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## Foundation grant heightens accessibility to Milky Way Galaxy

•••• Veen Observatory's new modern computerized telescope allows discovery to take place from school and home.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

A technological advanced telescope will enable Lowell residents and students to discover a new asteroid or comet from their home or classroom.

A modern computerized telescope (Meade LX 200 16 inch telescope) and related technical equipment will be added to the James C. Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Ave. SE. The purchase was made possible through a \$15,650 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. The fund was established in 1997 through a \$12.5 million bequest to the Grand Rapids Foundation by the late Harold Englehardt.

Marcia Rapp, vice president of programs for the Grand Rapids Foundation, said the Lowell Area Community Fund is pleased to help make science more accessible to the Lowell community.

"It was definitely the most interesting pitch for grant money that the foundation received," Rapp explained. "It makes the Veen Observatory more approachable and enables residents to use it more frequently in an intellectual way."

The addition of the computerized telescope helps put Veen on its way to being the most technologically advanced amateur observatory in the Midwest.

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## Some township residents not sure the convenience of a Meijer store is worth loss of cozy, homey feeling

By Jeffrey Redmond  
 Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission experienced almost a hundred concerned residents attending the public hearing for the new Meijer store rezoning. This was in regards to the plans for the northwest corner of M-21 and Alden Nash being developed next year.

A 157,000 square foot Meijer store is planned, along with a 125 sq. ft. gas station and convenience store. A total of 21.8 acres will be developed, out of 43 total in the area. A new Meijer in the Lowell area is thought by many to be a positive and convenient event.

Meijer representative Michael Kinsel spoke to the crowd about the request for rezoning the acreage. He mentioned

that a new traffic light would have to be installed because of the increase in traffic, and M-21 would be widened to five lanes to allow for a left turn lane into the new complex.

There are/will be 180 new homes west of the intersection, a trailer park, and other developments which will also add to the increase in road use.

Several residents voiced objections to the new Meijer. Debra Clemenz, formerly of Grand Rapids, recently moved out of the city to get away from the crowds and congestion. She

agreed that convenience shopping is OK, but that Lowell would lose its peacefulness.

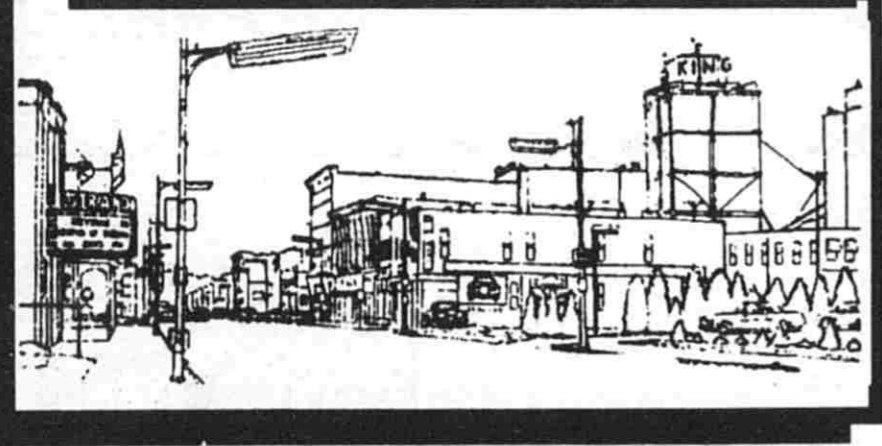
"Once this happens, there's no going back. Lowell will have its cozy homey feeling taken away," Clemenz said.

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*Once this happens, there's no going back. Lowell will have its cozy homey feeling taken away.*

Debra Clemenz

## Along Main Street



### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Dec. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station. The station is located at 315 S. Hudson.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN CLUB 1999

Lowell YMCA will presents Christmas around the World at Cherry Creek Elementary from Wed., Dec. 22 - Fri., Dec. 31 from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. for boys and girls, grades 2 - 12 years old. Activities include arts & crafts, sports, swimming, bowling, computers, games and other field trips. Bring a sack lunch and drink each day, appropriate clothing for outdoor playing, swim suit and towel.

Cost is \$150 entire Christmas break or \$22/day for YMCA members; \$25 for non-members. Payment is due first day. For more info., call Teri Sikkenga at 897-8445 or 897-2688.

### LOWELL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The athletic boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.



## Bushnell Students Embody Christmas Spirit

Represented by Susan Barry's kindergarten class (pictured above), Bushnell students collected nearly 2,000 items of food for the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop. The non-perishable items were delivered to the pantry on Thursday by Unity High School students. The slogan for the fundraiser was "Show Your Compassion - Just Do It." Along with food, Bushnell students brought in toys which will be distributed to needy children in the Lowell area. The toy drive, which is districtwide, is sponsored by the Lowell Education Association.

## Board extends Bleke's contract

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Board of Education has reached an agreement with Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke on a two-year contract extension.

Bleke's new contract puts him in line with his Kent Intermediate School District contemporaries.

"The board views Bert as being the best superintendent in the KISD," Lowell School Board president Pete Gustafson said. "Bert has spearheaded innumerable initiatives both in the school district and in our community."

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# Veen Observatory Grant , continued.... From Page 1

"Veen Observatory celebrates its 30th anniversary in June," said board member Ronald VanderWerrf. "This is quite the gift. We thought of this 10 years ago but didn't have the funds."

The Veen Observatory grant was one of eight totaling \$96,850 awarded by the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Other grant awards announced include:

- \$20,000 to the city of Lowell for the continued preservation of its historic district. The grant will assist property owners in providing critical face-lifts to deteriorating buildings.

- \$20,000 to Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. to assist with start-up expenses related to the emergency food pantry and thrift shop.

- \$18,300 to the Lowell Area Arts Council to support capital improvements to its building and offices.

- \$15,000 to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to

expand the current executive director duties of the chamber on a full-time basis.

- \$5,000 to the Camp Fire boys and girls to assist Camp Fire families in the Lowell area and to expand the program to involve more youth.

- \$2,000 to provide camp- erships to Lowell area youth involved with the Boy Scouts of America (New Gerber Cub Scout Adventure Camp).

- \$900 to Vergennes Township to assist in the preservation

# Contract Extension, continued.... From Page 1

Gustafson says the pay increase is in view of how Bleke has enhanced the district programs, curriculum, personnel and its vision.

"Bert is not only our district leader but has become a key leader for our entire community," Gustafson said.

Bleke's contract extension follows a glowing evaluation he received in April. Keeping in line with previous contracts, it will be reviewed annually.

The Lowell superintendent is in the middle of his fifth year

# Revised ordinance will allow boarding/lodging houses

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

A public hearing was held on the issue at the meeting, but no one came forth to comment. With little discussion among the five-member council (a couple of council members did note the need for having such establishments in the area), the council approved the revision.

Looking for a room? Well if a general business owner is interested, he/she can rent one to you.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council unanimously approved a revision to its ordinance which would allow, under a special use permit, general business owners to own and operate boarding and lodging houses.

Lowell does not have a major hotel chain within the city limits. A boarding house or lodging house, as defined by the proposed ordinance, is

adwelling having one or more kitchens and is primarily used for the purpose of providing meals/lodging for compensation of any kind. It would be allowed in the general business district by special use only, which requires a business owner to present plans

to the planning commission for approval.

The Lowell Planning Commission made the recommendation for the amendment after receiving a request from a business owner to establish a boarding house in Lowell's main business area.

Lowell Township to participate in model and recreation committees

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing Writer

The vote to join with the recreational committee passed; however, two were opposed to it.

Fletcher supported this as a way to keep the issue of recreation in effect, but township clerk Carol Wells and trustee Carlton Blough opposed this.

"We don't really need a recreational committee as yet another such body proposing things that funds may not be available for," Wells explained.

Other issues were more important for Blough. "There are rezoning situations and the effects of urban sprawl to deal with. Why don't they form committees about these?" he questioned.

Lowell Charter Township has voted to approve participation in both the Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model as well as in the Lowell Community Recreational Committee. The cooperation model will include the township in activities with the city of Lowell, Vergennes Township, and other local areas. This decision passed unanimously by the township board.

Trustee Alyn Fletcher was an original proponent of the model. "It keeps the opportunity for us to cooperate with other communities going," Fletcher said.

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

day, December 7. A special DDA meeting will be scheduled to award the contract.

D. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit was granted for the grading work in the Flat River riverbed. This will allow the Showboat to be moved on a firm foundation. Pasquale thanked Ivan Blough, who coordinated the project, and King Milling for lowering the river. He also thanked Bryan Harrison who assisted in securing the permit.

Councilmember Blough said Ivan Blough would be the first one to also thank members of the Chamber of Commerce who are very interested in having the Showboat as a backdrop or focal point for the downtown area.

E. On November 30, Valentine, DesJarden and Pasquale met with Joe Finch of the Michigan Department of Transportation to review M-21 projects. The City did receive permission to have a mid block crosswalk which connects the King Milling parking lot to the riverwalk. A problem lies with the requirement of eliminating parking on the north side of Main Street from the riverwalk to Monroe.

An idea of securing a traffic signal at Monroe was discussed. This necessitates a traffic study, but could give pedestrians a needed break when crossing the road and aid merchants in the process.

Pasquale asked for the Council's approval in conducting a traffic study and asked traffic engineer Ed Swanson to provide a proposal. Thompson believed this was a good idea. He also wanted a turn signal requested at Main and Hudson Streets.

By consensus, the Council approved the securing of a traffic study proposal by Ed Swanson (Wade Trim) for East Main Street.

F. A letter was received from the Lowell Area Historical Association wishing to utilize some of the artifacts at City Hall. The Council agreed stating this would be allowable.

**Item #10. APPOINTMENTS.**  
IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by SHORES to appoint David Pomper (948 Riverside) to the Airport Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2002.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.

**ABSENT: 1.**  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to adjourn to the closed session regarding a matter pursuant to Section 8A of the Open Meetings Act at 9:03 p.m.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to return to open session at 9:27 p.m.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

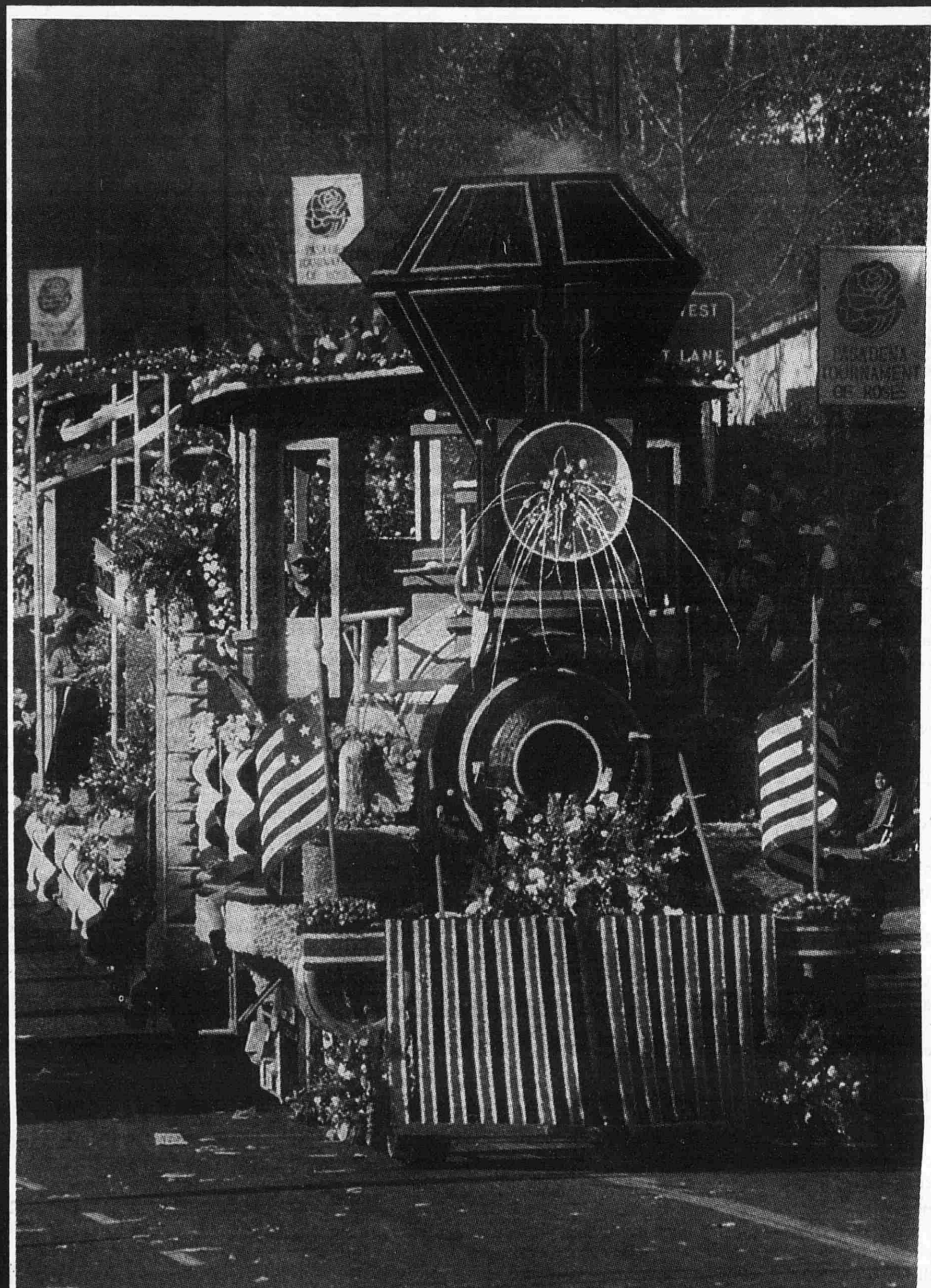
DATE APPROVED: Monday, December 20, 1999

William F. Thompson, Mayor  
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

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9	WLNS-6
10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	SHOWTIME
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO
17	THE MOVIE CHANNEL
18	C-MAX
19	FAM
20	LOCAL PROG./WEATHER
21	MTV
22	VH-1
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A&E
31	FOX SPORTS
32	TNT
33	TBS
34	DISNEY
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL LEARNING
37	SCI-FI
38	COMEDY CENTRAL
40	WEATHER
41	HISTORY
42	AMC
43	WZPX-43
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45	LIFETIME
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Advertisement for GM Goodwrench Service and Wittenbach, featuring a \$17.95 price for oil, filter, and lube services, and contact information for Wittenbach.

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SPORT HIGHLIGHTS section containing sub-sections for BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, SKATING, GOLF, HOCKEY, SOCCER, TENNIS, and TRACK AND FIELD. Each sub-section provides details on upcoming or recent sports events.

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# Year-In Review

1999 authors growth, continued economic boom, land and historical preservation, tragedy, accomplishment and hope for the new millennium.

**January 6, 1999**

Lowell residents dig themselves out from under a snowstorm which dropped 10-16 inches of the white stuff on the community. It was labeled as one of the worst snowstorms in West Michigan in 30 years.

A New Year's Day fire destroys the home of Renee DeBold and her three children (Chris, Tony and Kim). An electric space heater was believed to be the cause of the fire which started in the living room near the front of the house.

A state grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$142,000 is awarded to the Lowell Charter Township toward the development of a park.

Bob Hahn, who died in

March of '98, leaves \$10,000 in his estate for each of the following: Lowell Rotary, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 and the Kent County Humane Society.

**January 13, 1999**

Cross sections from an old oak tree which once stood on the northwest corner of Bailey and Parnell will be used to highlight a visual record of Vergennes Township history. After the cross section(s) are documented, they will be displayed at the township, school district libraries and Englehardt Public Library.

Vergennes Township swears in Ken Ewing as Tim Wittenbach's deputy supervisor. Ewing will carry out

functions for the supervisor when Wittenbach is unable to.

The Lowell School Board increases the pay for certified substitute teachers from \$60 to \$70. Certified teachers who work 15 consecutive days or more will be paid \$80.

RS Rodeo Productions Inc. announces it will sponsor Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) rodeos with three performances on July 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. The rodeo weekend will be held at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds.

Discussion arises between Grand Rapids Gravel and the city of Lowell about the new Bowes Road alignment. The gravel company allowed the city to put the new street through the middle of its property, with the un-



Gary and Trish Eldridge are presented with the 18th annual LAAC Arty Award.

derstanding it would get half of the right-of-way. Grand Rapids Gravel is still waiting for that to happen.

The 18th annual Lowell Area Arts Council Arty Award is presented to Gary and Trish Eldridge for their 20-year commitment to arts in the Lowell community.

**January 20, 1999**

Around-the-clock plowing is needed to keep the school parking lots open during January winter storms.

Everitt T. Wittenbach, who founded Wittenbach Sales and Service along with his brothers Mike and Bill, dies at the age of 85.

**January 27, 1999**

A letter sent out to 300 residents calls into question Lowell Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach's lack of basic skills, previous experience and his commitment to the job. Wittenbach's harshest criticism came in face of his office hours and his an-

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# Year-In-Review, continued... From Page 16

ouncement of appointing Ken Ewing deputy supervisor.

In an effort to avoid the issue of whether transient merchants will be able to operate within the city limits of Lowell, Carla Luscombe, owner of Two Seasons, 1400 W. Main St., seeks a transfer from transient merchant status to an open air status.

The Lowell City Council unanimously approves a 2.8 percent-rate adjustment for 1999 and a 3.9 percent elec-

tricate hike for the year 2000.

High levels of Biochemical Oxygen Demand, far exceeding Lowell's Wastewater Treatment Plant design capacity, threaten its treatment capacity.

The Lowell Planning Commission recommends eliminating the city's transient merchant ordinance.

**February 3, 1999**

The 1999 senior class' desire to take control of a situ-

ation by volunteering to solve a problem leads to the decision to move the 1999 graduation ceremony back to the Showboat amphitheater. The decision as to where to hold graduation was put to a class vote. The results favored moving graduation to the Showboat. The 1998 graduation was held at Red Arrow Stadium.

Approximately 50 percent of Lowell High School students make school lunch their daily choice. Caroll Harper, Lowell Area Food Service director, reveals that on an average, 436 high school students eat the school lunch which consists of a combination of components that make up a nutritional meal as defined in the Federal School Lunch Guideline.

Vergennes Township begins discussions on what regulations might be put into a cell tower ordinance.

Lowell's Downtown Development Authority presents a list of projects which could find its way on a future bond issue. The proposed projects include parking lot improvements and the extension of the Riverwalk to the Showboat amphitheater.

**February 10, 1999**

Kent County Sheriff's Department and medical personnel are called to the scene of a Friday morning fatal car crash involving Lowell High School students, Luke

Swanson and Chris Cunningham.

Swanson and Cunningham departed from school mid-morning enroute to a friend's house.

Swanson, however, failed to stop for the 52nd St. stop sign and was broadsided by a car driven by Scott Parker who was also enroute to the friend's house.



A tragic accident takes the lives of LHS seniors Chris Cunningham and Luke Swanson.

Thoughts, prayers and flowers from area schools, churches and organizations arrive at Lowell High School in response to the tragic accident involving Lowell seniors Luke Swanson and Chris Cunningham.

Improper practices are identified as to what caused the excess wastewater in

Lighthouse, Inc.'s waste stream to the sanitary sewer.

**February 17, 1999**

Lowell Area School District enrollment projections indicate growth will continue through the 2003-04 school year. The projections raise questions as to how much will growth continue and does the school district have the building capacity to deal with it.

Vergennes Township holds its first meeting in the newly renovated upstairs of the Township Hall.

Lowell High School announces that seniors Katie Akers, Shannon Finnegan and Rachael Fredline will share valedictorian honors. The three seniors earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

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Footprints in the Snow - Hagar Park

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Damages caused to the Michael Dumas training room at Lowell High School during Christmas break are scheduled to be repaired during spring break. Extremely cold weather over the holidays is responsible for a coil breaking in the unit ventilator and spraying hot water all over the ceiling tiles, cupboards, first aid equipment and carpet.

Vergennes Township officials revisit the question of the need for an annual meeting.

February 24, 1999

Concerned with too many traffic collisions at the 52nd St. and Morse Lake Avenue intersection, Bob Pitt, 5453 Morse Lake Ave., begins circulating a petition to area residents calling for the people of Kent County to demand a four-way stop and flasher at the dangerous intersection.

Lowell Rotary president Scott Carpenter presents Roger LaWarre with a check for \$7,318.17 toward the renovation and opening of the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry/thrift shop.

Merchants looking to sell their wares along the roadways of the city of Lowell will have to go some place else. The Lowell City Council unanimously approves the elimination of the city's transient merchant ordinance, making it illegal for people to temporarily set up shop anywhere in the city of Lowell.

