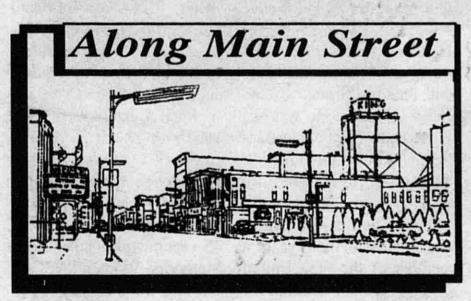
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FINANCIAL AID NIGHT AT LHS

Lowell High School counseling staff is sponsoring a financial aid night on Thursday, Jan. 11 for juniors and seniors planning to attend college. Parents are invited to attend this informative meeting held in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

SIGN-UP FOR SENIOR CLASS OVERNIGHTER

Attention Seniors: There will be a sign-up on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Friday, the 26th for the overnighter during all 4 lunch periods. For those who have signed up, a \$25 payment is needed.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

If you care to recycle your Christmas tree, there are two locations nearby: Drop-off at designated location in Ada Township Park and a drop-off site at Cascade Township Park now until Jan. 20.

JUNIOR SPORTFISHING GROUP TO FORM

The Wittenbach Agriscience Center will be hosting, in partnership with MSU sportfishing and Trout Unlimited, a kickoff event for a junior sportfishing group on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 6 - 9 p.m.

The workshop on flytying and tackle-making is free but all interested students and parents should pre-register no later than Jan. 18 by calling Tammy DeBaar, center director, at 987-1002.

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Entry forms for the 15th annual West Michigan Regional Competition held at the Lowell Area Arts Council are available by calling 897-8545. The exhibition, which includes prizes and awards, will run from Feb. 25 - March 31.

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

Parents: Pictures are needed by the end of January of your son or daughter for the Senior video. Put 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.

WINTER ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council winter arts classes begin Jan. 29. Offerings for ages 8-14 include acting, watercolor painting, woodcarving, clay creations, drawing, and book illustration and design. Ages 14 and up are offered oil painting, pastel painting, drawing, clay sculptures, waterpainting and mixed media. Call 897-8545 for more information.

LOWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' EXHIBITION

On display at the Lowell Area Arts Council (149 S. Hudson St.) now thru Jan. 27 are two- and three- dimensional artworks created by students from Bushnell, Alto and Cherry Creek Elementary schools. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 - 5 p.m.; Thursday from 12 - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

LHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The Lowell High School Athletic Boosters will hold their regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

HOMAGE - TRIBUTE TO LORETTA SAILORS

The Lowell Area Arts Council will present a student exhibition as a tribute to watercolor instructor, Loretta Sailors. The display is at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. now thru Feb. 6 during regular business hours. For more information call the LAAC at 897-8545.

SRO program may land officer back in school

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Once political, local and financial support are in place, the commencement of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program will begin.

The program will position an officer at the high school and middle school on a part-time basis.

SRO is an extension of the community policing program. Its purpose is multifold:

• The officer will serve as a liaison between the police department and the student population.

• The officer will work at all district grade levels and buildings to present safety related training and programs on a regular basis.

• The positions will serve as one of security and a deterrent to extreme acts of vio-

• The officer, over time, will develop a rapport and trust with students.

 The officer will handle any criminal matters that occur during the high school day. "It is our belief, that through gaining students' trust, the officer will become privileged to information and tips from students, as well as information that will be preventative in nature," Lowell police chief, James Valentine explained.

The program is the trend of the police world as a means to address school violence.

The cost to fill this parttime position is expected to be between \$22-23,000.

Valentine said the department has already begun seeking state and federal funds for future years.

Funds to pay for the first year are being sought from the Lowell Area Community Fund with Lowell Area School Administrator's support.

If successful and if Valentine receives the cooperation from the city and school, the program could start as early as the second semester. Support was received from the city at the Jan. 2 city council meeting.



GYMNASTS HIT THEIR MARK

The Lowell gymnastics team opened their season at home with a win over Kenowa Hills. Above, Krystal White works on the balance beam. More pictures and story, page 16.



ICICLES APLENTY

The Ledger scouted Lowell and came back with a camera's eyeful of icicles. More pictures, page 20.

Computer for every teacher

Technology Initiative program would arm all teachers who qualify with a computer. In order to qualify, teachers must fill out a survey prior to Jan. 19.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It sounds like a grand New Year's resolution - to provide every teacher with a computer.

The Michigan Virtual University Teacher Technology Initiative (TTI) has been established to do just that.

To be eligible, teachers must comply with all conditions and terms set forth by TTI, which calls for teachers to:

Demonstrate a minimum of computer-related technology competencies.

 Describe how they plan to use the computer to enhance.

• Describe how they plan to use the computer to enhance their own professional growth and teaching in the classroom.

Agree in writing to comply with the TTI fair use policy.
Agree to take a follow-up web-based self-assessment within one year of receiving a computer.

All teachers interested in participating are required to fill out a survey prior to Jan. 19 answering such questions as who

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Saranac, passed away Janu- away January 4, 2001 at her ary 6, 2001 in Ionia. She was home. She was born Novemborn July 7, 1906 in Goshen, ber 9, 1918 in Ionia, the Indiana, the daughter of daughter of William G. and Emanuel and Dora (Hollinger) Maude (Beech) Hoople. She Quiggle, Gerald and Senetta Mover. She married Roy Car- went on to marry Harold J. penter on August 31, 1928, Clark on June 21, 1946 in Debra Junke; 10 grandchil- who preceded her in death in Saranac, he preceded her in dren. Memorial services were 1994. She was a member of death March 10, 1994. She held Saturday at First Baptist the Saranac Community was a member of the Ameri-Church of Lowell, Rev. Church. She worked for can Legion in Saranac. She is Doug and Christine Burland Margesson officiat- McCarty Communication for survived by three daughters many years and owned and Sonja Stuart of Florida, operated Saranac Hardware & Sandra and Paul Kinyon of Bottled Gas from 1945-1958. Alto, Dianne and Doug brothers and sisters Ronald 2304 Highland Dr., Sy- She is survived by her son Harrington of Saranac; two Ronald and Betty Carpenter sisters: Beulah and Joe Hill of Woodland: six grandchil- of Ionia. Valeeta Redemsky dren and many great-grand- of Florida; nine grandchilchildren; several step-grand- dren; 15 great-grandchildren children and great-grandchil- and one great-great-granddren. She was preceded in child; many nieces and nephdeath by her husband, daugh- ews. Funeral services were ter Janet, five sisters and one held Saturday at Lake Fubrother. Funeral services will neral Home in Saranac with be held Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Rev. Kenneth Harger offici-11 a.m. at Saranac Commu- ating. Anyone wishing may nity Church with Rev. Nate make memorial contributions Gibbons and Bruce Chadwick to Hospice of Ionia County may make contributions to Saranac Community Church. Envelopes available at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac ell, aged 83 years, 11 months, www.lakefuneralhomes.com

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CARPENTER - Lettie M. CLARK - Hazel D. Clark, born January 26, 1917 in Battle Creek to Joseph and Ransy of Copel, Texas: Clarissa DeRushia and moved grandchildren Paige and to Lowell in 1946. Mr. Ashlee Moran, Gabrielle, DeRushia was known for Blake, Danielle, Miles and many years on Main Street in Alex Forrest. Robert Samuel Gee's Hardware Store. After Forrest Jr. was the #1 sustaining member of the Michigan the closing of that institution. he began a new career at Association of Chiefs of Po-Amway Corp. where he lice. Funeral services will be started and ran the catalog held Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 1 department until his retire- p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Interment St. ment. He jointly owned and piloted several small planes Mary Cemetery. Donations at the Lowell Airport for sev- in lieu of flowers may be sent eral years and was instrumen- to Hospice of Michigan. tal in enlarging and improv-

ing it in the early '60s. Mr. McCULLOUGH - Eva D.

