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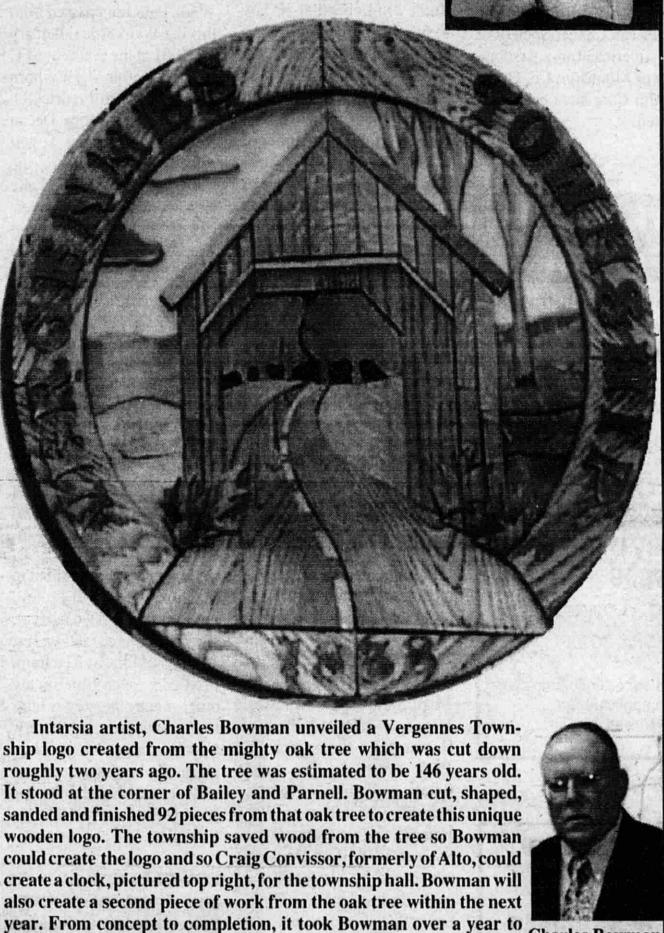
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Standing the **Test of Time**



Grant money may enable Township to finish Riverfront Park project earlier than anticipated

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

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Lowell Charter Township's Grand River Riverfront Park was one of six West Michigan parks which received grants from the state's Clean Michigan Initiative program.

Township supervisor. John Timpson announced that the township's grant was for \$199,655.

The money will be combined with \$112,305 of local money to pay for a restroom, playground, two picnic shelters, observation/fishing deck, running and cross country ski trail, four grills, a The total cost for these projects is \$311.960.

"We believe we will be able to squeeze all of phase II & III out of these funds." Timpson said. "The township won't receive the funds until the legislature gives its approval - that will probably be mid-summer. The main thing is the kids like the park and are using it. That makes me happy."

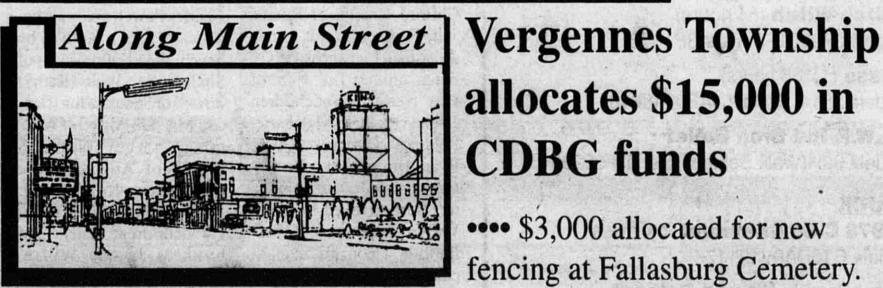
Lowell Township started the park project a little over two years ago. "Our goal was to work at it until we got enough funds to pay for it." Timpson said. The supervisor believes it now has enough the township also received. \$150,000 in grant money from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt).

Other West Michigan parks receiving Clean Michigan Initiative grants were Millennium Park, \$749,000; Holland Township's Helder Park. \$300.000: Walker's Alpine Estates Park. S280.244: Rockford's Memorial Park \$95.200: Allegan County's Salem Township for park development, \$65,412.

Department of Public Works grant coordinator. Janae Reneaud said 48 Michigan communities received funds this year, totaling over

year. From concept to completion, it took Bowman over a year to

Charles Bowman complete the logo, pictured above.



USED PHONE BOOK DROP-OFF CENTER

For the 5th year Lowell First United Methodist Church will be collecting used phone books for production of insulation for Habitat For Humanity. The trailer is located in the parking lot behind the church at 621 E. Main. Deadline is Feb. ONLY phone books PLEASE.

POWERLIFTING MEETING

There will be a parent/volunteer powerlifting meeting on Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria in regards to the State tournament on March 10 and March 17 in Lowell and the Nationals at Fort Hood, Texas, on March 29.

COMMODITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED

The Lowell Recreation Building at 1320 E. Main will distribute commodities on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. - 3

allocates \$15,000 in **CDBG** funds

•••• \$3,000 allocated for new fencing at Fallasburg Cemetery.

Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) was one of four projects which was allocated funds from the federally funded Community Development Block Grant by the Vergennes Township Board Monday night.

The township has \$19,442 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds available for various community projects beginning July 1.

Vergennes Township Board voted to allocate \$8,000 toward the handicap ramp project at the Lowell Area Historical Museum; \$3,000 to the Rockford Ambulance for a mobile transport stretcher; \$3,000 for fencing at the Fallasburg Cemetery; and \$1,000 to the North Kent Transit Service.

In all, the township allocated \$15,000 be spent, with \$4,442 being carried over until next year.

septic system, electric service and engineering cost.

funds to finish the project. Over the last two years.

\$12 million. The program commenced in 1998.

WMGS program to help residents recognize family pioneers and early residents

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Western Michigan Genealogical Society (WMGS) is offering area residents a vehicle by which to honor their pioneer forefathers.

WMGS, in cooperation with the Secchia Millennium Commission, is promoting a Pioneer Certificate program. The charge of the program

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•To recognize pioneers and early residents who otherwise would go unnoticed in Kent County's history.

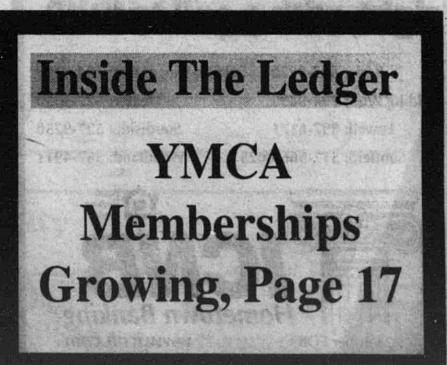
 To encourage a basic knowledge of genealogical research by asking any direct descendent to put together their family history and apply for a certificate.

 To record information which will become a valuable addition to the history of early Kent County citizens providing a source of genealogical information for future research. The Pioneer Certificate workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27 at Lowell's Englehardt Library from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

To qualify for a Pioneer Certificate, an applicant must be directly descended from an ancestor who settled in Kent County.

Each ancestor in the direct line must be proven. Anyone may apply. Applicants need not have ever been residents of Kent County. After proof of direct descent has been submitted and eligibility has been determined, the appropriate certificate will be mailed to the applicant. The fee for each application is \$10.

Document copies submitted as proofs will be kept in the Michigan Room of Grand Rapids Public Library and available to help others' familv history researchers. Documents pertaining to living relatives will be noted and returned.





OBITUARIES

CRAWFORD - Andrew Boyd Crawford, aged 96, of Lowell, passed away January 15, 2001. He was born in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Mr. Crawford was pregrandchildren, Drew (Sally) Amanda Stuart; sister-in-law

Condon, Susann (Dean) Alger, Sandra (Dan) Stuart, Dawn (Kent) Feldman; greatgrandchildren Kevin Condon, Jason Condon, Adam Condon, Alicia ceded in death by his wife Mosher, Sean Alger, Shan-Annie. He is survived by his non Alger, James Stuart, daughter Mary (Bill) Condon; Tonya Stuart, Kayla Stuart,



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Ireland; many nieces and 67, of Sand Lake, passed nephews. Funeral services away on Friday, January 12, will be held at the Roth-Gerst 2001 at his residence in the Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell at 1 p.m. with Rev. Ken Ford of Alton Bible Church Joann C. (Ayris) Hills; three officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Alton Bible Church, Kitchen Fund.

DeGREEN - Stephanie B. and Marissa; great-grand-DeGreen, aged 81, passed away January 10, 2001. She is survived by her husband of chard Bergman of Sand Lake; 61 years, Robert; children several nieces and nephews Robert Jr. (Ruth) of White Cloud, Richard (Darlene) of Stebbins. Honoring Jack's Lowell; grandchildren Rick, Barbara, Molly; great-grandchildren Jessica, Jordan, Abbey; sisters Irene Lominaco, the Bliss-Witters Cedar Lillian (Ben) Kasper. Mass Chapel with Dr. Darrell Wilof Christian Burial was held Friday at St. Mary Church, Sand Lake Cemetery. Memo-Lowell, Rev. George J. rial contributions to the Fekete, Celebrant. Interment Association.

Lily Crawford of Northern HILLS - Jack E. Hills, aged presence of his family. Surviving is his wife of 42 years, children Deb Fifield of Sand Lake, Jack Hills of Pierson and Chris (Kathy) Hills of Lowell; six grandchildren Eric, Jill, Jack Jr., Jordan, Seth daughter Courtney; sister and brother-in-law Sandy and Riand a special friend, Darlene wishes, cremation has taken place. Family memorial services was held on Monday in son officiating. Interment American Cancer Society or Resurrection Cemetery. Me- the American Lung Associamorial contributions may be tion or Montcalm Co. Home made to the American Heart Health Care have been suggested.



*Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV

has the right to reject any and all bids. (

JOHNSON - John P. Johnson passed away peacefully on January 12, 2001 at the age of 76. He was preceded in death by two grandsons David Hoezee and Todd Hoezee. He is survived by his wife Erma Johnson; children Lorraine (Donald) VanHemert, Pamela (David) Hoezee, Richard (Patricia) Johnson, Karlene Johnson and Beverly (James) Michels; seven granddaughters Shannon (Michael) Randol, Melissa (Thomas) Haveman, Kimberly (David) Powers, Sara Hoezee, Amber Johnson, Veronica Michels and Hannah Michels; two greatgranddaughters; brother Martin (Treva) Johnson; sisters Mildred (Benjamin) Earl, Katherine (Ernest) Alicki and Betty (Roger) Johnson; sister-in-law Kathleen (Donald) Zuidewind; brother-in-law Kenneth (Sheri) Kosten; several nieces and nephews. He was a loving and beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother and a friend to many. He was a faithful member of his church, serving as deacon, elder and a supporter of the youth programs. He was also a board member for the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association for many years. The family would like to express appreciation for all the prayers and support they have received. A special thank you is given to Weller Auto Parts where John worked. Funeral and committal services were held Tues- She married Earl (Curly) Peday at Grace Reformed terman on October 5, 1986 in Church, in Wyoming, with the Rev. Richard Oppenhuizen officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either Hospice of Michigan/Grand Rapids or the Grandville Avenue Academy for the Arts.

KERR-Robert B. Kerr, aged Fred and Joyce Ehle; many 74, of Saranac, passed away January 8, 2001 at his home. He was born September 27, 1928 in Saranac, the son of Frank and Anna (Pretzel) Kerr. He was a Korean War Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Veteran, and a member of the Lowell Saranac VFW Post. He is remembered by his family as one of the last American Cowboys. Surviving are his son Randy B. Kerr of Orleans, daughters Tamara and Clifford Courter of Sparta, Julie Keith of Lowell, Canda and Robert Lomanco of Wyoming; brother Bill Kerr of Port Huron; grandchildren Jeremy, Michael, McKenzie, Rebbeca, Desiree, Ashley, Ryan, Holly, Nikki. He was preceded in death by his sister Betty Hoye; brothers Walter Kerr and Robert Bartosh. Upon his request, cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

POWELL - E. Fern Powell, aged 71, of Saranac, went home to be home with her Lord, Saturday, January 13, 2001. Her husband Lloyd Charles Powell preceded her in death. She is survived by her children Kathy Taylor of Shelbyville, Walt (Kathy) Powell of Saranac, Jim (fiancee, Marsha) Powell of Wyoming, Barney (Tammy) Powell of Arizona, Dave (Sandy) Powell of Wyoming; 13 grandchildren; 10 greatgrandchildren; sisters and brothers Jacque Wiltse, Marian (Don) Couturier, Lou Ann (Ron) Hendrick, Noreen Loper, Geraldine Zoulek, LARSON - Shirley (Leroy) Nathan (Barb) McGuire, Larson, aged 71, of Saranac, Gordon McGuire; sister and passed away January 12, brother-in-law Margaret 2001, at their home. She was Goodman and Dick (Kay) born July 23, 1929 in Grand Powell. Funeral service was Rapids, the daughter of James held Tuesday at the First Asand Estell (Engle) Leroy. She sembly of God Prayer married Gerald Larson Au- Chapel. If you were unable gust 13, 1950. She worked as to attend the service or visitaan RN for Sparrow Hospital tion please sign the family's for seven years, Ionia Manor Memory Book at for 18 years, Ionia Hospital www.cookfuneralhome.com. and Ionia Commission on

Aging. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Gerald of Saranac; children Kathy Wilcox of Saranac. James and Molly Larson of Caledonia, Laura and Paul Rockhold of Ionia; sister Karen Strader of Lake Odessa; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: special friends Kim and Lyndsey Rogers of Ionia. Funeral services were held Monday at the Shiloh Community Church with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment in the spring will be in Balcom Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Ionia Commission on Aging, Hospice of Michigan or DE Cycles of Shiloh Church. www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

PETERMAN - Sarah Emily Wood Peterman passed from this life Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at the Andrew AFC Home, Stanton. She was born June 9, 1918 to Fredrick D. Ketchum and Nancy Decan Ketchum in Sidney Township. For 20 plus years, she lived in the Whitmore Lake area, working for the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor as a supervisor in the laundry dept. Upon retirement she moved to the Lowell area. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Robert Wood, sister Ethel Swartz, brothers Bill, Pete, Alvin (Stub) and Norman Ketchum. Sidney Township. They spent most of their time at Big Bend Park, White Cloud and wintered in Bartow, FL. The last several years they resided in Stanton. Sarah will be lovingly missed by husband Earl, special nephews and wives, Albert and Phyllis Ketchum, other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Per Sarah's wishes, cremation has taken place. There was a memorial service on Saturday at the

Program provides skills and preparation for integral member of classroom

By Thaddeus J Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Better usage of what the school district already has in place may well be the best way to respond to the increasing need of diverse learners.

Pam Thomas, director of education and support services, introduced a Para-educator Certification program to the Lowell School Board Monday night.

COLLEGE NEWS

Beth A. Hoag, daughter of Patrick and Dorothy Hoag of Lowell, has received recognition on the dean's list for the fall semester at Bradley University in Peoria, IL

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Bradley University is an independent, privately endowed, coeducational institution. With an enrollment of approximately 6,000 students, Bradley is the ideal size for living and learning. The university offers a full range of baccalaureate and graduate level programs as well as personal attention from a faculty dedicated to student learning.

Angela Young, Brett Bittrick and Melissa Sobie all of Lowell, have been appointed to the Olivet College dean's list for the fall semester 2000. The dean's list recognizes students who have achieved a 3.5 grade point average during the semester.