Lowell Charter Township approves several projects for the Riverfront Park on Grand River Drive. Projects include construction of an

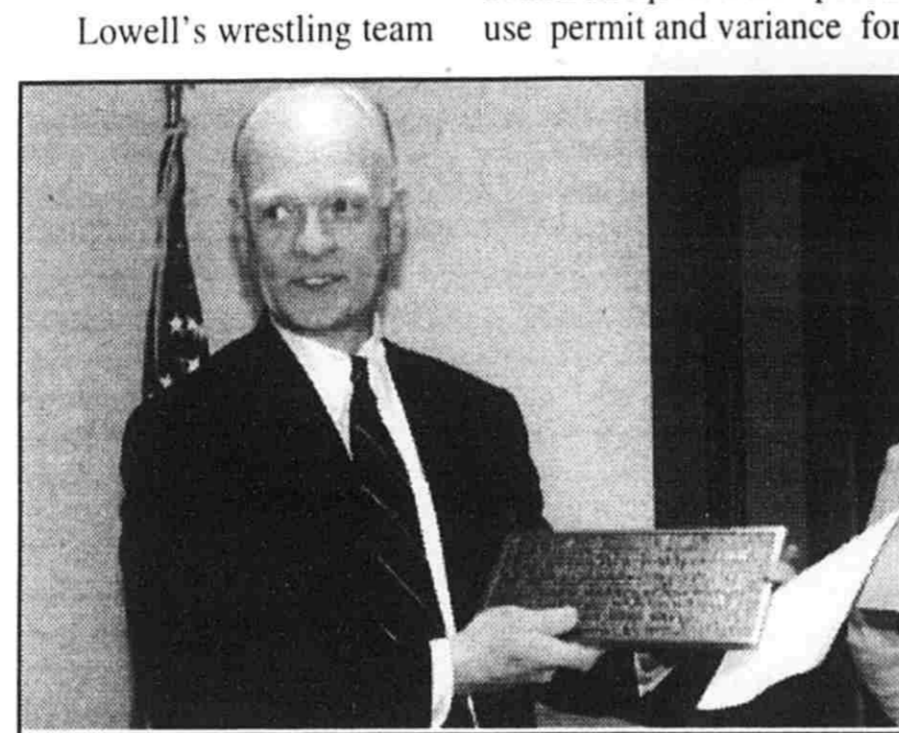
access road to the park, a picnic shelter and three soccer fields.

The franchise, Chicago Diversified Foods Corp., makes a request for a special use permit and variance for

The Kent County Youth Fair Board decides, for the time being, to change the fair dates in order to keep Playworld Amusement as its carnival. The 1999 fair is moved to Aug. 16-21 from its original date (three weeks before Labor Day).

Despite an impassioned speech against passing additional use regulations by Lowell Charter Township trustee Carlton Blough, township board members approved three additional use regulations to include parks, wildlife or forest conservation preserves, and artificially created wetlands to AGI zoning.

The Red Arrow wrestling team wins a Division II Regional title with a 41-23 triumph over Greenville.



Mac McPherson is presented with a plaque in acknowledgement of his uncle and aunt, Russell and Catherine McPherson Davis who donated the land and township hall building.

claims its fourth consecutive district title and its eighth in the last 10 years with a 45-14 win over Lakewood.

March 3, 1999

A study done by a private firm for the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan State Police identifies design flaws in overpasses built in the 1950's and 60's. The flaws in the layout of these state highway overpasses limit the site distance of a motorist who is trying to exit a ramp. Area motorists who attempt to exit the I-96 ramps onto M-50 are well aware of the problem. With the recommendation of the study, the comfort level of drivers is heightened with the installation of a multi-way stop on the overpass.

The severity of accidents at the Morse Lake/52nd St. intersection moves the Kent County Road Commission to heed the public's concern. An additional stop ahead sign and stop sign are put up on the left side as well as the right along with an overhead flashing light (red for 52nd and yellow for Morse Lake Ave.).

its sign so it can construct a 2,136-square-foot building on property located on the north side of West Main Street between the Admiral Station and Lowell Water Works.

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Lee and Beth Hovey return to Tula, Russia, to adopt a second child from a Russian orphanage. Hoveys adopted their two-year-old son Todd.



Abe visits Lowell elementary students.

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# Year-In-Review, continued... From Page 18



Martha Hayden and Becky VanVleck are scholarship winners.

March 10, 1999

Lowell's police department becomes the 45th to participate in the Town & Country Sports Center leasing program in Cement City. John Petitto, owner of Town & Country Sports Center, started the program because of the difficulty in accessing used Harley Davidsons. The Lowell Police Department will begin using a Harley Davidson Road King in July to patrol the city streets.

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

The Lowell Board of Education unanimously approves 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 programs.

Through a school to career program, high school students and parents will begin to receive more guidance in determining exactly what they want to do when they graduate from Lowell High School. The program will re-

ceive a \$50 scholarship to be used toward their graduate work.

place the old Co-Op program.

March 17, 1999

The annual state inspection of the Lowell Area Schools' bus fleet resulted in a clean bill of health. Lowell did not receive one red or yellow tag.



A multi-way stop is put in at the M-50/I-96 overpass.



A jack-knifed semi stops M-50 traffic. Fatal injuries were avoided.

On the heels of a discussion about whether the mayor's position should be elected or appointed, Mayor Bill Thompson announces he will not seek re-election to the council in November.

P.C., an automated programmed Patrol Car, is the newest member of the Lowell Police Department. Its role

Lowell's run at its first state wrestling title falls short

will be to inform children of safety issues.

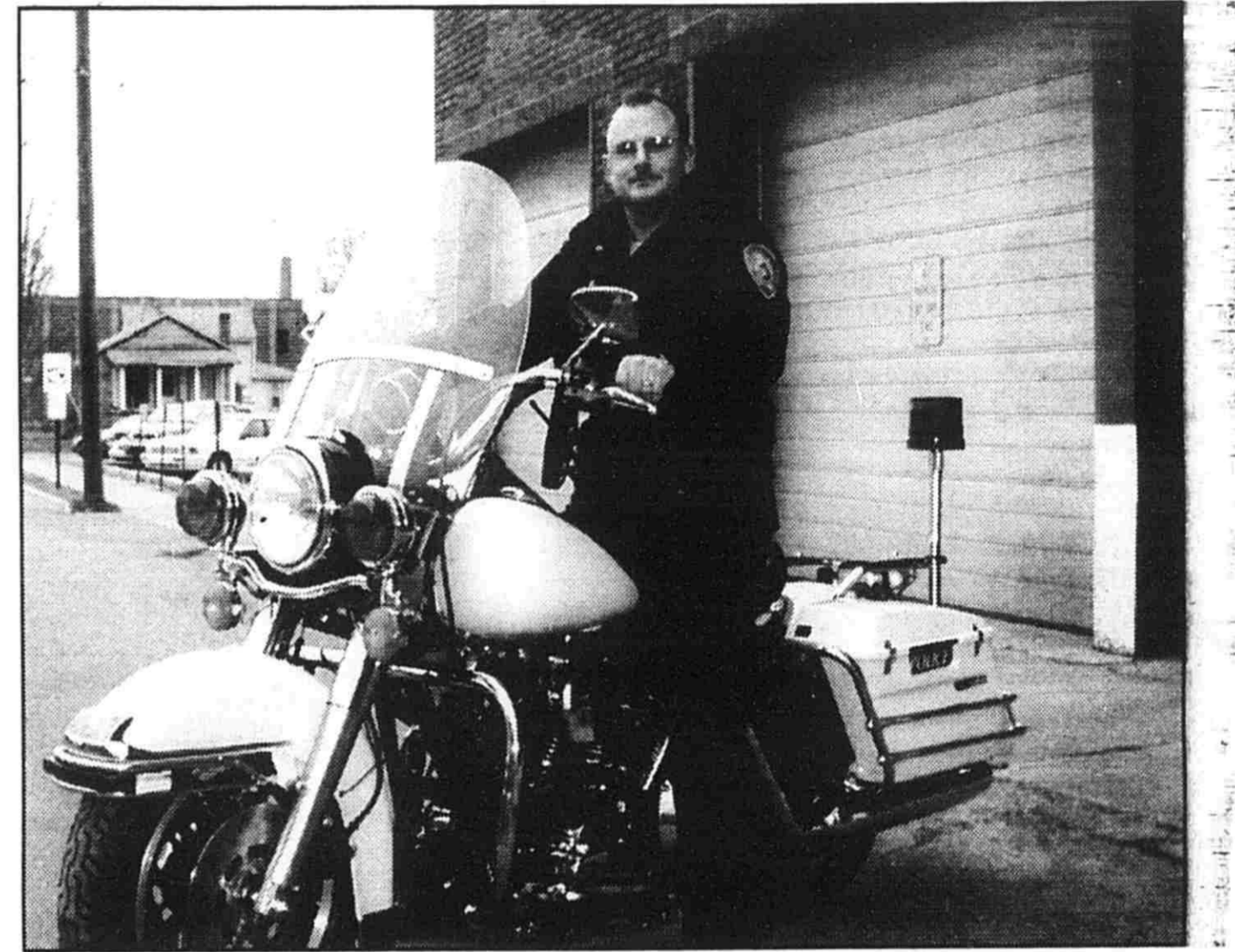
Bill Stouffer ended a 21-year drought by becoming the first Lowell wrestling state champion since his uncle, Tom Oesch Sr., won a state title in 1978.

March 24, 1999

As a member of the National Network of Partnership Schools, Lowell is 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.

Following the Lowell Planning Commission's site plan approval, Taco Bell schedules its groundbreaking and grand opening.

Bushnell Elementary first-grade teachers, Becky VanVleck and Martha Hayden are named winners in the Target scholarship contest for teachers. Both teach-



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

McPherson, Pinky Chris Cunningham and Lucas Swanson for their caring, educational dedication, service, vision, generosity and spirit.

April 7, 1999

Familiar sounds and

when the project starts in Lowell and works westerly instead of in Ada, working-easterly.

The Lowell City Council unanimously approves a resolution of intent and the filing for approval to issue building authority bonds with the Michigan Department of

(LAEF). The monies enhance educational programs and innovative learning

April 14, 1999

After a number of years of tweaking the Lowell area kindergarten schedule, the district comes up with one it believes it can stick to.



Lowell YMCA director, Andy Johnson, left, and advanced gifts chairman, Rick Seese, joined the many volunteers who helped in reaching the '99 Invest-In-Youth campaign goal.

sights of street milling emerge in Lowell as road construction begins on a 7.8-mile stretch from Valley Vista to Grand River Drive in Ada. City officials and area motorists, however, are surprised

Treasury. The amount will not exceed \$4 million.

Nearly \$4,000 in grants is awarded to district teachers through the Lowell Area Education Foundation

Bushnell and Alto kindergarten students will attend school all day Monday and Wednesday with a half day on Friday, or all day on Tuesday and

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Bill Stouffer wins a state championship at the 215 pound weight class.

# Year-In-Review, continued....



Thursday with a half day on Friday. The schools had tested three other schedules over the past three years.

**April 21, 1999**

Carol Wells' exemplary work over the past 33 years is

**April 28, 1999**

The Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund awards a 30-year, \$3 million grant for the development of a community pool/recreation center for Lowell area residents. The grant will provide

\$100,000 a year for 30 years toward the operation and maintenance of a community pool.

Lowell's Ivan Blough patches holes in the bottom of the Showboat pontoons caused by galvanic action.



Lowell's summer of '99 included more road work on M-21.

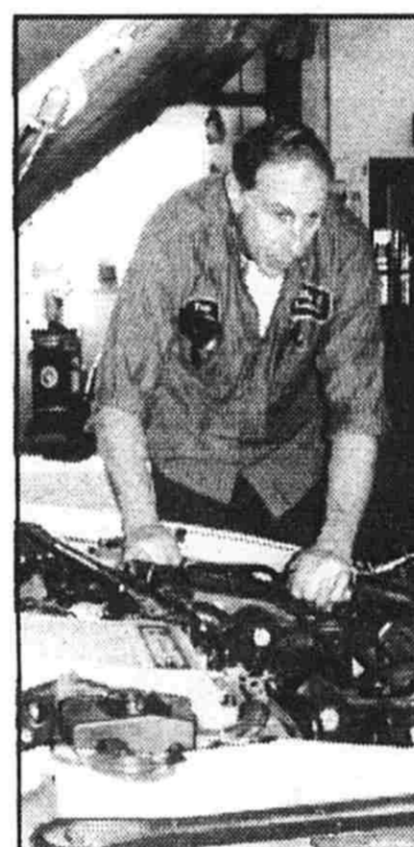
honored by the Michigan Clerks Association at Michigan State University.

Completion of phase II of the Grand River bike path which will run from Snow Ave. to Bewell will be tied to receiving enhancement grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

After nearly a year, officials nab a third and final suspect in the 1998 armed robbery at Lowell Burger King.

Vergennes Township hires Jay Kilpatrick of Williams & Works as its new planner of record.

Ionia County National Bank president James D. Fast presents Lowell Area Schools' superintendent Bert

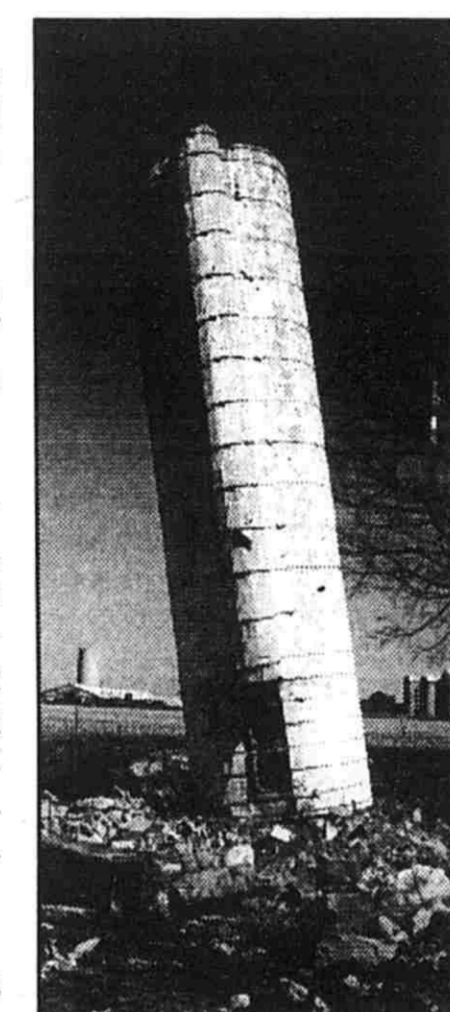


Tom Hartman retires after working 18 years as the city mechanic.

Bleke with a check for \$1,150. The money will benefit Lowell's Accelerated Readers Program.

After months of controversy, debate and discussion, Mike Crawford finally gets what is needed to begin building on his property located at the corner of Hudson and Main streets. The Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals approves a lot coverage variance.

The city council approves a resolution to have the city's Light & Power superintendent



Some area silos were grounded.



Clarence Klahn's farmhand Mabel Grochowalski gathers the lamb quadruplets as their mother looks on sheepishly.

**May 5, 1999**

oversee the city's cable television department. The move leaves in limbo what will happen to the Lowell Cable Television Board.

Lowell Charter Township board members vote not to participate in the regional Gypsy Moth Treatment program.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission recommends allowing day care centers in an R-A district. The issue reaches the planning commission as a result of Barb Roth's pursuit to build a 10,000 square foot day care center on four acres of family property on Lally.

# Year-In-Review, continued... From Page 19

Lowell Police arrest a Lowell man on charges of breaking and entering with the intent to commit larceny. The break-in occurs at 2:30 a.m. on Monday, May 3 at CJ's Party Store.

credits needed to graduate from Lowell High School, students will have additional course options to select from beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

In response to raising the number of science and math

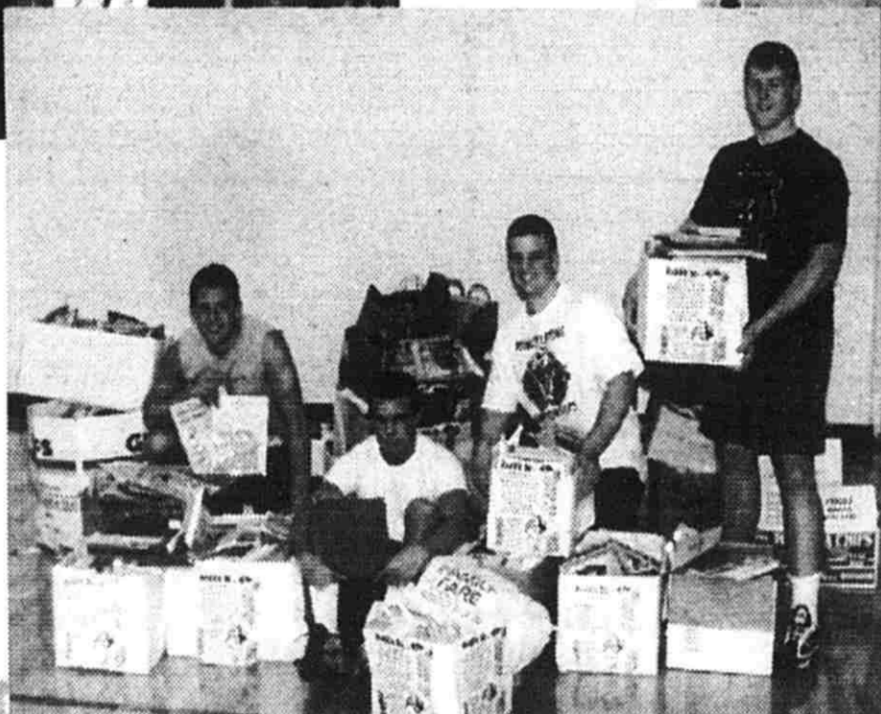
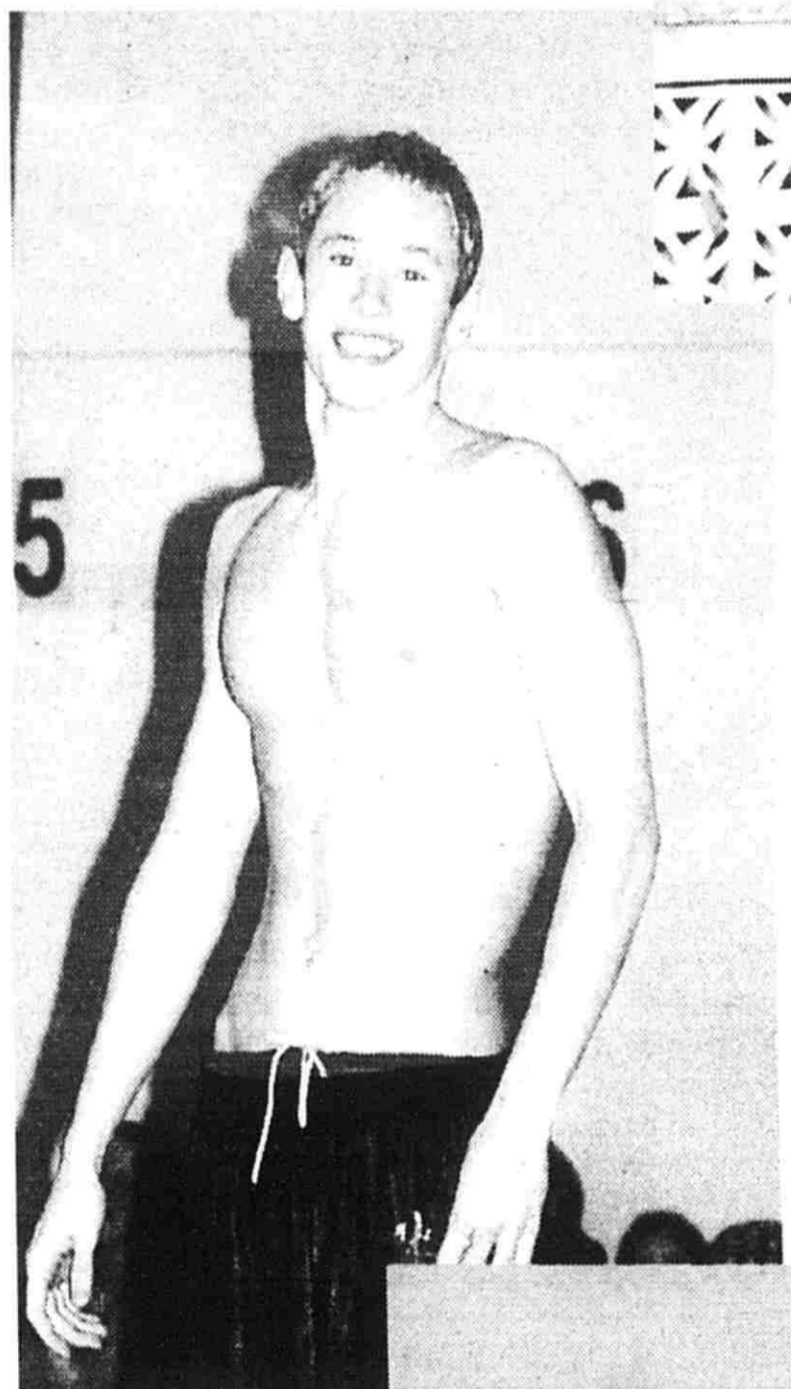
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Carol Wells is honored by the Michigan's Clerk Association for her 33 years as Lowell Charter Township's clerk.



Lowell Rotary raffled off a fishing boat. Rotarian president Scott Carpenter, left, makes the presentation to Chris Frain, Jim Cook Sr. is standing to the right.



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# Year-In-Review, continued.... From Page 21

The fifth annual Lowell Area CROP Walk has 306 participants and brings in approximately \$20,500.

site approval from the Lowell Planning Commission.

May 12, 1999

Lowell Water Works' proposed construction of a 960 square foot addition to the tunnel portion of the car wash receives preliminary

The Lowell School District looks into the possibility of an outside company managing its food service program. This comes following Carroll Harper's announce-

ment that she will retire at the end of the school year.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sprenger announces that Donald Gerard will be honored as Person of the Year.

Improved communications with the M-21 west end project engineers and MDOT ease merchant tensions following the initial three weeks of the project.



Dr. Donald Gerard is named the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's "Person of the Year."

Sandy Dulyea's request to tie yellow ribbons around city light poles in support of Kosovo and for the NATO Armed Forces becomes a little cloudy because of a city ordinance which states signs cannot be put on public poles.

May 19, 1999

Vergennes Township expresses concern about pos-



The annual CROP Walk helps raise money for the world and area hungry.

sible financial and liability shortfalls in a proposed community pool and recreational district authority.

city for their 25 years of dedicated service to the community.

