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LCTV's enhanced programming brings Disney to basic

Beginning July 1, Lowell Cable Television subscribers will have six additional stations to consider when viewing. The additions will cost subscribers nothing. The basic cable rate will remain at \$19.95.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Cable Television viewers will have a few more channels to surf beginning July 1.

The Lowell Cable Board

announced it will add six new channels to its basic programming package.

Even better, the municipally-owned cable company will not pass any of those costs onto its customers.

The cable company is now offering 37 stations. With the addition of Disney (currently a premium channel), Lifetime, MSNBC, Comedy Central, Home & Garden and Toon Disney, that number will inflate to 43.

It will cost Lowell Cable \$1.76 per subscriber to add the half dozen channels. That is equivalent to a 20 percent

increase in its programming expense.

In March of 1997, Lowell Cable restructured its existing debt retirement. With seven years left on a 17-year plan, the company restructured the payback, lowering its monthly payment by \$3,800. The difference is put into a separate account for programming and system upgrades.

"We told customers when we restructured our debt payback plan that we'd use the difference between the two payments for programming and system improvements," said cable board chairman Ray Quada. "This shows that the board is standing by what it said."

The chairman and cable superintendent Paul Christman were quick to point out that this does not mean customers won't be asked to pay for future programming additions.

In an effort to cut program cost, the cable board moved to join the National Cable Television Cooperative (NCTC), Inc. Through its membership, it will enjoy less expensive monthly subscriber rates. Lowell Cable will save 7.6 percent in its overall programming costs.

The company will pay a

one-time membership fee of \$2,785 to become a member.

Over a three-month period, it will get a return on its investment.

Lowell Cable subscribers will continue to pay \$19.95 for 43 stations.

In comparison, TCI subscribers pay \$13 a month for a basic package which includes 24 stations. An expanded basic package (47 stations) costs subscribers \$28. TCI has announced it will increase its rate by 5-5.5 percent this year.

Residents in Rockford who subscribe to C-Tec pay \$9.30 for a limited (13 stations) basic cable package. That rate is increased to \$21.30 for expanded basic (27 stations) and \$26.90 for a family value package (40 stations).

"Lowell Cable Television subscribers are getting a terrific value for their \$19.95. The channels we're adding will enhance that," Christman said.

Break In Our Trust

Lowell and surrounding communities have incurred numerous break-ins over the last couple of weeks. They made off with as much as \$2,000 in one instance.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The handful of break-ins in Lowell and Lowell Township were not isolated cases.

In fact, similar robberies have occurred to their east and west.

Some of the break-ins that took place in Lowell and Lowell Township on Feb. 20-21 are prime examples.

SOS Salon was broken into, and the assailants walked out with \$90.

It is believed the same culprits left Ferrellgas Propane, 12312 E. Fulton, with \$20.

"They broke a doorknob, a safe and rifled through cabinets and drawers," said owner Duane Bredahala. "We don't keep any money over night. Please quote me."

Peters said historically robbers who go after safes have done break-ins before. "First-time burglars go after petty cash and leave safes alone."



Burglars did a craftsmanlike job on the safe at Ferrellgas Propane.

Kent County Sheriff Department detective Robert Peters reported that the city of Muir, just east of Ionia, reported break-ins over the weekend.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said through the night (Sunday), businesses west of Ada were also hit.

Peters does not know why the rash of business break-ins has surfaced. "Statistics show that seldom is there ever a lot of cash found in businesses," he explained.

Sue Weeks, owner of SOS Salon, said she had thoughts of broken mirrors and slit chairs when she heard the salon was broken into.

Instead she found a broken door, a smashed handle and a cash drawer less than \$100 lighter.

"We left the money in the cash register. We won't do that again," Weeks said. "Live and learn."

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MUNICIPAL VS. PRIVATE	
LOWELL BASIC \$19.95 43 Channels	
C-TEC	TCI
Basic	Basic
13 Channels - \$9.30	24 Channels - \$13
Expanded Basic	Expanded Basic
27 Channels - \$21.30	47 Channels
Family Value Package	\$28.00
40 Channels	
\$26.90	

While most cable subscribers are incurring increased rates, municipally owned Lowell Cable Television, in comparison, has been able to keep its rates relatively low.

Jim Cook, a fixture in Vergennes Township government for 14 years, resigns from supervisor post

Health concerns aid Cook in his decision to step away from supervisor position.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

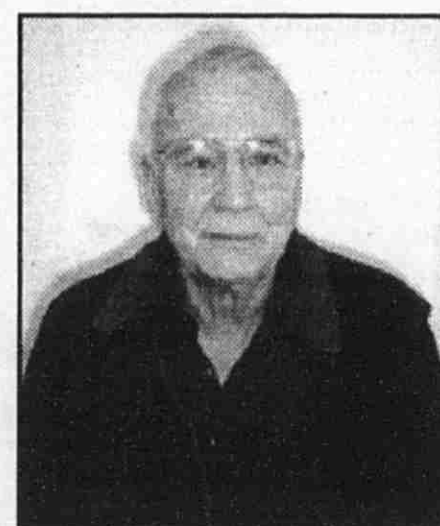
Jim Cook, a fixture in Vergennes Township government, has decided after nearly 14 years of service to tender his resignation.

"Certainly, there's a bit of remorse," said Cook from his home at 12160 Vergennes St. "I've enjoyed my time as supervisor. I've liked serving and helping people."

Cook, who has wrapped his life up in the capacity of supervisor, cited declining health as the reason for his resignation.

He still has plans, however, to continue to help and assist where he can.

"Jim still wants to help us on some special projects," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone. "In my four years as clerk, I have learned so



Jim Cook

much from him. Jim knows everything about this township. He has also had a great relationship with leaders of other municipalities."

The outgoing supervisor said it didn't take much to run the township when he first started. With growth and time, the position of supervisor has grown and become more stressful.

He credits classes in real estate, appraisal and property valuation for his success. "I'm

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OBITUARIES

WHITE - Edward George White, aged 62, of Ada, passed away Sunday, February 22, 1998. He was preceded in death by his brother Dennis Gallagher and a sister Nan Williams. He is survived by his wife Patricia; son Keith and Jean White of Park Ridge, IL; daughter Cheryl and Mark Lambert; granddaughter Jillian Lambert; sister Louise Sewell of Detroit; two brothers Walter White of Detroit and George White of Merritt Island, FL; many nieces,

nephews and godchildren. Hewas a member of Kent Country Club, a former member of Forest Hills Golf Club, a member of the Craftsman Club and Knights of Columbus. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Thursday at St. Robert of Newminster Church with Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider officiating. Interment Graceland Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.



The oldest coins are from Lydia, Turkey and date from about 670 B.C.

As spring nears, yard sores become issues for neighbors

By J.N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

Well, it's that time of year. The weather is warmer, there's no snow, and residents are noticing that some of their neighbors need to clean up their yards.

And the Lowell Police Department is hearing about it. At the Lowell City Council meeting, councilor Jeanne Shores said she had taken several phone calls from residents concerned about inoperable cars and recreational vehicles sitting on lawns.

Police chief Jim Valentine was very clear in that the city ordinance does not allow for inoperable cars, construction debris, and junk piles (which can encourage rats) on residents' property and that the department does have a procedure in place to deal with the situations.

"When I was a beat officer, often what would happen is the department would generate a list of about 120 properties," Valentine said. "By the time the clerk got around to getting all the letters out, it would be three weeks later and some of the residents would have already taken care of the problem. It created some difficulties."

Lowell Police Department instead uses its retired and senior volunteer staff to keep an eye out for properties that are

in violation. According to procedure, a volunteer would see a property, and a letter would be sent to the homeowner giving them 10 days to take care of the problem. After the 10-day period, the volunteer would visit the homeowner to see where the person was on handling the situation. Valentine said, adding that the goal of the department is to work with residents.

The volunteer would make a final drive-by to see if the problem had been corrected. If not, the case would be assigned to an officer, who again made contact with the homeowner.

A good portion of the residents comply right away, by either calling the department for clarification on what the letter is about and then taking care of it, or simply taking care of the problem. Sometimes, the department is forced to write a citation and that usually means the issue will be taken to court. If found in violation, which is a misdemeanor, a resident could receive up to 90 days in jail and/or pay \$100 fine plus court costs.

"If we see the person trying to do in a positive direction on this, we like to work with them," Valentine said. "Again, we would rather see the situation taken care of than have to go through court."

The city is looking into the possibility of decriminalizing such codes which would streamline the court process and would remove the possible jail time.

As for recreational vehicles, Valentine said they are a zoning ordinance violation. Residents are required to store RVs on side lots behind the front of the house's plane. Valentine said the department looks at those types of violations on a case-to-case basis.

Kids roar as Lions display their talent on the hardwood

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Detroit Lions have helped Michigan schools raise money through their off-season basketball games for 13 years.

While the names of participants have changed, as well as the final scores, there is one constant that remains the same: children being entertained.

That remained true Thursday night when eight members of the Detroit Lions, led by Luther Ellis, visited Lowell High School.

With a crowd of over 1,200 people in attendance, the Lions autographed, joked and jammed their way into the hearts of kids and adults alike.

"The players love it," said coordinator Rob Rubick. "It's good fun for them, especially on the west side of the state where we draw real well."

The fund-raising pickup game benefitted a local family by helping it with some medical bills.

"It went very well and everybody had a good time," said Mark Russell, Lowell event organizer and a member of the varsity football staff. "I want to thank all the people who helped with the event and all of those who played."

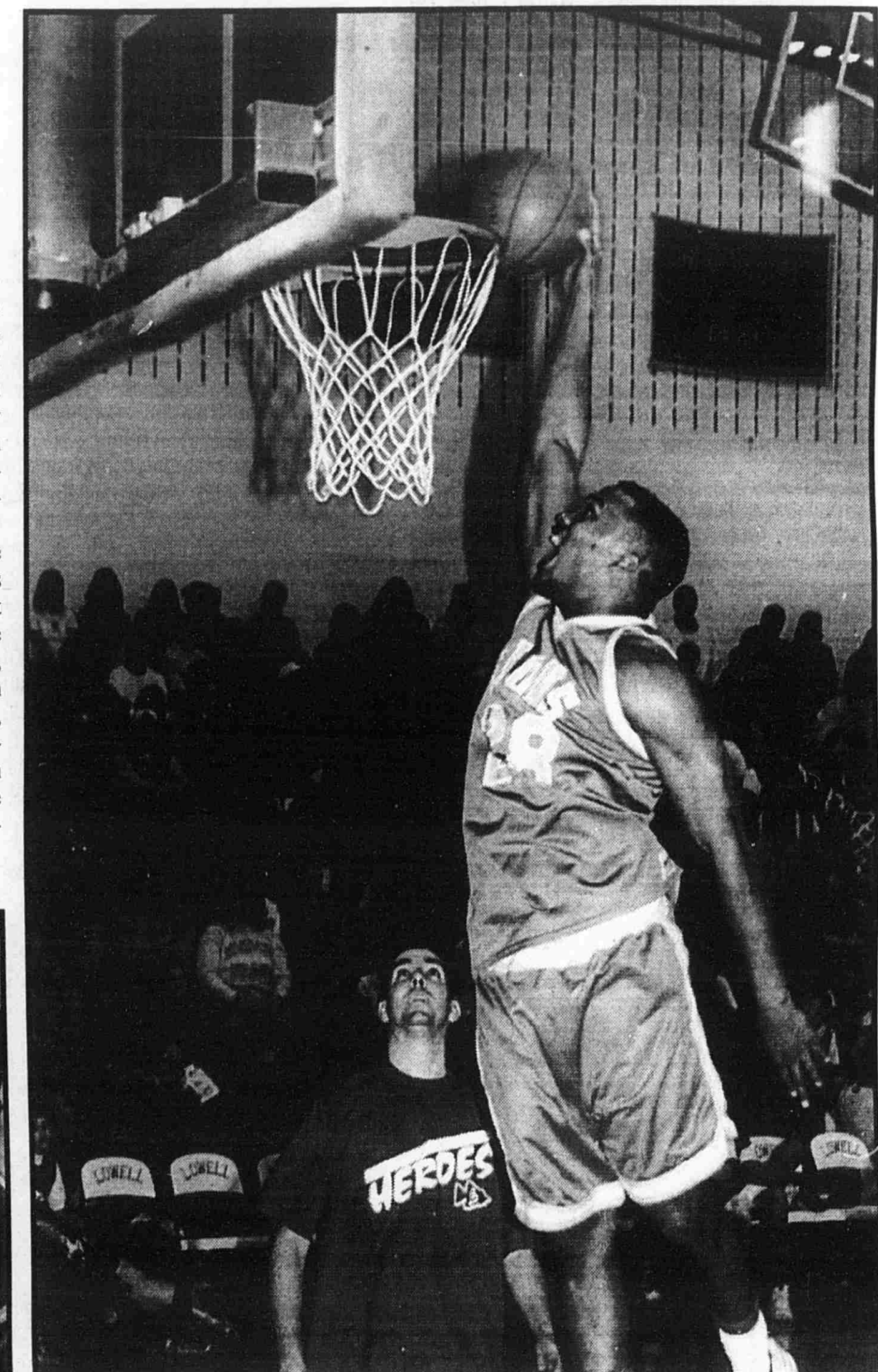
Russell said a little over \$3,000 was presented to the family.

