proposals put the cost of construction between \$5.16 and \$8 million.

Another subcommittee was formed to look into the current proposals as to what

other communities have done to develop community pools.

And lastly, a group of people will take a look at what monies, if any, from the Englehardt Foundation would be used to help fund the cost of constructing and/or maintaining a pool facility.



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The Board of Review of Lowell Charter Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, on

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998

Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; also on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998

Between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) by letter addressed to the Lowell Charter Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 9, 1998; or
- 2) by phoning the Township Hall (897-7600) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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Joe Lando and Jane Seymour star as Sully and Dr. Mike in *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*, airing Saturdays on CBS. The series, which chronicles the life of a female physician practicing on the American frontier, returns after a two-month absence with "Point Blank," in which Dr. Mike must overcome post-traumatic stress disorder.

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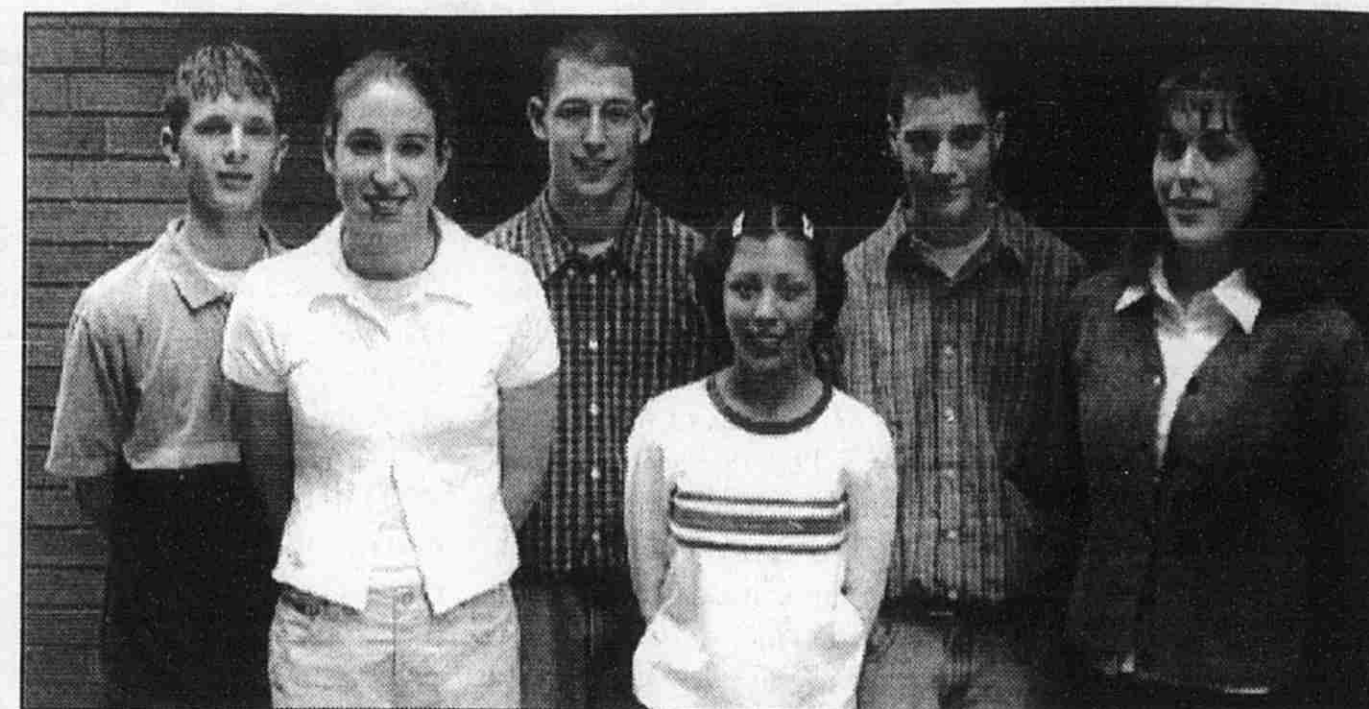
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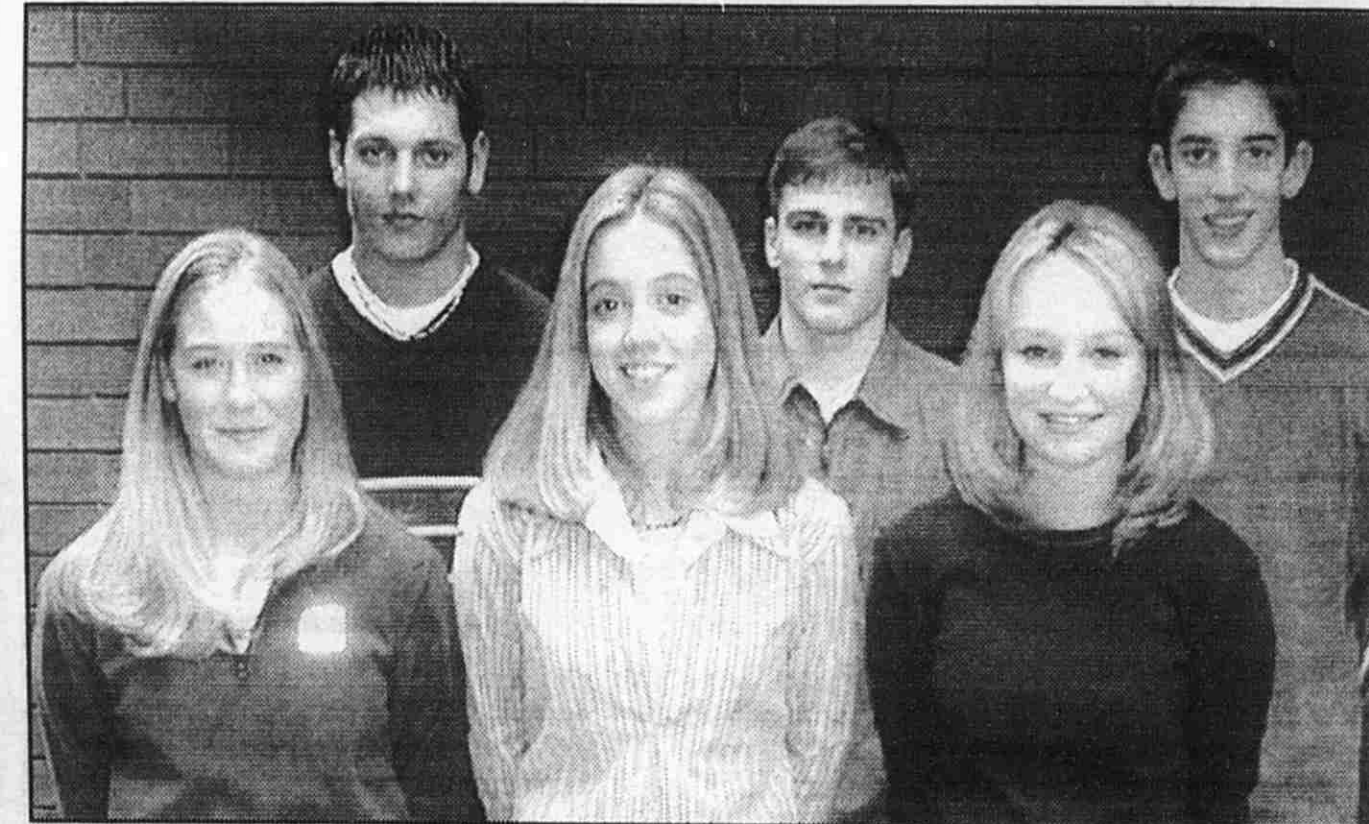
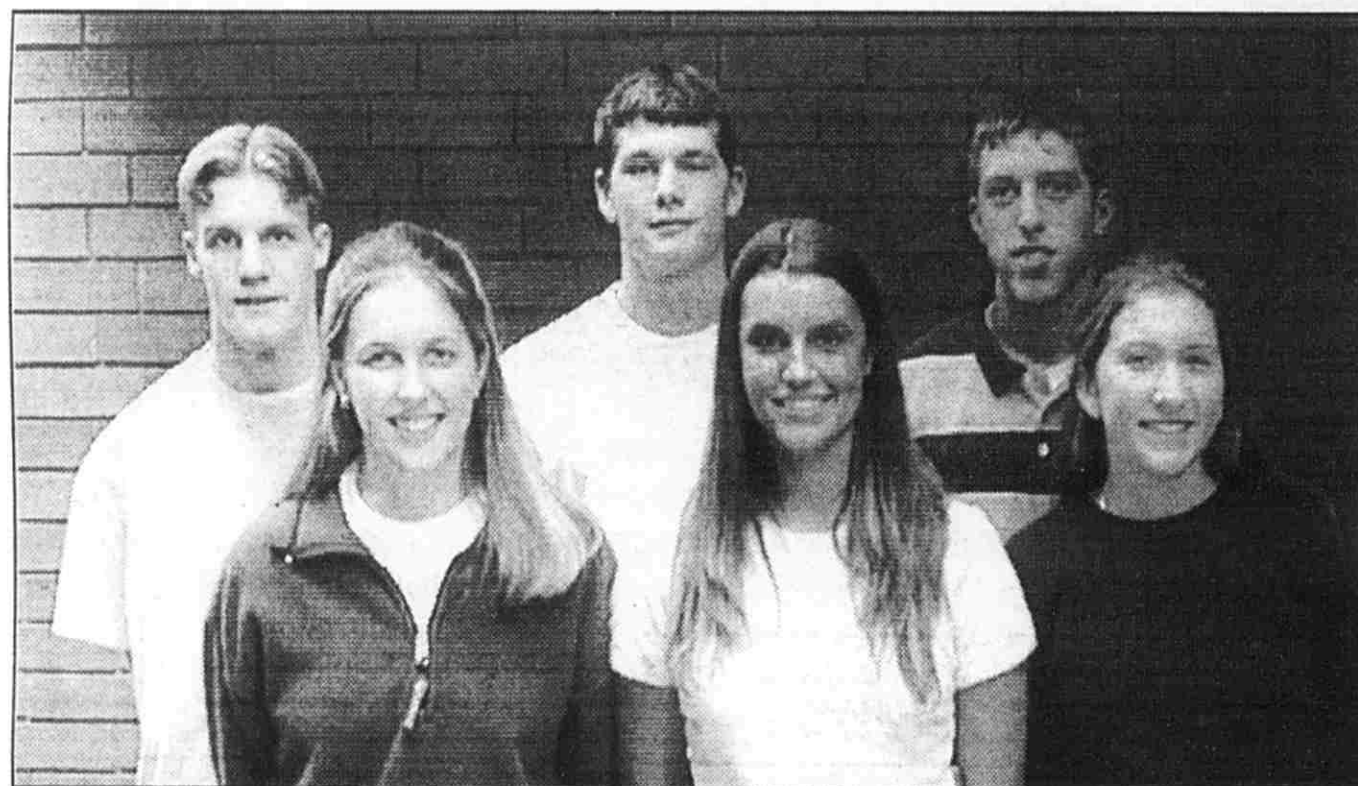
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This year's Winter Ball a "Little Piece of Heaven"



