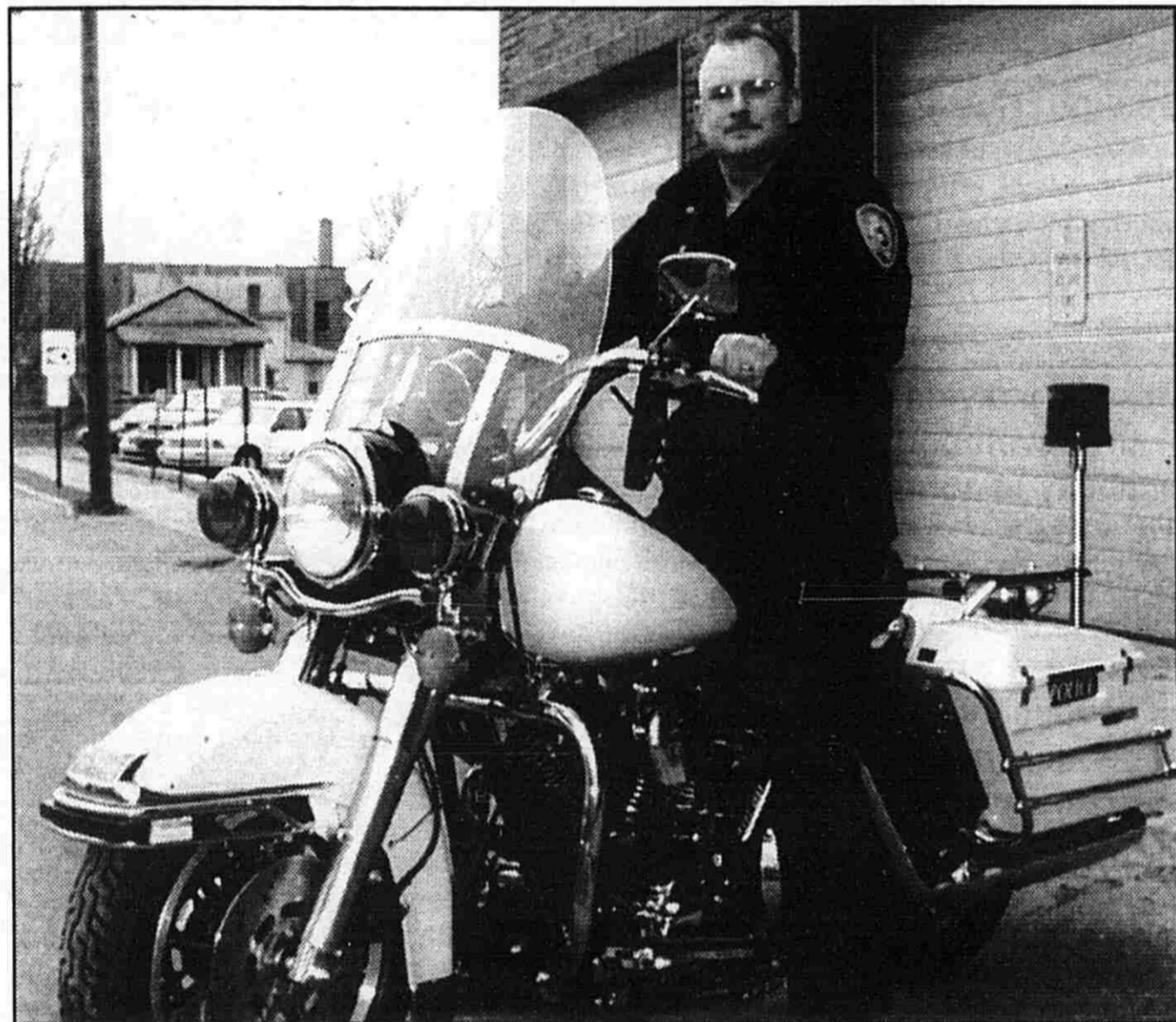


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Lowell Police Sgt. James Hinton will be patrolling the streets of Lowell on this Harley Davidson Road King this summer.

Road King

•••• The Lowell Police Department will use the patrol motorcycle to heighten public relations and to improve voluntary traffic enforcement.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The last time one of Lowell's finest patrolled the city streets on a motorcycle was in the 1930's.

The next time will be in July, thanks to the Town & Country Sports Center leas-

ing program in Cement City. Lowell becomes the 45th department to participate in the program since its inception in 1999.

John Petitto, owner of Town & County Sports Center, started the program because of the difficulty in ac-

cessing used Harley Davidsons.

"It was almost impossible to access used Harleys," Petitto said.

Petitto's dealership is allocated 300 new motorcycles a year. He is also allotted bikes above and beyond the 300 to use toward the leasing program.

Police departments sign one-year leases for the use of a Harley. When the lease is up, they have the option to buy the bike or to lease another new bike. The returned leased bike is then sold by the dealer.

The motorcycles can be leased for just \$300 a year. "Because of the high demand for Harley Davidson motorcycles, we are able to make money selling used bikes," Petitto explains.

The Harley dealer says some police departments have leased up to 10 motorcycles. Petitto is currently leasing 123 Harley Davidsons.

"The program has worked real well and continues to grow. I, however, have probably reached a limit as to how many I can handle," Petitto explained. "From a public relations standpoint, the program is great for the police departments."

Goal Busting

•••• Lowell YMCA's Invest In Youth campaign surpassed its goal of \$42,000, making it the most successful campaign ever for the local branch.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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becoming the first Grand Rapids Metropolitan YMCA branch to hit and surpass its goal.

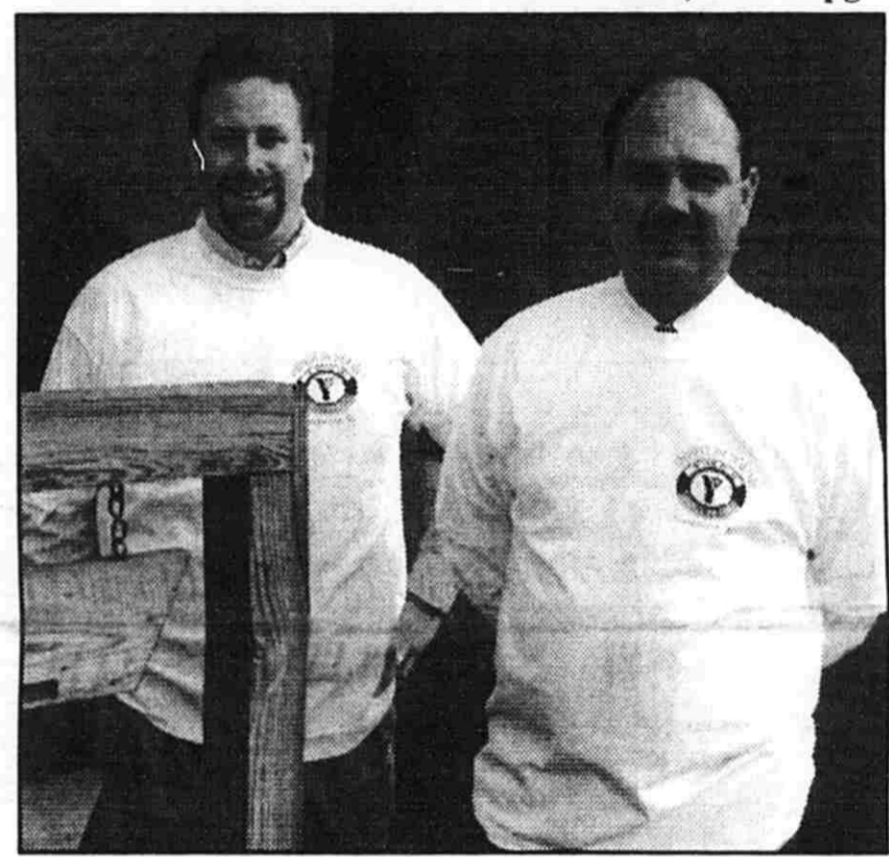
The monies raised annually through the Lowell YMCA Invest In Youth program have more than tripled since 1991.

Those numbers have shadowed the growing desires and needs for youth sports, child care and teen activities in the Lowell community.

The YMCA's successful Invest In Youth campaigns, increasing number of programs and ever-growing list of volunteers suggest "the YMCA is in Lowell to stay," said Invest In Youth advanced gifts campaign chairman, Rick Seese.

Andy Johnson, Lowell YMCA director, and the 60-plus volunteers who helped with this year's Invest In Youth campaign, celebrated

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Lowell YMCA director, Andy Johnson, left, and advanced gifts chairman, Rick Seese, joined the multitude of volunteers who helped in reaching this year's goal at a campaign-ending celebration on Thursday.

Board maintains fees for driver's education and athletic programs

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Lowell students won't see an increase in out-of-pocket costs when it comes to driver's education and participation in school sports.

The Lowell Board of Education unanimously approved a recommendation to maintain the current \$50 fee for driver's education as well as the current \$60 fee for high school students and \$40 fee for middle school students who participate in the district's athletic program. "We would like to get rid of the fees if we could," said Lowell schools superintendent, Bert Bleke, who added that after reviewing the district's long-term financial situation, it was just not feasible for the district to eliminate the fee structure.

The driver's education fee was set up last year by the school board. President Pete Gustafson said the board had the option of setting the fees so that they could operate at a loss, break even, or make money off the program. The board decided to establish a

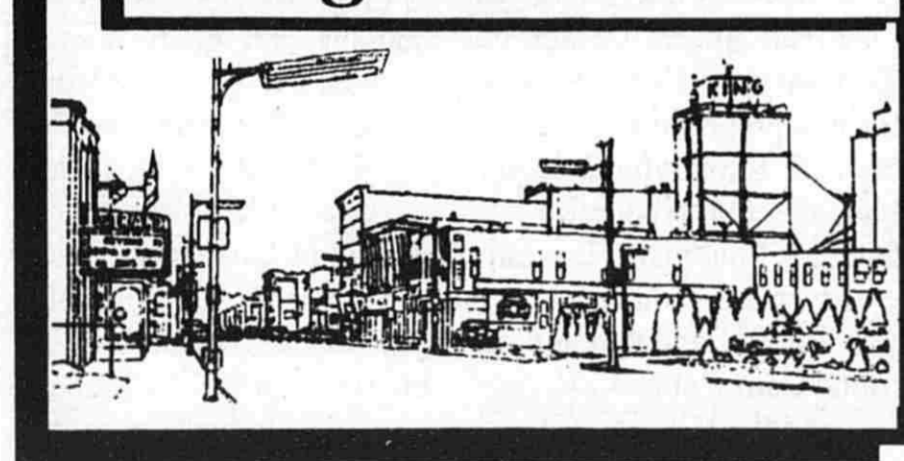
fee that would allow the district to break even, Gustafson said.

The athletic fees were established seven years ago, during a time when many of the local districts were facing serious cuts due to state funding. The fees were designed to help reduce costs in running the athletic program. This program also receives gate receipts and money from the general fund. Trustee Jack Lane said he couldn't help note how well the budget was running for the athletic department this year.

Business director Connie Gillette said the revenues for the budget are high right now, but that this spring they expect it to even out. The reason for this, Gillette said, is because students are only required to pay the fee for the first two sports in which they participate, with no fee being charged for the third sport. This, in turn, will cause the revenues to balance out at the end of the year, she said.

Students who are on the free or assisted lunch program can request assistance to help cover any athletic fee.

Along Main Street



BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, March 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL

Lowell bands will be hosting the high school district band festival on Thursday, March 11 at the high school auditorium. The Lowell white band plays at 8 a.m., the red band at 9:25 a.m. and the symphonic band at 12:40 p.m. All are welcome and admission is free.

