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Lowell helps out neighboring FH district

••• School transfers 28 acres into Forest Hills district so an environmental school can be developed.

By J. N. Boorsma *Contributing Writer*

The Lowell Area School District will be a little smaller ... 28 acres to be exact.

At its Monday night board meeting, the Board of Education, in a 5-1 vote, decided to transfer 28 acres of land to the Forest Hills Public Schools. Most of the land is designated to become part of Seidman Park, where Forest Hills school officials plan to develop an environmental school.

"What we did was the right thing to do," said boardmember Mark Blanding during board comments. "With all this talk of character, we stepped up to the plate and did the right thing - not just for our district but for the community at large."

The transfer moves the land from the Lowell Area School District to the Forest Hills School District. The land is not owned by the Lowell district; it was simply within the district's borders so if any houses were located

there, the children from those homes would have attended Lowell Area Schools.

The land, located in Vergennes Township right next to Seidman Park, was removed from the tax rolls because it was deemed unbuildable for residential housing. "Therefore," said Board president, Pete Gustafson, "it would never be used for the purpose of housing students."

While it may never have homes on it nor hold financial value to the district, boardmember Pat Nugent said he still had some lingering doubts about changing the district's borders and having a school from another district built so close to Lowell's border.

"I guess I'll make up my mind in the next 30 seconds over how I am going to vote," Nugent said. In the end, Nugent was the only no voter on the issue.

"I don't think anyone on the board doesn't hesitate when we are modifying the boundaries of the district," Gustafson said. "Some of Pat (Nugent's) concerns are certainly shared by the rest of the board."

Lowell had an opportunity to participate in the Forest Hills environmental program but with the development of the Wege Natural Area and the decision to create its own environmental program, school officials decided against it.

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Council appoints ad hoc committee to review maintaining an acceptable cable television system

••• The committee of nine will meet for the first time on Monday, March 27 to begin discussions.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

Determining the community's interest to continue offering cable television in the Lowell community will be the charge, between now and May 1, of a recently appointed committee.

In reviewing a number of volunteer applications, Mayor Michael Blough said he selected a balanced cross section of the Lowell residency which included one representative from each entity served by the cable system outside the boundaries of Lowell.

The committee shall be empowered to call representatives of Lowell Cable and the city of Lowell to attend meetings and to provide information to the public about Lowell's cable service and to conduct public hearings or focus studies to determine the community's interest in maintaining an acceptable cable television system.

I welcome an exam of what we're doing and a comparison of the services we provide and the value people are getting for their money. I think councilman Quada (Ray) is right in properly wanting an exam of the system and all we do, and not just of the channels people find offensive.

Tom Richard
Lowell Cable marketing and programming manager

"This ad hoc committee has been formed to fulfill this one simple charge," Blough said. "The purpose is for an open, worthwhile discussion on all points of view."

From the discussions the ad hoc committee will come back with a recommendation to the city council.

The Lowell City Council approved Mayor Blough's recommendation to appoint Joe Fremer, Dean Lonick, Alan Teelander, David Simmonds, Flo Beggs, Deb Canfield and Jane Bossert to serve along with himself and councilor Jeanne Shores.

"I welcome an exam of what we're doing and a comparison of the services we provide and the value people are getting for their money," said Tom Richards, Lowell Cable marketing and programming manager. "I think councilman Quada (Ray) is right in properly wanting an exam of the system and all we do, and not just of the channels people find offensive."

Don Green was the only councilman to question Blough's rationale in selecting committee members.

Green noted that Alan Mathews had volunteered to serve

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Program's success as simple as saying "Hi" for Lowell High School student

••• Community based instruction has helped autistic high school student Adam Maynard overcome his discomfort of interacting with others.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

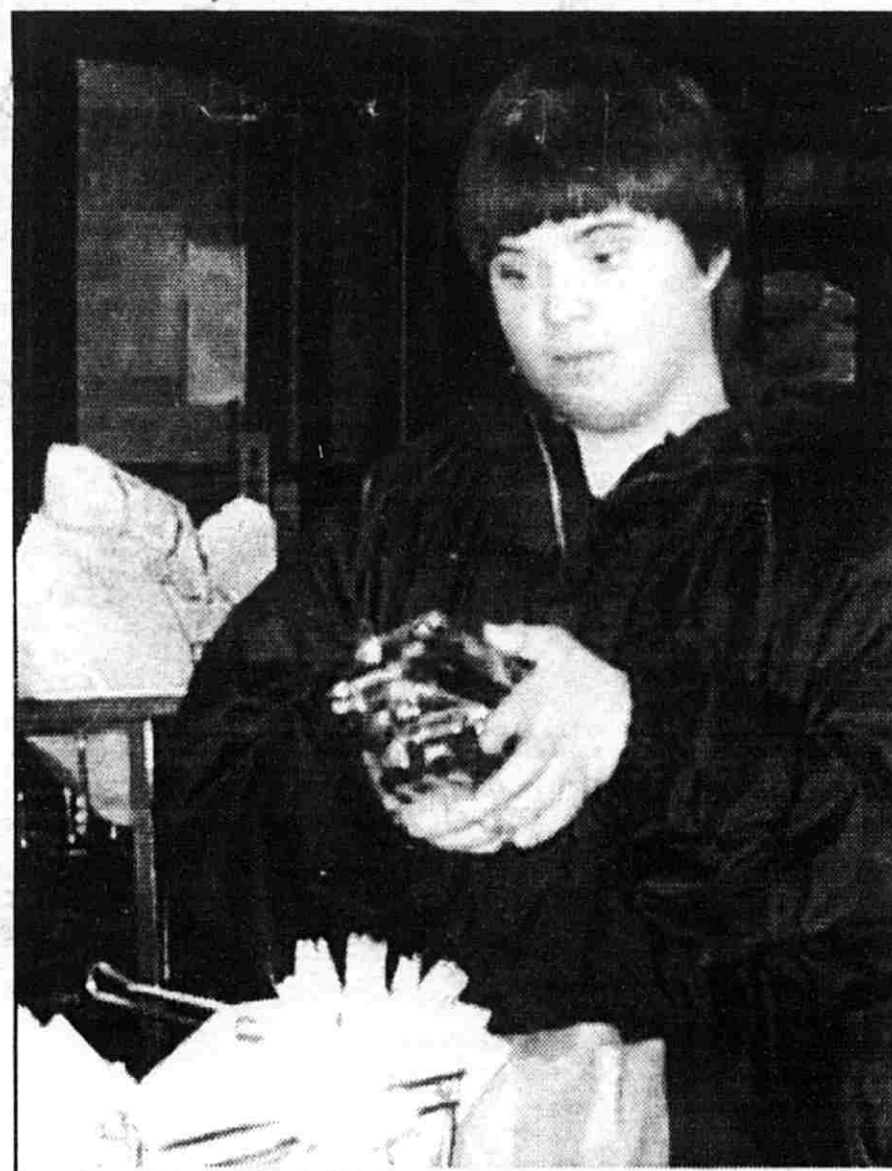
The challenge of initiating a conversation is as difficult a task for Lowell High School sophomore Adam

Maynard as he may face in a school day.

When Family Fare customers hear Adam, an autistic student, initiate a salutation with "hi" or "have a good day," they smile and begin to understand why Community Based Instruction instructor Keith Boeve raves about progress he has seen in the sophomore's vocational skills since starting in the program last July.

"The progress Adam has made is incredible," Boeve says.

Autistic children normally don't want to initiate communication. Through Maynard's involvement in the community based instruction program, however, the Lowell student has been forced to start conversations with a



Sara Bault, Family Fare service clerk and high school student, bags groceries at Family Fare.

simple "Hi" or even "plastic or paper."

The fact Maynard has been there six months indicates he has not only adapted but is meeting the requirements set forth by Family Fare human resource coordinator Sara Pohler and store director Bob Teitsma.

"Adam didn't want to say 'Hi' at first, but the program has helped him a lot," Teitsma explains. "He is friendly and always smiles and says 'Hi'. Adam does a fine job and we have never received a complaint from a customer."

Maynard works alongside fellow classmate, Sara Bault.

"Since beginning her work at Family Fare, her so-

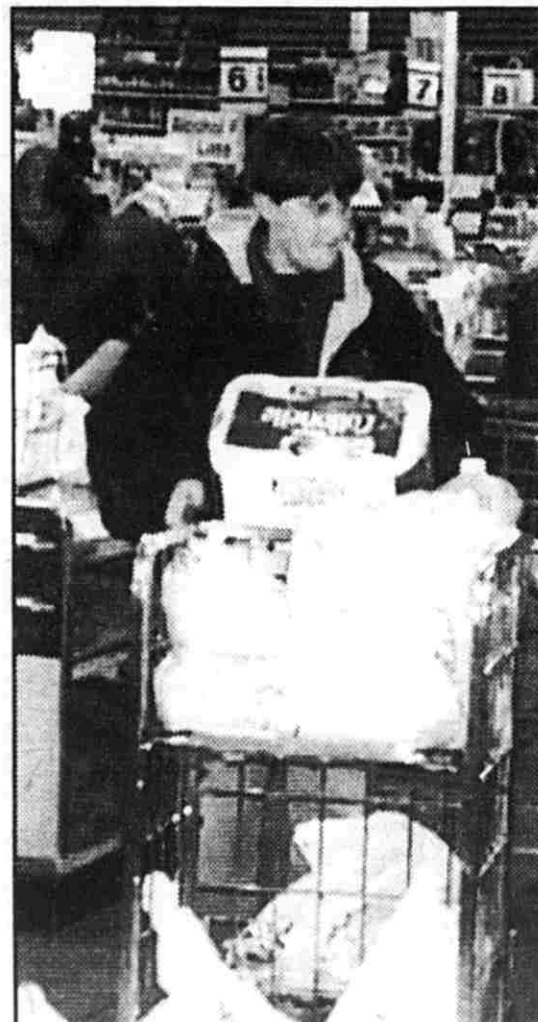
cial skills have gone off the chart," Boeve says.

This year, Boeve has begun placing students like Bault, with fewer vocational skills, in settings with students who have higher vocational skills.

The result: the students have blossomed in the vocational setting while outside of the academic setting. "There is such a change in personality," Boeve adds.

Even more rewarding for the Lowell Community Based Instruction teacher is the percentage of students who end up getting hired for employment. "About 60-70 percent of the students are hired by local businesses after they

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Adam Maynard follows a Family Fare customer out to her car with a cart of groceries.

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OBITUARIES

BRYAN - Josephine M. Bryan, aged 88, of Lowell, died at Clark Retirement Community on January 3, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth. Mrs. Bryan is survived by her children Gregory (Beverly) Bryan of Wyoming, Richard (Nola) Bryan of Lowell, Bonnie Strong of Lansing; sister Gretchen Roseboom of Sand Lake; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will be held on the first day of spring, Monday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev.

