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## Slippery Ride

Kent County motorists awoke to slushy, icy country roads Tuesday morning. An area motorist escaped without injury when her car slid off the road and rolled onto its side before coming to a stop alongside this tree.



## Rezoning Request Ratified

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission unanimously approves Meijer's request to rezone 22 acres on M-21 and Alden Nash from R-1 and R-3 to general commercial.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Stating that the master plan identifies it as the best location for commercial development, the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission approved rezoning 22 acres of township property from R-1 and R-3 to general commercial.

The rezoning came at the request of Meijer who proposes to begin building a 157,000 square foot store this spring/summer.

In stating his support for the rezoning, planning commissioner David Simmonds said the master plan calls for this type of development in the area (on M-21 from Alden Nash west to Cumberland).

Commissioner Carol Wells said her personal preference would be "no" to the rezoning and proposed Meijer development. She conceded, though, that the rezoning fits with what's laid out in the master plan.

"The township spent years putting a lot of thought and effort into the master plan," Wells explained. "We can't stop growth, but we can see to it that it's done in as good a fashion as possible."

The master plan gives the township a road map for smart growth - "one which will connect growth to the town and community," Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission chairman Richard Bryan explained.

Karrie Scudder, a city of Lowell resident, told the planning commission she hated to see any development and questioned whether the community of Lowell really needed a Meijer.

"What will Meijer bring to this community that isn't available to us 15 minutes in any direction?" Scudder asked.

Bryan explained that if everyone in Lowell went to the Cascade Meijer, each resident would travel 23 miles and use a gallon of gas helping to further pollute the air. "By having a Meijer in town, those automobiles stay in town and there is less pollution," Bryan explained.

Scudder disagreed. "Meijer just brings the pollution"  
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## Available CDBG monies for city may reach \$60,000

Those federal dollars known as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available on an annual basis for community projects.

There is an estimated \$42,992.80 available to Lowell Federal Community Development Grant funds. Or is there?

Tom Tilma, from the county community development office, says funds up to \$60,000 may be available for the city's taking.

Lowell will find out if it's eligible for any additional funds by Feb. 2.

Originally, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale proposed that \$40,000 of the funds be allocated toward the Flat River water main project with the remaining \$2,992.80 being allocated to the North Kent Transit program for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

The community block grant funds will not be available to spend until July.

The city, however, would like to expedite the Flat River water main project.

With the promise of additional funds, Pasquale has

added the South Hudson water main project to the grant list.

The city has already budgeted \$70,000 for the South Hudson project. Instead, it would use this money to expedite the Flat River project and then use the block grant money for the South Hudson water main project later in the year.

"The present main is experiencing cracking and must be replaced and not in use," Pasquale explained. The current cost estimate for the main is \$200,000. The remaining

allocations will come from the Water Fund and possibly a loan from the General Fund.

The city will also allocate \$2,992.80 toward the North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

The block grant is federal funds provided through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development for community projects, Pasquale explained. Because Kent County is so large, the county allocates the monies to the smaller communities to determine how the money will be used.

## School district staring down a sizeable 1999-00 deficit budget

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The pending \$388,651 shortfall the district could expect this year may be good news or bad depending on how you look at it.

It is approximately more than double what school officials predicted in July when the budget was put together, but it is \$200,000 less of what officials thought it would be after hiring several teachers to reduce class sizes and create or expand programs.

Originally, in July, assistant superintendent of finance and personnel, Connie Gillette said school officials guesstimated the district's revenue to be about \$23,315,351 with

expenditures at approximately \$23,484,917. This would have left a deficit of about \$169,566. At its Monday night meeting, the board approved amendments for the district's general fund and food service fund to reflect changes from the beginning of the year.

"It is always a delicate balancing act where you want to make sure you have a healthy fund balance against the quality of education for the kids in the system," said Lowell Schools superintendent, Bert Bleke.

After listening to the board in August, the district added several teachers to its staff to help reduce class sizes, expand the WINGS program for gifted and talented students, and create the middle school Spanish program. This also added

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# School of the Bible opens at Lowell Wesleyan Church

Lowell Wesleyan Church is beginning the new year with a new free program for the Lowell community called the School of the Bible.

The School of the Bible is running from 6 to 7 p.m. at the church on North Hudson St. "We'll simply open the Bible and read and discover together what God has to say," says Rev. Bill Price, pastor of LWC. "Through a systematic study, we can discover a lot about God, the human family and this world." The format is a discussion-oriented classroom. Study guides will be provided for every class. This is not a worship service. Pastor Price is challenging the LWC congregation to

become "students of the Bible" during the 2000 year. "No-one experts in a day - but with a little reading and a little studying, we're going to be a lot more confident. We'll know where to look to find important verses to help a friend or teach our children." The School of the Bible, which is open to the public, is one way to meet the challenge.

This year, the School of the Bible will look at everything the Apostle John wrote in the New Testament. That includes The Gospel of John, which began Jan. 9 (9 weeks); The Epistles of John beginning April 9 (7 weeks); and The Revelation of John, beginning Sept. 10 (11 weeks).

There is no cost. The School of the Bible is open to everyone, including children and teens. Christian videos will be shown to kids too young to sit through the classes. Classes are open to community members attending other churches or no church at all.

For more information about the School of the Bible on Sunday nights, or other ministries of Lowell Wesleyan Church, please call the church office at 897-6890.

## Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



Outside of the common cold, middle ear infections are the most common infectious illnesses in the pediatric population. Ear infections are important because of possible complications if not adequately treated. Recurrent infections can lead to hearing loss.

Otitis media is the medical term for a middle ear infection. It usually starts along with, or shortly after, an upper respiratory infection. The bug causing the cold or sinus infection spreads to the eustachian tubes and middle ear. Most kids will have had at least one ear infection by the age of three. Ear infections occur most commonly in kids due to their narrow eustachian tubes which can become easily blocked.

Symptoms of a middle ear infection include irritability, tugging of the ears, decreased hearing, fever, drainage from the ears and difficulty sleeping. The only way to diagnose an ear

infection is by direct examination with an otoscope.

Most physicians treat middle ear infections with a 7-10 day course of antibiotics. Sometimes a prolonged course of antibiotics may be needed to completely cure an infection. Some studies have shown that antibiotics may not be necessary in all ear infections. Fluid may collect in the middle ear after an acute infection and may take months to completely resolve. If the fluid persists in the middle ear for a long period of time, it can

impair a child's hearing during crucial language development. Your physician may recommend placement of P-E tubes through the ear drum which facilitates drainage of fluid from the middle ear, improving hearing.

Middle ear infections occur more commonly in bottle fed babies, in children exposed to smoking in the home, and in children attending a day care facility. Heredity does seem to play a role in middle ear infections.

