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Lowell Police Department issues 11 warrants related to recent break-ins and barn fire

The Lowell Police Department has issued 11 felony warrants in connection with recent break-ins and the Greenridge Realty barn fire.

James Hinton, Lowell Police Department investigator/detective, said some of the suspects were involved in more than one of the felonies in question.

"One of the suspects has been picked up," Hinton said. "The department is

hopeful that all suspects can be picked up within the week."

The Lowell officer said all the suspects range in age from 17-24 and all reside in Lowell.

Four felony warrants have been issued for the October break-in at Backwater Cafe; three warrants for burning of real property two-three days prior to the Greenridge fire

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Board of education scheduled to decide on soft drink vendor contract at Dec. meeting

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School Board will be asked at its December meeting to act on a resolution to enter into a consortium with members of Kent Intermediate School District as to whether it will participate in a soft drink vending contract.

Lowell School officials are still unclear how that agreement might read.

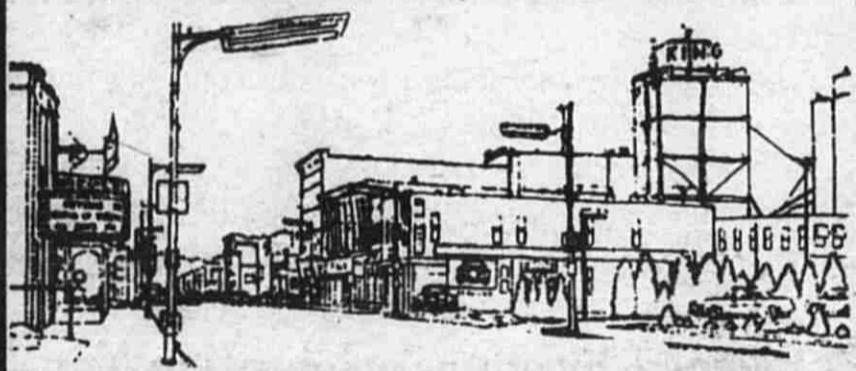
The Lowell School Board's decision on whether to join other Kent County schools in an exclusive vending contract was delayed a month because the RFP (Request for Proposal) was not yet complete.

Originally, it was thought that KISD schools would not have to buy out their contracts with current vendors before joining the consortium.

That has changed. "As the Request for Proposal is written right now, if a school enters into another contract,

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Along Main Street



YMCA WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL

The deadline has passed but if you have not signed your child up for the winter basketball program, they are accepting late registrations until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. Late registrations will be taken for children in grades 3 - 6.

Please stop by the YMCA office or call at 897-8445.

LHS SPORTS PARENT/PLAYER MEETING

There will be an informational meeting for all Lowell High School winter athletes and their parents on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY PAYMENTS DUE

Payments for the Senior All-Night Party may be turned in to Deb Lonick at the high school cafeteria on Thurs., Dec. 3, and Fri., Dec. 4, during lunch periods. Checks in installments of \$25 or the total amount of \$100 may be made out to Lowell Senior Parents.

SKI CLUB PACKAGES

Cannonsburg Ski Club packages are still available until the following dates: elementary (turn into the office) Dec. 3 (ages 8 & older); middle school, Dec. 2; high school, Dec. 3.

Any questions or for more information, contact Robin Briggs, 897-9904, or Kathy Talus, 897-4125.

LMS BAND CONCERT

The Lowell Middle School seventh and eighth-grade holiday band concert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym.

AUDITIONS FOR LAAC PLAY

Auditions for the Lowell Area Arts Council play *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward will be held Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at the Arts Center, 149 S. Hudson St., at 7 p.m.

Preview scripts may be obtained at the center for a small deposit. The play requires two women and one man of similar ages and four women and one man of various ages. Performances will be at the Performing Arts Center in mid February. Jim Marron will direct.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Fire Station is sponsoring a Grand Valley Blood Program blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

PARENTS OF SENIORS -GET THOSE PICS IN!

Pictures are needed of your high school seniors for their video to be available at the Senior All-Night Party. Baby and individual pictures, serious or funny, as well as group shots may be dropped off at the high school office or media center.

Judges crow favorably for LAHA's non-traditional Christmas Tree

••• Christmas trees inside the Gerald Ford Museum will be on exhibit through Jan. 3.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There are 20 trees inside the Gerald R. Ford Museum that have been decorated by diverse community organizations for the traditional Christmas on the Grand.

But only one speaks of a natural Lowell. It is aptly entitled *Lowell's Love for Farming*.

The Lowell Area Historical Association (LAHA) joined other communities and organizations throughout West Michigan for the third year of the event.

Decorating the tree for LAHA again this year were LAHA member Tina Phillips and Lowell resident Laurie Mattingly.

This year's effort received "Most Creative" honors. Last year's *Natural Lowell* earned "Best of Show" recognition.

This year's entry has a farm theme from its rooster weather vane top to the sunflower montage tree skirt. In between, there are a series of bean balls, peas, corn, black beans, wheat and apples.

"The tree is not your traditional tree," Mattingly explained. "But Tina and I are not your traditional people."

While not flashy, Phillips said the tree represents a beautiful way to live. "It is what Lowell is about. Everything on the tree is so very natural," Phillips explains.

Winners were selected in theme categories; most creative, best of show and best cultural theme.

The trees will be on exhibit at the museum through Jan. 3. They are displayed in the lobby of the building which is open from 5 until 8 p.m. each evening.

The museum's regular hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Mattingly and Phillips differ on personal favorites.

"I think all three have been very cool. Last year's was the most eloquent," Mattingly said.

Phillips liked this year's for its naturalness.

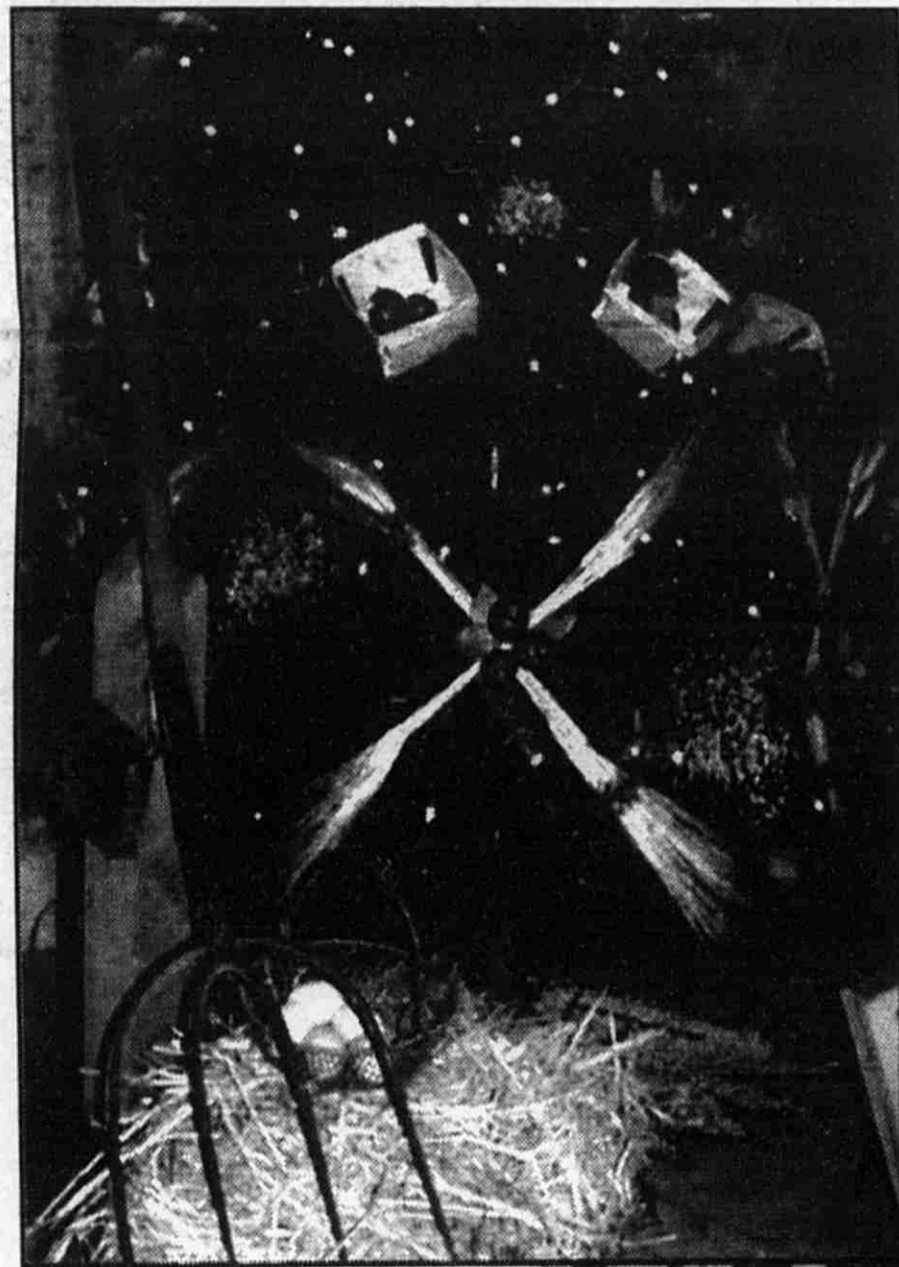
"Many people were stunned by what was done with simple, natural items," Phillips said.

