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Keeping the Promise

••• Gov. John Engler's announcement guarantees increased pupil funding and maintains current level of categoricals; however school districts are still concerned about what the future may hold.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A decision out of Lansing guarantees an increase in per pupil funding for Michigan schools in the 2002-03 school year.

The decision, welcome news for many, is being viewed with cautious optimism by Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, Connie Gillette.

"While it maintains what the state aid bill proposed, we still have a budget crisis," Gillette said. "This decision takes money from one fiscal year and moves it into a different fiscal year."

State superintendent, Tom Watkins called the

move, "A short-term fix for a long-term problem."

What does it mean for the Lowell School District? It shrinks the projected 2002-03 deficit budget by a little more than half - from \$1.4 million to \$600,000.

What it won't change is the district's approach. "We will continue to be proactive and identify priorities in our budget and areas that may be cut if necessary," Gillette said. "The board will have to decide how much of a deficit budget it is willing to accept."

The governor's decision to maintain the promise made two years ago will increase the per pupil funding for 2002-03.

The final approval is expected to come toward the end of March.

"Two years ago we made a promise to Michigan families, we're keeping that promise," said state Republican, Joanne Voorhees. "In times of financial hardship, there are many places the state can cut money, but we need not shortchange our children's education."

Under the agreement the state will spend nearly \$11.5 billion on K-12 education, an amount greater than the entire general fund budget.

To generate additional revenues for schools, the state will modify the education tax

collection system. Beginning in July 2003, all of the state education tax will be collected in the summer, instead of in July and December each year.

By collecting the entire state education tax in the summer, the state will see an increase of nearly \$500 million in fiscal year 2003.

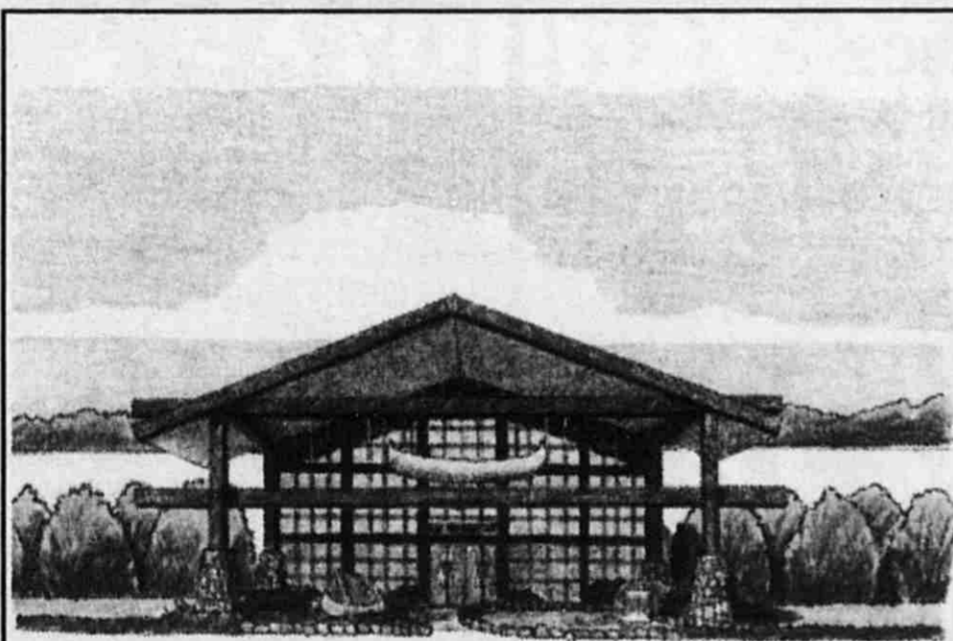
In an effort to help families deal with the increased financial burden resulting from a single payment, a one-time reduction of 1 mill in property tax to mitigate any financial burden the earlier collection date may cause taxpayers. This will result in a \$266 million savings for taxpayers in 2003.

Renaissance Zone could envelop Lowell Township industrial park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Robert Grooters Development wants Grand Rapids to extend its Renaissance Zone program to the suburbs. Currently it is working with the city of Grand Rapids and Lowell Charter Township on establishing a Renaissance Zone on M-50 (near the expressway) in the township.

The use of a tax-free zone in Lowell Township would be made possible through a transfer of township property



The above sketch is one of the design concepts for a building in the proposed township industrial park.

(200 acres of undeveloped land) to the city.

The city of Grand Rapids started the Renaissance program in 1997, with its focus being mostly in the urban core of Grand Rapids. It's been a tax incentive program for existing urban zones but does not prohibit the city from adding new areas.

It designates undeveloped property of 15 years with no local and state taxes for business, abating state and single business taxes, real and

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Bid climate an enticing reason to start high school addition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke announced Monday that he will make a recommendation to the school board at its March meeting to take the high school addition project off hold.

With approval of the recommendation, the addition could be ready for use by fall. "With the bid climate be-

ing as good as it is right now, I just think the time is right to get tremendous value for our dollar," Bleke explained. "The addition can be built at a good cost with a low operating cost. There would be little addition to the day-to-day cost in the general fund."

The Lowell superintendent added that the \$4.1 million expansion would create a myriad of educational oppor-

tunities for kids and provide a variety of options to be considered.

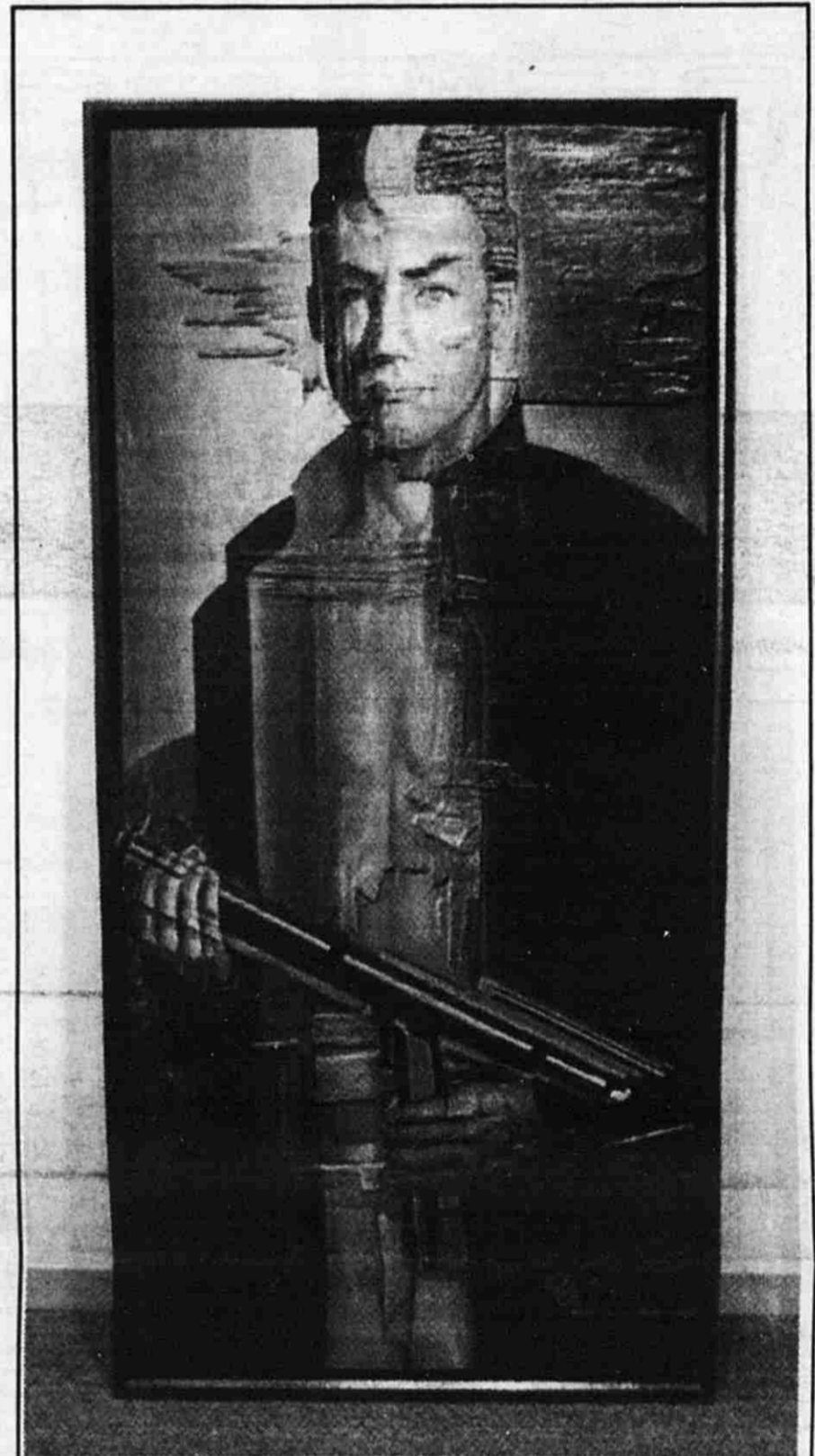
"I think it will provide seats at a variety of levels as well as support a variety of initiatives," Bleke said.

With talk of a budget deficit, Bleke said the message may sound conflicting to some. He identified the budget deficit as something that needs to be dealt with in the

short term. Long term, he said, the district is also responsible for providing educational facilities for the future.

The bond for the addition to the high school was approved by school district voters in September of 2000.

Bleke said the board would have until fall before time would dictate that it begin addressing the new elementary building project.



A piece by Mike Pelz, of Lowell, is titled "Disconnected Youth/Young Male Violence."

WMU college student Best of Show; local artist Juror's Choice at WMRC

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Brian Timmer's approach to painting may be easily detected by some at the opening reception of the 16th annual West Michigan Regional Competition (WMRC).

The Western Michigan University student describes his approach as painting automatically. "I just sit down and do it. To brainstorm about an idea beforehand ruins the purity of it," said the college senior.

Timmer's approach earned him Best of Show with his first WMRC entry.

"I didn't see this coming. It's great. I saw something on a wall on campus about the show and thought I should enter," Timmer explained.

His "do it, non-directional" approach is reflected in his work. "Self Portrait" shows how the brain hemispheres

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OBITUARIES

MITCHELL - Joseph Mitchell, Sr., aged 92, of Lowell, died Thursday, February 7, 2002. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his children: Joseph (Kathy) Mitchell, Jr., William (Gloria) Mitchell, John (Candi Wekenman) Mitchell, MaryAnn (Mark) Strunk, MaryKay (Randy) VanZalen, Susan (Gary) Antcliff, Gary

(Yihua) Barber; sister Helen Zigmont; sister-in-law Ruth Mitchell; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. William J. Renkema officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home.

Children's early settler workshop slated for March

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An early settler activities workshop is planned to help Lowell youths connect with history... to experience what their great-grandparents had to do as they settled in the community.

On Saturday, March 2, the Lowell Area Historical

Museum, Lowell Area Schools and the Wittenbach Center will sponsor a day of activities intended to bring history alive.

"When people become excited about history, it helps make them good stewards of the community," said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director, Judy Straub. The day of activities be-

gins for the 8-12 year olds at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. All participants will receive lunch (venison stew and corn bread).

The cost to participate in the workshop is \$5 with registration deadline Feb. 15.

Workshop presenters include Joann Bunn, buttermaking; Doug Shasberger and Fran Mendez, whittling; Dave Steghuis and Jason Tomczak, animal tracking and stalking; George and Floretta Stegmier, candlemaking.

Ron Thomure will cook the venison stew and the Stegmiers will bake the corn bread.

