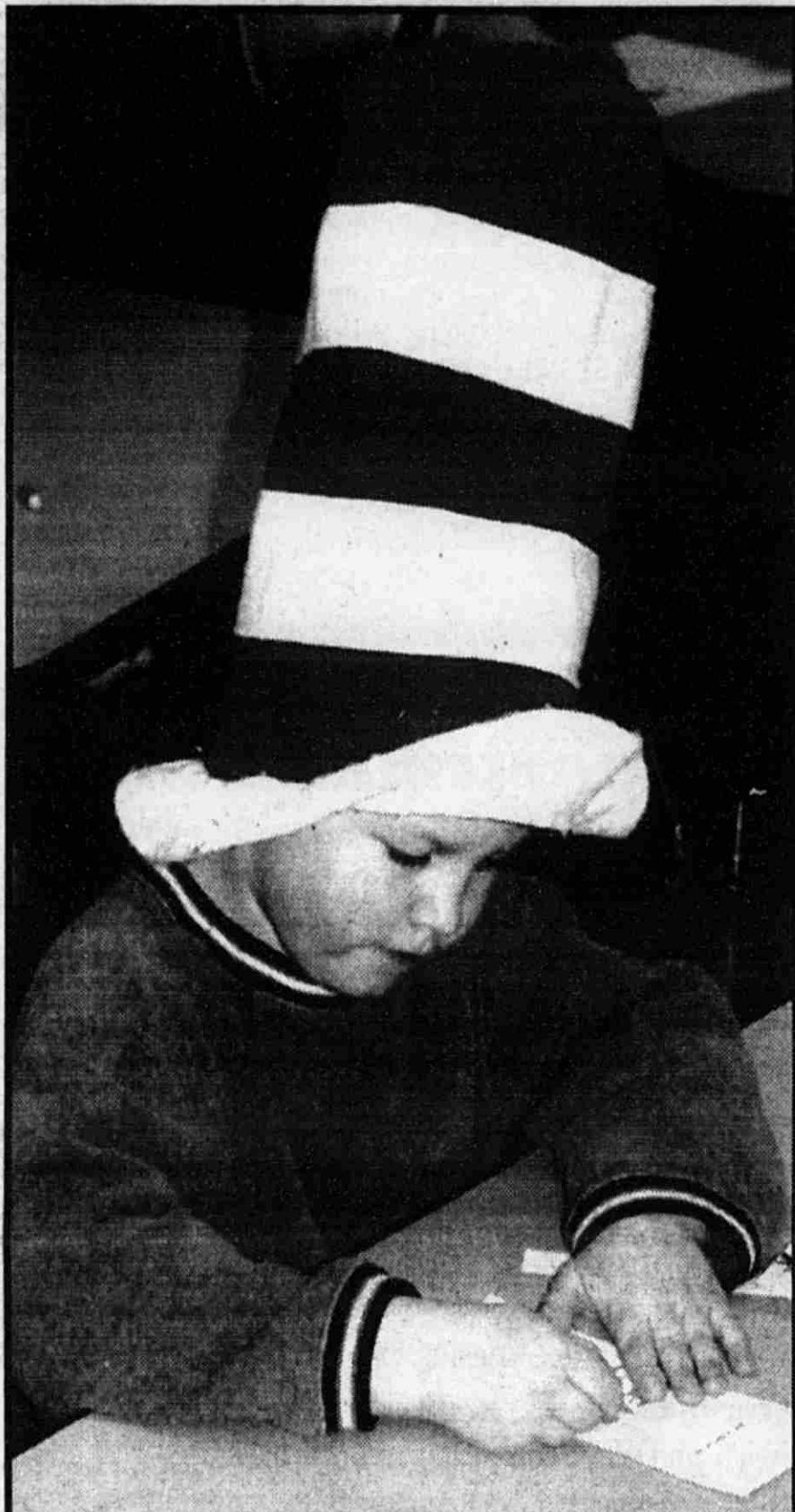


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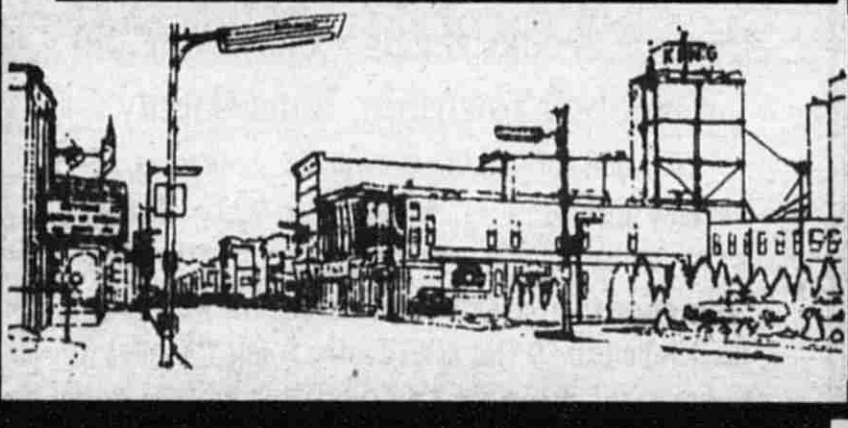
Wednesday, March 7, 2001



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Stan Karas colors, cuts and creates a door hanger for his home as part of the fourth annual March reading month celebration "Read Across America." Students and parents visited six classroom locations ... each stop incorporated reading into an activity. More pictures are on page 10.

Along Main Street



MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL TOUR

The Wittenbach Center will be presenting a mini maple syrup festival at its log cabin. Scheduled for March 7, weather permitting. Volunteers are welcome. Call 987-1002 with any questions.

YMCA OFFICE CLOSED

The YMCA office at 323 W. Main will be closed on Friday, March 9. It will again be open on Monday, March 12 for regular hours - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LHS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive at Lowell High School in the small (auxiliary) gym on Friday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

NATURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

The Wittenbach Science Center will be hosting a nature

Quiet Nights:

Bowne Township officials implement noise ordinance in effort to curb unnecessary loud noises.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A noise control ordinance established by Bowne Township will insure late evenings are also quiet nights.

The ordinance states that it is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity to create or permit the continuance of any excessive, unnecessary loud noise which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others within the township.

Based on a petition and phone calls received by the Bowne Township office, supervisor Pete Siler felt the drafting of the ordinance was warranted.

The ordinance was put together in conjunction with the Kent County Sheriff's Department. "This is a proactive

way for the township and the sheriff's department to enforce noise control. It also allowed the township to forge an alliance with the county," explained Siler.

Violation of the ordinance is a civil infraction and may result in a ticket from the sheriff's department.

Siler believes steps have been taken to avoid such action. "The Kent County Sheriff's Department has talked to residents in the troubled areas, discussing what is and is not allowed, hoping to avoid citations."

The noise ordinance went into effect on Feb. 24. A person cited with an infraction is subject to a fine of not less than \$50.

"The ordinance is a reasonable way for us to control noise," Siler concluded.

LHS' Top 10 students announced at Academic Dessert

••• Kimberly Drougal earned valedictorian honors and Mike Gustafson is the 2001 salutatorian.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in 123 years, the top 10 students from a Lowell High School class will graduate with grade point averages over 4.0.

"That shows these students are taking the most rigorous classes and being successful," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw.

The first public presentation of the Class of 2001 Top 10 was announced at the annual Academic Dessert.

Kimberly Drougal is this year's valedictorian. She is the daughter of Ed and Sandy Drougal. The senior, who will attend the University of Michigan in the fall, plans to study architecture. She will leave Lowell High School with a 4.190 grade point average.

This year's salutatorian is Mike Gustafson. He graduates with a 4.167 grade point average. He is the son of Pete and Ginny Gustafson. The senior, who is undecided as to which college he will attend, plans to study advertising or political science.

Following Drougal and Gustafson are Jessica DenHouter, 4.138; James Bosserd, 4.104; Emily Myers, 4.102; Nicole Tegg, 4.045; Kathryn Gunberg, 4.039; Matthew Trierweiler, 4.036; Kyle Hines, 4.022 and Daniel Huffman, 4.014.

DenHouter is the daughter of Leonard and Kathryn DenHouter. She will study either psychology or journalism at either the University of Michigan or Northwestern.

Bosserd, the son of Jim and Jane Bosserd, will study biosystems engineering at Michigan State University.

Myers, the daughter of William and Karen Myers, will study history and political science at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

Tegg, the daughter of Steve and Nancy Tegg, plans to study pre-med at the University of Michigan, Hope College or Illinois Wesleyan.

Gunberg will attend the University of Michigan in the fall and study civil engineering. She is the daughter of Jim and Sally Gunberg.

Trierweiler will study either political science or law at MSU or the University of Michigan. He is the son of Mark and Marilee Trierweiler.

Hines, the son of Mark and Sharon Hines, will study international relations at either James Madison College or MSU.

Huffman, the son of Eric and Sue Huffman, will study medicine at either MSU, Calvin College or the University of Michigan.

"Not only do these students participate in a most rigorous curriculum, but they are also involved in school and community organizations and athletics," Vashaw explained. "To be that involved and successful requires organization and time management skills. That translates into completing work, being thorough and efficient."

journaling and sketching workshop on Saturday, March 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. The program is free but pre-registration is appreciated (987-1002).

TROUT UNLIMITED MEETING

There will be a meeting at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, March 10 from 3-5 p.m. for all Trout Unlimited Junior members. They will be looking at aquatic ecology (bugs ... fish food) of Lee Creek (Cherry Creek). Bring waders if you have them. Contact the center at 987-1002 with questions during regular school hours.

POETRY /WRITING WORKSHOP

Grand Rapids poet and writer, Linda Nemece Foster will offer a poetry and writing workshop for teens and adults at the Lowell Area Arts Council on Saturday, March 10 from 1 - 3 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information contact Lorain Smalligan at 897-8545.

SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM

A program featuring Carl DeKlein will be held at the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. The Showboat Garden Club will hear him speak on the topic "Return of the Chestnut Tree." Guests are invited to attend.

LOWELL AREA AAU VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

Would you like to be part of a Lowell-based AAU volleyball club? Age groups are: 18 & under; 16 & under; 14 & under; 12 & under. Teams are divided by age and skill

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OBITUARIES

FOWLER - Mr. Robert M. Fowler, aged 75, of Grand Rapids, passed away March 2, 2001. Robert is survived by his wife of 35 years Audrey; his children Michael Fowler of Grand Rapids, Raymond (Connie) Hoag of Greenville, Terry (Kenneth) Kropf of Lowell, Sandra (Philip) Ayers of Caledonia, Barbara Sokoloski of Grand Rapids; Patsy (Jerry) Baar of Cedar Springs, Donna (Tony) Franck of Grand Rapids; 31 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters Lloyd (Donna) Fowler of Newaygo, Charles (Viola) Averett of

Utah and Maureen Moser of Arizona; sisters-in-law Leslie Averett of Arizona, Dorothy Dykhuizen of Ann Arbor and Erleen (David) Clark of Burlington; brothers-in-law Vern Warner of Grand Rapids and Kenneth Warner of Idaho; many nieces and nephews. Sandra (Philip) Ayers of Caledonia, Barbara Sokoloski of Grand Rapids; Doric Lodge #342, Past Commander and Recorder of DeMolai Commandery #5. A funeral service was held on Tuesday at the VanStrien-Creston Chapel with Dr. M. Bruce Irwin officiating and Masonic Funeral Service by Doric Lodge #342. Interment

followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the funeral home or sent via the website. www.heritagefuneralservice.com.

HILL - Gordon C. Hill, aged 78, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, February 25, 2001 with his family at his side. He is survived by his wife Donna, his children Dan and Sue Hill, Colleen and Paul LaRose, Gordon A. and Sarah Hill, Amy and Lee; sisters Helen Layer of Lowell and Clara Rewa of Dor; brother Joseph Hill of Ionia; seven precious grandchildren Kelly and Ryan Hill, Kevin LaRose, Matthew, Sean, Mary Grace and Jimmy Hill. He operated Hill's Shoe Store in Lowell which has been in his family since 1909. He also retired from Michigan Bumper in Grand Rapids after 20 years. He was a World War II veteran and was proud of his US Navy service. He was Chaplain

of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 in Lowell and was also a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed working in the woods and also picking strawberries and fruit which he delivered to his friends. He also enjoyed playing cards at Senior Neighbors and Schneider Manor. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Thursday at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity with Rev. George Fekete and Rev. Joseph Reitz presiding. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

KING - Erma Jean (Ejay) Bettes King died March 1, 2001 in Jackson. Born in Lowell in 1924, she was preceded in death by her parents Russell and Millie Bettes and brother Leo Bettes. A member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she is survived by her husband of 57 years,

Theodore N. King Jr. Also survived by children Theodore N. (Sharon) King III of Great Bend, KS, Gary (Karen) King of Olympia, WA, Esther (John) Allen and Kyle (Marcia) King, all of Jackson; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Tuesday with Father Larry Walters officiating, also assisted by the Reverend Milton Austin. A private interment will take place in Lowell at Oakwood Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make contributions to St. Nicholas Guild, Chancel Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal Church or Hospice of Jackson.