Mark C. Przybysz officiating. Inurnment has taken place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Clark Retirement Community 1551 Franklin, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

KISSINGER - Mrs. Evelyn I. Kissinger, aged 73, of Manton, formerly of Alto, went to be with her heavenly Father Wednesday, March 8, 2000. She was preceded in death by her son Joseph. She is survived by her husband James R.; children James R. Kissinger II, Jan (Paul) Brower, Dennis Kissinger,

Diana (Rick) Victory, Mike (Shari) Kissinger, Kathi (Scott) McIntyre, Gary (Vicky) Christian; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister Ilene (Ramon) Mervau; brother Ernest (Thelma) Urbane. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia, with Rev. David E. LeBlanc, celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may

be made to Mercy American Hospice, 7985 Mackinaw Trail Dr., Cadillac, MI 49601.

Kooi contracted for filter tank job

Kooi Industrial Painting, of Grand Rapids, was awarded the contract of painting the filter tanks at Lowell's Water Treatment Plant.

Its bid of \$14,140 was less than half of the only other bid submitted.

Water Treatment Plant superintendent George Regan said he estimated the cost to be between \$12-\$15,000.

"I do not know where the other company got its price (\$29,670)," said Regan.

Correction...

The city and Lowell Youth Football renewed their agreement for the operation and control of the concession stand and Burch field facilities for one year.

An escape clause for either party was eliminated because of Lowell Youth Football's investment in the field.

The council asked that LYF draft up its long-range plans for the facility.

child and special cousin "Uncle" Scott O'Beirne. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Gregory Freed officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Clarksville Fire Dept. or Clarksville Library.

YPMA - Wallace Ypma II, aged 43, of Saranac, went to be with the Lord, Monday,

March 6, 2000. He is survived by his parents Wallace and Donna; brothers and sisters Pamela (Lloyd) Batey, Valerie Trovato, Michael (Kim) Ypma, Juanita Ypma, Bill (Judy) Ypma; seven nieces and nephews and two great-nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Friday at Cook Memorial Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assn.

Included in Kooi's labor will be an application of a uniform coat of filler and surfacer to fill voids and resurface the concrete substrate as well as two coats of potapox plus.

In addition, the initial filler coat will be applied in such a fashion that grinding of edges will not be a required step prior to painting.

All work completed will be subject to inspection by Fishbeck Thompson Carr and Huber, Inc. or other designated inspectors.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Independent Probate

FILE NO. 00 169, 115 IE

Estate of ALWYN N. ROSENBERGER

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 6016 Bancroft Ave. S.E., Alto, Michigan 49302 died August 01, 1999. An instrument dated February 02, 1998 has been admitted as the will of the deceased. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal

representative, Jo Ann Faunce, 14300 Wolf Rd., Freepoint, MI 49325; Robert Rosenberger, 10363 Thompson Rd., Freepoint, MI 49325; Bonnie Kidder, 7440 N. Broadway, Freepoint, MI 49325, or to

both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

ROBERT ROSENBERGER 10363 Thompson Rd. Freepoint, MI 49325

JO ANN FAUNCE 14300 Wolf Rd. Freepoint, MI 49325

BONNIE L. KIDDER 7440 N. Broadway Freepoint, MI 49325

Scudder throws up ways for students to succeed in meeting their goals

By Thaddeus J. Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

Kurt Abbott, former Detroit Tiger pitcher, could be a poster child for bringing about achievement through the power of preset goals.

At the age of nine, Abbott wrote on a 3x5 index card that he would someday pitch in Yankee Stadium.

Four years ago, Abbott, attired in Yankee pinstripes,

had his name added to the short list of Yankees to pitch a no-hitter in the "House That Ruth Built."

Taped to the inside of his Yankee locker was the same index card on which he wrote his goal as a youth.

"You never outgrow the need to set and meet goals," said Mike Scudder, a motiva-

tional and educational speaker on self-esteem, goal setting, hard work, persistence and determination with an emphasis on drug and alcohol prevention.

"Implementing these character qualities help students avoid the mine fields (alcohol and drugs) that prevent them from reaching their goals," Scudder explains.

His motivational presentation is delivered all the while shooting free throws.

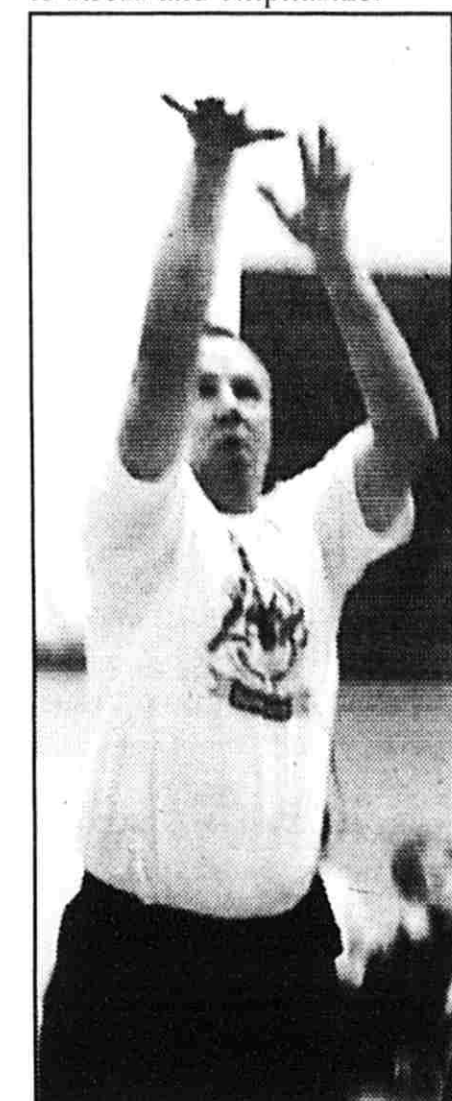
While speaking to students at Cherry Creek Elementary, the Las Vegas resident netted 198 of 200 free throws.

Wednesday's stop in Lowell was the first of 37 engagements in the Greater Grand Rapids area.

"I just finished 27 school presentations in the Cheboygan area," Scudder said.

Scudder, who many believe is the best free throw shooter in the world, related true life stories and experiences in an effort to put stu-

dents on the path to success in whatever area they may want to stress and emphasize.



Mike Scudder spoke to students at all three levels.

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Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, ELSA R. MULDER, 759 R U D D I M A N, MUSKEGON, MI 49445, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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This is a leaf-composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup days will be Tuesday, March 21st and 28th and April 4th and 11th. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup will be Wednesday, March 22nd and 29th and April 5th and 12th.

Also, the leaf pickup program will continue the first full week of each month on Tuesday and Wednesday from May to November!

If there are any questions, please contact Pitsch Companies (285-4646) or City Hall (897-8457).

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Pictured are the cast members of *David Copperfield*, front row: Sean Myers; second row, left to right: Holli Kaufman, Sarah Manion and Lyndsey Trierweiler; third row, left to right: Brandon Mason, Jeff McPherson, Jared Baker, Jon Howard, C.J. Moore and Eddie Boeve.



Pictured are the cast members of *David Copperfield*, front row, left to right: Andrea Black, Amy Bogner, Adrienne Ripley, Kelly Johnson and Heather Essich; back row, left to right: Brian Koehn, Justin Peterson, Eric Hasso, Tom Eldridge and David Blair.

Lowell Middle School drama class presents "David Copperfield"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class, under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett, will present the classic tale, based on the novel by Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield*, on Tuesday, March 21.

David Copperfield has been historically described as both a revealing autobiography of Charles Dickens' life and as a picture of the society of his time. The play is a coming-of-age story of a boy in 19th century England, heroically battling a

difficult youth. It is a story divided into two parts, David as a boy and David as a young man.

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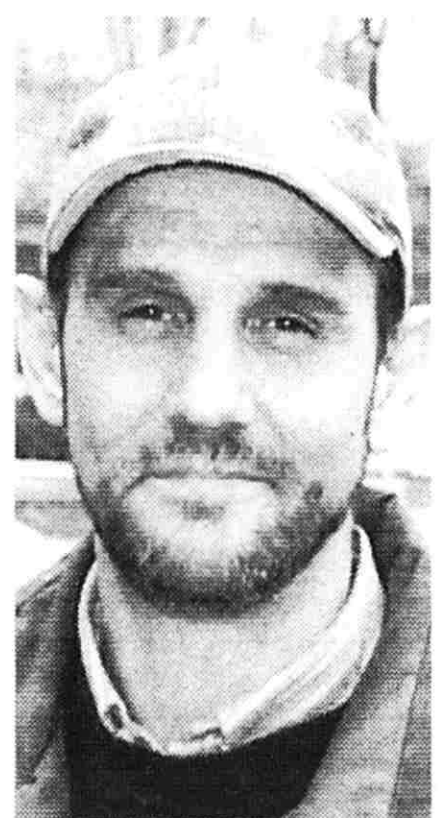
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TOWN TALK

Do you wear a seat belt? Is the new law requiring a driver to wear a seat belt a good law and will the threat of getting a ticket (\$40) encourage those who don't wear a seat belt to wear one now?



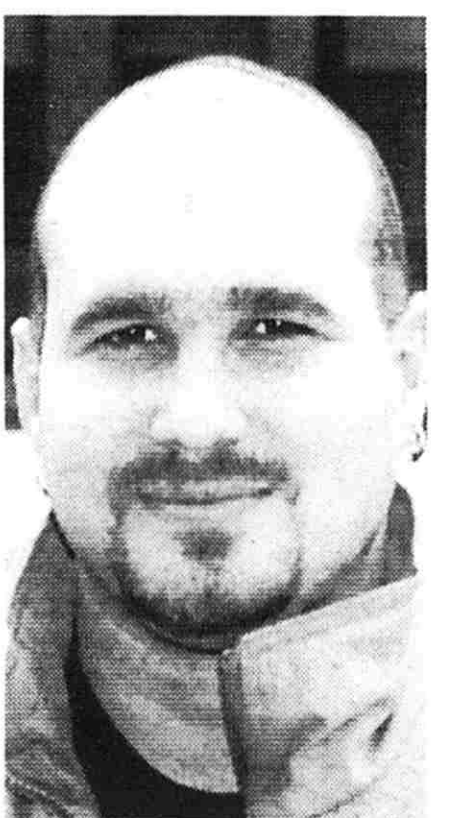
Gloria Brinks
I always wear one. It's a good thing; seat belts save lives. I think people who haven't will start wearing them.



Chris Castro
I don't wear one. I won't wear one. I think that should be a person's own choice.



