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Schools Partner Up with Lowell Families

••• As a member of the National Network of Partnership Schools, Lowell will be encouraged, informed, recognized, and supported in its efforts to improve and maintain school, family and community connections. Research completed at John Hopkins University indicates that school, family and community partnerships are essential in a child's educational success.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

try are learning family involvement in a child's education is far more than a matter of public relations.

Schools around the coun-

It takes time, organization and effort to develop a good program, according to Joyce Epstein's *School, Family, and Community Partnerships*.

The handbook enables state, district and school leaders to organize and implement positive and permanent programs of school, family and community partnerships.

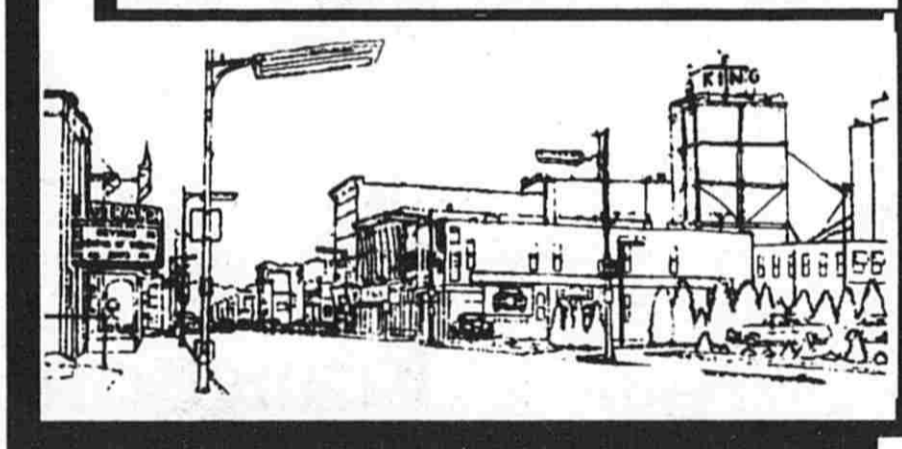
The Lowell School District recently became the 932nd school to become a member of John Hopkins' National Network of Partnership Schools.

The charge of the John Hopkins program is to bring together schools, districts, and states that are committed to developing and maintaining strong programs of school-family-community partnerships.

"Parents set the tone and expectations. They are key to a child's success," said Kathy Cole, TOTS (Tots on Track for School) coordinator. "The partnership can be used to do

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Along Main Street



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.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moose Recreational building. This month the commodities include: green beans; ground, frozen beef; corn, apple juice, frozen ham, instant milk and peaches.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Building Self-Esteem in Children will be held Thursday, March 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lowell Area Schools administration building, 300 High St. Randy Johnson, a psychologist from Pine Rest Hospital, will share the four cornerstones to help your child build his or her self-esteem.

Reserve your spot at this informative workshop by calling either 897-1214 or 897-1216.

LASSO SPONSORS SPORTSWEAR SALE

The Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) will be sponsoring an Adidas sportswear and sample sale on Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale will be held at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

PAYMENTS DUE FOR SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY

Collections will be taken on Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31 in the high school cafeteria during lunch hours for the senior all-night party (May 27 and 28).

Important: Seniors who receive free lunches please let Carol Harper know you are attending the all-night party. Also invitations will be handed out at this time.

LOWELL FIRE DEPT. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sat., March 27 from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m., the Lowell Area Fire Department, 315 S. Hudson, will serve a pancake breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds to go toward fire equipment. Donations at the door.

LOWELL MOOSE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lowell Moose Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 3 at Creekside Park starting at 10:30 a.m. Check Buyers Guide for times. Come enjoy prizes, refreshments and fun.



Spartans State Their Case

Michigan State University will return to the Final Four for the first time since the "Magical" '79 season. The Spartans' 73-66 win over tradition-rich Kentucky on Sunday earned them a ticket to St. Petersburg, Fl. MSU's play will have to be as solid as "Kissing Rock" if it's to bedevil the nation's number one ranked and heavily favored Duke Blue Devils.

Taco Bell site plan approved; sign variance request denied by commission

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the Lowell Planning Commission's approval of its site plan, groundbreaking is scheduled to take place on or before April 15 and Taco Bell's grand opening is slated for the end of June.

The only real question that remains unanswered following Monday night's public hearing is what its sign will look like.

Taco Bell, which will be located on the north side of West Main Street between the Admiral station and Lowell Water Works, proposed a 109 square foot pylon sign where a maximum of 100 feet is allowed.

Its request for a variance was denied by a vote of 6-1. Planning commission chairman Gordie Barry cast the only vote in favor of allowing the variance.

Barry said he felt the extra nine square feet still main-

tained the image with other signs in the community.

Based on the fact that it met only three of the five criteria needed to attain a variance, chairman Jim Hall said it is up to Taco Bell to solve the sign problem.

Mike Basile, of Chicago Diversified Foods, said there would be excessive cost to produce a sign at 100 square feet.

"The 100 square foot sign would have to be custom built," Basile said. "To build a custom sign would be about three times (\$9-\$10,000) the cost."

Basile said the 109 square foot sign, which is mass produced, costs about \$3,000 to manufacture. "It will definitely put the project over budget," Basile explained.

Taco Bell mass produces five different size signs. After 109 square feet, the next size down is 64 square feet,

which Basile dismissed as an option.

"What will probably happen is the sign will lose its reader board," Basile explained.

Taco Bell's neighbor to the east, Lowell Water Works owner Jim Sowle, added, "It seems to me that relative to the Admiral sign, Taco Bell's sign request is not outlandish and doesn't disturb the image of West Main."

The planning commission approved Taco Bell's site plan, making just one addi-

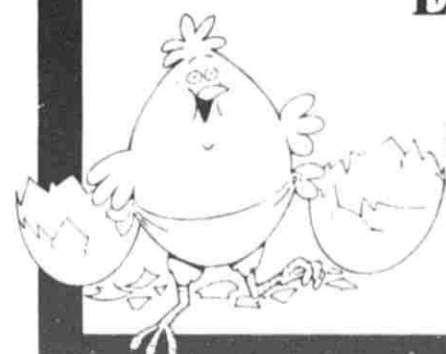
tion: that two landscaping peninsulas be put in and equally spaced out on the east side of the parking lot. "We like it to be aesthetically pleasing," commissioner Trudy Cahoon said.

Basile, in stating his case against the peninsulas, said they create difficulty to traffic flow, the street sweeper and for snow removal.

A public hearing for a sign variance will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 19.

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OBITUARIES

ADGATE - Roger Earl Adgate, aged 73, of Greenville, died March 15, 1999, in Ann Arbor. He was born May 30, 1925, in Saranac, the son of John and Helen (Poole) Adgate. He had resided in Saranac, Fenton, Laingsburg, Davison, Valparaiso (IN), Ann Arbor and Greenville. Roger was a retired banker and businessman, having graduated from Michigan State University, a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Fenton, Valparaiso and Ann Arbor, where he was an elder and choir member. He was currently a member of First Congregational Church of Greenville. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a member of the American Legion and the Lions Club. He was a talented pianist and organist. Surviving are two sons and a daughter: Steve (Ellen) of

Grafton, WI; Robert (Ronda) of Ann Arbor and Ann (Dale) of Indianapolis, IN; former wife Rhea, nine grandchildren; Kathryn, Sara, Mark, David, Jonathan, Christopher, Jennifer, Amy and Megan; two brothers Bernard of Saranac and Loren of Ionia and families; with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Helen and father John. Funeral services were held Friday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac, Pastor Jerry Jones officiating. Interment at Saranac Cemetery.

BOTTORFF - Carl Bottorff, aged 75, of Grant, died Sunday, March 14, 1999, at his residence. Survived by his wife Donna Bottorff of Grant; son Mike and Sandra Bottorff of Leroy, MI, Donald Bottorff of Newnan, GA; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sister Hilda and Barney Shindorf of Smyrna,

MI; brother Clare and Delores Bottorff of Ashtabula, OH; sister Grace and Ron Stever of Twin Lake, MI; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held last Wednesday with Pastor Steve Yoder and Pastor Larry Mumper officiating. Interment in Hillside Cemetery. Military Honors under the auspices of V.F.W. Post #4249, Newaygo. Memorials to American Heart Association.

CLARK - Olive M. Clark, aged 90, formerly of Lowell, passed away March 20, 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald and son Robert. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Carole Clark of Saginaw; grandchildren Brad Clark, Kerri Clark and Renee (Gerald Grzadzinski) Clark. Mrs. Clark taught school beginning in 1927 in Sturgis, MI, then for the Lowell Public Schools, Alto School, retiring in 1973 from the Holt Public Schools. Services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star, Cyclamen Chapter.

and Englehardt Public Library. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

COURT - Richard L. Court, aged 84, of Hastings, died Sunday, March 14, 1999, at Pennock Hospital. Mr. Court was born on October 12, 1914, in Lowell, the son of Melvin and Ida (Easterday) Court. He was raised in the Lowell area and attended Lowell Schools, graduating in 1932. He went on to attend Western Michigan University graduating in 1936 with his bachelor of science degree. He served in the U.S. Navy from February 1, 1943 until his discharge on November 27, 1945. He was married to Hollice S. (Holly) Savage, married for 63 years and she survives. Mr. Court was employed as a CPA/Company Controller for over 30 years. Among his employers was Brown Corporation in Ionia, retiring from there in 1979. He was a member and past elder of the First Presbyterian Church, member Michigan CPA's Association, life member Lowell Lodge #90 F&AM, member Algonquin Lake Community Association and a long-time volunteer at Charlton Park. Mr. Court is survived by his wife Holly; daughters Barbara (Ralph) St. John of Gaithersburg, MD and Catherine (Donald) Smyles of Alexandria, VA; son Richard (Nancy) Court of Grand Rapids; five grandsons: Court, Kern, Philip, Nathan and John; two granddaughters Holly and Margaret; 1 great-granddaughter Lauren; sisters-in-law Evelyn Court of Grand Rapids and Ruth Sarge of Bristol, IN; several

nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Margaret Court and brother Maurice Court. Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 17, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Hastings. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to The Margaret Court Scholarship Fund, c/o Dr. Bert Bleke, Superintendent, Lowell Public Schools, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

MARSH - Charles "CJ" Marsh, II, aged 19, passed away of accidental injuries on Thursday, March 11, 1999. CJ was born June 17, 1979, in Grand Rapids to Charles J. and Victoria R. (Scott) Marsh. He liked dirt bikes, playing cards and shooting hand guns. He worked as an installer for Forest Hills Sprinkling. He was preceded in death by his father Charles Marsh. CJ is survived by his son Charles Joseph Marsh III-Wheeler; mother Mrs. Victoria Marsh of Belmont; brother and sisters Matthew Marsh, Destiny Scott and Hillary Scott; grandparents Bill "Buck" and Mary Scott of Belmont; Shana Wheeler, mother of Charles Joseph Marsh III-Wheeler; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. The service was held Saturday at Bella Vista Church with Pastor Wayne Squires officiating. Burial in Bradley Indian Mission Cemetery in Wayland. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider his son's future at any Huntington Bank.

MUELLER - Edith Francis Mueller, aged 90, of Lowell, passed away March 15, 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband, William. Mrs. Mueller is survived by her son Keith Mueller of Lowell; grandchildren Morry (Sharon) Mueller and Greg Mueller; sister-in-law Josephine of Lowell. Private services have taken place. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

PRYS - John "J." Prys, aged 76, of Lowell, passed away March 20, 1999. He is survived by his wife Jessie; children Marjorie (Randy) Sorensen of Greenville, Gary Prys of LA, CA, Roger (Rhonda) Wilson of Carson City; brother Gerald Wells of Caledonia; nine grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He served as president of the Lowell Kent County Education Association and MEA from 1981 to 1983. In 1983, he received a distinguished service award from the KCEA-MEA. He remained active in organization on the county, state and national level for several years. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Gordon Barry and Rev. Bill Amundsen officiating. Visitation Wednesday 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

Franciscan quilt show May 13-15

The Franciscan Friends are inviting you to "show and share" a quilt or quilts for their spring quilt show. The show will be held at the Franciscan Life Process Center on Thursday, May 13 from 1 to 8 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission fee to view the show is \$5 per person (good for all three days). All proceeds will support senior adult programs at the center. If you have a quilt to share, or would like further information, please contact Beverly Anderson or Pat McClellan at the Franciscan Life Process Center at 11650 Downes St., Lowell, MI 49331, phone 897-7842.

Targeting Talented Teachers

••• Bushnell Elementary first-grade teachers Becky VanVleck and Martha Hayden were named winners in the Target scholarship contest for teachers. Both teachers received a \$500 scholarship to be used toward their graduate work.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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In her role as mentor, Bushnell Elementary first grade teacher Martha Hayden has answered questions and shared information with Becky VanVleck.

That changed recently when Hayden learned she had won a \$500 teacher scholarship to be used toward completing her graduate work. The scholarship contest is sponsored by Target.

Such "valuable" information, one would normally share with all who would listen.

Hayden's hesitancy to share the information with VanVleck stemmed from the fact it was her mentee who told her about the contest.

"Becky came in my classroom one morning and told me that she had entered and thought I might be interested in entering also," Hayden said.