"It was great to see complete community involvement to help a wonderful person in this community," said Lowell

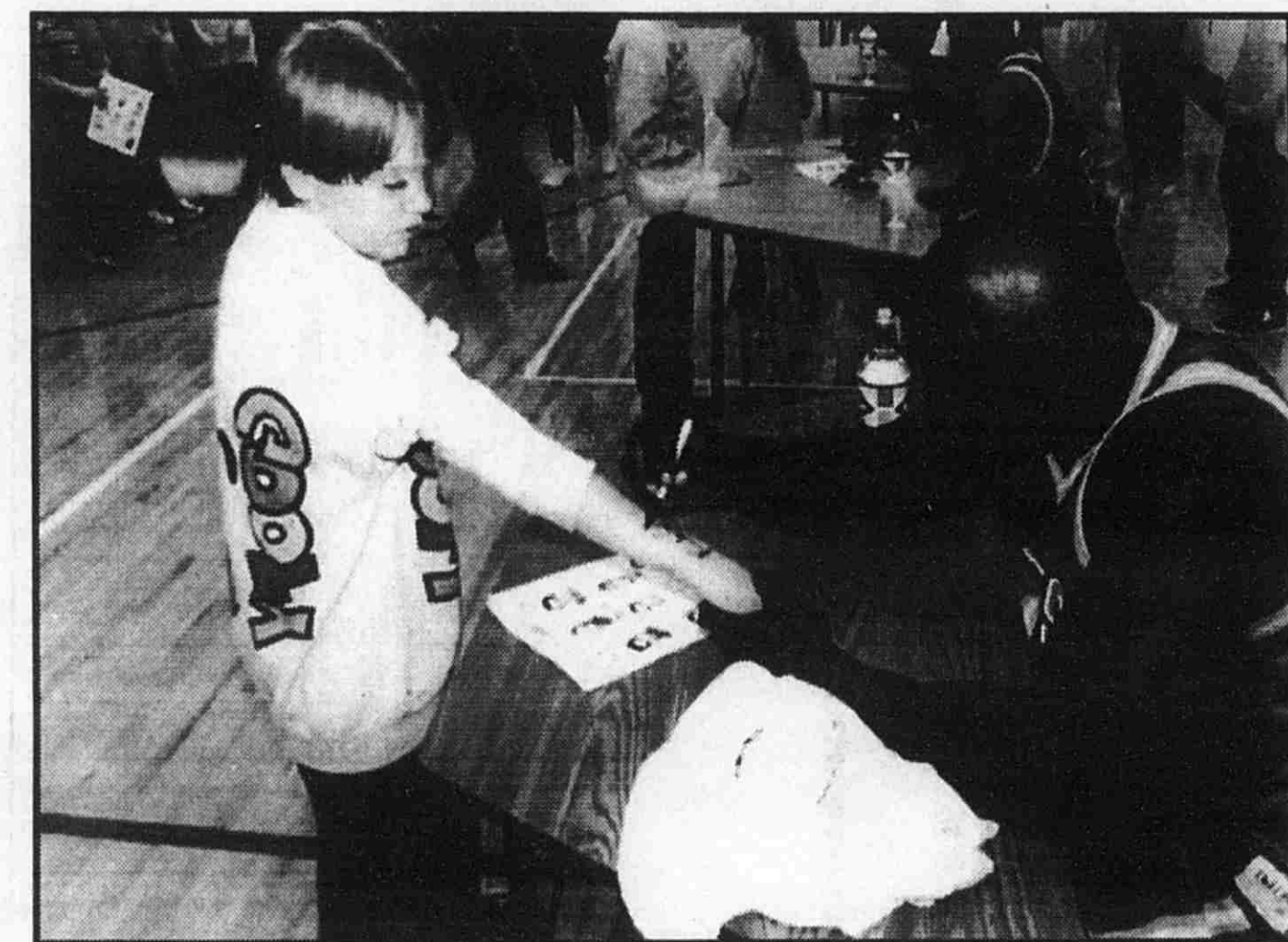
football coach Noel Dean.

Making up the Lions roster were Ellis, defensive tackle; Tommie Boyd, wide receiver; Jeff Hartings, guard; Tony Sample, guard; Ron Rice, safety; Hessley Hampstead, guard; Kerwin Waldroup, defensive lineman; and Glenn Milburn, receiver.

Filling the roster for the Lowell Heroes were Chris Hurst, Andy Johnson, Bert Bleke, Scott Vashaw, Mike Fillman, Wendy Ackermann, Tom Burradell, Bob Rice, Jim Bossard, Bill Markovich, Scott Carpenter, Ryan Graham, Amy Stauffer, Robin Briggs, Matt Quada, Denise Southland and Cam Carpenter.



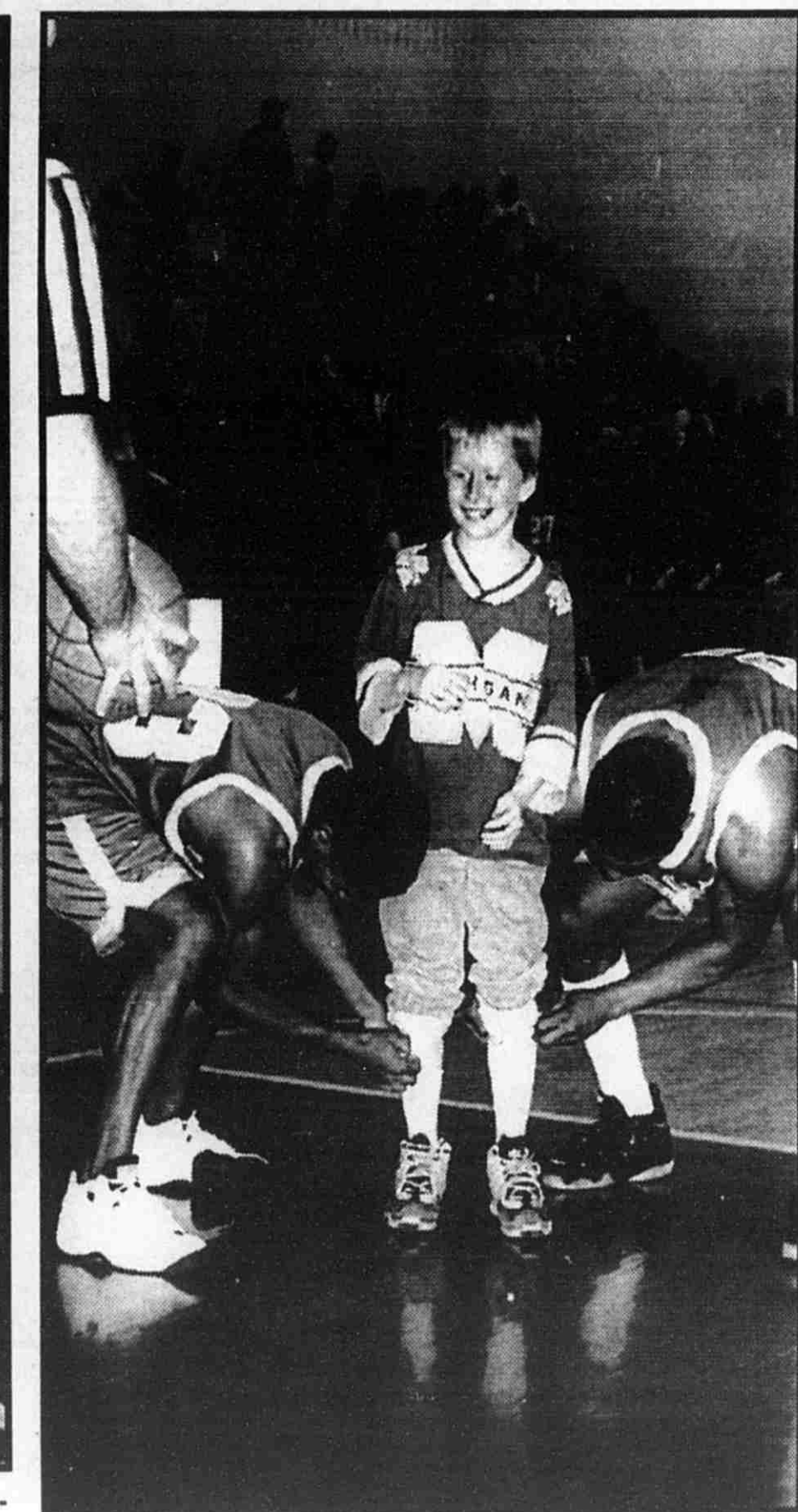
Lions' safety Ron Rice goes up for the slam as Lowell's Matt Quada looks on.



At halftime, Lions' players took 30 minutes to sign autographs in the auxiliary gym. Kerwin Waldroup, Detroit's defensive lineman, signs this young man's arm.



Jeff Hartings, Lions' guard, holds up one of his teammates for a short jump shot in the lane.



Play was stopped so this young Lion could look properly attired before shooting two from the foul line.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1998

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. 7 Board members present. Minutes of January 19 Regular and February 2 Special meetings approved.

Approved bills totaling:

General Fund	\$32,662.03
Sewer Fund	\$6,690.09
Water Fund	\$6,148.75
Trust & Agency Fund	\$843.00
Tax Fund	\$398,224.21

Business Conducted: Amended the budget from undesignated funds for increases in computer equipment and building maintenance; support the Maple Syrup Run; adopted a Resolution to supported legislation that would include townships in the Comprehensive Transportation Fund distributions; adopted a resolution regarding amendment to Vergennes Township Water Service Ordinance; approved the Supervisor's signing a Road Commission work order for minor maintenance; adopted a moratorium on the placing of any towers in the Township to allow the Planning Commission to create a Tower Ordinance; received the January Building Report.

Adjournment at 8 p.m.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto on:

MONDAY, MARCH 9

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. by appointment.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

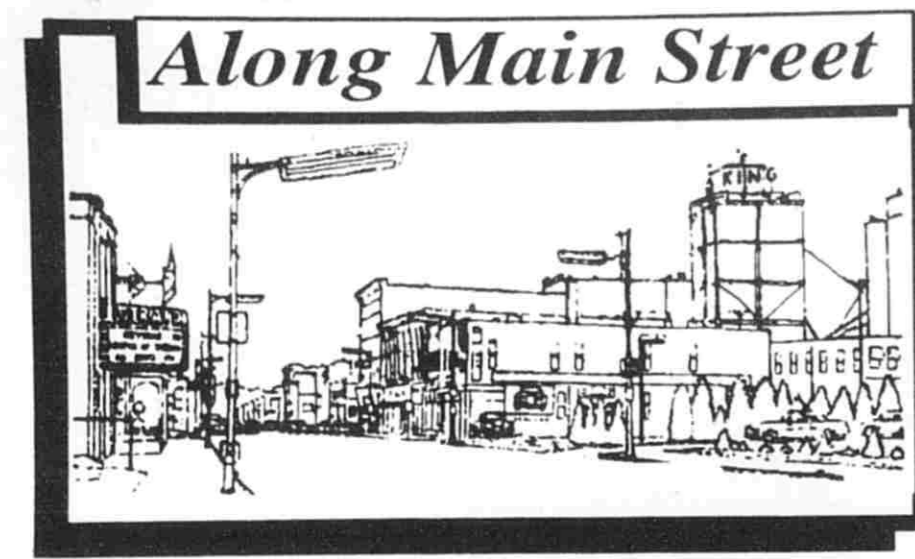
between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1. By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8.
2. Appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

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

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Christian Wenger, Supervisor
Bowne Township



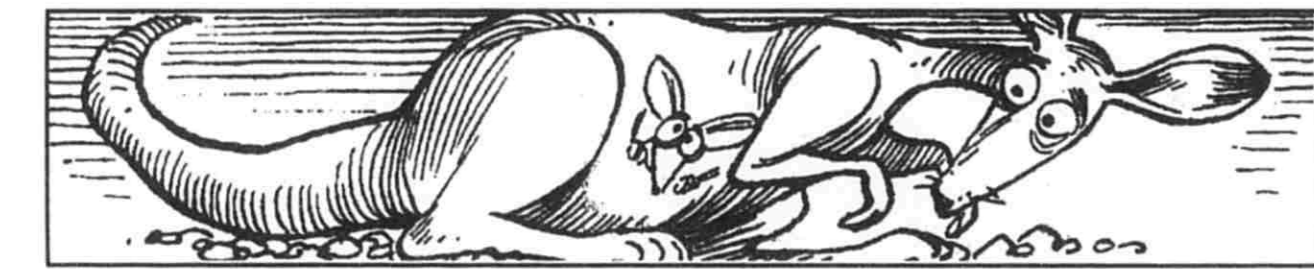
GET INTO SHAPE
Do you want to get into shape for summer? Come walk inside Lowell High School on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Mon., March 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.

KEISER'S KITCHEN TEAMS UP TO HELP YMCA YOUTH

Keiser's Kitchen has teamed up with the Lowell YMCA's annual Invest In Youth Campaign. On Monday, March 9, from 4 to 8 p.m., bring this announcement in to Keiser's and they'll donate 10 percent of your food bill to the Lowell YMCA Invest In Youth. (Senior citizens' discounts do not apply.)
For more information call 897-8445.

CLASS OF '78 MEETING CANCELLED

The planning meeting scheduled for March 11 has been cancelled. Reunion plans will be mailed to you shortly.



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DRAWING/PAINTING WORKSHOPS

There is still time to register your kids for Alto Art Series Workshops. Openings are available in drawing with Sandy Bartlett for Saturday, April 4, and painting with Ann Breckon on Saturday, April 11.
Classes will be held at the Alto Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15 per workshop and supplies are furnished. To register call the Lowell Area Arts Center at 897-8545.

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, March 26, 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: applesauce, beans, veggies, figs, salmon, corn cereal, grapefruit juice, refried beans, spaghetti, tomato sauce.

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Lowell Township businesses hit a little harder were Endurance Products and Cumberland Marketplace.
Bernie Anderson, owner of Endurance Products, said the culprits got away with tools and \$2,000 in cash.
"We don't normally keep cash around, but there was a late sale," Anderson explained.

Jeff Roys, owner of Cumberland Marketplace, said between cash, booze and cigarettes, he lost about \$600-\$700.
"I've put out a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of those respon-

sible," Roys said. "Kids will talk. We'll find out who is responsible. It's too bad the culprits don't use their creativity toward a better purpose. They'd be better off."