BLOOD DRIVE AT LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

There will be a blood drive at Lowell High School from 8 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 12. Public is welcome!

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OBITUARIES

DAVIES - Walter Louis Davies, aged 46, of Grand Rapids died Friday, February 26, 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Margaret Davies and sister Annette Rittersdorf. He is survived by his brothers Michael (Tonya) Davies, Leo Davies, all of Grand Rapids; sisters Mary Love of FL, Yvonne Page of Grand Rapids; seven nephews and three nieces. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Ronald Hutchinson of St. Patrick Church officiating. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

DEGRAW - Jack Eber DeGraw was born June 21, 1935, at Grand Rapids to the late George Eber and Francis Frownfleder DeGraw. Jack was reared in Lowell, where he married the former Mary A. Tomlinson on April 17, 1959. Jack served in the Air Force for four years where he was stationed at Sac Headquarters as well as in Tuley, Greenland. He worked for the City Service Oil Company and the Oxy Oil Company for 33 years in the NGL Division. Jack later retired and moved to Lake Texoma in 1989 to the Sandy Beach area. Following many years of failing health,

Jack died Sunday evening, February 28, 1999, at his residence at the age of 63 years. He is survived by his wife Mary; son Jerald E. DeGraw of Lindsay, Texas; daughter Dori Anna DeGraw of Kingston, Oklahoma; granddaughter Alexandria of Kingston; brother and sister-in-law Daniel P. and Mary Lou DeGraw of Perchment, MI; sisters and brothers-in-law Patricia and Doug Patterson of Traverse City, Constance and Norm Berg of Lakeland, FL, Shirley and Edsel Weber of Lakeland, FL; also 23 nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 6 at Watts Funeral Home Chapel in Kingston, Oklahoma.

DEMING - Charles L. Deming, aged 84, of Alto, died Sunday, February 28, 1999. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Matilda; children Marilyn (Bob) Onan of Alto, Morse (Sheila) Deming of Las Vegas, Janet (Mike) Dodds of Grand Haven, Karen (Ron) Vlietstra of Ada; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints - Alaska, Edler Robert Loesch, officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

FISHER - Frank J. Fisher, aged 80, of Ionia, passed away March 4, 1999, in Florida. He was born March 30, 1918, in Berlin Twp., the son of Frank

and Hazel (Dodge) Fisher Sr. He went on to marry Kathleen Carryl, she preceded him in death in 1990. He is survived by his son James and Veronica Fisher of California; daughters Susan and Craig Harder of Ionia; Roberta and Brian Handy of Twin Lake; grandchildren Brett Fisher of California, Laurie and Dave McDiarmid of Lake Odessa, Michael Harder of Ionia, Lindsey Harder and Heather Harder both of Ionia; great-grandson Mitchell McDiarmid of Lake Odessa. Funeral services were held Tuesday with Rev. David Flagel officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Berlin Center Church or Gideon Ministry. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

Kathryn Otterbach and her family; his sister Caroline Meeter; his sisters-in-law Cora Zuidema and Mary Landman; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Landman was a member of the Elks Club in Hastings and the Moose Lodge in Big Pine Key, FL, where he also left behind a herd of his beloved key deer. Funeral services were held Thursday with Dr. David Lee Smith officiating. Interment Lakeside Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the Florida Keys, 1319 William Street, Key West, FL 33040.

MILLER - Mr. George Miller, aged 87, of Lowell. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

PETHERS - Richard Paul "Bubba" Pethers, aged 29, went to be with his Lord Thursday, February 25, 1999. He was preceded in death by his brother Adam; cousin Donnie. Rick is survived by his parents Sandy and Patrick Demmink of Mt. Pleasant; brothers Patrick Demmink, Cody Demmink, both of Mt. Pleasant; sisters Amy Pethers (Carol) of Greenville; sisters Barb (Ed) White of Grand Rapids, Erma (Everett) Behms of Sidney, Irene (Herlett) Salmons of Nevada, Donna Atkinson of Greenville, Juanita Dines of Muskegon; grandchildren Michael, Andrea, Tiffany, Megan, Dakota, Mary, Bob, Matthew, Jerud, Matt, Holly, Joshua and Kathryn. The funeral service was held Tuesday with Rev. Fr. George Fekete of St. Mary Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

STAHL - Ervin G. Stahl, aged 92, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, March 6, 1999, at the Laurels of Kent. He was born May 29, 1906, in Clarksville, the son of Mose and Amanda (Yoder) Stahl. He married Mamie Montgomery on Nov. 24, 1952. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, Clarksville Elevator and VFW. Surviving are his wife Mamie Stahl; special niece Sandy Johnson of Kalamazoo; step-daughter Bonnie (Vern) Terpra of Ann Arbor; step-son Robert (Jean) Anderson of Fairfield, CA; step-daughter Myrta (Bert) Hawk of Wyoming; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends. He was preceded in death by his brothers Glen and Earl Stahl. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Hope Church of the Brethren with Rev. Doug Reichenbach officiating with interment in Bowne Mennonite Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements by Koops Funeral Chapel, Clarksville.

LANDMAN - Mr. Lloyd Landman, of Caledonia, died on Friday, February 26, 1999, at approximately 12:30 a.m. at his winter home in Big Pine Key, FL. He was born on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota in 1915. Mr. Landman was the founder of Landman Sports Center on 28th Street in Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his wife Katherine Zuidema Landman and daughter-in-law Donna J. Landman. He is survived by his children Lloyd M. (Butch) Landman and his friend Pam Cebelak, Ronald J. (Rocky) and Gloria Landman, Thomas B. and Diane Landman, Sandra Landman Khan; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; his longtime friend

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE
Effective March 2, 1999, both the City of Lowell's Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector will be at City Hall every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Two school board seats on ballot in June

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The seats of the school board treasurer and secretary will be on the ballot at the school board election on Monday, June 14.

The seats are currently being filled by incumbents Jack Lane (treasurer) and Ann Mulder (secretary).

Lane is finishing up his 12th year of service on the school board. During his tenure, he has served as secretary, trustee, treasurer and vice president.

"I have enjoyed the time I've served on the board," Lane said. "Not all of it has been as easy as the last two

years under the leadership of Bert Bleke."

Lane said he is undecided as to whether he will seek a fourth term.

Mulder, board secretary, is completing her sixth year. The Lowell resident was appointed to the board in February of 1994. Mulder was elected to serve out a four-year term in June of 1994.

Mulder has yet to announce whether she will run for a second four-year term in June. The term will run through June 30, 2003.

Residents interested in challenging for a board seat must first file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity.

Candidates must be 18 years of age, a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, and a resident of the Lowell Area School District for at least 30 days before the election.

Nominating petitions and affidavit forms may be obtained from the Board of Education office located at 300 High St. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Petitions must contain at least 20 signatures of registered school electors of the district.

Residents running for a seat are encouraged to garner a reasonable number of signa-

tures over the minimum to protect against invalid signatures.

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

The last day for filing nominating petitions is Monday, April 12 at 4 p.m.

The last day a candidate can withdraw her/his name is Thursday, April 15 at 4 p.m.

For more information contact Kay Jones at 897-8415.

School hopes to help students link education with life goals/career choices

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Beginning next year, high school students and their parents will start to receive more guidance in determining exactly what they want to do when they graduate from Lowell High School.

The 1999-2000 school year will be the inception of the high school's new School to Career program, which replaces the old Co-Op program. "This program focuses on every career opportunity for students and the skills and knowledge they will need to prepare for those careers," said Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw.

The program will reflect careers that require no college education, but rather technical training, to those which require one to six or more years of college education...the idea being that students will have a chance to explore these career options as they go through the high school.

To aid in that process, Career Pathways have been put together in six major fields: professional and public service; science and natural resources; manufacturing, technical and engineering; hospitality; health care; and arts and communication. The Career Pathways will help guide students as to what courses they should take to prepare for a career in that particular field. "We are not funneling students in certain areas," Vashaw explained. "Instead, we are trying to link what they do in high school to what they do when they leave."

The courses in each career field do overlap so that students who change their mind will have an opportunity to move in a different direction. The idea is for students at the end of their sophomore year to start considering the career they wish to have.

Students will gain an idea of what career choices will be good for them much earlier. At the eighth-grade level, stu-

dents will be given opportunities to participate in programs designed to identify their interest, skills, and attitudes. More programs will be offered at high school to help students with interest and career awareness, Vashaw said. In fact, students are made aware of various careers as early as the elementary level, where teachers connect certain tasks with different careers.

The Career Pathways will also have students' job shadowing and meeting with professionals in the fields that they are interested in. The entire program is being funded through a state grant of \$100,000 that the district received last year. The district also receives a \$4,000 annual grant through the Kent Intermediate School District consortium grant, also used to fund the program, which has included the creation of the Career Pathways' pamphlets, professional development, training of staff and students,

Community Expo planned for March 27

Where do you go for products, services and a whole lot of fun? Come experience the best of Lowell at the Lowell Community Expo on Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It will be held at Lowell High School and is sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Schools and Ionia County National Bank.

Meet the people behind Lowell area businesses, churches, schools, municipalities and organizations. See what's happening inside Lowell Area Schools and what new business and recreational opportunities are available.

If you're shopping for a new church, new car, or looking for a business to meet your needs, the Lowell Community Expo is for you. Admission is free, concessions are available, and fun and learning is guaranteed. Join the community and find out why Lowell is one of the best places in West Michigan to raise a family or start a business.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP AMENDMENTS TO THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of amendments to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance adopted by the Charter Township of Lowell at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 and at a special meeting held on Monday, March 1, 1999. A true copy of the amendments and/or the complete ordinance may be obtained at the Township Hall during normal business hours.

2.0 Added to WORDS AND TERMS DEFINED:

Parks - As used in this Ordinance, the term "Parks" shall be deemed to refer exclusively to outdoor recreation areas where individuals and families gather for outdoor eating, socialization and recreation and not to any type of commercial development and/or any permanent artificially created thrill or amusement rides.

4.1.1 Use Table

District - Prime Agricultural (Ag-1) Column 3 Special Use By Planning Commission - ADD

- 7) Towers and Antennas
- 8) Parks
- 9) Wildlife or Forest Conservation Preserves
- 10) Artificially created Wetlands

District - General Commercial (C) Column 3 Special Use By Planning Commission - ADD

- 3) Towers and Antennas

District - Light Industrial (LI) Column 3 Special Use By Planning Commission - Add

- 6) Towers and Antennas

Add Section 5.4.2 Towers and Antennas

A. INTENT: 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. Changing technologies in the field of communications has resulted in a reliance upon more versatile and convenient forms of communication. Businesses, individuals and government have all developed a dependence upon the capability to contact others. The demand for this communication service has placed a burden on local communities in their ability to regulate communication towers, support structures, and attached communication antennas. This ordinance intends to reduce the impact of these communication elements on adjacent land uses by reasonably regulating their location, height, safety, general appearance, and eventual removal. Additionally, this Ordinance intends to promote and encourage the co-location of attached communication antennas on existing towers and support structures.

B. DEFINITIONS

C. REGULATIONS

- (1) Special Use Permit
- (2) Co-location

D. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Site Plan
- (2) Proposed Use
- (3) Location Justification
- (4) Ownership Interest
- (5) Other Tower Locations
- (6) Co-Locations
- (7) Engineering Certification
- (8) Liability
- (9) Landscaping Plan
- (10) Visual Impact

E. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR COMMUNICATION TOWERS AND ATTACHED COMMUNICATION ANTENNAS

- (1) Site Plan Review
- (2) Engineering Certification
- (3) Airport Locations
- (4) Spacing
- (5) Height
- (6) Accessory Structures
- (7) Design Certification
- (8) Abandonment
- (9) Unsafe and Unlawful Communication towers
- (10) Additional Equipment
- (11) Additional Performance Requirements

EFFECTIVE DATE - These amendments shall take effect 30 days after publication.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Show Us Your Smile!