Members of the sophomore Winter Ball court, left to right, are: Mike Rekeny, Lisa Malone, Dan Barton, Anna Garza, Joe Giuliano (King) and Laura Douglass (Queen).

Lowell High School's Winter Ball decorated in silver and royal blue was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 7. This year's theme was a "Little Piece of Heaven." Members of the senior Winter Ball court front row, left to right, are: Lisa Posthumus, Jeni Schmidt, Julie Wisner and Melissa Sobie (Queen); back row, left to right, are: Tim VanLaan, Steve Schmidt (King), Nate Schoen and Kevin Teunis.



Members of the senior Winter Ball court, front row, left to right, are: Lindsey Thayer, Abbey Goff and Danielle Corteville (Queen); back row, left to right, are: Josh Brown, Caleb O'Boyle (King) and Matt Trierweiler.

Members of the junior Winter Ball court, front row, left to right, are: Kaily Wittenbach, Amanda Fetterhoff and Liz Lonick (Queen); back row, left to right, are: Steve VanLaan, Bob Jones (King) and Shane Telander.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board Of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 1998 at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998
AT 9:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals, and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998
FROM

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. AND
1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. AND
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 6, 1998. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

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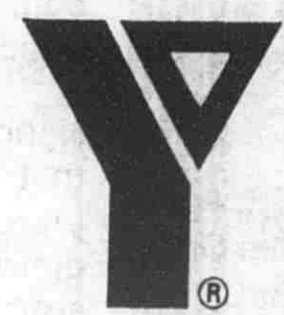
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Dave's senior year performance easy to "Luyk"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

David Luyk has quietly put together a banner senior year.