Peters said evidence from the scenes has been sent to the scientific support unit to be processed for latent finger prints.

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probably the last of supervisors certified in assessment administration and property valuation," he explained. "Now a supervisor doesn't have to do all those things... things are more specialized."
One thing he can continue to do is assist those with limited means - a feat Cook is most proud of. "I'd like to continue to help people with limited financial means."
Cook, serving in his

fourth term, pointed to the current water ordinance Vergennes signed with Lowell Township as an accomplishment he is proud of. "I'd also like to see the township put together a sewer ordinance. That will have to be done in conjunction with the city of Lowell and Lowell Township."
The township will meet Wednesday, March 4 to dis-

cuss and appoint an interim supervisor.
"We have 30 days to do so or the county appoints one for us," Stone said.
The clerk said the township has someone in mind.
If the interim supervisor is so inclined, he/she can then run in an August primary followed by an election in November.

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Architects' report reveals City Hall structure is solid

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council got some good news at its meeting Monday night—a report revealed that the City Hall structure is in good condition and worthy of consideration for renovation.

These were the preliminary comments of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, which along with Redstone Tiseo Architects, have been working to evaluate the existing City Hall facility, administrative office, and police department operations in Lowell.

The report did mention some concerns about the potential use of existing mechanical and electrical systems, and some isolated areas of damage, but overall found the condition of the City Hall building to be in good shape.

And with that news, city manager David Pasquale said the city was ready to move into the next phase which is to assemble a building committee to begin going over ideas and present a final report to the city council in May on what should be done with the city facilities. The building committee is set to meet twice in April.

The committee could have quite a bit of work ahead. The

initial report presented by FTCH showed the need to almost double the space for city offices from 4,040 feet to 8,130. The largest area of need is the general office area, with an estimated need of from 720 feet to 2,780.

The report recommended that the police department needs to expand its space about six times over from its existing space of about 2,930 feet. This would bring the police department to 11,670 feet with almost all areas of the department, from staff to office to vehicle storage, being increased.

Pasquale said the added space would bring City Hall up-to-date and provide adequate room for growth for many years.

COLLEGE NEWS

Eric J. Anderson of Lowell was among a total of 562 students completing the requirements for certificates, associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees at Ferris State University during fall semester (August-December).

Anderson received an associate in applied science degree. His major is automotive service technology.

Degrees awarded by the university were: master of science in career and technical education, master of science in information systems management, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in business, bachelor of social work, associate in applied arts, associate in applied science, associate in arts, associate in science, and certificates.

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Students who were graduated at the conclusion of the fall 1997 semester in December include Lorena D. Pettet of Lowell, Amy M. Tichelaar of Ada and Tracie R. Eaton, Timothy G. Fennema and Amy B. Pugh, all from Alto.

The University of Michigan's School of Nursing recently announced that Hoidae E. Bauman has made the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester.

Students making the list must complete at least 12 credit hours in a semester, and have a term honor point average of 3.5 or better with no grades less than a B.

Director and students perform in honors band

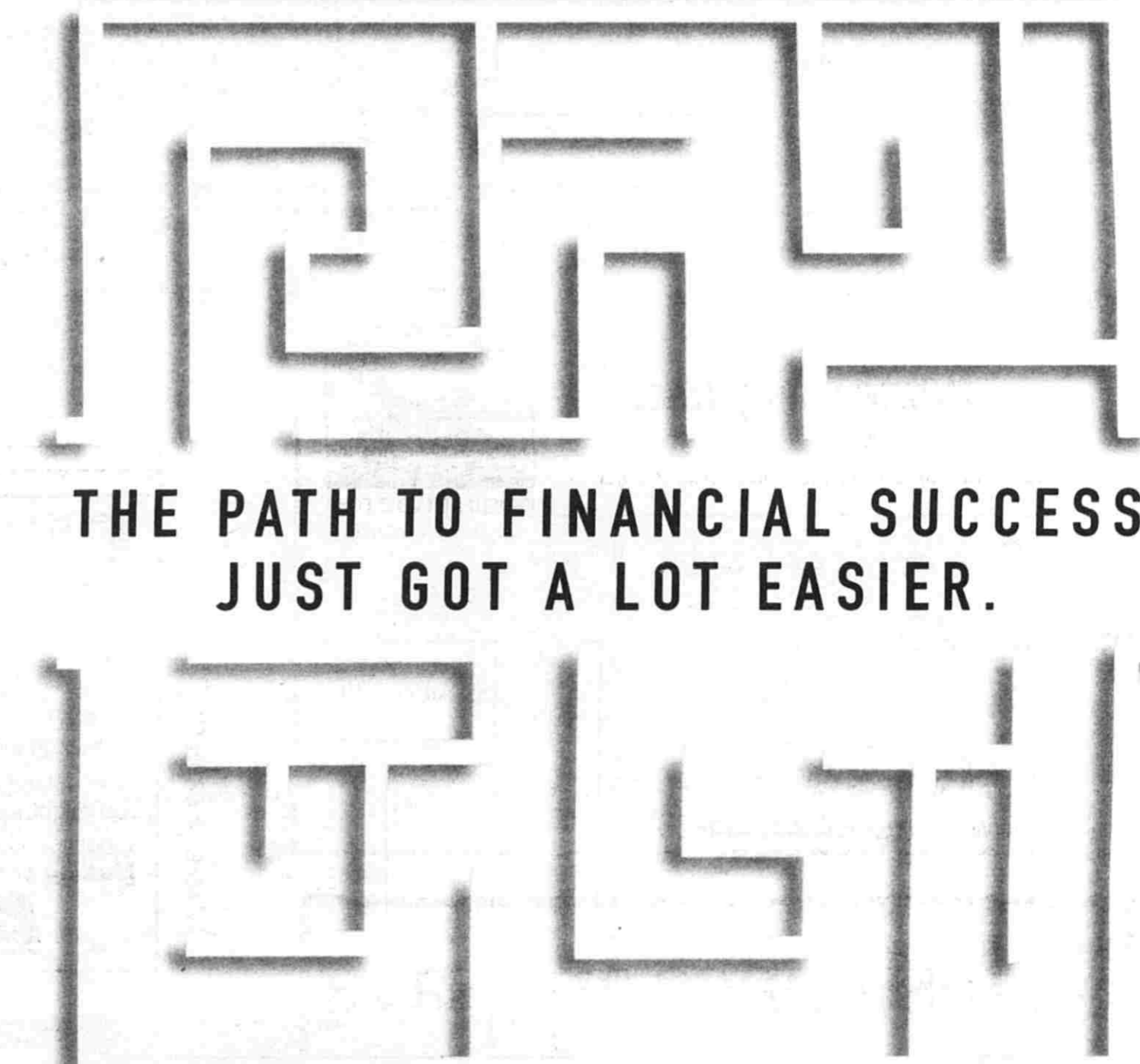
Bob Rice, Lowell High School band director, student Sandra Sturis (flute), student Jennifer Prins (bassoon), and student Jennifer Gingerich (clarinet) all participated in the seventh annual high school Honors Band performance on Sunday, February 22.

The Honors Band is comprised of high school students and directors from across the state. More than 80 high school musicians performed on Sunday. They were conducted by Kenneth G. Bloomquist, the Michigan State University direc-

tor of bands emeritus and Barry Martin, director of bands at GVSU.

Musical selections included: "Flourish for Wind Band," by R. Vaughan Williams; "Old Scottish Melody," by Charles Wiley; and "America the Beautiful," by Samuel Ward.

The performance was a part of GVSU's "Celebration of the Arts" from January until April. The series of art, music and theatre exhibits, performances, and lectures are in recognition of the new Calder Fine Arts Center and Performing Arts Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus.



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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, on:

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998
Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998
Between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 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 in person or by letter addressed to Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 9, 1998. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the township offices to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

Frank Buckley
Assessor, Grattan Township

Two board seats open in June election

There are two four-year Board of Education positions to be filled at the annual school election which will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998. These positions are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2002.

Residents interested in running for a board seat must first file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, and a resident of the Lowell Area School District for at least 30 days before the election.

Nominating petitions and affidavit forms may be obtained by any candidate from the Board of Education office located at 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The petitions must contain at least 20 signatures of registered school electors of the district. It is recommended

that a reasonable number of signatures over the minimum be obtained to protect against invalid signatures.

Petition circulators need not be a registered school elector, individual petitions must be taken for each township and city in which signatures are obtained, and electors can sign as many petitions as there are persons to be elected.

If you are interested in running, please note the following dates:

Monday, April 6, 1998 - 4:00 p.m. last day for filing nominating petitions;

Thursday, April 9, 1998 - 4:00 p.m. last day for a candidate to withdraw his/her name;

Monday, June 8, 1998 - Annual school election.

For more information contact Kay Jones at 897-8415.



Pictured from left to right are: Kelly Chapman, Katie Akers, Adam Peters and Jessica Garber.

Lowell High School recognizes its February students of the month

Each month four of the 12 Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area who has shown exemplary work. For the month of February they are as follows: Business - Adam Peters; English - Katie Akers; Foreign Language - Jessica Garber; Social Studies - Kelly Chapman.

Adam Peters is an exceptional business student. He is extremely mature, professional and self-motivated and has an outstanding work ethic that will surely enable him to have a successful career. Peters, a senior and the son of Janet Peters, has been involved in football and is active at Lowell United Methodist in the Senior High Youth Group. He works at Kent County Conservation League as a skeet, trap and sporting clay puller. He plans on attending Michigan Tech. Peters like to ski in the winter and is learning to snowboard. In the summer his favorite sport is knee boarding.

Kelly Chapman, a sophomore, has continually excelled at the top of her social studies classes. She serves as an example for others in her work, her attitude, and her actions. The daughter of Roger and Charlene Chapman of Clarksville, she has been involved in basketball as a captain, Close-up, Model UN, International Club, Forensics, and as a representative in Student Council. She volunteers her time at the veterinary office in Ionia. She was a HOBY candidate and a winner of the Essay portion of the Creative Writing Contest.

Katie Akers, who was selected as an outstanding student in the English department, is a spectacular writer who has incredible insight into the literature she reads. She maintains a high standard of quality on all of her work. She is able to make connections between literature and everyday life. Akers is a responsible young woman who maintains a positive attitude toward fellow students and teachers. She is a junior and the daughter of Ken and Kathy Akers of Lowell and has been involved in Student Council and was treasurer of her sophomore class. Akers is vice president of her junior class, a member of the SADD advisory board and National Honor Society, involved in Model UN, basket-

ball, peer resistance, and trainer for DARE students. She has volunteered as a coach in the first and second YMCA basketball program and has been active in the volunteer programs of her church, St. Robert's Parish in Ada. Akers works at Mancino's. She has been a scholar athlete and her favorite subjects are social studies and math.

Jessica Garber, a senior, has taken French for four years. Her achievements in the foreign language are outstanding. She is motivated, creative, hardworking, and responsible. Garber traveled to France and Switzerland with the French study group in the summer of 1996. Last summer, she participated in a summer institute program which dealt with French communication on the Internet. She is the daughter of Mer and Sandy Garber of Lowell and has been involved in the colorguard, cheerleading, National Honor Society, International Club, and matminder for the wrestling team. She enjoys babysitting as a part-time job. She plans on attending Central Michigan University and majoring in elementary education with a minor in French. She won the Central Michigan Board of Trustees Academic Honors Scholarship.

CROP Walk kickoff rally March 12

Plans are underway for the 4th annual Lowell Area CROP Walk. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, at 1:30 p.m. starting at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

They hope to make this year's event bigger and better than ever. The goal is to have 350 walkers collect more than \$25,000 in pledges beating last year's total of 300 walkers and \$22,000 in pledges.

Additional enhancements to this year's walk include a shorter route for those wishing to participate but unable

to complete the full 10K walk and also advance notice of the walk route so those unable to walk on May 3 can still participate by completing their walk beforehand.