Olivet College is a private, liberal arts college lo cated in south central lower Michigan. It was the first in the country by charter to admit women and persons of color. Its more than 900 students participate in a

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"The intention is to provide basic skills and quality preparation for para-educators to serve as an integral member of the classroom team," Thomas explained.

The program was started two years ago in Oakland County and now lies on the doorstep of becoming a national approach. "It's an important program. It will help the district do a better job of training para-educators. By increasing their skills. we can help them do a better job," Lowell superintendent, Bert

Bleke explained. Para-educator replaces the more commonly used title

para-professional

"Para-educator is more descriptive of what we're asking of them," Thomas said. "The program will also include them in teacher in-service days."

The two-year program requires 15 hours of structured training sessions (six 2 1/2 hour periods), plus 105 hours of





down the road it will be mandatory

In a supportive stand, board of education president, Pete Gustafson said, when asked, he would support a request t make the program mandatory for Lowell's approximately 60 para-educators.

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"It is great to be at the forefront of such an effort." he concluded.

No great artist sees things as they really are. If he did he would cease to be an artist. -Oscar Wilde



Rev. Dominic A. Tommy Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

A smile. A kind word of encouragement, a pat on the back and a "holy kiss" of appreciation can bring sunshine and hope to us. It's a little kindness or things we do for someone that can make an enormous difference as we face each day and interact with others. "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interest of others." (Philippians 2:4). Paul, in this text, encourages us to guard against jealousy, prejudice, or self-



ELEMENTARY *Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch

options. * Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30¢

MON: Spaghetti w/mea sauce & breadstick or han & cheese sub sandwich applesauce, garden salad.

TUES: Pretzel dunkers w/cheese sauce, tuna salad sub, pineapple w/cherries, tater tots, min Twix bar.

WED: Hot dog on a bun of beefy burrito w/roll, peas fruit cobbler.

THURS: Ravioli w/cheese & garlic toast or grilled mozz, cheese sandwich w/pepperoni, apples, coleslaw.

FRI: Turkey gravy or baked ham, strawberry jello whipped potatoes, biscuit.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

'Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options. * Lunch: \$1.50 * Milk: 30¢

MON: Pizza pocket or bacon sub turkey sandwich, potato wedges, fresh grapes.

TUES: 2 egg, ham cheese English muffins or mini corndogs w/bread tater tots, blueberries & whipped cream.

WED: Chicken nuggets w/breadstick or French dip on bun au jus, potatoes peas, fruit cobbler.

THURS: Soup & potato bar. Baked potatoes, soup diced ham, cheese sauce broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, black olives, onions, choice of fruit & bread.

FRI: Pizza wedge or spaghetti w/meat sauce & garlic toast, applesauce,

ishness that may take our Christian principle and joy of knowing Christ.

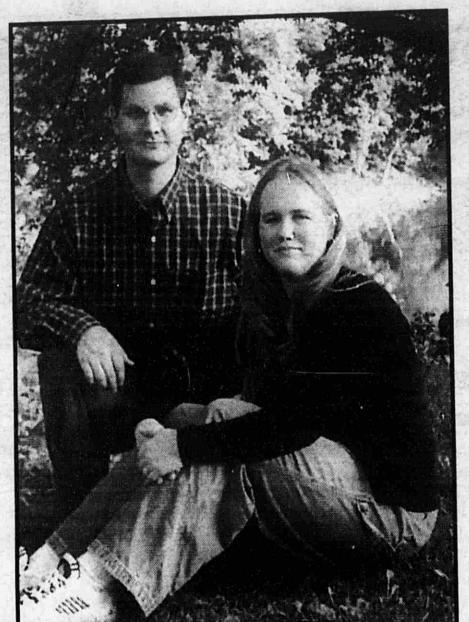
It is when we put our interests aside that we can truly reach out with the love of Christ, and people's lives will be touched in an indelible way. But "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind - (and in the mind) which was in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:3,5).

Putting others first, rather than our interests, will foster unity between families, churches, communities and nations. See the world in the eyes of Jesus. During Jesus' ministry in Galilee, our Lord encountered multitudes of harassed and helpless people. In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 9, we see him responding to an occasion: "When He saw the crowd, He

had compassion on them, because they were weary and scattered, like a sheep without a shepherd."

Again, picture our society; see how people exist in the rush and crush of life without a shepherd. It is our responsibility to show them the redemptive compassion of Jesus. We are to lead them to the Prince of Peace and the Shepherd whose interest is on the sheep first. This is our calling, and purpose. Remember, many people are waiting for people who can share the love of God in Christ with them. By showing a little kindness we can bring comfort to others. We can bringhealing, reconciliation, and hope to all who will embrace the Good Shepherd, the One who could show people how to avoid life's pitfalls.

I hope you can include this resolution in your lists to do: having the mind of Christ filled with compassion and service to your neighbors. May God help us, and while we are absent from one another, may the Lord watch over you and me!



Thomas Roudabush and Melissa Peterson

Financial Peace to visit Snow United Methodist Church

Would you like to learn proven steps to get out of debt and stay out of debt? Would nity? Learn how. Snow offering a 13-week study course on personal finance talk show host. called Financial Peace University.

AREA BIRTHS

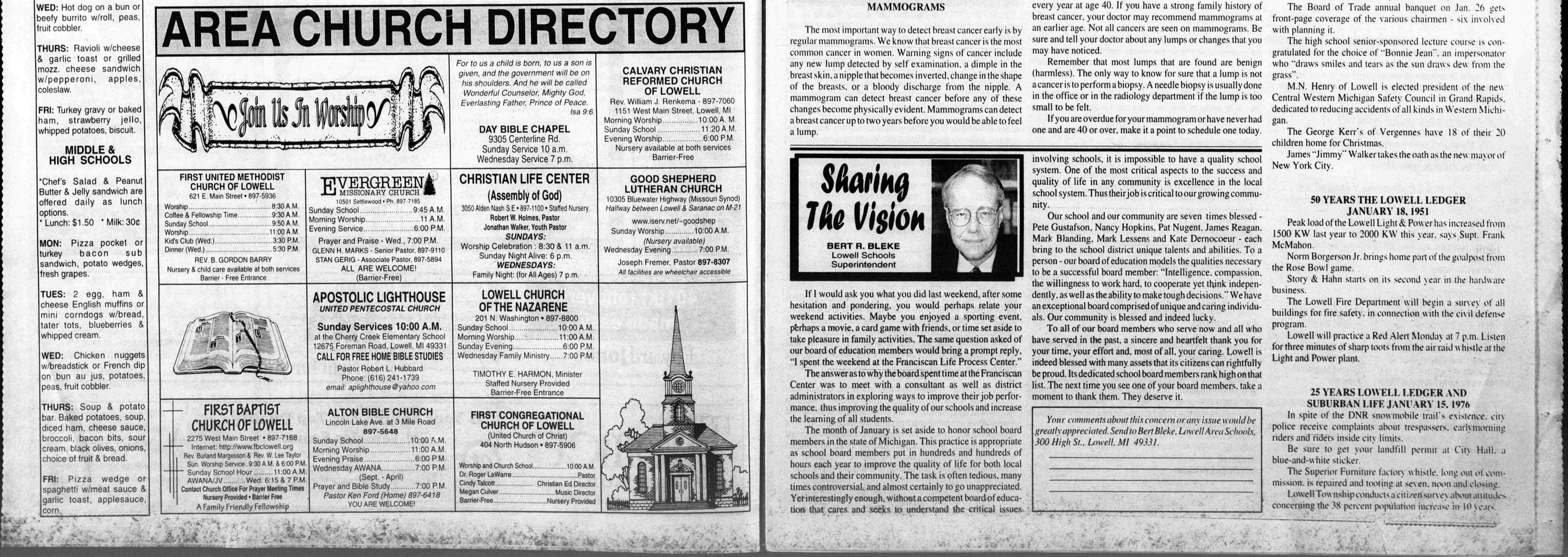
John and Robin Cross of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Blake Cross. Tyler was born on Sun-

day, December 17, 2000 at

All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave you like to retire with dig- Ramsey, author of the bestselling books Financial Peace United Methodist Church is and More Than Enough and nationally syndicated radio

> 2:58 p.m. at Spectrum Health Downtown. He weighed lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19 1/ 2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dennis and Janet Burns of Lowell and John and Tina Cross of Odessa, FL.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 18: Margie Potter Sullivan. JANUARY 19: Tim Stencel, Susan Korte, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney, Evelyn Powell.

JANUARY 20: Shelby Baird. JANUARY 21: James Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Eunice

VanderVeen, Krysta Jankowski. JANUARY 22: Cheryl DeYoung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, Jenni Sokolowski, Frances Walling, Glenn Vanbuskirk, Shane Gildner, Reece Vander Warf, Frances DeVries.

JANUARY 23: Amanda Wingeier, Zach Stauffer. JANUARY 24: David Szymczak, Allan Baird, Haleigh Timmers, Mackenzie Stiles.

Peterson/ Roudabush

Melissa Peterson and Thomas Roudabush, both of Lowell, are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride to be is the daughter of Mike and Kay Oligney, of Lowell, and the late Robert Peterson. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and Albion College.

The future groom is the son of Sam and Bonnie Roudabush of Lowell. He is also a Lowell High School graduate and is attending the University of Michigan College of Engineering. A June 2, 2001 wedding

is planned.

Seating is limited, call for your reservation now. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Matt or Diane Smith at 897-0556.





OUTDOORS-WOMAN

One Saturday in mid-December, well before daylight, I headed for my deer stand with the muzzleloader. My wife, Gwen, was going hunting too, but she was traveling to Hunters Hollow south of Lansing to hunt pheasant. Like the majority of women hunters, she hunted only big game (deer, elk, ladies called it a day and headed home. Gwen was still pumped moose), so this would be her first small game hunt.

It all began at an outdoor show in September, where Gwen picked up a flier about the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Christmas party, so she would have to lose the blaze-orange (BOW) program from the Department of Natural Resources and camo and find something with Santas or candy canes to booth. This program provides an opportunity for women 18 wear years and older to learn about outdoor pursuits that are new to them, or to improve previously acquired skills. BOW has introduced women to outdoor activities like fishing, hunting, camping, shooting sports and others. The Department of soring a BOW pheasant hunt. Gwen filled out the application, and to her surprise, received conformation that she could attend.

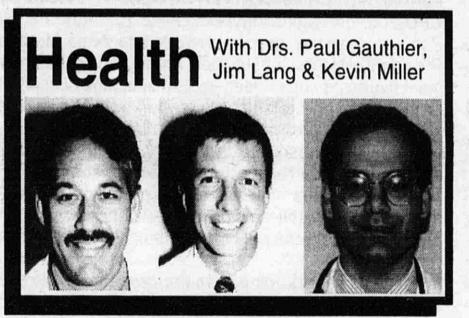
fifteen equally eager participants. The morning session began be some pressure on her to do well. At the BOW hunt, she was

Finally, the group was coached on wing shooting fundamentals and then had an opportunity to practice by banging away at clay birds on the range. By noon, a volunteer from the Ruffed Grouse Society had prepared a great lunch that included woodcock and ruffed grouse cooked outdoors in Dutch

After lunch, the group divided into small hunting parties and headed for the field with well trained dogs. The pointers and setters were owned and expertly handled by Ruffed Grouse Society members. Gwen had missed a few clay birds on the range, but the pheasants were not so lucky. She dropped all the birds that flushed when it was her turn to walk up to the dogs on point.

At the end of the day, a demonstration on game care provided an opportunity to clean and bag the birds. After thanking their hosts and saying good-by to new friends, the when she got home, and excitedly recounted her recent adventure. Finally, I reminded her that we had an hour to make a

The BOW program gives participants an opportunity to WE SUBSTITUTE learn new skills in a situation that is comfortable. Gwen was **JANUARY 18, 1871** impressed by how helpful and patient the Ruffed Grouse Mr. Mathewson suggests that it is time for Lowell to Society guys were. Sometimes, husbands, boyfriends, or even consider having a City Charter instead of the present Village Natural Resources and the Ruffed Grouse Society were spon- fathers, are not the best teachers because of emotional bag- Charter. gage. I found that out when I taught my daughter to operate a Heavy snow Saturday breaks the awning on Broad & stick shift. I know when Gwen goes to a range to sight-in her Son's shoe store, as well as a barn roof in the Graham Block. rifle, she is often the only woman there. When she takes her It took six engines to coax the night express from Detroit On arriving at Hunters Hollow, Gwen was joined by gun to the firing line, she draws a lot of attention. There has to out of Ionia The Journal has been gaining an average of one subscripwith the review of gun safety and hunting ethics followed by supported by other ladies trying to accomplish the same things tion per day through the month of December. a discussion about the fine points of hunting over bird dogs. and was not only more at ease, but really had a lot of fun.



MAMMOGRAMS

The most important way to detect breast cancer early is by regular mammograms. We know that breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. Warning signs of cancer include any new lump detected by self examination, a dimple in the breast skin, a nipple that becomes inverted, change in the shape of the breasts, or a bloody discharge from the nipple. A mammogram can detect breast cancer before any of these changes become physically evident. Mammograms can detect a breast cancer up to two years before you would be able to feel a lump.



hesitation and pondering, you would perhaps relate your weekend activities. Maybe you enjoyed a sporting event, perhaps a movie, a card game with friends, or time set aside to take pleasure in family activities. The same question asked of our board of education members would bring a prompt reply, "I spent the weekend at the Franciscan Life Process Center."

The answer as to why the board spent time at the Franciscan Center was to meet with a consultant as well as district administrators in exploring ways to improve their job performance, thus improving the quality of our schools and increase the learning of all students.

The month of January is set aside to honor school board members in the state of Michigan. This practice is appropriate as school board members put in hundreds and hundreds of hours each year to improve the quality of life for both local schools and their community. The task is often tedious, many times controversial, and almost certainly to go unappreciated. Yet interestingly enough, without a competent board of education that cares and seeks to understand the critical issues.

A produce store and the cigar manufactory change owners. **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast tissue with a very **JANUARY 17, 1901** small amount of radiation. During a mammogram the breast is The new serial, "The World Against Him", takes up all the squeezed between two compression plates to get the best front page space other than the ads. Apparently there was no picture. This can be somewhat uncomfortable for a few secfront-page news this week (we looked and looked). onds. If your breasts are sensitive at the time of your period, it A.G.Steketee has given up farming in Fallasburg and has is probably best to have a mammogram done a couple of weeks gone into the drug business on West Leonard Street in Grand before your period is due. Rapids Besides breast cancer, mammograms may also detect Dr. Curtis Wolford, specialist in chronic diseases, will be harmless lumps or cysts. Ultrasound examination can help at the Waverly Hotel on Wednesday, Feb. 6 all day. Consultadetermine the true identity of a lump. If a harmless lump, like tions are free.

a cyst or fibroadenoma is found, we usually recommend a follow-up exam in six months.