The LAHA member added the event is a way for the organization to stay in the public eye.

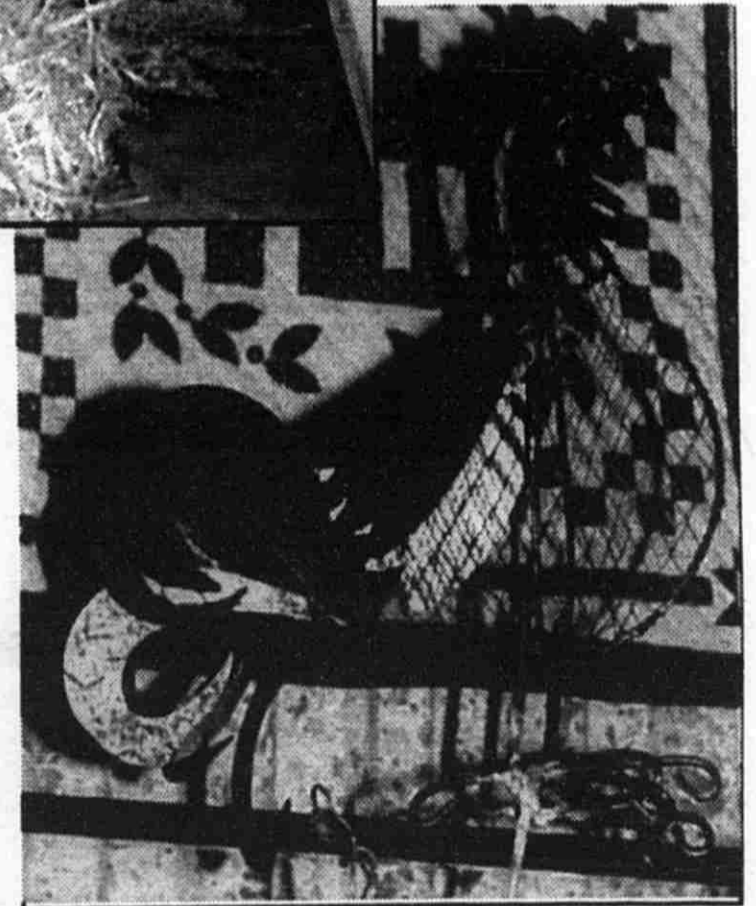
Each year, items from the trees are kept by LAHA and displayed in the historical museum (Graham building).

Mattingly and Phillips started working on the idea back in May; the actual creation process began three weeks ago.

They recognized the assistance they received from Angie Ladd, Brenda Clark, Bobbi Cook and Jim Mattingly.



Lowell Area Historical Association was recognized with "Most Creative" at the annual Christmas on the Grand. There were 20 organizations and communities in West Michigan vying for prizes. Tina Phillips and Laurie Mattingly were the artists behind the tree decoration.



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OBITUARIES

BUSSEMA - Laura Lucille Bussema, aged 84, of Lowell, went to join our Lord, November 18, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Carl Bussema, and grandchildren Wanda (Carios) Pellet. She is survived by her beloved daughter Sandra Miller, many loved grandchildren Debbie (Dave) Weber, Teresa Miller and Frank, Tammy (Herbert) James, Carl (Missy) Miller and William (Shannon) Miller, 18 beautiful great-grandchildren and one special great-great-grandson Cecil Phillip Oliver III, three cherished sisters, Helen Rummelt, Margie Perry and Marylou (Bob) Bermington. Mrs. Bussema will be remembered always as a loving sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel with Rev. Ronald Tansors officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the AIDS Foundation. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

DEVRIES - Mrs. Marjorie N. DeVries, aged 90, of Alton, went to be with her Lord Saturday, November 21, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband Herman. Surviving are her children, Herman (Bud) and Elaine DeVries of Grand Rapids, Roger and Ruth DeVries of Alton, Gordon and Lynn DeVries of Byron Center and Kathleen DeVries of Alton; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; her sisters Mrs. Henry (Wilma) Meilema and Mrs. Donald (Beatrice) Palma; her sisters-in-law Mrs. Abe (Marjorie) Raynour, Mrs. Neil (Ann) DeVries and Mrs. Franklin (Neil) DeVries. A special thank-you to her caregiver Tracy. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Third Reformed Church, Rev. Kent Fry officiating. Interment Reslawns Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to Visiting Nurses/Hospice.

GRAHAM - Forrest Laverne Graham, aged 85, passed away Saturday, November 21, 1998, at Reshavan Care Center, Holland. Forrest was born on December 15, 1912, to Carl and Jessie (Peel) Graham; married Marian H. Graham. He was a member of the

Community Church of Douglas. He lived in the Fenville area since 1954 coming from Lowell. He is survived by his son Richard and Mary Graham of Fenville; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Marian H. Graham in 1994 and his son Robert L. Graham in 1974. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the Chappell Funeral Home, Fenville, with Dr. Daniel N. Miller officiating. Interment Taylor Cemetery, Ganges Township.

HANSON - Bertha Marie "Dot" Hanson, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away Friday, November 20, 1998. She is preceded in death by her husband Bert, brothers and sisters Richard, Alice, Julia, Bud, Marvin, Henry and a special nephew Tom Kneewers. Survived by her children Derek (Connie) Hanson of Forest Hills, Dale (Jan) Hanson of Lowell and Jon (Charlie) Jitek of Grand

Rapids; grandchildren, Brent and Reid Hanson, Benjamin and Jonathan Hanson and Lindsey Jitek. Dot was a lifetime resident of Lowell with many friends and special sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Most important in her life was teaching her children and grandchildren to always follow their faith and show compassion and understanding to all God's children. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

MOORE - Eva M. Moore, aged 84, of Ionia, passed away November 15, 1998. Surviving are five daughters: Shirley Sandoval of Colorado, Glenneth Mae (Harold) Brack of Cadillac, Frances Thomas of Lowell, Sherry (Richard) Millions of Battle Creek and Eva Dunn of Clarksville; three sons:

Emil (Alma) Moore of Washington, Charles Moore of Florida and John Moore of Traverse City; 39 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one special sister Priscilla Tett of Colorado; nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held November 19 with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements by Myers Memorial Chapel.

