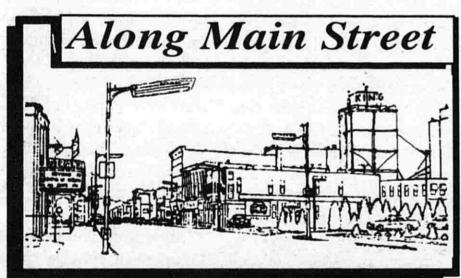
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Wednesday, December 13, 2000



LEOTARD SALE

Gymnastics/Dance leotards from Foxy's Fitness Fashions priced at \$6, \$8 and \$10. Sizes from child's 4/5 to adult large. Saturday, Dec. 16 (10 a.m. to noon) at Runciman gym, 300 High Street.

SANTA VISITS WITH PETS

Bring your pets to Lowell Animal Hospital, 11610 E. Fulton. to visit with Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 6-7 p.m.

PERFORMANCE BY LOWELL STRING ENSEMBLE

The elementary intermediate strings will debut with a demonstration concert for the 4th and 5th grades at Cherry Creek on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

WINTER FAST PITCH CLINIC

The Lowell High School softball coaches will be holding a Winter Fast Pitch Clinic for all elementary and middle school girls interested in becoming a softball pitcher. The clinic will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary gym balcony on Thursdays, Jan. 4,11,18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8. Girls in grades 6 and under report at 6:00 p.m.; girls in grades 6-7 report at 7:00 p.m. Arrangements may be made for another time if needed.

The cost is \$20 and includes the price of a T-shirt. Applications may be picked up at Lowell Middle, Cherry Creek, Alto and Bushnell schools.

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

A bake sale by the Lowell Women's Club will be held on Friday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The Lowell High School Band Department has rescheduled their holiday concert for Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free. All are welcome.

YMCA CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN CLUB

Do you need a break while your kids are home for the holidays? Lowell YMCA Christmas Break Fun Club runs Dec. 22 thru Jan. 2. Lots of fun & field trips. For information call 897-8445.

FREE CARRIAGE RIDES

Travel Historic Downtown Lowell by carriage on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 4-7 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rides start at King Milling parking lot.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Visit with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 4-7 p. m. on the Lowell Showboat at Riverwalk Plaza. Pictures are \$3.

LUMINARIES ALONG MAIN STREET

Enjoy the sights of Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m. with the luminaries placed along Historic Main Street.

LUMINARY WALK AT WITTENBACH CENTER

The Environmental Club will be hosting a luminary walk at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 6-8 p.m. Rental is \$10 for snowshoes and \$5 for kids' snowshoes. Hot chocolate is \$1.

Along Main Street, cont'd. page 8



It may not have seemed right that as the city keeper, **Dave Pasquale** found himself shoveling out from under some of the 14.2 inches that dropped on City Hall Monday. Or is it? Either way, that is the most snowfall in a 24hour period the area has received since 16.1 inches fell on Jan. 26, 1978. More digging out pictures on



page 9.

Niles company begins river water main projects

•••• Selge Construction initiates directional bore method as Flat River water main project gets underway.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Upon reconsideration, the city of Lowell has determined that using the directional bore method to install a Flat River water main crossing would be preferable to the open cut method.

"It became more evident that the directional bore method would be as good a method and provide some cost savings," said project engineer, Steve Nichols of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber.

That method was initiated by Selge Construction, out of Niles, last week with substantial completion expected by or before Dec. 30.

Nichols went on to explain that additional smaller projects related to the water main crossing would be undertaken while maintaining the same budget as previously approved by the city

Lowell water distribution supervisor, Bob Robinson was initially concerned about having to dig up the main if there was a break. The directional bore is eight to 10 feet deep as opposed to an open cut which is approximately five feet

Nagel Construction, Inc. was confident this would not create a problem with the main itself. Once the main is in place, it is unlikely to need repairs.

Mayor Michael Blough questioned switching from open cut to directional bore because the subcontractor didn't want to move muck; and in June, Fishbeck said it was leery of doing a directional bore.

"We had the water in the Flat River lowered for 48 hours. Our investigation showed that there was approximately three feet of slime, goo and silt in the river that is literally impossible to walk on or sustain the weight of construction equipment," said Arnie Morren of Nagel Construction, Inc. "In our judg-

ment the directional bore appeared to be the best and maybe only way to construct the water main crossing without getting the attention of the DEQ and other river watchers."

An eight-inch main will be used on Elizabeth Street. but wasn't needed before.

Dan DesJarden, Department of Public Works's director, said the main will proceed

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OBITUARIES

ALBERTS - Ellen C. Alberts, aged 100, of Parnell. husband Leon and son Gorby her daughter Jacqueline in-law Francis (Lucille)

(Ronald) Rittersdorf of Parnell; grandchildren Kimpassed away Monday, De- berly (Clay) Greenwald, Julie cember 4, 2000. She was (Vincent) Meyers, Susan preceded in death by her (Robert) Krenselewski; great-grandchildren Marni & don, Mrs. Alberts is survived Tegan Greenwald; brother-

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SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES **TOWNSHIP BOARD**

NOVEMBER 20, 2000 - 7:00 P.M

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes of October 16, 2000 regular meeting
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices
- Motion to Amend Contract with Kent County/Hope Network to \$11.81 per one-way trip
- Motion to direct township attorney to commission questions recommendations regarding designation of historical properties/amendments to Historical Ordinance
- Motion to approve Federal Poverty Standards 2001 for Income assessments
- Motion to accept Proposal from Zoning Administrator to edit and produce supplements to ordinance in Word format
- Motion to clarify Civil Infraction Policy regarding Emergency Procedures
- Motion to accept bid from Bob Griffin for snow removal services
- Motion to appoint Vern Nauta Board Planning Representative on Commission, and Al Baird Board Representative to Zoning Board of Appeals
- Motion to close the Township Offices on Friday, December 22, 2000
- Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting December 18, 2000

> Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

Alberts; several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell, Rev. Ronald Hutchinson, Celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Under Dr. Siddique Tarry 13-Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

BREIDENFIELD - William Harris Breidenfield, aged 42, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, December 3, 2000. He was preceded in death by his father John Harris, Sr. He is survived by his mother Jane Breidenfield of Grand Rapids; brothers John Breidenfield of Cascade, Charlie (Donna) Breidenfield of Lowell; sister Pamela Breidenfield of Grand Taffener of Las Vegas; spe- Greenville, Carol and Ken and Pastor Randy Reed offi-Rapids. Memorial services cial friend Char Butler; spewere held at the O'Brien-

Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel with nieces and nephews; also aunts vived by his wife Geraldine; and uncles. The funeral ser- children Vern (Gay) Nauta of Memorial contributions may be made to Northwestern of Lowell officiating. Memorials may be made to the Kevin Kyser Memorial Fund.

KYSER - Kevin Eric Kyser, MENZEL - (STROUSE) aged 46, of Lowell, passed away December 5, 2000 of (Cedar Springs) - Mrs. Kay E. Menzel (Strouse), aged 61, accidental automobile injuries. He was preceded in death by his mother Nona. He is survived by his father Dr. Robert C. Kyser of Lowell; Kyser of Lowell; sisters Karen J. Hill of Alto, Nancy (Ivor) cial cousin Rocky Keith; eight

Kevin Solon and Rick Laufer.

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went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 5, ally spent winters in Arizona. 2000. She is survived by her He attended the Ashley Baphusband Art, whom she mar-tist Church, Belding, Funeral brothers Chris Kyser of ried on July 13, 1987; chil-Cheboygan, Kerry (Becky) dren Barbara Menzel and the First Baptist Church of Patricia Menzel, both of Lowell, with Pastor David Maine, Susan Menzel of Oliver, Pastor Daniel Gauw Miller and Arthur Menzel, Jr., ciating. Interment in Alton all of Grand Rapids and James Cemetery. Memorial contriand Gini Menzel of butions may be made to Greenville; several grandchil- Mexico Reach Out. dren; her Godchild, Christopher Miller of Comstock Park; TIMMERMAN-Jacob Alan brothers and sister. Joe and Sherry Strouse of Ada, Ray 6, 2000 went to be with Jesus. and Joyce Strouse, Michael and Gloria Organek and Joy always be remembered by his and Robert Schattuck, all of Lowell; nieces, nephews and ell; brothers Joshua and great nieces and nephews. The Devan; grandparents Gilbert service for Kay was held Fri- and Irene Timmerman of IA. day at Resurrection Lutheran Lucille Gregory, Thomas and Church, Sand Lake with The Yvonne Gregory all of Grand Rev. Fred C. Krause officiating. Interment in Oakwood Jake and Anna Braaksma of Cemetery in Lowell. Those IA; also aunts, uncles and planning an expression of cousins. The funeral service sympathy are asked to con-

> NAUTA - Paul J. Nauta, aged Memorials may be made to a 79, of Belding, passed away children's charity of one's December 7, 2000. He is sur- choice.

sider Resurrection Lutheran

Church Building Fund.

vice was held Saturday at Lowell, Nancy (Pastor Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell Daniel) Gauw of Forrest City, with Rev. Gordie Barry of The AR, Phillip (Lynn) Nauta of First United Methodist Church Lowell, Jim (Carol) Nauta of Lowell, Mark (Becky) Nauta of Lowell, Debbie (Pastor Randy) Reed of MN, Steve (Brenda) Nauta of Lowell: brother Jay (Jean) Nauta of Dominican Republic; 21 grandchildren, eight greatgrandchildren. Mr. Nauta ususervices were held Monday at

> Timmerman, born December December 8, 2000. He will parents Evan and Lisa of Low-Rapids; great-grandparents will be held Wednesday at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Rev. William J. Renkema officiating.



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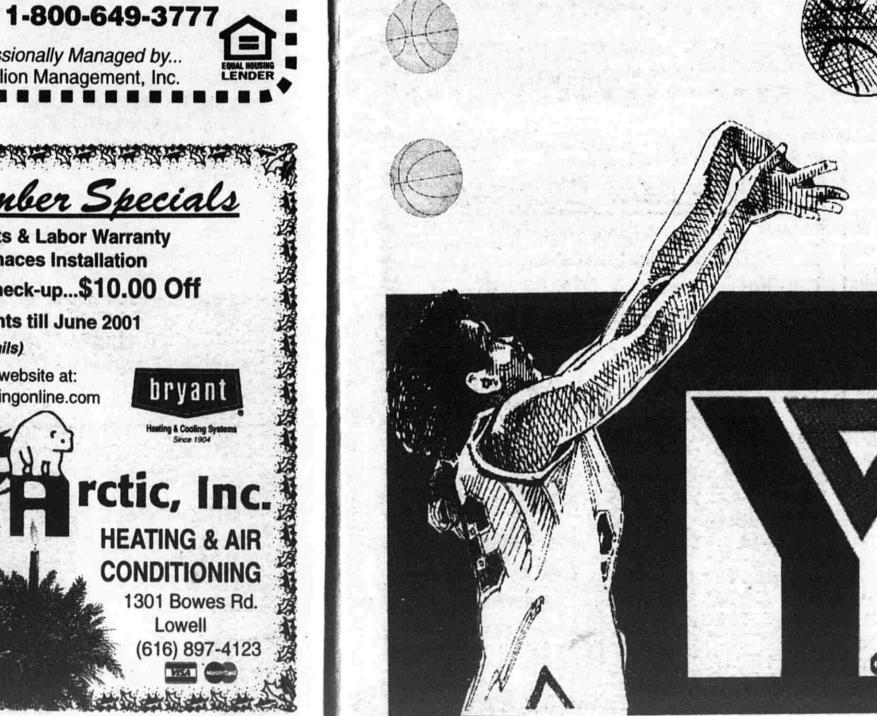
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Deadline: January 4

Deadline: February 22

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Session 2: March 1-March 29 • 5-week program

MEMBER FEE: \$21 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$33

MEMBER FEE: \$30 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$44

The YMCA Rec League is for boys and girls to develop basketball skills

and meet new friends. All players will play an equal amount in all of

the games. Separate programs will be offered for both boys and girls. Leagues will be separated into a 3rd/4th Grade League and a 5th/6th

Grade League. Practices will start January 3, 4, or 6 and the first games

will be played on January 13. All agmes and practices will be played at

the Lowell Middle School or at Cherry Creek Elementary. All games

Thursdays • after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Alto Elementary School

Location: Alto Elementary School

YOUTH BASKETBALL

will be played on Saturdays.

