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City reaches agreement with VFW on building and parking lot

••• VFW will receive \$175,000 for its property, one year free rent and six months usage of the parking lot.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Then there was one!
The city of Lowell and the VFW (Post 8303) reached an agreement on the sale of the VFW building, 307 E. Main, and parking lot following months of what were at times arduous negotiations.

The two sides agreed on

a price tag of \$175,000.

The terms of the contract allow for the VFW to use the facility rent-free for a year and continue to use the parking lot for six months; the city will pay closing costs.

VFW commander Gordon Marshall said the year would give the Post time to locate property for a new VFW hall.

"Our desire is to be debt-free after purchasing a parcel of property and constructing a new hall," Marshall said. "It may take a couple of years to find property. If it does, the VFW will bank the money and earn some interest."

Lowell mayor Mike Blough said the agreement came about because both sides were committed to do-

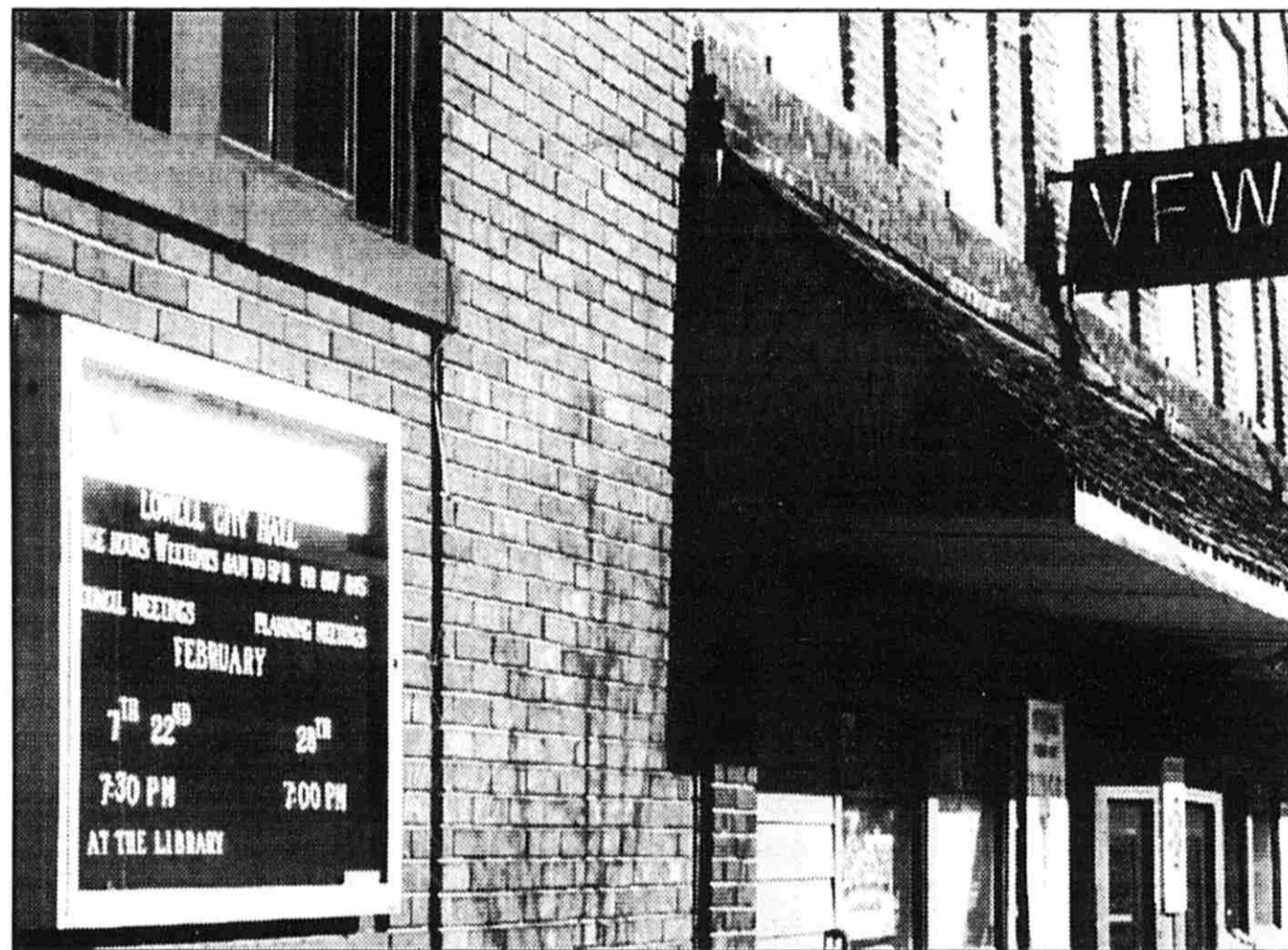
ing what's right for the city and VFW. "The VFW has been an integral part of the downtown for a long time," Blough explained.

The Lowell mayor said the city would look at the logistics of moving city offices into the VFW building through renovation of the City Hall/police station.

As to what the city's plans are for the VFW building once renovation work is completed, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said that has not yet been decided. "Selling would be an option," he added.

The city has now acquired six of the seven properties considered necessary for the renovation project.

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The purchase agreement reached between the city and the VFW allows the Post to stay in the building, rent free, for the next year.

General manager optimistic about the future of Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Since mid-December, 150 Lowell Cable customers have been hooked up to digital cable...another 15 are waiting.

"Those numbers have doubled our demand projections to this point," said Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television general manager Ron Holcomb.

The growing digital numbers and recently passed cable rate increases, Holcomb believes, will help the company turn around its financial picture.

The 1998-99 cable audit revealed the company is losing six cents on every dollar. "I am confident with the rate adjustment and the digital programming package, we're going to change that," Holcomb said.

The cable company's debt, based on assets, is four times the size of Lowell Light & Power in terms of percentage (not money).

The rate increase should help accelerate long-term debt payment.

Financial questions aside, Lowell Cable Television has embarked on a partnership with Lowell Schools regarding the operation of the public access channel and launched a digital cable program within the last year.

In conjunction with Lowell Light & Power, other accomplishments include starting a formal safety and training program, installing a new main frame computer system, and adopting and implementing an FERC accounting system.

Holcomb adds that the future will include a high speed internet service, commitment to upgrading both distribution systems, and maintaining focus on the needs of customers.

"The skill level required to operate a company like Lowell Light & Power requires a broad knowledge of a lot of subjects," Holcomb explains.

In an effort to create a profit-oriented business structure, Holcomb has reorganized the company.

"Before it used to be the superintendent and then ev-

erybody else," Holcomb said.

Now it's the Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television Board; general manager (Holcomb), operations manager (Jeff Mullins), marketing/programming manager (Tom Richards), and administrative manager (Mary Sawka).

As to LL&P's side of the ledger, the general manager says the power company is in better shape than most utilities its size.

Holcomb supports that statement by noting that LL&P has no long-term debt; however, that will change... maybe as soon as next year.

"There is a need for a new substation and reconstruction of our distribution line," Holcomb explains.

While most utility companies earn 5.4 cents on every

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Lowell mayor, Mike Blough presents a certificate to Steve Doyle, Historic District Commission chairman, recognizing the Downtown Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Standing with Doyle are members of the commission. Looking on from his council seat is Ray Quada.

Lowell placed on National Register of Historic Places

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Stating it was a key element to economic development and revitalization of the historic downtown architecture, Historic District Commission chairman Steve Doyle announced that the Lowell Historic District has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The designation, awarded by the National Park Service, Department of Interior, recognizes the significant historic architecture of the area and the role that Lowell's historic buildings played in the early development of a retail-shopping district.

Being listed on the National Register of Historic Places allows property owners of the district a 20 percent tax credit on any interior and exterior rehabilitation that

meets the United States Secretary of Interior guidelines.

The state of Michigan created a tax credit for historic restoration late last year. It allows for a 25 percent tax credit. There is a three-year sunset provision on it.

Property owners in the district will therefore be able to take advantage of the 20 percent tax credit from the federal government plus an additional five percent from the state, totaling 25 percent.

"The buildings in the downtown are survivors," states Jim Doyle, chairman of the Historic District Study Committee. "Lowell has seen many floods and fires and the wrecking ball. Hopefully this designation will further encourage Historic District property owners to take greater interest in repair and rehab efforts." District, cont'd. pg. 8

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OBITUARIES

COMPAGNER - Edwin Compagner, aged 90, of Saranac, passed away January 31, 2000. He was born April 13, 1909 in Allegan County, the son of Arend and Anna (VanderLeest) Compagner. He was a member of the Lowell Board of Trade. He was a resident of Saranac since 1918. He married Maxine Cahoon June 4, 1932 in Angola, IN. She preceded him in death March 4, 1997. He is survived by sisters Gertrude and Floyd Brand of Saranac, Linda Blaser of Belding and Rita Porter of Schoolcraft. He was preceded in death by one sister Katherine Rush. Cremation has taken place and

there was a memorial service held Thursday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer officiating. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Saranac Community Church.

CZAJKOWSKI - Joseph A. Czajkowski, aged 53, of Lowell, passed away February 2, 2000. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Catherine; sister and brother-in-law Kathy and Terry Daugherty. Joe is survived by his brother Stephen of Lowell; sister Karen and Don Holstine of Lowell; aunts Dorothy Jelesma, Janice

MITCHELL - John Franklyn Mitchell, aged 86, of Rockford, passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2000. He was preceded in death by his grandsons Randy McBride and Steven Mitchell Jr. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Ruth; son Steven (Sharon) Mitchell of Grand Rapids; brother Joseph Mitchell and sister Helen Zigmont, both of Lowell; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday with Pastor James Yerke officiating at the Rothgerst Chapel, Lowell. Visitation 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell.

PARKER - Mrs. Gloria Jean Parker (Lovins), aged 58, of Byron Center, formerly of Grandville, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, February 3, 2000 near Gulf Shores, AL, her winter vacation spot. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Kenneth R. Parker, both retirees of the GM plant on Alpine. She is also survived by her three daughters and their husbands, Sherri and John Kolenbrander of Lowell, Kelly and Timo-

thy Knight of Grandville, Barbara and Douglas Brown of Grandville; she has four precious grandchildren who were her pride and joy, Kasey Knight 15, Greg Knight 13, Kyle Brown 3 1/2 and Ryan Brown 1 1/2. She was preceded in death by her sister Marion Kowalczyk; her mother Bessie Cline and her father Kenneth Hills. Gloria is also survived by her life-long friend of 46 years, Joyce Smith. Gloria also has three stepchildren, Colette Bergman of Cedar Springs, Dolores (John) Nagelhout of Howard City and Kevin (Joanne) Parker of Sand Lake together with 10 step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that friends do as she did and make a contribution of time to those you love. The family would welcome stories of the good times you shared with Gloria as a keepsake to her young grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Cook Memorial Chapel. For those unable to visit the

family at the funeral home please sign the memory book at www.cookfuneralhome.com.

STANFORD - Cecil Benton Stanford, aged 79, of Gowen, formerly of Lowell, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 1, 2000. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Alma Jean Stanford; his children Vern Humfleet, Iris and Barry Johnson, Marvin and Jeannie Stanford, Jim and Lin Stanford, Ron and Peg Stanford, Donna and Dennis Brown, Mary and Tim Henderson, Carl and Sandy Stanford, Patty and Herm Beute, Keith and Kelly Stanford; his 24 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; sisters Edna Marcum and Dorothy and L.B. Marlow; brother-in-law Ken and Lyn Cooper and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Ella May, Sterling, Ulia, Elmer, Jay, Beatrice, Robert and Carl Edward. Funeral services were held Thursday at Hurst Funeral Home, Greenville.

with Pastor Mike Austin of Liberty Baptist Church officiating. Burial at Floral View Memorial Gardens, Grandville. The family wants to give a big thank you to Shawn Davis and all the nurses at Hospice and in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Hospice.

STERZICK - Ardis J. Sterzick, aged 67, of Lowell, passed away January 31, 2000. She was preceded in death by her brother Dick McCaul; sister Gail Wolfe, Mrs. Sterzick is survived by her niece Victoria (Robert) Lee of Lowell; nephews Steve (Debbie) Burrows, Scott Wolfe all of Lowell, Chris (Mary) Wolfe of Grand Rapids; several great nieces and nephews; and one great-great-nephew. Ardis retired in 1995 from the Kent County Road Commission after many years of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Public invited to view Kuilema's pottery

The Friends of the Englehardt Library invite the public to view the stoneware pottery and architectural tile ceramics of Mary Kuilema, as the Friends meet in Kuilema's studio at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

The studio is located at 3159 Pratt Lake Road in Lowell. This program is for adults, and registration is required. Participants may have the opportunity to make their own

ceramic tile, so they should dress appropriately for working with ceramics.

Kuilema's pottery has been exhibited at the Lowell Area Arts Council as well as at the Fallasburg Festival and

the Potters' Guild Show.

For more information or to register for the Pottery of Mary Kuilema program, please call the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library at 897-9596.

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Video store owner removes adult videos from shelves, while fighting for right to make own choice

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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As president of the Michigan Chapter of the Video Software Dealers Association (VSDA), Station Break Video owner Bruce Patrick fights for the right to rent adult videos.

Last April, Patrick exercised that right, and began renting adult videos at his 2173 W. Main St. location in Lowell.

"As an industry, adult videos are discussed a lot," Patrick said. "They are a way for smaller video rentals to compete with the national chains such as Blockbuster." Patrick said. "For many, adult video rentals can represent 30 percent of their revenues."

Patrick's decision to begin renting adult videos came about because of increased

competition and road construction. The owner shakes his head when confirming the impact construction had on Station Break Video.

"I just felt with construction and increased competition that I may need an added source of revenue," Patrick said.

Eight months later, Station Break Video had survived both. "Construction had more of an impact than the competition," Patrick said.

It also made more of an impact than renting adult videos. "I was never comfortable renting the videos, which is why I discontinued this line on Monday (Jan. 31)," Patrick said.

Patrick notes that during the eight-month period, adult videos were responsible for roughly five percent of his

revenue which is considerably lower than the average.

"I have five stores and prior to April had never carried that line of video, but have remained successful," Patrick said. "The families that come into my video stores are comfortable without that line of video being offered... that's enough for me to not offer it."

Patrick says, however, he will continue to fight for the right to carry that line of video if he so chooses.

On the cable issue currently being discussed in the community, Patrick applauds the cable company's decision to take a survey.

"I don't mind that those channels are offered on pay per view. I think the company should leave them in. Pay per view and the movies shown



Bruce Patrick, Station Break Video store owner, who was never comfortable with selling adult videos, removed them from his store shelves.

on it are only seen by those who choose to purchase them. There is also a lockout option available to customers."

COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its fall 1999 dean's list. To earn a spot on the dean's list at Calvin requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Students on the list from this area included: **Michael E. Befus** and **Seth D. Renkema** of Lowell and **Nathan A. Ter Beek** of Alto.

