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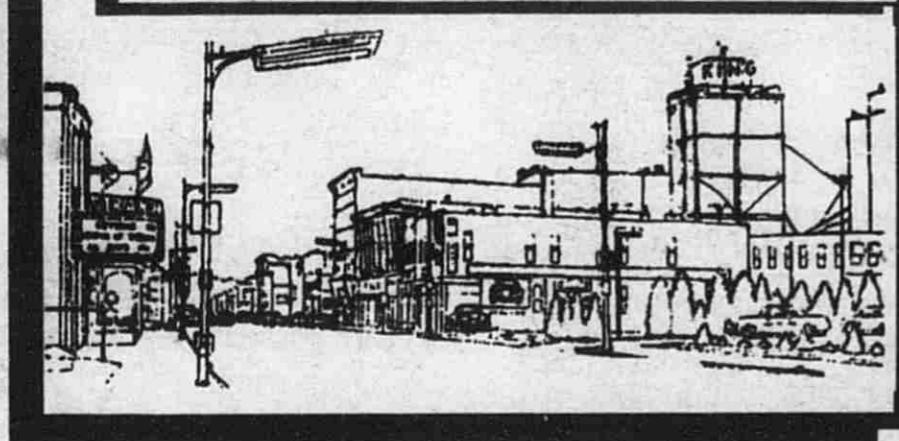
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Wednesday, December 30, 1998

Along Main Street



ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

PICTURES NEEDED FOR SENIOR VIDEO

Parents, for the senior video to be a success, we need pictures of your seniors. Please bring group or individual pics, baby, preschool, junior high or current shots to the high school office or the media center by Fri., Jan. 15. Put your name on them and they will be saved for you. This video will be available at the senior all-night-party May, 1999.

LAAC IS SEARCHING FOR A PRODUCER

Lowell Area Arts Council is searching for a producer or co-producers! The play *Blithe Spirit*, a ghostly farce, calls for a cast of seven...five women and two men. Rehearsals are on their way soon. For further information call director Jim Marron at 897-7880 or the Arts Center at 897-8545.

FINANCIAL AID MEETING

On Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m., Jill Nutt, director of financial aid at GRCC, will speak at the Lowell Performing Arts Center to students and parents about the process of applying for financial aid to help with college expenses.

All seniors, juniors and their parents are invited to attend this very important meeting. Parents of seniors will be submitting an application for federal Student Aid in February. Parents of juniors can get an early look at the process for the next year.

1999 JUNIOR VARSITY HOCKEY

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 7, in the Cherry Creek cafeteria for any 13-16 year olds interested in playing on the Lowell junior varsity hockey team next year. Parents and anyone else interested in learning more about the Lowell club hockey program are also invited to attend.

EIGHTH GRADE DRAMA PLAY

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the play *Family Album* on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafetorium at 750 Foreman Rd. Admission is free.

CLASS OF 1989 REUNION

A planning meeting for the Lowell High School class of 1989 reunion will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at Barb Roth's house. For info. or address changes, call Debra Duiven at 897-6348 or Barb Roth at 897-6954.



Pet Presents

Fourth-grade students from the classrooms of Karen Latva and Wendy Ackermann made their traditional holiday season donations to the Kent County Humane Society. The students did this in lieu of exchanging gifts with classmates. Pictured, Ashleigh Jack, left, and Josh Felling present Kent County Humane Society development director Kathy Vaida with some treats for the animals at the shelter over the holidays.

Property Purchase

... The property at 303 Avery is one of two parcels of land needed by the city of Lowell to move ahead with the City Hall/police station project.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council made one giant step forward toward the reconstruction of its City Hall with the purchase of property directly behind the current facility.

The Lowell City Council unanimously approved purchasing 303 Avery from Roger Cahoon for \$55,000. The appraisal value of the property was at \$41,000 and the assessed true cash value was at \$50,000.

The parcel is actually one of two pieces of land the city will need to purchase to move ahead with the City Hall project, said city manager David Pasquale. Pasquale said the other owner has expressed intent to sell to the city.

The city's design for the new City Hall would be to incorporate the old facility, leaving the administrative offices there, and add a new section behind the City Hall, where the police department would be located. The two sections would be connected by a new entrance.

By doing this, most of the existing parking lot behind City Hall would be taken away. With the purchase of the Avery property and the other piece of property, the city will be able to construct a new parking lot.

Currently on 303 Avery, which is a corner lot, is a small green house.

Lowell Cable Television adds two new premium channels to its lineup

... Showtime and The Movie Channel will be available to Lowell Cable subscribers in a package deal for \$12.95 a month beginning Jan. 6. Free hookup is available through Feb. 15.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If movies are what you like, then Lowell Cable Television's newest premium channel additions will be a popcorn munching sort of way to usher in the new year.

Beginning Jan. 6, Lowell Cable Television subscribers will have access to Showtime and The Movie Channel. These two premium channels have been packaged together at a cost of \$12.95 per month.

"National research showed that there were five standout premium channels. Lowell Cable already offered three of them (Disney is now basic)," said Tom Richards, director of Lowell Cable Television programming. "We are now able to add the others at a low cost to our subscribers. It rounds out our premium channel offerings."

Showtime will be placed on channel 14 while The Movie Channel will be channel 17. Subscribers can preview The Movie Channel Jan. 15-18 and Showtime Jan. 22-24 at no cost.

With the addition of two premium channels will come some channel changes.

C-Span will be moved to channel 48; EWTN to channel 49; TBS to channel 33; and Disney to channel 34.

"The changes keep premium channels together, while utilizing current scrambling equipment," said Richards. "It also keeps TBS and Disney in the middle range of channels while moving C-Span and EWTN to the upper channels because of their limited viewership."

The Lowell Cable Board considered re-aligning the

Lowell Cable, cont'd. pg. 6

'98 a productive year for city of Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell was in progress in 1998.

"This year has been a very productive year," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "There was a lot of significant work accomplished."

At the top of that list was the completion of M-21 improvements to Valley Vista Drive.

Even more noticeable was how smooth the six months of work went.

Pasquale credits the contractor.

URS Greiner provided the supervision, KNR the construction, and Rieth-Riley was the general contractor.

The revitalization work within the city will continue in 1999. The city will allocate its \$41,989.60 in Community Development Block Grant funds toward the completion of the sidewalk project which is expected to cost between \$45-\$50,000.

"We will finish off the sidewalk project on the south

side of W. Main," Pasquale explains. "When completed, it will look like an urbanized section of road."

There will also be curb and gutter installed from the city limits to Alden Nash. The state will continue its work on M-21 from Valley Vista Drive to Ada.

Pasquale also anticipates the DDA setting up an additional bond issue in the coming year.

"The bond could go up to \$1.7 million," Pasquale said. A list of priorities has not yet

been drawn up, but the city manager said there is strong sentiment for additional parking lot work.

Other significant work in 1998 included the initiation of a grant program through the Lowell Area Community Fund by the Downtown Historic District Commission to repair and restore buildings as well as the completion and approval of City Hall-police station design study.

"We're making significant progress," Pasquale said. City of Lowell, cont'd. pg. 6

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OBITUARIES

BUSSELL - Shirley Louise (Belcher) Buswell, aged 75, of Ionia, passed away December 27, 1998, in Grand Rapids. She was born November 10, 1923, to the daughter of Edward and Alta (Bozong) Belcher, Sr. She was the wife of William Fayette Buswell Sr. for 35 years until his death February 28, 1985. She is survived by her sons Bill and Sue Ann Buswell of Ionia, Tony Buswell of Ionia, Barry (Joni) Buswell of Ionia, Larry Buswell of Ionia; special daughter Judy and Edward Zuidewind of Lowell; brother Edward and Helen Belcher Jr. of Texas; sister Charlotte and Ray

Area Hospice in care of Shirley Buswell. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Ionia.

CHRISTIANSEN - Elmer Christiansen, aged 96, of Trufant, passed away at Highland Pines Nursing Home in Clearwater, FL, on December 13, 1998. Mr. Christiansen was born February 14, 1902, in Trufant to Charles and Karen Christiansen. Surviving are one son and his wife John and Marlene Christiansen of Largo, FL, one grandson John Christiansen Jr. of Lansing and one brother Stanley Christiansen of Lowell. Mr. Christiansen was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret in 1981 and his second wife Flora in 1998. A Memorial Service was held Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Youngman-McCullough Chapel in Lakeview with Pastor Mark Mitchell officiating. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Recovery Inc. or to a charity of choice.

KEHOE - Justin Kehoe, aged 80, of Belding, died December 24, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; son, Timothy Kehoe. Mr. Kehoe is survived by his son, Michael (Lynn) Kehoe of Belding; grandchildren, Kimberly, Danielle, Charlene, Amanda, Joshua; special friend, Marian Rogers of Clarksville; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment St.

Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Justin Kehoe Memorial Fund. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Chapel in Lowell.

KERKSTRA - Otto Kerkstra, aged 99, of Hudsonville, passed away Sunday, December 20, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertie Kerkstra and a daughter, Frances Arens. He is survived by his children, Ruth and Lloyd Beyer of Modesto, CA, Suella Kerkstra of Grand Rapids, Bernice and Peter Koornneef of Grimbsy, Ontario, Canada, Allan Kerkstra of Hudsonville, Lois and Michael Boeve of Holland, Virginia Driesenga of Lowell; his son-in-law, Willard Arens of Hudsonville; 29 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Theresa Kerkstra of Jenison. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at the Beaverdam Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Daryl E. Kats officiating. Interment Beaverdam Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Beaverdam Christian School or a charity of your choice.