RYND - Michael Paul Rynd, aged 49, of Saranac, passed away Sunday, November 22, 1998, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital. He was born on January 5, 1949, in Kalamazoo to the parents of Richard L. (Carol Gouldsby) Rynd and birth parents Leonard and Gladys Gettys, both of whom have preceded him in death. He married Kristie Towersey August 13, 1988, in Easton Township. Besides his wife he is survived by two sons Richard

(Rhonda) Rynd of Saranac and Timothy (Kristi) Rynd of Ionia; four brothers Jack and Dorothy Gettys of Kalamazoo, Bud Gettys of Florida, Harley (Kathy) Gettys of Kalamazoo and Dick (Diana) Gettys of Kalamazoo; three sisters Carol Eisenhart of Kalamazoo, Sharon and Butch Craft of Virginia and Darlene Grote of Florida; mother and father-in-law Helen and John VanDyke of Wyoming; brother-in-law Michael and Karen Towersey of Ionia; two grandchildren KayDee and Elizabeth; several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at the Easton United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Anyone wishing may make contributions for a family choice. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

Student council efforts benefit blood bank and food pantry

A record number pints of blood were collected at the annual Lowell High School student council blood drive. There were 104 participants; 55 were first-time donors and 77 pints were collected. "It was an all-time high in the history of student council blood drives," said senior class advisor, Heather Koltz. There were 45 students and volunteers who were involved in organizing and working at the blood drive.

A student council food drive benefiting the Flat River Ministries Thrift Shop (ACCESS 6) also met with much success. Lowell High School seminar classes competed in a food drive contest Nov. 16-20. This year's winning classroom was Nancy Heatley. Each student in her class brought in an average of 21.6 nonperishable food items. The class won a pizza party for its efforts.

Historic Bowens Mills begins Christmas celebration Nov. 27

"Fresh cut Christmas trees, family-horse drawn rides, hot chocolate and cookies are all part of 'It's Christmas at the Mill.'" Historic Bowens Mills Grand Opening of "It's Christmas at the Mill" is Friday, November 27. It will include fresh cut Christmas trees, family horse drawn rides and warm old-time atmosphere with gifts and crafts

in the old mill's General Store. An old-fashioned Christmas will be the theme at the first ever "It's Christmas at the Mill." Over the river and through beautiful Yankee Springs, to Historic Bowens Mills make memories as in the good old days like family horse drawn rides, sipping hot chocolate, munching on cookies and warming up by the old pot-bellied stove. Father Christmas will be on hand to visit with the children and hand out candy canes. The

general store in the mill will take on a magical holiday glow decked with gifts and crafts and displays of Christmas past. A large selection of fresh cut Christmas trees including Scotch Pine, Concolor Fir, Douglas Fir, Blue Spruce will be on sale on the mill grounds. There will also be wreaths, garlands and potted trees. If you buy a tree you will receive a complimentary "Family Horse Drawn Ride." Historic Bowens Mills is a privately owned state Historic Site with no state funding. "It's Christmas at the Mill" is a fundraising event for 1999 with all proceeds used in the upkeep and restorations for the coming year. "It's Christmas at the Mill" will continue Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 5 p.m. until Dec. 19. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 616-795-7530.

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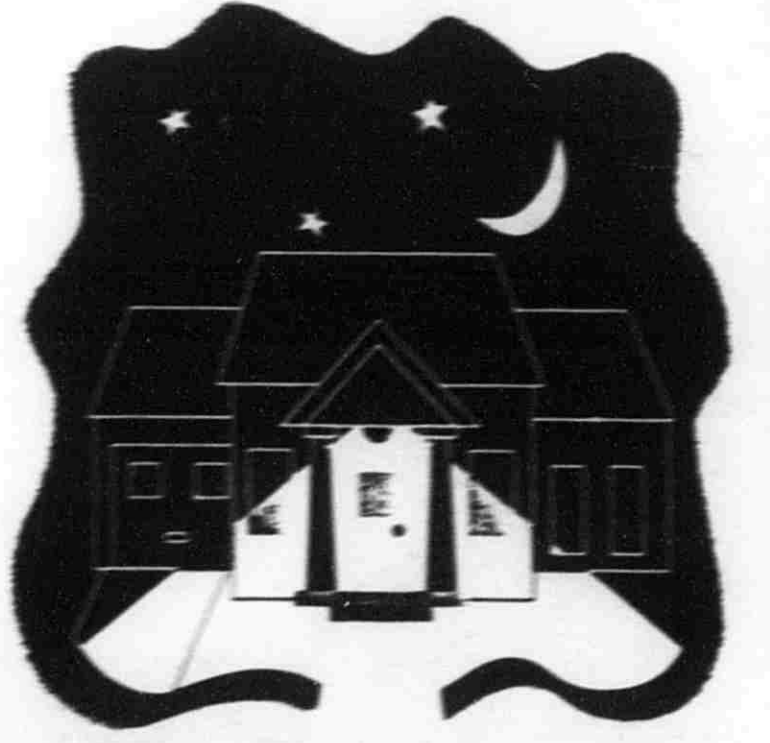
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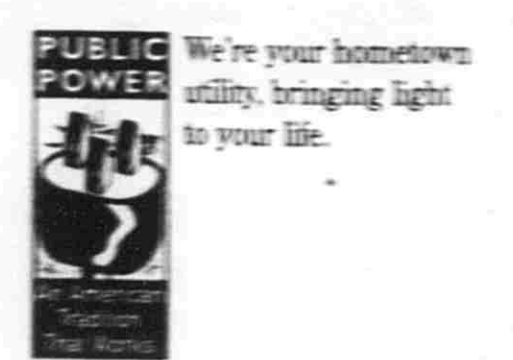
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New accounting software will make city 2000 compliant

Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable are expected to contract with Daffron which offers software especially designed for utility operations.

The installation of Creative Microsystems Inc. (CMI) accounting software and equipment will replace the existing Versys accounting system and enable the city finance department to be compliant in the year 2000. Dwayne Houghton, of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson, worked with city officials to determine what software would best fit the city's needs. Based on its flexibility, Houghton recommended CMI, a

PC based system which is needed to be compliant in the year 2000. Factors which figured into the decision include the amount of time vendors allow for installation, implementation and training as well as input from the accounting personnel using the system. The cost of \$34,200 includes \$16,500 for software and first-year support; \$13,500 for 22 days of implementation; and \$4,200 for 14 days of training at a location in Ohio. On-site training would cost the city \$13,440. Second and subsequent years of support will be approximately \$2,300 annually. Houghton warned that all quotes are estimates and may change. The city has budgeted \$55,000 from its data processing fund. Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale favors a single

vendor for all utilities whereby taxpayers would get one single bill. Paul Christman, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable superintendent, said the companies will contract with Daffron Software which is designed specifically for utility operations. Houghton said the two systems have the capacity to interface. In order for the city to interface with Daffron, however, a separate system would need to be purchased. Lowell mayor Bill Thompson said there are differing views from the different boards about combining all utilities into an overall network operation. "I'd hate to change when the accounting offices at Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable are running so well," Thompson said.

Emergency address signs reduce response time confusion



John Muha, left, and Kathy Paroff display the new emergency address safety signs.

Eradicating improper addressing in the service area of the Lowell Area Fire Department and other emergency personnel has been a frustrating task but is the charge of a new public awareness program. The Lowell Area Fire Department Explorers Post 2102 has started a "Help Us Help You When Seconds Count" safety program whereby local residents, at a cost, will be provided with a "911" aluminum safety sign. It will be coated with reflective green vinyl and numbered with reflective white numbers so they can be spotted at night. "All area emergency service agencies have endorsed these signs as an extremely effective aid in decreasing response time confusion," said lieutenant safety officer, John Muha. "The use of these signs has been a nationwide

campaign which began a year ago." The safety signs should be attached to a resident's mailbox if it is located at the end of the driveway; otherwise the sign itself should be placed at the end of the driveway. It should not be placed on a mailbox stand that does not sit at the end of a driveway. The cost of safety signs are \$15 each or two for \$27.50. Safety signs can be ordered by contacting Frank Martin at 897-8135, John Muha at 897-6735 or Kathy Paroff at 897-5123.