This past fall Calvin was honored by U.S. News & World Report as not only one of the best regional universities in the Midwest (the only Michigan school so honored), but also one of the top buys in the Midwest. Calvin was honored to play host in January to the Michigan Republican Presidential debate, featuring GOP candidates Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes, Orrin Hatch and John McCain.

Calvin also has been honored in the past by such prestigious sources as the *New York Times*, the Templeton Honor Roll for

Character-Building Colleges and Peterson's Guide to Colleges and Universities.

Established in 1876 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Calvin has a 1999-00 enrollment of 4,273 students. Only about 25 percent of that student body achieved dean's list status during the fall semester.

A total of 4,322 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1999-2000 academic year at Western Michigan University.

Students from this area

include: **Ronald Howard Acheson**, **Betsy Renee Elzinga**, **Brianne Gallert**, **Emily D. Hovinga**, **Joel T. Humphries**, **Terresa A. Kenney**, **Laura E. LaHaye**, **Katrina E. Robinson**, **Amy Lee Stauffer**, **Tamara Sue Stauffer**, **Sara R. Triplett** and **Elizabeth M. Zeeuw** of Lowell; **Jonathan H. Ballega** of Ada; and **Mandy Jacobs**, **Rachel D. O'Connor** and **Shane S. Risner** of Alto.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Joan Wittenbach

I laughed right out loud in the library when I opened the book, *David and the Trash Talking Giant* by Joel Anderson. Talk about unique! This is the well-loved story of David and Goliath from the Bible. The book is illustrated in a way that I've never seen. Abe Goolsby, a designer and illustrator, has done a remarkable, challenging layout of this story. I've heard it said that, "Variety is the spice of life." This book is spicy!

Every page is filled with imaginative junk/trash that is arranged in scenes from the story. It is fun to look at what was collected and then set in story form for this book. "Oh, look, the ground is dried peas," and "Oh, look, look how they made the Lion!" Giggles come and go all during the time we read.

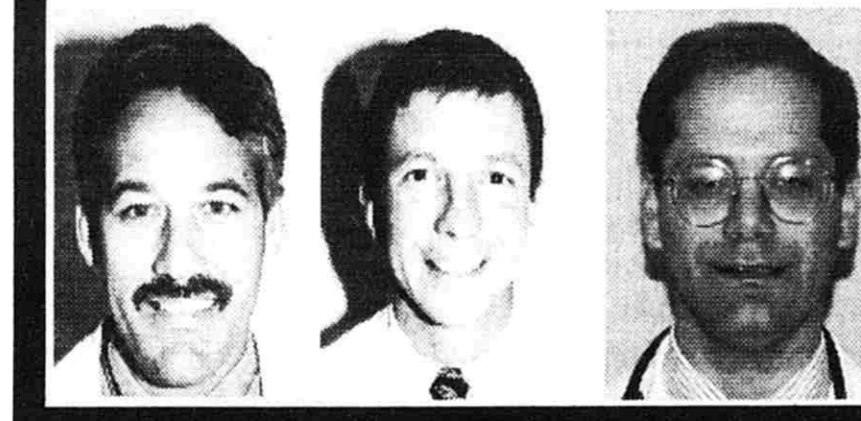
Golf balls, ping pong balls, clothes pins, jewelry, pieces of yarn and odd bits of cloth color the pages. I laughed when I noticed the trees on one page were broccoli stems. Fruit Loops and Cheerios, cheese crackers and macaroni decorated part of a porch. And old socks, and clothes pins, yo-yos and

throw away jewelry with old sheriff badges adorn the room of King Saul.

Every page is a delight. Look over a page five times and you always find something you didn't see before. And the fun part is the Trash & Treasure Hunt on each page. For instance: The page that shows David singing to King Saul, the Treasure Hunt says to look for: Five yo-yos, six paper clips, and six things for your hair. Spot a fish, a bird, a key, a screw, and a

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SEBORRHEIC KERATOSIS

There are many different diseases of the skin which range from benign to life threatening. In general, the axiom followed regarding the health threat of a skin spot is whether it has changed. Many "moles" people are born with and they basi-

cally stay the same over time, but some develop later in life. The question is whether the new mole is a problem.

There is a particular type of mole which is acquired later in life called a seborrheic keratosis. These dark rough patches can develop anywhere on the body - usually on the back and chest. They may itch, but the most distinct characteristic is that they are flat and have a tough callous-like feel. The size varies widely from a few millimeters to several centimeters. Basically a seborrheic is a thickened multiple layer lesion composed of the dead surface layers of skin.

The problem with these lesions is they tend to change with time, the color may change as well, which throws them into the realm of the suspicious lesions. Because these patches can change, it is important that a trained professional examine them to be sure they are benign. If a seborrheic is identified, then it is a simple matter of whether to remove it for cosmetic purposes or leave it. The lesions are most often frozen off with liquid nitrogen, but there is a high chance that more will develop. Seborrheic keratoses are a nuisance but they are usually benign.

LHS names its January students of the month

Being chosen as Student of the Month is an honor because one student is selected by each of several departments each month. Students are chosen on the basis of talent and exemplary work in a particular area.

Leah Offenbacher, a senior, is the Art Department's choice. She is the daughter of Diane Offenbacher of Lowell and Jay Offenbacher of Saranac. Leah is active in LHS extracurricular activities including Art and Drama Club, International Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, the all-school play and the school track team.

She plans to attend Kendall College of Art and Design next year to study interior design. Her favorite classes are studio art and college English. Her teacher nominator says that she has shown tremendous creative and personal growth in her artwork this year and is a fine example for others to observe.

Brad Spoelman, a senior, was nominated by the Technology Department. He is the son of Steve Spoelman of Woodland and Susan Spoelman of Lowell. His extracurricular activities include Business Professionals of

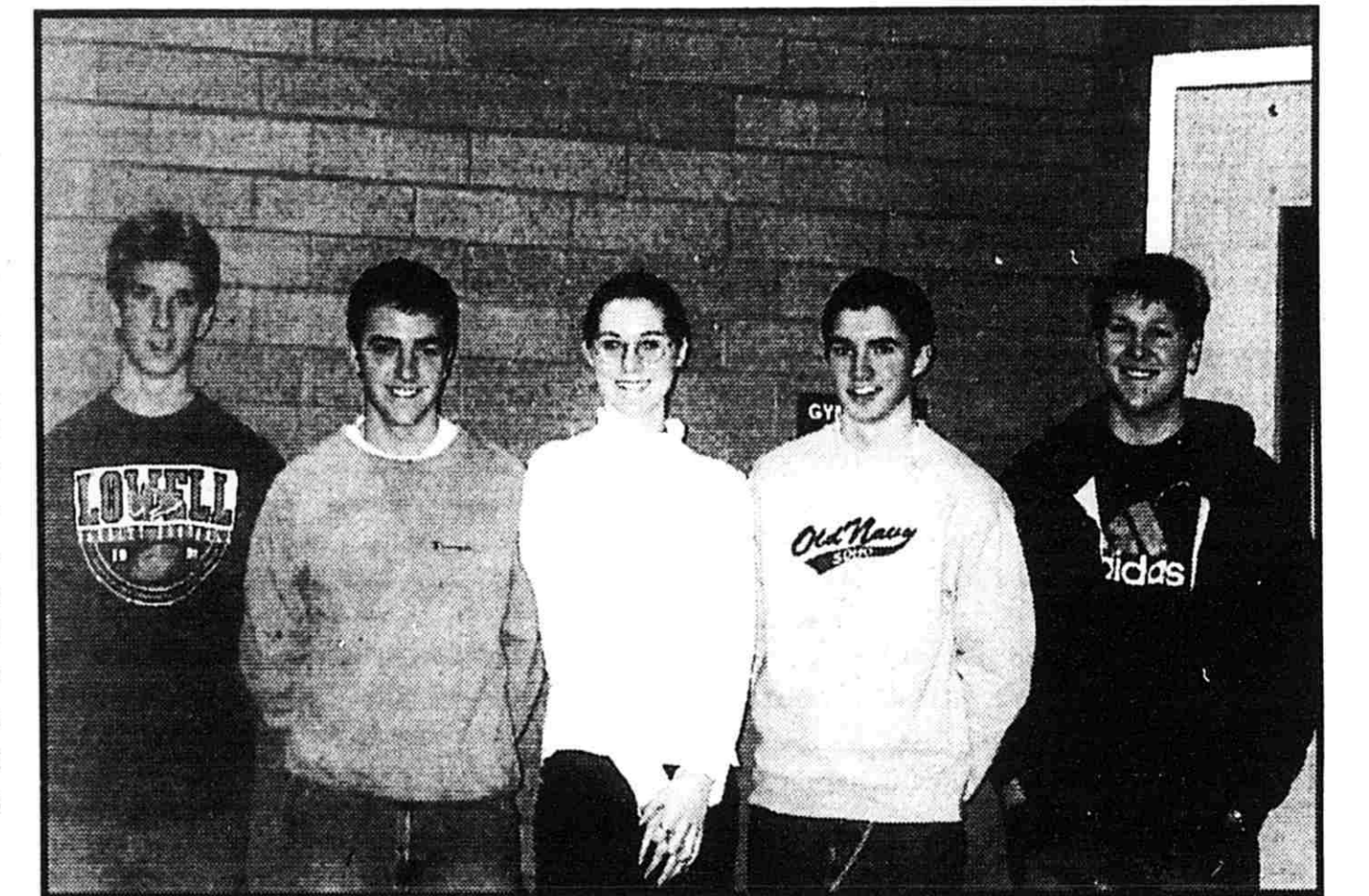
America, Art and Drama Club, crew member of the Lowell Performing Arts Center and the LHS football and powerlifting teams. His favorite classes are drafting and art. He plans to attend GRCC for two years and transfer to U of M to earn masters' degrees in both architecture and urban planning. His teacher nominator says that he is a very motivated student who is dedicated to his class work.

Jim Jastifer, a senior, was chosen by the Science Department. He is the son of Bob and Chris Jastifer, of Lowell. He is active in National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Model UN and the soccer team. Next year he plans to attend either Michigan Tech or Aquinas. His teacher nominator says that he has continually set the standard of achievement in his physics class and is a valuable member of the Science Olympiad team.

Brad Jackson, also a senior, was selected by the Agriscience Department. He is the son of Paul and Margaret Jackson, of Lowell. At LHS he has participated in wrestling, football, Project Pals, and currently is president of FFA. Next year he

plans on attending GRCC, then transfer to MSU. His teacher nominator says that he has been an outstanding student in agriscience all through high school.

Josh Fisher, a freshman, was the choice of the Drama Department. He is the son of Thomas and Ellen Sue Fisher. In his first year at LHS, he is a member of the Student Council, an LPAC crew member, and takes part in forensics. His favorite class in English. He has won an award for a poem and had a story and poem published. His teacher nominator says that he gives 120 percent to his classwork.



Students of the Month, from left to right, are: Brad Spoelman, Brad Jackson, Leah Offenbacher, Jim Jastifer and Josh Fisher.

Wesleyan Church offers DivorceCare program

DivorceCare, for persons experiencing the pain and hurt of separation or divorce, will again be offered by Lowell Wesleyan Church beginning Sunday, Feb. 13.

This highly rated 13-week support-group program provides participants with expert advice and support each week on topics such as anger, loneliness, grief, money matters, child care, bitterness, forgiveness and more.

DivorceCare will meet Sunday nights from 6 - 7:15 p.m. at the Lowell Wesleyan Church Ministry Center located at 1188 Lincoln Lake Ave. in Lowell.

The program facilitator, Don Schneider, says, "This pro-

gram which we have offered since 1997 has helped scores of individuals navigate their way through some very painful times. It's the most effective ministry of its kind being offered in this area."

DivorceCare is available to all Lowell area residents. There is no fee. Church affiliation is not required to attend. Participants may wish to purchase a workbook (\$10) after visiting a couple of sessions. Pre-registration is suggested but not required.

To register or for more information, people interested in the program may call the church office at 897-6890.

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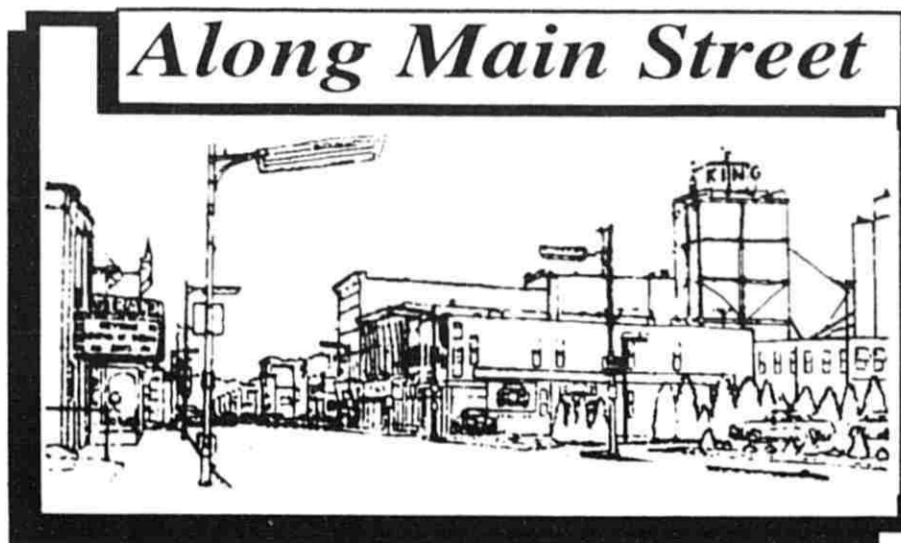
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LOWELL YMCA DANCE-A-THON
Help the YMCA celebrate their 40th birthday by coming to a family Valentine's Dance-A-Thon on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bushnell Elementary gym.
For more information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

GYMNASTICS MEET TO BE HELD AT LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL
Parents Night for the Lowell gymnastics team will be held at Lowell High School on Tues., Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. when Lowell hosts the meet against West Catholic High School.

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CHRISTIAN ROCK CONCERT
Fishers Net will be coming to the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 26. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling 897-0728. Showtime is 7 p.m.
This is a family and youth event sponsored by St. Patrick Church in Ada.
PHONE BOOK RECYCLING
Lowell United Methodist Church will again be the site for drop-off of used phone books. These books go to Nu-Wool and are processed into insulation for Habitat For Humanity.
The container is located in the church parking lot which is at 621 E. Main.