The American Cancer Society and National Cancer Insti-**75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND** tute recommend that all women start getting mammograms THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 14, 1926 every year at age 40. If you have a strong family history of The Board of Trade annual banquet on Jan. 26 gets breast cancer, your doctor may recommend mammograms at front-page coverage of the various chairmen - six involved an earlier age. Not all cancers are seen on mammograms. Be with planning it. sure and tell your doctor about any lumps or changes that you The high school senior-sponsored lecture course is con-

gratulated for the choice of "Bonnie Jean". an impersonator may have noticed. Remember that most lumps that are found are benign who "draws smiles and tears as the sun draws dew from the (harmless). The only way to know for sure that a lump is not grass' a cancer is to perform a biopsy. A needle biopsy is usually done M.N. Henry of Lowell is elected president of the new in the office or in the radiology department if the lump is too Central Western Michigan Safety Council in Grand Rapids. small to be felt. dedicated to reducing accidents of all kinds in Western Michi-If you are overdue for your mammogram or have never had gan

one and are 40 or over, make it a point to schedule one today.

children home for Christmas. James "Jimmy" Walker takes the oath as the new mayor of involving schools, it is impossible to have a quality school New York City. system. One of the most critical aspects to the success and quality of life in any community is excellence in the local school system. Thus their job is critical to our growing commu-**50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**

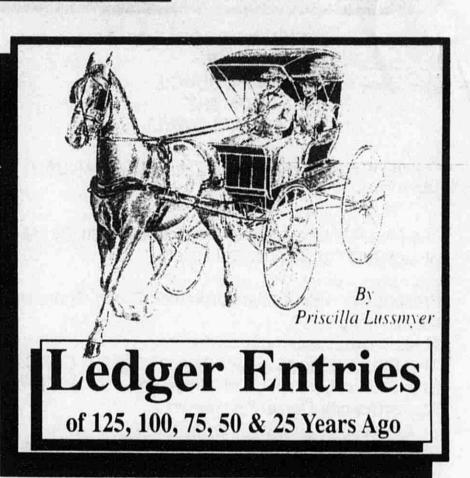
Our school and our community are seven times blessed -Peak load of the Lowell Light & Power has increased from Pete Gustafson, Nancy Hopkins, Pat Nugent, James Reagan. 1500 KW last year to 2000 KW this year, says Supt. Frank Mark Blanding, Mark Lessens and Kate Dernocoeur - each **McMahon** bring to the school district unique talents and abilities. To a Norm Borgerson Jr. brings home part of the goalpost from person - our board of education models the qualities necessary the Rose Bowl game. to be a successful board member: "Intelligence, compassion Story & Hahn starts on its second year in the hardware the willingness to work hard, to cooperate yet think indepen-If I would ask you what you did last weekend, after some dently, as well as the ability to make tough decisions." We have business The Lowell Fire Department will begin a survey of all an exceptional board comprised of unique and caring individubuildings for fire safety. in connection with the civil defense als. Our community is blessed and indeed lucky. To all of our board members who serve now and all who Lowell will practice a Red Alert Monday at 7 p.m. Listen

have served in the past, a sincere and heartfelt thank you for for three minutes of sharp toots from the air raid whistle at the your time, your effort and, most of all, your caring. Lowell is Light and Power plant. indeed blessed with many assets that its citizens can rightfully be proud. Its dedicated school board members rank high on that list. The next time you see one of your board members, take a 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND moment to thank them. They deserve it. SUBURBAN LIFE JANUARY 15, 1976

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be reatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 800 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 19, 1876 THIS ISSUE IS MISSING:

"Hot KoKo. Smith's Bakery."

The George Kerr's of Vergennes have 18 of their 20

JANUARY 18, 1951

In spite of the DNR snowmobile trail's existence, city police receive complaints about trespassers, earlymorning riders and riders inside city limits. Be sure to get your landfill permit at City Hall, a

blue-and-white sticker. The Superior Furniture factory whistle, long out of commission, is repaired and tooting at seven, noon and closing. Lowell Township conducts a citizen survey about attitudes concerning the 38 percent population increase in 10 years.



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

CITY COUNCIL OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL**

For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2001.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor monies. Blough and the Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Shores and Mayor Blough.

Absent: Councilmember Myers. Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk YEA: 4. Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine and Public NAY: 0. Works Director Daniel DesJarden.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2000 regular meeting as written. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by project for consideration. BRUBAKER that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAY	ABLE (01/02/01)
GENERAL FUND	
MAJOR STREET FUND	and a second
LOCAL STREET FUND	\$95.19
DDA FUND	\$7,390.50
AIRPORT FUND	\$16.14
WASTEWATER FUND	\$29,030.18
WATER FUND	\$4,065.16
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$2,506.18
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$ 105,883.57
LOOK FUND	\$280.00

FOR CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND DESIGNATION nity Development Department, the City may borrow OF DEPOSITORY BANKS. As provided annually, the ahead in next year's allocations to meet these estab-City must designate its depository banks and authorize lished needs. signatures for the coming year. The following designations are recommended:

a. Authorized Signatures: Mayor Michael Blough **City Manager David Pasquale** Mayor Pro Tem Charles Myers City Treasurer Suzanne Olin

> Police Chief James Valentine Assistant Finance Director/Investmen Officer Charlene McNab

b. Safety Deposit Box: Betty Morlock Susan Ullery Vickie Videan

c. Depository Banks: Comerica Bank-Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids) Huntington Banks National City Bank Old Kent Bank (Fifth Third Bank) Michigan National Bank **Bank One-Grand Rapids** Standard Federal Ionia County National Bank

(Lowell)

(Grand Rapids) (Lowell, Ada, Grand Rapids) (Ada, Grand Rapids) (Ada, Grand Rapids) (Grand Rapids) (Lowell)

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the designated depository banks and authorized signatures for bank accounts and access to the safety deposit box during the ensuing year as recommended. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Item #2. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE -COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2001. As recently carried out for the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent County Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids Community College had requested the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the GRCC's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the continuing resolution to collect the 2001 summer property taxes for Grand Rapids Community College.

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - 2001-2002 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - ES-TABLISH PUBLIC HEARING (1/16). Kent County had informed the City an estimated \$25,881.97 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds is available for various community projects beginning July 1, 2001. These are federal monies which are distributed from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Kent County. Because of the population levels, Kent County is considered an urban county and in turn receives funds on an annual basis, which is distributed to most of the cities and townships within Kent County.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the following

 Bowes Road Sidewalk southside from S. Hudson to Pleasant

(1180 lineal feet to complete all walks extending to Valley Vista)

CDBG- \$21,000 Also \$3,750 allocated From Sidewalks budget In General Fund (total: \$24,750)

 North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders CDBG - \$ 4,000

 Graham Building - assistance for barrier free accessibility \$15,000 \$40,000

Item #1. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES In consulting with Tom Tilma of the Kent County Commu-

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing on January 16, 2001 for projects involving the Bowes Road sidewalk, North Kent Transit and Graham Building assistance for barrier free accessibility totalling \$40,000.

Mayor Blough inquired how the projects are designated. City Manager Pasquale responded the limited amount of explained the needs of the Lowell Area Historical Asso- ary 1, 2001. Pasquale responded yes. ciation, has been brought to his attention. After discussions with Tom Tilma of the Kent County Community Development Department, he believed these areas would provide for good use of the monies.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned if \$15,000 would cover the entire Graham Building project. Pasquale explained the museum has been dividing work by projects. He understood this money would allow the Historical Association to finish the one project needed to undertake for the building.

Pasquale noted a report of the various improvements could be provided.

Councilmember Shores questioned if funds have been sought from Lowell Township. Pasquale responded yes and stated the township has also provided barrier free accessibility for the Hale House (Senior Neighbors building on South Hudson). YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Item #4. AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE - HOP-PER BODY FOR STREET SWEEPER. As allocated in 2000-2001 Operating Budget, the hopper body in the 1988 Elgin street sweeper is planned for replacement. As termed by City Mechanic Tom Hartman, the current hopper is "a mass of rust, sandblasting itself to death" as it picks up debris. During this time, the hopper has been extensively patched.

In order to extend the sweeper's life, a replacement for the hopper had been proposed. The cost of \$27,560.33 through Bell Equipment Company (only available vendor) for this is substantially less than the estimated \$160,000 to purchase a new sweeper.

Thus, Pasquale recommended City Council approval of a hopper body for the street sweeper at a cost of \$27,560.33 allocated through the Equipment Fund.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden explained the equipment would be purchased at a factory price. He stated the hopper was reviewed last year and there was discussion concerning the purchase of a new sweeper. After researching, Hartman discovered the hopper part could be purchased separately and installed by him DesJarden noted a hopper is usually replaced every 10 years due to the effect from sandblasting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to purchase, through Bell Equipment Company at a cost of \$27,560.33, a new hopper body for the street sweeper. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. WATER MAIN RIVER CROSSING - PROJECT UPDATE. On Wednesday, December 20, City Manager Pasquale had the opportunity to talk to Arnie Morren. President of Nagel Construction, Inc. regarding the water main river-crossing project. He explained the difficulties of the work, but noted the late start with the severe weather was a problem. In considering a month extension from December 30 to January 31, Pasquale emphasized the need for Nagel Construction to be responsible for all new engineering inspection expenses. As estimated from Steve Nichols of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, this cost would be between \$3,000 to \$6,000.

In noting all streets in the work area are accessible and all residences have water service, Pasquale recommend that Nagel Construction be granted a month extension to January 31, 2001, subject to being responsible for all engineering inspection costs incurred because of the extension.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to accept City staff's recommendation and extend the water main river crossing project to January 31, 2001 with Nagel Construction paying all additional engineering inspection costs.

Councilmember Brubaker guestioned if this was an incentive type contract. Pasquale responded no.

Councilmember Green confirmed Nagel Construction was aware the City had reserved the right to charge funds is reviewed and then projects are prioritized. He liquidated damage fines of \$1,000 a day, starting Febru-

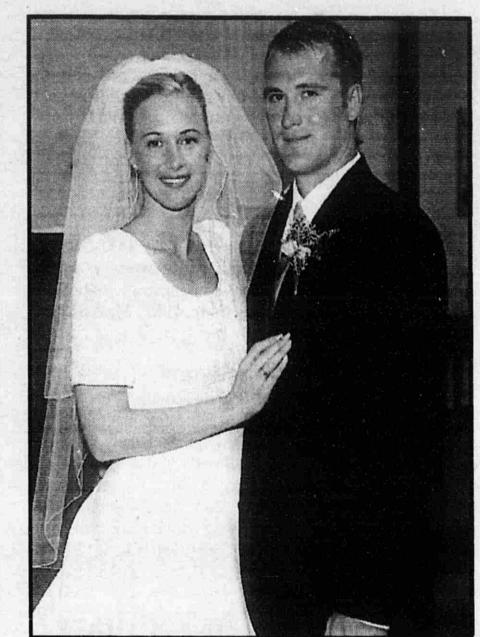
> Mayor Blough clarified the directional bore method would still be used. Pasquale responded yes. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6. PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOOL OFFICER **RESOURCE POSITION - REVIEW AND CONSIDER-**ATION OF SUPPORT. Police Chief Jim Valentine explained the position of a School Resource Officer. This is a joint project with the Lowell Area Schools. He was seeking support from both City Council and the School Board.

Councilmember Shores questioned if the department would hire an additional part time officer. Valentine responded yes. He explained there is a permanent part time shift which overlaps between the full day and night time shifts. Valentine noted the department is seeking a funding source which would enable them to hire an additional permanent part time position covering the days the regular officer would normally be working.



Rachel Evelyn and Todd Vincent Phillips

Phillips & Brecken exchange vows

and Todd Vincent Phillips were united in marriage at Saint Mary's Catholic sional. Church, Lowell, with Father George Fekete officiating the double ring ceremony on September 9, 2000.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Sharon (Geiger) Webb of Belding and the late Ralph Brecken of Belding.

The bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Suzanne Phillips of Lowell.

The church was decorated in candlelight and roses. Beautiful bouquets of roses decorated the altar, while candelabras were placed at the altar and down the aisle. Rebecca Reagan sang three solos and was accompanied by pianist, Cheryl Nawrocki. Rebecca Brecken was the

Rachel Evelyn Brecken Dr. Ted Pall performed "Trumpet in D" by Purcell during the bride's proces-

> The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather. Ernest Geiger and her twin brother, Ralph Brecken, Jr. in honor of her father. She wore a short sleeved empire waist ivory gown, scoop neckline front, beaded bodice and cathedral length train. The bride carried a bouquet of roses. wrapped in ivory silk ribbon. In keeping with the "something old, something new" tradition, she wore a blue Lindy ring given to her by her grandmother and held onto an ivory handkerchief, which was her great-grandmothers.

Sister of the bride

CITY COUNCIL PRO

Mayor Blough guestioned the jurisdiction of the department. Valentine stated the Lowell Area Schools wish to have the Lowell Police Department at the schools. This would gain the confidence and trust of these kids and ne was discussed with Kent County Sheriff Larry Stelma in mid December and noted he is in full support of the Lowell Police Department entering into this project.

Pasquale said this would not take the place of the security staff currently at the high school.

Brubaker questioned if the School Officer Resource IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and SHORES to support position would have an office at one of the schools. the School Officer Resource program within the Low Valentine responded the officer is trained to operate without an office. However, the security chief at the high YEA: 4. school has indicated a desk could be provided.

Valentine noted the officer could also be involved in government classes when discussions are being held concerning constitutional law.

The department would also want to establish training for the high school DARE program. If unable to do so, a different program would be reviewed consisting of anti drug and alcohol classroom training. This would be under the control of the School Officer.

Brubaker inquired if the department would seek funding for the second year if all goes well. Valentine responded this process has already begun. The application submitted to the Lowell Area Community Fund indicated a request of support for one year as a start up for the program. Valentine assumed the program would reapply to the organization when funds ran out. The department will also seek state and federal funds through community missed. Shores stated the skating rink at Richards Pa policing.

Shores felt this was a good program and believed it was the rink. important to have good public relations between the student body and local police.

Blough commented their responsibility to the community does not stop at the borderlines of the community, but rather extends outward. The school district, townships and the City have worked well together on many pro- agreed. grams.

Valentine stated the officer would be paid approximately \$22,000 to \$23,000. He noted the grant program would also include a proposal for the officer to have a 1. The next scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesda specialty-type vehicle (SUV, Mini Van). However, in the January 16, 2001. meantime, the officer has been working on other resources to obtain a vehicle. If this is not successful, an The worksession with the Light and Power and Cable existing vehicle could be used.

Blough questioned if the officer would be dressed in a uniform. Valentine responded yes, at first, but would then dress in business casual attire, while still carrying a badge and gun.

Valentine noted the officer would be present at all of the federally funded. buildings. However, a majority of his time would be spent between the middle school and high school.

Brubaker understood how a uniformed police offic could act as a deterrent. But, guestioned how an office be seen as an authority figure. Valentine responde through the same way the officers have been gaining trust through their regular patrols. He believed the official ers have a unique ability to patrol while at the same tim gaining public trust. These kids eventually realize th officers are not just out to arrest someone.

Public School District.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Item#7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments we received.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Gree guestioned the status of the leaky roof at the library. Ci Manager Pasquale responded architect Dan Durkee w investigate and present a final solution.

Councilmember Shores received a call Friday evening concerning recycling pickup on Lincoln Lake north Foreman. City Manager Pasquale noted all complain must be reported to City Hall. Shores also noted sh toured the facilities at the YMCA. She stated it looks ve attractive and the Y has done a great job. Shores al noted TV coverage of the City Council meetings is wonderful and the kids are using it daily. Sh complimented everyone involved in the maintenance

Mayor Blough also had a chance to see the new fitne and teen center and stated it is very impressive. A let of congratulations has been requested for the YMC Center and asked for Council's permission to draf letter and sign it on behalf of City Council. The Coun

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasqua reported on the following:

Boards and a representative from Virchow Krause Thursday, January 25, 2001, 7 p.m. in the Light a Power offices.

Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. (K&R) was awarded t South Hudson Street road reconstruction project a cost of \$790,600.70. Eighty percent of the project

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maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Valerie Dykstra. Teresa Stroosnyder. Callie Jagger-Dragon and Sarah Mulder. Each carried a mixed bouquet of roses.

Brittany Tokarchick. niece of the bride, was the junior bridal attendant. Flower girls were Bailey Allen and Remmington Phillips, nieces of the bridegroom. They carried baskets of rose petals

Jeff Phillips, the groom's brother, was best man. Groomsmen were Sean Dykstra, Paul Stroosnyder, Ken Nelson, John Borg and Matt Kemp.

Ringbearers were Tyler Tokarchick, nephew of the bride, and Mitchell Dykstra. the groom's nephew.

A reception was held at Boulder Creek Golf Club in Belmont.

Masters and mistresses of ceremony were James and Shirley Cowles. Susan Geiger-Hessler and Bill and Marion Mavo.

The couple honeymooned in Cozumel. Mexico. The bride is a 1993 graduate of Belding High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College. She is employed at the practice of James E. Reagan, DDS:

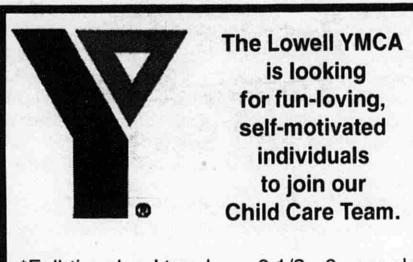
The groom graduated from Lowell High School in-1992 and attended Saginaw State University. He is employed by the city of Lowell. The couple resides in Lowell.

	TEEDINGS
cer cer not ed	Dependent on the weather, work will begin in March and be completed by June 30. Coordination with area busi- nesses will be emphasized.
ng ic- ne he	3. Police Chief Valentine stated Subway was robbed on December 26, 2000 around 6:30 p.m. The individual was arrested around 1:00 a.m. The suspect is currently being held in the Kent County jail on a \$500,000 bond after his arraignment. Valentine said the office did a tremendous job. State Police brought in a tracking dog and located the
ort /ell	area where the suspect had parked. The Kent County Sheriff Department's significant support unit was able to process the scene while the Lowell Police Department began to immediately work on suspects. Three of the officers who were either working or going off duty at the
	time had a good idea who this person was from the general description.
ere	 4. The new hours for the library are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
en ity vill	 Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
ng of	Pasquale noted the new hours were accomplished through a millage support which was given by the community and the library district.
nts he	Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. The following board and commission positions need appointment.
is ark	Airport BoardexpiresKevin Vezinoreappointment1/01/2004James Sernereappointment1/01/2004
he	Parks and Recreation Commission Perry Beachum reappointment 1/01/2004
ter CA	Downtown Development Authority Brian Doyle reappointment 1/01/2005 James Reagan reappointment 1/01/2005
t a ncil	Building Authority Suzanne Olin reappointment 1/01/2004
ale	Downtown Historic District Commission Phillip Johnson reappointment 1/01/2004
ay,	IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER that the above names be reappointed to the commissions they currently serve. YEA: 4.
TV is ind	NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.
the	IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.
t a is	DATE APPROVED: Monday, January 15, 2001
	Michael K. Blough, Mayor

Betty R. Morlock. Clerk



p.m.; also on Friday, Jan. 26 from noon to 3 p.m. Commodities include apricots - cans, black eyed peas, corn syrup, cranapple juice, milk- instant, rice and tomato soup.



*Full-time lead teacher - 2 1/2 - 3 year olds *Full-time lead teacher - 3 - 4 year olds

Lead Teacher positions require a minimum two-year degree in Child Development.

Part-time Teacher Aides and Substitute Teachers - Infant thru School-Age

**Flexible hours (Centers open Mon. thru Fri. 6 AM-6PM **Full-time Benefits

***Free YMCA Family Membership for full-time employees ***Free YMCA Individual Membership for part-time employees

> APPLY IN PERSON AT: Lowell Branch YMCA 323 W. Main Street Lowell, MI 49331

SIGN-UP FOR SENIOR CLASS OVERNIGHTER

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

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

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.

ATHLETIC POLICY REVIEW MEETING

An athletic policy review meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in room A202 to look at current policies and practices. Topics to be discussed include athletic code, title IX, fundraising, academic eligibility & character expectations. All persons with a concern or interest are welcome to attend.

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.

On display at the Lowell Area Arts Council (149 S. Hudson St.) 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.

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. thru Feb. 6 during business hours.

PARENT WORKSHOP

A parent workshop will be held on Monday, Feb. 5 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Lowell Board of Education meeting room at the administration offices, 300 High St. Randy Flood, a clinical psychologist from Grand Rapids, will be speaking on "Emotional Intelligence in Children: K-8th." To register, call 897-8415, ext. 214 or ext. 216. This workshop will help parents better understand that having a high emotional quotient is a better predictor of success than having a high intelligent quotient.

Great Lakes Paving hopes to start construction in February

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

John Allen received a shovel from his wife for their 24th wedding anniversary.

It wasn't just any shovel. Its handle and spade were spraypainted a Notre Dame gold. The gift is in anticipation of the groundbreaking of the new 5,046 square foot building which will house Allen's eight-year-old business, Great Lakes Paving.

The new business site will be located in the O.E. Bieri Industrial Park, located northwest of the Lowell bus garage in Vergennes Township on Godfrey Street.

Allen's site plan received approval from the Vergennes Township Planning Commission. Because Great Lakes Paving was not listed as an acceptable use for the Bieri Industrial park site, a public hearing needs to be held.

"Great Lakes Paving does not produce asphalt. The company just lays asphalt. Two-thirds of our business is 11 sites.

commercial contracts with the rest being driveways and parking lots," Allen said.

The Bieri site was developed for light industrial uses such as fabricating, warehousing, storage, offices, electrical an i tooling.

The new Great Lakes Paving site will be four-five times bigger than the existing one. "We keep growing and running out of space," said Allen in explaining the need to relocate. Great Lakes Paving is currently located in Ada.

Allen said construction would start in February with the move-in target date set for May.

The O.E. Bieri Industrial Park currently has 14, two-acre sites developed. Great Lakes Paving is the first company to purchase a site in the industrial park.

The park's proposed second phase will add an additional

Oil Painting.	Watercolor,	Pottery	Sculpture,	Pastel Painting,	Actir



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DECEMBER SMILE OF THE MONTH: AGE:.....9 years old HOBBIES Ice skating, playing video games He receives a prize for his great checkup.

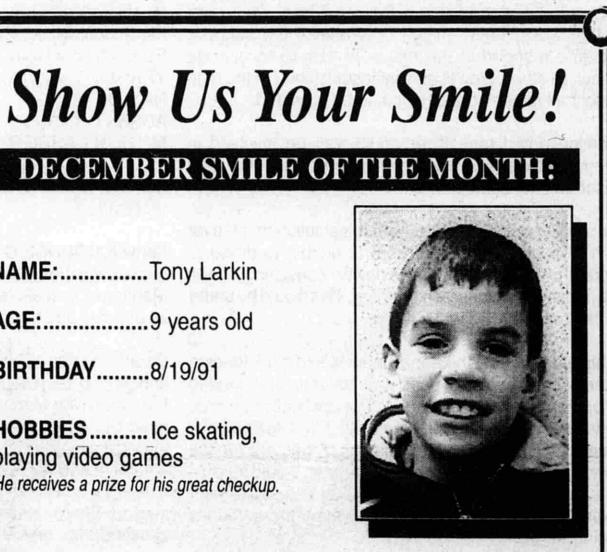
December "No Cavities" Club Members

Linzy Zylstra Delainey Ferguson Chad Coulson Joseph Sadlak Lauren Ferguson Kait Cummings

Melissa Bourcier Molly Lundquist

FAMILY DENTISTRY Ann Wilson, D.D.S. New Patients Welcome! 505 W. Main St. • Suite E, Lowell, MI 49331 897-4835

LOWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' EXHIBITION





Nicole Cummings **Tony Larkin** Jerry Wenger Vinny Larkin Kayla Irwin



DEPRESSION, THE HIDDEN DISORDER

By Rev. Bob Baird, M.S.W.

When you have depression, you may not know what' wrong, but you know that you just don't feel like your usual self. Things you used to enjoy just don't give you very much enjoyment anymore. Depression is not something thats "all in your head" - it's a very real medical disorder that affects about 15 million people in the United States each year. It is one of the more treatable disorders, but it is commonly misunderstood and not recognized.

Super Science Saturday continues at KDL

Kent District Library offers kids a super way to spend a Saturday - exploring the fascinating world of science with Super Science Saturdays. This fun-filled hour of science, for ages six and up, features hands-on experiments, informative presentations and take-home projects.

Super Science Saturdays go hand in hand with the Science Safari Centers at Kent District Library branches. These handson learning centers, each with a different scientific theme. rotate among the KDL branches on a two-month basis. The Science Safari Centers were funded by a donation from the Carol Ann Fleet estate and a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Super Science Saturdays are scheduled for the Alto branch on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. and for the Englehardt branch on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions about Super Science Saturdays please call Kent District Library at 336-3250.

Lowell's Adams to study in Mexico

Rebecca Adams, a junior, is one of 10 Kalamazoo College students departing for study abroad in January. Adams will study in Oaxaca, Mexico, until late March. Adams is a graduate of Lowell High School.

This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the study abroad program. Since the first organized groups of students left for study abroad in France, Germany and Spain in the summer of 1958, Kalamazoo College has sought to provide its students with opportunities to understand how people in other cultures live and to attend excellent academic institutions in other countries.

More than 80 percent of Kalamazoo graduates have participated in the college's study abroad program. This degree of participation, as well as the variety of programs and length of experience make Kalamazoo College's study abroad program unique in American higher education.

Some myths about depression are: an individual should try to "handle it on their own, or being depressed is a sign of personal failure." Because of these misconceptions, many people don't even report it to their doctor because they feel it is not really important. On the contrary, it is very important to remember that it isn't a sign of personal failure and you don't have to "handle it on your own," because there are effective medical treatments and counseling available. After your physician and your counselor work together to help you through your depression, you will understand yourself better, and thereby gain a more realistic outlook on life.

You have depression when you have five or more of these symptoms longer than two weeks:

- · I feel sad and/or irritable.
- I don't enjoy things that once gave me pleasure (e.g., job, hobbies, sports, friends, sex)
- My appetite and /or weight has changed. • My sleep patterns have changed, and I now sleep too much
- or not enough.
- I am tired all the time and have no energy.
- · I feel guilty, hopeless, or worthless.
- I can't concentrate, remember things, or make decisions. • My friends have noticed that I am restless or that my activity has decreased.
- · I often think about death, or have even tried to commit
- One factor found in research on depression is that depres-

NOTICE **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP'S NEW OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2001**

OFFICE HOURS

Effective as of the week of January 22, 2001, Grattan Township office hours will be changed. Our new office hours will be as follows:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

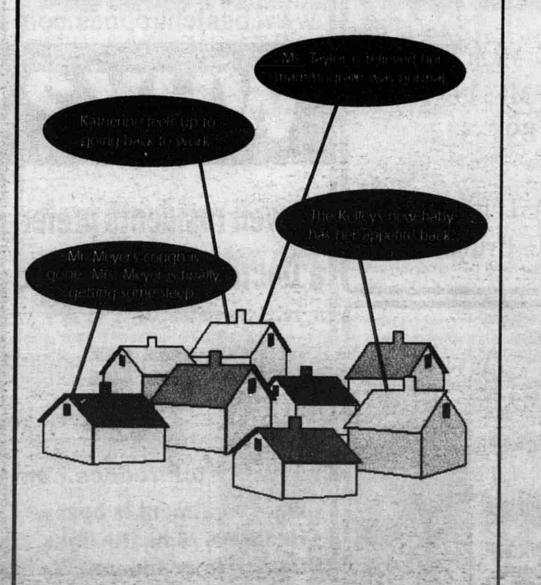
Wednesday office hours will be 12:00 p.m. :00 p.m.

2001 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Grattan Township offices will be closed on the following holidays:

President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Da
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
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IT'S NICE TO SEE THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS GETTING BETTER.



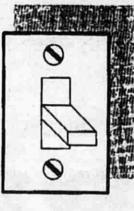
The new Metro Health Lowell Plaza offers a variety of the most commonly used Metropolitan Hospital Outpatient Services. And best of all, they are conveniently located right in your neighborhood

Come to our Open House to meet the family practice physicians of the Lowell Family Medical Center (private independent practioners), tour our facilities and take advantage of free health screenings.

Metro Health Lowell Plaza Open House:

- DATE: Thursday January 25, 2001
- TIME: 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- . LOCATION: 2550 W. Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 252-5600
- Free Health Screenings = Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and Diabetes
- · Family Entertainment, Refreshments, Tours and More

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New Year's resolutions are a tradition. This year, resolve to become energy

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sion is a chemical imbalance. An antidepressant is sometimes

prescribed to increase the brain's own supply of a chemical

messenger (neurotransmitter). Each individual has a unique

cluster of symptoms. Some people suffer from depression

only once in their lifetime, but others may experience it again

and again. Also, the length of the depression varies from

individual to individual (some have it for months: some for

years). Without treatment, however, there's a chance you

first step is talking to your doctor. Your doctor will recom-

mend a counselor and possibly prescribe an antidepressant

when appropriate. Most importantly, you don't need to feel

depressed because it can be successfully treated. You need to

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and Save

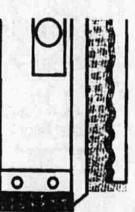
If you think you might be suffering from depression. your

could suffer repeated episodes.

take the first step.

You can save money on your electric bill each month by taking just a few simple

 Turn off lights and appliances when not in use. • Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs. Check your home's level of insulation. (Call us to learn how much insulation your home should have.)



• Use caulk and weather-stripping to stop drafts around windows and doors. • Direct warm air where



you want it by closing heating vents in unoccupied We're your hometown

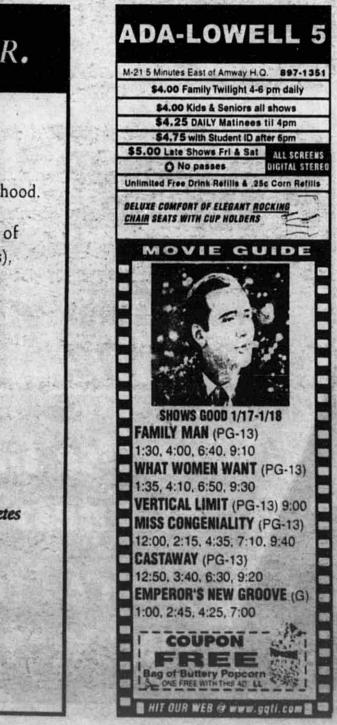
ility, resolved to help you se energy wisely.



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Front row, left to right: Ashley Rickert, Gina Blough, Jaclyn Batt and Courtnay Perkins; second row, left to right: Katie Moore, Matthew Oesch, Emily Myers, Heather Canfield, Jana Young, and Jessica Doyle; third row, left to right: Zach Bruursma, David Walker, Leslie Crowley, Andy Hansen, Zach Harris, and DJ Armstrong. Missing from photo: Heidi Hefner, Joe Nugent, and Nate Boyce.

Lowell students claim four firsts in business competition

ondary students from the Grand Rapids area participated in Business Professionals of America's Regional Leadership Conference and **Business Competitions.**

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of America acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education, business and industry, and is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizen, academic, ing; and technological skills. Deanne Crowley and Christine Beachler, the local Business Professionals of America chapter advisors, ac-

enport University generously hosted the competitions.