## To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

Dear Editor,

"Once upon a midnight dreary..." E.A. Poe

At last night's meeting of the Lowell Township Planning Commission, I heard a couple of amazing things. I have noted the very poor public attendance at Township government functions, a matter of civic self-education. Here is a good reason, as the British say, to "get your finger out."

a) A reason to rezone for Meijer's is to relieve school overcrowding.

b) The Township busted a seven-year-old Master Plan in 1993 to create an industrial island at Alden Nash and I-96...to give the school district money.

Slowly: A general purpose unit of government, Lowell Charter Township, should employ its land use authority to get money for a limited purpose unit of government, Lowell Area Schools. I point out gently that under Michigan's constitu-

tional order, a school district is hardly without its own fiscal resources, which can be formidable. The much maligned and chaotic Detroit Public School District, for instance, has an exchequer so vast that only a few cities and counties can equal it. Oh well, even our Planning Commission can be allowed one off night.

By the way, to the best of my knowledge, a tax abatement is forbidden for a retail enterprise, but a lot has happened in this state over the past ten years. (I may or may not support the Maguire's, which is irrelevant to this study in government relations.)

"Is that all there is? Is that all there is? If that's all there is, my friend, then let's keep dancing. Let's break out the booze. And have a ball..." - Unknown

G.M. Ross

# TOWN TALK

## What good or harm do you believe a Meijer store will have on Lowell?



**Sam Patchett**  
I've decided it's bad for local merchants, but good for the economy.



**Tim Reilly**  
There will be better selection, hours and more jobs, although traffic will increase.



**Merritt Wissman**  
It naturally helps consumers and pricing but I think it will reduce the number of local entrepreneurs.



**Angela Palinkas**  
I think it is great. It will offer more job opportunity.



**Earl Esterline**  
It will provide more competition and let Lowell grow. It will also create more traffic.

### Marilyn Lupton

I think competition is needed. Meijer will bring more people into the community, but we will lose that small town feeling.

### Joan VanOtteren

It's too big. Meijer will increase traffic. I like small. It definitely will be a drawing card. People will have one-stop shopping.

### Rose Williamson

I stay in town and get what I need already. Lowell is already busy and this will just add more traffic.

### Pat Davis

At first I was ambivalent about it. I think the traffic problems it will create are going to be a nightmare. Meijer will create competition; however, we already have empty strip malls.

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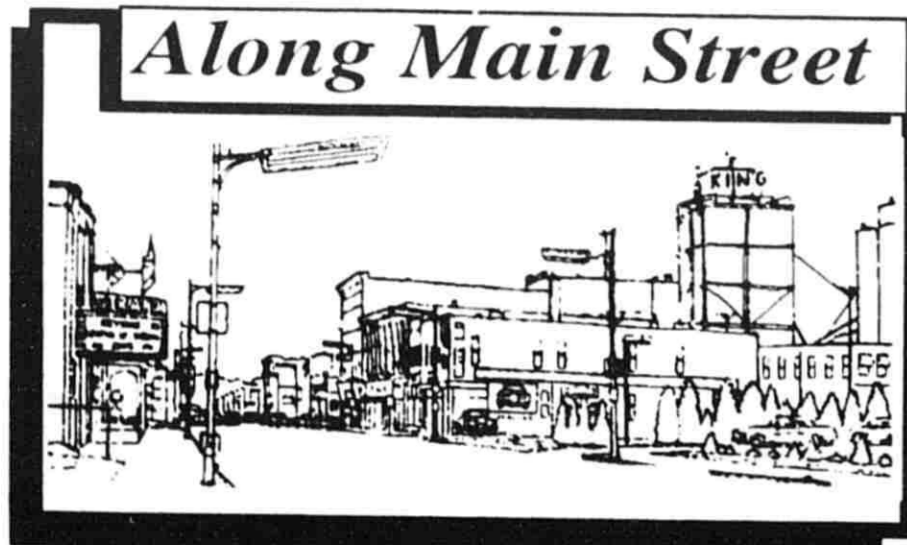
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## Rezoning, continued.... From Page 1

Bryan added Meijer would bring revenue into the Lowell community which would aid a growing school district. There was some disagreement as to how much power the township has in stopping development.

"I would have liked to shut the doors to Lowell 20 years ago, but I couldn't then and we can't now," Wells said. "We have a plan... if the developer obeys the laws we can't say 'no.' Even if we did, Meijer could take us to court. It has far more money than we, the township."

G.M. Ross accused the township of being much to humble about its power over land use. He also questioned its helplessness persona.

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costs to the district's budget, which would have put Lowell Schools about \$500,000 in the red, Gillette explained.

"We had a couple of factors, however, that changed all that," she said. "We had some revenue increases."

The district originally predicted only 60 new students for the 1999-2000 school year. The actual number is 104. Also the district received additional money in special education, which helped offset some costs, Gillette said.

So while the district's expenditures went up to \$24,589,171, its revenue also increased to \$24,200,520, which means the dip into the

fund balance will be about \$388,651, she said.

"And with all factors staying the same, meaning we get all of our revenue dollars and spend every dime on our 450-line item of expenses, our fund balance will have about \$24 million by the end of year," Gillette said. "However, we never get all of our revenue money and we never spend all of the line items."

Actually a number of factors can affect this year's budget. One is unanticipated expenses and revenues such as the high cost of gasoline, which is offset by a warm winter which can keep heating costs down.

Other factors include state and federal funds, interest rates, and budget planners crunching numbers.

"We will continue to count pennies in hopes of coming back to you in June

The lighting issue continued to be a main concern of residents... not only of Meijer but of any future development. Bryan noted that Meijer uses concave lighting to tone it down. Convex lenses are used so the light cannot spread out.

Wells added that Meijer has already worked well with an existing observatory in another community.

To insure that the same type of success would be achieved, the planning commission asked members of the observatory to work with it on lighting for any site plan.

The motion, passed by the planning commission Monday night, was only to approve rezoning of the property.

**FINANCIAL AID MEETING**  
A financial aid meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at Lowell High School. This meeting is especially for parents of seniors. Come find out how to pay for your son's or daughter's college and how to fill out financial aid forms.

**SLIDE PRESENTATION OF TRIP TO ETHIOPIA**  
A slide and video presentation will be shown on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center by Kate Dermocour who traveled to Ethiopia this past fall. It will benefit Lowell Area Youth Development. Refreshments will be served.

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**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP:**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Bowne, County of Kent, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the Township on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:

**PROPOSITION 1**  
**PROPOSITION FOR BOWNE TOWNSHIP MILLAGE INCREASE**  
Shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon all taxable property annually within the Township of Bowne, County of Kent, Michigan, be increased by 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000) on the taxable value of such property for a period of ten years, 2000 through 2009, both inclusive (estimated to provide revenues of \$77,737 in the first year of the levy) to provide additional funds for Township operating purposes?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000 IS MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

The Township Clerk will be in her office at the Bowne Township offices, 6059 Linfield, S.E., Alto, Michigan on Monday, January 24, 2000, the last day of registration for the special election, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m. for the purposes of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in the Township as shall properly apply therefor. Prior to Monday, January 24, 2000, the Township Clerk will be in her office on Wednesday and Friday of each week between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

This Notice is given by order of the Township Board of the Township of Bowne, County of Kent, Michigan.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Township Clerk

## IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Jason T. Plite has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn

credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Plite is the son of Dawn R. and stepson of Charlie Peterson of Lansing.