MEYERINK (Wierenga) - Mrs. Ann Meyerink, aged 90, of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, December 20, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Edward Wierenga, James VanSlooten and Jacob Meyerink and a son, William Wierenga. Surviving are her

children Claude and Lorraine Wierenga of Caledonia, Margaret Blaauw of Grand Rapids, John and Mary Wierenga of Lowell; 17 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren, numerous step-children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday (today) at St. Croix Funeral Home, 1095 68th St. SE with Rev. Kenneth VanWyk officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Christian Rest Home.

STAUFFER - Mr. William L. Stauffer, aged 87, formerly of Lowell, passed away on Friday afternoon, December 25, 1998. Mr. Stauffer was a hard working gentleman all his life. For many years he was a press operator which he enjoyed at many manufacturing plants including Brown's in Ionia. While at Brown's, he took on the added responsibility of being the Union Stewart making sure his fellow workers were cared for and he earned their respect by doing a good job. For years, he and his wife Anna Marie, lived near Fallasburg Park and together they took great pride in keeping their home, lawn and gardens in perfect shape. His free time was spent hunting and fishing. On September 16, 1953, he married the former Anna Marie Bullock, who survives. Also surviving

is his son Richard Stauffer and his wife Marian of Leroy; his grandchildren Rhonda Marshall of Rockford, Richard M. Stauffer of Grand Rapids; his great-grandchildren Staci, Misti and Kati; his great-great-grandson Derrick; nieces and nephews. Mr. Stauffer joins his granddaughter Faith Marie Stauffer who went home to be with the Lord on July 21, 1997. The Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Stauffer was offered on Monday at Our Lady of Consolation Church, Rockford, with The Rev. Thomas Page as celebrant. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery, Lowell. Those planning expressions of sympathy are asked to consider either the Building Fund at Our Lady of Consolation Church or St. Judes Children Research Hospital.

VANDERMARK - Gerrit John VanderMark, aged 73, of Alto, passed away Thursday, December 24, 1998. Surviving are his wife Mary VanderMark; children Gary and Bonnie VanderMark, Denny and Denise VanderMark, Lora Beute; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister Nellie Davis; brothers Harry and George; several nieces and nephews. Gerrit was preceded in death by his sister Christine and brothers Neil, Bill, John and Frank. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Graceland Memorial Park with Pastor Bryan Schneider-Thomas officiating.

TOWN TALK

In reflecting back on the year of 1998, what will you remember?



Dorothy Csolkovits
The president's scandal, the bombing and that we bought a new camper.



Eric Huffman
My oldest boy learned how to drive and the impeachment of the president.



Lisa Kurzhals
The roll-over accident that my kids and I were involved in on M-21. We were all okay.



Mary Fitzpatrick
President Clinton's impeachment and the tropical winter weather we've had.



Sarah Fitzpatrick
I'll remember going to see the Nutcracker and that we got together with so many of our family and relatives for Christmas.

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 6, 1999 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 Iris LeMasters for a special land use, for approval of a private road to serve two or more parcels of land, comprising a total of about ten acres in area, and for approval of related matters. Such lands are commonly described as 12575 Belding Road and are legally described as follows:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 commencing 300 feet westerly along the North line of Highway M-44 relocated and 450 feet North 13'08" East from the intersection of the North line of said highway and the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence Northwesterly to the Southwest corner of the North 680 feet of the East 600 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 to the Southwest corner of the North 630 feet of the East 600 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 thence East along the South line of the North 630 feet of the Northeast 1/4, thence South parallel with the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 388 feet, thence Southwesterly to a point 150 feet Westerly along the North line of said Highway M-44 from the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence Westerly along said North line

150 feet to a line bearing South 13'08" West from beginning, thence North 13'08" East 450 feet to beginning, and also

Part of the Northeast 1/4 commencing 150 feet westerly along the North line of Highway M-44 relocated from the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence Easterly along said North line to the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence North to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence West to the Northwest corner of the East 600 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence South to the Southwest corner of the North 630 feet of the East 600 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence East along the South line of the North 630 feet of the Northeast 1/4, thence South parallel with the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 388 feet, thence Southwesterly to beginning, all in Section 15, 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, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809 within the Township, prior to the hearing.

Dated: December 21, 1998

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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INVENTORY CONTROL/PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

Lowell area manufacturer, the leader in its field, has an immediate opening for the above position. This position reports to the Plant Manager and administers all inventory control, cycle counting, and scheduling functions.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The following offices will be closed Thursday, December 24, 1998 and Friday, December 25, 1998 in observance of the Christmas holiday and Thursday, December 31, 1998 and Friday, January 1, 1999 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER AND LOWELL CABLE VISION

The following offices will close on Thursday, December 24, 1998 and Friday, December 25, 1998 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Friday, January 1, 1999 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

LOWELL CITY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the Lowell Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, Michigan at 7 p.m. on the 25th of January, 1999 of the Township Planning Commission.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- To amend the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 5.4.2 Towers and Antennas. It is the intent of this section to provide regulations controlling the placement, design, and construction of commercial communication towers including their accessory uses and attached communication antennas.
- To amend Section 4.1.1 Table of Use Regulations Agricultural-1 (Ag-1) zone, Column 3 titled Special Use by Planning Commission, by adding parks and wildlife and forest conservation preserves as a permitted use.

A complete copy of Section 5.4.2 and the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

ORDER TO ANSWER PUBLICATION CASE NO. 98-09285-CZ

John Brocker Plaintiff vs. Scott Fortier, Donald W. Swanson II, and Debra Swanson, Defendants

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, in the city of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, on this 7th day of December, 1998.

Present: The Honorable DAVID SOET, Circuit Court Judge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, Donald W. Swanson II and Debra Swanson, shall serve their answer on John D. Mitus, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 410 Bridge Street, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, answer to take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 9th day of February, 1999. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against this defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week with three consecutive weeks in Kent County.

On the 3rd day of September, 1998, an action was filed by John Brocker, Plaintiff, against Scott Fortier, Donald W. Swanson II, and Debra Swanson, defendants, in this court to quiet title to real property located in Kent County, Michigan.

Upon hearing and consideration of the verified Motion of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of Defendants Donald W. Swanson II and Debra Swanson are unknown, that therefore service upon defendants of the Summons and a copy of the Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effectuated, and it appearing to the court that the defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by the publication of this Order in a newspaper.

DENNIS C. KOLENDA
Circuit Court Judge

Attest a True Copy

JOHN D. MITUS
(P-31244)
Attorney for Plaintiff
410 Bridge Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 774-4001

Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. George J. Fekete,
St. Mary Church

Two days before we begin a New Year, I suggest you read Luke 21:1-4. The passage has been entitled "The Widow's Mite." The poor widow put into the temple treasure "two copper coins...every penny she had to live on."

Jesus saw what she had done and He made a comparison between the widow and those others who gave out of their surplus wealth. The widow made a loving gift to

God and really trusted that God would take care of her needs. The others in their surplus giving would not place such trust in God.

I read that St. John Chrysostom, who lived in the fourth century, stated: "Wealth is by its very nature an extra - it is meant to go out from you like a light that dispels darkness. Once wealth is locked up within the walls of your own spirit, it becomes evil."

Those are challenging words. They may move us to a sense of detachment from whatever wealth we do have. Or they may raise up within us a sense of rejection of such impractical advice. We may decide that the widow in the temple was foolish to give all "she had to live on." Or, during the New Year we may decide that Jesus challenges us to move one step closer to her example by giving more than we think we can afford. A most Blessed New Year to all!



Week of 1/4 - 1/8

ELEMENTARY

MON: Italian spaghetti w/sauce, peas or cole slaw, French bread w/peanut butter, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Cheeseburger in a bun, Baked beans, cookie bar, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat & cheese & pepperoni, tater tots, fruit selection or cherry cup, milk.

THUR: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner roll, gelatin w/whip or fruit, milk.

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots, tomato soup w/crackers, choice of fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