May 26, 1999

Kent County Humane Society inspections of the stray animal shelter at 3210 Kissing Rock in Lowell Charter Township uncover no abuses or violations, following concerns raised by neighbors.

With a desire to make their own determination on what's best for their future, the Lowell Charter Township

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Frank Martin is honored by the city for his years of dedicated service.

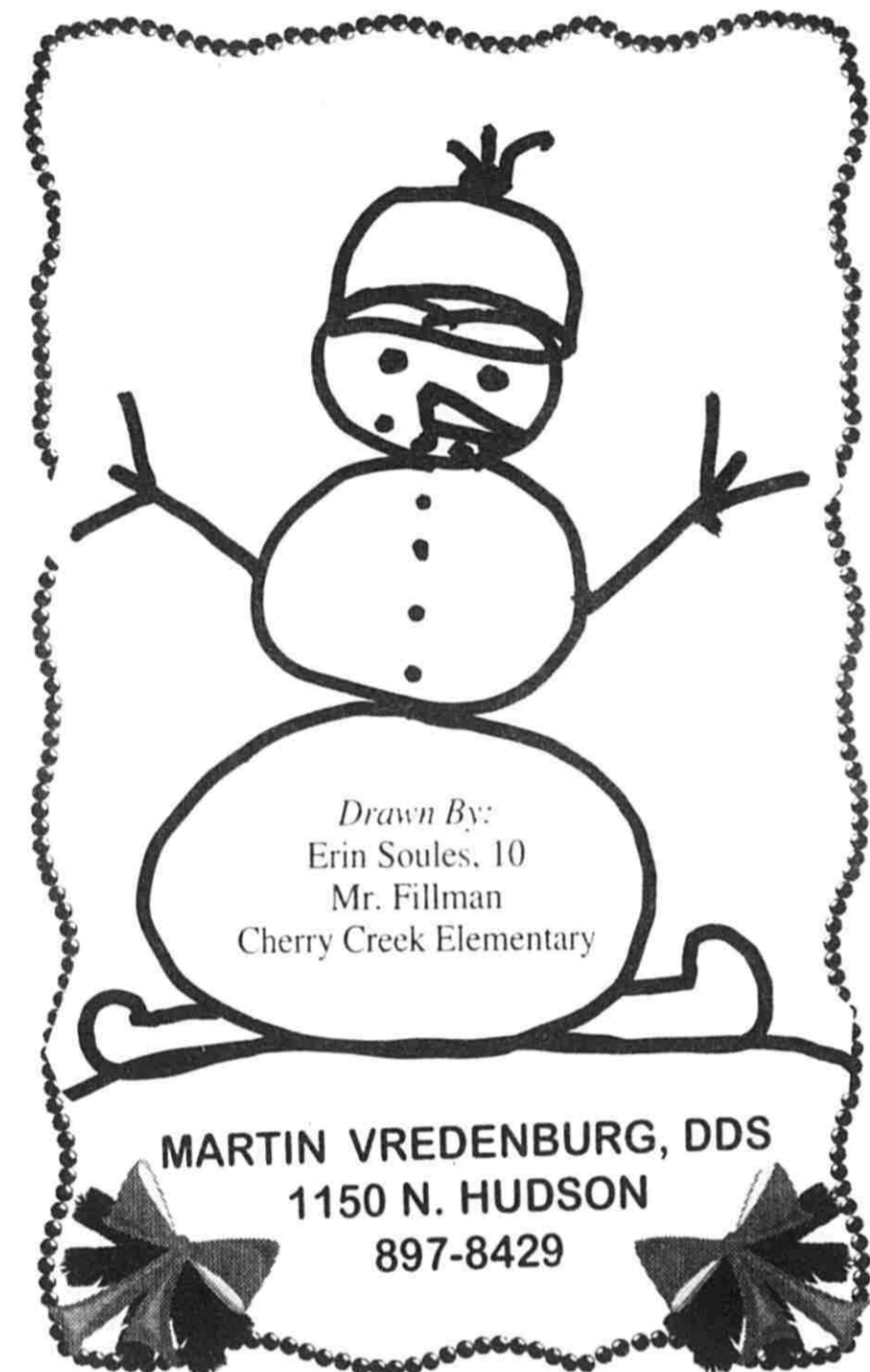
By a vote of 5-2, the Lowell School Board voted to increase the social studies credit requirement to three. The 1998-99 freshman class will be subject to the requirement.

School grades and attendance help five Lowell athletes attain scholarships to attend a college or university in the fall. These LHS seniors, who will play football in the fall, are Jason Alber, Andy Graham, Steve VanLaan, T.J. Thayer and Josh Maxim.

Cal Kamphuis and Frank Martin are honored by the



Abe Lincoln displayed the fine art of playing a saw at the Bowne Township Sesquicentennial celebration.



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Drawn By: Katey Rissi, 11 Mrs. Young Cherry Creek Elementary

Drawn By: Tiffanie Curtis, 10 Mrs. Young Cherry Creek Elementary

Happy days!

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Drawn By: Teresa Sturgeon, 11 Mrs. Pupel Cherry Creek Elementary

Drawn By: Laurinda, 10 Brent Noskey Cherry Creek Elementary

Drawn By: Tom Mullins, 10 Mrs. Young Cherry Creek Elementary

Drawn By: Jamie Phillips, 11 Mrs. Pupel Cherry Creek Elementary

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supervisor and board express reservations about the proposed recreational district agreement. Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpon indicates he would feel more comfortable with a community swimming pool

5 1/2 foot king snake from the garage at 755 Lincoln Lake.

The Fast 50 program, which was piloted by Lowell Schools in 1998, is rapidly picking up momentum. In its second year, 13 schools in Kent County are using the



Lowell hosts the city of Ionia for Mayor Exchange Day.

authority as opposed to a broader recreational district.

Lowell police officer Chris Hurst, using a canine pole, catches and removes a



Cherry Creek Elementary students were dancing on stage during their D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony.

June 2, 1999

The most comprehensive math program available is now used at all levels to deliver the math curriculum in the Lowell Area School District. The Lowell School Board adopted a K-12 University of Chicago School Math Project. Curriculum goes into effect for the 1999-2000 school year.

Bushnell kindergarten teacher Beverly Reid and her classroom paraprofessional Jodi Schaefer are recognized by the ARC of Kent County for their work in Reid's classroom.

A graduation ceremony is held for the 202 Cherry Creek

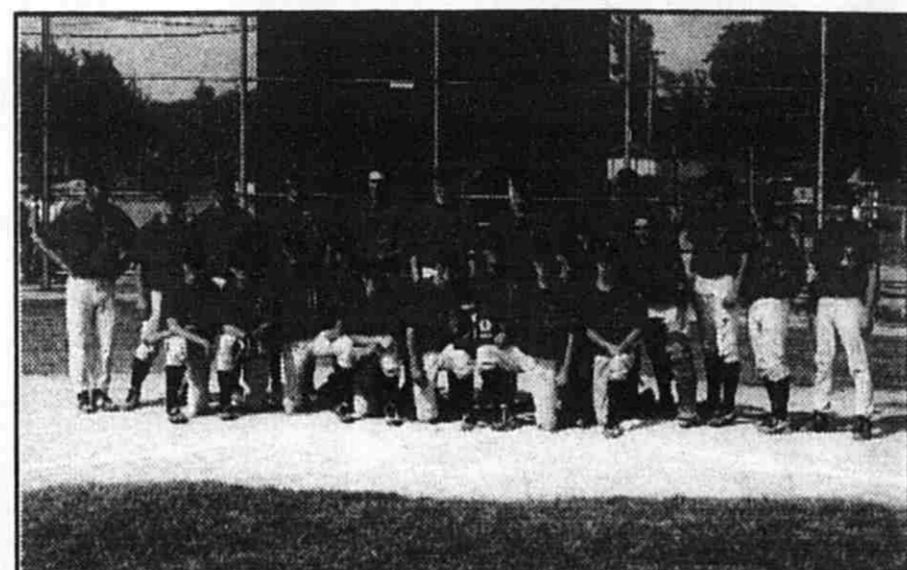
Elementary fifth-grade D.A.R.E. students.

June 9, 1999

An increase in Lowell Charter Township water consumption accounts for a de-



Beverly Reid and Jodi Schaefer are recognized by ARC for their work in the classroom.



Lowell High School baseball team wins a district baseball title.

crease in what customers pay per thousand gallons beginning July 1. The township's water rate will decrease from \$2.89 per thousand gallons to \$2.80.

Routine safety training and the latest in technique and development were part of a morning training session conducted by Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA).

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# Year-In-Review, continued.... From Page 24

Lowell High School's baseball team captures its first district championship in 10 years with a 3-0 shutout over Grand Ledge, the state's fourth ranked high school baseball team.



The 121st Lowell High School graduation bestows diplomas upon 236 graduates.

Sandra Sturis, a flute player for the Lowell High School band, is selected to tour with the Michigan Lions.

June 16, 1999

A mere 20 votes separated the three candidates running

For what may have been the final time, graduation ceremonies were held at the Lowell Showboat.

Increasing labor and programming costs over the last few years, while revenues were held stagnant, leave Lowell Cable Televi-

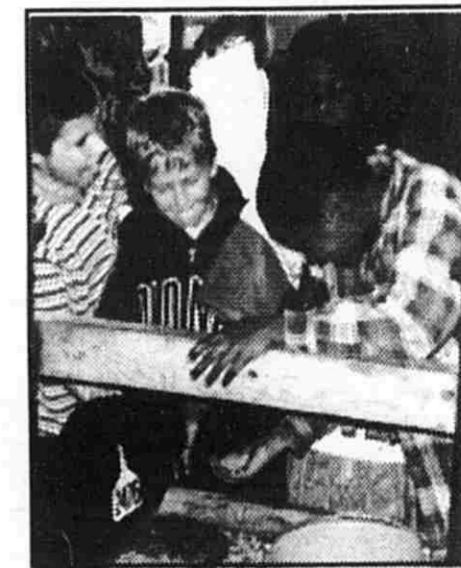
to contract Chartwells to manage its food service program for the 1999-2000 school year.

After 22 years of winter community theatre performances, the Lowell Area Arts Council moves the annual winter play to fall.

Through a Lowell Area Community Fund grant, the Performing Arts Center will install a video projector system

In an effort to create cultural understanding and remove any preconceived fears, Lani Rice's Cherry Creek Elementary first-grade students and Nancy Misner's Alexander Elementary's second-grade class work together on respect, responsibility and how to get along.

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For many Alexander Elementary inner city children a visit to the Oesch farm provided a number of firsts.

Drawn By: Lindsay Huver, 10 Mrs. Schneider Alto Elementary

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night sleep!

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Vergennes Township officials use a few ring cuts from the old oak tree to tell of the township's history.

for two Lowell Board of Education seats. Nancy Hopkins and Mark Lessens garner the two highest vote counts in winning four-year terms.

sion in poor financial condition, according to a budget report presented to the city by Lowell Cable Television general manager, Ron Holcomb.

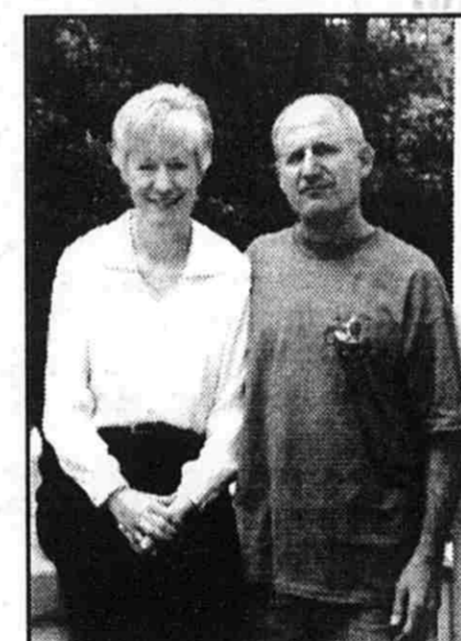
The Harold and Mildred Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund awards 14 area grants totaling \$455, 152.

By a vote of 4-2, the Lowell School Board votes



Lowell Charter Township supervisor is pleased work begins on its new park area.

and "when" additional desk space would be needed. Three years later, comments change as to how the district should plan on providing additional space and how much is needed. The most compelling reason for change is the enrollment. With the exception of the high school, student enrollment at each of the other buildings has exceeded capacity.



Tom and Carol Harper retire after many dedicated years at Lowell Schools.



Roger LaWarre addresses graduates at the Lowell baccalaureate.

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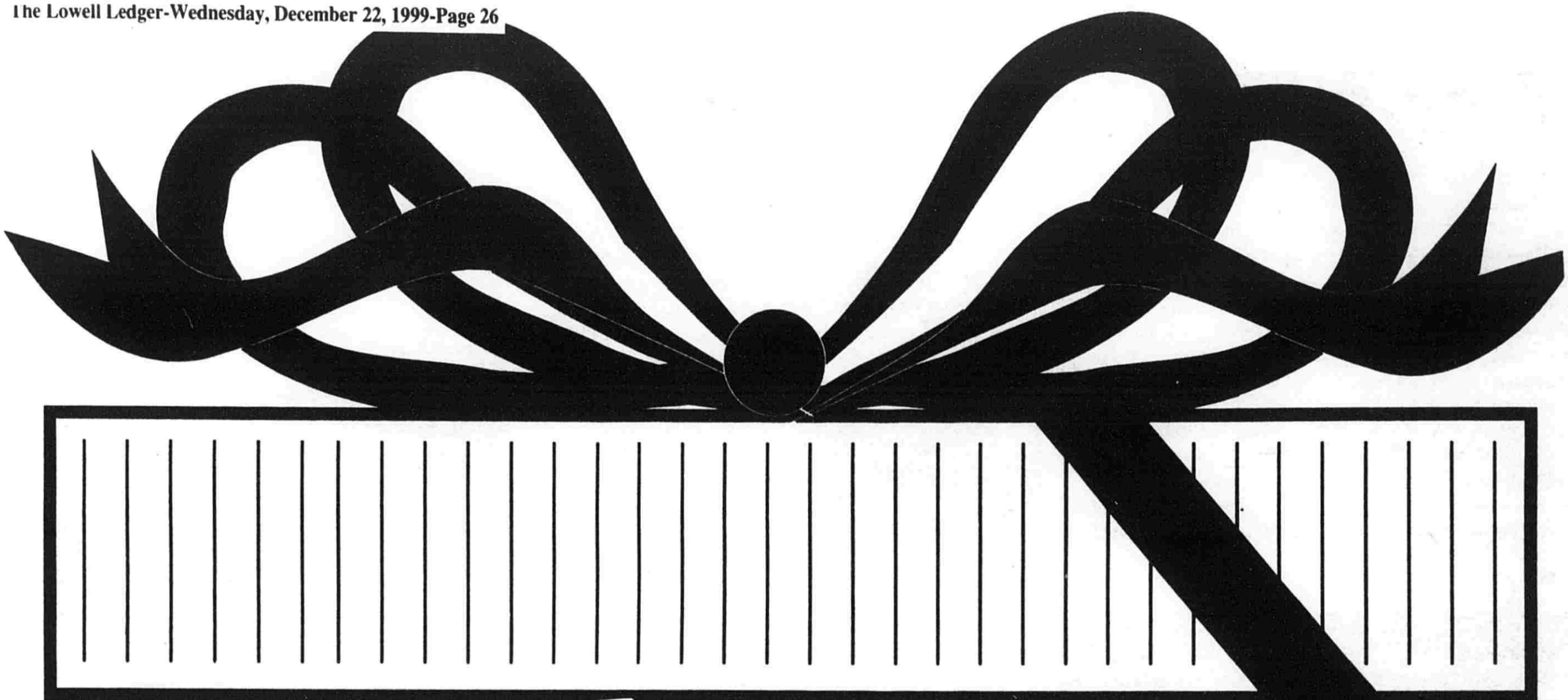
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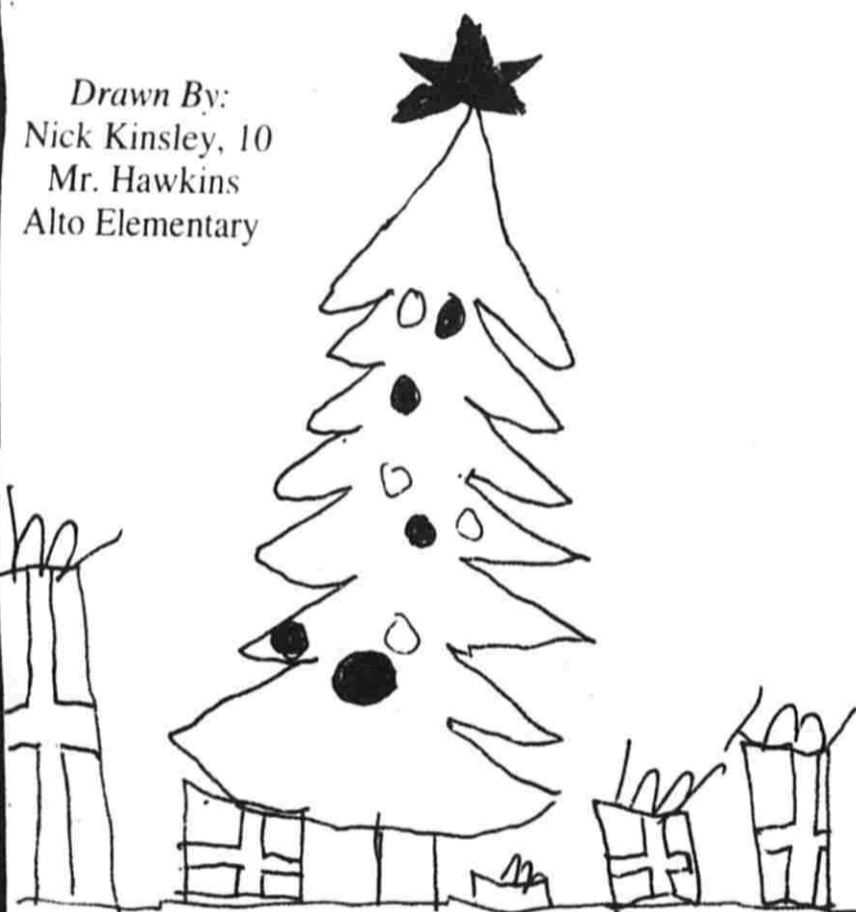
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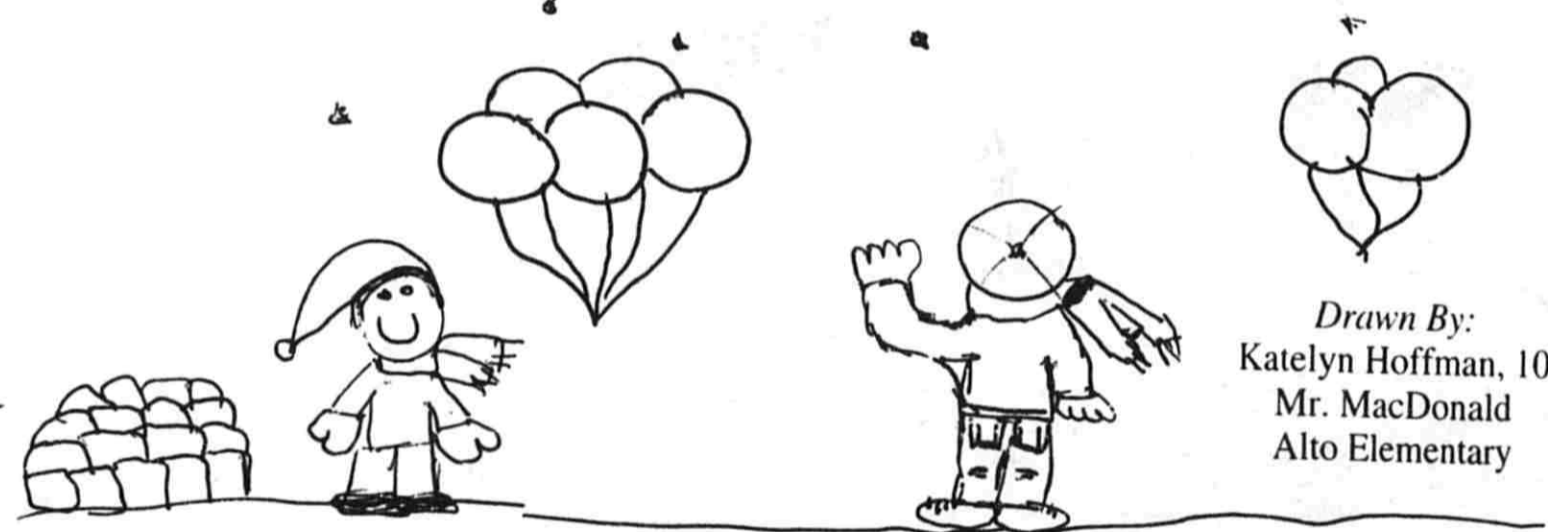
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Lauren VanderMark, 10  
Mr. MacDonald  
Alto Elementary

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Drawn By:  
Nick Kinsley, 10  
Mr. Hawkins  
Alto Elementary