KOEWERS - Margaret June Koewers, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away March 2, 2001.

She was preceded in death by her husband John Sr. Survived by her children Judith (Dave) Kramer of Pewamo, John (Charlene) Koewers of Ada; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Charlon O. Mason of St. Joseph Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

MUSICK - Kirby Glenn Musick, aged 47, of Valparaiso, IN, died unexpectedly February 22, 2001. He was preceded in death by his mother Peggy Jane Musick. He is survived by his father Melvin Musick; sisters Betty and Mike Thompson, Patricia and George Allchin and Frances and Frank Musick-Bravo and several nieces and nephews.

Meijer brings tested neighborly approach to Lowell community

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Before its Lowell store opens in late May, Meijer will have invested far more than capital into the 190,000 square foot building.

John Zimmerman, director of community and customer relations for Meijer, knows the importance of breaking through the paradigm/big box, more commonly referred to as a retailer.

Meijer doesn't want to be a retailer...it wants to be a neighbor. Over the last five years Meijer has stepped up its efforts in this area.

"We have been successful in our community relations efforts. Meijer has seen a return on its investment," Zimmerman explains.

The approach calls for creating a community team

charged with identifying what elements are important to a community and which of those aspects Meijer is able to partner up with in the community.

"The community team does the leg work on the store's behalf before we even open," Zimmerman explains. For example, in Lowell, Meijer has already met with the high school principal, Lowell's YMCA executive director and other community leaders to see how it can become a major player in the small community.

"Not two communities are the same. They all present exciting but different obstacles and challenges to deal with," Zimmerman said.

Counting Lowell, Meijer now has 72 stores in Michigan. There are 153 Meijer stores in the Midwest.

At each stop along the



The Lowell Meijer store is expected to open in late May. Pictured above, left to right are John Zimmerman, director of community and public relations and Scott Rogers, Lowell store director.

way, Meijer has always made a concerted effort to deliver what their guests really want.

"We have a store in northern Indiana where customers were requesting we carry honey that was produced locally (a mile down the road)," Zimmerman explained. "We like to find that local element."

Store director, Scott Rogers notes that the Lowell store will have unique looks not found in other West Michigan Meijer locations.

"The pharmacy will be in front of the store, not in the back. We will also have a coffee specialty shop and a bakery in front," Rogers said.

"This store will also have seasonal space for items that are

sold for just a few months of the year."

A new upscale deli will offer a broader selection of food.

Some of the more seasoned Meijer shoppers will notice a difference in the lighting. Fluorescent lights will be used instead of the typical canister lighting. "It is definitely brighter," Rogers said.

The community team's job is to build trust and loyalty. If there is community distrust with Meijer intent, Zimmerman encourages leaders to talk to its neighbors (other communities).

"We've learned with each store we've built. The idea is to make shopping convenient

for our guests. That's what one-stop shopping is," Zimmerman concluded.

Rogers adds that Meijer will do its main hiring for all positions on March 26. The store is scheduled to open in

late May, or early June. The Meijer gas station will open in mid-April.

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Literacy information session, March 15

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Thursday, March 15 for prospective volunteer tutors.

This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The information session will be held at the Gaines Township Library (in Cutlerville) at 421 - 68th St., S.E. Call 245-7962 to register.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

In 1933, the Greenfield Village opens its doors to the public at a charge of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 01-171-107-DE

Estate of JOSEPH C. GULA, deceased
SSN: 380-26-1836
3/1/01

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, JOSEPH C. GULA, who lived at 1243 Rathbone S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509, died 2/9/01. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to DOROTHY STARK, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 01-171-089-DE

Estate of JACOB VANDENBURG, deceased
DATE OF BIRTH: 1-19-1910
2/22/2001

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, JACOB VANDENBURG, who lived at 1450 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids, Michigan died February 12, 2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever

barred unless presented to ANDY VANDENBURG, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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CITY OF LOWELL

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a City owned lot approximately 36 feet by 134.48 feet at 1046 North Hudson (parcel 41-20-02-126-025).

Prospective bidders must describe their proposed use of the property in which they are bidding on.

Sealed bids and proposed uses must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main St., no later than Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at which time these will be publicly opened and read. A final decision of sale will rest with the City Council, which will consider such on Monday, March 19, 2001.

The City has the right to accept or reject any or all bids and that it may award conveyance to someone other than the highest monetary bidder and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto on:

MONDAY, MARCH 12

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. by appointment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1. By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8.
2. Appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Peter F. Siler, Supervisor
Bowne Township

Reflections Of Faith

Pastor, Roger LaWarre,
First Congregational Church

Church people know this time of the year as the season of the Christian Year called Lent. Lent is from the root word for "lengthening" and has to do with the lengthening of the days in the season that we traditionally know as late winter/early spring. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday and extends 40 week-days to the Saturday before Easter Sunday. In this season, Christians around the world prepare themselves for the celebration of Easter through a disciplined time of prayer, reading of scripture, fasting and good works. This disciplined life is an avenue focusing on the grace and mercy of God. Lent is a time of renewal and strengthening of faith. But, Lent is also a time to contemplate the power of temptation.

"No virtue is ever so strong that it is beyond temptation" (Immanuel Kant). We live in an age of great temptation. Temptation is at its strongest when that which tempts us is truly within our grasp.

This season of Lent is a reminder that you and I must get real. All these things and more are available even to our children and therefore

The gospel of Luke illustrates this with the story of Jesus tempted while in the wilderness. The account of Jesus in the wilderness begins with the statement that Jesus was tempted for 40 days. "He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished." (Luke 4: 2) It was during this extreme hunger that Jesus was tempted to use his power for self-gratification. "If you are the son of God, turn these stones into bread." In that moment Jesus demonstrated the strength and wisdom that comes with faith in God. Knowing the scriptures, Jesus also knew that no one truly lives a wholesome and spiritually balanced life by always focusing on self-needs and self-fulfillment. Put another way, "One does not live by bread alone." Of course, for Jesus and for us, the temptation is to follow our feelings and our desires and do what we please just because we can and we want to. We know the temptation to use alcohol, sex, gambling, drugs and violence is rampant in our society. If one doubts this, take note of what is being sold as entertainment and the types of advertisements used to sell us our "daily necessities."

pose a tremendous temptation to them and to many, many parents. "Do as I say and not as I do" has never cut it and it certainly does not cut it in parenting or leadership today. A study conducted by the Urban Institute found that one in five children ages six to 12 are regularly left without adult supervision after school. Older children are more likely to spend their after-school hours home alone, without adult supervision.

Temptation is truly a reality of our time. We are not left without hope for we worship a Lord who, as the Hebrew writer testifies, "was tempted in every way, as we are." That Lord and Master is available to us in our journey through this lenten season; available to us in prayer and in loving people who can listen to us and give us support. And I believe the struggle to live a life of strong character and clear Christian principles is worth every effort, even when we fail and pick ourselves up to try again. We are tempted to do that which is in our grasp. Struggling against a temptation which is within our grasp demonstrates great faith and personal integrity. There is no weakness in that. This we need to help our children (every person) understand.



Melissa Sue Anderson and Roger Joseph Pate

Anderson/Pate

Melissa Sue Anderson of Lowell and Roger Joseph Pate of Sterling Heights are engaged and planning to marry May 19th.

The future bride is a graduate of Lowell High School and is attending nursing school. She is the daughter of Daryl and Barbara Anderson of Lowell.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Bishop Foley High School and Ferris State University. He is the son of Kathleen Pate of Sterling Heights and Charles Pate of Metamora.

MARCH 13: Sophia D'Agostino, Dode Dey, David Davis, Paul Seese, Tyler Schneider, Jack Robert Malone.
MARCH 14: Venita Wheeler, Mike Stevens, Dan Baird, Kari Merriman, Vickie Comdure.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 8: Amber Rittersdorf, D.J. Main.
MARCH 9: Bob Vezino, Marsha Roudabush.
MARCH 10: Daniel Miller, Randy Kuiper.
MARCH 11: Pat Ball, Kim Barnes.
MARCH 12: David Baird, Lisa Potter, Laura Horsley, Julie Idema.



Week of 3/12 - 3/16

ELEMENTARY

*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.
* Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30¢

MON: Dinosaur pasta & franks or mini corn dogs, cranberry bread, blueberries & cream, corn, mini krispies treat.

TUES: Pretzel dunkers with cheese sauce or chicken pot pie w/biscuit topping, peaches, garden salad, pudding.

WED: Pizza pocket or chicken patty on bun, orange wedges, peas.

THURS: St. Pat's sloppy Joe on bun, Irish stew & biscuit square, green jello w/pears, potatoes O'Brien, shamrock cookie.

FRI: Parent teacher conferences - half day.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

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

MON: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese on a bagel, fruit mix, carrots.

TUES: Chicken parmesan on bun or chili w/2 soft pretzels, pears, carrot slices, pudding.

WED: Chicken nuggets or turkey gravy, biscuit, dried fruit, whipped potatoes.

THURS: Mexican bar. Beef or chicken taco, meat, crunchy shells, soft shells, pitas, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, black olives, onions, refried beans, rice, peaches.

FRI: Pizza wedge or macaroni & cheese, fruit choice, vegetable choice, shamrock cookie.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship.....8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship Time.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Worship.....11:00 A.M. Kid's Club (Wed.).....3:30 P.M. Dinner (Wed.).....5:30 P.M.</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemood • Ph. 897-7185</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Pastor Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Worship Celebration: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Night Alive: 6 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7 p.m.</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.iserv.net/~goodshep Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Joseph Fremmer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbcilowell.org Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/J.V.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday Services 10:00 A.M. at the Cherry Creek Elementary School 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES</p> <p>Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 241-1739 email: aplighthouse@yahoo.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>

Viewpoint . . .

By
Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 8, 1876

Lowell has a few measles and the whooping cough. The first day of good sleighing all winter came March 1. The Old Folks' Reunion will be at Train's Hall this Friday. There will be an oyster supper, 75 cents, and music by Stocking & Adams. Sim Odell offers Light Brahma and Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching at \$1 a dozen. Myron Norton and O.H. Look have money to lend on real estate security.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 7, 1901

The close of the popularity contest sees Miss Ella Wiley with 6683 votes (by ballots printed in the Ledger) to Mrs. R.B. Boylan's 4787 votes and a host of also-rans, none making even 200 votes; attested by Milton Perry, Notary Public. Miss Wiley gets the silver teaspoons. The ads for patent medicines are ever larger and more insistent during this harsh winter. A committee has found a place for the village election this spring: Merritt Wright's new building opposite the post office. The king of Belgium is interested in automobiles, has had some roads repaired at his expense, and has just ordered a "motor gypsy van" with parlor, bedroom and servants' room, capable of 45 mph. F.T. King has had the old red shingle mill torn down for building material.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 4, 1925

Superior moves into the Lowell plant in a hurry, since the buyers of its Grand Rapids building promptly started demolition. Workmen are being bused, and need 4 houses, 2 apartments and 15 room-and-board arrangements. The wonderful new machinery at the Lowell Specialty Company turns out 2,500 cans an hour on a 50-foot automated line. American Homebuilders financial institution is started by the railroad brotherhood to help finance good, reduced-price housing for all workers. The Dickinson farm relief bill is under way, to deal with the problem of surplus crops. Vice-president Dawes requests donations for a \$2 million fund to care for thousands of children in the Philippines fathered by American servicemen.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 8, 1951

Segvun is saved from a huge grass fire by the efforts of residents, the fire department, three busloads of high school boys, and workers from Superior Furniture and Lowell Manufacturing. The Ledger promises an open house as soon as things are straightened out from moving. Marian Fuss and Arthur Tusch are the valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's graduating class. Mrs. George F. Johnson of the Garden Lore Club, "known as an interesting speaker," will tell the members of the Showboat Garden Club about "Reconstruction of your Garden." (Couldn't resist this one; that's my mom.) County School superintendent, Lynn Clark notes that Grand Rapids has passed a two-mill proposal that will replace several old "firetrap" schools.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 4, 1976

Monday's ice storm closed schools for miles around. City Council votes to install new lights for the ball diamond at Recreation Park, and turns down a ball launch because of rising costs for the project. Showboat asks for a delay in paying their annual installment on the loan for the portable bleachers. The city says yes, but with six percent interest charge. Wepman's Clothing and Shoe Store prepared to go out of business after 25 years on Main Street. The Lowell High School Ecology Club starts "Bottles Unlimited Recycling Program" (BURP) for bottles and cans.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

HEMORRHOIDS

Hemorrhoids are varicosities (dilated veins) in the anus which cause itching, pain and bleeding. They can be internal or external. External hemorrhoids are usually painful and itchy. Internal hemorrhoids are not typically painful unless they are very large. Both types cause bright red blood to appear on toilet paper upon wiping or in the toilet after a bowel movement. Hemorrhoids may be caused by constipation, straining during bowel movements, heavy lifting, pregnancy, liver disease or anal infections. The symptoms of hemorrhoids are usually intermittent, but occasionally may cause prolonged symptoms and complications. These complications include thrombosis (clots), persistent itching, incontinence, protrusion requiring manual replacement, infection or ulceration. Hemorrhoids typically will improve with proper care. Treatment is aimed at individual symptoms. Increasing dietary fiber, fluid intake and stool softener will help constipation. Sitz baths and steroid suppositories aid in improving pain and itching. Occasionally, hemorrhoids will persist and require surgery. Surgical treatments include banding, sclerotherapy, laser or surgical excision.