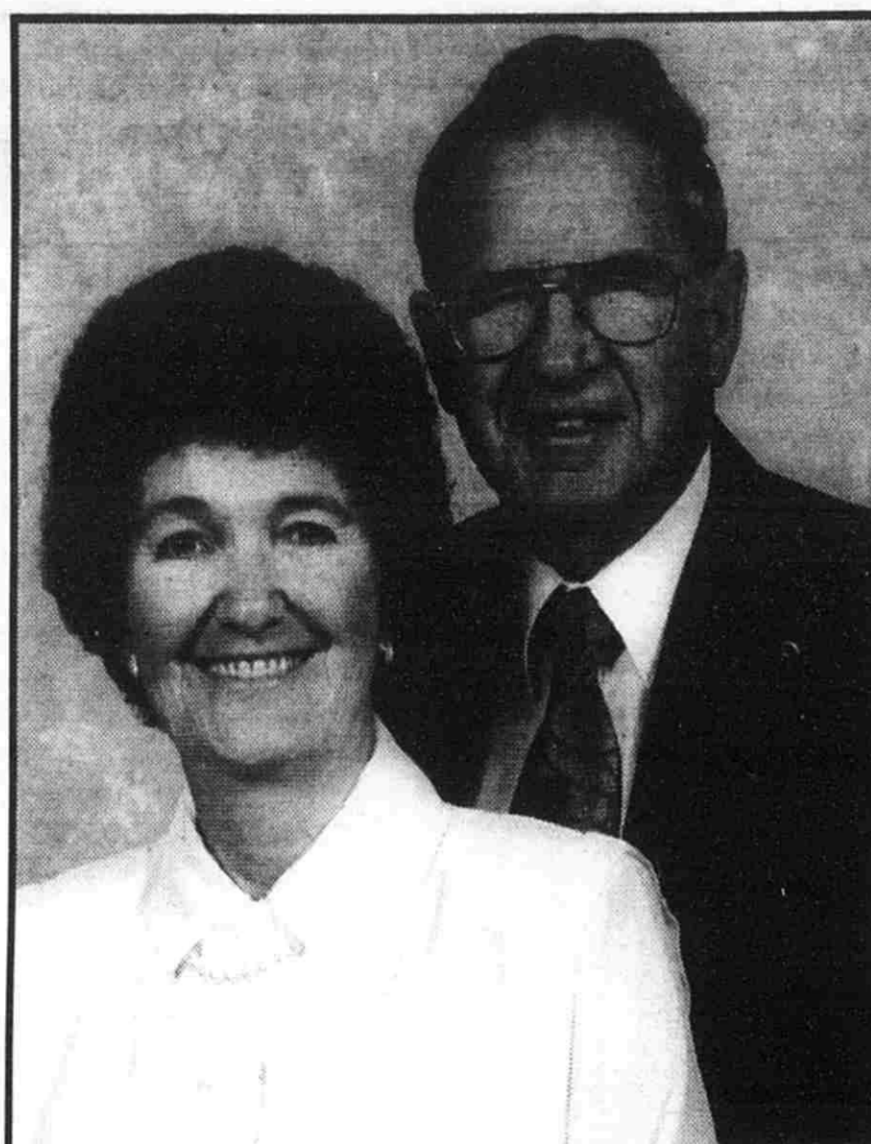
MON: Spaghetti w/meat, turkey stir fry w/rice, cheeseburger, chef salad or yogurt; choice 2: peas, cole slaw or side salad; French bread, peanut butter, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Grilled chicken patty, Western beef & cheese, cheeseburger, chef salad w/bread, yogurt; choice 2: Baked beans, side salad or pasta salad; cookie bar, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Pizza w/ham, cheese, pepperoni, chili w/giant pretzel, cheeseburger, chef salad w/bread; yogurt; choice 2: cole slaw, side salad or Calif. blend vegetable; fruit selection or cherry cup, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, roasted turkey, yogurt, cheeseburger, chef salad; choice 2: green beans, side salad or mashed potatoes w/gravy; dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Grilled ham & cheese, pork rib sandwich, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choice 2: tomato soup w/crackers, baby carrots or side salad; fruit selection, milk.



Bill and Eldora Schmidt

Schmidts celebrate 50th anniversary

In celebration of their 50th anniversary, family and friends of Bill and Eldora Schmidt are gathering in the afternoon on January 2 at Berkley Hills Wesleyan Church where they have been longtime members.

The Schmidts now reside in Florida but were longtime residents of Lowell.

Their children Ron and Gwen Schmidt, Gale and Ann Schmidt, Darrell and Mary Schmidt and Mike and Vicki Schmidt, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren thank them for their Christian example, their faithful marriage, parenting and life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 31 - Marcie Page, Bill DeHaan, Charles Boerema.
JANUARY 1 - Tory Abel, Alice Hesche, John Wenger, Carolyn Yonker.
JANUARY 2 - Rose Nead.
JANUARY 3 - Jon Vezino, Agnes Kent, Audrie Olszewski.
JANUARY 4 - Nicholas Knonenwetter, Donna Johnson, Nita Baker-Czapek.
JANUARY 5 - Ryan Sauber, Craig Carpenter.
JANUARY 6 - Don Green, Mary Ellen Miller, Dimpna Hill Brown, Bob Kinsley.



Gifts and Food for Area Families

Through the support of the Lowell community volunteers Flat River Outreach Ministries was able to provide food and gifts to over 60 families in the Lowell area. Local churches, schools, businesses and organizations helped provide food and toys for needy area families. Pictured above, left to right, are volunteers Elida Saldivar and Margaret Gardner.



Toys For Tots

Employees of the Lowell School District donated over 200 gifts for children in the Lowell community. The gifts were delivered to Flat River Outreach Ministries for distribution to families in the community. Toys were collected over a three-and-a-half week period. Pictured above, left to right, are: Jody Haybarker (Access 6 volunteer), Lani Rice (president of the Lowell Education Association), and Bob Rice.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



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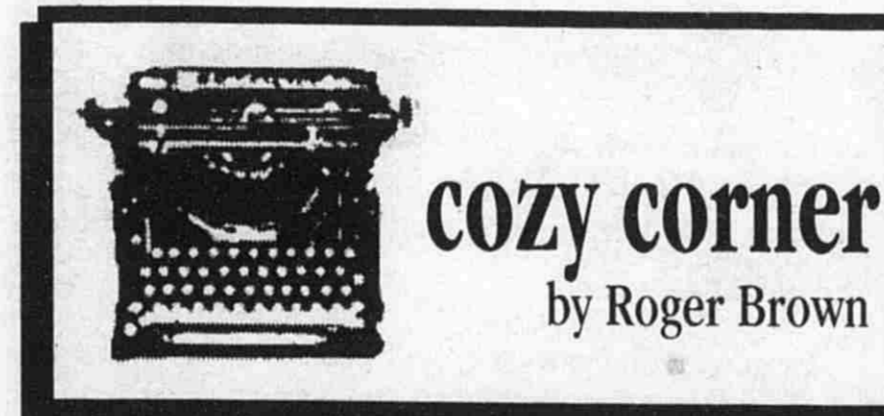
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Morning Worship.....11 A.M.
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
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Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M.
(Sept. - April)
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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

We do some business with a little print shop in Key West. We were just there yesterday. They output the digitized pages of our real estate magazine to negatives. These negatives are then put on an airplane for Miami where 17,000 copies of a 52 tab page edition are printed. In a couple of days, three large pallets of papers will arrive here. We will then go about the task of distributing them to about 250 sites along the 100 mile stretch between Key West and Key Largo. In the meantime, we will be busy with our billing and posting many of the listings in our paper to our web site. It takes a little over two weeks to go from our first sales calls to having a fresh paper on the street. By the middle of January, we'll be hard at work on the February issue. It's a regular monthly cycle, complete with its own version of PMS (Publishing Madness Syndrome).

What gets me about this paper is the technology involved. We run the whole thing out of our house and car. As I look around this home office, I see a couple of small computers, a FAX machine, phones, scanner, copier, cell phone, laser printer, postage meter, calculators, camera and some loose ends. The whole operation would fit into an average bedroom. And, realistically, one person could run the whole show. My wife and I split it up, but I know in confidence she would tell you I don't really do a heck of a lot.

What I'm getting at here is the fact I go back way too far in this business. My father bought a little weekly newspaper when I was ten years old. That was in the late fifties when the printing business was much more like blacksmithing than this science fiction age we're in now. Publishing this paper would require several employees, a building full of big old greasy machines and infinitely more time, energy and legwork. There would be room for a lazy slug such as myself to occasionally get lost in such a system. Like everything else

these days, the publishing business is awfully fast paced. I'm not sure I like it all that much, but on the other hand, there is no way I'd go back to the old hot metal days. Sometimes I feel a little like a dinosaur and a comet, or ice age, or volcano, or whatever got those guys, is headed straight at me.

Two recent incidents, or observations on my part, have me feeling this way. The first happened yesterday when we went to Key West to have our paper output to negatives. We left here with the entire paper downloaded to two "Zip" discs that would fit into my shirt pocket. We're talkin' 52 tab pages, hundreds of photos, reams of text, graphics, etc. We're talkin' ten solid days of sales work, photography and composition condensed down to a shirt pocket. I feel like some little wiseguy mammal is off in his burrow designing computer software while I'm standing out in a bog somewhere mindlessly munching on leaves. In other words, this stuff is way, way beyond me.

The second incident is not related to our publishing business, but does involve a computer we use. For Christmas, we received an Intel Create and Share camera pack from my daughter and her husband. My son-in-law works for Intel at their Phoenix plant (he's the little wiseguy mammal in his burrow I mentioned). The "pack" consists of a tiny video camera that mounts so that it can view you while at your computer, an internal "board" for your computer, software on a CD and an instruction manual. The little box it came in looked innocent enough, the instructions sounded simple, but my wife is almost as old as me and even when two old dinosaurs put their heads together there sometimes isn't enough capacity to figure this high-tech stuff out.

We had hoped to have the system up and running so we could see our granddaughter on Christmas morning. However, we hit some snags, and tech support was closed for the holidays. We finally got through to the tech folks last night and they talked us through our problems. The next thing you know, we're having a video conversation over the internet with our daughter's family some 2,000 miles away. Blew my little walnut sized mind.

The video image was a little jerky and a second or two delayed. The voice quality was also slightly broken and somewhat delayed. But, aside from that, there on the computer monitor was a live granddaughter waving and jabbering at her "grammie" and "bumpa" while excitedly showing us her

Christmas presents. This was way, way too cool! We were online with them for the better part of an hour. Even Maddie, who is just 20 months old and easily distracted, seemed to enjoy the new device and video/talking to her grandparents. She stuck with us for pretty much the duration. Of course, she's very much into dinosaurs right now. "Barney" is her favorite TV show.

Well, gotta go. It's time to run a spell check, print a hard copy, save the file, get online and e-mail this thing up to Michigan. Then I can go out in the yard, munch on leaves and wait for the comet.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS AGO IN THE

LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - DECEMBER 31, 1873
Emma Cole, long connected with the Union School, in Lowell, accepts a position with the Greenville Union School. She is regarded as an excellent teacher.

The editor has been sick this week, with his pulse up to "110 in the shade."

J.P. Flanigan has organized a penmanship class here, with over 40 members enrolled.

F.D. Stocking has a small quantity of excellent, large Montana rye seed which he will give to any farmer who will experiment with growing it in Michigan.

The Musical Union Christmas concert, with all local talent, was excellent. A long column of acts is listed.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DECEMBER 29, 1898
Four weddings were celebrated at the brides' homes last week.