Lowell's Waldron awarded state honorable mention

Nicole Waldron, a member of Team Equest 4-H group, was awarded an honorable mention in the Gold Ribbon program for her cut paper collage entitled *Skylar* at this year's Michigan State Fair in Detroit. She was able to attend a reception for participants, which included artistically talented youth from all over the state. Although Waldron's group is primarily a horse group, the 4-H program is designed to motivate education in any area of interest and enthusiasm for its members. Riding is a relatively new area for Waldron who attends Lowell High School where art has been her main interest.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lowell City Offices, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 1998 in observance of Thanksgiving.
The City of Lowell refuse pick up scheduled for Thursday will be picked up on Friday due to the holiday.
Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

Variance provides greater access to lift station

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Zoning Board of Appeals upheld a planning commission decision to grant Michael Nosko a variance. The Maplewood Square developer has proposed the construction of two fourplex apartments at the southeast

corner of Sibley and Ridgeview. Nosko went before the Zoning Board of Appeals petitioning for a 20-foot setback when the ordinance requires 30 feet. The request was made to accommodate an existing sewer lift station. In its recommendation,

the Lowell Planning Commission stated the variance would not impair the intent of the ordinance because the need to accommodate the city sewer lift station would not impair intent.

City officials said the variance will provide greater access to the lift station.

BUSINESS MATTERS

The Huntington National Bank would like to announce their *Kash For Kids and Learning With Interest* poster contest

winners this year. At Cherry Creek Elementary, first prize and a \$50 savings bond went to Katelynn Zuiderveen; second prize to

Lynn Ann Bell, and third prize to Danielle Anchors.

At Alto Elementary, Megan Fizer won first prize and a \$50 savings bond; second prize went to Ben Hanson and third prize to Megan Vaught.

The posters are currently on display at Cherry Creek Elementary and the Huntington National Bank.



Townsend and Sadler plan for Jan. wedding

Carissa Anne Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Townsend Jr. of Ada, and James Coleman Sadler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sadler of Wayland, are engaged and planning a January 16, 1999 wedding.

The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College.

The future groom is a graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Council approves Godfrey rezoning request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Donna Ford, of 731 Birchwood Ct., wanted to know about David Anderson's plans for a buffer.

John Ingersoll, who resides at 1030 Hunt St., wanted to know what effect Anderson's 16-unit development at 703 Godfrey would have on his property taxes.

Anderson wanted the council to approve rezoning his property from R-1 to R-2 residential.

All three received answers to their questions.

The Lowell City Council

approved Anderson's request to rezone his 2.53-acre parcel on the south side of Godfrey, west of Beech Street, to R-2 which allows for multiple family development by special use permit. It will reduce density from 10 to six units per acre while providing the Lowell Planning Commission with an added amount of review.

Ford was concerned that Anderson would be using the 25-foot easement as the buffer.

"The easement is not a buffer. There are no large trees to shield Birchwood Court residents' view from the pro-

posed complex," Ford said. Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale explained that the buffer question would be an issue taken up during the site plan review.

Ingersoll, whose property on Hunt is adjacent to Anderson's, queried the council about what the development would do to his property taxes.

Pasquale said he was uncertain. Lowell mayor, Bill Thompson, recalled similar concerns when Burger King was put in. "Many believed values would decrease. Studies showed the reverse is true - values increase," he said.

Local Kent District libraries offer Christmas decorating program

With the holiday season approaching, many will be busy with home decorating. With that in mind, the Englehardt, Caledonia, and Alto branches of the Kent District Library will present a special one-hour program, *Decorating for Christmas* with Joanne Poulas.

Registration is required. The Friends of the Englehardt Library and Friends of the Caledonia Library sponsor this program intended for adults.

Poulas is co-founder of Victorian Thymes Floral and Gifts in Lowell and has over 10 years of experience in floral design. At the program she will demonstrate the use of fresh greens in wreath arrangements and Christmas swags. Poulas will also demonstrate how to make a Christmas candle centerpiece and storable, florist-quality bows for packages and decorating. Those who attend will come away with floral ideas to make their homes reflect the beauty of the season.

For more information about or to register for *Decorating for Christmas*, please call the Englehardt Branch Library (897-9596) 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.; Alto Branch (868-6038) 6071 Linfield, Friday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.; or the Caledonia Branch (891-1502) 240 Emmons, Friday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Note: The one-hour *Decorating for Christmas* program is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library and for Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Alto Library.



The unseasonably warm weather over the weekend brought large numbers of shoppers out for the seventh annual Christmas Through Lowell. West Michigan shoppers visited up to 16 different shops in the Lowell area looking for that special holiday craft.

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Planning Commission sets up task force to study duration and location issues pertaining to transient merchants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With a moratorium on any new transient merchant license being issued, the Lowell Planning Commission set the framework for a task force committee of nine to study the current ordinance and discuss where transient merchants should appropriately be located.

Concern was raised at a council meeting earlier this month regarding location and duration of transient merchants.

Barb Carpenter, owner of Blue Ribbon Feed Co., raised the question of an even playing field.

"I think the zoning regulations should be the same for everyone. Transient merchants should not be allowed to do things permanent businesses cannot," Carpenter said.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale confirmed that transient merchants have different regulations. "They don't have the same rules. Transient merchants are set apart from zoning ordinances."

Carol Luscombe, owner of Two Seasons, has brought her transient merchant business into Lowell for the past 13 years. "I sell for two months of the year. The rest of the time is spent producing what I sell."

Luscombe was concerned with the moratorium that has been placed on all new licenses until February.

"I have invested thousands of dollars already into what I am going to sell in May. Now I'm told there's a chance I won't be able to get a license," Luscombe said.

She also pointed out that the current ordinance states that if the property used by the transient merchant is on the tax roll, then it is not identified as a transient merchant.

Jeff Roys, owner of Cumberland Market, while not located within city limits, said a permanent transient must have a store front.

"Otherwise, there is just a bare land tax, but no structure to be taxed," Roys said. "A permanent business runs year round and employs year round. A transient comes in during the best time of the year, takes the cream off the top and then is gone."

Pasquale said there are less than 10 people a year that bring a transient business into town.

A task force with representation from the planning commission, city council, local business, transient merchants, Chamber of Commerce and zoning inspector Pat Hudson will meet on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

Vendor, cont'd....

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it will have to buy out the contract it is currently working under," said Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent to finance and personnel.

The Lowell School District is currently under a contract through the year 2003 with Coca-Cola.

It would cost Lowell approximately \$13,000 to buy out the contract. The value of what Coca-Cola has given to the district is \$9,625.

Under its current contract with Coca-Cola, Lowell has had monies donated toward gymnasium and stadium scoreboards.

As a party to the consortium, however, Lowell Schools would be in line to increasing its monetary benefits.

The uniting of KISD members would enlarge the pool of students they represent and thereby strengthen their purchasing power.

Better prices on what's being vended through their concessions would result from this.

Vendors are already making a huge dollar profit off from schools. This proposed contract would enable schools to share in a larger percentage of that profit.

Lowell athletic director Barry Hobla said under the district's current contract with Coca-Cola, it receives less than a dollar per student from the vendor for exclusive rights.

Through an agreement with the KISD consortium, a vendor would lock in the drinking habits of approximately 100,000 students.

The vendor benefits in that by establishing a student's drinking habits at school, that may also carry over as to what a student purchases in stores.

Critics of the proposed contract state that schools would be taking money and selling out children's health.

Lowell School Board president Pete Gustafson notes that the contract would provide more flexibility in what kind of beverages the district offers.

This would indicate that not all machines would sell soda pop. Some could sell juices, bottled water, etc...