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PETER L. GUSTAFSON
Lowell Board of Education President

Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

Edward Jones
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GET YOUR KIDS STARTED IN THE INVESTMENT WORLD

Many people become successful investors only after going through years of false starts and learning some hard lessons. If you want your children to avoid these troubles, start teaching them good investment habits when they're young. You'll be doing them a big favor—and your whole family can have some fun along the way. Of course, there are any number of ways you can teach your children about investing. You'll want to explain the benefits as well as the risks that are inherently involved, such as the chance of losing money. Here are a few suggestions:

- Match children's contributions. If you have a 401(k) where you work, your employer may match some of your contributions. You can apply the same principle to your children's savings accounts. For every dollar they put into the bank, you could put in 50 cents. Then, once they reach a certain level, such as \$500, explain to them the benefits of making their money work harder for them, either through a certificate of deposit or a mutual fund.
- Look for "kid-friendly" investments. The explosion of mutual funds in recent years is good news for parents. Several child-oriented mutual funds are now available. These funds issue enrollment packets that explain investment basics through kid-friendly newsletters and interactive materials. Also, these types of funds invest in names that are well-known to kids, such as McDonald's, Disney and Nike. Many children get a kick out of owning small pieces of familiar companies.

- Play a family "stock-picking" game. It's easy to set up a stock-picking game. Just have everyone in your family choose a stock to follow for a month or so. At the end of that time, award a small prize to the person whose stock has done the best. You also may want to add some "qualitative analysis" by examining the different factors that may have caused the winning stock to outperform the rest. You'll want to keep all explanations fairly simple, but don't underestimate your children's ability to grasp fairly sophisticated concepts. Remember, children love to learn—and they're often better at it than adults.
- Set a good example. This may be the most important thing you can do. Talk to your children about how you are saving and investing for the future. Depending on their age, they may be able to understand the figures on your investment account statements. Let them know when you've reached a particular savings/investment goal - enough money for a new car, for example. Make sure they understand the concepts of setting goals, making regular contributions, delaying gratification, etc. Children emulate their parents - if they see that you're serious about saving and investing, it will stick with them.
- By the time your children are grown, many things may have changed in the world. But it's a safe bet that people will always need the ability to save and invest wisely. By showing your kids the right paths to follow, you'll be doing them immeasurable good in the years to come.

Another school shooting creates apprehension in communities like ours across America. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the students and families in Santee, California, touched by this terrible tragedy. No school system is immune from the threat of mindless violence, but here in Lowell, action has been taken to minimize the risk to our young people. One important step involves the appointment of our new School Resource Officer, Steve Bukala, who began service with the district just this past week. Steve is an officer with the Lowell Police Department, who has specialized training in school security issues. He has the full support of our K-12 Community Safety Advisory Committee (made up of parent volunteers), our building principals, and the Board of Education. The cost for this important new program is funded by federal grant funds and by financial support from the Englehardt Lowell Community Fund. Steve's office is located at the high school, but he will have a presence in all of our buildings. Following his initial introductory period, when he will be in regular uniform, Steve will serve full time in our district in a "soft" uniform. He will remain involved in the D.A.R.E. program, government classes, and other proactive support activities designed to reinforce our character education programs. But make no mistake about it. Steve is a police officer who can and will respond to school security issues. He will be a person on-site immediately available to administrators and students alike. The best long-term solution to the risk of unthinkable school violence is to create an educational environment in which students live up to the creed of our Lowell Community Values: Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Responsibility. This remains central to the mission of the Lowell Area Schools. But we also feel that the addition of School Resource Officer is the right thing to do, and we are pleased to have Steve Bukala on board.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2001.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Deputy City Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Susan Ullery, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine and Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2001 regular meeting as corrected.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (02/20/01)

GENERAL FUND	\$76,596.87
MAJOR STREET FUND	\$3,028.80
LOCAL STREET FUND	\$780.61
DDA FUND	\$4,290.00
BUILDING AND SITE FUND	\$40,647.50
AIRPORT FUND	\$115.00
WASTEWATER FUND	\$31,117.54
WATER FUND	\$82,009.87
DATA PROCESSING FUND	\$420.21
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$1,728.85
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$105,372.63
LEE FUND	\$1,500.00

Item #1. PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE CITY-OWNED LOT OFF OF NORTH HUDSON STREET BY THE LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH. Lowell Wesleyan Church wished to acquire a City-owned parcel approximately 36 feet by 134.48 feet off of North Hudson. The purpose of the acquisition is to gain sufficient property for the Church to sell its southern most land accommodating two single family lots.

As zoned R-2, a total of 16,400 square feet with 132 feet of width is necessary to provide two single-family housing lots. Currently, the Church's parcel for sale is 14,039.71 square feet. The City has 4,841.28 square feet in its adjoining lot which would provide the necessary total lot area and frontage (18,880.99 square feet, 134.48 feet respectively).

In order to consider sale, the Council can initiate the process by seeking bids. City Assessor Jim Marfia's appraised value of the City lot is \$1,300.

Lowell Wesleyan Pastor Jason Leininger stated the Church wishes to enter into negotiations and wanted the City to consider the possibility of selling the property. The church believes it has a valuable parcel of property. At present, except for the swing sets, they have not used this lot. When reviewing plans for the future, the Church wishes to extend toward the north. Leininger noted the Church also has a parcel just inside Vergennes Township.

Councilmember Myers confirmed the Church wanted to build two single-family homes. Leininger explained the Church wishes to sell this property. It has not been determined what type of development would take place. However, most individuals interested in the property wish to build single family homes.

City Manager Pasquale stated there would be enough square footage to build two single-family homes if the Church and City properties were combined.

Myers inquired if a minimum bid is set for this situation. Pasquale was unsure.

Myers questioned how the City acquired this strip of parcel. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated he and Bob Robinson from the Water Department reviewed old blue prints back when Hudson was a dead end street. At the time, the City had an easement around the dead end. DesJarden figured when the property was purchased, this part was left off. He noted there were no water or other services on the parcel.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to advertise City owned parcel 41-20-02-126-025 for bid reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Vice Chairman, Local Board of Administration for the Lowell Wesleyan Church Don Schneider noted they do not need the property for any future plans. He explained the monies received will go toward paying off some current debts.

Myers was not comfortable with the idea of having only one entity interested in the parcel which would affect the bid process resulting in the City relinquishing the property for a very nominal sum of money.

Councilmember Brubaker was in agreement with Myers. He wanted the discretion to not accept the bid or set a minimum.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION UPDATE. Paula Wilbur, the Lowell Area Trail Coordinator with the West Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, was present to update the Council on the trail. It was mentioned the national headquarters of the Association would be located in the City.

Wilbur has started the procedure to mark the trail along Main Street in the downtown. MDOT has issued a permit and will be sent in once there is Council approval. Wilbur stated approval has also been received from Lowell Light and Power to mark the power posts as well as certain light posts.

The North Country Trail would be paint marked with 2 X 6 blue blazes. A North Country Trail reflective emblem will be posted at main road crossings.

Wilbur mapped out the trail through the City stating it started across the Hudson Street bridge from the south and continues into the fairgrounds along Grand River meeting up with the Flat River. It then heads behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant, fairgrounds and Burch football field. Then, the trail proceeds from Recreation Park to Broadway, over to Ottawa, north to Main Street on Hudson. Once on Main Street, the trail heads along the north side to the Riverwalk. The trail will continue down the Riverwalk and through Avery, to High, Jackson, Grindle and Fun Street before proceeding into the State game area.

Councilmember Myers inquired the reasoning for using paint markers rather than plastic markers. Wilbur responded because of vandalism.

Wilbur noted the North Country Trail emblem is metal. It will be double sided and placed on the northeast corner of Main and N. Hudson. One would face south and the other east.

Wilbur was hopeful the markers could be placed before the headquarters move into Lowell between the middle and end of March.

Approval was also requested from the Council to hold National Trails Day in Lowell. A pamphlet was presented from American Hiking Society. They are a clearinghouse for trail events through the United States. National Trails Day has been in existence for 8 years and is promoted by this agency. In the past, Trails Day has been held at Fallsburg Park and before that, White Cloud. This year, it was believed the City of Lowell would be a fitting location.

Wilbur requested permission to use the Riverwalk for the event.

Wilbur explained, "Trails Day" is a national trail celebration. Its purpose is to inform people of trails while also teaching outdoor skills. The West Michigan Chapter will be the host and coordinator. This Chapter is also in charge of media promotion. North Country Trail Association Headquarters plan to have an open house and invite National Park Service and Forestry Representatives. Some other partners include Galyan's (River Town Crossing Mall). They will set up a virtual campsite, show their wares and have cooking out on the trail demos. Also, REI (outdoor gear store) will be doing the same. Eastern Mountain Sports from Kentwood will provide "Leave No Trace", mapping and compass clinics.

Local partners include Lowell Area Historical Museum, who wish to do a history walk down Main Street. The Arts Council will have their doors open and possibly bring in the wood carvers. Lowell Area Schools want to have a children's area and scavenger hunt. The Fallsburg Historical Society would like to have a booth, possibly a spaghetti dinner and dance in the evening at Fallsburg Park. Most of the activities will remain on the Riverwalk with the exception of hikes throughout the day.

The activities would run from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2001. Councilmember Shores felt National Trails Day was a great idea. Wilbur was hopeful to have 300 to 500 individuals participate.

Myers inquired if the Association would charge an organization to have a food booth. Wilbur responded no. Myers asked if the organization had to be non-profit. Wilbur said yes. She noted the Lowell Area Historical Museum is considering selling lunch items. However, if they do not, another party would be sought.

Blough questioned if the Parks and Recreation Commission was in favor of the event. Green responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to grant approval to the North Country Trail Association to have National Trails Day on the Riverwalk from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 2, 2001.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Blough reviewed the signage issues. The two types being used consist of the blue blazon marker and the second is an emblem sign, which would be used at the corner of North Hudson and Main Streets.

Green stated the emblem is similar to pedestrian markings as opposed to vehicular traffic. He noted MDOT has given permission to install these on different traffic signs. The issue is whether the Council will allow the markers on the black posts. Green indicated the Parks and Recreation Commission favors the request.

Blough inquired if there were other alternatives, should the Council deny the request. Wilbur responded yes. However, it is more in depth and expensive. The blazes would have to be placed on a sturdy backing and be double bracketed with vandal proof bullets or nuts.

Myers wanted to seek input from the Downtown Historic District Commission. He also wanted to see how far apart the markers would be and how many poles were needed.

Myers inquired if there would be signage placed near the Riverwalk to indicate a turn in the trail. Wilbur responded a post would be placed in the ground with directional arrows.

Myers asked if the markers were reflective. Wilbur responded no.

Blough suggested Wilbur check with other cities to determine how they handled the marker issue through their Central Business District. Wilbur responded she has checked with Battle Creek. However, this City does not have historic lampposts.

Shores noted all the discussion in the past concerning signs being placed on public poles. She felt this may cause a problem.

Blough noted there was no mandatory requirement the

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markers be placed on the poles nor is it mandatory that these go on the MDOT signage. If these were integrated into other structures which naturally exist and would still be visible to the trail, it could probably be used.

Blough asked if the trail was used during the winter. Wilbur responded yes by cross country skiers and hikers.