VFW, cont'd... From Page 1

The final parcel of property the city seeks is that of Audrey Dykstra at 310 Avery St. The city manager explained discussions have been held with Dykstra's representative.
In other news related to the City Hall/police station construction project, the city approved the acquisition of 12,870 square feet of Runciman school property (north side of Avery between

District, cont'd... From Page 1

The district has received several grants from the Lowell Area Community Fund, totaling over \$100,000, thus creating incentives for rehabilitation.
In the last several years, many buildings have received facade improvements under the guidance of the Historic District Commission.
"We are seeing a gradual return to the original historic character of the downtown," Steve Doyle said. "We have a long way to go, but it is evident progress is being made."
The Downtown Lowell Historic District was established as a local district in 1996 and includes 55 properties. Most

LL&P/Lowell Cable, cont'd... From Page 1

dollar. LL&P earns just two cents.
"That obviously means we're operating on thinner margins. That will have to increase so we can create capital to reinvest," Holcomb explained.
LL&P accomplishments over the past year include removing non-operational engines; installing a new engine cooling system and ancillary engine support systems; acquiring adequate spare distribution transformers; and starting long-term distribution planning.
"This all happened through the hard work, dedication and commitment on the part of the employees of Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television," Holcomb concluded.

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LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, March 1 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

ing of the path in the play area, relocation of the play equipment, and the purchase of bark for the path as well as under the playground equipment.
The price is based on the removal and replacement of the existing fence, the rerout-

buildings date from between 1870 and 1900 and are predominantly in the Italianate style of architecture. The historic significance of the district, in addition to its architecture, includes the district's role in the early settlement of Lowell and establishment of a commercial Main Street.
"Lowell's placement on the National Register of Historic Places is just one more piece in the economic revitalization puzzle as well as a feather in the cap of this historic city," Jim Doyle concluded.

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Alley Kats not bowled over by age; just by friendships, hobby has scored

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vella Sanders knows her bowling won't win her any prize, but still being able

are Ella Thompson 81; Kay Fox 89 and Erna Snedegar 73.

"We're older than the other teams in the league, so

Snedegar carries a 119 average. Sanders 118, and Fox, 124.

The group's name is carried over from another league

for five years. "It's a lot of fun and I like being around the ladies," Snedegar says.

Snedegar became inter-

ested in bowling after buying property next door to Fox.

"She asked me if I wanted to

come bowling one day and I've been bowling ever since."



Members of the Alley Kats, pictured from left to right, are: Ella Thompson, Kay Fox, Vella Sanders and Erna Snedegar.

to bowl at the age of 88 is reward enough.

"I've been bowling for nine years now. It gets me out of the house and it's good exercise," Sanders said. "Some days I bowl well and some days bad." Good or bad ... it always puts her in the company of friends.
The Saranac woman averages 118 in the Misfits League on Wednesday afternoons at Lowell Lanes.

Sanders is the oldest on a team that has a combined age of 331 years.
Her "Alley Kat" partners

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in which Fox bowled. "In another league I bowled in, our name was the Happy Hookers. I raised a fuss and got it changed to Alley Kats," Fox explains. "I like bowling, it's good exercise for me. The only thing that will keep me from bowling now is if I die."
The Alley Kats have been bowling in the mixed league

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING AND BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a budget hearing at the February Regular meeting of the Lowell Township Board on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000 AT 7:00 P.M.

As Monday, February 21st (the regular meeting date) is a holiday and Tuesday, February 22nd is Election Day for the Presidential Primary, the meeting will be moved to Wednesday, February 23rd, at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

In accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the township hall during regular office hours.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should, prior to the public hearing, write or call:

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
2910 Alden Nash, SE
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TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2000

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Bowne, Kent County, 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 _____

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the polling place for the special election will be the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that all qualified and registered electors of the Township are entitled to vote in the special election.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE of the following statement by the Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, setting forth all voted increases in the total tax limitation in local units of government affecting taxable property in the Township and the years said increases are effective.

STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, KENNETH D. PARRISH, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the county of Kent, State of Michigan, hereby certify that all of Bowne Township is located with the boundaries of said County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said Township as follows:

Unit	Voted Increases	Years Effective
By Kent County	.84 Mill	1990 to 2009 Incl.
	.25 Mill	1998 to 2005 Incl.
By Caledonia Community Schools:	18 Mills	1999 to 2000 Incl.
By Lakewood Public Schools:	18 Mills	1995 to 2004 Incl.
By Lowell Area Schools:	18 Mills	1996 to 2000 Incl.
By Thornapple - Kellogg Schools:	18 Mills	1995 to 2004 Incl.

Dated: January 5, 2000 at Grand Rapids, Michigan
KENNETH D. PARRISH
Kent County Treasurer

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the polls of said election will be kept open continuously between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the day of election.

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

SANDRA KOWALCZYK
Township Clerk

TOWN TALK

The presidential primary races are a few months old - at this point who do you think will win the Republican and Democratic nominations?



Karen Burritt
I'm surprised George W. Bush has done as poorly as he has. In the end, though, I think he will win. I also think Al Gore will probably win the Democratic nomination.



Sandra Kinyon
Bush seems to have the popular vote. Gore, I think, has a good chance. People seem to be behind him.



Bill Onan
Gore because of his popularity. McCain because he's a veteran and there is a lot to be said about his character.



Julie Longway
Bush will win the Republican nomination; Gore, because of his experience and familiarity, will be the Democrat.



Phillip Matuk
McCain because I believe he is speaking out about what people want to hear. Gore because he's the only one the Democrats have to back.



Maureen Nurmikko
I think John McCain is gaining a lot of momentum. Gore, because he's the vice president.



Arleta Swartz
George W. Bush and Al Gore.



Jessica VanPutten
McCain because he has good ideas and I think he will make a big difference. Gore will win the Democratic nomination.

When in doubt, tell the truth.

—Mark Twain

Phone book recycling available until March

Lowell United Methodist Church will again be the site for drop-off of used phone books. These books go to Nu-Wool and are processed into

insulation for Habitat For Humanity.

The church has made this arrangement for the container with Pitsch Corporation. The

container is located in the church parking lot which is at 621 E. Main.

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material cannot be used and is not acceptable.

The container will be on site until March 1.

Whitecaps host D.A.R.E. Day

The West Michigan Whitecaps will be hosting West Michigan DARE Day on Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. All current and former DARE students along with parents are invited.

Tickets are on sale now for the low cost of \$6 for reserve seating and \$4 for bleacher seats and can be purchased through your DARE officers, or at Lowell Police

Department. All students are encouraged to wear DARE T-shirts or any DARE items (buttons, pins, etc.)

Ticket purchase deadline is March 31 at noon and they'll be delivered shortly after this date. Remember, this shows your support for your local DARE program. If you have any questions, please contact officers Steve Bukala or Chris Hurst.

AREA BIRTHS

Stephen and Erika Curtiss and big brothers Jeremy, Randy and James would like to announce the birth of their new baby, William Stephen

Curtiss. He was born December 7, 1999 weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Clyde and Eula Curtiss of Lake Odessa, Margaret Cutler of Tucson, AZ, and Orrin and Kathy Cutler of Muskegon.

Hope for Nepal

A group of eight people from Bella Vista Church in Rockford, including Lowell's Jan Robert and Sue

Bomers, are traveling with *Hope For Nepal* in February to encourage Nepali Christian churches and schools, and to evaluate market place ministry opportunities, hold various seminars and to share Christ.

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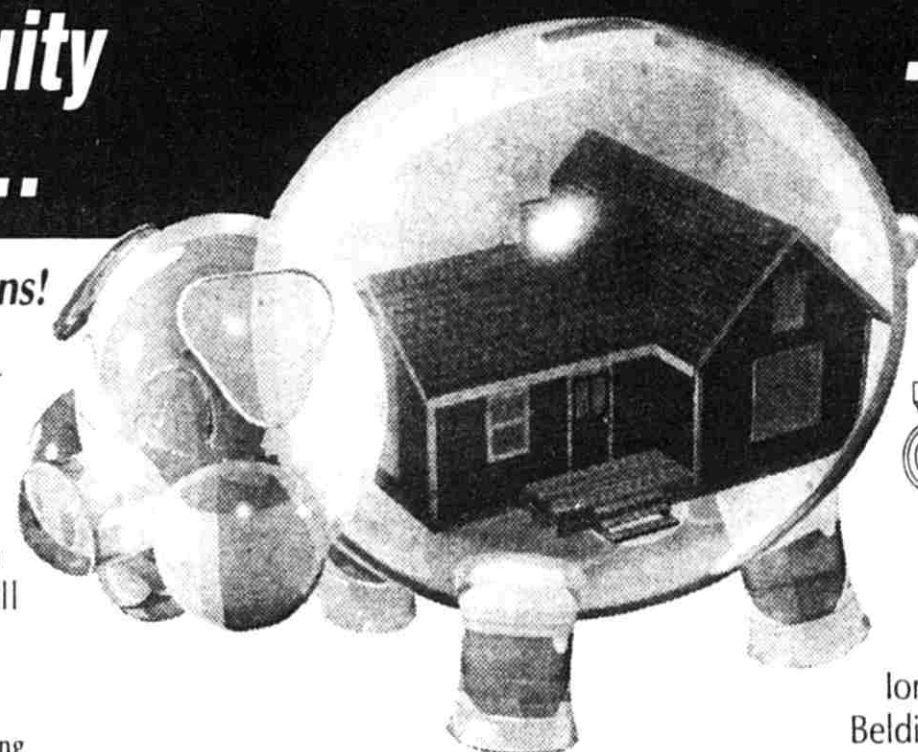
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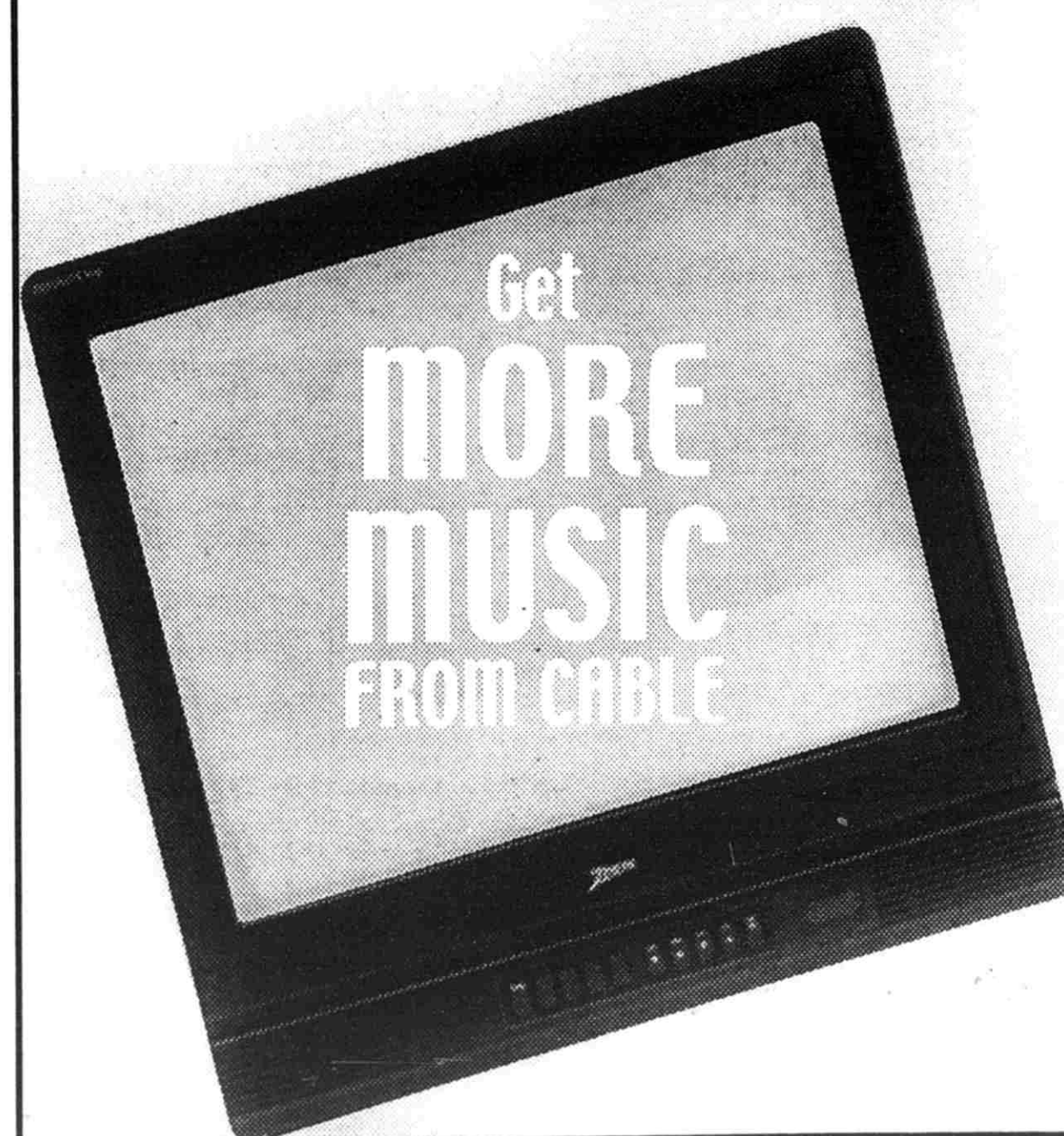
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MONDAY - FRIDAY MORNINGS

Table of TV schedules for Monday-Friday mornings (5:00-11:30 AM) for February 11, 2000 - February 17, 2000. Includes Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

MONDAY - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Table of TV schedules for Monday-Friday afternoons (12:00-6:30 PM) for February 11, 2000 - February 17, 2000. Includes Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

FRIDAY EVENING

Table of TV schedules for Friday evening (7:00-11:30 PM) for February 11, 2000. Includes Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

Springgrove Variety advertisement for Downtown Lowell. Features a logo with a flower and text: 'DOWNTOWN LOWELL Shop in an atmosphere of days gone by! Bulk candy, crafts, fabric, yarn, crochet thread, collectibles, 1/2 price greeting cards, toys, stationery, household & hardware items. Lots more, shop where the customer counts!' Address: 123 W. MAIN • LOWELL, MI 49331. Phone: 897-9918.

Table with columns for MONDAY - FRIDAY LATENIGHT and FEBRUARY 11, 2000 - FEBRUARY 17, 2000. Rows include Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

Table with columns for SATURDAY MORNING and FEBRUARY 12, 2000. Rows include Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

GYMNASTICS: ESPN Fri. 1 p.m. Women's College Gymnastics Louisiana State at Georgia. (Taped)
HOCKEY: ESPN Fri. 7 p.m. NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at New York Rangers. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live)
FOXTD Fri. 7:30 p.m. College Hockey Western Michigan at Michigan. (Live)
FOXTD Sat. 7 p.m. College Hockey Michigan at Michigan State. (Live)
WWMT Sat. 7:30 p.m. IHL Hockey Houston Aeros at Grand Rapids Griffins. (Live)
ESPN Sat. 8 p.m. NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. (Live)
FOXTD Mon. 9 p.m. NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Phoenix Coyotes. From the America West Arena in Phoenix. (Live)
FOXTD Tue. 7:30 p.m. IHL Hockey Utah Grizzlies at Detroit Vipers. (Live)
FOXTD Wed. 7:30 p.m. NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena in Detroit.