The new Lowell Township ordinance forbids horses or teams standing in the road unless tied or in charge of a person of proper age.

Lowell's first paper, the Lowell Star, started publishing September 12, 1860; business owners, a train schedule and market reports are quoted from that issue.

The Christmas collection was so large that "Santa" White could distribute only food and toys in one day. Clothing is being sorted and will go out later.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - DECEMBER 27, 1923

The new trunk line, Route 39, is lighting the road-grading work as well as lighting the gravel pit. Three gasoline shovels have moved 20,000 yards of sand and gravel.

Marriages, divorces, crime, litigation and hunting licenses all increased markedly in Kent County during 1923.

The Lowell basket ball team loses a scrimmage to South High in South's new gym, probably due to unfamiliarity with the large gym floor, different lighting and glass backboards. Henry Ford declares his support for President Coolidge.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DECEMBER 30, 1948

Dick Machiele assumes the County Agriculture post from retiring Keats Vining. Vining's son, Dr. Keats Vining Jr., is leaving Lowell for graduate work in medicine at Northwestern University.

Michigan's death rate for 1948 is the lowest in history, with heart disease the leader, as usual.

Michigan State College Farm Week will feature the newest in farm machinery and buildings this year.

Lowell's 1948 fire losses are less than one-eighth of those in 1947.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - DECEMBER 27, 1973

Lowell's annual Showboat visitor becomes "Mr. Vice President"; Gerald R. Ford was a Rotary speaker here only last August.

The police get a written contract and a wage increase after the local Post Officers Association joins the Michigan organization and the issues are successfully arbitrated.

An explanation to parents is made of the new "Open Classroom Teaching."

To The Editor

We wish to thank you, the Lowell community, for your overwhelming showing of love and support during this Christmas season. Thanks to you we provided food and gifts to over 60 families in the Lowell area.

With the help of 11 volunteers, we packed the food and gifts on Saturday, Dec. 19 for pick up on Monday the 21st.

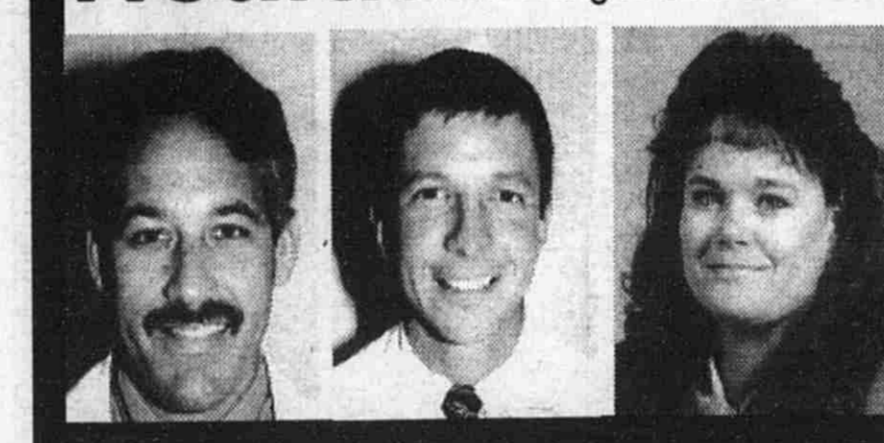
We wish to add a special thanks to a few local businesses for their help. Showboat Automotive and Family Fare for being collection sites for toys; Michaels Farm Market for giving Christmas trees to those families who wanted one;

Cousins Hallmark; the Lowell Area Schools students, teachers and administrators; and Cub Scout Pack 3188 for their special collection of food and toys. All of you who donated or volunteered during this season should feel a great deal of pride in yourselves and our community.

Several of the local churches, organizations and community groups help support the food pantry throughout the year. As most of you know, we will be moving into our own building in the near future. We hope that you, the people of Lowell, will join with us in our vision for the future and we all together can help those in need at any given time throughout the entire year.

Thank you Lowell,
Jody Haybarker
Flat River
Outreach Ministries

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



HEART MURMUR

A heart murmur is a sound heard through a stethoscope when a health care professional is listening to the heart. They can be caused by defective heart valves or holes in the heart

walls. Or, as is the case very often, they may be "innocent" or not related to any true abnormality.

Innocent murmurs are sounds made by the blood circulating through the chambers and valves of the heart or through blood vessels near the heart. Innocent murmurs are common in children and are harmless. In fact, they are so common that in any group of children a large percentage are likely to have had one at some time. These innocent murmurs disappear as the patient grows out of adolescence, but some may persist into adulthood.

When your doctor first hears a murmur, he or she may want to perform other tests to make sure that the murmur is innocent. An echocardiogram (a type of ultrasound) is usually very informative in this regard. If the murmur is found to be innocent, no restrictions are placed on the patient's activities or diet. The most important aspect of diagnosing a heart murmur is to make sure that it is merely innocent and not related to any heart disease.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

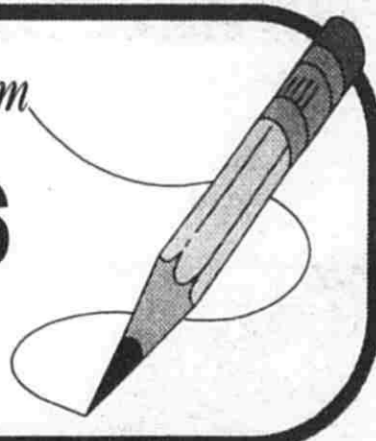
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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

News & Notes From
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP



The Vergennes Township Board appointed Richard Dwyer, 46 Rivertop Dr., to the construction board of appeals. Dwyer was appointed to an open seat on the construction board of appeals following Joe Host's (11311 Bailey Dr, NE) expired term.

Engineering project set for new township road

By Amy Briggs
Contributing Writer

A road commission engineering project for Lowell Charter Township was approved at the regular board meeting Dec. 21.

The order is for 36th Street, east of Pratt Lake, the site of a proposed road. The approved work order is only for the engineering of the road, not for road construction.

"If we don't get engineering and build the road, 100 percent of the costs are our own," explained Lowell Township supervisor John

Timpson, "but if it is engineered, we'll be on top of the [waiting] list."

Timpson relayed that it could take three years before

Developers begin Foreman Farms construction

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The two-year process is now at a stage where growth, literally, can begin for the developers of Foreman Farms Court.

The 20-home development is located in Vergennes

Vergennes Township's decision to expand its planning commission board from six to nine members was met with a plethora of applications.

The quality of applicants made the decision a difficult one, according to township board member Mark Weber.

Appointed to two-year terms were Rick Gillett, incumbent and planning commission chairman, and Greg Kulross. Dean Alger, Vern Nauta and Scott Jernberg all received three-year appointments.

Incumbent Dave Pedley was not reappointed. The appointments were approved by a 3-2 vote.

There were three appointments to Vergennes Township's Zoning Board of Appeals.

By a 3-2 vote, Bob Humphries, William Schreuer Jr. and Al Baird were approved.

Humphries and Schreuer were given two-year terms and Baird was selected as an alternate.

actual construction of the road would take place, then another five years to build the road.

"We don't have our facts

and figures in yet, but right now we're only concerned with the engineering," Timpson concluded.

Vergennes Township approved a request to fly a POW/MIA flag outside Township Hall.

It will be flown on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and all other holidays recognizing veterans.

Currently the U.S. flag and a Michigan flag are flown outside township hall.

The consideration of a water/sewer study will be postponed until Vergennes Township area, demands and availability can be defined.

"I think the study should be done as close to the time as the city of Lowell is able to consider participation by Vergennes Township," said Vergennes Township planning commissioner Mark Weber.

A water/sewer study will take three weeks to complete. "Eventually the township will need to complete such a study," said township clerk Mari Stone.

The proposed study would cost \$6,000.

A plaque in memory of Russell and Katherine McPherson Davis will be hung in Vergennes Township's new meeting hall.

The plaque is in recognition of the family's land use donation to the township for hall offices.

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channels according to content and interests. The technical and contractual considerations, however, were discussed as were the possible confusion and frustration such broad changes might cause subscribers.

**City of Lowell, cont'd....
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cant progress on the City Hall/police station project. The work will continue in 1999," Pasquale said. "How fast we don't know."

DNR offers snowmobiling safety class

The Michigan DNR will offer a home study course for snowmobile safety for students to earn their snowmobile safety certificates. Michigan law allows young persons 12 to 16 years of age to operate a snowmobile in the state only if:

- They have a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by Michigan, another state or a province of Canada in their possession, or:

- They are directly supervised by a person 18 years of age or older, or:
- They are operating on lands owned or under the control of a parent or legal guardian.

To participate in the Home Study Course, the student will first have to request the course materials from the address below. The review and testing should take around 2-3 hours.

Snowmobile Safety, cont'd. pg. 16

Township at the corner of Cumberland and Foreman.

A half dozen different housing models with different variations will be housed in the development.

Homes are being built by Holwerda Builders of Grand Rapids, the fourth largest builder in Kent County.

The 1-1/2 acre parcels are being sold with homes already on them.

Developers John Scott, Mark Hamersma and Greg Holwerda say the price tag will include the lot, house, front-yard landscaping and a driveway.

"This development is unique with its proximity to

the school, its affordability and the sense of neighborhood it has," Scott explained.

The cost will range from \$150,000-\$180,000.

The development will also have city water. While that adds to the cost of each lot, Scott says it provides homeowners with a reliable water source.

Construction on the first of 20 homes began two weeks ago.

"People in Grand Rapids want to live out here," Scott said. "I'm really impressed with Lowell and with the work that has been done in the city's downtown."