DeRushia was a member and McCullough, aged 93, of past master of Lowell Lodge Ionia, formerly of Lowell #90, F & AM, a member of Cumberland Retirement Vil-Hooker Chapter #73, RAM, a lage, and a longtime resident of Royal Oak, died Monday, January 1, 2001 in Heartland Methodist Women (WSCS). ond husband Ernest Feighner and third husband John of Fennville, Corrie (Steve) ter-in-law Martha Hollon of Stuart (Mildred) Noton; eight grandchildren; and seven

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Evelyn

Warren and Blanche L. Fosof Alto; two grandsons Richard and Bryce; one sister Mrs. George (Mary) Weed of Fennville. Funeral services were held Monday at



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and Saladin Shrine, a 32nd Degree Mason. He was the Medical Center, Ionia. She Pipe Major of the Saladin Bag- was born March 3, 1907 in pipe and Drum Marching Unit England. Mrs. McCullough during the '70s and '80s. He was a 69-year member of the was also a past patron of cy- First United Methodist clamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. Church in Royal Oak and a and organist for many years, a 45-year member of the United officiating. Anyone wishing www.lakefuneralhomes.com. member of the First United Congregational Church of She also was a 10-year mem-Lowell, UCC and a former ber of the Guild Class of the member of the Chancel Choir. church and a member of the He was preceded in death by choir. She worked as a clerk his wife of 61 years Esther at the Dexter-Davison Mar-(DeVries); his brother Elwyn kets in Oak Park. Her first DeRushia and most recently husband, Eden Hollon, sechis brother-in-law Robert DeVries. He is survived by one sister Marian Rheynard McCullough are deceased. A of Lowell; two daughters son Fredrick Hollon also is Nancy (Bill) Wood of Low- deceased. Surviving are chilell, Mary (Raymond) Garbula dren Charles (Marcia) Hollon of Ravenna; grandchildren of Ionia, George (Patricia) Ron Wood (Darrell Stanton) Hollon of Buckley; daugh-VanRavenswaay of Lowell, Baraga; stepdaughter Betty Shannon and Melissa of Fox of Deerfield, Ill.; stepson Grand Rapids, Hiroko (Ed) of Bruce (Mary Helen) Feighner Kentwood; great-grandchil- of Grosse Pointe; brothers dren Jennifer and Amanda Barney (Lillian) Noton and Durkee and Jacob VanRavenswaay and Kaila. Mr. DeRushia reposes at great-grandchildren. Service Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in was Thursday at First United Lowell. Funeral services will Methodist Church of Royal be held Thursday at 1 p.m., Oak with the Rev. Susan Dr. Roger LaWarre of UCC DeFoe Dunlap officiating. of Lowell officiating. Visita- Burial Oakview Cemetery, tion Wed. 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Royal Oak. Memorials may p.m. Interment Oakwood be made to First United Meth-Cemetery. Memorial contri- odist Church, 320 W. Sevbutions may be made to First enth St., Royal Oak, MI Congregational Church of 48067

member of the Scottish Rite

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Pictured are Showboat Garden Club members (sitting) left to right: Ruby Christiansen and Dee Gabrion. Standing are Lowell Schools' superintendent Bert Bleke, garden club president Dave Thompson and Wittenbach Nature Center director Tammy DeBaar. Thompson presented DeBaar and Bleke with a check for \$1,000.

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The Lowell Showboat Garden Club has provided 52 Lowell Schools' superintendent, Bert Bleke with a check for years of dedicated service to the Lowell community.

It has been involved in many projects, two of which are annual planting of tulips and other plants in the YMCA raised flower bed.

On Friday (Jan. 5), Showboat Garden Club president, Dave Thompson along with founding member, Ruby Christiansen and past president, Dee Gabrion presented Wittenbach Nature Center director, Tammy DeBaar and

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DeBaar said the garden club donation would be used toward the fourth grade's harvest of a Michigan garden.

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CORRECTION... As reported in the Lowell Ledger's Jan.3 edition, the cost to heat school buildings during the winter season is eating into many district budgets. heating classrooms this winter.

Some schools in the West Michigan area are having to cut \$150-\$200,000 from their budget in order to cover the cost of

Natural gas is currently running between \$8 and \$10 per

thousand cubic feet. The Ledger incorrectly stated it was 8-9.8 cents per million cubic feet.

Two years ago Connie Gillette, Lowell Area Schools' assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, and Larry Mikulski, Lowell transportation and maintenance supervisor. agreed to enter into a CMS energy marketing program. The program locked the district into a two-year contract obligating it to pay roughly \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet for natural gas.

If Lowell were paying \$6 per thousand cubic feet, it would have \$17,000 left of its budgeted amount for heating rather than \$70,000 if it used the same amount of natural gas from February to the end of the heating season.

It's turned into a money-saving decision for the district.

If the district were paying \$9 per thousand cubic feet, the \$17,000 would already be gone plus another \$35,000.

The CMS program ends March 31. It was designed strictly for 100,000 transport accounts (businesses, large accounts and schools) at a locked amount of money for a defined period of time.



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Battle Creek to Joseph and Ransy of Copel, Texas; to Lowell in 1946. Mr. Ashlee Moran, Gabrielle, DeRushia was known for Blake, Danielle, Miles and many years on Main Street in Alex Forrest. Robert Samuel Gee's Hardware Store. After Forrest Jr. was the #1 sustaining member of the Michigan he began a new career at Association of Chiefs of Po-Amway Corp. where he lice. Funeral services will be started and ran the catalog held Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 1 department until his retire- p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral ment. He jointly owned and Home, Lowell. Interment St. piloted several small planes Mary Cemetery. Donations

#90, F & AM, a member of Cumberland Retirement Vil-Hooker Chapter #73, RAM, a lage, and a longtime resident member of the Scottish Rite of Royal Oak, died Monday, January 1, 2001 in Heartland Methodist Women (WSCS). Barney (Lillian) Noton and Stuart (Mildred) Noton; eight grandchildren; and seven was Thursday at First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak with the Rev. Susan



Pictured are Showboat Garden Club members (sitting) left to right: Ruby Christiansen and Dee Gabrion. Standing are Lowell Schools' superintendent Bert Bleke, garden club president Dave Thompson and Wittenbach Nature Center director Tammy DeBaar. Thompson presented DeBaar and Bleke with a check for \$1,000.

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"Since much of the money in our savings account was planting of the flowering trees along Main Street and the earned over the years, we thought it would be fitting that a couple of our seasoned members be a part of the presentation," Thompson said. "Instead of doing a member gift exchange this year, the club donated that money and supplemental amount from the treasury to the center in the

DeBaar said the garden club donation would be used toward the fourth grade's harvest of a Michigan garden.

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CORRECTION... As reported in the Lowell Ledger's Jan.3 edition, the cost to heat school buildings during the winter season is eating into many district budgets. Some schools in the West Michigan area are having to cut \$150-\$200,000 from their budget in order to cover the cost of heating classrooms this winter. Natural gas is currently running between \$8 and \$10 per thousand cubic feet. The Ledger incorrectly stated it was 8-9.8 cents per million cubic feet. Two years ago Connie Gillette, Lowell Area Schools' assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, and Larry Mikulski, Lowell transportation and maintenance supervisor. agreed to enter into a CMS energy marketing program. The program locked the district into a two-year contract obligating it to pay roughly \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet for natural gas. It's turned into a money-saving decision for the district. If Lowell were paying \$6 per thousand cubic feet, it would have \$17,000 left of its budgeted amount for heating rather than \$70,000 if it used the same amount of natural gas from February to the end of the heating season. If the district were paying \$9 per thousand cubic feet, the \$17,000 would already be gone plus another \$35,000. The CMS program ends March 31. It was designed strictly for 100,000 transport accounts (businesses, large accounts and schools) at a locked amount of money for a defined period of time.

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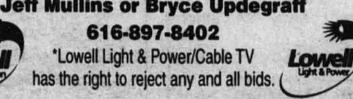
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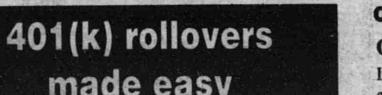
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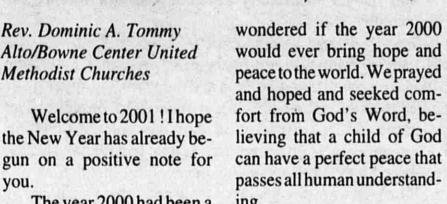
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Welcome to 2001! I hope the New Year has already be-

The year 2000 had been a ing. very interesting year for some of us. And for some of us it was a year that we experienced sickness and poverty, persecution and trial, abuse and betrayal. Some of us also experienced heartache and sorrow as we lost loved ones. There was disappointment as midst of the sea. . . we can be we experienced losses in stock markets and in our relationships with friends or spouse. As if that were not enough, we woke up on November 8 to discover that our votes were not counted and the nation waited for days and weeks to know who is going to lead our

With all these experiences, the people of faith

great nation.



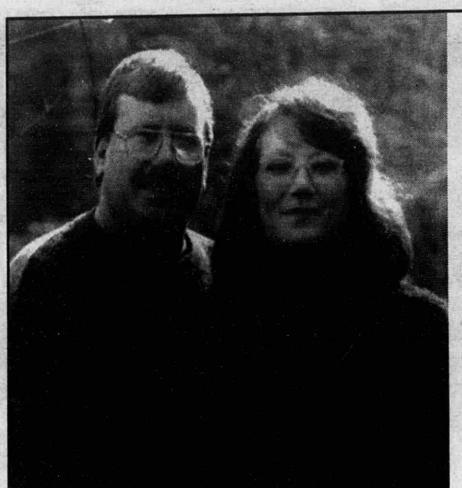
As people of faith we claimed God's protection and promises, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed . . .the mountains be carried into the still and know that God" is on the throne. Indeed, "the Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (Psalm

Nothing is more comforting to a child of God than

knowing that God's love and promises never change. Prophet Jeremiah writes, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because God's compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion -- therefore I hope in God." (Lamentations 3: 22-24).

With these promises of God in mind, I hope that you can begin the New Year with great commitment and hope that though the future is beyond our immediate control, God is going to lead us through. As the year 2000 becomes a year in the history making, let us say like apostle Paul, "I do not count myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead." (Philippians 3:13).

May the year 2001 be a year of hope and courage to press on, no matter what our experiences along the way may bring. God bless you, and while we are absent from one another, may the Lord watch over you and me!