Weeks later, on a Saturday afternoon in February, Hayden received a mug and certificate stating she was a winning teacher in the Target Scholarship contest. Each Target store nationwide gave away two \$500 scholarships. Both Hayden and VanVleck entered the contest at the Kentwood Target store.

Initially, Hayden was elated but then remorseful at the thought of having to tell VanVleck she had won.

"I saw Becky coming out of Karen Burd's (Bushnell principal) office the following Monday," Hayden explained. "I grabbed her and told her there was something I wanted her to know - I had won a Target scholarship."

VanVleck responded, "That's good because I did too." Laughter and congratulatory hugs followed for the two teachers from the same school, separated by two classrooms, and winners of the two



Martha Hayden, left, has served as a mentor to fellow teacher Becky VanVleck, right, for the past couple of years. Their teaching interest has nourished a friendship.

scholarships awarded by the Kentwood Target store. VanVleck received her mug and certificate the Friday before, or one day before Hayden did. She was also a little nervous about sharing her good fortune with Hayden, with the prospect that her mentor may not have won.

Hayden is in her final year of graduate work at Western Michigan University (three courses remain) and VanVleck is completing her first year at Grand Valley State University.

"Martha has been my mentor for three years. She has been there if I've had any questions or concerns," VanVleck explained. "From that, a good friendship has formed."

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 14, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Debra Benner for an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan so as to rezone the following described lands from the A Agricultural District to the R-L Lake Residential District.

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N1°10'W 1575.50 feet along the East line of said section to the centerline of Jenks Road; thence N68°00'W 278.06 feet along said centerline to the place of beginning; thence N68°00'W 150.63 feet along said centerline; thence N89°48'W 57.0 feet along said centerline; thence N7°58'E 177.0 feet; thence N01°10'W 220.0 feet; thence S81°56'24" E 228.55 feet; thence S01°10'E 220.0 feet; thence S29°06'40"W 83.04 feet; thence S09°00'21" W 92.56 feet to the Northerly line of Jenks Road; thence S1°10'E 35.87 feet to the place of beginning, and also all that land lying between the South line of said lands and the water's edge of Chapin Lake; and also that part of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N1°10'W 1575.50 feet along the East line of said Section to the centerline of Jenks Road and the place of beginning; thence N68°00'W 278.06 feet along said centerline; thence N1°10'W 35.87 feet to the Northerly line of Jenks Road; thence N09°00'21"E 92.56 feet; thence N29°06'40"E 83.04 feet; thence N01°10'W 220.0 feet; thence S81°56'24"E 200.0 feet; thence S01°10'E 496.05 feet along said East line to the place of beginning, and also all that land lying between the South line of said lands and the water's edge of Chapin Lake; Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

At said hearing, the Planning Commission will also consider an application to divide the above-described lands into not more than two resulting parcels, for residential purposes, in accordance with the Township Subdivision and other applicable requirements.

The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.

March 15, 1999

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

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Reflections

Of Faith

By: Pastor Joe Fremmer
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church of Lowell.

I wonder how Jesus felt, that first Palm Sunday, hearing the crowds cheer, seeing the palm branches waved in festive greeting and then laid down in the path He rode. He knew full well that by the end of the week, the city would turn on Him, that cries of "Hosanna to the Son of David!" would turn to "Crucify Him!" Entering the city like a king, on the back of a donkey, He already knew that Friday would find him leaving the city like a thief, with a

cross on His back. He knew how fickle they were. The Bible says of an earlier visit to Jerusalem (John 2:24-25), "Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man."

Sunday at Good Shepherd we will pass out palm branches and hold them while we spend an hour in praise of Jesus. When everybody has gone home, I will gather up the palm branches that are left. I will put them away to dry out, and on some windless day this summer, I will burn them and gather the ashes. March 8th next year I will mix the ashes with olive oil; and one by one, worshippers at our Ash Wednesday service will receive a sooty cross on their foreheads and hear again the ancient words: *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* In this way we are acutely reminded of what fickle creatures we are: too easily our praises burn out and turn to denial, betrayal, too easily we move from heroic to ho-hum.

Jesus knew what was in the hearts of the sinners of Jerusalem, and He knows today what is in the hearts of the sinners of West Michigan. But He went ahead and did it anyway! He rode that donkey and accepted their palms, and defended their hosannas when the critics complained. The glory road

would lead to the gory cross, but He took that road anyway. He loves us that much! His faithfulness would pay for our fickleness. Therefore we dare to praise Him, we gladly stand up to be counted His, knowing that when we fail, He will restore us, again and again, until the day comes when He

returns and sets us free from sin's power. We offer now our temporary and unreliable worship, confident that one day He will change it into evergreen devotion. And because He accepted the death sentence we deserve, His Father looks smiling on us as we say, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"



Gerald and Margaret Kyser will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, March 25. The picture to the left is of the Kysers on their wedding day back in 1939.



Lowell couple celebrates 60th wedding anniversary

Gerald and Margaret Kyser of Lowell will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Thursday, March 25. They have five children, 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. The Kysers are charter members of the South Boston Bible Church. For over 45 years, Gerald sold DeKalb Seed Corn in this area. For the past 20 years, they've enjoyed wintering in sunny Florida. Their children are Bob and Kathy Roush, Charlie and Marsha Kyser, Dave and Diana Roush, Dick and Carolyn Manion and Tim and Liz Callihan. The family will celebrate this special occasion at a later date.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 25 - Chris Yeiter, Shirley Carigon.
MARCH 26 - Margaret Hoats, Bob Perry, Carol Maynard.
MARCH 27 - Joel Roudabush, Kelly Geldersma.
MARCH 28 - Amie Thaler, Aaron Kastanek.
MARCH 29 - John Ellison, Sandra VanWeelden, Judith Schafer Eisman, Laura

Rasch, Carl Rasch, Robin Burns, Casey Rosner.
MARCH 30 - Erin Wade, Deb Maxim, Delores Ellison, Laurinda Horsley.
MARCH 31 - Katelynn Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, Maxine Post, Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Michaela Blough.

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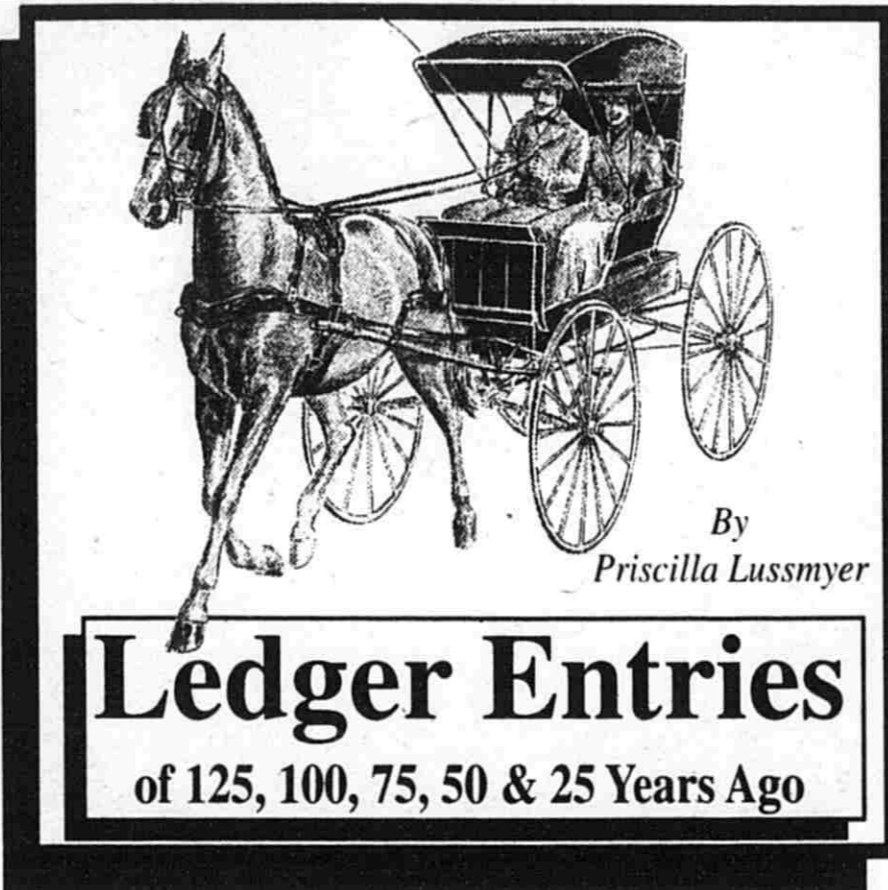
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Cindy Talcott.....Christian Ed Director
Meghan Culver.....Music Director
Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided

Viewpoint . . .



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

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - MARCH 25, 1874
It's the time for (maple) sugar parties and festivals. The Grand Rapids Guards came through here Monday on their way to put down a disturbance by lumbermen in Greenville. The Peak Family Swiss Bell Ringers will be at Music Hall next week. The hero of the poem, "The boy stood on the burning deck" is now, many years later, a vagrant in jail. This week's exam schedule for the high school is published.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 23, 1899
Alge Gardner of the Fighting Fourth, writing from the troopship Grant, tells about visiting Gibraltar and Egypt. The last snow of last week gave another good change to skid logs to the Ring sawmill at Alton. Drs. Galleher and Wolford of the Grand Rapids Curative Institute will be at the Waverly Hotel Tuesday. They cure most everything, free examinations for all maladies. Many farmers are hoping that the wholesale freezing of peach trees this winter will also kill off the diseases which have been increasing greatly the past few years.

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



PARASITES & YOUR PETS
Can your dog or cat be carrying a parasite which can make you sick? Absolutely. Fortunately, this does not happen very frequently because exactly the right circumstances have to exist for you or other household members to become adversely affected.

At all costs, try to avoid touching your animals' waste products (urine or stool). The parasite may be contaminating these substances. Don't let children play in uncovered sandboxes that might be used as toilets by neighborhood cats. Avoid oral contact with your pet - especially sharing food or kissing the pet on the mouth. Pregnant women and people in poor health should never clean out cat litter boxes. People who do should wash their hands immediately afterward. Soiled cat litter can spread a parasitic disease known as toxoplasmosis, which can cause severe birth defects in an unborn child if the mother is infected during pregnancy.

Ways to avoid any parasitic infections in the home include:
• Have your pet wormed and vaccinated exactly the way your vet recommends.
• Don't feed raw meat to your pets.
• Don't let your cat hunt or eat mice. This is how the cat can acquire toxoplasmosis.
Use common sense when attempting to decrease your risk of parasites in the home. Sometimes it is all that is needed.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO-SOLO - MARCH 20, 1924

The Lowell basket ball boys clinch the Kent County championship by defeating Caledonia 41-15. The girls do the same, beating Sparta 48-12.

Tickets for the April elections are reported by all town and township caucuses. In the past, Ionia has criticized Lowell, where "God made the sunshine and men made the moonshine," but Saranac has been the scene of several loud set-tos over hard cider recently. Corporal C. Eugene Conrad parachutes from an altitude of 21,500 feet, a new record, and Lieut. Leland Andrews also scores for flying an airplane not equipped with supercharger at that altitude.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 24, 1949

A 12-dwelling housing project is proposed near the north village limits on Vergennes (Lincoln Lake). Low-income FHA - by Charles and Richard Baird. In a Senate filibuster, Sen. Ellender of Louisiana speaks in a whisper to save his voice, and goes on (and on) for 12 hours, reports Jerry Ford in his column.

The U.S. legislature is wrangling over abolishing wartime rent controls. The University of Michigan, Michigan State College and Wayne University now have a combined enrollment of more than 44,000 students and are "crammed to the gills."

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - MARCH 21, 1974

Homeowners on Sibley, Center and North Hudson may have a tree planted on their lot for \$15. The school dress code rule on hair length is suspended by the court, pending a hearing, on the petition of suspended student Charles Prins. Lowell Jaycees are sponsoring the first drive for the Lowell Area Blood Bank. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce elects Lowell Automotive's Wayne Dowling as president, and makes final payment on Main Street Christmas decorations.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
It seems that this year the Fair Board cares more about money than animals.

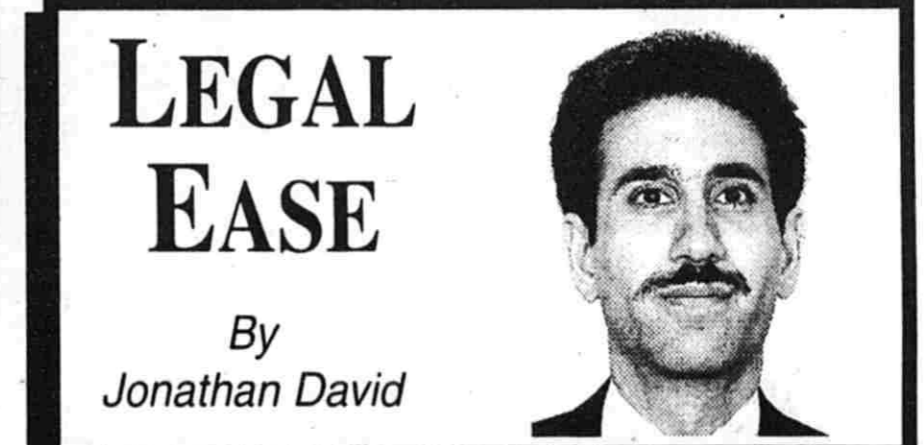
Why is the 4H Fair so late? Because the Fair Board wants to have the same carnival we had last year. True, it was honest, but don't we care about our horses? Many horses may get stiff or even lame. There will be two out of seven days straight standing in stalls because the Fair Board doesn't want empty stalls left from horses leaving early. We should have much more exercise space for the horses. The horses might not get so stiff then. Since horses need places to exercise, why don't we use the old football field? It would also be helpful to be able to take the horses home early a day or two.