FEBRUARY SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Sydney Burrows
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Sydney receives a prize for her great checkup.

February "No Cavities" Club Members

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Jacob Schilliar	Keith Neubecker	Jamie Bliss
Laura Brady	Rebeka Conklin	Chuck Grubham
Cara Pieroni	Sydney Burrows	Jeff Henry
Gabe Elliott	Lucas Cahoon	Tim Vezino
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Pastor Joe Fremer
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church of Lowell

I was visiting an older deaf gentleman in the hospital one day many years ago. A nurse was bustling about the room, looking through drawers, I don't know - I filtered it out as I concentrated on the patient's sign language. I always had a tough time reading him, because he had a chronic condition that made his hands shake. With my cheeriest bedside manner I

asked him how he was feeling. Then I asked him to repeat his answer because I wasn't understanding his signs. As I sometimes do when I am having difficulty reading a signer, I started speaking aloud each word as I grasped it. "I...think...I have...no, I'm having...heart...I think I'm having a heart attack?" I heard myself say the words but my brain wasn't comprehending the sentence.

"He is," the still-busy nurse responded curtly, then suddenly a crash cart and a whole gaggle of people in scrubs burst into the room. They surrounded him and started doing medical things to him, while talking to me. "Ask him how long he's had pains," one said. "Ask him if it's a sharp pain or a heavy weight," another one said.

Whoa, I wanted to yell. Time out! You don't understand! I'm a pastor, not a professional interpreter! To interpret appropriately in a health-critical situation you need at least a Quality Assurance Level III interpreter, and that's only if you can't find one with a Comprehensive Skills Certificate! I shouldn't be here! But of course, I was there, and the old guy's heart attack wouldn't stop while we called Lansing or Grand Rapids or Kalamazoo for a CSC interpreter.

We got through it, with me signing over my head so he could see over the heads of the doctors. He went home in a week or so. I really don't know if what I did helped; I

thank God my underqualified help didn't actually worsen the situation. I think about when I read Moses answering God that he isn't qualified to lead God's people out of slavery because he is underskilled as a speaker (you can read about it in Exodus, chapter 4). My tendency is to hone my skills, polish my abilities, until I can present God with a gleaming, shiny, perfectly oiled tool - and while I'm primping, God finds a humble pair of grass clippers and gets the job done.

Better to be a dull tool in God's hand, than a shiny tool on the shelf. When God calls, answer. "Here I am - send me!"

Embellish handbell choir to perform March 14 at UMC

Embellish, the outstanding handbell choir, will be in concert at 4 p.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 14.

This fine choir has appeared at many events throughout the state, including the Grand Rapids Symphony, Tiger Stadium and many others.

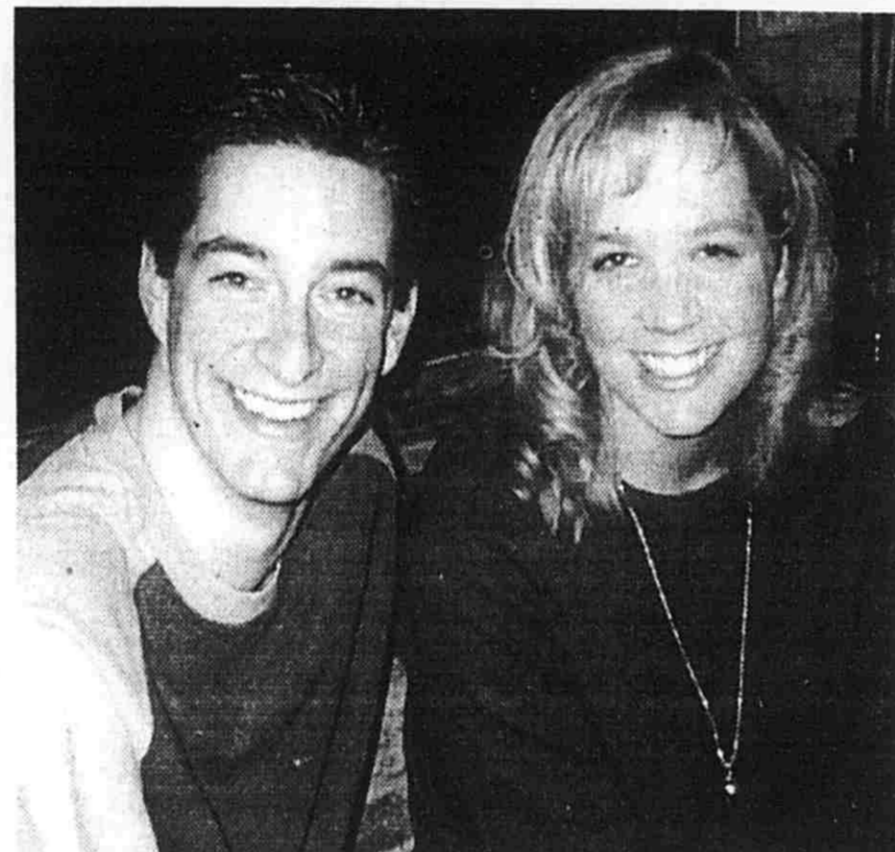
The range of music delights all music tastes. They

play everything from the classics to Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.

The concert is open to the public at no charge although a free will offering will be received. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.

The concert is part of the church's Series for the Performing Arts.

ENGAGEMENT



Jack Brian Reedy and Angenette Marshall

Angenette Marshall, of Kentwood, and Jack Brian Reedy, of Lowell, are engaged and planning an October 7, 2000 wedding.

Marshall is the daughter of Ken and Ina Marshall of Kentwood. She is a graduate of East Kentwood High School and will graduate this spring from Aquinas College with a bachelor of arts degree in communications.

Reedy is the son of Don and Connie Reedy of Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and Calvin College with a bachelor of arts degree in business.

MARCH 11 - Pat Ball.
MARCH 12 - David Baird, Lisa Potter, Laura Horsley, Julie Idema.
MARCH 13 - Sophia D'Agostino, Dode Dey, David Davis, Paul Seese, Tyler Schneider.

MARCH 14 - Venita Wheeler, Mike Stevens, Dan Baird, Kari Merriman, Vickie Comdure.
MARCH 15 - Daniel Vegter, Ward Boulard Jr., Brett Hobla, Margot Miller.
MARCH 16 - Greg Briggs, Louise Weeks.

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School Menu

Week of 3/15 - 3/19

ELEMENTARY

MON: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, sweet roll, fruit selection, milk.

TUES: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll w/margarine or peanut butter, gelatin or canned fruit, milk.

WED: Cheeseburger in a bun, steamed carrots, assorted fruits, cookie, milk.

THUR: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, fruit juice (apple, orange), baby carrots, sherbet or canned fruit, milk.

FRI: Italian Dunkers w/2 breadsticks, dipping sauce, cheese stick, corn, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Macaroni & cheese, breaded pork patty, yogurt, chef salad, cheeseburger; choose 2: green beans, side salad or sweet potatoes; sweet roll, fruit selection, milk.

TUES: Chicken nuggets, swiss steak, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas or side salad; dinner roll w/peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

WED: Teriyaki beef bites, roast turkey/gravy, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, rice or side salad; cookie bar, fruit selection, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, cheeseburger or chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: cole slaw, side salad or steamed carrots; sherbet or fruit, milk.

FRI: Italian dunkers w/breadsticks, sauce, cheese stick, cook's choice, chef salad, yogurt, cheeseburger; choose 2: corn, cucumber slices, side salad or fruit juice; fruit selection, milk.

Viewpoint

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

By Priscilla Lusmyer

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - MARCH 11, 1874

This issue is missing, so we'll look at some ads. "Fearless Cooking Stove" at Coppens and Parker, west end of Union Block.

Forest and Lowell Mills, Hatch and Craw owners: "Cash paid for wheat!"

Johnston Farm Machinery, second door east of post office, "celebrated Grattan wagons."

Edmund Lee just opened a wholesale/retail grocery in Music Hall block.

John Kopf's Lowell Chair factory: furniture, accessories, hotel furniture, toys and coffins.

And a page of small ads, mostly patent medicines. This caught our eye: the lightest, strongest and most comfortable bustle, the Standard Lotta bustle.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 9, 1899

Lowell boasts the best potato market in the state, drawing farmers from 15-20 miles around with the 52-cent price this week.

TO THE EDITOR

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the Lowell Ledger posed a question in Town Talk concerning the confiscation of vehicles in New York from drivers who are intoxicated. Eight out of 10 people felt that this new law was a good idea.

I went to bed that night thinking about this new policy in New York.

I had a dream that I met two men, both had big smiles on their faces and they were talking as I listened to their conversation. One man said, "Comrad, it is working so good, we have them believing security is more important than freedom. They have forgotten about their Constitution. They do not know that under common law, there is no crime if there is no victim."

"Yes," replied the second man. "When we put the gold fringe on the American flag, they didn't even notice that we changed the common law to statute, corporate, admiralty, military or maritime law." The first man agree, "And they weren't smart enough to take the first letter from each word and put them together to spell SCAM. We even told them and they are that simple."

"Soon we will force them from their homes. We will tell them through the EPA that the yellow-belly sap-sucker or the purple toad is nesting on their property. We will tell them these are endangered species and that they must leave their property. They won't be able to sell it to anyone else," they laughed. "Or we can tell them their property has been declared wet lands and they must move," they laughed harder.

"We can dig around on their property, the previous owners may have dumped drain oil, antifreeze or some other hazardous waste. We can declare it a hazardous site and take the property from them," they roared with laughter.

"The people have not studied history, they don't know that Benjamin Franklin said, 'People who value security above freedom deserve neither,' or that Patrick Henry said, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

"As we continue to dump JP8 and ethelene die bromide in the contrails from the jets, we will soon take more of their sons and daughters to UN peace enforcement actions and when they get home they will get sick and die just like after Desert Storm." "They eagerly put the chains of slavery on themselves."

After this I woke up! Have a nice day
Keith James Mueller
Hosea, chapter 4, verse 6 says, *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

Second Thessalonians, second chapter, verse 6, says, *And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.*

A 23-year-old woman of Calhoun County has died of brain fever, caused by her heavy, thick, 4 1/2 foot-long hair causing too much strain to her head.

Peach farmers all over the state have lost whole orchards due to the cold weather; many are planning to replant.

A novel use for petroleum has been found, that of laying mud and dust on railroads and dirt roads.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - MARCH 6, 1924

It is said that Pres. Coolidge is having to undo the corruption resulting from Pres. Harding's idea of independent branches of government.

The inventor of corrugated inner tubes for automobile tires claims they are more elastic and do not overheat like smooth tubes.

The navy oil-lease scandal, otherwise known as Teapot Dome, takes up much time in Washington and space in the papers. The Secretary of the Navy and Attorney General have bit the dust so far.

In Russia, Trotsky's troops and Stalin's troops are slugging it out.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 10, 1949

Newell Manufacturing will exhibit its toy guns at the New York Toy Fair.

Farmers who process maple syrup are reminded of state laws about labeling and syrup concentration, after several violations were found in 1948.

C.H. Runciman Co. will sponsor a big Farmers' Day next week to celebrate opening their new implement building on South Hudson. The 60'x150' building has no interior posts.

