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Growing Decisions

•••• A demographic task force committee report indicates that growth is in the school's immediate future. The school must now decide what those numbers mean to the district.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Evaluating regional growth patterns in the Lowell area has become increasingly important in maintaining and creating capacity in the Lowell School District.

Recent Lowell Area School enrollment projections

how much will growth continue and does it have the building capacity to deal with it.

The Stanfred study, which the school has used as a barometer in projecting school enrollment, breaks their projections down into three different categories: standard

nine projections. "Stanfred has indicated that the projections from the 1.5 standard unit category are the best ones to use to arrive at the most likely results," said Lowell Demographic Task Force committee member Gil Wise. "Stanfred says if you want the best answer, take the

Stanfred's most likely projection calls for Lowell Area Schools enrollment to reach 3,548 students in 2003-04. Lowell's enrollment, however, has already surpassed that number by four students this year.

John Wallace, from the DPM Design Group, who has been working with the Task Force committee, completed a projected enrollment study in December of 1998. He projects Lowell's enrollment will reach 4,103 by 2003-04.

Stanfred's best estimate projects an enrollment of 3,910 for the same school year.

"We feel if the district is going to plan, it should plan on the high side," Wise explained.

Stanfred's numbers are a reflection of data from school reports, housing starts, growth in West Michigan, South Beltline proposal, Forest Hills limited land availability and the 1.5-2 percent school growth over each of the last five years.

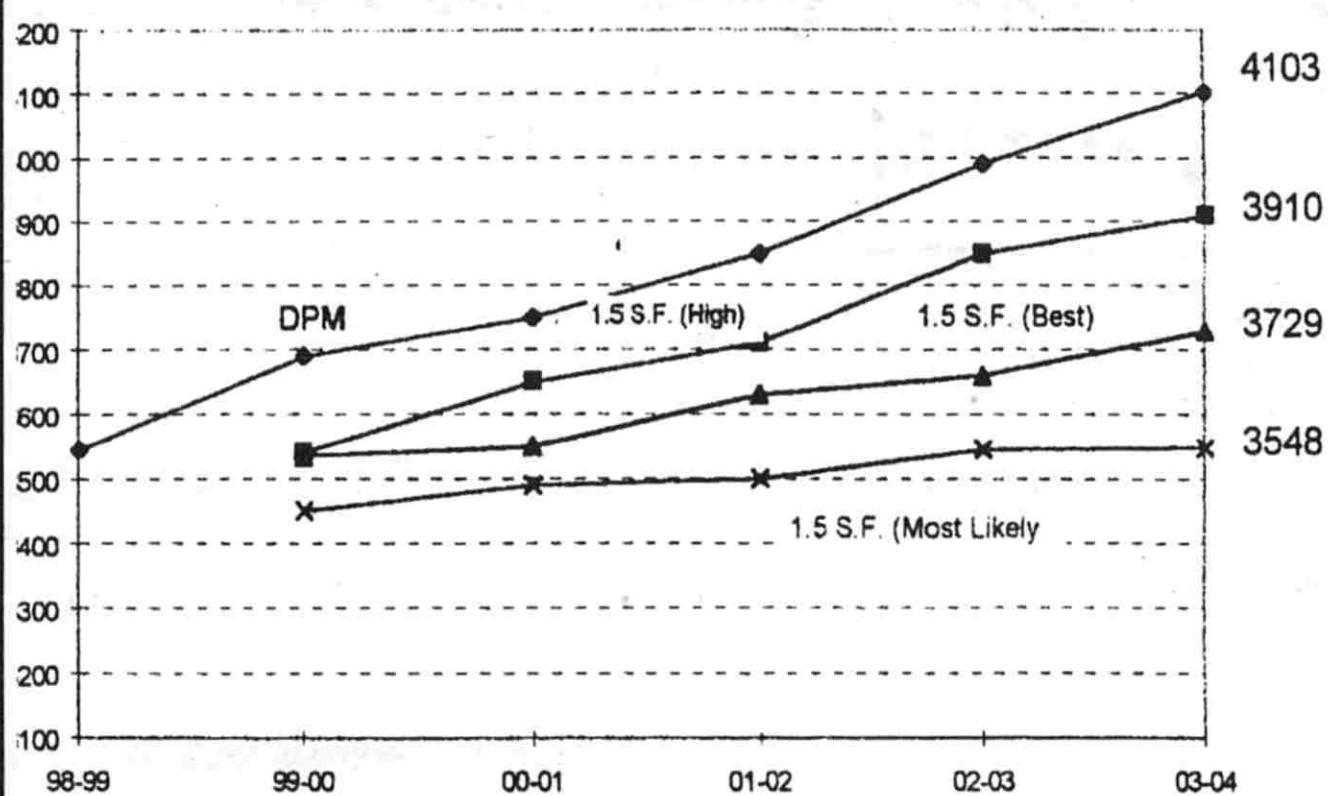
Also based on Stanfred Consultants' visits into the district, Fred Ignatovich does not believe Lowell wants to grow. "Rather than encouraging it, I get the feeling they are trying to slow it down," Ignatovich explained.

Wallace's projections reflect West Michigan and area economic and growth trends.

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Projected LAS Enrollment 1999-00 - 2003-04

Data From Wallace (DPM) Study and Stanfred Study



Note: The Stanfred study gives a most likely, best and high projection. Both studies were completed in Dec. '98.

indicate growth will continue through the 2003-04 school year. The only real questions facing the school district are

units of 1, 1.5 and 2. Each of those units are divided into most likely, best and high, thus providing the school with

most likely and high projections and average the two, thus giving the district the best estimate."

Hills Country Club in Lakeland, Florida, at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Mary Peckham at 941-683-6336 or Barb Curtis at 941-682-7136.

SOCCER TRYOUTS

Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) tryouts for U-10 spring soccer season held on Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. at the LHS gymnasium.

Eligible players must be 9 or under on July 31, 1998. You must bring sneakers, shin guards and soccer ball and parents must be present during tryouts. For information contact Chris Barlow at 774-3139.

BLITHE SPIRIT PRESENTED BY LAAC

The play *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 18, 19 and 20.

Phone 897-8545 for tickets and information. Group rates are available.



LAAC plays up Coward's 'Blithe Spirit'

The play *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 18, 19 and 20.

Jim Marron directs this Coward classic and Anne Pasquale and Deb Duiven are its producers.

The play focuses on a local writer in search of finding material for a new book. He asks the local medium to come and have a seance in an effort to help him get material for his new book. The seance brings his first wife back from the dead and pandemonium follows.

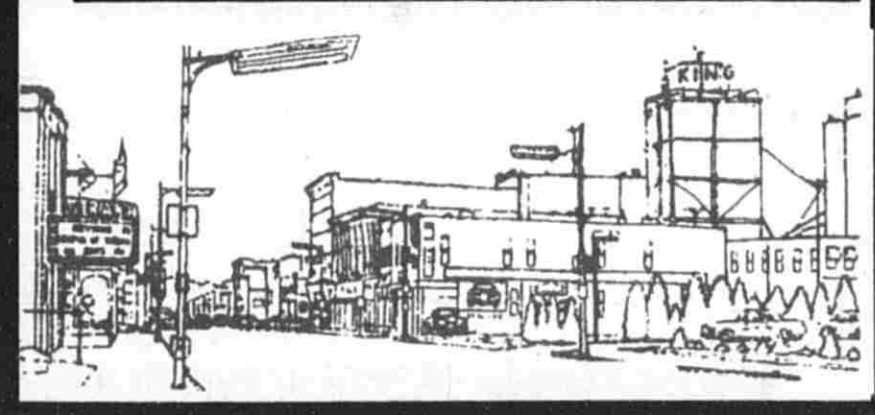
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New Digs for Township Board

The Vergennes Township Board held its first meeting in the newly renovated upstairs of the Township Hall. The work was completed by Dwyer Construction. Mac McPherson was presented with a plaque in acknowledgement to his Uncle and Aunt Russell and Catherine McPherson Davis who donated the land and building to the township. McPherson was standing in for their daughter Barbara Van Houten. McPherson's grandmother Nellie was Vergennes Township's first female township supervisor some 50 years ago. While the renovation work is complete, the board is still deliberating on new chairs and a public address system. A board table has been donated by Steelcase.