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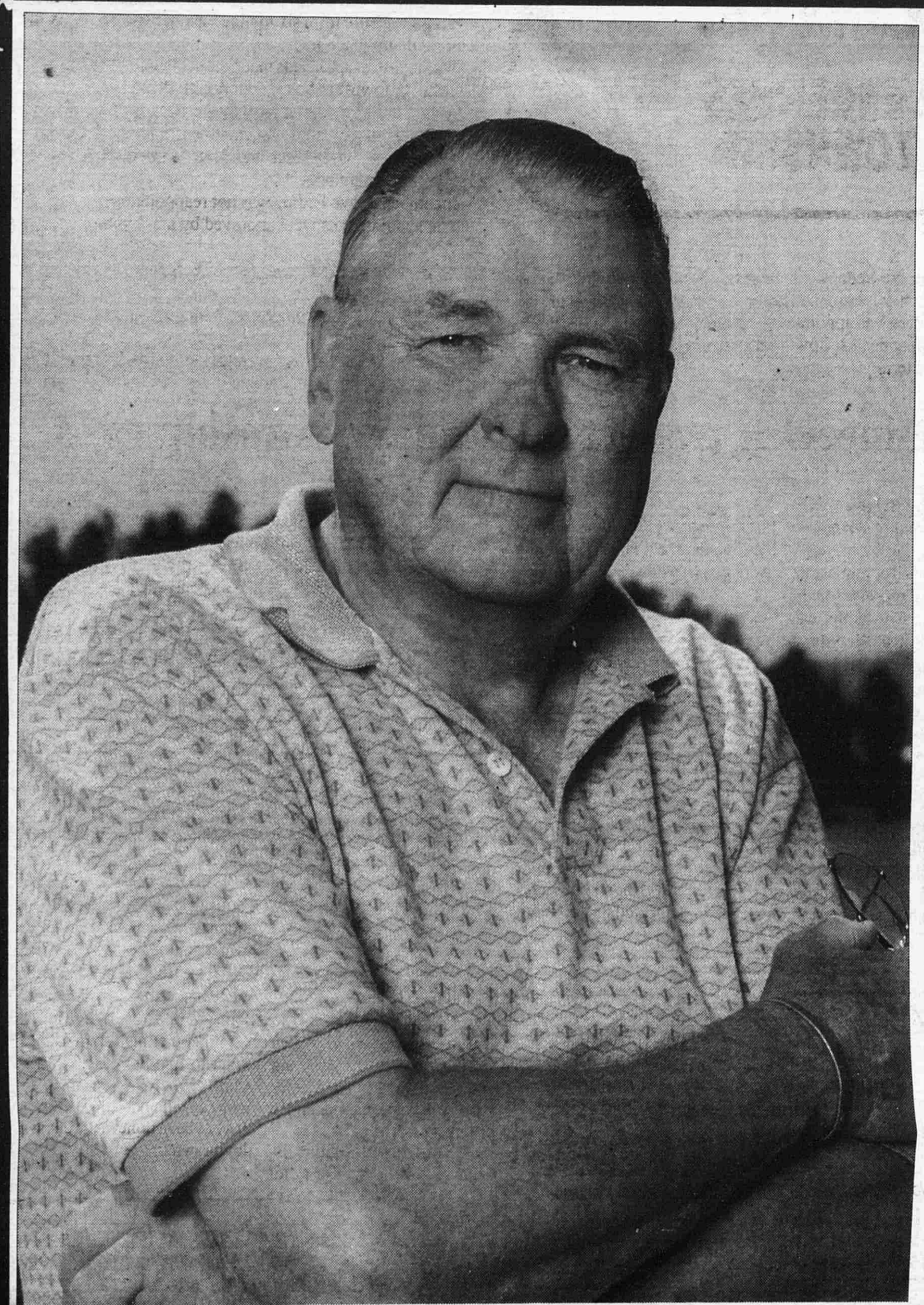
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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 THRU DECEMBER 17

Monday, ABC sportscaster Keith Jackson steps into the broadcast booth for the last time in his 40-year broadcasting career to call the 1999 College Football Fiesta Bowl - Florida State vs. Tennessee. For 32 years, Jackson has served as the voice of ABC's college football coverage, 12 of those with colleague Bob Griese.



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WOTV	Extra (In Stereo)	Real TV (In Stereo)	Vengeance Unlimited (In Stereo)	Cupid (In Stereo)	Behind Closed Doors VII (In Stereo)	News	Nightline			
WGUV	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	This Old House	Mystery "Cadillac" Holy relics are stolen from Shrewsbury Abbey	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)				
WXMI	Fraser (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Statue"	World's Wildest Police Videos (In Stereo) (PA)	Fox Files (In Stereo)	Baywatch "Drop Zone" (In Stereo)	Fraser (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H "Aid Station"			
WOOD	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Just Shoot Me (R)	Fraser (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	News	Tonight Show		
WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Vengeance Unlimited (In Stereo)	Cupid (In Stereo)	Behind Closed Doors VII (In Stereo)	News	Nightline			
FX	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	X-Files "Space" (In Stereo)	Cupid (In Stereo)	Behind Closed Doors VII (In Stereo)	News	Nightline			
DISN	Movie: *** "The Jungle Book" (1967), George Sanders 'G' (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Brave Little Toaster" (1987), Tim Stack (In Stereo) 'NR'								
FBS	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	WCW Thunder							
TAM	Show Me the Funny	New Addams Family	Life, Camera, Action	Life, Camera, Action	Movie: *** "The Angel & Me" (1995) Judge Reinhold, Carol Kane, (In Stereo)					
USA	Xena: Warrior Princess	"The Furies" (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger	"Test of Faith" (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Casino" (1995) (Part 1 of 2) Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci, (In Stereo)					
DISC	Wild Discovery "Super Predators" (R)		Wild Rides (R)		Science Mysteries "Buried Alive"					
WGN	Family Matters	Family Matters	Wayans Bros. (R)	Jamie Foxx (In Stereo)	Steve Harvey	For Your Love	MacGyver "The Battle of Tommy Giordano"			
ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships - First Round, Kapalua, Hawaii, (Live)			College Basketball: Illinois at Iowa, (Live)					
CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live					
NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter (R)	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years "Moving"	Happy Days	Laveme & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
A&E	Law & Order "Tori's Greed" (Part 1 of 2)		Biography "Ava Gardner" (R)		American Justice "Mob Ladies" (R)					
FSD	Lockerroom	College Basketball: Valparaiso at Oakland, (Live)			Sports News	FOX Sports News	College Basketball: Southern California at Oregon, (Live)			
TNT	ER "Gut Reaction" (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Wall Street" (1987, Drama) Michael Douglas. A ruthless corporate raider instructs a young stockbroker.							
NASH	Waltons "The Violated" (In Stereo)		Life and Times of Billy Ray Cyrus (In Stereo)		Prime Time Country (In Stereo)					
TL	Code 3 "Earthquake Alarm"		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	War and Civilization "Gunpowder" (R)					
SCIFI	Amazing Stories	Star Trek "What Are Little Girls Made Of?"			Highlander: The Series "The Road Not Taken"					
COM	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money	Movie: *** "Throw Momma From the Train" (1987) Danny DeVito, Anne Ramsey.		Damny DeVito, Anne Ramsey.					
HIST	20th Century "The Persian Gulf War" (R)		Roman Legions (R)		Great Escapes of World War II (Part 4 of 4)					
AMC	(6:00) Movie: "Jim Thorpe, All American" (1951)		Movie: *** "The Alamo" (1960, Western) John Wayne, Richard Widmark, Laurence Harvey, Wayne directed this account of the historic Texas battle.							
H&G	This Old House	New Yankee Workshop	Home-Almanac	How's That Made? (R)	Room for Change (R)	Designing-Sexs	21st Century Home (R)	Dream Builders (R)		
LIFE	Party of Five "Homework" (In Stereo)		Chicago Hope "Waging Bull" (In Stereo)		Movie: "Crisis Unheard: The Donna Yaklich Story" (1994) Jaclyn Smith, David Lascher.					
HBO	Movie: "Batman & Robin" (1997), Chris O'Donnell (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (Adult situations, violence)		Movie: *** "The Assignment" (1997), Donald Sutherland, Ben Kingsley (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: "The Invader" (1997), Ben Cross, Daniel Baldwin (In Stereo) 'NR'					
MAX	(6:15) Movie: "Super Mario Bros." (1993) 'PG'		Movie: *** "The People vs. Larry Flynt" (1996), Courtney Love, Edward Norton (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: "The Edge" (1997), Alec Baldwin (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)					