His father, Tom E. Plite, and stepmother, Gerri Plite, reside in Lowell.

In 1999, he graduated from Grand Ledge High School.



Air Force Airman Jason T. Plite

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL MICHIGAN

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 2000-2001 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

- Flat River water main crossing by North Street
- South Hudson water main from the railroad tracks to Grand Street
- North Kent Transit, assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

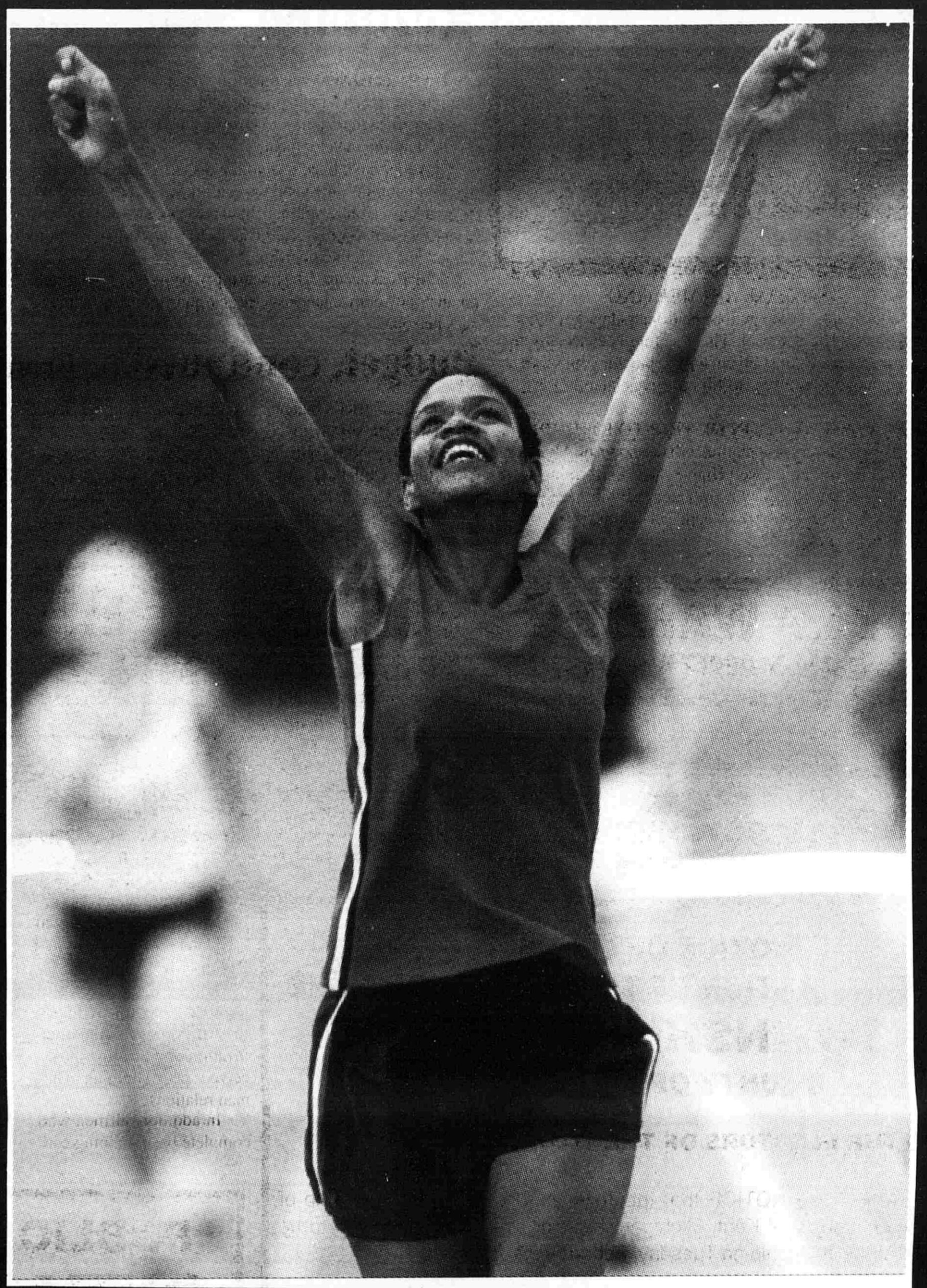
The County of Kent has allocated approximately \$60,000 of its 2000-2001 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

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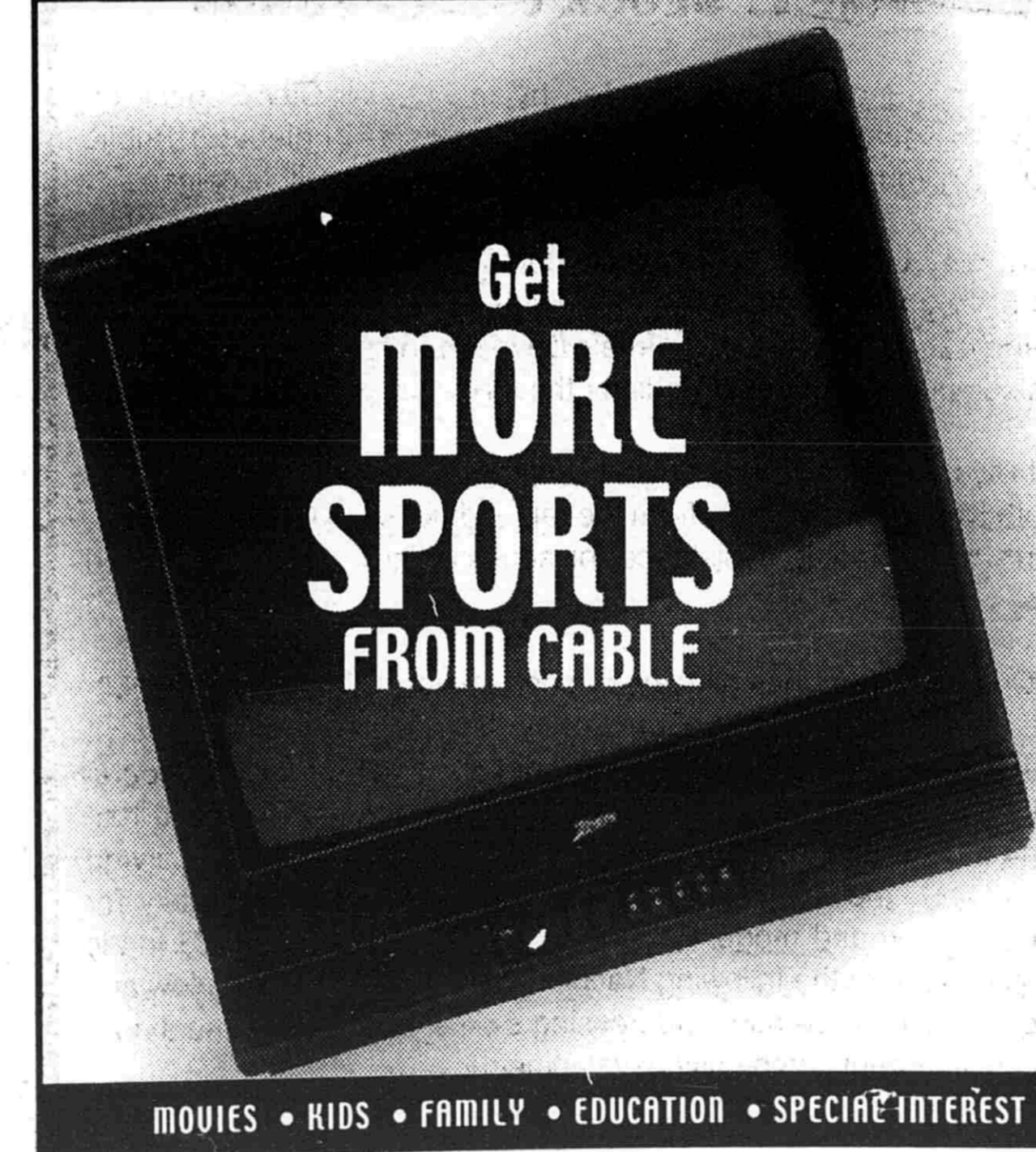
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SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 15, 2000. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