Christian Life Center hosts Financial Peace Live

Dave Ramsey, author/financial counselor, will be teaching the Financial Peace Live via satellite on Saturday, Feb. 23 to a national audience. It is based on his best-selling book "Financial Peace."

For over 10 years Ramsey has been teaching that Financial Peace can be reached by anyone. With his no-nonsense style, thousands of people have been motivated to financial freedom.

He teaches how to make a budget that works, how to become debt-free and stay debt-free, how to invest with confidence, and much more.

The five-hour event will be hosted by Christian Life Center in their sanctuary on a large screen and will begin at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple. To purchase, call 897-1100 or visit the church office located at 3050 Alden Nash in Lowell.

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Estate of ELSIE F. LASAUSKY Deceased
Date of Birth: 01/10/1929
MICHAEL J. TUMMINO, Jr. (P-21618)
311 East Main Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5931 2/5/02
PENNY OSWALD 1301 Jane Ellen Lowell, MI 49331 616-897-5155
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CITY OF LOWELL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Lowell City Hall Offices, Police Offices and Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2002 in observance of Presidents Day.
Also
Due to Presidents Day, the Lowell City Council meeting date will be Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library.
Betty R. Morlock
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Reflections Of Faith

Pastor Joe Fremer
Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Today is Ash Wednesday, and if you are one of those people who get turned off by liturgy and church tra-

ditions, I would like to say just one thing before you "humpf!" and head off to read Cozy Corner: When Jesus criticized the Pharisees (Mark 7), it was not for holding on to "human traditions," but for "letting go of the commands

of God." Traditions in themselves are not evil (Romans 14:5 and following). Don't judge us because we have found a structured way to express our devotion (Colossians 2:16). Okay, you can go now.

So now that it's just us, why don't we spend a few moments thinking about Lent and ashes. Let's begin by getting something clear right away: God has made it quite plain that human traditions are useful only as an expression of saving faith. The minute we try to use them as a replacement for faith, they become a ticket to hell. We can't earn God's approval;

Jesus earned it for us. We can't work off our debt to Him; He already canceled it.

The Bible passages that make this abundantly clear are far too many to list here, even by reference. If you would like to see proof from the Bible, visit Good Shepherd's web site (www.iserv.net/~goodshp); I have added a special page which takes you through the many verses that make this clear.

However you observe Lent (or don't), it is not the observance that matters, but your heart. "Rend your heart, and not your garments," God told His people through the prophet Joel (2:13). It is not enough to kneel in church to-

night and let a man mark your forehead with ashes. You must kneel in your heart and abase yourself before God and seek His mercy; and with the ears of your heart you must hear and believe the glad news that Jesus offers mercy freely, saying to you, "Rise and go; your faith has made you devot-

ion (Luke 17:9). Without that, Ash Wednesday is truly an empty ritual, worse than useless! But with that inward motion of faith, our acts of devotion - old or new, ritual or spontaneous - are as pleasing to God as though Jesus Himself were offering them.

Russian dinner precedes Red Star Red Army concert

The Greenville Area Community Center will be hosting an authentic "Russian Meal" on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The meal of Borsch (beet soup), Holoopchee (cabbage

rolls), Perohee (potato/cheese dumpling), and Kolathee (poppy seed filled coffee cake) will be served prior to the Red Star Red Army concert.

Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the com-

munity center. Act early as only 50 reservations will be taken.

If you would like more information on this program, call 616-754-9163.

Book sale to benefit Freeport Library

A used book sale with 100's of books will be held Saturday, March 2 at the Freeport Community Center from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. The books

include hardcover and paper back; some like new and some very old. There should be a good selection for everyone.

The Freeport District Li-

brary offers programs for all ages. The book sale will help fund the teen reading program offered this summer.

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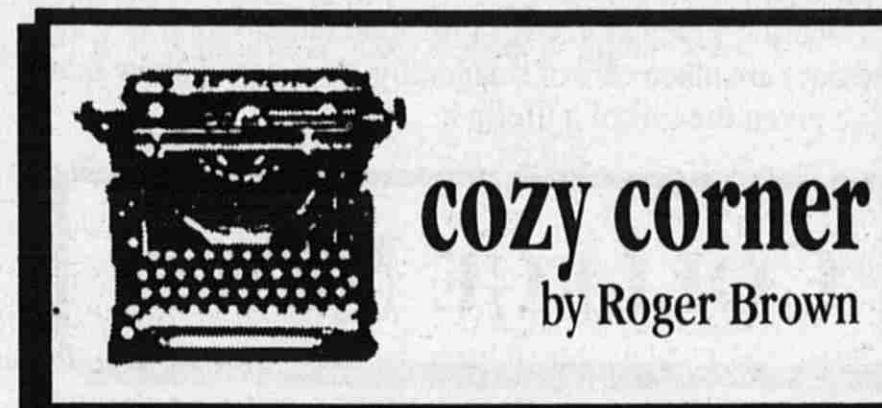
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Lunch: \$1.45
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Peanut butter & jelly sandwich & chef's salad are also available daily as lunch options.
MON: Chicken nuggets or ravioli w/cheese, bread & butter, pear halves, peas.
TUES: Pancake dippers or assorted cereal, scrambled eggs, orange juice, potato wedges.
WED: Mini corn dogs & roll or fish & cheese on bun, lettuce salad, fruit crisp.
THURS: No school. Staff development day.
FRI: No school. Mid-winter break.

Viewpoint . . .



About this time last year I decided it was time to do something about my weight, girth and extra chin (or two). My Ben & Jerry's lifestyle was taking its toll. I'd moved up a pant size and I was already at the far end of the waist range that contains anything stylish. I was not only fat ... I was stuck with frumpy pants. It was time for serious action.

The only time in my life when I've lost a considerable amount of weight was way, way back before I was married. And yes, that is getting to be a long, long time ago. A buddy and I went on a low carbohydrate diet. That was simple for us. We switched from beer and pizza to straight whiskey and beef jerky. We lost fifty pounds each over a few short months. I got down to 185, the least I had weighed since about second grade. Unfortunately, the weight loss was mostly comprised of irreplaceable brain cells.

Back then our low-carb approach was referred to as the Canadian Air Force diet. Now this Atkins' guy has picked up on the idea and made a few million bucks for himself. Never mind the fact he has every cardiologist in the country horrified; if you can drop a pant size, it might be worth a heart attack.

A typical Atkins' breakfast consists of all the bacon you can eat. Fry it in lard if it appears to be too lean. Poach a dozen eggs in two pounds of butter and slather the whole thing with melted cheese. That's breakfast. Lunch is the same kind of high fat, high cholesterol stuff your doctor warns you about. Ditto for dinner. Amazingly, you will lose weight like crazy! Just make sure you don't eat any fruit or most vegetables. Don't even dream about bread, milk, pancakes, cereal, granola bars or anything else that might be remotely healthy.

Despite all the obvious warnings and against my diminutive better judgment, I bought a Dr. Atkins' recipe book and got out the fry pan. I was in trouble right away. I haven't eaten red meat for years. Don't ask me why ... it's just a "thing" with me. If people press me for a reason, I tell them it's spiritual. They either think that's very funny or look at me like, "Who's this weirdo?" In either case, that's usually the end of the discussion. The bottom line is: If you take all the recipes based on red meat out of an Atkins' cookbook, you are pretty much left with eggs over easy, cheese omelets, scrambled eggs, egg salad, etc. It's kinda like Forrest Gump's buddy with his shrimp recipes.

It took some doing, but I soon got into a low-carb mindset. In Dr. Atkins' defense, you really can eat a reasonably diverse diet and keep your carb count down. And Ken Lay is now eligible for food stamps.

My typical day starts with an omelet breakfast. My omelets are very, very creative. If you think I come up with some goofy ideas in this column, you should try one of my omelets. Then I have some sort of salad for lunch with perhaps some chicken breast, shrimp or tuna mixed in. For dinner a main course could be chicken, fish, shellfish, turkey, etc. Round dinner out with a reasonable portion of a green vegetable and another salad. For dessert I am hooked on sugar-free jello. After about three weeks I was beginning to notice a steady decline in my weight and a constant urge to kill somebody for a slice of pizza or stack of pancakes.

I kept it up. After a month or so I was nearing the ten-pound mark and was really gung-ho about my program. Then I received the results of a routine physical. My cholesterol count has never been good, but the doctor said 289 was unacceptable. Now I was in a quandary. I was losing weight, which I needed to do for health reasons and not just because my pants didn't fit. (At least my good blue suit would fit after I tipped over with a heart attack.) On the other hand, a low cholesterol diet is almost an exact opposite of a low-carb diet. Steak and eggs vs. fruit and grain. Where's the Ben & Jerry's?

I secretly stuck to my low-carb diet but modified it even further by cutting way, way back on the high cholesterol stuff. Eggs became eggbeaters, cheese portions shrank dramatically, and I cut way back on shellfish. My diet had really become bland, but I was losing weight.

A few months later, after I was supposedly following a low-cholesterol diet, I went back to the doctor for a new test. I was now twenty pounds lighter and my total cholesterol was 235. Unfortunately, the "good" cholesterol had dropped significantly more than the "bad" stuff. The doctor told me that, in reality, diet doesn't help a high cholesterol count that much anyway. He put me on drugs and sent me on my way. My kinda doctor.

I stuck with my diet until late October and our trip to China. I had lost over thirty pounds and my old pants were baggy. Cool! Then the wheels fell off. Three weeks of traveling in a foreign country made sticking to my wacky diet pretty much impossible, so I took a "what the hey" attitude while on the trip. That attitude carried over into Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year, friends visiting throughout January and my pants are getting snug again and I really don't want to dig out those frumpy ones.

It's time for action. It's time to crank up the exercise program. It's time to get back on my diet. It's time for an attitude check. It's time, and this is really important, to go to the freezer and chuck out those little boxes of Ben & Jerry's.



OUTDOORS
By Dave Stegehuis
HOMEWORK

The last big game season in Michigan ended only weeks ago. For folks planning to hunt out of state, it's already time to start making plans for next fall. Licenses have to be applied for and arrangements made with guides and outfitters. At least one state had a Jan. 31 deadline for submitting elk license applications. Most applications are due later, but it is best to check with state or provincial game departments to verify deadlines.

February is when hunting shows begin opening in cities around the state. The larger shows are attended by outfitters offering hunts for about any legal game in the U.S. as well as foreign countries. The shows are a good place to shop around for that special hunt or, for some, the hunt of a lifetime.