Along Main Street



PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Beginning Friday, Feb. 19, there will be a Pitsch trailer set up in the southwest parking lot of the Lowell First United Methodist Church for phone book recycling.

Only phone books please - no catalogs.

LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND

Lowell Day will be held on Sunday, March 7 at the Huntington

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Lowell Area Schools'
"Directions"

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Change in technologies has Lowell Charter Township restructuring communication tower regulations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The demand for changing technologies in the field of communications by businesses, individuals and government has placed a burden on local communities in their

ability to regulate communication towers, support structures and attached communication antennas.

"People began feeling around about towers about two years ago," Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson said. Half dozen inquires on hold for 18 months.

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission has recommended an amendment to add a tower ordinance to the existing zoning ordinance.

Due to a half a dozen inquiries, the township put an 18-month moratorium on tower installation until an ordinance is in place that reduces the impact of communication elements on adjacent land uses by regulating their location, height, safety, general appearance and eventual removal.

Communication towers and attached antennas are permitted in AG-1 prime agricultural, general commercial, and light industrial. The only deviation from this is they will be allowed on existing towers.

Timpson said one of the inquiries has come from Sprint. In the planning commission's amended ordinance, a minimum spacing distance between communication towers shall be three miles to prevent a concentration of towers in one geographic location.

The maximum height of a tower and attached communication antennas shall be 200 feet. All towers must be away from public access at a distance equal to the height involved.

A tower greater than 200 feet will be permitted if it is demonstrated that it will reduce the total number of potential towers within the township and surrounding areas.

"We can't concern ourselves with each and every 'what if,' but we must concern ourselves with the public's safety at all times," said township clerk Carol Wells.

The ordinance will also call for a communication tower to be removed by the property owner within three months of being abandoned.

The township board was expected to deliberate on the planning commission's recommendation at its February meeting. If approved by the board, Wells said the moratorium would be lifted in approximately one month.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION/
POSTING AND NOTICE
OF ACTION
CASE No. 99-00918-DO

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

HALL OF JUSTICE
333 MONROE NW
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503
616-336-3679

A copy of this order shall be sent to ABEL MEDINA GONZALEZ at the last known address of 529 SHAMROCK SW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49509 by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

BERNICE GUTIERREZ
PLAINTIFF
vs.

ABEL MEDINA
GONZALEZ
DEFENDANT

TO: ABEL MEDINA
GONZALEZ

Date: February 2, 1999

IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before APRIL 1, 1999. If you fail to do so, a default judgment

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
BY: LESLIE C. CURRY
(P31222)
Attorney for Plaintiff
89 Ionia NW - Suite 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 774-0672, ext. 116

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, 320 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Independent Probate
FILE No. 99-166,890-IE

SELMA HODGES
DECEASED
SS# 426-34-7824

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. This estate is not being supervised by the Probate Court. Any interested party may file a written petition with the Kent

County Probate Court, located at 320 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and with the independent personal representative, objecting to the appointment; and to the admission of the decedent's will to probate. Objections to the admission of the decedent's will to probate must be filed within 90 days of the date of publication of this notice.

The decedent, whose last known address was 2405 BOSTON SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506 died December 20, 1998. An instrument dated July 10, 1997 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative FRANCITTA HODGES, 2405 BOSTON SE,

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK
(P29358)
429 Turner NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 456-5048

Notes from the LWC:

The Lowell Women's Club and the Lowell Rotary Club held their annual joint meeting on Feb. 10. Because of the funerals of the two senior boys, the honorary Lowell Women's Club senior girls and junior rotarians were unable to attend.

After the luncheon, there was group singing, the introduction of guests, fines and a drawing. LWC president Liz Webber introduced Pam Posthumus, wife of Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus and a member of the Lowell Women's Club. Posthumus is also on the board of directors of the Michigan Children's Fund. She gave a very interesting and revealing report on the purpose of this group for abused and unwanted children in Michigan.

Roger LaWarre, pastor of the First Congregational Church, reported that because the Lowell Rotary Club held an auction and contributed \$14,000 to Flat River Ministries, the Rotary International gave an additional \$7,000 to this worthy cause.

The next meeting of the LWC will be held at the Lowell High School in the media room on Wednesday, March 10. The honorary senior girls will host this meeting.

BUSINESS MATTERS



Bonnie Ball

Greenridge Realty announced that Bonnie Ball received the Greenridge President's Award.

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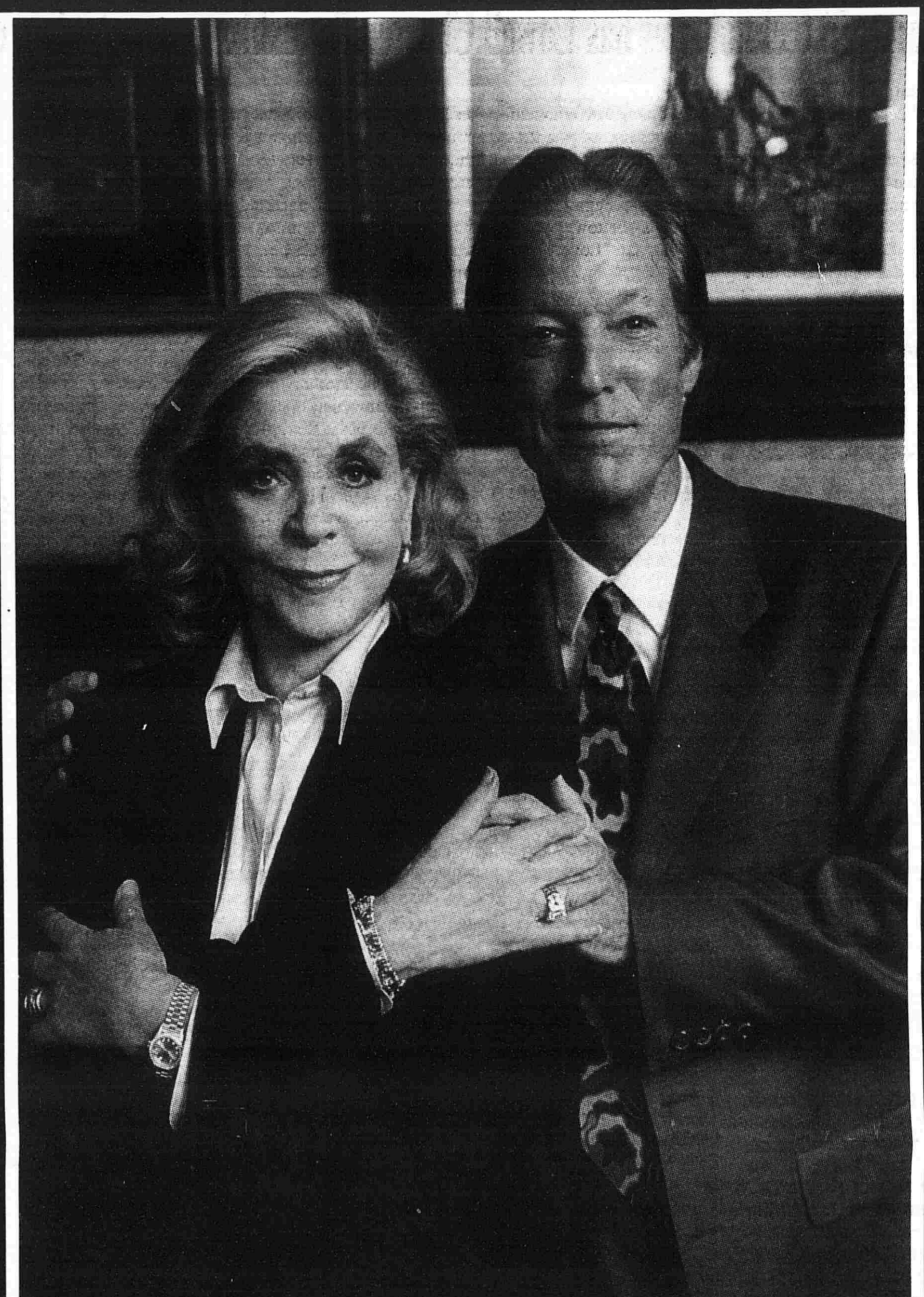
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Lauren Bacall stars as tobacco heiress Doris Duke with Richard Chamberlain as Bernard Lafferty, the butler who cared for her, in *Too Rich - The Secret Life of Doris Duke*. The two-part TV movie airs Sunday and Tuesday on CBS. The cast includes Kathleen Quinlan, Mare Winningham, Brian Dennehy and Michael Nouri.