King Milling publishes its 100 prize-winning recipes in the centerfold.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - MARCH 7, 1974

Voters are asked not about money, but about adding on to Bushnell. Runciman and Alto elementary schools instead of building a new one.

City Council directs the Planning Commission to come up with ideas for connecting Foreman Road and M-21 with a north-south street.

Twenty-one deer in single file are observed crossing the Deer Run golf course.

The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting hears from the high school retail selling class's poll on what residents desire as goals for the city.

Joan Wittenbach's
BOOK REVIEW

I'm Not As Old As I Used To Be

Stopping by the new book section in the library some weeks ago, I happened to see a "calling book." Don't you think that some books do that to a person? Well, this call was right on target! A new author to me, although she has written nine books, Frances Weaver's newest, *I'm Not As Old As I Used To Be* (reclaiming your life in the second half), is what I call a BINGO! book. The ingredients in the book for living is thought-provoking and enjoyable. Sometimes down right fun.

"Understanding the message of old age doesn't mean giving up or giving in to those fellow-agers who constantly ask, 'You're going to do what?' At your age?" "Okay, so I'm older. So what difference does that make?" We can make an honest assessment of ourselves. Instead of a page headed, "I'm too old to..." try one marked, "Now that I am older I can..."

I do wish that the book was mine, because my enthusiasm about it makes me want to underline so many passages in red. For instance, "If we find a way to add interest and importance (for ourselves) to these later years, we have accomplished a lot for our family as well as ourselves." Reaching out beyond being a wife and mother, aging didn't cramp her style. She found an outlet as a writer in her later years. Another page glistened with wisdom when she writes, "Single women aren't the only ones who can discover unknown talents and make changes in their lives. Anyone, at any age, can surprise himself or herself. The joy of discovery tends to become contagious."

And then, quite suddenly, her doctor husband dies in his fifties. From that point on, this little book runs with discovery. And she asks herself what so many have had to ask: "What shall I do now?" From there on, page after page, Weaver goes on to encourage her reader with ideas, with possibilities, and with clues into avenues of discovery.

With my special journal beside me, I wrote down a few haunting words of truth from her as she looks back at the things she has done the last 20 years. It was so simple; so simple I forget its truth, "One door at a time led me into all this." Hurray for Frances Weaver!

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



OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is a skeletal disease characterized by severe bone loss and deterioration of bone tissue which predisposes one to bone fragility and consequential fractures. Osteoporosis affects more than 20 million individuals in the United States and accounts for about 1.3 million fractures annually.

The risk of developing osteoporosis depends on the peak bone mass achieved during one's lifetime and the rate at which bone is lost. Individual characteristics that put one at risk include: age, being female, Caucasian and Asian ethnicity, menopause, family history of osteoporosis, low body weight, small stature, and low peak bone mass. Lifestyle risk factors include cigarette smoking, alcohol abuse, sedentary lifestyle, inadequate calcium intake, vitamin D deficiency and excess-

ive caffeine intake. Other causes of osteoporosis include anorexia nervosa, multiple melanomas, pituitary and parathyroid gland disease and the use of some medications such as anticonvulsants and corticosteroids.

Bone mineral density (BMD) testing is a special test to assess bone loss and predict the risk of fractures. It may also help influence treatment.

Hormone replacement therapy remains the standard of care for the prevention of postmenopausal osteoporosis. The use of estrogen has been shown to reduce the risk of fractures caused by osteoporosis by about 50 percent. The fear of cancer is a common reason why women do not wish to use hormone replacement therapy. Adequate calcium intake is critical to achieving peak bone mass and can modify the rate of bone loss associated with aging. Adolescents need about 1200 mg. of calcium daily. Adults need about 1000 mg. And women over 65 need 1500 mg. daily. Vitamin D intake should be about 400 IU for people ages 51-70 and 600 IU for individuals over the age of 70.

Physical activity enhances bone development, while immobilization causes significant bone loss. An exercise program should be aimed at increasing strength and coordination. Weight bearing exercise is critical.

Evista is a new drug, which can bind to and selectively activate a certain estrogen receptor without affecting certain tissues, such as breast and uterine tissue. It has been shown to increase bone mineral density. Fosaman is another drug which affects bone mineral density.

'HARDT HAPPENINGS



The Friends of the Englehardt Library will hold a business meeting on Friday, March 19 at 10 a.m. at the library, located at 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. All old and new members are invited to attend and will be a good chance for new members to meet current members and to learn about a Friends membership. Friends of the Library activities will be discussed.

For more information about the Friends of the Englehardt Library's business meeting, call the Englehardt Library, a branch of the Kent District Library, at 897-9596.

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City agrees to developer's request to help improve area's aesthetics

.... I have a problem replacing something that isn't a real hazard and passing that burden on to the user just for looks.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Mayor Bill Thompson

While not thrilled at having to pay the costs to im-



prove something based on looks. Mayor Bill Thompson went along with the Lowell City Council to complete \$10,000 worth of changes at the Sibley Street lift station as requested by the developer.

Mike Nosko is working to develop his property, Maplewood Square, located on the northeast corner of Sibley and Ridgeview. The station also happens to be located on the same piece of property.

Nosko asked the city to relocate an existing electrical service entrance and for an enclosure to help improve the

aesthetics of the area. "I have a problem replacing something that isn't a real hazard and passing that burden on to the user just for looks," Thompson said. The council tabled the matter at its March 1 meeting, asking for more information on costs and whether Nosko would be willing to contribute to some of the expense.

At its Feb. 16 meeting, the council learned that it will cost about \$10,396 to relocate the existing electrical service and upgrade some of the equipment. Of that, Nosko offered to cover 27 percent of

the costs, which include the easement for the lift station, \$1,000; parking area excavation, \$750; landscaping, \$500; and trenching, \$600, for a total of \$2,850. "I am providing the easement and providing the other things, which I feel is a fair contribution on my part," said Nosko.

Councilor Mike Blough said that because the developer was willing to contribute a quarter of the costs, he was willing to go ahead with the project, and made the motion to do so. The motion passed unanimously.

District receives computer/encyclopedias

The Lowell Board of Education accepted about \$700 worth of gifts to the district at its Monday night meeting. William and Dottie Roth donated a computer, valued at

\$100. The computer is to be used by the Cherry Creek Elementary School. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Straub donated a set of Funk and Wagnall encyclopedias valued at \$600.

The encyclopedias also are slated for Cherry Creek Elementary School. The school's library will be the set's new home.

Bukala Completes D.A.R.E. Instructional Training

Twenty-seven officers from 26 police and sheriff departments from across Michigan graduated in February from the D.A.R.E. Officer/Instructor Training School conducted by Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice.

Local D.A.R.E. graduate, officer Steven Bukala of the Lowell Police Department, completed the two-week session that provided 80 hours of required training for officers so they can go into Michigan schools as certified D.A.R.E. officers.

LHS class of '59 searching for classmates

The Lowell High School Class of 1959 has scheduled their class reunion for Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999.

The reunion committee is searching for the following classmates: Nancy (Bennett) McBrien, Nina (Bennett) Likens, Betty Carleton, Sandra (Curran) Seeley, James Dewey, Barbara (Dilly) Nelson, Marjorie Alice Engle, Wesley Gould, Sandy (Jacobi) Servizzi, Gerald Maxim, Jim Nydam, Ken Norris, Terry Paddock, Frank Poisel, William Roger Richards, Jim Stanley Smith, James R. Williams.

If you have information regarding these classmates, please contact: Dorothy (Pearson) Blain, 897-7035; Ray Jones, 897-7238; or Sharon (Kingsley) Greene (517) 875-4055.

Students pen winning essays about their heroes

.... Roberta Bender received top honors for her entry in the 30th annual America & Me essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent Dale Johnson.

Three students from Lowell Middle School have been named local winners in the 30th annual America & Me essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent Dale Johnson of Grand Rapids.

The three students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school are Roberta Bender, first; Katherine Clements, second; and Cori Drenth, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's

first-place winner, Bender's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Bender's first-place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, to be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. Savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan' top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last

year's top two statewide winners will determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 1998-99 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1998-99 contest was *My American Hero*.

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As a sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



Pictured from left to right are America & Me Essay winners Roberta Bender, first; Katherine Clements, second; and Cori Drenth, third.

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YMCA, continued...From Page 1

The Lowell branch YMCA goal was \$42,000. While the final figure is not yet in, Johnson confirmed last week that the campaign will exceed that total.

That number is significant especially when compared to the 1991 total of \$12,000. "The increased percentage from 1991 to 1999 is better than the consumer

price index," Seese explained. "I think it really shows that Andy has listened to the wants and needs of the community and then has taken the time to find out if the new ideas can work."

In 1998, over 3,000 kids were served by Lowell YMCA programs; 300 families received financial assistance so their children could partici-

pate; and over 160 families were served by the YMCA's child care program.

"Child care is the largest service we offer. It has really developed and become more successful each year," Johnson said.

YMCA's many successes have enabled it to offer more preschool recreational classes; and to watch the gymnastics

program and a teen Leaders program explode.

"We have over 70 teens involved in our Leaders program. I'm not talking just names - these youths are involved," Johnson said.

Seese recalls back in the 60's when he was one of eight to a dozen teens involved in the program. "A lot of progress has been made in

getting kids involved," he says.

Johnson says in 1999 the YMCA will continue to expand its program in Alto, add a roller hockey program, begin a preschool gymnastics program and continue to reach out and identify families who are in need of financial assistance.

There were 520 volun-

teers who gave of their time, adding up to over 10,500 volunteer hours.

"Each year I say this is the best year yet. I am amazed by the response of the community and its willingness to do more," Johnson said. "There are a lot of new people coming out who want to take pride in their kid's involvement and help others."

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

CROP HUNGER WALK

There will be a kick off rally for the CROP Hunger Walk on Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

The purpose of the rally is to obtain information on the walk scheduled for Sunday, May 2.

YMCA SOCCER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Please remember that the YMCA spring soccer registration deadline is Monday, March 15 by 5 p.m. for grades K-8.

POP CAN DRIVE FOR SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY

Save those pop cans! On Sat., March 20, during the morning hours, senior students and parents will be collecting pop cans door to door. Money made will go to the Senior All-Night Party, sponsored by Parents of Seniors.

LMS DRAMA CLASS PLAY

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present a musical adaptation of *The Little Mermaid* on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

The public is invited and admission is free.

PLAYBILL ADVERTISEMENTS

Lowell High School all-school musical *Peter Pan* will be performed March 25, 26 and 27. Advertise your business in the playbill by contacting Bonnie Meiste at 897-5517 by March 17.

DRIVER'S TRAINING SIGNUPS

The signup period for students wanting to take driver's training this summer will be thru March 26. Applications are available at the high school and middle school. The two sessions offered are: session 1 from June 14 thru July 2 and session 2 from July 12 thru July 30.

To be eligible you must have been born before Nov. 12, 1984. The fee is \$50 and includes Segment 2. Any questions can be directed to Al Eckman at Lowell High School, 897-4125.

YMCA ADULT SOFTBALL REGISTRATIONS

Adult softball registrations for both spring and summer leagues have begun.

Harley, continued.. From Page 1

Lowell police chief James Valentine said it will also help with traffic control.

"I think it will help bring about voluntary compliance to the speed limits," Valentine said. "Drivers will pay more attention to their speed as they become aware of the motorbike being used on patrol."

Valentine compared it with seeing a patrol car sitting in a certain location ev-

eryday. "Even when it's not there, drivers are aware that it might be and thus are more cautious."

The Lowell department will be leasing a Road King model Harley.

Sgt. James Hinton is the only department officer who has his cycle endorsement. He will enroll in a two-week state-run police motorcycle school in Lansing this summer.