One of the best ways to find a competent outfitter is to talk with a friend or acquaintance who has recently been on a hunt and can relate firsthand his or her experience. Lacking that source, it's necessary to shop around by attending shows and contacting state or provincial wildlife agencies for a list of

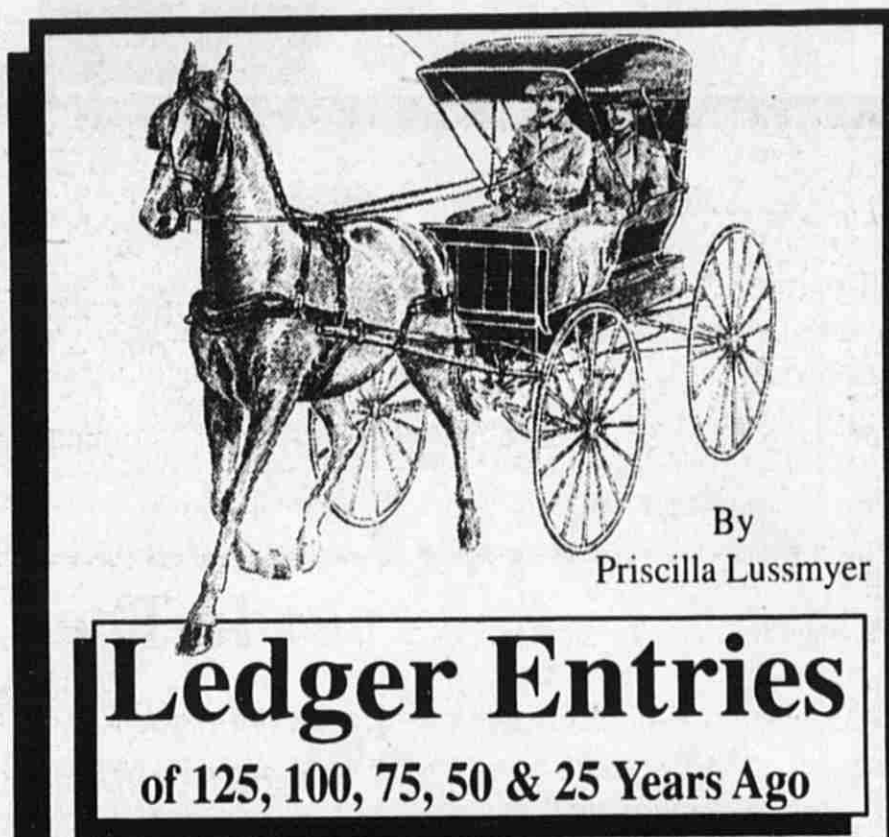
licensed guides and outfitters. Most of these agencies have a web site that will provide information on seasons, applications, regulations, and sometimes links to guides and outfitters. Booking agents can also be of service when selecting a hunt.

Be aware that outfitters are selling a product, so make sure you remain an alert consumer when dealing with these people. Be ready to ask a lot of questions like: What type of accommodations are provided? What kind of transportation will be included in the package? Are licensed guides available? If so, what is the hunter-to-guide ratio? How large is the hunting area and what type of habitat will be encountered? Are there provisions for processing and transporting game? What happens if you fill your tag early in the hunt? What percentage of hunters have been successful in the past? Will the outfitter supply a list of references? (Remember, this list will probably not include dissatisfied clients.) Can the outfitter obtain the required licenses for you? What is the refund policy? (A lot can happen in one's life between booking a hunt and the time when the hunt takes place.)

As you can see, there is a lot to consider when choosing an outfitter. I have heard stories of hunts that turned out to be somewhere between disappointing and a real nightmare. I have personally encountered difficulties like dangerously severe weather, equipment breakdowns (including aircraft), and inexperienced guides, but the outfitters were conscientious and hard-working, and I enjoyed the hunts.

We can discuss hunt preparation in another column. That topic is more relevant when one knows when and where the hunt will take place. Finding a good outfitter is enough work for one homework assignment.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEB. 14, 1877
Lowell will soon have a new fire alarm bell.

Mr. F. Leece brings in the season's first cake of maple sugar.

There are 427 pupils enrolled in the Central, West Ward and South Ward schools.

A petition with 52 signatures requests that Bridge St. between the bridges be filled in with earth to the north line. Common Council refers it to the Street Committee.

Temperature experiments (from 32 to 100 degrees F.) in processing milk show that close to 32 degrees results in more and better butter and cheese as well as milk quality.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEB. 14, 1902;
This issue is missing as well as every issue until May 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987-8. *114 YEARS FEBRUARY 17, 1888*

The Lowell and Hastings Railway has added two "elegant new coaches" and a combination mail, express and smoker car.

Reeds Lake will have five steamers operating this summer, plus a toboggan on rollers which will shoot eager bathers 120 feet down a slide into the lake.

The Old Reliable Johnson Store on the east side, S.D. Goss, proprietor, will give away a sewing machine and a Sewell Body Cutter, in addition to reduced prices on groceries.

Logan Laconics column, written by "Bridget," reports much illness: lung fever, diphtheria, Typo-Malarial fever and sore throats.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 17, 1927

The Board of Trade under new president, banker Harry Day, goes back to noon lunch at City Hall every second week, instead of evening meetings.

The County supervisors decide to enlarge the detention hospital rather than the jail.

L.E. Johnson will replace the old Chase furniture building at the corner of Main and Hudson with a new Ford garage.

Lillian Gish stars in Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" for three nights at the Strand Theatre.

The Teachers Club and high school Juniors celebrate Valentine's Day with a joint party in the high school gym. The Juniors achieved 100 percent membership in the Athletic association.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEB. 14, 1952
Abraham Lincoln's 1862 words are quoted as applicable in the "chaotic world" of 1952: "We can nobly save or meanly lose this last best hope of earth."

The spring vote of nomination by primary, if successful, will make next week's village caucus the last one.

Both Lowell and Lowell Township are considering putting zoning ordinances in place.

The Carl Wittenbach farm, pictured last week, is featured this week.

All FFA interschool sports teams are canceled: lack of physical exams, insurance and eligibility standards are the reasons.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER FEB. 17, 1977
The new bridge over the Grand River at Saranac is officially under way; it will replace two old bridges over the main channel and overflow area.

The school board names 30 specific cuts to be made if the March 28 vote for two mills fails to pass.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle warns that mail fraud, especially investment schemes and undelivered mail order merchandise costs millions, and tells how to deal with it.

A land use form in the wake of a new state law requires landowners and sportsmen to sign and keep a copy of a legal form for hunting, fishing, etc.

Lowell receives state highway fund distribution for the 1976 fourth quarter of \$15,399.

Financial Focus

Edward Jones

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This Valentine's day, give a gift that lasts.

It's almost Valentine's Day. This year, instead of giving your loved ones those chocolates or flowers - or, at least in addition to those chocolates and flowers - why not make sure you give the gift of financial security? You don't have to be rich to protect your family - but you do need to plan ahead. So, on Feb. 14, consider drawing up a "Cupid's Checklist" containing a list of things you need to do to take care of those people most important to you.

What should you have on that list? Here are a few possibilities:

- **Review your life insurance** - Do you have enough life insurance - and the right type of insurance - to meet your family's needs should anything happen to you? Keep in mind

that your insurance needs change throughout your life. When you're just starting out in your career, and you have young children, you may be able to get by with an inexpensive term life policy. But as you move nearer to retirement and your children leave the house, you probably will no longer need as great a death benefit. Consequently, you may want to consider some type of "permanent" insurance - such as universal life - that provides an investment option and can be integrated into your estate plans. A financial professional can help you determine those types of insurance that are best suited to your particular situation.

- **Update your beneficiary designations** - You need to supply beneficiary designations for virtually every financial instrument you own - annuities, IRA's, 401(k)s, insurance policies, etc. And once you do indicate your chosen beneficiaries, it's pretty easy to forget about the matter altogether. Yet, circumstances may change in your life, and events such as death or divorce may well require you to revise your beneficiary designations. That's why it's a good idea to review these designations every couple of years or so. Remember, these are legally binding instructions - so make sure they're going to be carried out according to your wishes.

- **Establish your estate plans** - Although recent legislation is intended to phase out estate taxes over the next several years, you can't assume you no longer have to do any estate planning. For one thing, there's no guarantee that these changes

won't be reversed and you'll once again have to consider the impact of estate taxes on your heirs. But, just as importantly, you need a solid estate plan to make sure your assets go to those family members and charitable organizations you choose. To create an estate plan that fits your individual needs, consult with a legal adviser who is experienced in estate planning issues.

Flowers will fade, and chocolates will get eaten. But if you use Valentine's Day as a starting-off point to ensure that your loved ones are taken care of financially, then you'll know that you've given the gift of a lifetime.

COLLEGE NEWS

Elizabeth Anne Krebill, of Lowell, graduated on Dec. 15, 2001 from Central Michigan University.

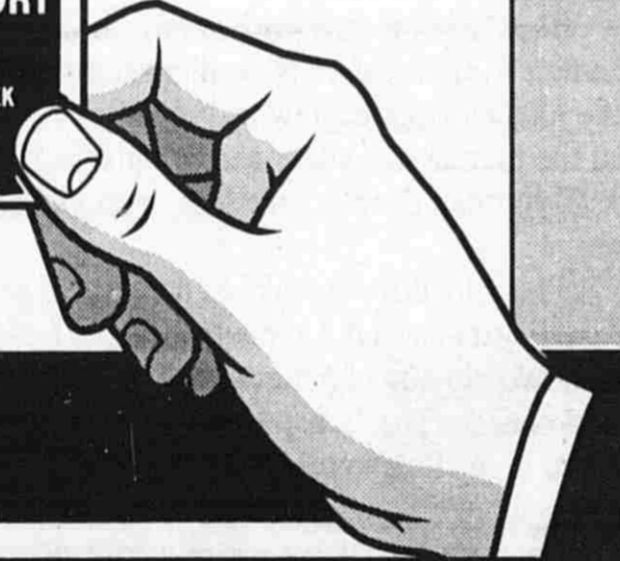
Receiving her degree in three and a half years and making the dean's list, she graduated magna cum laude with a double major in psychology and family studies.

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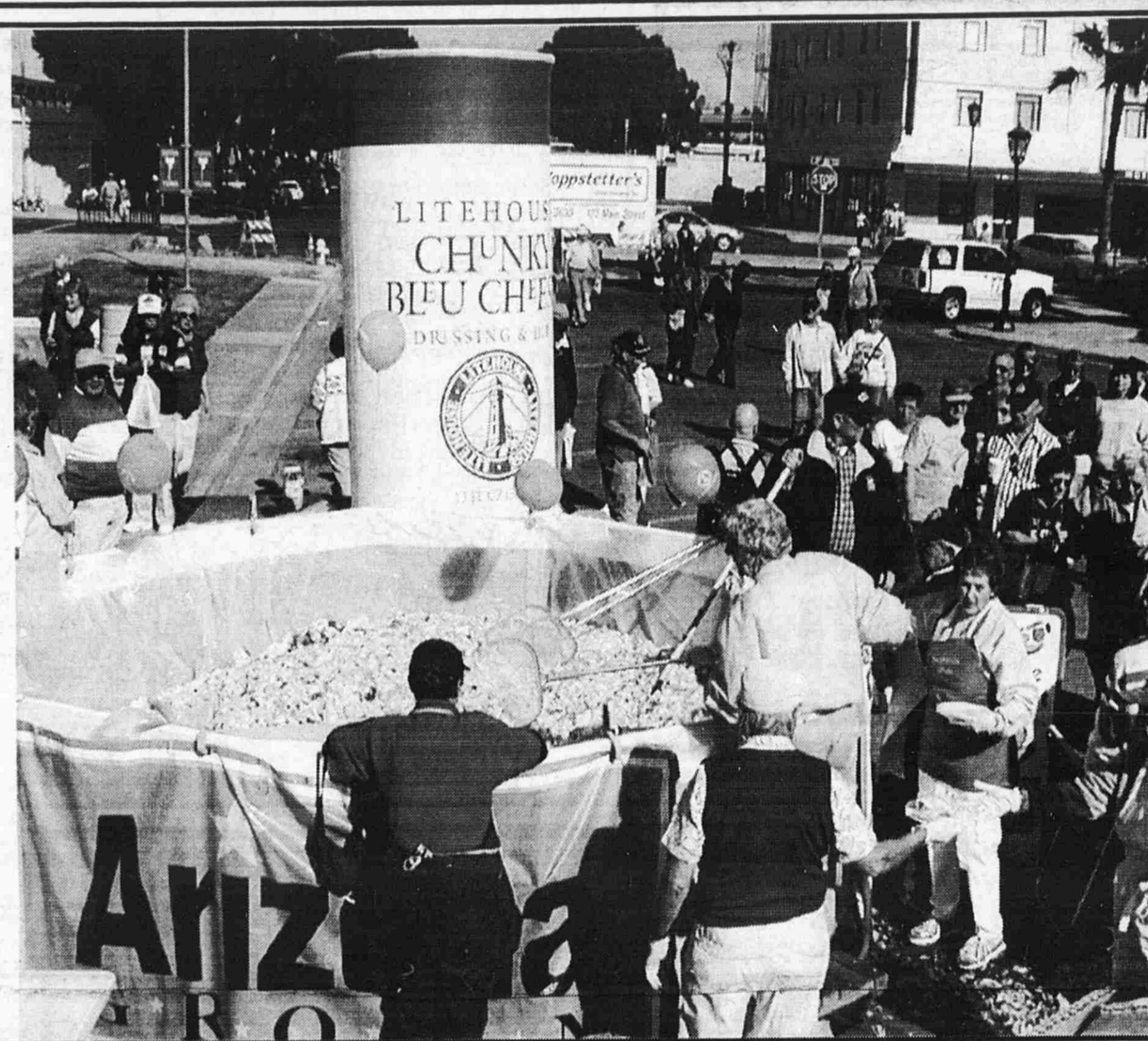
The gargantuan salad was entered in the Guinness Book of World Records as "Litehouse Dressings World's Largest Garden Salad."