BOWLING: ESPN Sun. 12 p.m. PBA Bowling Empire State Open. From Latham, N.Y. (Taped)
TNN Tue. 8 p.m. Bowling Rockin' Bowl. Morehead State and St. John's University compete in traditional and offbeat bowling events. From Las Vegas. (Taped)
BOXING: WOOD Sat. 2 p.m.; WILX Sat. 2 p.m. Boxing U.S. Olympic Trials. From Tampa, Fla. (Taped)
SHOW Sat. 10 p.m. Boxing Ahmed Santos vs. Kostya Tszuy. Ahmed Santos vs. super lightweight champion Kostya Tszuy. Also on the card: Jan Bergman vs. Zab Judah in a junior welterweight fight. From Uncasville, Conn. (Live)
FOXTD Sun. 7 p.m. Boxing Sunday Night Fights -- Calvin Lampkin vs. Paeta Wolgramm. From Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis, Miss. (Taped)
GOLF: ESPN Fri. 2:30 p.m. Senior PGA Golf Ace Group Classic -- First Round. From Naples, Fla. (Live)
USA Fri. 4 p.m. PGA Golf Buick Invitational -- Second Round. From Torrey Pines Golf Club in La Jolla, Calif. (Live)
WWMT Sat. 3 p.m.; WILX Sat. 3 p.m. PGA Golf Buick Invitational -- Third Round. From Torrey Pines Golf Club in La Jolla, Calif. (Live)
RUGBY: FOXD Wed. 1 p.m. Rugby Six Nations: England vs. Ireland. (Taped)

Table with columns for SATURDAY AFTERNOON and FEBRUARY 12, 2000. Rows include Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

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SATURDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 12, 2000

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday evening, including stations like WWMW, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, and WZPX with their respective programs.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday evening, listing various channels and their programming.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday evening, including HBO, TMC, and MAX.

SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 13, 2000

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday morning, including stations like WWMW, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, and WZPX.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday morning, listing various channels and their programming.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday morning, including HBO, TMC, and MAX.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 13, 2000

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday afternoon, including stations like WWMW, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, and WZPX.

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Table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and rows for various TV channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

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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. WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over. WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement. FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. 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 WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. 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. EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555. EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell. EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info, call Sarah 281-6588. SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street. SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m. EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over. WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement. FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information. 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 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. THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities. THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) meets at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, 7 p.m., Discovery Room. A group sharing meeting is usually alternated with a meeting with a special guest conducting a Q/A. Contact Danni Smith (616) 897-2544, Laural Auw (616) 689-6133, Anita Droog at Victim/Witness Unit (Hall of Justice) (616) 336-2856. FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922. EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949. MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m., crafts; 1 p.m., Euchre. TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall. WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

Special Events WED., FEB. 9: Movie - A Place in the Sun. and income tax assistance by appointments. THURS., FEB. 10: Volunteer meeting to plan Valentine party. THURS., FEB. 17: Noon, dance - Westside Complex. FRI., FEB. 11: 12:40 p.m., Shop - Eastbrook Mall. TUES., FEB. 22: 12:40 p.m., Meijers - shopping. MON., FEB. 14: Noon, Valentine party. WED., FEB. 23: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. TUES., FEB. 15: 12:45 p.m., Egyptian exhibit - VanAndel. FRI., FEB. 25: 12:40 p.m., Dutton General Store. WED., FEB. 16: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council. TUES., FEB. 29: Noon, Leap Year pollack. (Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2000.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Shores, Quada and Mayor Blough
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Sergeant Stephen Junewick, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Superintendent Ronald Holcomb, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Operations Director Jeff Mullins, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Office Manager Mary Sawka, Light and Power/Cable TV Boardmembers Norman Borgerson, Barbara Brown and Charles Doyle and Student Representative Matthew Sheppard (arrived at 7:34 p.m.).

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the January 3, 2000 meeting be approved as submitted.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (01/18/00)

GENERAL FUND	\$103,000.96
MAJOR STREET FUND	8,668.20
LOCAL STREET FUND	284.56
DDA FUND	8,319.71
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND ..	1,520.00
AIRPORT FUND	119.34
WASTEWATER FUND	178,015.87
WATER FUND	3,500.15
DATA PROCESSING FUND	154.49
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,388.21
CURRENT TAX FUND	150,278.84
LEE FUND	422.56
LOOK FUND	2,981.50

Item #1. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2000. As recently carried out for the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent County Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids Community College requested the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the GRCC's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to approve the continuing resolution to collect 2000 summer property taxes for Grand Rapids Community College.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - 2000-01 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS-PUBLIC HEARING. Kent County informed the City that an estimated \$60,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds is available for various community projects beginning July 1, 2000. These are federal monies which are distributed from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Kent County. Because of the population levels, Kent County is considered an urban county and in turn receives funds on an annual basis, which is then distributed to most of the cities and townships within Kent County.

After reviewing this with Tom Tilma of the Kent County Community Development Office, Pasquale noted the City of Lowell would be eligible to receive up to \$60,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds. As discussed at the last meeting, the two main projects being considered would be the Flat River Crossing water main by North Street (total cost: \$200,000) and the South Hudson water main construction from the railroad tracks to Grant Street (total cost: \$70,000). A total of \$58,000

could be allocated to either, dependent on the timing of these projects. Remaining allocations would come from the Water Fund and possibly a loan from the General Fund.

Also, \$2,000 is proposed to be provided to the North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

Councilmember Myers said the service is greatly appreciated by the Community.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to distribute the 2000-01 Fiscal Year Federal Community Development Block Grant funds of \$60,000 toward the Flat River water main crossing by North Street and the South Hudson water main construction from the railroad tracks to Grand Street (\$58,000) and the North Kent Transit, assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders (\$2,000).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. PRESENTATION ON THE UPCOMING KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE VOTE. Kent District Library Director Claudya Muller and Lowell Branch Manager Jane Aronson were present for discussion regarding the upcoming millage vote scheduled on Tuesday, February 22. Muller commented on a number of promises which have been fulfilled since the district was formed in 1994. At the Englehardt Library, the book budget has increased from \$8,000 to \$34,000 per year. There are currently three District libraries which are open on Sunday. One being on Sunday year-around and the other two throughout the school year. The District library hours have increased by 46 a week and 12 computers have grown to 300. Muller also noted programming has increased by not only the number of programs, but attendance as well. In addition to these promises, there have been a number of accomplishments including construction of a new library in Spencer Township, technology added for the blind and an automated computer system informing individuals of past due books. The District has also started subscribing to a number of electronic databases and has its own web page.

Muller noted a home valued at \$100,000 would cost an individual approximately \$46.50 a year in taxes for the proposed library millage.

She also noted items borrowed from the Lowell Library have increased from 50,000 items in 1995 to 78,000 as of November, 1999 and use of the building has grown from 49,000 to almost 60,000 patrons. Staff hours have also increased from 59 to 135 hours a week.

Lowell Cable TV Manager Tom Richards questioned if the millage request would be placed on the ballot as one question. Muller responded yes.

The current operating expenditures in the year 2000 would require .74 mills. However, the District is able to use monies from its fund balance in order to balance the budget this year. Muller said the District has been authorized to collect .68 mills but will only have .64 mills because of the Headlee Amendment. The difference has been made up from the fund balance. This would allow the District to operate at the existing level.

Councilmember Quada questioned if there had been any requests to take genealogies beyond the current resources. Muller responded a few inquiries have been made. However, nothing has been added to the plans. She noted there are many electronic products available to help individuals with such research.

No further discussion was received.

Item #4. ROOT-LOWELL MANUFACTURING CO. (1000 FOREMAN ROAD) - REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER P.A. 198 - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING (2/7). RootLowell Manufacturing is preparing plans for a 70,000 square foot addition to the rear of their present building. A site plan approval was given at a special Planning Commission meeting on January 10, 2000. Root-Lowell requested an Industrial Development District be established so the firm may become eligible for a tax abatement for the addition. Since Root-Lowell does not have such a district, as most of the other local industries do, Pasquale recommended one be established.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing for February 7, 2000 to consider the establishment of an Industrial Development District

under P.A. 198 for Root-Lowell Manufacturing Co. (1000 Foreman Rd.)

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTROL OF CONCESSION STAND AND THE BURCH FIELD FACILITIES. Since Lowell High School has left Burch Field, Lowell Youth Football has been utilizing the facility. There was an initial five-year agreement between the City and Lowell Youth Football. The agreement has worked well. The Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed the agreement and has unanimously recommended approval.

Pasquale noted the Lowell Youth Football League has provided many improvements to the field, including a new irrigation system and keeping the field in great condition. He also said there has been cooperation with the Lowell Youth Fair and the YMCA.

Pasquale recommended a ten-year agreement be approved.

Councilmember Green said the Lowell Youth Football has done an excellent job with the field. They have invested much time and money. He said a lease agreement such as this is common, noting the Boy Scouts have a ten-year lease agreement with the Boy Scout Cabin on North Washington Street.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve a ten-year lease agreement between the City and Lowell Youth Football for the operation and control of the concession stand and facilities at Burch Field.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the Lowell Youth Football League has lived up to the responsibility of providing a year-end financial statement and a year-end volunteer hourly report. On behalf of Lowell Youth Football, Michael Meppelink stated he would provide a financial report at the end of the year.

Quada commented on the liability insurance stating it appears to be the responsibility of the vendors who are operating the concession stands. He asked if the two million-dollar policy would also cover an injury. Meppelink noted all participants must sign waivers of insurance which state the Lowell Youth Football League would not be liable.

Blough was unsure if the City should enter into a ten-year agreement without the option of being able to re-examine the agreement at some point. He suggested Green amend the motion stating the City requires documentation by March 31, 2000, noting if nothing is received, the contract would be voided.

Public Works Director DesJarden requested a schedule of events be given to the Department of Public Works.

Green said the Parks and Recreation Commission would review the agreement again at its February 12 meeting and report back to the City Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and supported by GREEN to table the Lowell Youth Football - Burch Field lease agreement until further information can be gathered.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER/CABLE TV:

A. Presentation of the 1998-99 audits. Russ Hissom and Mark Beauchamp of Virchow, Krause and Company were present to discuss the audit for Light and Power and Cable TV. Hissom thanked the Council and appreciated the opportunity to work with Light and Power and Cable TV. Hissom said the Light and Power and Cable TV are two enterprise funds within the City of Lowell. Each need to generate a net income at a reasonable rate of return in order to continue to give reliable service to the citizens of Lowell. The purpose of the audit is to provide an opinion on the financial statement, review the internal controls of the organization and the controls over expenditures. In all areas, the firm has found Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV to be very strong.

Councilmember Quada asked if any tests were completed verifying whether or not the restricted assets of \$600,000 met the requirements of the City Charter. Hissom said yes, it was in accordance with the Charter.

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Holcomb noted the figure was recently raised by the Board approximately two months ago which would be presented next year.

Quada questioned the value of assets within Lowell Light and Power. Holcomb said the figure was listed in the budget. Holcomb explained the conflict concerning this being a correct figure. He said the previous accounting system did not allow capitalized labor to be added into building new infrastructure. He noted the current system does.

No further action was taken.

B. Presentation from General Manager Ron Holcomb regarding status and future of Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV. Ron Holcomb provided a brief presentation regarding products and services, competitive position, fiscal position, recent accomplishments and vision for the future for Light and Power and Cable TV. He said the company has been reorganized over the past year into structures providing a Marketing and Programming Manager, Tom Richards, an Administrative Manager, Mary Ann Sawka and an Operations Manager Jeff Mullins.

Holcomb stated Lowell Light and Power purchases energy from Detroit Edison, Consumers Energy and several cities which are pooled together from the Michigan Public Power Association. The American Public Power Association (APPA) manages these assets and makes purchases, which then delivers the energy to Lowell. This energy is delivered across a Consumers Energy transmission grid. This allows the company to generate about 3 1/2 meg watts inside the plant, if needed.

Cable Television is offered to the public from three sources, including a tower, satellite dishes and recently through the public access channel.

Holcomb noted the APPA average is derived from a document built on an annual basis. He stated this is provided to cities of smaller sizes. Light and Power currently has no long-term debt and noted the cable system function is very similar to an electric utility company.

Light and Power has a favorable cast position which is above the expectations of the APPA. Cable TV is slightly below, but with the recent rate adjustments this problem should be resolved in a short period of time. As long as reasonable balances are maintained for the reserve funds and there are an adequate amount of capital funds, the company can maintain a profit margin.

He explained the company's goal is to drive the power supply expense as low as possible. Light and Power is slightly above the national average for APPA due to a plant owned with Bell River not performing at its highest level. In addition, Light and Power was not able to receive the capacity credit on the engine plant because the engines were not operable. This has since been resolved. Holcomb also mentioned the plant has an extremely high system loss for a small plant. He explained for every kilowatt-hour delivered, much is lost in the transfer due to the poor design of the system. This can be taken care of, but is a long-term process.

Holcomb noted Light and Power is working on rebuilding the distribution system in preparation for Meijer's.

Holcomb noted the following accomplishments achieved throughout the year:

- removed some non-operational engines
- installed a new engine cooling system
- installed a new engine support system
- acquired some adequate spare distribution transformers
- started a formal safety training program
- started a long term distribution plan
- installed new main frame computer systems
- launched the digital cable service
- began a partnership with Lowell Schools regarding access to the Public Access Channel.

Holcomb said Light and Power is currently evaluating transmission needs and will continue to update both distribution systems. Holcomb and Richards are studying the possibility of offering high speed Internet services to the community.

C. Resolution expressing the intent of the City to reimburse itself for the cost of certain capital improvement projects to be undertaken by the City's Department of Light and Power and Cable Television Department. Holcomb noted the improvement projects included additional office space and the digital cable system. He asked the Council to allow a future revenue

bond. This would allow the company to reimburse itself for capital improvements.

Holcomb noted the issue has been recommended by City Attorney Richard Wendt.

Councilmember Quada asked if this would impact the overall bonding in the future. Pasquale responded no, noting Light and Power is an enterprise fund and a revenue bond has been proposed.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to accept the resolution expressing the intent of the City to reimburse itself for the cost of certain capital improvement projects to be undertaken by the City's Department of Light and Power and Cable Television Department.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. PURCHASE OF TWO MOWERS. On Tuesday, January 11, bids were received for the purchase of two Scag lawn mowers utilized in the parks and other municipal areas as budgeted in the Equipment Fund as follows:

• George Hofacker (G.R.)	\$16,400
Less trade of 1992 Scag	-2,900
	\$ 13,500

In reviewing the bid and noting \$16,000 was budgeted for the equipment, Pasquale and DPW Director Dan DesJarden reviewed this and recommended the purchase of two Scag mowers from George Hofacker at a net cost of \$13,500 as allocated from the Equipment Fund.

Councilmember Myers questioned what a Scag mower was. DesJarden responded a basic mower deck with three blades.