For Hinton, it will be like

Please call the YMCA at 897-8445 or stop in at 323 W. Main St. for further information.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Lowell United Methodist Church is the local collection site for used phone books. Books will be received through Sunday, March 21. Pitsch Co. has donated a trailer for the collection. The books will be used to make insulation for Habitat for Humanity.

The Lowell area is urged to contribute to this great effort. Please be aware this is for phone books only, no catalogs.

LHS hosts college fair March 16

Lowell High School will host a college fair on Tuesday, March 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school's central hallway.

Over 45 Michigan colleges and universities will have booths set up and material available for students and

parents. The military services will also be represented.

Sessions will be offered for students and parents on financial aid, computer programs on college and scholarship searches and college information from the perspective of parents, current col-

lege students and counselors. Eighth through twelfth-grade students and their parents in the southwest Michigan area have been invited to the College Fair.

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served and college items will be raffled off. Admission is open to all high school and middle school students and parents. It should prove to be a fun and informative night.

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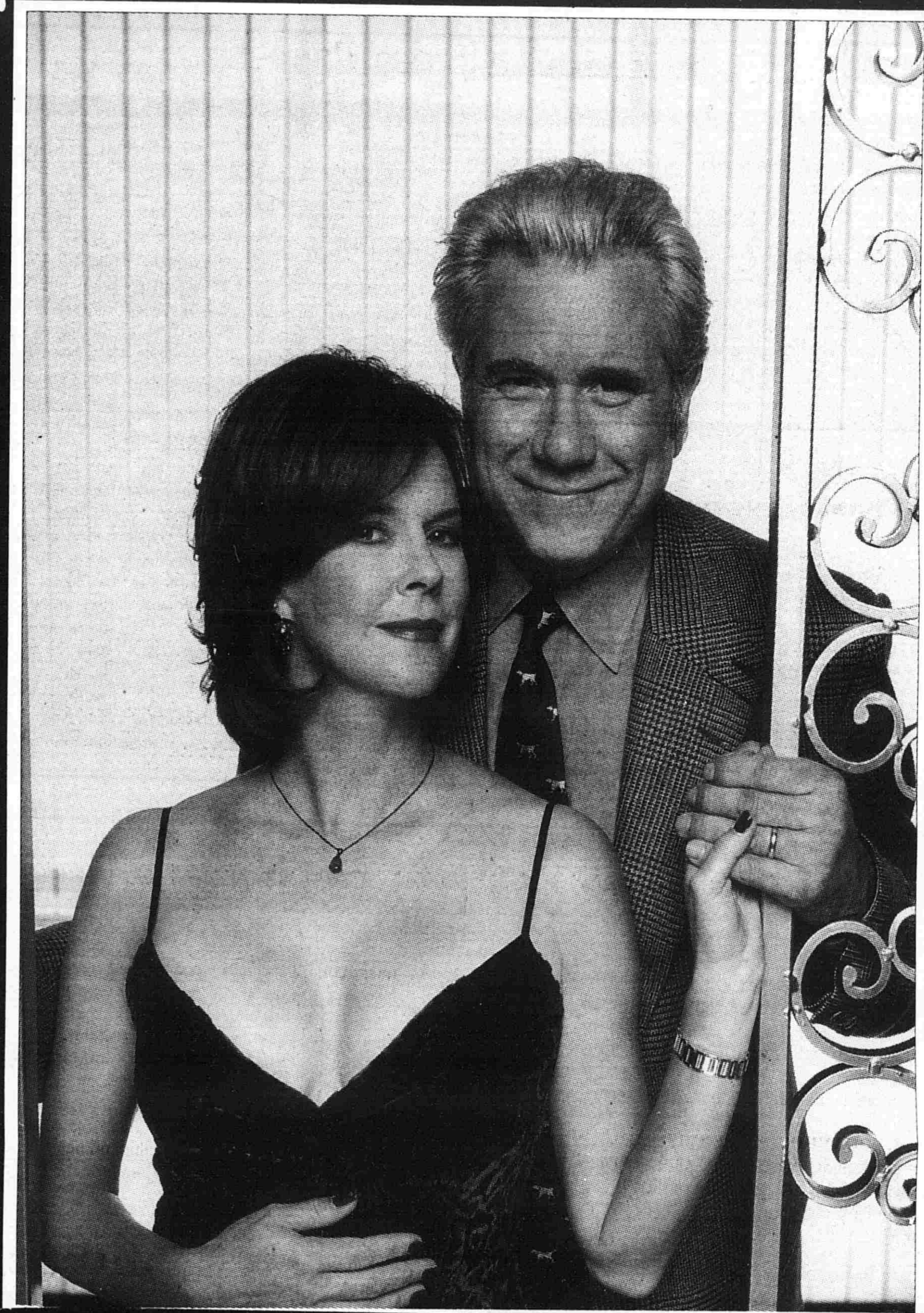
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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Board will hold a public hearing for the purpose of answering questions, reviewing and adopting the annual budget for the 1999/2000 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 1999 in the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan at 7:00 p.m.

All interested parties are welcome. A copy of the proposed budgets can be viewed at the Township Hall prior to the public hearing.

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Diving turns former gymnasts' world upside down

♦♦♦ Dan Vosovic, a senior in his first year of high school diving, has spring boarded himself into the upper class of area divers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

REO Speedwagon sings about following your head or following your heart.

For first-year Forest Hills/Lowell swim team diver Dan Vosovic, the question gets changed just slightly... should he follow his head or follow his feet?

It all depends whether Vosovic is diving or competing in gymnastics.

The Lowell senior, since the age of seven, has spent a large portion of his life in the gymnasium working toward a lifelong goal - the Olympics.

Then, the gymnast was dealt two painful breaks. He broke both ankles within a year of one another, one coming off the high bar and the other while tumbling.

"It sounds funny for a 17 year old to say this, but in gymnastics your body, after a while, becomes weary and tired and that is when injuries occur," Vosovic said.

Vosovic, however, was still mentally tough enough to go through rehabilitation (twice), and was ready to continue his dream when his coach left to work at a gym in Lansing.

Hearing his coach's decision, Vosovic decided in June to quit gymnastics.

"Making the decision was like lifting a huge weight from my shoulders," Vosovic said. "After spending every day in the gym, it was like becoming a normal teenager again."

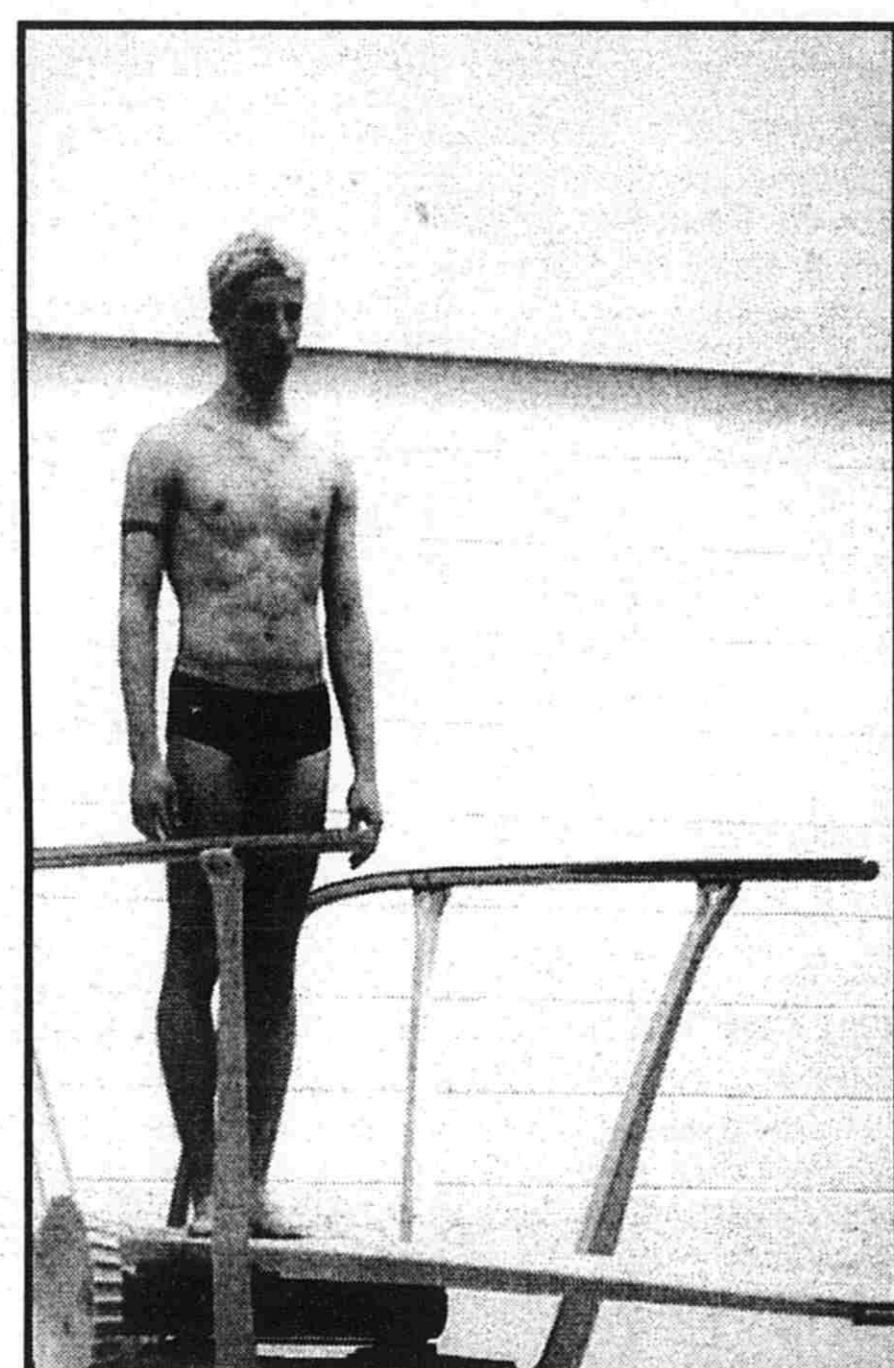
Soon, inactivity began to wear on him. "Being active for so long, I couldn't just sit at home," Vosovic explained. That's when he made the decision to try diving; after all, he'd taken diving lessons as a seventh-grader.

The senior thought he could go in and be the best. Attending his first practice, though, was a reality check.

"That first week, I hated my coach (Jim Davis) and I wanted to quit. My mother told me that I should stick it

out and give it a chance," Vosovic explained. Vosovic is glad he did, as

is FHC/Lowell swimming coach Jim Davis. "Dan showed a lot of



Dan Vosovic is pondering the thought of competing in diving at the college level.

natural ability early on," Davis said. "He had a good understanding of where he was in the air while doing his somersaults and twisting dives. I'm sure his gymnastics background helped him a lot."

Vosovic's biggest challenge early on was to eliminate some gymnastics' tendencies.

A minor one is the part where he lands on his feet. "It's all over in diving, if Dan goes in feet first and then lifts his arms above his head," muses Davis.

The gymnastics' tendencies along with some work were shelved by the senior and by mid-year, the rookie status was gone and Vosovic was executing difficult dives and competing quite well.

"As the year progressed, Dan's confidence grew," Davis said.

By the mid-season point, it was obvious to Vosovic and his coach that the senior could be competitive against the league's best.

Against Zeeland, Vosovic carded a 7.5 for a front, 2 1/2 somersault, which he calls his best dive of the season.

His highest dual meet total for six dives was against Rockford. He tallied 231 points.