Westhouse/ **Schmaltz**

Mary Lou Westhouse and Mark Allen Schmaltz, both of Lowell, are engaged and planning a May 5, 2001 wedding.

The bride-to-be is employed by Old Kent Financial Corp. Her parents are Abram and Lucille Westhouse of Moline.

The future groom is employed by Crown Lift Trucks. His parents are Barbara Schmaltz of Lowell and the late Duane Schmaltz.

"Souper" Bowl much more than football

For the eighth consecutive year, Super Bowl Sunday (Jan. 28) will include more than aking in a football game.

The Flat River Outreach Ministries, through its Emergency Financial Services of Ministry, will collect money Super Bowl Sunday to help families in Lowell, Ada, Alto, Saranac and Ionia with gas, rent, fue oil, and emergency housing.

Nationwide, roughly 11,200 churches, schools and businesses will participate in the ighth annual "Souper Bowl of Caring."

Lowell residents are being asked to put a donation in soup buckets displayed in their church sanctuary and business exits.

The national event raised \$3.1 million last year. Locally, 89 families were helped by this event in the year 2000.

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THURS: Half Day.

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sents Aromatherapy in Everyday Life, an informative program about one of the

fastest-growing natural healing arts in America, at variter. Kate Kerkstra, from the Hannalore Herb Shoppe in Rockford, will demonstrate the uses of oils in relaxation

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aromatherapy in daily life. Kate's mother Karen Registration, required for this program, is for ages 12 to Aromatherapy is a

method of holistic healing in popularity in the Midwest. which botanical extracts known as essential oils are used to improve physical, mental and emotional health. The Hannalore Herb Shoppe, owned and operated by

Kerkstra, aims to provide the public with many of the quality alternative natural remedies just beginning to regain

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Viewpoint... was a woman with three kids and no English. Her little girl had cozy corner by Roger Brown

In last week's column you were bored with the details of how I gashed my hand in a carpentry accident. This week picks my hand above my heart to keep the cut from bleeding excessively.

tion. Terese was at the wheel. Terese is a good driver. I couldn't never been ticketed. As an ambulance driver she seems a bit overly cautious. By contrast, I once got a speeding ticket and back outside for another smoke. bringing her home from the hospital.

day after Christmas and neither of their offices were open. I'm says in the priceline.com ads on TV, I was, "Gone baby... guessing they would have simply sent me on to the emergency room anyway. I've never been to an emergency room on my own behalf. I've visited them enough with other people to know I didn't want to go there. It must have been close to an stitches out and used my injury to drive Terese bonkers. Every hour after my mishap when we walked into the emergency room. I was really ready for someone to give me a shot and start up my bandaged hand, then give it a sideways glance and a nod. sewing. In fact, speaking of shots; this was one of those times when I wished I hadn't quit drinking. A good snort might have ment. I did get out of some things that involved getting my taken the edge off things.

Needless to say, it didn't matter that I was ready for some medical attention. There was a waiting room full of people ahead of me. There was a skid row drunk who had sprained his ankle. They had him in a wheelchair and he wheeled himself a huge splinter through two fingers. She had managed this feat him... just stupid, I guess. while helping load a customer's truck. I felt sorry for her. There

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

A NEW BEGINNING

time to change old habits. Many smokers choose this time of

the year to quit smoking. Quitting smoking is absolutely the

best thing you can do for your health. Cigarette smoking is the

leading cause of preventable deaths in this country. We all

emphysema, chronic bronchitis, heart disease and oral cancer,

just to name a few. Smoking is difficult to quit due to the body's

to know, because I've done it a thousand times." - Mark Twain

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"To cease smoking is the easiest thing I ever did. I ought

Воок

REVIEW

By Joan Wittenbach

addiction to nicotine.

will recognize his writing.

know the dangers of smoking: lung cancer, bladder cancer,

Many people look at the new year as a new beginning ... a

what looked like nothing more than a scraped elbow. She was playing with the other kids and didn't seem to be in any pain. It didn't look like a hospital visit to me, but I'm no doctor. Other people were waiting their turns with no apparent injuries. They'd go outside for cigarettes. They'd come back in and visit with each other. They'd buy stuff from the food simulator (vending machine). It was like a little social club. Meanwhile, I'm bleeding and the woman with the splinter

s very ready to see a doctor. No matter, everybody went in turn. There was no semblance of triage. I don't know, but my guess is this wouldn't be the best place to go if you were having a heart attack. Nearly two hours later I was taken back to a up with me in the car using my left hand to hold a big wad of treatment room. A nurse asked a few questions, got out some paper toweling to my wounded right hand. I was trying to keep antiseptic, a sewing kit and went for the doctor. The doctor finished his smoke break (no joke) and came into my little room. He rather gruffly threw Terese out and went to work. Fortunately I wasn't driving while in this contorted posi- The worst part of the whole ordeal was the Novocaine. The stitches hurt some too. He mumbled something about the begin to count the times I've been reminded of the fact she's difficulty of numbing a cut where mine was, but I wasn't about to ask for more Novocaine. Seven stitches later he was done

With my bandaged hand I signed a few documents in We tried a couple of doctors on Big Pine Key. It was the worse penmanship than normal. Then, like William Shatner gone..." Five hours later I was back at the scene of the accident picking up my tools and feeling a lot like Tim Taylor the Tool Man. I managed to get through the week without tearing my time she asked me to do something around the house I'd hold Usually she just gave me the, "Oh, give me a break!" treatbandage wet like washing the dogs and the car. So the injury wasn't a total loss.

About the time the stitches needed to come out, a friend showed up down here. I took some nail clippers and tweezers to his place, and over coffee the stitches came out. The cut is around the confined room stinking the place up. After a short healing nicely. The new scar is bracketed by two old ones. My time with the drunk, that shot of whiskey didn't seem like such right hand is asking mission control (me) why it has to keep a good idea. There was a woman from Home Depot who had taking the brunt of all the action. I don't have a good answer for

· you will look and feel better • you and your car, clothing, and house will smell better

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· you will improve your family's health by not exposing them to second hand smoke.

If you decide to quit smoking, set a quit date and seek the encouragement of friends and family. You'll have the best chance of quitting if you use a nicotine replacement like the gum, patch or inhaler. Your doctor can prescribe Zyban which has been shown in clinical studies to increase your chances of success. We also recommend the stop smoking programs that are offered at the hospitals.

Stick to your plan once you have chosen to quit:

· avoid bars and alcohol

avoid your old smoking pals for awhile

· talk to friends who have quit

· change routines that are associated with smoking; for example, drink hot tea instead of coffee if you used to smoke while drinking a cup of coffee.

Most people will gain a few pounds after they stop smoking. This minor weight gain is an insignificant health risk compared to smoking. When you quit, try to start exercising or exercise more. This will help burn calories to prevent weight gain and will keep you busy so you can't smoke.

Talk to your doctor about your plans to quit. Other sources of information are The American Cancer Society at 1-800-Although it may be difficult to quit, the long-term benefits ACS-2345, The American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA, or the Internet.

Good luck. This is the best thing you can do for your health.

skids off the road and crashes. She is found unconscious and bleeding by a volunteer fireman, Taylor McAden, but her son

Kyle Holton is four years old, but has a language problem that puts him in the category of being "severely delayed in both receptive and expressive language - overall language ability estimated to be that of a twenty-four month old ..." McAden and others search for hours for the boy. It is a gripping search

Holton and McAden get into a romantic entanglement, but McAden finds himself unable to bring himself to make the commitment of loving someone forever. Sparks is an excellent writer when it comes to relationships, romantic or otherwise. The flavor of Nicholas Sparks' newest book, The Rescue, His strength in relationships comes not only in his acquainis a tad different from his books, The Notebook, Message in a tance with Holton and her son, but with McAden's friend Bottle and A Walk to Remember, but if you follow Sparks, you Mitch. Like most of his books, Sparks knows how to bring his readers to tears at some point. But the saving factor of the tears Not far into the book, after the introduction to two of the is that he weaves strength into the tears as well. That's a gift.

When I found out that this book was in the book stores, I main characters, Denise Holton and her four-year-old son called the library to order it, but found such a huge list of avid Kyle, the story line becomes so tense that you barely want to readers waiting that I decided to buy my own copy. Even A storm in a small Southern town rages on while Holton though it is a popular book, put your name on the list-it's worth and her son drive toward home, but in the downpour her car it.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JANUARY 12, 1876**

"When you write poetry for the press be particular not to reveal your real name.

"Turkeys are in the woods near the village. A sporting party out last week saw and secured several feathers." Thousands of California salmon are being deposited in

several Michigan rivers; 8000 in the Grand. Clark Bros. Of Ionia buys the Hatch & Craw woolen mills and will move their machinery for the manufacture of wool

Unusually warm weather has strawberries, dandelions and violets reported in various areas of the state.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 10, 1901

The Masthead gets the date wrong; it's stuck on last week's January 3, with "10" penciled in.

Two new store buildings, both wood covered with steel. are going up between Mrs. Carr's store and Mash's warehouse. The Water and Light Co. suit against Lowell Commor Council over rental of hydrants used by the village since 1887.

is settled with the village paying \$900. A Lowell man rents a horse and buggy, trades the horse for another at a farm and is on his way to selling the rig before he

The school year goes from fall, winter and spring terms to two five-month semesters.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 7, 1926

The Kent County Road Commission promises to build the new M-2 I highway, linking the bricked Fulton Street at Carlton to Ada, and then to Lowell. Cost will be about \$800,000.