The 152-pound Red Arrow wrestler is 27-10 following Saturday's five matches at the Goodrich Invitational. He has a .760 winning percentage, which is ninth best in the West Michigan area.

"Last year, Dave got into a slump and was never able to recover," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said.

This year, the co-captain has been a steady force in the Lowell lineup.

"The main difference between this year and last year is mentally I'm more confident. A bad weekend doesn't

get me down," explained Luyk.

Luyk's technician-like style camouflages his strength. "I think he surprises people with just how strong he is," Rivers said. "He is well defined and uses his strength only when he has to."

Rivers says Luyk has always had the ability. "This year, he is just channeling it in a correct way."

Luyk has also been focused in the classroom. He is carrying a 3.909 grade point average.

"Dave has matured and I think that has helped," Rivers explains.

Last year, Luyk wrestled at 145 and finished the season with a record of 21-21. It was a constant battle to stay there.

"I think his weight struggles affected him last year," Rivers said.

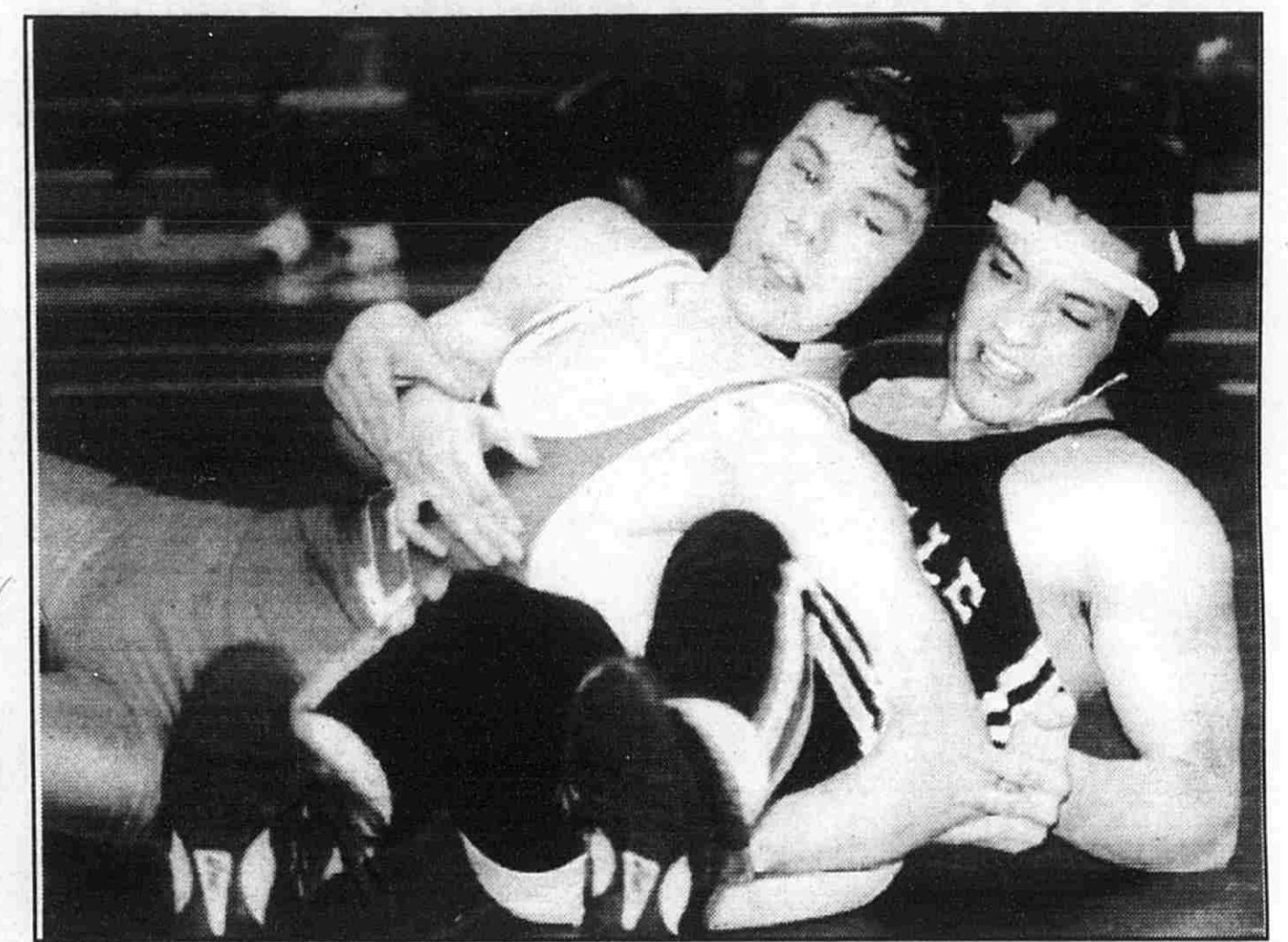
Luyk's choice to wrestle at 152 pounds this year has alleviated any weight difficulties. "I was cutting weight last year. I've been helped this year because I haven't cut weight," Luyk said.