Registration Deadline: December 18

Session 1: January 11-February 15 • 7-week program

Grades K-2

Grades 3-6

Lowell YMCA Winter Basketball PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL (Ages 3-5) January 13-February 24 • 6-week program • Deadline: January 8 SPIRIT LEAGUE Grades 5-6 Saturday • 1:00-2:00 p.m. The YMCA Spirit League is for boys and girls that are ready for a more Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School competitive basketball atmosphere. Every player will play in every This Saturday afternoon basketball program will introduce your game, but playing time may not be equal. Separate divisions will be preschooler to the basics of basketball. This program is strictly instrucoffered for both 5th and 6th grades in both boys and girls. Games and tional and the main focus will be on having fun. practice locations to be announced. The Spirit League teams will be MEMBER FEE: \$22 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$34 traveling to other areas YMCAs. All games will be played on Saturdays. INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL Grades K-2 MEMBER FEE: \$37 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$51 This program will develop your child's skills both physically and social-Registration Deadline: December 18 ly. Emphasis will be placed on learning the fundamentals of basketball, Coaches Meeting: December 21 as well as being part of a team and having fun. Both practices and scrimmages will be played throughout the season. SPIRIT LEAGUE EVALUATION CLINIC **LOWELL PROGRAMS:** FOR ALL 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS December 12 and 13, 2000 MEMBER FEE: \$25 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$37 The Lowell YMCA wants every child to play basketball and have fun Grades K-2 doing so. That is why it is very important to have your child play in January 13-February 24 • 6-week program the proper league (Rec or Spirit). We will be holding an evaluation Deadline: January 8 clinic and at this evaluation we will let everyone know what league Saturdays • 12:00-1:00 p.m. would be better for them. The YMCA wants every child to improve Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School their basketball skill level, having two leagues helps us develop the kids at two different levels of play. All Evaluations will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary School gym. January 15-February 19 • 6-week program Deadline: January 8 December 12: 5th Grade Boys • 5:30-7:15 p.m. Mondays • 5:30-6:30 p.m. December 12: 6th Grade Boys • 7:30-9:15 p.m. Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School December 13: 5th Grade Girls • 5:30-7:15 p.m. December 13: 6th Grade Girls • 7:30-9:15 p.m. Ianuary 15-February 19 . 6-week program Everyone interested in playing Spirit League basketball should be in attendance

BOYS SPIRIT LEAGUE BASKETBALL Grades 7-8 This is a great program to continue with and keep your skills sharp after the Middle School program has finished. If you are finishing up with the Middle School teams, you may sign up and continue to play. This session will consist of two practices per week and five Saturday games against other YMCAs.

MEMBER FEE: \$35 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$49 Registration Deadline: January 17

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS SAMPLER Grades K-2 This is a great after school program for your child to build skills and physical fitness. Your child will be introduced to a number of different sports including basketball, soccer, floor hockey, and more!

Program Two Sessions in Alto Session 1: January 10-February 14 • 7-week program Deadline: January 4 Wednesdays • 3:30-4:30 p.m. (after school) Location: Alto Elementary School MEMBER FEE: \$25 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$37

Session 2: February 28-March 28 • 5-week program Deadline: February 20 Wednesdays • 3:30-4:30 p.m. (after school) Location: Alto Elementary School MEMBER FEE: \$21 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$33

Two Sessions in Lowell Session 1: January 9-February 13 • 7-week program Deadline: January 4 Tuesdays • 3:30-4:30 p.m. (after school) Location: Bushnell Elementary School MEMBER FEE: \$25 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$37

Session 2: February 27-March 27 • 5-week program Deadline: February 20 Tuesdays • 3:30-4:30 p.m. (after school) Location: Bushnell Elementary School MEMBER FEE: \$21 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$33



To Register Please Call 897-8445

Mon. - Thurs. 9 - 5 Fri. 9 - 3



The pilots at that time could

get "approach plates" for any

major airport in the world.

Father George J. Fekete St. Mary Church

These plates were like pat-Many of you will rememterns which gave the pilot the ber the much-loved Swedish heading, altitude, distance Dag Christian, from the outer markers to the Hammarskjold. He was the runway and more informarespected Secretary General tion, too. In other words, the of the United Nations before plate gave all the information his untimely death in a plane the pilot would need to make crash on September 18, 1962. a safe landing at that airport. After the plane crash, experts The crash investigators came were sent to see why the dito the conclusion that the oversaster had happened. Their worked pilot had used the investigation showed that the wrong approach plate. They engines were running well on concluded that instead of usimpact. It was reasonably fair ing the approach plate for weather. All the other aircraft Endola, Zambia (the airport systems were operating propwhere he was trying to land). erly. There wasn't any evidence to suspect that the pilot suffered a heart attack.

This is what happened.



Week of 12/18 - 12/22

ELEMENTARY 'Chef's Salad & Peanut

Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch * Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30¢

MON: Spaghetti w/mea sauce & breadstick or ham & cheese sub sandwich smooth applesauce vegetable choice.

TUES: Pretzel dunkers w/cheese sauce o corndog on a stick, pears tater tots, pudding.

WED: Hot dog on a bun or burrito w/roll, garden salad, berry-peach cobbler.

THURS: Chicken nuggets or ravioli w/cheese, sweet bread & margarine vegetable choice, fresh grapes.

FRI: Winter break begins.

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TUES: 2 hot ham & cheese on buns or tuna salad croissant, tater tots blueberries & whipped cream.

WED: Chicken nuggets or French dip on bun au jus, berry-peach cobbler, potatoes, peas.

THURS: Crispito w/chips & cheese or macaroni & cheese, sweet bread, fresh grapes, corn.

FRI: Winter break begins.

So there was a fatal altitude difference of 3,000 feet. which meant that the plane actually flew into the ground short of the runway.

Keeping in mind that tragedy, can we not say there are many people who are running the plane of their lives into the ground because they are looking at the wrong "approach plate," they picked up the wrong pattern, they are following the wrong model? Could we be among them? The only "approach plate" for our lives that will bring us to a safe landing, by this I mean real fulfillment - ending up with God for eternity, is that which Jesus Christ offers. He states very clearly, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." (John 14:6).

This Season of Advent the best way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Lord and Savior, is to make sure we are using His "approach plate," His teachings and examples towards God and our fellow he was using the approach men and women. God bless plate for Endola in the Congo. you.

and measured 21 inches long.

sister Olivia and brother Alex.

Richmond of Lowell and John

Olinger of Heath, OH.

Olinger of Heath, OH.

He is welcomed home by

Grandfathers are Jerrold

Grandmother is Pierrette

Sunday School.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 15: Roger Brown, Karen Latva, Tammy Baird, Kathryn

DEC. 18: Danielle Anchors, Hillary Graves, Cliff Walling.

DEC. 14: Chris Kropf, Bryan Robert Roth.

DEC. 19: Lori Moore, Carol Chamberlain.

DEC. 20: Ed Mohr, William Henry Burtt.

AREA BIRTHS

of Fort Wayne, IN are happy

to announce the birth of a son.

John-Luc Xavier Richmond,

He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

born November 1, 2000.

Ben and Karen Richmond

DEC. 17: Bill Ellison.

Duiven, Kristin Ellis, Danielle Brenk, Marea Borg.



Fredline/ Simmons

Gary and Vicki Fredline of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachael Leah Fredline to David Michael Simmons of East Lansing.

The future bride is a 1999 Lowell High School graduate and is currently attending Michigan State University majoring in elementary education.

Simmons, a 1996 Bingham High School graduate of West Jordan. Jtah, attended Saginaw Valley University and is currently employed by White Knight Pumps & Fittings. Inc. He is the son of Jack and Sharen Simmons of Hemlock, Mich.

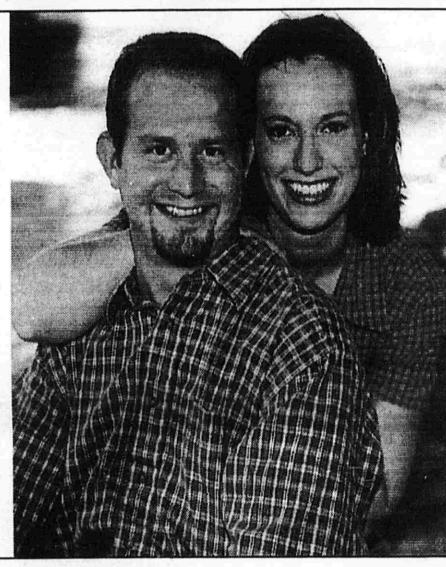
A December 28, 2000 wedding is planned.

Alderink/ Coviak

Jennifer Lynn Alderink and Thomas Coviak, both of Lowell, are announcing their intention to marry.

The bride-to-be is a Lowell High School graduate and a graduate of Grand Rapids Education Center. Her parents are Ronald and Katherine Alderink.

The future groom is a graduate of Brighton High School, Central Michigan University and National Institute of Technology. His parents are Jerome and eanette Coviak of Howell. A January 13, 2001 wedding is planned.



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...11 A.M

.6:00 P.M.

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Viewpoint...



I've always thought my signature to be unique. It's sort of stupid looking. It looks hurried. It looks as though little thought or care was put into its appearance. If you didn't know my name when looking at it, you would never be able to tell what it says. It's a mess which, of course, makes it a perfect reflection of me.

Along about second grade they began trying to force cursive writing on me. Mrs. Franklin, or "Old Lady Franklin" to us boys who didn't much care for her strict discipline, stood over us as we struggled with the technique. Equipped with coarse manila paper and big blue pencils, I chewed on my tongue and tried to duplicate those curvaceous lines. I was a

My penmanship skills were awful back in grade school. They became worse with age. Sometime after getting into the twin. publishing business I simply had to give up cursive writing. I'd cover a meeting or take some ad copy and couldn't read it when I got back to the shop. I reverted to writing in block letters.

Because I'm always having to write quickly as people speak, even my once neat block letters (perfected in mechanical drawing classes) have digressed into a barely legible scrawl. My daughter calls my penmanship "serial killer handwriting."

Needless to say, my signature has degenerated along with my handwriting. The "Roger" has a fairly recognizable capital "R". The lower case "o" does look more like an "o" than an "a" or "e". The "g", because of its descender, could be a "g, j, y, discount. q or p". The remaining "e-r" is just a squiggle.

splotch. It looks something like the "K" on a box of popular "special" about my "K". A capital "K" is distinct. There is no thought he could read my writing. other letter that looks much like it, so even my scrawl can't disguise it.

vertical backbone of the letter so it can resemble a capital "R" From there on out my signature is smooth sailing. There might be an ever so small bump where the "r" should be and maybe a slight wave for the "o-w-n". Usually there isn't even that much and the "r-o-w-n" is simply a straight line. My signature has evolved into this ...

The "B" in Brown looks pretty much like a "B". Some-

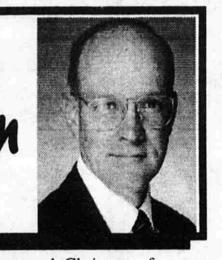
times I don't quite bring the bottom bulge back toward the

All this background about something as mundane as my signature brings us to the office of an F and I guy (finance and insurance) at a local car dealership a week or so ago. I had made an auto purchase and was signing the numerous documents. During the transaction, a rather official looking General Mogood student back then, but try as I might, my penmanship tors warranty statement was slid across the desk at me. Sudlooked like I was destined to write nothing but ransom notes. denly, it was as though I had just entered the Twilight Zone. I had entered a parallel universe. I had come face to face with my

> I inspected the document, wondering why the dealership would already have my signature on something. As it turned out, it wasn't my signature, but of a Roy K. Rowan, or something close to that. (Play the Twilight Zone theme music in your head at this point.)

> It was almost a dead ringer for my signature. I had to really look at it closely for minute differences in the "g" and the "y". The "B" and the "R" at the beginning of the last name were close, but not quite the same. Other than those minor differences, I had a twin working at General Motors! If I had known that, I would have qualified for a GM employee's family

I'd like to know more about Roy. I want to know if he's a The army insisted I use my middle initial whenever I big fat guy with gray hair and a fondness for Ben & Jerry's signed one of their countless forms. The "K", for Karl, in my "Wavy Gravy." I want to know if he loves dogs and hates cell breakfast food. That is not meant to imply there is anything there, I'd like to get to know him. I'd send him a letter if I Parks. Orders have been received already for 600 of them.