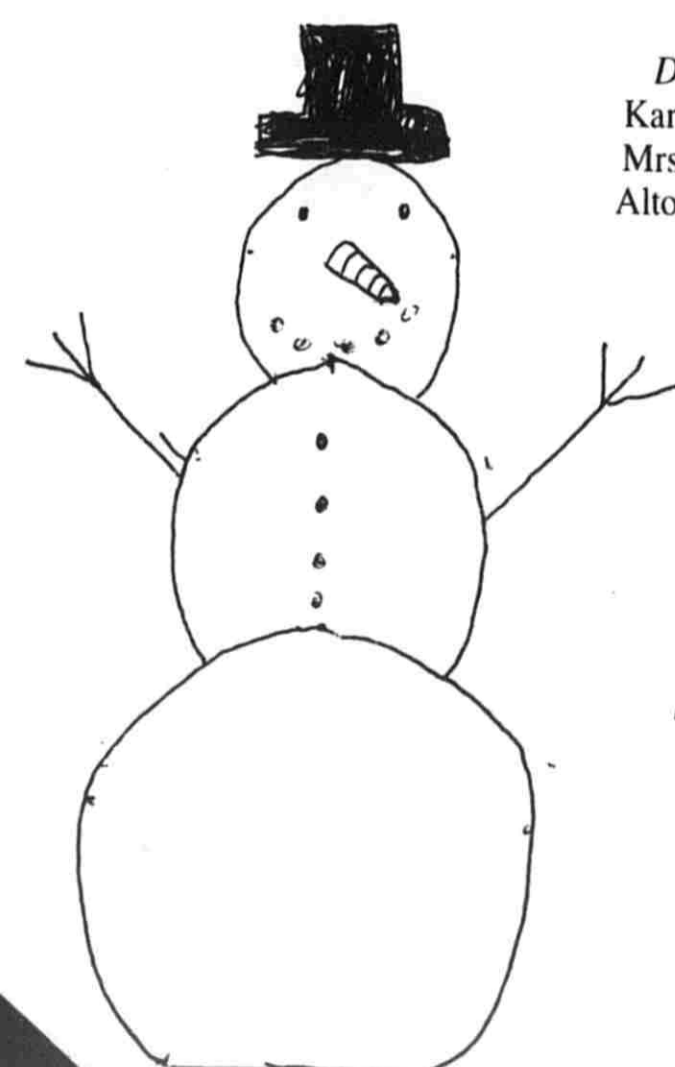
Happy  
New Year



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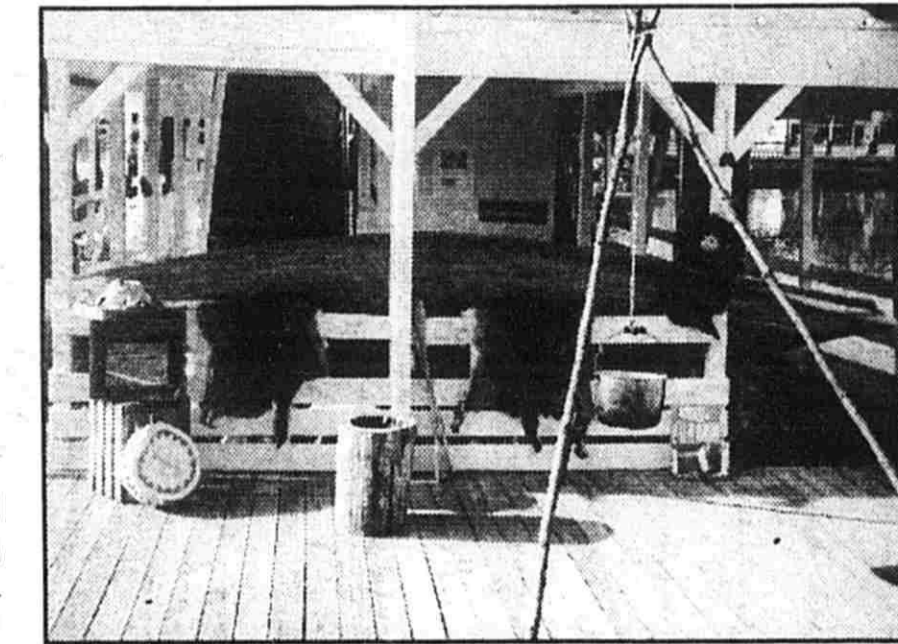
Lowell Charter Township residents question whether graffiti is worthy of "Ye Old Kissing Rock." Residents say they would like to see it kept in line with the naturalness of the surrounding area.

Through a precautionary measure that assures brine in the groundwater never reaches the city well, two purge wells will be used to remove brine from city groundwater.

July 7, 1999

Ann Mulder (5 1/2 years) and Jack Lane (12 years) end their tenures on the Lowell Area School Board.

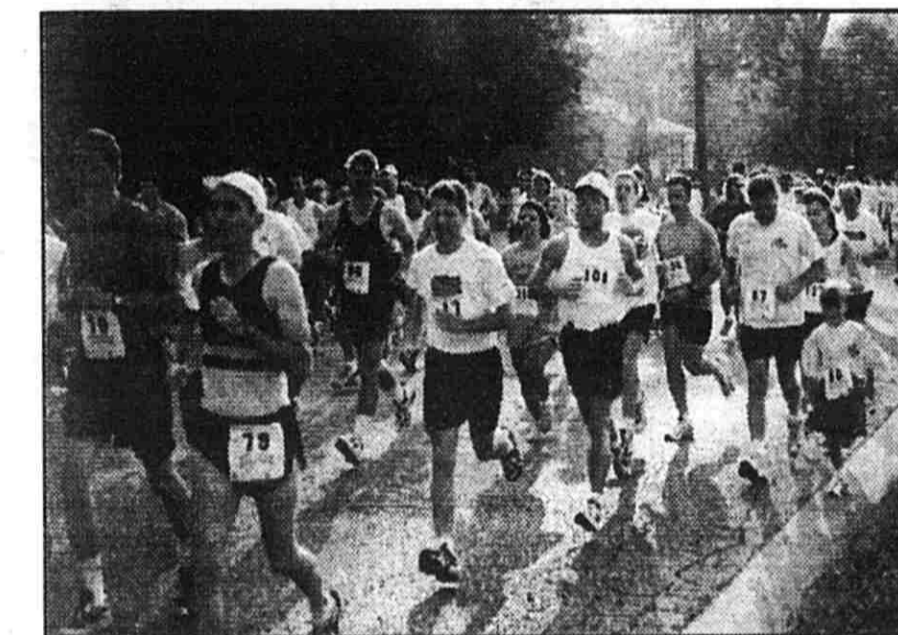
Greg Hicok, diagnosed with ALS in 1995, used an eight-day trip from Tiger Sta-



LAHA displays some of Lowell's historic artifacts.

There are approximately 5,000 spectators at the Grand Stampede II held at the Kent County fairgrounds. Fourth of July weekend. Area native, Bliss Yeiter, was the winning cowboy in the bull riding event.

For the second consecutive year, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale is awarded a 4.5 percent pay increase. The raise increases his salary from \$64,418 to \$67,525.



The fifth annual Cherry Creek Classic raises \$2,500 for the Youth Fair Board.

The Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award is presented to Chris and Jill VanAntwerp for their work in the school district and community.



Mayor William Thompson performs a marriage ceremony high above Lowell's City Airport.

Roberta Wylie announces prior to the end of the school year that her 31st year at Lowell Middle School will be her last.

Lowell Rotarians Jennifer Uphaus and John Timpson are recognized with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

July 14, 1999

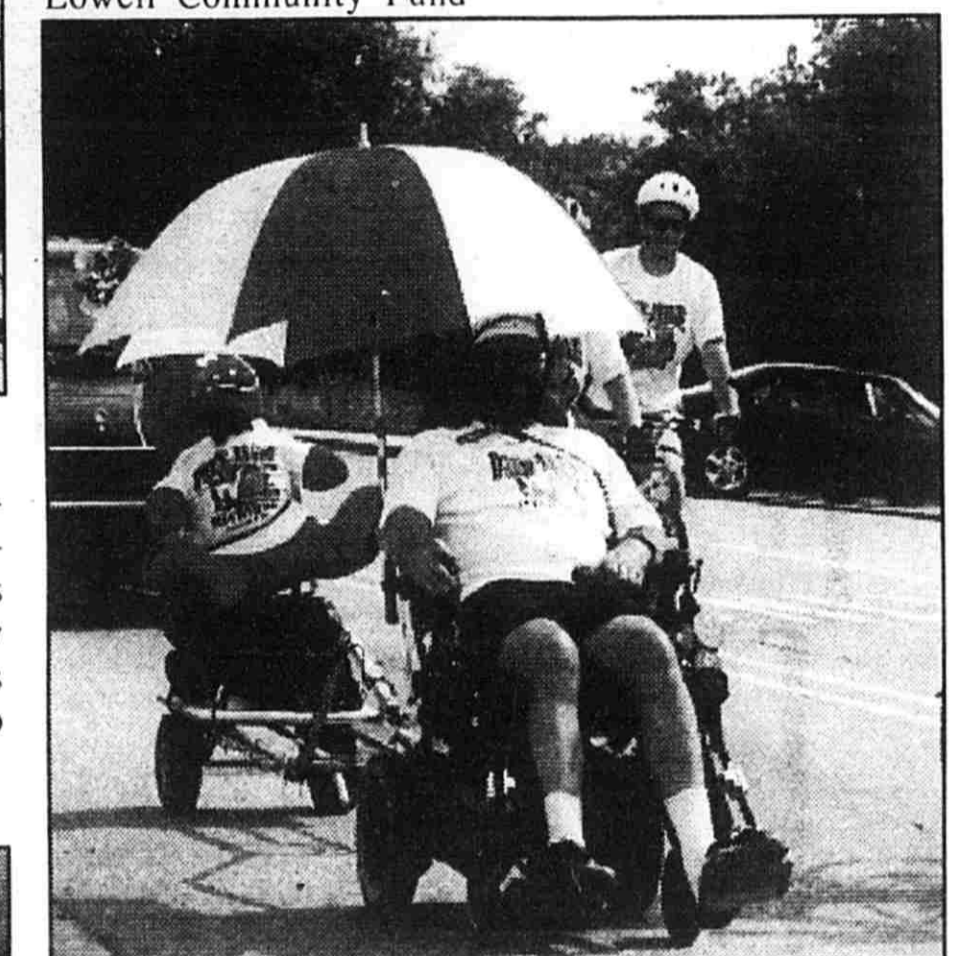
Lowell eighth-grade students, who scored among the best in Michigan on the MEAP writing exam (96.5), struggled in the area of science (27.7). Four consecutive

years of low science scores have school officials scratching their heads.

A \$19,000 Englehardt Lowell Community Fund

grant aids the Lowell Area Arts Council in setting forth with a strategic plan for arts in Lowell through 2005.

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Greg Hicok along the route of his eight-day road trip to heighten ALS awareness.

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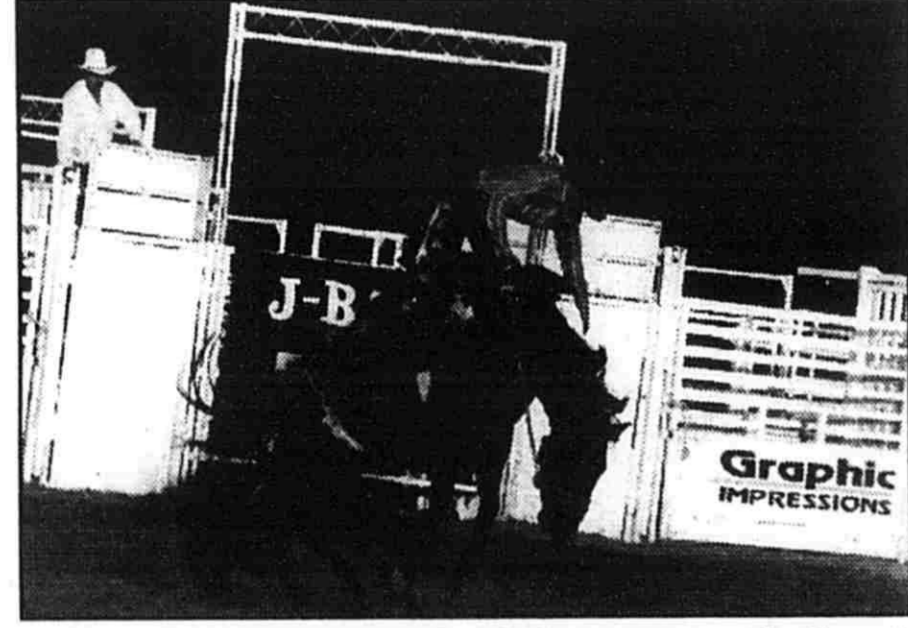
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Lowell tri-valedictorian Katie Akers (4.0 GPA) is one of 19 graduates across the state to be awarded a Michigan Education Scholarship.

Lowell Charter Township denies a request for a special use permit for a home based business to continue operating Aquarius Lawn Sprinkling Inc.

Bushnell Elementary kindergarten teacher Carol Stormzand retires after 35 years.

The task of going from monitoring the district's on-going demographics study to taking the information and



There were approximately 5,000 spectators at the Grand Stampede II held at the Kent County Fairgrounds July 4 weekend.

doing something with it, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke calls the single most important task facing the

Lowell School Board during the 1999-2000 school year.

July 21, 1999

The Kent County Road Commission receives a \$300,000 grant toward completion of Phase II of the Grand River bike path project. The project will run a two-and-a-half mile route from Snow Avenue to Bewell.

Sundry Corporation developers Kevin Rude and Brad Jordan have an option on 100 acres of land owned by Robert Boyd. The proposed 20-home development is located at 28th St., one quarter mile west of Montcalm. Lowell Township resident Dorothy Teesdale poses questions on the effects the con-

struction might have on the wetlands and the tributary that connects to Kopf Creek.

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission wants future developers to pay impact fees. Chairman Richard Bryan is adamant about the

boat from the Lowell Showboat II Corp.

After nearly four months of seeing its way through the Bowne Township administrative zoning process, Landon Companies, resolved to get approval for its 142-



Developer Kevin Rude explains his plans for a site to neighbor Dorothy Teesdale.

continual growth of the area costing taxpayers far too much.

Lowell mayor William Thompson performs a wedding ceremony for Dave Sharp and Laura (Blake) Sharp 1,800 feet above Lowell City Airport in a Piper Aztec.

Lowell Area Historical Association presents a conservative, two-phase approach to the Lowell City Council for the creation of a museum in the Graham building.

After serving the community for seven years as executive director of the YMCA, Andy Johnson leaves Lowell for a job in Minnesota.

July 28, 1999

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce seeks the opinion of residents and businesses about acquiring an option to purchase the Show-

acre manufactured housing development proposal, is turned back by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Bowne Township residents turn down a proposed one mill levy for general township operations. The request was voted down 86-71.

Gov. John Engler signs a bill which changes the situation to purchase the Show-

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dent count formula used to determine school funding. The new formula is based on 25 percent of last February's student population and 75 percent in September of the approaching school year.

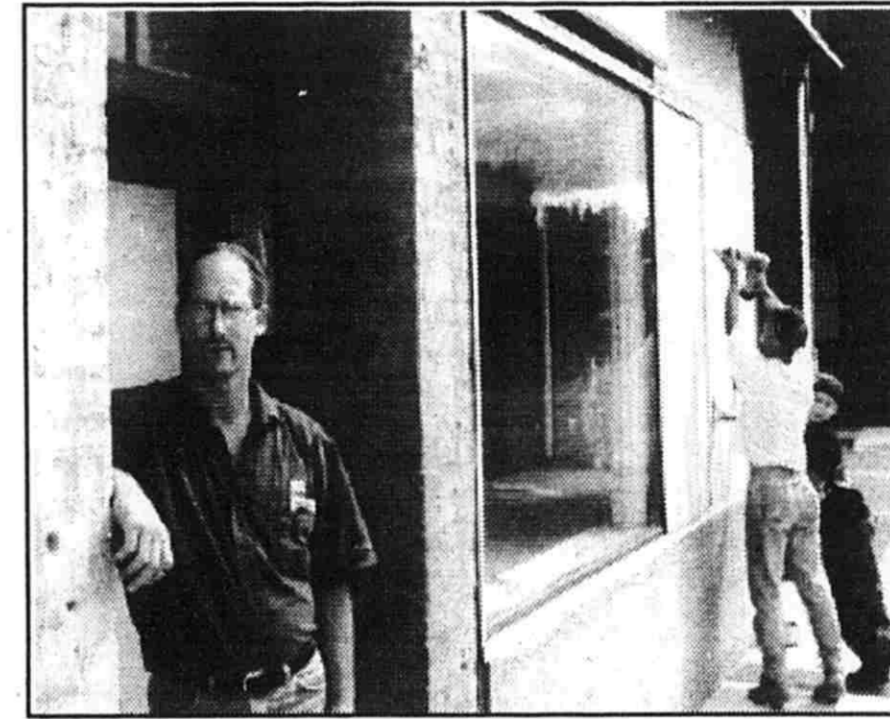
August 4, 1999

Steve Haley begins his bicycling sojourn in search of rediscovering the "soul in his roots." His first stop is scheduled to be Nashville, TN. From there, his plans are to bike to the Florida Keys.

The Kent County Road Commission begins repaving N. Hudson from Chatham to Lincoln Lake.

Lowell Charter Township considers becoming a part of a greater area program for better emergency service to residents. The cost of the service is yet to be worked out.

Lowell City Council approves the YMCA's request to provide several minor repairs and improvements at its own cost for its offices.



Mark Batchelor begins restoration work at the old Western Auto store.

Katie Goldner, of Lowell, is selected to participate in the national 1999 Miss Pre-Teen Grand Rapids Pageant on Aug. 15.

After 15 years of working in intensive care and 20 years as a middle school life skills teacher for Lowell Area Public Schools, Donna Hansen begins her journey into retirement.

August 11, 1999

The Kent County Youth Fair celebrates its 65th anniversary.



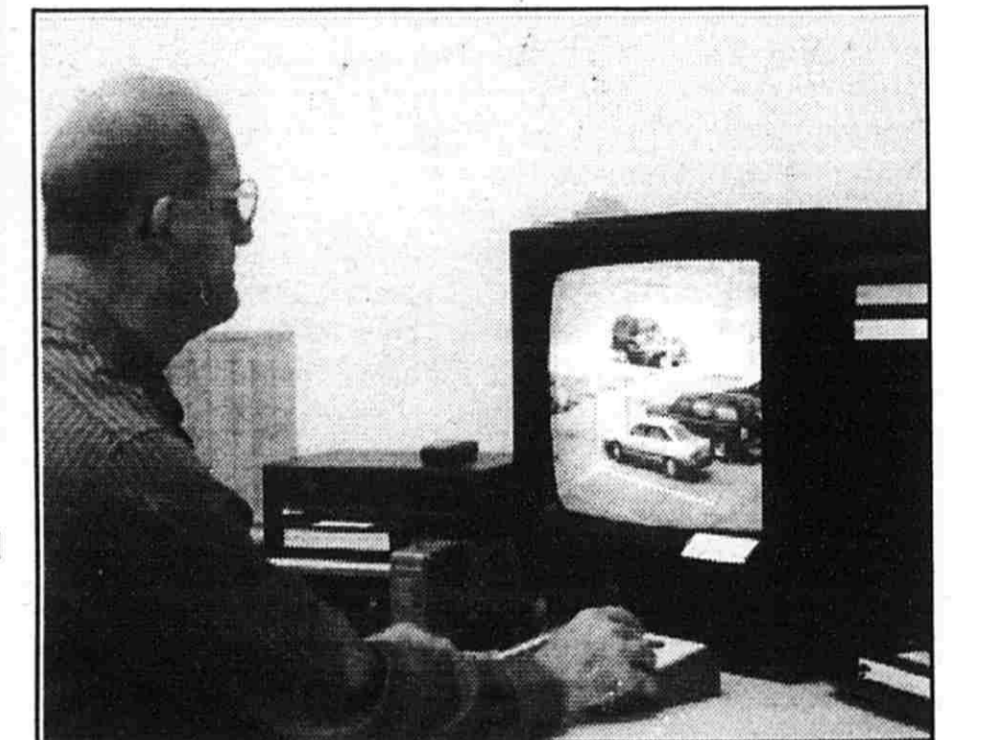
Old Kent Bank's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Lowell's Mark Batchelor purchases the old Western Auto hardware store on E. Main. He plans to replace the



The roof of Dr. James Reagan's office was on fire for a short while. The flames were rapidly extinguished by Lowell's fire department.

windows and roof, remove the metal on the east side of the building, and replace it with an outer brick skin with a natural color. The upstairs will be turned into three loft-style apartments (900 square feet each). The main floor will



Lowell Schools' security director Al Eckman displays the district's newest surveillance cameras.

have two storefronts.

There were 45 vendors who set up shop as participants in the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Market Days.

Old Kent Bank opens its doors at 2230 W. Main. Lowell is the first branch site in which Old Kent uses a new modular concept designed to decrease construction time by one-third.

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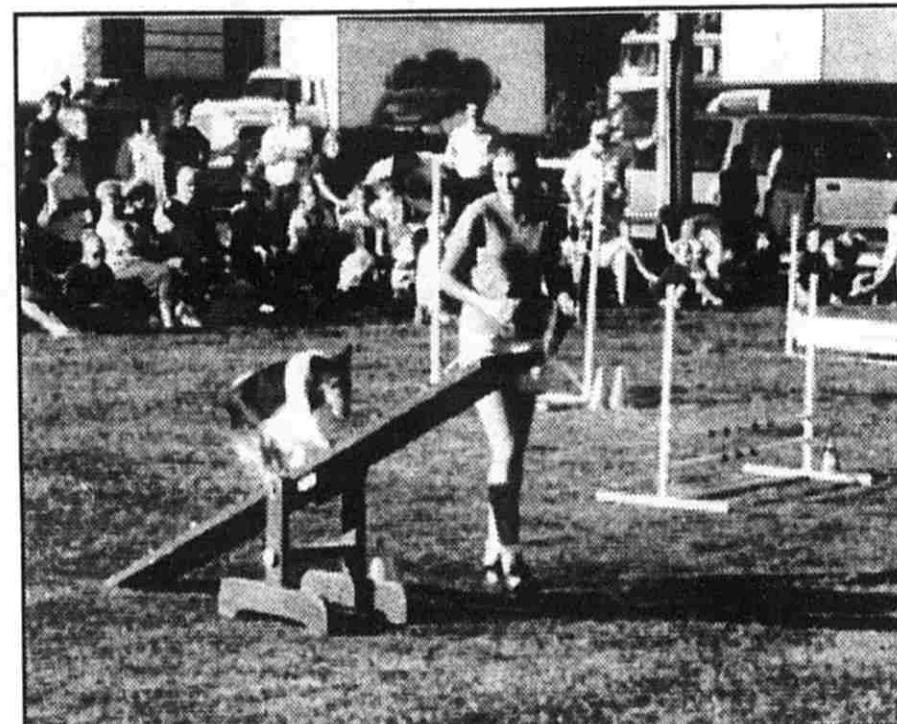
August 18, 1999

By a vote of 3-2, the Lowell City Council votes not to extend its solid waste and recycling contract to Denny's Disposal which had a contract with them for the past 22 years. Denny's, which was sold to Allied Waste Industries, asked that its contract be assigned to Allied Waste Industries and that the contract be extended one year.

suffering from gypsy moths if they would support a millage proposal on a Feb. 2000 ballot to help fight the problem.