Green believed the issue was signage. The purpose was to keep signs such as those for garage sale and flyers off of the poles. Green noted he was in favor of doing this. Blough reviewed what the Council was asking for. Specifically, placement of the markers, number, and are there any other alternatives relative to installing the signage as opposed to putting these on a pole.

Myers also noted he wanted an opinion from the Downtown Historic District Commission.

Blough thanked Wilbur for her efforts and recognized the great lengths she has gone to organizing the National Trails Day.

Myers inquired where funding originates. Wilbur responded most of the funding comes from memberships and some Federal grants.

Item #3. REQUEST BY ERIC NELSON - ACCESS AGREEMENT TO LOWELL CITY AIRPORT FROM 12920 VERGENNES ROAD. Eric Nelson wishes to construct a hangar at his future residence so that he may have access to the airport. During its January 9th meeting, the Airport Board unanimously recommended the Council's approval of the agreement. As with previous access agreements, Nelson would pay the equivalent of a tie down fee per month (\$20 currently).

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the access agreement to Lowell City Airport for Eric Nelson of 12920 Vergennes Road.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. REPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND FIRE STATION. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated the South Hudson Street project will begin on March 20, 2001. This in turn requires the electric service to the DPW building and the Fire Station to be rebuilt for reconnection to the new poles. As part of established Light and Power policies, underground and aerial electric service entrances are the responsibility of the commercial customer. The following quotes were received from Rickert Electric:

• Overhead:	
DPW	\$990.
Fire Station	\$1,950.
	\$2,940.
• Underground:	
DPW	\$5,575.
Fire Station	\$4,024.
	\$9,961.

DesJarden noted the City has been attempting to clean up the area.

Mayor Blough asked if there was any reason to believe that Light and Power was not enforcing this policy consistently. DesJarden responded no.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired if there were other reasons for preferring underground wiring. DesJarden believed it would require less maintenance. He also noted the policy established in 1992, 1993 and 1994 when Light and Power wanted all wiring placed underground.

Pasquale noted once the project is complete on South Hudson, there will be half the number of poles present.

Myers inquired if bids were received. DesJarden responded no, only one quote was received because the telephone poles are being moved at this time.

Myers was in favor of the underground procedure to maintain the appearance of the two buildings.

Blough believed the City should follow through on the

underground access for this particular project.

Myers inquired if City staff could prepare part of the project. DesJarden did not believe so. He stated the project needs to be started now. It was noted the road construction will begin on March 20, 2001 and a decision needs to be made before hand.

DesJarden said the amount for underground wiring expense is high due to the amount of frost in the ground.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to authorize up to \$9,961 for the replacement and relocation of the underground electric service for the Department of Public Works Building and the Fire Station. Further, permission is given to use another contractor if a less expensive cost can be found.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE BOTTOM REPAIR. Public Works Director DesJarden stated the DPW has identified five manhole bottoms, which need repair. These are located at Lincoln Lake and Howard, North Center and Sibley (2), Sibley and N. West, and Maple and Ottawa. DesJarden noted \$20,000 is budgeted every year for such repairs.

The following bids were received:
Plummer's Environmental Services, Inc. \$6,422.
Ryan's Municipal Services \$13,728.
C.P.I. Contracting, Inc. \$14,510.

DesJarden recommended the Council approve the bid as submitted by Plummer's at a cost of \$6,422.

Councilmember Shores commented on the price difference between the bids. DesJarden explained C.P.I. Contracting, Inc. is from out of town. Ryan's Municipal Services is higher because the services from Plummer's are used.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the bid from Plummer's Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$6,422 to repair five sanitary sewer manhole bottoms.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. FUTURE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS - CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING FINANCING. As part of priorities established by the Council, the upgrading of City roads was considered of utmost importance. In particular, the reconstruction of Gee Drive was listed as a top project in the Streets Master Plan. The cost to carry out this work was estimated currently at \$810,196.

As mentioned to the Council at the last meeting, Gee Drive has been reclassified as a Major Street under Public Act 51 by the Michigan Department of Transportation. This enables greater State shared gas and weight tax revenues to come to the City from such improvements.

Also, efforts have been undertaken to classify Gee Drive as a Rural Major Collector under the National Functional Classification System for federal funding. Roads under this classification can qualify for 80% federal funding. It was noted the South Hudson Street project has received such assistance.

The Grand Valley Metro Council-Transportation Policy Committee has determined that there is insufficient traffic volume to merit Gee Drive as a regional facility at this time. The issue will be revisited once Meijer opens. The committee did reclassify Foreman Road as a Major Rural Collector and qualify the thoroughfare for future federal funding.

If Gee Drive does receive the designation, it competes for federal funding. This includes every community in Kent County, which is under 5,000 residents along with the Kent County Road Commission who competes for limited funds.

While Gee Drive still can qualify for such funding, it may

be several years away. As an alternative, the City could secure Transportation Fund Bonds up to \$1,265,000 for 15 years of amortization. This could also include the reconstruction of Valley Vista Drive (\$261,860) and North Division (\$212,976) as added projects. Payment can be derived from millage and state shared transportation revenues.

At this time, City Manager Pasquale requested input and direction from the Council as to whether such action should be pursued.

Mayor Blough clarified this was in preparation for the 2001-2002 budget. Pasquale responded yes.

Blough stated a portion of the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) included the local streets program. He noted the plan refers to Gee Drive as being the number one priority. There were also two portions of local streets, which included Valley Vista Drive and N. Division Street.

Blough did not see any reason why the Council would not want to review this in the Capital Improvements Plan and then receive recommendations from the Planning Commission concerning an updated priority list. A public hearing could then be held to receive public input.

Green was unsure of the direction to take. However, he did see a need for the improvements.

Councilmember Shores inquired when the next traffic study would be done for Gee Drive. Pasquale responded when Meijer opens.

Councilmember Brubaker believed the street issue was a problem, but wanted to approach with caution and investigate other options.

Myers also had concerns about levying additional millage.

Blough stated he wanted City staff to give a recommendation on the Capital Improvements Plan for the next coming fiscal year.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers stated he was pleased to see from the Wastewater Treatment Report from Earth Tech that Litehouse, Inc. was in full compliance with the sewer use ordinance and no fines were assessed.

Myers presented an executed document for the City regarding the bill of sale for the Lowell Showboat.

Myers also noted his excitement concerning the renovation of the building at 219 E. Main Street.

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- The following meetings minutes were provided:
 - Airport Board meeting of January 9th
 - Downtown Development Authority meeting of January 18th
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of January 9th
 - Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of January 20th and 27th

As requested by Mayor Blough, various sidewalk ordinances were provided for Council review.

The audit has been completed for Light and Power and Cable TV. Council presentation is planned for March 5, 2001.

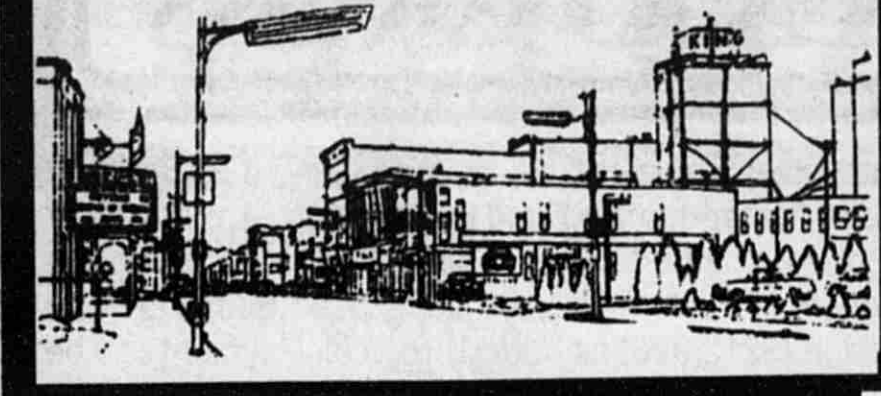
Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Bob Ford of Hahn Hardware was appointed to the Downtown Development Authority. His term will expire on January 1, 2002.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 5, 2001

Michael K. Blough, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

Along Main Street



level. To pick up registration form, stop by LHS athletic office. Any questions, phone 897-6807 days; 897-0336 eves. ASAP. Leagues starting soon! Forms are due no later than March 14.

PROJECT FISH

This workshop will be held at Wittenbach Center on March 8, 13 and 15 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adults will receive materials and partnerships to assist them in developing hands-on outdoor community education. \$50 funds available for Lowell residents. Call Tammy DeBaar at 987-1002 to sign up.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL ON:

MONDAY, MARCH 12

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

OR

1) To appear at the Board of Review, call on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., (616) 897-5671, to schedule an appointment.

2) By letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Assessor, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 and received prior to March 9.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

School. To be eligible to take driver's training, a student must be born before Nov. 9, 1986. Cost is \$75 and includes Segment 2. Application and fee deadline Friday, March 30 with birth certificate. Two sessions: June 11-29 and July 9-27. A.M. and P.M. classes. Call Al Eckman for more info. 897-4125.

COLLEGE FAIR COMING TO LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Over 45 Michigan colleges and universities will offer material in Lowell High School's central hallway on Thursday, March 15 from 7-9 p.m. A financial aid seminar will be offered and military services will be represented. Admission is open to all eighth thru 12th grade students and parents in the West Michigan area. For more information, call the SSC at 897-1465.

CROP WALK RALLY KICK-OFF

First United Methodist Church of Lowell will hold the

Crop Walk - 2001 Rally on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Representatives from all area churches/organizations will meet to kick off plans for the Crop Walk for Hunger Relief on May 6. Plan to attend or send a representative for pledge forms and recruiting information, 897-5936.

ANNUAL ELECTION FOR LOWELL HOCKEY

The annual election for the JV hockey team's Board of Directors will be held on Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the classroom of Paul Jacobus at Cherry Creek Elementary. This is an open election for Lowell hockey.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, March 21 from 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

"Radio Station K.I.D.S.", March 10 at LPAC

Over the last two years, Life's a Stage 4-H Performing Arts Club has raised \$3,200 for charity through its community service project.

This year the club will present "Radio Station K.I.D.S." at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Cost of admission is a \$3 donation.

This year's proceeds will be divided equally between the Ronald McDonald House and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids-Children's Programming.

The 4-H Club members will dedicate over 30 hours to

rehearsal time. They will also sell tickets and request donations for their performance.

In addition to the feature performance at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, the club will perform two morning shows at Saranac Elementary School on Thursday, March 8, and two afternoon performances at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Last year's presentation of "Let's Hear it for the Heroes" raised \$2,000 for the John Ball Zoo and two years ago, the club raised \$1,200 with its presentation of "Castaways."

Paws with a Cause to visit Alto and Englehardt libraries

Some exceptional dogs will be coming to Kent District Library, as Paws with a Cause visits many KDL branches this spring. In this program for all ages, participants can learn about Paws with a Cause, an organization that trains assistance dogs to help disabled people with everyday needs, and meet a service dog.

This program is scheduled at the Englehardt branch for

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. and the Alto branch on Wednesday, April 11 at 4 p.m.

For more information about this program, call Kent District Library at 784-2007.

Paws with a Cause encourages independence for people with disabilities by training assistance dogs for people all over the country who are challenged by diseases such as cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries, epilepsy and varying degrees of hearing and vision loss. The dogs can be trained to perform a variety of tasks, such as opening doors, turning light switches on and off, picking up objects as small as a dime and alerting people to sounds like a smoke alarm or doorbell and getting help for a person having a seizure. To learn more about this organization, visit their web site at www.pawswithacause.org.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH, SE ON:

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001

between the hours of 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001

between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1) By letter addressed to the Lowell Charter Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 12, 2001; or

2) By phoning the Township Hall (897-7600) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:
Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD BELDING, MICHIGAN ON:

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001

between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to: Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 9, 2001. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the Township offices between March 5 and March 8 to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

Tentative equalization factor is 1.00000
Frank Buckley
Assessor, Grattan Township



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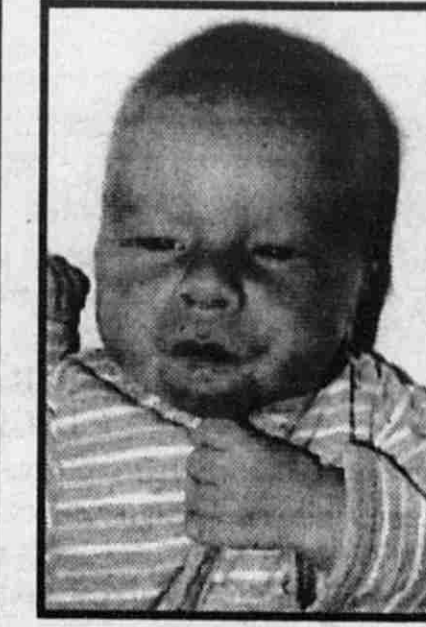
Katie Jo Hogan and Terry Raymond Brandt, of Ada, were married at Knapp Reformed Church in Grand Rapids on August 26, 2000.