Several young men from Lowell help form a new county-wide organization at the Grand Rapids YMCA; Frank Morse becomes treasurer, and Lowell college students perform several numbers as an orchestra for the meeting.

Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois each have more than a million motor vehicles registered.

The editor compares the new magazine, Time Magazine, unfavorably to the existing Literary Digest, chiefly because of Time's ads for "atheistic books."

The new Superior Furniture plans on bringing 15 more skilled workmen to Lowell and asks for rooms until houses can

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 11, 1951

Deputy Frank Stephens says that Sunday afternoons and evenings have replaced Saturday nights when all officers have to be out and alert for rowdys.

Lowell and Vergennes townships join the County Fire Department in order to get a second fire truck stationed in

Seven Lowell men leave for military training in the Korean A large group reports for the first volunteer class for

auxiliary police and air raid wardens. Rep. Ford decries the surge in black marketeering due to wartime shortages.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN

LIFE JANUARY 8, 1976 Joan Beimers wins a Michigan Bell award for her suggestion of a new way to program engineering projects by com-

It is the 200th birthday of the nation, and the 100th birthday

Postage just went up to 13 cents and the editor wonders how your postage bill will jump if it goes to 15 cents. Please send dog complaints to the police department, not

to City Hall.

Robert Christiansen becomes the City Mayor.

Council extends deadline for river water main project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The completion date for the water main river crossing project has been extended. The \$1,000 a day late completion clause is still part of the

"We won't make Nagle Construction liable for missing \$6,000. the Dec. 30 deadline, but it is liable if the Jan. 31 extension deadline is not met," said Lowell city councilman, Don Green.

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Arnie Morrin, president of Nagel Construction, said the late start with severe weather has been a problem. Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale noted that Nagel

Construction would be responsible for all new engineering expenses incurred during the extension period.

As estimated by Steve Nichols of Fishbeck, Thompson Carr and Huber, this cost would run between \$3,000 and

The need for an extension occurred after drilling a hole cross the river.

under the Flat River with approximately a two-inch steel pipe. A reamer, 18 inches in diameter, was then used to drill a hole similar to a small tunnel across the river.

The contractor reached approximately 360 feet across the river when a blockage was encountered.

Discussion of going back through and trying to ream the hole again has been considered. Another option is to drill a new pilot hole and have a second location in which they could

Financial aid night scheduled for Jan. 11

The Lowell High School counseling staff is sponsoring a financial aid night for students planning to attend college next fall. Juniors, seniors and their parents will be guided through the process of filing for and receiving financial

JoAnn Litton, assistant director of financial aid at Grand Valley State University, will simplify the sometimes confusing process of filling out the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) applying for grants, scholarships and certain low interest loans. The FAFSA is the cornerstone upon which all financial aid is granted.

This application is based upon both parents' and student incomes, and must arrive at the processor by Feb. 20.

Plan to attend this informative meeting Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the LPAC at Lowell High School.

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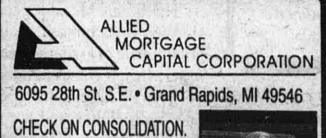
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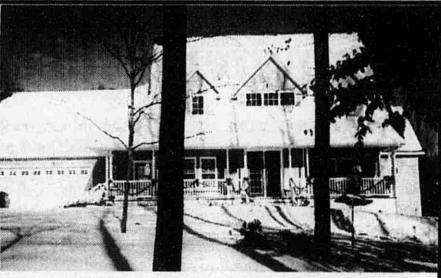
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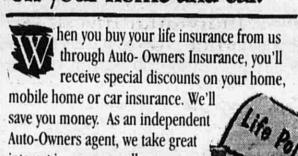
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SRO, continued.... From Page 1

However, we must still make out the details (e.g., finances, responsibility and board support)," said Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke.

crease safety, contribute to an on-going effort to better the

"The school district agrees in principal to try the program. relationship between school, community, child and the Lowell Police Department.

worn," Valentine said. Police officer Steve Bukala has been selected to serve as the school resource officer. He attended a 40-hour SRO The superintendent believes such a program would in- training program at Central Michigan University last June. "To start, officer Bukala would wear a uniform so that he

Bukala would spend 80 percent of his time at the middle school and high school. "Those are the students our department interacts with most on a regular basis," Valentine

is immediately identified as an officer. Once a trust and bond

is developed, then a business, more casual attire would be

Computers, cont'd.... From Page 1

they are, where they work, how they would utilize a computer in their classroom and how a computer would enhance learning and develop-

The program empowers building-level staff and administrators to determine how program funds will be used in compliance with program rules and guidelines.

Athletes & Others Who Wish To

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The use of the technol- loan (three years) to eligible ogy must fit under the district teachers. The computers retechnology plan.

Computers purchased or district. leased through the program will be placed on long-term

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computers are purchased or leased must be approved through the competitive bid process used by the Michigan Department of Management Attention, All Coaches, Proud Parents, and Budget.

main property of the school

Vendors from which the

The only drawback will be the support, help and upkeep needed when you add an additional 150-200 comput-

ers to a district," concluded Jim White, Lowell assistant superintendent to instruction and curriculum.

The program is geared to provide every full-time K-12 teacher with a maximum of \$1,200 toward the purchase

Once teachers have completed their on-line survey by the January deadline, the certification as to who is eligible will be sent into the state.

Funds for each eligible teacher will be included in the district's state aid payment. The technology will then be ordered from the statewide bid selections.

"The intent of the Governor is to get a computer (portable) in the hands of every teacher who doesn't have one," White said. "It's a great opportunity. We hope and expect that every teacher will

Lowell grapplers beat up on Pioneers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Improved technique helped Lowell's wrestling team in its 73-6 mastery over East Grand Rapids.

"I thought our technique was better, especially at the upper weights," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Streic.

The Red Arrows pinned in nine of their 13 wins against David Kropf, 103 pounds,

oinned Johnny Strait in 22 seconds of the first period.

Brandon Kinney, 112 Goodstein in 26 seconds of he first period.

Ian DeRath, 125, pinned Michael Kerstein in 51 seconds of the first period.

John Mendez, 130, pinned Colin Jarrell in 2:26 of the second period. Bobby Gingerich, 135,

1:26 of the first period. Caleb O'Boyle, 140, pinned Jay Shimko in 44 sec-

pinned Travis McNamara in

onds of the first period. Rob Elliot in 1:11 of the first

B.J. Frasier, 189, pinned Tim Malnor in 25 seconds of

Ben Fleet, 215, pinned Casey Turmelle in 5:25 of the third period.

Ben Vaught, HWT, pinned Pat Duffy at 34 seconds of the first period.

Earning decisions were Jayme DeLiefde, 119, 11-4: and Pete VanLaan, 160, 11-

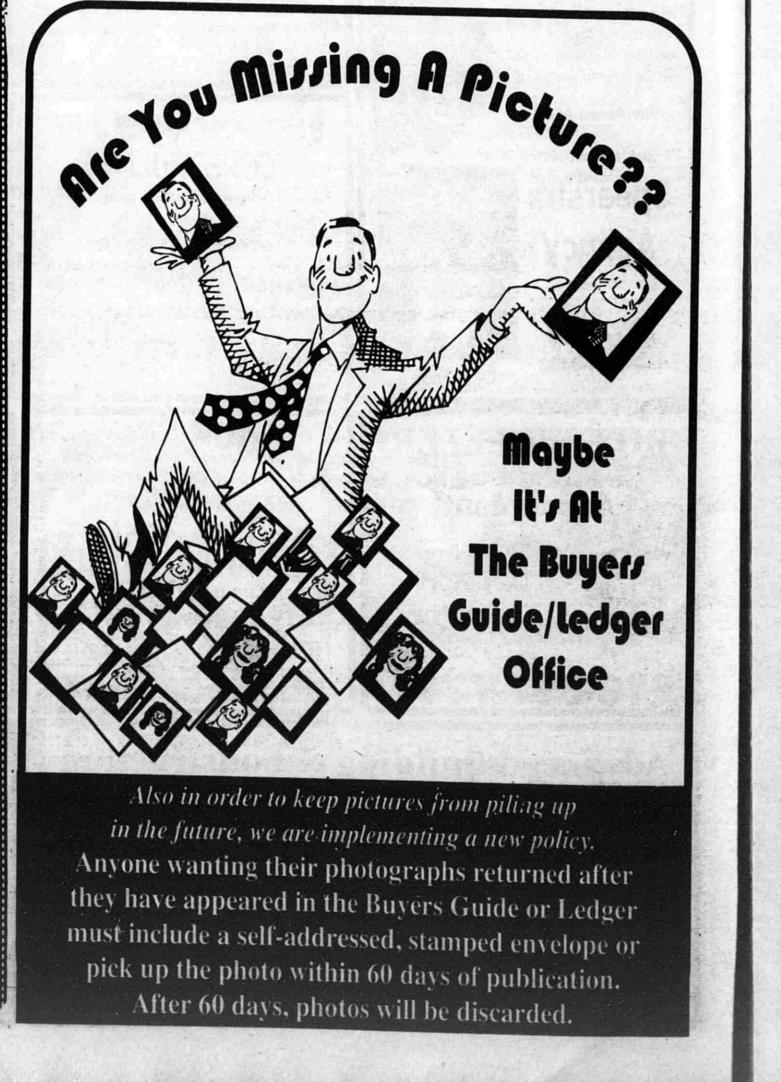
Beau Wilder, 140, won via forfeit.