BASKETBALL: TNT Fri. 8 p.m. NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Indiana Pacers. FOXDT Fri. 8 p.m. NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Detroit Pistons.
BOWLING: TNN Fri. 10 p.m. Bowling Rockin' Bowl.
BOXING: HBO Sat. 9:45 p.m. Boxing World Championship - Roy Jones Jr. vs. David Telesco.

HOCKEY: FOXDT Sat. 7 p.m. College Hockey Ohio State at Michigan. WWMF Sat. 7:30 p.m. IHL Hockey Orlando Solar Bears at Grand Rapids Griffins.
GOLF: ESPN Fri. 2:30 p.m. Golf Caribbean Celebrity Classic.
RODEO: TNN Sun. 9 p.m. Championship Bull Riding Bud Light Cup Worcester.
SKATING: TNN Fri. 9 p.m. Rollerjam Teams to Be Announced.
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TUESDAY EVENING		BROADCAST CHANNELS										JANUARY 18, 2000	
7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			11:00	11:30
Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	JAG: The Return	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Dharma & Greg	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	Late Show Actor Freddie Prinze Jr.			News	Late Show
Star Trek: Voyager	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Inside the Animal Mind	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Dharma & Greg	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	Late Show Actor Freddie Prinze Jr.			News	Late Show
Newshour with Jim Lehrer	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Inside the Animal Mind	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Dharma & Greg	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	Late Show Actor Freddie Prinze Jr.			News	Late Show
Drew Carey	Seinfeld	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Party of Five	News	Fraser	Drew Carey	M*A*S*H	News			News	Late Show
Inside Edition	Friends	Just Shoot Me	3rd Rock From the Sun	Will & Grace	Dateline	News	News	Tonight Show	News			News	Late Show
Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	JAG: The Return	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Dharma & Greg	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	Late Show Actor Freddie Prinze Jr.			News	Late Show
Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Just Shoot Me	3rd Rock From the Sun	Will & Grace	Dateline	News	News	Tonight Show	News			News	Late Show
Alvin Slaughter	Dr. Mark Chironna	TCT Today	Kenneth Hagin Jr.	Hour of Healing	Praise the Lord							News	Late Show
Newshour with Jim Lehrer	Inside the Animal Mind	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Dharma & Greg	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	Late Show Actor Freddie Prinze Jr.			News	Late Show
Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Dharma & Greg	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	Late Show Actor Freddie Prinze Jr.			News	Late Show
Home Improvement	Fraser	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Party of Five	News	Fraser	Drew Carey	M*A*S*H	News			News	Late Show
Safe Harbor	Boys Will Be Boys	Chicken Soup for the Soul	Touched by an Angel	Diagnosis Murder	News	Destination Stardom	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart			News	Late Show

CABLE CHANNELS		CABLE CHANNELS										CABLE CHANNELS	
M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	X-Files	Married... With Children	Married... With Children	X Show	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips
Who's the Boss?	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy
Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos
List (R)	Before They Were Stars	Behind the Music	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll	100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll

PREMIUM CHANNELS		PREMIUM CHANNELS										PREMIUM CHANNELS	
Close Encounters of the Third Kind	Hoop Life	Beggars and Choosers	Rude Awakening	Linc's	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Close Encounters of the Third Kind	Hoop Life	Beggars and Choosers	Rude Awakening	Linc's	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Close Encounters of the Third Kind	Hoop Life	Beggars and Choosers	Rude Awakening	Linc's	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			11:00	11:30
Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels
Star Trek: Voyager	Real Life	Two Guys and a Girl	Norm Norm	Drew Carey	Spin City	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State
Drew Carey	Seinfeld	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
Inside Edition	Friends	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One	Twenty One
Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels	City of Angels
Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State	State of the State
Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Two Guys and a Girl	Norm Norm	Drew Carey	Spin City	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
Home Improvement	Fraser	Beverly Hills	90210	Get Real	Spin City	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
Safe Harbor	Boys Will Be Boys	Chicken Soup for the Soul	Touched by an Angel	Diagnosis Murder	News	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart

CABLE CHANNELS		CABLE CHANNELS										CABLE CHANNELS	
M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	X-Files	Married... With Children	Married... With Children	X Show	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips	Adoption tips
Who's the Boss?	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy
Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch	Celebrity Deathmatch
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## Feeling Good About Giving

Cindy Talcott, director of Christian Education, took six children from First Congregational Church of Lowell to deliver 25 boxes of Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The children earned the importance of giving to others not only during the holiday season but all year long. Pictured from left to right: Cody Chambers, Kelly Stevens, Matt Roth, Tony Dubbink (kneeling), Mike Roth and Kory Stevens.

Children from First Congregational Church of Lowell collected 25 boxes of goodies for Operation Christmas Child. The congregation helped with postage and items; the children helped with packing and wrapping. Back row, from left to right, are: Malley Cahoon, Caitlyn O'Haire; front row, left to right, are: Savannah Monroe, Al DeCenzo, Jillian O'Haire, Nathan LaWarre and Sarah Cyrocki.