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 7, 1999

BROADCAST STATIONS	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)		Star Trek: The Next Generation "Frame of Mind"	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)					
WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Love Connection	Change of Heart		Paid Program	(Off Air)				
WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose									
WXMI	Newsradio "Injury"	Newlywed Game	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)			
WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)			Tonight Show (In Stereo)					
WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Mad About You	News (R)	Judge Joe Brown	Married... With	Coach (In Stereo)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)		
FX	NYPD Blue "Heavin' Can Wait" (In Stereo)		Bobcat's Big Show	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
DISN	Zorro "A Fair Trial"	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: *** "Miracle of the White Stallions" (1963), Lilli Palmer, Curt Jurgens		Movie: *** "The Brave Little Toaster" (1987), Tim Stack (In Stereo) 'NR'					
FBS	WCW Thunder (R)		WCW Thunder (R)		Movie: *** "The Big Brawl" (1980) Jackie Chan, Kristine DeBell.					
TAM	AXN	Life, Camera, Action	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
USA	Silk Stalkings "Pumped Up" (R) (In Stereo)		Renegade "Second Chance" (In Stereo)		Movie: * "Teresa's Tattoo" (1994) Adrienne Shelly, Nancy McKeon, (In Stereo)					
DISC	Science Mysteries "Buried Alive" (R)		Into the Unknown "Ancient Puzzles" (R)		Justice Files "Cops Gone Bad" (R)					
WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Discovery"		Matlock "The Student" (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	Snowboarding: World Cup.		Super Bowl V	Sportscenter					
CNN	Larry King Live (R)		Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly (R)		Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	Showbiz Today	Crossfire (R)	CNN International	Newsroom
NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Paper Marriage"	Newhart "Newsstruck" Dick Van Dyke		Brady Bunch	Wonder Years "Moving"	Happy Days	Laveme & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
A&E	Biography "Ava Gardner" (R)		American Justice "Mob Ladies" (R)		Movie: "Inspector Morse: Greeks Bearing Gifts"					
FSD	College Basketball	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		Last Word (R)	Ultimate Fan League	Extremists (R)	Football Wldy	Paid Program	Paid Program
TNT	(10:45) Movie: *** "Wall Street" (1987) Michael Douglas, Daryl Hannah.		Movie: *** "Amos & Andrew" (1993) Nicolas Cage, Dabney Coleman.							
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "10 Million Dollar Sheriff" (R)		Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)		Mesquite Rodeo (R) (In Stereo)					
TL	War and Civilization "Gunpowder" (R)		Code 3 "Earthquake Alarm"		War and Civilization "Revolution" (R)					
SCIFI	(11:30) Star Trek "What Are Little Girls Made Of?"		Highlander: The Series "The Road Not Taken"		Friday the 13th: The Series "Cupid's Quiver" (R)					
COM	Saturday Night Live	Dream On	Daily Show (R)		Movie: *** "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension" (1984) Peter Weller.					
HIST	Roman Legions (R)		Great Escapes of World War II (R) (Part 4 of 4)		Modern Marvels "Brooklyn Bridge" (R)					
AMC	(11:00) Movie: "Drums"		Movie: *** "Jim Thorpe, All American" (1951), Phyllis Thaxter, Charles Bickford		Movie: *** "The Alamo" (1960, Western) John Wayne. Wayne directed this account of the historic Texas battle.					
H&G	Room for Change (R)	Designing-Sexs	21st Century Home (R)	This Old House (R)	New Yankee Workshop					
LIFE	Golden Girls (In Stereo)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)	Commissar "Behind the Storm Door" (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
HBO	Artists (In Stereo)	Sex and the City (R)	Mr. Show-Bob		Movie: *** "Eddie Murphy Raw" (1987) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language)					
MAX	(11:40) Movie: *** "Strike a Pose" (1993) 'R'		Movie: *** "The Edge" (1997), Alec Baldwin (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)		Movie: *** "Redline" (1997), Mark Dacascos, Yvonne Scio (In Stereo) 'R'					

otices in The Ledger's coming events are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Middlesex, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

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 THIRDMONDAY: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322. Begins in Sept.

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.

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 1030, for boys 11 & 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.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

EVERY FOURTH TUES.: Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall.

TUES. & THURS: Flat River Running Club, 7 p.m. at Fallsburg Park-main parking lot, during summer months starting June 23. For more information call Mike Wojciakowski, 691-7455.

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. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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 Beltline). 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.

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FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

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 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.

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

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUN., JAN. 3: Christmas dinner for past matrons of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S., at the new home of Bill and Nancy Wood, 760 Grindle. Please bring a dish to pass. Social hour 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. Husbands are invited.

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.

THURSDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

THURSDAYS: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-9393.

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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.

WED., JAN. 6: 7 p.m., financial aid meeting at the Lowell Performing Arts Center about the process of applying for financial aid to help with college expenses. All seniors, juniors and their parents are invited to attend this very important meeting. Parents of seniors will be submitting an application for federal Student Aid in February. Parents of juniors can get an early look at the process for the next year.

THURS., JAN. 7: The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the play *Family Album* at 7:30 in the LMS cafeteria at 750 Foreman Rd. Free admission.

THURS., JAN. 7: There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. in the Cherry Creek cafeteria for any 13-16 year olds interested in playing on the Lowell junior varsity hockey team next year. Parents and anyone else interested in learning more about the Lowell club hockey program are also invited to attend.

DEADLINE FRI., JAN. 15: Parents, we need pictures of your seniors for the senior video - they can be anything from individual to group shots, baby pics to current. Please turn them into the school office or the media center. They will be available at the senior all-night party in May.

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REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 14, 1998

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Motion to approve the Agenda with addition of #1 Flag, under "Purchase Orders" and #6 Sign Zoning, under "New Business" moved to #1.
- Motion to allocate up to \$200 for a new flag.
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented.
- Motion to approve Fire Department Policy and Application for Employment.
- Motion to appoint Tim Tulppo and M. Anderson to Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Motion to amend the Engineering Budget by \$2,500, the Phone Budget by \$775 and Electricity Budget by \$550.
- Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

Lowell topples Grandville in holiday tournament

••• On the strength of four pins the Red Arrow grapplers defeated the tournament host Bulldogs 40-30.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's a Christmas gift Lowell has wanted to unwrap for quite some time. Monday, the Red Arrow wrestling team ripped off the ribbon.

Lowell defeated Grandville 40-30 in the finals of Grandville's Tate and Marge Frederick Invitational.

It was the first time since 1989 a Lowell team won the invitational and the first time since 1991 a Red Arrow club defeated Grandville.

"This was frosting on the cake," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc. "It's quite a trick getting guys ready to wrestle in the middle of Christmas break."

Lowell reached the finals by blasting Grandville's "B" team 67-9 and then fought off a scrappy Lansing Eastern team 45-25.

The Red Arrows started fast and finished strong.

Lowell won four of the first five matches and strung together three wins in succession to end the match.

In between, Grandville won five of six matches.

"Our strength is in the middle," said former Eaton Rapids coach and now Grandville first-year coach, Jack Richardson. "There was some great competition out there."

Lowell trailed 30-24 before rallying for the victory.

Caleb Grummet, 189 pounds, decisoned Jeremy Landstra 13-2, cutting the deficit to 30-28.

"Caleb showed a lot of discipline and control out there," Strejc said. "He wrestled well all day."

Junior Bill Stouffer gave Lowell the lead for good at 34-30 with a pin against Ryan Roberts at 28 seconds of the

first period; Denny Snuffer pinned Tony Kraus at 5:14 of the third period; Dan Rottier won via forfeit; and Caleb O'Boyle decisoned Troy Van Valken 4-2.

"130 pounds was the swing match. O'Boyle is a solid kid. Troy's not too bad either," Richardson said.

With the exception of 152, the Bulldogs owned the middle weights.

Alan Smith (135) pinned Brent Lyons at 38 seconds of the first period; Jeremy VanderVeen pinned Pete VanLaan at 4:56 of the third period; and Ben Grifhorst pinned T.J. Forward at 37 seconds of the first period. The three pins gave Grandville a 24-21 lead.

Doug Ford's 8-6 decision in overtime against Grandville's Joe Seitsma evened the score at 24-24.

"Doug gave a great display of mental toughness in the pinch. He came through when it came right down to it," Strejc said.

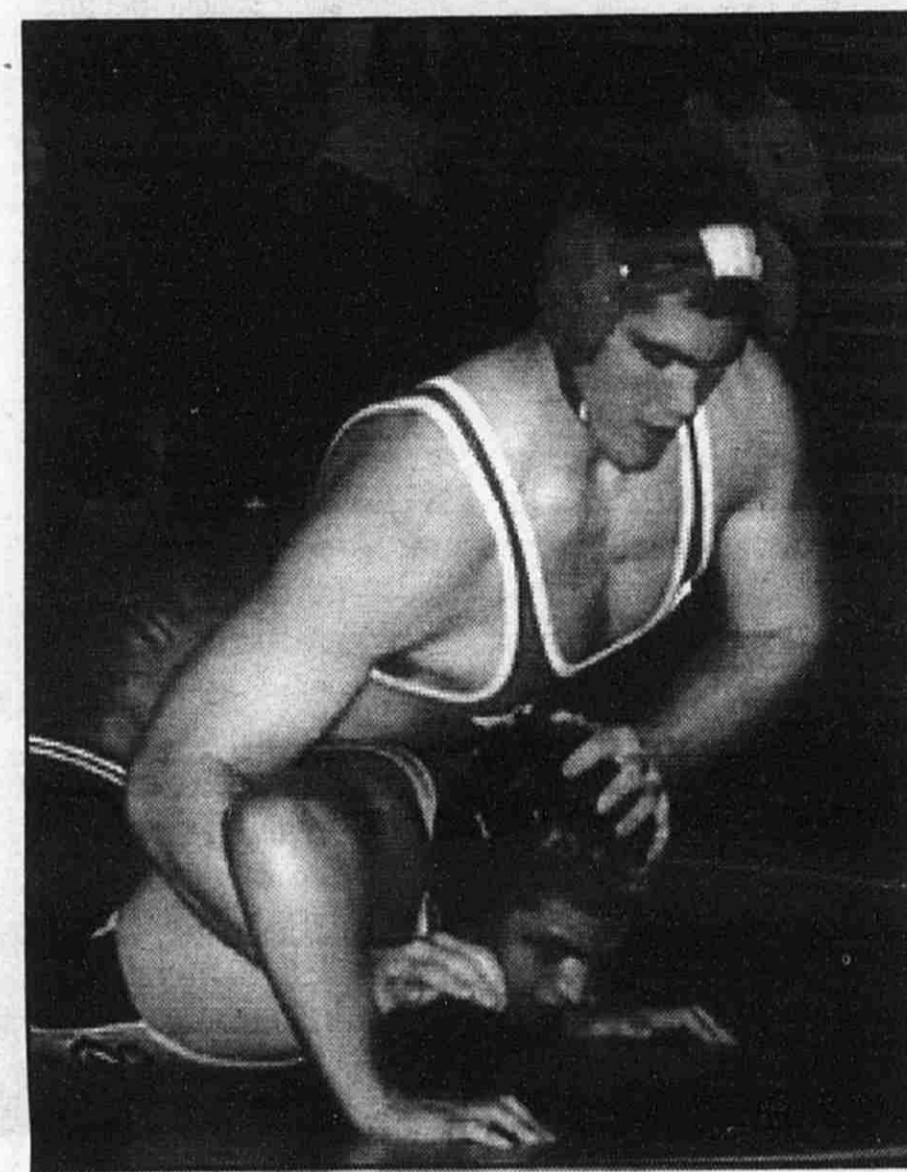
Grandville built its lead to 30-24 with decisions by Joe Nash and Matt Workman.