A couple of weeks ago, Vosovic toppled the league's best diver in a dual meet. He defeated East Grand Rapids' Patrick Grand 225-222.

"If Dan dives to his ability, I have no doubt he will qualify and be competitive at the state meet," Davis said.

Davis wasn't a bad diver himself at Saginaw High School and Alma College, where he won an MIAA championship in three-meter diving.

Vosovic's immediate goal is to earn all-conference honors. To do that, he has to finish first or second at the league meet.

"Diving is very much a mental test and how one deals with nerves," Vosovic explained.

Davis has begun putting the bug in Vosovic's ear about competing in diving at the college level.

"Dan has the ability to compete at the college level; I just hope he chooses to," said Davis.

Vosovic remains undecided.

Regional meet gives Lowell gymnasts targets for 2000

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Renee Brower was so close and yet she's still a year away.

The Red Arrow gymnast was a fall off the balance beam away from qualifying for the state gymnastics tournament.

The Lowell junior earned a 7.95. Without the fall, her score would have been an 8.45 (a state qualifying score).

Brower also competed on the vault and in the floor exercise at the regional in Holland on Saturday.

Brower scored an 8.0 on the floor exercise and a 7.6 on the vault.

Teammate Amber

O'Boyle, competing in two events, tallied a 7.6 on the vault and a 7.45 on the beam.

Katie Blough, competing in her first regional meet, scored a 7.45 on the vault. "It was a good vault. Katie needs to add more difficulty in her vault if she's to advance beyond this level," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "This was a

good experience for her." Suzanne Swift came off the balance beam with a score of 7.85. "It was very nice. Suzanne also needs to add more difficulty to her routine," DeHaan concluded.

In the 11-team field on Saturday at the regionals, Holland took top honors. They will advance to the state meet in Hartland this weekend.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 10250 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be heard

Robert Playford has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance 6.02 to permit a non agricultural use in the [A] Agricultural District. Mr. Playford has requested to utilize an existing accessory structure for a light industrial use. Said parcel is located at 7929 Montcalm Avenue, Belding, MI, permanent parcel #41-12-01-400-017.

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Opponents can't beat Stouffer; they can only hope to a 'void' him

♦♦♦ Lowell's Bill Stouffer, state runner-up at 215 pounds, is an easy choice to win the state title this year. Stouffer enters the individual regional state tournament with an unblemished record of 49-0.

In the regional finals against Greenville, Stouffer took matters into his own hands. He went out and worked on technique and moves and did not look to end the match with a pin.

"Billy wanted to wrestle the full six minutes," Strejc said. The coach's concern may just be a front. Stouffer's goal is

onto the mat, smiles and says, 'I'm going to get you, Strejc.' Bill's pushing me now and I welcome that. Like steel sharpens steel... men sharpen men."

Stouffer says this year he has worked and practiced harder at sharpening his skills, hoping to insure individual and team state titles.

The result has been dramatic improvement in single and double leg takedown shots. He credits John Wilder, who placed third in the state in 1977, with being a tremendous help in this area.

The junior has had to work equally as hard off the mat in dealing with the loss of coach Gary Rivers. He was the wrestling coach Stouffer grew up with... the only one he knew.

"Every day I come up to the practice room, it seems kind of strange for the coach not to be here," Stouffer explains.

The junior's loss in the state championship match to Cedar Springs' Dean Myers last year also has greater significance for Stouffer now. "It was my toughest loss, even more now that it was the last match Rivers' coached," Stouffer said.

In fact, Stouffer placed the second-place medal in Rivers' pocket at the funeral home.

"It really wasn't mine. It belonged to the coach. I got there (the state title match) because of him," Stouffer explained.

It should come as no surprise...Rivers was also a significant part of Stouffer's most rewarding victory.

The biggest win of his career, thus far, came last year in the conference tournament finals against Hastings' Tim Easey. The win clinched the tournament title for Lowell and gave the Red Arrows a share of the conference title with Forest Hills Central.

"Believe it or not, I picked up the coach following the match," Stouffer recalls.

With a record of 142-18, Stouffer's proven there is very little in the sport he hasn't done. And that list keeps getting shorter.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When you're 49-0, manufacturing wins isn't your problem.

Getting in enough mat time, however, can be a frustrating task... just ask Lowell's Bill Stouffer.

Last year's state runner-up, at 215 pounds, has dispatched 34 opponents by way of pin this year. Most of those were of first-period variety and done in time-conserving fashion.

With his perfect record and his 1998 state runner-up status, many teams (10) have chosen simply not to wrestle around with Stouffer. They prefer, instead, to concede the match rather than send out an opponent.

Now that the individual and team tournaments have reached the state level, the only thing that has been more difficult than finding opponents for Stouffer to wrestle is identifying a potential kink in his armor.

"I hate voids. I just wish everybody would have the guts to go out and wrestle," Stouffer explains. "People think because of my record and what I did last year that I am mean and that I might hurt them."

Stouffer says, with conviction, he isn't and he won't. "Bill wrestles with great technique and gentleness," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc says. "He is very much a gentleman in his approach to the process."

The ease in which Stouffer has attained his 49-0 record may be responsible for creating, if not a kink, at least a concern.

"The small amount of time he's had on the mat is a concern. The last part of the year we've worked at getting Bill some time out on the mat so that he can stay sharp," Strejc said.

to win an individual state championship. Both the 215-pound wrestler and his coach expect him to reach that wrestling pinnacle.

"Bill is a very talented individual who has a lot of natural ability," Strejc said. "I respect his strength of mind, competitive heart, dedication, knowledge and passion for the sport."

With the exception of good balance, Stouffer is willing to concede nothing to natural ability. "I've been wrestling for 13 years. It is through experience and hard work I've reached this level."

The Lowell coach remembers Stouffer as a young sixth-grader.

"After wrestling me, he used to leave the mat crying. Bill, however, kept coming back," Strejc recalls. "Now he walks

Six Red Arrow wrestlers advance to individual state tournament

♦♦♦ Denny Snuffer, Tom Oesch and Bill Stouffer claimed regional titles in Alma. Joining them at the state tournament are teammates John Mendez, Dan Rottier and Caleb O'Boyle.

ter what, is to put it all out there on the mat."

Caleb O'Boyle, 130 pounds, defeated Ludington's Jed Strizynski in the consolation match to finish third.

"Caleb lost in the opening round, but came back to pin that same kid in the semifinals," Strejc explained. "He

wrestled soundly all day. Caleb has tremendous balance and is very disciplined."

Denny Snuffer, 119 pounds, needed a win in the consolation semifinals to advance to the consolation finals and secure a spot in the state individual meet.

"I refer to the consolation

semi's as the heartbreak round," Strejc explained. "The winner moves on and the loser goes home. For that reason, I was more relieved to see Denny wrestle superbly and win the match."

Snuffer lost to Greenville's Chris Mahar in the consolation finals and placed fourth overall.

John Mendez placed fourth in the 112-pound weight class. He lost to Nick Emery of Cedar Springs in the consolation round.

John McKay, 103 pounds, lost 5-3 in the "heartbreak" round to Aaron Chaddick from Ionia, 5-3.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took less than two minutes for Bill Stouffer to conquer the challenges of his three regional opponents Saturday at Alma.

The 1998 state runner-up at 215 pounds needed 45 seconds to pin his first round opponent, Wade Seals, from Alma; 10 seconds to pin Harper Creek's Adam Haroff; and 46 seconds to put away Shane Hock from West Branch-Ogemaw Heights in the finals.

"Bill was dominant," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc.

The three pins improved Stouffer's overall record to 49-0.

Stouffer, who was runner-up to Dean Myers of Cedar Springs last year, will be a favorite at the state individual wrestling tournament on March 12-13 at Joe Louis Arena.

The Lowell junior will not be making the trip alone... five Red Arrow teammates will join him.

Dan Rottier, 125 pounds, was second, losing to Gaylord's Stu Heitz in the finals.

"Dan wrestled superbly all day. He gave up one big move in the finals and got beat," Strejc explained. "That has been a theme in Dan's losses. Usually that comes back to a flaw in a wrestler's basic skills. The good news is it can be corrected."

Tom Oesch, 140 pounds, lost to Greenville's Adam Hopkins in the finals.

"Both wrestlers went at it hard for six minutes," Strejc said. "Tom's attitude, no mat-

JV hockey tied with West Ottawa in division

With the end of the season approaching for the Lowell hockey junior varsity team, it looks as if the dream of a division championship in their inaugural season is not going to become a reality. This past weekend, the Red Arrows faced Division I teams from Battle Creek and Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

The two games were almost mirror images with Lowell falling to their opponent 5-1 in each game. For the most part, the Division II Red Arrows skated stride for stride with the more experienced teams. In both games, momentary lapses in defense were the difference between

the teams. Whenever the Red Arrows made even the slightest mistake, the other team was quick to take advantage. However, the Red Arrows were not able to do the same when the opportunity came their way.

The Red Arrows currently find themselves tied with West Ottawa for second place in their division with an overall record of 12-10-5. That tie will likely be broken this Wednesday, March 10, when Lowell plays their last game of the season against West Ottawa at Michigan National Ice Center. Game time is 8 p.m.

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Lowell run at first state championship halted by Eaton Rapids

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The best Division II wrestling program this decade won a state title Saturday night at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Eaton Rapids defeated Lowell 47-19. It was the Greyhounds' fourth state wrestling championship in the 90's. Three times they have finished second.

"Eaton Rapids is a first class team. I was thoroughly impressed," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc. "They have a championship program."

The Red Arrow coach felt no shame in admitting the Red Arrows got beat by a better team. "Although, I truly believe, I'm coaching the finest team in the state," he adds.

Lowell advanced to the semifinals with a 35-22 win in the semifinals over a young and upcoming Oxford team.

The win may have been more costly to the Red Arrows. Already without the services of senior heavyweight Mike Arnsward, Dan Rottier, 125 pounds, had to be

scratched from the finals due to a severe rib injury in the semifinals.

A weakened and flustered Bill Stouffer had to be wheeled out of the arena after losing his first match of the year against the Wildcats in the semifinals.

Steve VanLaan won his match against Oxford 16-4 but did not escape without a sprained ankle.

During a break in Van Laan's 12-3 win against Eaton Rapids' Nick Ottney, the senior limped over to his coach. "Steve said he could barely walk, then added 'but I love it,'" Strejc explained. "We took some lumps, but this is a grueling tournament and everyone is here to do battle."

Eaton Rapids' coach Scott Warriner said winning at least three matches by 140 pounds was key against Lowell.

"Winning at 119 (defeating Snuffer 5-0) was critical," he explained. "At 125, Lowell was wrestling hurt, that also helped."

The Greyhounds actually did much better than "at least three wins by 140." They won

four of the first six matches and led 14-9 going into that match at 140 pounds.

"The match at 140 pounds was also big. The kid (Jeff Fowler) has been working all week to get to 140 pounds. We wanted him wrestling Oesch," Warriner said. The Greyhound defeated Tom Oesch 14-3.

Trailing 18-9, T.J. Forward (145) gave Lowell hope with a pin against Matt Chapman at 1:05 of the first period, pulling Lowell to within three points of Eaton Rapids at 18-15.

The Greyhounds answered as Chad Wright pinned Matt Oesch at 2:41 of the third period. Russ Thorn (160) followed with a major decision over Luke Seitz 18-1.

Eaton Rapids won matches at 171, 215 and heavyweight all by way of pin.

John Mendez, 112 pounds, gave Lowell a short-lived lead when he pinned James Colgan at 2:54 of the second period.

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"Our boys gave every-

thing. They didn't win a state championship, but they are better for the journey," Strejc said. "All of the kids wrestled at or above their potential in all three matches."