Matron of honor was Colleen Parm and bridesmaids were Stacy Burkwal and Anne Hoelsetma.

Flower girl was Samantha Lewis and ringbearer was Alex Lackey. Best man was Randy Hunter and groomsmen were David Brandt and Kris Brandt.

The bride's parents are Dave and Elaine Hogan of Jenison.

The groom's parents are Ray and Gail Brandt of Lowell.



AREA BIRTHS

Jaden Richmond Parker was born on Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 11:20 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Tim

and Alicia Parker (Richmond) of Ravenna. Grandparents are Jerry Richmond of Lowell and Dayton and Merry Parker of Muskegon; also great-grandma Virginia Uzarski of Grand Rapids.



Megan Elizabeth Roe was born on February 22, 2001 in Metropolitan Hospital at 11:08 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Dale and Heather Roe. Also wel-

coming her home were big brother, Blake and big sister, Mackenzie.

Grandparents are Don and Charlene Welch of Lowell and Chuck and Linda Jordan of Hastings.

Retreats March 17th & 24th

The Franciscan Life Process Center is providing two retreats in March, one for men and one for women.

The Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Men's Retreat is on Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both days will include the celebration of Mass, and

lunch will be provided. The fee for each retreat is by donation.

The retreat will explore answers to questions such as "Who do you say that I am?" "Who is Christ to you?" "What is your relationship to Jesus' Word of the Father?" "How does this relationship form your life?" The retreat will also

consider the many ways saints of our time have answered these questions in their own lives.

If you would like to register or want more information please contact Sister Colleen Ann Nagle at the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street, Lowell or phone 897-7842.

Over 45 colleges and universities to be represented at college fair

The College Fair will take place in Lowell High School's central hallway on Thursday, March 15 from 7-9 p.m.

Over 45 Michigan colleges and universities will have booths set up and material available for students and parents. The military services will also be represented. Sessions will be offered

for students and parents on financial aid, computer programs on college and scholarship searches, and college information from the perspective of parents, current college students and counselors. Eighth through twelfth grade students and their parents in the West Michigan School Districts have been invited to the College Fair.

Refreshments will be served and college items will be raffled off. Admission is open to all high school and middle school students and parents.

For more information, contact the Student Services Center at 897-1465.

COLLEGE NEWS

Shannon Finnegan, of Lowell, was named to the dean's list at Alma College. Alma College has named over 400 students to the

dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2000 fall term which ended Dec. 15.

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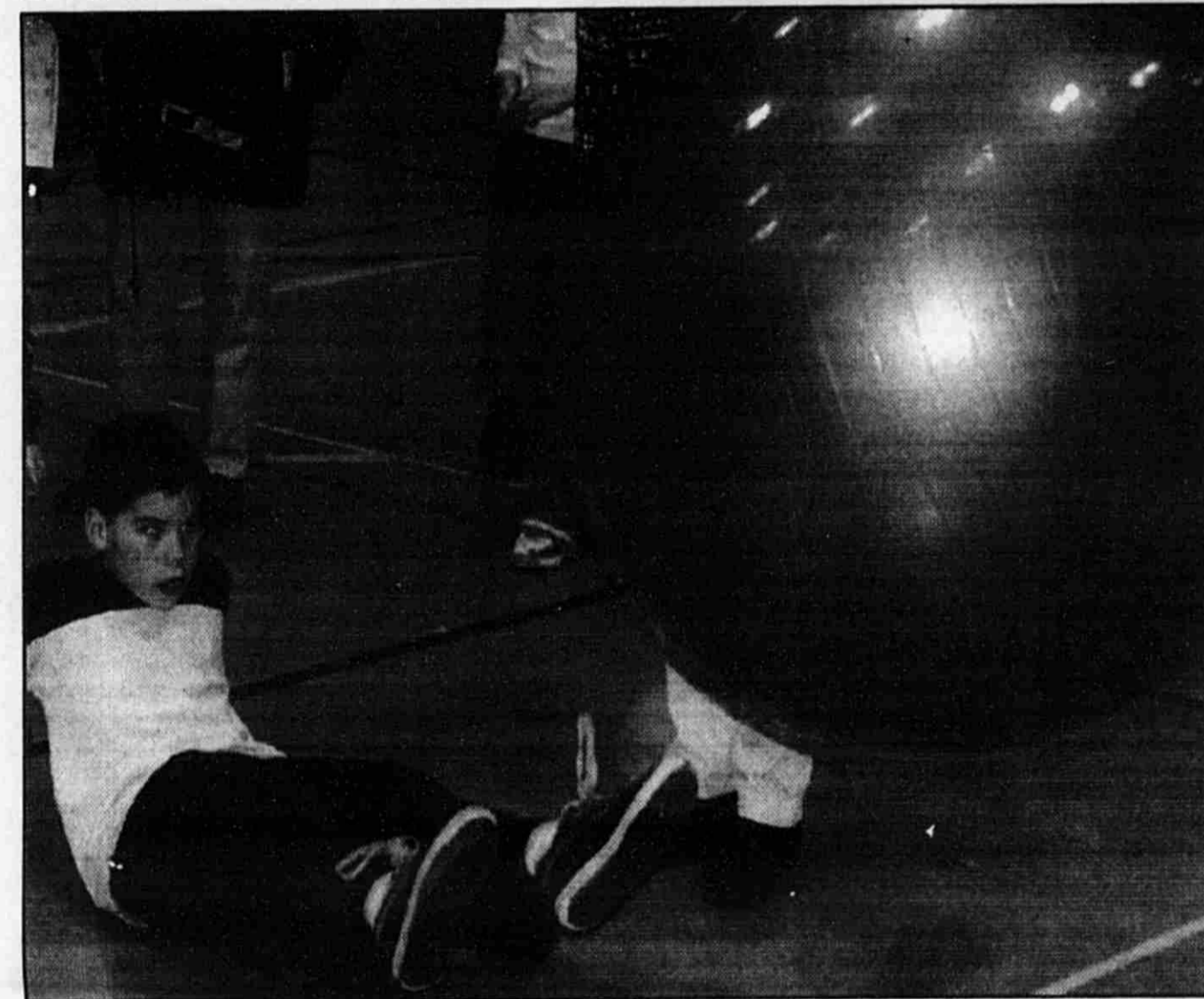
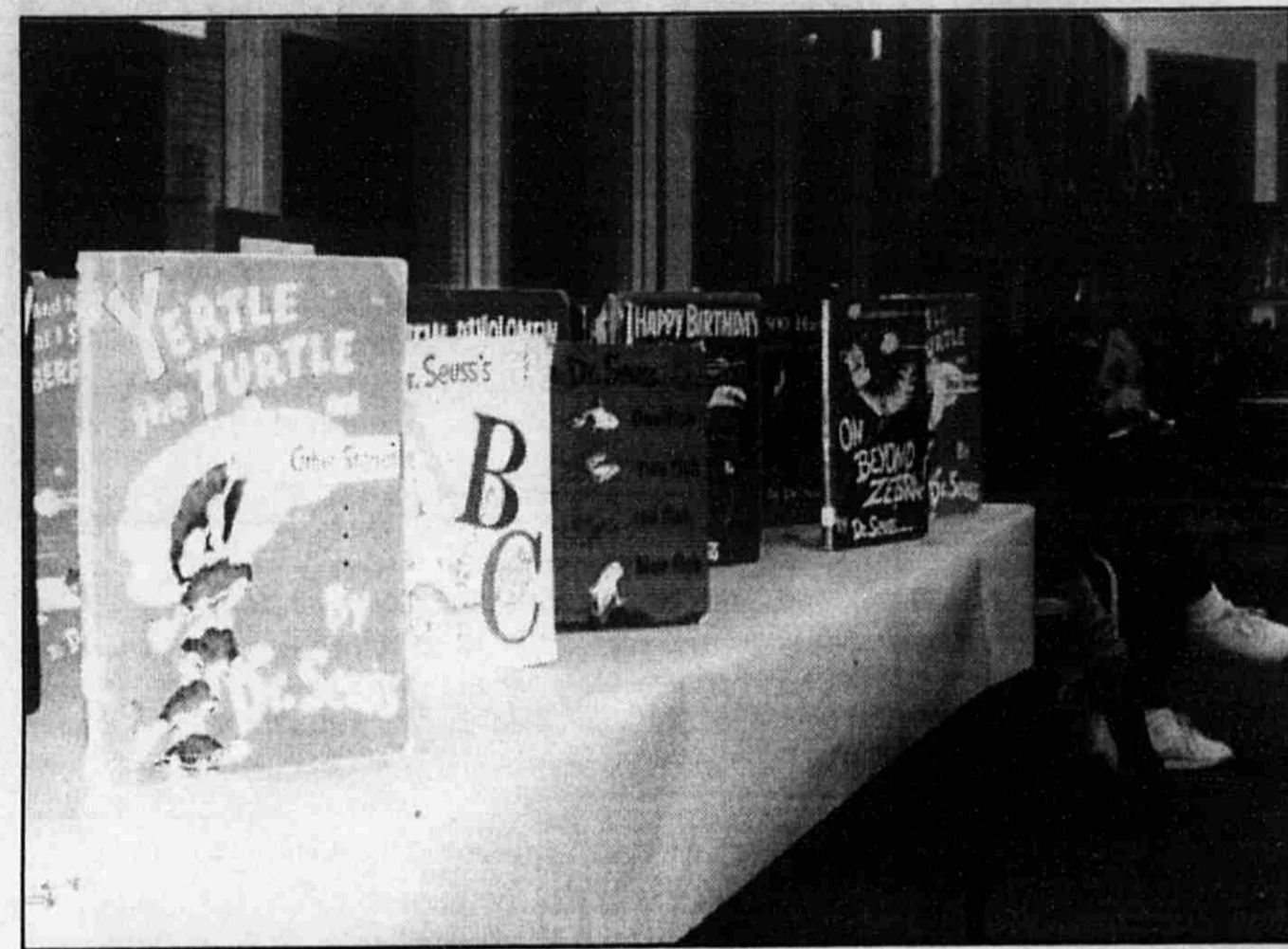
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Lance Fargo, fourth-grader, attempts to push the ball with both feet over a foot-high stack of mats.

Read Across America READING ON THE GO



Reading was incorporated at each of the six stations visited by students at Cherry Creek Elementary's 4th annual "Reading Across America" celebration. Pictured above, left to right, are: Allie Noonon, Kristina Noonon and Judy Noonon.

Wizard of Oz March 22-24

Area residents will be able to follow the yellow brick road to the land of Oz as Lowell High School presents the classic musical "Wizard of Oz."

The annual spring play will run Thursday, March 22; Friday, March 23; and Saturday, March 24 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

Tod Nyson is directing this year's musical. "This is the first time I've directed. I helped with Peter Pan," Nyson recalls. "It's been fun, yet time-consuming."

Jennifer Adams will play the role of Dorothy. Troy Gillan is the Scarecrow; Ben Vaught is the Lion; Ben VanderVeen, the Tin Man; Megan Fleet, the Wicked Witch; and Laura Befus, Glinda the Good Witch.

"In all, we have 52 students who will be performing on stage," Nyson said. "They are doing a great job. They've been practicing since after the holidays."

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City's capital improvements program may include Gee Drive

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

No one will deny that Gee Drive needs to be reconstructed.

"Years ago it was my walking road," said Councilmember Jeanne Shores. "I wouldn't walk on that road now."

An \$810,196 price tag to upgrade the street, however, has left city officials wondering exactly how to go about getting the improvements Gee Drive needs. Reclassification and money from the federal and state governments are possibilities, and so is a millage.

But before the Lowell City Council moves forward on any decision about Gee Drive, it has decided it would like to see what other Capital Improvements projects city staff will be recommending this year.

The Capital Improvements projects process, which can include any physical improvements to the city, starts in the spring. Usually the planning commission begins the process by taking a look at what city staff proposes and then forwards a prioritized list to the city council to approve.

Gee Drive may have some stiff competition. Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said while he is certain it will be one of the top roads for major street repair, he also will be recommending a variety of other street repairs. These could include anything from upgrading to curb and gutters.

Some of the projects that have been on the list include the part of Bowes Road from Pleasant to West Street, DesJarden said.