The senior has also been aided by the fluidity of his moves. "I'm flowing from one move to another much better this year than last year," Luyk explains.

The senior's goal of qualifying for the individual state tournament will be tested in a weighted individual district tournament.

"I'm happy with my season so far, but the main part of the season is coming up," he adds. "My goal is to make it out of the districts and to qualify for the individual state tournament."

Rivers says how Luyk does may depend on where he is seeded.



Dave Luyk has a 27-10 record so far this year.

Wisner's attitude & volleyball skills valued by her coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Julie Wisner is killing her competition on the volleyball court and in the classroom.



Julie Wisner

She leads the Red Arrow volleyball team in kills with 77 and is one of just nine area student athletes to be named as a finalist for a \$1,000 scholarship under the 1997-98 Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar Athlete Award.

A senior must boast a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and have earned a varsity letter to be eligible.

"This year has really been tough," Wisner explains. "I'm taking calculus. I've really had to work at it."

Wisner is one of 102 other finalists from around the state vying for the 24 scholarships.

The senior has also

worked at volleyball. "I went to open gyms over the summer and worked hard on my hitting," Wisner said.

Wisner has played volleyball at the varsity level the last two years. "She's as good a defensive player as offensive. Her strength is attacking," DeVries said. "Julie reads defenses and the court well. She's also strong and jumps well."

Athletically Wisner has proven to be gifted in track and volleyball, and will test girls soccer this spring.

Along with leading the Red Arrows in kills, Wisner is the team leader in attacks with 199. She's second in kill efficiency with a mark of .146.

"Volleyball is really a team game. If one player has a bad day, everybody has a bad day," Wisner said. "That can be frustrating, but if everyone is on, it is very cool."

Coaching Wisner is very cool also... just ask her coach. "Julie is an easy story. She didn't begin playing volleyball until her sophomore year," said Lowell volleyball coach Tammy DeVries. "She has a great attitude, is easy to coach, works well with others, and the concept of team is important to her."

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate
FILE No. 98-165,194-IE

ESTATE OF
BERTHA-MAE WILSON
DECEASED
SS# 334-16-1497

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1530 WILSON SW, WALKER, MICHIGAN 49544, died November 25, 1997. An instrument dated August 1, 1995 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative ROBERT JOHN EARL WILSON, 270 CUMMINGS, NW, WALKER, MICHIGAN 49544, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

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EGR gymnasts triumph but Lowell looks forward to last home meet tonight

The gymnastics team lost to East Grand Rapids 120.95 to 109.3 on Thursday at Lowell.

The 109.3 represents the highest score for the Red Arrows this season. The team was led by returning senior Brenda Lacey who had been out with an injury. This was her highest scoring meet of the year in winning the beam with an 8.05, finishing second

on the vault with a 7.8, third on the floor with an 8.15 and fourth on the bars with a 7.4.

Laura Douglass scored a 7.65 on the beam which placed her in fourth and qualified her for the regionals in the event. Coach Michele DeHaan praised Renee Brower and Suzanne Swift on their consistency in their all around scores. "We are steadily im-

proving as a team. Each week they seem to be improving a couple of tenths on each event," said DeHaan.

The gymnasts hope to have Amber O'Boyle back on the bars by the conference meet in a week. The last home meet of the season is Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. when they host Kenowa Hills.