## JV wrestlers hit their mark at Godwin Heights

At the Godwin Heights JV Invitational Saturday, Lowell had 14 wrestlers place in the top four of their weight classes. Earning first place were Jim Kelly, 3-0, 130 pounds; Luke Seitz, 3-0, 160; Tom Dawson, 2-0, 171; Mike Forward, 2-0, 171; Phil Moerdyke, 3-0, 189; and Matt Altoft, 3-0, 215. Taking second-place honors were C.J. Hauck, 2-1, 152

pounds; Brian Rasch, 1-1, 140; Mike Scott, 1-1, 160; and Jason Murray, 1-1, 189. Finishing third were Red Arrows' Kevin Rasch, 3-1, 215 pounds; Mike Junewick, 2-1, 171; and Tim Hill, 3-1, 152. The lone fourth-place honor went to Jeremy Goff, 2-2, 112 pounds.

Other Lowell competitors were Curtis Johnson, 0-2, 103 pounds; Cameron Corndyke, 1-2, 112; Braton Fredline, 1-2, 119; Nate Clark, 0-2, 130; Cory Foote, 0-2, 160; Alan Stiver, 1-1, 145; and Ben Barle, 1-2, heavyweight.

## Volunteers Needed!!

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is looking for individuals and groups to help with final projects as we prepare to open. Painting - light construction - clean-up - assembly of shelving - touch-up and trim work.

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Times/Dates:	Time
Tuesday, Jan. 11, 18, 25	1 pm to 4 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 12, 19, 26	6 pm to 9 pm
Thursday, Jan. 13, 20, 27	1 pm to 4 pm
Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29	9 am to noon

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## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2000 IN VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Vergennes Township, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Vergennes Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm; at the office of the County Clerk; at any Secretary of State branch office; or other designated places for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

At the Presidential Primary, votes will be cast for the following partisan candidates: Steve Forbes, Orrin Hatch, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Gary Bauer and George W. Bush from the Republican Party, and Donald Trump, Reform Party. There will also be a proposal from the Kent District Library asking for a renewal and additional millage to provide funds for District Library purposes, and the Township of Vergennes will have a proposal concerning millage for a gypsy moth suppression program to be administered by the township.

**The Last Day for Receiving Registrations Will be Monday, January 24, 2000**

On which day the Vergennes Township Clerk's office will be open between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm to receive registrations of electors qualified to vote.

### QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age on or before February 22, 2000
- Resident of Vergennes Township

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the township clerk or call the Michigan Relay Center TDD# 1-800-649-3777.

You must be registered to qualify as a voter.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## Focused & First

Lowell captures six individual titles in running away from the field at the Hastings Invitational.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in seven years, Lowell left Hastings' L.H. Lamb Invitational with the championship trophy.

The Red Arrow wrestling team finished with 206 points far exceeding its closest competitor and surpassing even their coach's expectations.

"After facing our December schedule, I knew these kids wouldn't be sluggish," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said. "I thought the boys would shine. They, however, far surpassed my expectations."

The Red Arrows won individual titles in six of the 14 weight classes. They also earned a second, three thirds and a fourth.

"What I'm most pleased with is we won a lot of close matches. That shows readiness and mental focus," Strejc explained. "We came in here with a high level of competitiveness."

The Lowell coach credits that to what he calls an "incredibly tough" December schedule.

Defending state champion Bill Stouffer tied a Lowell varsity school record for most wins with a pin against Grand

Ledge's Brian Cheyneat 1:52 of the first period.

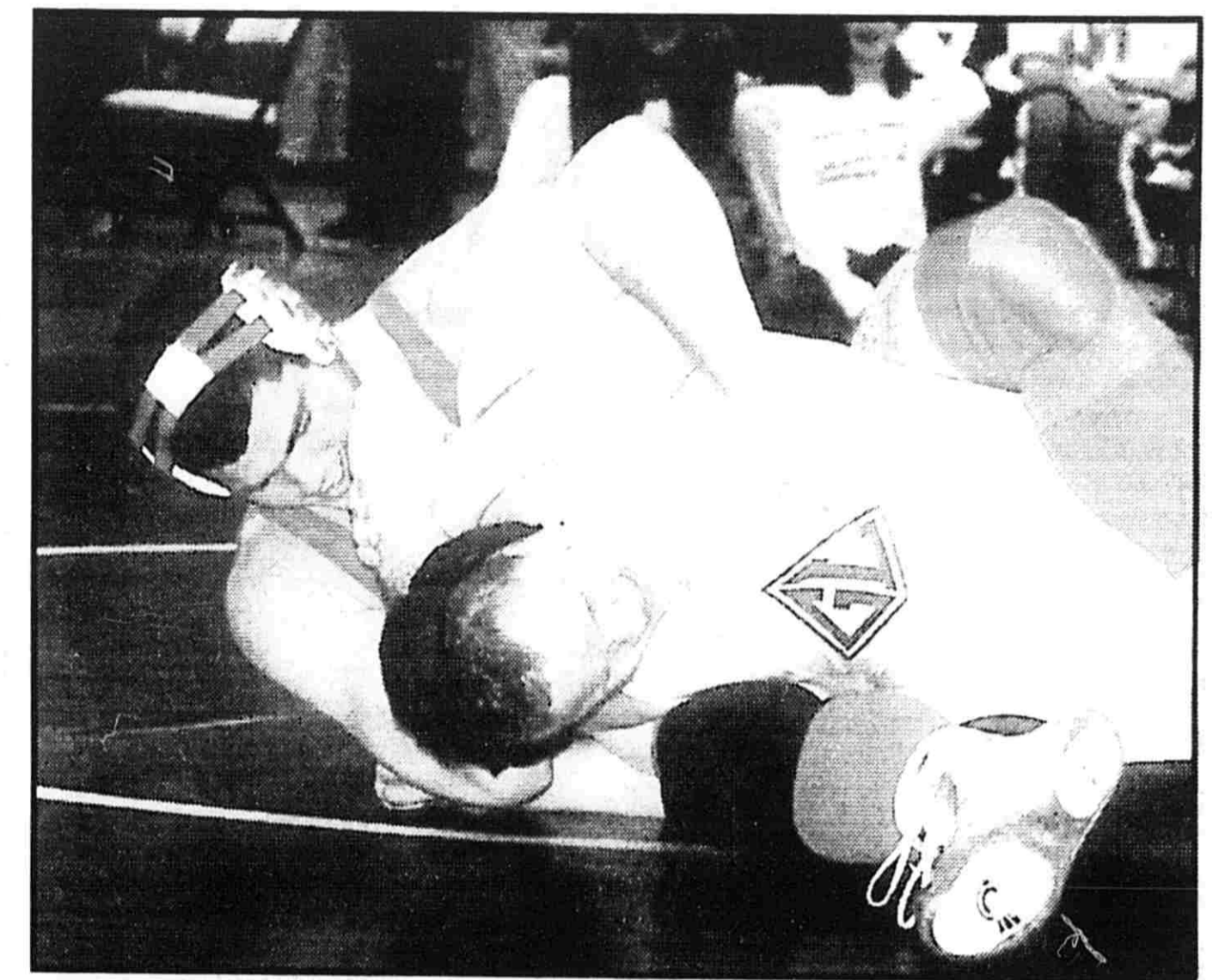
"I'm wrestling better than I have in a couple of weeks," Stouffer said afterwards. "I've been battling bronchitis."