A portion of the money earned stays right in our community supporting the Lowell Senior Neighbors and the ACCESS-6 food pantry at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

A kickoff rally will be held March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell United Methodist Church. This rally will pro-



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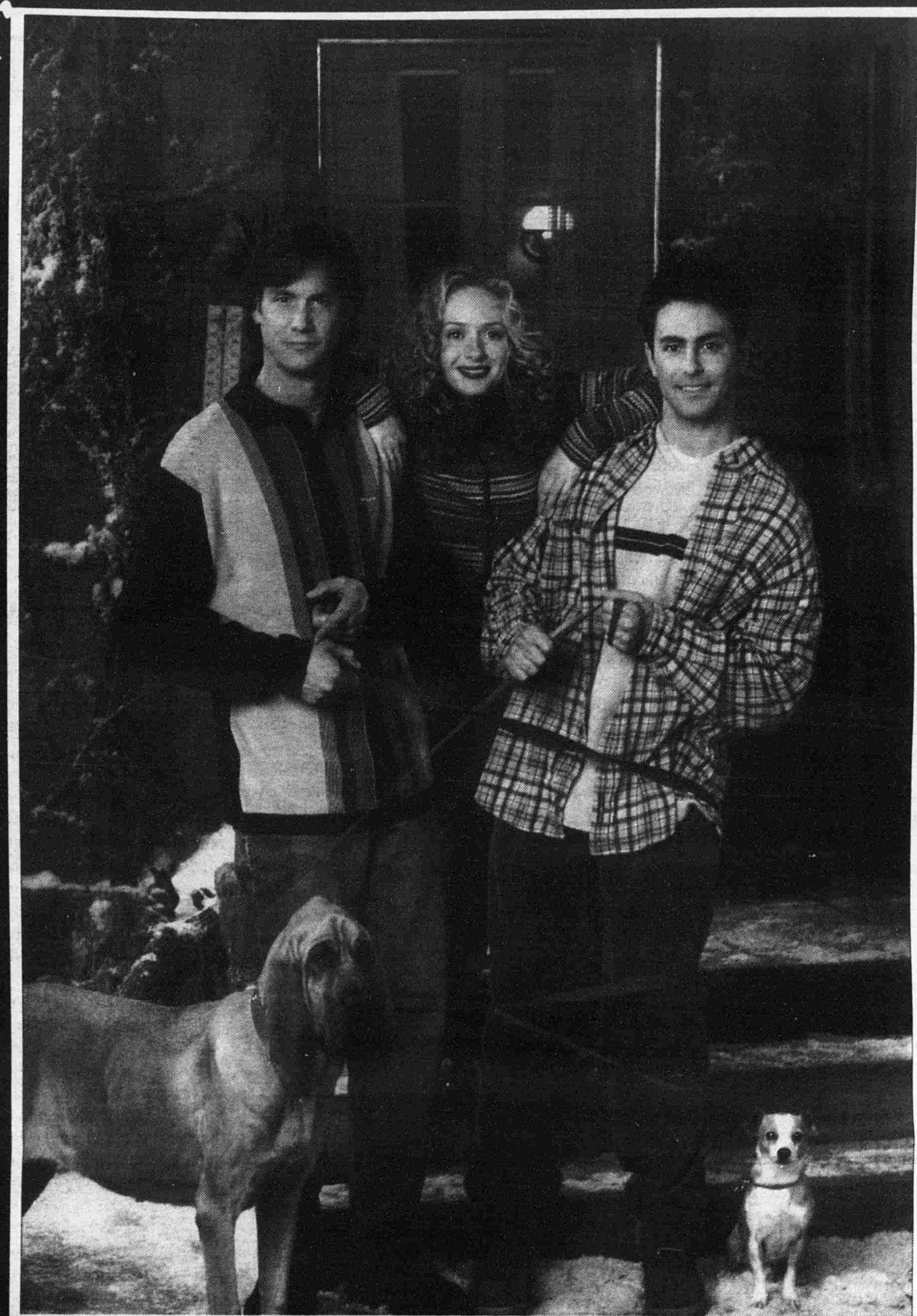
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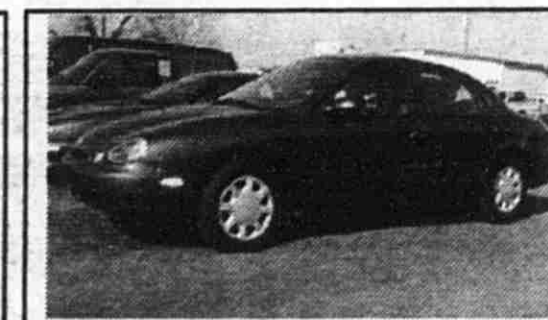
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Townships reach agreement on water ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A change in the wording of an existing water ordinance will make it mandatory for existing homeowners in Lowell and Vergennes townships to hook-up to city water.

After some debate, the townships agreed on wording for a water ordinance.

The new ordinance makes hook-up to city water mandatory for new construction, wells not meeting Kent County specifications, and wells which fail and cannot be repaired. Initially both townships drew up an ordinance. The wording, however, did not match.

Vergennes' ordinance was labeled by township supervisor Jim Cook as "less severe" than Lowell Township's.

Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson and the township board were not comfortable with that.

When Lowell Township put in the water line to Lowell High School four years ago, Vergennes agreed to adopt a water ordinance requiring connection to the line, adding that it would change its ordinance to follow suit.

"Vergennes' wording made it sound like they had different charges than Lowell Township," Timpson said. "They are

the same for everybody. Everyone is treated equally and fairly. There are no boundaries."

The ordinance calls for a \$35 trunkage fee for the water main and a \$1,000 access (hook-up) fee.

"The hook-up charge could change in the future. I don't anticipate it changing," Timpson said.

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said the township was happy the amended ordinance was passed. "Now we can enforce it. This will also help in paying for the water capacity," she said.

City begins making plans for Christmas season

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Decking the halls—or rather the city streets—is still about 10 months away, but that isn't stopping the Lowell City Council from making plans.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the city council unanimously agreed to increase its out-of-pocket expense for Christmas decorations from \$2,250 to \$3,440.

"There was some concern from the (chamber of commerce) that there weren't as many decorations as we should have had," said city manager David Pasquale.

The response was for the city to ask Joe Meredith of Meredith Display Service, who does the city's Christmas decorations, what options were available to the city. Meredith came back with a proposal to put lighted wreaths on each of the light poles versus every other pole as was done last year, Pasquale said. Each pole would also have a bow and pole wrap.

With the increase in decorations came an increase in expenses, Pasquale explained.

And city council members felt it was a necessary item to make the city more festive for the holiday seasons. The council approved a two-year contract with Meredith Display Service. The new decorations will be on display starting this year.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Capt. Benjamin P. Richmond, son of Jerrold R. and Diane M. Richmond of Lowell, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va.

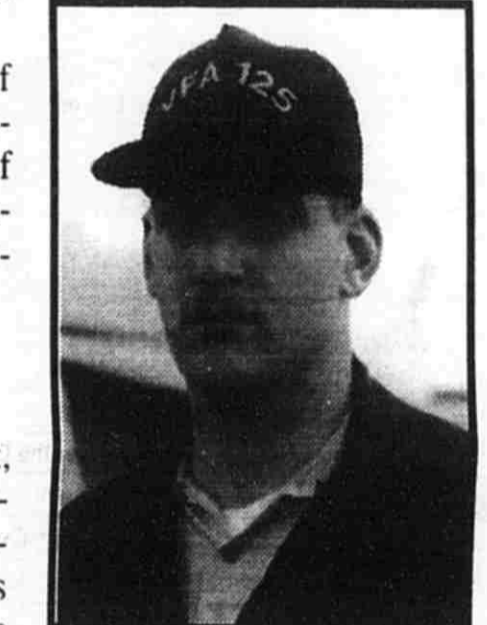
Richmond was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He is a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School. Richmond is a 1993 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a BS degree.

Fighter Squadron 125 (VFA-125) in top working order. He is an aviation mechanic who maintains and repairs life support equipment, such as ejection seats, in the F/A-18 Hornet.

"My job in VFA-125 is to ensure that the pilot has a way to escape the aircraft in an emergency," Tower said.

The squadron Tower works for provides an invaluable service to the Navy. They



Michael P. Tower

Tower is one of the squadron's 450 professionals who maintain 40 jet aircraft. Their work is dirty, loud and demanding, and often forces them to keep irregular hours. To Tower and his co-workers, however, theirs are among the best jobs in the Navy.

"I get the most satisfaction from my job when everything goes well. But when things get stressful, (the job) still gives you a good feeling," said Tower, a one-year Navy veteran.

Tower contributes to the Navy's effort of keeping its fleet of Hornets deployed around the globe. A formidable weapon, the Hornet is able to breach the sound barrier and destroy targets both in the air and on the ground. Tower feels that the Hornet's usefulness to the Navy is beyond dispute.

"The Navy would be in a lot of trouble without the F/A-18 Hornet," Tower said. Tower understands why weapons like the Hornet are needed in today's world. The Navy puts its sailors and ships in areas where conflict is likely, and they must have the means to enforce U.S. and U.N. policy. An aircraft carrier loaded with F/A-18 Hornets is an unequivocal reminder of U.S. resolve.

"If a country commits an act of war, we need to be prepared," Tower said.



In 1973, a law was enacted in Yokohama, Japan that said no building could be constructed that prevented sunlight from falling on the surrounding neighborhood for more than four hours a day.

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Pet Pointers

By Jennifer Sobie

One of the most common complaints voiced by cat owners concerns elimination in inappropriate places. A cat that turns up its nose at its litter box in preference to the laundry hamper, the new carpet or a favorite chair can be pretty exasperating to an owner. But the problem isn't necessarily all that difficult to fix.

If your cat has an elimination problem, your first step in setting it right is to determine whether or not the problem involves territorial behavior—marking—or

litter-use behavior. Urine marking (spraying) is a form of communication rather than a litter-training problem. Both males and females mark.

You can tell marking from litter trouble fairly easily by the location of the urine spots. Cats leave marking spots on vertical surfaces (like walls) because they stand with their tails in the air when they mark, but since they urinate in a squatting position, they'll leave puddles of litter-box problems on horizontal surfaces (like floors and chair seats).

Cats mark when they see or smell other cats (or other

animals) that are strange to them or in social competition with them. The simplest and often most effective way to treat marking is to remove the scent or sight of the animal that evokes the spraying. If this isn't possible, you'll need to have the cat neutered or spayed, or have your vet put it on drug therapy. Elimination outside of the litter box is a preference problem. Either the cat has simply found an area that it favors as a potty spot, or there is something about its cat-box the cat doesn't like. Sometimes, if the cat has a problem urinating or his feet hurt, he will associate the discomfort with his litter-box. Also, cats form preferences for the surfaces they eliminate upon (many litter-box problems occur because the owner changes the type—smell or feel—of the litter), and for the specific location where they eliminate.

Cats, unlike dogs, don't return to their potty spots by

scent. Even if you were able to completely remove his urine or feces smell from your carpet with industrial strength super-stuff, it wouldn't have any effect on your cat. In fact, cats tend to avoid their own strong smells.

Instead of scent, cats return to their potty spots by sight and spacial arrangement. If your cat is pottying on the southeast corner of your rug, turn the rug around and he won't go where his scent went, he'll go in the southeast corner.

The first step in solving a litter-box problem is to make certain that your cat likes his litterbox. Sometimes simply a new box with higher or lower sides will bother the cat. Avoid changing brands of litter, particularly when it means changing the smell or texture. Avoid trying to switch an older cat over to the type of box that has a hood—the hood may frighten the cat

or he may find the concentra-

tion of odor unpleasant. Don't feed your cat close to his litter box. Never take your cat to his litterbox and try to hold him there to show him where to go. Never scold your cat near his litter box, or catch him to do something unpleasant to him (such as medicating him) as he leaves the litter. Don't move the litterbox around or, if you must move it, move it gradually, a few feet a day.

If you've done all you can to make the litterbox acceptable for your cat and he still prefers your carpet or laundry basket, work to make that area unacceptable to him. Place his food in dishes near the potty spots; if you have dogs or other cats and can't leave food on the floor, work

on making the area unpleasant for eliminating. Sprinkle strongly scented powder in the area. Crinkle up aluminum foil or chicken wire and lay it there. Buy a motion detector from a pet shop and set it in the area. Whatever your choice of tactic, work to make your cat avoid the area until he reforms a preference for his litterbox.

In working to fix a litterbox use problem, always keep in mind that your cat must want to use his litterbox. You can't force a cat into using his box and, if you try, you'll probably make matters worse. Instead, fix his litterbox to his liking and make the other places where he's pottied unacceptable to him.



Cookies continue to bake as long as they stay on the hot cookie sheet. Remove them immediately and cool on a wire rack.

"Squirmy Wormy Bugs and Slugs" to invade local branch libraries

All kinds of slimy, squishy bugs and slugs invade Kent District Library branches this spring with the program "Squirmy Wormy Bugs and Slugs." This program is for all ages. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The program will be offered at the Alto Branch on Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m. It will be at the Englehardt Branch on Thursday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

This program gives bugs some recognition with stories, crafts, activities and games all about those back-

City adopts light industrial ordinance

It's official...the city has a new zoning ordinance. In a unanimous vote, the Lowell City Council approved the new light industrial zoning ordinance at its meeting Feb. 17.

The difference between the new ordinance and the industrial ordinance is that the regular ordinance allows for the manufacturing of raw materials. Companies applying for the light industrial zoning would be those which use previously manufactured goods and have a less intense use than industrial.

The council had a public hearing on the new ordinance at the meeting and received no comments. Currently, there are no plans or any requests being made to rezone a piece of property to light industrial.

Advanced calligraphy offered at Englehardt Library

Sister Maura Behrenfeld will teach an Advanced Calligraphy program at the Englehardt Library on Friday, March 13, at 10 a.m. This is an adult program for those who have taken Introduction to Calligraphy. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Englehardt Library. Registration is necessary and a \$5 fee will be charged to cover supplies.

Sister Maura has taught many classes in calligraphy at the Franciscan Educational Center in Lowell. She will be teaching

a style of lettering which was once used to write historical documents during the Middle Ages and now has become an exquisite art form and hobby to many.

For more information about the calligraphy program or to register, please call the Englehardt Library, a branch of the Kent District Library, at 897-9596. The Englehardt Library is located at 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.