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SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 21, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'College Basketball', 'PGA Golf', and 'NBA Basketball'.

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 20, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Hercules: The Legendary Journeys', 'The Simpsons', and 'The X-Files'.

SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 21, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like '60 Minutes', 'The Simpsons', and 'The X-Files'.

SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 21, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Wall Street Journal', 'Good Morning America', and 'The Simpsons'.

SUNDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 21, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Xena: Warrior Princess', 'The Simpsons', and 'The X-Files'.

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 22, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WZZM, FX, MAX, FAM, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, TBS, DISN, NASH, TLC, SCIFI, COM, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, HBO).

MONDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 22, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WZZM, FX, MAX, FAM, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, TBS, DISN, NASH, TLC, SCIFI, COM, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, HBO).

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WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 24, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WZZM, FX, MAX, FAM, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, TBS, DISN, NASH, TLC, SCIFI, COM, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, HBO).

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 25, 1999. Table listing broadcast stations and programs from 7:00 to 11:30 PM.

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 25, 1999. Table listing broadcast stations and programs from 12:00 to 4:30 AM.

Red Arrow baseball program 'rising and shining' with players' dedication

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

If you awaken early enough in the morning, the sound of a bat hitting a ball or the pop of a ball hitting a glove can be heard at Lowell High School.

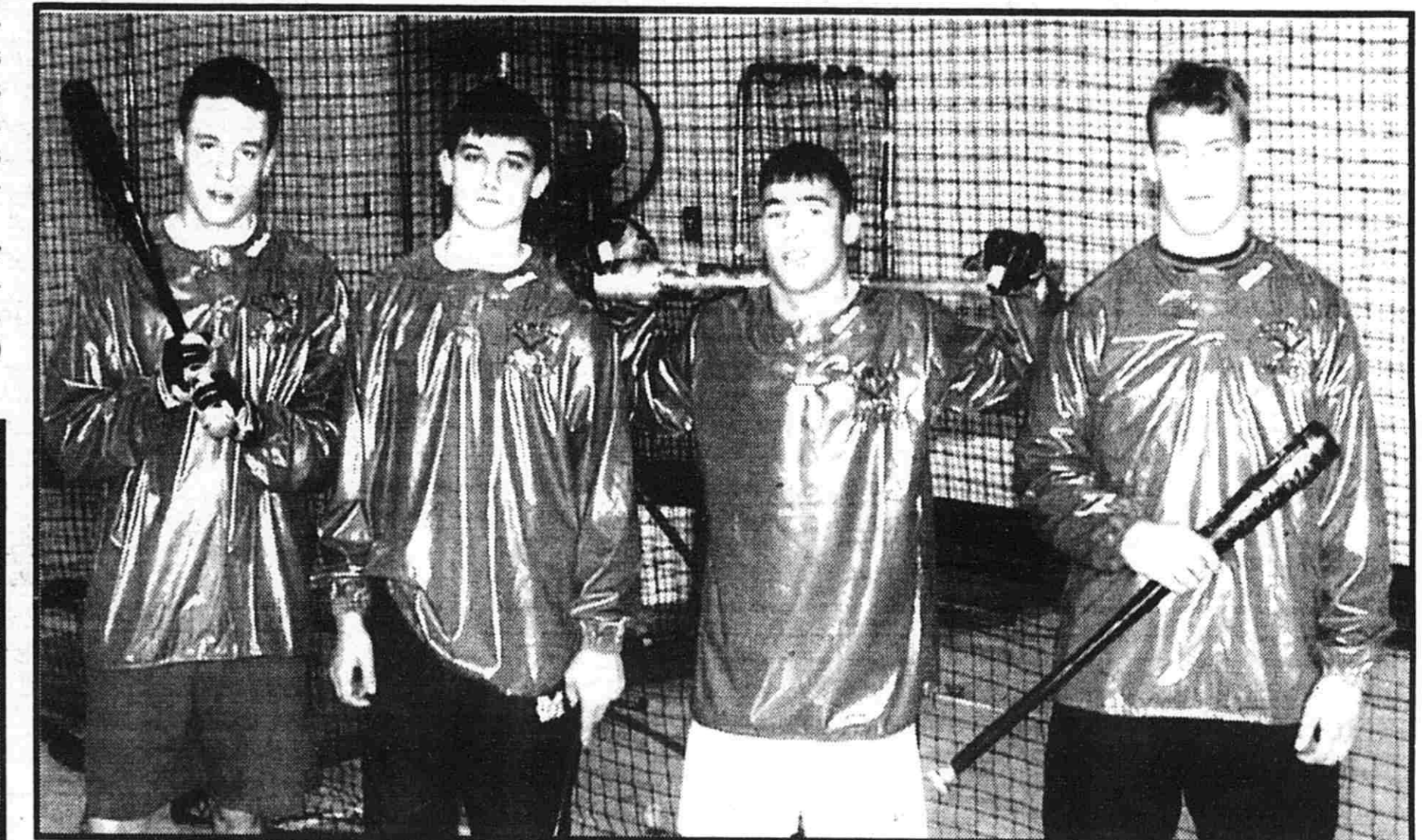
Lowell varsity and junior varsity players have seen to it that these new practice items are put into play. By Michigan High School Athletic Association guidelines, Tim Antel, Lowell's new varsity baseball coach, is allowed to spend instructional time with only three players at a time during the off-season.

"The rewards of the time spent will be seen in the spring." The indoor/outdoor pitches,

administration for being helpful in getting me up to speed as to who to ask and what contacts to make in attaining

to 18 players." The response, Antel believes, will go to bridging the gap between Lowell and other

The new baseball coach has received a commitment from 36 JV and varsity players who will take their spring



Lowell baseball players who came in at 6:30 a.m. Monday for hitting practice, left to right, are Jim Gilchrist, Dusty Glass, Andy Graham and Steve VanLaan.

ing mounds have been used three times a week since they were received in December.

The purchase of a batting cage was approved back in 1994, but due to complications, its actual purchase did not fall into place until this year.

area high school baseball programs.