Good showing by Teelander still not enough to win against Wildcats

The Red Arrows fell to 0-15 for the season and 0-11 in the OK White falling to Northview at home on Friday night 64-51.

Lowell played tough in the first half trailing by three after one period before falling behind by 10 with a minute and a half to go in the half. They closed to within three at the break and appeared to be in control. The Wildcats came out on fire in the third period hitting their first seven shots led by senior guard Kyle Verlin who led all scorers with 20 points on the night.

Northview also had scoring support from forward John

Garlough who chipped in 17. The Arrows cut the lead to 8 a couple of times in the fourth period but could get no closer.

Head coach Pete Bush explained, "Northview played extremely well, we played a solid game but just didn't shoot well enough to win." Lowell shot 41 percent on the game while Northview shot a torrid 53 percent. "The difference came down to the free throws," said Coach Bush where the Wildcats made 15 of 19 while the Arrows made 6 of 8.

Lowell was led by Shane Teelander with 17 points, Ryan Mix with 13 points and

T.J. Thayer with 9. The Red Arrows travel to Ionia and Wyoming Park this week.

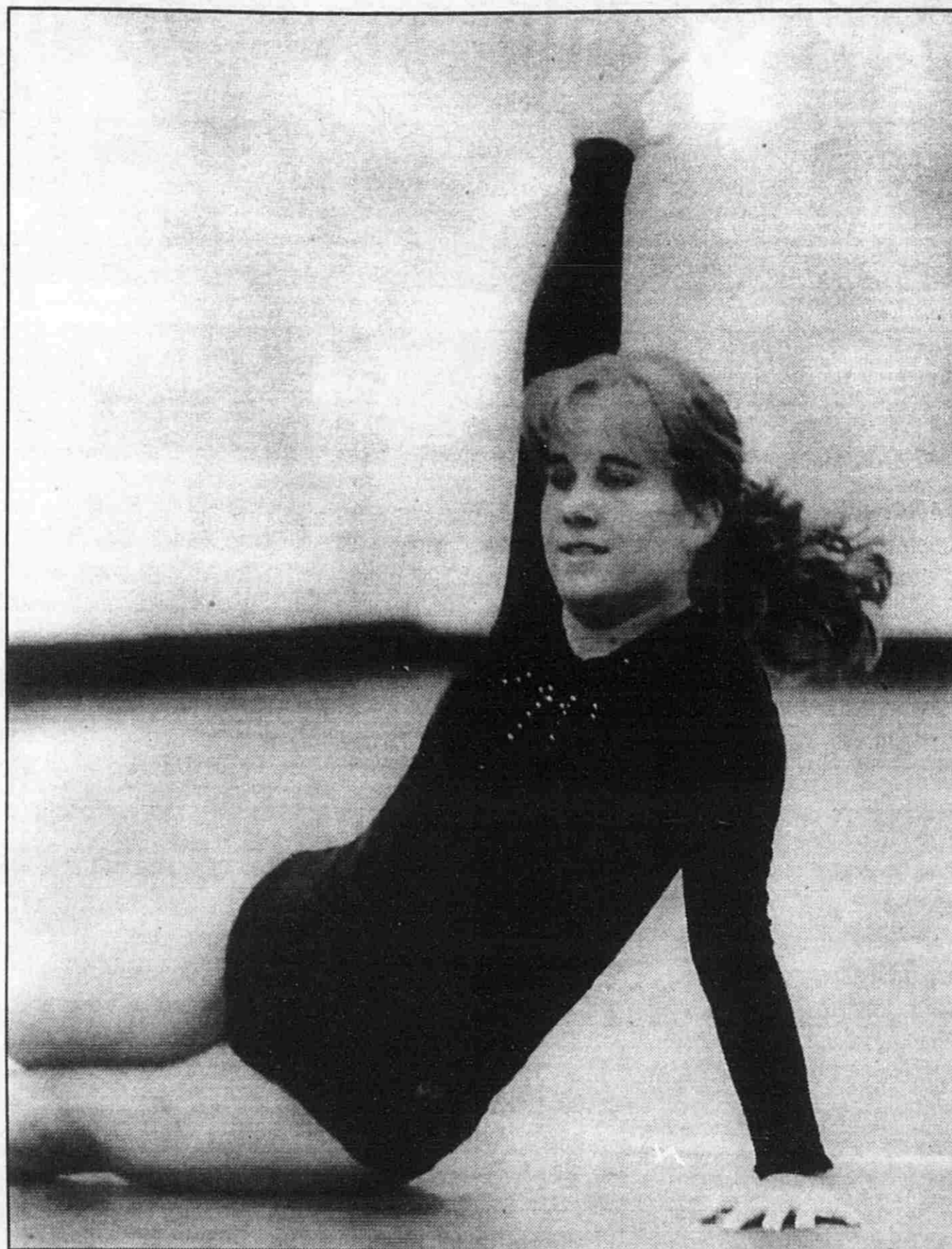
Junior Varsity

The junior varsity squad defeated Northview 58-45 to push their winning streak to three games following victories over Hastings and Forest Hills Central. The junior Arrows improved to 6-9 on the season.

Dave Veinberg led the attack with 18 points followed by Steve Adams with 15 and Scott Pullen with 9.

Freshman

The freshman squad was beaten by the Wildcats 64-58 to drop their record to 4-11. The Arrows were led by Andy Lamoreaux with 19, Nate Borth with 15 and Matt Trierweiler with 14.



Renee Brower performs floor exercises at last Thursday's meet

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Parcel #41-20-02-401-006, United States Post Office (192 N. Broadway)
Parcel #41-20-02-401-003, Graham Building/YMCA Offices (325 W. Main)
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Parcel #41-20-02-401-008, Larkin's Saloon (301 W. Main)
Parcel #41-20-02-401-005, Larkin's Saloon (303 W. Main)

Parcel #41-20-02-401-004, Larkin's The Other Place (315 W. Main)

Rezone from C3 (General Business) to C2 (Central Business)

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Independent Probate
FILE No. 98-165,182-IE

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SS# 375-36-0236

independent personal representative
CAROLYN P. FIELDS, 14909 WHITE CREEK, CEDAR SPRINGS, MI 49319 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it and to the admission of the decedent's will to probate. Objections to the admission of the decedent's will to probate must be filed within 90 days of the date of publication of this notice.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 14909 WHITE CREEK, CEDAR SPRINGS, MI 49319 died 1/22/98. An instrument dated 2/22/90 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the