Matt Oesch, 171, was pinned by Pioneer Andy Boynton at 1:30 of the first

Lowell travels to Forest Hills Northern on Thursday.



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Open Space - "How's and Why's"

•••• Open space meeting on Jan. 24 to give residents a chance to change course of development in their home town.

By Kate Dernocouer

Anyone interested in preserving open space in the Lowell area is encouraged to participate in an informationintensive evening with land preservation experts.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 6:15 - 9:00 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center, located on Vergennes Road across from the Lowell High School.

Touted as a chance to change the course of development in their own home towns, the evening highlights seven speakers who will address various "how's and why's" of maintaining open

The program, created by the Open Space Committee of Vergennes Township, is

creating a "win-win-win" situation for landowners, their fellow citizens and future generations. With the rural character of this area being inevitably impacted by the trend toward development. any chance to preserve open space will benefit wild animals, dark night skies, and the peace and quiet of the countryside.

The goal of the evening is

intended to provide ideas for

to provide an opportunity to understand some of the tools which can yield return on real estate investment along with preservation of open space. Speakers at the program and their topics are:

 Legal Considerations Regarding Land Preservation. by attorneys Rich Vander Veen and Catherine Metzler,

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· Purchase of Development Rights: The County Program, by Richard Harlow, program manager of Farmland & Open Space Preserva-· Estate Planning and tion for the Michigan Depart-Land Preservation, by Tom

Design, by Kendra Gunter, project coordinator for United

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Growth of Kent County/MSU

· Role of Land Conservancy, by Julie Stoneman. executive director, Land Con-

Purdy, MSU district farm management agent

Transfer of Develop-

ment Rights: One Township's Experience, by Cynthia Heinbeck, Alpine Township

supervisor

A question and answer session will follow the speakers' 20-minute presentations. Follow-up, in-depth classes on various topics may be arranged if there is enough in-

Encouraged to attend are landowners, realtors, developers, and elected/appointed township officials, as well as anyone with an interest in open space preservation. For further information or to register, call Mari Stone Vergennes Township clerk

at 897-5671 (leave a mes-

What's happening at Cherry Creek Family Resource Center

homework can be a stressful future topics.

A Cherry Creek Elementary parenting group will dis- 4-14 can register now for an cuss helping your child with active parenting class which homework on Tuesday, Jan. will share fun, supportive and 16 at the Cherry Creek Re- creative ways to help their source Center from 10-11:30 children learn.

parents to discuss shared problems and solutions, meet other tive encouragement. parents in the community and learn more about Cherry Creek Wednesdays on Jan. 24, 31 Elementary

Ann Nichols, Cherry Creek Elementary Family Resource director, will also

Helping your child with ask parents to give input on and Feb. 7 from 12:30 to 3

Parents with children ages at 897-9257.

Topics will include learn-The meeting will enable ing styles and habits, social skills, organization and posi-

The class will run three

p.m. at the family resource

To register call Nichols

There is no fee for either

The Elementary Family Links Parent Group for Cherry Creek and Bushnell Elementary schools will hold its January meeting at Cherry Creek Elementary Family

Resource Center on Tuesday.

Sue Beute will conduct a

family math night. Parents will learn about the elementary math curriculum and make and play math games they can take home.

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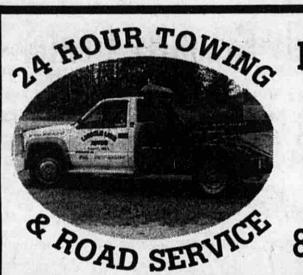
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from the Internet. But when it comes to investment information, you may want to ask a lot of questions about what you see online-especially in the so-called "chat rooms."

The potential danger of following Internet investment tips was made clear by the recent arrest of a 1 5-year-old boy who made almost \$300,000 by hyping obscure stocks in a chat room. The boy was not a financial prodigy, but he was smart enough to know that if he aggressively talked up the "merits" of lightly traded stocks-which he owned -he could help drive their prices up.

Although the boy was caught, many others are not. The fact is that chat rooms are largely unregulated—and they're open to contributions from just about anyone who cares to submit his or her ideas.

Why do people follow chat room "tips"? Part of the reason may be the perceived benefits of getting "breaking news" or "inside information." Many investors are looking for that extra edge that can lead to instant riches.

The truth is that hot tips and inside scoops may sound glamorous, but they're often misleading. And they can be devastating to overeager, but unwary, investors.

Does that mean you should never venture into an investment chat room? Not necessarily. Chat rooms can actually be used to exchange useful investment information, and most contributors are honest people who share a common interest in investing. If you visit one of these rooms, you may get some

camaraderie and some substance. But you need to keep one cardinal rule in mind: Never make an investment based solely on what you learn from a chat room.

When you're in a chat room, how can you tell the difference between legitimate ideas and self-motivated scams? To begin with, look for telltale words or phrases such as "risk-free returns," "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" and "you must act now." And be suspicious of tips that come from anonymous or first-time participants.

If a chat room contributor does recommend a particular stock, and you are interested, how can you check it out? Do your homework. Conduct some research on the stock. Find out what the company does, who manages it and what its prospects are. Pay special attention to how actively the stock is traded: thinly traded stocks are easier to manipulate.

Remember, there is no substitute for professional investment advice. Most reputable financial services firms also have Web sites that provide reliable financial information. Just keep in mind that you can't rush investment success. You need to establish a long-term strategy, and you need the discipline to

So, feel free to visit the investment chat rooms—but be prepared to close the door when you leave.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL, **MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED **USE OF 2001-2002 KENT COUNTY** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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

- Bowes Road Sidewalk southside from S. Hudson to Pleasant (1180 lineal feet to complete all walks extending to Valley Vista) North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders
- Graham Building assistance for barrier free accessibility

The County of Kent has allocated approximately \$25,000 of its 2001-2002 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development

Interested persons may submit written comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk 616-897-8457

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Academy Charter School, 12047 Old Belding Road, N.E., within the Township, concerning the application of Landon Holdings, Inc. for an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan so as to rezone the following described lands in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, from the A Agricultural District to the MHC Manufactured Housing Community District:

Parcel 1:

The West 490 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7. Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the South 148.5 feet of the East 275.5 feet and except that part of the remainder lying Southerly of the Northerly line of Highway M-44 relocated.

Parcel 2:

The Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the East 120.5 feet of the West 610.5 feet of the South 148.5 feet and except the West 490 feet thereof.

Parcel 3:

That part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner; thence North 89 degrees 53'52" East along the East and West 1/4 line 1239.80 feet; thence South 1 degree 34 minutes 35 seconds East 349.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 52 seconds East to the East line of the West fractional 1/2. Southwest fractional 1/4; thence Southerly along said East line to the North line of Belding Road (130 feet wide) thence West along said North line to East line of West 1003 feet of Southwest fractional 1/4; thence North along said East line to North line of South 260 feet of Southwest fractional 1/4; thence West along said North line to East line of West 695 feet of Southwest fractional 1/4; thence South

parallel with West section line to the North line of said road; thence Westerly along said North line to West section line; thence North to beginning.

Parcel 4:

The West 660 feet of the South 2310 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9

Parcel 5:

The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the North 349.0 feet thereof. Also the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 and also the South 3/4 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West.

Parcel 6:

That part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, lying Northerly of the Northerly line of Highway M-44 relocated.

Parcel 7:

The North 394 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 8 North, Range 9 West; also that part of the West 100 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section, lying Northerly of the Northerly line of Highway M-44 relocated, except the North 394 feet.

The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.

Dated: December 13, 2000

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

City manager proposes allocating CDBG funds toward Graham Building renovation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell will borrow ahead from its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds so it can meet its established needs.

The Kent County Community Development depart-

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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ment informed the city that an estimated \$25,881.97 in federal Community Develop- uted toward the Bowes Road ment Block Grant funds are available for various community projects beginning July 1, 2001.

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from the 2002 funds available so monies can be distribsidewalk project, North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders, and assistance for bar-The city will borrow that rier-free accessibility at the Graham building (Lowell Area Historical Museum LAHM).

A public hearing has been set for Jan. 16 so the city can officially allocate the funds before the Feb. 5 deadline.

City manager Dave Pasquale has proposed that \$15,000 be distributed toward the Graham building; \$4,000 to North Kent Transit, and \$21,000 to the Bowes Road project from S. Hudson to

Pleasant. An additional \$3,750 will be allocated from the sidewalk budget in the general fund so that all walks extending to Valley Vista may

LAHM will also receive \$13,000 from Lowell Charter

Township in CDBG funds toward the renovation of the Graham building.