Street work is not the only item being considered; in fact, physical improvements to the city can include facilities and utilities - one being the proposed cemetery building, a project several residents have been working on.

"The Capital Improvements program is something we usually do during the spring," said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale. "It can have projects on it that are five to six years out."

This means that a project might make the list, but still have a waiting period which for the residents of Gee Drive may mean waiting a little longer.

LL& P/Lowell Cable audit shows challenges of past year are being met

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Given the difficulty with the accounting and billing systems over the last year, Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television, felt good about the audit by Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson.

"I'm happiest about the unqualified recommendation. This last year we dealt with challenges on top of challenges," Richards explained. "I'm glad the first year is under our belt."

A new billing system (support Y2K), a new accounting system, and a move to integrate ... eliminating duplication in the accounting process and renovation of office space made it a tough year, according to Richards. "We're not out of the woods yet, but I think we've made progress."

The audit revealed the basic subscriber rate was at 2,341 ... up 111 from 1999, representing a five percent increase. For the same two-year period, HBO subscribers were up 16. Cinemax declined by six and Showtime/Movie Channel declined by six.

Digital cable, which was launched in December of 1999, has over 200 subscribers. The conservative projection was 99.

"Lowell subscribers wanted more and when offered more they responded," Richards said.

The audit report notes that the net income decrease is due to lower margins on cable rates charged to customers and a more precise allocation of cable expenses over previous years.

Operating income for the year ending June 30, 2000 was \$102,004 compared with (\$91,649) and \$85,974 for 1999 and 1998 respectively.

While revenues were up \$311,683 over 1999, operating expenses were up only \$118,030.

Finally, a question arose regarding whether the fixed office costs used by both departments should be shared, or alternatively be considered owned wholly by LL&P with Cable Television leasing its share. The auditor suggested that Lowell Cable lease.

The audit indicates that LL&P showed a net gain of \$250,000. In the last two years, residential sales have increased 6.2 percent and 2.5 percent. In that same period, commercial sales increased 3.8 percent and 9.4 percent and now represent 67.6 percent of every sale dollar.

SUV makes Michigan's "most wanted" list

The 1999 and 2000 Jeep Cherokees are the most wanted vehicles in Michigan - most wanted, that is, by car thieves. The popular sport utility vehicle claimed the top two spots on the Auto Theft Prevention Authority's (ATPA) "Top 10 Most Stolen Car" list in 2000 (based on all model years). Coming in a strong third was the Pontiac Grand Am (1999). The 2000 Grand Am also posted a strong showing at 6th.

In 1999, said the ATPA, the number of Michigan auto thefts fell four percent from the previous year. From 1986 to 1999, Michigan thefts have decreased 25 percent. During this same time period, the national theft rate is down six percent.

Janet Deni, vice president and chief claims officer for AAA Michigan, noted that 54,018 auto thefts were reported to the ATPA in Michigan in 1999. She added that a statewide VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching program conducted last summer by AAA and the ATPA has helped reduce those numbers.

1. Jeep Cherokee (2000)
2. Jeep Cherokee (1999)
3. Pontiac Grand Am (1999)
4. Ford Taurus (1999)
5. Dodge Intrepid (1999)
6. Pontiac Grand Am (2000)
7. Ford Taurus (1998)
8. Dodge Intrepid (2000)
9. Ford Taurus (1997)
10. Oldsmobile Alero (1999)

To help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto theft, AAA Michigan offers the following tips:

- Lock it and pocket the key.
- Park in a well-lit, well-traveled location.
- Don't leave valuables in view.
- Turn on auto theft devices, such as kill switch or alarm.
- Etch windows with Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

"Not only does VIN etching make a car less appealing to car thieves, but an etched vehicle may qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of an auto insurance premium," said Deni. AAA Michigan, for example, offers a five-percent discount for etched vehicles. Nearly 22,000 vehicles have been etched since the joint program began in 1995.

In addition to anti-theft measures, AAA Michigan is strongly committed to fighting all forms of insurance fraud. Since 1984, when AAA Michigan's Claims Investigation Unit (CIU) was established, the company has worked with law enforcement and community groups to deter fraud and save policyholders millions of dollars.

Michigan's Top 10 stolen vehicles for 2000 (all model years):

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP LANDOWNERS

2001 OPEN SPACE/LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Open Space/Land Preservation Committee of Vergennes Township invites any interested resident or landowner to join us for our regular monthly meetings. To learn more about what you can do to help protect our rural character, please note the following meeting dates, which normally will fall on the last Wednesday of every month:

March 28	April 25
May 30	June 27
July 25	August 29
September 26	October 24
November 28	No meeting in December

Of special note, an educational session is planned for the evening of April 11th to be held at the Wittenbach Center across from the High School on Vergennes Road. Starting at 7:00 p.m., a workshop titled "How to Establish and Manage Wildlife Habitats" will be presented by experts in the topic from the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture. All are invited to attend.

Regular committee meetings are held at the township offices, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., at the intersection of Bailey and Parnell. For further information, you may contact Mari Stone, Township Clerk, at 897-5671, Marsha Wilcox at 897-8949, or Kate Dernocoeur at 682-9899.

LHS athletes share stories with Alto kids

Student athletes from Lowell High School volunteered to read at Alto Elementary. The students represented girls track, cheerleading, volleyball, soccer, cross-country, football, baseball and softball. The athletes worked in pairs and met with all classes from kindergarten to fifth-grade.



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Dade Harmon and Amber Metternick, both of Lowell, became the proud parents of a baby girl on Thursday, January 18.

Mattelyn Elizabeth
 weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 1/2" long.

Proud grandparents are Debra Saganek of Belding and Ron and Carrie Metternick of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Pat Pfisbner of Lowell, Janet Williams of Belding, Roger and Norma Raymor of Lowell, Shirley Metternick of Benzonia and Don Saganek of East Jordan

Along The Trails of The Wittenbach Center
 By Tammy DeBaar

In the natural world, maple syrup was flowing during the MSU/U of M game. Several home school groups and Alto 4-H came to help in the process at the log cabin, which was a big help. Turkeys are around the Wege Natural Area trail so please remember to keep your dog on a leash. Need a history lesson on turkeys? Some 45 years ago, there were no wild turkeys in Michigan. Today they can be found in nearly every corner of the state. Native Americans once used the wild turkey for food and their wing feathers to fletch the shaft of their arrows. As human populations grew in the 1800s, the land cleared, destroying habitat. During the '50s, a turkey management tool called the "rocket net" gave resource managers the ability to live-trap turkeys for restoration efforts. Entire flocks could be netted and transferred to appropriate habitat sites. By the fall of 1965, turkey hunting returned to the state of Michigan. Now, turkeys range through 76 of the state's 83 counties and live in more areas than ever. This week is Ag and Natural Resources week at MSU. The FFA students will be competing all week.

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 —William Hazlitt

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

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EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

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TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Women's Community Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time from 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Chr. Ref. Church across from Burger King. For information call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

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WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

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

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in many different 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 the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

EVERY THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W.

Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EVERY 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) meets at 7 a.m. in high 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 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m.

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Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

SAT., MARCH 10: Poetry/Writing workshop at LAAC from 1-3 p.m. with Grand Rapids poet and writer, Linda Nemecek Foster; for teens and adults. Admission is free and open to public.

THURS., MARCH 15: Crop Walk Rally at 1st United Methodist Church 7 p.m. Attend or send a rep. to pick up pledge forms and recruiting info. Call 897-5936 with further questions.

FRI., MARCH 16 & SAT., MARCH 17: 2-day workshop at Franciscan Life Process Center with artist Helen Caswell, 9-4 p.m. Cost: \$65. Call John at 897-7842 for info. or to register. Class size is limited.

FRI., MARCH 16 & SAT., MARCH 17: St. Roberts Church of Ada, 6477 Ada Dr. 2nd Best Sale. Profits to Youth Workcamp Group. Call 676-9111 ext. 33 for details.

SAT., MARCH 17: Turkey dinner, 5-7 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church (84th & M-50). \$7 adults; \$3 children 6-12; 5 & under, free.

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Alto resident sworn in as new Postmaster

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

From stints in the mail processing plant and the business mail entry department to acting postmaster and supervisor of customer service, Micki Snyder landed the position and the location she wanted.

"I always said I wanted to retire from this office (Alto Post Office)," explained Snyder, a lifelong Alto resident.

On Thursday, Snyder was sworn in as the Alto postmaster by former Lowell postmaster, Sylvia Taylor.

Snyder replaces Dennis Drotar, who leaves to take a labor position in Grand Rapids.

Although Snyder had 16 years of post office experience, she wasn't sure that would be enough. "It's not easy getting a postmastership," Snyder said. "I decided to apply anyhow."

That was three-four months ago, Snyder started her new job on Jan. 22. "There's more responsibility than I had at Lowell, but there is less stress," Snyder said. "This office is half the size of Lowell, has half the staff, and there is a lot less mail. Lowell, however, is where I learned to do things right."

Snyder will continue her role as postal chairperson for the combined federal campaign to allocate payroll deduction funds to community nonprofit organizations in the Tri County area (Ottawa, Kent and Barry counties).

Snyder also serves as a sign language interpreter for the post office and for a deaf agency.

Snyder and her husband Alan have two young children, Mary Frances and Zackery Thomas.

Moving On In:

Sharon Whaley moved into her new house on Thursday. She's been without a house since a traumatic turn of events last fall.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It took a whole circle of prayers, money and volunteer labor to author the happy ending.

Sharon Whaley, without a house last November, moved into her new home earlier this week, bringing closure to a traumatic set of events.

"I forgot what the modular home looked like ... it's been so long since I've seen it," Whaley said from her new kitchen. All the bells and whistles that come with a new home also work.

"I was making toast this morning and it got a little black. The smoke from the toaster caused the fire alarm on the ceiling to go off," Whaley said with a smile. "It was like being welcomed to my new home."

Since Whaley's story was brought to the attention of the Lowell community and West Michigan, there has been an outpouring of support.

"The caring and support shown by everybody is appreciated so very much. Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough," Whaley said.

WOOD TV-8's Henry Erb called it the most inspirational story he's done.

Evergreen Missionary Church pastor Glenn Marks, who has spearheaded a coordinated effort to help Whaley, said 61 businesses or individuals have donated material or labor and 47 have given money (totaling \$9,159.51).

"Of that, \$4,650 came from the Evergreen Missionary Church and the rest came from the Lowell community," Marks said.

Marks received a call last week from Luscious Landscapes, volunteering to do the landscaping work for Whaley this spring. The Lowell varsity soccer team has volunteered to help the landscaping company.

Marks said donations are still being accepted to help pay for the water and gas assessments. Donations can still be made through the Evergreen Missionary Church Deacons Fund at Huntington Bank in Lowell.

"The response has exceeded what we could have ever thought. I have such great appreciation for everyone who has helped. We couldn't have paid for better contractors to do the job," Marks concluded.



Sharon Whaley sits in the bay window of her new home on Alden Nash.

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Lowell's run at a wrestling title thwarted a third time in the finals

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The grand prize eluded the Lowell wrestling team again, in heart-rendering fashion Saturday at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The Red Arrows finished runnerup for the third consecutive year in the Division II state finals ... including the last two years to Lapeer West.

The Panthers, in winning their second consecutive state title, narrowly edged Lowell 27-25 in an epic championship tilt.

"I'm numb," said an emotionally drained Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc. "This (finishing second) isn't what we were working for."

Great matches, though, are what fans have come to expect when these two wrestling powers gather. Last

year, Lapeer West defeated Lowell in the finals 34-33. Earlier this season, the Panthers won on the sixth tiebreaker after the two teams tied at 35-35.

The two clubs were tied at 9-9 after trading decisions from 103 to 135.

A major decision by Caleb O'Boyle (15-2), 140 pounds, and an 11-5 win by J.J. Wilder at 145 gave Lowell a 16-9 advantage.

The lead was short lived. Lapeer's James Kish major decisioned Pete VanLaan 14-5; then Nick Sierakowski (160) pinned Matt Oesch, giving the Panthers a 19-16 advantage.

Mike Forward's 6-4 overtime decision against Ryan Zemmer tied the match at 19-19 with three to go.