Myers asked what areas were contracted for mowing. DesJarden responded Creekside Park, Burch Football Field, Richards Park and the Water Plant. He said the City mows the entire 4-H grounds, Fire Station, DPW, Stoney Lakeside Park, Library, Downtown Parking lots.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the bid for the purchase of two mowers from George Hofacker for \$13,500 including the trade in of the 1992 Scag mower.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. PURCHASE OF UNDERBODY EQUIPMENT FOR NEW DUMP TRUCK. At its October 4, 1999 meeting, the City Council approved the purchase of a 2000-4700 Navistar International dump truck from Woodland International Trucks at a cost of \$45,751.08. Bids were then received on January 11, 2000 for the underbody equipment including the dump box, underbody scraper and hydraulic system and were read as follows:

- Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. (Dutton) .. \$16,757
- Allied Truck Equipment Co. (G.R.)
- Shults Equipment, Inc. (Ithaca)

City Mechanic Tom Hartman reviewed the bids and noted Allied Truck did not meet specifications regarding the underbody scraper. Further, Truck and Trailer would provide a thicker dump box. Thus, Hartman recommended the City purchase the underbody equipment from Truck and Trailer Specialties at a cost of \$16,757 as allocated from the Equipment Fund.

(TOTAL BUDGET: \$80,000, total to be spent: \$62,508.08).

Councilmember Quada questioned the discrepancy from the bids received. DesJarden responded the style of blades being offered for underneath the truck was different. The DPW prefers to stay with the same plows which would allow the stock to remain the same.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by QUADA to approve the bid from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$16,757 for the purchase of underbody equipment for the new dump truck.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPING INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE ON

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. Councilmember Quada requested consideration be given to appointing a subcommittee of at least two members from the City Council exploring the possibility of establishing interest from individuals within the committee in regards to serving on various boards and commissions.

Mayor Blough agreed, stating this would give individuals an opportunity to participate in their government.

Councilmember Myers believed the Council should be proactive and solicit volunteers. He offered to serve on the committee.

Blough said the purpose would be to develop suitable programs, encourage and recognize volunteerism for City programs, seeking out and recommending candidates for appointed positions. Blough noted these recommendations would need to be brought to Council for approval.

Blough wanted to amend Quada's recommendation and asked for three Councilmembers to serve on the subcommittee. He requested Quada consider being the Chairman of the Committee. Blough asked Councilmember Green if he would be interested. Green said it was a possibility. However, he was concerned with the idea of having three Councilmembers serve on the committee and this would constitute a quorum. He did not believe this was allowed within the Charter. Quada was in agreement with Green.

Myers suggested an orientation be given to any new members.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to appoint Councilmember Quada as Chairman and Councilmember Green to a subcommittee which would develop interest in volunteering to serve on Boards and Commissions.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #10. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #11. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Several citizens came forward to express their opinion on the Spice and Hot Choice channels offered on digital Cable as follows: Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Joe Fremer, 424 N. Hudson, encouraged the Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Board to perform a survey with the residents of Lowell regarding "the business of providing pay-per-view pornography."

Ross Martin of 665 Cumberland Avenue, was interested in the structure and values in which Lowell promotes. He has been very optimistic regarding past motions of control over adult entertainment stores within Lowell.

Pastor of Evergreen Missionary Church Glen Marks, 10268 Foreman, and a subscriber to Lowell Cable TV, commented on how hard the School District has been working to create good values and did not feel it was appropriate for the community to then turn-around and offer this type of programming. Marks noted many individuals from his church also agree.

Allan Mathews, 822 Grindle Drive, was also concerned about providing pornographic programming and believed the Council has a responsibility to make sure the City and the residents are taken care of properly.

Richard Wheeler of 225 S. Jefferson felt such programs would be damaging to the community and families.

Kathleen DeJong, 10728 Woodbushe and mother of six children stated an individual can not always be watching their children. She said children could be subjected to such programming at a neighbor's house or elsewhere.

Mayor Blough said the growth within the area has brought forth new issues for discussion. He believed with the maturity of the community, such issues can be addressed. Blough noted the Cable TV Board has received comments from residents and will return with their decision to the Council.

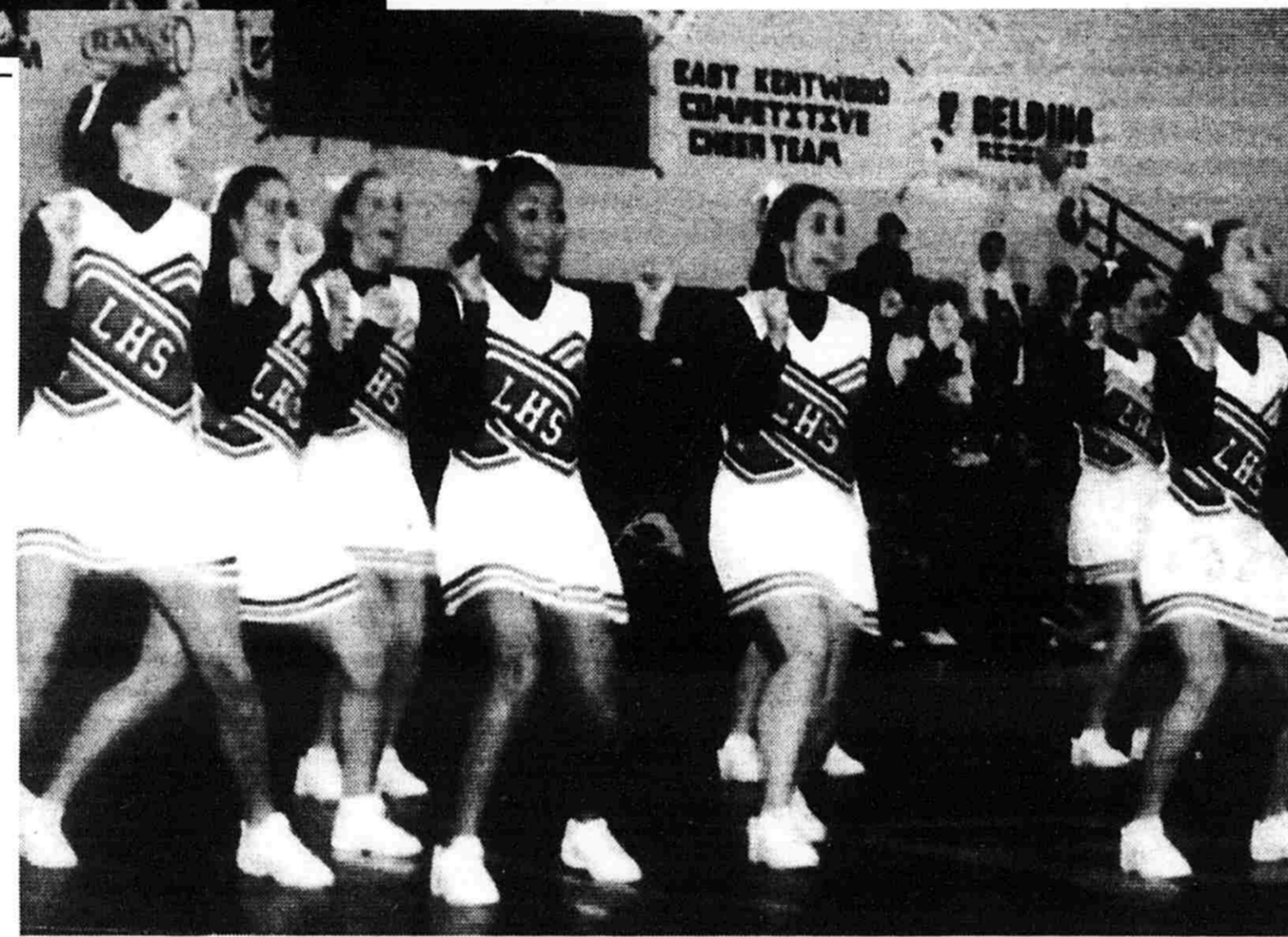
Mayor Blough read the letters from Sue Green (1236 Valley Vista Dr.) and James Pfaller (888 Bowes) expressing their strong opposition to these channels.

A second letter was also received from James Pfaller concerning the need to enforce the snow removal ordinance. Council Proceedings, cont'd., pg. 26

Cheering On!



Lowell's sideline cheerleading team enjoyed success at the St. Johns cheerleading competition in January, placing second. This past weekend the Red Arrows placed fourth at the Saranac cheerleading competition. Lowell will compete next at the Grand Rapids Central competition on Feb. 23 and in the cheerleading regional on March 4. The Red Arrows will need to score 90 percent of the total points achieved by the top squad in order to qualify for the state tournament.



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL				
BOWLING SCORES				
** LOWELL 21.5 • E. KENTWOOD 8.5 **				
PLAYER (BOYS)	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	TOTAL
Jason Roth	264	194	176	634
Jim DeWitt	171	136	X	306
D.J. Armstrong	153	X	165	318
John Stuckey	235	202	193	630
Mike Armstrong	199	171	183	553
Nate Sloan	X	190	181	371
TOTAL SCORE	1022	893	898	2813
** LOWELL 15 • E. KENTWOOD 15 **				
PLAYER (GIRLS)	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	TOTAL
Amanda Stouten	141	124	145	410
Shawna Austin	144	129	124	397
Tara Kuipers	143	126	170	439
Erin Kenyon	137	125	125	387
Jamie Roth	179	135	151	465
TOTAL SCORE	744	638	715	2098

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

and the need to keep truck traffic away from Bowes Road.

Item #12. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers attended a Planning Commission special meeting where 33 long range planning ideas were given and discussed by Planning Commissioner Jim Hall. Myers felt a number of good ideas were presented and wanted these shared with the Council. He also stated an original sketch of the Lowell River Terrace (proposed observation deck over the Flat River) was presented. Myers thanked Commissioner Hall for all his work.

Mayor Blough also attended the meeting and stated it was very visionary, relative to planning issues.

Councilmember Green questioned how the Cable TV survey regarding Pay-Per-View Adult Entertainment Channel would be handled. Holcomb was hopeful the survey could be mailed out before the next billing cycle.

Councilmember Shores attended the Cable TV Board meeting and appreciated the Board's willingness to review this issue.

Shores received an unsigned letter from a resident. She noted such letters could not be acknowledged and stated if the individual would like to remain anonymous to the public, this should be stated in the letter and she would honor it.

ITEM #13. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. In cooperation with Lowell and Vergennes Townships, a household hazardous waste collection through the Kent County Department of Public Works is scheduled

on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foreman Building.

Pasquale thanked DPW Director DesJarden for coordinating this.

2. The worksession with the City Council - staff - boards and commission chairperson is now scheduled for Saturday, January 29 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fire Station.

Shores was unable to attend the meeting on January 29, 2000. A meeting was set for Thursday, January 27th at 5:30 p.m. for snacks and the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.

3. Attached were the following meetings minutes:

- The December 8 and 20, 1999 Chamber of Commerce meetings.
- The November 22, 1999 Board of Light and Power/ Cable TV meeting.

4. The Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference is scheduled in Lansing on Wednesday, March 29. Councilmembers were asked to contact Betty if interested.

Item #14. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Blough recommended the following appointments:

Jeanne Shores to the Fire Board, the Board of Review (a three year appointment expiring June 30, 2003) the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as an ex-officio member, Don Green as a Council representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission, David Pasquale to the Building Authority (a three year term expiring January

1, 2003).

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by SHORES to support these appointments.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers noted John VanderWilp had submitted a letter of interest to serving on the Planning Commission. He questioned why it had not been filled. Blough responded two additional letters have also been received.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adjourn to a Closed Session involving a property acquisition matter pursuant to Open meetings Act at 9:07 p.m.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to return to open session at 9:32 p.m.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, February 7, 2000

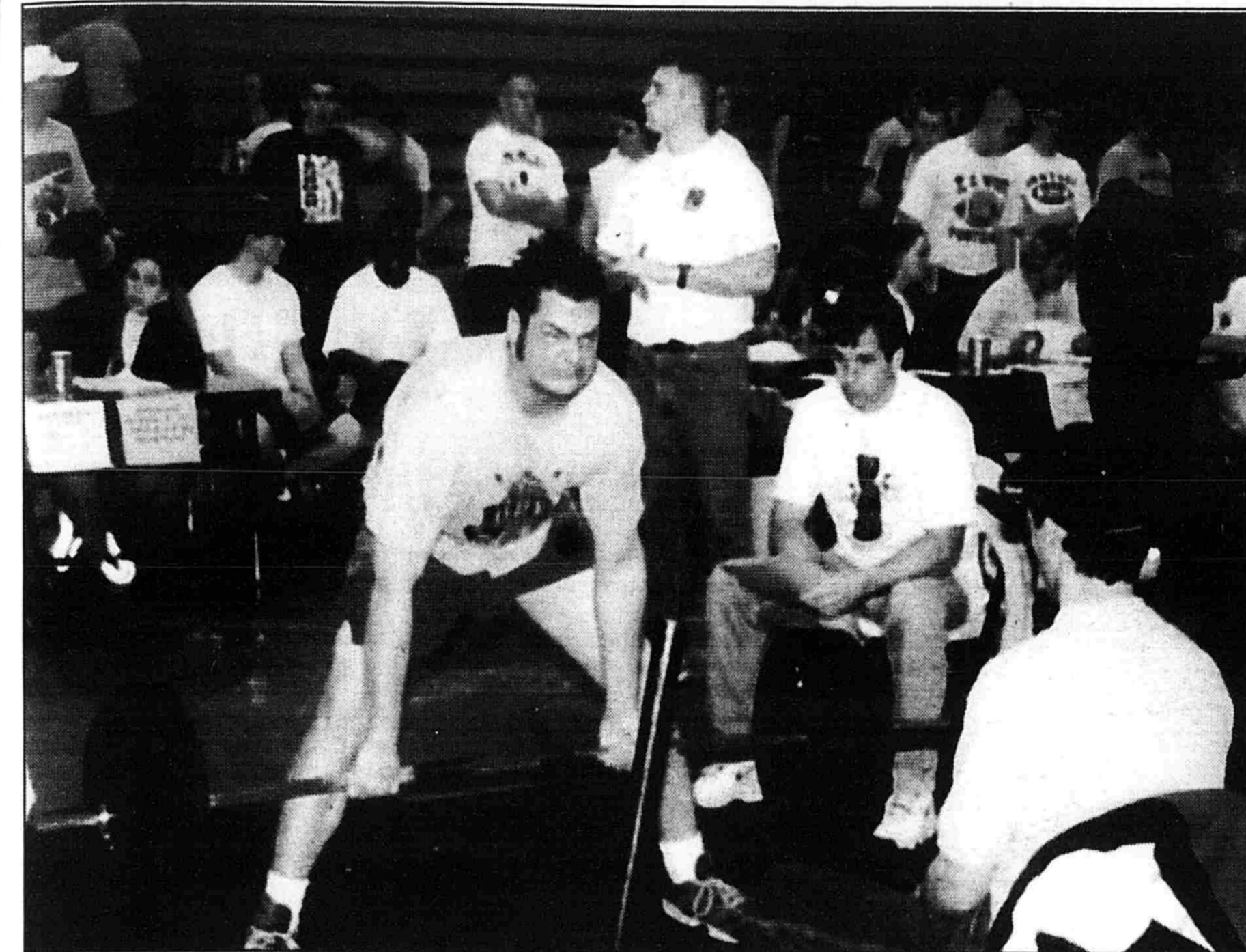
Michael K. Blough, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Lowell powerlifters finish second to Plainwell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell finished second to Plainwell at the Lowell Powerlifting Invitational on Saturday.