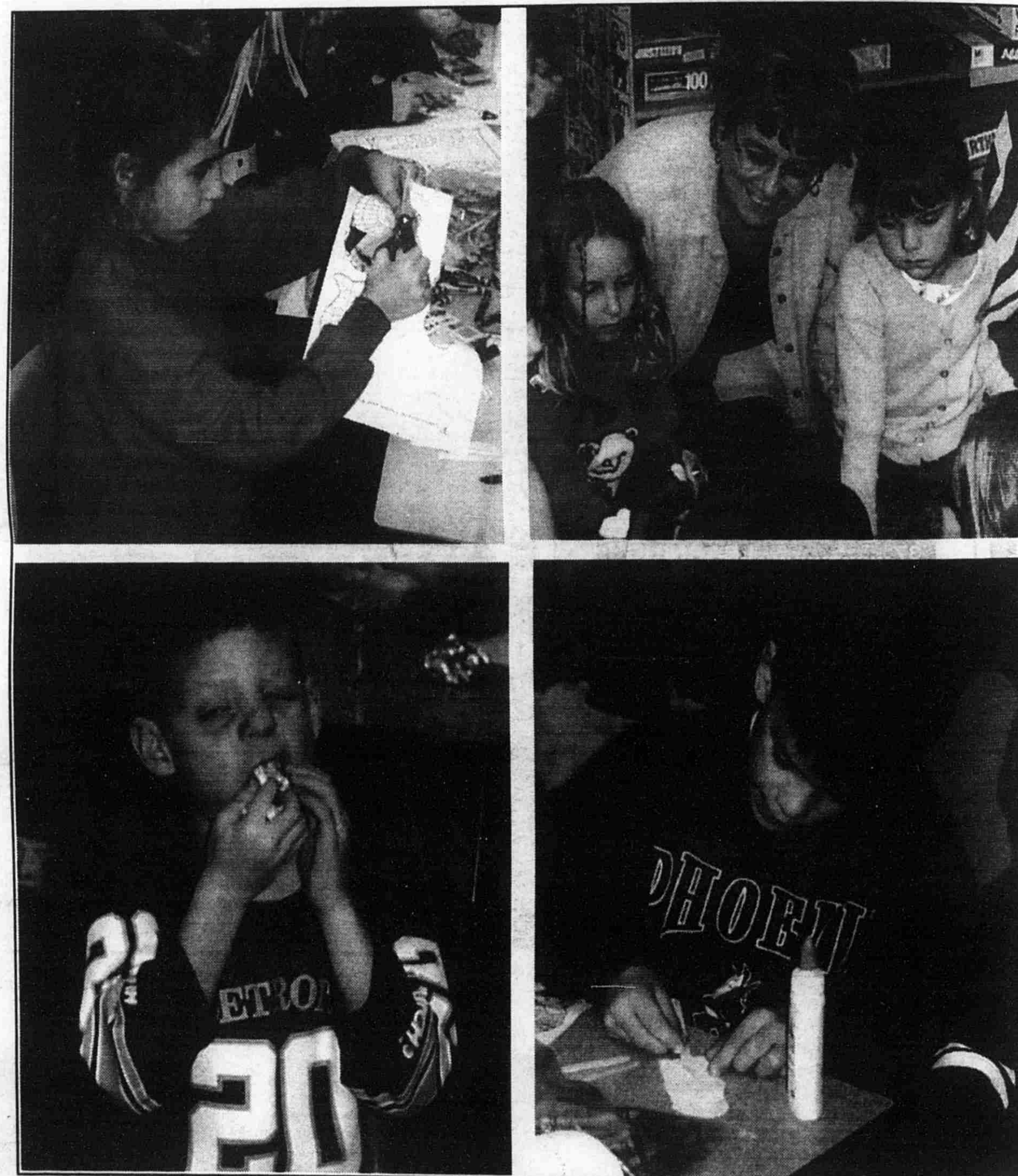
Lowell Schools has had a contract with Coca-Cola since 1993.

Gillette warns that the language in the RFP now may change before the board's Dec. 8 meeting which could further shake an already stirring debate.

I voted for the Republicans because I didn't like the way the Democrats were running the country. Which is turning out to be like shooting yourself in the head to stop your headache.

— Jack Mayberry

Students learn of popcorn's historical significance



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

First-graders from Bushnell and Saranac elementary schools were able to match names with the faces of their pen pals during their Popcorn Pen Pal day.

The significance of the day was to teach children about the value of friendship and how the sharing of popcorn helped form friendships between Native Americans and Pilgrims.

While it was a first-time meeting for students, the teachers were already well established pen pals.

Becky VanVleck, a teacher at Bushnell Elementary, is the daughter of Janice VanVleck, who teaches at Saranac Elementary.

"It was like the students already knew one another," Becky VanVleck said in describing how the two classrooms intermingled.

Students were involved in many different curriculum skills related to Native Americans and Pilgrims.

Becky VanVleck,
Bushnell Elementary First-Grade Teacher

The half-day program incorporated math, art, reading and writing. It also helped students develop social skills, friendships and the art of sharing.

"Students were involved in many different curriculum skills related to Native Americans and Pilgrims," Becky VanVleck said.

In May, the Bushnell first-graders will visit Saranac Elementary where they will learn and celebrate another theme.

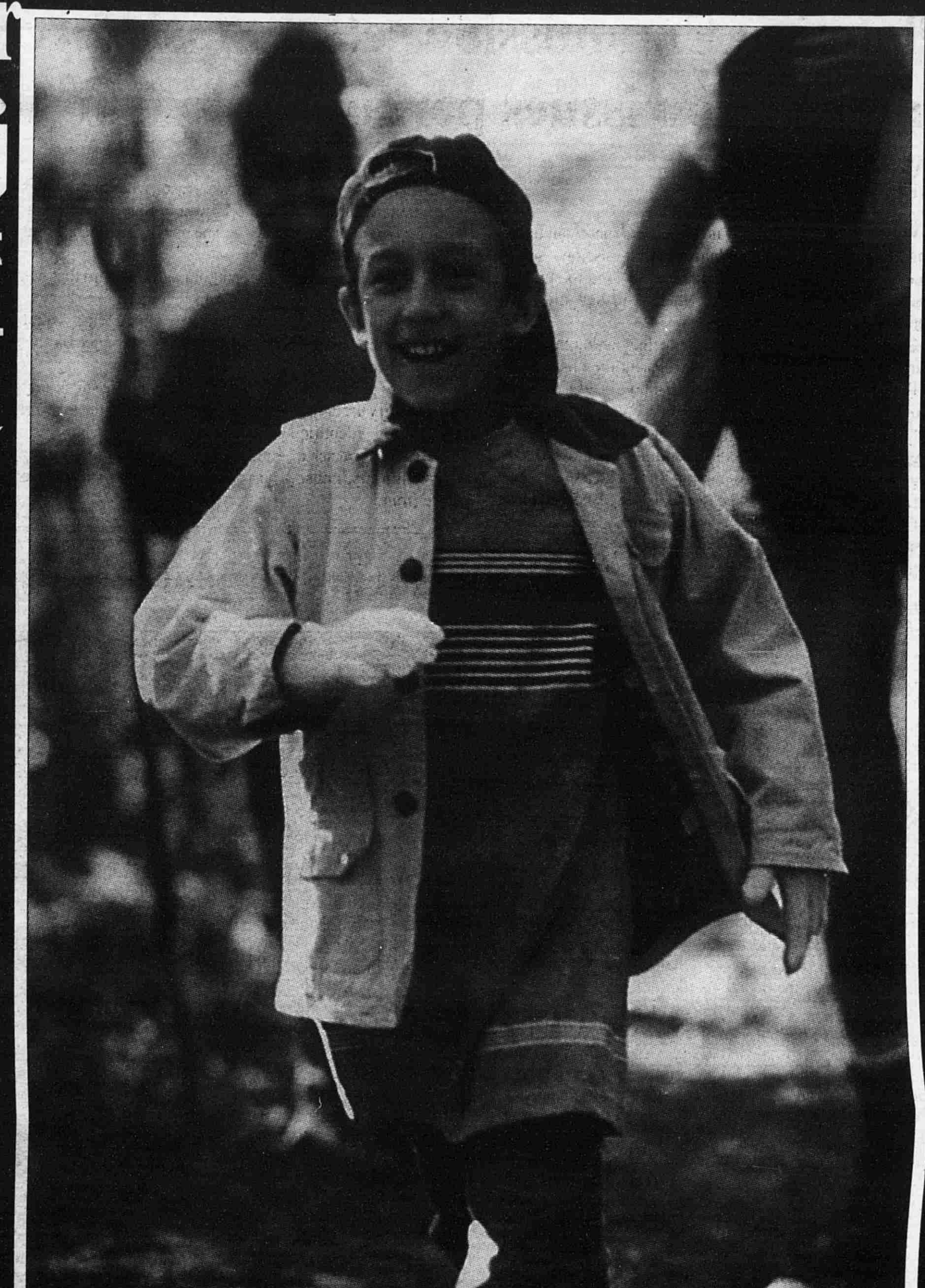
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Lowell Middle School progress reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday, December 1 instead of Tuesday, November 24.