Also, because the Fair is so late, it is hard for students and teachers to get ready for school with only one day, especially when that day is Sunday.

The best solution would be to have Fair earlier. If this is not

possible, the Fair Board should be at least flexible and cooperative with exercise area and early leave for students and horses.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Johnson
4th grade 4-H member



LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David
DEAR JONATHAN - I am a widower and since my wife died my daughter has been a great source of help to me. I put her name on the title of all of my bank accounts with the idea that if I become disabled, she will be able to access those accounts on my behalf. Thankfully, I am in good health. In talking with a lawyer acquaintance of mine, he advised me that instead of having my daughter's name on the bank accounts, I should implement a general durable power of attorney and name her as my agent. Apparently, this would allow her to access my accounts in the event I become disabled. I do not really see the benefit to doing this since she already has access to my accounts. Could you please explain?

JONATHAN SAYS: Your attorney friend gave you good advice. Although, under your current arrangement, your daughter can access your bank accounts regardless of whether you are disabled, there are several potential problems with having her named on the title of those bank accounts. First of all, since she has full access to your various accounts, she could utilize those accounts to her own benefit. Although this may not be a concern to you, as long as her name is on those accounts, there is always the risk that she will access those accounts for inappropriate purposes. Secondly, the assets in those bank accounts are subject to the reach of not only your creditors but her creditors. Again, this may not be an issue with you, but in the event your daughter ever got into financial difficulty and was sued, a judgment creditor could attempt to collect that judgment against the funds in those bank accounts.

Another problem is that at your death, the funds in all those bank accounts will be legally owned by your daughter. This may or may not be okay with you depending upon whether you have other children and if so, whether you want those children to receive a portion of these assets. If you have other children

and it is your desire that those assets be divided among all of your children in equal shares, then this could turn out to be a problem. Your daughter, as the legal owner of those assets, would not be legally obligated to share those monies with anyone. Further, even if she acceded to your wishes, when she divides the monies among the other children, it will be deemed a gift from her rather than a distribution from your estate. If the amount of each gift exceeds the sum of \$10,000, then your daughter would incur a gift tax on each such gift. If you take your daughter's name off the title to those assets and implement a general durable power of attorney instead, you could avoid these potential problems. As your agent, your daughter could access those accounts on your behalf, without exposing those assets to any of her creditors. Also, since your daughter's name would no longer be on the title of those assets, then upon your death those assets would be distributed from your estate instead of being gifted by your daughter. As a result, your daughter would not incur any gift tax problems upon the division of those assets.

As your agent under a general durable power of attorney, your daughter would not be limited to matters regarding your bank accounts but would be able to represent you regarding various property and financial matters. Further, if you so choose, you could design the power of attorney so that your daughter could act for you even if you are not disabled. If you suffer a disability without having a durable power of attorney in place, then a court hearing will need to be held for the purpose of appointing a conservator for you. Having this document already in place at the time of your disability, however, makes this hearing and appointment of a conservator unnecessary.

I also recommend that you prepare a health care power of attorney which would allow your daughter (or any other person you appoint as your patient advocate thereunder) to make health and personal care decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. Good Luck.

DEAR JONATHAN: Does Michigan law still require that two people are necessary to set up a limited liability company?

JONATHAN SAYS: No. The limited liability company act was amended in 1997 permitting single member LLC's.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

Farming's Future

••• FFA students from around the state met at Michigan State University for the 71st annual convention.

For three days each year, the Future Farmers of America organization meets at the state convention, held at Michigan State University. The students who attend are energized by their peers around them.

"The energy and intensity of the students is something," said Kevin Pearson, Lowell High School assistant principal.

The 71st state FFA convention was attended by 20 Lowell High School students.

Their reasons for attending differed, but all enjoyed success during the three-day convention.

Tricia Fick, Andrea

Baker, Beth Larabee and Aaron Plattner all received state degrees.

Ben Kaeb and Aaron Kaeb received outstanding junior awards.

Shannon Finnegan earned a second-place award in prepared public speaking.

Fick earned a second-place award in job interview while Lyndsay Perkins received the third-place award.

A silver award in extemporaneous public speaking was awarded to Plattner.

Lowell's ag forum team, which consisted of Molly Wisner, Aaron Kaeb, Gina Blough, Beth Larabee, Ben

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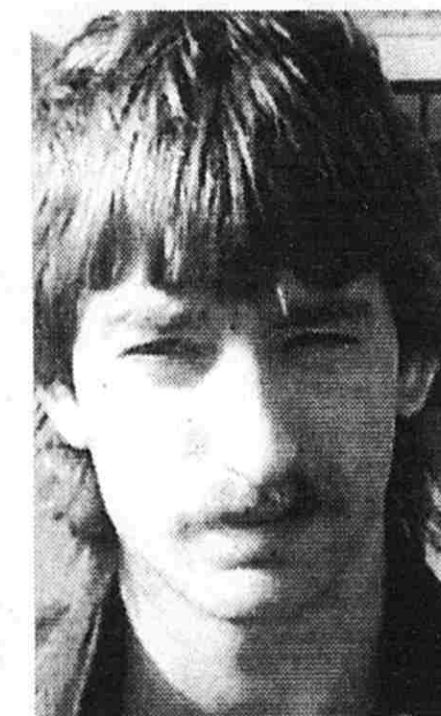
Lowell FFA members who attended the state convention at Michigan State University, front row, left to right, are: Lindsay Perkins, Courtney Baker, Matt Oesch, Ronnie Oesch, Aaron Kaeb; second row, left to right, are: Brad Jackson, Ben Kaeb, Terra Thurlow, Theresa Leisure; back row, left to right, are: Aaron Plattner, Beth Larabee, Molly Wisner, Bill Zook and Ryan Dorough.

TOWN TALK

There is talk of allowing Michigan Police Departments to pull drivers over for not wearing their seat belts - is this a good idea?



Kristi Inman
It's a good idea. Wearing a seat belt is the law.



Tom Billings
No. I believe it messes with your rights. Not only that, but then they are going to want to search your car.



Kelly Rose
Of course not, it's a violation of your fifth amendment rights and I believe your fourth amendment rights also.



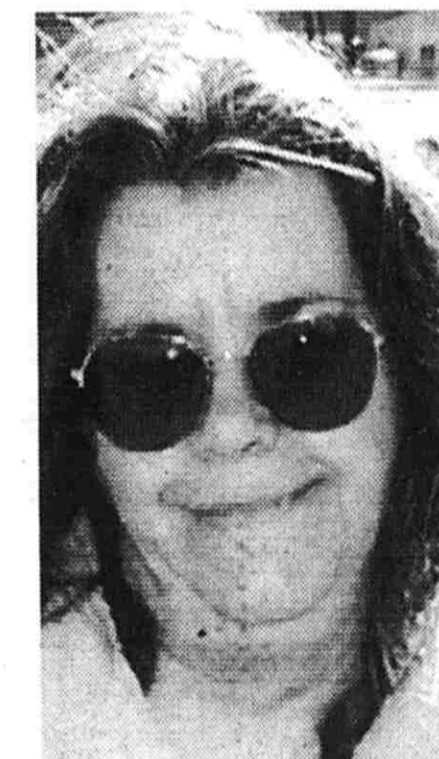
Virginia Bultema
Yes, it is a good idea. Not wearing a seat belt goes against safety precautions.



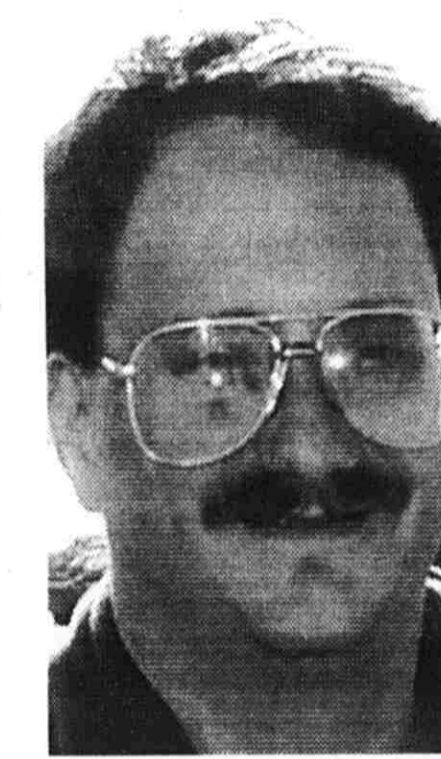
Lisa Sitzer
I believe it is the law - not wearing one would be breaking the law.



Debbie Glover
Yes. I'm a claims adjuster and I see the injuries that result from people not wearing their seat belts.



Malinda Shelest
No, I don't think it's a good idea. Police have enough to do without worrying about who is wearing a seat belt.



Paul Bieri
No. They already pull you over for just about anything. They have enough reasons now.

Amy Christensen
Wearing a seat belt is supposed to be the law, so I think it's a good idea.

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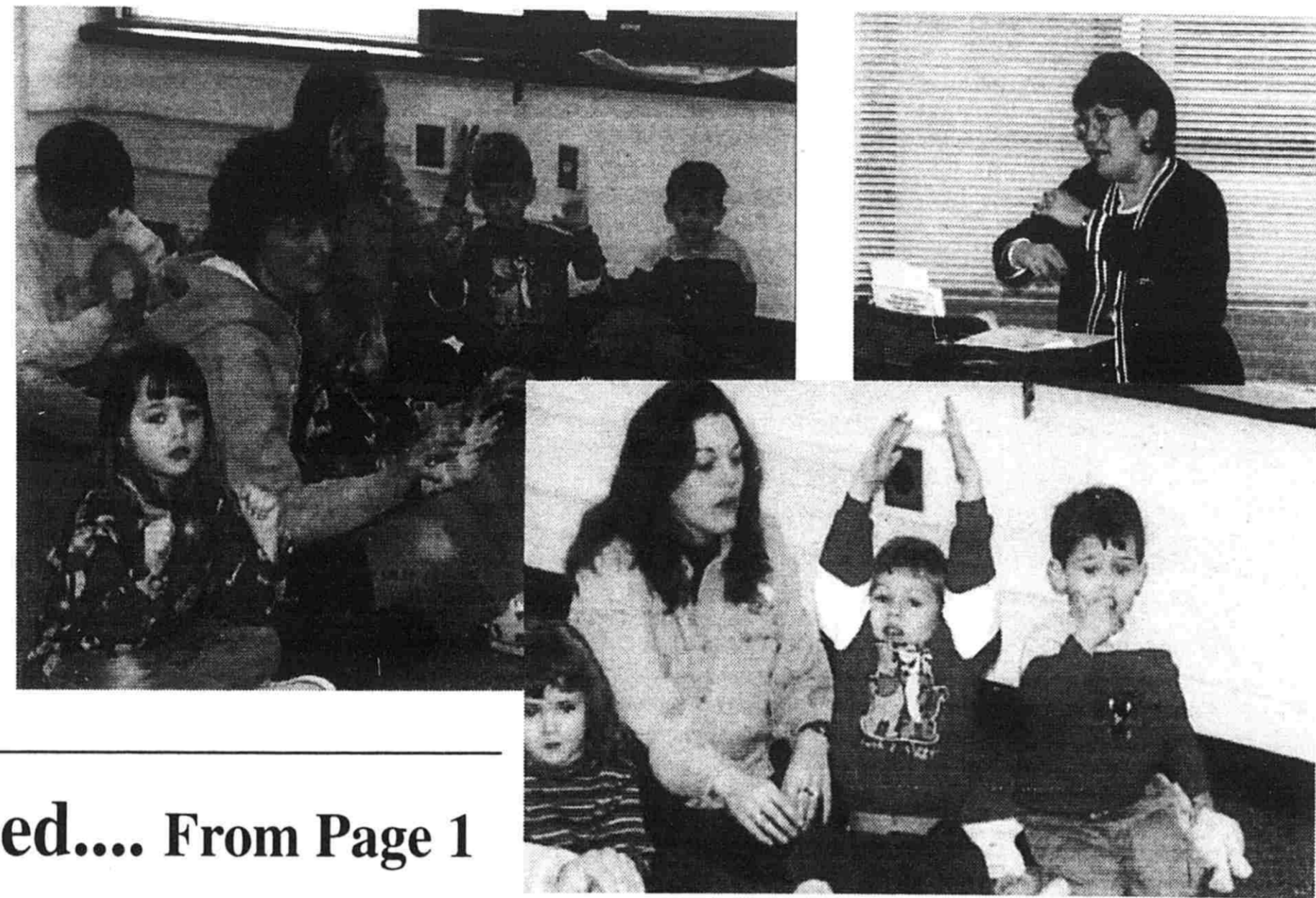
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A Morning Out...