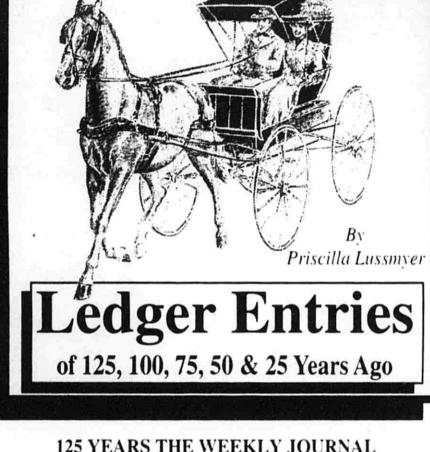


With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas fast approaching, this is an appropriate time to wish everyone in

about our district's future, but also challenges us to strive for continuous improvement in all of our schools. We intend to do so. The board has scheduled a retreat in January to review our Vision and Mission, and to reinvigorate our commitment to first rate educational and extracurricular programs for all have every flavor. McMahon Bros." Lowell students.

This past year has been marked by another type of direct and personal support for our school system - the tireless and unselfish work of volunteers. Parents, fellow citizens and community leaders have given us precious assets - their time, energy and ideas - to make our schools better and more productive. From service on committees, to participation in parent teacher organizations, to volunteering in our school your efforts.

So it is with sincere gratitude that I wish each of you and have provided for the future facilities needs of our growing your families a very Merry Christmas and the happiest New community and have emphasized in a personal and direct way Year. Your help and support represent a true gift of the season



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **DECEMBER 15, 1875** THIS ISSUE IS MISSING.

WE SUBSTITUTE DEC. 14, 1870 The new 1870 list of all post offices in the United States has been received here.

Common Council passes an act to prevent cattle, hogs, etc. from running at large in the village.

The Dramatic Club presents a play each month at Pullen's Hall and donates the proceeds to "relieve the poor in our The Masons will celebrate their newly rebuilt and deco-

rated rooms in Graham's Block third floor with a Festival and Installation on the 17th inst. A sketch, the view of Lowell from Peck's Hill, is for sale

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 13, 1900**

D.G. Look and C.W. Parks of Lowell join A.O. Freeman signature is probably the most definitive part of the entire phones. Does he toe in slightly with his left foot? Did he have of Ionia to form the Lowell Specialty Company, to manufac-"Old Lady Franklin" in the second grade? If I have a twin out ture the fountain compressed-air sprayer invented by Mr

> Someone apparently threw a large stone into the water wheel at the electric plant, shutting down the village are lights: the repair parts get lost too, so they are out for more than three

The new shirt factory has employed 45 people and plans to put in more machines.

"The high school class in Arithmetic is digging up square and cube roots as a preparation for Algebra.

"Jellicon, a delicious dessert for Christmas dinner. We

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 10,1925

The American Legion's all-home-talent musical, "All Aboard," opened at City Hall last night and will continue tonight. A detailed listing of the home talent follows.

Farmers Institute next week at the High School Thursday evening will feature Marketing by Prof. Horner of MSC (Michigan State College).

39,000 fans see Red Grange play his first game for the Chicago Bears at Cubs' Park

The Army Air Service is ignored and underfunded by the Army, says Maj. Gen. Patrick. Meanwhile the court-martial of Col. Billy Mitchell goes on ... and on.

The birth rate in America is the lowest it has ever been.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 14, 1950**

The VFW reminds servicemen and veterans who own homes of their homestead tax exemption.

State highway commissioner Charles Zeigler opposes a toll turnpike for Michigan main traffic route, citing the financial crisis of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The five-year-old Nativity Creche of life-sized figures is again set up in Richards Park, with music by local choirs on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Lowell stores will be open every evening next week. The recount vote for governor is not generating much emotion or even interest.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **DECEMBER 11, 1975**

Saturday's Christmas parade was big, well-attended and

Parents are needed to monitor the Alto School ice rink after The new School Board Communications Committee draws

a surprisingly large number of volunteers. The traditional giant wreath at Cary's on West Main is in place, and merchants are staying open evenings to accommo-

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. date shoppers.

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past year. We have much to be grateful for.

their support for educational excellence. The Board of Educato the children of Lowell. tion recognizes that this positive note expresses optimism

Lowell a happy holiday - and to express thanks for the buildings and supporting our athletic teams and musical groups, community support given the Lowell Area Schools over the we have truly been blessed. Our community is enriched by By supporting the bond proposal this fall, Lowell citizens

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor.

I believe we have a sidewalk snow removal ordinance in our city. However, many, many people don't bother or care.

As a senior citizen I had to walk along South Hudson Saturday afternoon to downtown and some places just shovel

to their entrances and forget the walk along their side property. I'm sure many had to put sidewalks in for safety sake but have forgotten that means maintenance in the winter.

I want to congratulate Springrove for having the whole sidewalk ice-free and not having to duck under the awnings to keep from falling.

> Sincerely. Phyllis Lessens

P.S. Many merchants are great.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

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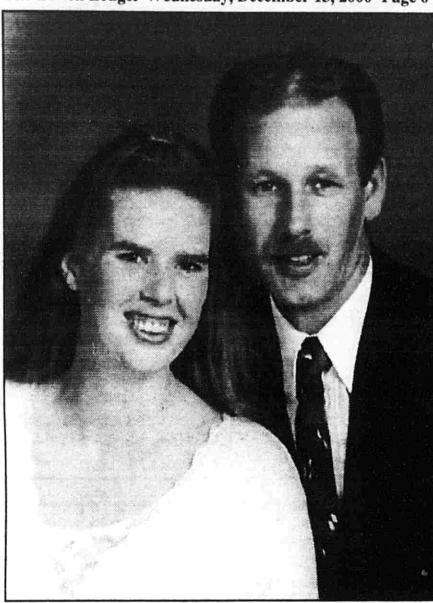
The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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Tymes/ Fisher

Tammy S. Tymes of Lowell and Rodney Fisher of Jenison are engaged and planning a June 23, 2001 wedding.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Nancy Tymes of Lowell and Jean Ann Dale and William Fisher, both of Grand Rapids.

The future bride is a Lowell High School graduate and has attended Grand Rapids Community College.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Jenison High School.

Postal increase comes with protest

plies of older 33-cent stamps

increases vary some by class

of mail in accordance with

Postal Service recently announced that they would alsion of the Postal Rate Commission to raise the price of a First Class letter to 34 cents "under protest." New rates for all classes of mail will begin on Jan. 7, 2001. Postage for mailing this year's holiday cards and packages remains

The new cost of mailing Board chairman, Einar V. a two pound Priority Mail Dyhrkopp once again called package increases to \$3.95, for postal reform. "Statutory although a new one pound reform of the nation's postal rate is now also available at system is necessary to pro-\$3.50. The cost of mailing a vide the foundation for a fi- one half pound Express Mail nancially secure Postal Serpackage increases to \$12.25. vice, one that is capable of Overall, rates are rising meeting the needs of the 4.6 percent, although price American people today and

New 34-cent letter rate the legal mandate for each stamps will go on sale Dec. class of mail to cover its own cost. The cost of mailing a 15. The first of the new stamps letter will increase from 33 to will be marked "USA" FIRST-CLASS". In later 34 cents. Each additional stamp printings, the phrase ounce will decrease from 22 "FIRST-CLASS" will be recents to 21 cents. The cost of placed by the 34-cent amount. mailing a postcard will re-Over two billion one-cent main 20 cents. International stamps are already available rates will also rise on January for customers to use up sup-

> In a separate action, the Governors rejected four classification changes recommended by the commission including the Courtesy Envelope Mail proposal and Information Based Indicia pro-A comprehensive list of

all new rates is available online at www.usps.com.



School Odyssey of the Mind particularly the last minute team took 4th place (out of 18 improvisational item given to teams) at the Regional com- each team to be incorporated petition for creative problem into their long-term problem

Destination ImagiNation (DI) tion, the district agreed to competition which challenges make the change. teams to use their creativity, ber of challenging problems. improvisation, or try their After attending the state level hand at creating and perform-Michigan University last twists and turns and a red Sally McAlpine returned and maybe it will be the weight nizers to consider making the per problem or perhaps they'll

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The high school team is performance, the day of com-This year, the Lowell petition. After reviewing mateams are participating in the terials from each organiza-The teams must choose and to investigate the details

mance skills to tackle a num- haps they will choose pure DI competition at Central ing a mystery, complete with spring, the team and coach herring or two thrown in, encouraged the district orga- bearing balsa wood and paswitch to Destination try writing and performing

now actively gathering background information for this year's problem and just spent an evening at The Civic Theater in Grand Rapids watching The Wizard of OZ. After the show, the theater staff invited the team back stage to ask questions about the show problem-solving and perfor- between five problems. Per- of what goes on behind the

> This year one elementary. two middle school and one high school team will represent the Lowell Area Schools on March 17th at Grand Haven High School for the 2001 Regional Destination ImagiNation Competition. The state level competition will follow at the end of April at Central Michigan Univer-



Hyzer and Kelsay Meyers; back row are Tony Pedley, Erin Hollister, Amanda Oracz and

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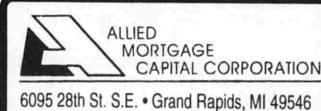
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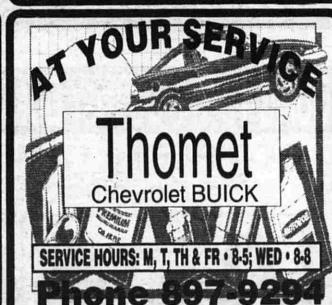
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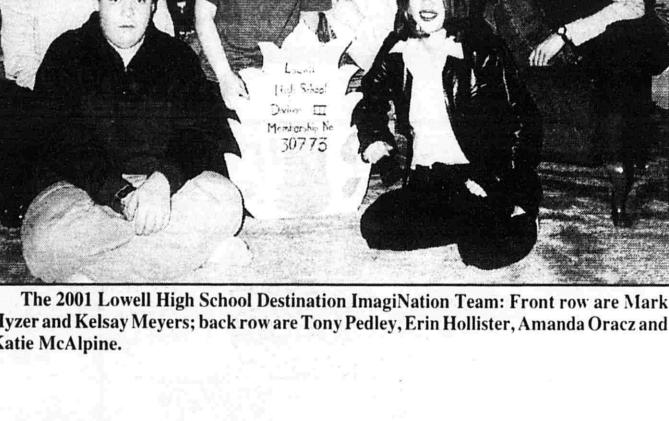
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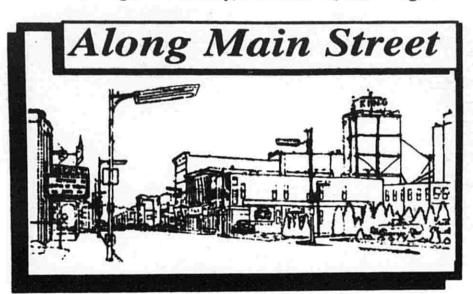


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SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

Parents - now is the time to look through those boxes of pictures of your son or daughter who is graduating in 2001. This is for the Senior video and pictures or photocopies must be in by the end of January. Put the name and tel. # on the back of the pictures along with a SASE and drop them off in the drop box in the high school office.

Water Main, cont'd... From Page 1

straight across the river, which was installed back in

cause the contractor will be whole section and installing over there already along with a valve on it to head out in the \$47,680. the entire intersection to be other direction." excavated, why take the pipe

double back towards the river the early 30's," DesJarden ex-

tional bore is \$179.895. The and catch the main on River- plained. "This would take the cost for an eight-inch water old main out and place the main on the east side of Riv-"After reviewing, and be- new valves in, replacing the erside Drive and the installation of two valves will be

Kent District Library to visit Harry's world

crosses Platform 9 3/4 and journeys to Harry Potter's World for a fun-filled prowinter. Harry Potter fans, ages six and up, can eat snacks at Cones, and test their knowl-

Kent District Library edge in the Great Hall. Registration is required, and participation is limited to 30.

The program, based on gram at all KDL branches this the popular series of books by J.K. Rowling, gives young people the opportunity to the Leaky Cauldron, mix con- share their knowledge of the coctions in Potion class, get Harry Potter books with other creative at Toppers and enthusiasts and experience

the fun of the books in a hands-on way.

This program is scheduled at the Alto Library on Friday, Dec. 29 at 2:30 p.m. and at the Englehardt Library on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Kent District Library at 336-3250.