A fatal car accident takes the life of long-time Lowell resident Diane Richmond.

Former Forest Hills tennis coach Bonnie Wall is hired as the new coach of the Lowell varsity girls tennis team.



Katie Strauss and her sheltie Libby earned advanced agility champion and reserved obedience champion.

Cherry Creek Classic 5K run and walk coordinators Terry VanderWarf and Thad Kraus present the Kent County Youth Fair Board with a check for \$2,500 toward the renovation of King Memorial Youth Center.

Lowell's Casey Parker is crowned the 1999 Kent County Youth Fair queen.

September 1, 1999

A survey is mailed out to registered voters in Vergennes Township. It asks voters if they'd support a community pool project if it means increased property taxes. It is thought the results will have an impact on whether the

While Lowell Middle School assistant principal Mark Weber recovers from a sleepwalking accident, eighth-grade social studies teacher Ken Akers fills in.

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Casey Parker was crowned the 1999 Kent County Youth Fair queen.

The council denied Denny's request.

Lowell's Sue Beute is named a National Science Foundation Presidential finalist for math and science teaching.

Lowell Charter Township distributes a one-page survey asking area residents

Lowell Rotary makes seven monetary donations totaling roughly \$20,000 to area organizations.

August 25, 1999

The roof of Dr. James Reagan's office at 207 W. Main catches on fire. Firefighters are able to put the flames out before any structural damage is caused. Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin said the cause of the fire may have had something to do with repairs made to the roof earlier in the day.

Surveillance cameras are installed at the high school so that activity going on outside of the building can be monitored. The cost of the equipment is \$15,000. The funds to buy the equipment were received through the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund.

The results from a survey mailed out to approximately 2,100 registered voters in Vergennes Township are used to help determine if the township wants to join the recreational district authority.



The annual Riverwalk Festival was a great time for lying around and gazing at what the sky had to offer.

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township supports a recreation authority district.

held the position for the previous seven years.

bituminous road, gravel parking lot and a nature trail. The cost of phase I is expected to be \$113,000.

Will Welsh begins his role as the Lowell YMCA's new executive director, replacing Andy Johnson who

Phase I of the Lowell Charter Township's Grand River Park is scheduled to begin. The main items of work slated for completion are a

Through the generosity of local businessmen, the '99 Kent County Youth Fair auction garners \$12,200 for two hogs.

September 8, 1999

The Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable Television Board proposes a 25 percent hike in cable rates over the next three years. It will increase basic cable from \$19.95 to \$25.59.

The city of Lowell approves an ordinance adopting plan amendments and a resolution authorizing a notice of intent to issue bonds to cover more improvements in the district.

A new proposed digital transport system will give Lowell Cable subscribers a choice of up to 60 more channels. Providing scheduling works properly, the new program options will be available by Dec. 1.

The Lowell High School class of 1936 met at Schneider Manor for their 63rd class reunion.

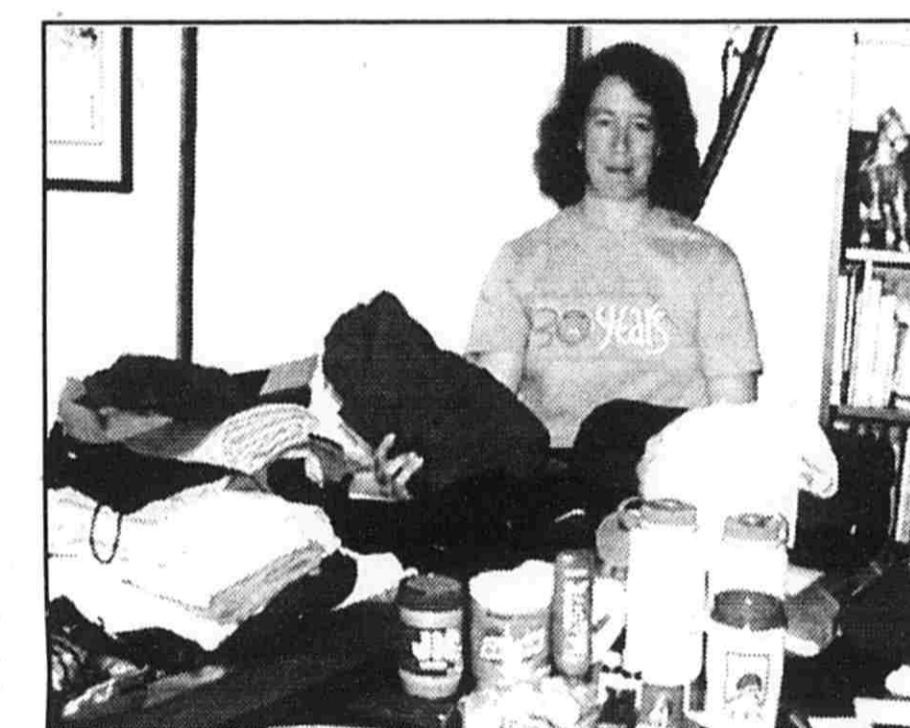


Santa was at the fairgrounds to greet the 500-plus bikers who participated in the fifth annual Toy Run.

Lowell FFA members Kim Meiste and Katie Balaam are selected to sing in the national Future Farmers of America chorus at the national convention in October.

September 15, 1999

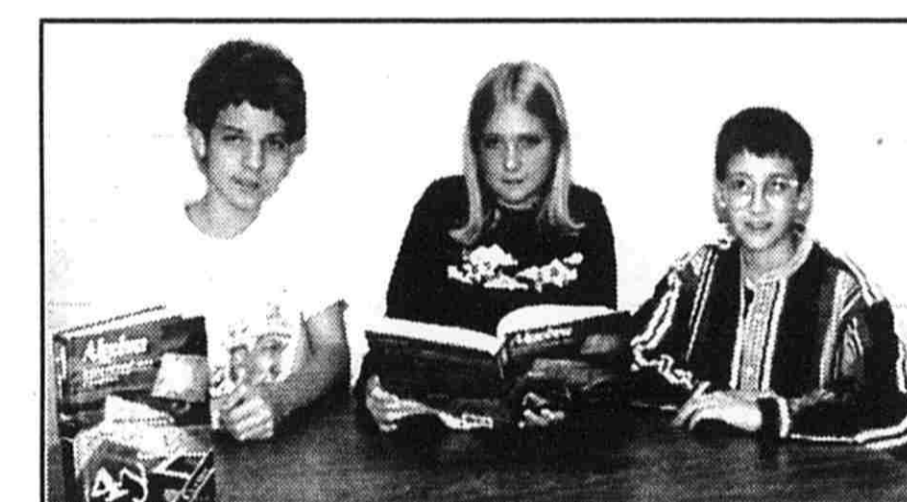
Vergennes Township's Kate Dernocoeur embarks on a five-week excursion in Ethiopia as part of a National Geographic crew that will raft on the Blue Nile River. Dernocoeur was asked by Bruce Paton, founder of the Wilderness Medical Society, to serve as a medic on the trip.



Kate Dernocoeur prepares for her five-week excursion on Ethiopia's Blue Nile.

Lowell High School senior Scott Pullen suffers two

broken vertebrae and a broken pelvis in a collision north of Lowell. Pullen was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Keith Valentine. His car was struck in the rear panel of the passenger's side while trying to execute a turn south onto Lincoln Lake Road.



Aaron Benmark, Katie Willits and Tim Vezino were three Lowell Middle School students who participated in the Academically Talented Youth Program.

Lowell Charter Township's Planning Commission appoints John Cornish as its newest board member.

There are 500-plus bikers who participate in the Fifth annual Toy Run. Each of them packed their motorcycles with a gift for children who spend their holidays in a hospital.

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**Keiser's Kitchen**  
 700 E. Main St.,  
 Ph. 897-8455  
 Drawn By: Megan Zinke, 10 Mrs. Fox, Cherry Creek Elementary

**THE LOWELL BEER STORE**  
 987-WINE  
 Drawn By: Britney M. Shellenbarger, 11 Mr. Jacobus, Cherry Creek Elementary

**LOWELL MEDICAL SPECIALISTS**  
 Mark Evenhouse • John Mogor • Joan Miedema  
 1150 N. Hudson, Lowell • 897-8436  
 Drawn By: Megan Risner, 10 Mr. Hawkins, Alto Elementary

**ADA-LOWELL SELF STORAGE**  
 2075 Bowes Road, Lowell • 897-1000  
 Drawn By: Garrison Fredline, 11 Brent Noskey, Cherry Creek Elementary

**Animal Hospital & Pet Complex of Lowell**  
 11610 E. Fulton, Lowell • 897-8484  
 Drawn By: Nicki Freed, 10 Mrs. Schneider, Alto Elementary

**OLD KENT**  
 2001 West Main, Lowell  
 Drawn By: Rachel Lynn, 11 Brent Noskey, Cherry Creek Elementary

**CURTIS CLEANERS**  
 LAUNDROMAT • SHIRT LAUNDRY  
 Drawn By: Becky Osborne, 10 Mr. MacDonald, Alto Elementary



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September 22, 1999

Fallasburg Fall Festival patrons have plenty of opportunity to pick up a pumpkin. James and Becky Bosserd made sure of that as they harvested close to 1,000 pumpkins for the festival.

The Lowell Area School District reaches a tentative one-year contract agreement with five school associations.

Acknowledging the results from the survey it took, the Vergennes Township Board unanimously rejects the community pool proposal. In a separate vote, the board votes 3-2 not to participate in a recreation district as it pertains to a community pool, but will entertain discussion on other recreation opportunities.

Lowell Middle School students participating in the Academically Talented Youth Program in math are Aaron Benmark, Tim Vezino and Katie Willis. The program is for students capable of working in math at a faster pace than fellow advanced math students.

Lowell Charter Township rejects bids received on the park improvements because they were either too high or without bonds.

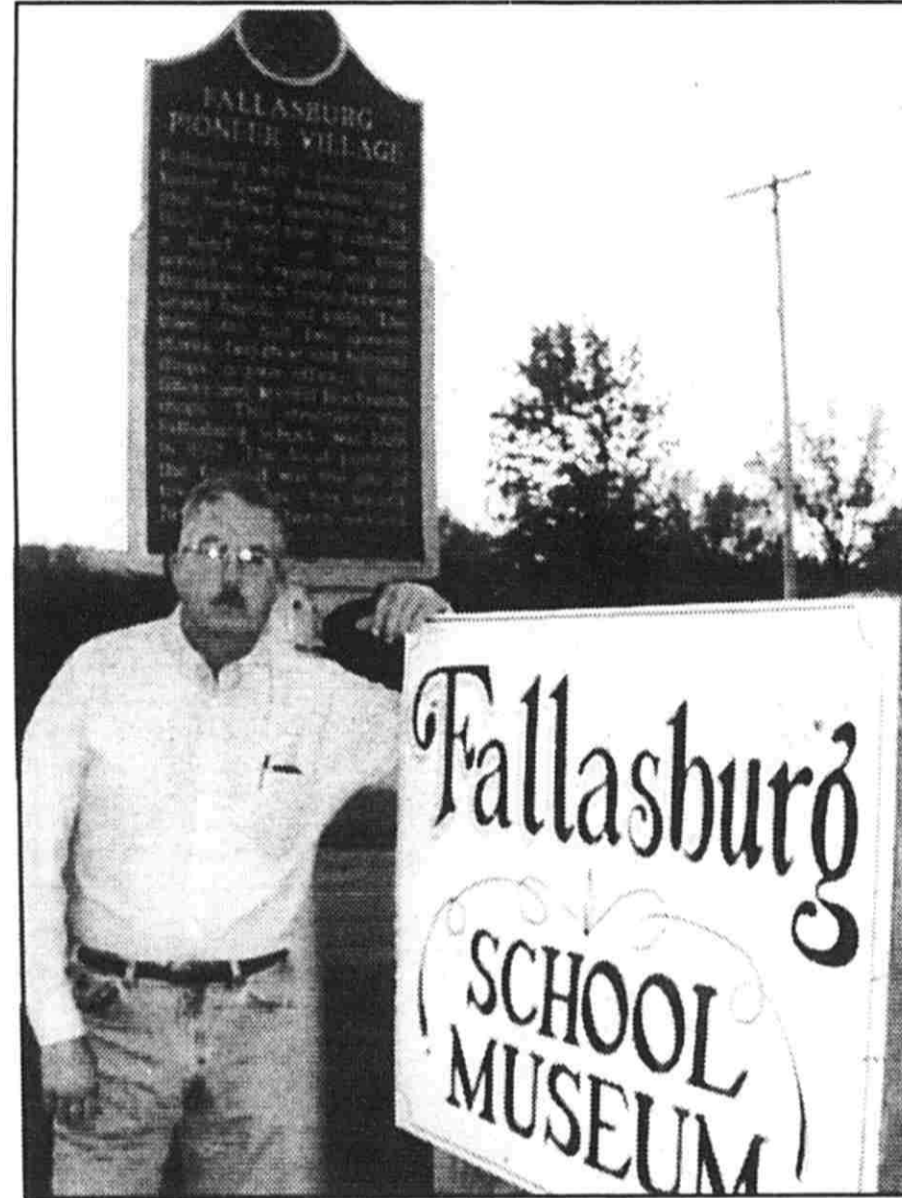
The Lowell Area School District was one of 11 West Michigan districts that made it through a surprise inspection of its bus fleet without a red or yellow flag.

The Fallasburg Covered Bridge joins the National Register of Historic Places list alongside the likes of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Leadership Lowell offers two series titled "Organizations that Work" and "Communication and Organizational Effectiveness."

September 29, 1999

Reg Cridler, a former Grattan farmer for 30 years, agrees to sell 60 acres of land on Vergennes Road which sits across from the high school



Mike Page is appointed the new president of the Fallasburg Historical Society.

## Season's Greetings

Remember...

Our Offices Will Be Closed at 3pm  
Thurs., Dec. 23 and all day  
Fri., Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve)

The deadline for ads in the Buyers  
Guide is Wed., Dec. 22 at 5 pm

Thank you!

The Buyers Guide, Lowell Ledger  
& Lowell Litho...  
Wish you and yours the  
merriest of all Holidays.



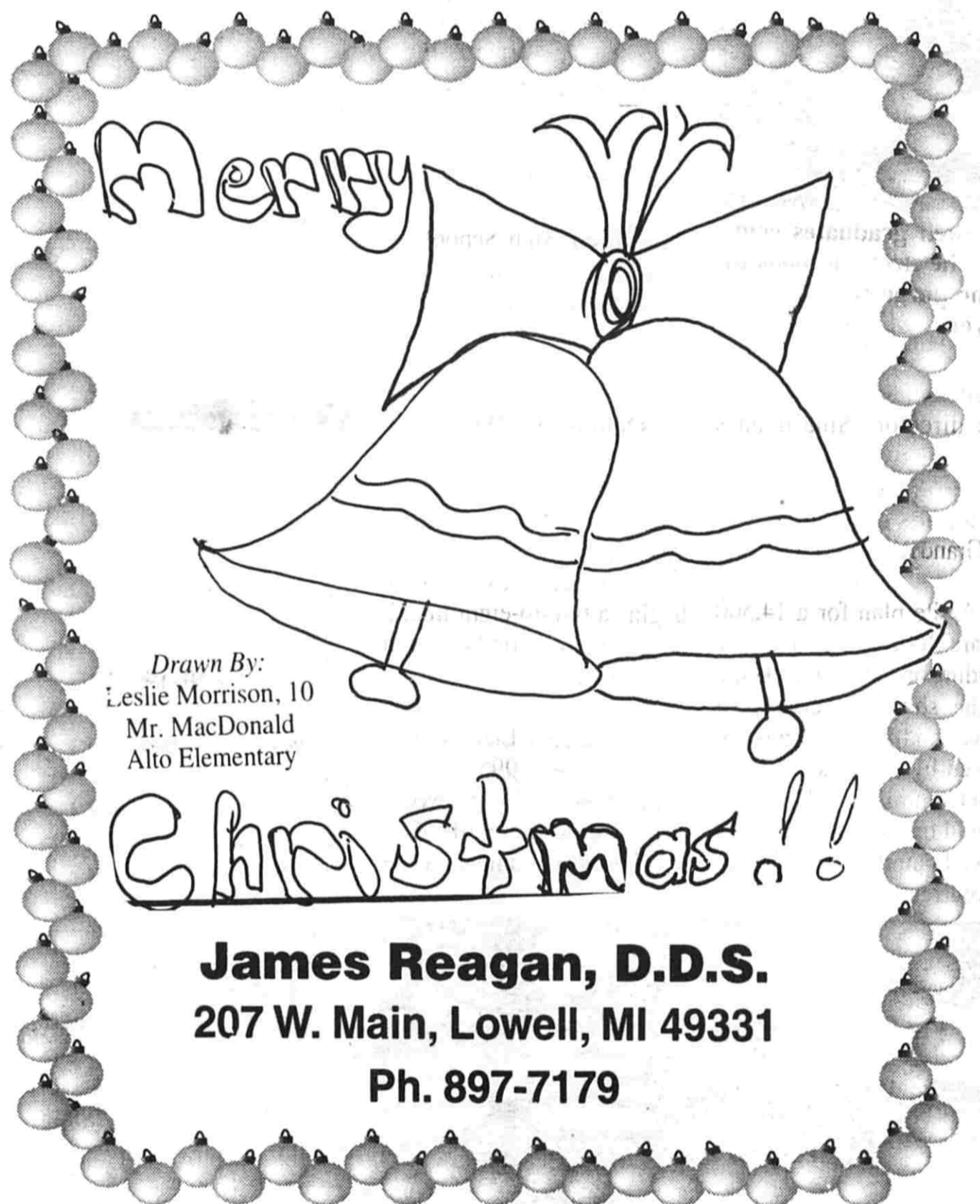
Becky and James Bosserd deliver nearly 1,000 pumpkins to the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

and abuts against 80 acres of land owned by Lowell Area Schools. The property will be used to create the Wege Foundation Nature Area. The

Wege Foundation, which cannot own or manage property, agreed to purchase the land for \$360,000 and deed it over

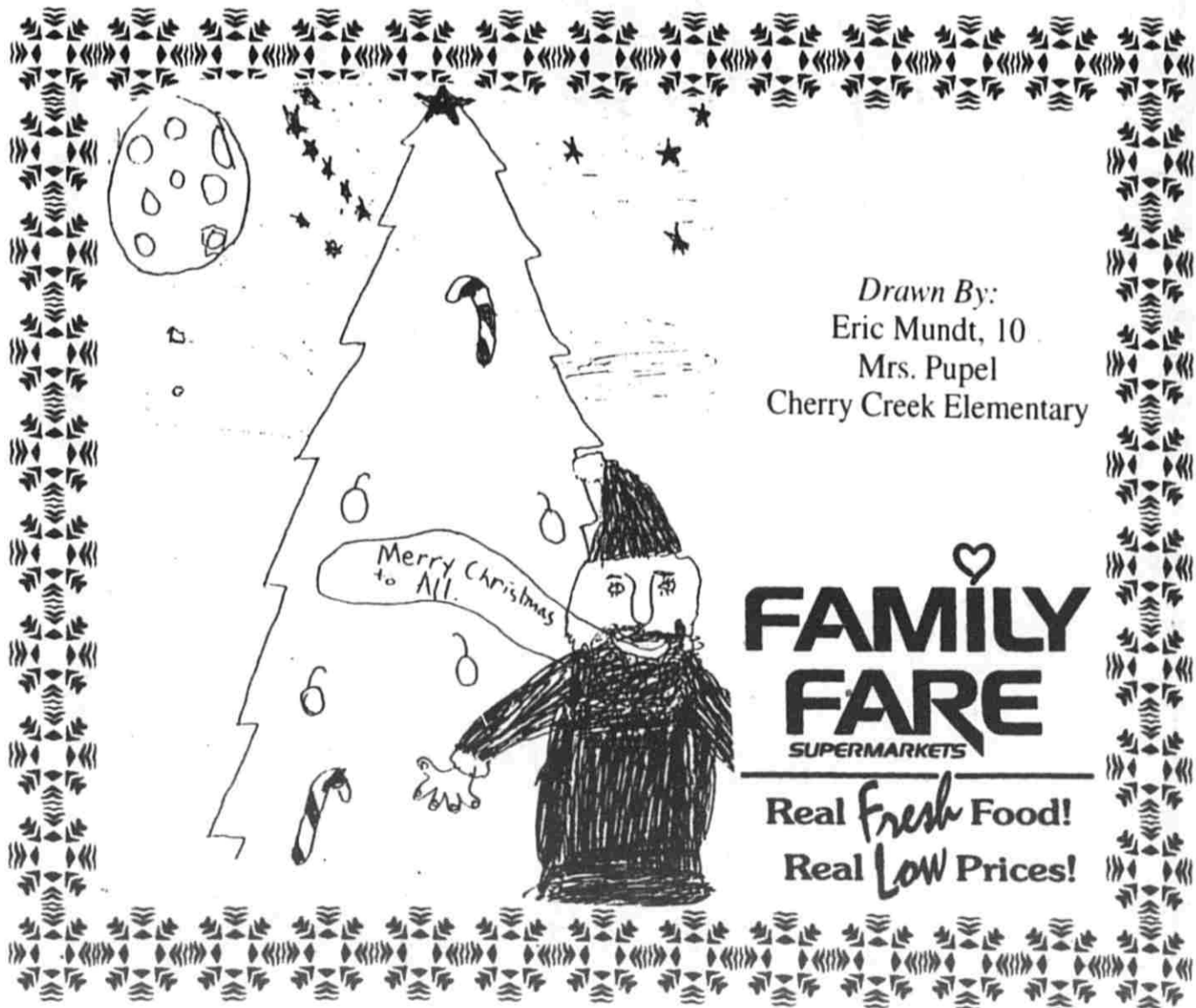
to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan.