As part of Parenting Awareness Month, Lowell Schools TOTS director Kathy Cole has been running a Mom & Me Morning Out program for mothers and children ages birth to five. Cole leads children and their mothers in reciting and singing traditional nursery rhymes and children's songs.



Partnership, continued.... From Page 1

quality things and link the community to available resources."

Schools strengthen their programs by addressing six types of involvement and by using an action team approach. "There are outcomes in all six categories for parents, students and teachers," Cole explains.

pervision of Cole, has piloted a program in partnership with the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD).

If interested, research from Lowell's model to help others around the county improve school-family-community partnerships will be shared with the KISD.

Cole learned of the John Hopkins program through re-

search she carried out on the internet.

"Our model ties in with the goal of family involvement," Cole explains. "We also write action plans to see that it happens."

The first school building in the Lowell district to put a plan into place is Cherry Creek Elementary.

A subcommittee made up

of parents, teachers and an administrator began working on a survey a year ago. Data from that survey was used to develop a one-year family involvement action plan which reflects the six categories of Epstein's project model.

The types of involvement covered are parenting, communicating, volunteering, learning at home, decision-making and collaborating with the community.

"With the help of Kathy's consulting, our committee was able to author the best, most comprehensive program that is research-based and detailed," said Cherry Creek principal Maureen Dorrough.

In its first year, Cherry Creek has initiated a number of effective communications. This includes a weekly newsletter, Friday folders (a student homework planner), curriculum guides, spring break pamphlets and a family resource center.

"By the end of the school year, we want all buildings to

have a plan in place," Cole said.

Alto Elementary's school improvement team is expected to be setting goals in place by April.

Bushnell is in the process of sending out its survey.

The Lowell Middle School (sixth through eighth grades) and the high school (ninth-grade) will have their surveys completed by the end

of the school year, according to Cole.

The building/school improvement team will monitor their goals.

Cole will ask each school to submit a plan and evaluation to her and she, in turn, will submit a report on their progress to the national center. This report is required to continue in the network.

By the end of the school year, we want all buildings to have a plan in place.

**Kathy Cole
TOTS Director**

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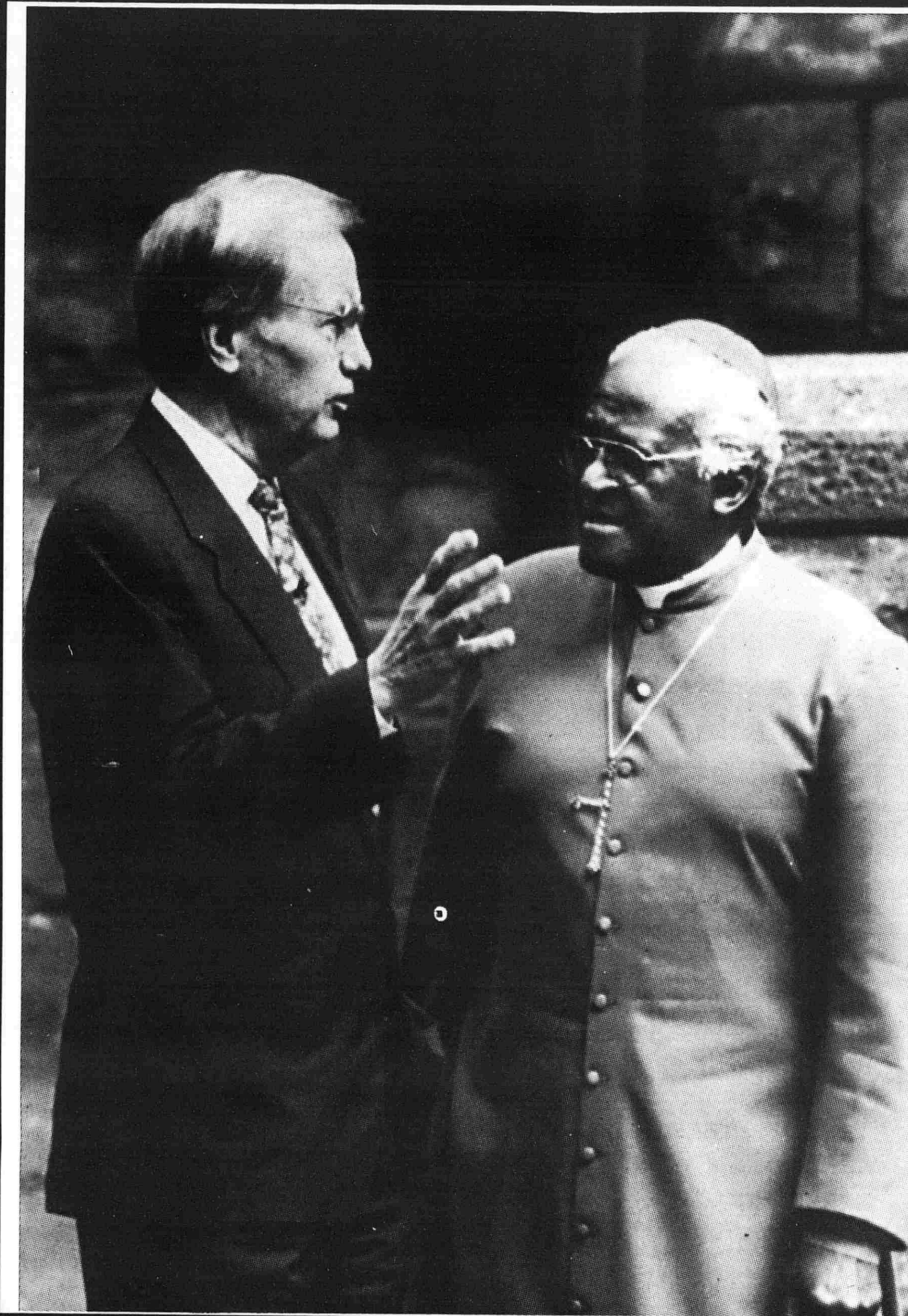
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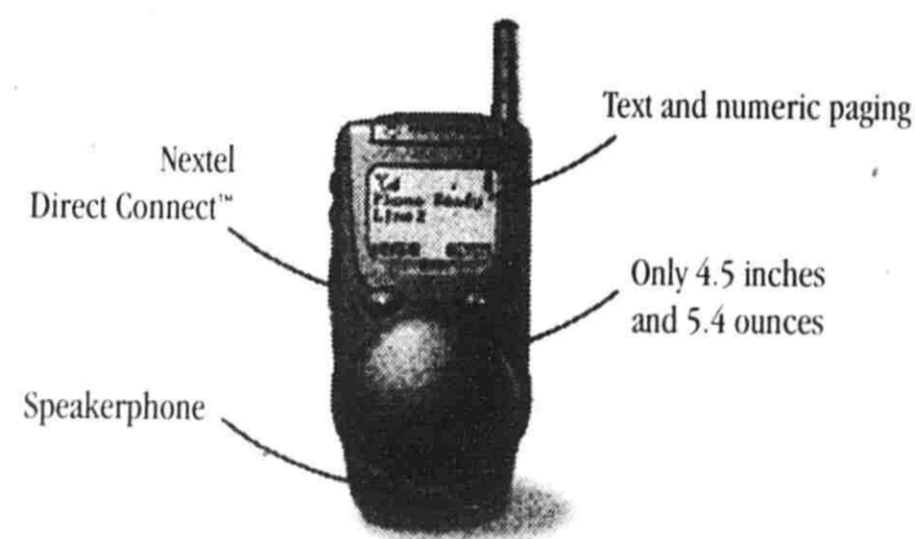
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FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26 THRU APRIL 1

Veteran journalist Bill Moyers (left) speaks with South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who offers one of many perspectives about the apartheid era and the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in *Facing the Truth*, a PBS special airing Tuesday (check local listings).

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COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 1, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
33 WJLT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "In the Money" (In Stereo)	Turks "Fathers & Sins" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)				News	Late Show (In Stereo)
35 WQVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Real TV (In Stereo)	Figure Skating: World Championships	Century: Ultimate Power (In Stereo)					News	Nightline
37 WXXI	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Mystery! "Inspector Morse" "The Wench is Dead"	Are You Being Served?	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)			
38 WOOD	Fraser (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	World's Wildest Police Videos (In Stereo) (PA)	Fox Files (In Stereo)	News	M*A*S*H	Fraser (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H		
39 WZZM	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Jesse	Fraser (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	ER (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
40 FX	Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Figure Skating: World Championships	Century: Ultimate Power (In Stereo)	NYPD Blue "He's Not Guilty, He's My Brother"	M*A*S*H	Instant Comedy	X-Files "Max" (In Stereo)	(Part 2 of 2)	
41 MAX	Movie: "Three Days of the Condor" (1975)	Movie: "Porky's" (1981), Mark Herrier, Scott Colomby (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Porky's II: The Next Day" (1983), Wyatt Knight, Kiki Hunter 'R'	(Adult language, nudity)	"Porky's Revenge"					
42 FAM	New Addams Family	New Addams Family	New Addams Family	Movie: "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983) Chevy Chase, Anthony Michael Hall				700 Club		
43 USA	Xena: Warrior Princess "Ulysses" (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "The Return of LaRue"		Movie: "Mr. Baseball" (1992) Tom Selleck, Aya Takanashi. (In Stereo)				New York Undercover "All in the Family"		
44 DISC	Wild Discovery: Acrobats-Spinner Dolphins	Cybercop		Science Mysteries "Buried Alive"	Into the Unknown "Power of the Paranormal" (R)	Cybercop (R)		MacGyver "Good Knight MacGyver"		
45 WGN	Family Matters	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills. (In Stereo Live)		News (In Stereo)						
46 ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	Dog Show: Chall	Billiards: WPBA Nat'l. Championships Semifinal	Major League Baseball Films				Sportscenter		
47 CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)			
48 NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter (R)	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years	I Love Lucy (In Stereo)	Bewitched (In Stereo)		
49 A&E	Law & Order "Blood Libel"		Biography "Lee Strasberg: The Method Man" (R)	Unexplained "Secret Societies" (R)			Sherlock Holmes Mysteries (R)	Law & Order "Double Blind"		
50 FSD	Detroit Pistons	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills. (Live)		FOX Sports News				FOX Sports News		
51 TNT	ER "Night-Shift" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Broadcast News" (1987, Comedy-Drama) William Hurt, Holly Hunter, Albert Brooks. James Brooks' acclaimed portrait of a TV news group.		Movie: "Braddock: Missing in Action III" (1988)	Chuck Norris, Roland Harrah III.			Movie: "Network" (1976), Peter Finch		
52 TBS	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	WCW Thunder		Movie: "Cloak and Dagger" (1984), Dabney Coleman PG (Adult language, violence)	Walt Disney Presents "Disneyland Story" (R)				
53 DISN	Goof Troop	Goof Troop	How to Play Football	Goof Troop	Movie: "Tammy and the Bachelor" (1957), Walter Brennan, Leslie Nielsen			Dallas (In Stereo)		
54 NASH	Waltons "The Crisis" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)		Dolly Parton's Precious Memories (In Stereo)	Curb Records: The Celebration (In Stereo)	Hunt for Amazing Treasures "X Marks the Spot"	Hunt for Amazing Treasures "Lost Squadron" (R)		Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)	
55 TLC	Code 3 "Tangled Steel"		Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning	Hunt for Amazing Treasures "X Marks the Spot"	Hunt for Amazing Treasures "Lost Squadron" (R)		Star Trek "The Tholian Web"		
56 SCIFI	Star Trek "The Tholian Web"		Movie: "Twins" (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Kelly Preston.					Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money	
57 COM	Daily Show (R)	Win Ben Stein's Money	Movie: "Fatal Instinct" (1993) Armand Assante, Kate Nelligan.		Comedy Showcase			Trains Unlimited "Great Train Robberies" (R)		
58 HIST	20th Century "Serial Killers" (R)		Real Dracula (R)		Military Blunders: Hitler's Flying Blunders	Air Force One: A History (R)				
59 AMC	6:00 Movie: "The Return of the Pink Panther" (G)		Movie: "The Three Faces of Eve" (1957), Lee J. Cobb, David Wayne	Movie: "Tammy and the Bachelor" (1957), Walter Brennan, Leslie Nielsen				Return of Pink Panther		
60 H&G	This Old House	New Yankee Workshop	Homewatch: Floods	How's That Made? (R)	Room for Change	Designing-Sexs	Location, Loc.	Dream Builders	Homewatch: Floods	How's That Made? (R)
61 LIFE	Party of Five "Mixed Signals" (In Stereo)		Chicago Hope "A Day in the Life" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Secrets" (1992) Christopher Plummer, Linda Purl.				New Attitudes	Golden Girls (In Stereo)	
62 HBO	6:15 Movie: "In the Mood" (1987) PG-13		Movie: "The Apostle" (1998, Drama) Robert Duvall. An outlaw Texas preacher attempts to redeem himself. PG-13		Matrix: First Look			Real Sex 10 (In Stereo)		

