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Calendar heightens program/ activity awareness

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A coordinated effort to heighten public awareness of the cultural, recreational and educational resources available is the charge of a community calendar created by 10 nonprofit/service organizations.

"The calendar focuses on the programs and activities of these organizations as opposed to classes being offered," said Lowell Area Arts Council executive director, Loraine Smalligan. "It is something for the community to look at on a weeknight or weekend to see what's happening."

The genesis of the community calendar project started when the organizations evaluated their operations and determined that their resources were being under utilized due to lack of public awareness and coordinated efforts.

"We haven't always known what the other organizations are doing," Smalligan says. "Instead of being cooperative we end up being competitors."

The community calendar will identify the community events associated with the coalition as well as other community organizations.

The first monthly calendar can be found in this week's edition of the Lowell Ledger, located on page

The coalition is comprised of the Fallasburg Historical Society, Franciscan Life Process Center, Kent County Youth Fair, Englehardt Library, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Historical Museum, Veen Observatory, Wittenbach Agriscience & Environmental Center & Wege Natural Area, and the YMCA of Lowell.

If more information is needed on the calendar, contact one of the organizations listed on page 3.

Five years in - has the establishment of community character traits worked?

••• Leaders in the Lowell community chime in with their thoughts on the effect the traits have had on the community at large.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Residents of Lowell identified five character traits in February of 1997 which, if used as a guide in their daily lives, would help make Lowell a RICHR (acronym for richer) community in which to live.

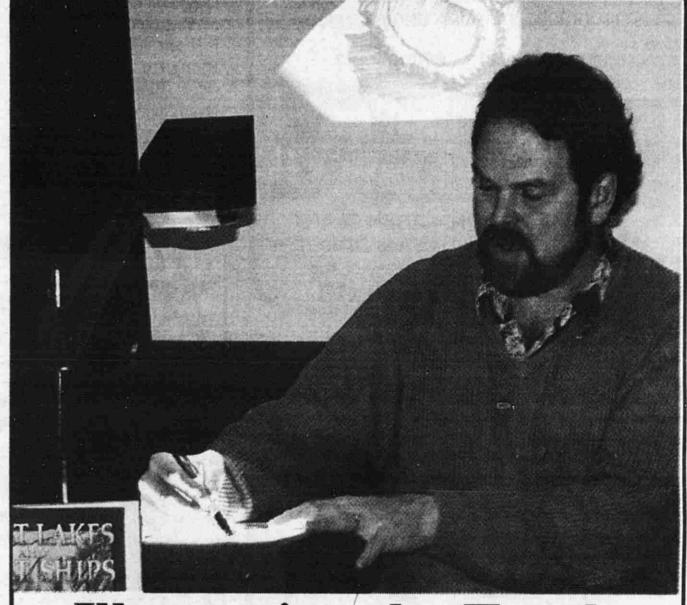
The character traits were identified as respect, integrity, compassion, honesty and responsibility. Banners, reminding the community of these traits, can be found hung on poles in the downtown district, as well as displayed in businesses, governmental units and in all Lowell School District buildings.

Five years later, the question is asked: Are the character traits still leading a community in its daily, organizational, educational and business decisions, or is the community just dragging along the traits it adopted?

"Are we walking our talk or just modeling it?" asked Lowell Tots on Track director, Kathy Cole. "Absent daily emphasis and reminders, it remains a work in progress."

Within the school district, Cole says resources and staff development are missing "We need resources to support teachers and staff development so teachers can effectively teach it," Cole explains. "We also need to share resources within the community and identify methods to measure the effectiveness."

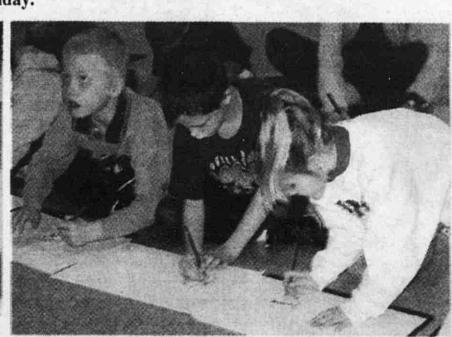
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Illustrating the Touch

As part of the artists-in-residency partnership program between the Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Area Schools, illustrator Tom Woodruff works with kindergarten students from Beverly Reid's class on some basic drawing techniques. Students followed Woodruff's guidance as he led them step-by-step through a process used in drawing their own Teddy Bears. Woodruff spent 40 minutes with three classes from Bushnell Elementary on Friday.





Sen. Carl Levin recipient of NCTA's Vanguard Award

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan's U.S. Sen. Carl Levin calls the 4,600 mile and each other.



NCTA executive director Bob Papp presents the Vanguard award to Sen. Carl Levin for his contributions in helping with the progress of the trail.

scenic trail now under con- than ourselves," he explained struction a link to the nation after being presented with the North Country Trail "It's something greater Association's (NCTA) Vanguard Award.

The award is given to public officials who have made significant contributions in helping with the progress of the trail.

"Senator Levin has always been willing to come to events and raise money for the trail," said NCTA executive director, Bob Papp.

The Democratic senator was instrumental in working with Congress to double federal funding (\$550,000) for the trail. "He's also worked on a bill that would allow the government to acquire land from sellers for the trail," Papp said.

Sen.Levin said the trail project was very personal for him and his wife. "We're lifelong trail walkers. It means a lot to get thanked for something I love to do and for something greater than ourselves."

Papp presented the Vanguard Award to Levin on the Lowell Riverwalk (a part of the trail).

"None of us will see it completed, but our grandkids and great-great grandkids will," Levin said of the trail which has 1,600 miles completed.

The Appalachian Trail which was started 70 years ago is one segment from being completed.

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OBITUARIES

BLOUGH - Charles H. Blough, aged 77, longtime mayor of Freeport, passed away Friday, January 25, 2002 at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He Freeport High School. Charlie

was born February 20, 1924 in Hastings, the son of Jesse and Doris (Belson) Blough. He lived in Freeport for over 60 years and graduated from

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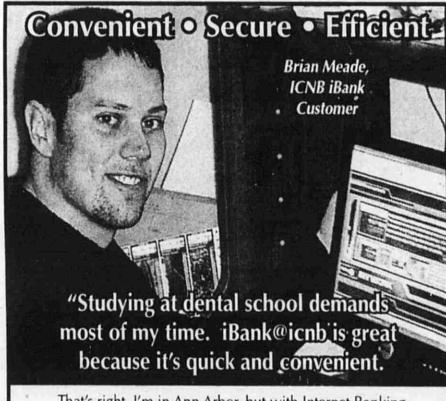
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served proudly in the US Blough of Ft. Wayne, IN; four away January 21, 2002. He Army from '43-'46. He mar- step-grandchildren Scott operated the Freeport Supply also several great-grandchil-Ace Hardware for more than dren; brothers Jack (Ethel) 40 years. Charlie served as Blough of Cairo, GA, Richmayor of Freeport for 18 years ard (Mary Lou) Blough of and served many years on the Victoria, TX, Donald (Ardith) town council. He was a longtime member of the Freeport (Kathy) Blough of Freeport; United Methodist Church. sisters Imogene (Tom) Owen Charlie was a loving and giving husband, father, grandfa- McDonough of Alto, Joan ther and brother; and an avid (Ben) Christie of Freeport; golfer. He was preceded in several nieces and nephews. death by his brother Kenneth Funeral services were held Blough and infant sister Tuesday at Freeport United Donna. Surviving is his wife Methodist Church, Rev. Brad of 55 years, Gwendolyn of Kalajainen officiating. Burial Freeport; sons David (Shiela) at Freeport Cemetery. Memo-Blough of Saline, Roger rials may be made to Freeport (Kris) Blough of Alto, be- Historical Society. loved granddaughter Michelle Blough of Freeport; and CAMPBELL - Wallace grandsons Marcus (Julie) James (Jimmy) Campbell,

(Star) Heukels, Vanessa mother-in-law Dr. Hardy. (Chris) Conklin, Julie Jimmy is survived by his chil-Heukels and Becky Heukels, dren Bob and Becky, Ron and Kitty, Mary and Ken, Tabby, and Wally; sister Biggie; special friend Pastor Ken Martin; his dog Buddy; seven grandchildren; 10 great-Blough of Wyoming, Hubert grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; many friends. He was a longtime member of Freeport, Lorraine (Tom) of the Moose. Funeral services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, with Pastor Ken Martin of Belding Bible Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Belding Bible Church, Building Fund, 416 S. Bridge St., Belding Mich.

CHESEBRO - Pamela Blough of Ann Arbor, Bryan aged 81, of Belding, passed

Chesebro, aged 51, passed away January 26, 2002. She is survived by her husband Kim and son Ouade Chesebro; daughter Melissa (LaBine) Smith; son-in-law Stuart Smith; mother and stepfather Pat and Dick Craft; brothers and wives Terry and Jerri Totch, Mark and Kathy Totch; sister and husband

was preceded in death by his

wife Ruth, grandson D.J. and

Mary Sue and Miguel Rodriguez; sister-in-law Nola Bristol; several nieces and nephews. Pam belonged to the Women of the Moose for 12 years. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

MAGER - Gertrude S.

Mager, aged 87, of

Clarksville, went to be with her Lord on January 23, 2002. She was born on July 23. 1914, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of John and Jennie (Frick) Steenwyk. She went on to marry Carl Mager in Detroit who preceded her in death on June 3, 1985.She was a wonderful grandma. She is survived by her son Ted and Pat Mager of Saranac; daughter Delores Campbell of Belding; brother-in-law Bill Westra of Florida; five grandchildren Michelle, Mike, Jeff, Tammy (Kit) and Larry; great-grandson Logan. Funeral services were held Saturday at Clarksville Bible Church with Rev. Tim Bateman officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Kent County 4-H Fair.