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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome. No Sept. meeting.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: 4-H Drama Club (Life's a Stage). Open to middle and high school students. The club examines theater related topics and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

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

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

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell

Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

THURS., MARCH 5: The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses Dorothy Randall and Connie O'Dell. Program - Laura Ingalls Wilder's Pioneer Days by Jill Cavazos from Holland, MI. Sponsor Esther Clemenz. Please bring money for the pictures to be ordered.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

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

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

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning

For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

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

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

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

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

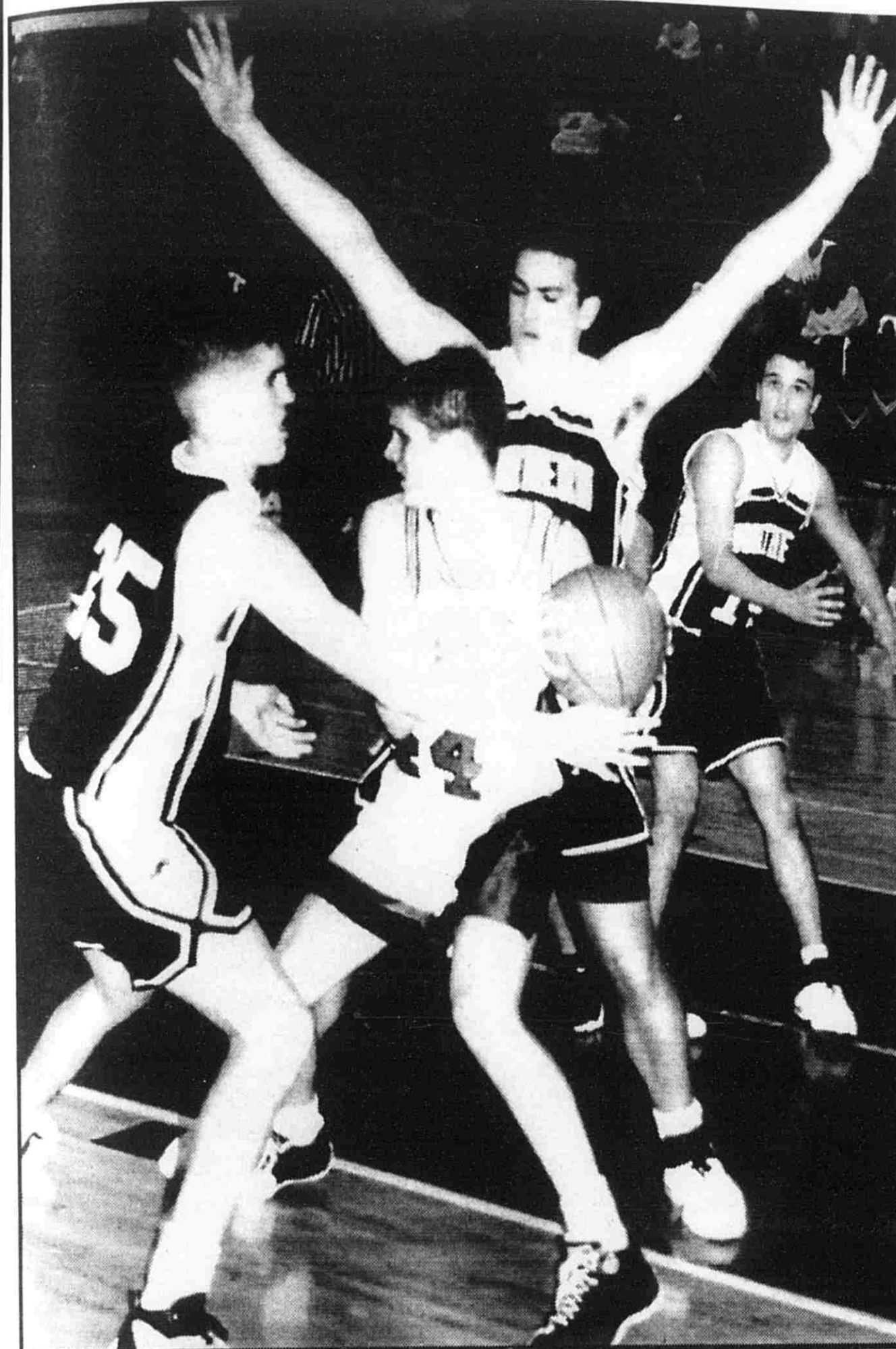
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SAT., MARCH 7: Turkey dinner at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th & M-50. Adults \$6; children 5-12, \$3.50; under 5 free. Serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

SAT., MARCH 7: Lowell Masonic Temple will host an all-you-can-eat fish dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6.50; children, 6-10 \$4; under 6 free. Public welcome.

MON., MARCH 9: Keiser's Kitchen & Lowell YMCA's annual Invest In Youth Campaign from 4 - 8 p.m. Bring this article into Keisers on March 9 and Keisers will donate 10% of your food bill to the Lowell YMCA. For more information call 897-8445.

THURS., MARCH 26: Commodities will be distributed starting at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreation Bldg. on E. Main.



Ryan Mix tries to work his way through a double team in first-half action against Hudsonville.

Lowell basketball team makes some gallant runs, but can't catch Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Hudsonville has used its full court defense throughout the season to control pace.

Friday night, the Eagles' pressure stymied Lowell's comeback pace as it held off the Red Arrows 75-64.

It didn't look like full court pressure would be needed early on. The Eagles led 39-22 late in the first half.

Hudsonville relaxed and a team without a win this year showed it had plenty of heart as the Red Arrows closed the gap (39-29) to 10 at halftime.

"Give Lowell credit... they keep coming at you. They have a few guys who can shoot the three," said Hudsonville coach Paul TenBrink.

Lowell's run before the half was fueled by senior Scott Mikulski. He scored five of the eight points.

It was also Mikulski's three from just right of the key nearly midway through the third quarter which pulled Lowell to within four (44-40) of Hudsonville.

"Scott was hot tonight," said Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush. "It was nice to see the senior have a big game in his last home game."

Also playing in their last

home game were seniors Kevin Williams and Nate Schoen.

"I'm proud of these seniors. They have played hard all year. The rest of the team can look up to them and their work ethic. They have never quit," Bush said.

After Lowell cut the deficit to four, the Eagles applied full court pressure and built the lead back to seven (53-46) and eventually to 15 (61-46) at the end of the third quarter.

"We were catching the ball in bad places, and we were not going to the ball," Bush said.

Lowell was led in scoring by junior T.J. Thayer. He poured in 16. Mikulski added 11 and Williams and Shane Teelander each contributed with nine.

"We've been playing better basketball lately," Bush notes.

Scores would indicate

that. The Red Arrows lost to a 16-2 Ionia club 59-57. A Teelander three went in and out at the buzzer.

It trailed conference champion Wyoming Park 41-39 midway through the third quarter and it was within five of Northview late in the fourth quarter before losing 64-51.

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Lowell was never able to get it going against the 15-2 Huskies.

Northern jumped out to a 14-4 lead and increased its advantage to 35-21 by halftime.

"We came out flat," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "We played better in the second half but were never quite able to get it going."

Ryan Mix led all Red Arrow scorers with 14. Kevin Williams netted 12 and T.J. Thayer added 11.

The most complex language may be the Eskimo language spoken by Inuit people of North America and Greenland. It has 63 forms of the present tense and simple nouns may have up to 252 inflections.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 11, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11675 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Dan Stegman and Alan and Debra Anderson, for a special land use for a private road under Section 3.29 of the Zoning Ordinance, to serve up to seven parcels of land; for site plan review of a residential site development plan that includes four or more lots or parcels of land, under Section 17.02 of the Zoning Ordinance; and for any required determinations under Sections 3.44 and 3.53 of the Zoning Ordinance, with respect to whether proposed land divisions comply with all applicable requirements of Township ordinances, including the Zoning Ordinance, all covering and with respect to the lands commonly described as 13391 Seven Mile Road, NE, and legally described as follows:

The East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 except the East 130 feet and also the East 10 acres of Government Lot 1 except the East 103 feet and also that part of Government Lots 1 and 2 and of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 described as commencing 330 feet West and 753.4 feet North from the South 1/4 corner, thence Westerly 1070 feet to a point 801.37 feet North from the South section line, thence Northerly to a line which is 1077 feet South from and parallel with the East and West 1/4 line, thence East on said line to a point 330 feet West from the North and South 1/4 line, thence Southerly parallel with the North and South 1/4 line to beginning except the West 10 feet thereof, Section 14, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: March 2, 1998

Planning Commission of the
Township of Grattan

Class A Boys' Basketball Regional At Creston

Greenville vs. Northview, 7p.m. Monday

FHC vs Rockford, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday
Creston vs Union, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Lowell vs. Greenville/Northview winner
5:30 p.m. Wednesday

FHC/Rockford winner vs
Creston/Union winner,
7:30 p.m. Wednesday

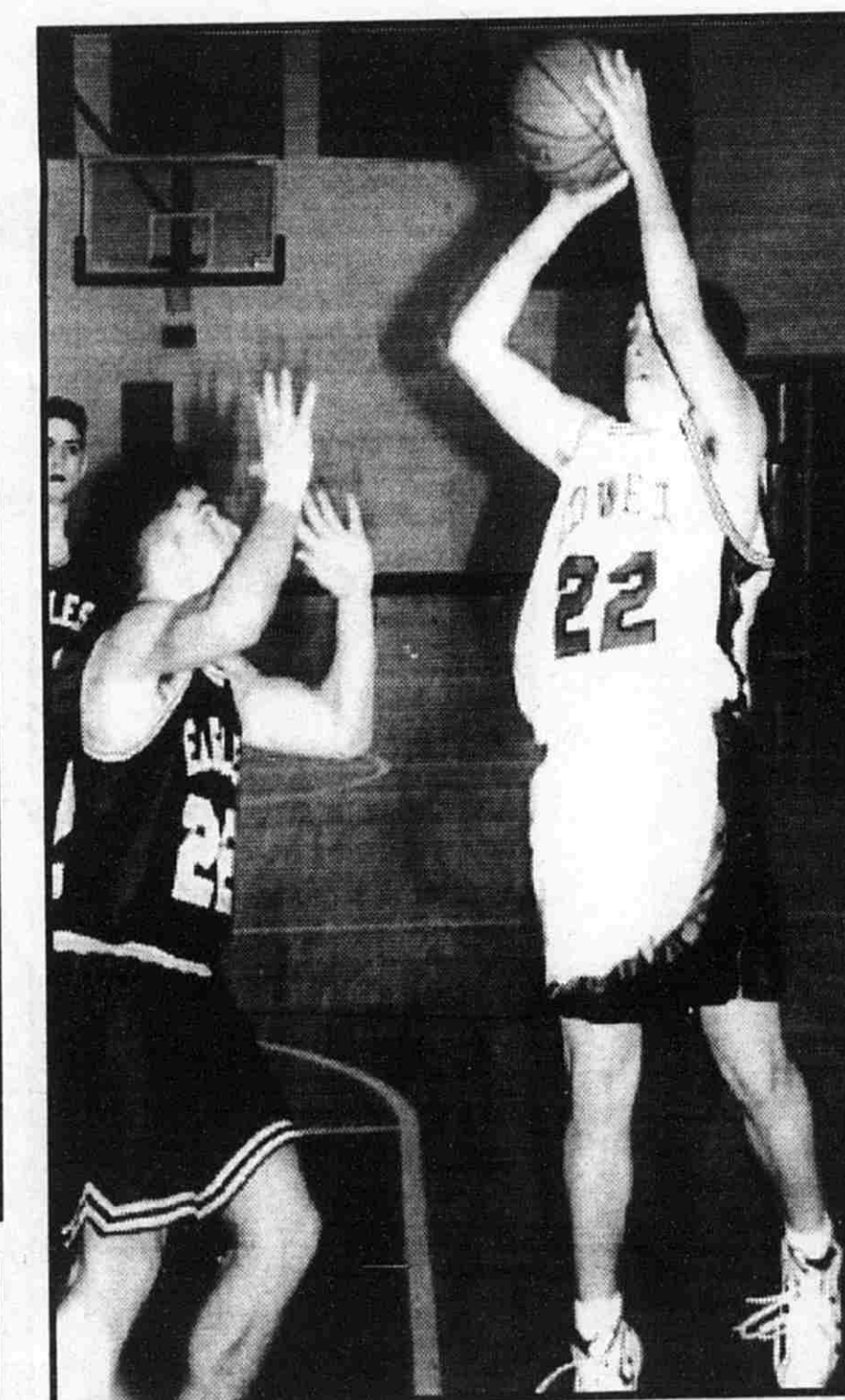
Finals, 7:30 p.m. Friday

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

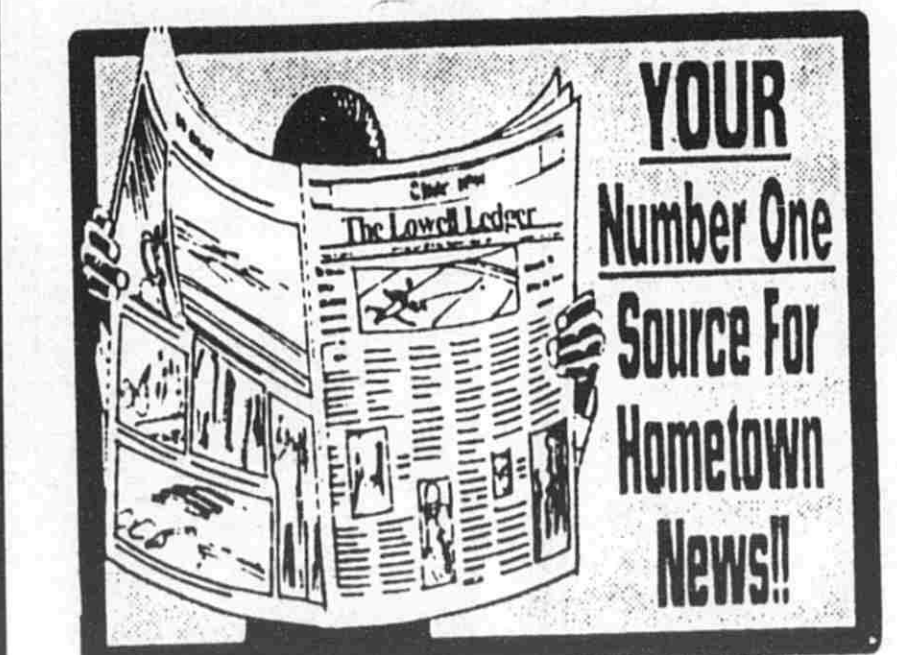
There will be a Special Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the township office located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The purpose of the meeting will be to accept the resignation of the Supervisor and appoint a replacement.

Mari Stone, Clerk



Scott Mikulski tallied 11 points against the Eagles.