Nash defeated Lowell's Tom Dawson 8-3 and Workman defeated Steve VanLaan 6-0.

"Dawson wrestled an intense six minutes. Steve wrestled a good match against a tough kid. He kept things close," Strejc said.

Lowell's next match Jan. 7 at Forest Hills Central.

"We're a little ahead of where we ought to be," Strejc said.



With Lowell trailing 30-28, Bill Stouffer (215), left, and Mike Arnsward (HWT), above, manufactured pins in lifting Lowell to a 40-30 win over Grandville on Monday.

Off the Mat:

The tributes to former Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers continue. Prior to the start of the championship match, the Grandville wrestling club presented the coach's son Mike Rivers with a monetary donation toward the Lowell Wrestling Club in memory of coach Rivers. "Even as an adversary, coach Rivers touched those he competed against," Strejc said.

first period.

Heavyweight Mike Arnsward finished things up with a pin against Dan Briscoe at 3:35 of the second period.

Lowell grabbed a 21-6 lead through the first five weight classes.

After John McKay, 103 pounds, was pinned by Joe Kroft in 3:33 of the first period, Lowell posted wins at 112, 119, 125 and 130.

John Mendez (112) pinned Shirwood PUNCHES at 36 seconds of the first pe-

Snowmobile Safety, cont'd...

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If you are interested in receiving the materials or need more information, contact the following address:

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of Natural Resources
State Office Bldg.-6th Floor
350 Ottawa N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 40503
Ph.: 616-456-5071

The course will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Road, Lowell, MI.

This course is free; no pre-registration or sign up is required.

JV hockey team shuts out Wayland; ties Christian

The Lowell junior varsity hockey team played a pair of non-divisional games this past week against Wayland and Grand Rapids Christian. In the first meeting of the season against the Wayland Wildcats, the Red Arrows controlled the game from the first drop of the puck through the final buzzer.

Lowell continually hit the Wildcat goalie with a barrage of shots and despite some great saves, five Red Arrow pucks found the net. Adam Dabaja scored first for the Red Arrows with an assist from Mike Hoonhorst. Josh Baker assisted Ben Sevald with a second period goal and then

scored a goal of his own in the third. Defenseman Bryan Posthumus slapped in two goals from the point with assistance from Rhett Kirgis and Bobby Oliver to cap off the Red Arrow win.

With the help of some great defensive play, Lowell goaltender Jay Blair was able to hold the Wildcats scoreless to record his first shutout of the season in Lowell's 5-0 win.

In their first and only meeting of the season, Lowell and Grand Rapids Christian played to a 2-2 tie after three periods of great hockey action. Lowell struck first when defenseman Hoonhorst

took the puck end to end, putting it past the Grand Rapids Christian goaltender early in the first period. A short time later Grand Rapids Christian evened the game at a goal apiece.

Near the end of the first period, Christian took the lead when a shot that hit the crossbar and appeared to fall to the ice outside the Lowell goal line was declared a goal by the officials. Suddenly, the Red Arrows found themselves trailing 2-1. This was just the catalyst the Red Arrows' defense needed as Blair went on to save the next 16 Christian shots holding them scoreless for the remainder of the game. The Lowell offense put the Red Arrows back in the game late in the second period. A pass from Posthumus to Andi Larisch gave Lowell a two-on-one breakaway and Larisch's last second pass to Dabaja took the Christian goalie out of position allowing Dabaja's shot to find the net. Although the third period would offer several scoring opportunities for the Red Arrows, they were not able to make them develop and the game ended in a very respectable 2-2 tie.

Lowell will next face Grand Haven at Edge Arena in Holland on Jan. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

They will also host Wayland on Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Michigan National Ice Center.

Rozema and Lebbin pursuing start-up of local Toastmaster's club

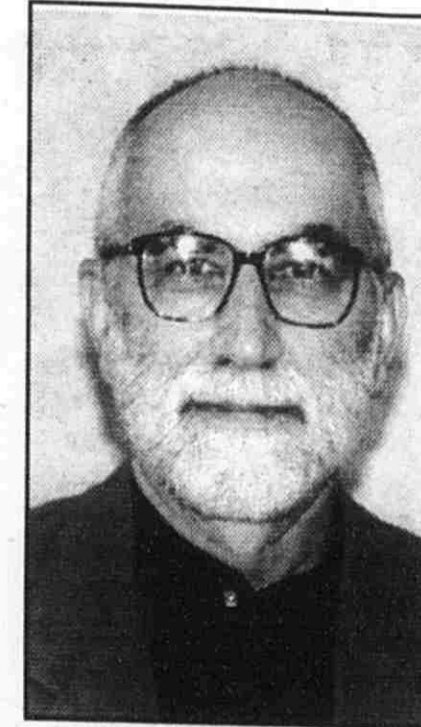
By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Developing communication and leadership skills has been the charge of Toastmasters for more than 70 years.

There are currently 90 Toastmaster clubs in the state of Michigan. If the efforts of Lee Lebbin and Lowell's Penny Rozema are successful there will soon be one in the Lowell/Ada area.

The club attracts people of mixed ages. "Usually clubs are made up of people in middle management who want to move up and improve their communication skills," says Lebbin, the Lt. Gov. of marketing for Toastmasters District 62.

A model meeting will be held for prospective members on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr



Lee Lebbin

and Huber, Inc. location in Ada at 5:20 p.m.

"We have a core of 10 members right now," Lebbin explains. "They participated in a closed Toastmasters club at Amway. It was decided to move it to the Fishbeck loca-

tion and to open it up to members of the general community."

It takes 20 members for a club to charter. There are over 8,000 clubs nationwide with more than a quarter million members.

Along with improving a person's speaking, listening,

thinking and leadership skills, Toastmasters also helps increase self-esteem through active participation and personal development.

"It is quite a kick watching a new member develop and work through all the problems," Lebbin said. "I enjoy working with them and help-

ing them identify strengths."

The mission of the Toastmasters Club mission is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills which,

in turn, foster self-confidence and personal growth.

"It is like anything else what you get out of the club depends on what a person puts into it," Lebbin explains.

There is a membership fee of \$16 to join and annual fee of \$80 per year.

Francisco elected to state Farm Bureau Board

Michelle Francisco, of Lowell, Kent County, was elected to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, December 11, during the group's 79th annual meeting in Traverse City. Francisco will serve as Promotion and Education representative.

Francisco also chairs the Michigan Farm Bureau Promotion and Education com-

mittee. She and her husband, Duane, live near Lowell.

State board members were elected by 452 delegates representing 68 county Farm Bureau organizations. The 17 board members oversee the activities of the state's largest general farm organization, with 169,202 members.

Other board members are: President Jack Laurie,

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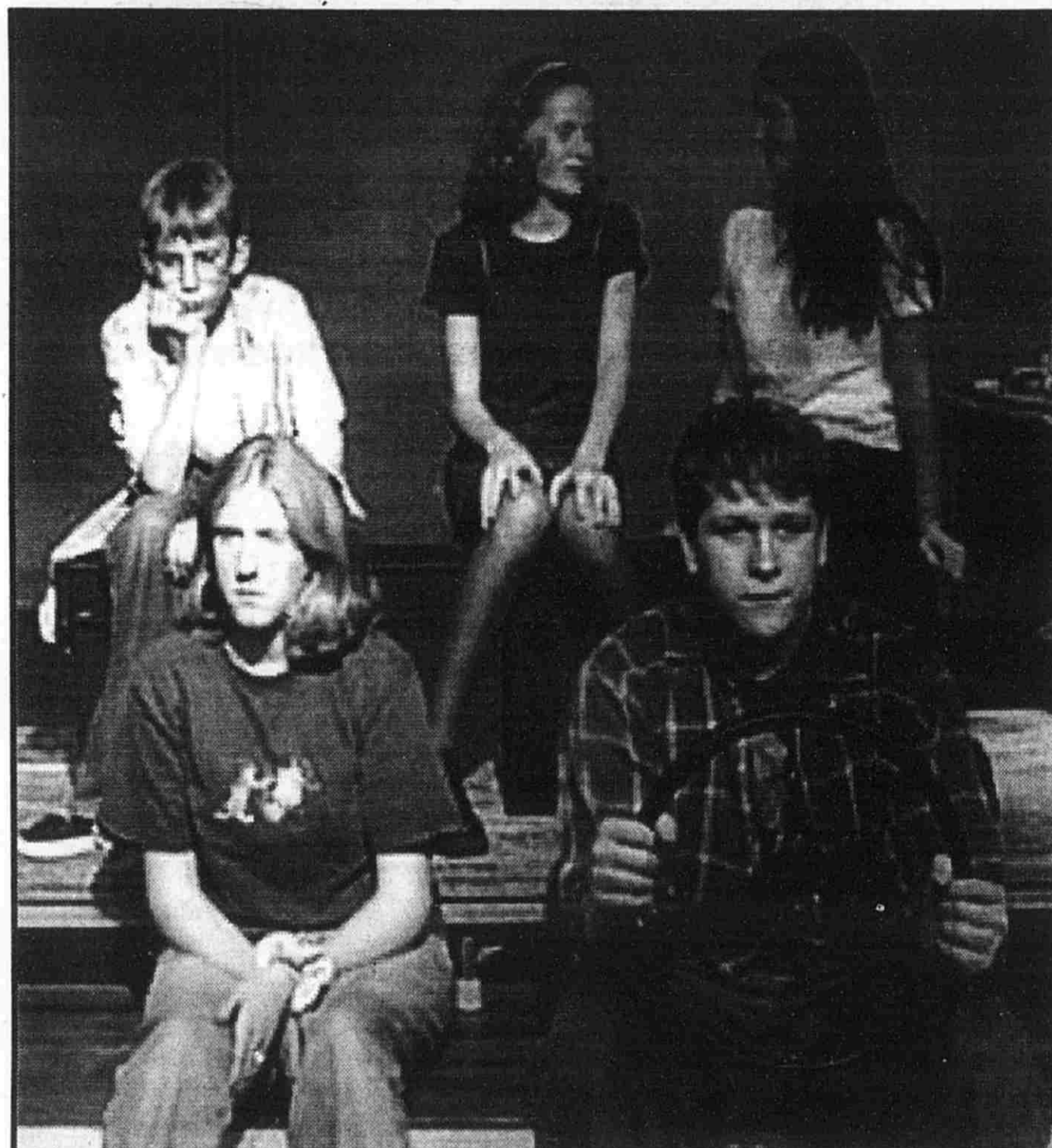
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Teacher resignation raises questions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Should a teacher be allowed to resign in the middle of a marking period?