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BROADCAST STATIONS										
33 WJLT	11:35 Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Skin of Evil"	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)						
35 WQVU	Politically Incorrect	Love Connection	Change of Heart	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
37 WXXI	11:30 Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
38 WOOD	Newsradio (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)			
39 WZZM	11:35 Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	Tonight Show (R) (In Stereo)	Sunset Beach			LAPD: Life on the Beat	This Morning's
40 FX	Politically Incorrect	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Mad About You	News (R)	Judge Joe Brown	Married... With	Coach (In Stereo)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)		
41 MAX	NYPD Blue "Seminal Thinking" (In Stereo)	Bobcat's Big Show	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
42 FAM	11:30 Movie: "Porky's Revenge" (1985) 'R'	Movie: "Masseuse 2" (1997), Robert Donovan, Landon Hall (In Stereo) 'NR'	Movie: "Hard Time" (1995) (In Stereo) 'NR' (Adult language, nudity, strong sexual content)	Movie: "The Substitute"						
43 USA	Show Me the Funny (R)	Show Me the Funny (R)	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
44 DISC	Silk Stalkings "Silent Witness" (R) (In Stereo)	Renegade "South of 98" (In Stereo)		Movie: "Say Anything..." (1989) John Cusack, John Mahoney. (In Stereo)				Sirens "The Obsession" (In Stereo)		
45 WGN	Science Mysteries "Buried Alive" (R)	Into the Unknown "Power of the Paranormal" (R)		Wild Discovery: Acrobats-Spinner Dolphins	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
46 ESPN	In the Heat of the Night "Fifteen Forever"	Mallock "The Singer" (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Match Game (In Stereo)	Hawaii Five-0 "To Kill or Be Killed"	
47 CNN	Baseball Tonight (R)	Outside the Lines (R)		World's Strongest Man	Sportscenter			Up Close (R)	Racehorse Digest (R)	Survival of the Fittest
48 NICK	Larry King Live (R)		Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly (R)	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	News (R)	Showbiz Today (R)	CNN International	Newsroom	
49 A&E	Brady Bunch	Happy Days (In Stereo)	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Taxi "Simka Returns"	Newhart (In Stereo)	Crossfire (R)	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy (In Stereo)	Bewitched (In Stereo)
50 FSD	Biography "Lee Strasberg: The Method Man" (R)	Unexplained "Secret Societies" (R)		Sherlock Holmes Mysteries (R)	Law & Order "Double Blind"			Movie: "Seven Angry Men" (1955)		
51 TNT	Last Word (R)	Ultimate Fan League	Extremists (R)	Fant. Baseball	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills. (R)					
52 TBS	11:00 Movie: "Network" (1976) William Holden, Peter Finch.		Movie: "Broadcast News" (1987, Comedy-Drama) William Hurt, Holly Hunter, Albert Brooks. James Brooks' acclaimed portrait of a TV news group.	Movie: "Twinky" (1953)	Movie: "Mr. Nanny" (1993) Terry "Hulk" Hogan, Austin Pendleton.			Interstitial Fill	Funniest People	
53 DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: "Babes in Toyland" (1961), Annette Funicello, Ray Bolger		Movie: "The Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit" (1968), Diane Baker, Lloyd Bochner 'G'					
54 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Targets: Daisy and Lulu"		Curb Records: The Celebration (R) (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
55 TLC	Hunt for Amazing Treasures "X Marks the Spot"		Hunt for Amazing Treasures "Lost Squadron" (R)	Code 3 "Tangled Steel"						
56 SCIFI	Sliders "Prince of Walls" (In Stereo)		Movie: "Twins" (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Kelly Preston.		Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "The Watcher"					
57 COM	Saturday Night Live	Lounge Lizards (R)	Daily Show (R)	Movie: "Short Time" (1990) Dabney Coleman, Teri Garr.						
58 HIST	Real Dracula Viad the Impaler, the inspiration for the enduring legend of Dracula. (R)		Air Force One: A History (R)		Trains Unlimited "Great Train Robberies" (R)					Real Dracula (R)
59 AMC	11:30 Movie: "The Return of the Pink Panther" (1975) 'G'		Movie: "The Three Faces of Eve" (1957), Lee J. Cobb, David Wayne	Movie: "Tammy and the Bachelor" (1957), Walter Brennan, Leslie Nielsen						
60 H&G	Room for Change (R)	Designing-Sexs	Location, Loc.	Dream Builders (R)	This Old House	New Yankee Workshop				
61 LIFE	Golden Girls (In Stereo)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)	Comish "Escape" (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
62 HBO	Sopranos "Isabella" (R) (In Stereo)		Movie: "Prizzi's Honor" (1985), Kathleen Turner, Anjelica Huston (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: "Hit and Run" (1997), Kristoffer Ryan Writers (In Stereo) 'R'					Movie: "Wounded" 'R'

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND MONDAY: Attention mothers of preschoolers. MOPS meetings are held at Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. Cost is \$3 and meetings are from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy crafts, food, free child care and new friends. For information call Meghan at 616-642-6748 or Trisha at 616-527-1333.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washing-

ton Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle

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

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

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

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

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

WED., MARCH 31: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

THURS., APRIL 1: 12:15 p.m., Dance, West Side Complex.

MON., APRIL 5: 12:30 p.m., Shopping, Meijers.

WED., APRIL 7: 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.

WED., APRIL 7: 9:30 a.m., Blood pressure/blood sugar.

WED., APRIL 7: 12:45 p.m., Granny Nannies, games & dessert.

FRI., APRIL 9: 12:30 p.m., Volunteer recognition party.

MON., APRIL 12: 12:45-1:45 p.m., Food safety, Carol Worth/MSU ext.

THURS., APRIL 14: 12:15 p.m., Movie, Al Jolson Story.

FRI., APRIL 16: 8:55 a.m., Tour of Grand Rapids churches.

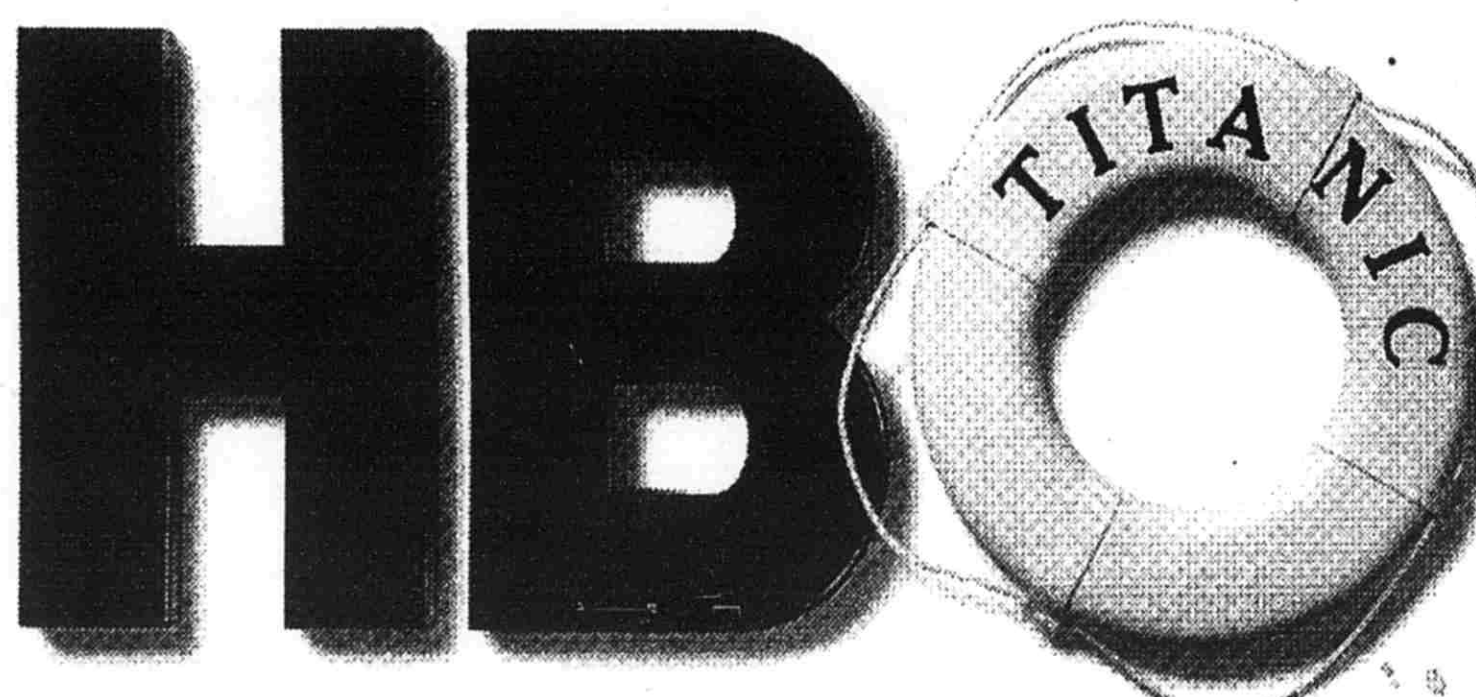
MON., APRIL 19: 12:30 p.m., Shopping, Target.

WED., APRIL 21: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

WED., APRIL 28: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

THURS., APRIL 29: 3:30 p.m., Senior Neighbor's board meeting at Lowell.

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Lowell JV 'First Cheer'

Lowell's junior varsity cheerleading competitive team placed first in their last competition of the season at Grand Rapids Central. In their four previous competitions, Lowell earned two fourth-place finishes, a second and a third. Front row, left to right, are: Danielle Corteville, Alyssa Gillikin, Treasure McElveen, Molly Debiak, Becky Trierweiler and Toni Addington; middle row, left to right, are: Jolynn Stalsonburg, Lindsey Plescher, Amanita Fahrni (coach) and Jamie Roth; back row, left to right, are: Lori Bessey, Rachelle Becker, Ashley Rickert, Nicole Heacock and Melissa Precious.

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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

In April of 1998, the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals set four meetings to be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI. The purpose of these meetings is to hear any requests for variances to the Home Business Ordinance, adopted March 30, 1998, and to conduct other business as may come before the Zoning Board. There is no fee to be charged for hearing requests for variances to the Home Business Ordinance at these meetings.

There is one remaining date:

Meeting Date	Request & Application Due
April 13, 1999	March 31, 1999

In the event there are no requests for this date by the application deadline, the meeting will be canceled.

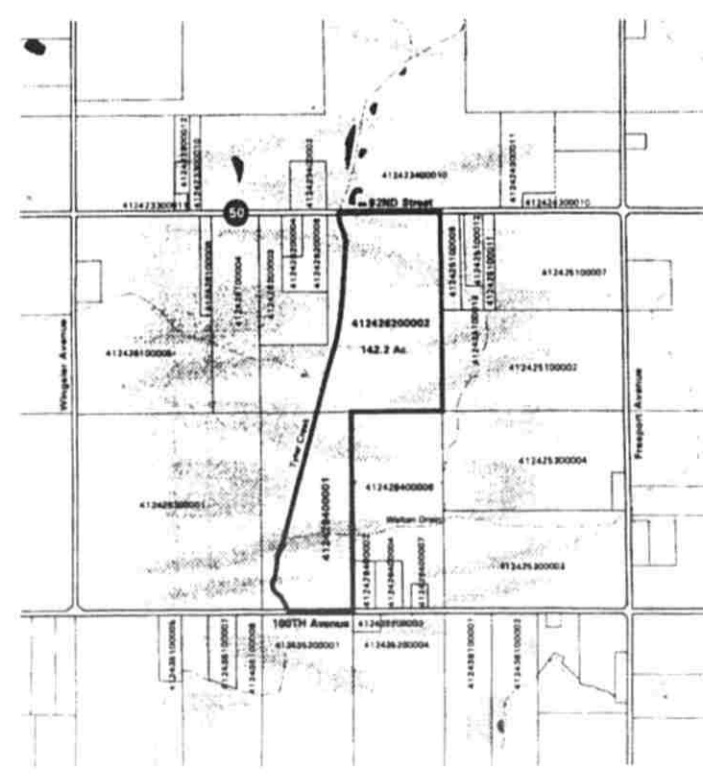
Tim Howard
Chair

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM "A-2" AGRICULTURAL TO "U-R" URBAN RESIDENTIAL

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School, 6150 Bancroft Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a request from the Landon Companies to rezone approximately 142 acres of property in Section 26 of the Township as indicated on the map below from the "A-2" Agricultural district to the "U-R" Urban Residential district. The proposed zoning map change may be inspected at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

March 19, 1999
Sandra Kowalczyk, clerk
Bowne Township

Parcels For Notification of Rezoning of Parcels 26-200-002 & 26-400-001



Powerlifters place fourth in state meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell boys' and girls' powerlifting clubs both earned fourth-place finishes at the state powerlifting championship in Jenison over the weekend.

"We didn't have any individual state champions, but from a program standpoint I thought we had a good day," Lowell powerlifting coach Noel Dean said.

Lowell had 25 lifters total over 1,000 pounds. Three short years ago Lowell had just one lifter reach that plateau.

"The majority of our point-getters are freshmen and sophomores. They were competing against juniors and outgoing seniors," Dean said. "In a few years we will be the big boys."

Neil Reimbold and Mike Dykstra placed second and third respectively at 155 pounds. They both set state records with a total lift of 1,095 pounds.

"Their record-setting marks were surpassed a short time later by the first-place lifter," Dean explained.

Powerlifting continues to grow statewide as evidenced in the numbers. Last year, 440 lifters competed in the state tournament. This year, that number ballooned to 575.