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January 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"Rx: Healthful Living is the Healing Remedy," by Dr. Bruce Hyde, MD

Dr. Hyde also served in the U.S. Air Force, in Emergency Medicine. Consistently for over 10 years, Lifestyle Medicine has been his underlying commitment in medical practice, resulting in the blessing of seeing so many restored to health. Dr. Hyde has a special interest in diabetes

January 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"In the World but Not of It - Overcoming Heavy Metal Toxicity," by Jann Gentry Glander

Jann Gentry is the Vice President for Public Affairs at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. Jann's special field of health interest is in environmental toxicities. She has recovered from heavy metal poisoning using natural methods and is eager to share her story with others.

January 28, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"Networking for a Healing Solution," Amiable blending of traditional medicine & lifestyle medicine, by Tim Heischberg

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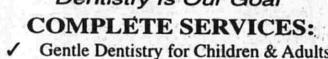
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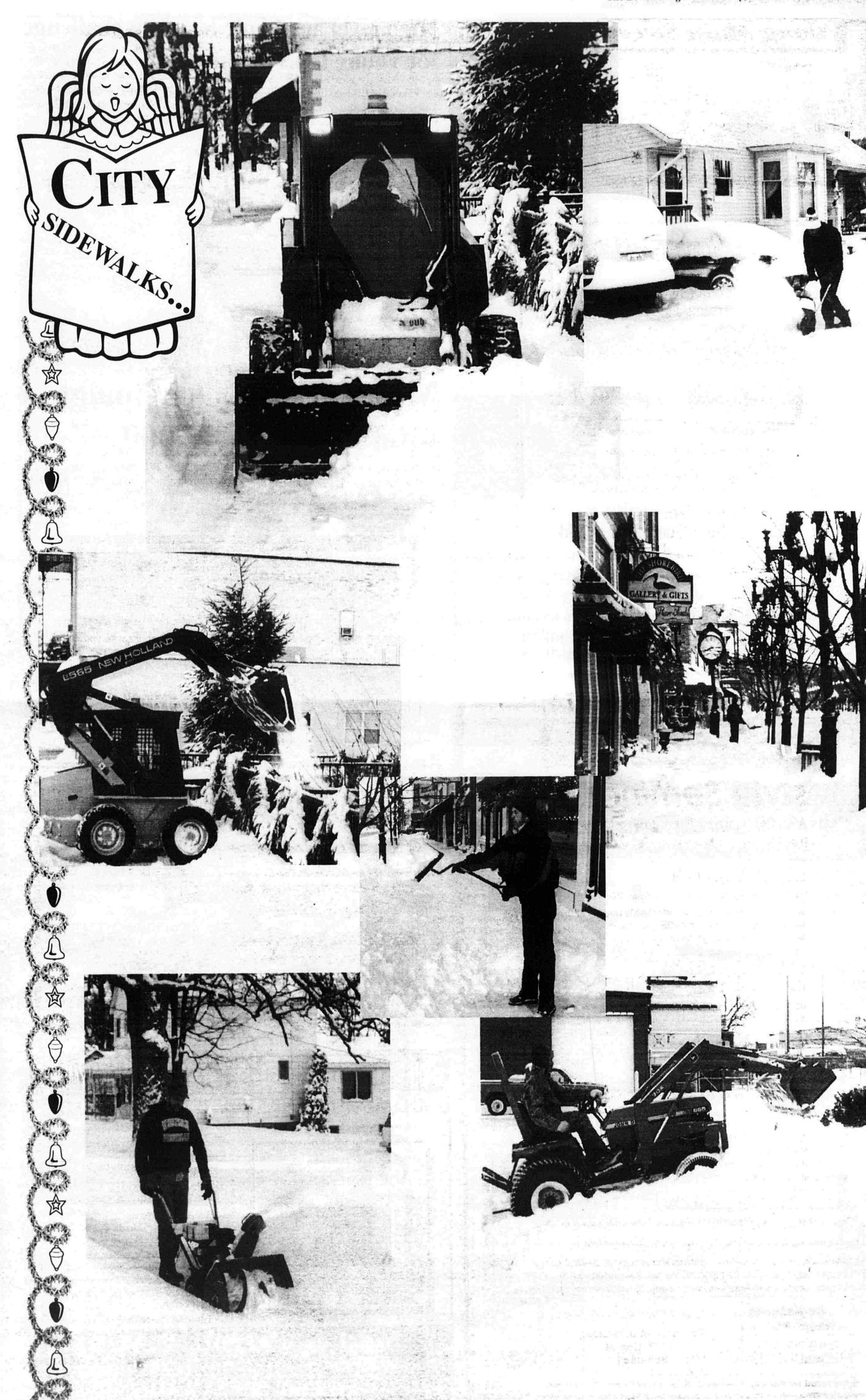
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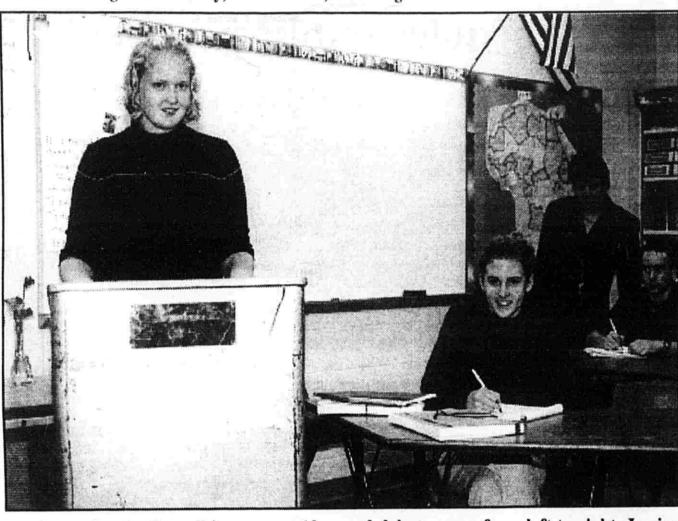


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Competing for Lowell in a recent 10-round debate were, from left to right, Jessica DenHouter, Nicole Tegg and Rich McGuire; standing behind McGuire is debate coach/ teacher, Karen Thompson.

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High level academic league a challenge for young LHS debate team

was second followed by

considering for most of them

Arrow team after successful

Cadillac and Rockford

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Karen Thompson walked into a room prepared to judge a debate when she noticed a following a nine-year hiatus. familiar face.

"I can't judge this debate, that's my daughter up there," said the Lowell High School debate coach. Thompson's daughter, Tana is a member of the Union High School debate team. The Hawks were one of 20 teams that competed in a 10-round debate. The final round took place at Lowell High School.

debate teams in the area There were two rounds a whereby the class and debate night for five nights. team are one. Thompson at-

Calvin Christian won the tended a coaches camp this

past summer and also remeet. Forest Hills Northern ceived some mentoring from Forest Hills Central's coach. Pam Medford-Tow.

This was the second year Competing on Lowell's Lowell fielded a debate team affirmative team were Jessica DenHouter and Nicole "The Metro League in Tegg. Their objective is to which we compete, is a high prove their position in topilevel, academic league," Thcality, harms, inerrancy, solompson explains. "I thought vency and disadvantages. our students did pretty good

Lowell's negative team, comprised of Rich McGuire this was their first year in and Laken Antcliff, worked to discount their opponent's The Lowell debate coach said she will model the Red

> "I'm hooked on debate." Thompson said. "It involves academic strategy where students must use their mind and be able to think on their feet."

Museum capital campaign total rises to \$145,900

Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) has actively engaged, over the last three years, in developing plans to establish a museum for the Lowell area.

Utilizing community input and professional resources, the LAHM board of directors have initiated a capital campaign program to create a museum.

The campaign's start got an initial boost from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt) when advisory board member, Jim Bosserd presented LAHM president. Jim Doyle with a check for

In accepting the check, Doyle said, "This will go a

long way in launching the 'Preserving Our River of History' capital campaign."

The campaign seeks to raise a total of \$456,000 over

Phase I will raise \$225,000 to renovate the lower west side of the Graham building and create rooms for early history, industry and retailing, and the

Phase II will seek to raise \$231,000 to create an 1873 period room, an alternating exhibits room and a gift shop. All of phase I must be

completed if the museum's September 2001 scheduled opening is to take place.

The Lowell Area Com-

munity Fund has granted LAHM an additional \$20,000, bringing the total funds raised to \$145,900.

Persons interested in making atax-deductible contribution to the campaign may send it to the Lowell Area Historical Museum Capital Campaign at P.O.Box 81, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

For more information about the campaign or donating artifacts, call Judy Straub at 897-7688.

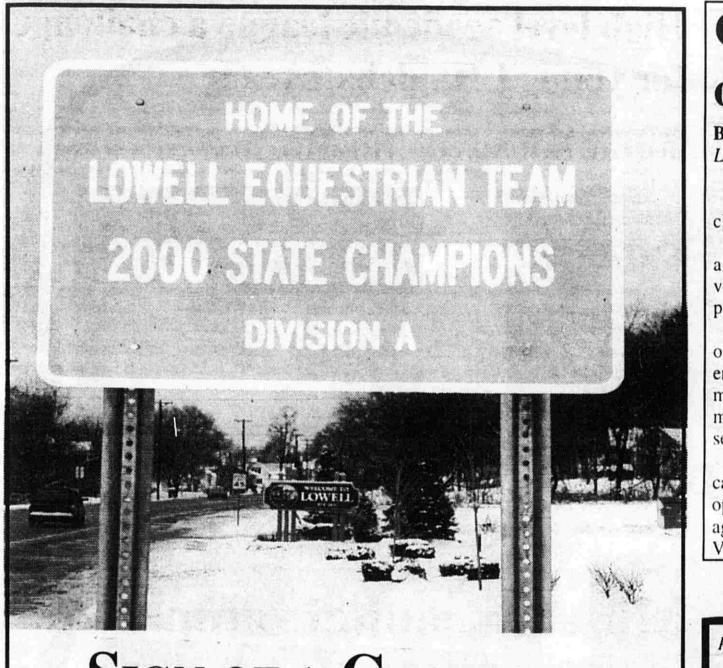
"This is such an important project for our community. This community has lost many historical treasures from this area to other museums, individual collectors, and antique dealers primarily because it doesn't have a museum," Straub said, "Lowell has long needed a place where artifacts can be preserved and presented, and where our youth and citizens can go to learn about their local history."

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"Preserving Our River of History"

Capital Campaign To Establish The Lowell Area Historical Museum

The capital campaign, "Preserving Our River of History,' to establish the Lowell Historical Museum has garneded \$145,900 in campaign pledges and funding to date.



SIGN OF A CHAMPION

The accomplishment of the 2000 state champion equestrian team can now be viewed by visitors as they enter the city from all directions.

The city of Lowell purchased four signs, honoring the Lowell High School equestrian team, and erected them at the entrances to the city. Lowell equestrian coach Gail Parker said the team's accomplishment is made all

the more special by the city's public recognition. "We hope that this state championship has contributed to the growing awareness that Lowell is a wonderful community. We are always willing to represent our city with our best efforts," she said.

The Lowell equestrian team has won the district championship 16 of the last 20

Members of this year's state championship team are Molly Balaam, Katelyn Bush, Jeanie Dunn, Jessica Hamp, Kirk Johnson, Ryanne Oetman, Jessika Richardson, Lisa Roth, Kelsey Scheider, Tracey Seif, Jasmine Steele, Jordan Steele, Michelle Strzyzewski and Beth VanEns.

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City schedules public hearing for one-ton vehicle zoning ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine calls it of Spring and Lincoln Lake. leaning up legislation.

parking in residential areas.

Section 19.04 F prohibits trucks (over ment, and/or any other similar equipment or parking in residential areas. section, however, did not address buses.

"Because the section does not specifi- mended adoption of the amendment. cally refer to bus or school bus, it is my

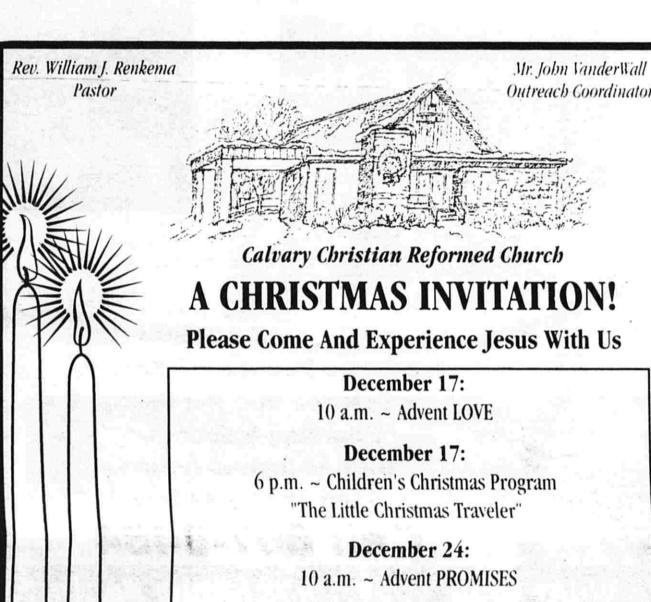
The bus in question is one that has been parked on a regular basis near the intersection

"The resident has voluntarily moved the In this case, the legislation has to do with bus." Valentine said. "However, there is notha city ordinance dealing with whether all ing in the section currently that would prevehicles over one ton are prohibited from vent a person from parking a charter bus or similar vehicle in a residential district."