After losses in the semifinals in 1994 and last year, the Red Arrows' appearance against the Greyhounds was their first ever in team finals.

"Coach Rivers was never able to get to the finals. This season and our appearance in the finals today is in honor of his memory and name," Strejc concluded.

Lowell advanced to the semifinals with a 47-23 win over Mt. Pleasant Friday night.

Muha takes second at Winter Champs

Matt Muha, a 13-year-old Lowell Middle School student, finished second in the Rivertown Raceway's Winter Champ races for remote controlled cars. Muha who just started driving the cars at Christmas time was quite pleased with his second-place finish.

He was the youngest of over 100 drivers from across the nation who competed for trophies and bragging rights at the Rivertown Raceplex in Ada.

The battery powered 10th scale cars can reach scaled speeds of over 120 miles per hour. Muha, who competed in the "spec class," hopes to move up to a much faster and more competitive 12th-scale class next year.



Matt Muha displays his remote controlled car he recently drove to a second-place finish at the Rivertown Raceplex Winter Champ races.

Lowell Charter Township considers motocross site

by Jeffrey Redmond
Contributing Writer

American Bicycle Association (ABA) racing enthusiasts may soon have a racing track in Lowell. A site for Bicycle Motocross, or BMX, is being considered by the Lowell Charter Township Board.

Eric Raby of Midwest Cycling and Xtreme Sports Association has presented his ideas for setting up a place to ride and race bicycles in an area park to the township planning commission. The parks commission will also be taking a look at this.

"It's like Little League baseball. It's making a comeback, and is now much better organized," Raby explained. ABA has its main office located in Chandler, Arizona, and for the past decade has set up bicycle riding and racing affiliates throughout the country. One in Wyoming, Michigan, had to be phased out due to residential development of the track site.

"We are certainly interested in relocating to the Lowell area, especially if we can locate in a park," Raby added. The track will be about the size of a football field, and will provide riding and racing facilities for bicyclists as

young as three and as old as 50. The average age range is for eight to 15 year olds, who make up about 80 percent of the BMX membership nationwide.

Every rider gets the chance to participate, regardless of level of personal experience or ability. Both boys and girls can be members, and pay annual dues of no more than \$35. Racing events each year include local, state, district, regional, and national levels of competition.

Racers in each age category compete for such events as State Championship Qualifier and then Finals. Contest-

Doyle attends legislative conference for retired federal employees in Virginia

Charles R. Doyle, of Lowell, recently joined over 300 other members of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) in Alexandria, VA, for NARFE's sixth biennial National Legislative Conference.

NARFE members from Maine to Hawaii gathered to discuss issues of importance to federal employees, retirees and their survivors. These issues included such items as repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision and amendment or repeal of the Government Pension Offset provision, both of which unfairly penalize federal retirees and their survivors; Long Term Care legislation; and strong opposition to the inclusion of medical savings accounts (MSAs) in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

Included in the three-day conference (Feb. 28-March 2) was a trip to Capitol Hill for visits with lawmakers and their staffs. "Such a conference provides the opportunity for NARFE members to discuss our issues with the men and women who write the laws that impact all of us," said Doyle, a member of the Grand Rapids NARFE Chapter 234. "I especially enjoyed meeting with Representative Vern Ehlers and personally talking with him about the issues that NARFE is involved with."

Speakers for the conference included Janice Lachance, director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), congressman Tom Davis (R-VA), and Marilyn Moon, senior fellow, Urban Institute.

The registration of over 300 was a new high for attendance at a NARFE Legisla-

tive Conference, held in odd number years to coincide with the beginning of each new Congress. NARFE also holds a biennial National Convention in even number years, with the 2000 convention scheduled for September 2000, in San Diego, California.

NARFE, one of America's oldest and largest associations, was founded in 1921 with the mission of protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. NARFE has a membership of some 430,000 men and women.

AREA BIRTHS



Jim and Rachel Bowen of Lowell are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter Alexis Paige Bowen. Born on January 4, 1999, she weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Brenda Cilley and Roger and Jill Bowen, all of Lowell.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1999 at 7:30 PM In the Bowne Township Hall 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan.

A budget shall be submitted for consideration.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Bowne Township Office, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD FEBRUARY 15, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.

- MOTIONS APPROVED:
- Minutes of January 18 and Feb. 1, 1999 Meetings
 - Treasurer's Report/Invoices
 - Motion to Adopt Ordinance 99-1
 - Motion to Approve Resolution 3-99 in Regard to Dismissal of a Pending Civil Infraction Complaint
 - Motion to Approve Resolution 2-99 in Regard to Enforcement of Home Business Ordinance Provisions
 - Motion to Enter into an Agreement with Kent County Regarding Community Development Block Grant
 - Motion to Place Discussion of Reinstatement of Annual Meeting on March 15th Board Agenda
 - Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Mari C. Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

Red Arrows gunned down by Rangers and Chix

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following its 85-65 loss to Wyoming Park, Forest Hills Central basketball coach Ken George knew his club could play better, but could it play better in time for March Madness?

Losers of four of their last five games, the Rangers showed signs, that it might, in their 85-57 lopsided win against the Red Arrows.

"The loss renewed us as a

touch in the opening eight minutes.

Behind the shooting of Shane Teelander and Ryan Mix, Lowell trailed Central by just six points (22-16) after the first quarter.

The scoring woes returned in the second quarter as Lowell scored just four points in the first 7:30 of the stanza.

Lowell couldn't recover as it was outscored 45-33 in the second half.

Teelander led all scorers with 18 points. Mix was the only other Lowell player in double figures with 16.

Brandon Bosscher led Central with 17 points.

The win improved the Rangers' record to 11-8 overall and 7-6 in the OK White.

The loss dropped Lowell to 6-13 overall and 4-9 in the Ok White.

An undermanned Lowell squad gave a courageous account of itself Friday night in Zeeland.

The Red Arrows nearly matched Zeeland basket for basket in the first quarter as they trailed by two (17-15) after the first eight minutes of play.

Zeeland increased the margin to eight (34-26) at halftime. The Chix outscored the Red Arrows 17-11 in the second quarter.

The Red Arrows netted six three-point shots. Shane Teelander tallied four of them and scored a game-high 20 points.

Ryan Mix added 12 and Scott Pullen and Steve Adams each added nine.

Zeeland outscored Lowell 35-29 in the second half to secure its 12th win of the season and ninth in league play.

Lowell finishes the regular season at 6-14 overall and 4-10 in the OK White.

Lowell will play either Northview or Forest Hills Northern on Thursday at 6:30.

Brady Foster dribbles to the net.



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Middle School drama presents "The Little Mermaid"



Bottom row, left to right: Tony Robinson, Krystal White, Jeremy Goff (as Prince Theodore), Holly Plattner (as the Little Mermaid) and Katie Clements; top row, left to right: Abbie Blanding, Michelle Dykstra, Sara Schoen, Ashley Gless, Chad Rau and Jennifer Adams.



Bottom row, left to right: Anthony Pedley, Ben Barle, Sophia D'Agostino and Ryanne Oetman; top row, left to right: Mark Hyzer, Bryan White II, Mike Deters, Robbie Bender and Michael Fosburg.

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class, under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett, will present a musical adaptation of *The Little Mermaid* on Tuesday, March 23.

The Little Mermaid is about Anemone, an adventurous little mermaid who leaves her undersea realm on her 15th birthday on an excursion to the surface. Her loyal friends, Clem and Clara Clam, accompany her on her perilous journey, offering advice and dubious protection with dry humor.

On the surface, Anemone comes face to face with the prince of her dreams, the

dashing Theodore. But how can a mermaid marry a human?

Along swims the jealous Sea-Witch who seizes the opportunity to trick Anemone into trading her beautiful voice for the chance to become human, but for a disastrous fee.

Come and discover how Anemone's romantic dilemma unfolds. Meet the lovely, exotic and humorous characters who fill the Little Mermaid's world and enjoy a very special and free evening of entertainment.

The play will be presented in the LMS cafeteria at 750 Foreman. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Spring musical Peter Pan at LHS

"Peter Pan" will be performed as the Spring Musical at Lowell High School on March 25, 26 and 27. The musical is being played with the permission of Samuel French, Inc., lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, play by James B. Barrie, music by Mark Charlap, additional lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green, additional music by Jule Styne and flying illusions by ZFX, Inc.

Demand for performances from elementary buildings in the district this year has prompted two early shows that were sold out five weeks prior to our opening program. The 30-member cast has been working hard since January in preparation for the largest musical to be held at Lowell High School.

Jeremy Wheeler is directing this year's musical assisted by Tod Nyson, vocal director; Cheryl Nawrocki, accompanist; Kathryn Bredwell, orchestra director; Richard Graham, technical director; Becky Beers, choreographer; Brian T. Dykstra, costume designer.

ZFX, Inc. Flying Illusions from Huntington Beach, California, will be providing the equipment and training for our cast to "fly" during the program.

Ticket prices are: adults, \$6; students and senior citizens, \$5; all tickets at the door, \$7. Tickets can be reserved by calling 897-4449, Lowell Performing Arts Center, by leaving the appropriate information. The musical starts at 8:00 p.m. each evening and is sponsored by Lowell Area Schools and Lowell Music Boosters.

Exempt Signs for Home Occupations -- by revising the language so it is consistent with the sign requirements for Home Occupations and Home Based Business which require a maximum sign size of 4 square feet and other standards.

4) Delete Section 201.408 (B), Driveways -- by eliminating the adjoining lot setback requirement for driveways internal to any lot.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments are on file in the offices of the Township Clerk at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331; Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments regarding the proposed amendments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk, Chairperson or Secretary to the Planning Commission at the Township Offices. Reasonable accommodations can be provided without charge, including auxiliary aids and services as necessary. If you require special needs, please contact the Township Clerk, at the township offices at least 48 hours before the hearing to arrange for the accommodation.

Date: March 8, 1999

Richard Gillett, Chairperson
Vergennes Township Planning Commission

IN THE SERVICE

Lucas A. Gravelyn has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry program at the U.S. Army recruiting station, Wyoming MI.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus. Gravelyn, a 1996 graduate of Caledonia High School, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training on March 25.

He is the son of Miava M. and Gary A. Gravelyn of Alto.



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SMYRNA ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION - Sat., March 13. Smyrna Maccabee Hall. ROAST BEEF DINNER 11-1:30 p.m. Donations, adults - \$6; children 6-12, \$3; 5 & under, free. HOT BEEF SUPPER, 5-8 p.m. Adults, \$4.50; children, \$2. EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS, afternoon tournament 1:30 p.m. - evening tournament 7 p.m. Upstairs, cash prizes, \$3 to play. Play 1 or both. Come join the fun. Cash bar & everyone is welcome.