Plainwell tallied 101 points. Lowell finished with 97. The Lowell tournament continues to be the largest tournament in the state. There were 32 schools and 480 powerlifters who participated. "It's a great meet and it receives tremendous support," said Lowell powerlifting coach Noel Dean.



While Lowell's varsity powerlifting club placed second, the junior varsity squad claimed top honors and the Red Arrow girls finished second.

The Red Arrows had 17 lifters whose combined total in the deadlift, squat and bench press totaled over 1,000 pounds. Four short years ago, when the powerlifting program started, there was not one Lowell lifter whose total reached 1,000.

"Our kids are becoming stronger. We're one of the best teams in the state," Dean said. "Our kids have worked hard and dedicated themselves to improving."

Earning firsts in their weight classes were Jason Senboer (123 pounds), Corey Perdaris (132), Mike Dykstra (181) and Chris Rittersdorf (275).

Powerlifters placing second were Jake Baum (145 pounds), Kurt Telman (155), Neil Reimbold (165) and Alan Metternick (242).

Finishing third were Scott Perdaris (114 pounds), Kevin Craig (132), John Houweling (198) and Josh Brown (220).

Not placing but recording a lifting total of over 1,000 pounds were Josh Stanard (181) and Ken Palcowski (198).

The Lowell girls team finished second.

Red Arrow Heather Sterzick was the tournament champion at 149 pounds.

Niki Russell (115 pounds) and Theresa Frey (133) placed second.

Finishing in third place were Michelle Dykstra (106), Ashley Cunningham (165), and Katie McPherson (182).

At the junior varsity level, Lowell was the tournament champion.

Top honors were earned by Matt Barry (145 pounds), Eric Stormzand (220), Mike DeVries (242), and Dave Heffron (275).

Carl Stanford (145 pounds), Brad Eldridge (181), Brandon Biggs (220), and Kyle Sitzer (242) all finished second in their respective weight classes.

Placing third were Nate Junglas (132 pounds), Pat Kauffman (145), Brandon DuPrey (165), and Jason Hill (HWT).

At the junior high level, Ryan Lewis (132 pounds), Jake Cosgrove (145), Roy Jaures (155), Chris Curtis (165), Nate Pabon (181) and Paul Schellenberger (198) all claimed first-place finishes.

Placing second was Jason Nearing (105).

Josh Gilliard (105 pounds), Dan Papesch (132), Luke Baker (145), and Cody Merklinger (155) were third.

"We had 83 kids participate at the junior varsity and varsity levels," Dean noted. "There were 150 kids who either participated or helped run the event on Saturday."

Red Arrow gymnasts trim Knights

Lowell's gymnastics team edged past Kenowa Hills twice in the same week. Lowell defeated the Knights in a dual meet and at the Kenowa Hills Invitational on Saturday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Strong efforts on the balance beam and in the floor exercise helped propel the Lowell gymnastics team to its second consecutive OK Rainbow conference win.

The Red Arrows improved their league record to 2-3 with a 125.35-124.9 win over Kenowa Hills.

Lowell was outscored in the first two disciplines (vault and uneven bars) 60.9- 59.25.

The Red Arrows battled back on the balance beam (33.10) and in the floor exercise (33.00) to overtake the Knights.

Holly Plattner and Krystal White each had strong all around performances.

Plattner recorded Lowell's top scores in three (vault, uneven bars, and floor) events.

White recorded the meet's top score (8.65) on the

We're just happy to walk away from this one with a win. It's nice to come out on top of a close match. The girls performed well under pressure and got the job done. This is one they didn't want to lose.

Michele DeHaan Lowell Gymnastics Coach

balance beam. The freshman was second to Plattner in each of the other three events.

Renee Brower was second to White on the beam with a mark of 8.35. She was followed by Plattner with an 8.25 and Tennille Bryant with a score of 7.85.

"Tennille's performance was solid," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "That was Krystal's personal best score on the beam. She just keeps gaining more confidence."

Plattner's 8.55 in the floor exercise was second to Kenowa Hills' Karianne Folklinga (8.8).

White followed Plattner with an 8.45 and Brower and

Carmen Datema finished with scores of 8.2 and 7.8 respectively.

"Renee had a nice floor routine. Her back tucks in her tumbling passes were so high and she had a lot more expression in her routine," DeHaan explained.

On the uneven bars Plattner led Lowell with a mark of 7.65. She was followed by White, 7.6; Brower, 7.0; and Melissa Neubecker, 5.85.

Plattner's 7.9 was Lowell's best score on the vault. White finished with a 7.85. Brower and Datema had marks of 7.8 and 7.6 respectively.

"We're just happy to walk away from this one with a win. It's nice to come out on top of a close match," DeHaan said. "The girls performed well under pressure and got the job done. This is one they didn't want to lose."

Kenowa Hills Inv'tl

The Red Arrow gymnasts placed fifth in an 11-team field at Kenowa Hills on Saturday.

"The girls had fun, were relaxed and confident," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said about her club's performance at the Kenowa Hills Invitational.

The Red Arrows scored 125.80, placing behind Portage 130.40, Rockford 133.60, Union 135.575 and Cadillac 126.20.

Lowell's Renee Brower finished 8th overall in the all around competition. The Red Arrow senior scored in all four events, totaling 31.675.

Brower was ninth overall with a team leading 8.5 on the balance beam. "Renee was solid," DeHaan quipped.

Krystal White came off the beam with a 7.85 while April Telman and Tennille Bryant scored a 7.45 and 7.4 respectively.

"Krystal's score qualifies her for the regional on the beam," DeHaan said.

White now joins Brower and Holly Plattner as Red Arrows who have qualified all around.

Bryant and Telman need just one more score to qualify for the regional on the beam.

Plattner was third overall with a score of 8.90 in the floor exercise. White was ninth with a mark of 8.65. Brower finished with a score of 8.45 and Melissa Neubecker tallied a 7.9.

"It's definitely our best event," DeHaan said. "It's nice for a change to be the ones being watched."

White led Lowell on the uneven bars with a 7.8. Plattner scored a 7.5 while Katie Blough and Brower finished with a 7.2 and 7.1 respectively.

On the vault, Plattner led the way with a score of 7.95. She was followed by Telman 7.85, Carmen Datema 7.7 and Brower 7.625.

Volleyball team hits bumpy road, which includes three of the state's top teams

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's volleyball team can never be criticized for ducking the elite programs.

Within a three-day span, the Red Arrow spikers played Zeeland, Forest Hills Northern and Lakewood.

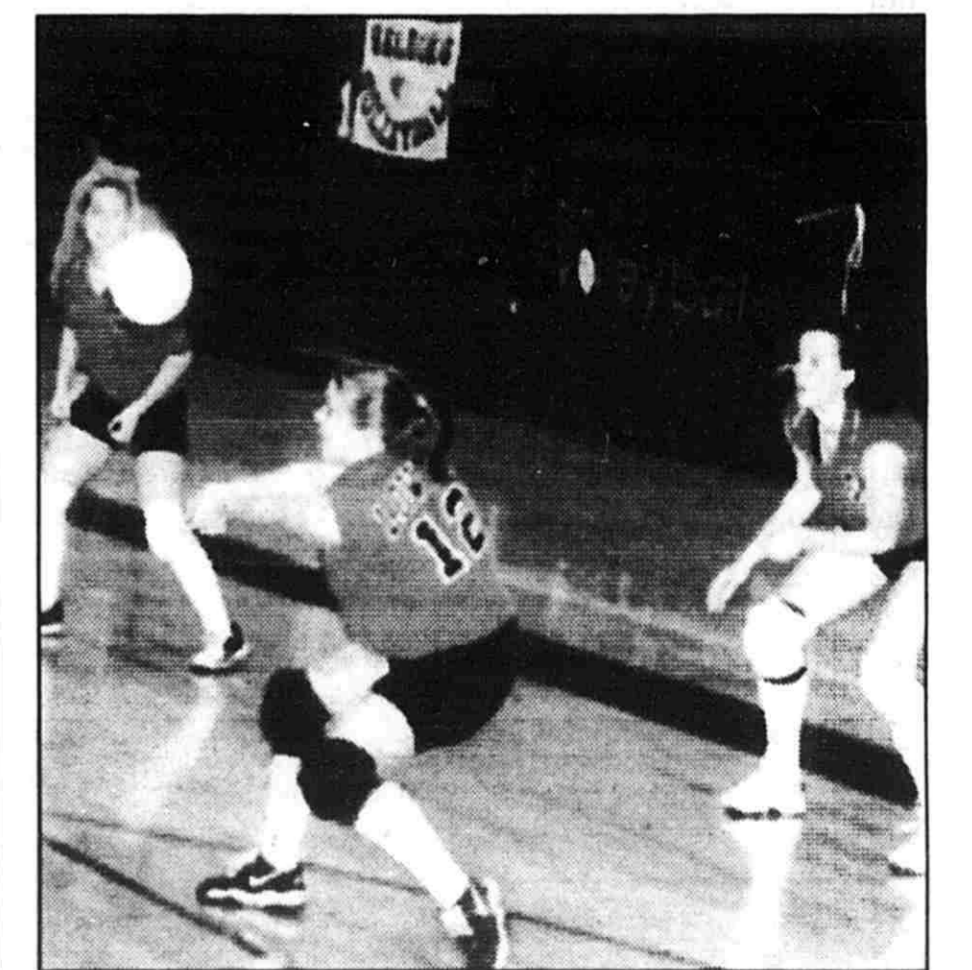
Northern is ranked ninth in the state and Lakewood is ranked fifth.

Zeeland, ranked eighth in the state in Class A, stands atop the OK White.

The Red Arrows played Zeeland on Thursday and lost 15-3, 15-3.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk led Lowell in kills with three. Angie

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Jenny McCaul digs out a Forest Hills Northern serve in volleyball action at the Belding Invitational.

Lowell edged by Central and Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the eighth time this season, Lowell was on the short end of a basketball game decided in the final two minutes.

"We're 3-8 in games where the outcome could go either way in the final two minutes," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "We're just not executing. Tonight, every shot we took in the last two minutes we missed."

Lowell led 52-49 with three minutes to play, but was outscored by Northview (2-10, 2-7) 8-2 down the stretch as the Wildcats earned a 57-54 OK White win.

It was Northview's second league win of the year. Its only other conference win, also against Lowell, came in double overtime earlier this season.

"Northview has a nice team, but this is a game we feel we should win," Bush said.

The Wildcats prevailed because they finished strong, something they failed to do a few nights earlier in a six-point loss to Hastings.

"We've had troubles finishing games. The boys did a good job of working situations down the stretch," said Northview coach Mike Kapustka.

A key moment in the game came with a little over a minute to play. Lowell led 52-51 and had the ball.

The Red Arrows fed the ball inside and then kicked it out to Troy Gillan on the right wing. The Lowell guard's three-point attempt went in and out. Northview got the rebound, taking the lead for good on two foul shots by Kris Worthem with 64 ticks on the clock.

The Wildcats were 15-of-19 from the line. Lowell, meanwhile, connected on just 15-of-29 shots from the charity stripe.

Lowell jumped out to a 19-12 first-quarter lead. Northview rallied in the second quarter with a 21-7 advantage to take a 33-26 halftime lead.

A 15-6 Red Arrow third-quarter scoring advantage erased the deficit and gave Lowell a 41-39 lead heading into the final quarter of play.

Ryan Mix led all scorers with 22 points for the Red Arrows. Steve Adams tallied nine and Andy Curtis contributed with eight. Northview held Aaron Alsgaard to just six points.

Patrick O'Hara led Northview with a team-high 13 points. Andy Galmish netted eight.

"I'm proud of the way our boys played tonight, especially with the way they finished," Kapustka said.

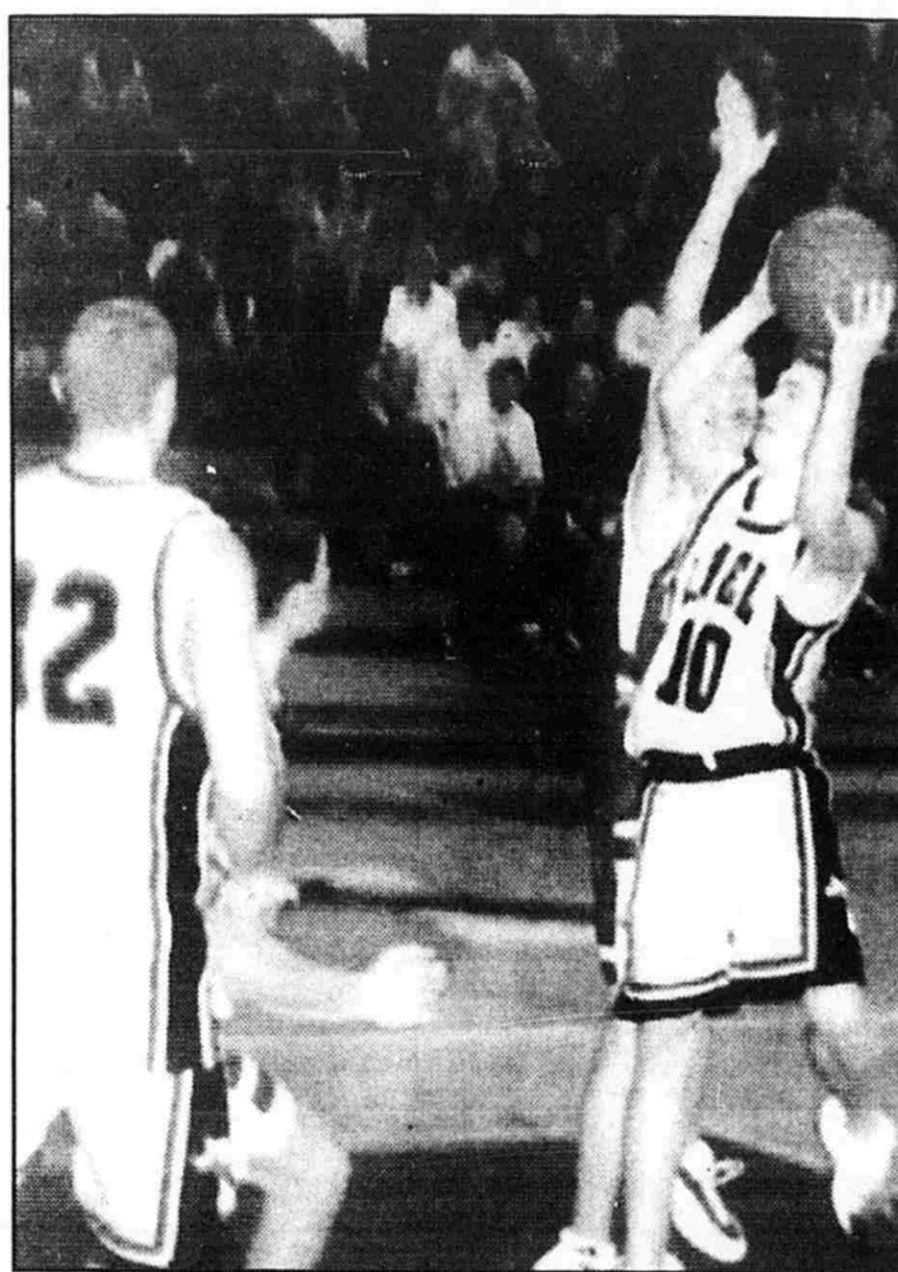
FHC 47
Lowell 39

Lowell came up short in an effort to overcome a 13-point third quarter deficit against the homestanding Rangers.