In only their second year as a BPA chapter, the Lowell students did very well in the competitions; the following Business Professionals students placed in their events:

Emily Myers: 1st place in Business Spelling; 2nd in International Business; 6th in **Business Law**

D.J. Armstrong: 1st in Financial Math and Analysis; 4th in Fundamental Account-

Leslie Crowley: 1st in Spreadsheet Applications Heidi Hefner: 1st in Inter-

national Business Jessica Doyle: 2nd in



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Approximately 800 sec- companied the students. Dav- Computer-Aided Graphics Katie Moore: 2nd in Computerized Accounting Heather Canfield: 2nd in Parliamentary Procedure

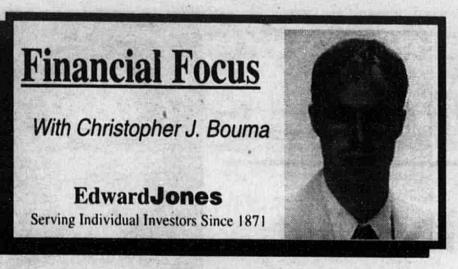
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liamentary Procedure Team Matt Oesch: 2nd in Parliamentary Procedure Team; 4th in Computerized Accounting

Jana Young: 2nd in Parliamentary Procedure Team In Parliamentary Procedure Individual

Andy Hansen: 3rd in International Business; 6th in Network Concepts

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TIME TO CONSIDER "CATCH-UP" INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?

The earlier you start investing, the better. Putting time on your side clearly gives your money a better chance to grow. So, what do you do if you're in your 30s and you haven't done much saving or investing? Are you already doomed to struggle during your retirement years?

Fortunately, the answer is no. Even if you've done very little saving or investing, it's not too late to turn things around. In fact, even if you're in your 50s, you can take steps to dramatically improve your retirement outlook.

tax-free.

There are other things you can do to play "catch-up." If return.

course of events. Just like your younger counterparts, you can load up your 401(k) contributions. And if you work for a nonprofit or government agency, your 403(b) or 457 plan allows you to contribute more than the annual maximum for a few years before retirement if you didn't max out in prior

As a late starter in the serious savings -and-investment years. arena, you also may have to forget any thoughts of taking an Still, you can't just count on your retirement plan at work. early retirement. By working more years, you can earn more You're also going to have to evaluate your investment portfoincome and put more away in your company's retirement plan. lio. If it's heavily weighted toward fixed-income vehicles. And when you finally do retire, you'll be able to enjoy the such as CDs, you won't achieve the growth you need. To get fruits of your labors. that growth, you'll need to be much more aggressive. At the

Church and Township begin fundraiser drive for Whaley

Vergennes Township agreed to post signs in support of green Missionary Church, Deacon's Fund, Huntington Bank. For further information, call Judy Rosenburger or Heidi Whaley sold her property on M-21 to Meijer. She con- Barber at Huntington Bank (616) 897-3220. Or call Rev.

collecting funds for Sharon Whaley in order that she be able to 414 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 build a house on Alden Nash. tracted with a Rockford builder. According to township offi- Marks at 897-9110. cials, the builder went out of business. Whaley is now without money and a home.

According to Evergreen Missionary Church pastor, Rev. Glen Marks, an attorney has donated time to file legal papers;



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The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, January 17, 2001 -Page 11 same time, you don't need to take undue risks, because you can find plenty of high quality growth stocks and mutual funds. And since you're only in your 50s, you still have time to put them to work.

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The Lowell Ledger asked kids and adults what they thought of the YMCA's teen center and fitness center. Here are the reviews:





I love the fitness center. I really like the ecliptic. There tastic! There is more space is no stress on your knees. It's than the previous fitness cenencouraged me to take up jog- ters in Lowell. and the equipging. This is just a wonderful facility. Both my wife and I thing is I can bring my kids to have joined. It's beyond what my expectations were.

Sonja Dedonado

The fitness center is great! This is good for the community. I really like the ecliptic machines. This fitness center is more than I expected.



Krashawn McElveen

It's (teen center) fun. 1 how to play pool.

convenient - five minutes from home.

Brenda Nobis It's nice and new. I haven't gone to a gym since my college days. It's also



It's nice. It's a cool place come every day. I'm learning to hang out. It keeps kids out of trouble. Video games and the pool table are my favor-

Mark Cybowski

I think it's great. Lots of room and equipment. I think it has a better layout than the SE YMCA. It's also closer to home.

KEENE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. **KEENE TOWNSHIP HALL** 8505 POTTERS RD. • SARANAC, MI 48881

Bill Overbeck

The fitness center is fan-

ment is new. Another nice

the teen center while I work

out. When's the pool coming?

Keene Township Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and accepting comments from the public for the following summary of zoning ordinance amendments.

Article 20, sections 20.06 and 20.07, Administration and Enforcement, are proposed to allow for greater flexibility in dealing with violations and technical corrections to match the Township Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance.

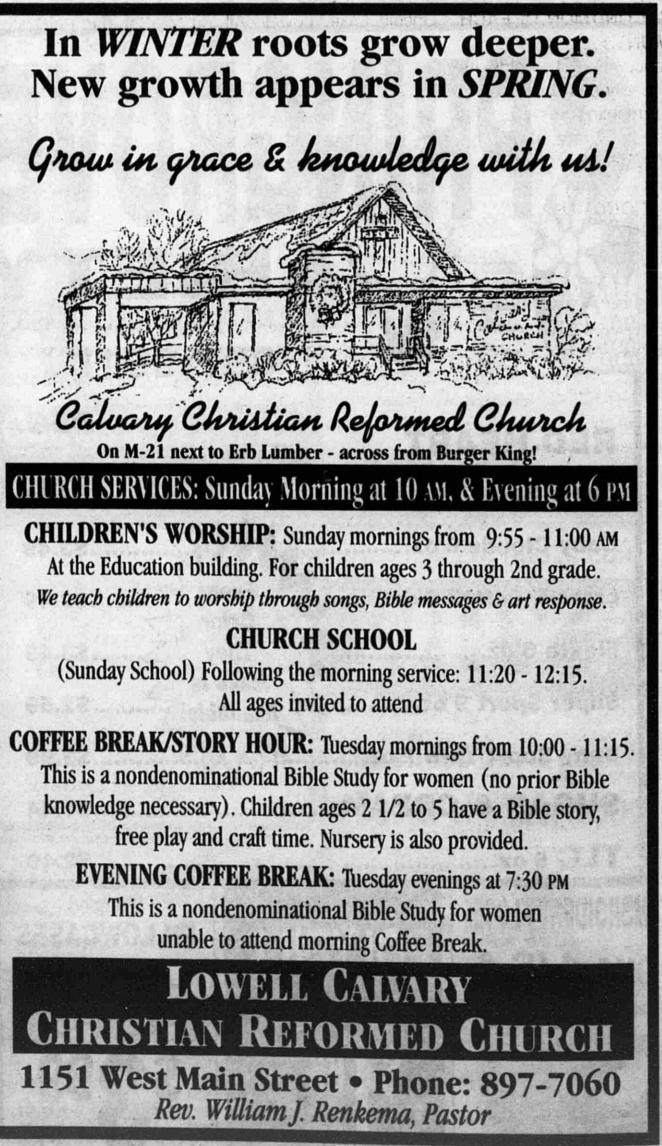
Article 2, section 2.02 Definitions, Article 9, sections 9.02 Low Density Residential District and Article 12, section 12.09 and 12.11 Special Uses. The proposed amendments are to add definitions for Manufactured Home Developments and to change these developments from special uses to permitted uses in the LDR District. The amendments are in response to recent court decisions for these developments.

Article 2, section 2.02 Definitions, Article 15 Supplemental Regulations section 15.35. The proposed definitions are to add small domestic animal and domestic livestock animal. The proposed amendments to section 15.35 are to allow farm type of animals to the residential district of LDR, RD, RR and NR with a formula ratio of animals per acre. These types of animals are currently not permitted unless existing farms when zoning was adopted in 1989.

Article 9, section 9.02 Permitted Uses and 9.06 A, Lot Area. The proposed change is to remove the allowance for 20,000 square foot lots when public or community water and sewer are available.

Copies of the ordinance amendments are available for viewing at the Township Hall or by calling the Zoning Administrator. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the ordinance amendments. Written comments will be considered if mailed and received at the Keene Township Hall before February 6, 2001.

Planning Commission of Keene Township





Brenda Nobis

It's nice and new. I haven't gone to a gym since my college days. It's also convenient - five minutes from home.



Chelsea Smit

Yeah, it's better than home. Better environment. like the torso rotation and the air bikes.

COMING EVENTS

to any nonprofit organization camping and learn skills in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and that can last a lifetime. For Saranac areas. We prefer infor call Terry Cavanaugh, such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by TUES .: Take Off Pounds phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat bile Home Park Community River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at p.m. 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check TUES .: Flat River are welcome.

MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the 9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance dents. Interested persons Wing "C."

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 .: school cafeteria or call Lowell Masonic Lodge EVERYTHURS .: Take Off 676-1355 for details.

MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets from Burger King. For in- are invited to join at any at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- lescents at the school. meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden HD Issues Group meeting Mondays from 5:30 - 8 Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For FIRSTTHURS .: 4-H drama Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

FOURTH MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E.

roop 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. grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. EVERY

868-6481.

meets at Key Heights Mo-Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45

meeting dates and times Woodcarvers meet at call 897-5015 for a re- LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 corded message. Guests p.m. New members welcome.

SECOND SUN. EACH 1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College,7-For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

the quality of life for all resi- 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- the Franciscan Child Deent Group meetings from meet in the Activity Room, 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in 897-7842. Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are EVERY WED .: Overeaters are welcome to attend. Our EVERY MON .: Lowell on odd months & program Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at meetings on even months. Forest Hills Presbyterian Open to any interested Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. parents.

Masons are welcome.

monthly board meeting in 'EVERY TUES .: Women's story hour/crafts time from 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women SECONDMON. OF EACH only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary 897-7555.

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

with AD/HD Issues Group room. For information call meeting at Calvin College 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Rm. 206 of the Commons 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. tian Reformed Church. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the ent seasonal activities Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at velopment Center.

(at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, at the Masonic Center, 119 No. 333, Saranac, meets SECOND MON. OF EACH Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

> Community Bible study. THURS .: Weight Watch-Freenurservandpreschool ers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before Chr.Ref.Church across meetings. New members formation call 897-7060 or time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY1ST&3RDTUES .: EVERY THURS. - St. meets at 7 a.m. in high Lowell Lions Club meets at Mary's Pregnancy Crisis SECOND MON. OF EACH 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Center, 402 Amity St., nonrial Fire Station, S. Hudson. denominational help for pregnant women and adoents of children with AD/ From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on

> info., call Linda at 874-5662. 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

> THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Cen-EVERY OTHER WED .: ter Fellowship Hall, corner 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. of 84th & M-50 (Alden

EVERY 2ND THURS .: EVERY MON .: Boy Scout EVERY WED .: Pioneer N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m.

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

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.; 17 in Lowell & the Nationals 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-7p.m.; Sat., at Fort Hood, Texas on gational Church basement. Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. March 29.

> ents is a support group at Sensibly Tops MI#372 EVERY SECOND WED .: Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of Club meets at 12 p.m. in topics and discussion geared to parents of chil- for Humanity. dren all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

SAT., JAN. 20: 3 dimensional paper-making EVERY THIRD THURS .: workshop w/Alice Breese Royal Arch Masons reguat Franciscan Life Prolar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at cess Center; 9:30 - 4 p.m. Intergenerational program the Lowell Masonic Cen- \$50 per person. Call John with school-age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, Knight at 897-7842 to regfrom Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. ister or for information.

> EVERY THIRD THURS .: MON., JAN. 22: There will LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for preg- tournament March 10 and tact 897-7842 to register. nant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURS. OF **EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) school teachers' dining room for light breakfast. For information, call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

EVERY SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeate which operates on a 24 hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

THURS., FRI., SAT. SUN .: Averill Historica Museum of Ada, 7144

ENGLEHARDT LIBRAR HOURS: Mon. - Wed Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Business meeting held third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

SECOND LOWELL AREA ARTS

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Complex.

Methodist Church: trailer Main. Please phone books only; for Habitat

NOW THRU FEB. 15: THURS., JAN. 25: Com-EVERY THIRD THURS .: Used phone book drop- modities will be distributed Parents Supporting Par- off center at 1st United from 8 a.m - 3 p.m. at Recreation Bldg. Commodities in parking lot at 621 E. include apricots - cans, black eved peas, corn syrup. cranapple juice, milk-instant. rice, tomato soup, Distributed again on Fri., Jan. 26 from noon - 3 p.m.

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

be a powerlifting meeting SAT., FEB. 3 - Franciscan at 6:30 in the high school Life Process Center's Wincafeteria for parents/vol- ter Day Camp (10 a.m. - 2 unteers for the State p.m.) for ages 7-12. Con-

BANK TELLERS

Ionia County National Bank is seeking two fulltime Bank Tellers for our office in Lowell. This is an excellent career opportunity for individuals who are seeking a pleasant work environment with opportunity for advancement. The ideal candidate will possess excellent customer service skills: the ability to process paying and receiving transactions accurately; have an excellent attendance record: and have an ability and eagerness to learn.

ICNB offers an excellent fringe benefit package for full-time positions. It is complete with health, dental, and vision insurance, 401 (k) and other paid benefits. All qualified candidates should stop by any of our locations to complete an application or submit their resume to:

Attn: Human Resources Director **Ionia County National Bank** 302 W. Main St. Ionia, MI 48846

Fax: 616-527-8734

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WEEKLYA	ACTIVITIES
	EIGHBORS CALENDAR -5949
MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	THURS.: 9a.m. Walk/shop at the malls: 9:30 a.m Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 a.m. Armchair Exercise.	FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk a Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.	
SPECIAL	EVENTS
WED., JAN. 17: 10 a.m. Advisory Council.	p.m. Tour of Lowell Middle School.

FRI., JAN. 26: 12:40 p.m. THURS., JAN. 18: 12:00 p.m. Dance, West Side Grocery Bingo.

WED., JAN. 31: 8 a.m. TUES., JAN. 23: 1:30 Women's breakfast.

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Abstract may bring abandoned railway discussions to a halt

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Negotiations between Lowell Charter Township and RailAmerica over a segment of abandoned railroad right-ofway may be headed for a derailment.

it averts to an adjoining property owner, according to the abstract.

Township supervisor John Timpson who has applied for a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt) said that would be a moot point if RailAmerica does not have a title or proof which shows ownership.

RailAmerica if it is not theirs," Timpson said.

The township had offered \$30,000 (\$500 an acre) for the right-of-way located between Mile Post 105.5 (near Lowell)



"The Capital Campaign continues to move along very well," says board member, Judy Straub. "We are so pleased with the enthusiastic support we have received from the community. To date, we have received pledges and contributions of \$160,275. The entire museum project is moving along on schedule. The exhibit designs are in the final stages and exhibit construction will soon begin. One of the really exciting exhibits that will be featured in the Industry and Retailing room is a computerized virtual tour of Main Street at the turn of the 20th century. Dan Pipe, Jr. is developing this wonderful exhibit for the museum.

an abundance of photographs, letters, and other documents that can give a historian a rare glimpse into Lowell's past. To

and Mile Post 110.5 (at Elmdale).

The township, in coordination with the North Country Trail Association, has proposed turning the property into a linear park with one side used for hiking and the other side of

the property used for biking. "Right now we're waiting for a proof of property title from RailAmerica," Timpson concluded.