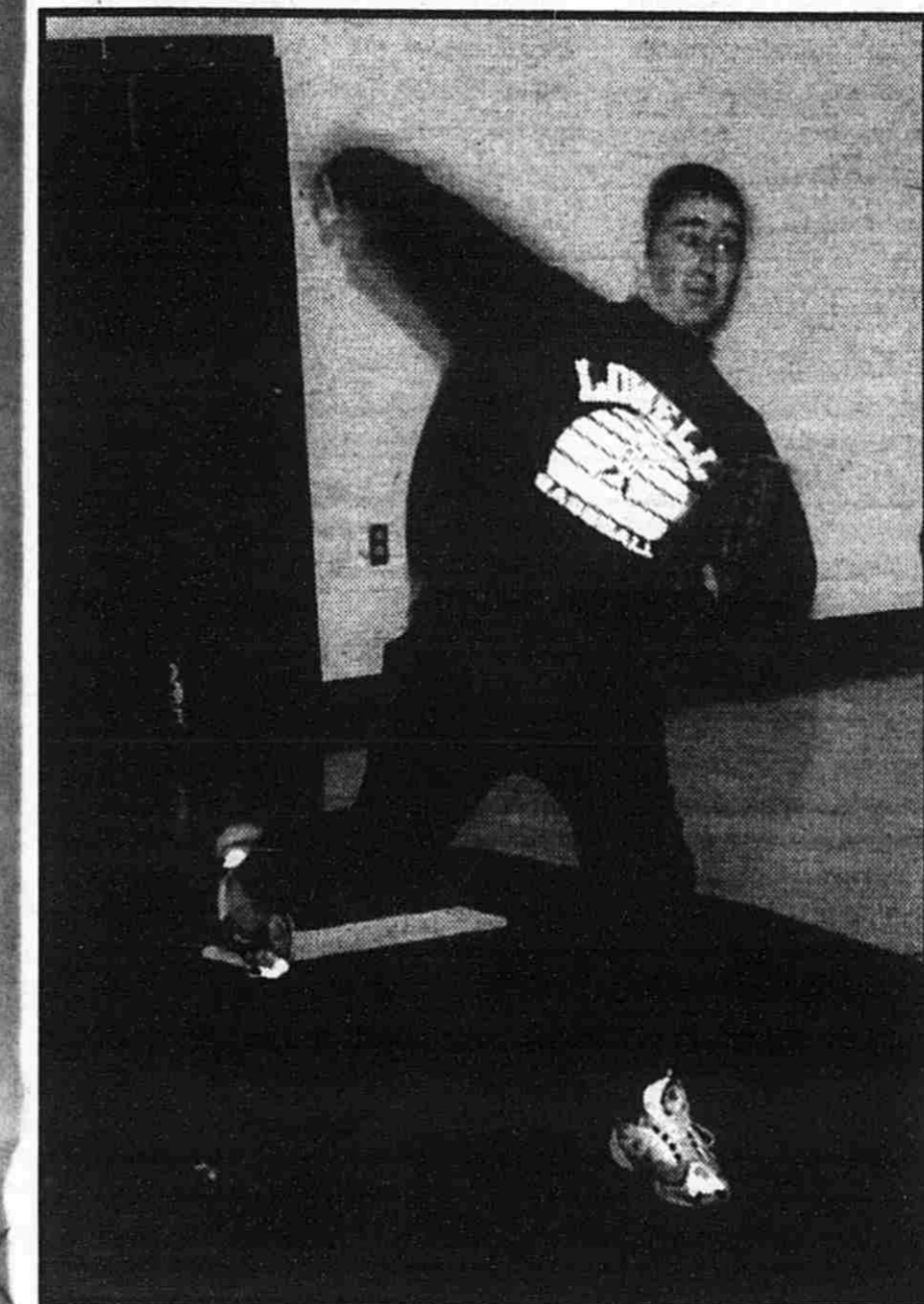
break in Gulf Shores, Alabama, practicing four hours a day.

"I am grateful to the ad-

Antel said he anticipated a nucleus of kids showing up regularly for workout. "That ballooned from a core of nine

Since being named varsity baseball coach, Antel has been working with Brian Kimble, president of the Lowell Youth Baseball League, to create one program where at all levels they are working together.

Nine sets of parents will also make the trip. After practice, parents have planned and organized a number of activities. "This will be like a family vacation," Antel concludes.



Brandon Drier works on his delivery thanks to the aid of an indoor pitching mound.

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Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 5, 1999. A personal appearance is not required. The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments: Commercial Property 50.00% 1.0000 Industrial Property 50.00% 1.0000 Residential Property 50.00% 1.0000 Personal Property 50.00% 1.0000

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board Education will be conducting an Educational Forum to review educational programs with school staff from Unity High School and Lowell High School. Monday, February 22, 1999 - 7 p.m. Lowell High School Cafeteria 11700 Vergennes, Lowell Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Something to cheer about



Lowell's sideline competitive cheer team finished second at the 1999 'Skin Invitational.

The Red Arrows' varsity squad scored 372 points trailing only Union with 406 points. Alma was third with 356 points and Ionia placed fourth with 318.

In the flat cheer, Lowell recorded a total of 175 points. It posted a mark of 197 in the creative round.

"I am extremely proud of the girls' performance," Red Arrow coach Carrie Slott said. "We continue to improve."

Lowell did not place in its first meet of the year, but since then has garnered a fourth, third and second.

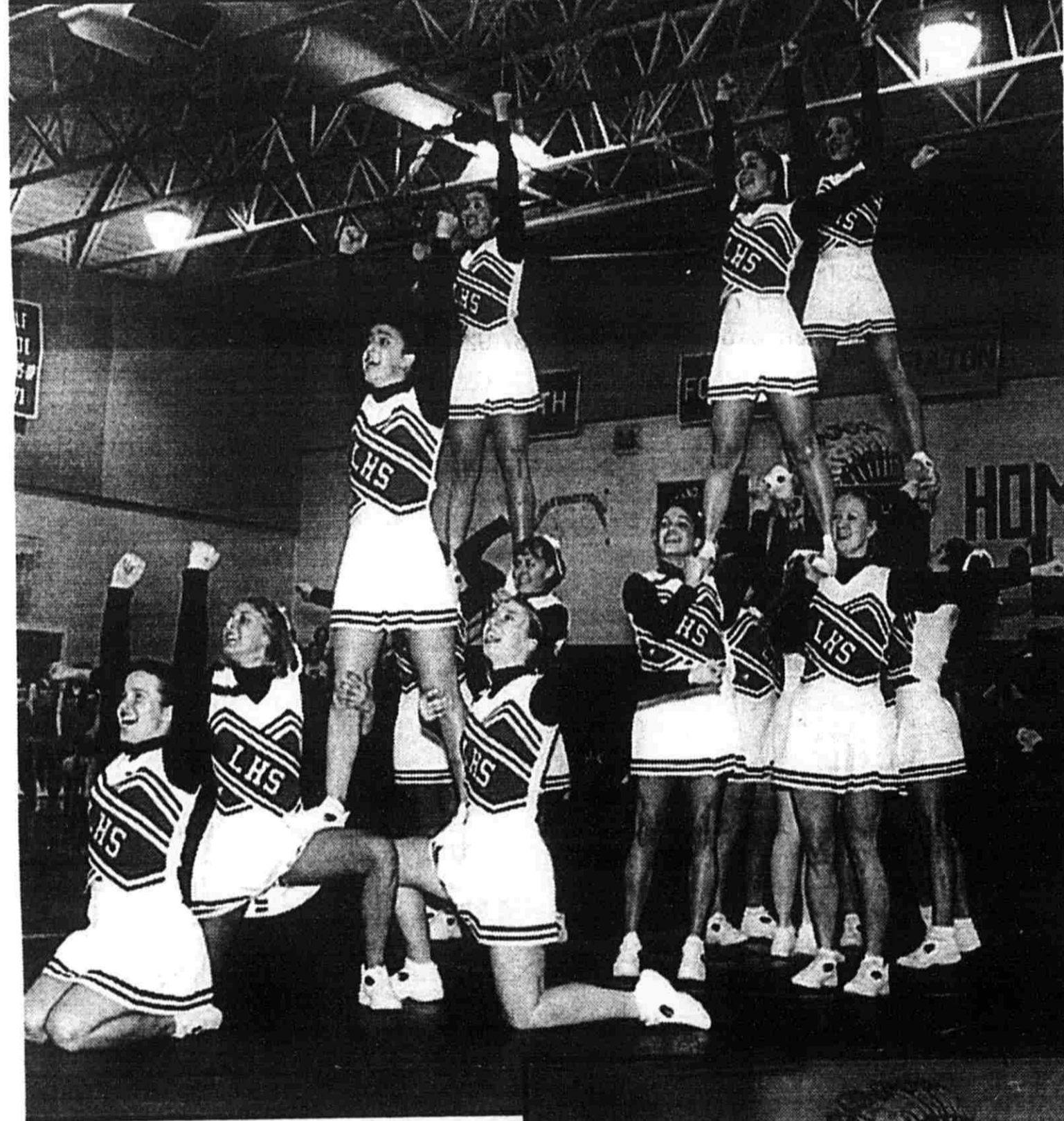
"Our goal is to qualify for the state tournament at the regional," Slott said. "Last year we missed it by 12 points."