Sponsored by Litehouse, Inc., the big event was held in Yuma, AZ, on Jan. 26 as part of their annual Yuma Lettuce Days.

The garden salad, weighing in at 7,248 pounds, was made in a 3,000-gallon swimming pool and took 75 volunteers five and a half hours to make.

To meet Guinness criteria, all preparations must be done on sight. Besides lettuce, cabbage, carrots and cherry tomatoes, the salad was topped off by approximately 750 pounds of Litehouse dressing. Lettuce Fest attendees were able to sample the salad, with all donations and leftovers going to the Crossroads Mission in Yuma.

Chuck Busalacchi, Brett Nelson, Mack Guffin and Kim Foster represented Litehouse/Lowell by doling out dressings and samples of Litehouse Veggie Dip and Caramel Apple Dip.



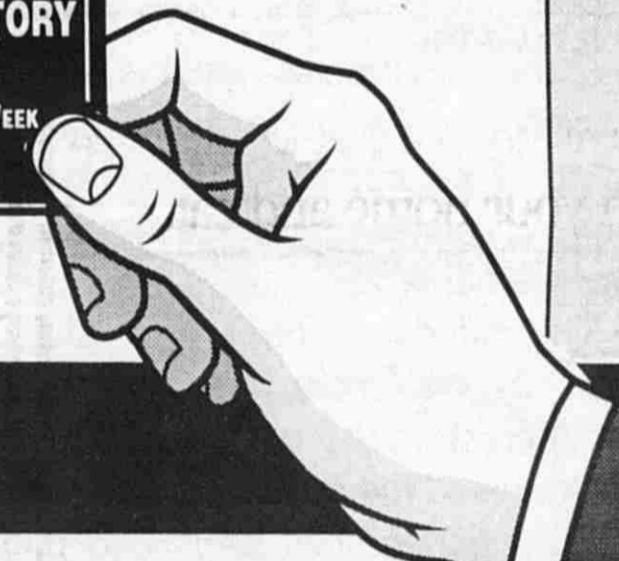
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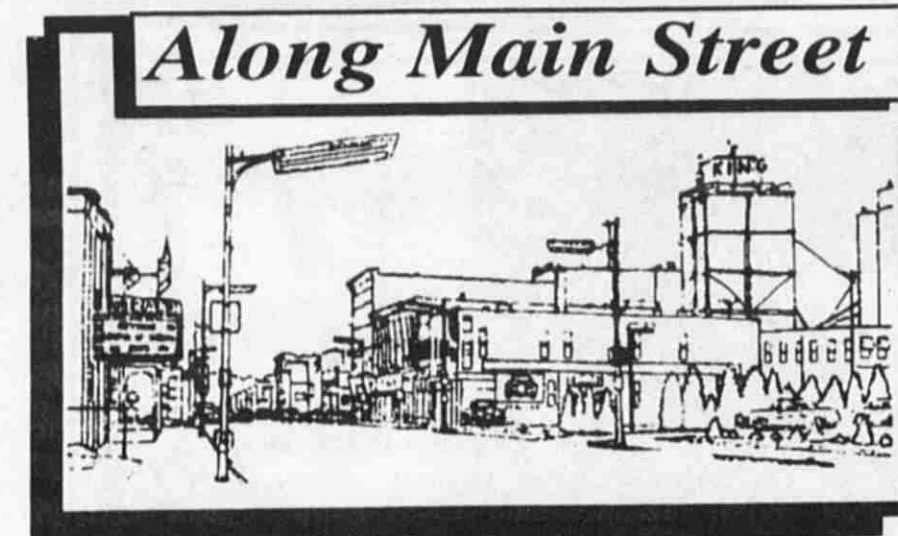
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KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, SECURED BY THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC SUPPLY SYSTEM AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL through its Department of Light and Power intends to issue revenue bonds in a maximum amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.

The Bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs of improvements to the City's electric supply system consisting of the acquisition of land, the construction of a substation, the installation of a transmission line, related appurtenant properties and facilities and other related improvements (the "Improvements").

The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues derived from the City's electric supply system and shall not constitute a general obligation of the City nor an indebtedness of the City within any charter, constitutional or statutory limitation.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the city limits of the City shall have been filed with the City Clerk requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of said bonds, then the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of the majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
City of Lowell

- March 23. Opening reception will be Sunday, Feb. 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell.

KDL IN-SERVICE STAFF TRAINING
All branches of the Kent District Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18 for an in-service training day. Regular hours will resume on the 19th.

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

EARLY SETTLER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP
The Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Wittenbach Center will host an early settler activities workshop for 8-12 year olds on March 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost (\$5) includes lunch. Call Judy at 897-7688 or Tammy at 987-1002. Deadline to register is Feb. 15.

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. Proceeds to benefit girls track team and Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$3.

CITY OF LOWELL

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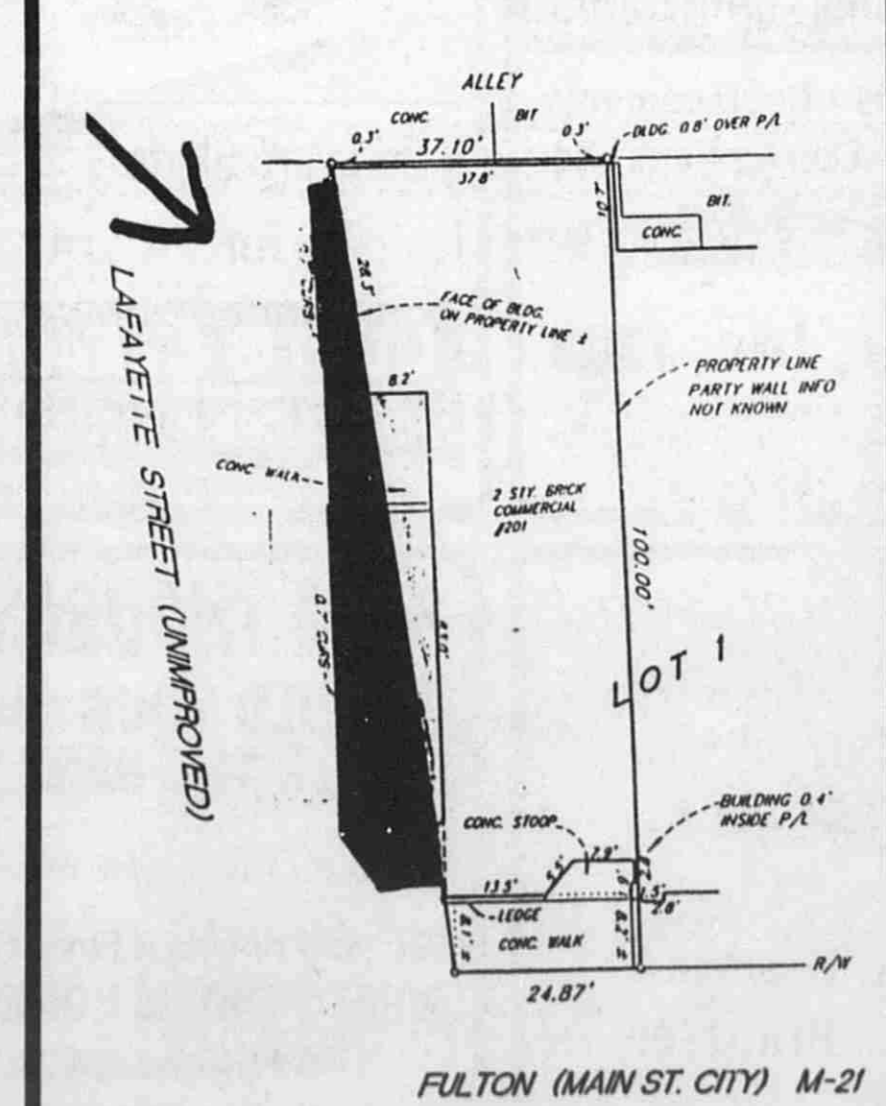
The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a City owned parcel of property approximately 12' x 90' immediately east of 201 East Main Street (see below). Minimum bid \$1,000. Prospective bidders must describe their proposed use of the property in which they are bidding on.

Sealed bids and proposed uses must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main St., no later than Tuesday, February 26, 2002 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 4, 2002.

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.



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SIGN UP FOR THE SENIOR 2002 CLASS PARTY
Each Friday throughout February, payments will be taken during each lunch period. Get your installment in or \$100 total to reserve your spot for the senior all-night party.

LHS CLASS OF 1992 REUNION PLANNING MEETING
There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in room A202 at Lowell High School for anyone interested in helping with the class of 1992 reunion. Call Jen Dougherty (Wieland) at 868-0439 with questions.

COMMODITIES COMING SOON
The Moose Recreation Building at 1320 E. Main will have commodities available from 9-4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21: Green beans, beef stew, cranberry juice, egg noodles, orange juice, peaches, potatoes, tomato sauce, walnuts. All clients will have to re-register and show proof of income, etc.

LOCAL ARTISTS' EXHIBITION COMING SOON
"A Breath of Spring" will be on display at Huntington National Bank in Lowell from Feb. 21 - April 2 during regular hours. The exhibit includes professional adult artists as well as young artists, ages 5-7, who created collage paintings from a class offered at Lowell Area Arts Council.

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
The Lowell Showboat summer concert series needs musicians: Blues, Rapp, Rock, Country & Western, Jazz & Christian music. Forward your CD/cassette, a brief bio and group photo by Feb. 28 to Lowell Area Arts Council, P.O. Box 53, Lowell 49331. Call 897-8545 (LAAC) or 897-9161 (Chamber) with questions.

LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO
The annual Community Expo will be held at Lowell High School on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you would like to spotlight your business, church or organization, call the Chamber at 897-9161. Admission is free and door prizes awarded.

CALL FOR DEMOS AND ENTERTAINMENT
The Chamber of Commerce is seeking demos and entertainment for the Lowell Community Expo on Saturday, March 23. Call Liz at 897-9161.