"There are more teams competing and the competition keeps getting stronger," Dean explained.

Other Red Arrow boys who placed were Kevin Craig, fifth, 123 pounds; Cory Pedaris, fourth, 132 pounds; Pat Mendez, fifth, 132 pounds; Jake Baum, third, 145 pounds; Kurt Telman, 10th, 155 pounds; Adam Tichelaar, eighth, 165 pounds; Josh Maxim, sixth, 181 pounds; Jason Alber, seventh, 181 pounds; John Houweling, eighth, 181 pounds; Matt Altoft, sixth, 198 pounds.

In the girls' competition, Katie Johnson, 111 pounds, placed second with a total lift of 585 pounds.

Teresa Bonner, 116 pounds, was fourth with a weight total of 410 pounds.

Heather Sterzick, 136 pounds, was seventh with a 300 pound total.

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Lowell girl powerlifters have more 'pressing' matters than intimidation

◆◆◆ New faces give young program a lift. Lowell girls power their way to a fourth-place finish at state meet.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some high school girls might find participating in a predominantly male sport intimidating.

Heather Sterzick has never been confined by intimidation or perception. After all, this is a sophomore who did not powerlift or play softball her freshman year because she was recovering from a broken wrist she suffered playing eighth grade boys football at Saranac.

"I played football my sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade years at Saranac," Sterzick recalls. "I was as big as the boys in sixth and seventh grade so I could push them around. That became a little more difficult my eighth grade year."

Sterzick is one of seven girls who are competing on the Lowell girls powerlifting team this year.

She is joined by Niki Russell, Katie Johnson, Teresa Bonner, Beth Larabee, Andrea Rickert and Katie McPherson, the only one of the seven who lifted last year.

The only intimidation some of them felt did not come from lifting with the guys - but from their female competition.

"The bigger girls we've competed against who lifted more than us were more intimidating," Russell said.

Teammate Johnson concurs. "Going into the weight room and working out isn't hard. Competing against other girls is more difficult."

To the girls, their male teammates have been very nice and helpful.

"They respect us for coming in every day," Russell explained.

Their hard work is paying off. Sterzick has tied the girls' national dead-lifting record of 270 pounds. Her goal is to reach that mark at the nationals in Texas.

"I've surprised myself in the deadlift. Powerlifting is something I plan on continuing over the next two years."

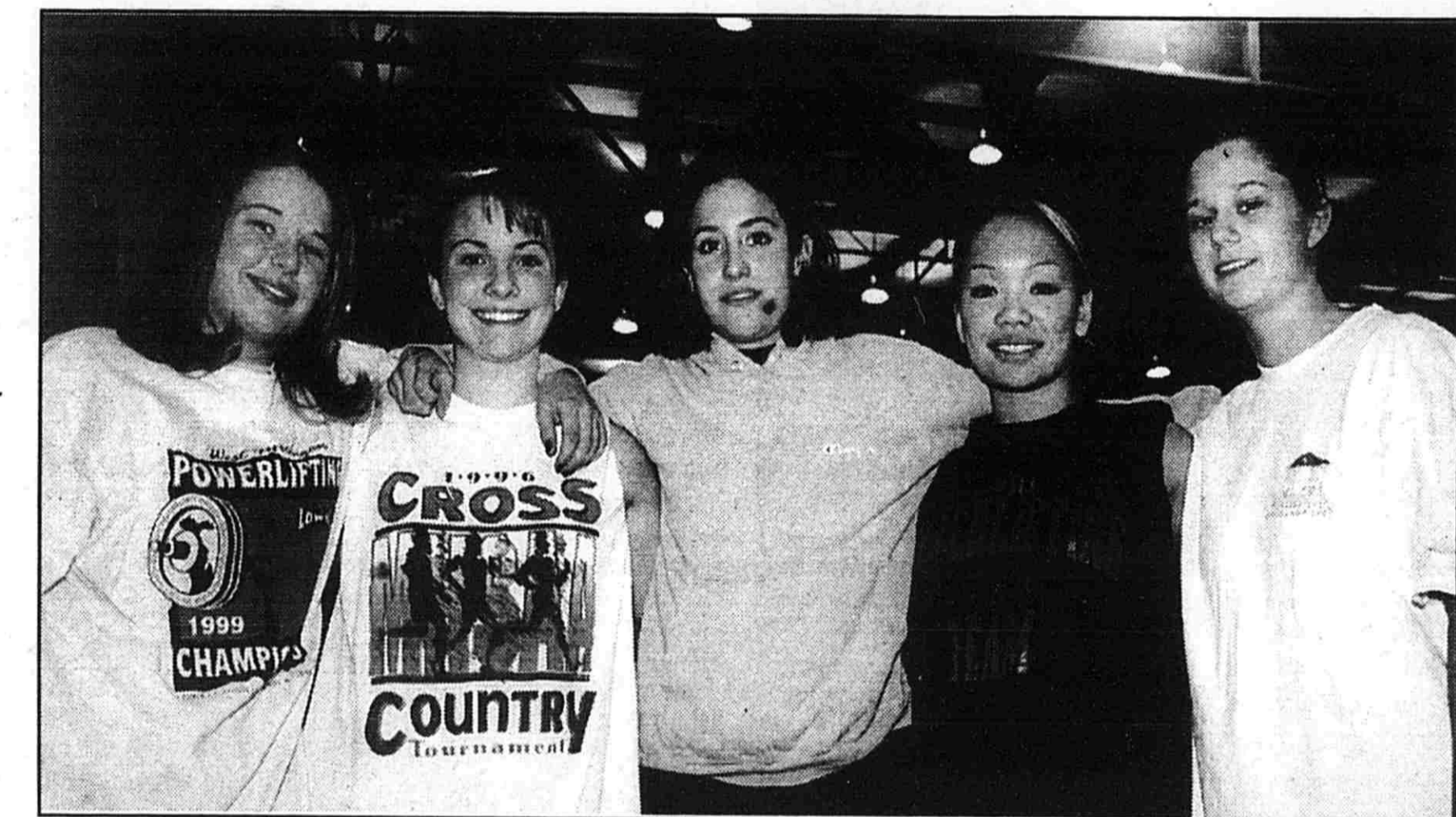
This year, the girls' squad finished fourth out of 17 schools in the state meet in Jenison.

Larabee is glad she made the decision to powerlift her senior year. "It's a lot of fun and it keeps you in shape," she said.

Lowell powerlifting coach Noel Dean is pleased with the progress in the girls' program. "The girls this year are breaking ground for others. They have done a real nice job. Placing fourth in the state meet is more than I expected."

The Lowell coach is also pleased with the camaraderie that exists.

"I think showing up and working out every day has impressed the guys," Johnson said. "They have also encouraged and supported us."



Members of the Lowell girls' powerlifting team, left to right, are: Heather Sterzick, Beth Larabee, Katie Johnson, Niki Russell and Teresa Bonner. Not pictured are Katie McPherson and Andrea Rickert.

Powerlifters, cont'd.... From Page 18

Katie McPherson, 176 eighth in the 154 pound class pounds, was seventh at 470 with a 465 pound total.

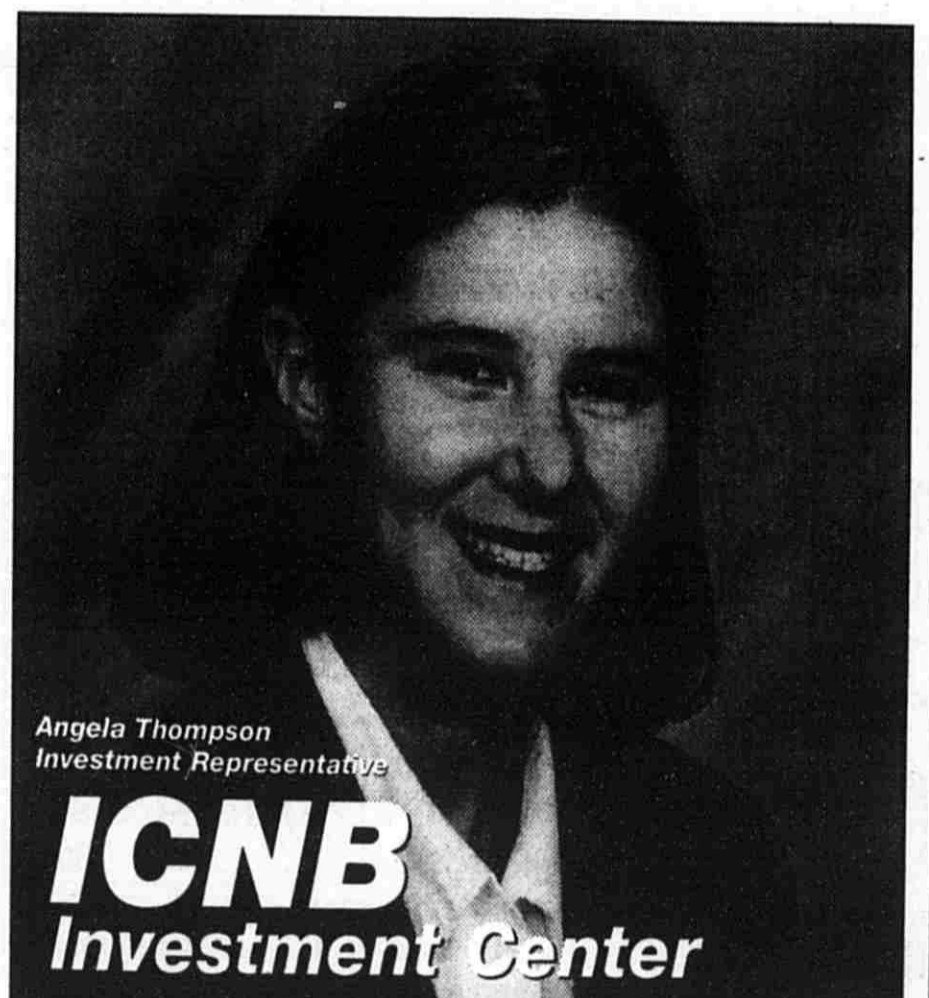
Andrea Rickert was girls' program grow and ex-

cel," Dean said. "They've worked hard and done a nice job this year."

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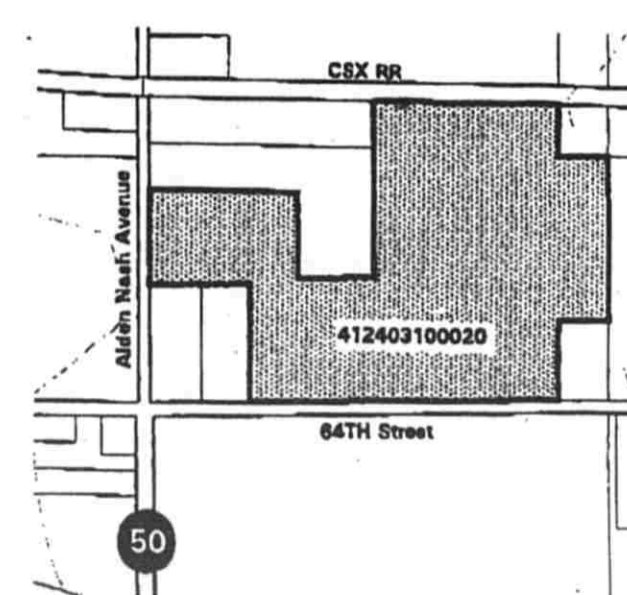


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Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a zoning map change to rezone the property located along Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan, and as indicated on the map below from the "A-2" Agricultural district to the "C-2" Commercial district. The proposed zoning map change for the proposed rezoning may be inspected at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