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Rick Gillett
Planning Commission Chairperson

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing of the proposed additions and deletions to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance concerning Home Occupations, Home-Based Businesses, and Rental Storage Facilities to be held during the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on March 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Included in the Ordinance are the definitions of Home Occupations and Home-Based Businesses and regulations regarding the same. The proposed ordinance would allow a business to operate on the same premises as a single family dwelling if it is clearly an incidental and secondary use of the dwelling.

Rental Storage in the R-A District is proposed as an additional Special Exception Use permitted with certain conditions, including a minimum 40 acres of contiguous land owned by the Applicant or the Applicant's parents, brothers or sisters, a residential dwelling on the same lot area, and other various requirements.

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

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7 p.m. on March 2, 1998.

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Drive verifies there's no substitute for a teacher

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Substitute teaching may be a part-time job, but the Kent Intermediate School District is dedicating full time in launching its substitute teacher drive.

Qualified substitute teachers have been increasingly scarce over the last couple of years in an environment which finds Michi-

gan unemployment rates at record lows and school enrollments ballooning.

More than 700,000 people have been certified as teachers since 1970, but only 100,000 are currently teaching, according to Gerald Hunsburger, KISD associate superintendent for administrative services.

The good economy has had a backlash effect, according to Lowell superintendent

Bert Bleke. "If teachers can't get good jobs, they have gone into another job sector."

Another factor that has come into play is with the increase in student numbers, there has been a need for more full-time teachers, thereby shrinking the pool of teachers available for substituting.

There are 1,375 substitutes in the district pool currently, and districts could use

another 350, according to Hunsburger.

The district drive is aimed at certified teachers who, for whatever reason, are not currently working in the classroom.

"Kent Intermediate's member districts want to make the most of every minute our children spend in the classroom. Academic standards don't fly out the window when

a teacher is sick," Hunsburger said.

The charge is to reach those certified teachers who are not in the classroom and ask them to renew their career in a way that fits into their schedule and helps our children get the most out of school, every day they are there.