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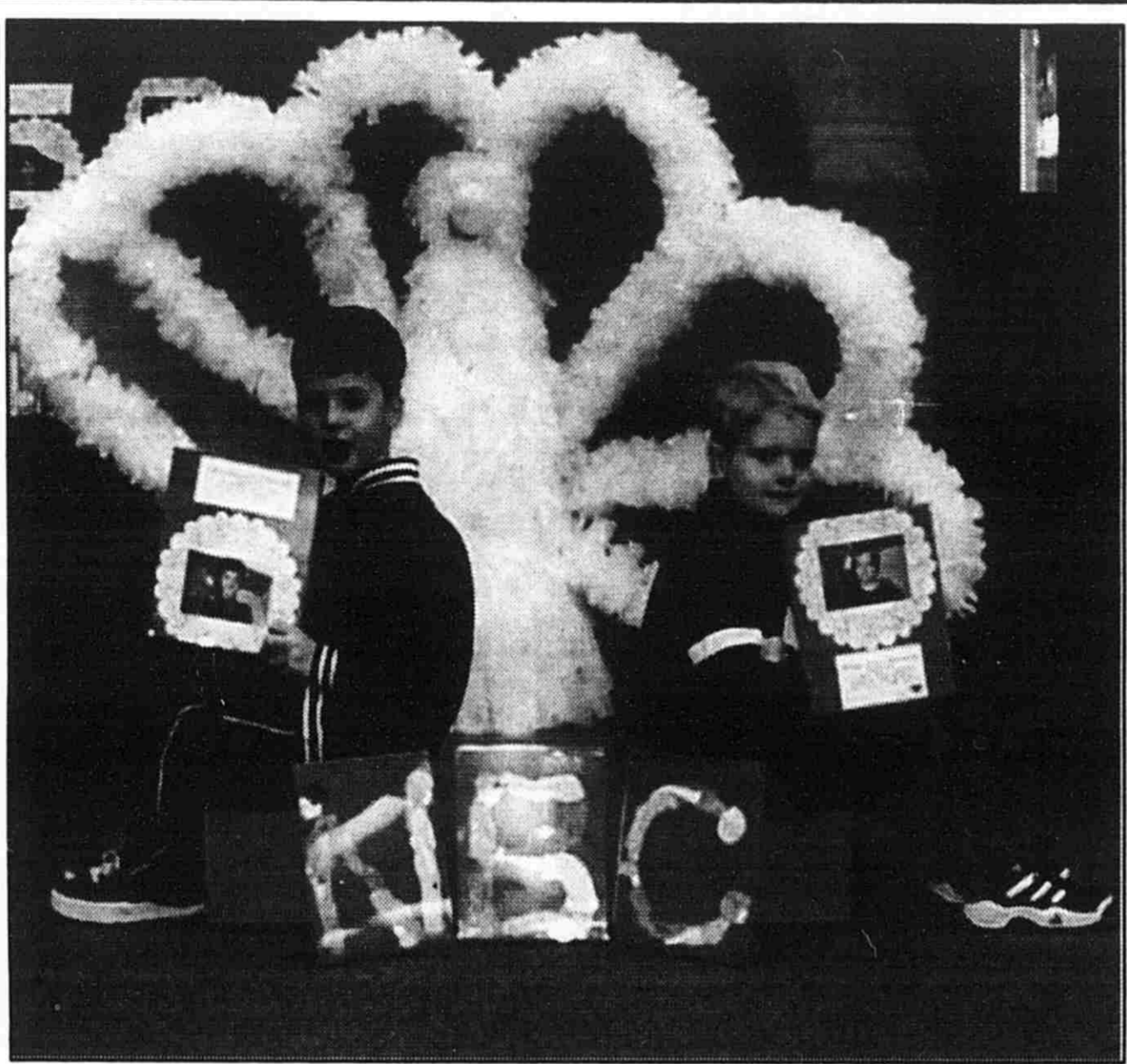
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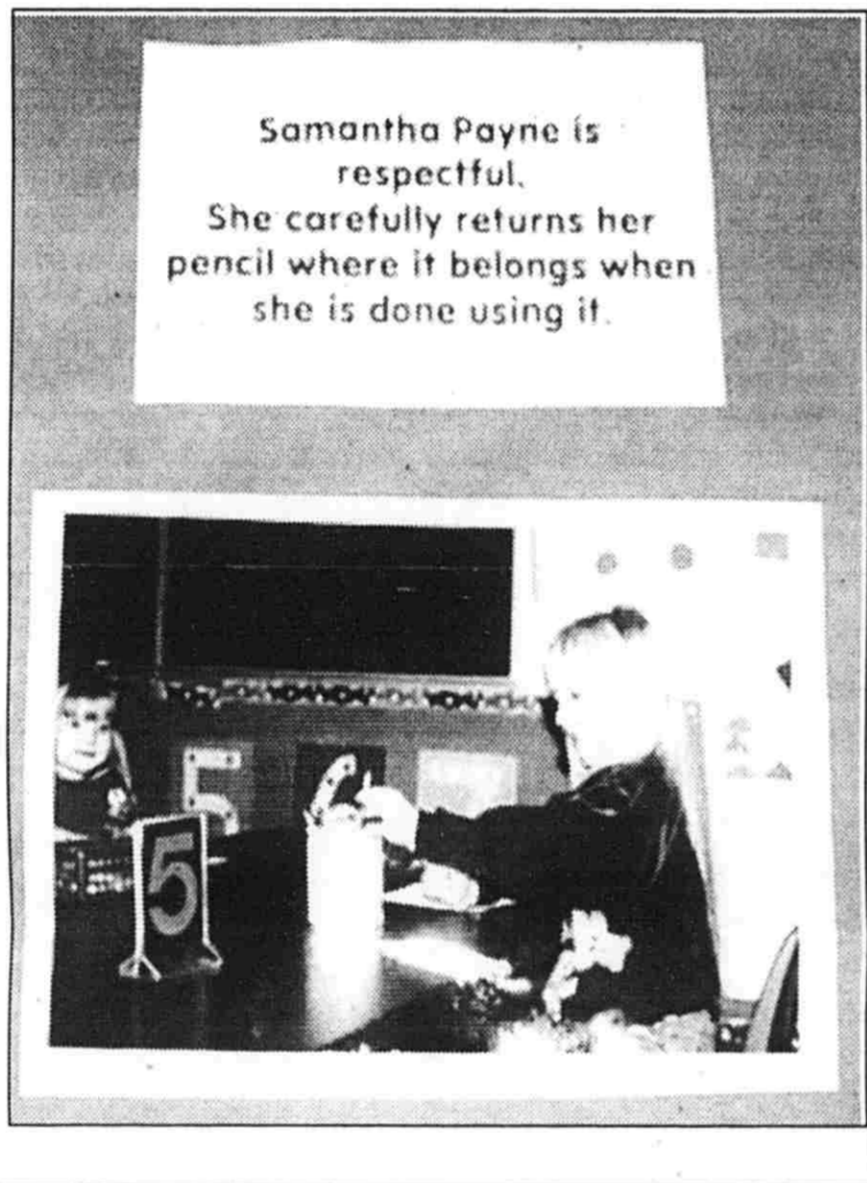
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The family of Bertha (Weeks) Bryant wishes to express their sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to her prior to her recent passing. A special thanks to Drs. Gauthier, Lang and Bish for their continued care, Rev. Gordie Barry, Rev. Vance Dimmick, United Methodist Church Women, and the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Your concern and faith was greatly appreciated.



Above, Steve Hauschild, left, and Phillip Getzen display their cards for compassionate deeds they carried out during school for a fellow school mate. Hauschild helped a student find a lost shoe and Getzen gave his friend Jake a sympathy card. A Bushnell Elementary first-grade pictorial book of good deeds reflecting the community character traits can be checked out at the library by children. Right, Samantha Payne is shown being respectful of others' property.



Value Found in Kids' Actions

••• Character education is not only talked about, but reflected in the actions of students in Lowell's three elementary buildings (Alto, Bushnell and Cherry Creek).

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Class by class, Bushnell Elementary first-graders dump their cans of put downs (paper tags with a poison logo symbol on them) into a big garbage bin. After all the classes have emptied their cans, a building janitor hauls the bin, to the ovation of the students, out of the building.

Students also receive red heart tags. These they keep, for displaying acts of compassion during the school day.

"If a teacher, janitor or cook witnesses a student doing a good thing, they give the student a red heart to wear," Bushnell Elementary principal Karen Burd explains. "I thought students would wear them for a day and then they'd be gone. But it means so much to the kids that they keep bringing them back to school with them."

There are several signs of character education at work in Lowell elementary schools.

Burd, along with Cherry Creek principal Maureen Dorough and Alto principal Mary Ann Schramm, have

joined to form the "ABCs" of character education (with each letter representing one of the three elementary buildings).

At Cherry Creek, students caught in the act of showing compassion or honesty receive a "gotcha ticket."

Last year, Alto Elementary students who dealt with the losses and illnesses of fellow students displayed compassion through their donation of approximately \$5,000 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Alto fifth-grade students demonstrate responsibility through the running of their "Learning with Interest" bank. It is done in coordination with Huntington Banks.

A student council has also been formed at Alto. It is responsible for getting messages out to fellow students on projects and events within the school building.

The ABCs of character education are incorporated around the Lowell community values adopted three years ago. They are: responsibility, integrity, compassion, hon-

esty and respect.

Each month, district-wide, an emphasis is put on one of the five character traits.

"It is just so exciting to see families loving it, teachers loving it and, most importantly, children thriving on it," Burd said.

Dorough gives credit to Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke for taking on the character issue.

"I was curious when I first heard about it," Dorough said. "I think the reason it has been effective is Bert was able to pull the community (churches, businesses, organizations) and the school together. It's been a community buy-in."

All elementary classes at the three buildings have character posters hung up.

"I am just thrilled that the community has been so supportive. These are character traits teachers have always thought were important. Now, we're able to do what we always thought was right," Schramm concluded.

Potter begins process to move Kaptain Jack's to 905 W. Main

••• Vennen will purchase Potter's property at 916 W. Main so as to expand its car lot.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Ron Potter has gone through the first hoop in a series of hoops to relocate his bar, Kaptain Jack's, across the street on W. Main.

Potter went before the Lowell City Council to request, and he received, permission to transfer his Class C liquor license from his current location at 916 W. Main to 905 W. Main. The request for transfer passed 3-1 with trustee Donald Green being the only nay vote.

Green said his concern centered on the request for a dance-entertainment or topless activity permit. "The reason for the dance permit is because I am planning to have large windows along the front of the building," Potter said. "If anyone should go by and see someone by the jukebox dancing, according to police and the Liquor Control Commission, I could get written up."

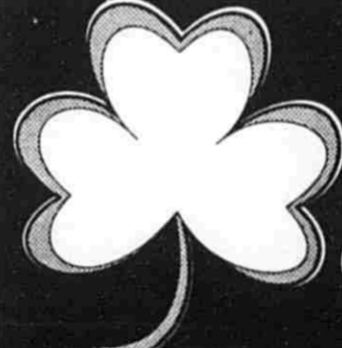
To help avoid that problem, Potter said he is asking for the dance permit. Entertainment and topless activity, along with dance, are each separate permits that an establishment must ask for on top of a liquor license. The only extra permit Potter is seeking is the dance one, adding that he has no plans for entertainment or topless activity. "Basically, if someone dances next to the jukebox, it's illegal for them to do so right now," Potter said. Potter's plans include constructing a building of about 3,500 square feet that will

include a simple bar with recreation items such as pool tables and dart boards, like he has now at Kaptain Jack's.

Also included in the construction will be a kitchen so that Potter may be able to complete his second goal: adding a restaurant in the building. He hopes to do this in six to 12 months.


The move of Kaptain Jack's came about after Daryl Kuiper, owner of Vennen's, asked about buying Potter out so that he could expand his car dealership located at 930 W. Main. Potter had already been renting property from the company that owns Erb Lumber (located across the street) for use as a parking lot. Potter has since purchased that property across the street with the intention of moving his bar. But before he can do that, he must first go through a series of steps that include a site plan review, building permits along with inspections from the city, the state health department, and the Liquor Control Commission.

The Lowell Police Department must prepare paperwork on the transfer of the license and the city will again be approached for final approval. "But before I can do anything, the Liquor Control Commission requires that I get approval for the transfer," Potter said. And if Potter doesn't make it through all the hoops to move his bar? "Well, in the worst case scenario, I'd just stay right where I am," he said.



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