Central built a double digit cushion with an 11-4 second quarter advantage. The Rangers led 21-11 at halftime. FHC extended the lead to 32-19 after three quarters.

The Red Arrows managed to ignite their offense over the final eight minutes, outscoring Central 20-15.

Aaron Alsgaard led Lowell scorers with 17 points.



Lowell guard Troy Gillan penetrates inside the lane against Northview.

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Schmidt recorded a team-leading two aces and Sunny Moyer tallied three assists.

"Our girls have to learn to go out and give their all against quality teams and play like they have nothing to lose," Lowell coach Kristen Ference said.

At the Belding Invitational on Saturday, Lowell

finished 1-7 in pool play. It opened the tournament against Forest Hills Northern and Lakewood... the two teams which met in the finals.

Lowell lost to Forest Hills Northern 15-2, 15-2.

In their second match of the tournament, the Red Arrows lost 15-5, 15-4 to Lakewood.

Against teams nearer to Lowell's caliber, the Red Arrows split with Central Montcalm 15-7, 9-15 and lost twice to Greenville 15-9, 15-5.

"I think playing Northern and Lakewood right off the start hurt our confidence," Ference said. "I was disappointed we didn't play better against Greenville, a team we beat earlier this year."

For the tournament, Lowell was led in kills with 10 apiece by Stoutjesdyk, Schmidt and Maggie Wisner. Stoutjesdyk also had a team-leading six aces. Wisner was next with three. Moyer, Lowell setter, recorded 41 assists.

The Red Arrow coach recognized Jenny McCaul and Kelly Kemen as the club's top defensive players.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

Lowell wrestling team measures up at Goodrich Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A Lowell wrestling team has made the trip to Goodrich on the first weekend in February six times, but never had it returned with a championship trophy.

The seventh time was a charm for the Red Arrows as they defeated Richmond 41-23 in the finals of the Goodrich Invitational on Saturday.

"We have a few runners-up trophies, but this is the first time we've won the tournament," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said.

Lowell advanced to the finals with wins over Goodrich (48-25), Birmingham Brother Rice (64-11), Swartz Creek (52-17), and Lake Orion (44-18).

The Red Arrows barely escaped the Blue Devils (34-31) earlier this year at the Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational.

Lowell was able to reverse the outcome of two matches from the teams' first meeting.

Jeremy Goff pinned Richmond's Kyle Silver at 3:38 of the second period.

John McKay, who was pinned by Chris Northey in their first meeting, decided the Blue Devils 15-7 on Saturday.

"McKay wrestled fantastically today. He really wrestled well," Strejc said.

"Richmond was beat up. They had a JV kid in at 103 and they voided a number of matches. The matches they voided, however, were matches we won earlier in the year."

Following McKay's win at 1:19, Richmond's Ken Thomas decided John Mendez 11-4. Greg Scheuer followed that up with a 16-8 decision over Lowell's Jim Kelly, giving the Blue Devils a 13-10 lead.

Decisions by Brent Lyons, 140 pounds, (21-11) and Caleb O'Boyle, 145, (13-6) were sandwiched between Richmond voids at 135 and 152.

T.J. Forward was also a beneficiary of a void at 160, giving Lowell an insurmount-

able 35-13 lead.

Luke Seitz, 171, and Ben Fleet, 189, lost 19-5, 5-1 decisions respectively.

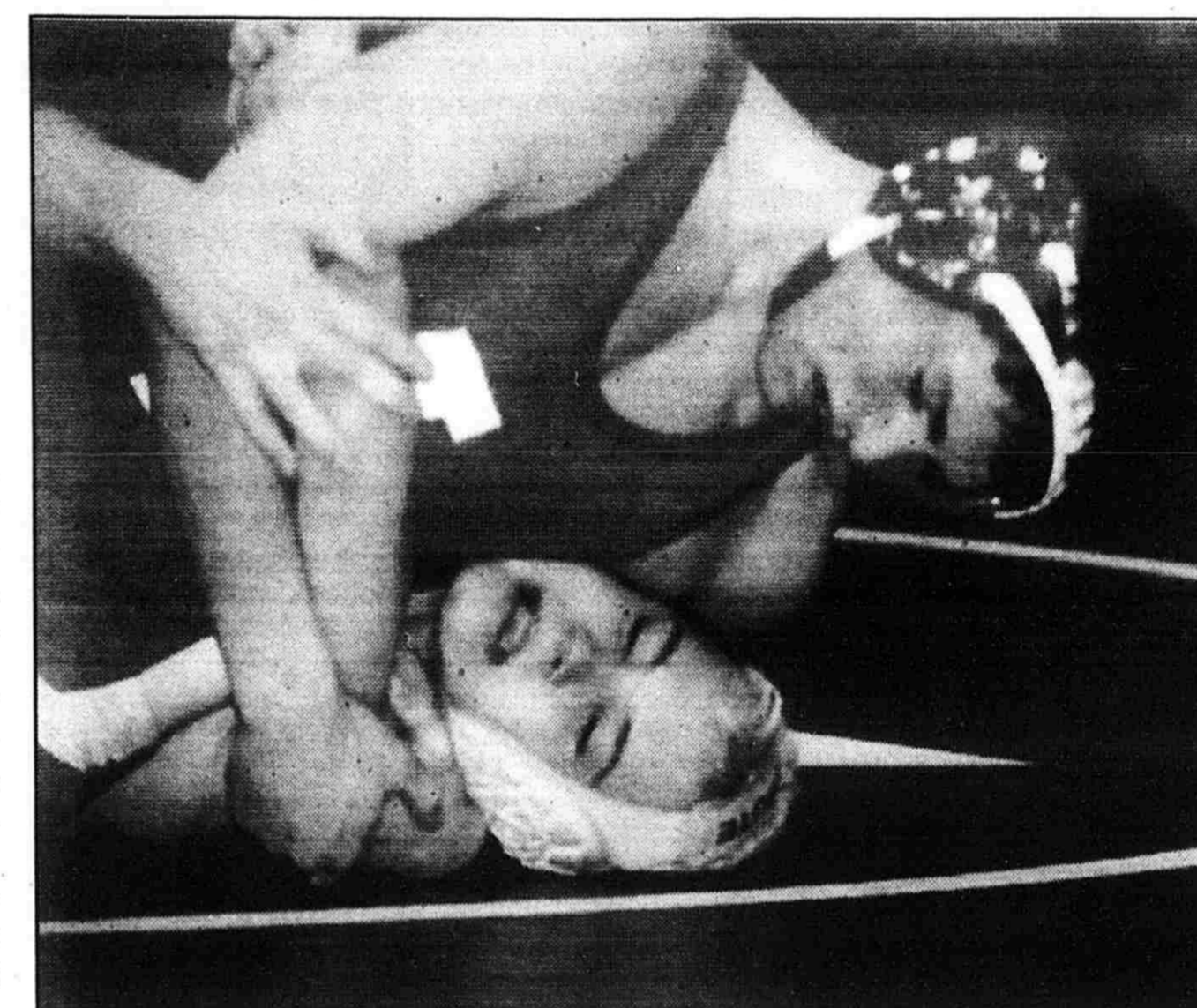
Leading 35-20, Lowell's Bill Stouffer pinned Richmond's Mike Poppe at 26 seconds of the first period.

Richmond's Rob Kluck finished the match with a 4-0 decision against Red Arrow Caleb Grummet.

"The boys wrestled well all day. They were sharp and intense," Strejc said. "We're

working hard on conditioning and fine-tuning. We're looking to peak at the end of the year."

McKay, O'Boyle, Tom Oesch Lyons and Stouffer all finished the day undefeated.



John McKay applies the headlock in a win against Zeeland. Lowell defeated the Chix 52-20 in an OK White conference dual. Lowell travels to Hastings for a season-ending dual meet on Thursday and to Wyoming Park on Saturday for the league meet.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice for testing OPTEC Computer Program for February 22, 2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM TESTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FEBRUARY 22, 2000 WILL BE CONDUCTED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash S.E.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Clerk
Bowne Township

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AGE:..... 6 years old

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Anna Flier	Austin DeClercq	Jenny Humphries
Adam Jones	Jessica Daily	Keirstin Parker
Jim Nordman	Joey Poulias	Ryan DenBraven
Brittany Parker	Heidi Laufer	Kyle Austin
Shelby Young	Brandon Lee	Laura Maki
Logon DeClercq	Brad Nordman	Shayna Hancock
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CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Lowell Area Schools will be conducting Community Forums. The purpose of the community forums is to discuss potential options that will allow the school district to accommodate current and future student growth.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000 - Alto Elementary School - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000 - Runciman Board of Education Office - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon
300 High St., Lowell

Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 - Cherry Creek Elementary School - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
12675 Foreman Rd., Lowell

Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000 - Runciman Board of Education Office - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
300 High St., Lowell

Your attendance at one of these forums would be greatly appreciated.

Red Arrow JV finds success at Stockbridge

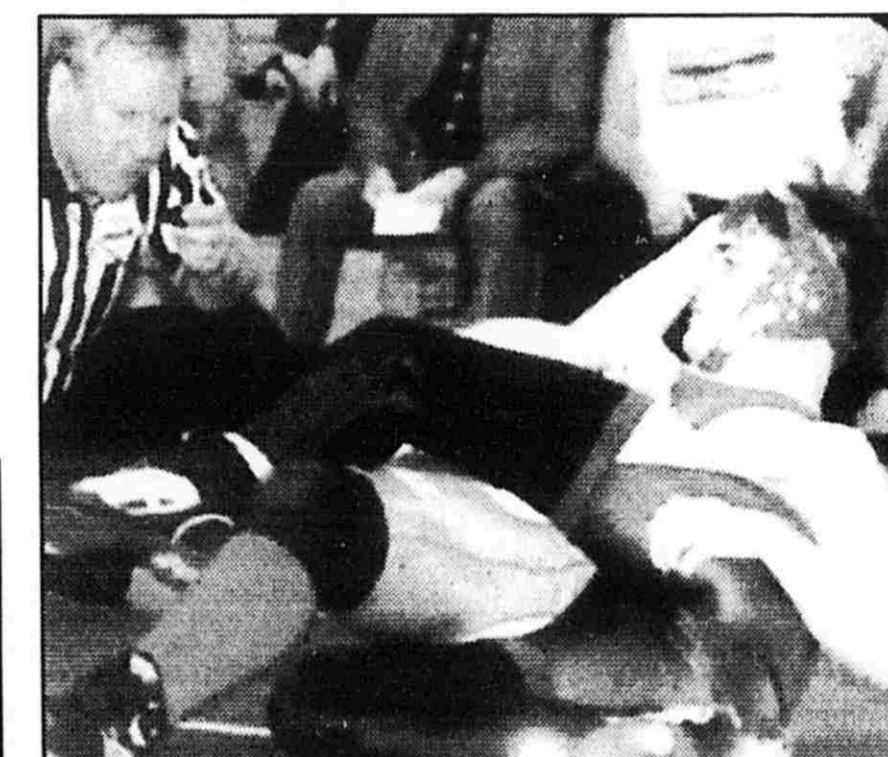
Lowell's junior varsity wrestling team traveled to Stockbridge on Saturday.

All 15 wrestlers placed. Earning first place honors were Mark Kimberlin, Erik Hays, Tim Hill, Tom Dawson, Mike Forward, Matt Altoft and Ben Barle.

Finishing second were Mike Scott, Mike Junewick, Philip Moerdyke and Kevin Rasch.

Curtis Johnson, Cameron Koorndyk and Brian Rasch placed third.

Jason Murray took fourth. Lowell competed against Stockbridge, Corunna, Dexter and Addison.



Mike Junewick works for points against his Zeeland counterpart.

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Township of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan, within said township on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000

at the following voting precincts within the township of Lowell:

Precinct One - Lowell Township Hall - Main Level
2910 Alden Nash, SE
(For all the qualified electors residing in the township south of the Grand River.)

Precinct Two - Lowell Township Hall - Lower Level
2910 Alden Nash, SE
(For all the qualified electors residing in the township North of the Grand River.)

The election is to be held 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 KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSITION and a local question for GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING which reads as follows -

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)?