A team qualifies for the state tournament by tallying 90 percent of the regional champion's score.

Teams are judged on creativity, floor mobility, leadership, crowd involvement and execution.

Lowell's freshman team placed second with 309 points to Jenison's 384.

The junior varsity Lowell squad was fourth with 321 points. Jenison won the sideline competitive scoring with 404 points.



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CARD OF THANKS - I would like to say a very sincere thank you to all the friends and relatives that helped with phone calls, and flowers for my daughter Shelly Rekeny in the loss of her special love and friend Luke Swanson. Special thanks to Hillary Johnson, Bobby Bessy, Katie Johnson, Pete Armstrong, Scott Parker, her brother Mike Rekeny, Lynn Boersma, Mark McNaughton, my fiancé Bill Racine, Becky Kyser, Eva Carey, Grandpa and Grandma Hewitt, her father Mike Rekeny and his family. Our special thoughts and love go out to John and Nancy Swanson and Lonnie and Sharon Swanson. Thank you, Nancy Rekeny.

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WANTED

LOOK IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

League meet much like dual season, Lowell grapplers second to Rangers

◆◆◆ Rottier, Forward, Stouffer and Arnswald earn individual championships.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc went into the OK White conference meet looking for some surprises. Instead, he got a steady dose of the predictable.

"We had to take something away from Forest Hills Central," Strejc said following the Red Arrows' second-place finish behind the conference champion Rangers.

Central, which led Lowell 177-173 heading into the consolation and finals matches, claimed championships at six weight classes enroute to posting a league leading 215 points, 14 points better than Lowell's total of 201.

Eight Lowell wrestlers made their way into the finals Saturday. Red Arrows were crowned champions in four of those weight classes.

"Things were predictable. The dual meet between us and Central earlier in the year was kind of predictable," Strejc explained. "The only reversal came at 130 pounds."

Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle who defeated Central's Justin Sinclair in the dual meet was defeated Saturday by the Ranger 8-1.

"Caleb has been battling illness for a couple of weeks. He will need some time to get back to form," Strejc said.

Possibly the biggest positive to come from the conference meet for Lowell was Dan Rottier's return to form.

"He's back on his game. He wrestled today like he did at the end of last year," Strejc explained.

Rottier, who lost earlier in the year to Northview's Joe Fortier, controlled the Wildcat in posting a 10-5 decision in the championship match at 125.

In the category of "predictable," Lowell's Bill Stouffer pinned Hudsonville's Aaron Manshaem in 1:09 of the first period.

Lowell heavyweight Mike Arnswald needed just 46 seconds to pin Hastings Gabe McCarty.

T.J. Forward, 145 pounds, surprised Zeeland's Scott Julman 14-7 in the title match. "TJ continuous to excel. he is a most pleasurable to watch. He defeated a quality kid in the finals," Strejc said.

Red Arrows earning third-place finishes were Denny Snuffer (119 pounds) and Tom Oesch (140).

Snuffer pinned Wyoming Park's Scott Jost at 2:28 of the second period in the consolation match.

Oesch decisioned Jeff McDonough of Zeeland 11-6 in his consolation match.

In other finals matches, John McKay (103) lost to Hastings Greg Seeber 11-2; John Mendez (112) fell to Central's Andy Coleman 8-5; Brent Lyons (135) was pinned by Central's Brad Russ.

In other consolation matches, Doug Ford (152) was pinned by Wyoming Park's Justin Hale at 4:30 of the third period; Steve VanLaan lost a 4-3 decision to Larry Brooks of Hudsonville.

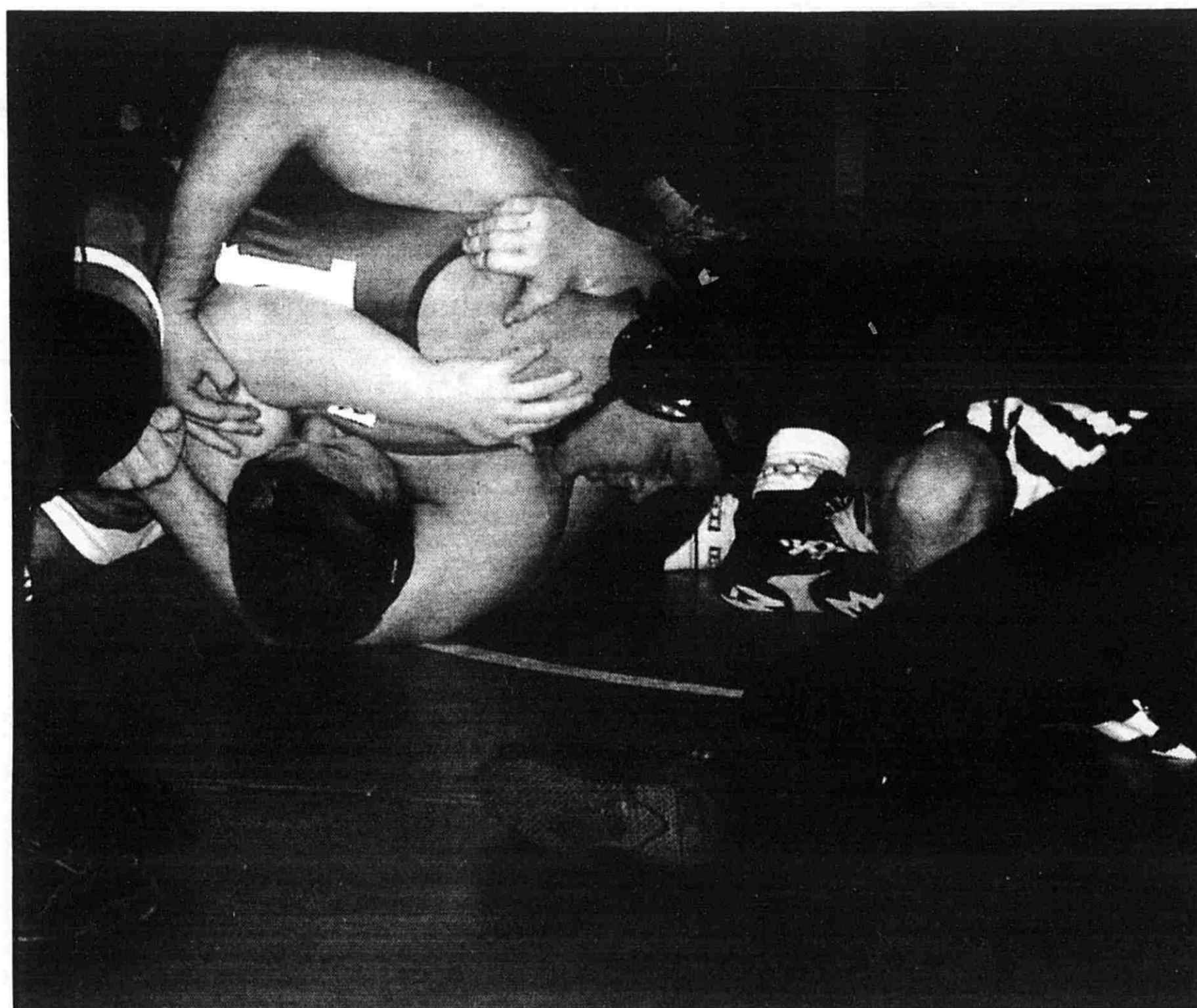
Finishing three through eight in the league meet were Hastings 145.5; Hudsonville 94; Zeeland 52.5; Wyoming Park 45; Northview 43 and East Grand Rapids 22.5.