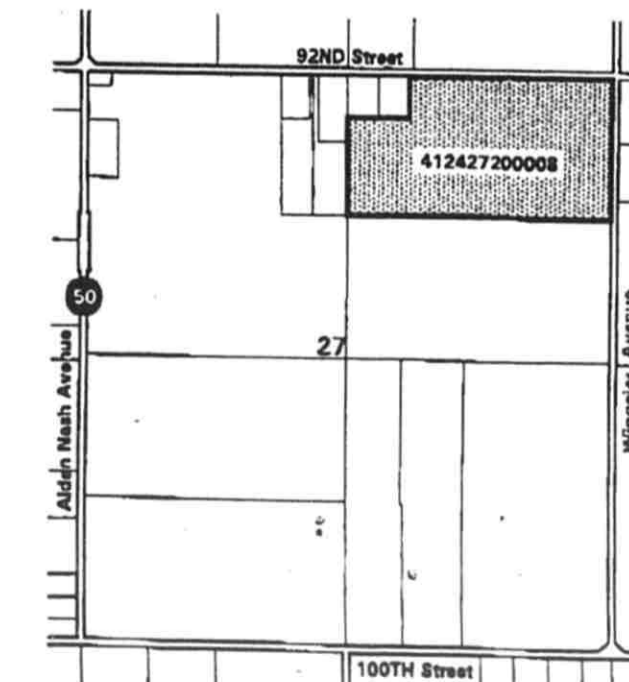
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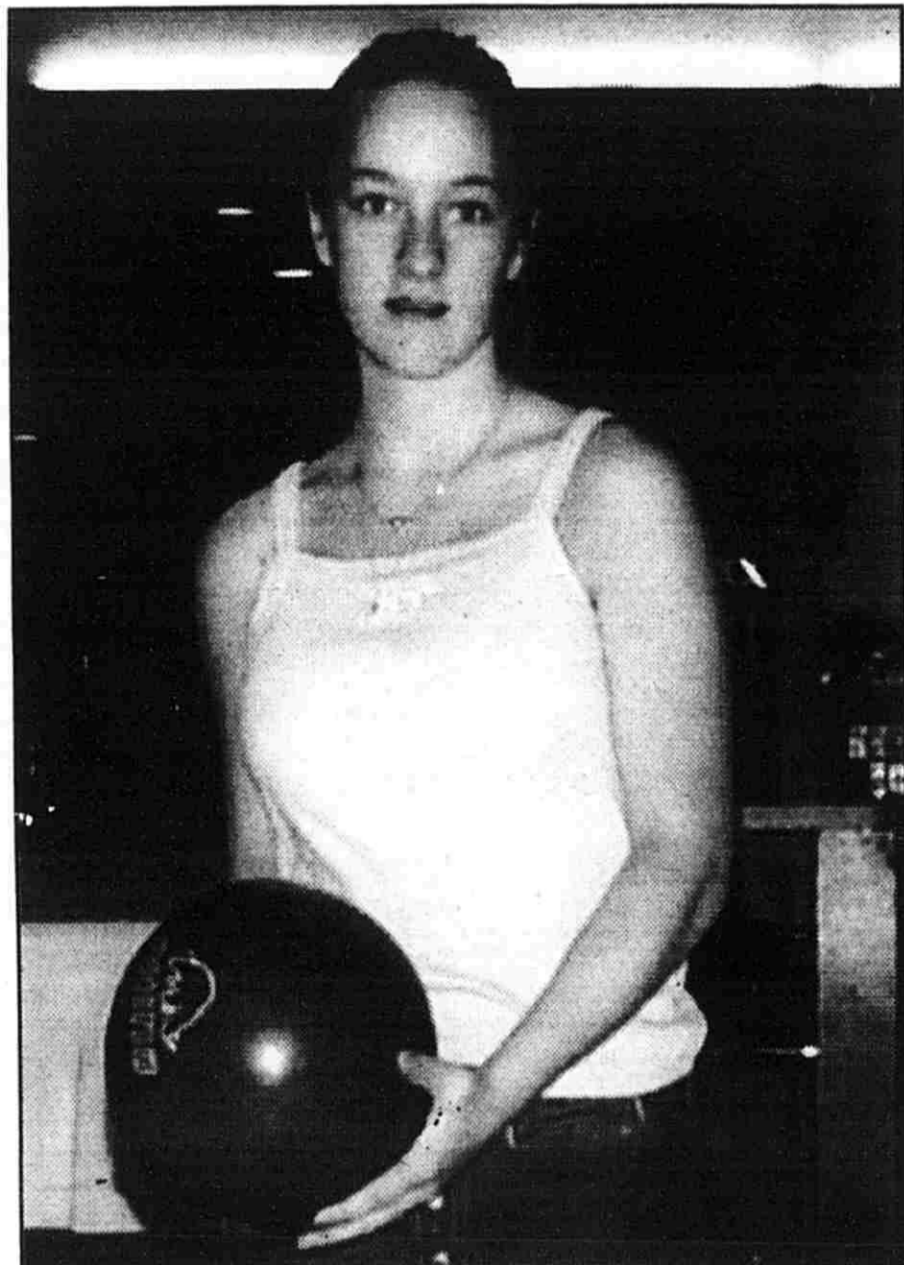
Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the request for special land use approval for property located at 327 Wingeier, Alto, Michigan, to change the status of the home located on the property from "farm dwelling" to "non-farm dwelling." The special land use application may be inspected and comments on the application may be received at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. prior to the public hearing.

March 19, 1999
Sandra Kowalczyk, clerk
Bowne Township



Girls' bowling club has a date at state Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



Jamie Roth will participate in the individual state bowling tournament on Friday and then in the state team tournament on Saturday.

When tryouts were held for the Lowell girls' bowling club back in January, only three girls showed up - five are needed for a full team, thus eliminating the question who to cut.

"Because we didn't have five bowlers, we gave up two points every week," said Mike Horian who shared coaching duties with Dave Adriane. "The girls said they didn't care if they won points or not, they just wanted to bowl."

It wasn't until mid-season that the Lowell girls' bowling club fielded a full team. That's when its expectations and outlook changed.

Lowell went from being one of 27 teams who participated in the Greater Grand Rapids Bowling Conference to one of the top three teams in its division.

"I knew we had something when we started winning 26 of the 30 points," Horian explained.

The bowling prowess of freshman Tara Kuipers, sophomore Jamie Roth and juniors Amanda Stouten, Jamie Smith and Amber Kuipers propelled Lowell to a third-place finish in its division.

Lowell completed the season with a total pinfall of 2,288 behind Creston (2,360) and Wyoming Park (2,361).

Lowell then placed second at the district, advancing it to the regional. The Red Arrows were second to Wyoming Park at the regional. The Vikings defeated Lowell in the finals 332-294. The Red Arrows advanced to the finals with a 298-286 win over Creston in the semifinals.

The top three teams in each regional advance to the state tournament in Grandville at the Fairlanes Recreation Center on March 27.

Roth had a 515 series, thus qualifying her for the indi-

vidual state meet on Friday, March 26.

The sophomore's season-high game was a 188. "I enjoy tournaments. I get a little nervous, but after the first frame the nerves go away," she explained.

"The club was something for kids to do who like to bowl. The girls started out the season not knowing one another, now they root for one another and are friends," Horian said.

Smith, who came out at mid-season to watch her boyfriend, averages a little over 100. Four of the five Lowell bowlers average between 150-165, which Horian calls excellent.

The Lowell boys' bowling club placed seventh in their division. Members of the team were Robert Diazel, Jeff Noall, Jason Roth, Mike Armstrong, D.J. Armstrong and Trevor Land.

The team practices every Thursday at Lowell Lanes. Its matches were on Monday with home matches also held at Lowell Lanes.

As for the girls' expectations at the state meet, Horian says he is not sure. "There are going to be about 25 teams there, many of which we have not seen."

Ponchaud to present engineering project

George James Ponchaud, a 1994 Lowell High School graduate, and Chad Alan Dykgraaf, a 1995 Caledonia High School graduate, will present a project at the 24th Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University April 13.

Ponchaud is the son of James and Carole Ponchaud of Lowell. He plans to receive a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in April 1999. His project is an acoustic barrier to reduce road noise. A variable weight pogo stick, an energy management system for WMU's solar car, a weight-lifting machine designed to prevent rotator cuff injuries and an acoustic barrier for reducing road noise inside an automobile are among the projects that will be presented at the conference.

The conference, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be held at the Bernard Center on the WMU campus. It is open to the public free of charge and is sponsored by WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Football program and Lions deliver powerful tool to elementary children

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's exciting to encourage kids to read. If you get a child hooked or excited about just one book, they pass it on and recommend it to a friend.

Mary Ann Schramm
Alto Principal

"A book in anyone's hand is a powerful tool," said Alto Elementary principal Mary Ann Schramm. "I'm always willing to do what it takes to get a book in the hands of a child."

Schramm and other district elementary principals had boxes of new and used

books delivered to their buildings following a month-long program whereby the Lowell football team and the Lowell Lions Club collected children's books from the community.

The delivery of books came during March, "National Reading" month.

Lowell varsity football coach Noel Dean said the Bundling Up Books for Kids

program collected between 2,500 and 3,000 books. "If we (the football program) can advocate reading, I think that is a very positive image to be sending to kids," he explained.

During the month of February, collection boxes could be found at the Lowell Ledger office, Springgrove Variety, Huntington Banks, Ionia County National Bank, Fam-

ily Fare and Lowell High School.

"It is a wonderful program that we'd love to see continued," said Cherry Creek Elementary assistant principal Amy Hayes.

Cherry Creek Elementary parents Charlene Ricards and Katie Herring spent numerous hours separating the books by grade level before distributing them to the buildings.

On Wednesday, Hayes delivered 15-18 books to each of the 31 Cherry Creek classrooms.

Schramm said the books delivered to Alto Elementary will be disseminated following the school's annual used book sale.

Lanie Rice, a first-grade elementary teacher and coordinator of the book distribution at Bushnell, said the kindergarten and first-grade books will be laid out on separate tables in the hallways so that students can take a look and then pick a book.

"This book collection program is a fantastic idea," Rice said.

It will provide a book for some 400-plus Bushnell students.

For Lowell elementary students, it is one of a multitude of reading activities they are presently participating in.

At Bushnell, children participate in the D.E.A.R. program. Students, at some point in their school day, are asked by principal Karen Burd to "drop everything and read" (10 minutes).

"It is not just the kids that are asked to do this," Burd explains. "Everybody (teachers, cooks, custodians...) - so that everyone takes time to enjoy reading."

Bushnell students also

celebrate "Wacky Wednesday." This allows students to read on a blanket with a buddy.

This week, special school district friends will be visiting Bushnell to read to students. Some of the guests include state representative Doug Hart, board trustee James Reagan, and Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

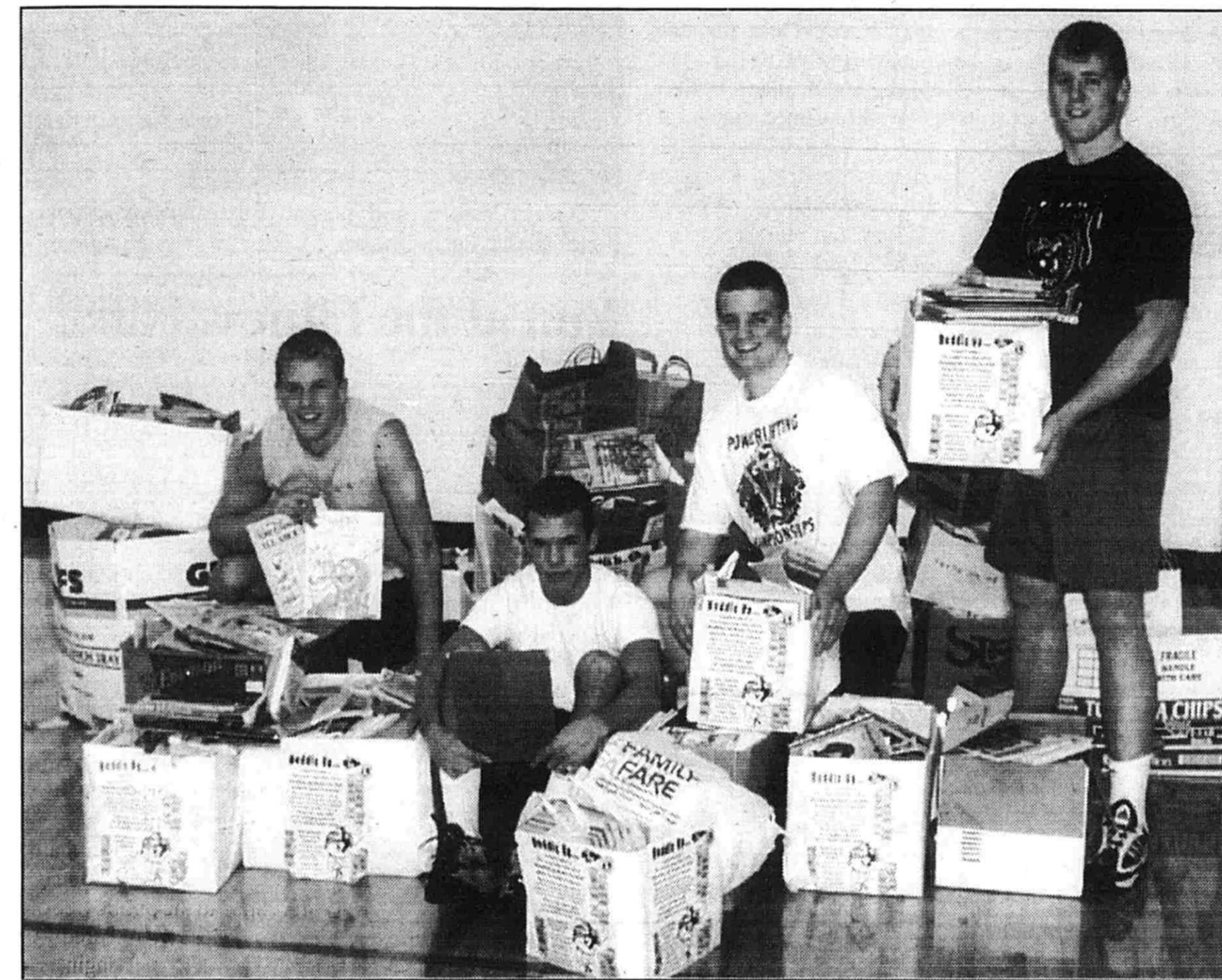
At Cherry Creek, students are read to over the P.A. system by a mystery reader from the book *Orphan Journey Home* by Liza Ketchum.

The students also participate in a Young Authors' spring fling whereby students display their writings for others to see and read.

At Alto Elementary in honor of Dr. Seuss, students have designed and worn their own hats.