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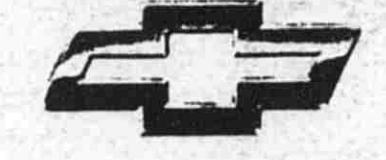
Chris, an 11-year-old from Atlanta, is one of the children featured in *Friends for Life: Living With AIDS*, premiering Tuesday, Dec. 1, on Disney Channel. The half-hour special spotlights kids living with HIV and AIDS who talk about their dreams and the importance of enjoying life.

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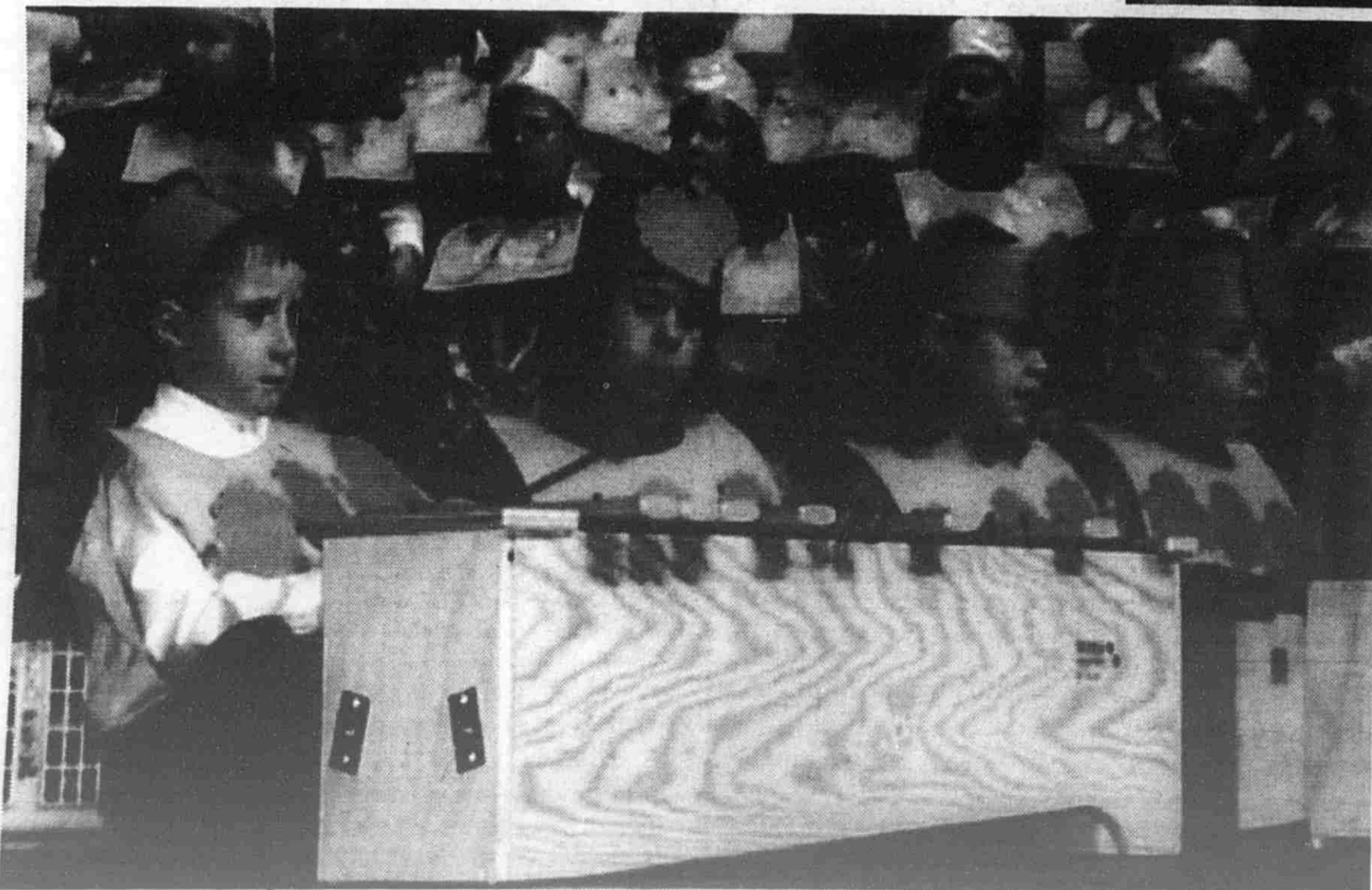
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Poems, Pumpkins and Pilgrims



Under the direction of Bushnell music teacher Julie Dick, first-grade students from nine classes presented "Poems, Pumpkins and Pilgrims" Wednesday at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

The music program included poems and songs reflecting on the autumn season and the Thanksgiving holiday.



Lowell High School honor roll

The Lowell High School released its honor roll list for the first semester of the 1998-99 school year. To be included, a student must achieve a 3.0 or above grade point average.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 2, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Andrew Bandeniaks for a special land use for a private road to serve nine or more parcels of land and for other required approvals pertaining to the division, use and development of lands for single-family residential purposes, including an application for site development plan approval, all covering lands commonly described as 5588 Tiffany Avenue and legally described as follows:

The North 250 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 19 except the West 805 feet thereof, and also the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, all in Section 19, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: November 23, 1998
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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The East 330 feet of the Northwest 1/4, Section 11, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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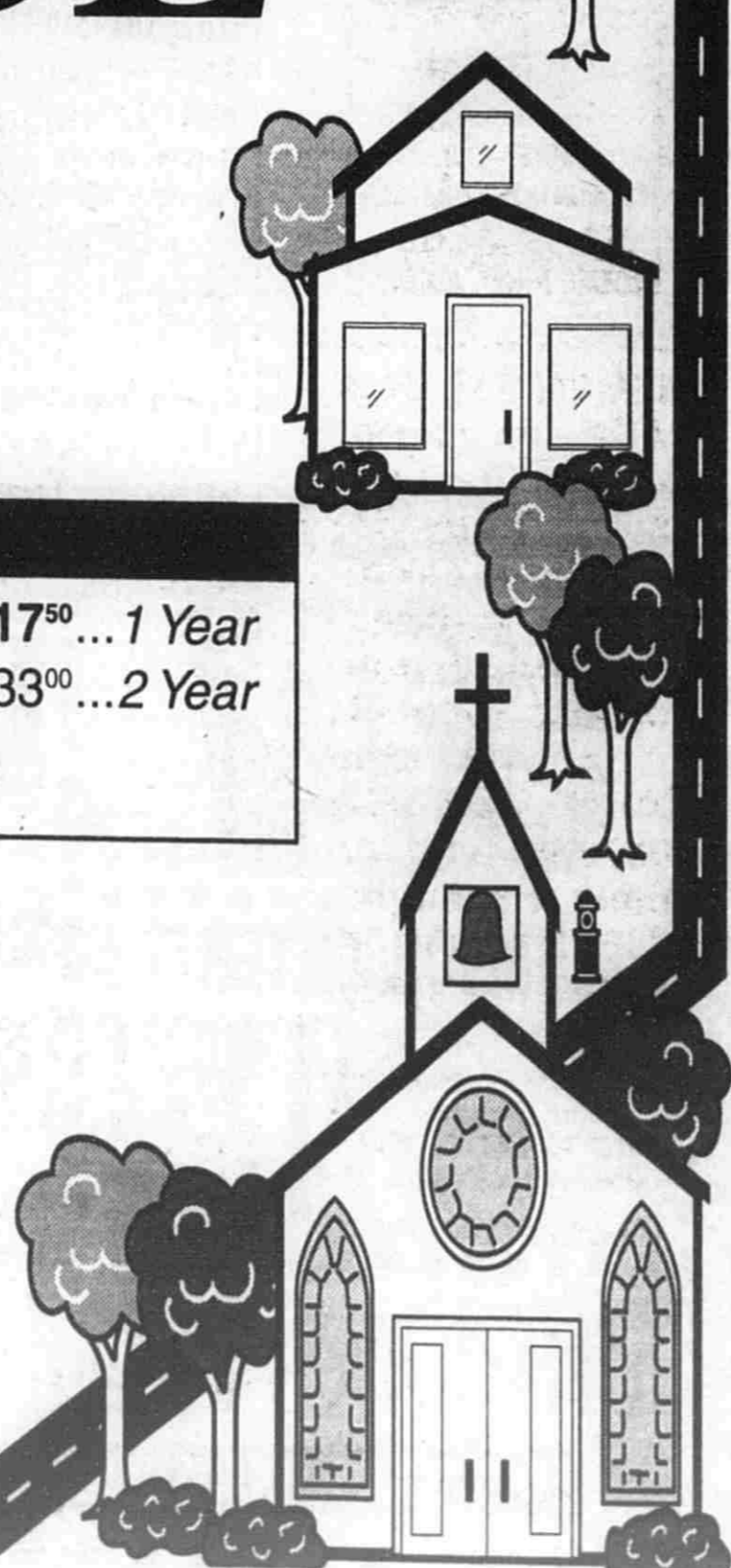
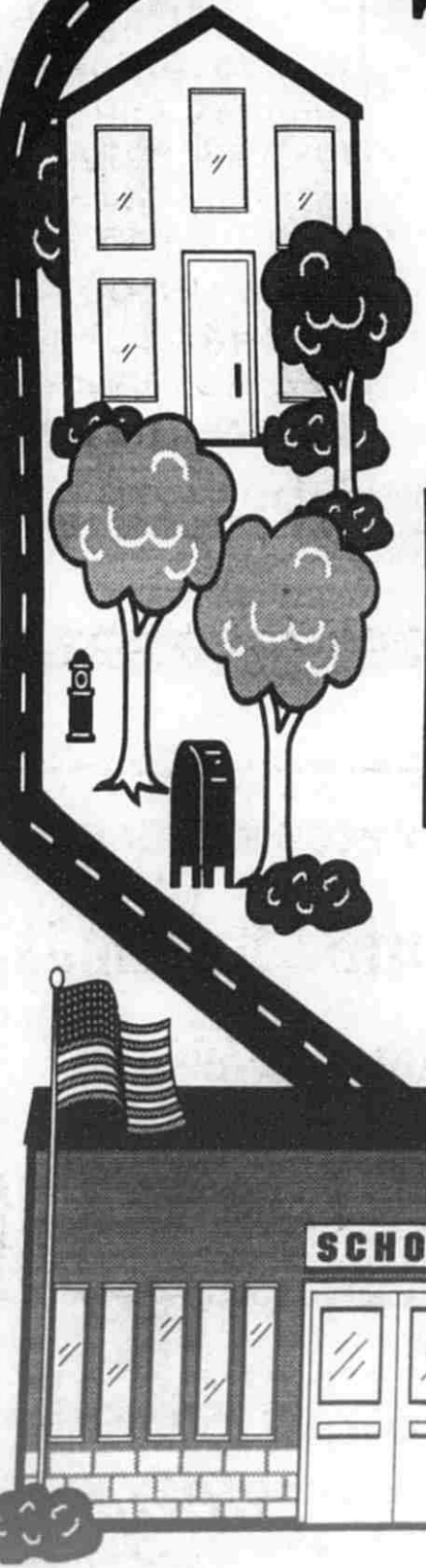
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DIETARY AIDE - The Laurels of Kent currently has an opening in the dietary department. This is a full-time position from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with every other weekend required. Please contact the Laurels of Kent at 897-8473.

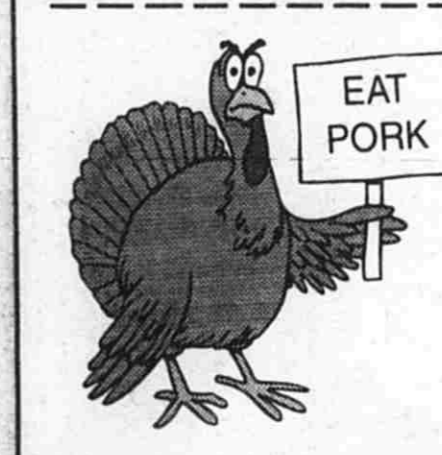
HELP WANTED - Carousell Child Care is looking for a full-time caregiver. Please call Barb for interview, 897-6954.

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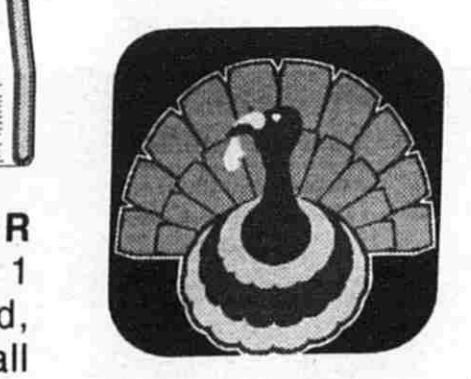


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CARD OF THANKS A big thank you to all my family, friends and neighbors at Schneider Manor for making my 96th birthday such an enjoyable day. I loved all my many cards and gifts. Also for the birthday sign in my front yard. Thank you for that... whoever you are. Alice Baut.

MRS. CLAUS ANNUAL BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW - 150 booths. Sat., Dec. 5, 9-4 p.m. Ionia Middle School, Union St./M-21, East of M-66. Breakfast, lunch, snacks available. FREE admission. Door prizes all day. Sponsored by Ionia County Commission on Aging.

NOTICE LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS - Those interested in participating on a high school competitive swim team, our second season is about to begin! Watch for announcements at school or contact either Luke Rosenberger or Mike Gustafson for more information. The first practice begins Mon., Nov. 23 at the Forest Hills Aquatic Center.



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Antel named Lowell's new varsity baseball coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If one wants to know the style of baseball Lowell will play this spring, study Tim Antel's approach since he was recently named Lowell's new varsity baseball coach.

Antel has been on the run, talking to players and area youth baseball program officials, coordinating winter in-door batting practices and summer programs.

"I want to create some pride. It's important that the players take some ownership of the team. It's their program too," Antel explained.

The new coach has talked to seniors about being coaches on and off the diamond as well as in the classroom.

"They have been very responsive to me," Antel said. "They are excited about putting extra time in."

That excitement has been visible in morning batting practice (6:30- 7:15 a.m.) for four of his non-winter athletes.

"Tim is a proven quantity. He gets the most out of his players. They improve and learn a lot from him," Lowell athletic director Barry Hobria explains.