Valentine, therefore, has proposed that one ton rated capacity), semi-trucks and trail- an amendment to the ordinance state all ers, manufactured homes, construction equip- vehicles over one ton be prohibited from

machinery used for commercial purpose. The At its Nov. 27 meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission, by a vote of 7-1, recom-

The Lowell City Council will hold opinion we can take no enforcement action public hearing on the proposed zoning ordiagainst the owner of the bus in question," said nance amendment at its Dec. 18 meeting.



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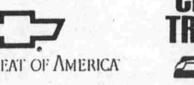


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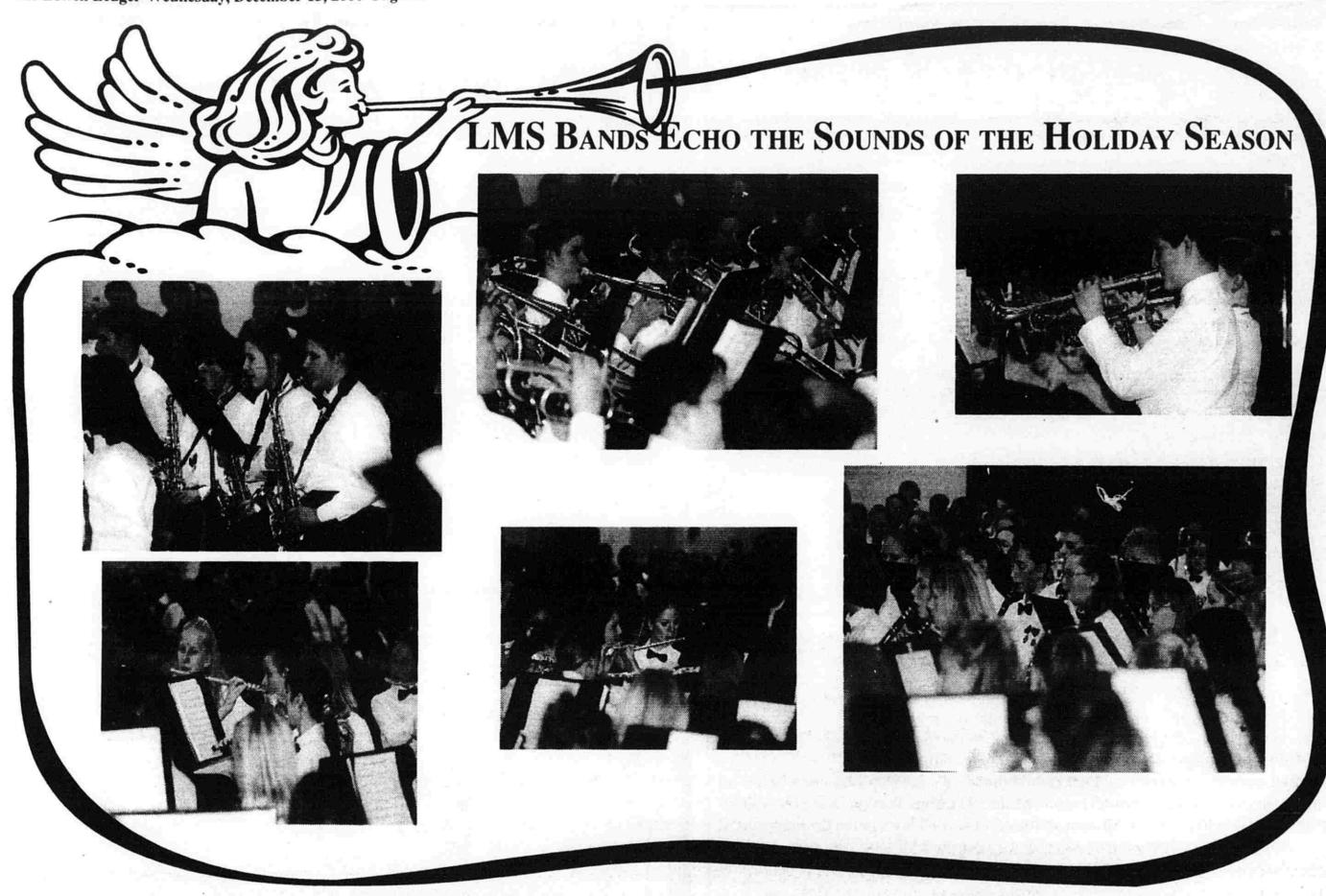


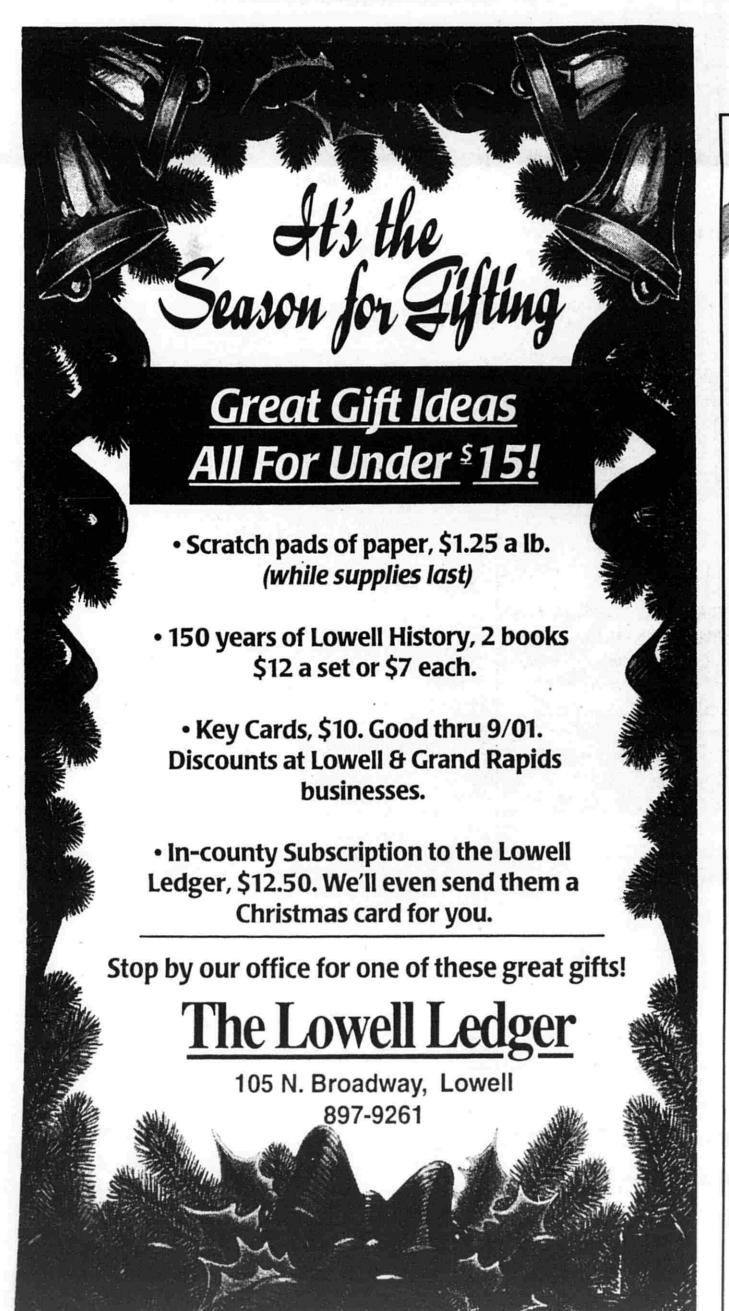
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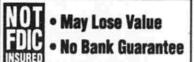
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Christian Athletes and parents.

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torical Society holds its EVERY TUES .: Women's dues, no weigh-ins. Community Bible study. MONTH: The Lowell from Burger King. For in- p.m. Board of Education meets formation call 897-7060 or at 7:30 p.m. in the Admin- 897-7555.

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ety holds its regular ents of children with AD/ 800-651-6000. meetings at the Historical HD Issues Group meeting Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

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tian Reformed Church. 897-1502 after 5 p.m. V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Girls ages 8-13 welcome.

Troop 10210, for boys 11 EVERY WED.: Pioneer Club meets at Bowne Cen- ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY & up or completing the 5th- Clubs 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ever- ter Fellowship Hall, corner grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. green Missionary Church, of 84th & M-50 (Alden 8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 during the school year in 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- Nash) at 7 p.m. of N. Washington St. En- Call 897-5894 for details.

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COMNGEVENTS

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell

p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone EVERY THIRD THURS .: Area Fire Dept. blood

ent Group meetings from with school-age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, dents. Interested persons 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. meet in the Activity Room, Board Room at 300 High ent seasonal activities St. Business meetings are Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS.: on odd months & program to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to LaLeche League of Ada, EVERY MON.: Lowell meetings on even months. 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Col- Cascade & Lowell meets at velopment

school cafeteria or call regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. EVERY WED.: Overeaters are welcome to attend. Our at the Masonic Center, 119 Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at current location is a church Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Forest Hills Presbyterian in Ada. Please call 752-(at 36th St.) No fees, no

Free nursery and preschool EVERY THURS .: Take Off Historical Society meets at story hour/crafts time from Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, the Averill Historical Mu-10 to 11:15 a.m. & women No. 333, Saranac, meets seum of Ada, 7144 Headley only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m. SECOND MON. OF EACH Chr. Ref. Church across brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45

ers meets at Lowell Lowell Lions Club meets at Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg-time for planning sessions istration is 1/2 hour before for activities. SECOND MON. OF EACH rial Fire Station, S. Hudson. meetings. New members are invited to join at any Township Historical Soci- EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- time. Questions? Call 1- FOURTH THURS. OF

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THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. COUNCIL: Open Tues. Auxiliary #8303 meets at Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; meets at Key Heights Mo- FIRST WED. EACH 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon-7 p.m.; Sat. MONTH: Alzheimers Sup- Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

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> EVERY FOURTH WED.: EVERY THIRD THURS.: Elderly volunteers needed Royal Arch Masons reguto participate in the lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at

High School Fellowship of Open to any interested leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; the Franciscan Child De-meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to Center, mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. 7524 for more information.

> SECOND THURS. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada

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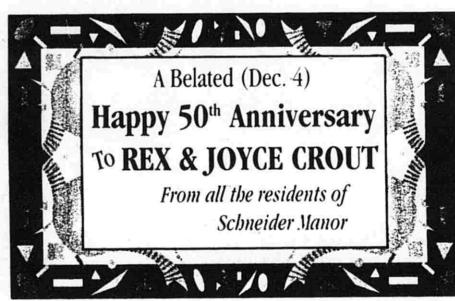
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SUN., DEC. 17: Children visit with Santa 4-7 p.m. on Showboat. Pictures \$3.

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SUN., DEC. 17: Luminaries along Main St. at 5:30 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 30: Environmental Club will host a luminary walk at Wittenbach Center (6-8 p.m.) Snowshoe rental is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Hot chocolate is \$1.





WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk

at Woodland Mall; 10:40 a.m. Armchair Exercise

WED.:12:45 p.m. Shop

at Family Fare. THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/ shop the malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., DEC. 13: 12:00 THURS., DEC. 21: 12:00

Movie in Grand Rapids. FRI., DEC. 15: 12:40

p.m. Shopping at Meijer. MON., DEC. 18: 1:40

McGee Homestead TUES., DEC. 19: 12:40 WED., DEC. 27: 8 a.m.

Basket, Wal-Mart. K-

WED., DEC. 20: 10 a.m. Advisory Council: 12:00 p.m. Christmas dinner and party.

Complex. MON., DEC. 25: Merry

p.m. Dance, West Side

Christmas!!! Center closed TUES., DEC. 26: Center p.m. Christmas Tour of

closed.

p.m. Shopping at Fruit Women's breakfast. FRI., DEC. 29: 12:45 p.m

(Dinner reservations should be

Grocery Bingo.

made 3 working days in advance.