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New role enhances Straub's connection with community's roots

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Historical Museum board's decision to hire Judy Straub as the museum's executive director was labeled as unopposed by board vice president, Dan Pipe.

And why not? Straub, as a volunteer, has been instrumental in the push for a museum, a successful phase I capital campaign and the eventual opening of the museum.

The role of executive director is a three-day a week position. She took on the role Jan. 2.

Straub says her passion-driven involvement with the museum stems from her childhood.

"I went to seven different high schools and never had a real sense of community," Straub said. "When I left school at the end of a day, I used to take everything home with me, because I wasn't sure if I'd be back."

Lowell's Judy Straub was hired as the Lowell Area Historical Museum's executive director. She has officially been on the job since January; her dedication and work with the museum have been a labor of love for a number of years.

Her strong appreciation, understanding, and connection with her roots today is considered a gift from her childhood.

"Involvement and understanding of one's history, I think, makes a person become a good steward and care about the community in which they live," Straub said.

The director's new job title makes Straub responsible for the management and operation of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the recruiting and coordination of volunteers, grant writing, and interfacing with Lowell Area Schools in developing programs which compliment its curriculum.

Straub's business hours are from 8 until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The museum's hours are Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 until 4 p.m. and from 1 until 8 p.m. on Thursday. Since its opening last September, the museum has had over 600 visitors.

Renaissance Zone, cont'd... From Page 1

personal property and corporate city income taxes.

The city of Grand Rapids was approached this year by Grooters in regards to attracting business to the region from outside the state.

Grooters is pledging retention or creation of 1,000 new jobs.

During the period, the Renaissance Zone is, in effect, for the property occupied by the target industry in the conditionally transferred area. Grand Rapids would collect and retain personal income taxes as well as pay the host community during the designated period of time. The amount would be equal to the property taxes the target industry would pay the host community without Act 425. The amount paid to the host community would not exceed 50 percent of the amount the target industry withholds for employee city income taxes in that year.

When used in conjunction with Act 425, it allows the city to levy taxes outside the city. The use of Act 425 mandates that it be in conjunction with an economic development project which is an industrial, commercial and/or residential project(s) which protects the environment.

Act 425 allows a municipality to give property to another local government for up to 50 years. During this time, taxes are shared. In a discussion with the township, Pete Colvin, of Grooters Development, said it appears likely that the term would be for less than that. Act 425 is allowed through legislation focused on economic development.

The proposed term sheet calls for the agreement to be 50 plus 50 years with a counter offer of 15 plus 15 years.

In taking applications for Renaissance designation, the city of Grand Rapids' business advocate, Sue Shannon said it looks at what uses exist, new jobs and the investment.

Since 1997, the city of Grand Rapids has designated 800 properties in Grand Rapids as Renaissance Zones with a total investment of \$106 million.

The city has four available Renaissance Zones. Grooters would like to see one of those used in Lowell Township. For that to happen, the city of Grand Rapids and the township would have to agree to terms allowing them to share in tax revenue.

Colvin said there are a number of companies that find a site like the one in Lowell Township very desirable. It's located on the east side of Grand Rapids, it's visible and it is close to the expressway.

Township trustee, Paula Blumm raised the concern that it may cost the township more to provide the governmental services to the proposed industrial park than what the township would collect in taxes. "I'd like to see that cost taken off the top and then divide up what is left," she said.

Fellow trustee, Alyn Fletcher added it would be difficult on the township to levy a tax on its residents because it did not have enough money to provide the services. "There is no doubt what's being proposed would have an impact on the area, but it's a hard thing to sell when the benefit may be 15 years down the road."

At the core of the township's concern is the cost for providing municipal water and sewer service.

Colvin said funding would, in part, be available through job funding. The funds are available through the state for job structure and to help build facilities.

The Renaissance Zone requires municipal water and sewer. Colvin said Grooters would be willing to help.

Blumm said she'd like to see the Renaissance Zone be for 15 years. Colvin explained that Grand Rapids mayor, John Logie, would have a difficult time accepting any agreement that ran for less than 30 years, because the first 15 create very little income and the income of the second 15 years will be

better - thus justifying the city's involvement.

Lowell Township supervisor, John Timpon and the township board said the proposal would be given to their attorney to review and give an opinion.

Colvin noted that the opportunity before the township would allow for safer intersections through the widening of the roads and installation of new traffic lights.

"It would also extend water and sewer along Alden Nash, helping to ensure quality environmentally friendly companies," Colvin concluded.

Self Portrait, cont'd... From Page 1

work. "There's constant question and answer, positive and negative decision-making," Timmer explained. "The lines in the road have to do with direction and questions which arise from it."

Mike Pelz, a local artist, earned Juror's Choice for his piece titled "Disconnected Youth/Young Male Violence." "The work shows a disconnection between a relationship with one's self. There's a cold side and a warm side. The cold side is the non-relational, disconnected by choice from relationships," Pelz explained.

His work is self-described as contemporary and realistic. "My work is historical. By that I mean it is historically correct with the times. This piece was inspired by kids with guns and school shootings," Pelz said.

Pelz's work was one of 66 pieces selected for the show. There were 154 artists who entered 275 pieces; roughly 30 percent of those were selected.

The competition was juried by Studio Art professor, Karl Wolter from Michigan State University.

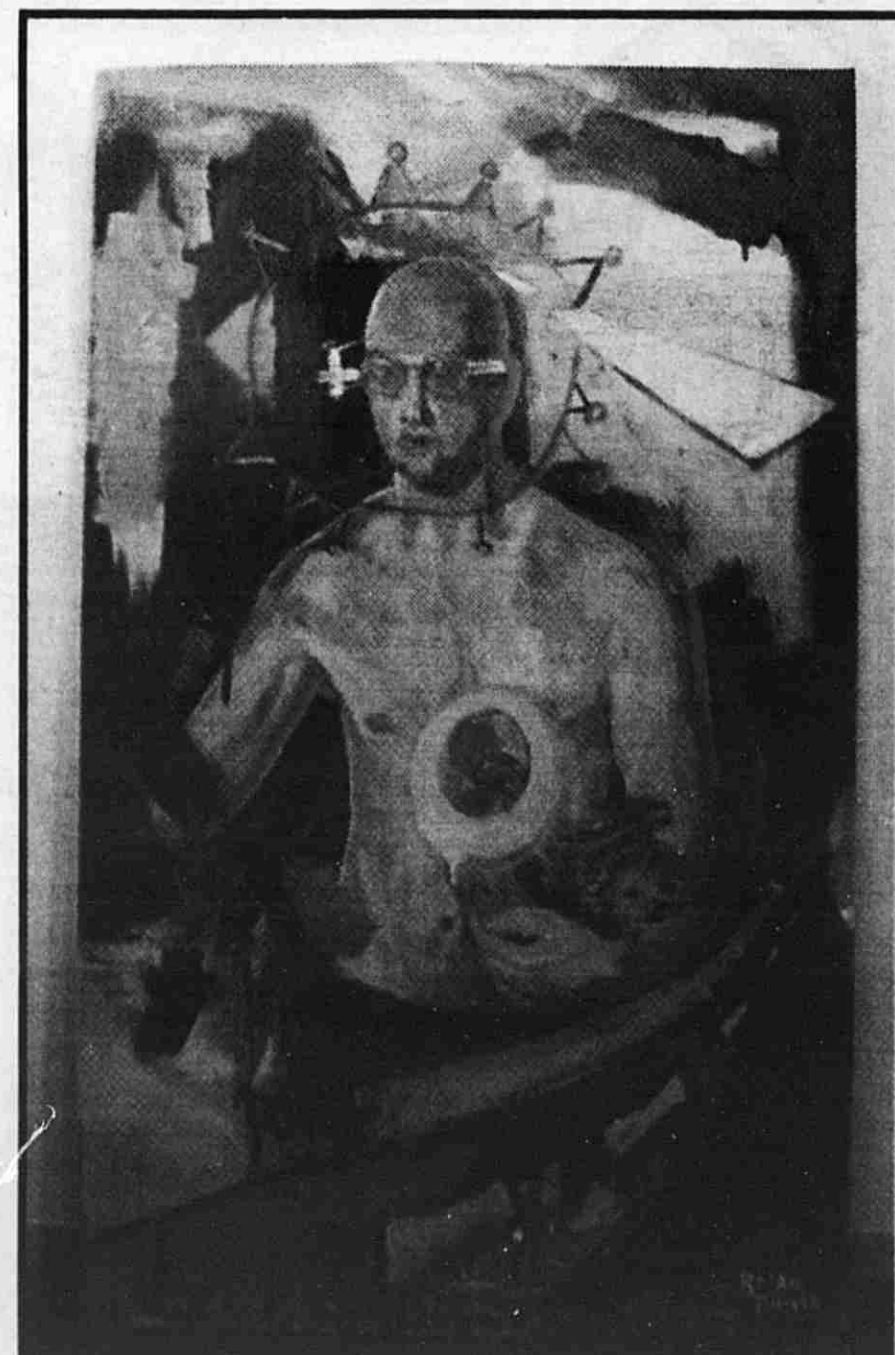
"We like the juror to be from outside the region. It is easier for them to be objective," said Lowell Area Arts Council

executive director, Loraine Smalligan.

Winners in other categories were Jeff Meeuwse, Grand Rapids, Best 3-D, "Cells"; Nancy Oakes, Kalamazoo, Best of Show, "Loss of Innocence"; and Marci Bonham, Kalamazoo, Best 2-D, "Emlek (memory)."

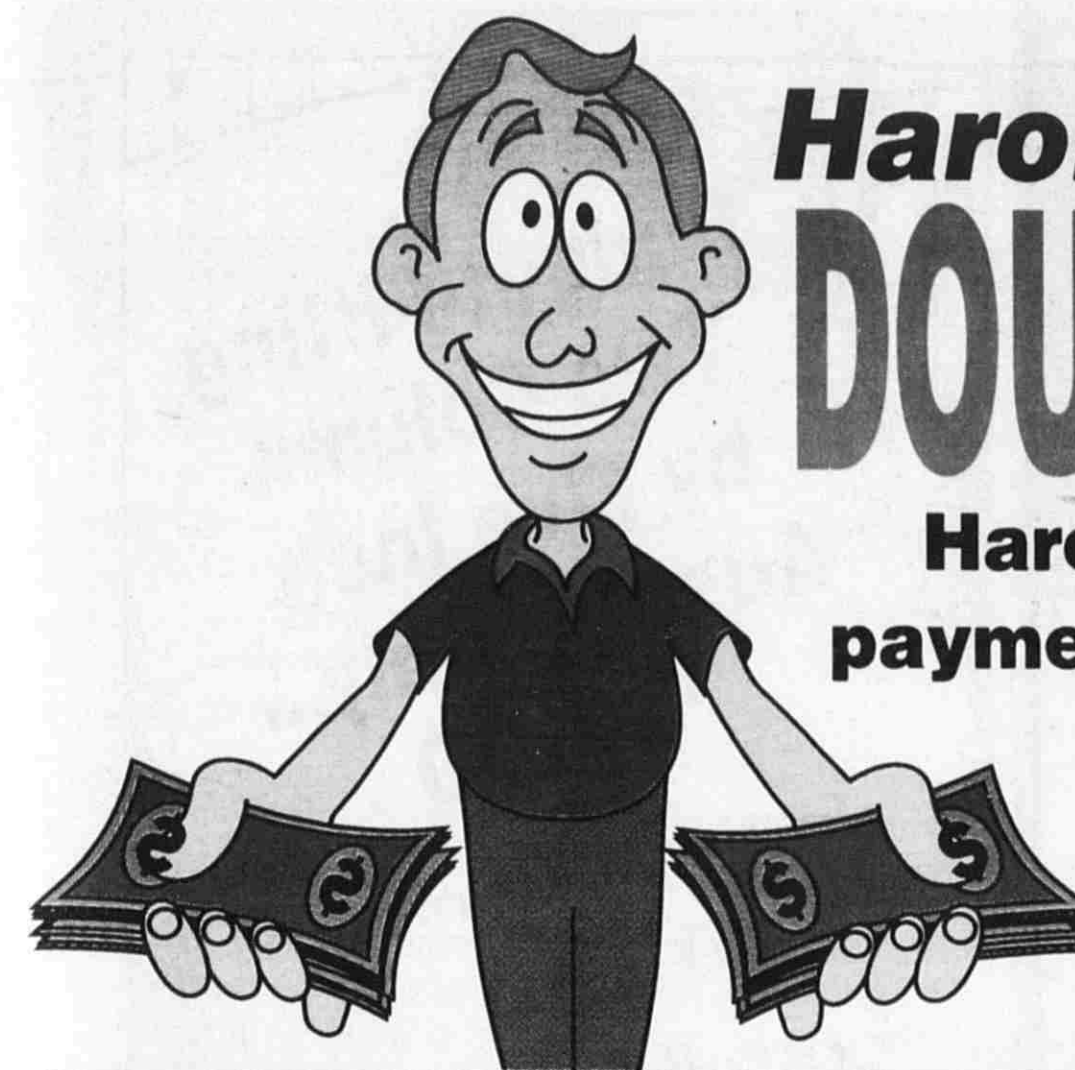
The West Michigan Regional Competition exhibit begins on Sunday (Feb. 17) at 1:30 p.m. with an opening reception. It runs through March 23.