A township resident whose property is adjacent to the land in question claims that if the land is abandoned by RailAmerica, it averts to an adjoining property owner, according to the

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

The Flat River Outreach Ministries, through its Emergency Financial Services, will collect money Super Bowl "The township cannot purchase land property from 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 busi- 2000.

make these materials accessible and meaningful to the public, the museum is working to create an interactive presentation, complete with a three-dimensional computer model of Lowell at the turn of the century (the twentieth century, that is!). The tour of "virtual turn of the century Lowell" will use photographs of the town, its citizens, narration and even music to bring the past to life.

Ongoing research has focused on the period between 1890 and 1915. Photographs of Main Street in this period reveal a number of buildings, now gone, and the original appearance of many that have been damaged, remodeled or community rebuilt. Using these photos, along with insurance survey maps, a reconstruction of Main Street circa 1900 is well underway. Newspaper articles and advertisements allow us to "shop" in Lowell's past. The personal letters or recollections of citizens give a glimpse into daily life and attitudes of the late Progressive Era. One of our prize finds is the memoirs of Thelma Peckham Hahn. A photograph of her sophomore class at Lowell High School in 1916, together with her descriptions of growing up at the turn of the century, make the past vivid and alive.

will be used to create an interactive multimedia tour. Computer animation will reveal Lowell as it appeared 100 years The Lowell Area Historical Museum is fortunate to have ago. Whenever possible, photographs of the original structures, their builders, owners and shopkeepers will also be

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

used. These will be combined with period music and narration, including voices from the past, to give the presentation as much depth and realism as possible.

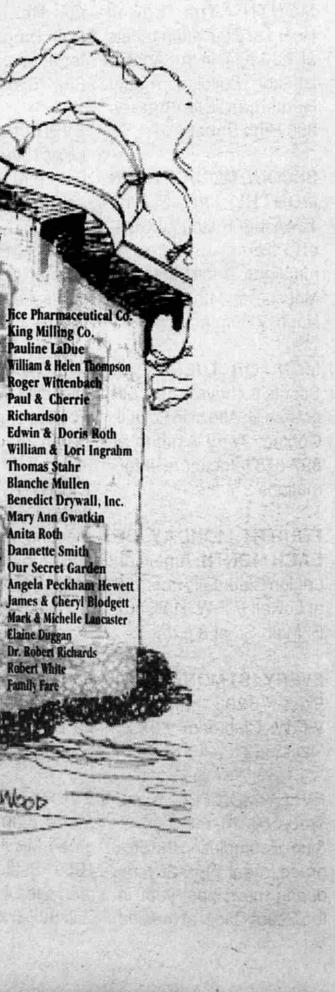
When the museum opens next fall, visitors will be able to take a tour of the "Island City" in the ragtime era at a touch screen monitor through this interactive presentation. Portions of the presentation may also appear on the museum's website. Much of the research into the appearance of Main Street in this period will also be used to benefit the Lowell Historic District and their efforts to preserve the architectural heritage of our

While research continues, you may be able to help further this project in any number of ways. Your personal collections may contain old letters, documents, photographs, or other materials from the period of 1890 to 1915 that the museum does not currently have access to. Photographs of prominent citizens or anyone whose portrait can be paired with their own words in letters are of particular interest. We are also looking for information about the activities of Lowell's many fraternal organizations, such as the Masons or the Women's Christian Temperance Union. We could also use help with the research All of this material, together with the computer model, through issues of the Lowell Ledger on microfilm at the Englehardt Library. If you have any materials you think might be of help or would like to volunteer, contact Dan Pipe at 897-6423 or e-mail him at ruperts_drop@grnet.com.

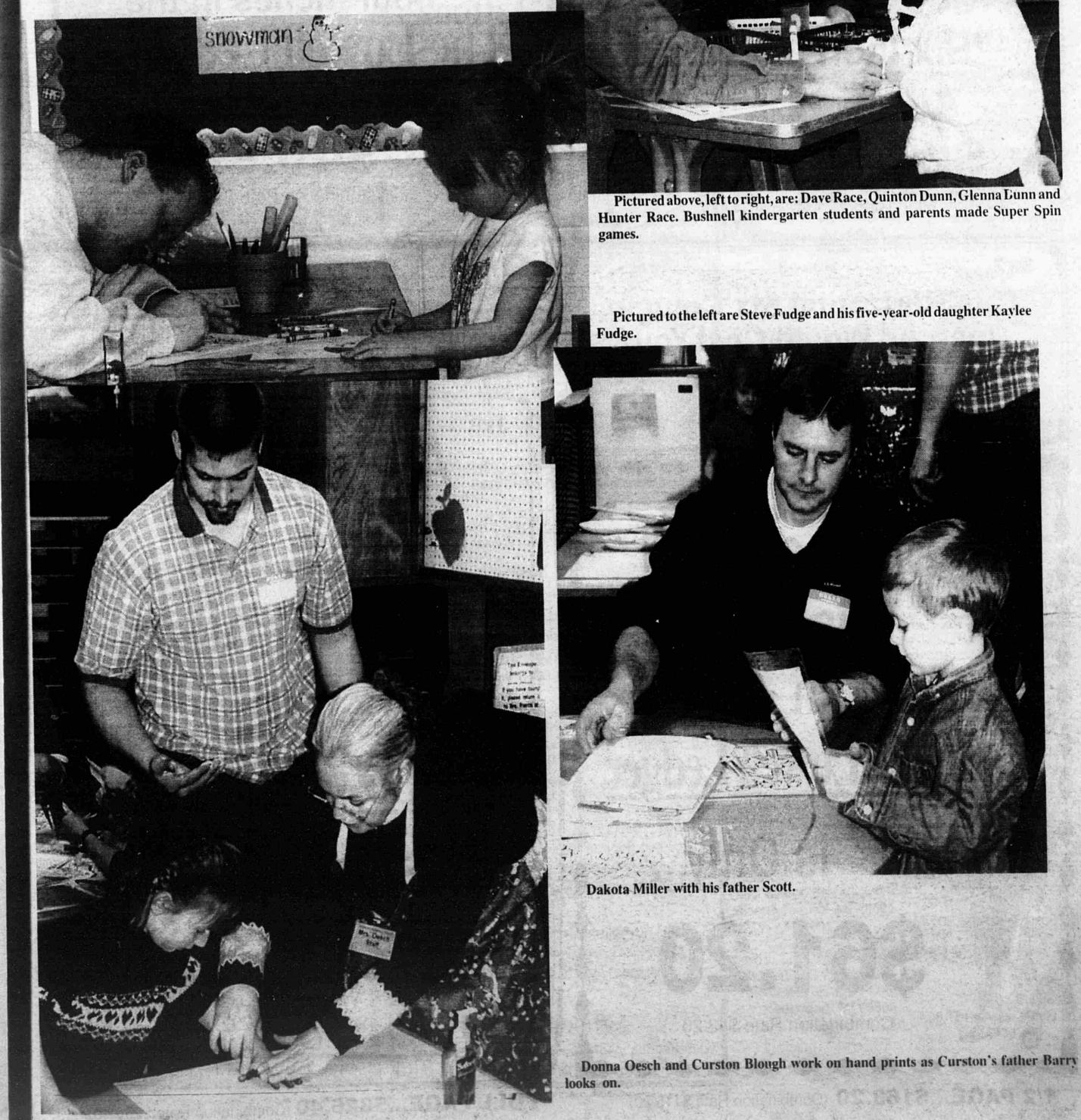
"Preserving Our River of History" Capital Campaign To Establish The Lowell Area Historical Museum **CONTRIBUTORS TO DATE** Alan Halbeisen & Linda LeSage llan & Maureen Dorough alter Kron nne Armstrong Clara Blazo everly Cooper lobert & Elizabeth Willis & Arlene Hatch hilip & Marian Schu liam & Dorothy Roth ouis & Melinda D'Agostino Ghris & Jill VanAntwern Penny & Jerry Rosema Keith & Carol Avery lark & Faith Bogdanik Chuck & Linda Barnes **Rick & Robin Seese** Margaret Hoats rchitectural Bldg. & Jan Hanson & Fan Robert & Gay Pfaller nabelle Wittenbach Robert & Wendy DeNolf Burkee Peter McPherson Order of The Eastern ve & Debbie Galbreath William & Carol Wieland Milton & Beverly Homolka Don, Jodi & Gail Hutchinson Ronald & Jeanne Stevens William & Nancy Teunessen Donald & June Dilly Greg Topp James & Kathleen Maatman **Doris Rhines** Cathy Ormiston heodore & Ellen Lietzke **Dorothy & Patty Story** Dr. James & Becky Reagan Virginia Fonger **Esther D'Archangel** Ayron & Beulah Henry **Gary & Roxanne Goff** Chris & Hazel Chrisman m & Berdie Cook aurie Kuna **Gerst Funeral Homes** e & Karen No Barbara Brown Chris & Paula Brigg Warren & Elizabet **Carlen & Bev Anderson** mes & Kelly I oward & Roberta Miller lim & Bonnie Grooters conard & Kathryn Deal Root-Lowell Manufacturing s & Barbara Barber Dr. Richard Ryde ames & Evelyn Marro lichael & Toni Blough ev & Carole Lend **Charles & Susan Belinke** ames & Marion Wheat Ray & Barbara Zandst David Coons Bruce & Stacy Langlois ois Boonstra RINCOD

nesses will participate in the eighth annual "Souper Bowl of









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Make It - Take It Day at **Bushnell** Elementary





Lowell's YMCA membership campaign and area residents shaping up

•••• With a goal of 145 memberships by the end of January, The Lowell YMCA has signed up 107 memberships as of Monday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Through its Leaders Club and basketball program, Kevin Brown has served in a volunteer capacity with the YMCA since the age of 14.

He kept with the YMCA because it was fun. Brown, now a YMCA instructor for the Lowell Wellness Center, 1335 W. Main St., encourages those he instructs to make working out

"I tell everyone to come in with the idea of having fun as opposed to wanting to lose 10 pounds," Brown explains.

Just as the Y's Leaders Club and basketball program worked for him, Brown's personal touch and attention seems to be working for those he's helping.

"We've received a lot of good feedback about the personal attention he and other fitness center employees are providing patrons," said YMCA's community development director, Andy Retberg.

Brown, Retberg and others are helping a broad range of area residents set up a fitness routine. "It is really neat to see so many different community members coming in to use the facility," Retburg said.

The Y has hired 21 staff to help operate and run the wellness center and teen center. Three are former Leaders Club kids.

"That's what's really nice. We're now able to hire and provide job skills for the kids who have been involved with our programs," Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh

The Lowell YMCA set a goal of signing up 145 memberships by the end of January. As of Monday, the YMCA had

Welsh noted there are roughly 120 people who are taking dvantage of the Y's three-use guest passes.

The wellness center features cybex strenght, training equipment, treadmills, elliptical trainers, recumbent bikes, total body trainers, upright bikes, cardio theater, airdynes, supervised kids gym/drop-in nursery and locker rooms.

Lowell's Kathleen Duma, who came in on her lunch hour Monday, is one of the 120. "I'm using my guest pass, but I plan on purchasing a membership." Duma said. "This facility is great. It's got me back into exercising. Before, I was using the Forest Hills facility, but this is more convenient for me."

Most who are using a guest pass or have purchased a membership agree the wellness center is grander than they imagined.

"This was much needed - for a long time. It's nicer than I envisioned," said Lowell's Jeanne Palcowski

Teens purchase a membership for \$25 and then pay a monthly fee of \$15. It provides them access to the wellness center and the teen center. "That comes out to \$165 a year or 50 cents a day," Welsh explains. "Assistance (up to 75 percent of the cost) may also be attained through YMCA scholar-

A family membership cost \$50 a month with a one time oingin fee of \$100.

The Lowell YMCA signed a contract on Oct. 27 to have Parks Construction begin work on the teen and fitness centers. Both were opened to the public on Jan. 1. "The time frame is the most amazing part of all of this. Parks Construction really did us well," said Welsh.

He adds that it is not the building that will make the venture successful. "It's the relationships that the YMCA forges every single day and the direct impact it has on people's lives. The buildings are just tools that allow us to have more of an mpact," the YMCA director concluded.



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Youth Give Back

Nazarene Church pastor, Dave Stevens and its youth church group presented Andy Retburg, YMCA community development director, with a check for \$159.15. The money was raised selling food and drinks at summer softball games. The money will be used by the Y for operation/maintenance at the Teen Center.

SYNOPSIS GRATTAN **TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2001**

MOTIONS APPROVED:

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion to approve the consent agenda Motion to close the public hearing on the community development block grants Motion to use \$10,300 for revision of zoning ordinance for community development block grants.

Motion to look into identifying a target area specifically Woodland Park area

Motion to have joint educational class fo zoning and planning with Paul LeBlanc an invite another township to join us.

Motion to accept calendar including closings on listed holidays and hours Monday, Tuesday Thursday 9:00 to 4:00 and Wednesday 12:00 0 6:00

Motion to designate Huntington National Bank as the township banking facility and that the appropriate Kent County agencies also be designated as township depositories for the fiscal year 2001

Motion to collect the imposed summer property tax levy for the school districts of Lowell, Rockford, Kent Intermediate and Ionia Intermediate within its boundaries for the fiscal vear 2001

Motion to approve a resolution to ratify a resolution that was passed December 21, 2000 regarding signing of final resolution Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Smith, recording secretary

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

> NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 01-170,796-DE

Estate of **ELEANOR CATALANO** SSN: 366-16-6618

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS:

The decedent ELEANOR CATALANO, who lived at 3974 Whispering Way, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 01/01/01.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **PHILLIP CATALANO and** ALPHONSO CATALANO, named personal representative, or to both the probate cour at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W. **Grand Rapids**, Michigan and the named/propersonal posed representative within months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 8, 2001

JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244)

410 Bridge Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 774-4001

PHILLIP CATALANO & ALPHONSO CATALANO 2090 Woodshire Place Kentwood, MI 49508 (616) 455-3731

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 00-170,224-

Estate of **Robert T. Posthumus** Date of Birth: January 22, 1917

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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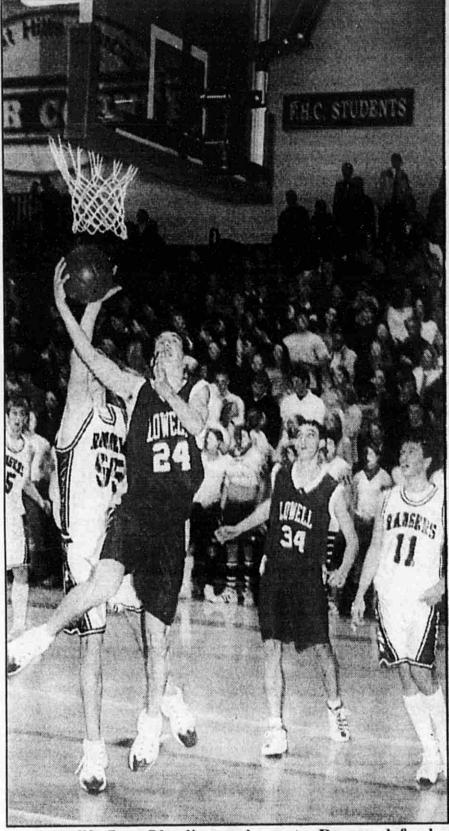
The decedent, ROBERT T. POSTHUMUS, who lived at 4923 Madison S.E., Kentwood, Michigan died September 9, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented RUSSELL POSTHUMUS, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 4, 2001

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK (P-29358) 429 Turner N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 456-5048

RUSSELL POSTHUMUS 208 Three Mile Rd. N.E. Grand Rapids, M (616) 364-9067 The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, January 17, 2001 -Page 18



Lowell's Sam Oberlin sneaks past a Ranger defender for a reverse layup

Lowell High School

BOWLING SCORES

•• LOWELL 25 • WAYLAND 5 ••

186

PLAYER (BOYS)

Jason Roth

GAME #1 GAME #2 GAME #3 TOTAL

140

212

538

Late first-half surge helps Rangers blast past Red Arrows

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Pete Bush looked up at the clock and saw there was a little over two minutes to play the half, and his club was leading the home-standing two at 14-12. Rangers 21-19.