O'Boyle, DeRath & Kinney win championships at Howell; Lowell grapplers place second

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Two familiar faces got reacquainted Saturday at the Howell Individual wrestling tournament.

Billed as the toughest tournament in the state, Lowell and Eaton Rapids separated themselves from the field of 17 in claiming the top two spots.

Eaton Rapids finished first with 197 points. Lowell was rested minor injuries.

second with 187. Filling out the top 10 were Davison, 157; Lansing Eastern 135.50; Howell 119; Goodrich 118; Rochester Adams 104; Constantine 101; Portage Central 78 and Temperance Bedford 76.50.

The Red Arows succeeded on three levels Saturday, according to their wrestling coach, Dave Strejc. Lowell gelled as a team; continued to develop; and three of their big guns

(119) and Caleb O'Boyle 140. Kinney was 4-0 with a 14-5 major decision over Flushing's Justin Straley in the finals. "He wrestled very well. Brandon has such a wide repertoire and wrestles under control," Strejc

type performances from Brandon Kinney (112), Ian DeRath

"We're on track for what we need to do. I'm pleased with

Sitting out the tournament with injuries were John Mendez

Inside the squared circle, Lowell received three "big gun'

(130 pounds), J.J. Wilder (140/145) and B.J. Fraser (189).

how well we did without three big guns," Strejc said.

DeRath, 4-0, upended Eaton Rapids' Austin Carmody 11-4 in the finals. "It was a solid win. He dominated the match from the opening," said the coach.

O'Boyle, also 4-0 on the day, decisioned Goodrich's Nick Oertel 5-0. "What can I say! Caleb was solid and in control,"

John McKay, 125 pounds, placed second. The Red Arrow was 2-1 with his only loss coming in the finals to Davison's John Whitman, 9-4.

Matt Oesch continued to impress his coach as he placed third, winning three of four matches. The 160-pounder pinned Portage Central's Brendon Adams at 2:36 of the second period. "Matt impressed me. He's starting to get in touch with what mental frame he needs for success," Strejc said.

Other Lowell wrestlers to place were Ben Vaught, 1-2, HWT, fourth; Kevin Fraser, 130, 4-1, fifth; David Kropf, 103, 3-2, sixth; Ben Fleet, 215, 3-1, fifth; and Pete VanLaan, 152, 2-2, eighth.

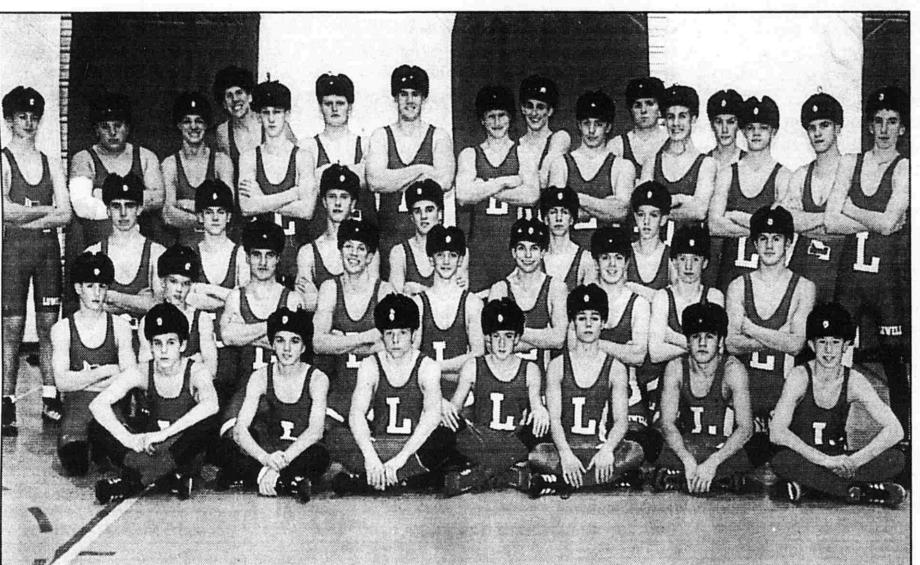
Wrestling but not placing were Alan Stiver, 145, 1-2; Mike Forward, 171, 1-2; and Pieter Serne, 189, 1-2.

"December is development month. These kids are beginning to do that and are motivated - they want to be champions," Streic said.

By a vote of the referees, Lowell's wrestling team was awarded the tournament's sportsmanship trophy.

Lowell is home on Thursday against Hastings.

Lowell junior varsity won the Linden varsity wrestling tournament over the weekend. Both Mike Nearing and Jayme DeLiefde finished the day undefeated.



Adorned in their coach-like shankas, the Red Arrows will work the better part of their season towards a third consecutive trip to the state finals.

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HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:

> WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following request will be heard:

Robert Perkins of 4325 Causeway, Lowell, parcel number 41-12-33-428-007 has made application for variance from Article 7, Section 7.03 (B) & (C) defining rear and side yard setbacks in the R-L District. The requested variance is to construct an accessory building on an existing concrete pad 18' 9" from the lot line within the 10' required setback. (Tabled from 11/18/00).

Theodore and Vicki Vogt, Lowell, parcel number 41-12-33-351-010 has made application for variance from Article 3, Section 3.01 (A) 1 defining area setbacks from bodies of water in the R-L District. The requested variance is for an accessory gazebo 16x16x13 within 35' from the high water line. (Tabled from

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

TOWNSHIP OF **VERGENNES KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

to be held before the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes on December 18, 2000, at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671.

The hearing is on a request from LaBoite Company, Inc. to approve an application for an industrial facilities exemption accordance with Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended, on property located at 697 Lincoln Lake Ave., S.E. in the Township of Vergennes.

All aspects of the project and the approval of the application will be open for discussion at the public hearing and all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard. The Township Board will consider any written communication received on the request and shall provide full opportunity for expression of opinion, for arguments on the merits, and for the introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the request. Communication may also be made by calling the Township Hall at (616) 897-5671. Information concerning the request may be reviewed weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

> Mari Stone, Township Clerk Vergennes Township

Red Arrow girls win white division championship at Creston

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

As the Creston Volleyball Tournament progressed, the value of a well-executed pass became more significant to the Lowell olleyball team.

"The girls are learning how crucial it is to execute basic skills," said Lowell volleyball coach, Connie Black. "Now it's just a matter of consistency."

Lowell displayed good serving and passing in defeating Tri County 16-14, 15-13 in the White Division Championship match. "When we passed the ball well, we were able to run our offense," Black explained.

The Red Arrows began the day in pool play against Spring Lake, West Catholic and Montague. Lowell finished pool play with a blocked," he explained.

In White Division championship play, day. Lowell (4-1) opened with a win over Ottawa

Hills, two games to one, before advancing to play Tri County. "Amanda Stoutjesdyk was a big offen-

play from Kelly Fitzpatrick," Black said. The Lowell coach was pleased with the progress his outside hitters showed passing

sive player for us, but we also got some good

"The girls made mental mistakes, but they got some court experience," Black said. "In pool play we had our opponents at points in the matches but then our concentration disappointed us."

Offensively, Black said his club needs to speed its offense. "If we can do that, we can create mismatches for our hitters or the chance to hit the ball without the threat of having it

Lowell travels to Greenville on Wednes-

Rangers field a balanced roster anchored by Gustafson

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike Gustafson is not only one of the area's best swimmers, and one of four captains on the Forest Hills/ Lowell cooperative swim team, but the Ranger will also serve as a rover during the 2000 season.

"Mike is pretty solid across the board. He will most stroke events. likely win whatever event I put him in," said Forest Hills/ Lowell boys swim coach Heather Heritage. "Gustafson's strength events are in the butterfly, breaststroke and IM."

The Rangers 25-man roster has a balance of "power" swimmers, depth and begin-

Serving alongside Gustafson in the captain's role will be seniors Andrew Klipa, Jake Billingsley and Brett Goldberg

Klipa will be showcased in the sprints and breaststroke events. "He's our number one breaststroker when Mike's not swimming," Heritage explains. "Andrew and Mike will never swim opposite one another."

Billingsley, a four-year swimmer, will do most of his damage in the backstroke. He will also see pool time in the sprint freestyle and medley

Goldberg will swim in sprint, freestyle and backstroke events. "Brett had a fantastic conference meet last He's stronger and is displayyear. I hope he continues from ing more grace," Heritage there," Heritage said. explained.

Seniors Matt Trierweiler, John Webb and Eric Cherba, and junior Mark Kwast should also make quality con-Trierweiler, much im-

proved, will help out in the sprint freestyle and breast-Webb enjoys sprint

freestyle, but his coach be- Bryant. lieves he's capable of doing more and will push him to do

Kwast her distance freestyle think we can contend for a duo. "They will be used mainly in distance events and maybe in the IM's and butterfly," she says.

Junior Jacob Baker and expected to be the Rangers formidable combo in diving.

"Jake will do well. He will be throwing some high degree dives. Mac worked in Indian River and then two the off- season with years at the University of Mi-

Greg Metzman and James The Ranger coach notes that while most of the league lost a lot of seniors, the Rang-Heritage calls Cherba and ers return everyone. "I don't

title, but we will have an im-

Other swimmers who

may contribute are Corey

pact in deciding who does." Assisting Heritage with coaching duties this year will be Brian Meyer, a former allsophomore Mac Russell are American swimmer from East Kentwood. He was a state champion in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Meyer swam one year at Ferris and at

Rockford's diving coach. ami.



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teamed up with Billingsley. Heather Heritage said. Kwast and Webb, stopping the clock in 1:53.57.

Hills/Lowell's opening two meets

Gustafson and Klipa shine in Forest

fall training and a recent tapering, Forest Hills/Lowell all conference swimmer Mike Gustafson posted a couple of state qualifying times in the Cherba won the 500 season's first meet.

"It was a great first meet. Both Gustafson and Andrew Klipa had good early swims," said Forest Hills/Lowell swim coach, Heather Heritage.

Gustafson raced home in the 200 IM in a state qualifying time of 1:59.07 as the Rangers rolled to a 102-83 in the 100 butterfly. win over Ottawa Hills.

Mark Kwast placed third in 2:49.05.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

Gustafson also won the 100 freestyle. He stopped the clock in a state qualifying time of 48.89. John Webb was third

Klipa claimed three firsts. The Ranger won the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:00.45. Teammate Eric Cherba was second at 2:09.93 The Ranger also took top honors in the 100 breaststroke. He finished in a time of

Scudder, Dirk Timmer, Jon fourth at 1:28.96. Williams, Ilija Vadjon, Eric Klipa and Gustafson Hubenet, Stephan Van Heuler, joined Jake Billingsley and Dustin Burke, Tom Fick, Brett Goldberg in a winning Chris Rozman, Brent Joling, effort in the 200 freestyle re-Mike Deters, Aaron lay. They came home in Randolph, Chris Heckman,

in the medley relay. He Hills/Lowell swim coach, ning at 7 p.m.

Coming off summer and

Goldberg posted winning (23.71) and in the 100 backstroke (1:03.68). Billingsley was third in 1: 14.55.

freestyle in 6:01.44. Mac Russell came off the

board with a winning total of 183.50 in the diving competition. Jacob Baker was second Goldberg won the medley Kwast (1:14.93) and

Billingsley (1:19.23) placed

It was Kwast, Cherba. ishing second in the 400

first meet. It provides us with lay, 1:46.34. some motivation for the rest of the season," Heritage ex-

Grandville 108 Lowell 76

In a meet between two evenly contested teams 1:07.53. Matt Trierweiler was

velop. It should be a nice ba-

Earning top honors in events were Mike Gustafson. 200 freestyle (no time availtimes in the 50 freestyle able); Gustafson, 100 butterfly, 52.92 (a new school record) and a Grandville pool record. Brett Goldberg. 100 freestyle. 54.15: Andrew Klipa. 100 breaststroke.

> Jake Billingsley, Andrew Klipa, Gustafson and relay in 1:46.79.