Other local artists represented in the show are Todd Roy, Mary Bommarito, Gary Eldridge and Gerard Wood.



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BACK to BACK

••• Lowell claimed seven individual conference championships on its way to a second straight O-K White league wrestling championship.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell dominated the championship round of the O-K White conference meet Saturday en route to its second consecutive league title. The Red Arrows captured seven individual championships. Their point total of 215.5 far outdistanced their closest competitor, Northview, who finished the day with 167 points.

The difference was clear to Wildcat coach, B.J. O'Roarke. "It's tough to win when you don't have the champions. We placed 13 wrestlers in the finals or consolation matches; Lowell placed 12. The difference was Lowell had the champions."

That doesn't mean the route was easy - just ask defending state champion, Ian DeRath.

"It's been tough for me this year. Everyone is shooting for you, giving you their best," DeRath said following a hair-raising 6-5 decision over Northview's Joe Pitsch. "He's a tough customer. I just wanted to wrestle smart out there, be in control and just let things happen." The win improved DeRath's record to 42-1.

Ben Vaught, Lowell

heavyweight, got Lowell off to a fast start when he pinned Forest Hills Central's Joe Barron in 3:18 of the second period.

That was followed by a pin from 103-pounder, Joe Mendez at 2:59 of the second period against Zeeland's Travis York.

Lowell's bid for three in a row was cut short when Joe Carrel, Forest Hills Northern, decided Lowell's Mike Nearing 13-10 in the 112-pound class.

Brandon Kinney raised his record to 44-1 with a 20-8 major decision against Northern's Jordan Hayward in the finals of the 119-pound weight class.

DeRath's win at 125 pounds made it four of five wins for Lowell in opening up the championship round.

Junior Red Arrow Bobby Gingerich (140 pounds) dominated Northview's Brad Schoonmaker 13-4 in the championship match.

Mike Forward's 10-4 decision over FHC's Bobby Janowiak (171 pounds) ran Lowell's individual championship total to six.

The final match of the day, also, went the longest.

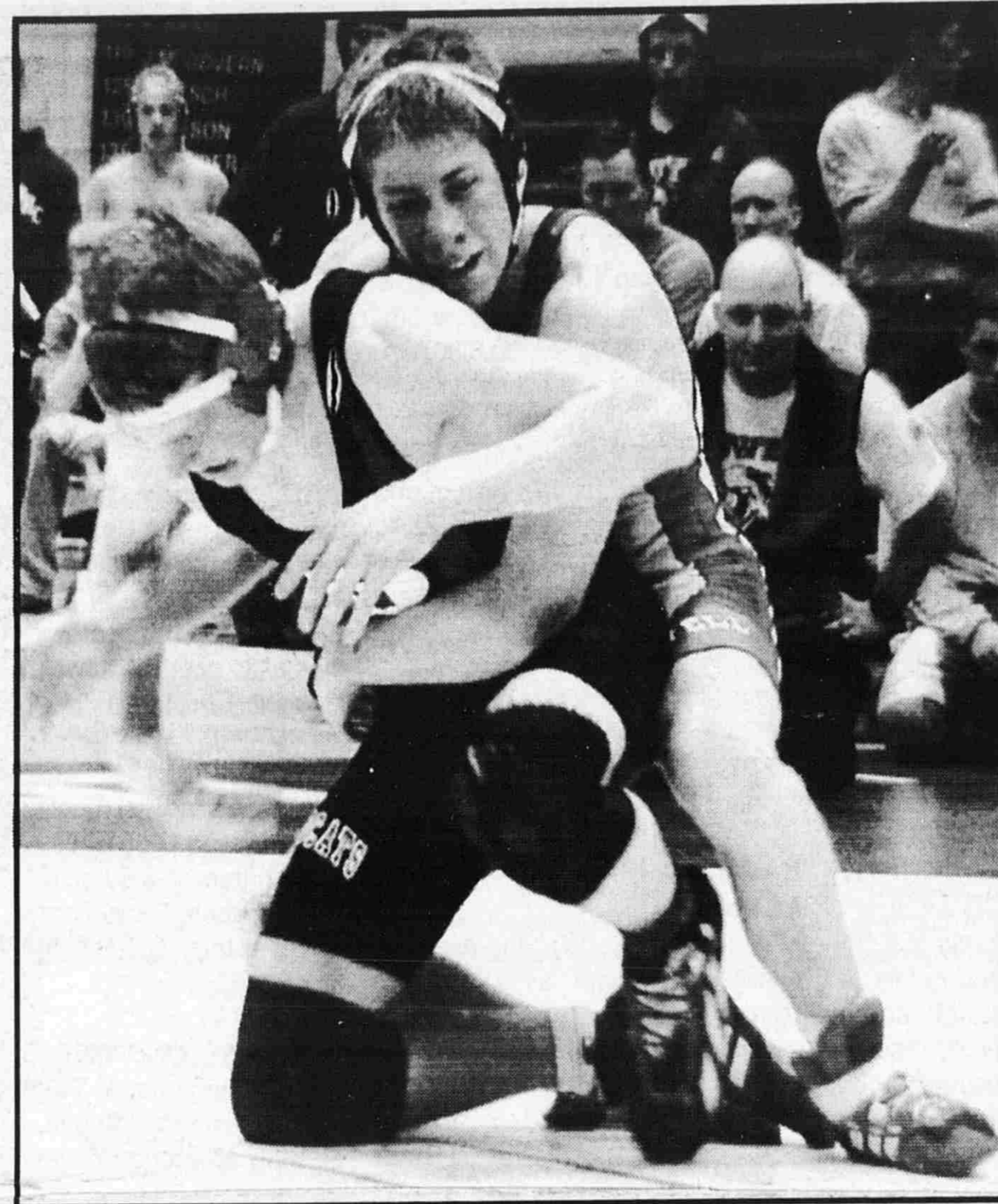
In a rematch of last year's

215 pound controversial final. Ben Fleet decided Northview's Adam Pitsch 6-4 in two overtimes.

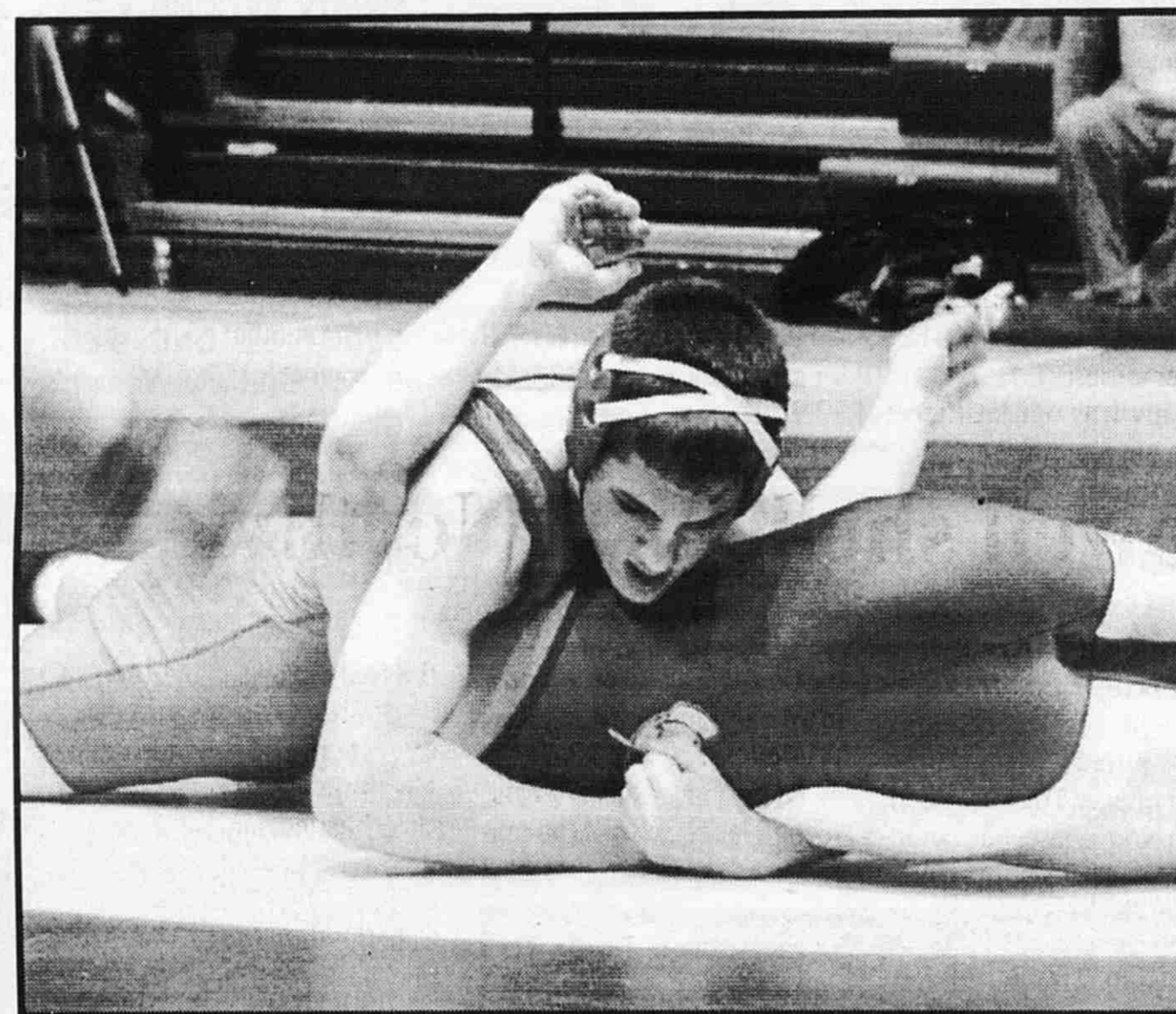
"I'm so pleased all that controversy which surrounded last year's conference championship was not here this year," said Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc. "The boys wrestled well today. To say this was a big win for us is an understatement. We're still a step or two below our peak, but I don't want to hit that for a couple more weeks. We still have some work ahead of us."