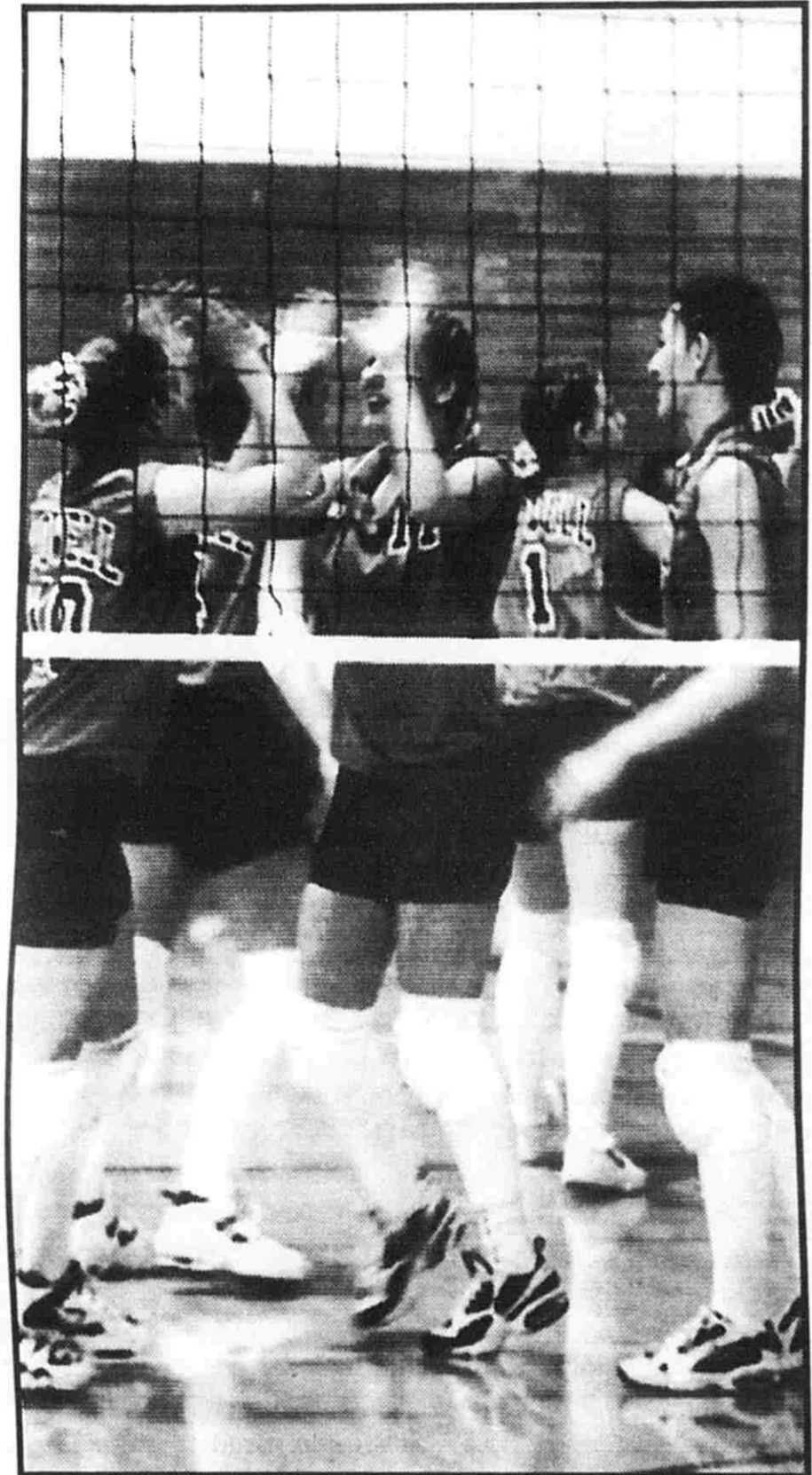
Lowell Spikers come upon tough times at conference tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

White conference tournament what it couldn't do during the regular season.

"Beat teams we should have beaten all year long."

Lowell's volleyball team was looking to do in the OK



Despite losing all three of its games Saturday, Lowell did find some moments to celebrate.

explained Red Arrow volleyball coach Tammy DeVries.

Lowell met with the same success Saturday at East Grand Rapids as it lost both of its first-round matches and a consolation match.

Lowell opened the day as an underdog against perennial volleyball power Zeeland. The Chix defeated the Red Arrows in straight games 15-5, 15-3.

"We lacked defensively against Zeeland," DeVries said.

Cherelle Weber led Lowell in aces with three and digs with two and Jessica Winsor had four kills.

Losing to the Chix is understandable, but Lowell's second loss of the day was difficult for DeVries to take.

The Red Arrows lost a three game match to Hudsonville 15-7, 13-15, 7-15.

Lowell led 6-0 in game three, before Hudsonville closed out the match on a 15-1 run.

"It is very disappointing to lose to a team we should beat," DeVries said. "The girls seemed to lose their intensity after building a 6-0 lead. Our attacks weren't finding the holes."

Despite the loss, Weber played solidly. The senior

posted a team-high 11 kills. "Cherelle had a good day for us," DeVries said.

Laurie Barton finished with five digs and Winsor added two aces.

"Hudsonville played strong. They had a good receiving game today."

Lowell trailed 7-2 in game one before rallying to win. In game two it trailed 7-3 before rallying to take a 13-11 lead. After getting a side out, Eagles' Emily Fewless served out for the 15-13 win.

Lowell finished the day playing for seventh place in the tournament against Hastings.

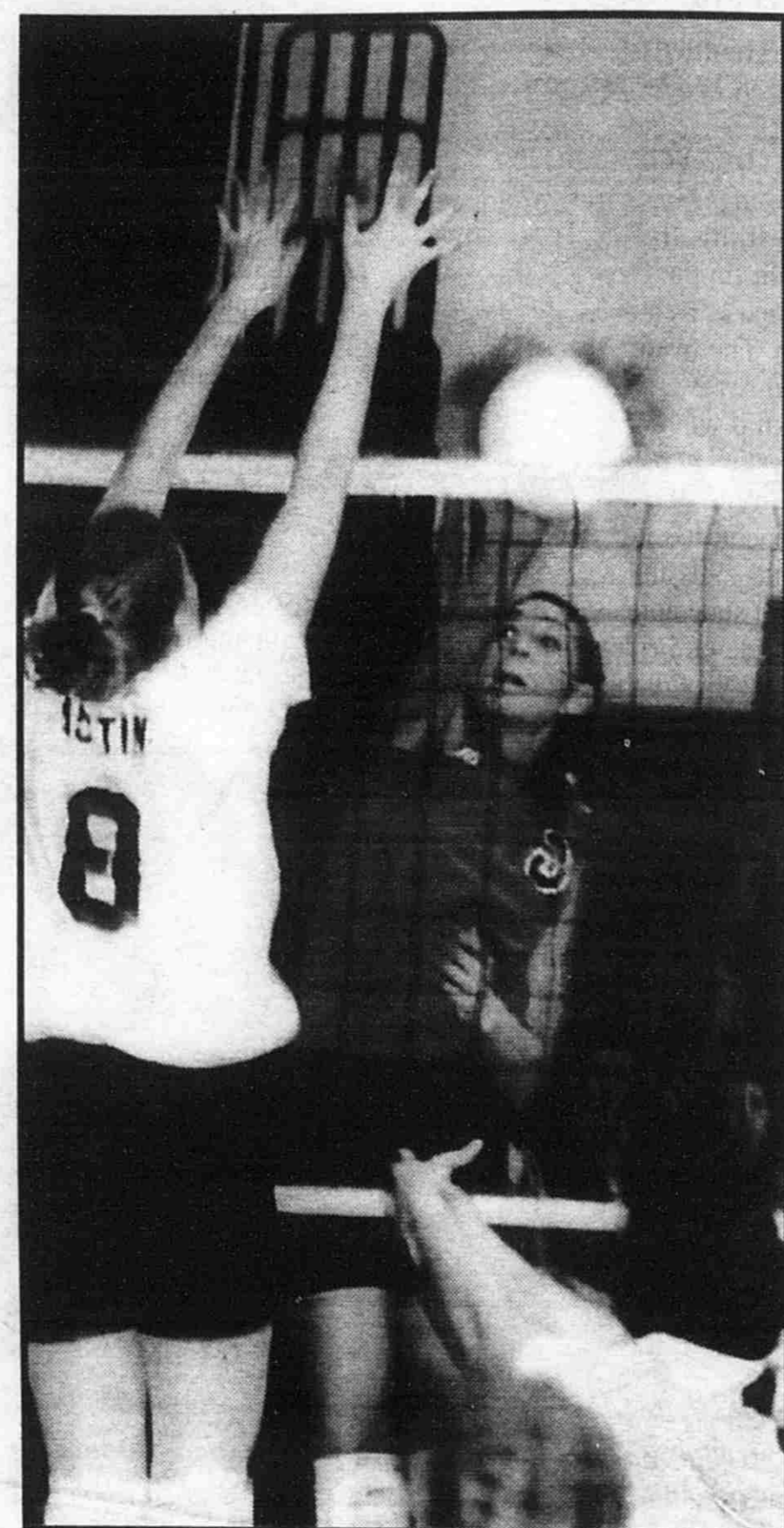
The match played out in much the same way Hudsonville's did. Lowell opened with a 17-15 win in game one, but the Red Arrows could not keep up the intensity as it lost 3-15 and 11-15 to the Saxons in games two and three.

Lowell travels to Greenville on Friday to play Forest Hills Central in the opening round of the Class A district.

The Rangers claimed the OK White conference championship with a 15-8, 15-7 win over Zeeland in the finals on Saturday.

Northview finished third

with a win over East Grand Rapids, and Wyoming Park finished fifth with a victory over Hudsonville.



Lowell's Laurie Barton attempts to hit one past a Zeeland blocker.

Red Arrow grapplers overpower Greenville in regional final

Lowell's regional victory over Greenville advances it to the state tournament where it will face Birmingham Seaholm (27-2) Friday night in Battle Creek at 7:45 p.m.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Greenville was unable to find many holes in Lowell's wrestling lineup Thursday night in the Division III regional at Kenowa Hills.

The result was a 49-13 Red Arrow regional championship win in which Lowell wrestled at peak form.

With the win, Lowell garnered its third regional title in the '90s and will make its third state appearance of the decade on Friday, March 13 where it will face Birmingham Seaholm. The Maples

and Grosse Pointe North tied at 30-30 in the Oak Park regional final, with Birmingham winning the tie-breaker (most pins).

Lowell's appearance in the state tournament follows a convincing win over a 20-10 Greenville team.

"Lowell was able to match up with us where we were solid, and where we were weak they were still solid," Greenville wrestling coach Paul Johnson said. "They have a great team and I wish them luck at the state tournament."

The Yellowjackets used

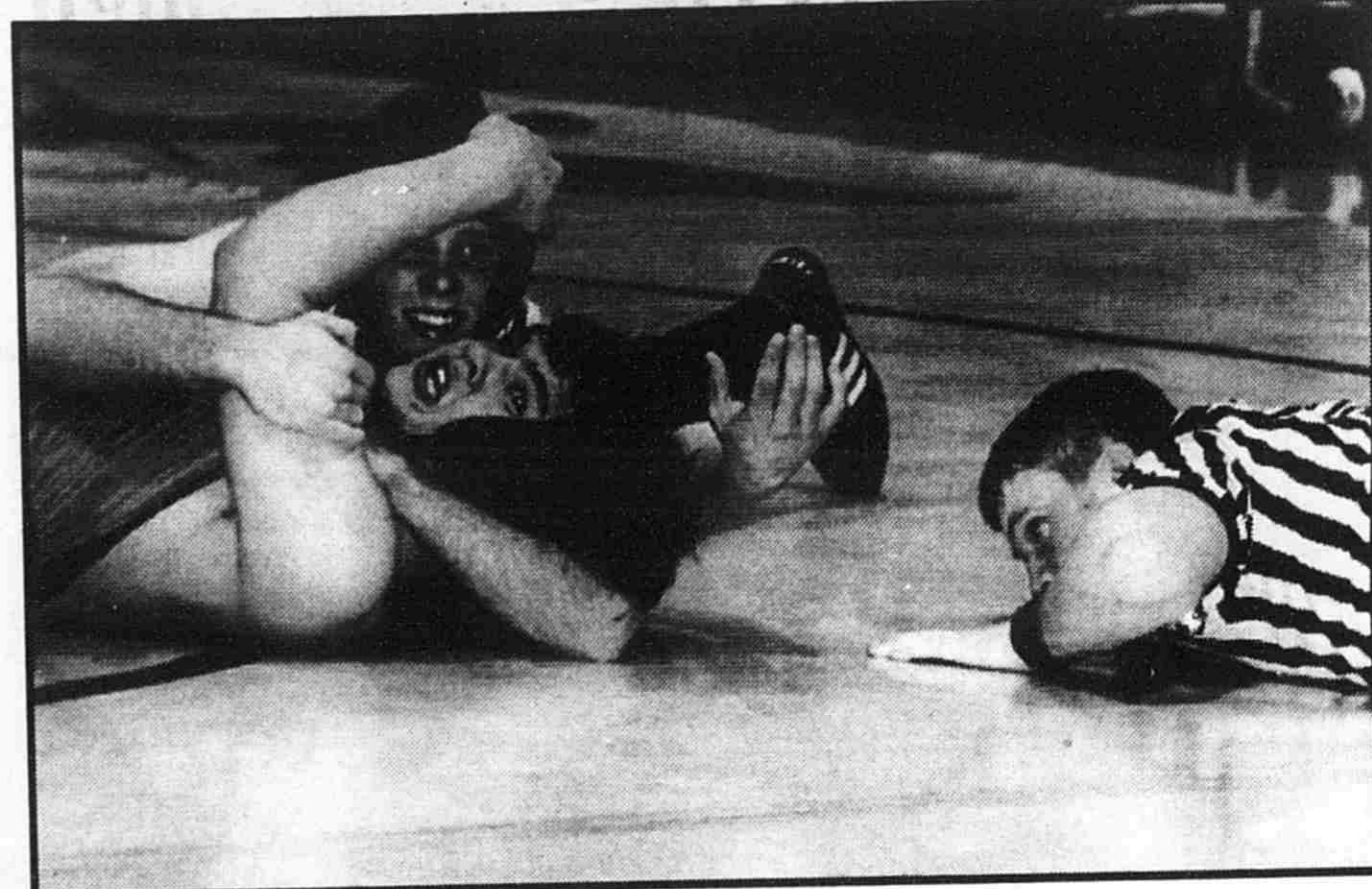
their strong lower weights to beat up on Sparta in their district final. That advantage was absent against the Red Arrows.