Second place finishes were secured by Klipa, 200 second and third respectively IM. 2:13.09: Goldberg. 50 freestyle, 24.03: Jacob Baker. diving, 150.95; Eric Cherba. Goldberg and Gustafson fin- 500 freestyle. 6:04.00: Billingsley, 100 backstroke. freestyle relay with a time of 1:08.77; and Billingsley. Gustafson, Klipa and "I thought it was a good Goldberg. 400 freestyle re-

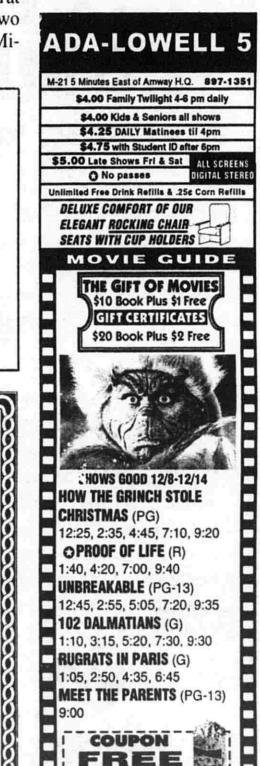
> "Gustafson had another great meet. Billingsley improved in the 100 backstroke and Cherba has gotten off to a good start. He's a good swimmer, but does not always get much press." Heritage ex-

The Ranger coach also Grandville's depth made the recognized the efforts of freshmen Dirk Timmer and "They just had more Corey Scudder. "I believe depth. We're evenly matched they are going to be point in numbers, so it will be inter- contributors for us this seaesting how both teams de- son." Heritage said.

The Rangers are home Klipa had a winning leg sis for comparison." Forest Thursday for a quad begin-

Correction...

The city of Lowell okayed an interdepartmental loan from Lowell Light & Power to Lowell Cable Television, Las week's edition of the Lowell Ledger incorrectly stated the loan came from the city of Lowell.





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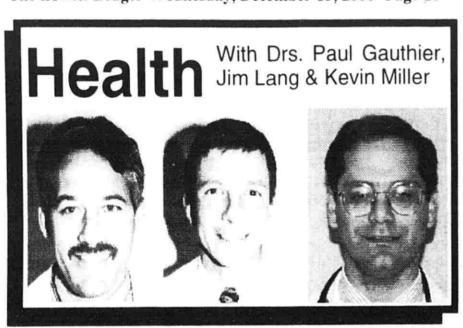
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NOTICE TO

FILE NO. 00-170,618-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent, MARY C. BLANCHARD, who lived at 30 Skyline Circle, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 11/26/00. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate

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CASE NO. 00-09690-DM

Plaintiff name: JULIAN MENDEZ 652 36th Street, S.W. Apt. #101 Wyoming, MI 49509

JOHN R. JACKSON (P-45183) 3501 Lake Eastbrook Blvd., S.E. Suite 114 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before JANUARY 18, 2001. If you fail to do so, a default judge-

ment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this 2. A copy of this order shall be published Interested persons may submit written

once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

NOV. 28, 2000

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Next week we'll talk about the prevention and

local bookstores. It is a lovely

gift for someone who enjoys

send my greetings to all the

book lovers who read this col-

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Sparks' new book, The Res-

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read it and share it. It is an

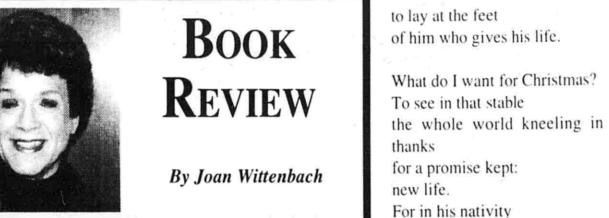
upcoming review. Look for

it. Merry Christmas, friends,

and a most Blessed New Year.

Along with the poem. I

poetry of the season.



bearing whatever they treasure

Ann Weems' book of po- I want to see them come, etry Kneeling In Bethlehem the wise ones and the humble. finds its yearly visit to my I want to see them come heart at Christmas. It is welcomed like an old, loving friend. As I read her words, they give off joy and hope and the thread of peace, especially

at times when my heart has

been turbulent with questions. I am reminded once again as the season begins to push By Thaddeus J. Kraus and pull with activities and Lowell Ledger Editor shopping that Christmas is not about the getting and giving of things; Christmas is about a "promise kept: new life." She elaborates in her poem, What do I want for Christ-

What do I want for Christmas? I want to kneel in Bethlehem, The air thick with alleluias, the angels singing that God is born among us. In the light of the Star,

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Room, 200 North Monroe for the purpose of

receiving comments from the public on the

An ordinance amendment on Chapter 19

(Off-Street Parking and Loading) Section

19.04.F. from "...thereon trucks (over one

(1) ton rated capacity)," to "...thereon

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comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main,

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Lowell, MI 49331 or appear in person.

line change)," Jacobus ex-Lowell's goals were both

air," said Lowell hockey

coach, Paul Jacobus.

unassisted and came in the third period.

This book is in circula-

tion at this time of year in the

Kent District Library and at

Red Arrow icers lose a pair

Ryan Hopkins scored at Better puck movement, 1:01 of the third period and better passing, better position. later Chris Rybicki tallied a and great efforts were all part shot-handed goal at 3:28 of by Hopkins. of Lowell/Caledonia's two tough one-goal defeats to Creston and Forest Hills

to Creston and Northern

Hills Northern, Lowell led 1-0 and 4-3 before the Huskies In the Red Arrows 3-2 rallied with two unanswered loss to the Polar Bears, Lowthird-period goals to earn the ell had a number of scoring chances negated by outstanding net play by Creston's

"It was a great, hard-hitting game either way." "He was terrific. We had Jacobus said. "It was the most a couple of point-blank shots intense game we've played in the slot that he pulled out of

Of the Huskies five goals, four came short-handed. "I've never seen anything like that. over the first two periods of Jacobus said. "They have two play and then held off the Red very fast forwards who are good stick handlers. In an odd "Two of their goals came way, I think being shorton our mistakes (power play handed opened up the ice for and getting caught in a bad them.

1:51 of the first period on a breakaway goal by Rybicki.

In the second period, Rybicki tied the score at 2-2 on a power-play goal assisted

Chad Rau tied the score In its 5-4 loss to Forest at 3-3 in the second period on a second when he went the length of the ice for a breakaway goal.

The Red Arrows took a 4-3 lead in the third on a shorthanded goal by Eric Austin with an assist by Brandon

Northern tied the game at netted the winning goal at the

Lowell ended the week at 2-5. "If we keep playing with the intensity that I saw against Creston and Northern, good things are going to happen. Jacobus said. "I can see already the boys' hard work is Lowell took a 1-0 lead at beginning to pay off."

Expedition captured in Dec. Geographic

The Blue Nile Expedition, in which Lowell's Kate Dernocoeur took part, is featured in the December issue of the National Geographic magazine.

The National Geographic Television Explorer Photographer Profile on the Nile Expedition will air Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. on CNBC







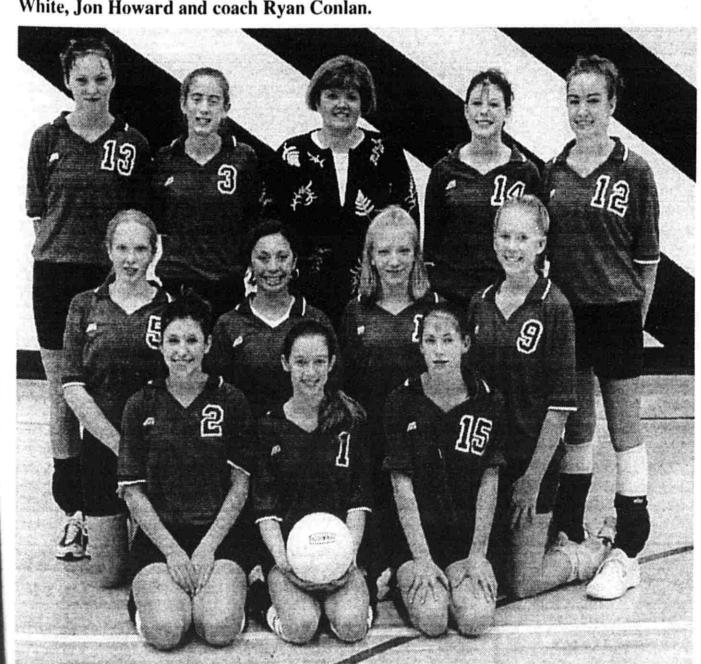
LOWELL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell varsity volleyball team, front row, left to right, are: Sunny Moyer, Lenny Williams, Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Abbey Goff; middle row, left to right, are: Theresa Happie, Colleen Myers, Amanda VanSpronsen; back row, left to right, are: Kelly Fitzpatrick, Molly Clark, Kristi Anderson, Jenny Wagner, Kellie Baker and Blair Meyer.



RED ARROW FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell freshman boys basketball team, front row, left to right, are: Dan Vegter, Chris Gallagher, Dan Harrison, Jared Felling, Zack Horan, Kyle Rozema, Chris Lechner, Wes Tweedale; back row, left to right, are: assistant coach Scott Pullen, Kevin Brubaker, Ben Lemke, Josh Anderson, Luke Tomczak, Andrew Min, Tom White, Jon Howard and coach Ryan Conlan.



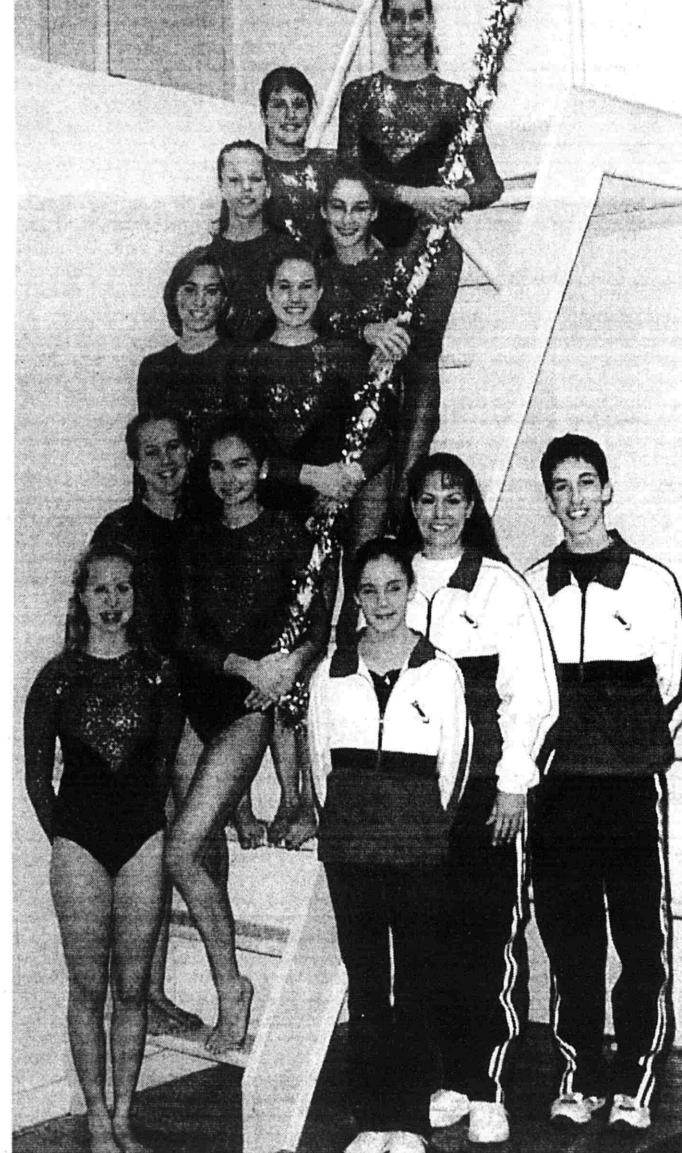
LOWELL FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell freshman volleyball team, front row, left to right, are: Emily Nurmikko, Julie Halbeisen, Stephanie Wagner; middle row, left to right, Jessie Hamp, Karlee Perez, Sarah Swab, Jamie Zoodsma; back row, left to right, are: Wendy Seif, Leslie Koehn, coach Sheila Dubbink, Amanda Bouwkamp and Amber Van Spronsen.



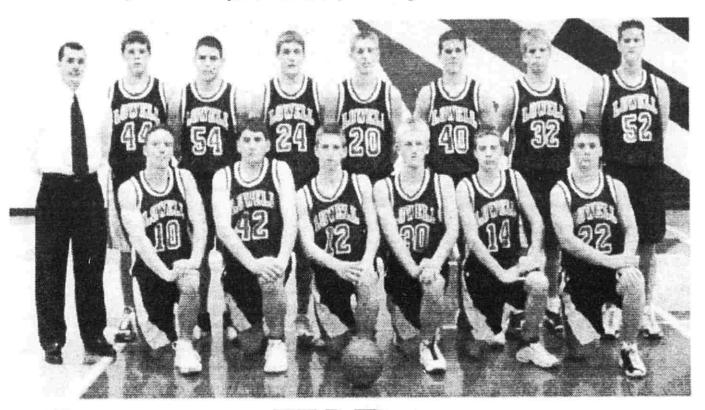
LOWELL FRESHMAN CHEERLEADING

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell freshman cheerleading squad, from top to bottom, are: Stephanie Blanchard, Kaitlyn Hanrahan, Lyndsey Adrianse, Rebecca Bruinekool, Britney Batchelor, Katie Capps, Morgan Abel, Renee Catlin, Holly Yonker, Heather Essich, Kelly Johnson and Lisa Roth.