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- Minutes of November 20, 2000 regular meeting
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- Motion to appoint Kerry Tap to Construction Board of Appeals
- Motions to appoint Rick Gillett, Jerry Richmond and Tom Read to Planning Commission
- Motion to appoint Bob Humphries, Bill Schreur, Jr., and Kerry Tap to Zoning **Board of Appeals**
- Motion to approve open space committee application to Lowell Area Community Fund for purpose of sponsoring an Open Space Preservation Seminar to be held January 24, 2000, 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center on Vergennes
- Motion to approve 2001 meeting schedule
- and KISD
- Motion to accept revised burial fee agreement from Ken Wittenbach
- and II. of the Fee Schedule
- toward the purchase of a water rescue vehicle by Lowell Fire Department
- Motion to approve additional Community Development Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,374 to Fallasburg Historical Society for completion of Tower House Project.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting January 15, 2001

Vergennes Township Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES ■ Call Deb at 897-8049 for more

DECEMBER 18, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

- Treasurer's Report/Invoices
- Industrial Park, with contingencies
- Motion to approve Industrial Facility Tax Abatement for 12 years to LaBoite, Co.

- Motion to appoint Bob Meyers, Gordon Edwards and Bill Johnson to the Board of Review

- Motion to approve collection of millage on the Summer Tax Bill for LAS, GRCC
- Motion to adopt revisions to Sections I
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meets at the clubhouse at p.m. 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check TUES .: Flat River meeting dates and times Woodcarvers meet corded message. Guests are welcome.

Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all residents. Interested persons meet in the Activity Room, Wina "C."

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members homes. See poster in high EVERY SECOND TUES .:

MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in **EVERY TUES.**: Women's the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Socimeetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more infor-

FOURTH MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH:** American at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY1STMON.: V.F.W. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. of 84th & M-50 (Alden Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. tian Reformed Church. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- of N. Washington St. Enjoy WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Auxiliary #8303 meets at Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.;

TUES.: Take Off Pounds EVERY MONTH: The Flat bile Home Park Community

call 897-5015 for a re- LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members wel- to participate in the lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at

AD/HD at Calvin College,7p.m., Family Council for the 9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

> ent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in 897-7842. Board Room at 300 High on odd months & program meetings on even months.

SECOND MON. OF EACH Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

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at St. Luke's Lutheran p.m. Phone 897-9393. Church, 32156 4 Mile NE info., call Linda at 874-5662. Sarah 281-6588.

meeting at Calvin College 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Rm. 206 of the Commons Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 bldg. For information call FIRST AND THIRD Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Connie 942-6887.

Girls Club - Calvary Chris- Nash) at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout EVERY WED.: Pioneer N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. Troop 10210, for boys 11 Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- at Trinity Lutheran Church, & up or completing the 5th- green Missionary Church, 2700 E. Fulton. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. EVERY

meets at noon at Lowell EVERY THIRD THURS .: Masonic Temple.

meets at Key Heights Mo- G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Center offering a variety of River Snowmobile Club Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

Intergenerational program the Lowell Masonic Cen-SECOND SUN. EACH 1ST TUES .: Adults with from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS .: Recreational Bldg. Comto 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to LaLeche League of Ada, 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- the Franciscan Child Development

> St. Business meetings are EVERY WED .: Overeaters are welcome to attend. Our Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Open to any interested Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. 7524 for more information. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

> regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, the Averill Historical Muat the Masonic Center, 119 No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m. brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45

Community Bible study. THURS .: Weight Watch- Christian Athletes (FCA) Free nursery and preschool ers meets at Lowell story hour/crafts time from Nazarene Church, 201 N. 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women Washington, at 7 p.m. Regonly at 7:30 p.m. Calvary istration is 1/2 hour before Chr.Ref.Church across meetings. New members Board of Education meets from Burger King. For in- are invited to join at any formation call 897-7060 or time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

Lowell Lions Club meets at Mary's Pregnancy Crisis 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Center, 402 Amity St., non- room for light breakfast. For rial Fire Station, S. Hudson. denominational help for information, call Kris pregnant women and adoety holds its regular EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- lescents at the school. ents of children with AD/ From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on HD Issues Group meeting Mondays from 5:30 - 8

> (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For FIRSTTHURS .: 4-H drama the 145.270 - repeater club examines theater-re-For teen group info., call lated topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at EVERY 1STTUES: Adults Lowell Middle School choir with AD/HD Issues Group room. For information call

THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Cen-EVERY OTHER WED.: ter Fellowship Hall, corner

EVERY 2ND THURS.:

ing Events" are free of charge activities like hiking and meets at Lowell Congre- 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon-7 p.m.; Sat., to any nonprofit organization camping and learn skills gational Church basement. Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

> Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Sensibly Tops MI#372 EVERY SECOND WED .: Franciscan Life Process lounge. Club meets at 12 p.m. in topics and discussion SAT., JAN. 20: 3 dimengeared to parents of children all ages. Call

> > 897-7842 for time.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: EVERY THIRD THURS.: \$50 per person. Call John Elderly volunteers needed Royal Arch Masons reguwith school-age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake,

> Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to Center, mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-

> > SECOND THURS. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada seum of Ada, 7144 Headley

THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions

FOURTH THURS. OF **EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) EVERY1ST&3RDTUES .: EVERY THURS. - St. meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers' dining Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-

> **EVERY SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors which operates on a 24hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

> THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN .: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held third Mon. of each month at

SECOND LOWELL AREA ARTS the Scout Cabin at the end Call 897-5894 for details. THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. COUNCIL: Open Tues.,

MON., JAN. 15: Lowel High School Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff

sional paper-making workshop w/Alice Breese at Franciscan Life Pro-Knight at 897-7842 to register or for information.

modities will be distributed from 8 a.m - ? at Moose

cans, black eved peas, corn syrup, cranapple juice, milkinstant, rice, tomato soup.

THURS., JAN. 25 & FRI., JAN. 26: During all 4 lunch periods, a sign-up sheet is available to seniors for the overnighter; also a \$25 payment is needed for those who have signed up.

SAT., FEB. 3 - Franciscan Life Process Center's Winter Day Camp from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for children 7-12 years old. Contact 897-7842 to register for the cooking THURS., JAN. 25: Com- art, nature and music experiences of the day.

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TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk

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

Woodland Mall. WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JAN. 10: 12 p.m.

MON., JAN. 15: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Meijer.

TUES., JAN. 16: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Sam's

WED., JAN. 17: 10 a.m. Advisory Council.

p.m. Dance. West Side Complex. TUES., JAN. 23: 1:30 p.m.

Tour of Lowell Middle

THURS., JAN. 18: 12:00

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/shop

at the malls: 9:30 a.m.

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

Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI., JAN. 26: 12:40 p.m. Grocery Bingo.

School.

Women's breakfast.

WED., JAN. 31: 8 a.m.

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Red Arrow spikers unable to close out game one; lose in two to Pioneers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls volleyball team was battling on two fronts in Thursday's loss to East Grand Rapids.

Leading 14-12 in game one, the Red Arrows had two opportunities to serve for the win but failed to break through the Pioneer defense.

The other front was an inner battle with anxiety. "The girls have so much anxiety, some still haven't relaxed,' said first-year coach, Connie Black.

Unable to put away EGR at 14-12, the Pioneers rallied for a 16-14 win in game one and then cruised to a 15-8 win in game two.

Lowell's Amanda Stoutjesdyk elevates to block a Pioneer hit.

"Winning game one the way we did was definitely a momentum boost forus," said East volleyball coach, Ray Mysels. "It's tough to lose a game like that and then come out two minutes later and play

It was obvious from the start that Lowell's loss in game one had an impact on the Red Arrows' play in game

East, leading 4-3, ran off nine straight points behind the serving of Kara Flemming to take a commanding 13-3 advantage before eventually winning by seven.

"Our girls never lost their play, well, then you'd better desire to play, but we've got to work on being more consistent," Black explained. "I'm

sive play was down.

play and missing the court.

ell to 7-18. disappointed for them; they **Bulldog Invitational** At the Bulldog Invitacommunicated and went to the tional in Byron Center over ball better tonight and their the weekend, Lowell failed play was more aggressive in

The Red Arrows lost Mysels, whose club improved to 4-7 and 1-0 in the twice to Orchard View 12eague, said his club's offen-15 12-15; split with Rogers 15-7, 13-15; and in their fi-"Most of the night we nal match of the day lost to were just putting the ball into Belding 10-15, 9-15.

to advance out of pool play.

do that," Mysels said.

The loss dropped Low-

Mona Shores won the It's okay to miss the court on tournament, defeating West a full swing. If all you're Catholic in the championtrying to do is put the ball in ship 15-5, 15-4.

Former Lowell standouts earn All-America honors

Former Lowell High School football standouts T.J Thayer and Andy Graham earned USAFootball.com honorable mention all-America honors for their performances in the 2000 season at Kalamazoo College. Thayer was named to the sophomore team and Graham to the freshman team Both players are wide receivers.

Thayer was the team's quarterback during his freshmar season. This year, Thayer excelled as both a receiver and a return specialist. He caught a team-high 53 catches for 551 yards and one touchdown. He returned 21 kicks for 52 yards for an average of 25.1 yards per return. He also had 15 ount returns for 120 yards (8.0 avg.).