"I thought about pulling t out and holding for a final shot," the Lowell basketball coach recalled. "However, we were playing pretty well so I decided to play it out.'

Wrong decision. Forest Hills Central outscored the Red Arrows 8-0 and took a 2. 27-21 halftime lead ... on its way to a 59-48 win.

"I thought Carhart's Kyle) three to end the half broke their back," said Central coach, Ken George.

The Rangers built on that momentum early in the second half, forcing some Lowell turnovers and building a 36-23 advantage

"We're playing better but we're still up and down." George explained. "We got into the game a little more to

start the third quarter. The boys showed a little more excitement.'

After falling behind 9-4 to start the game, Lowell battled back to pull to within

"We played pretty good for about 14 minutes," Bush said. "We're making way too many mistakes (turnovers). Many times it's not even because of being pressured." The win improved

Central's overall record to 7-3 and its OK White mark to 3-

"We're kind of excited that we're not playing our best basketball but still winning," George said.

Lowell, 1-7, 0-5, gets ready for trips to Greenville (undefeated) and Zeeland.

Dave Rozema and Brad Koetsier led the Red Arrows in scoring with 11 points each. Sam Oberlin tallied 10 and Bill Harrison netted seven.

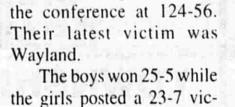
FHC got a game-leading 19 points from James Telman. Carhart netted 16 and Kevin Murphy added 13.

Red Arrow Logan Dykstra attempts a short baseline

Red Arrow bowlers league headpins

Six weeks into the sea- 19 mark. The girls are atop son, both the Lowell boys and girls bowling teams appear on their way to a Southeastern Bowling Conference

championship. The Lowell boys team leads the league with a 151-





school is receiving a phone upgrade, bids have gone out STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Trierweiler, Adopted a resolution authorizing allowing eligible for the new Alto Elementary gymnasium, and the new elementary school drawings are being shared with staff and board members.

> that the 18 mills levied on non-homestead property will expire in June. At the annual election the community will have to vote to reinstate the 18 mill levy.

> BOARD POLICY BOOK - The board discussed the newly revised board policy book with the item being brought back to the February board meeting for adoption.

> SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke reported that the board will receive reports at the February board meeting dealing with state accreditation and school

> > **UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Regular Board Meeting -Monday, February 12, 2001 • 7:30 p.m. We Value:

Runciman Administration Building - Board Room Visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us

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Jason Koth	100	140	616	550
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D.J. Armstrong	178	135	Х	313
John Stuckey		179	174	525
Nate Clark	178	190	145	513
Nate Sloan	X	173	208	381
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Meeting of January 8, 2001

Student Council President and Representative to the teachers to receive computers from the State of Michigan. Board, reported that the holiday dance sponsored by the council netted \$300 for the Flat River Outreach CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were: Ministries. The council was also involved with Toys for Tots and they also adopted a family for Christmas. The Men's Club also raised \$525 in a bachelor auction with proceeds also going to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION - To honor the board members for their dedication in serving the Lowell Area Schools, Bert Bleke presented each member with a framed 8x10 photo of the board.

WITTENBACH - WEGE UPDATE - Tammy DeBaar, Wittenbach Agriscience Center director, along with Kay PARAEDUCATOR PROGRAM - Pam Thomas, Nan Wisner, Alto kindergarten teacher, and student Tara Zeeuw, and Irene Willmarth explained a new paraeducator evaluation. Propst, gave an update on the activities taking place at the certification program that Lowell Area Schools has Wittenbach Agriscience Center and Wege Natural Area.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
- · Jane Gillespie donation of computer and printer valued at \$200 to be used by the Lowell Middle School.

· Scott Vashaw donation of telescope and books valued at middle school, and high school levels.

meteorology class.

• The minutes for the November 27, 2000 workshop meeting and the December 13, 2000 regular meeting.

 The following payment of bills: 	
GENERAL FUND	\$858,982.86
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$67,429.56
B. Athletic Fund	\$11,961.03
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$63,598.77
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$15,762.29

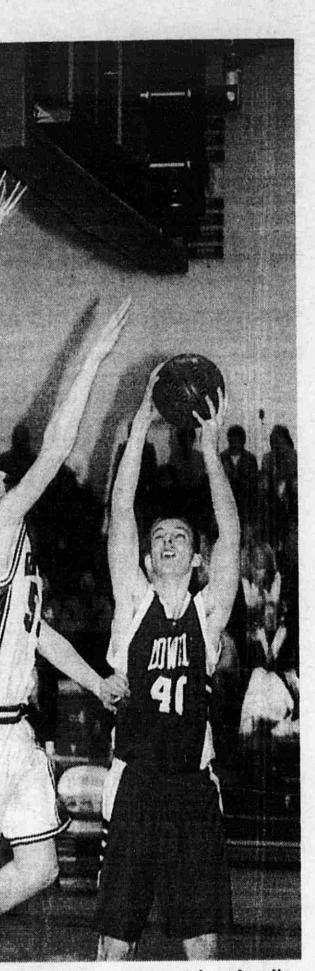
recently established in an effort to better prepare paraprofessionals in their roles as paraeducators.

MATH UPDATE - Sue Beute, Kris Kropf, and Mike Michaud reported on how the Chicago Math program is being integrated into the curriculum at the elementary,

\$300 to be used by the Lowell High School

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS BOND FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the high

RENEWAL OF 18 MILLS - Connie Gillette explained



ell boys finished second to Wyoming Park (387-370) in the Creston High School Tourney at Westgate Lanes. "This is the third year for the club and our teams have

jump shot

boys team while Dave Adrianse coaches the girls'

The Red Arrow boys" roster is filled by Jason Roth (183 average); Jim DeWit (175); Nathan Clark (178);

Nathan Sloan (170); John Stuckey Jr. (173); and D.J. Armstrong (181). Lowell girls' team con-

sists of Jamie Roth (151 average); Rachel Nawrocki (142); Tara Kuiper (141); Eva Geldersma (164); Amanda Eickhoff (141); Shawna Austin (119); and Andrea Vickers (106).

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Red Arrow skaters edged by Ottawa Hills and Jenison

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Two evenly matched hockey teams were only separated by a second-period goal.

Lowell's hockey team, 4-10-1, lost 1-0 to Ottawa Hills on Friday

"It was a game that could have gone either way," said Lowell coach, Paul Jacobus. "We struggled a bit in the offensive zone. We weren't able to put anything together. Give Ottawa Hills some credit for that.'

Defensively, Lowell shut down the Indians in their offen-

Arrow squad has lost a game by one goal.

Jenison 5 Lowell 4

The Red Arrows lost to the Wildcats 9-0 earlier in the

This time, things played out differently. The two teams were tied at 1-1 after one. Lowell scored on unassisted goal by Josh Baker.

Jenison took a 3-2 lead in the second period. Lowell's goal



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Jenison scored its goals early in the period and Lowell tallied two late in the period. The Red Arrows' goals were recorded by Brad Maxlow with an assist to Eric Austin. and Matt Horan scored with the aid of an assist from Jordan Terrell.

"Jenison had a double minor penalty, giving us a man advantage. We scored to make it 5-4. We pulled our goalie with roughly a minute to play and got a couple scoring chances but couldn't finish." Jacobus concludes.

Lowell gymnasts upend defending state champion; Rangers are next

•••• Red Arrow Carmen Datema continues a season of stark turnaround on the balance beam.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Finding success on the balance beam has been as much an emotional challenge for Carmen Datema as a physical

"I'm just more confident. I am now able to realize what I'm doing wrong and then go out and correct it," Datema said.

In Lowell's three opening meets, Datema has recorded three regional qualifying scores on the balance beam. The most recent one was Wednesday night at East Kentwood. Datema scored a personal best 8.45 in Lowell's 129.03-93.8 win over the defending state champion Falcons.

Practicing harder and attending the Michigan State University summer camp have also aided Datema's performance. "The camp made me stronger emotionally and helped me overcome my fears," the sophomore said.

Lowell's win against East Kentwood improved its OK Rainbow record to 3-0 and sets up a duel with Forest Hills Central, also undefeated in the league.

"Central's team scores have been a little higher than ours, but I think it will be a good meet," gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan said.

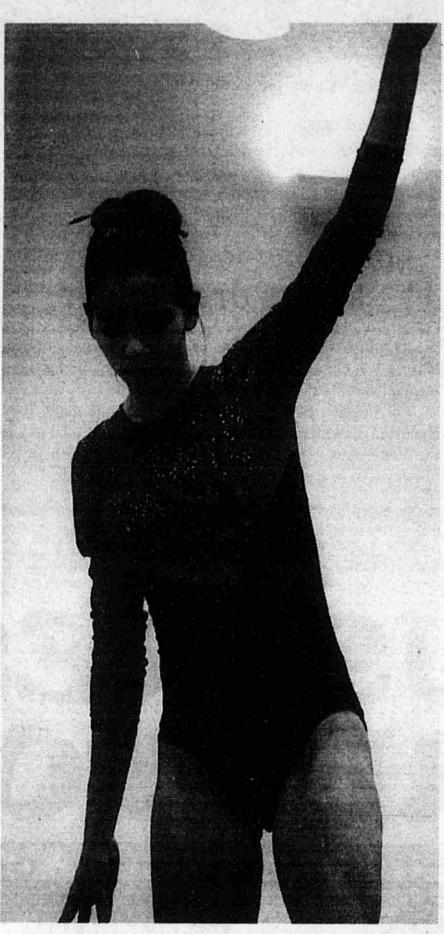
Datema and Krystal White led Lowell on the beam with 8.45's and placed second. Holly Plattner was fourth overall with a mark of 8.35 while Carisa Sayer was sixth with a score of 7.5.

"It was a much better beam day for the girls," said a relieved DeHaan.

On the vault, Lowell placed four gymnasts in the top five. Plattner tied for first with a score of 8.45 followed by White, third, 8.1; Katie Blough, fourth, 8.05; and Melissa Neubecker fifth at 7.95.

The Red Arrows gave their best team performance of the year on the uneven bars. "It's the best we've done in a long time," DeHaan added.

Plattner recorded a personal best with a mark of 8.3 and



Carmen Datema on the balance beam in the Kenowa Hills meet.

scores of 7.4.

In the floor exercise, Plattner, coming off a school record performance against Kenowa Hills where she scored a 9.3, finished with an 8.75 against the Falcons, placing her second. White was third with an 8.55 followed by Datema, fourth, 8.05 and Blough and Neubecker fifth with marks of 7.65.

"I think the girls were nervous at first because Kentwood is the defending state champion, but once they got going they realized they could compete," DeHaan said.

Holt Invitational

Resting some of her top gymnasts, Lowell coach Michele DeHaan gave others an opportunity to post some regional qualifying scores at Holt on Saturday. "We have a big match coming up against Central. I wanted our top girls to be rested and healthy," said the Lowell

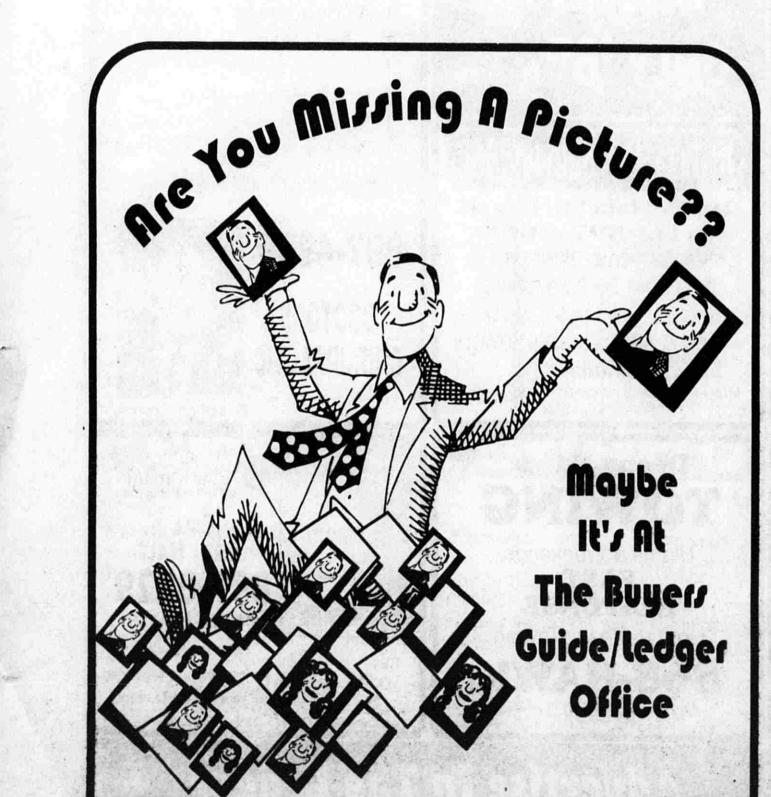
coach. The Red Arrows were eighth in a 14-team field with 127.95 points. Rochester Adams won the invitational with

145.17 points. Holly Plattner placed first in the only event she participated in. Plattner tallied an 8.7 on the vault. Krystal White finished with an 8.45 and Katie Blough and Carisa Sayer scored 8.4 and 7.9 respectively.

Sayer also led the Red Arrows on the beam. She tallied an 8.0 despite two falls. Carmen Datema finished with a 7.8 while Kim Seaman and April Telman scored 7.4 and 7.35 respectively.

"Carisa and Kim had great routines," DeHaan said. In the floor exercise, it was Neubecker leading the way with an 8.4, followed by Datema 8.3; Sayer 7.9; and Telman 7.9.

(Jan. 17) at 7 p.m.



Also in order to keep pictures from piling up in the future, we are implementing a new policy. Anyone wanting their photographs returned after they have appeared in the Buyers Guide or Ledger must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or pick up the photo within 60 days of publication. After 60 days, photos will be discarded.

Gustafson sets school record in 100 butterfly; FHC/Lowell third at Creston Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's a school record Mike Gustafson has been in pursuit of for three years.

The chase is now over. Gustafson secured a new school record in the 100 breaststroke against Rockford at the Forest Hills Aquatic Center. Rockford won the meet 125-60 over Forest Hills/Lowell.

Gustafson set a new school record with a time of 1:01.06. "Mike had a fantastic race. His stroke looked right on - strong and fast. He has been focused on getting the record for quite a while. I think he will swim it even faster before the year is out," said Forest Hills/Lowell boys swimming coach, Heather Heritage.

The senior also won the 200 freestyle. He tapped the wall at 1:49.93.

Gustafson teamed with Andrew Klipa, John Webb and Mark Kwast in winning the 400 freestyle relay. The Ranger foursome stopped the clock in 3:45.

Gustafson, Kwast, Klipa and Jake Billingsley came home with a second in the medley relay. They finished in a time of 1:49.32. Kwast claimed a second Kwast claimed a second

place finish in the 500 freestyle. He hit the wall in 5:58.2.