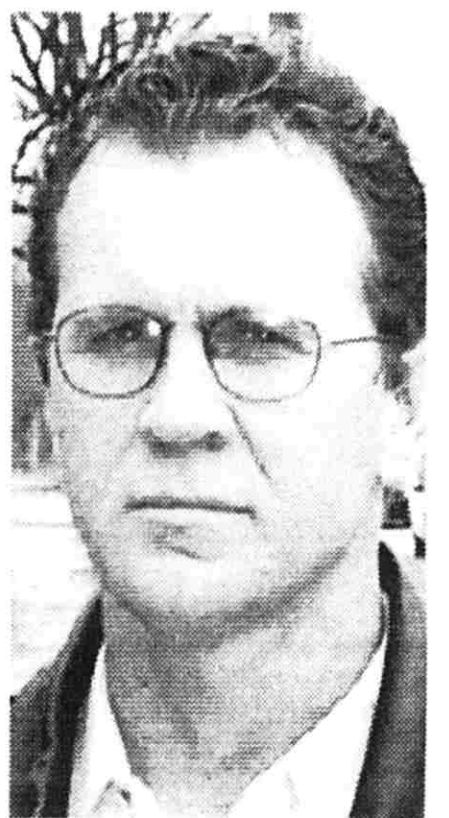
Ken Miller
No, I don't wear a seat belt. It should be the choice of the individual. Seat belts also kill as well as save lives. I will begin to wear a seat belt because I can't afford the ticket.



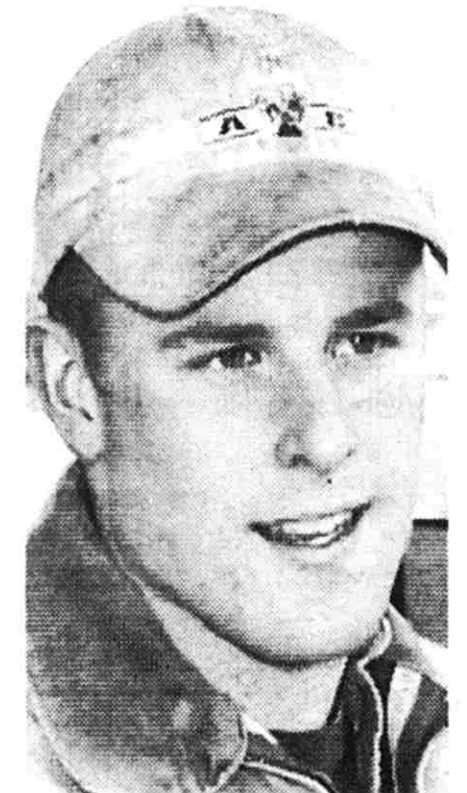
George Nott
I wear one. It's a good law. I do think it will get people to start wearing them because to not, will hit their pocket-book.



Cathy Acker
Yes, I wear a seat belt. It should be mandatory that parents not smoke in their car when children are with them. I don't think the law will change the attitudes of those who don't wear a seat belt.



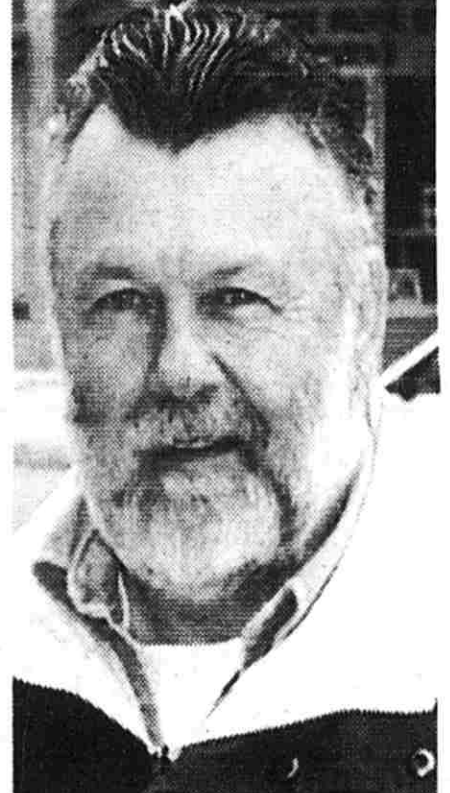
Robert Bristol
Yes, I wear a seat belt and it is a good law. It is now the law so people will have to.



Travis Grummet
Sometimes I wear one. I think the choice should be left up to the driver. The law probably won't change those who don't wear a seat belt.



Frank Goforth
Yes, I wear a seat belt. It's a good law because it saves lives. I think it will make those who don't, wear seat belts.



Don Holstine
Yes, I do wear a seat belt. I think those who don't will start. \$40 is a stiff fine.

Becky Carpenter
I really do think it is a good law. I'm tired of parents driving around with children running around in the back seat. Our family has always used seat belts. I think the threat of a ticket will get those who don't, to wear a seat belt.

Sally Golds
Yes, I wear my seat belt, and yes, I think it is a good law. Like with the helmet law, some people are too immature to do it on their own.

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—Blaise Pascal

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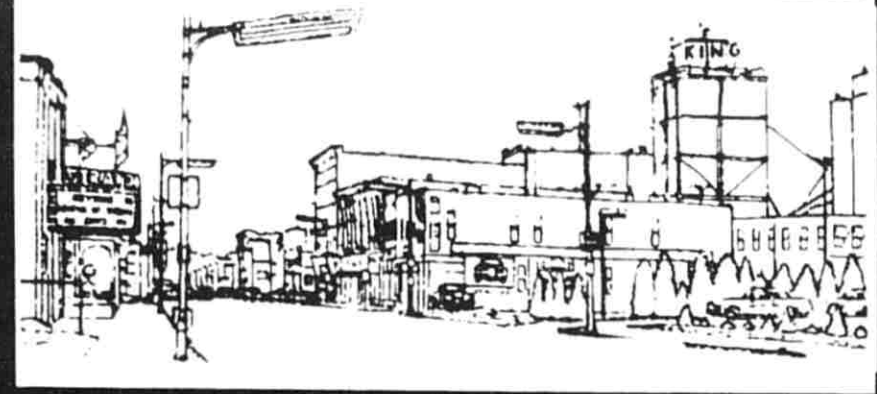
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A parent workshop, led by Kathy Cole, will be held on Thursday, March 16 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St. To reserve your spot for the program, "Helping Your Elementary Child Do Better In School," RSVP by Thursday morning to Jantina at 897-1214 or Carol at 897-1216.

BLOOD DRIVE

Grand Valley Blood Program will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17 at Lowell High School in the small gym. Call Heather Kohtz at 897-4125 ext. 440 for

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have been in this program," he says.

Teitsma says Family Fare has hired six students as service clerks.

According to Boeve, Lowell High School does more in the vocational area than most. "There is a lot being offered at the intermediate level."

The students participating in the program are on job sites

Land Transfer, cont'd.... From Page 1

"The whole point of having an environmental or ecology program is to have it with-in proximity of a preserve of natural area," Gustafson said, adding that Lowell is very fortunate to have such a natural area with the Wege site.

"I hate giving away anything, particularly land, and probably especially to Forest Hills," said Superintendent Bert Bleke. "But we have been blessed with such a wonderful natural area... however, giving land away is not something that we are going to be making a habit of."

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS: DAVID COPPERFIELD

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale *David Copperfield* on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

The public is invited and admission is free.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lowell Area Fire Department will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 25 from 7 to 11 a.m. It will be held at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk. Donations at the door. Proceeds go toward fire equipment.

LOWELL COMMUNITY MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Come to the Lowell Expo on March 25 to hear the Lowell Community Music Ensemble from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Beginner-Intermediate String Players under the direction of Collette Vandenberg at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group of local string musicians, please call Patti O'Hare at 897-6983; and if you have a used string instrument to sell or donate, please call Carol Drenth at 897-8785.

three days a week. Bault, Maynard and others work from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Pohler who oversees the students says assisting them has become less and less. "They have shown that they are capable of doing the work," Pohler explains. "The kids have been a joy."

Rose Bruinsma, Lowell High School parapro, also helps train students at work sites.

The program has placed 11 students at job sites in the community.

Businesses participating in the program are Cumberland Manor, Laurels of Kent, Curtis Cleaners, Mancino's, Rupert's Drop, Springrove Variety, Burger King, Quick Lube and Lowell Area Schools Maintenance Department.

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FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Fallsburg Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Monday, March 27 at Schneider Manor. Sponsor is Evelyn Briggs. Potluck supper is at 6:30 with sing-along music of Paul Kerkstra and his keyboard. A short business meeting and election of several board members will round out the evening.

For additional information please call Priscilla Lussmyer at 897-6430.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

In-district students can pick up an application form for driver's training at Lowell High School, Unity High School or Lowell Middle School. Students must have been born before Nov. 10, 1985 in order to take driver's training this summer.

Applications and the required \$50 fee must be returned before Friday, March 31. Questions can be directed to Al Eckman at LHS, 897-4125.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER FUNDRAISER

The parents of the class of 2000 will be having a meat sale to raise money for the senior all-nighter extras.

If you would like to sell meat, contact Kathy at 897-5981 or Bob Ford, 897-7501 for a brochure.

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on the committee at the Feb. 21 council meeting, yet was not selected.

"He was the first to volunteer. I think he should have been chosen," Green explained.

Mayor Blough said he did not have a rationale for excluding Mathews. He added that a good cross section of people representing a broad spectrum was his goal.

"I did contact individuals other than those who sent in an application," Blough explained. "I did so to ensure that a broad spectrum of views be represented."

"Social Work - Resident Advocate"

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SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Soccer: FOXDT Sun. 1 a.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
Tennis: ESPN Fri. 3 p.m. WTA Tennis Evert Cup -- Semifinals. From Indian Wells, Calif. (Live)
Hockey: FOXDT Fri. 5 p.m. College Hockey CCHA Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
Track and Field: ESPN Mon. 3:30 p.m. Track and Field NCAA Indoor Championships. From Fayetteville, Ark. (Taped)
Winter Sports: ESPN Tue. 4 p.m. Snowboarding Vans Triple Crown. From Lake Tahoe, Nev. (Taped)
Wrestling: TNT Mon. 8 p.m. WCW Monday Nitro (Live)

Skating: TNN Fri. 9 p.m. RollerJam Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
Life Sat. 2 p.m. Figure Skating World Junior Championships. (Taped)
WTV Sun. 1 p.m.; WZZM Sun. 1 p.m. Figure Skating European Championships. Dance and pairs competitions. From Vienna, Austria. (Taped)
Basketball: WWM Fri. 12 p.m. College Basketball NCAA Tournament East or South Regional First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
WNLS Fri. 12:10 p.m. College Basketball NCAA Tournament East or South Regional First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
WWM Fri. 2:30 p.m.; WNLS Fri. 2:30 p.m. College Basketball NCAA Tournament East or South Regional First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
WWM Fri. 7:30 p.m.; WNLS Fri. 7:30 p.m. College Basketball NCAA Tournament East or South Regional First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
Rodeo: TNN Fri. 12 a.m. Championship Bull Riding PBR St. Louis -- Round 1. From St. Louis. (Taped)
TNN Sun. 9 p.m. Championship Bull Riding PBR Bud Light Cup St. Louis. From St. Louis.