For Stouffer, that was his 164th career varsity win, tying Dan Spicer's (1993-96) four-year mark.

Stouffer, however, still has over half of his senior year to go.

Including Saturday's three matches, Stouffer is now 17-0 this season.

"I've set a goal of 200 career wins," Stouffer said. Last year, Stouffer was 53-1. If he wrestles 54 matches



Bill Stouffer records a first-period pin in the title match at 215 pounds.

again this year, he could finish with 201 victories.

Matching Stouffer in victories and individual titles on Saturday were John McKay, 119; John Mendez, 125; J.J. Wilder, 130; Dan Rottier, 135; and Caleb O'Boyle, 140 pounds.

McKay defeated Harper Creek's Tim Waterman 16-0 in the finals. "John was a fifth seed going into the tournament. He was just tremendous," Strejc said.

Mendez upended Middleville's Bret Wiersma 15-4. Wilder decided Lakewood's Matt VanDorp 12-8.

Rottier defeated Charlotte's Eric Sherman 7-4. "Dan has made so many gains since the start of the season. His stance is better, his shots are better and he isn't making critical mistakes," Strejc said.

O'Boyle bested Charlotte's Scott Kinney 3-1. Lowell's Tom Oesch, 145

pounds, lost 5-1 to Grand Ledge's Tyler Hubert in the championship match. Hubert was named the tournament's most valuable wrestler.

Earning third place fin-

ishes were Nate Luebs, 103; T.J. Forward, 152; and Pete VanLaan, 160 pounds. Heavyweight Ben Vaught placed fourth.

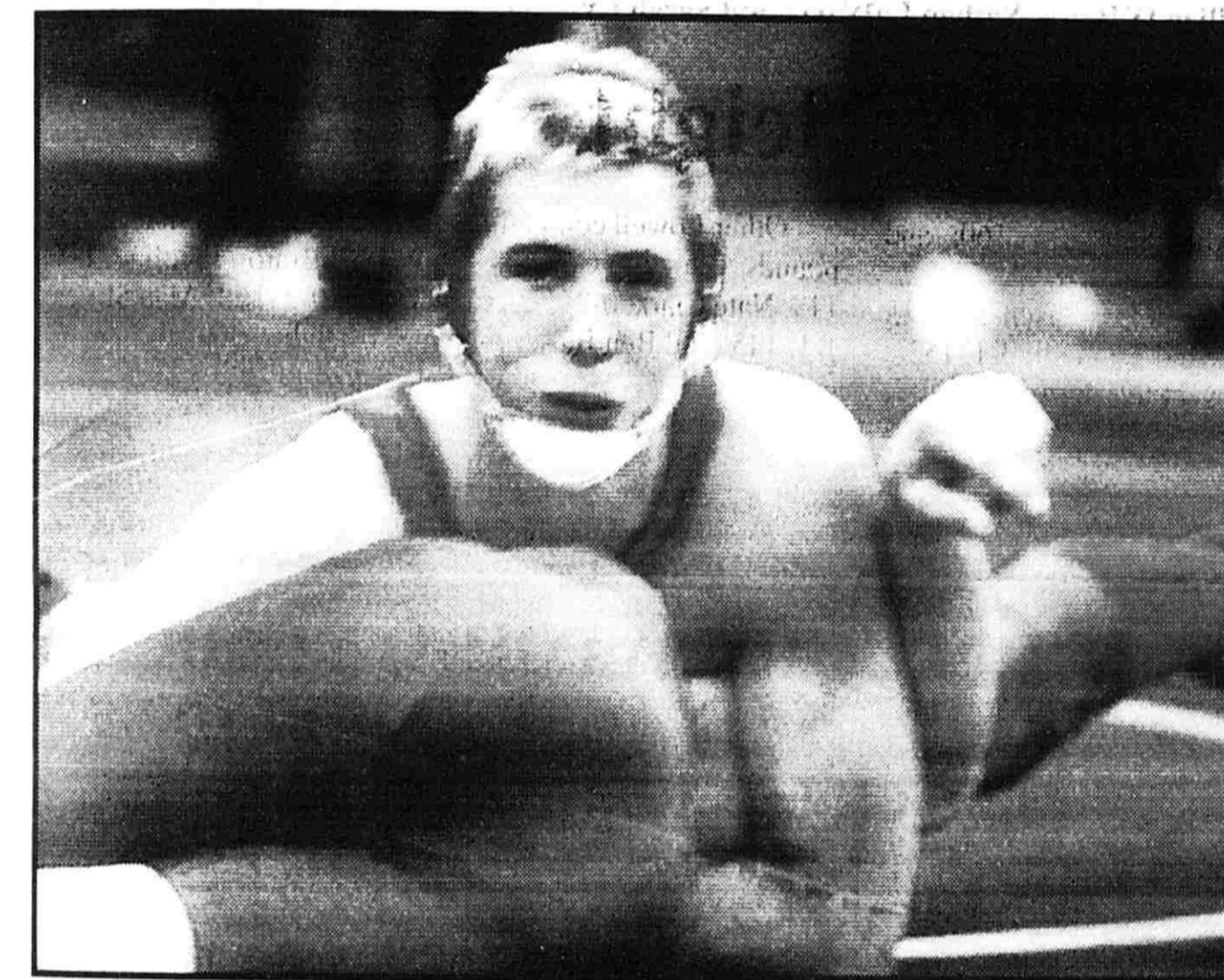
## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

DECEMBER 20, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes of November 15, 1999 meeting
- Treasurer's report/invoices, including Williams & Works Comprehensive Plan
- Motion to send proposed changes to private road ordinance back to Planning Commission for further recommendations
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 99-9, Unclassified Uses Ordinance, allowing unclassified uses to be considered for Special Exception Use Requests in the industrial and commercial districts
- Motion to appoint Tom Medendorp to the Construction Board of Appeals
- Motions to appoint Allan Baird, Art Warning and Colleen Lenihan to the Planning Commission
- Motions to appoint Scott Jernberg, Pete Gustafson and Roger Odell, alternate, to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Motion to approve township meeting schedule for 2000
- Motion to collect summer taxes for Lowell Area Schools, Grand Rapids Community College and Kent Intermediate School District
- Motion to direct Planning Commission to proceed with elimination or amendment of driveway setback ordinance
- Motion to enter into an agreement with owner of 13464 Forest River Court regarding dismissal of pending civil infraction
- Motion to continue discussion regarding proposed Community Cooperation Model/Recreation Committee
- Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk



Lowell's T.J. Forward took third in the 152 pound class.

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# Lowell icers skate past Northview; lose to Grandville

The Lowell junior varsity hockey team played in a scrimmage and a nonconference game this past weekend. On Saturday, the Red Arrows lost to a talented Grandville team by a score of 5-2, and then rebounded Sunday with a victory over the Northview Wildcats by a margin of 4-2.