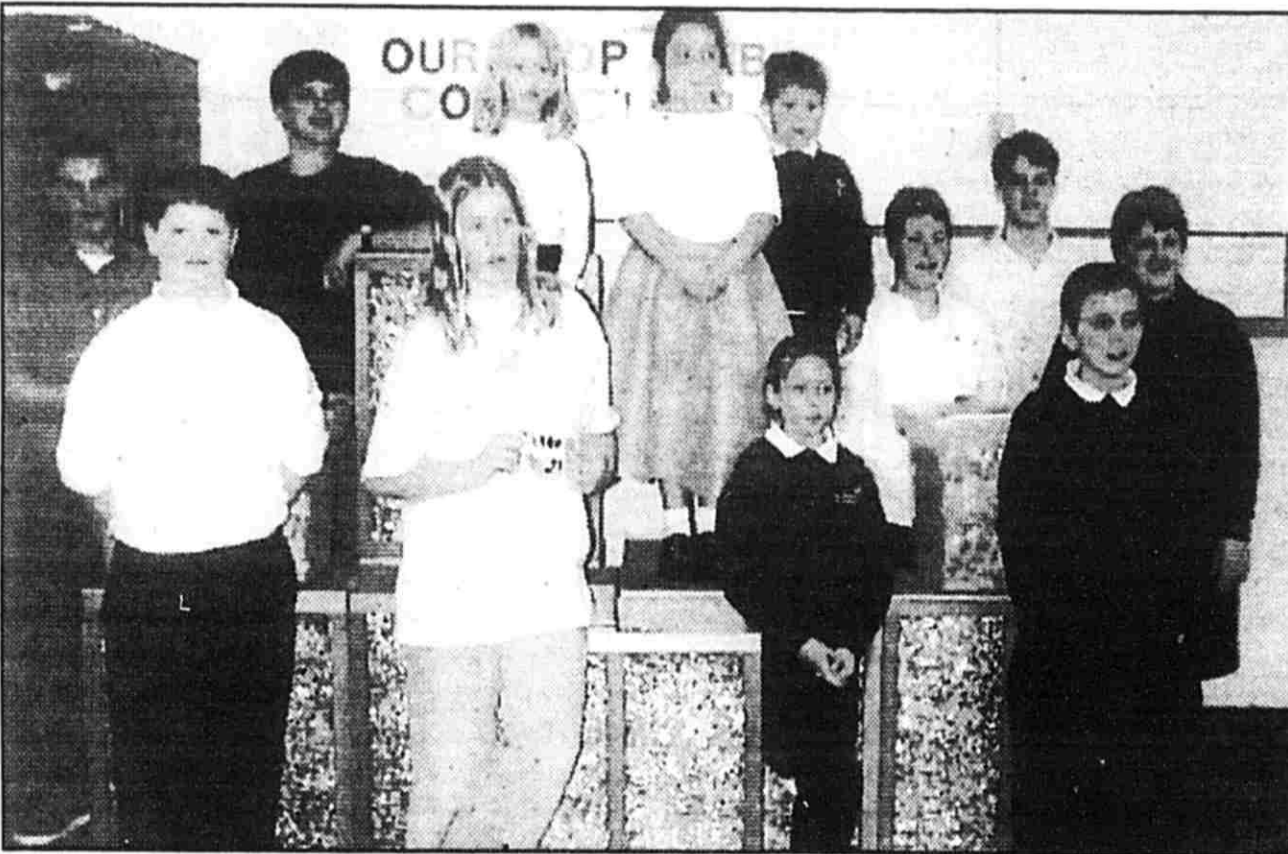
Yes _____

No _____

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. OF SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

Dated: February 7, 2000

Planning Commission
of the Township of Grattan



St. Patrick's Students are Tops

Students at St. Patrick's School determined after collecting aluminum tabs for one month, it would take 57 years to reach 1 million unless they sped up the process.

The concerted effort that followed over the next three-and-a-half years brought in countless sandwich baggies, coffee cans and boxes full of tabs.

On Friday, St. Patrick's sixth-grade student, Kelsey Graham, added the one millionth tab during a school assembly. The 10, three-foot high containers of tabs hold approximately 700 pounds of aluminum.

The proceeds from the scrap aluminum will benefit ALS Association, Leukemia Association and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Pictured front row, left to right, are: Erin Bronkella, Kelsey Graham, Stephanie Kramer, Nathan Duley; back row, left to right, David Johnson, Nate Seif, Taylor Mankel, Brittany Gervais, Jeremy Wodarek, Mary Jo Vezino, Anthony Mauric and Barb Vezino.

Gustafson and Weir lead Rangers at FHN Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike Gustafson and Scott Weir had a leg in five firsts at the Forest Hills Northern Invitational on Saturday.

Gustafson claimed firsts in the 200 freestyle (1:59.09) and in the 100 butterfly (55.04).

Weir shattered the school record in the 200 individual medley, stopping the clock at 1:53.99. He broke Gustafson's mark of 1:59.43.

Weir also won the 100 freestyle in a time of 47.72. Gustafson and Weir were also members of the winning 200 freestyle relay. Teaming with Jon Rosenburger and Andrew Klipa, the Rangers came home in a time of 1:32.52. "They were just shy of the state cut," Forest Hills/Lowell swim coach Heather Heritage said.

The foursome placed second in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:44.15.

Personal bests were handed in by Tyler Duckett, 200 freestyle, 2:55.42; Eric Sherba, 200 I.M., 2:25.38; Rosenburger, 50 freestyle, 25.05; Sherba 100 butterfly, 1:08.44; and Matt Trierweiler, 100 breaststroke, 1:23.43.

"Eric (Sherba) is starting to develop and provide us with some quality depth. He's also very versatile," Heritage said.

Season personal bests were recorded by Rosenburger, 100 freestyle, 57.19; John Webb, 100 freestyle 59.67; and Webb, 100 breaststroke 1:16.63.

In diving, Andrew Sargent led the Rangers with a total of 304.55. Mac Russell tallied 227.25 and Jake Baker totaled 184.55.

"It was a good meet. The kids had a lot of personal and season best times," Heritage concluded.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 2000, at the Kent County Drain Commissioners Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, of such place and time, I, Roger G. Laninga, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "PRATT LAKE DRAIN", and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3687.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionments, within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionments. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed: 41-20-23-100-003, 004, 005, 006, 009, 010, 012 & 013, 41-20-23-200-001, 003, 004, 007, 009, 012, 013, 014, & 015, 41-20-23-300-002, 003, 004, 007, 008, 009, 010, 012, 013 & 014, 41-20-23-400-003 & 004, 41-20-24-100-002 & 003, 41-20-24-200-002 & 004, 41-20-24-300-002, 41-20-24-400-004, 006, 007, 008 & 009, 41-20-24-501-001 & 002, 41-20-25-100-001, 004, 006, 008 & 009, 41-20-25-200-002, 003 & 006, 41-20-25-300-005, 41-20-25-300-006, 007, 008 & 009, 41-20-25-400-007, 008 & 009, 41-20-25-501-001, 41-20-26-100-002, 003, 004, 005, 007 & 008, 41-20-26-200-001 & 002, 41-20-26-300-001, 003 & 005, 41-20-26-400-001, 002, 006, 007, & 008, 41-20-27-100-002, 003 & 004, 41-20-27-200-001 & 002, 41-20-27-300-001 & 002, 41-20-27-400-004, 005 & 006, 41-20-28-200-004, 007, 011, 012, 016, 017, 018, 019 & 20, 41-20-33-100-010, 014, 023, 026, 027, 032, 034, 035, 036 & 037, 41-20-33-200-001, 41-20-33-200-002, 004 & 005, 41-20-33-301, 002, 003 & 005, 41-20-33-326-002, 41-20-33-351-002, 003, 006, 007, 008 & 009, 41-20-33-352-001, 002, 003, 004, 005 & 006, 41-20-33-376-001, 002, 003, 006, 007, 011, 015, 016, 017 & 018, 41-20-33-380-002, 004 & 005, 41-20-33-400-009, 014, 015, 020, 021, 022, 024, 025, 027, & 028, 41-20-34-100-001 & 002, 41-20-34-200-003, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009 & 010, 41-20-34-300-001, 004, 008, 010, 011, 016, 017 & 018, 41-20-34-400-006, 008, 009 & 010, 41-20-35-100-001, 002, 003, 005, 007, 008 & 009, 41-20-35-200-001, 002, 004 & 005, 41-20-35-300-001 & 002, 41-20-35-400-003, 004 & 006, 41-20-36-100-005, 007, 009, 010, 011 & 012, 41-20-36-200-002, 005, 007 & 008, 41-20-36-300-006, 010, 012, 013, 014 & 015, 41-20-36-400-003 & 004, 41-24-01-100-002, 005, 009, 012, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019 & 020, 41-24-01-200, 002, 003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 011, 012, 014, 015, & 016, 41-24-01-300-002, 003, 007, 010, 011, 012, 013 & 014, 41-24-01-400-002, 004, 005, 007, 009, 010 & 011, 41-24-01-501-004, 41-24-02-100-001, 002, 005, 006, 007, 008 & 009, 41-24-02-200-002, 003, 004 & 005, 41-24-02-300-004, 005, 008, 016, 017, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 029 & 030, 41-24-02-400-002, 004, 005, 006 & 007, 41-24-02-501-001, 41-24-03-100-002, 008, 010, 011, 012, 013, 015, 016, 018, 019 & 020, 41-24-03-200-001, 002 & 003, 41-24-03-300-001, 006 & 007, 41-24-03-400-003, 004, 008, 015, 017, 022 & 023, 41-24-03-501-001, 41-24-04-101-001, 002, 003, 004 & 005, 41-24-04-102-001, 002, 003 & 005, 41-24-04-103-007, 41-24-04-126-003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008 & 009, 41-24-04-127-003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009 & 010, 41-24-04-128-001, 002, 003, 004, 010, 011 & 012, 41-24-04-129-002, 003, 005, 006 & 007, 41-24-04-130-001, 002, 004, 007, 008, 010, 011, 012 & 015, 41-24-04-131-001, 002, 006, 009, 010, 012, 014, 022, 025, 026, 027, 029, 030, 031, & 032, 41-24-04-134-006, 41-24-04-135-003, 004, 006, 007 & 008, 41-24-04-176-007, 008, 009, 010, 017, 018, 020, 024, 025, 027, 028, 029, 030 & 031, 41-24-04-200-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 016, 017, 019 & 020, 41-24-04-300-002, 003, 004, 005, 007, 009 & 010, 41-24-04-400-003, 005, 012, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 021, 028, 029, 030, 031 & 032, 41-24-04-501-001, 41-24-09-100-012, 014 & 015, 41-24-09-200-007, 008, 013, 016, 020, 022, 023, 026, 029, 030, 031, 033, 035, 036, 038 & 039, 41-24-09-400-005, 006 & 014, 41-24-10-100-001, 003, 008 & 009, 41-24-10-200-005, 007, 008, 009, 010 & 011, 41-24-10-300-001, 002, 004 & 005, 41-24-10-400-002, 005, 006, 007 & 008, 41-24-11-100-001 & 002, 41-24-11-200-003 & 004, 41-24-11-300-001 & 002, 41-24-11-400-002, 003 & 004, 41-24-12-100-001, 003, 004 & 005, 41-24-12-200-002 & 003, 41-24-12-300-001, 003, 005, 006, 007 & 008, 41-24-12-400-001, 002, 005 & 006, 41-24-14-100-001, 41-24-14-200-001, 005, 006, 008, 009, 010 & 011, 41-24-14-300-001, 005 & 010, 41-24-14-400-004, 007, 008, 010, 012, & 013, 41-24-15-100-002, 003 & 004, 41-24-15-200-002 & 003, 41-24-15-300-007, 016, 017 & 018, 41-24-15-400-004, 006, 007, 009 & 010, 41-24-16-200-005, 010 & 011, 41-24-16-400-007, 010, 011 & 012, 41-24-21-200-003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 018, 019, 020, 021 & 023, 41-24-21-400-005, 41-24-22-100-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 007 & 008, 41-24-22-200-002, 003, 005 & 006, 41-24-22-300-003, 005, 006, 007 & 008, 41-24-22-400-001, 004, 005, 006, 007 & 008, 41-24-23-100-002, 007, 009, 011, 013, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020 & 021, 41-24-23-300-008, 010, 011, 012, 013 & 014, 41-24-23-400-002 & 010, 41-24-24-100-012, Township of Bowne, Township of Lowell, State of Michigan and the County of Kent.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Terri L. Land, Clerk of Kent County, Christian Wenger, Bowne Township Supervisor, John R. Timpson, Lowell Township Supervisor, James R. Desana, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation and Jon Rice, Managing Director, Kent County Road Commission, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Pratt Lake Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2000

Roger G. Laninga
Kent County Drain Commissioner

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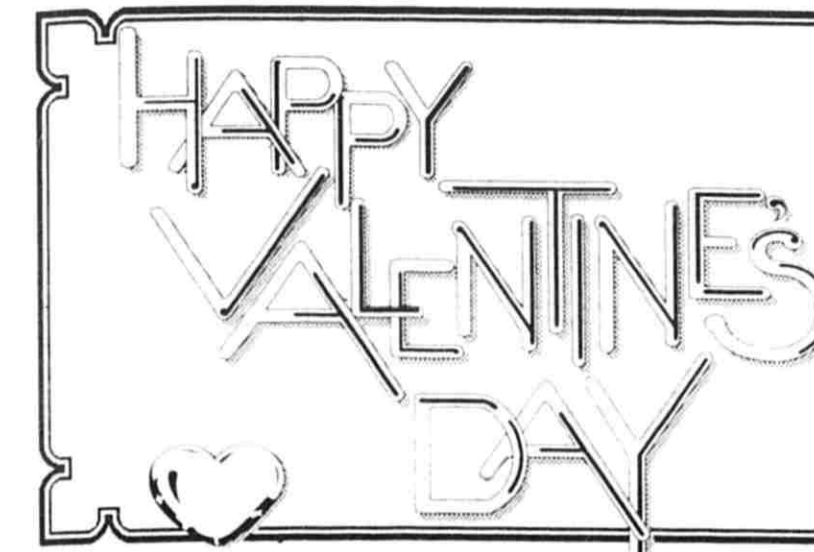
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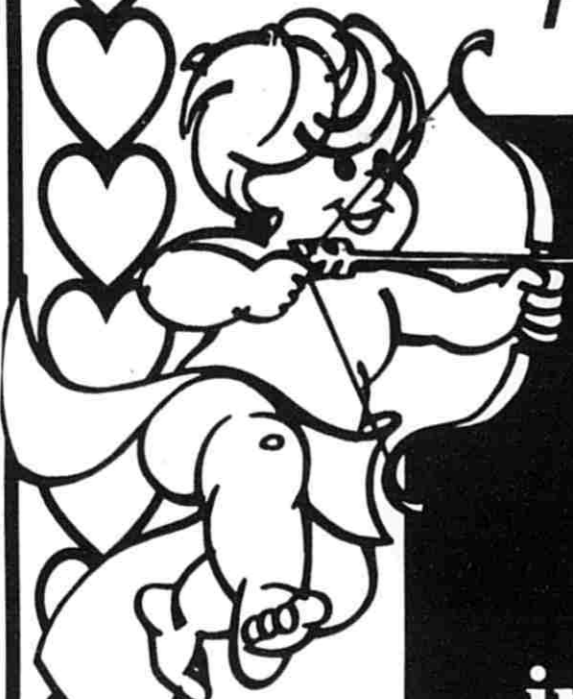
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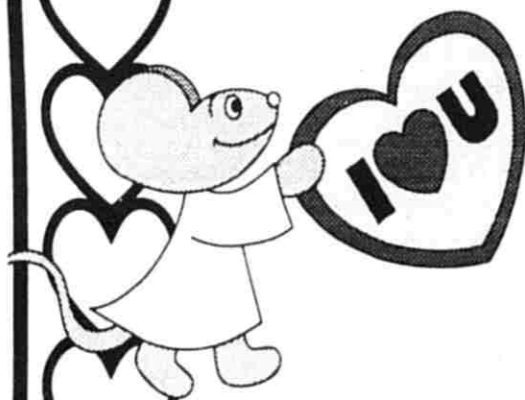
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