Golf: ESPN Fri. 11 a.m. LPGA Golf Standard Register Ping -- Second Round. From Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix, (Live)
USA Fri. 4 p.m. PGA Golf Bay Hill Invitational -- Second Round. From Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Fla. (Live)
WTV Sat. 1 p.m.; WZZM Sat. 1 p.m. Senior PGA Golf Liberty Mutual Legends -- Second Round. From St. Augustine, Fla. (Live)
WOOD Sat. 3 p.m.; WILX Sat. 3 p.m. PGA Golf Bay Hill Invitational -- Third Round. From Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Fla. (Live)
ESPN Sat. 6 p.m. LPGA Golf Standard Register Ping -- Third Round. From Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix, (Live)
WTV Sun. 2 p.m.; WZZM Sun. 2 p.m. Senior PGA Golf Liberty Mutual Legends -- Final Round. From St. Augustine, Fla. (Live)
WOOD Sun. 3 p.m.; WILX Sun. 3 p.m. PGA Golf Bay Hill Invitational -- Final Round. From Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Fla. (Live)
ESPN Sun. 5 p.m. LPGA Golf Standard Register Ping -- Final Round. From Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix, (Live)
USA Thu. 12 p.m. PGA Golf The Players Championship -- First Round. From the Tournament Players Course at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Live)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 18, 2000
BROADCAST CHANNELS: WWM Road to the Final Four, WTV Mickey Mouse, WGVU 11:00 American Feast, WXMI Malibu, CA, WOOD Pressure 2, WLNS Road to the Final Four, WILX City Guys, WTLJ Reppies, WKAR Sewing With Nancy, WZZM Dumb Criminal, WSYM Paid Program, WZPX Paid Program.
CABLE CHANNELS: FX The Hitcher, MTV 11:30 The Huntress, VH1 Rock-Roll Jee, USA 11:30 The Huntress, DISC Discovery News, ESPN Auto Racing, CNN Saturday, CNN2 Headline News, NICK Angry Beavers, A&E New Explorers, FOXDT Baseball Max, H&G This Old House, LIFE Golden Girls, TOON D Shookums, MSNBC Weekend Magazine, CSPAN Public Policy Conference, EWTN Our Lady-Daily Mass.
PREMIUM CHANNELS: SHOW (4:45) Class, HBO (3:45) 10, TMC (4:00) Little Shop of Horrors, MAX (3:45) Year of the Dragon.

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THURSDAY EVENING										MARCH 23, 2000		
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BROADCAST CHANNELS												
WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest and West Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest and West Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Time Approximate) (Live)			20/20 Downtown	News	Nightline				
WOTV	Star Trek: Voyager "Twisted" A spatial distortion disables the ship and Janeway. (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Show No. 213" "Millionaire" (R)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (In Stereo)	20/20 Downtown		News	Nightline				
WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	Roy Orbison & Friends -- A Black and White Night Roy Orbison performs classics. (In Stereo)	Steeley Dan Steeley Dan brings its jazz-influenced sounds back to the stage. (R) (In Stereo)								
WXMI	Drew Carey "Win a Date With Kate" M. Wick and Kate go on a date.	Seinfeld "The Clip Show, Part 1" Highlights from the series.	American Comedy Awards The 14th annual awards ceremony honors top comic performers. (In Stereo)	News	Fraser "Death and the Dog" Eddie sees an animal psychiatrist.	Drew Carey Owners threaten to close the store. (In Stereo)	M'A'S'H "Hawkeye" Hawkeye suffers a concussion.					
WOOD	Inside Edition	Friends Phoebe's former singing partner. (In Stereo)	Friends Monica and Phoebe play matchmaker. (In Stereo)	Daddio "Pilot" A man becomes a stay-at-home father.	Fraser (In Stereo)	Battery Park "Pilot" Lives of N.Y. police detectives.	ER "Under Control" Dr. Carter returns to the ER for the first time since being attacked. (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show (In Stereo)			
WLNS	Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest and West Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest and West Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Time Approximate) (Live)			ER "Under Control" Dr. Carter returns to the ER for the first time since being attacked. (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show (In Stereo)				
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WTLJ	Life Lessons	Dwight Elijah	TCT Today	Hal Lindsey	Hour of Healing (In Stereo)	Praise the Lord (Live)						
WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House (Season Finale) 1906 Arts and Crafts bungalow.	Origins With Burt Wolf	Mystery! "Lady Audley's Secret" A man believes that his rich uncle's new wife is hiding a pertinent secret. (In Stereo)	Michigan Out-of-Doors					
WZWM	Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo)	Hollywood Squares (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Show No. 213" "Millionaire" (R)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (In Stereo)	20/20 Downtown	News	Nightline				
WSYM	Home Improvement Two sons resist Halloween. (In Stereo)	Fraser "Death and the Dog" Eddie sees an animal psychiatrist.	American Comedy Awards The 14th annual awards ceremony honors top comic performers. (In Stereo)	News	Fraser "The Club" A painter for a club membership. (In Stereo)	Mad About You "The Old Flame" (In Stereo)	Change of Heart (In Stereo)					
WZPX	Roswell "Blood Brother" Max's identity is threatened after he is injured in a car accident. (R) (In Stereo)	It's a Miracle "Candles Light the Way/The Best Christmas Present" A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany experiences a Hanukkah miracle. (R)	Touched by an Angel "The Comeback" A Broadway hopeful gets her chance as an understudy to a diva. (R) (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Open and Shut" When a freshman is found dead in a sleazy motel, Dr. Sloan investigates. (R) (In Stereo)	Highway to Heaven "Amazing Man" A boy escapes into a fantasy world following his father's death. (In Stereo)							
CABLE CHANNELS												
FX	M'A'S'H "Chief Surgeon Who?"	M'A'S'H "Requiem for a Lightweight"	NYPD Blue Simone and Spowick investigate the gruesome murder of a young woman. (In Stereo)	X-Files "Unusual Suspects" The origin of the Lone Gull is detailed in a flashback to 1989.	Married... With Children "Poppy's by the Tree"	New Movie Show (In Stereo)	X Show					
FAM	Rudy Coby: The Coolest Magician on Earth Rudy Coby and his cast perform illusions. (R) (In Stereo)	Hans Klok: Illusions of the New Millennium World-famous illusionist Hans Klok. (R) (In Stereo)	World's Greatest Magic IV Magicians from around the world gather to perform feats of magic. (In Stereo)									
MTV	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Say What? Karaoke	TRL Wanna Be's	TRL (In Stereo)	Celebrity Deathmatch	Senseless Acts	Undressed (In Stereo)	Headline News (R)			
VH1	List (In Stereo)	Rock 'n' Roll	Legends "CSNY" (R) (In Stereo)	Behind the Music "Tina Turner" (R) (In Stereo)	Chris O'Donnell, James Rebhorn. A blind man introduces a student to life's pleasures. (In Stereo)							
USA	JAG "Soul Searching" Clayton Webb and Adm. Chagwolden try to rescue a CIA agent. Harm's Corvette is stolen. (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Crusader" Walker aids a pro wrestler whose ex-wife witnessed a brutal murder. (In Stereo)	On the Inside "21st Century Zoo" Bronx Zoo gorillas are introduced into a high-tech jungle.	Science Mysteries "Electric Hands" People who claim they possess healing powers in their hands.	Into the Unknown Author Arthur C. Clarke hosts a debate about the origin of crop circles. (R)	On the Inside "21st Century Zoo" Bronx Zoo gorillas are introduced into a high-tech jungle. (R)						
DISC	Wild Discovery "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" Butterflies, beetles and other insects. (R)	Full House "The Graduates" (In Stereo)	"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" *** (1975, Musical) Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick. Stunned newlyweds fall prey to a flamboyant scientist.	Dog Show "Incredible Dog Challenge"	Figure Skating: European Championships. Vienna, Austria.	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter					
WGN	Full House "Fuller House" (In Stereo)	Full House "The Graduates" (In Stereo)	"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" *** (1975, Musical) Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick. Stunned newlyweds fall prey to a flamboyant scientist.									
ESPN	Cheerleading College National Championships Orlando, Fla.	Dog Show "Incredible Dog Challenge"	Figure Skating: European Championships. Vienna, Austria.	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter							
CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Newsstand	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)					
CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
NICK	Hey Arnold! (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Catdog (In Stereo)	Catdog (In Stereo)	Brady Bunch "The Hero" (In Stereo)	Beverly Hillsbillies	All in the Family "The Taxi Caper" (In Stereo)	Jeffersons "A Case of Black and White" (In Stereo)	I Love Lucy "Lucy Wants New Furniture"	Bewitched "A Gazebo Never Forgets"		
A&E	Law & Order "Switch" The psychiatrist of a young woman with multiple personalities is murdered. (R)	Biography "Hayley Mills: Seeing Double" Hayley Mills, who made it big as a child star. (R)	Investigative Reports "Juvies" Four teen-agers face the Baltimore Juvenile Justice System.	Law & Order "Hot Pursuit" Briscoe and Curtis capture a couple on a rampage.								
FOXDT	Go!n' Deep (R)	Boxing: Fight Time. Tunica, Miss. (R)	FOX Sports News	Toughman World Championship Series	Last Word (R)							
TNT	ER Dr. Greene treats a stripper who was shot; teens are admitted following a car crash. (In Stereo)	"Coal Miner's Daughter" *** (1980, Biography) Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones, Levon Helm. Loretta Lynn rises from rural poverty to music stardom.	"The Spitfire Grill" *** (1996) Alison Elliott, Marcia Gay Harden.									
TBS	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air "Father Knows Best" *** (1992, Comedy) "Soooooo Train" *** (1997, Comedy) Christopher Lloyd, Matthew Lawrence, David Gallagher. A boy solicits help from a celestial source to turn his grieving brother's high-school football team into winners.	"The Gauntlet" *** (1977, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke, Pat Hingle. A detective escorts a prostitute testifying against the mob.	"The Enforcer" *** (1976, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Tyne Daly, Bradford Dillman. "Dirty" Harry Callahan tackles terrorists in San Francisco.	"Angels in the Endzone" *** (1997, Comedy) Christopher Lloyd, Matthew Lawrence, David Gallagher. A boy solicits help from a celestial source to turn his grieving brother's high-school football team into winners.	Music Videos							
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TRAV	Matt Houston "Marilyn" (In Stereo)	"Rough Riders" *** (1997) (Part 2 of 2) Tom Berenger, Gary Busey, John Wood. An American legend is reborn.	Amazing Destinations (R)	Lonely Planet "Rio de Janeiro" (R)								
TLN	Adventure Bound "The Corcoran" (R)	Lonely Planet "Rio de Janeiro" (R)	Adventure Bound "Lauching Zenani" (R)	Tornado! Hurricane! Flood! Footage of twisters spinning up to 300 mph. (R)	Tornado! Hurricane! Flood! Footage of twisters spinning up to 300 mph. (R)							
TLN	Fugitive Son: The Hunt for Alex Kelly A profile of Alex Kelly. (R)	Tornado! Hurricane! Flood! Footage of twisters spinning up to 300 mph. (R)	Race for the Poles Explorers of Earth's geographical axes. Peary, Cook, Amundsen and Scott. (R)	Tornado! Hurricane! Flood! Footage of twisters spinning up to 300 mph. (R)	Tornado! Hurricane! Flood! Footage of twisters spinning up to 300 mph. (R)							
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AMC	(6-15) "Tales of Terror" *** (1962, Horror) Vincent Price, Peter Lore, Basil Rathbone. A trilogy of terror tales based on Edgar Allan Poe's works.	"Sunset Boulevard" *** (1950, Drama) William Holden, Gloria Swanson, Erich von Stroheim. An opportunistic young screenwriter is doomed when he is seduced by an aging silent-screen star.	"What Price Hollywood?" *** (1932, Drama) Constance Bennett, Lowell Sherman, Neil Hamilton. A former waitress rises to the top of the entertainment world while her mentor slides into alcoholic ruin.	"The Star" *** (1952) Sterling Hayden, Natalie Wood								
H&G	This Old House (In Stereo)	New Yankee Workshop "Single Bed" (In Stereo)	New Spaces (In Stereo)	Curb Appeal (In Stereo)	Designing for the Sexes (In Stereo)	Kitchen Design (In Stereo)	House Hunters (In Stereo)	Dream Builders "Vacation Homes" (R)	New Spaces (In Stereo)	Curb Appeal (In Stereo)		
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MSNBC	Hardball	Special Edition	News With Brian Williams	Headliners & Legends	Special Edition (R)							
CSPAN	House of Representatives (Live)	Prime Time Public Affairs										
EWTN	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass	Life on the Rock	Mission of the Messiah	Rosary-Land	Mary's House: All Are Invited Biblical city of Ephesus. (R)							
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
SHOW	(6-15) "Overnight Delivery" ** (1996, Comedy) Paul Rudd, Reese Witherspoon, James Belushi. A college student erroneously sends a poison-pen letter. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult situations)	"Stepmom" ** (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris. An adversarial ex-wife complicates a photographer's desire to make her boyfriend's children accept and love her. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult situations)	"Star Trek: Insurrection" *** (1998, Science Fiction) Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner. The Enterprise crew leads an open rebellion after uncovering a Federation plot against an unusual planet. (In Stereo) PG (Adult language, adult situations, violence)									
HBO	"Stella" ** (1990, Drama) Bette Midler, John Goodman, Trini Alvarado. An unmarried mother finds her lower-class lifestyle conflicting with her teen-age daughter's social aspirations. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language)	"Practical Magic" ** (1998, Comedy-Drama) Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest. Two sisters struggle in life and love while dealing with their witchcraft skills. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult situations, mild violence)	Real Sex Xtra: Best of Real Sex The best segments from the TV specials. (R) (In Stereo)									
TMC	(5-30) "Gremlins" *** (1984) (In Stereo) PG (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	"Matilda" *** (1996, Fantasy) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman. A girl blessed with telekinetic powers strikes back against her neglectful parents and her school's cruel headmistress. (In Stereo) PG (Adult language)	"Urban Legend" ** (1998, Horror) Jared Leto, Alicia Witt, Rebecca Gayheart. A murderer stalks college students in the tradition of local urban legends. (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, graphic violence)	"The Principal" ** (1987, Drama) James Belushi, Louis Gossett Jr., Rae Dawn Chong. A newly appointed principal and a non-sense security guard restore order at their crime-ridden high school. (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)								
MAX	(4-45) "Wyatt Earp" *** (1994, Western) Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid. The frontier marshal brings law and order to the Old West. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	"Return of the Living Dead III" ** (1993, Horror) Mindy Clarke, J. Trevor Edmond, Kent McCord. A life-inducing formula transforms a scientist's grieving son's dead girlfriend into a ravenous zombie. (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, graphic violence)	"U.S. Marshals" ** (1998, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Robert Downey Jr., Chief deputy marshal Sam Gerard attempts to capture an escaped convict who allegedly killed two federal agents. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, mild violence)									