One of the big goals of the Red Arrows coming into the Grandville scrimmage was to try to produce more solid scoring opportunities from its forward lines. The team stuck to its plan and jumped out to a 2-0 lead with only five minutes remaining in the first period. Daniel Woods opened the scoring at the 9:54 mark with a goal on an assist from Bryan Posthumus. Several minutes later, Chad Rau scored on a beautiful pass from Woods. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs answered with two quick goals at the end of the period to tie the score 2-2.

Lowell continued its aggressive play into the second period and had many good scoring chances but were unable to capitalize. Grandville answered with three second period goals to go up 5-2 at the end of the period.

Each team scored once in the third period to complete the scoring in a very evenly matched final period of hockey. Lowell's Eric Austin scored at the 3:23 mark on an assist from Eric Bailey. The Red Arrows outshot the Bulldogs by a margin of 29-21.

"A loss is always disappointing but we played a solid game and we're happy with the team's progress," said head coach Paul Jacobus. "We played much better position in the offensive zone and we created more high percentage shots. Anytime we get 29 shots on goal, we know that we're doing something right."

On Sunday, Lowell faced off against Northview for a second time in a week. Last weekend, the Red Arrows defeated the Wildcats by a score of 6-2. Both teams came out playing aggressively, and Northview scored the first goal with a little more than 10 minutes left to go in the first period.

The Red Arrows came roaring back, however, and answered with two goals late in the period to go up 2-1 at the intermission.

Woods opened the scoring for Lowell on assists from Rau and Jeremy Hanson. Several minutes later, Bailey scored on assists from Andi Larisch and Austin.

Northview tied the game in the second period which set up what proved to be a very physical and fast-paced third period. Bailey put Lowell up 3-2 with his second goal of the game at the 10:52 mark on an assist from Dustin Hofert. Then just 31 seconds later, Woods netted his second goal of the game on assists from David Maylone and Rau to put Lowell up 4-2. Goalie Jay Blair, who played the first and third periods, and first-year backup Rob Latva, who played the second period, made a combined 21 saves to hold off the Wildcats in the defensive zone.

"Overall, the kids really played a strong game," said Jacobus. "All four offensive lines forechecked well and were able to create some good opportunities."

The Lowell hockey team is a cooperative team with Caledonia.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

**NOTE OF THANKS** The family of Albert Ingenthron would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all their friends and neighbors for the support, food, cards and hugs during Albert's final illness. We also include in this thanks, Father George of St. Mary Church, Keiser's Kitchen, and the St. Mary Ladies for the wonderful luncheon. Special thanks to Stu and Jean Erbenbraut for their unending kindness and to Dr. Joan Miedema for seeing this illness through with love and compassion. The Ingenthron family.

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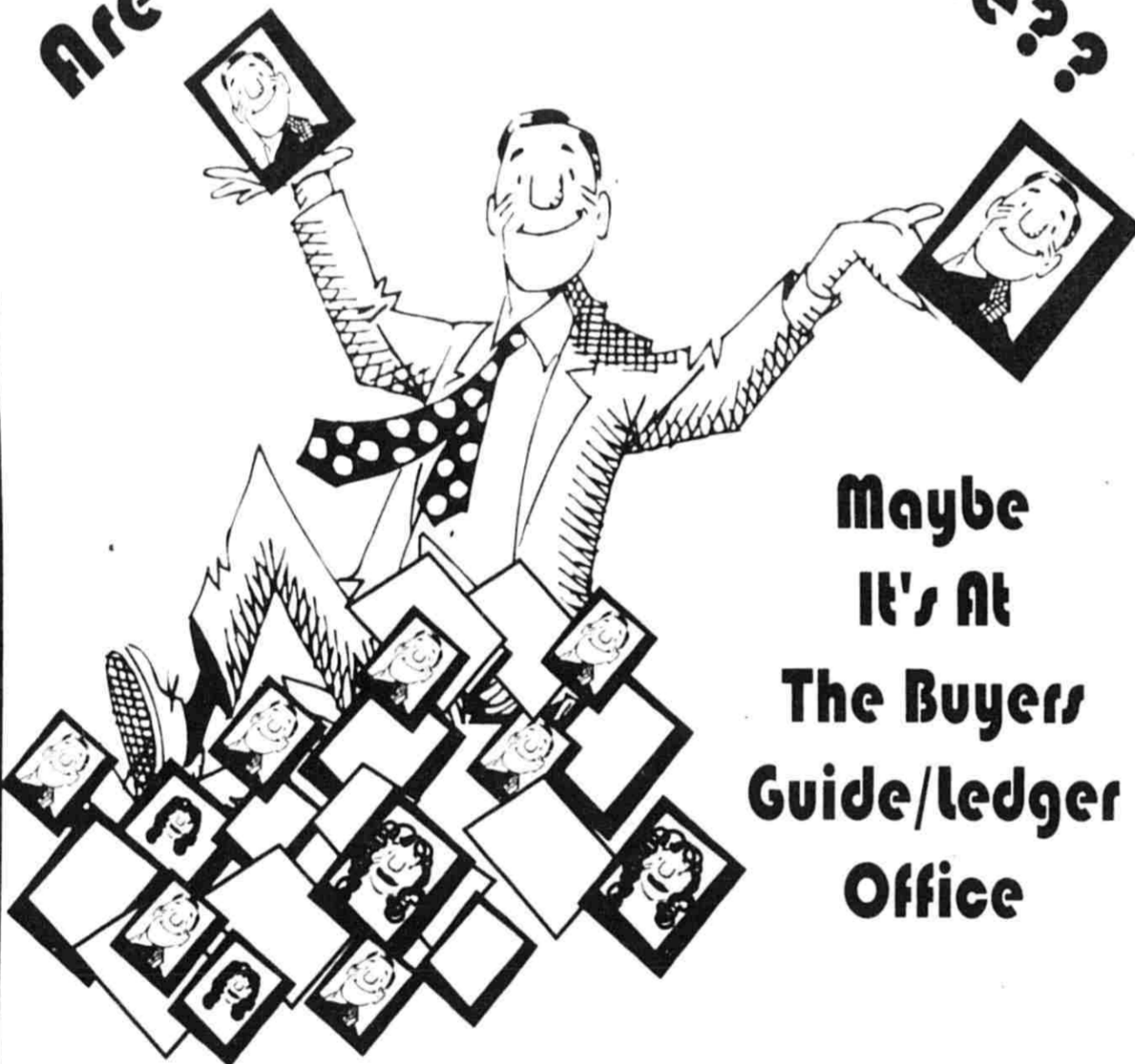
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**Lowell City Directories** are scheduled to be printed in April, 2000 If you have changes to your listing or wish to be added, please call 897-9560.