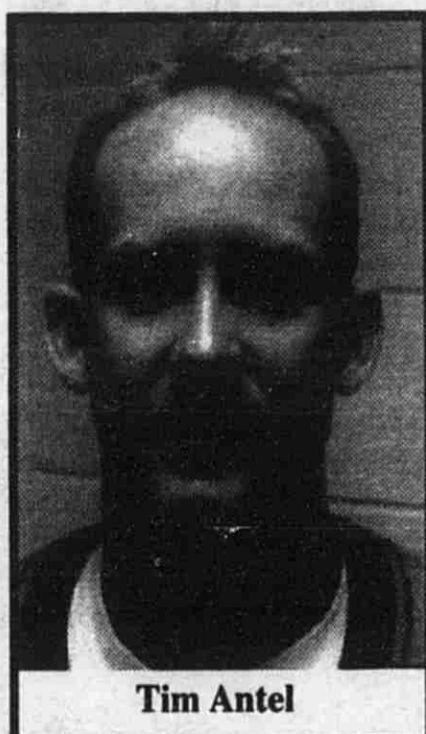
Antel played three years of varsity baseball at Benzie Central High School where he

earned all state honors. He pitched four years at Grand Valley State University and was named to the honorable mention all-conference team.

"The OK White is a highly competitive league which has some very good coaching," Antel says. "They also have very good summer programs."

Antel describes his style as fast break baseball. "We're going to play aggressively and put the ball in play. We want to force the other team to make plays."

Assisting Antel at the varsity level will be Pete Bush. Joe Stacey will coach junior varsity baseball. A freshman coach has not yet been named.



Tim Antel

Christian has too much firepower for Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grand Rapids Christian basketball coach Al VandenBosch reminded his fifth ranked Eagles, prior to taking the floor against Lowell, that the "paper favorite" doesn't always win.

"I told them they needed to go out and compete hard and prove they are the better team," VandenBosch explained.

Grand Rapids Christian did just that as they pounded the Red Arrows 68-23.

"Our girls played hard," said Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers. "We, however, got tattooed by a pretty nice basketball team."

Lowell's offense sputtered early and Christian used a strong inside game to race out to a 16-4 advantage.

"Had we done a few things differently early on, maybe we could have hung in there," Akers said. "They got off to a great start and they play great interior defense. Knoester (Kathryn) knows how to find their

post people with good passes off the dribble." Christian led 18-4 after one quarter and 38-10 at halftime. "I'm proud of our girls for coming out and playing hard throughout," VandenBosch said.

The second half was much like the first - Christian dominated play outscoring Lowell 30-13.

Laura LaHaye led all Lowell scorers with nine points. "Laura has played hard all year. She has done everything I asked of her," Akers said. "I was also pleased for seniors Kaily Wittenbach and Katie Akers. I was happy that they were able to score."

Akers commended his club for working hard and loving the game of basketball.

The Lowell coach kept 17 players on this year's roster. "I did that because the girls wanted to be a part of the team. I started with 17 players and finished with 17. I love kids and I think that shows they love the game of basketball."

Lowell finished the year with a record of 5-16.

LHS honors Nov. Students of the Month

Lowell High School is proud to announce the Students of the Month of November. Each of these students has shown academic excellence as well as extra effort in a particular area.

The students chosen for the month of November are: Laurie Biener and Beth Roudabush, English; Amber Metternick, Business; Josh Blanding, Foreign Language and Jessica DenHouter, Social Studies.

Biener, a junior, was selected by the English department. She is a member of the basketball and softball teams and participates in International Club and S.A.D.D. She has been instrumental in or-

ganizing a new chapter of Amnesty International at L.H.S. Biener works at Box Office Video in Ada. Her favorite subjects are math, English and honors chemistry. She is the daughter of Nancy Biener of Lowell and John Biener of Grand Rapids.

Roudabush, a junior, was also selected by the English department. She is active in softball and International Club and has also been instrumental in organizing the new Amnesty International chapter at L.H.S. Her favorite subject is math. She is the daughter of Kurt and Wilma Roudabush of Lowell.

Their teacher nominator says that they have received

this honor for taking their knowledge of the literature in World Literature and composition class and applying it to the real world by starting a student chapter of Amnesty International.

Metternick, a senior, was chosen by the Business department. Her extracurricular activities include Project Pals, Rotary and Leadership Development. She is employed at Amway and plans to attend Grand Valley State University next year. Her teacher nominator says that Metternick has shown exemplary leadership skills and her attitude and work ethic are outstanding. She is the daughter of Ron and Carrie Metternick of Lowell.

Blanding, a senior, was nominated by the Foreign Language department. His activities include International Club, Art/Drama Club, band and the all-school play. He also traveled to France and



Lowell High School Students of the Month, left to right, are Josh Blanding, Jessica DenHouter, Beth Roudabush, Laurie Biener and Amber Metternick.

Italy last summer with the L.H.S. French trip. He is employed by GWI Engineering. Next year he plans to attend G.R.C.C. Blanding's teacher nominator says that he is a pleasure to have in class because he has a lot of creative

energy that he applies to learning. He is the son of Mark and Glenna Blanding of Alto.

DenHouter, a sophomore, was selected by the Social Studies department. She participates in tennis, FFA, Project Pals and Youth

Ambassadors. Her teacher nominator says that DenHouter challenges herself to excel and works very hard, both in and out of class. She is the daughter of Leonard and Kathryn DenHouter of Lowell.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The following schedule is for the December 1998 tax collection hours. The Treasurer will be in the township office for the purpose of tax collections ONLY.

Day	Date	Hours
Fri.:	Dec. 4	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri.:	Dec. 11	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri.:	Dec. 18	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed.:	Dec. 23	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: The last payment date in December is Wednesday, December 23. The township office will be closed December 24 - January 3, 1999.

Taxes may be paid any day the Township office is open for business: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Treasurer's normal business day is Tuesday. If you have any questions concerning taxes, call the Township office 691-8450.

Charles R. Palazzolo, Treasurer
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Red Arrow junior varsity hockey debut promising

The Lowell JV hockey team made its debut in the West Michigan junior varsity league in a game against the Sailors from South Christian. The Red Arrows trailed the Sailors 1-0 at the end of the first period but scored three goals in the second on their way to a 3-2 win over the Sailors.

Daniel Woods led the Arrows' charge with a goal and an assist. Adam Dabaja and Rhett Kirgis also scored Lowell goals with assists from Ben Sevald and Mike Hoonhorst.

The Arrows put a total of 29 shots on the net. A great defensive effort by the Arrows held the Sailors to only 12 shots on goal and Lowell goaltender, Jay Blair, stopped 10 of the 12

shots on the way to the win.

In the Red Arrows' second outing of the season against a more experienced team from Jenison, Lowell jumped out to a three-goal lead in the first period, scored two more in the second and two in the third for a final score of 7-1.

Kirgis led the Arrows' assault on Jenison by scoring four of the seven Red Arrow goals. Dabaja also contributed two goals and one assist and Sevald one goal and one assist. Chad Rau and Eric Austin each supplied an assist in the Arrows' victory. Once again a great effort by the Lowell defense held the Jenison team to only one goal and Lowell goaltender Blair was only inches short of recording his first shut out of the season.

The Red Arrows' next game is on Sunday, Nov. 29 at noon at Michigan National Ice Center where they will face Forest Hills Central.

Warrants, cont'd.... From Page 1

on Oct. 18; and four warrants for arson in connection with the Oct. 18 fire.

"The reason the department has been able to solve these cases is because citizens became involved and stepped forward with anonymous tips," Hinton explained.

The Lowell detective said warrants are pending on the October break-in at Cumberland Market.

The break-ins with an intent to steal and the burning of real property carry maximum penalties of 10 years. An attempt to burn personal property is a four-year felony.

Hinton added that latent prints and footprints were attained from the break-ins at One Stop and at the Marathon Station in Saranac.

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