COMING EVENTS

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

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Forest Hills/Lowell swim team 14th at state

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills/Lowell swim team finished 14th in the Class A boys swimming and diving championships at Eastern Michigan University's Michael H. Jones Natatorium.

It was the best finish of any OK White/Rainbow I Conference team. Hudsonville (22 points) placed 19th; Zeeland (14) 24th; Forest Hills Northern (9) 28th.

"With everyone returning, we're optimistic about next year," Forest Hills/Lowell swim coach Heather Heritage said. "The boys should be more comfortable and confident."

Ranger Scott Weir placed second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 46.90. "This is the first time since his first meet of the year against Hudsonville that Scott has swum the 100 freestyle in 46s," Heritage said. "He went out there today and attacked it."

Weir was seeded fifth going into the finals on Saturday.

Weir finished fifth in the 200 individual medley finals, stopping the clock in 1:52.96. Teammate Mike Gustafson was ninth overall with a personal best time of 1:56.68.

Weir was named to the all-state team in both the 100 freestyle and 200 individual medley. He will also be given All American consideration in both. The top 50 from around the country earn that honor.

The Rangers' 200 medley relay team of Gustafson, Andrew Klipa, Weir and Brett Goldberg placed 12th overall with a time of 1:41.61. Ann Arbor Pioneers won the event with a time of 1:35.42.

"I'm extremely happy with the performances of our individual swim and relay teams," Heritage concluded.

Brower finishes season at Hartland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger

When you're competing among the best the state has to offer, just the slightest errors count a lot.

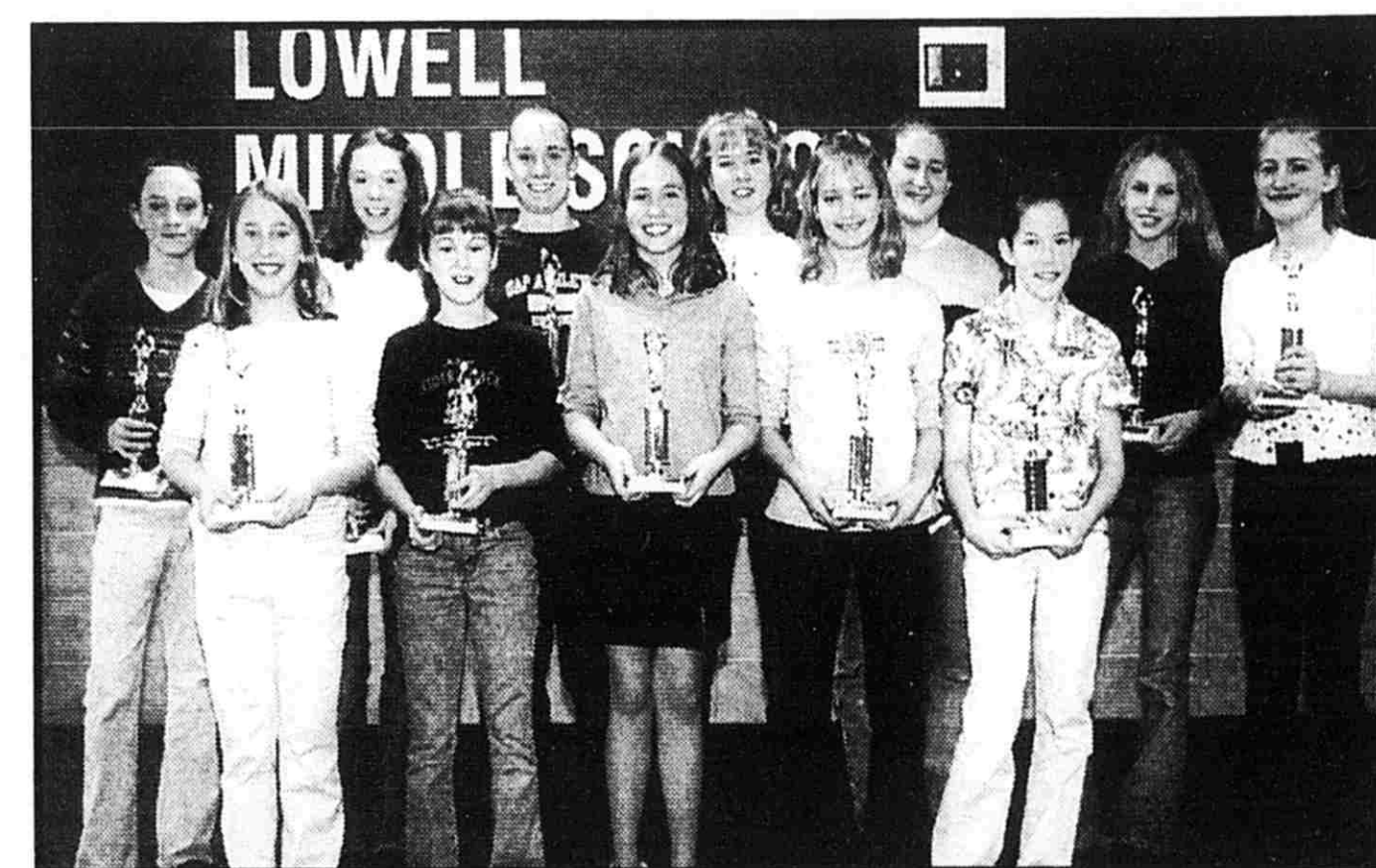
Red Arrow Renee Brower closed out her Lowell gymnastics career with a trip to Hartland Saturday for the Division II state high school individual gymnastics tournament.

Brower fell twice from the beam in scoring a 7.85, well short of her season-ending mark of 9.0.