In other final and consolation matches, Zeeland's Lewis Penny narrowly edged Beau Wilder 8-7 in the 130-pound weight class; Kevin Frazier decided Zeeland's Chad Strabbing 10-4 to advance third; Braton Fredline (152 pounds) pinned FHC's Brandon Cousins at 2:46 of the second period of the consolation match; and J.J. Wilder, 160, decided EGR's Michael O'Toole 3-2 for a third.

The final team totals were as follows: Lowell 215.5; Northview 167; Forest Hills Central 136; Forest Hills Northern 106; Zeeland 87.5; Hudsonville 41.5 and East Grand Rapids 17.



Ian DeRath needed all the energy he could muster to stay atop Northview's Joe Pitsch. DeRath won the 130-pound championship 6-5.



Lowell's Braton Fredline earned a third at the league meet Saturday with a pin over Forest Hills Central's Brandon Cousins.

Red Arrows spike Ionia

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a volleyball match Kellie Baker won't soon forget.

The only thing missing was a Lowell victory. The Red Arrows lost to Mona Shores 10-15, 15-6, 11-15, but it wasn't for a lack of performance on Baker's part.

Baker, playing her game of the year, recorded 27 kills, nine aces, 17 digs and made good on 37 of 40 hits.

"Kellie just tore it up," said Lowell assistant volleyball coach, Ken Dewey. "She was in a zone. Kellie played out of her mind."

Lowell also got a consistent performance from Katelyn Bush. The Red Arrow tallied 49 assists in the three games.

"The girls are playing better every time out. It's just

a matter of getting some consistency in the program," Dewey explained. "They are beginning to show that on the court. The girls are building up a comfort zone which allows them to know what is coming next."

In Lowell's 15-11, 15-13 win over Ionia, the Red Arrows displayed the quality Dewey talked about.

In their second game of the triangular match at Middleville, Lowell lost in 15-12, 5-15, 6-15.

In the two matches, Bush had 33 assists and was 14 of 14 serving.

Baker tallied 15 kills and three aces in the two matches.

Jenny Wagner also contributed with three aces and 10 digs.

Phillips and Colleen Myers each contributed with 10 digs.

"We played great early and then fell flat in the Middleville match," Dewey explained. "Our play is beginning to pick up."

Kellie just tore it up. She was in a zone. Kellie played out of her mind.

Ken Dewey
Lowell Assistant Volleyball Coach

Kelly Fitzpatrick recorded 15 kills while Courtney

High energy lifts Lowell and Rockford gymnasts to new scoring heights

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There was an energy in the air - Rockford gymnastics coach, Anna Wynbeek felt it as well as Lowell coach, Michele DeHaan.

"There was definitely a higher level of energy from the girls," said Wynbeek. "This was a big win for us. Both teams are looking good."

The higher level of energy elevated both squads to season-high team scores and made for a close and highly entertaining meet. In the end, the Rams narrowly held off the Red Arrows 137.95-136.55.

Lowell's previous high was 134.275. Rockford's previous high was 137.275.

"I knew it would be close, but I didn't think it would be this close," Wynbeek said. Leading up to the meet, Rockford had been averaging two-three more points per meet than Lowell.

With the win, the Rams improved their O-K Rainbow record to 4-1 with a meet against Forest Hills Central remaining.

Lowell is now 2-2 with meets against East Grand Rapids and league-leading Holland remaining.

"This was our best meet

of the year," said DeHaan. "It would have been nice to have won. The girls knew it would be close. I think they were a little more pumped and competed with more energy because of it. In any close meet it comes down to the little things - e.g., fewest falls, pointed toes."

The Rams outscored Lowell in each exercise by six-tenths of a point or less.

On the vault it was the Rams 34.85 and the Red Arrows 34.25.

Lowell's Holly Plattner took top honors with a 9.25.

The Red Arrows' other three scores came from Krystal White 8.5, Melissa Neubecker 8.4 and Carmen Datema 8.1.

For the Rams it was Danielle Couturier 8.9 and Rhiannon DeYoung 8.75. Julie Schuiling and Karla Stapleton had scores of 8.6.

Couturier and Stapleton led the Rams on the uneven bars with marks of 8.45. Emily Elliott tallied an 8.4 and Tasha Bruinsma finished with a 7.85.

Neubecker led the way for Lowell with a score of 8.55, followed by Plattner 8.4. White and Jenna Dickerman both scored 8.0.

Rockford edged Lowell on the uneven bars 33.15-32.95.

On the balance beam, Plattner led all Red Arrows with a score of 8.7. Neubecker finished with an 8.55 followed by Dickerman and Datema with scores of 8.45 and 8.25 respectively.

Rockford outscored Lowell 34.45-33.95 on the beam.

Couturier led all gymnasts with a 9.1. Teammate April Soderstrom recorded an 8.8 followed by Elliott's 8.4 and Emily Lewakowski's 8.15.

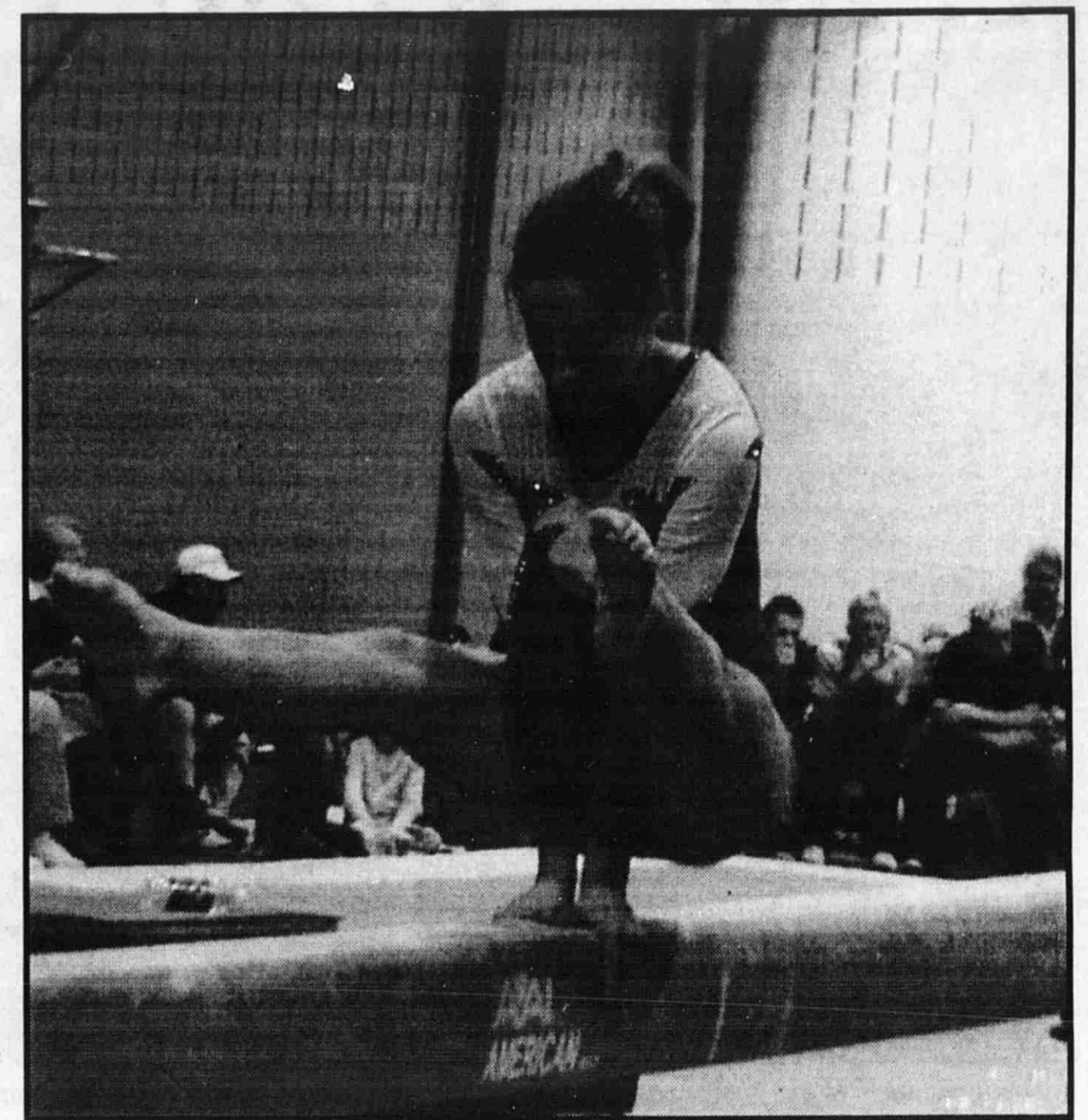
In the floor exercise, Couturier led all gymnasts with a 9.3. Lewakowski finished with a 9.05, Kayla Fredrickson scored an 8.6 and DeYoung tallied an 8.55.

Rockford outscored Lowell in the floor exercise 35.50-35.40.

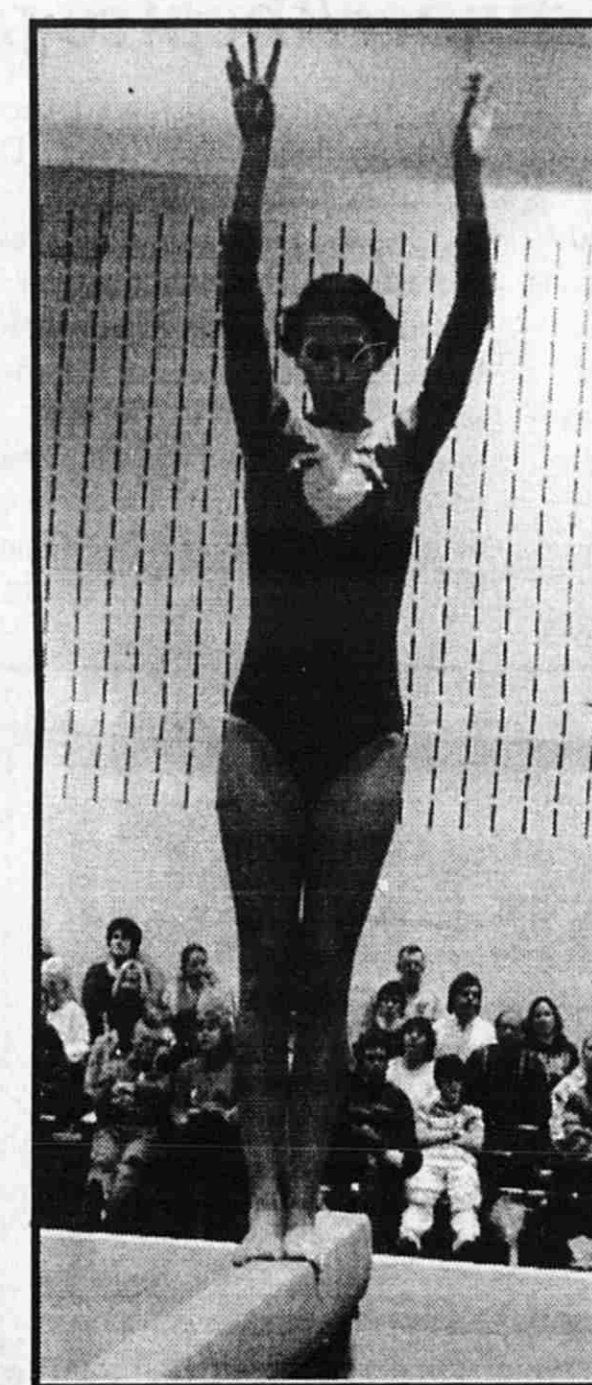
Plattner was the top Arrow with a count of 9.25. White finished with a 9.0 followed by Dickerman and Neubecker with marks of 8.6.