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All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Master Plan amendment. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above-stated address up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: January 4, 2002

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattai

COLLEGE NEWS

University officials have announced that 2,119 students received academic honors for the fall 2001 semester at Ferris State University, located in Big Rapids, which ended in

Students from the Lowell area include Angela M. Conner, Brian R. Gould, Dawn VanderZiel, Laura Kryger, Nicole E. VanderWal, Tracy M. Shinaver and Valerie A. Obenchain; from the Alto area are Andrew D. O'Connor, Keith E. Osterhaven and Marvin Kladder.

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KDL: Author KDL: Teddy Bear **WWC:** Winter **KDL:** Teddy Bear Roselle Brown Picnic, 10:30 AM (Alto Picnic, 1:30 PM Warm Up with hot visits, 7:00 PM Branch) drinks & reading, 11:00-3:00 PM

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Daughter Book

Discussion, 6:30 PM

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Great effort has been made to make sure these **WWC:** Family you to call to confirm dates & times. Many rograms require pre-registration, so call early Wildlife Walk, to enjoy your community programs! 1:00-3:00 PM NO SCHOOL K-12

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| | | | | | | | KCYF: Kent County Youth Fair |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 897-6050 |
| | | VEEN: Beginning Astronomy starts, (4-week class) 7:30-9:30 PM | | | FLPC: Workshop in Collage, 12:00-8:00 PM | WWC: Project WILD Workshop, 8:30-3:00 PM FLPC: Workshop in Collage, 9:30-2:00 PM | KDL: Lowell Library 897-9596 |
| | | | | | | | LAAC: Lowell Area Arts Council 897-8545 |
| | | | | | | | LACC: Lowell Area Chambe of Commerce |
| 10 | 11 | - LINCOLN'S ACTUAL BRITHDAY 12 - CHINESE NEW YEAR (Year of the Horse) | · ASH WEDNESDAY 13 | VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 | 16 | 897-9161 |
| Reception for the West Michigan Regional Art Competition, 1:30- 3:30 PM | | | | (2) | YMCA: Kids Night Out, 6:30-9:00 PM LAHM: Deadline for registration for Mar. 2 Early Settler Event | WWC: Girl Scouts (Brownie) Badge "Watching Wildlife" 1:00-3:00 PM | LAHM: Lowell Area Historical Museum 897-7688 |
| | | | | | | | VEEN: Veen Observatory 897-8235 |
| | | | | | | | www.graaa.org wwc: Wittenbach Agriscience |
| 17 | • President's Day 18 | YMCA: After School Sports Sampler | LACC: Breakfast Club @ the YMCA | 21 | - Washington's 22 Actural Birthday | 23 | & Environmental Cente & Wege Natural Area 987-1002 |
| | | Begins KDL: Mother/ Daughter Book | Wellness Center, 7:30 AM | | | | YMCA: YMCA of Lowell 897-8445 |

NO SCHOOL K-12

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| LAAC: West Michiga | n Regional Art Competit | ion continues through N | wwc: Maple Syrup Festival | LAHM: Earth Settlers Activities Workshop @ the WWC | FHS: Fallasburg Historica Society 897-7167 FLPC: Franciscan Life Process Center 897-7842 | | | |
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| LAAC: Dinner Theater, presenting "The Nerd", 1:00 PM @ Larkin's Other Place | | KDL: Adult Book Discussion, 10:00 AM KDL: Mother/ Daughter Book Discussion, 6:30 PM | 13 | 14 | 1/2 DAY SCHOOL K-5 | FLPC: Playing With Paper Workshop, 8:30-3:30 PM | 897-9161 LAHM: Lowell Area Historical Museum 897-7688 VEEN: Veen Observatory 897-8235 www.graaa.org | |
| • St. Partick's Day 17 | KDL: Spring Family Storytime, 1:30 PM KDL (Alto): Spring Family Storytime, 10:30 AM | KDL: Author Abigail Adams, 7:00 PM | LACC: Breakfast Club @ the LAAC, 7:30 AM KDL (Alto): Spring Family Storytime, 1:30 PM | KDL: Spring Family Storytime, 10:30 AM | 22 | LACC: Lowell Community EXPO @ the High School, 9:00-3:30 PM LAAC: Final day for West Michigan Regional Competition | WWC: Wittenbach Agriscience & Environmental Center & Wege Natural Area 987-1002 YMCA: YMCA of Lowell 897-8445 Many of the programs/classes | |
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Have you ever received God's Gift? Are you thankful for such a wonderful Savior? Are you telling the good news of the Gospel to others and inviting them to come to Christ, to believe in Him, and to receive everlasting life? If not, why not? God is not willing that any should perish. We dare not forget God's question, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Jesus said, "You shall be my witnesses." Be that witness to all around you.

Millions of people today claim to be seeking the light, and they tell us they are searching for the truth. Shall we hide good news from them

good news anyone could ever hear in his/her lifetime. Not everyone who hears about God's priceless gift will accept it. Many will reject it quietly (though they attend church regularly) but some react with belligerence. Satan that Jesus Christ is both the uses such rejection to embar-Light and the Truth. Jesus rass or intimidate us, but God declares, "I am the light of the promises His Word will not world: those who follow me return void. Our job is to sow shall not walk in darkness, the seed, and God promises to but shall have the light of life give increase. ... I am the way, the truth and the life: no one comes to God

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FEBRUARY 3: Dale Phillips, Clarice Poisson, Sana Bryant. FEBRUARY 4: Jo Hill, Kelsey Scheider.

FEBRUARY 5: Ann Mulder, Kenneth Gregersen Sr., Colleen Myers, Mandy Schneider, Joe Barnes.

FEBRUARY 6: Donna Oesch, Reed Stormzand, Norm Johnson, Angie Blough.

If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style.

Quentin Crisp



Davidson/ Johnson

Dianna Lynn Johnson of Lowell and Jesse Andrew Davidson of Columbus, Ohio, were married on September 15, 2001 at Ada Bible Church.

The bride's parents are Phillip and Charlene Johnson of Lowell.

The groom's parents are Steve and Nancy Hubbarth of Belding.

Matron of honor was Danielle Davidson. Bridesmaids were Autumn Bont, Carrie Hubbarth, Carey Ranka, Sara Kropf and Dana Kowalewski.

Flower girl was Savannah Bont and ringbearer was Noah Roth.

Best man was Luke Davidson. Groomsmen were Pete Davidson, Aaron Roth, John Shelburg, Craig Coleman and Tim Thuston. Usher was Randy Johnson.

The couple will reside in Columbus, Ohio.



McKinney/Bennett

Mackenzie Louise Bennett and Daniel Christopher McKinney were married November 10, 2001 at Hope Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Parents of the bride are Keith J. and Diane Bennett of Lowell. The groom is the son of Lewis and Kathe McKinney of Okemah, Oklahoma.

Family from Michigan, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Virginia were in attendance.

McKinney is a Third Class Fire Control technician with the US Navy stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, aboard the USS Harry S. Truman.

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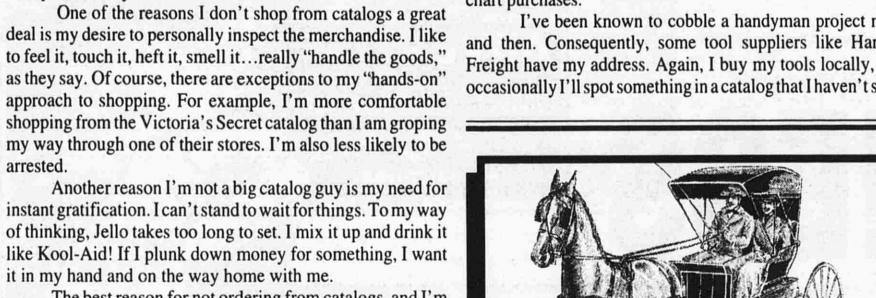
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from them, but apparently just enough to stay on the "hit list".

Our mailing address seems to get traded around among the

catalog purveyors like it is a hot commodity. The Brown

residence is kinda like a Mark McGuire rookie year or a hard

to find Pokemon card. Yes I realize McGuire retired and

Pokemon is history, but as I mentioned in last week's column,

I'm too far "out of the loop" to come up with more timely

metaphors. Sorry.

arrested.

by Roger Brown

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

GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDERS

Anxiety is a natural emotional response to stressful situations. A little bit of anxiety is probably a good thing - it motivates us to perform in uncomfortable surroundings. Being overly anxious and worrying excessively can sometimes become a problem. If someone worries uncontrollably about everyday problems on most days, they may be experiencing generalized anxiety disorder (GAD). Anxiety can become so excessive that it keeps us from doing our everyday activities and can significantly inhibit our sleep patterns.

The definition of generalized anxiety disorder is essentially an illness where the anxiety response becomes activated in situations where it is not needed, more strongly than i needed, or for a longer period of time than is needed. Anxiety disorders are the most common mental disorders.

Psychologic symptoms of generalized anxiety disorder include chronic worry and tension, irritability, inability to relax, and difficulty concentrating. GAD usually has associated physical symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, insomnia, a change in appetite, and chronic muscle tension.

If you think you are suffering from generalized anxiety disorder, be sure to discuss it with your doctor. Several effective therapies are used to treat this illness and range from biofeedback to psychotherapy to medications or a combination of all of these. Modern medical therapy has greatly improved the lives of many individuals affected with this common disorder.

For more information contact the National Institute of Mental Health-Anxiety Disorders at 888-8-ANXIETY or 301-443-4513 or www.nimh.nib.gov.

interests. I still have an old MGB that I bought used 25 years ago. I receive catalogs from two different MG parts suppliers. I often tap their resources to keep the car running. If it weren't for "Victoria British, Ltd." (this very British sounding company is, of course, located in the very un-British Lenexa, Kansas), the old "B" would have been scrap long ago.