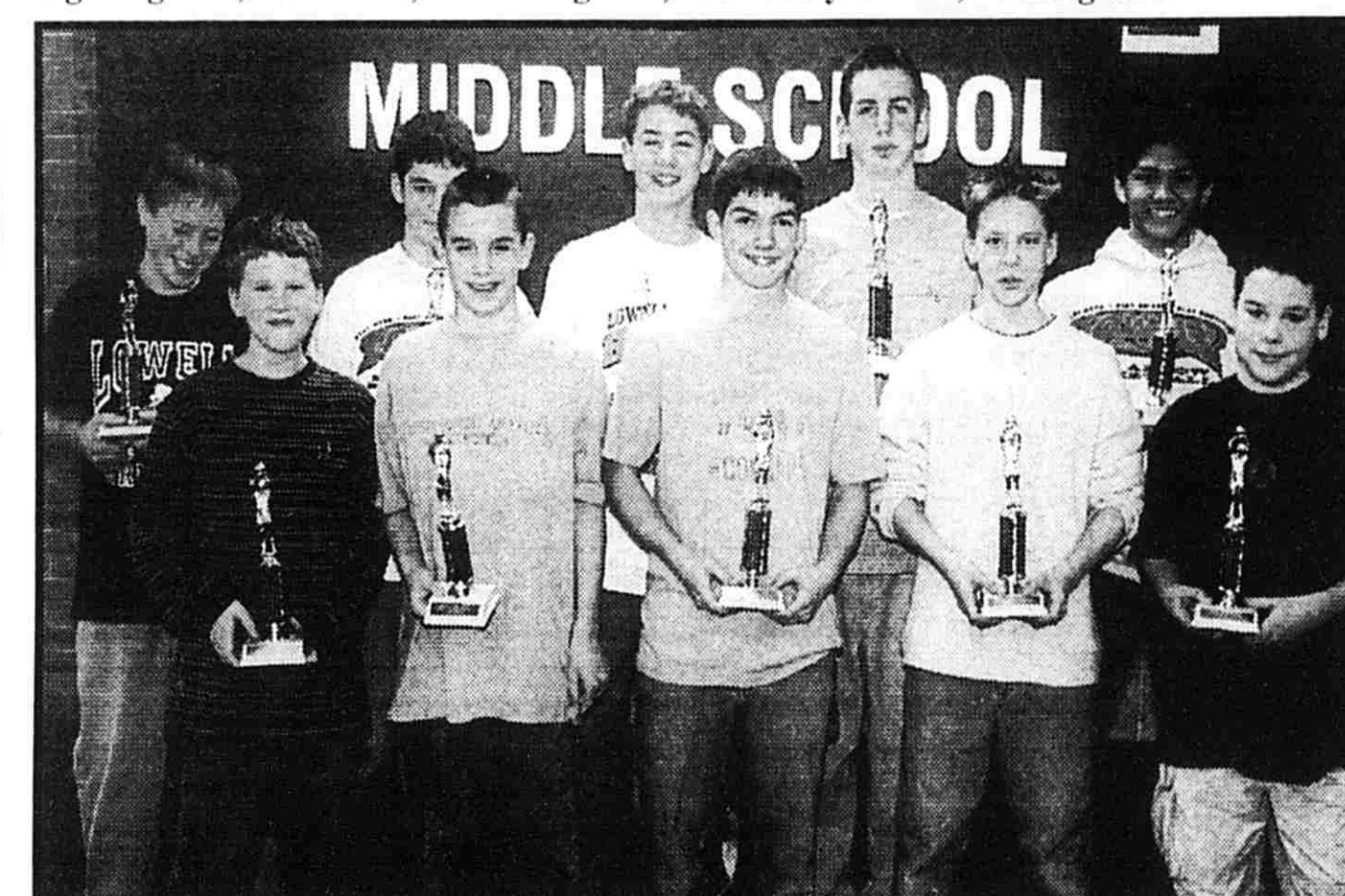
"Renee didn't do as well as she had hoped, but I think being it was her first trip to the state tournament was a bit overwhelming," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "She competed against the best of the best."

Hartland's Erin Stum won the state championship in the event with a score of 9.6. Brower's senior year performance earned her OK Rainbow all-conference honors.

Lowell Middle School 3-on-3 Champions

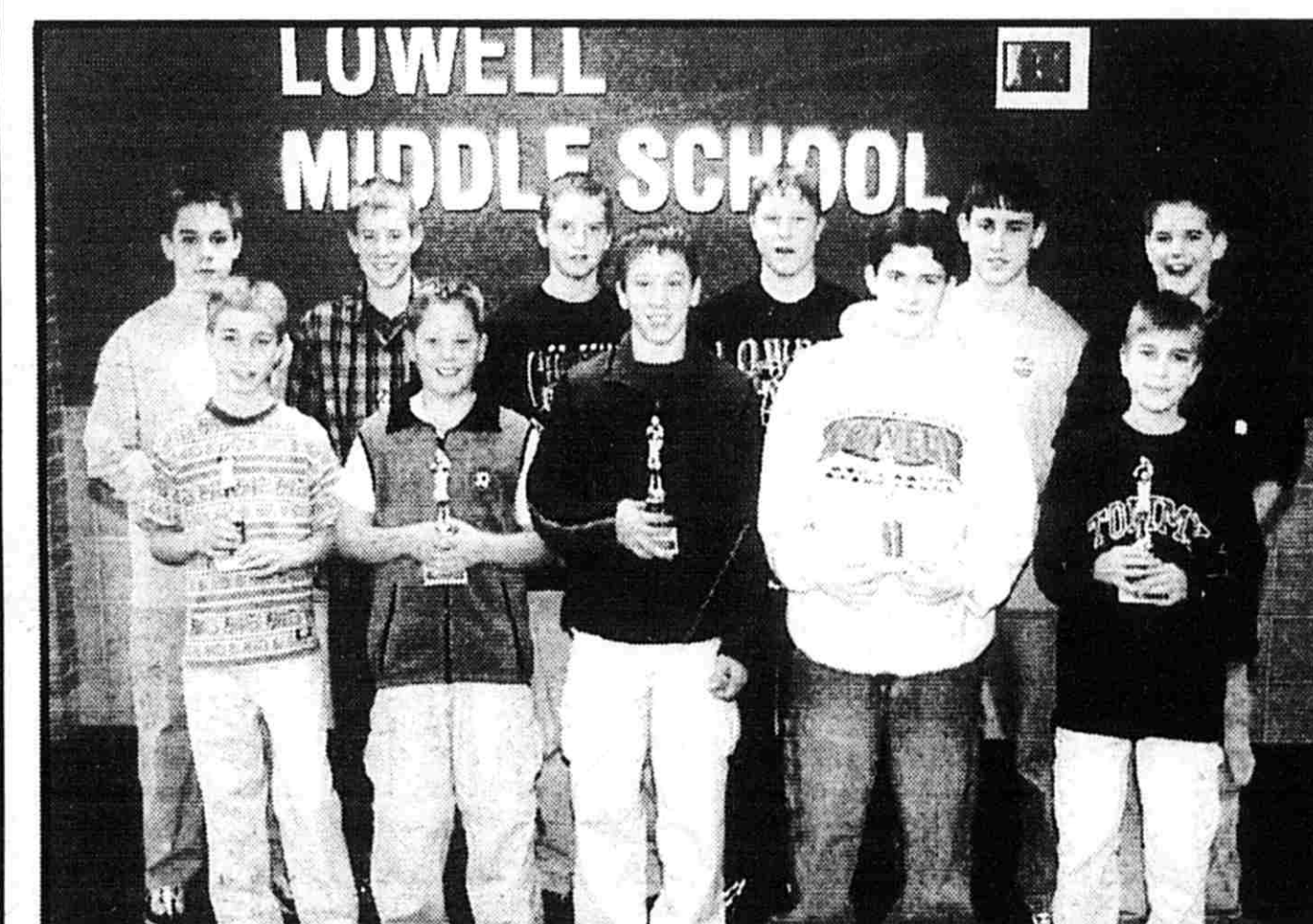


The 3-on-3 Lowell Middle School girls basketball team champions are "The Liberty," eighth-grade; "Odd Ball," seventh-grade; and "Ditsy Chicks," sixth-grade.

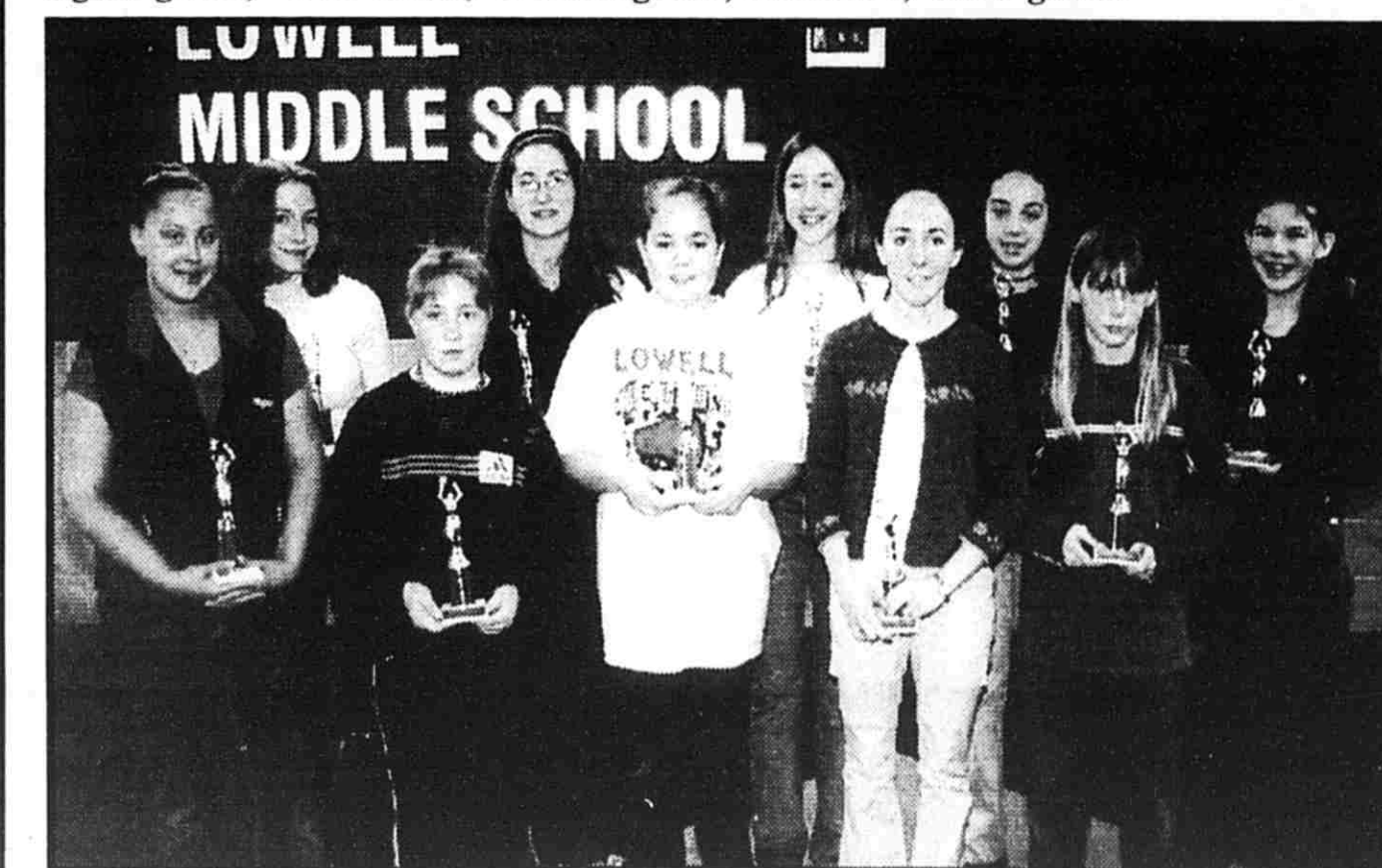


The 3-on-3 Lowell Middle School boys basketball team champions are "Nut Up Baby," eighth-grade; "Dust Busters," seventh-grade; and "Cool People," sixth-grade.