Lowell won four of the first six matches and led 14-10 after senior Brad Lyons decided Jeff Hinkle 9-2 at 135 pounds.

"That was a big match. Lyons was a better wrestler than we anticipated," Johnson said.

Lowell coach Gary Rivers shared Johnson's thoughts. "Brad wrestled well. I felt we had the match in hand after his win," Rivers said.

Following a Tom Oesch 9-6 decision against Zeb Brimmer, Greenville cut Lowell's lead back to four



Lowell defeated Greenville in the regional finals 49-13

when Josh Burns (145 pounds) rallied late to defeat T.J. Forward 5-2.

That was the final stand by the Yellowjackets as Lowell closed out the last six matches in a flurry.

The emotional highlight came at 160 pounds. Steve VanLaan trailed throughout his match with Russell Hopkins and managed to escape a near pin before recording a pin of his own at 5:50 of the third period.

"He reached for my head and left himself wide open for the half," VanLaan said. "I have had a tough year, but this is a confidence builder."

VanLaan's pin was preceded by Dave Luyk's 18-3 major decision over Jeremy Grimm.

Jeff Altoft increased Lowell's lead to 34-13 with

his pin against Aaron Kohn at two minutes of the first period.

Lucas Grummet (189 pounds) posted an 11-4 decision against Fabian Ortez.

Lowell's Bill Stouffer (215) and Mike Arnsward (HWT) closed out the match with pins.

Stouffer pinned Bryan Kading at 51 seconds of the first period and Arnsward pinned Paul Albrechtson in 32 seconds.

In the lighter weights, Brett West (103) won 15-1 over Brian Fuller; Dan Rottier (119) decided Chris Mahur 9-5; and Caleb O'Boyle (125) defeated Ben Shattuck 9-1.

In other matches, Nick West (112) lost a 13-0 decision to Terry Ortez. Denny Snuffer (130) was pinned by Greenville's Adam Hopkins

at 2:30 of the second period.

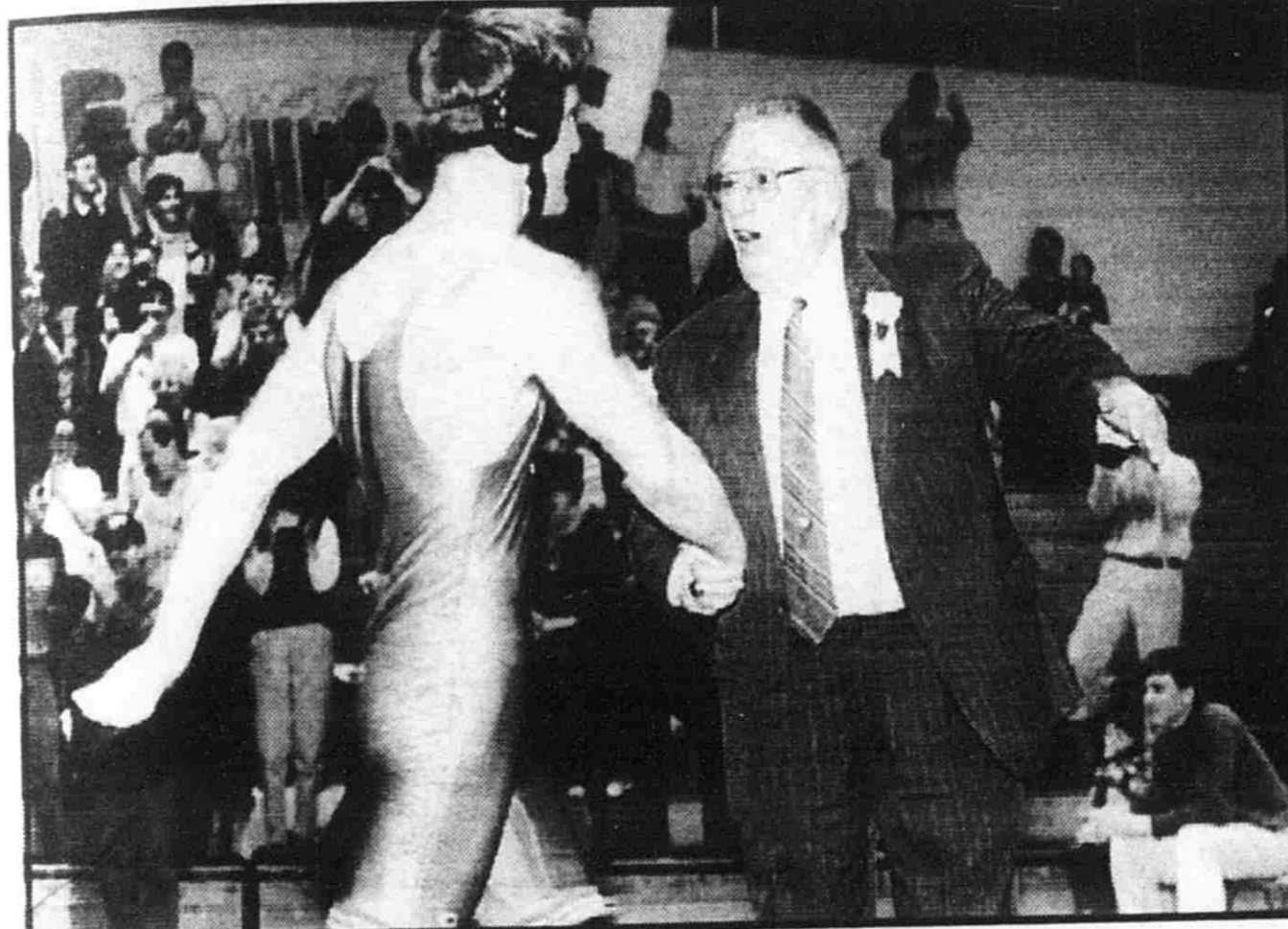
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The Red Arrows' lower weights propelled Lowell to a 21-0 lead and the Red Arrows never looked back against the Huskies.

Lowell won the first and last four weights of the match and two in-between.

"We wrestled a lot of close matches," Northern's coach Tim MacZinski said. "We just didn't have enough. Lowell wrestled well."

Winning matches for Lowell were Brett West, Nick West, Dan Rottier, Caleb O'Boyle, Brad Lyons, Tom Oesch, Steve VanLaan, Lucas Grummet, Bill Stouffer and Mike Arnsward.



Red Arrow coach Gary Rivers congratulates Steve VanLaan on a dramatic third-period pin against his Yellowjacket opponent.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL, 10381 BAILEY DR., ON

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.; also

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuations one of two ways:

1. By letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Assessor, 10381 Bailey Dr. and received by March 6, 1998 or

2. By phoning the Assessor (616) 897-5671 for an appointment to appear in person. You must have an appointment.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are
Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.0000

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Seven Lowell wrestlers advance to individual state tournament

Lowell wrestler to garner a regional title. Five Red Arrow grapplers finished second.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dan Rottier never stops. From his pre-match warmup to the finish, he just keeps going.

"If they had to wrestle eight minutes instead of six, Dan would be better," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "He never stops. He has that desire, enthusiasm and push."

The 119-pound sophomore wrestled his way to a championship in the Division II regional on Saturday.

Rottier began the day with a win over Greenville's Chris Mahar and finished it with a decision over Evan Space of Middleville.

His next stop will be the individual state finals March 13-14. It will be Rottier's second straight appearance in the state finals.

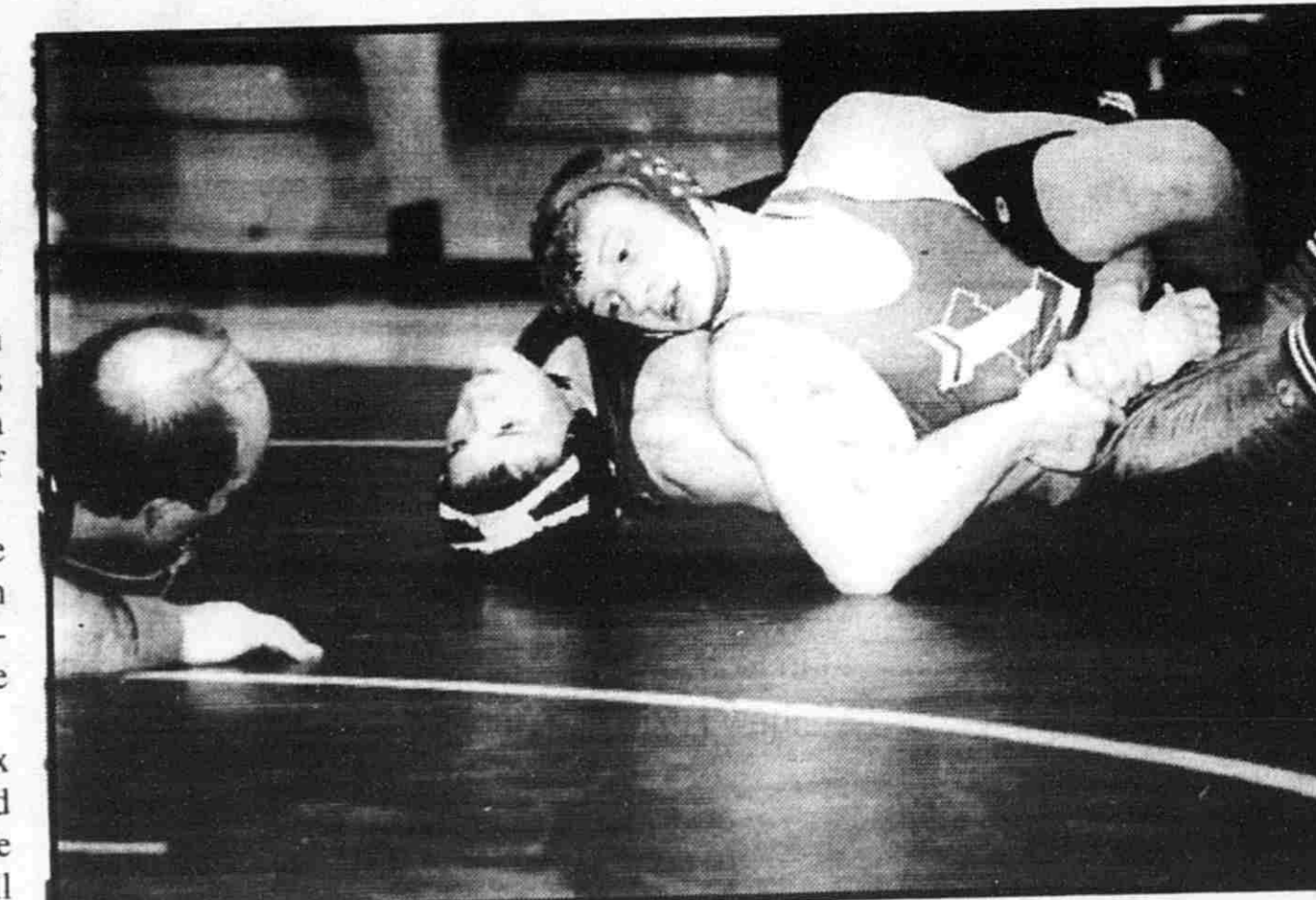
Joining Rottier will be six other Red Arrows. Lowell had nine wrestlers qualify for the regional, seven of whom will move on to the state tournament.

"They continue to astound me," Rivers said. "This was a tough, tough regional. I anticipated three or four would qualify for the state tournament."

Also making his second consecutive appearance in the

state finals will be sophomore Bill Stouffer.

Stouffer defeated Mike Betzold, Bay City John Glenn and Matt Farnsworth from Petoskey to reach the regional final. He lost in the title match to Dean Myers of Cedar Springs 3-2.



Dan Rottier works for a pin in action at the team regional on Thursday.

Three Lowell seniors will advance to the individual state tournament for the first time.

Brett West, 103 pounds, was decisively 18-3 by

Junior Mike Arnsward.

Both Lyons and Luyk are intense. They knew coming into the year this was their final season. There is nothing more to go to after this year."

It was announced Saturday that Middleville coach Tom Lehman and Rivers were named regional coaches of the year.

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FEBRUARY SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Emma Duverny

AGE:.....4 years old

BIRTHDAY.....10/16/93

HOBBIES.....Playing outside

SCHOOL.....Forest Hills Presbyterian preschool



Emma receives a prize for her great checkup.

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| Audrey Frank | Heather Jousma | Jamie Bliss |
| Michael Sprague | Jessica Meyers | David Bliss |
| Adam White | Thomas Sprague | Devon Collins |
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MECHANIC OPPORTUNITY - Ada Premium Beef has an excellent opportunity available for a part-time mechanic. Duties include basic mechanic work & preventive maintenance on forklifts, diesel tractor-trailers, various farm machinery & any other equipment that needs to be maintained. Hours are flexible. Qualified applicants can contact Joel at (616) 949-2350. EOE M/F/V/H.

WAREHOUSE OPPORTUNITIES - Ada Premium Beef has excellent opportunities available in their Box Storage/Warehouse. Accompanying this position is a competitive wage and benefit package including medical, dental, life insurance, and 401(k) plan. Interested individuals can contact Joel at (616) 949-2350. EOE M/F/V/H.