That question was raised following a recommendation that the Lowell School Board accept the resignation of Melissa Susan.

"I realize this is already a done deal and that the teacher has left and been replaced," explained board trustee Pat Nugent. "This resignation is good for the teacher. However, I do not believe it is

good for the school, staff, children or administration."

Nugent noted that the school put forth an active effort to provide excellent salary, benefits and teaching staff.

"This teacher did not live up to the agreement. I don't think these type of resignations should be rubber stamped," Nugent explained.

Board treasurer Jack Lane called Nugent's point a valid concern and thought it was one that could be discussed by the personnel committee.

Middle school principal, Jim Harden, said Susan was recently married and was living in Grandville. "She could drive five minutes to work or 30 minutes. Do you want a happy employee or a disgruntled one?"

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke questioned if not letting a teacher go is really the best solution.

Board vice president, Mark Blanding, said he had a chance to meet Susan's replacement (Burt Breuker) and felt good about the choice.

Osburn given variance to divide lot

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Lowell resident Mark Osburn will be able to divide his lot.

That was the decision of the Lowell City Council after a debate of less than five minutes at its Monday night meeting.

The variance would allow Osburn to divide a lot located at 741 Grindle so that a residence could be built in the back of the property. The lot is 326.5 feet in width. When split, it would not meet the 165 feet of width required for each lot in the suburban residential zoning, which is what the property is zoned. Osburn said a drainage

ditch on the west side of the property is what required him to split the property in this manner. Because of the ditch, he needed to put the driveway on the south side.

Councilor Michael Blough, who visited the property, said he agreed and felt that the ditch did provide an exceptional and extraordinary circumstance for the owner.

The issue of whether Osburn should be granted a variance left the planning commission with a split vote at its November 23 meeting. The side in favor said the situation was an exceptional circumstance and met the other requirements for granting a variance. Those against the

request stated they felt that the resident was creating the need for a variance and that it did not meet the requirements.

It left the city council, acting as the zoning board of appeals, to make the final determination on whether the variance should be granted.

After reviewing opinions representing both sides of the planning commission, Blough recommended and the council unanimously agreed to grant the variance so Osburn could split his property.



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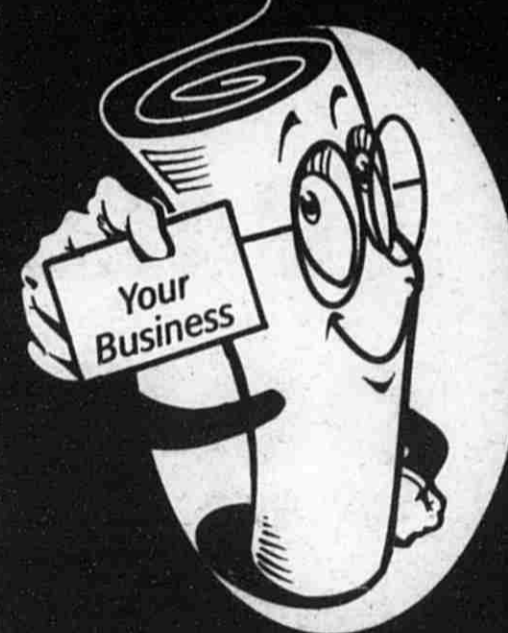
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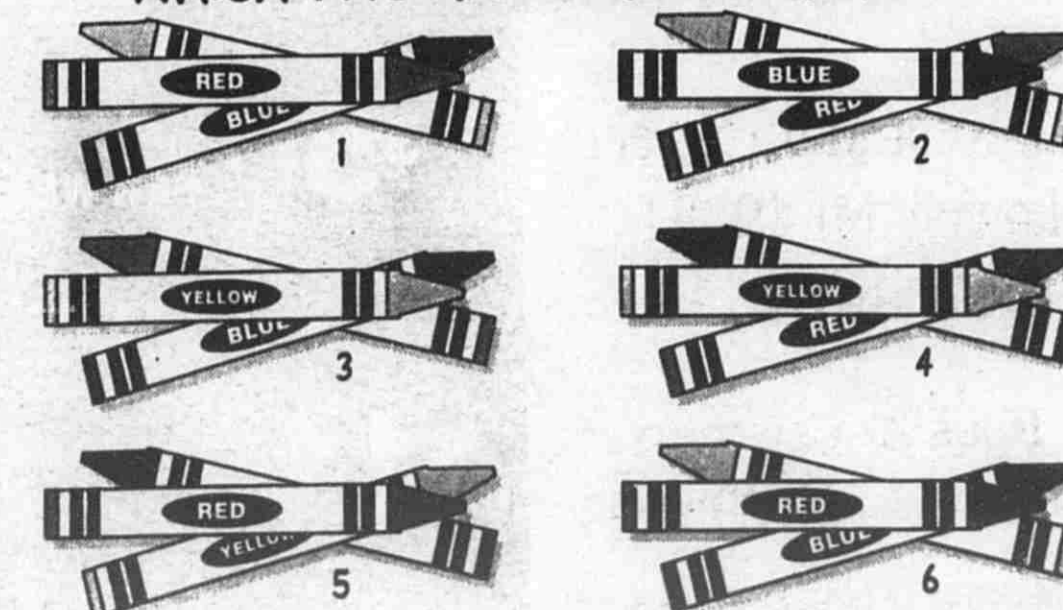
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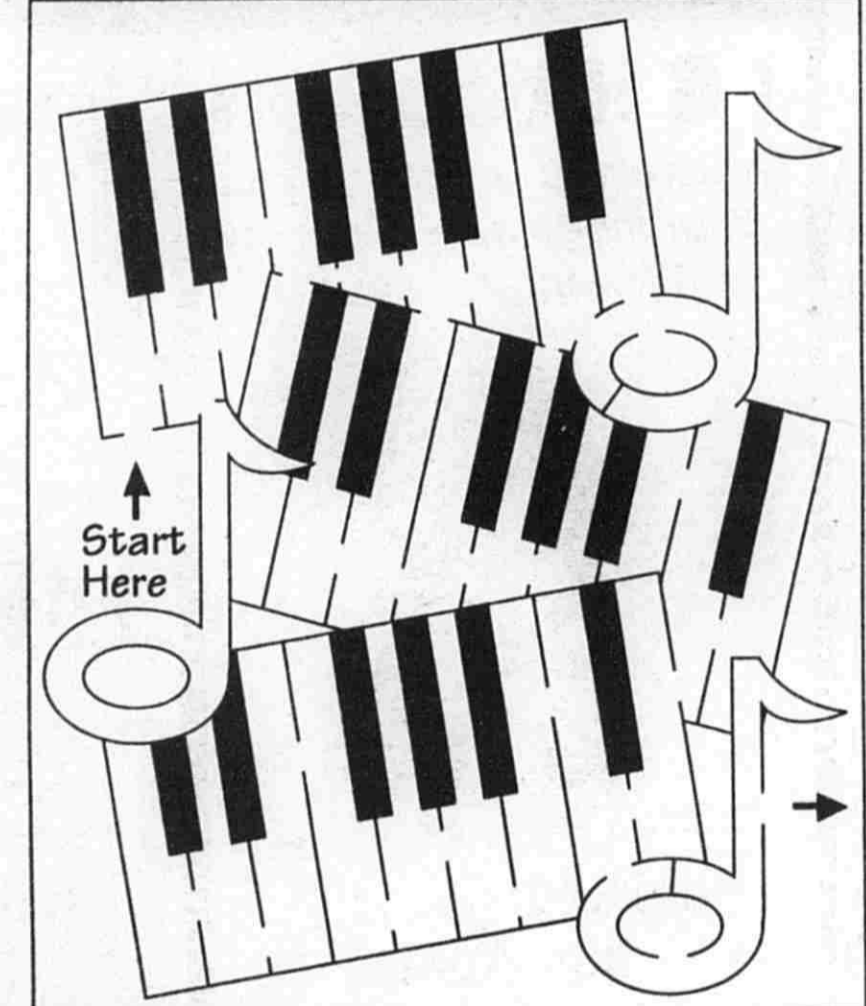
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