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Drawn By: Leslie Morrison, 10  
Mr. MacDonald  
Alto Elementary

James Reagan, D.D.S.  
207 W. Main, Lowell, MI 49331  
Ph. 897-7179



Drawn By: Eric Mundt, 10  
Mrs. Pupil  
Cherry Creek Elementary

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Lowell Charter Township begins receiving citizens' responses to a public survey as to whether they are willing to pay an extra half mill to fight the gypsy moth problem.

Elissa Kinney and Mike Armstrong are crowned the 1999 LHS Homecoming Queen and King. Lowell defeats Wyoming Park 24-0 in the homecoming football game.

October 6, 1999

The city of Lowell agrees to a three-year solid waste recycling and yard waste contract with Pitsch Hauling and Disposal.

The Lowell Area Arts Council hires Lorain



Lowell graduates complete the electrical hookup to the purge wells as employees of Associated Electric.

Smalligan as its new executive director. Smalligan's background includes many years working and volunteering for arts organizations in the Grand Rapids community.

A site plan for a 14,500 square foot medical office building on 3.41 acres of land at the southeast corner of Bowes and West Main is approved by the Lowell Planning Commission. The facility will be the new office for Lowell Family Medical Center, currently located at 147



Thomet Chevrolet celebrated 30 years in Lowell.

N. Center. The facility will offer patients the convenience of X-rays, physical therapy and outpatient services.

Riders from as far away as Perry, FL, participated in the Kent Special Riding program's 21st annual Ride-A-Thon at the Ionia State Recreation Area. The 273 riders raised \$35,636 toward providing therapeutic and recreational horseback riding to handicapped individuals of all ages.



Area residents got a sneak peek as they walked along the trail of the Wege Foundation Nature Area.

Thomet Chevrolet celebrates its 30th year in Lowell.

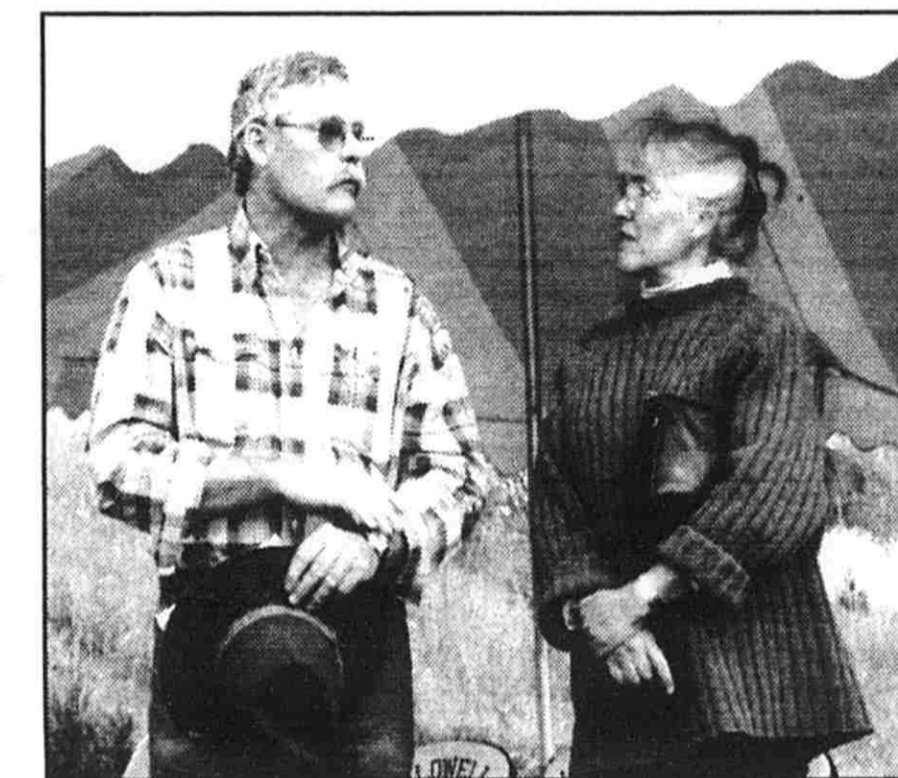
Habitat for Humanity's request of a variance for a minimum square footage of floor area for a new home is approved by the Lowell Planning Commission.

Lowell High School senior Keith Valentine begins his tenure as the student council representative on the Lowell School Board.

October 13, 1999

John Jay Timpson, who suffered serious injuries in a motorcycle accident, is released from the hospital as he begins a five-to-eight month rehabilitation period so he can walk again.

Associated Electric employees and 1995 Lowell graduates Mike VanTimmeren and Ken VanSpronsen completed the



Reg and Diane Cridler address those in attendance at the Wege Nature Area dedication.

Laura Robertson exceed state standards in all four tests (math, writing, reading and science).

October 20, 1999

Vergennes Township approves a recommendation on how to use slab cuts from the oak tree which was cut down on the corner of Bailey and Parnell. The rings will be used to depict a timeline/calendar of historical happenings. A second slab cut will be used for a clock face for the Township Hall.

Lowell's Doctors Chiropractic, 11827 E. Fulton, becomes one of three in the Grand Rapids area to offer its patients the services of the Smart Adjuster. It is a medical device that applies a light amount of pressure, challenging movement in the vertebrae to bring about normal mobility.

A new street and sidewalk master plan is expected to answer such questions as what street in Lowell should get improved next; which areas should have sidewalk; and which ones should wait.

The city of Lowell forms a committee to help alleviate ambiguity in the outside retail display issue after identifying conflict within two sections of the general business text.

Three Lowell High School seniors Keith Valentine, Mark Maatman and

chasing property from the VFW Flat River Post #8303, located next door to City Hall, force city officials to consider other options for its City Hall/policestation project. The city made a bid of \$150,000 for the VFW lot and building. The VFW indicates it will need \$300,000.

October 27, 1999

Under a new proposed special use permit, retail businesses will be allowed to sell items outside.

Lowell Charter Township votes unanimously to approve a plan to spray for gypsy moths. A special election is to be held on Feb. 22, 2000 to ask voters for a one-half mill increase to finance the program.

A petition to have repairs and paving done on Foreman Road is approved, but the work will not be completed until late next year (2000).

Lowell's football team defeats Hastings 9-3 to clinch a state playoff berth.

Lowell's equestrian team places fourth in the Class A division at the 25th Michigan Interscholastic Horse Association state finals in Detroit.

November 3, 1999

It seems that nearly every bureaucratic agency in Michigan has taken a gander at the

bridge wall where Christiansen Drug Store once stood.

Which explains why city manager Dave Pasquale was pleased to confirm that some of the bridge work would be completed in 1999.

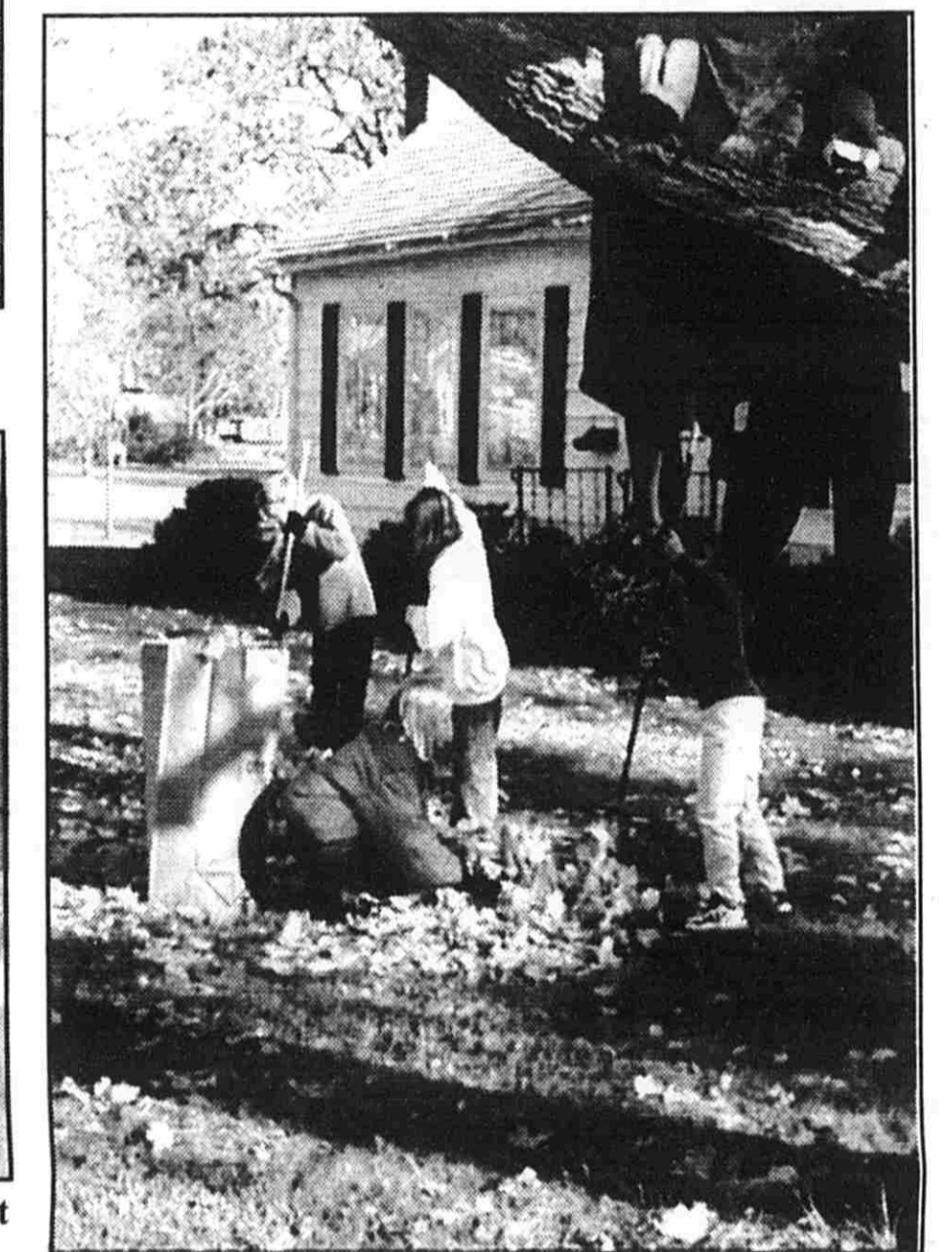
Within the next two weeks bids will be received and then sheet piling will be put in.

The sidewalk and railing will wait until early spring of 2000.

The quality of finished water provided to the citizens



Eric Baird was The Lowell Ledger's "First Buck" winner.



Lowell Middle School students raked for residents who couldn't or whose health didn't permit it.

of Lowell by Lowell Water Treatment and Filtration Plant far exceeds the requirements of the federal and state regulations.

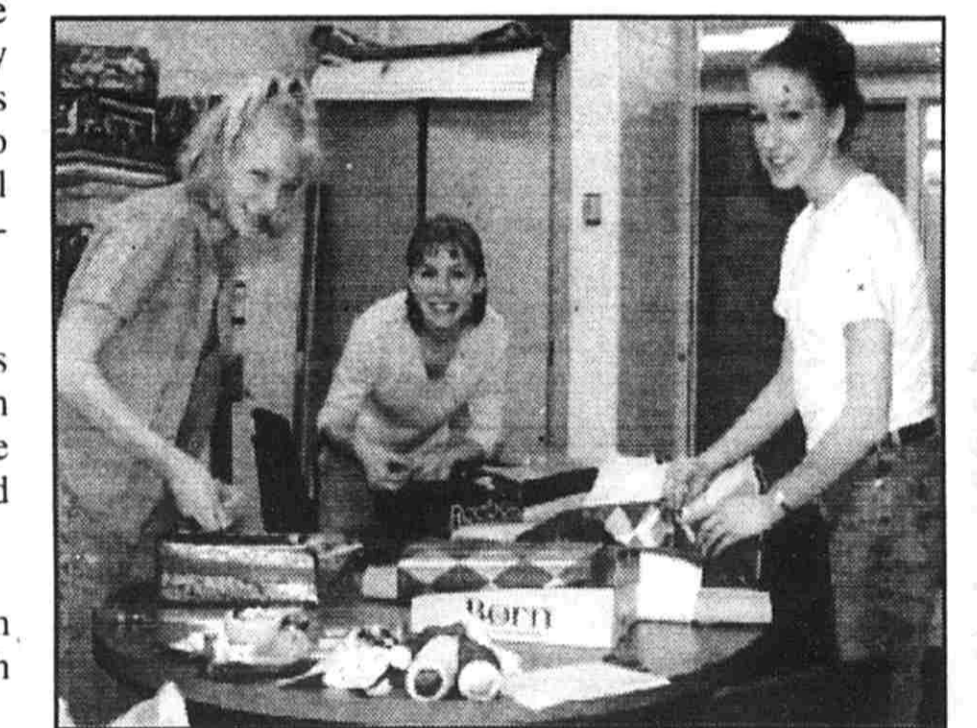
There are some that won't believe that. So Regan conducted a water taste test in Heather Kohtz's freshman science class.

Of the seven participants, only one student identified two correct samples while one student was correct on one sample. The remaining participants did not identify any of the water samples tasted.

Vergennes, like its neighboring townships, will put a proposal on the ballot to finance spraying for gypsy moths.

The township will ask voters for a half mill (approximately \$50,000) in each of the next three years so properties can be sprayed.

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission considers amending local zoning ordinances to deal with any possible future situation of the water samples tasted.



Lowell Middle School students finish last day wrapping for "Operation Christmas Child."

Vergennes Township approves a contract agreement with Kentwood Office Furniture for the installation of an additional office.

The office (\$3,302.57) will be used by Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach.

ations involving "exotic animals."

The city of Lowell is out to clean up unsightly lines... the wiring, cable and conduits that now adorn some of

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The downtown buildings. The move, which was unanimously recommended by the Lowell Planning Commission, was approved by the city council, in an effort to maintain the downtown area's historical character.

The potential is here to make Lowell unique, but is the attitude here to develop such an action plan?

That is at the crux of the first Lowell Chamber of Commerce/Lowell Leadership Initiative early bird breakfast discussion.

The consensus which permeated from the room of approximately 30 local business and community leaders was that participation of all is needed in putting together an infrastructure that will help develop the future look of the whole community.

In less than two years, John Stubbs, Lowell Schools security officer, had gained the respect of administrators, principals, teachers and students.

Lowell Middle School students and staff are saddened when they learn that Stubbs had died over the weekend.

## November 10, 1999

Tony Witherell dropped a 291 1/2 pound black bear up near Lake George.

Witherell and his guide Roger Negri set out a pile of bacon and donuts and then sat quietly in blind approximately 30 yards away.

The Lowell resident, along with his father Pat Witherell, took a three-day excursion to Lake George in search of the elusive black bear.

Rep. Terry Geiger's proposal to change the Proposal A finance-reform plan would help boost the lowest revenue school districts by reducing inequities between rich and poor school districts.

"I support Rep. Geiger's concept," said Lowell Superintendent Bert Bleke. "If passed, this proposal would raise the lower-tier schools' foundation allowance by \$500 over a 10-year period."

Stating it is unconstitutional to fund mandated programs with foundation allowance monies, the Supreme Court rules that the state must comply with its obligation under a declaratory judgment no later than the next ensuing fiscal year.

J.B. Dixon, a spokesperson for the litigants (schools) in Durant II, said the state underfunded special education last year between \$375 and \$400 million.

All school buildings in the Lowell Area School District are functionally full except the high school.

The bad news is there are projections for more growth. "The problem is going to become increasingly severe,"

said Lowell Area Schools superintendent, Bert Bleke.

The superintendent and Lowell School Board heard this information in a demographics task force committee presentation in June. The report came to the board following a two-year study.

Bleke expressed the next step is to create a public informational process.

Joshua Robert Ford, 18, filled his days with friends and having fun.

Fun turned tragic when the 1999 high school graduate was killed in a single car accident that occurred on



**Christmas Through Lowell.**

Whites Bridge Road south of Potters Road in Keene Township of Ionia County.

The Ionia County Sheriff's Department noted that it was still investigating the fatal accident. The report indicated that seat belts were not worn and alcohol was believed to have been a factor.

## November 10, 1999

A young and upcoming Red Arrow girls cross country team made its way to the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn, MI, for the Class A state finals on Saturday.

Lowell placed 18th (439) in a field of 27 schools.

Closing of the polls on Nov. 2 signified the end of another city council election campaign for city residents.

City councilmembers, however, now begin preparing for the mayoral campaign - in which they are the candidates and the electorate.

The mayoral appointment will be made at the Jan. 3, 2000 city council meeting.

It is widely believed the arrival of a Meijer or a Witmark in a growing community destroys existing small-town retail shops.

Alfred A. Piergallini, president and CEO of Novartis Consumer Health North America, tells Lowell Rotarians it doesn't have to.

"Meijer and Witmark stores destroy small businesses which haven't determined who their customer is, what it is they provide, how they can do it better than their competition and those who haven't identified their brand," Piergallini explained.

Patrons are able to approach the eighth annual Christmas Through Lowell from all directions.

Whether a resident lives to Lowell's north, south, east or west, a stop along the Christmas Through Lowell trail is not far away. This year's

event envelops 18 homes (three new) and five businesses.

The Lowell City Council voted unanimously to give its support to a new recreation committee proposal.

More specifically, the Lowell City Council agrees to a draft of the Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model and to join the Lowell Community Recreation Committee.

A new Meijer store is coming to Lowell Township! Plans are being made, and an application for rezoning permit is filed with the Lowell Charter Township Board.

Construction for the 157,000 square foot store will begin in the spring of 2000.

Is the city asking too much of the downtown merchants by restricting how much wires and conduits can be attached to the outside of buildings?

One city council member felt so, which is why Don Green votes no on the proposed ordinance to eliminate any new outside wiring, cable, and conduits from buildings in the downtown area.

Not certain of where a current liquor-license establishment may be located in the future, the Lowell City Council decides to hold off on any recommendation about transferring the business's liquor license from Ron Potter from Captain Jack's Main Street Pub, to Lois Sherman.

## December 1, 1999

In an effort to bring more awareness to Lowell Area Schools' 17 scholarship funds, acknowledgment cards are distributed to Eleghardt Library, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell Schools, Hun-

gton Banks, Ionia County National Bank and Old Kent Bank.

The Lowell City Council accepts a bid from Rowe Incorporated to develop a street and sidewalk master plan.

In three separate votes, the Lowell Planning Commission unanimously approves a site plan and recommended two variance requests for the rear setback and number of parking spaces to the Zoning

Lowell fifth-grade students score below the state and county average. Only 15.2 percent of the students taking the test met or exceeded state standards, while 51.2 percent did not pass the test.

Of the eighth-grade Lowell students who took the social studies MEAP test, 43 percent met or exceeded state standards. East Grand Rapids led all KISD schools with 71.6 percent.

Lowell sixth-grade classes of Gordon Vandenberg, Lynne Staal and Betty Brink bring their rakes with them to class. They need them to rake yards of the elderly and residents whose health does not allow them to.

Eric Baird, 14, is the winner of the Lowell ledger First Buck contest.

Parent and teacher donations help stock the shelves at Cherry Creek Elementary's Family Resource Center with informational resources on topics from toddlers to alcohol/drug abuse.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale confirms that

there have been delays in the timely pickup of trash since a new solid waste contract went into effect Nov. 1.

The combination of a new contractor and unfamiliarity with city streets appear to be the cause of the delay.

Something as simple as a shoebox will carry the spirit of the holidays to many of the world's neediest children.

Adults and students from this area as well as children from around the country are shipping shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and a plethora of other small items as part of

December 8, 1999



**Buchanan Elementary first-graders helped Lowell seventh and eighth-grade students with their Spanish while Middle School students worked with first-graders on their English**

the Pursue "Operation Christmas Child" project.

## December 1, 1999

Life's a Stage Performing Arts 4-H Club's production of "Let's Hear It for the Heroes" raises \$2,000 for the John Ball Zoological Society Wildlife Conservation Endowment Fund and Footsteps to the Future.

Area merchants will enjoy the freedom of selling whatever they want in front of their stores and storing those items however they wish this year...but next year, the rules are going to change.

The planning commission will present an ordinance amendment in January that will incorporate new guidelines.

Lowell Charter Township Board announces a county approved vote for a one-half mill increase for gypsy moth spraying.

Lowell Charter Township Board awards the bid for improvements and further development of Grand River Park to K&S Excavating (\$90,000).