RESTAURANT/WAIT STAFF - Crystal Springs Country Club is accepting applications for servers & bartenders. Flexible hours, excellent working conditions, fun environment & great pay. Apply in person Wed. thru Sat. 7200 Kalamazoo Ave SE or call anytime 698-9096, ask for Anne or George.

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Be sure to check out the school lunch menu in this issue!

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS - A big thank you to Rev. Vance Dimmick for his comforting spiritual help, to our sons Tom & Howie for all their help, to our church family, friends & relatives, for prayers, flowers, cards & other acts of kindness, during Bud & my surgeries & while convalescing at home. We deeply appreciate it all & God Bless You!
Bud & Jean Acheson.

CARD OF THANKS - Thank you to all friends, neighbors, church members, Sandy Warner, doctors & Laurels of Kent, especially the nurses aides for all the visits, cards & other acts of kindness while Dorothy and I were in the hospital. I was recuperating in Laurels of Kent, but am back home. Dorothy resides in the Laurels of Kent.
Harold Bozong

MEMORIAL - To all who attended my brother Earl John (Jack) Fenning's funeral service January 3. I thank you. A special thanks for memorials and flowers. Even though he resided in Lansing where he had his pharmacy, he felt as I do, Lowell is our home. I'm sure he is at peace here in Lowell beside mother and dad.
Lester B. Fenning.

EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED - to Saranac American Legion post 175 on March 14 for our St. URho Night from 5 p.m. - ? Pasties served.

PERSONALS

CHRISTIAN DATING CLUB - 6,000 current members! Safe & confidential. Countless relationships! FREE singles package. Call 1-800-829-3283.

BUSINESS SERVICES

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BUSINESS SERVICES

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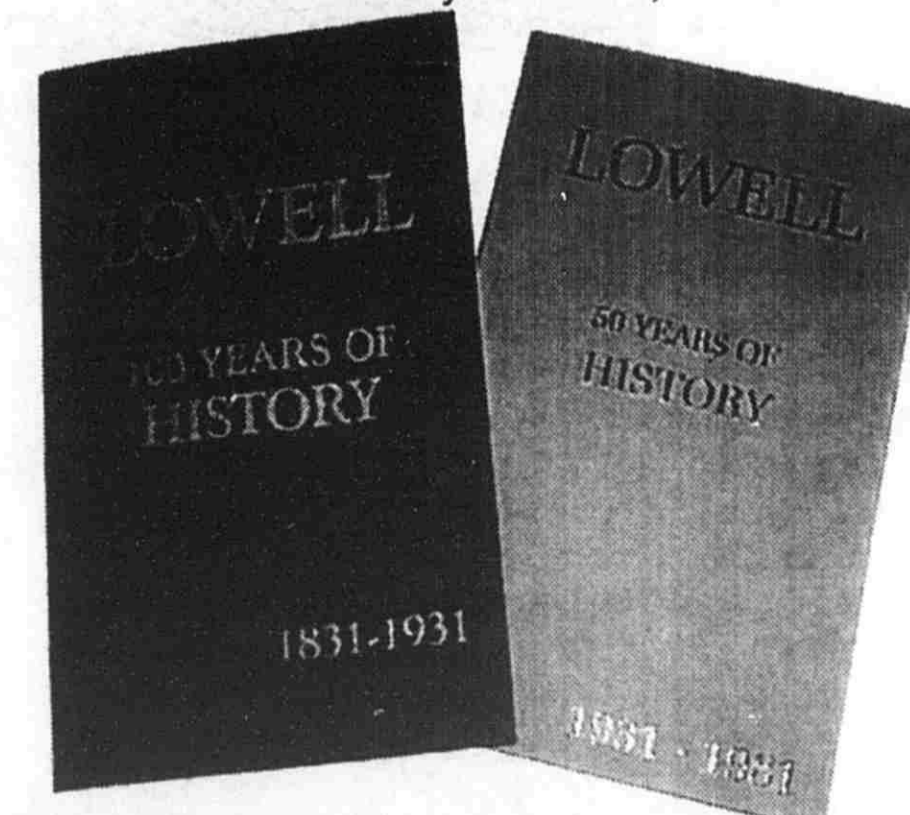
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Check Out These YMCA Spring Programs

Spring Session 1998

YMCA MISSION
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

LOWELL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Lowell Child Development Center offers quality, licensed child care. Our program promotes physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

- Ages Infants (6weeks) to Kindergarten
- Hours - 6:00am - 6:00pm
- Located at First Congregational Church - 404 Hudson St.
- Meals are provided
- Financial assistance available to those who qualify
- Year round programming
- Call for program details - 897-4371

SCHOOL AGE SPRING BREAK FUN CLUB

Come join your friends at the YMCA during Spring Break!

- Hours - 6:00am - 6:00pm
- Activities: "Jungle to Jungle" activities, field trips, swimming and more!
- Sports and games
- Advance registration required - call for details 897 - 4371

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Feb 27 - May 15 • March 13 & April 17

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Our program provides licensed before and after school child care to children attending Lowell and Alto schools.

- Kindergarten through fifth grade
- Hours - 6:00 - 9:00am and 3:30 - 6:00pm
- Full days available for holidays, conferences, and bad weather days
- Breakfast and afternoon snacks are provided
- Homework time
- Sports, games, arts and crafts, outdoor fun and more
- Financial assistance for those who qualify
- Call for program details - 897-4371

3 & 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Check out our specially funded program for 3 -4 years olds in need of special attention before Kindergarten. FREE to those who qualify. Call for details 897-4371. Taking names for 1998-99 school year!

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM • 6 SESSIONS

Kiddy Gym
Ages 3-5
Session I February 24 - April 14 • No class April 7th
Session II April 21 - June 2
A gym class with emphasis on body and spatial awareness, locomotor skills, movement education, and social skills. Class will be held at Bushnell School. Limited space available. Tuesday 3:30 - 4:15pm
Member Fee: \$20 • Non-Member: \$30
3 YEAR OLD - PRE -K SOCCER • April 15 - May 20
Start the basics and learn the fundamentals of the game. Class will be held outside at Creekside Park, unless inclement weather when it will be held in the Riverside School gym. Wednesday 10:30 - 11:15am
Member Fee: \$21 Non-Member: \$33

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ADULT PROGRAMS

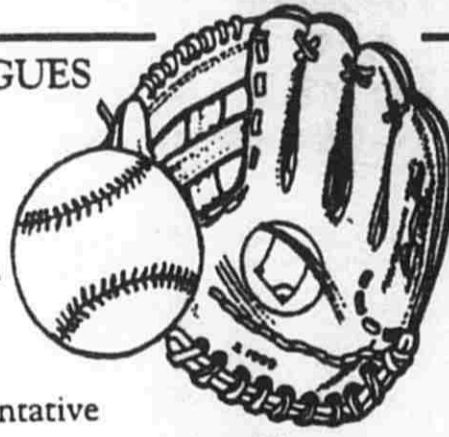
ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Men's Spring League
Wednesdays and Thursdays
Starts: April 8 - 9 games
Fee: \$205 per team - your team fee includes balls, umpires, etc.

Summer League

Please note starting dates are tentative
Mon: Co-ed/Church Division 12 games starts May 4
Mon: Co-ed/Open Division 12 games starts May 4
Tue: Men over 30 12 games starts May 5
Tue: Women's 8 games starts May 19
Wed: Men 12 games starts May 6
Thu: Men 12 games starts May 7
Fri: Men 12 games starts May 1
FEE: \$410 per team for those with 12 games
\$275 per team for those with 8 games
Fee includes balls, umpires, etc.

Call the YMCA for detailed flyer. 897 - 8445



LOW INTENSITY / LOW IMPACT FITNESS

Ongoing through June 5, 1998
Come join the fun at our morning low intensity/low impact fitness class. Excercise at your own pace to music from the past and today. Enjoy the benefit of having more energy while toning your muscles and strengthening your heart and lungs.

Location: First United Methodist Church.

Monday/Friday 10:30 - 11:30 am

Fee: \$4 per visit or \$32 for a 14 visit punch card

HI / LOW IMPACT FITNESS

Ongoing through June 5, 1998

This is a fun upbeat program for all fitness levels. Participants may excercise at their own level. This program is a medium to high intensity workout with combination high/low impact.

Workout includes warm-up, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility/toning and a cool down. Child care is available.

Location: First United Methodist Church.

Monday / Wednesday / Friday • 9:30 - 10:30am

FEEES:

14 Visit Punch Card: Mem: \$34 Non: \$46

21 Visit Punch Card: Mem: \$45 Non: \$58

Per Visit: Mem: \$4.00 Non: \$5.00

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL
Ongoing through March
Open gym will be held at Lowell Middle School.
Monday 7:30 - 9:30pm
Fee: \$2 per person per visit.

MEN'S OVER 30 OPEN GYM
Ongoing through March
Open gym will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary.
Monday • 7:30 - 9:00pm

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

The Lowell YMCA will conduct a values orientated Youth Co-ed Soccer League for 4 yrs - 8th grade.

STRUCTURE

Games begin April 18, 1998. Mini-Kickers meet only on Mondays, beginning April 20th. Grades 1-6 will play games Saturdays and have one practice during the week. Grades 7-8 will play games on weeknights and Saturdays. Home games will be played at various Lowell community fields. Away games will be played at other YMCA's and schools. Grades 3-8 may play away games. The YMCA staff will assign all participants to their teams prior to coaches meeting on March 23 at 6:00 pm.

DATES..Practices could start as early as the week of March 23, 1998, depending on the weather. Coaches will inform players of dates and times for grades K-8. Mini-Kickers will begin April 20th at 5:30 pm. Location: Creekside Park. Makeup dates for bad weather will be Wednesday, June 3rd & Friday, June 5th.

REGISTRATION.. Registration must be received by March 12 for all programs except Mini-Kickers who's deadline is April 2. Late registrations will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

FEEES

Mini-Kickers: Member Fee: \$21 Non-Members: \$33
Kindergarten: Member Fee: \$22 Non-Members: \$36
Grades 1-6: Member Fee: \$24 Non-Members: \$38
Grades 7-8 Boys Mem: \$31 Non-Members: \$45
Grades 7-8 Girls Mem: \$31 Non-Members: \$45
Volunteer Coaches are needed - Call for details!
No refunds or credits will be issued after teams are assigned.



INDOOR SOCCER - LOWELL Grades 1-3 & 4-6

Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. There will also be scrimmages each week. Limited space is available. March 3-19

Lowell - Runciman - Tuesdays • Riverside - Thursdays

Grades 1-3 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Grades 4-6 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Member Fees: \$ 21 Non-Members: \$33

INDOOR SOCCER - ALTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades 1-3 • Mon & Thu: March 12-30

Members: \$21 Non: \$33

SOFTBALL / BASEBALL / T-BALL

The Lowell YMCA will conduct values orientated Youth Softball and Baseball Leagues for grades 1-5 and T-Ball for ages 4-5 years and kindergarten. Teams will concentrate on the basic fundamentals while emphasizing fun.

T-BALL - 4 & 5 YEARS: This co-ed program runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays, June 2 - June 30th at Creekside Park - South field. There will be a short parents meeting at the field on the first day, Tuesday, June 2nd, from 5:30 - 6:15 pm.

T-BALL-KINDERGARTEN: This co-ed program runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays. June 2 - June 30th, at Creekside park. Players will attend a clinic on Tuesday, June 2. Clinic: 6:30 - 7:15. There will be a short parents meeting at the field on the first day. Times will vary after the first day.

SOFTBALL Grades 1-2: This is a co-ed program with coach pitch format for games and practices. Games will be played on Thursdays and Saturdays. June 4-July 2nd. Coaches will call with practice times.

BASEBALL Grades 3-5: This is a program for boys in grades 3-5 with pitching machines for games and some practices. Games will be played on Thursdays and Saturdays from June 4 - July 2nd. Coaches will call with practice times.

SOFTBALL Grades 3-5: This is a program for girls in grades 3-5 with coach pitch format for games and practices. Games start May 6 and will be played on Wednesdays. Coaches will call with practice times. Some games may be played at other area YMCA's.

REGISTRATION: Registration must be received by April 16, 1998 for grades 1-5 and April 30th for T-Ball. Late registrations will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Financial assistance is available.

FEEES:

T-Ball: Member: \$22 Non-Member \$36

Grades 1-5: Member: \$24 Non-Member: \$38

Volunteer Coaches Are Needed - Call for details!

COACHES MEETING -

Grades 1-5 April 14 - 6:00pm at the Lowell YMCA
T-Ball (4yrs - Kdg) May 7 - 6:00pm at the Lowell YMCA

GYMNASTICS
April 21 - June 4 • Grades K-8 • 7 Sessions
Students will be introduced to the wonderful world of gymnastics learning the beginning, intermediate and advanced skills. Held at Lowell High School Auxiliary Gym. Limited space.
Beginner - Just starting out, not able to do cartwheel yet.
Wed: 6:15 - 7:15pm • Thu: 6:15 - 7:15pm
Intermediate - Can do cartwheels with confidence.
Tue: 6:15 - 7:15pm & 7:15 - 8:15pm • Wed: 7:15 - 8:15pm
Advanced - Must be able to do a walkover, back handspring, or aerial cartwheel.
Thu: 7:15 - 8:45pm
FEEES:
Beg/inter - Mem: \$24 Non: \$34 • Advanced - Mem: \$27 Non: \$37

Alto Sports Sampler - April 14 - May 21
Don't know which sport is for you? Try our Sports Sampler program at Alto Elementary School. T-Ball, Soccer, Basketball, and Street Hockey.
Grades 1-3 Tue: 3:30 - 4:30pm • Grades 4-5 Thu: 3:30 - 4:30pm
Member Fee: \$20 • Non-Member Fee: \$32

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