Offshore Anglers, West Marine, Boater's World, etc., all have my address. If they could see my old tub, they would probably products are worth more than the boat.

As a pilot I get a new Sporty's Pilot Shop catalog about every other day. I stay on Sporty's mailing list because I regularly update my charts by ordering from them. After seven or eight years those charts tend to get pretty worn and out of date. Lots of other aviation-related catalogs find their way to chart purchases.

and then. Consequently, some tool suppliers like Harbor catalog topic to fill another column. Guess you'll just have to Freight have my address. Again, I buy my tools locally, but wait until next week. Yes, that call for patience is coming from occasionally I'll spot something in a catalog that I haven't seen the guy who can't let jello set.

Viewpoint... I get catalogs aimed at my specific needs, wants and around or is just too good to pass up. I ended up with seven emergency room stitches last year as a result of using a tool purchased from a catalog. Let that be a lesson to us all.

I once ordered a set of floor mats for my SUV from Gander Mountain. A friend had a set of the unique mats and loaned me his catalog. Gander Mountain included a catalog with the shipment. I browsed through it and ordered a rain I have an old fishing boat. Overton's, Bass-Pro Shops, jacket. From those initial purchases I now get catalogs from not only Gander Mountain but also Cabela's, Land's End. Eddie Bauer, Bass-Pro Shops and numerous other outfitters. be inclined to scratch me off their lists, as most of their And, I don't just receive the regular catalog. I get all the specialty catalogs they publish. Catalogs with just hunting stuff, fishing tackle, truck accessories, camping gear, boating attire, black-powder shooter's cleaning supplies, etc. Judging from all these "outdoorsy" catalogs, the mailman must think I'm a direct descendant of Daniel Boone.

I started this piece because of a specific catalog that my mailbox, and I suspect Sporty's must make a little from came in yesterday's mail. Somehow I was distracted and here selling their mailing list. They aren't getting rich from my I am with enough babble in the computer to fill my usual space. I haven't even touched on the endless array of catalogs I've been known to cobble a handyman project now addressed to my wife, so I know there is enough left in this

King, E. A. Sutherland and J. Q. Look will be judges.

Mrs. A. Richardson of Fallassburgh wove 480 yards of rag

carpet last year. Mrs. Allen Bancroft of Lowell wove 1,421

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 31, 1877

This issue is missing. We substitute February 2, 1874. Two deaths from smallpox have occurred in Easton, in

The Lowell Amateur Minstrels will debut at Music Hall Friday. Their motto is "Fun without vulgarity."

The Business College at Grand Rapids is reported to be TV network. lourishing and very well-run.

A boy couldn't get his father out of the saloon last Thursday night, so he unhitched the team and drove home to

E.A. Chapman is successfully presenting programs with his "Sciopticon" with "Calcium light" in many towns of West

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

JANUARY 31, 1902

was published, 1987-8. 114 years February 3, 1888.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 3, 1927 County supervisors are still arguing over whether to build a new jail or overhaul the old. Lowell businessmen sponsor a full-page ad expressing appreciation to area farmers. Instructions are given to make a luggage compartment on top of a car with snaps installed on the roof which attach to a Ledger Entries Sixty-five percent of injuries in auto accidents are from shattered and flying glass. of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago An owner of an embroidery plant with 80 women employed says that installing a radio improved production.

yards.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

JANUARY 31, 1952 Wm. Christiansen, repairing a window at the back of the store, slips and falls into the icy Flat River. A black eye and broken glasses are his only injuries.

The superintendent of public instruction asks the state for money to survey the possibilities for a state-wide educational

The state legislature is scrambling to meet its new early adjournment time of February 21 with a very crowded agenda.

The United States has 11 million more telephones than all other countries combined: 43 million.

Meanwhile Michigan Bell asks the state for permission to provide an automatic answering service with subscriber "talkout" records (roughly like present-day answering machines).

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 3, 1977**

Attempts to thaw frozen water pipes result in two expen-This issue is missing as well as every issue until May, sive house fires in Cascade Township. 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries

Efforts by citizens, Forest Hills Schools and Gov. Milliken save the old Collins one-room school from demolition in the The blizzards in the central and west states are over; now path of the M-21 widening. Plans will be slightly redrawn. it is the turn of the eastern states, with mountainous drifts.

Remember to get your landfill permit and sticker at City Chief dangers are on the seas, where vessels near shore are trapped in the ice, and those at sea can't come in on howling Hall so you can use the landfill in 1977.

Jaycettes offer low-cost rental of GM "Loveseats" for Messrs. Sweet and Smith, owners of the large plat at the babies under 20 pounds in their BUB (Buckle Up Baby) West End of Main St., through which the Lowell-Ada Road

City Council discusses issuing on-street parking permits to those citizens who have no other place to park nights.

TO THE EDITOR

has just been connected, are offering prizes of \$25,\$15 and

\$10 (how much in today's dollars) to residents of the plat who

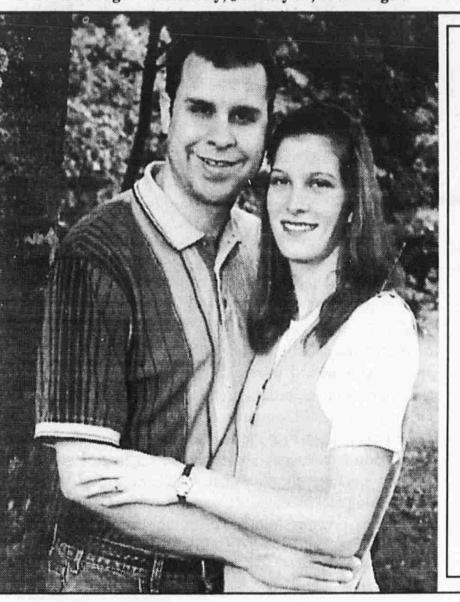
keep the most attractive yards without outside help. Francis

Dear Editor:

A response needs to be made to a recent statement made in a Letter to the Editor. The Lowell City Airport is totally funded by the airport users. Not one cent of city, state or federal funds was expended to maintain or make improvements to the airport at this time.

The recent extension to the runway was made possible by the airport users for the benefit of pilots and the surrounding neighbors. Although the airport was clearly located where it is, long before the neighbors surrounded it, we feel an obligation to help provide for the safety of their families and homes. The runway extension improves safety for everyone. Pilots using the airport totally funded the runway extension.

Jim Sowle Airport Manager/Pilot



Bott/Stauffer

Michele Marie Bott of Kingsley and Kenneth Robert Stauffer of Lowell have announced their engagement. The couple is planning a June 22, 2002 wedding at St. Mary's of Hannah Catholic Church.

The future bride is the daughter of Donald and Catherine Bott of Kingsley. She graduated from Kingsley High School and is attending Northwestern Michigan College and Ferris State University through NMC's University Center, where she is studying toward a degree in secondary education.

The prospective groom is the son of David and Sandra Stauffer of Lowell. He graduated from Lowell High School and received a bachelor of arts degree from Western Michigan University. He is employed as a software engineer by BAAN Company in Grand Rapids.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Jordan E. Willard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Willard is the son of Mike Willard of Lowell and a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School.

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Jim Bishop

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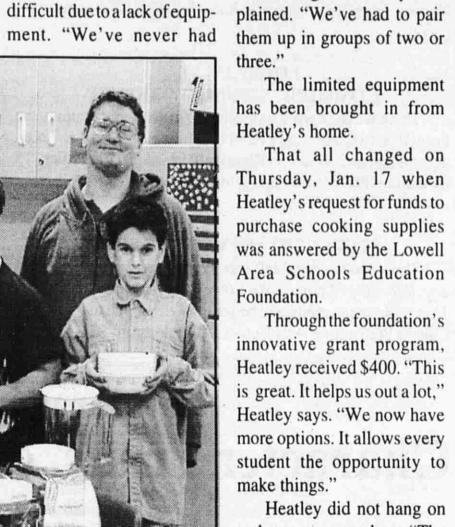
By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Center, Life Skills program

instructs her EMI students communicating and getting enough bowls and pans so through classroom projects along with others. on the hows of cooking, inde-

Nancy Heatley's Life pendent living, setting goals,

The cooking part has been difficult due to a lack of equip-



A \$400 Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation Grant sent students of Nancy

utensils, blender) with the that each student could make something," Heatley ex-The Lowell teacher, who

has taught in the district for them up in groups of two or five years, says she learned about the availability of the grant money through her department peer, Keith Boeve.

has been brought in from "I'm sorry to say I didn't That all changed on know it was available, but I am very grateful," Heatley ex-Thursday, Jan. 17 when Heatley's request for funds to plained.

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The Life Skills program grant was one of 10 awarded.

Other projects receiving grants through the foundation are Sara Guile's bilingual play (\$300); Julie Hillary's multimedia analog video to digital video converter (\$330); Heatley says. "We now have Lynne Staal's Africa Day (\$500); Linda DeCator's aerospace technology day (\$500); Sara Guile's bilingual book Heatley did not hang on reading (\$270); Diane to the grant money long. "The Hammerman's multicultural students and I went out shop-storyteller (\$400); Julie ping that afternoon. I'm re- Niemela's wellness program ally pleased with what we (\$400); Pat Sinen's cool tools were able to purchase (e.g., for kids (\$500); and Suzie bowls, pans, hand towels, Almy's SOS team (\$400).

The foundation awarded \$4,000 through its innovative grant program which received 19 applications requesting funds totaling \$8,546.66, according to its project co-chairs, Teresa

Beachum and Barb Gillman.