The Lowell School Board approves the purchase of four new buses from Hoekstra Woodland (\$235,338).

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**Rich and Joel Bieri with assistance from Ivan Blough leveled off the bottom of the Flat River in front of the boat launch.**

December 8, 1999

Bieri & Sons Excavating dumps and spreads 100-150 tons of stone/gravel over a 35 by 130 foot area in front of the Riverwalk boat launch, giving the Showboat a flat, level bottom on which to sit.

It takes approximately 65 entries a little over an hour to parade through Lowell's downtown as residents line the streets from Hudson to Division for the Lowell Christmas Parade.

## December 15, 1999

Lowell City Council approves compensating planning commissioners \$25 per meeting for up to 13 meetings (11 regular and two special meetings). Lowell has nine commissioners.

Ron Pederson, sculptor, professor and chairman of the Aquinas College Art Department, is chosen to jury the 14th Annual West Michigan Regional Competition.

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WOTV	(Off Air)		Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Martha Stewart	Jack Van Impe	Kenneth C.	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	
WGVU	(Off Air)	Y2K-Winter of Our Disconnect	Ask The (R)	Toys TV	Noddy		Barney-Friends	Teletubbies			New York (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 5)				
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WTLJ	Pat Boone	Diane Bish	100 Huntley Street	Cornerstone			Alvin Slaughter	Miracles Now			Walking by Faith	Dr. James Kennedy			
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WSYM	Hercules	Sabrina-Animtd	Doug	Recess	Dr. James Kennedy		Hour of Power (In Stereo)	Fox News Sunday			Lansing Outreach Mass	Martha Stewart	Paired Program		
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CABLE CHANNELS															
FX	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	M*A*S*H	Fit TV	American Baby	Healthy Kids (R)	Picket Fences "Frogman"	Beverly Hills, 90210 (In Stereo)	Beverly Hills, 90210 (In Stereo)	Beverly Hills, 90210 (In Stereo)	Bronco Sports	This Week	
FAM	Paired Program	Paired Program	Breath of Life	Zola Levitt	Mega Man	Mega Man	Monster Ranch	Monster Ranch	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Believe It-Not	Six Gr. Alien	S Club 7-Miami	Big Wolf-Camp.	
MTV	Lowline (R) (In Stereo)	Say What Kike	Say What Kike	Say What Kike	Fanatic (R)	Fanatic (R)	Holiday Movie	Ultra Sound "Video Music Awards Uncensored" (R) (In Stereo)	Before They	List (In Stereo)	Billboard Music Awards (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	
VH1	Where Are They Now? "80s" (R)	Where Are They Now? (In Stereo)	Behind the Music "1999" (R)	Top Ten Countdown of 1999 (R)	Rock-Roll Jee	Rock-Roll Jee	Before They	List (In Stereo)	Billboard Music Awards (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	
USA	Home Videos	Paired Program	C-Net Central	New Edge	Xena: Warrior Princess (In Stereo)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	USA High (R)	W/F Superstars (In Stereo)	W/F Superstars (In Stereo)	Jaws & Claws	Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files	Adventure-ARK	Phat Beach" (R) (In Stereo)	
DISC	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	
WGN	(3:30) "Murder"	Paired Program	Tomorrow's	Key of David	Miracles Now	Singsation!	Bozo Super Sunday (In Stereo) (E)	Charles-Charge	Charles-Charge	Charles-Charge	Family Matters	Fresh Prince	Madlibu, CA	Paired Program	
ESPN	NFL's Greatest	NFL's Greatest	Sportscenter (R)	Ski World	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	NFL Matchup	Sportscenter	Sportsweekly	Sports Reports	Sportscenter	NFL Countdown			
CNN	International Sports Tonight	International	Style (R)	Pinnacle	Page One	Sunday Morning									
CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	
NICK	Bewitched	Dick Van Dyke	Wubulous	Blue's Clues	Charlie Brown	Acc Ventura	Doug (In Stereo)	Rocko's Life	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongebob Sq.	Hey Arnold!	Thornberrys	Angry Beavers	
A&E	(4:00) "Chisum" ***1/2 (1970)	New Explorers (R)	"Of Human Bondage" **** (1934)	Leslie Howard	Breakfast With the Arts "Von Karajan New Year's Concert 1987" (R)	Mak-Crossing	House Beautiful								
FOXDT	Paired Program	Paired Program	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paired Program	Paired Program	Signature Series	On the Pole	Sportsman (R)	Under-Helmet	NFL This Morning			
TNT	(3:00) "What Ever Happened to Jane"	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	"Sicklicks" ***1/2 (1993) Chuck Norris, Beau Bridges.	Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night									
TBS	(4:25) "Surrender" ** (1987) Sally Field.	"Supergirl" ***1/2 (1984) Heien Slater, Hart Bochner.	"Superman IV: The Quest for Peace" ** (1987) Christopher Reeve.	"Dying Young" ***1/2 (1991) Julia Roberts.											
DISN	Ink & Paint Club (R)	Sing Me a Story	Jungle Cubs	Little Mermaid	Ducktales	Bear in House	Out of the Box	PB & J Otter	Rolie Polie Olie	"Lady and the Tramp" ***1/2 (1955) (In Stereo) 'G' (In Stereo)	Ducktales	Ducktales	Ducktales	Ducktales	
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SCIFI	(4:00) "The Purple People Eater"	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	
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HIST	Twelve Apostles: History	History Showcase (R)	Traveler "Island Winter" (R)	David L. Wolper: The Man Who Makes	Mak-Crossing	Shaka Zulu (R) (Part 1 of 5)									
AMC	(4:30) "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians" * (1964)	"Suicide Battalion" * (1958)	"Tarzan and the Mermaids" *** (1948)	Brenda Joyce	"The Young Philadelphia" *** (1959, Drama)	Paul Newman, Barbara Rush, Alexis Smith.									
H&G	Paired Program	Paired Program	House Doctor	Remodeling	Hands On (R)	Yankee Shop	House Doctor	Fix It Up!	Dream Builders	Designer Land	Landscape Sm.	Garden-Yard	Golden-Girl	Golden-Girl	
LIFE	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	
TOON D	Wish Kid	Littles	C.O.W.-Boys	Hello Kitty	Wuzzles	Gummi Bears	Chip 'n' Dale	Marsupilami	Raw Toonage	Gool Troop	Ducktales	Tale Spin	Aladdin	Timon-Pumbaa	
MSNBC	Weekend Magazine (R)	Weekend Magazine	Morning Line												
CSPAN	Public Policy Conference														
EWTN	Little Flower	Celebracio	La Santa Misa	Divine Mercy	Joyful Holy	Our Lady of the Angels-Conventual Mass	Bookmark	Franciscan University Presents	Catholic News	Joyful Script					
PREMIUM CHANNELS															
SHOW	(4:00) "Othello" *** (1995) 'R' (In Stereo)	Mrs. Piggle	Mrs. Piggle	"Barney's Great Adventure" (1998)	"The Rugrats Movie" ** (1998) (In Stereo) 'G' (In Stereo)	"Paternity" ** (1981) (In Stereo) 'PG' (Adult language, adult situations)	"Cowboy Way"								
HBO	(4:20) "Gloria" ***1/2 (1999) 'R' (In Stereo)	Stomp Out Loud (R) (In Stereo)	Longstocking	Sabar	Cabbage Patch Kids: Film Festival	Real Sports (R)									
TMC	(4:00) "Bad" ***1/2 (1971) 'R'	"Looking for Lola" (1997), Ara Cell	(In Stereo) 'PG' (R)	"Sour Grapes" ***1/2 (1998) (In Stereo) 'PG' (R)	"The Spanish Prisoner" **** (1998)	Rebecca Pidgeon (In Stereo) 'PG' (R)	"Casualties" ** (1997) 'R'								
MAX	"Buffalo 66" *** (1998)	Christina Ricci, Anjelica Huston (In Stereo) 'R'	"The Flamingo Kid" ***1/2 (1984) 'PG-13'	"Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes" ***1/2 (1984) Christopher Lambert. (R)	"The X-Files" ***1/2 (1998) 'PG-13'										

SUNDAY AFTERNOON													DECEMBER 26, 1999		
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	
BROADCAST CHANNELS															
WVMT	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	NFL Today	
WOTV	This Week	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	Paired Program	
WGVU	Frontiers-Med.	MotorWeek	American Prophet: The Story of Joseph Smith (In Stereo)	Religion-Skating	Joy of Music	Northern Exp.	Mich. Magazine	Sportscenter	Top Athletes	News	ABC Wid News	Wilderness Jrm			
WXMI	Fox NFL Sunday (In Stereo)	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New York Giants. Giants Stadium. (In Stereo Live)	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New York Giants. Giants												

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LOWELL WATER WORKS advertisement featuring a water tap icon, text about cleaning products, and a coupon for a free car wash.

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 1999

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Edward Jones advertisement for a 401(k) rollover, featuring a photo of Christopher J. Bouma and text about IRA services.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

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# COMING EVENTS

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.

**EVERY MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse on 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.

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

**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 THIRD THURSDAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Rebecca, 897-6734 for more information.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church.** All girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

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

**THURSDAYS:** Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**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 School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

**ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village, Phone 897-9310 for information.

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**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.

**ENGLEHARDT 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., DEC. 22:** Blood Drive sponsored by Grand Valley Blood Program and Lowell Fire Department at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson from 3 to 7 p.m. For more information contact Mark Mundt at 897-8135.

**SAT., JAN. 8:** Snowmobile safety training home study course is offered and classes will be held from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd. (South side of Potters Rd., 1/2 mile east of Kent-Ionia Co. line). For more information and to request materials write to: Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources (Law Enforcement Division) State Office Building, 6th Floor, 350 Ottawa N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or phone (616) 356-0505.

**MON., JAN. 31:** A slide and video presentation will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center by Kate Dermocoeur who traveled to Ethiopia this past fall. It is to benefit Lowell Area Youth Development. Refreshments will be served.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The following offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24, 1999 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31, 1999 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

### LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER AND LOWELL CABLE VISION

The following offices will close on Friday, December 24, 1999 and Monday, December 27, 1999 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Friday, December 31, 1999 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

### LOWELL CITY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall. **TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m., Crafts; 1 p.m., Euchre. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

### Special Events

**DEC. 23 & 24:** Center Closed. **WED., DEC. 29:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast. **SAT., DEC. 25:** Merry Christmas! **FRI., DEC. 31:** Center closed. Happy New Year! (Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

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# Central answers all in 10-point win over Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

An old Chinese proverb says "10,000 times answers all questions" ... unless you're talking about who is the best wrestling team in the OK White. That question was answered the first time it was asked Thursday night.

It was answered convincingly by Forest Hills Central. The Rangers were in control from start to finish in posting a 39-29 win over Lowell. It was FHC's fifth consecutive win against the Red Arrows over a four-year period.

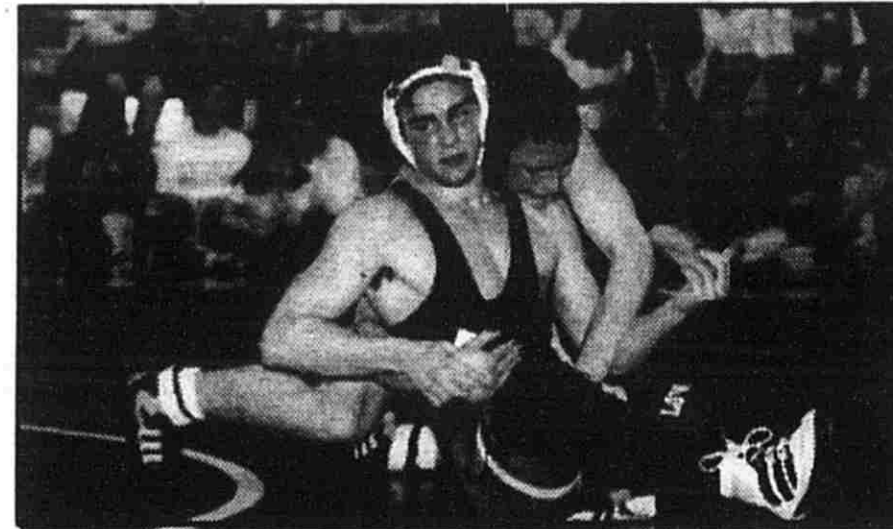
"I wouldn't say it was easy," said Ranger wrestling coach Dave Mills. "Lowell was still on our back at 189. If they win that match, it's a different story."

Central's coach was referring to the P.J. Gordon and Matt Oesch match at 189 pounds.

Going into the match Central led 33-18. An Oesch win would have brought Lowell within 12 points of the Rangers with two weight classes left.

"We felt we had to start strong because Lowell is tough in the middle and strong up top," Mills said.

Gordon's pin of Oesch at 5:05 of the third period rendered Bill Stouffer's major decision at 215 and Ben Vaught's pin at heavyweight meaningless.



Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle won a 7-2 decision.

"I'm very proud of our boys' effort tonight. They wrestled with intensity and heart," Mills said.

That was evident early. The Rangers won five of the first six matches, building a 23-6 advantage.

"The match went pretty much like last time (Central's 35-33 win at the Michigan Duals)," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejcek explained. "We were never able to get the swing match or point."

Central earned itself some extra points by manufacturing

some of its own breaks.

Leigh Johnson (130 pounds) pinned J.J. Wilder at 4:19 of the third period. The Ranger decided him earlier in the season.

Adam Grealish (152) lost a 9-4 decision to T.J. Forward. The Ranger was pinned in their first encounter at the Michigan Duals.

"I thought the boys gave all they had. They put everything out on the mat," Strejcek said. "I was disappointed because our basic skills were not where they needed to be. The challenge now is ... are the boys willing to do what it takes to correct that. We have to eliminate the leaks and gaffes that I saw out there tonight."

Strejcek said the Chinese proverb provides the answer of "how to."

"I know that can be a frustrating approach, but I hate losing, actually I love to win," Strejcek said. "If the boys want to turn things around, I'm willing to see them through to the end."

In other matches Thursday night, Jeremy Goff, 103, was pinned (3:44) by Quinn Vandervent; Bobby Gingerich, 112, was decided 17-9 by Andy Coleman; John McKay, 119, lost

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# Red Arrows rally from 11-point deficit in win over Rangers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
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The night ended for Forest Hills Central's boys basketball team as it began for the Red Arrows.

The Rangers left Lowell 0-2, following a 48-46 OK White setback.

The Red Arrows, having suffered consecutive losses by five and four points respectively, ended the evening 1-2.

It didn't start out as if Lowell were on track for its first win of the year. The Red Arrows trailed 11-0 four minutes in the contest.

"Our game plan was to pressure Central, but we didn't score in the opening

minutes and therefore couldn't," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said.

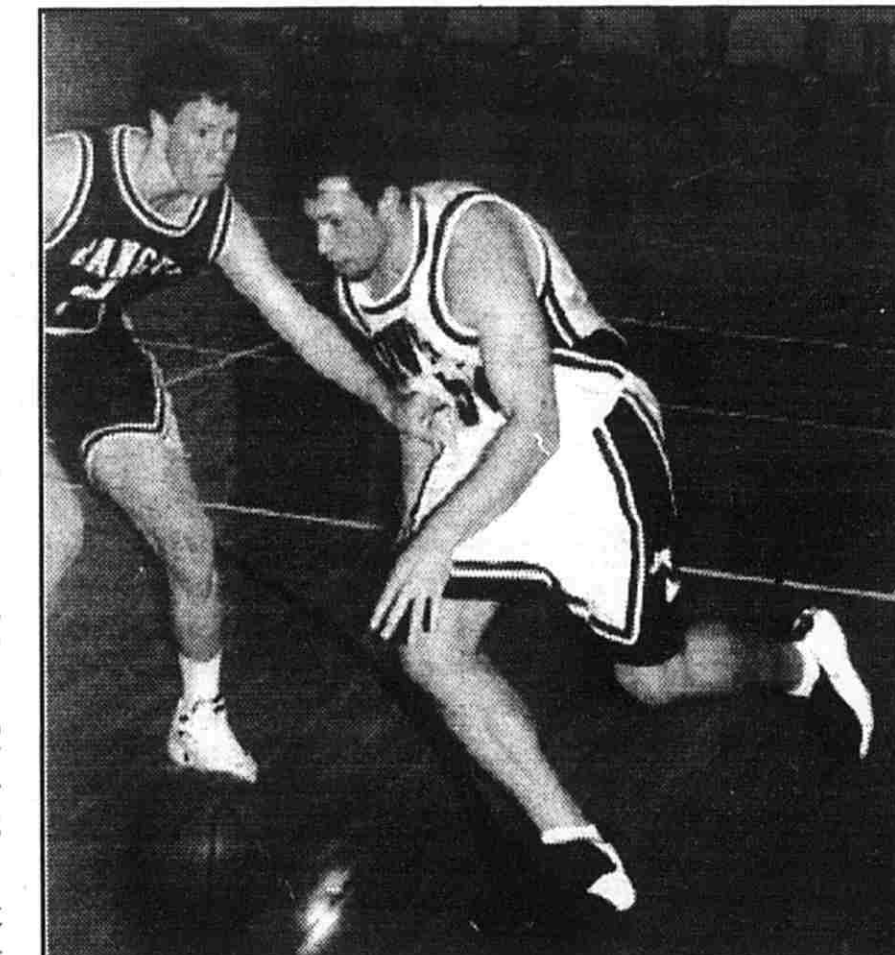
Lowell trailed Central by 10 (15-5) at the end of the first quarter.

Andy Curtis's work on the offensive and defensive boards sparked Lowell in the second quarter and helped keep the Red Arrows' stay within reach of Central.

"Andy played extremely well and he hit some key shots for us in the second quarter," Bush explained.

Lowell outscored FHC 13-11 during the second quarter and trailed Central 26-18 by halftime.

"We started out with great emotion and intensity, but we didn't show it in the second



Andy Curtis drives around his Ranger defender on his way to the basket.

half," said Central coach Ken George. "In this league if you don't play with emotion and intensity all the time, you're going to lose."

Lowell started the third quarter on a 7-2 run. A three by Troy Gillan and buckets by Curtis and Aaron Alsgaard

pulled the Red Arrows to within three at 28-25.

The Red Arrows' good offensive start in the second half opened things up defensively.

Lowell used the quick-

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17-13 to Mike Tomanek; John Mendez, 125, pinned (2:37) Billy Doot; Mike Rottier, 135, lost 18-6 to Justin Sinclair; Caleb O'Boyle, 140, defeated Jake O'Rourke 7-2; Brent Lyons, 145, pinned (3:52) Bryan Lemire; Tom Oesch, 160, lost to Brad Anderson 13-5; and Matt Oesch, 189, was pinned (3:53) by Matt Stepanovich.

"Tom Oesch did a great job against Anderson," Strejcek said.

The match-up between Oesch and Anderson brought the crowd of 1,000 to their feet before the match even started.

"That is a great memory," Mills said. "It's amazing to watch how the student-following has grown over the years."

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# JV hockey team loses to Grand Haven and Okemos

The Lowell junior varsity hockey team lost two tight divisional games this past weekend to Grand Haven and Okemos. Despite the losses, the team played very well in both games and simply had a difficult time capitalizing on numerous scoring opportunities.

On Thursday, the Red Arrows traveled to the Edge Arena to take on Grand Haven, an upper division team. Lowell outplayed Grand Haven for a majority of the game and outshot them by a margin of 29-16. Defenseman Dustin Hofert opened up the scoring for the Red Arrows at the 8:51

mark of the first period with a slapshot from the point.

Lowell's Andrew Blanchard put the team up 2-0 early in the second period with an unassisted goal on a brilliantly executed two-on-one. Grand Haven scored their first goal just over a minute later and then tied the score at the 3:47 mark of the period.

The third period was very evenly matched with Lowell and Grand Haven producing eight and seven shots on goal, respectively. Unfortunately, Grand Haven scored with just over seven minutes remaining and held on to the lead for the rest of the game.

A bright spot for the Red Arrows was the play of back-up goalie David Maylone who made 26 saves in his first outing. "Defensively, we played a great game," said head coach Paul Jacobus. "Anytime we can hold a team like Grand Haven to only three goals, we know we're doing something right."

"Offensively, we are getting good scoring chances but we just haven't been able to capitalize on them," explained Jacobus. "It's frustrating at times for the kids but they keep working hard and they know that things will turn around."

On Saturday, the Red Arrows traveled to Lansing to face off against Okemos for the second time this season. Lowell won the first meeting by a score of 4-0. In very similar fashion

to the Grand Haven game, Lowell played a very clean, well-positioned game of hockey but could not get their offense on track the entire game and lost by a score of 2-1.

Lowell's only goal came in the second period when winger Eric Bailey scored at the 7:48 mark on an assist from Maylone. Okemos' first goal came late in the first period and they scored their second goal with just over four minutes left in the game. Goalie Jay Blair had a fantastic game in stopping 22 shots, several of which were on breakaways.

In both games, the Red Arrows decreased the number of penalties per game, increased the number of shots-on-goal and played excellent defensive position.

"The past few games have been a bit of a struggle for us because we are playing good, consistent hockey against some good teams but we don't have much to show for it," explained Jacobus. "The kids have a great attitude and they know that things will start to go our way soon."

Lowell's record is 2-7 overall and 2-3 in divisional play. The Lowell hockey team is a cooperative partnership with Caledonia.

## SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1999

### Motions Approved:

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
- Motion to approve the consent agenda.
- Motion to establish connect fees for Driscoll and Item #4 transfer \$25,000 from drain replacement and balance of \$34,763 from investment account #6220.
- Motion to postpone term limits discussion until next month's meeting.
- Motion to appoint Mike Mervenne, Bob Pope and Deb Ellis to the Board of Review.
- Motion to reappoint Joe Anderson and Ron Smith for three more years to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.
- Motion to adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS GYPSY MOTH SURVEY MAP

A map depicting the areas of concentrated Gypsy Moth infestation is available for review at the Vergennes Township offices. The offices are located at the corner of Parnell Rd. and Bailey Dr., at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM. The offices will be closed for the Holiday Season on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, 1999.