They also take part in a sustained student reading (30 minutes) program.

"It's exciting to encourage kids to read. If you get a child hooked or excited about just one book, they pass it on and recommend it to a friend," Schramm explains.



Lowell football players and the Lowell Lions Club collected new and used books for Lowell Elementary children. The books were delivered to the elementary buildings last week for distribution.

Second Countdown to Kindergarten meeting scheduled

There were approximately 75-100 potential kindergarten children who did not attend the initial Countdown to Kindergarten meeting.

"The meeting is really important to the children. It helps assure correct placement for the school year," Lowell TOTS coordinator Kathy Cole explained.

A second meeting has been set for Alto and Bushnell schools on Wednesday, April

21 and on Saturday May 1. The session is for children who will be five by Dec. 1.

"We're offering a Saturday meeting for those who work and cannot make it on the week days," Cole said.

The TOTS coordinator asks that parents call the school and schedule what session they will attend since there are only so many openings for each.

During the session children will visit a classroom

and ride a school bus.

During the children's visit to the classroom, a meeting will be held for the parents.

Kindergarten registration materials can be picked up at the schools or parents can have the materials sent home by calling Alto Elementary

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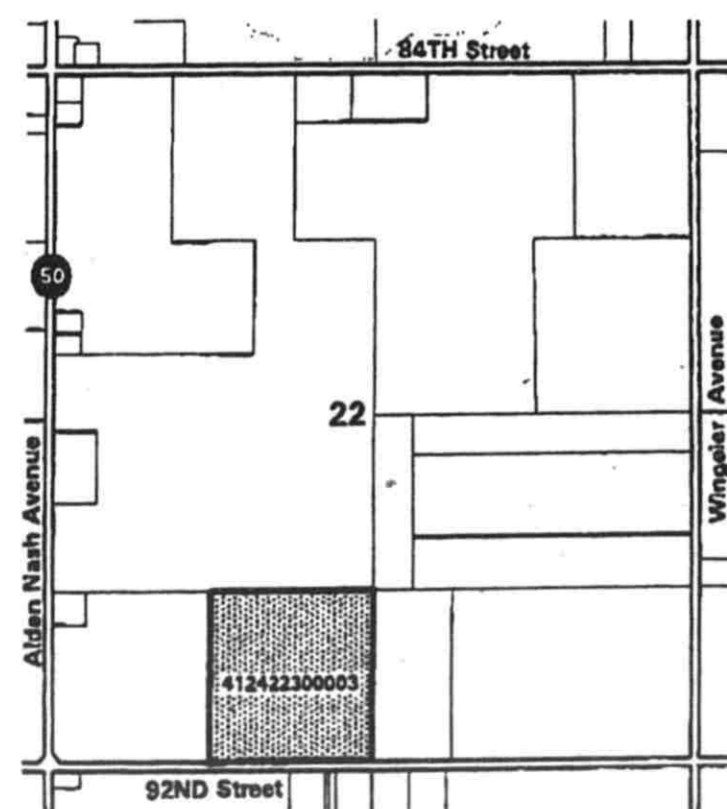
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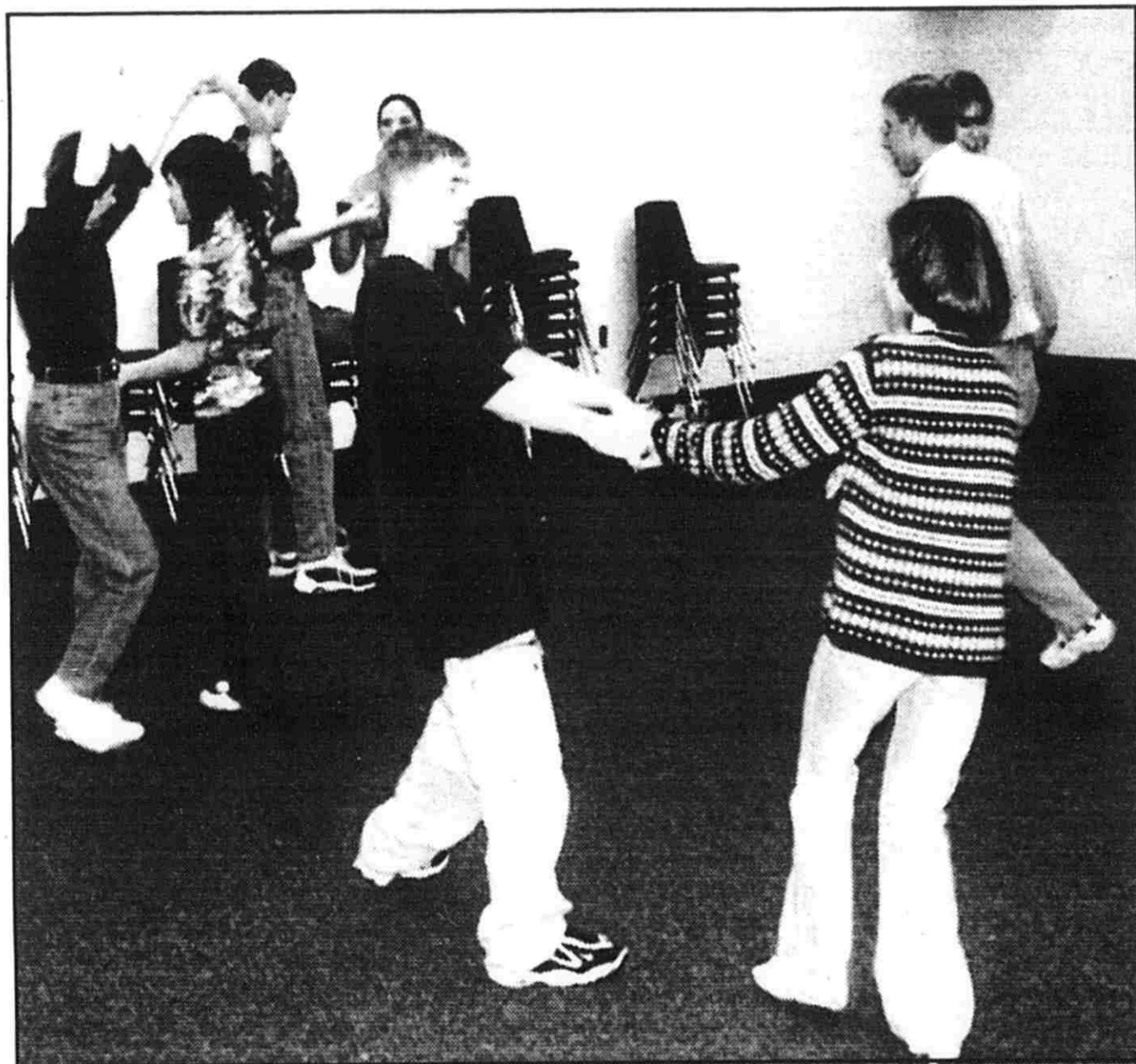
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Colleen McKay, far right, and Brandon Wojcik were part of a group which did a little swing 'n at Lowell Middle School Thursday night. The dancing event was put on by Life's a Stage 4-H Club in Lowell.

You Must Be Swing'n

Life's a Stage 4-H Club in Lowell is trying to kick-start swing dancing in Lowell. Swing dancing is enjoying a resurgence nationwide. Club members were given a one-hour lesson Wednesday night at Lowell Middle School. Club leader Penny Rosema said the club will try to promote a night of community swing dancing on the Showboat this summer. Providing instruction to 4-H club members were Travis Vroman, Colleen McKay, Taylor Miller and Brandon Wojcik. Another swing dance meeting is being scheduled for after spring break. For those interested in classes or dances, call Shawn Rosema at 897-1502.



Tanaya Vickers and Weston Bustraan had instructional advice from a group.

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Kaeb, Brandy Fedewa and Matt Oesch earned a silver award. Brad Jackson was Lowell's lone member on the Michigan state band. Jennifer Prins, playing the bassoon, earned a seat on the national band while Katie

Balaam and Kim Meiste made the national chorus. All three will have the honor of traveling to the national convention in Louisville, Ky. in November. Ryan Dorough, Heather Posthumus and Ronnie Oesch

all served as delegates for Lowell. Pearson represented Lowell during school official day on March 9. It was Pearson's first visit to a state FFA convention. "It was far more than I envisioned. The intensity of

the students, what they go through and the programs they are involved in is impressive," the assistant principal explained. "The appreciation the students show towards others' accomplishments makes it a neat experience to take part in."

Fun at the Fitness Fair

Bushnell first graders were invited to Cherry Creek for a Fitness Fair sponsored by the fourth grades (plus Ms. Hoats' fifth grade class).

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The family of Florence Staal would like to thank all who shared our sorrow at the death of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. A special thank you to Dr. Roger LaWarre for his support and comfort during mother's illness and death. Thanks to Dr. Evenhouse for his words of comfort. To Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for the funeral arrangements, to the staff at Laurels of Kent, thanks for the hugs, tears and love you gave mother and family. You are all special.

Jeanne Shores, Julie Condon, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren.

EVENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE
For Michael W. Potter, April 17, 1999, 11 a.m. First United Methodist Church, Lowell.

IN MEMORIAM

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In loving memory of Douglas LaDue, who passed away three years ago, March 26, 1996. Deep in our hearts his memory is kept, to love and to cherish, to never forget.

Sadly missed & always remembered by his wife Pauline; children Karen, Douglas II & Patricia; grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of my husband and friend Alcide J. Baker, who passed away March 17, 1983. Loved & missed by your wife, Grace.

IN MEMORIAM
Remembering my dad, Alcide Baker. Another life has come and gone. Another baby's grown. And I stand alone against the world, And I stand and look into the sky. I begin to cry and say Daddy I miss you. Call me, Daddy, I'm feeling blue. Call me, Daddy, I need to talk to you. Call me, Dad, help me through. And then I bowed my head to pray. Call me Dad. I miss you. Love Jo.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of Alcide Baker, my father. Everywhere I go, every smile I see, I know you are there smilin' back at me, dancin' in moonlight. I know you are free, 'cause I can see your star shinin' down on me. Love Donna.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of my dad, Al Baker, who passed away March 17, 1983. I love you Peanut! Sadly missed by your favorite daughter Terri, XXXO.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of Al Baker. You are gone, but not forgotten, your memory remains. Many years have come and gone, but some things are still not the same. I imagine you as a grandpa, to my children, who are now here. And how they'll miss out on some of the memories I hold so dear. I will teach them all I can about their Grandpa, though words can never explain the love I do recall.

You are gone, but not forgotten, your memory still remains. More years will come and go, but some things will never be the same. Love Steven, '99.

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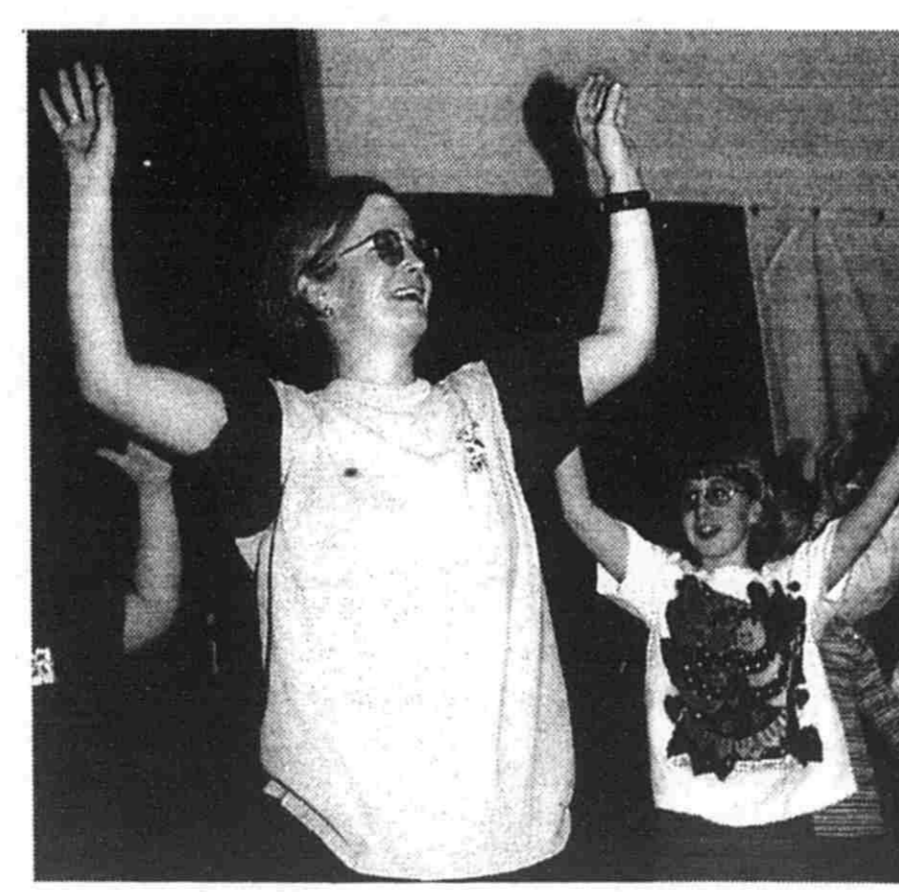
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