Beachum, hearing the plight of Heatley, contacted two independent local Tupperware suppliers, Jean Huver and Fred and Marsha Ray, owners of Seal-Craft Sales, Incorp. Tupperware, asking if they had any surplus inventory which they would consider donating to Heatley's Life Skills pro-

Both said they did and would. In addition, Marsha Ray volunteered to hold a seminar for the students on nutrition, microwave cooking, the different types of utensils used for cooking and what to look for when purchasing food items.



Heatley's Life Skills class shopping for much needed kitchen supplies.

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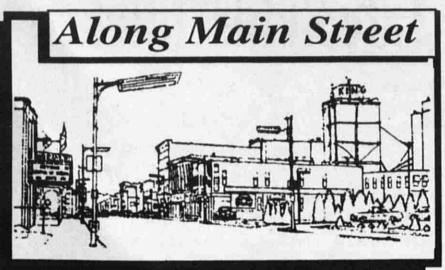
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"NATIVE AMERICANS" PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present a program on Native Americans at the Lowell Twp. Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Public is welcome, refreshments available, bring your friends.

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED FOR VIDEO

Parents, if you have photos of your senior that you would like in the senior class of 2002 video, turn them in to Ginny Weber by Thursday, Jan. 31. They may be individual or group shots (as long as they are not too small). Please put your name on the back if you would like them returned.

ACADEMIC TRACK SIGN-UPS

Attention 7th and 8th graders and parents: Sign up now for students and coaches for this year's Academic Track. This is a competition between middle schools in academic, art, vocal, instrumental and dramatic areas. Call LMS or Carol Drenth at 897-8785 for information.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Boosters will hold their regular busines meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. Please come and support our athletes.

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FAMILY LINKS SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Families are invited to join in for games, food and fun at Cherry Creek Elementary on Saturday, Feb. 9 from noon - 3

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop on utilizing & understanding the Lowell Area Community Fund on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Chamber office on Riverwalk Plaza. RSVP by Feb. 15 by calling 897-9161 or info@lowellchamber.org

STUDENT/STAFF VARIETY SHOW

The annual student/staff variety show will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. This year the proceeds will benefit the girls track team and the Lowell Performing Arts Center. All tickets are \$3.

SEEKING MUSICIANS FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Lowell Showboat 10-week summer concert series. beginning June 13, is in need of musicians. Blues, Rapp, Rock. Country & Western, Jazz and Christian music are some of the styles the Concert Selection Committee is looking for. Deadline is Feb. 28 to forward your CD/cassette, a brief bio and group photo to Lowell Area Arts Council, P.O. Box 53. Lowell 49331. Questions: phone 897-8545 (LAAC) or 897-9161 (Chamber).

RECYCLE YOUR PHONE BOOKS

The Lowell High School girls softball team has a trailer located at Family Fare for newspapers; phone books are also welcome. Please help support the team!

LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO

Lowell High School will once again be the location for the annual Lowell Community Expo on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you would like to spotlight your business. church or organization, or would like to provide entertainment, contact Liz at the Chamber at 897-9161. Admission is free and there will be door prizes.

At the athletic level, Low-

ell High School athletic di-

rector, Barry Hobrla says

sportsmanship is something

that always needs to be dealt

Counts' Victory with Honor

campaign, the character traits

about the character traits

more, then I think they have

an impact. Gains have been

made, but not giant strides.

We must continue to push for

understanding of the con-

Not only are they think-

visibility is greater.

Through Character

"If people are thinking

Character Traits, cont'd... From Page 1

Communitywide, Cole tively about the character traits calls for the need of a raised awareness - many voices sharing the same message.

"Following Sept. 11, I heard many positive comments about donations and the prayer meeting held on the Riverwalk," Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said. "I believe these types of activities have made a positive impact on this community - they say the Lowell community cares. They all speak posi-

First Congregational

Church of Lowell pastor, Roger LaWarre, concurred with Cole. "There needs to be a heightened awareness, training and accountability," he ourselves how we see ourselves living these character

the five principles and have used them as a way of focus-

community and organizations we have taken these principles as seriously as they deserve," LaWarre explains. "I don't hear these principles being talked about in board, planor used in their decision-makfecting us individually, but they are not in the politics of

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke did not share LaWarre's view.

"Many times I've heard our board ask what do the traits say," he said. "At the same time we must remem ber the human dimension. There is never going to be perfection. We just have to do the best we can and continue

to evaluate and find ways to improve."

Bleke said the school district is at a point in the process where being more specific and having more accountability in the model is needed. The very reasons the dis-

explains. "We all need to ask trict has joined the Character Counts program. It provides more structure and adds specific ways to fuse the traits Those who have lived by into the curriculum and increase the effectiveness. These traits are not only

ing direction in their life, part of the school's mission LaWarre says, have had an statement but will be incorporated into the district's vi- cepts," Hobrla explains. The character traits have ing about them, but Lowell's

> had an impact at the high school, according to its leader. "We have far fewer incidents of violence, fights and conflict,"Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw explains. "I think this is a direct result of the character emphasis at the elementary and middle school levels - now cludes.

we're bearing the fruit."

mayor, Jeanne Shores believes more and more residents in the community are coming forward to volunteer their services to help others. "I think it's made people more caring and the traits are thought about in board and council discussions," she con-

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Commission's decision to allow smaller lots along Grindle unsettling to residents

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A group of Lowell residents were relieved to learn the planning commission would not allow a developer to construct smaller homes in an area bordered by Grindle city limits. and James streets.

However, these same residents were confused by the commission's decision to allow for smaller lot sizes.

Sundry Development Consulting came before the Lowell Planning Commission seeking a rezoning of property located at 751 Grindle Street from suburban residential to a residential zone, either R-1 or R-2. Suburban residential requires a lot size of 35,000 square feet with a home of 1,500 square feet. R-1 requires the same size house on a lot of 9,750 square feet, while R-2 allows for a home 1,000 square feet on a lot of 8,200 square feet.

By J.N. Boorsma

from its auditors.

Monday night.

city's books.

Contributing Writer

Once again the city has

demonstrated that it is good

stewards of its citizens'

money receiving a clean bill

counting firm, Biggs,

Dickinson presented its an-

nual report to the city council

well for the city," said Steven

Thompson, adding that both

Sue Olin, city treasurer, and

Char McNab, head of financ-

ing, should be commended

for their work in keeping the

the city's funds along with

the Light and Power and

Cable Television funds for

From the audit, Biggs'

representative, Joe Turnes

the 2000-2001 year.

The firm this year audited

"This report speaks very

Representatives of the ac-

erty would be spot zoning, opposed to the development. the planning commission de- The plans drawn up by develcided to expand the rezoning request and look at the area between High, James, Grindle, Fun, and east of the Many residents from the points, but the development, area came out in strong oppo-

sition to any rezoning, requesting that things be left the way they are, suburban residential. Tracy Mullens, of 901 Grindle, presented the planning commission with a petition of more than 30 residents opposed to the rezoning. "I wouldn't mind putting

in a few homes," said James Wood, of 875 Hillside Ct. "You need another entrance on M-21 because you don't need any more action on off.

Many of the residents who came to the meeting cited traffic problems and safety concerns on Grindle and James

good year with revenues in-

creasing by \$47,000 to

\$4,217,000. Expenses were

up by \$121,000 to \$4,188,000.

The next revenue for Lowell

Light and Power for the year

\$860,000. Expenses were also

up by \$28,000 to \$925,000.

net for the Cable company i

an \$80,591 loss which is a

\$51,000 improvement over

last year's losses of about

\$131,000. A positive for the

cable company is that a \$3

increase for basic cable tele-

vision was instituted in July

of 2001, which should bring

in about \$85,000 for the com-

pany next year. This should

This meant a loss of \$61,000 city.

Auditor: City demonstrates good financial responsibility

loses, Turnes said. The rev- come is about \$921,000,

However, Turnes said the presentation by stating that

opers included an access point curve, and on M-21. Sundry city requires the two access which would have about 71 homes, could be serviced by one access point on M-21. Many of the residents,

such as Mark Osburn, of 743 Grindle, were upset that they had to follow all the rules to comply with the suburban residential zoning and now the city was going to "change the rules" for a developer.

Kitri Walker, of 729 Grindle, said her concerns centered on stormwater run-

"We have two valleys of water running by our house," Walker said. "We can't even keep our landscaping."

Howard Acheson, whose

losses, Turnes said, adding

there will need to be monitor-

ing of the expenses as well.

fund, revenue and expenses

stayed approximately the

same with revenues around

good improvement and good

fiscal responsibility for the

Thompson concluded the

For the city's general

Since rezoning the prop- streets as reasons they were mother-in-law owned the property at 751 Grindle and who has been trying to sell it, said if the residents want to on Grindle, just beyond the stay the way it is, then perhaps they should buy it. However, representatives noted that the he has been trying to work with the city to develop a plan so the property could be developed and sold.

"I have done everything that the city has asked me to "I don't object to encour-

aging growth in this city," said Linda DesJarden, of 1115 E. Main St. "What I do object to is allowing a developer to change the rules. Four years ago, I had to build a 1,500square-foot house. I had to put in my own septic. I don't think it is fair to everyone to change that now.'

The planning commission agreed that R-2, with the smaller home sizes and lot sizes, would not fit the area

issue facing the city along with

other municipalities is the new

Governmental Accounting

Standards Board's new

change (called GASB #34)

and voted against rezoning the property to that for the posal. reasons residents cited which include traffic, safety and utilities. However, the commission did vote, 4-1, with commissioner, VanderWilp abstaining, to recommend to the city council that the property be rezoned to R-1. This requires 1,500 square feet homes on the smaller lot sizes com-

pared to suburban residen-"You are in the city," said

planning commissioner, Debra Hinton, "If you want trees, then perhaps you should consider moving outside of the city limits." Commissioner, Al

Mathews, who lives in the area at 822 Grindle Dr., said he agreed with the residents

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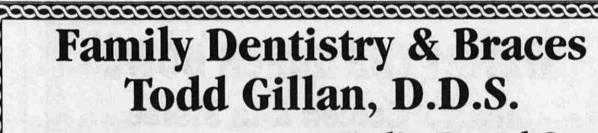
accounting policies.

which is designed to bring Lowell Cable Television \$1,933,000 and expenses at governmental accounting in also had a good year, despite about \$1,968,000. The net in- line more with business accounting. Thompson said the enue was up by \$80,000 to which from the last year shows city should prepare for this new system, which takes ef-1:20, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:20 fect next year by reviewing current software and other 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30 *COUPON

and voted against the pro-Planning commission chair, James Hall said the city does need the development as there is a shortage of housing in the area; other commissioners noted that the property will eventually be developed. The matter now goes before the city council on Feb.