Klipa came home in second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 53.99.

Earning third-place finshes were Eric Cherba in the 200 IM, 2:24.83 and 100 butterfly, 1:07.78; Billingsley, 100 backstroke, 1:11.86; Jacob Baker was third in diving with 196.90 points. .The relay team of Baker.

Billingsley, Webb and Cherba placed third in the 200 freestyle in a time of 1:45.15.

"We swam people around n different events since it was a non-league meet," Heritage explained. "Kwast and Cherba swam some surprising personal bests."

Creston Invitational

Forest Hills/Lowell finished third at the invitational over the weekend.

Northview won the event with 192 points. Ludington finished with 130 and FHC/ Lowell had 120.

Each event had three heats. All three heats were scored, so the fastest swimmer from the third heat could score as many points as the faster swimmer from the first heat.

finished second. Neubecker, third, scored a personal best 8.1 Sayer was fourth at 7.95 and White and Blough both tallied

On the uneven bars, Sayer was the team leader with a mark of 8.1. She was followed by Melissa Neubacker 7.95; White and Blough both finished with scores of 7.7.

"We scored 127 points without all of our top gymnasts. That's pretty good," DeHaan concluded. Lowell hosts rival Forest Hills Central on Wednesday

"We were missing some people. They might have helped us get second. All in all, I am happy with our performances. We had some great individual performances," said FHC/Lowell boys swimming coach.

Heather Heritage. Medley Relay: 1st - Jake Billingsley, Andrew Klipa, Mike Gustafson and Mark Kwast. 200 Freestyle: 3rd - Eric

Cherba, 2:06.45.

200 IM: 1st - Gustafson, 1:58.52 (new meet record); 3rd - John Webb, 2:34.27;3rd - Matt Trierweiler, 2:49.93 50 Freestyle: 2nd

Billingsley, 26.23; 3rd - Jake Baker, 28.30. Diving: 2nd - Baker; 3rd

 Mac Russell. 100 Butterfly: 1st

Gustafson, 54.63 (new meet record); 1st-Kwast, 1:03.19; 2nd - Luke Baker, 1:17.66. 100 Freestyle: 3rd

Klipa, 53.85. 500 Freestyle: 3rd Cherba, 5:44.50.

100 Backstroke: 3rd Billingsly, 1:11.06. 100 Breaststroke: 1st -

Klipa 1:07.34. 400 Freestyle Relay: 2nd Gustafson, Klipa, Kwast, Webb, 3:39.58.

Red Arrow wrestling team bounces Northern; awaits arrival of Wildcats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Northern wrestling coach had a sobering opinion for Lowell's next two conference opponents (Northview and Forest Hills Central) following his club's 57-15 loss to the Red Arrows Thursday night.

"We opened league play against Central, Northview and now Lowell. We were in the matches against FHC and Northview. We were never in the match against Lowell," said Huskie coach, Tim Maczinski. "We've seen some good wrestling teams this year, but Lowell is definitely one of the best in Division II. I was very impressed."

The Red Arrow highlight for the evening was John Mendez's pin against Dan Gonzalez at 38 seconds of the first period. It was the senior's 100th career win. He is the 21st Lowell wrestler to join the 100 win club.

"Coming back from a collarbone injury last year, I wasn't sure how much I'd be wrestling," Mendez said. "With this being my senior year, I wanted to reach 100 wins, be a captain, work hard and set an example for the team."

Northern enjoyed a short-lived lead after Joe Carrel, 103 pounds, turned Lowell's David Kropf to his back at 2:59 of the second period, giving the Huskies a 6-0 lead.

Brandon Kinney, 112 pounds, major decisioned Joroan Hayward 17-3; Ian DeRath, 119, decisioned David Carrel 14-13; John McKay, 125, won via forfeit. Mendez's pin gave Lowell a 19-6 lead.

Lowell extended its lead to 45-6 following Bobby Gingerich's win via forfeit at 135 pounds; Caleb O'Boyle's 22-7 technical fall over Ben Jackson (140); J.J. Wilder's pin at 33 seconds of the first period against Brian Pugh (145); Pete VanLaan's 6-4 overtime decision against Dan Carrel (152) and Matt Oesch's win via injury default against Adam Trompen (160).

Lowell's B.J. Frasier (189) and Ben Fleet (215) posted back-to-back pins against Northern's Tony Huver (41 seconds) and Andrew Hall (1:54) respectively.

Red Arrow Mike Forward lost a 5-4 decision to Clayton Fisher at 171 pounds while Ben Barle (HWT) was pinned by Steve Thornell at 51 seconds of the first period.

"It was a weird evening. Everything seemed a little off to me." Lowell coach Dave Strejc explained. "Mendez was sharp. He's been sharp all year. O'Boyle is a natural; he has such great balance. I also thought Oesch was very focused in his win against a tough opponent."

Lowell hosts Northview on Thursday. Both teams are undefeated in league play.

Dave Elliott Invitational

Lowell's wrestling team shored up some leaks in its technique and along the way earned seven individual firsts at the invitational in Clinton on Saturday.

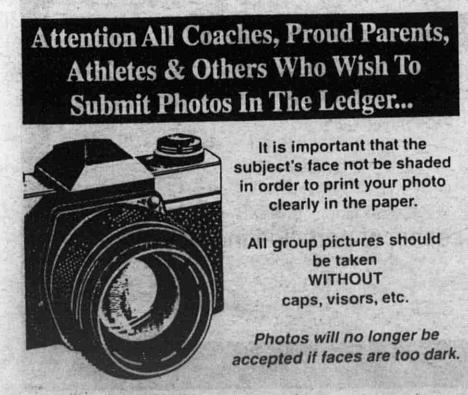
By the way, the Red Arrows' 257 points were more than enough in winning the 26th annual Dave Elliott Invitational. Finishing second behind Lowell in the 14-team field were Carson City-Crystal 177.5 points; Springport, third, 163.5; and Montrose fourth, with 142.

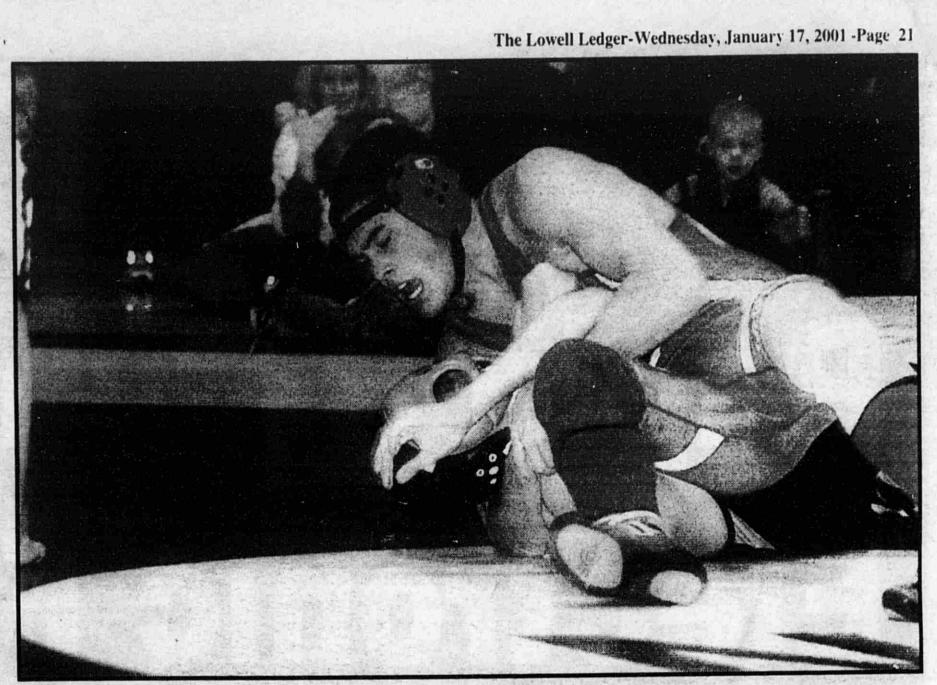
"I had no idea that we'd come out of this with seven champions," said Lowell coach, Dave Strejc. "This tournament has a lot of tough wrestlers. Our boys dominated some tough competition."

The win helps prepare Lowell for a 10-day stretch which will include Northview, the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament and Forest Hills Central.

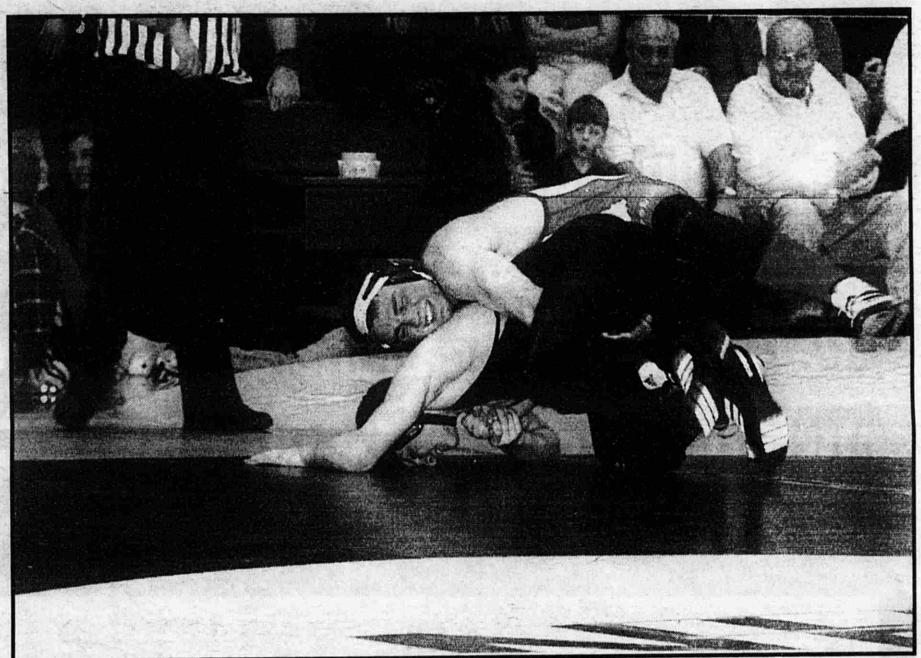
Winning individual championships on Saturday were Brandon Kinney, 112 pounds; Ian DeRath, 119; John McKay, 125; John Mendez, 130; Caleb O'Boyle, 140; J.J. Wilder, 145; and Matt Oesch, 160 pounds.

Third place honors were earned by Ben Vaught, HWT; and Ben Fleet, 215 pounds; and Mike Forward was fourth in the 171-pound weight class.





John Mendez picked up a first period pin at Forest Hills Northern Thursday night in Lowell's 57-15 win.



Caleb O'Boyle posted a 22-7 technical fall against the Huskies' Ben Jackson.

Lowell spikers fall short against Huskies

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's volleyball team had a message sent to it in its 15-12, 15-8 loss to Forest Hills Northern

"This should give the girls some confidence that they can play with teams in the conference," Red Arrow volleyball coach Connie Black explained. "Actually, I feel that this is a game we could have

Lowell played well for most of the game, but was hurt by some timid play at crucial points against the state ranked Huskies.

"The girls have to learn to play with pressure. They play not to lose when the game is tight, instead of playing to win," Black explained. "They have to be willing to step up and take a swing at it."

One area in which the Red Arrows did step up was serving. In 40 attempts, Lowell

Fowlerville. The Red Arrows split with Saranac 15-1, 10-15: Ionia 15-13, 2-15; and Bath 15-2, 2-15.

committed just four serving

"Studies show that the team that scores the game's first three points has a psychological advantage over its opponent," Black explains. The Red Arrows recorded 16 kills. Amanda Stoutjesdyk

was responsible for 10 of them. The senior also posted five of Lowell's 10 blocks. Every starter had at least one

Portland Invitational

Lowell split with every team it played in its pool Saturday, before bowing out in the semifinals against

"The mind controls the body. To win 15-1 and then

girls are not focusing on what they've just done or what they Our girls are still learning." need to do next." Black said.

lose the next game shows the "Good teams, athletes, players know how to control that.

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Connie Black Lowell Girls Volleyball Coach



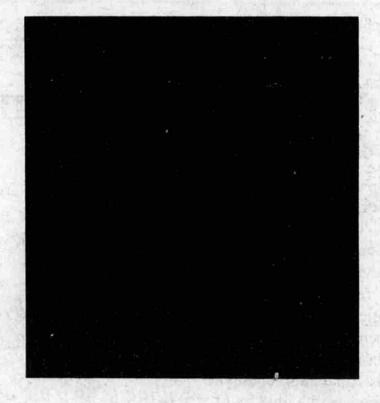
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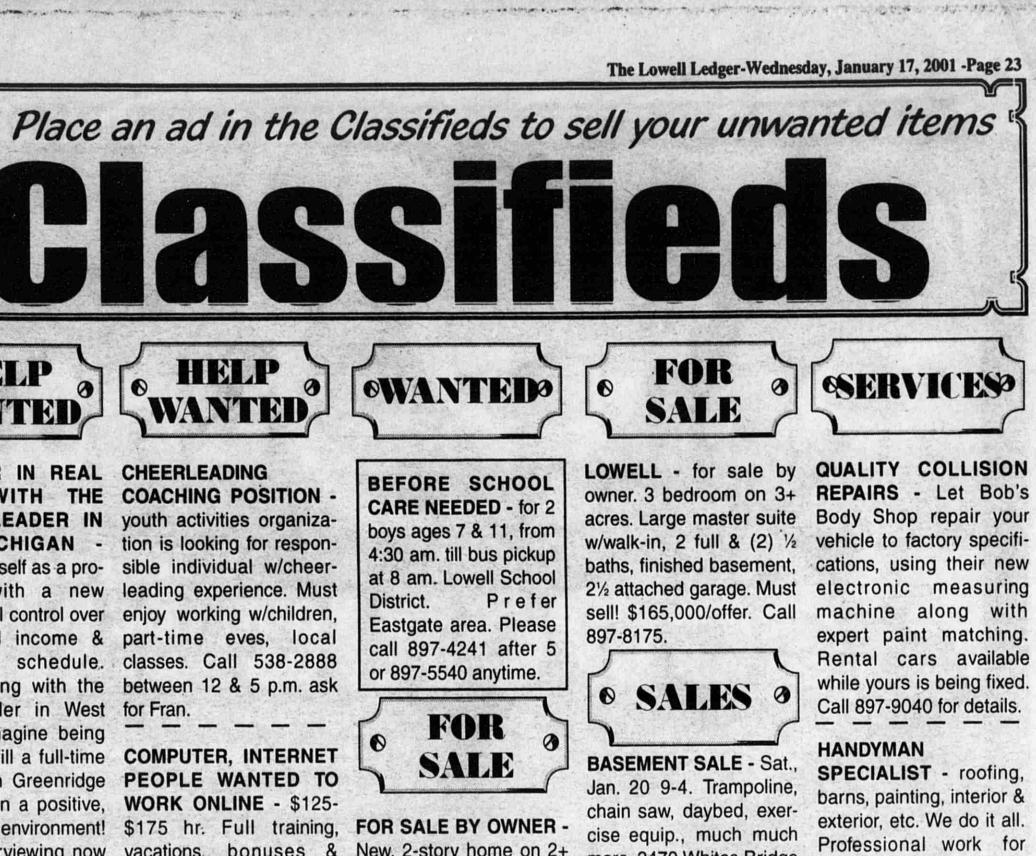


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