Zemmer was put in at 171

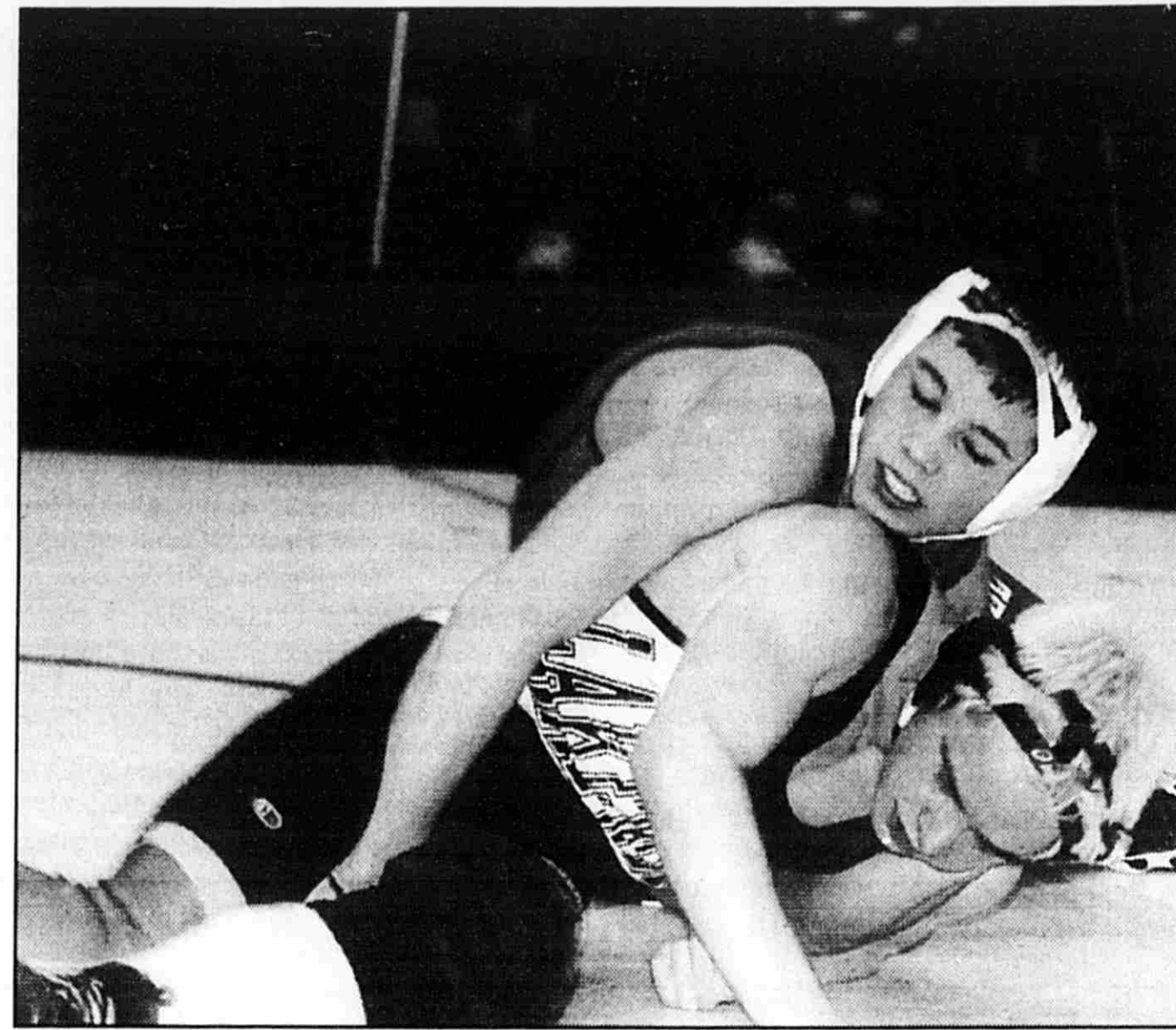
by Lapeer coach, John Virmich, as he bumped all-state wrestler Roger Kish to 189.

"I thought Frazier (B.J.) would pin our guy at 189, so I bumped Roger up. He got a technical fall and Zemmer nearly won his match at 171," Virmich explained.

The move was pivotal. Instead of swapping pins, Lowell got three points at 171 and Lapeer picked up five points at 189.

"That's a two-point swing, which what we won by," Virmich said.

Even though Kish's win gave Lapeer a 24-19 advantage, the outcome was still very much in the balance with two matches yet to wrestle ... matches Lowell had won in the two clubs' earlier season meeting.



Brandon Kinney, 112 pounds, major decisioned Lakewood's Greg Seeber.

Ben Fleet, 215 pounds, picked up six points when Panther Chris Houle was disqualified after his fourth stalling warning.

The win gave Lowell a 25-24 lead with only the deciding heavyweight match left.

"Matches like these are like shootouts. It's whoever rises to the occasion. Lapeer wrestled just a little tougher today," Strejc said.

Lapeer's Josh Johnson avenged a pin to Lowell's Ben Vaught back in December with a 9-2 decision, earning the Panthers the championship.

"Every match was critical. Our kids wrestled their hearts out," Virmich said. "Lowell is probably the only team in the state we don't match up with ... and we're probably the only team Lowell doesn't match up with."

Lowell's wins in the lower weight matches came

from Brandon Kinney, 112, 9-3; Ian DeRath, 119, 8-4; and John Mendez, 130, 13-11.

"I can't compliment Dave (Strejc) and his Lowell team enough. They are not only a very good wrestling team, but Dave and his kids are a class act all the way," Virmich said.

Lowell advanced to the finals with a 42-21 win over Greenville on Friday night and posted an impressive 45-12 rout over previously undefeated Lakewood (28-1) in the semi-finals on Saturday.

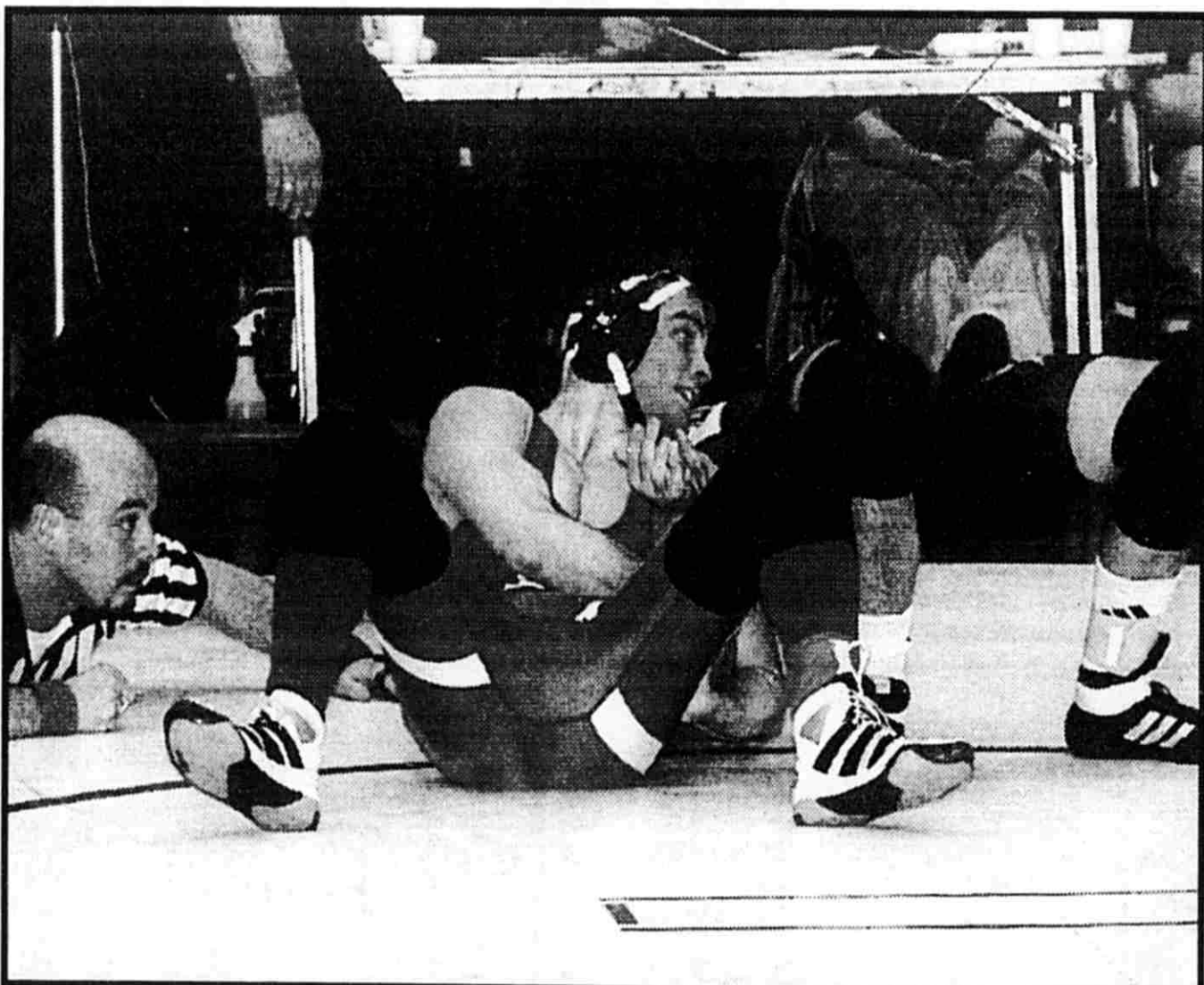
"Lakewood wrestled us tough during the regular season (reference to Lowell's 43-33 loss), but our boys turned it up a level today," Strejc said. "I thought David Kropf's win at 103 set the tone and from there on, it was like a chain reaction."

In a state wrestling

sidebar, Otsego, a team Lowell beat in the finals of the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament, won the state championship at the Division III level with a 44-24 win over Shepherd.

Lowell 45, Lakewood 12

103 - David Kropf dec. Ryan King, 9-6; 112 - Brandon Kinney maj. dec. Greg Seeber, 19-5; 119 - Ian DeRath maj. dec. Nathan Boucher, 10-2; 125 - Phillip Plowman dec. John McKay, 7-2; 130 - John Mendez dec. Aaron Stahl, 9-4; 135 - Bobby Gingerich maj. dec. Ben Best, 11-1; 140 - Caleb O'Boyle p. Nathan Schoup, 3-28; 145 - Tommy Pett p. Alan Stiver, 5-45; 152 - Ryan Ferry dec. Pete VanLaan, 14-7; 160 - Matt Oesch dec. Tony Harmer, 10-9; 171 - Mike Forward dec. Andy Eastridge, 7-6; B.J. Frazier tech, fall Ryan Harmer 22-7; 215 - Ben Fleet p. Ben Hake 1-46; HWT - Phil Moerdyke maj. dec. Gabe Warren, 14-6.



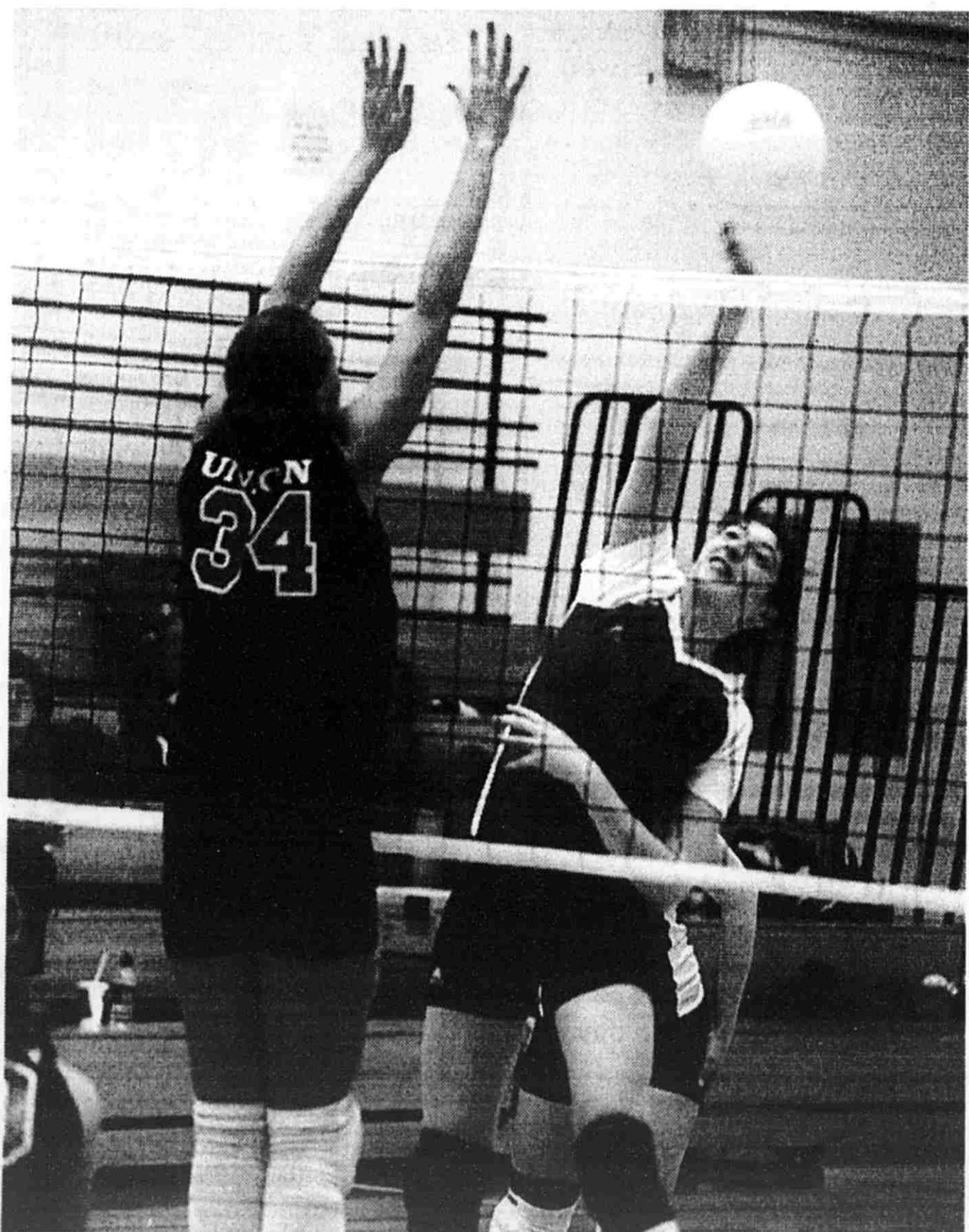
Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle decisioned his Greenville counterpart 6-4.