Graham had a team-high three touchdown receptions He had 28 catches for 389 yards (13.9 yds./catch). He also returned 11 kicks for 210 yards (19.1 avg.) and 4 punts for 27 yards (6.8 avg.).

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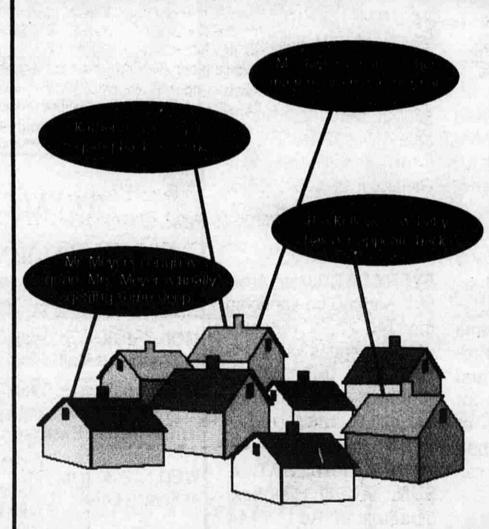
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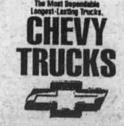


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Wilson, Wildcats stay perfect in league with win over Red Arrows

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Ross Wilson is adept at creating, distributing and executing when the game is on the

The Wildcat scored eight Northview senior guard of his game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter as he led Northview to a 62-56 O-K

White win over Lowell Fri-

"Ross is a four-year varsity basketball player. He creates a lot for us, distributes the basketball and hits open Mike Kapustka.

minute span covering the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth quarter, outscored Lowell 13-4, rallying the Wildcats from a onepoint deficit to an eight-point advantage. The Red Arrows never got any closer than five points of the Wildcats the rest of the way.

"Nothing against our kids, but Northview's prime time players came through for them in the clutch," Lowell

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shots," said Northview coach, coach, Pete Bush said afterwards. "We're disappointed. We'd played okay, and lost Northview, over a fouranother close game. We're

> pretty sick of this.' Lowell led 17-14 after one quarter of play and trailed 34-32 at halftime.

> The Red Arrows were up 41-40 with less than two minutes to play in the third stanza, before a Northview 5-0 run ended the quarter.

The loss overshadowed a solid performance from Red Arrow senior, Brad Koetsier. The forward netted eight of his team-leading 14 points in the fourth quarter.

"I believe Brad played his best varsity game tonight," Bush explained. "We also got a solid performance from Andy (Curtis). He plays with

such heart. Down the stretch I thought these two guys played well together."

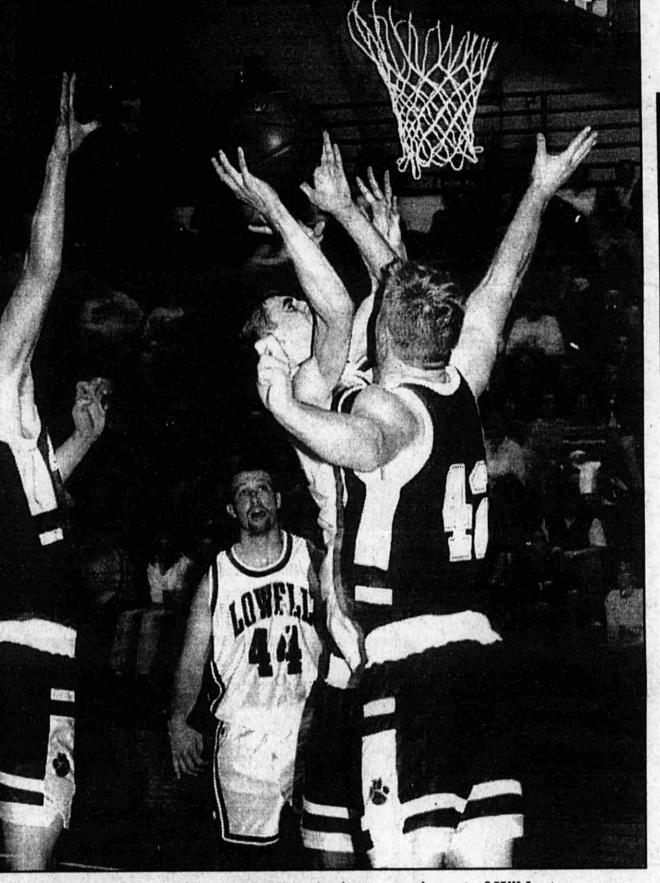
Curtis netted 12 points and was a force on the boards James Bosserd added nine and Bill Harrison contributed with eight.

The win improved Northview's league-leading record to 3-0. "We are very pleased to be 3-0. We knew this would be a tough game. Lowell battled all the way and this is always a tough place to play at." Kapustka

The Wildcat coach cred ited his club's second half success to patience and spac-

The Red Arrows travel to Forest Hills Central (2-2. 4-3) Friday.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember -Mark Twain



Lowell's James Bosserd goes up strong against a contingent of Wildcats.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will meet the third Monday of every month at the Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Dr. at 7:00 p.m. Phone 897-5671 for further information.

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2001 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

July 16 January 15 August 20 February 19 September 17 March 19 October 15 April 16 November 19 May 21 December 17 June 18

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Neubecker's floor routine propels Lowell past Kenowa Hills

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Melissa Neubecker' well executed front handspring may have been what separated Lowell gymnasts from Kenowa Hills in the Red Arrows' season-opening dual

The Red Arrows trailed by 2.35 points entering the meet's final rotation. Lowell, just off the balance beam, went to the floor exercise and the Knights - the floor to the

"Trailing going into the floor exercise made me a little nervous,"Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan admitted afterward.

Some coaching advice and four personal best performances were enough to overcome the deficit and propel Lowell to a 129.40-126.40 victory.

Neubecker added a half twist/full tuck to her floor exercise for the 2001 season. Not having perfected it yet, and knowing that her club needed the points, DeHaan asked Neubecker to replace her beam routine.

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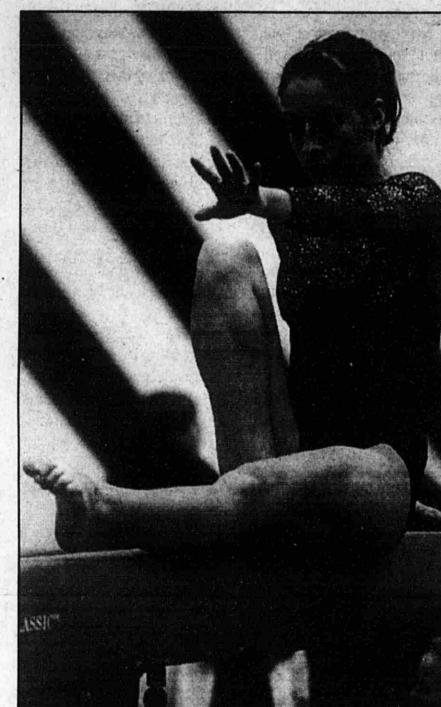
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Judges gave Lowell's Melissa Neubecker an 8.1 for

knew Melissa would hit the front handspring and remove any chance for a fall," the coach

The sophomore came through and posted a personal best mark of 8.85.

Sophomore Krystal White recorded her first varsity 9.0 in the floor exercise, trailing only her teammate Holly Plattner and the Knights' Ashley Teat.

Plattner was platinum as she posted a meet/personal best mark of 9.3. Teat was terrific in tallying a 9.2.

Lowell's fourth personal best in the floor exercise was handed in by junior Katie Blough, who came off the mat with a mark of 8.6.

"I'm obviously pleased with how well the girls did in the floor exercise," DeHaan said. "It's nice to start the season with a win. It was a good first meet.'

The Red Arrows tallied 32.7 points on the vault. Plattner led the way with an 8.6; White 8.2; Blough 8.0; and Carmen Datema 7.9.

On the uneven bars, Lowell finished with a team score of 29.8. Plattner, again, led the way with a 7.85. White scored a 7.4, followed by Blough's 7.35 and Neubecker's 7.2.

On the balance beam, Lowell tallied a 31.15. White was the team medalist with an 8.25 and Neubecker posted an 8.1. April Telman and Datema came off the beam with marks

White finished with 32.85 points to garner the all-around

Teat, who brings years of



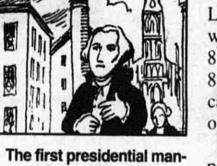
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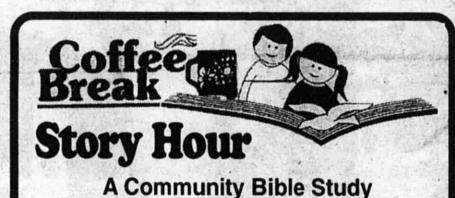
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club experience to the meets, led the Knights on the vault (8.8); balance beam (8.65) and in the floor exercise.

"It was an awesome first

meet for us. It's difficult to finish on the beam. I thought Gymnastics, cont'd pg. 19

Red Arrow Bill Harrison finds room along the baseline against his Northview defender.