"Our wrestlers have worked hard all year. Their conditioning and determination showed today," said Central coach Dave Mills.

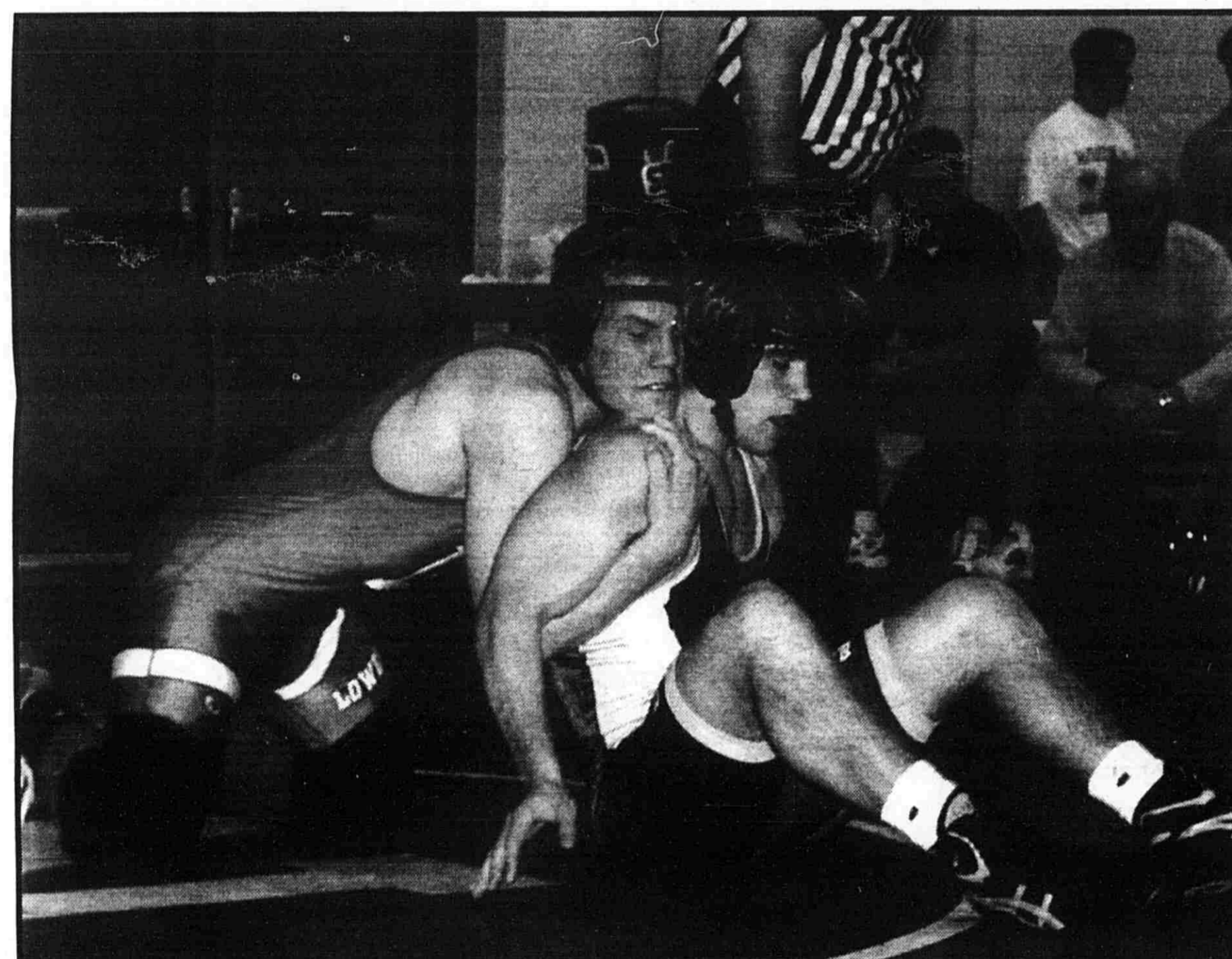
The Rangers will wrestle against Rockford in the district on Wednesday.

Lowell will host Ionia in the opening round of its district on Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m. The winner will face Lakewood.

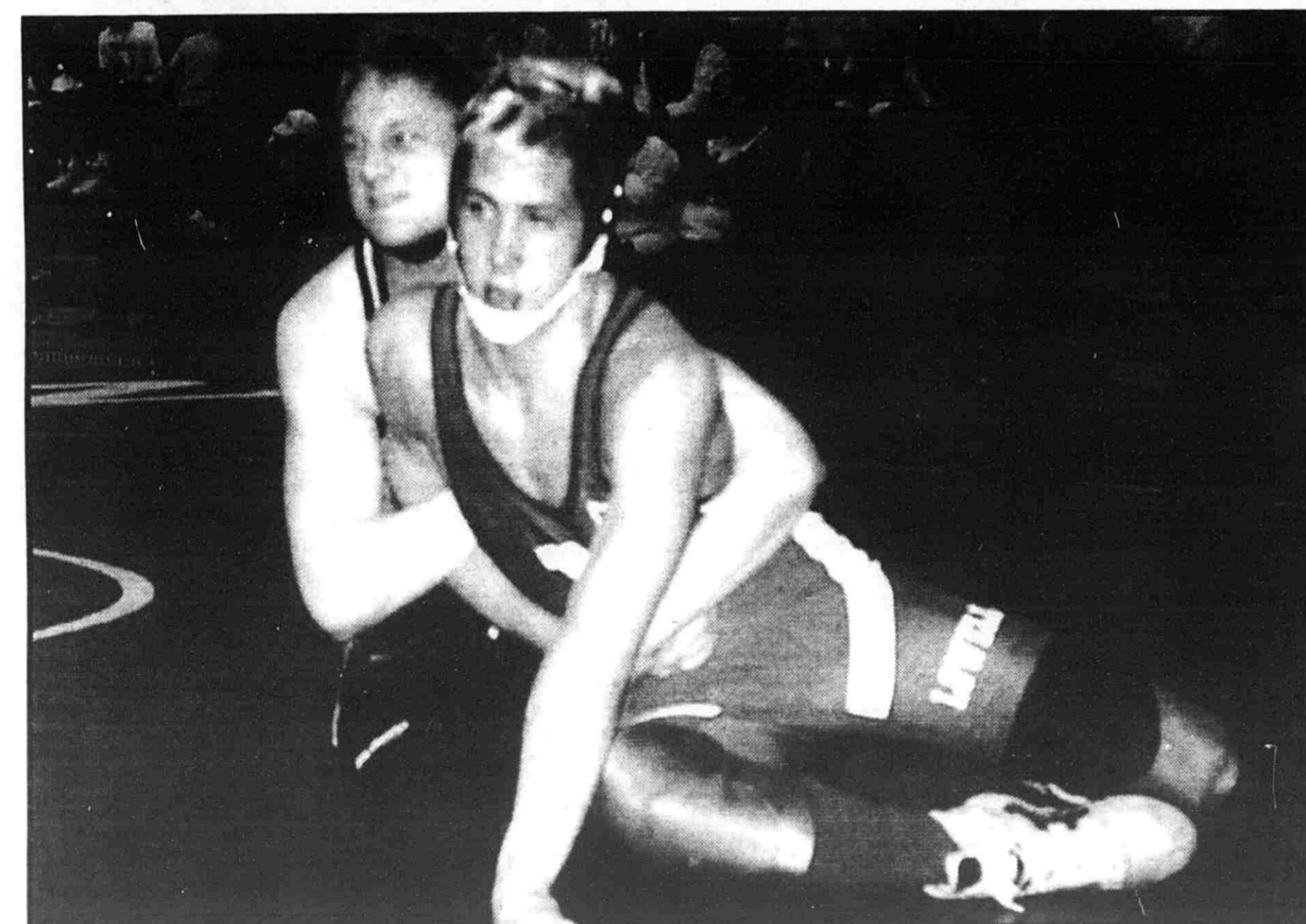
"Now that we have gotten the conference behind us, the real season can get started," Strejc said. "We have a few things to take care of before Wednesday. I felt Central looked solid today. I think they are peaking at the right time."