4. The council will probably place it on its Feb. 19 agenda for a public hearing and re-







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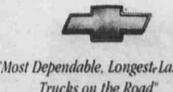
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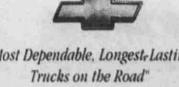
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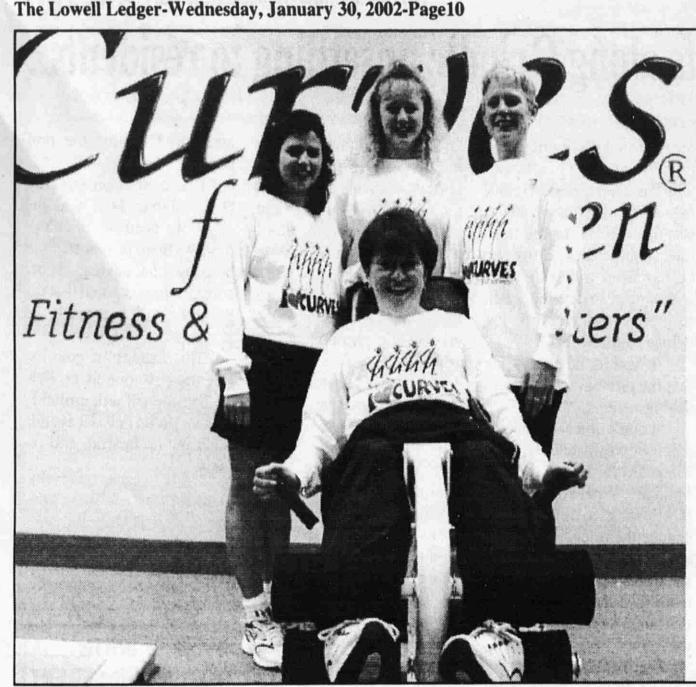


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BUICK' "It's All Good"



Curves fitness and weight loss program has members feeling better

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Music gets them jiving and the workout strengthens and makes them feel better.

Curves, a women's fitness and weight a success story. loss center, serves 250 women in the Lowell

in 2.500 locations across the U.S., all individually owned.

is owned by Bob and Carol Matthews of Rockford.

The center offers a unique 30-minute to-their joints.' tal fitness program. The exercise circuit allows women to perform all five of the compoincludes a warm-up, cardio and strength training, cool down and stretching.

"Hydraulic machines are used, the women

exercise to music, with friends, and it's fun,' said Carol Matthews.

It's also effective. Members of the center need not look any further than Matthews for

"I was an overweight diabetic who needed four shots of insulin a day. I made a life-style The franchise fitness center can be found change and began exercising at Curves in Rockford 1 1/2 years ago. I've dropped 38 pounds, no longer need insulin shots, and I The Lowell center, next to Little Caesars, feel better," Matthews explained. "The program makes women well, strengthens their muscles which, in turn, support and strengthen

Curves in Lowell is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon and from 2 until nents of a complete fitness program. This 7 p.m.; Saturday from 8 until 10:30 a.m. "You never need an appointment," Matthews

Curves' instructors, pictured, left to right, are: Ammie Meyers, Lori Gregory and Sue Henderson; sitting is Curves' owner, Carol Matthews.

Planning Commission gives its approval on City Hall/police station site plan

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Continuing the process of Lowell's City Hall/police station project, the architect firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc., presented the site plan for review and approval to the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night.

The commission only had a few minor changes. Planning commission member, Debra Hinton was concerned that a dumpster was not provided enough room for trucks to get in and empty it. Also, planning commission chair, James Hall said he would like to see the one on the east property line buffered with some landscaping.

"I don't want to be driving into this beautiful new facility and see those cars over there," Hall said. Lowell Auto Body is located on the other side of the fence.

The planning commission was surprised to see an extra parking lot with an egress created where the former Senior Citizen/Veteran's park used to be. Tom Smith, of Fishbeck, said the lot was created because of concerns from businesses about losing their parking spaces due to the project.

As for parking, the facility needs 58 parking spaces and will have 79. It meets all other requirements for a public facility, according to the city ordinance.

"Apparently they had some parking in the alley way," Smith said, explaining that it would be eliminated during construction.

Hall said they could park on the street or use city lots. City manager, David Pasquale said the extra lot would be a city lot.

The commission was also disappointed to learn that the second floor of the project would not be completed; it would have provided a meeting area which would have accommodated large audience turnouts.

"We keep wanting public input, but yet we don't have a space to provide for that," Hall said. "I wish they would just

do it and allow for an area where 40-, 60-, 100-person meetings can take place."

The planning commission approved the plan asking that the architect look at the screening on the fence and at the dumpster. Also, Hall requested that a detailed landscaping plan be submitted at a later date.

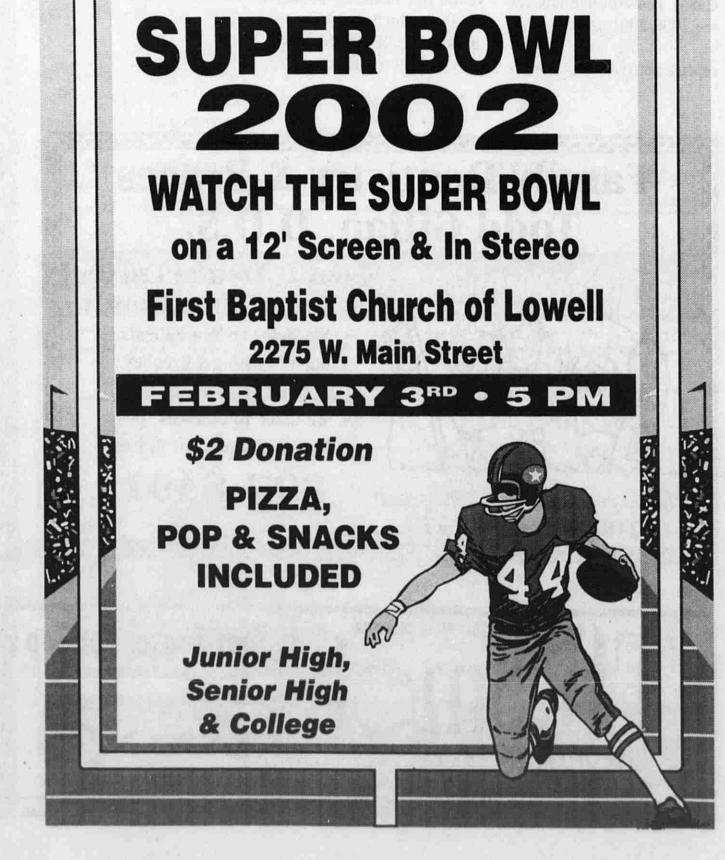
With the approval, Fishbeck can now move forward on the final drawings of the building, which will be used for bids.

Bee-ing a Champion

Cherry Creek Elementary principal, Maureen Dorough, presents awards to this year's Spelling Bee winner, Tricia VanGessel (right) and runner-up, Erin Brechbiel (left). The winners emerged from a field of 40 fifth graders. Both advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in February.







LHS business students at regional assessment competition

Lowell High School com- sance. Dee Crowley serves as 5th in Payroll Accounting.

sionals of America (BPA)

Regional Workplace Skills

knowledge and skills.

Lowell students show-

with 18 placing in the top 7 in

14 different assessments and

State BPA Competition in

qualifying to compete at the

peted in the Business Profes- the advisor. The following

Business students from March at the Detroit Renais- Computerized Accounting;

puterized Accounting; 6th in Payroll Accounting Liz Gerard - 3rd in Com-

> Economic Research Ind. Rachel Heinicke - 3rd in Economic Research Team; 7th in Management Concepts Kari King - 3rd in Economic Research Team

Jean Kimberlin - 5th in

Courtnay Perkins - 7th in Fund. Accounting Christine Benson - 3rd in

International Business Anne Beenen - 7th in Legal Office Procedures

Front row, left to right: Jason Murray, Katie Clements, Anne Beenen, Katie Lum (standing); second row, left to right: Courtnay Perkins, Liz Gerard, Jean Kimberlin, Sarah Fitzpatrick; third row, left to right: Kari King and Rachel Heinicke; back row, left to right: Nate Vos, Zach Bruursema, Phil Moerdyke, Nate Boyce, Dave Walker, Amy Howes and DJ

Jason Murray - 6th in Management Concepts

Parliamentary Procedure Team - 1st place: Courtnay Perkins, Katie Clements, Nate

Boyce, Zach Bruursema, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Jean Kimberlin, Phil Moerdyke and Nate Vos.