RED ARROW GYMNASTICS

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell girls gymnastics team, left to right, are: front row: Kim Seaman; second row: Heather McQueen, Carmen Datema; third row: Katie Blough, Krystal White; fourth row: April Telman, Melissa Neubecker; fifth row: Carisa Sayer, Kim Hoogewind. Standing, left to right, are manager Jenna Dickerman, coach Michele DeHaan and assistant coach Dan Vosovic. Not pictured is Holly Plattner.



LOWELL JV BASKETBALL

Members of the Lowell boys junior varsity basketball team, front row, left to right, are: Mark Catlin, Sean Pullen, Travis Gillan, Jordan Whitman, Paul Despres, Neal DeVoid; back row, left to right, are: Coach Jeff McDonald, Shaun Koning, Jordan Moore, Mike Fosburg, Craig Carpenter, Andy McQueen, Mark Biener and Steven Sper.



LOWELL JV VOLLEYBALL

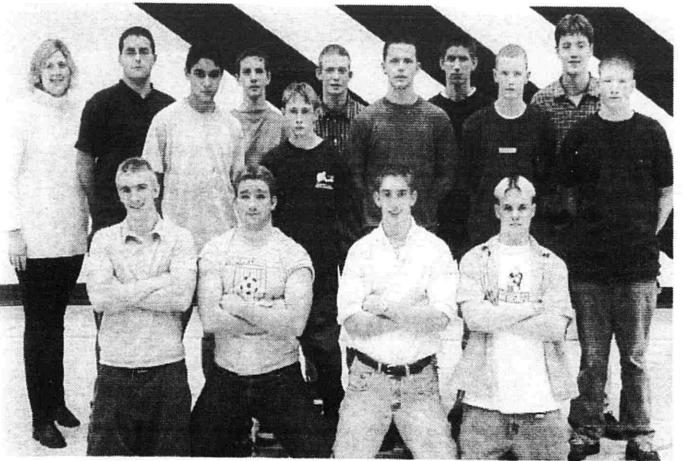
Members of the Lowell junior varsity volleyball team, front row, left to right, are: Courtney Phillips, Lauren Vashaw, Heather Becker; middle row, left to right, are: Linsey Wohlin, Lisa Wojciakowski, Nicole Gillikin, Kelsey Capps; back row, left to right, are: Cori Drenth, Kim Huyser, Katelyn Bush, Jessica Quist, Jennell Gemmel and coach Laurie Barton.



RED ARROW JV CHEERLEADING

Members of the Lowell junior varsity cheerleading squad, left to right, are: Erin Riemer, Alex McMahon, Lena Dhayni, Audrey Slater, Katie Hettinga, Lindsey Mitchell, Megan Nyson, Sara Bailey, Christine LaFave, Sara Schoen, Aimee Catlin, Julie Webb and Amber LaBine. Not pictured is Sophia D'Agostino.





LOWELL SWIM TEAM

Members of the 2000-01 Forest Hills/Lowell swim team, front row, left to right, are: John Webb, Jacob Billingsley, Matt Trierweiler, Jon Williams; back row, left to right, are: coach Heather Heritage, Ilija Vadjon, Stephan VanHeuler, Dustin Burke, Chris Rozman, Jacob Baker, Brent Joling, Aaron Randolph, Dirk Timmer, Mike Deters and Corey Scudder. Not pictured are Mike Gustafson, Tom Fick and Eric Hubenet.



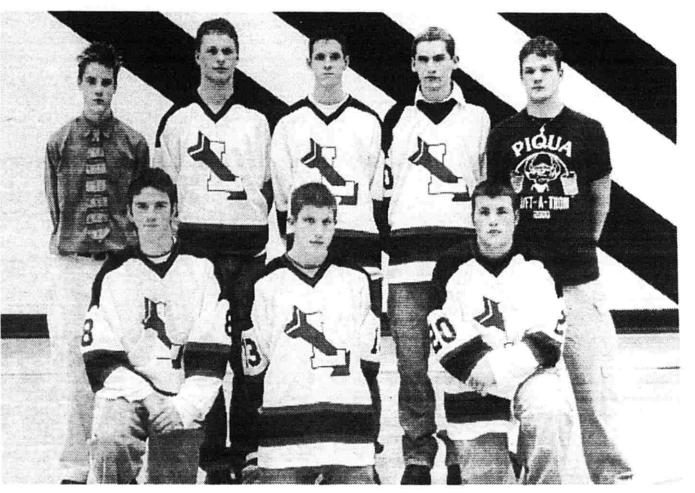
LOWELL VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell varsity cheerleading squad, bottom row, left to right, are: Becky Trierweiler, Molly Debiak, Treasure McElveen; second row, left to right, are: Nikki Elliott, Erin Weber, Brittany Huisman, Nikki Heacock; third row, left to right, are: Jankya Truszkowski, Rachelle Becker, Alyssa Gillikin, Kristi Ford, Ashley Rickert, Jolynn Stalsonburg; fourth row, left to right, are: Shanda Yonker, Lisa LaHaye, Danielle Corteville, Katie Stanford and Stacey Onan.



RED ARROW VARSITY BASKETBALL

Members of the Lowell boys varsity basketball team, front row, left to right, are: Sam, Oberlin, Pat Cavanaugh, Bill Harrison, Troy Gillan, Chris Cress, Travis DeVoid, Andy Curtis; back row, left to right, are: assistant coach Brent Noskey, Logan Dykstra, James Bosserd, Landon Trierweiler, Zach Stauffer, Dave Rozema, Brad Koetsier and head coach Pete Bush.



LOWELL VARSITY HOCKEY

Members of the 2000-01 Lowell varsity hockey team, front row, left to right, are: Erik Hays, Ryan Hopkins, Jay Blair; back row, left to right, are: Matt Horan, Chad Rau, Brandon Gillikin, Eric Austin and Bryan Posthumus.

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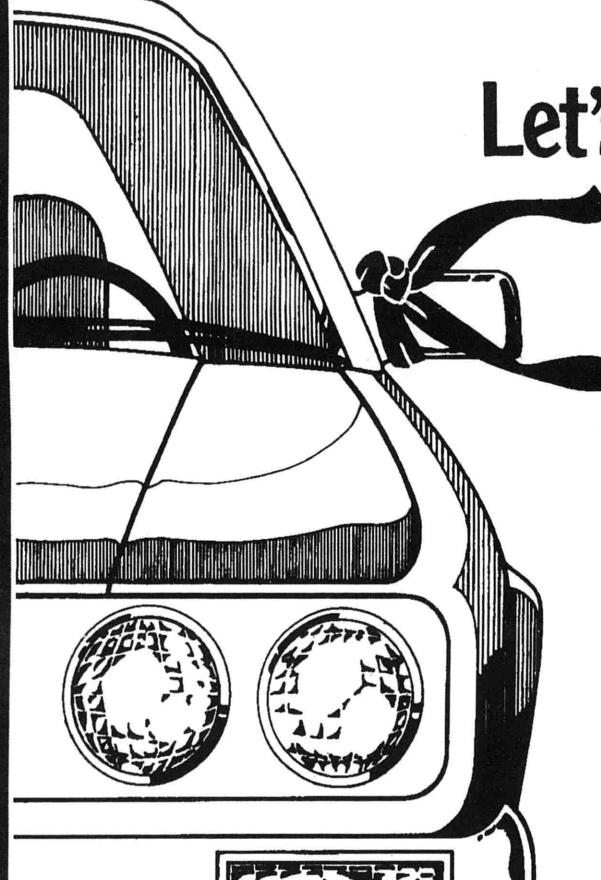
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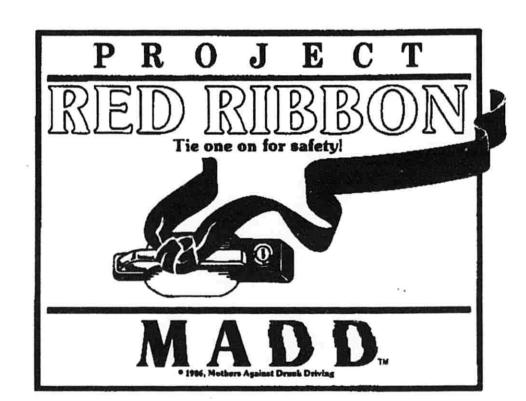
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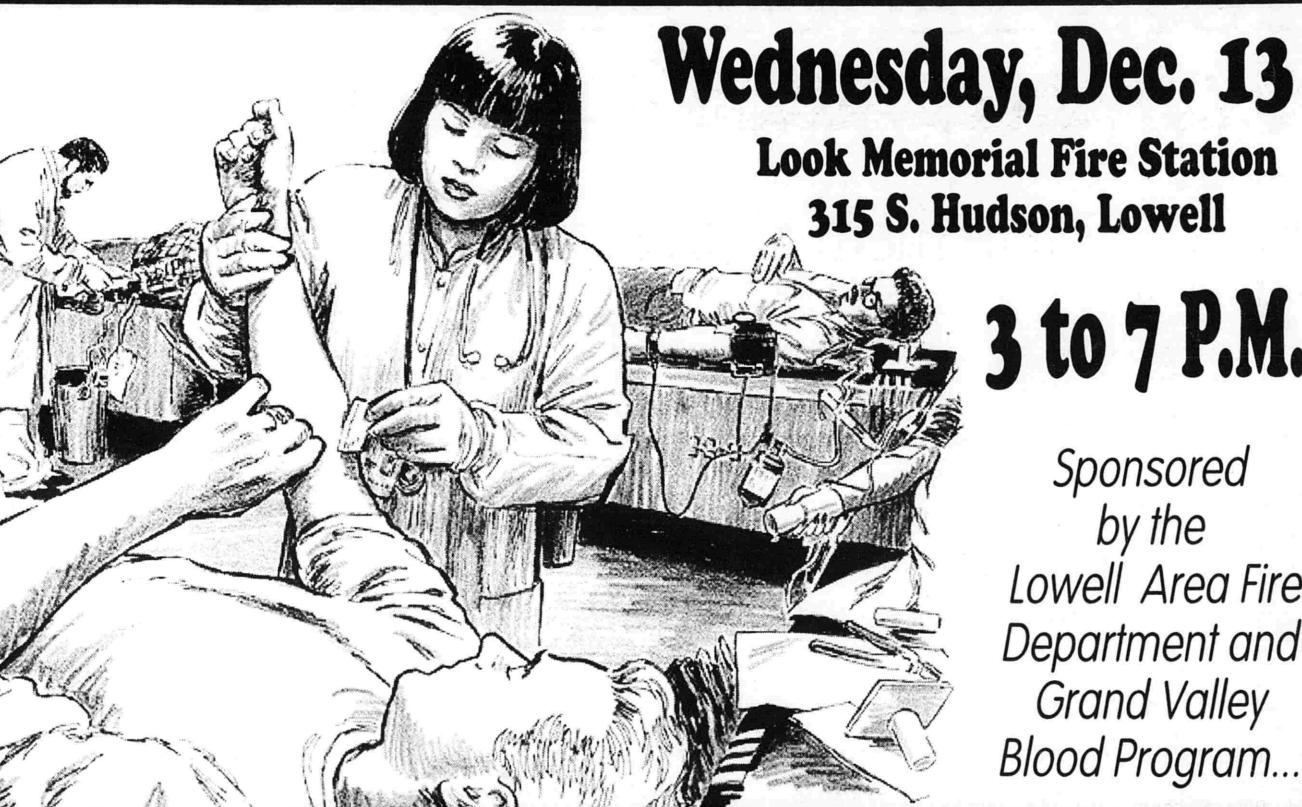
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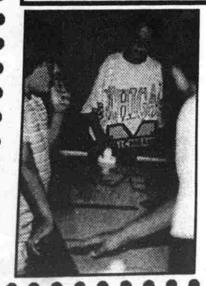
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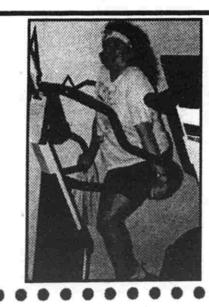
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