Mike Arnswald, heavyweight, needed less than a minute to pin his opponent in the conference finals.



Lowell's Steve VanLaan placed fourth in the 171-pound weight division.



T.J. Forward earned a conference championship at 152 pounds.

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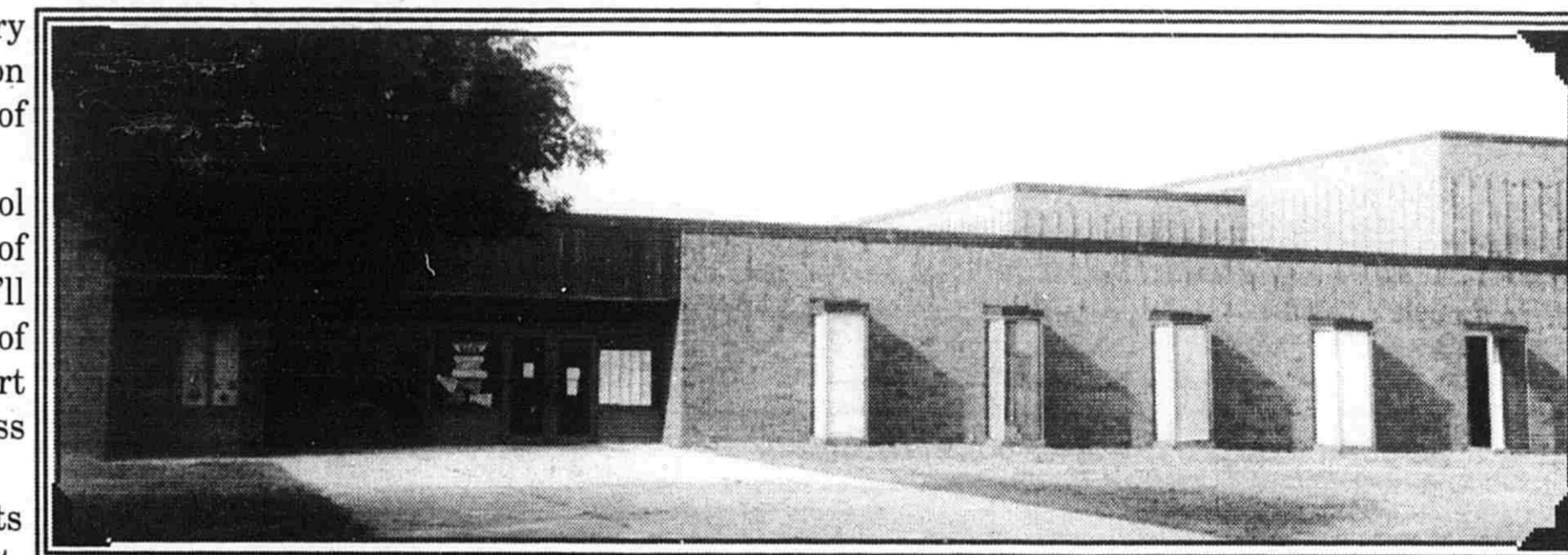
Our focus with this issue is on the Cherry Creek Elementary School, located on Foreman Road, 1/8th of a mile west of Lincoln Lake Avenue.

Cherry Creek Elementary School houses our 2nd-5th graders living north of the Grand River. Within its walls you'll find a very dedicated and caring staff of administrators, teachers and support staff, whose first priority is the success and comfort level of each student.

The school encourages and supports a strong parent involvement component.

Research shows that a student's achievement—both academically and emotionally—is greatly enhanced by the involvement of parents in the educational process. One example of this visible component is the Cherry P.I.T.S. (Parents Involved with Teachers and Students), which is a committee composed of parents, community members, administrators and teachers. The committee's goals are set based upon input from parents, and it offers suggestions and ways Cherry Creek can continually sustain the atmosphere of a parent-friendly building.

There are many volunteer opportunities available, including class resource speaker, media center or office helper, "on call" volunteer, and listening friends, just to name a few. Parents and community members are encouraged to call and become involved in our students' education. For more information or to volunteer, please call Maureen Dorough (principal) or Amy Hayes (asst. principal) at 897-9257. Working together is the only way it works! Please visit us at Cherry Creek Elementary!

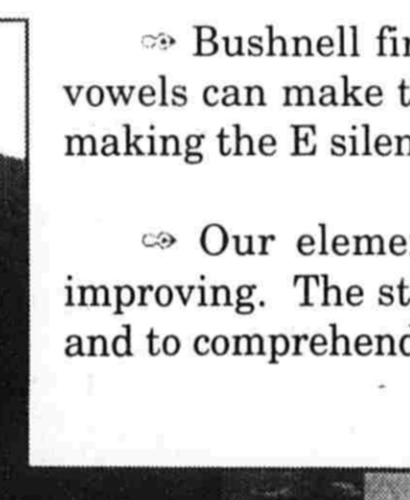


LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

Language Arts—which includes so many individual subjects—is presented & taught to our students in creative, interesting & fun ways! From Bushnell kindergarteners illustrating a book and sharing these with their first-grade friends to Unity High School and their journalism class, language arts is a major part of Lowell Area Schools' progressive curriculum. Here are some highlights from our buildings:



Kindergarteners from Mrs. Reid's class enjoying their illustrated books with first grade friends, above, (l-r) Derek McFaden & Amanda Lessens; at right, (l-r) Sarah Bocskey & Ashlie Jahnke.



⇒ Bushnell first graders learn that reading can be magic, if you know a few tricks. They have learned that vowels can make two different sounds, such as the letter E, which can give its sound to another vowel in a word, making the E silent. The "magic" completely changes the word, and it is amazing!