TOWNSHIP **OF GRATTAN**

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of William A. Reed, Jr. for a special land use for a private road to serve two or more parcels of land in the A Agricultural District, such lands being located at approximately 7490 Lessiter Avenue and legally described as follows:

Part of sections 4 and 9 commencing at

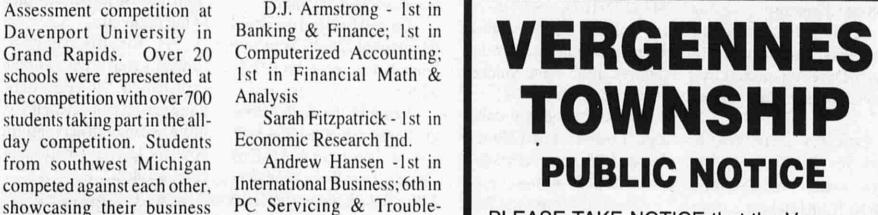
the Southwest corner of the North 103 feet of the East 653 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; thence East parallel with the North line of Section 9 to the West line of the East 66 feet of Section 9; thence North along said West line to the North line of Section 9; thence East to the Northeast corner of Section 9: thence South to a point 780 feet North along the East line of Section 9 from the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; thence West 40 feet; thence South 40 feet; thence East 10 feet; thence Southeasterly to a point 670 feet North and 20 feet West from the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4; thence South to a point 435.6 feet North from the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; thence West parallel with said south line 557.58 feet; thence South to a point 416 feet North from the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; thence West parallel with said South line to the West line of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; thence North to the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; thence North to a point 180 feet North along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4 from the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4; thence Southeasterly to beginning; Sections 4 and 9, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The special land use also includes the division of the above-described lands into four parcels, for residential purposes and such other purposes as may be permitted under the terms of the A Agricultural District.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: January 22, 2002

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted amendments Katie Lum - 2nd in to the Zoning Ordinance on January 21,

Adopted Ordinance Amendments:

An amendment to the zoning ordinance

map to rezone the following described

property from Special Residential (R-3) to

Commercial (C): The property consists of 1

parcel of 10 acres at the NW corner of

Vergennes and Lincoln Lake, parcel #41-16-

27-400-053. The parcel is east of the

railroad tracks and west of the two presently

zoned commercial parcels at the corner of

this intersection in the SE 1/4 of section 27.

Ordinance 2002-1, a text amendment to

Article II Definitions Section 201.202 which

adds Adult Use definitions, Article IV

General and Special Regulations Section

201.433 which adds an Adult Use and

Entertainment section regulated as a

special exception use permit. Also amends

Article III Zoning Districts Commercial

Section 201.308 (C) (21) to add adult uses

The amended zoning map and complete

text of Ordinance 2002-1 are on file at the

Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey

Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616)

897-5671, and are available for public

This rezoning and ordinance shall become

effective eight (8) days after publication

unless a notice of intent to file referendum is

filed within such time and, if so, then these

changes to the ordinance shall take effect at

such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282

Mari C. Stone

Vergennes Township Clerk

inspection during regular business hours.

as a special exception use.

as amended.

2002.

cased their skills brilliantly Verbal Speaking; 5th in International Business Amy Howes - 6th in Com-

students placed at the Re-

gional Competition:

puter-aided Graphics David Walker - 4th

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Jordan E. Willard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Willard is the son of Mike Willard of Lowell and a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School.

AREA BIRTHS

Erik and Melissa (Radimak) Kelley of Duluth, Ga., are happy to announce the birth of their son, Aiden Robert Kelley. He was born

Saturday, December 1, 2001 Grandparents are Robert and Mary Decker and Kristine Byrnes, all of Lowell.



You've worked hard for it. You've worked hard on it too. Now, isn't it time the land you own began working for you? To learn more about unlocking the potential in your property, please contact Jay Hobbs today at 616.676.4043

> SUNDRY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING

Lowell MYWA Folkstyle Wrestling Belding Ages 5-6 Zeth Dean 49 lbs 1st Jacob Stephens 55 lbs Jacob Sweet 1st 55 lbs 3rd Jesse Karker Ages 7-8 Tristan Bray 3rd 40 lbs Derek Krajewski 1st Chad Martin 49 lbs 1st 52 lbs 4th Trevor Taylor Ryan Schaefer 55 lbs-A 3rd Kanon Dean 55 lbs-B 3rd 2nd Cody Bieri 55 lbs-B Ages 9-10 Piotr Szczepanski 3rd 100 lbs Jacob Murry **HWT** 3rd Ages 11-12 Timmy Gingerich 80 lbs-A 1st 80 lbs-B 3rd 90 lbs 2nd Cody Grim Mark Ford 95 lbs 2nd Plainwell Ages 11-12 Josh Drake 105 lbs 3rd **Lansing Eastern** Ages 7-8 Jordan Drake

Bowling 'em Over

... Lowell's boys and girls bowling teams earned Southeast Division crowns en route to the individual and team districts in February.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the second time in as many years, both the boys and girls bowling teams are champions of the Southeast Division.

The Red Arrow girls clinched their title a week ago against Kentwood.

It was the boys turn Monday at Airport Lanes in Wayland as they answered the challenge of the secondplace Wildcats.

30 points to clinch a second consecutive title. The Red Arrows rolled in 21 of the possible 30 points

"They've bowled well all year," said Lowell bowling coach, Dave Adrianse. "Give Wayland credit - they pushed

Lowell's coach credits depth for the success of his boys' team. "We lost one bowler from last year's team and we added a seventh bowler this year."

The Red Arrow team av- ing clinched the division title erages range from 167 to 206.

"Our only senior this year is D.J. (Armstrong). I suspect we'll be pretty good again next year," Adrianse explained.

344 (177-167).

165 and Jim DeWit 162.

Wayland (231-69).

In the final league stand-

finished 25 points ahead of

Adrianse said. "There are not In Monday's battle any high averages, but all the against Wayland, Lowell won girls are pretty consistent with the first game 888-817 and game two 848-840. In the two Baker games,

Red Arrow averages range between 152-159. the Red Arrows won game one 157-148 before being "Their success in the post

season will hinge on their edged in game two 187-184. ability to pick up spares. If Armstrong led the Arrow attack with a two-game total they do that, they're going to do all right," Adrianse said. of 379 (185-194). Nate Clark The Lowell girls claimed rolled a 349 (199-150) while Nate Sloan finished with a 19 of the 30 points against

Division championship.

"I don't think they've

bowled their best yet."

Wayland Monday night. Lowell finished the regu-Rolling singles games lar season at 254-46. Wayland were Mike Plummer 169; Jim was a distant second at 207.5-Denney 168, John Stuckey

Leading the Red Arrow girls was Amanda Eickhoff ings, Lowell boys (256-44) with a 306 (153-153). Eva Geldersma rolled a 301 (185-The Red Arrow girls, hav- 116). Tara Kuipers finished

with a 285 (148-137) and Andrea Nawrocki rolled a a week ago, recorded their 273 (128-145). third consecutive Southeast

Rolling singles games were Rachel Nawrocki 143; and Shawna Austin 143.

The girls individual district begins on Wednesday (Feb. 6) in Wayland at Airport Lanes. The boys individual district is Tuesday,

The team districts start a week later. The boys roll on Feb. 12 and the girls on Feb. 11. The team districts will be hosted by the Chezami Bowling Alley (at 55th and Division). The top three teams from the district will advance to the regional.

As for his success. Lowell's coach has a simple explanation. "It's easy to be a successful coach when you have some pretty good bowlers. I haven't had to start from scratch.'

Red Arrow Spikers upend Godwin LOWELL FOLKSTYLE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor Making one good play, after another good play, after

> consistency. has been hit and miss for the

another good play defines

coach, Connie Black. When the Red Arrow That element of the game

> Case and point, Lowell's "The girls played well and were sharper," Black ex- Hills.

2001-02 Lowell girls volley- aces while Jenny Wagner tallied two of the team's six digs. "We're still struggling Lowell made good on 38 with confidence in executing of its 39 serves (97 percent).

things we should be able to coach, Ken Dewey said the do," said Lowell volleyball team's been pretty consistent with its serving and passing. "Our offense, however, has not caught up," Dewey says.

Mistakes at inopportune times proved the Red Arrows' undoing in their 15-13, 15-7 defeat at the hands of Kenowa

Lowell served at an 85 In the nonconference vic-percent success ratio (41-oftory, senior Kelly Fitzpatrick 48). Wagner was a perfect 10led the way with five of the of-10 from the service line.

Lowell clobbers Belding

Kelly Baker led Lowell Janelle Gemmell re- in kills with six and in aces corded four of the club's nine with four. As a team, Lowell

The Red Arrows tallied 13 digs, with Wagner, Courtney Phillips, Cori Drenth and Fitzpatrick all

had 15 kills and four aces.

contributing with two apiece. In its only league match of the week, Lowell traveled to Zeeland where the Chix defeated the Red Arrows 15-6, 15-3.

Lowell will host

Hudsonville on Thursday.

Baker and Heather SECOND MON. OF EACH Becker led Lowell in kills with MONTH: The Lowell three apiece. Baker also had a Board of Education meets team-leading 10 of the club's at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former From the service line. Runciman Elementary Lowell was 24-of-27 (89 per-

Public invited.

SECONDMON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

300 High Street.

in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and

and to be submitted by mail,

but will accept notices by

meets at the clubhouse

(11841 Potters Rd.) east

of Montcalm Ave. For

dates and times call 897-

5015. Guests are welcome.

MON .: Family Council of

Laurels of Kent volunteer

group meets at 3 p.m. to

discuss enhancing the

lives of residents & staff,

promoting more pleasant

living and working environ-

High School Fellowship of

Christian Athletes and

Friends - meets from 7-

8:30 p.m. in members'

homes. See poster in high

school cafeteria or call

MONTH: Needlecraft Day

learn the craft. Get to know

your neighbors. Call Lana

SECOND MON. OF EACH

at 691-8450 for info.

676-1355 for details.

ment. Public invited.

River Snowmobile Club 868-6481.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat infor call Terry Cavanaugh,

phone at 897-9261.

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

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

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

Troop 102, for boys 11 & Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Everto any nonprofit organization up or completing the 5th- green Missionary Church, grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-Saranac areas. We prefer during the school year in dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. such notices to be kept brief the Scout Cabin at the end Call 897-5894 for details.

> camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- EVERY WED .: The "Pep- EVERY 2ND THURS .: MOOSE: Business meetbile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 at Franciscan Life Process at Trinity Lutheran Church, of each month at 7:30 p.m. 1ST SUN. OF EACH p.m.

> program at 9 a.m. in 897-7842. Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050

of N. Washington St. Enjoy

EVERY MON.: Lowell LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 Call 897-6050. p.m. New members wel-

9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. SECOND MON. OF EACH 897-6325 or 248-2423.

Come knit & crochet or on odd months & program MONTH: Fallasburg His-

torical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m.

> Lowell Masonic Lodge ment Center, 897-7842. regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 EVERY FOURTH WED .: Masons are welcome.

6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Rapids. Call 897-9794. rial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

at St. Luke's Lutheran ins at 6:45 p.m. Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. THURS .: Weight Watch-Call Linda at 874-5662. For ers meets at Lowell teen group info., call Sarah Nazarene Church, 201 N. ogy - Alto Family Tree Club

meeting at Calvin College join. Call 1-800-651-6000. 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.

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- EVERY MON.: Boy Scout EVERY WED.: Pioneer FIRST THURS.: 4-H LOWELLAREA HISTORI-Info.: 897-1502 after 5 p.m. free.

COMNGEVENIS

activities like hiking and WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON gational Church basement.

meets at noon at Lowell TUES.: Take Off Pounds Masonic Temple.

pers" (senior adults) meets N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. ing held the third Monday Center from 1-3:30 p.m. 2700 E. Fulton. \$10 per week. Transporta-TUES: Walking-exercise tion available. Call Pat at

Board meets at 7:30 p.m. TUES.: Flat River at King Memorial Youth Woodcarvers meet at Center at the Fairgrounds.

EVERY SECOND WED.: 1ST TUES.: Adults with Knitters Club meets at AD/HD at Calvin College,7- Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. For info. call Gary Engle at Sara Coates 365-1247 or 7842 for time. Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

St. Business meetings are Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

Open to any interested Elderly volunteers needed LaLeche League of Ada, your birth certificate. EVERY SECOND & children from Lowell in meeting at 7 p.m. Motherto 8: Lowell Senior Parents: FOURTH TUES.: Knights activities. Times: 9:45 to mother support for preg- Class trip May 23, 2002 of Columbus #7719 meets 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 nant & breastfeeding Payments for the senior St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. p.m. Call Sister Colleen EVERY SECOND TUES .: Franciscan Child Develop-

eral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican EVERY1ST&3RDTUES.: Church, 2560 Lake Michi- Belding Rd. No charge Lowell Lions Club meets at gan Dr. N.W., Grand

EVERY THURS.: Take Off EVERY 3RD TUES.: Par- Pounds Sensibly Tops MI ents of children with AD/ No. 333, Saranac, meets HD Issues Group meeting at Saranac Library. Weigh-

Washington, at 5:30 and at Alto Library 6:30-8 p.m. 7 p.m. Registration begins EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults 1/2 hour before meetings. with AD/HD Issues Group New members invited to

> Center, 402 Amity St., non-repeater system. denominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school: 11 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 5-17 \$1.50; members are

meets at Lowell Congre- FIRST AND THIRD ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY THURS.: The Alto Lions HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 Club meets at Bowne Cen- 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 EVERY WED.: Rotary ter Fellowship Hall, corner a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 of 84th & M-50 (Alden a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Nash) at 7 p.m.

Community and Area Mu- Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; sic Makers at Saranac High Thurs.: noon-7 p.m.; Sat.: Old Belding Rd. No charge. EVERY SECOND WED.: School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call Lana 691-8450 for info. Kent County Youth Fair p.m.; Band: 7:30-8:15 p.m. Call Kathy at 642-6316/ WED., JAN. 30: Lowel 897-5981 for info.

> Parents Supporting Par- the Lowell Township Hall ents-support group at Grand Rapids Machine Franciscan Life Process come; refreshments will be Center offers topics and dis-served cussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897- THURS., JAN. 31: Photos

1ST TUES.: WINGS Par- EVERY SECOND WED.: Royal Arch Masons regu- to Ginny Weber; put name ent Group meetings from G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at on back if you want them 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Club meets at noon in com- the Lowell Masonic Cen- returned. Board Room at 300 High munity room at Schneider ter, 119 Lincoln Lake,

meetings on even months. EVERY FOURTH WED.: EVERY THIRD THURS.: Creek from 6-8 p.m. Bring for Intergenerational pro- Cascade & Lowell meets at gram with school-age 6:30 p.m. for socializing; THURS. & FRI., FEB. 7 & women. Nursing children party will be taken during Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the are welcome to attend. Lo- lunch periods; also each more information.

Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Support group for Periph- FRI: Walking-exercise pro- at 10200 Bennett, Lowell, gram at 9 a.m. in Grattan Mich. 49331 Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

> SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Geneal

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. EVERY THURS. - St. meeting. LARC sponsors Mary's Pregnancy Crisis the 145.27 MHz area radio

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: of Ada,7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appt. Call 676-9346.

CAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10: individuals \$3; ages

WOMEN OF THE

LOWELL AREA ARTS EVERYTHURS.: Saranac COUNCIL: Open Tues.

Area Historical Museum "Native Americans -18th & **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** 19th centuries" program at at 7:30 p.m. Public wel-

due of seniors or group shots (if not too small) for EVERY THIRD THURS.: Senior Class video. Turn in

Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. THURS., FEB. 7: Wrestling freestyle sign-ups at Cherry

cated at a church in Ada. Friday in Feb. thereafter. Please call 752-8300 for Cost is \$100 in full or by

FRI., FEB. 8 & SAT., FEB. 9: Franciscan Life Process Center will offer a workshop in collage with Lynn O'Rourke, artist-inresidence. \$55 for both days. Call John at 897-7842 to register.

SAT., FEB. 9: Family Links School Carnival at Cherry Creek Elementary from noon - 3 p.m. Games, food and fun for the family.

WED., FEB. 20: Annual Student/Staff Variety Show at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. All tickets are \$3.

THURS., FEB. 28: Deadline for musicians to get information to LAAC or Chamber for Lowell Showboat summer concert series. Call 897-8545 or 897-9161 with questions.

SUN., MARCH 3: Lowell Days in Lakeland, FL. Buffet at Huntington Hills Country Club at 1 p.m. Call Mary Peckham 863-683-6336, Carmen Roudabush 863-683-9071 or Barb Curtis 863-682-7136. Invite your Lowell friends and relatives.

SAT., MARCH 16: Grattan Twp. "Family, Friends and Neighbors Committee Craft Show @ Grattan Academy. Vendors/ crafters: call 691-7778 to reserve your booth now.

installments or send check to treasurer, Carol Drenth ment is needed.

SAT., MARCH 23: Lowell Community Expo 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m at Lowell High School. Free admission/ door prizes. Call Liz at the Chamber at 897-9161 if your business, church or organization would like to participate. Also entertain-

The best way I know to win an argument is to start by being in the right.

-Lord Halisham

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Eu-

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

Woodland Mall.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Voodland Mall

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Bible Study.

VED.: Various activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JAN. 30: 8 a.m. THURS., JAN. 31: 12:40 Women's Bkfst.; 12:40 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart and Sav-A-Lot.

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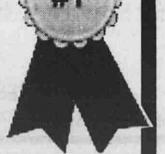
& VERGENNES TOWNSHIPS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY At the SENIOR NEIGHBORS CENTER

> 314 S. Hudson (Across from the Fair Grounds)

Call For Appointment 897-1560 or 897-5949

> Senior Retirees - \$25 Senior Retired Veterans - \$20



By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor Lowell's boys basketball team improved its record to

4-8 with a 68-33 dismantling

of Belding. The 35-point victory snapped a three-game Red Arrow losing streak. Lowell jumped out to a

19-7 first-quarter lead and

never looked back. The Red

Arrows increased their ad-

Life is one long process

-Samuel Butler

of getting tired

vantage to 37-16 at halftime. The second half provided much of the same, as the Red Arrows controlled the contest over the final 16 min-

utes, outscoring Belding 31-Lowell's Bill Harrison and Sam Oberlin led the Red Arrows in scoring with 10

points apiece. Harrison was

3-of-3 from the three-point

Fate leads the willing and

drags along the reluctant

-Seneca

Landon Trierweiler and Mike Fosburg each contributed with eight points. Mark Catlin added six. The Red Arrows commit-

ted just six turnovers while Trierweiler led Lowell on

team's 22 rebounds.

ents.

A man must thank his defects and stand in some terror of his tal-

-Emerson

Red Arrow grapplers wrestle over memories of past haunts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's been a mat of horrors for the Lowell wrestling team. been working on in practice. The Red Arrows, victims The basic skills I've been

the Viking demons Saturday with a 46-24 win. five Lowell recorded as the Mason. The Vikings lost to state's number one team in the Bulldogs earlier in the

"Coach Strejc (Dave) has Lowell won just two of the a pretty solid lineup from top first six matches. The Red to bottom. Even his weaker Arrows trailed 18-12 after wrestlers are not that bad." Braton Fredline (152) was explained Lakewood coach, Bob Veitch. "We weren't full strength. Even at full pin against Geoff O'Donnell

Lowell won nine of 14 quish. matches and only trailed twice during the match.

"It's nice to come to Lakewood and wrestle well and

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Sunday morning of the Super

pastoral prayer inspired a

Bowl, help us be mindful of

those who are without a bowl charities.

Bowl football game, simple lina in 1990.