Lowell Middle School 3-on-3 Runners-Up



The 3-on-3 Lowell Middle School boys basketball team runners-up are "Arriving," eighth-grade; "Oven Fresh," seventh-grade; and "Fab 4," sixth-grade.



The 3-on-3 Lowell Middle School girls basketball team runners-up are "Shockers," eighth-grade; "The Frogs," seventh-grade; and "Slick Chicks," sixth-grade.

Stouffer ends wrestling career with second straight state championship

••• The senior Red Arrow is one of six Lowell wrestlers to medal at the individual state wrestling meet.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Bill Stouffer's first state championship was in honor of his late coach Gary Rivers. Stouffer won his second consecutive individual state title Saturday at the Joe Louis

Arena. He said afterwards, "This one was for the town."

"When people see me wrestle, they think of Lowell and I also want them to think of good wrestling," Stouffer said.

During his semifinal

match with Birmingham Seaholm's Mat Twomey, Stouffer reached out and gave Twomey a slap on the hand and congratulated him on going the full three periods.

"I told him he did a good job of staying off his back," Stouffer said.

Bill is one in a million. Few reach the pinnacle of their sport like Bill has. Watching him wrestle has been a sheer pleasure. He handles himself with a grace that makes things look so easy.

Dave Strejc Lowell Wrestling Coach

In the last two years, Twomey is the only wrestler Stouffer has not pinned in the individual state tournament.

"The kid came out and was giving a very spirited effort," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc explained. "I think Bill respected the effort Twomey was giving."

That moment may tell more about the two-time state champion wrestler than any number of his staggering statistics.

"Bill is one in a million. Few reach the pinnacle of their sport like Bill has," Strejc said. "Watching him wrestle has been a sheer pleasure. He

handles himself with a grace that makes things look so easy."

Stouffer (215 pounds) completed his final year of high school wrestling with a second consecutive state

ever by a Lowell wrestler. He broke Dan Spicer's (1993-96) record of 164 wins.

Over the last two seasons Stouffer posted an amazing record of 114-1. That loss came in the semifinals a year

ago. "I got sick and lost," Stouffer says.

Over the last three years, Stouffer has placed second, fourth and seventh in the National Greco Roman Tournament. He has also claimed a few state freestyle championships along the way.

Stouffer was one of six Lowell wrestlers to medal at the Individual State Wrestling Tournament.

Caleb O'Boyle placed third in the 140-pound class.

He did so by pinning Grand Rapids Christian's Ross Vandenberg at 1:58 of the first period.

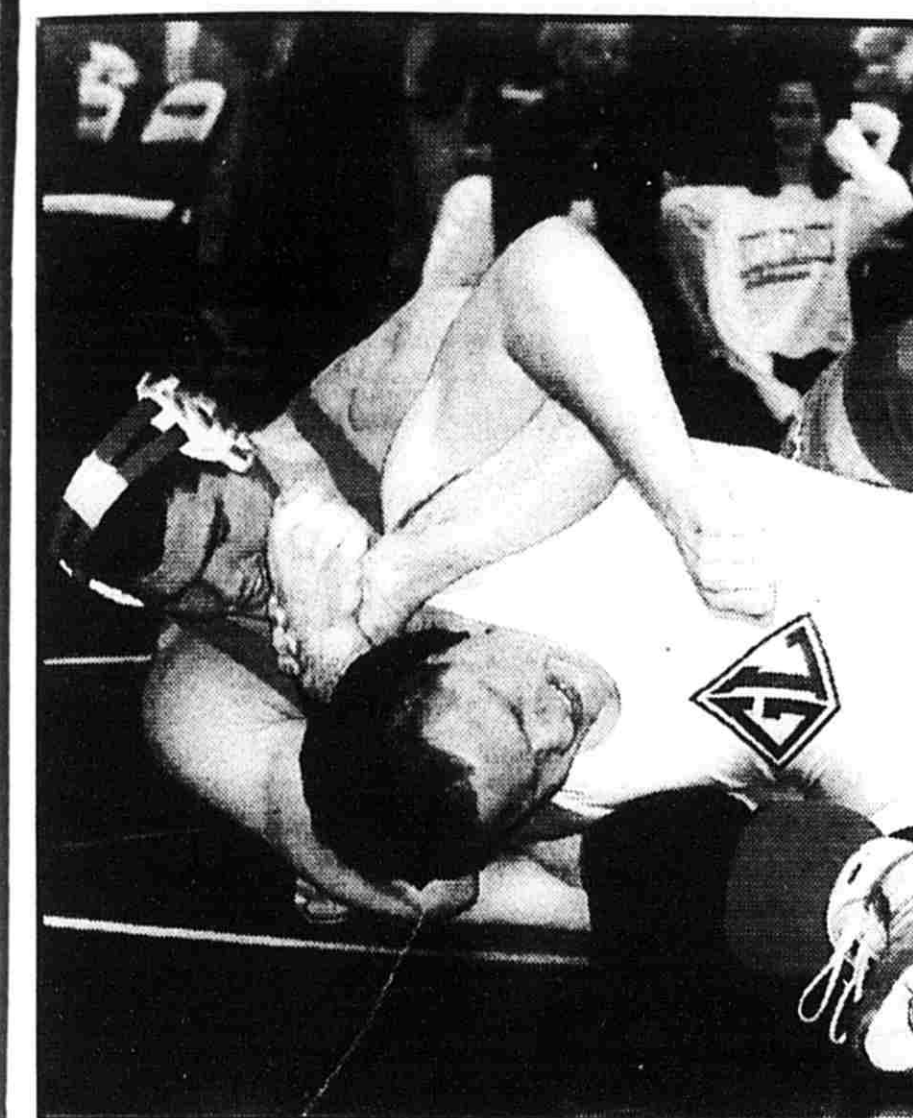
Stouffer reached the finals with pins against Chad Ewing, Fenton, 1:34 of the first period; Andy Pixley, Forest Hills Northern, 3:12 of the second period; and a 15-6 decision against Twomey.

Stouffer's record of 60-0 in 1999-00 sets a single season record for wins in a season. He completes his high school career with 206 varsity career victories—the most

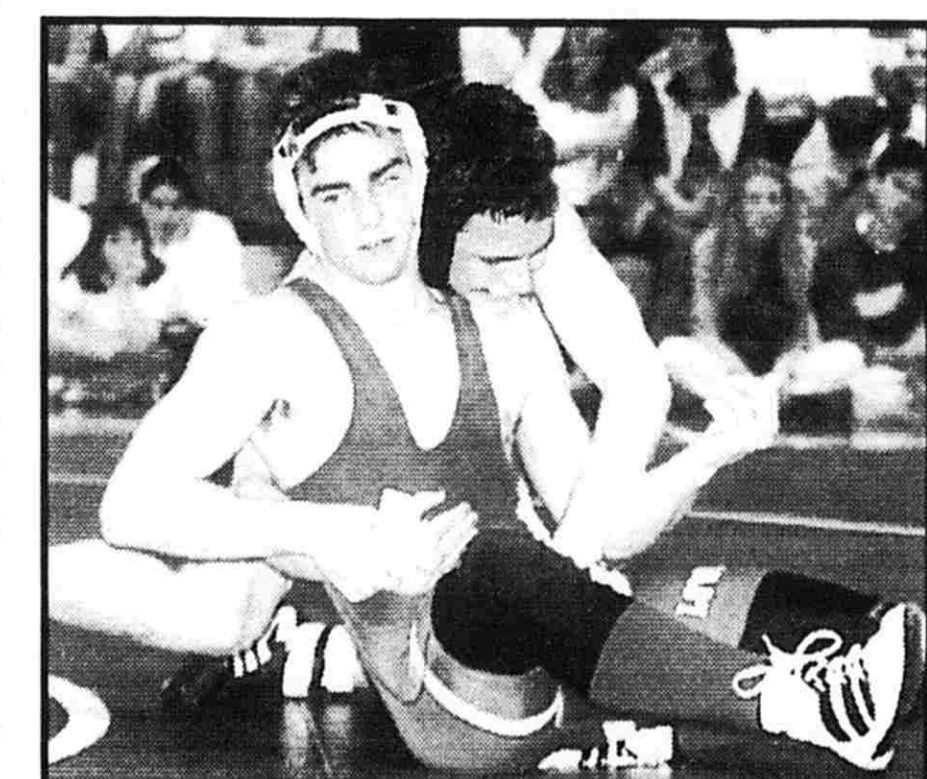
slammed to the mat against Adrian's Dan Duncan and suffered a slight separation in his shoulder. He could have chosen not to continue and the kid would have been disqualified. John continued... that's the epitome of sportsmanship," Strejc said.

T.J. Forward (160) was 2-2 and finished eighth.

Other Lowell wrestlers who competed in the state tournament but did not place were Tom Oesch (1-2), 140 pounds; Dan Rottier (0-2), 135; and J.J. Wilder (0-2), 130.



Bill Stouffer's win in the finals of the individual state meet was his 206th career varsity win.



Caleb O'Boyle placed third in the 140-pound weight class.

Stouffer placed fourth in the heavy-weight division. "Caleb proved how good he can be this weekend. He carried himself like a champion and had fun," Strejc explained.

John Mendez finished sixth in the state at 125 pounds. The sophomore was 2-1 before he had to injury default his last two matches.

John McKay (119) went 2-3 and placed eighth.

McKay got illegally

Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization Presents:

INDOOR SOCCER 2000

4v4 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 18, 2000

Lowell High School Main Gym • 11700 Vergennes SE

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Open to children ("U-8 Coed" - Fun) thru Adults ("Open" - Competitive). The game is played on reduced soccer field and goals. It is a 4 v 4 format (four field players including goalie), indoors, and has boundaries. Each game will be 25 minutes in length. Teams must wear "like colored" shirts, shin guards and gym safe shoes. Teams will be placed into brackets with the top finishing teams to play in a championship. Time of championship will be determined after pool play in each age bracket is completed. Any additional rules will be reviewed prior to start of game. Teams must consist of at least 5, but not more than 7 players. Teams will play in at least 3 games.*

Registration is limited! Pay in advance to hold spot!