Lowell ousted from district in loss to Flushing

Lowell's volleyball season came to an end Saturday at Owosso when the Red Arrows were beaten in district quarterfinals. Lowell was defeated by Flushing in two games 15-5, 15-0. Owosso defeated St. Johns in the district championship finals 15-11, 7-15, 16-14. Earlier in the week, the Red Arrow spikers defeated Union 15-9, 10-15, 15-5 in non-league play. Lowell also defeated Coopersville. Pictured to the left is Kelly Fitzpatrick.



The grand march introduces the top two schools from each of the four divisions to a sellout crowd at the Kellogg Arena on Saturday.



Plattner and White qualify for state tournament in the floor exercise

••• Red Arrow Holly Plattner placed first at the regional with a 9.4; White was fifth overall with an 8.95.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls gymnastics team's ninth-place finish at the Division II Regional on Saturday was highlighted by Holly Plattner's floor-winning performance.

Plattner took first in the floor exercise with a 9.4. Teammate Krystal White placed fifth with a score of 8.95.

The Red Arrows will be competing in their first state competition in Rockford on Saturday.

Both Lowell gymnasts had one thing on their mind,

placing in the top eight ... that was the cutoff for state qualification.

"I was really disappointed last year when I didn't qualify for the state meet. Once I got through my first pass, I felt pretty good. I sensed I had a good routine," Plattner explained.

It was better than good ... the 9.4 earned her top regional honors. It was Plattner's second highest score in the floor exercise this year. Her best score was a 9.45.

White thought her best opportunities for qualifying for state were with the floor and balance beam. "I made some dumb mistakes on the beam. I felt my floor routine was going smoothly once I stuck my arabian," White said. "I'm looking to finish in the top eight at the state meet."

Lowell placed ninth with 132.40 points, finishing behind Portage 144.05, Holland 142.25, Forest Hills 141.95, St. Johns 138.50, Grand Ledge 137.70, Traverse City 135.40,

Kenowa Hills 134.925, and Rockford 134.450.

Finishing behind Lowell were West Catholic/Catholic Central 131, Union/Ottawa Hills 128.75, Mona Shores 126.75, and Cadillac 124.05.

I'm very excited for Holly and Krystal. Both were disappointed last year when they didn't qualify for the state meet. Holly didn't just place, but she took a first," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan.

Lowell, which hosted the regional, received favorable comments on how smoothly the meet was run. "Just a huge thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make the regional run so smoothly. I received a number of comments from coaches and judges about how well the tournament was run. Since no one is graduating, all the same parents return next year ... I'd be willing to host the regional again," DeHaan said.

FHC/Lowell swim team marks league meet with strong individual and relay performances

••• Lowell's Mike Gustafson sets school records in the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Forest Hills/Lowell swim team may have lacked depth at the O-K White conference meet, but the Rangers didn't lack excellent performances at relay and individual levels.

In fact, the FHC/Lowell medley relay team and individuals Mike Gustafson and

Andrew Klipa will take part in the Class A state meet at Michigan State University on Saturday.

The medley relay team of Brett Goldberg, Klipa, Gustafson and Mark Kwast opened the conference meet with a victory. The team posted a Class A qualifying time of 1:40.76. "It's always nice to start off a meet with a win. It gets everybody

pumped and sets the tone for the rest of the meet," said FHC/Lowell swimming coach, Heather Heritage.

Gustafson won the 200 individual medley in a new conference record and a class A time of 1:54.87.

Gustafson also set a new pool and conference record in the 100 butterfly with a preliminary time of 52.21. He went on to win the event in 52.47, also under the old conference record.

Gustafson has recorded state qualifying times in the 200 IM, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke,

100 freestyle and 200 freestyle.

"Mike will final in both events. He's unsure as to which two individual events he will swim in," said Heritage.

The senior will also swim the last leg of the 200 medley relay.

Klipa finished second in the 100 breaststroke after posting a state qualifying time of 1:02.75 in the preliminary. Klipa finished sixth in the 200IM with a time of 2:09.27, and senior Eric Cherba was 14th in 2:20.43.

In diving, Lowell junior

Jacob Baker finished third with 366.80 points while sophomore Mac Russell placed 10th with 324.85 points.

Goldberg was fifth in the 50 freestyle, stopping the clock in 22.90. Kwast was 13th at 24.43.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Jake Billingsley, Cherba, Lucas Baker and John Webb placed sixth, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Goldberg, Gustafson, Klipa and Quast were fifth.

Cherba placed 12th in the 500 freestyle, posting a time

of 5:39.69. Billingsley stopped the clock in a personal best time of 1:03.20 during the preliminaries in the 100 breaststroke, and then came back to finish 13th overall.

"Jacob had an incredible 100 backstroke," Heritage said.

Forest Hills Northern won the league team trophy with 423 points. The Huskies were followed by Zealand 404, East Grand Rapids 334, Northview 287, Hudsonville 284, FHC/Lowell 222.

Lowell doesn't have answer for Ingles' 48 in district loss

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Lowell hoped to contain Zach Ingles and stop his Yellowjacket teammates.

The Red Arrows did the latter ... but there was no containing Ingles.

The Yellowjacket junior set a Greenville school scoring record Monday night as he dropped 48 on the Red Arrows in leading Greenville to a 70-62 district win at Kenowa Hills.

"We held him to 27 at their place earlier in the year and they beat us by 26," said Lowell basketball coach, Pete Bush. "We didn't want their other guys (Taylor Jorgensen and Brian Albert) to hurt us tonight. If Ingles has a 25 point game, we win the game. We did what we could against him, but he's 6'2" and was hitting deep threes over our guards."

Ingles netted 17 first half points and then lit Lowell up for 31 in the second half, scoring all 17 of Greenville's points in the third quarter. He scored 31 of the Yellowjackets 38 second half points.

It was the fifth time this year Ingles poured in more than 40 points in a game. The junior hit for 41 three times, 42 once during the regular season.

Greenville (18-3) entered the game with a three-game losing streak, but with the eight-point win over the Red

Arrows, advances on to play O-K White conference champion, Forest Hills Northern.

"It's survival time ... win and move on," Greenville basketball coach, Kent Ingles said.

Lowell got a team-leading 18 points from Brad Koetsier. Andy Curtis tallied 13 and Troy Gillan added 11.

"I thought our kids played hard and left everything on the floor. Koetsier and Curtis both had good games," Bush said. "Tonight we got beat by a great player."

Lowell's season ended at 4-17. "Our season was up and down. We lost Sam (Oberlin) for the last five games of the regular season to an ankle injury. That obviously hurt us," Bush said.

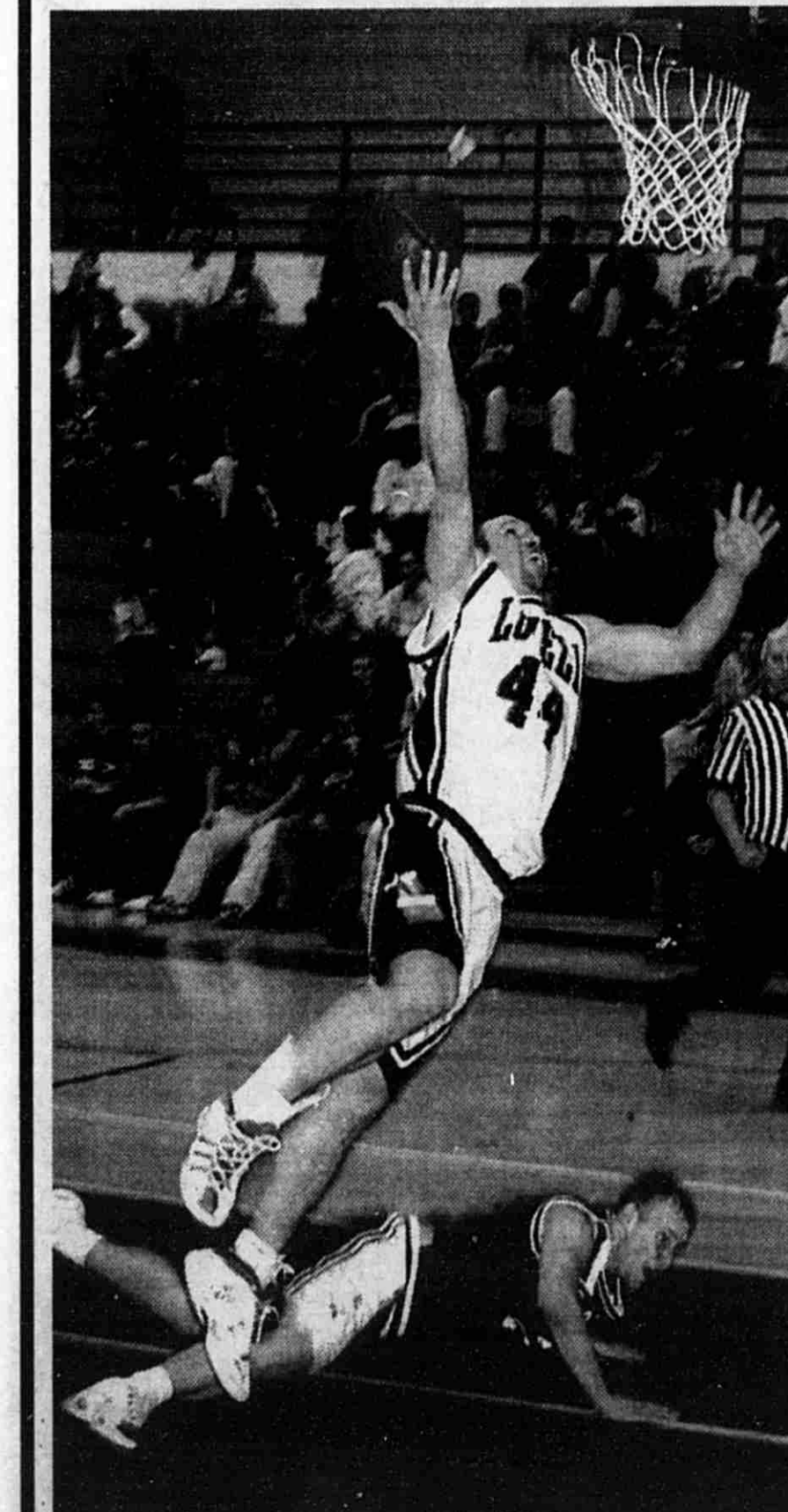
Hudsonville 55 Lowell 50

The Eagles built a 39-19 halftime lead, and then had to hang on for their lives as Lowell (2-12, 4-16) rallied to within four points with 38 seconds to play in the contest.

The Red Arrows outscored Hudsonville (10-4, 13-7) 31-16 in the second half to make a game of it.

Brad Koetsier led all Lowell scorers with 16 points. Troy Gillan netted 12 and Dave Rozema added eight.

Greg Immink tallied a game-high 24 for the Eagles.



Andy Curtis goes through a defender on his way to the hoop.

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Pete Bush
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