Bleke said finding substitute teachers is still a problem in Lowell, but it has eased up due to mid-winter graduation increasing the number of teachers in the pool.

The Lowell superintendent identified ways Lowell can further help alleviate the problem. They include:

- Marketing teaching as a good job which leads to a productive career.
- Doing internal things that can be used to treat substitute teachers better and more professionally.
- Raising the pay for sub-

stitute teachers. Pay currently fluctuates between \$55 and \$75 a day. Lowell pays \$55.

- Coordinating a county-wide effort to contact substitute teachers.
- Providing teachers more lead time.

The need for substitutes grows as districts provide more professional development for teachers. "As the customers of education—parents and businesses—demand better prepared teachers and more technology in the classroom, the demand for teachers to spend at least a portion of the school year in professional development grows," Hunsburger said.

If the need for substitutes continues to grow and the pool numbers remain low, Bleke does not rule out the possibility of using people who are not certified. "Our first choice would be to use certified teachers," Bleke said.

Lowell's Wisner and Schoen in finals for scholar athlete \$1,000 scholarships

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Julie Wisner and Nate Schoen were two of the nine area finalists for \$1,000 scholarships under the 1997-98 Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Every MHSAA school can select one athlete per sport. To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and have earned a varsity letter in the sport.

Schoen was selected in boys track and field. He is also a member of the Lowell football and basketball teams.

Wisner is in girls track and field. She also competes

in volleyball and girls soccer.

Schoen holds a 3.81 grade point average through the first semester of the 1997-98 school year. Wisner is carrying a 4.0 grade point average.

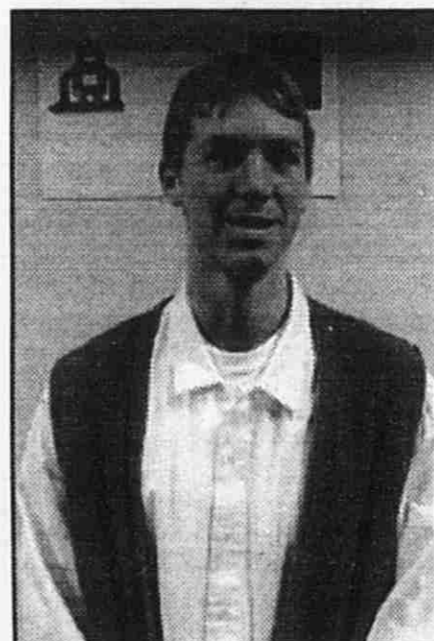
There was a record 2,785 applicants who applied from 501 schools for this year's award.

Fall sports winners were announced on Feb. 13, followed by winter sports winners on Feb. 20 and spring sport winners on Feb. 27.

Winners will be honored at halftime of the Class C boys basketball state finals at Michigan State's Breslin Center on March 28.



Julie Wisner



Nate Schoen

The Lions Are Coming

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Members of the Detroit Lions will display their talents in a charity basketball game at Lowell High School on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

*** They will lace it up in a game of basketball against some of Lowell's heroes.

Their opponent will be a team of "Lowell Heroes." Included in that list of local heroes are Bert Bleke, Jim Bosserd, Robin Briggs, Ryan Graham, Andy Johnson, Mike Fillman, Amy Stauffer, Wendy Ackermann, Denise Southland and Bill Markovich.

Tickets will be \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance. They can be purchased at all Lowell Area school buildings, Sneaker's Restaurant, Low-

ell YMCA office and Lowell Lanes or from any high school football player.

During the game, 10 autographed Lions' footballs will be raffled off. There will also be 50/50 raffles.

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REGULAR MEETING, FEB. 9, 1998

MOTIONS APPROVED

- Motion to approve the agenda with amendments
- Motion to approve the budget amendments as stated
- Motion to approve the consent agenda
- Motion to approve a resolution to accept sewer district maps as presented
- Motion to appoint Kurt Faasen to the public safety advisory committee
- Motion to refer greenhouse ordinance back to the planning commission to take a look at B, D, and G to make it less restrictive
- Motion to approve salary resolutions 98-05 through 98-08 & 98-11
- Motion to approve resolution 98-03 to establish policy and guidelines for use by board of review
- Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen O'Brien,
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