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U-10 M/W	9:30 - 10 A.M.	
U-12 M/W	11 - 11:30 A.M.	
U-14 M/W	12:30 - 1 P.M.	
U-16 M/W	2 - 2:30 P.M.	
Open* M/F	2:30 - 3 P.M.	
Bracket Winners	4 P.M.	



Fork It Over for Camp Fire
Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Simply dine at a participating West Michigan area restaurant on Tuesday, March 21, 2000. The restaurant will donate a portion of the money you spend on your meal to the youth development programs of Camp Fire Boys and Girls West Michigan Council. Bon Appetit!

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- Burger King (Lowell 4-8 p.m.)
- Keiser's Kitchen (Lowell)
- Timbers Inn (Belding Road)
- Tuscan Express (28th Street SE)

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Chamber Begins Ambassador Program

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has a new Ambassador program for the year 2000.

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Two LHS bands earn first-division rating

Lowell High School was host to the District Ten Band Festival last Thursday with 16 groups performing at the Lowell site.

Among the 16 groups were three bands from Lowell High School. The Lowell band, conducted by Kathryn Bredwell, received a second division rating by the four judges. This rating allows the 74 students to receive medals for their performance. They performed *Mad*

Anthony March, Overture For Winds and *Into The Storm*.

The Lowell white band and the Lowell symphonic band received a first division rating. The two bands are under the direction of Robert Rice. The white band performed *Torch of Liberty March, Wyoming Portrait* and *The Oregon Trail*. The

symphonic band performed *Invercarigill March, Anthem For Winds and Percussion* and *Ocean Ridge Rhapsody*. The white band and the symphonic band will also receive medals for their performances and they have qualified to advance to the State Band Festival on April 28 and 29.

St. Pat's to break ground for new center

St. Patrick Church, located at 4351 Parnell, is breaking ground for its new Parish Center, according to project manager Daniel Blundy. The ceremony will be held on Friday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) at 7 p.m.

This new Parish Center is part of St. Patrick's vision for the future to address building space needs for the community, St. Patrick Parish, and their educational facilities.

St. Patrick, a 156-year-old historical church, is expecting completion of this project in approximately eight months.

BUSINESS MATTERS



The rehab team at the Laurels of Kent would like to announce the graduation of four residents.

Isabelle Manweiler, Hazel Himebaugh, Fransisca Jansen and Leona Moody all completed their therapy sessions. Therapy sessions are provided to help residents gain functional activities of life such as walking independently, house-keeping, bathing and dressing before returning home.

Jansen and Manweiler went to assisted living homes after being able to walk independently with their walkers and Moody and Himebaugh were able to return home with their families.

The Laurels' team would like to congratulate the residents and thank them and their families for the opportunity to provide care and make it a little safer before returning to their homes.



Youth Fair Royal Court visits state Capitol

The members of the Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court participated in a tour of the state Capitol in Lansing on March 7. There was an opportunity to meet with Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus at the end of the day. Time was spent discussing our county youth fair, 4-H project areas, and future aspirations.

In June, the members will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with Congressman Vern Ehlers. Their five-day trip will include visits to the White House, Kennedy Center and the Capitol. Tours of the local sights will be included during this educational governmental event. Members are responsible for funding their own travel expenses. If you would like to make a nonprofit tax deductible donation, please contact Linda Patterson at 897-9537.

Look for the Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court members at these upcoming events: Lowell Community Expo, March 25; K.C.Y.F. pancake breakfast, April 15; and the Lowell Memorial Day parade, May 29.

Front row, left to right, are: Christian Koning, Lt. Gov. Posthumus and Morgan Thomas; back row, left to right, are: Jennifer DenHouter, Casey Parker and Kylee Hinton.

COLLEGE NEWS

For more than a decade, Grand Valley State University has been the state's fastest-growing university. That growth has been paralleled by increases in the quality of our students and of their academic accomplishments.

Students who were graduated at the conclusion of the fall 1999 semester in December include: Katie S. Donker and Cynthia M. VanSprange of Alto and Joanne L. Dwyer, Andrea K. Syrett, Kelley J. Sytsma and Laurie L. Zoerner of Lowell.

ITT Technical Institute has announced the graduation of Gary Christian after successfully completing an educational program in computer aided drafting technology.

Christian received his associate's degree in the six-quarter program that is designed to help prepare graduates for entry-level positions such as mechanical drafter, computer-aided drafter, electrical/electronics drafter and detailer.

The 1997 graduate of Cedar Springs High School is a native of Alto.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will meet to hold a public hearing for comment on the proposed 2000-01 budget at 10:00 A.M. on March 25, 2000 in the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

Following the budget hearing, an annual meeting will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to offer comments and suggestions concerning any township activity.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, March 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.-at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 North Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

An ordinance amendment to Chapter 7, Section 7-26 of the code of ordinances of the City of Lowell involving the State Construction Code, including the State Building Code, the Michigan Electrical Code, the State Mechanical Code and the State Plumbing Code and designates the City as the enforcing agency of such codes within the boundaries of the City.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.

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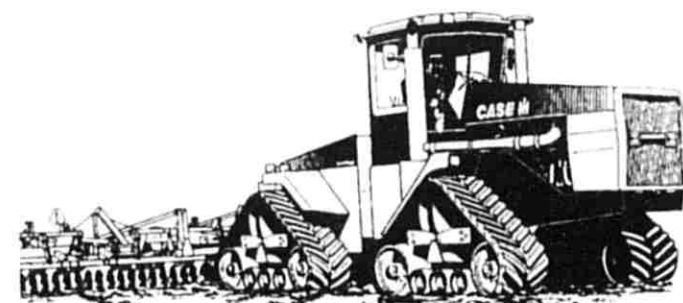
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City of Lowell forgoes \$26,500 in granting tax abatement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

Tax abatements are often viewed as lost revenue to government municipalities. Lowell city assessor James Marfia calls that a misnomer. "Cities aren't really losing money. They are agreeing to forgo half of the assessed revenue value for a period of time (12 years)," Marfia states. The city assessor says a 12-year abatement is pretty standard. "If a corporation meets all the requirements, there

really isn't a basis for not giving them a tax abatement," Marfia explains. Councilman Chuck Myers asked that Marfia provide the council with what the impact of granting the 12-year abatement to Litehouse, Inc. will be, beginning in the 2001 tax year. "I just felt it is the council's responsibility to know how much money is involved if a tax abatement is granted," Myers explained. In granting the abatement to Litehouse, the city agreed to forgo \$26,500 in revenue over the next 12 years.

"The city has put a lot of money into its downtown. The downtown is only part of our revenue sector," Myers explained. "I think it is appropriate to consider the health and financial livelihood of the industrial area as well." Litehouse, Inc. applied for an industrial facilities exemption certificate in connection with the purchase of machinery and equipment totaling \$2.12 million in improvements to personal property. The improvements will create five new positions within a two-year period.

School district moves closer to decision in handling building overcrowding

By J.N. Boorsma, Contributing Writer

The Lowell Board of Education may be a little closer to deciding how it will handle the district's overcrowding problem. At its Monday night board meeting, Superintendent Bert Bleke told the audience the board was narrowing down its options, intending to present a final plan in April or May.

"When we do present the final option we want to make sure it is a doable situation for the board," Bleke said. A demographics committee had studied the district's overcrowding issues for two years. In February, the district held community forums to talk to residents about their ideas and various options.

"I feel the whole process has been inclusive of the entire community and has had many ideas come of it as a result," Bleke said. "It has been informative and productive." Now the board is reviewing all the data about person-

nel, programs, and students, and within the next 60 days hopes to have a final decision on the issue. Bleke said because of the process itself, the board does not want to make any rash decisions, but weigh everything. At the end of the meeting,

the board did adjourn into close session to discuss contract negotiations in regards to demographic changes, according to Board president Pete Gustafson.

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School board moves to sell portion of playground to city

By J.N. Boorsma *Contributing Writer*

It appears the city of Lowell has been able to secure one of the last pieces of its puzzle in property for its proposed new City Hall/police station complex.

At the Lowell Board of Education meeting on Monday night, the board unanimously voted to sell to the city a portion of the Runciman property, 12,870 square feet, for \$12,000. The property is located on the northwest portion of the Runciman playground.

"It probably will be enough for us to move the play-

ground and replace the fence," said Superintendent Bert Bleke.

Boardmember Jim Reagan was the only member to raise a concern over the sale ... which was primarily whether the play area would remain fenced in.

Bleke said the current fence would be replaced because of safety reasons.

"I think we will be putting in a five or six foot black vinyl fence," Bleke said, adding that parents using the area could be assured little ones would not be able to race off unnoticed.

The Lowell City Council accepted the \$12,000 bid at its

Feb. 7 meeting. With the property, and the recent acquisition of the veteran's post next door, the city will be able to begin moving forward on plans to renovate and add to the current City Hall and police station.

The goal of these plans is to create more room for the overcrowded building by adding a new building for the police department where the current city parking lot is. The additional properties will allow the city to create new parking areas. The two buildings, the new police station and the renovated City Hall will be connected by an annex that will contain a main entrance to both buildings.

Blue Sky project suggests including amphitheater in Riverwalk extension

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

Continued development along the Flat River was a key point of interest in the Lowell Planning Commission's "Blue Sky Project" recommendation to the city council.

"The planning commission would like to see the overall development of the boardwalk incorporate the inclusion of the amphitheater," said planning commissioner Jim Hall.

The Downtown Development Authority's plan took the development up to the amphitheater.

"We suggest that the development run through the amphitheater," Hall explained. "Some sort of development is needed for the amphitheater. It is a pretty ugly thing at this stage."

The planning commission asked that the city council refer its suggestion to the DDA board of directors for their consideration and inclusion into the master plan document and to develop an appropriate time schedule for the project.

"It would be our desire to see a conceptual plan which would show the entire plan for the Lafayette Plaza area from Main Street to, and including, the former Showboat Amphitheater," Hall explained.

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The second of three "Blue Sky" project suggestions was the naming of the plaza area. The planning commission suggested that it might be appropriate to schedule the item for a public hearing. Councilman Ray Quada said that possibly a survey might get more of a response from the community.

Hall noted that with the Chamber preparing to relocate its office to the Riverwalk area, it would be nice to have an address. The planning commission recommended "Lafayette Plaza." The council sent the issue back to the planning com-

mission for input.

The last of the three items of interest was the development of walking paths and paved trails.

Paths would be directed throughout the city with no specific area singled out.

The planning commission explained that the path developed from North Center to Foreman and the paths under development at Stoney Lakeside Park all reinforce the overall development.

LHS College Fair, March 21

A College Fair will take place in Lowell High School's central hallway on Tuesday, March 21 from 7 - 9 p.m.

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rials available for students and parents. The military services will also be represented.

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