⇒ Our elementaries use intensive phonics program, to work with students whose reading skills need improving. The students use and develop both their ability with phonics and sight-word memory to build fluency and to comprehend what is read.

⇒ Alto Elementary continues to emphasize reading, writing, spelling, listening and research skills as they learn to apply them to science and social studies along with their regular literature requirements. Students exhibit their "Writing On the Wall" for other classes to read.

⇒ At Cherry Creek Elementary a unit is being taught to 5th graders entitled, "Folklore Around the World." This unit is brought to life by experiencing storytelling, using world maps to find countries of origin, and writing original folktales.

⇒ Sixth graders will begin their annual Battle of the Books during February and March. This popular program involves students, parents and administrators who will help encourage students to reach the 200,000-page goal set for this year, as they select from 30 award-winning books. Students will read, write summaries and discuss their books with designated "book experts." Each book and summary completed earns a portion of an ice cream sundae for each student, which will be enjoyed at a March party.



Alto fourth graders "Writing On the Wall" (l-r): Lisa Johnson, Lauren VanderMark, Hannah Cunningham, Cara Wilcox.

⇒ Students from our 7th grade are beginning a new unit on disabilities, where they will gain a sense of compassion, respect for others and learn the determination it takes to overcome obstacles any person may face. They will read the book, *The Miracle Worker*, based on Helen Keller's life, acting out various characters from the book, and also conduct research and report their findings on a particular disability.

⇒ Unity High School (our alternative high school site) students are working in teams, reading a corporate manufacturing novel, *The Goal*, preparing evaluations of the chapter based on their "department" needs, and presenting these during a simulated board meeting. Journalism class finds students acting as editors, reporters, ad salespersons and lay-out designers, as they publish the monthly school newsletter. A trip to the Grand Rapids Press was taken for ideas on how to make their publication look more professional.



TOTS ON TRACK FOR SCHOOL

Below are events for parents and children, infant through 5 years old. Contact Kathy Cole at 897-8415 for more information or where noted. Workshops are held in the TOTS room of the Administration Building, 300 High Street.

A NEW BABY AT YOUR HOUSE?

The Tots Program would like to welcome your new little one with a free welcome basket, filled with a parenting video, books and many other helpful resources. Call Kathy Cole to schedule a visit!

MOM AND ME MORNING OUT

Attend a fun morning with your child learning new songs and fingerplays! Participants receive a new fun packet at each session; attend one session or all four! Children of all ages may participate, and dads and grandparents are welcome, too! No pre-registration is needed. March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 9:30-10:15a.m.

SECOND-HAND SALE / EXCHANGE

Here's a great way for preschool families to exchange, sell or buy preschool clothing for children 0-5 yrs. old, toys, books and baby essentials. Bring your own tables or boxes, price your items, and handle your own sales. There's no cost to participate, but to reserve a spot please call Kathy Cole. The Tots Program staff will provide advertising for this event. Saturday, April 24, 1999, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. (set-up 7a.m.-9a.m.) Runciman Bldg. Gym

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Make fun and simple learning games to play with your child at home to build school readiness skills. Call Kathy Cole to register for this workshop. Free workshop with child care provided. A Make-It, Take-It Workshop • February 23, 1999 - 6:30-7:45p.m.

Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS

A MONTHLY COMMUNICATION PUBLICATION TO PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

February 1999



"COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN" MEETINGS SCHEDULED (formerly Kindergarten Roundup)

Our caring and experienced staff know that going to school for the first time is one of the most important times in your child's life. Lowell Area Schools is committed to making this exciting transition a positive experience for you and your child. Parents with children beginning Kindergarten in the Fall of 1999 are urged to come for two very important meetings at the school where your child will be attending.

ALTO FAMILIES

Kindergarten Parent Meeting

March 2 from 6:30-7:30p.m.
Alto Elementary School -
6150 Bancroft Ave.
(schedule child visitation day)

Parent Meeting and Student Visitation

Wed., April 21 or Sat., May 1
By appointment only
Alto Elementary School

BUSHNELL FAMILIES

Kindergarten Parent Meeting

March 4 from 6:30-7:30p.m.
Bushnell Elementary School-
700 Elizabeth St.
(schedule child visitation day)

Parent Meeting and Student Visitation

Wed., April 21 or Sat., May 1
By appointment only
Bushnell Elementary School

The first meeting at each school will provide parents the opportunity to learn about our kindergarten program, and you will be scheduled to attend a second meeting with your child.

At the second meeting, your child will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities in a kindergarten classroom and ride a school bus. Your child will be observed in the classroom setting to provide staff information for appropriate classroom placement. An important parent meeting is schedule for you while your child is visiting the classroom.

Beginning in February, Kindergarten registration packets may be picked up either at your child's school of attendance, area preschools, or by calling Kathy Cole at 897-8415.

MICHIGAN PRINCIPALS' WEEK

Governor John Engler has issued an Executive Declaration, proclaiming February 14-20, 1999, as Principals' Week in Michigan. Research shows that the principal is the key to the success of the school. It is felt that elements of good schooling can neither be brought together nor kept together without the leadership of an effective school principal.

Lowell Area Schools is proud to recognize our nine building principals and assistant principals and to thank them for their dedication and hard work in maintaining a high level of educational excellence throughout our district.



THIRD GRADERS LEARN ABOUT CITY COUNCIL

Jeanne Shores, Lowell City Councilmember, visited Mrs. Carol Mandle's 3rd grade class on January 11th. Councilmember Shores was invited to speak on the general duties of the city council.

In social studies, Mrs. Mandle's class is studying the general duties of local, state and federal government. The students enjoyed listening to Mrs. Shores and asked many questions that had been prepared.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS

CHERRY CREEK SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS LEARN LIFE SKILLS

Where can students learn various tasks of keeping areas neat and clean, following directions, and learning a little cooking besides in their homes? At school! Some of our teaching staff at Cherry Creek Elementary have created a life skills class, overseen by our classroom paraprofessionals. Students in this program are assigned to one of five stations for a five-week period of time.

Job assignments include tasks that a person would accomplish in their daily living, and teaching opportunities are used to strengthen skills in these areas. Paraprofessionals use a task analysis and evaluation sheet designed by one of our staff, while working with the children. Students are also able to take turns at the Popcorn Express, run by our teachers. Students learn to work together while gaining and developing skills, and it is evident they are proud of their accomplishments.

WINGS ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT (formerly Gifted and Talented)

⇒ Elly Drain (5th grade) won the Geography Bee at Cherry Creek in December. She competed against 12 other 4th and 5th graders who had won their classroom competitions. Students answered questions about U.S. and world geography, natural resources, occupations, and current events, all provided by the National Geographic Society. Elly received a National Geographic medal and has the chance to take a written test in January, possibly qualifying her as a state winner to compete in Washington D.C. for \$25,000 in scholarships and other prizes.



Elizabeth (Elly) Drain, medal winner of Cherry Creek's Geography Bee.

⇒ The Junior Great Books program has steadily expanded under the directions of WINGS. In its fourth year, with 14 parent and teacher volunteer leaders trained by the Great Books foundation, this program is now being offered to 1st graders at Bushnell and 6th and 8th graders as well as the original 2nd-5th grades. It stresses critical reading and questioning of a set of classical literature. This newest expansion adds 60 students to the program, with the total participation close to 140 students.

⇒ On January 21st, Cherry Creek's 5th graders competed in their annual Spelling Bee. Amanda Weaver was declared the champion with Elly Drain as runner-up. Both students are from Ms. Margaret Hoats' classroom and will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee February 23 to compete against other 5th and 8th graders. The Regional Bee will be held at our very own Cherry Creek Elementary and is sponsored by the Grand Rapids Press.



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