# Year-long activities to help celebrate YMCA's 40 years in Lowell community

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

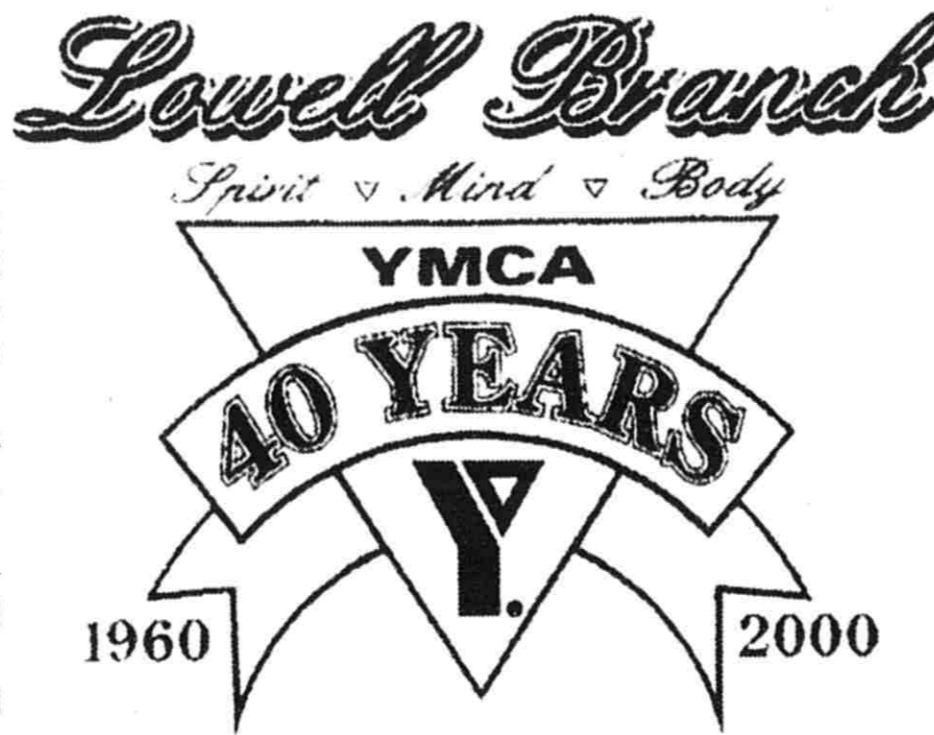
The Lowell YMCA is throwing a year-long party. "Y".... to celebrate its 40 years in the Lowell community. "The YMCA wants to use this as an opportunity to thank the community for its support over the years," explained Lowell YMCA executive director Will Welsh who came to the Lowell branch in mid-August. "I've seen evidence of that support everywhere I go."

Welsh and his staff have organized monthly activities throughout the year; the first is a sledding party slated for Jan. 29 at Lowell High School.

The YMCA staff will be serving hot chocolate and cookies while children and their families sled from 10 a.m. until noon.

A Valentine's dance has also been tentatively scheduled for Feb. 12.

"The Y invites everyone to come out and participate in



these activities," said Welsh.

Over the years the Y has been busy serving the Lowell community.

For the past 15 years, the Y has organized a successful Invest In Youth campaign in an effort to raise funds for program scholarships.

"We have seen tremendous growth in this program, especially over the last five years under the leadership of Rick Seese," Welsh explained.

Since 1994, the Y has opened three child care centers (Congregational Church, Cherry Creek Elementary and Bushnell Elementary).

The Y has also been the leader in providing recreational activities for the youth of the community.

Welsh wants the branch to continue that, but also become more involved in community events such as the Lowell EXPO, parades and Kent County Youth Fair.

"It's all about showing support and becoming more involved," Welsh concluded.

# City's hard surface discussion hardly a smooth one

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For now, at least, the Lowell City Council has given a statement of support rather than an amendment to the zoning ordinance involving the requirement of hard surfaced driveways in residential districts.

That doesn't mean discussion won't linger. In fact, discussion does linger as to whether the language in the zoning book and the city code book are in complete alignment as to hard surfaced driveway requirements.

Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden believes clarification is still needed. "One says up to the driveway approach and the other says all park facilities, driveways shall have a hard surface."

Planning commission chairman Dan Brubaker says he believes the two books do work together, in that where one leaves off, the other picks up.

In Sec. 19-26 of the code book under new construction, it

states the owner of any property within the city upon which a new residential, commercial or industrial building is to be constructed shall be in conjunction with such construction, construct sidewalks and any necessary retaining wall and driveway approaches in the public right of way adjacent or abutting such property.

In Section 19.03 B of the zoning book under parking area application and design, it states all parking facilities, access driveways, and commercial storage areas shall be hard surfaced with a pavement having an asphalt or concrete binder, shall be graded and drained so as to dispose of surface water which might accumulate within or upon such area, and shall be completely constructed prior to a certificate of occupancy being issued.

"The existing ordinance is clear in that it requires access driveways to have hard surfaces up to the approach of the right

of way," Brubaker said. "The code book is clear in that the driveway approach must also be a hard surface."

Any amendment to the code (from Section 19-26) would mean all driveways and driveway aprons prior to that date would not be required to comply.

There are currently five properties on the city books which are required to put in hard surfaced drives.

The existing ordinance, supported by the council, requires the driveway be paved up to the city right of way.

The ordinance pertains to all buildings erected, altered or extended after Jan. 26, 1996.

The issue of hard surfaced access to off-street parking facilities initially arose when Mark Osburn, 742 Grindle, requested a variance because of the driveway's location.

The issue will be taken back to the planning commission for further review.

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It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen.  
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—Aristotle

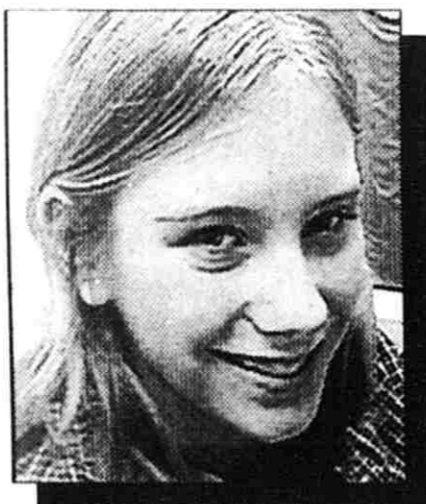
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Registrations will be taken at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, Michigan between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States.

### Also on the ballot will be a local question for Gypsy Moth spraying -

Shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon all taxable property annually with Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan, be increased by one-half mill (\$.50 (fifty cents) per \$1,000) on the taxable value of all included properties for a period of three (3) years, 2000 through 2002, inclusive, to provide funds for the spraying of microbial (non chemical) insecticide from airplanes or helicopters for the purpose of killing and eliminating gypsy moth larvae and caterpillars throughout the Township (estimated to provide revenues of \$43,397.39 in the first year of such levy)?

yes  
no

Only registrations received on or before January 24, 2000 will qualify persons to vote in the Presidential Primary Election held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township