## FishersNet to sing at performing arts center

Christian rock band "FishersNet" will be performing at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

The Saturday, Feb. 26 musical concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and is being sponsored by the youth of St. Patrick's.

FishersNet came together in Anderson, IN, and is now recognized nationally for its sound and message.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Patrick's spirit store, religious education office or by phone (897-0728).

FishersNet CD is also available for \$14.95. The show is suggested for kids ages 10 and older.

Concert facilitator Beth Rich said St. Patrick's youth first heard the group's music at the annual Springhill Camp in Evert, MI.

"FishersNet is a musical group that also doubles as a great role model for kids," Rich said. "The group provides a good message for kids."



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ness of Gillan and Alsgaard to pressure Central's front court. It created Ranger turnovers and prevented them from pounding the ball inside to their all-conference forward Matt Lettinga.

The Red Arrows grabbed their first lead of the game at 4:40 of the fourth quarter on a bucket from Brad Koetsier. It was the first of two huge baskets by the Red Arrow center.

The second bucket came two minutes later when Koetsier drained a three from in front of the Lowell student section.

The bucket increased Lowell's lead from three to six at 46-40.

"It's a shot where I'm yelling no as he takes it, but after it goes in, 'well, we can live with it,'" Bush explained.

Down six with less than two minutes to play, Central went to Lettinga. The senior answered with three buckets

and pulled the Rangers to within one at 47-46.

Alsgaard hit one of two from the line with seven seconds remaining to increase Lowell's lead to 48-46.

With a number of fouls to give, Lowell was able to prevent Central from getting a shot off in the final seconds. "It's a huge win. We're 1-2 instead of 0-3," Bush explained.

It's the type of win Central is still seeking.

### Northview 69 Lowell 68

For the fourth time in as many outings, Lowell played in a game decided by five points or less.

For the third time in four games, the Red Arrows lost.

It's enough to turn the Good Humor man into a holiday Scrooge.

Lowell (1-3, 1-1) lost a

one-point double overtime thriller to Northview Friday night.

The Red Arrows led 9-7 after one period of play, but trailed 28-22 at halftime.

Lowell cut its deficit to four (40-36) after three quarters of play, and a 12-8 fourth quarter advantage sent the game into overtime deadlocked at 48-48.


The two teams traded buckets as they battled to a 57-57 tie after one overtime.

Northview outscored Lowell 12-11 in the second O.T. to pull out the win.

Aaron Alsgaard led all Lowell scorers with 19 points. Ryan Mix added 15.

Ross Wilson led Northview with 18 points.

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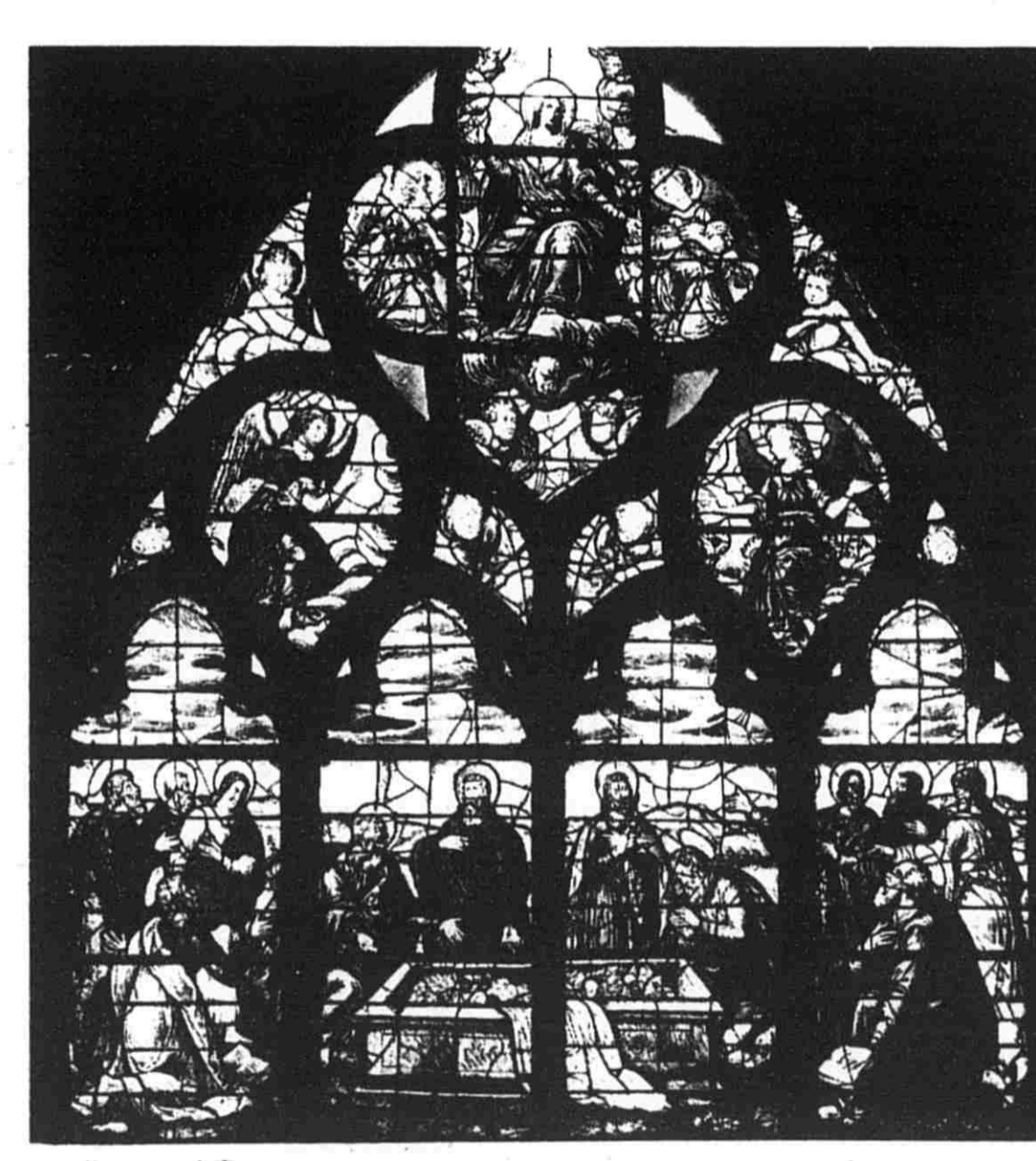
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Peter Weidenfeller, owner of property zoned Rural Agriculture (RA) and located at 860 Parnell Ave., in the NW 1/4 of Section 20, is requesting a variance to reduce the front line setback for the NW corner of a new home under construction. The house is partially constructed and the corner of the home is 6 feet into the front setback (9 feet of roof overhang).

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the township office prior to 6 p.m. on December 28, 1999.

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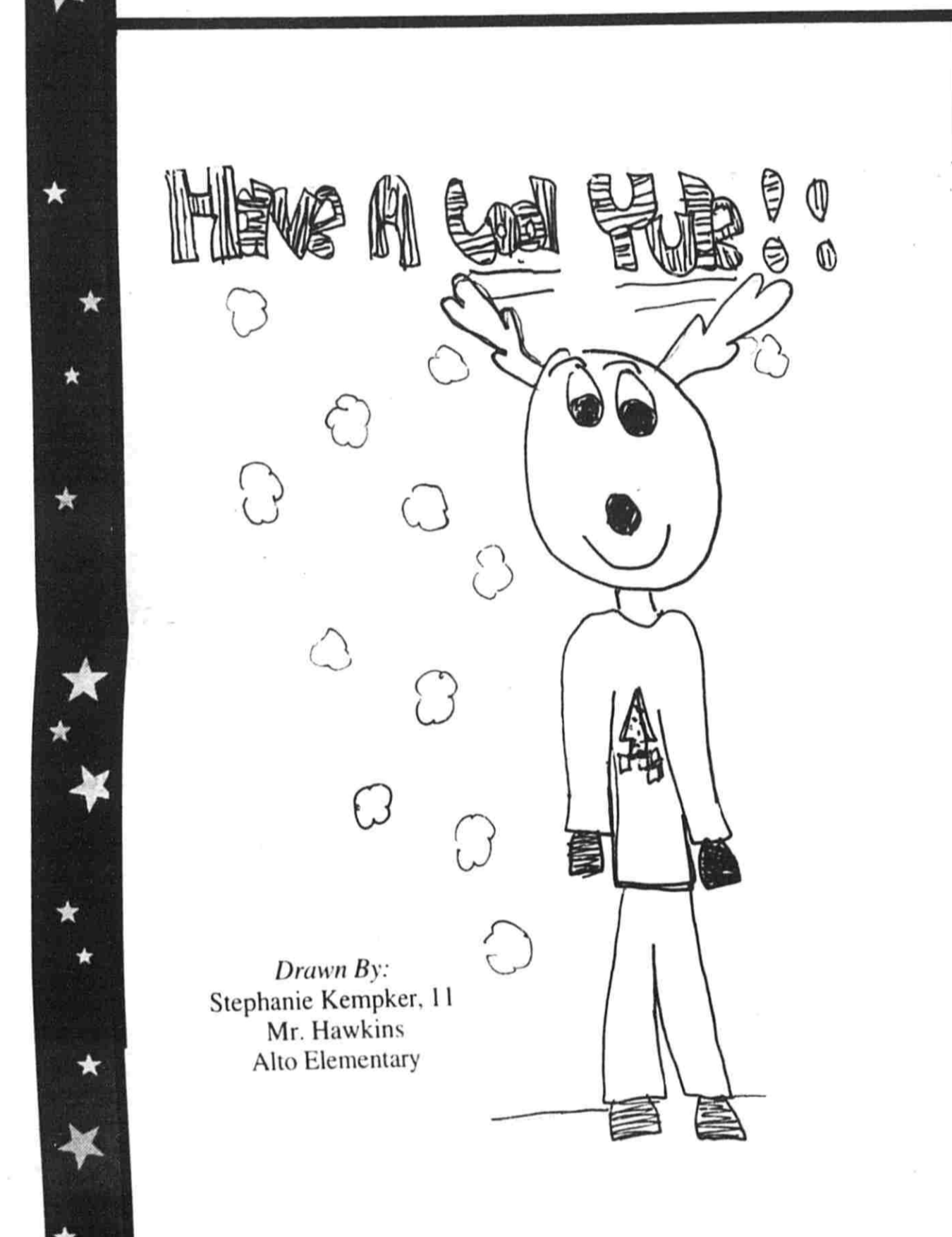
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Our family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, masses, and donations to Dan's favorite charities. I wish to thank all the visiting nurses over the past six weeks, Dr. Mogor, Fr. Fekete, Franciscan Sisters, Blodgett ICU & staff, all St. Mary's women who furnished & served a delicious meal after the Mass.  
Phyllis Lessens, children & grandchildren.



# YMCA's child care program fills a growing need

The conversion from single- to dual-family income has changed the way YMCAs do business.

It has created a growing need for before- and after-school licensed child care facilities.

"Up to 10-15 years ago there were only a handful of YMCAs which offered child care," said Will Welch, executive director of the Lowell YMCA branch.

The Y now offers a child development center at the First Congregational Church for infants and preschool children; a K-1 before-, during- and after-school program at Bushnell, licensed to care for up to 21 children and required to have one teacher for every 12 children; and a grades 2-5 after-school child care pro-

gram at Cherry Creek.

Karen Lezan, site director for the Bushnell child care center, says the program is very structured, allowing time for art, computers, reading, singing, art, field trips and free time.

The before- and after-school programs at Bushnell are full, however space is still available in its enrichment program during the day.

The full-time rate for the K-1 program is \$96; before and after, \$58; hourly, \$4.85; during kindergarten (on/off days), \$70; and half day (Friday), \$18.

"We also serve breakfast and snacks, and are allowed to use the school lunch program," Lezan said.

The successful programs are available because of the



Karen Lezan, site director for the Bushnell child care center, assists kids with their art project.

space provided by the church and two schools.

The Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund awarded the YMCA a \$17,000 grant, funding the startup of the Bushnell program in August. The Y also is a recipient of the United Way and other contributions.

Lezan has a bachelor's

degree in early childhood education from Central Michigan University.

"Our goal is to be accredited from the Michigan Education Association of Young Children by 2001," Lezan said. "It's a lengthy process, but it represents excellence."



## Fletcher appointed to township board

By Jeffrey Redmond  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Board has appointed a new candidate to serve on the township Board of Review. Gladys Fletcher of 12632 Grand River Dr. has been voted in unanimously by the trustees to fill for a one-year term.

She replaces the late John Stubbs and will complete the remainder of his appointment term which expires on Dec. 31, 2000. Treas-

urer Jean Huver is pleased to have Fletcher on the review board.

"Gladys was my deputy treasurer and has good experience with the tax rolls," Huver said.

Supervisor John Timpson was the original motivating force behind the nomination.

"I'm glad her nomination passed unanimously," Timpson said.

Others on the Board of Review are Richard Bryan and William Wieland

## LAHA seeks information on servicemen and women

In an effort to preserve the history of some of the area's servicemen and women, the Lowell Area Historical Association is collecting information on its service activity. LAHA will circulate a military records information form to be completed for each service person.

Service activity can be during either war or peace

time. "We ask that the servicemen and/or women write as much or little as they like," Judy Straub said. "Photos would be a great addition."

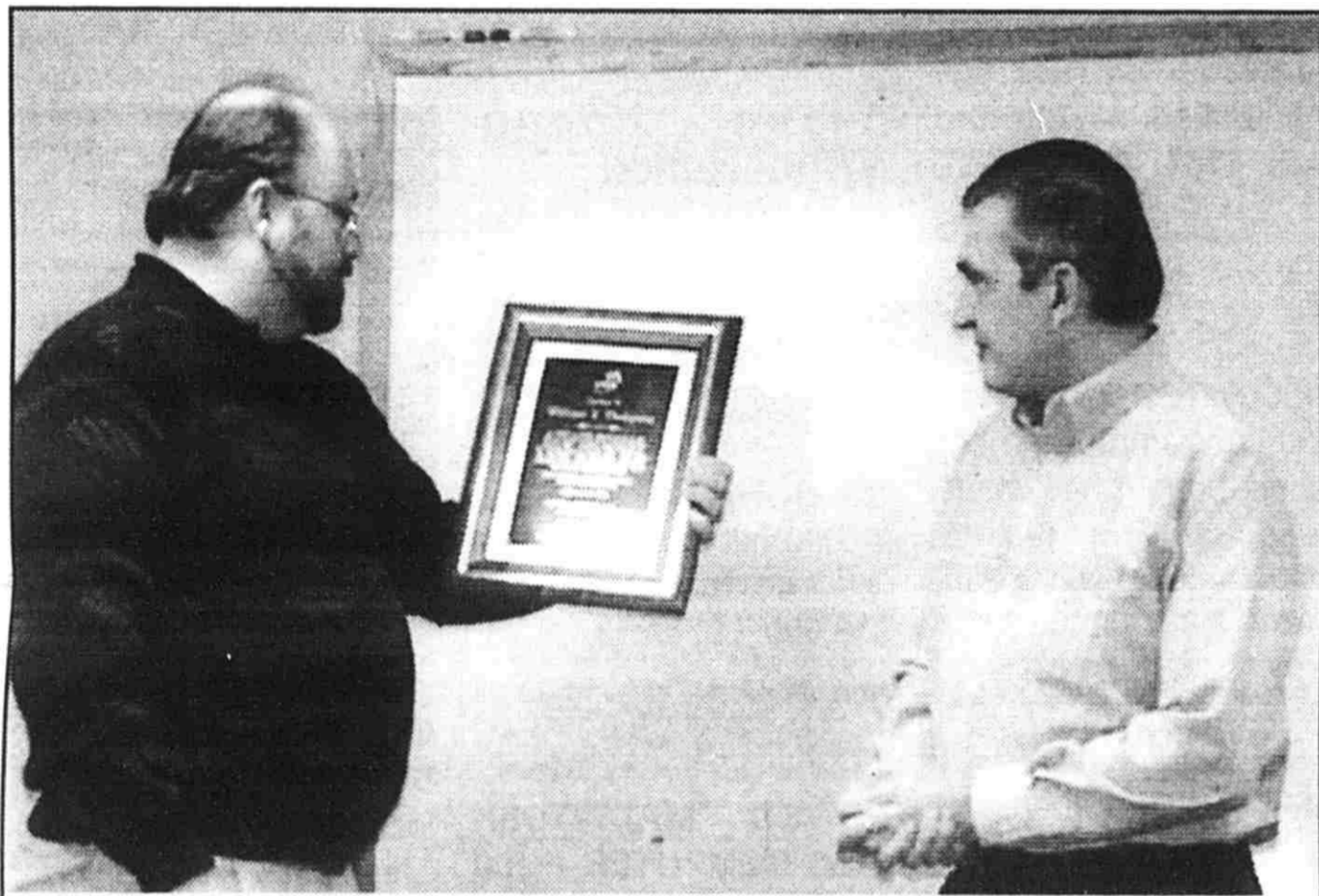
The forms will be placed in an alphabetized record book for current and future research used by anyone.

"We would like to collect this information about our servicemen and women be-

fore it becomes lost and unavailable to our future generations," Straub explained.

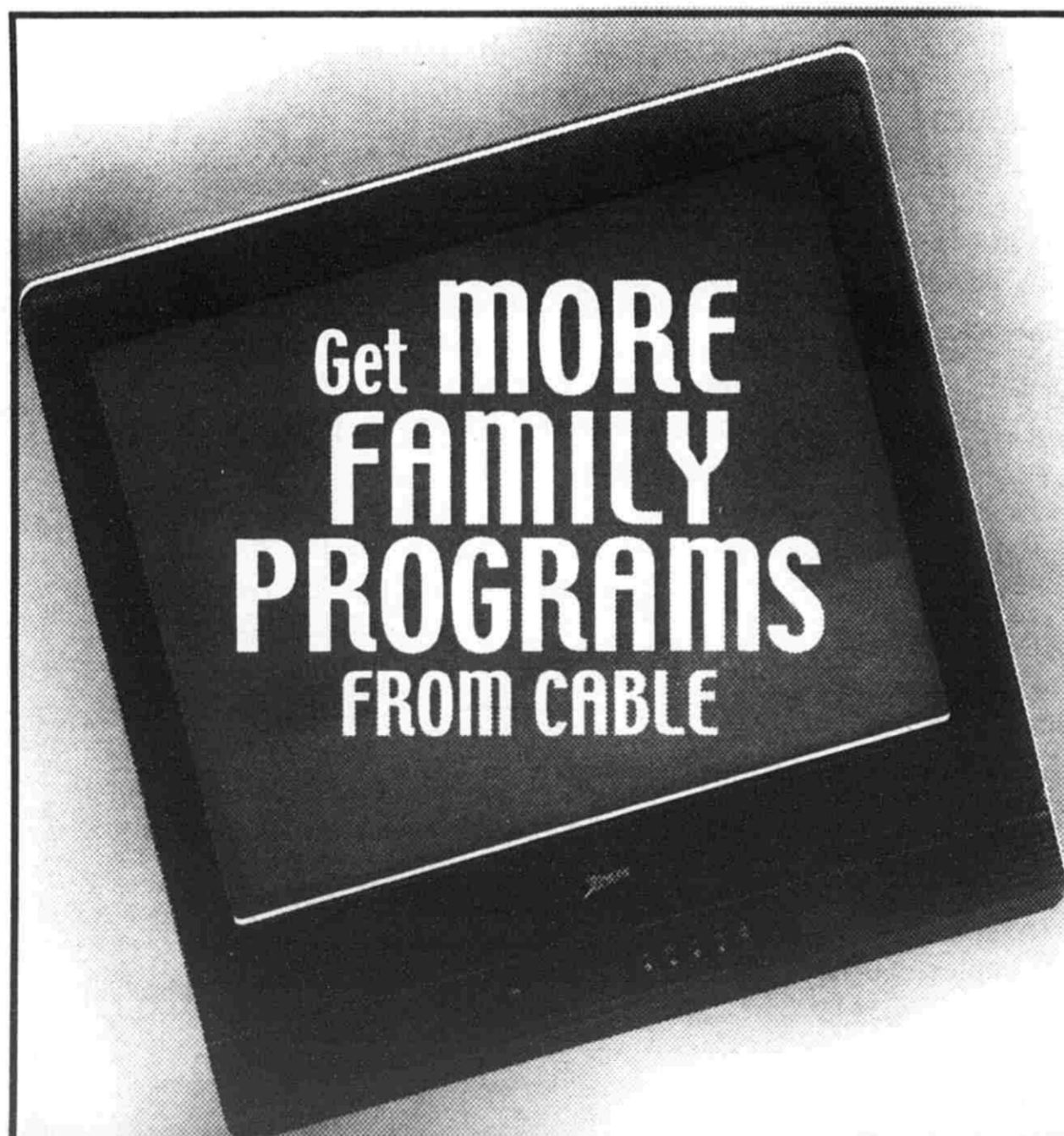
Forms are available at the LAHA office, 323 W. Main. Completed forms, information and photos may be mailed to the LAHA office (P.O. Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331).

For more information call LAHA at 897-7688 or Straub at 897-7904.



## Celebrating Public Service

Mayor Bill Thompson was recognized for his 18 years of public service on the Lowell City Council (four as mayor) Monday night. Above, councilman Don Green, left, presents Thompson with a plaque. Monday's meeting was Thompson's last.



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