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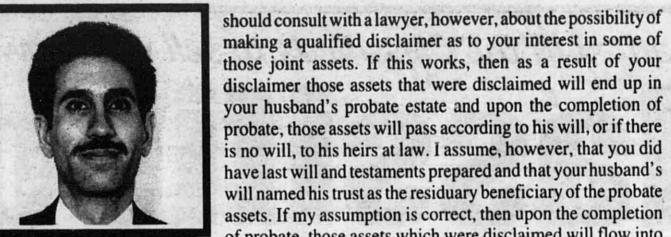
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constraints for the preparation of a qualified disclaimer, you

DEAR JONATHAN: What is a qualified disclaimer?

JONATHAN SAYS: A disclaimer is a refusal by one

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You really need to consult with an estate planning attorney

the value of the assets that flow into the trust.

DEAR JONATHAN: My husband died several weeks ago. Last year we took the time and spent the money to have fairly involved estate plans created. Our objectives included avoiding probate and taking full advantage of the unified credit amounts each of us are entitled to which I believe is \$675,000 this year. Since our joint estate is valued in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, there was a substantial tax savings to us in setting up the plans the way we did. Those plans included the creation of revocable living trusts for each of us, with each trust being split into a marital trust and family trust on death. At the time we signed our documents, I remember our lawyer telling us that the next step was for us to move assets into each of our trusts for the purpose of probate avoidance and for the further purpose of taking advantage of each of our unified credit amounts. Unfortunately, we never got around to making those transfers before my husband died. Since everything was titled in joint names, there is no probate that I have to deal with regarding my husband's estate and I now own everything in my name alone. Can I still take advantage of this credit

JONATHAN SAYS: Your question underscores the importance of following through with the funding process of a trust after the trust is created. Unfortunately, your situation is not all that uncommon. Many people go through the time and expense of setting up trusts and then fail to go through the process of funding their trusts.

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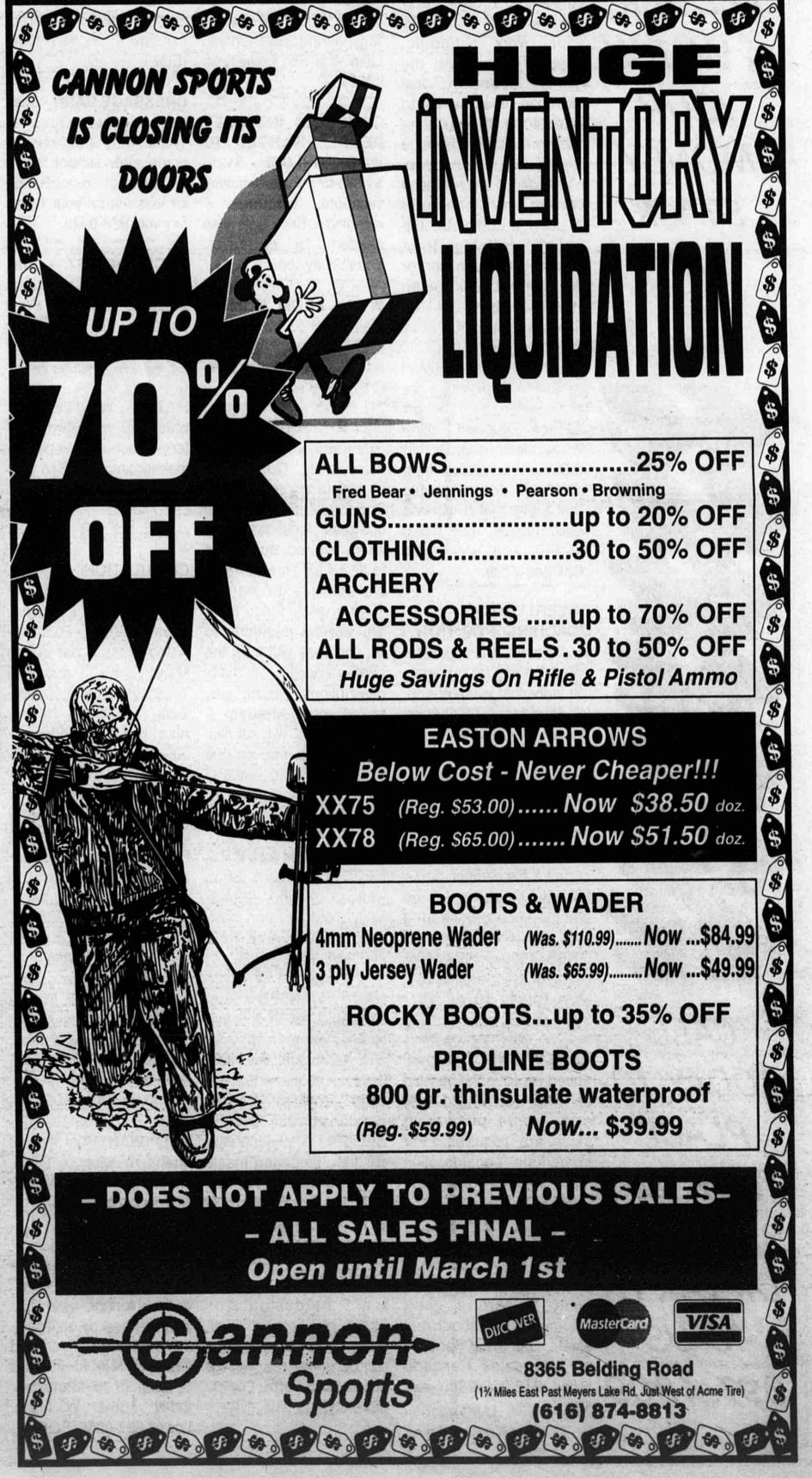
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Gymnastics, cont'd.... From Page 16

our girls did a good job," Knight coach, Brenda McDonald

East Lansing Invitational

After an off-balanced start, Lowell's gymnastics team recovered in time to salvage a fifth-place finish in East Lansing Saturday.

"The balance beam was our first event and our scores left me in shock," Red Arrow gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan said. "We had way too many falls. These girls have practiced too hard to perform like that."

The rough start was smoothed out by some quality performances in the other three exercises.

Lowell finished the day with 126.75 points, behind Grand Ledge 138.075; St. Johns' 136.4; East Lansing 133.65; and Haslett 129.375.

Places six through 10 were filled by Napolean 125.7; Mason 117.85; Vassar 112; Midland 111.35; and Lumen Christi 103.75.

Melissa Neubecker led Lowell on the balance beam with a score of 8.2, placing her 11th overall. Carmen Datema tallied a 7.4 followed by Holly Plattner

6.45 and Krystal White 6.35.

Two Red Arrows placed on the uneven bars. Plattner was 13th with a mark of 7.8 and Katie Blough was 14th at 7.75. Carisa Sayer and Neubecker followed with scores of 7.55 and 7.15.

"The girls must begin to add more difficulty if our vault scores are going to go up," DeHaan said.

Three Red Arrows placed. Plattner was seventh on the vault with a score of 8.45; White was ninth at 8.4; April Telman, 11th, 8.35 and Blough finished with an 8.15.

"April's score was her personal best. She did a great job on her second vault (a hand spring with a half twist)," DeHaan said. "Krystal has virtually perfected her vault. The highest score she can get on that vault is an 8.6. It's time for her to add some more difficulty."

Lowell, again, excelled in the floor exercise.

The Red Arrows posted four scores at 8.3 or higher. Plattner (9th) recorded an 8.95; White, 10th, tallied an

8.75; Neubecker, 11th, scored an 8.75 and Blough finished

"To have these kind of scores this early in the season is amazing," DeHaan said. "Katie (Blough) has really improved. She looks as if she is having fun with her routine. That, along with doing your routine well, makes for higher scores."

Lowell, 1-0 in the O-K Rainbow league, travels to East Kentwood on Wednesday (Jan. 10).

Junior varsity hockey results:

Lowell Red Arrows defeated the South Christian Sailors at Kentwood by a score of 6 to 1.

Two goals were scored by Brandon John and one by Dustin Hofert in the first period; Hofert and Jordan Schaefer scored in the second period; and David Maylone in the third period. Lowell outshot South Christian 49 to 30.

Walker Ice Center was the site for Lowell's 7-1 win Northview. The Red Arrows opened the scoring with five goal. goals in the first period. Evan Dorough scored the first goal followed by Brandon John with three goals and David Blair with one. The second period saw goals by the John brothers, Josh and Brandon with one apiece.

The Red Arrows suffered a 4-1 loss to the Tier I Vikings at the Wexford County Civic Center in Cadillac. Brandon John scored the only goal with an assist from Hofert in the 4-

Michigan National Ice Center on Sunday found The J.V. Red Arrows lost 4-1 to the Wayland Wildcats on Sunday at Michigan National Ice Center. Maylone provided the only

Jackson Optimist Arena will be the site for the hockey game on Saturday, Jan. 13 followed by a home game at M.N.I.C. vs. Rockford on Sunday, Jan. 14. The puck drops at 6:30 p.m.

JV wrestling results:

Lowell's junior varsity wrestling team traveled to Godwin Heights Invitational Saturday. The Red Arrows placed 17 wrestlers with 15 of them medaling in the top three spots.

First place finishers were Ryan Ward, Mike Nearing, Breton Fredline, Jim Kelly, Mike Scott and Pieter Serne. Both Ward and Nearing were undefeated in their matches.

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