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around the world

of soup to eat."

to Lakewood in each of the harping on are starting to last two years at the Lake- come around. We're making wood Invitational, exorcised good progress." Lakewood, coming off a

not get beat up by them,"

Strejc said afterward. "We're

executing things that we've

league win over Eaton Rap-The victory was one of ids, is second just behind Division II ran its record to year 29-26. Starting at 125 pounds,

pinned by Ben Best. A Mike Forward (171)

strength we probably would gave Lowell a 22-18 advanonly score another six points." tage, one it would not relin-

Forward's win was the second of six straight Red Arrow victories.

Remember the needy this "Souper Bowl" Sunday

an idea: asking each parishio-

ner to give a dollar for the

This was in South Caro-

The "Souper Bowl" has

Flat River Outreach Min-

Several years ago, on the needy as they left church.

youth-led movement to help become a national organiza-

The prayer gave birth to istries, Inc. will be participat-

J.J. Wilder (160) started

over Ryan Terry.

Following Forward were Pietre Serne's (189) 3-1 win against Milo Liabenow; Ben Fleet (215) won via a void; Ben Vaught (HWT) pinned Juddy Weirckz; and Joe Mendez (103) decisioned Nicky Harmer 23-6.

After Mike Nearing (112) lost 15-12 to Evan Terry, Brandon Kinney finished the match with a pin against Ryan King.

Lowell's only wins in the opening matches came from Ian DeRath (125) who pinned Mike Ketchum; and Bobby Gingerich (140) who pinned Brandon Carpenter.

In other matches, Beau Wilder (130) lost 3-0; Kevin Frazier (135) lost 11-5; and Jim Kelly (145) was pinned.

Lowell defeated Lakewood's "B" team 78-0 as well as Middleville 58-9;

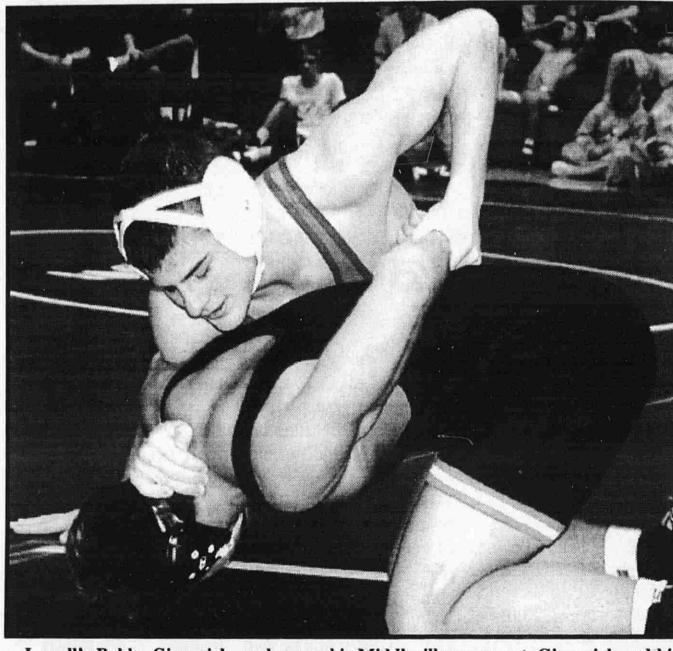
the streak with a 9-1 decision Heritage 61-12 and Fowlerville 55-21.

In its last home match of the season, Lowell defeated Zeeland 52-17.

Red Arrows recording

pins against the Chix were DeRath. Forward and Mendez. Decisions were turned in by Frazier, Gingerich, Kelly,

Winning via void were J.J. Wilder and Fleet. Lowell travels to Hudsonville Thursday and Goodrich on Saturday.



Vaught, Nearing and Kinney.

Lowell's Bobby Gingerich works over his Middleville opponent. Gingerich and his teammates won all five of their matches at the Lakewood Invitational

Lowell gymnast fifth at Mona Shores Invt'l

••• Holly Plattner secures first on the vault

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Lowell's highest team score of the year earned the Red

> The Red Arrows scored 134.85 points, placing behind Portage 141.55, Forest Hills Central 137.95, Traverse City 139.525 and Rockford 137.275.

Competing in Division II, Lowell's Holly Plattner claimed firsts in the vault and floor exercises.

The Red Arrow proved, last shall be first.

day was the floor exercise. "We were still completing our floor exercises when everyone else was finished," said Lowell gymnastics

By the time it was Plattner's turn in the floor exercise, all eyes were on her. "Not only was she our final gymnast to compete in the floor exercise, Holly was the last one to compete in the invitational. All eyes were on her," DeHaan said. "I added pressure," said

Although you couldn't

The diminutive Red Arrow recorded a 9.2 on the vault to start the day. The

result was the same: a firstplace finish. Lowell's other vault scores

were handed in by Carmen Datema 8.35, Nicole Gillikin 8.25 and Jenna Dickerman 8.2. "With the exception of

DeHaan explained. "I thought

it was a pretty good perfor-

Krystal White (6th), 8.45:

Plattner (9th) 8.15 and Carisa

Neubecker was a fall away

from a score of 9 or better. The

Arrow came off the beam with

an 8.6, suffering just one fall.

"Without a fall she scores a

Lowell improved its O-K

Rainbow Conference record to

nine," said DeHaan.

On the balance beam,

uneven bars.

Sayer 8.05.

their landings," DeHaan said. Following Plattner's top score in the floor exercise were Dickerman (8th) 8.65; Datema 8.1 and Gillikin 7.85.

"It was Nicole's first floor Lowell 134.4 routine in competition,"

Holly Plattner (1st) 9.1 Lowell handed in its best performance of the year on the Melissa Neubecker (3rd) 8.35 Carmen Datema 8.2 Neubecker (4th) led the Nicole Gillikin 8.15

Uneven Bars

Plattner (1st) 8.5 Neubecker 8.1 Carisa Sayer 7.8 Katie Blough 7.45

Balance Beam

Neubecker (1st) 8.9 Plattner 8.75 Kim Hoogewind 8.4 Sayer 8.1

2-1 with a 130.55-126.6 win Floor

Plattner (1st) 9.1 Jenna Dickerman 8.65 Neubecker 8.6 Datema 8.2

"It was a nonconference meet which provided a good opportunity for the girls to relax and go out and have fun,"

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The girls freshman volleyball team placed second at the Sparta Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 26. Pictured front row, left to right, are: Rebekah Woods and Megan Stubbs; second row: Devon Collins and Melody Dernocoeur; third row: Emily Gerard, Andrea DeVoid, Jessica Visser, Nicole Glover, Abbie Debiak and Kim Vandenburg; back row: Coach Jackie Malokofsky, Taylor Verdon and Angie White.

Frosh spikers place second at Sparta

Lowell's freshman volleyball team finished second at the Sparta Invitational despite starting and finishing the day with losses to a tough Forest Hills Northern Club.

However, in between, the Red Arrows defeated Wyoming Park 15-6, 15-12; Lakeview 15-10, 15-6; and tied Belding 13-15, 15-7. In the championship round, the Red Arrows upended Northview 5-15, 16-14 and 15-8 to

advance to the finals where Lowell lost to FHN 15-5, 15-4. Lowell's come-from-behind win against Northview was sparked by the serving of Andrea DeVoid, Nicole Glover, Devon Collins and Rebekah Woods, and the tough hitting of Emily Gerard and Kim Vandenberg.

Lowell's statistical highlights for the day were as follows: Gerard with 20 kills, Melody Dernocoeur with 12 kills and Collins with 10 kills.

Taylor Vernon led the club with 25 assists and Woods added 22.

Collins led all Red Arrows with 12 aces while Jessica Vissor and Gerard each recorded nine. Lowell volleyball coach, Tom Egler recognized his club's play for its tenacity, strong hitting and serving.

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and in the floor exercises Haybarker at 897-8829. By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Arrow gymnastic's team a fifth-place finish at the Mona Shores Invitational on Sat-

over the weekend, that the Lowell's last event of the

way with an 8.55 followed by coach, Michele DeHaan.

think that provides some

tell it by Plattner's performance. She came off the mat with the best score (9.4) of the afternoon.

over Mona Shores. Holly Plattner claimed three firsts in leading the Red Arrows to victory. The junior Red Arrow came off the vault with a meet-

leading 9.2. She added top

scores on the balance beam

(8.3) and in the floor exercise Following Plattner on the said Coach DeHaan. vault were Carmen Datema

8.25; Nicole Gillikin 8.2; and Kim Seaman and Jenna Dickerman 8.05.

On the balance beam, Kim Hoogewind finished with a 7.8 followed by Dickerman, 7.555 and Holly, all the other girls stuck Datema 7.3.

In the floor exercise, it was Plattner, Dickerman 8.5; Melissa Neubecker 8.5 and Datema 8.15.

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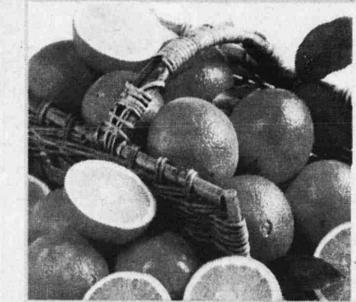
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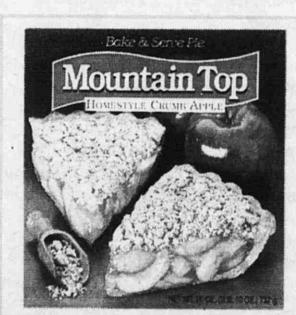


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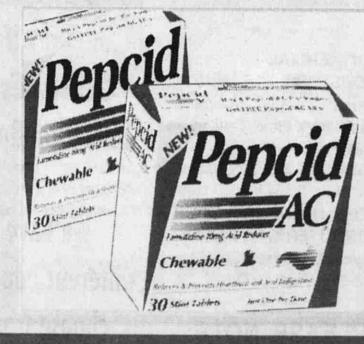


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