Couturier edged Plattner for the all-around honors with 35.75 points. Plattner garnered 35.6.

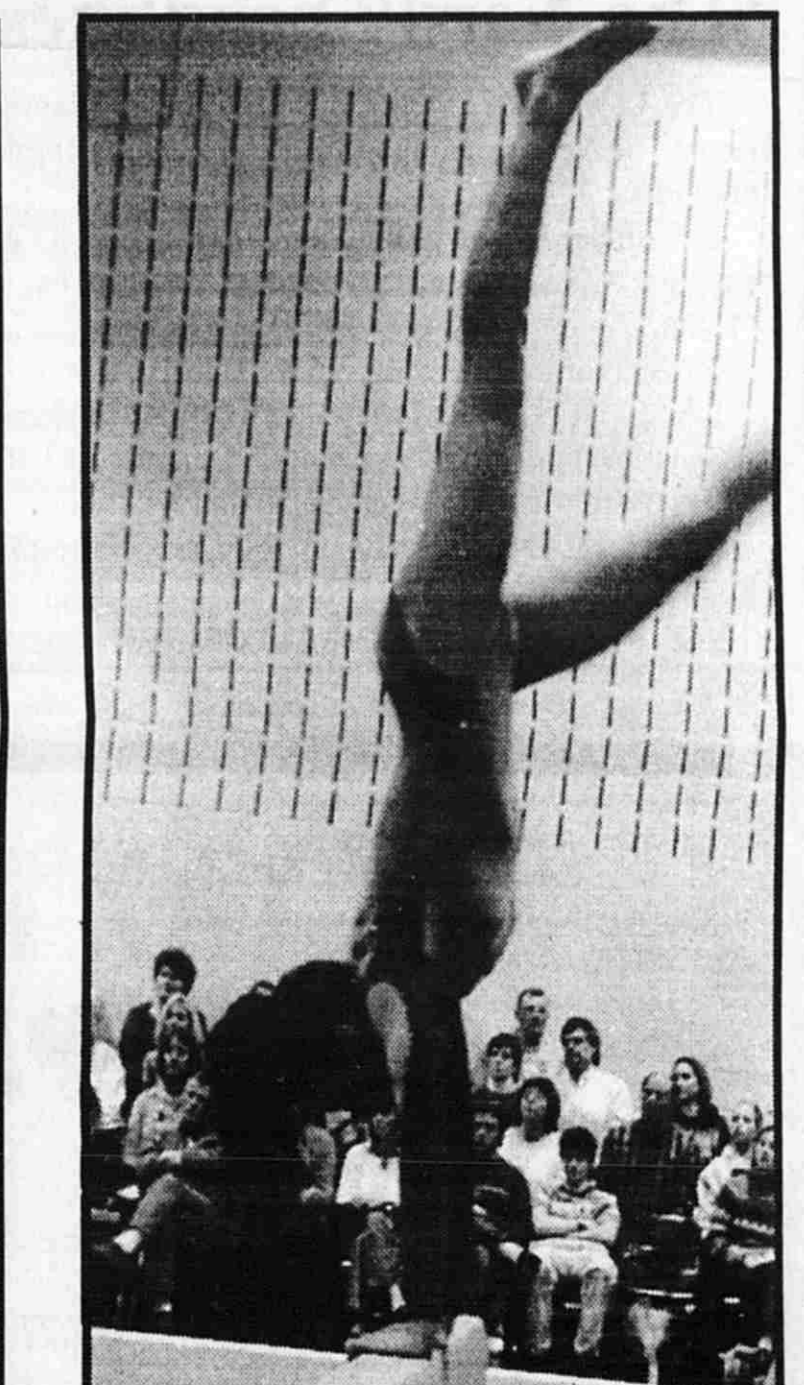
"Last year Lowell beat us in the dual and we beat them at the conference meet. This year's conference matchup should be another good one," said Wynbeek.



Red Arrow gymnast Melissa Neubecker sits above beam.



Carmen Datema stands tall on the balance beam.



Jenna Dickerman completes a hand stand during her balance beam routine at Rockford.

Lowell shelled by Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell led 15-10 after one quarter of play Tuesday night against Northview, but could only manage 24 points over

the final three quarters of play in a disappointing 60-39 O-K White loss.

It was only the Wildcats' second league win of the season - both have come against

the Red Arrows.

"We got everything done tonight. Northview out-rebounded, shot, hustled, and physicalized us," said Lowell basketball coach, Jeff McDonald. "That's not how we want to represent ourselves better than that."

Lowell's play may not have been indicative of what McDonald expects, but much of that could be attributed to Northview.

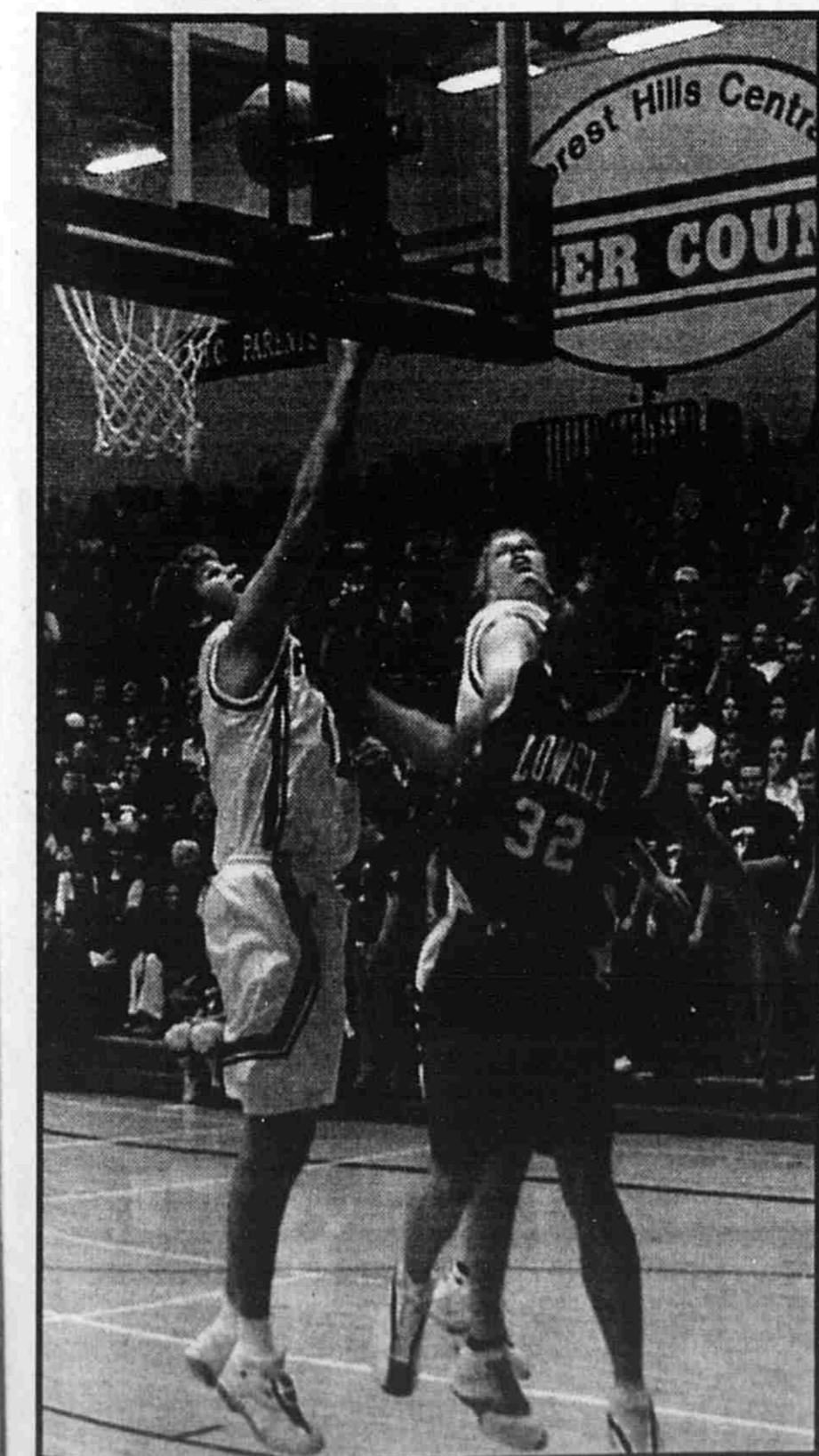
The Wildcats' second-quarter match-up zone stifled Lowell, limiting the Red Arrows to seven points.

Northview's man-to-man defense in the third quarter was one better as it held Lowell to six points.

"We were never able to turn the corner," McDonald said.

Northview's Matt Rich, after being held scoreless in the first half, not only turned the corner but turned up his offense. He scored 11 of his 16 second-half points in the third quarter which saw the Wildcats lead (23-22) into a 43-28 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

"Our boys didn't rush tonight. They did a good job of taking it one possession at a time," Northview coach, Mike Kapustka said. "We did a nice job of getting stops and making good decisions at the



Kevin Murphy blocks the shot of Lowell's Mark Biener (#32) in high school basketball action Friday night.

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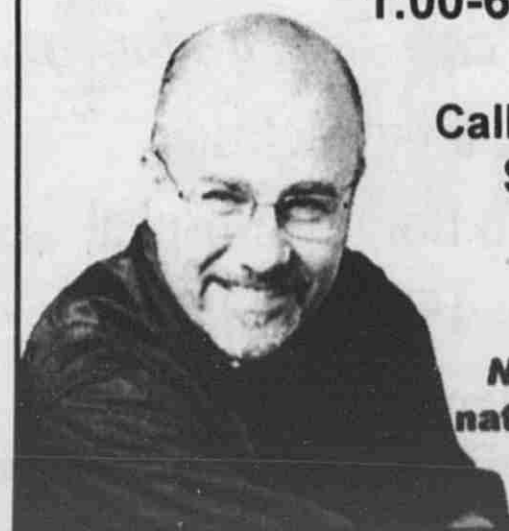


Lowell wrestlers were crowned champions of the O-K White Saturday at Forest Hills Central.

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Lowell advances eight bowlers into individual regional competition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's girls and boys bowling teams continued their winning ways in the individual district tournament at Airport Lanes in Wayland.

Both teams advanced bowlers to the regional at Westgate on Feb. 18 by placing four bowlers in the top 10.

On the girls' side, Amanda Eickhoff, Eva Geldersma, Tara Kuipers and Rachel Nawrocki all rolled their way into the regional.

Eickhoff was the tourney's top qualifier with a 536 series (179-190-167).

Geldersma was second to Kuipers with a 531 pin total (193-197-141).

Kuipers was fourth overall rolling a 514 series (147-145-221).

Nawrocki qualified with a 480 (163-126-191).

"The girls continued their good, steady year," Lowell bowling coach, Dave Adrianse said. "Tara came through with a big score in the third game to advance."

All four Red Arrow bowlers rolled above their season average. Eickhoff averaged 177 in the district while rolling a 155 clip during the season; Geldersma averaged 177 in the district while rolling a 155 clip during the season.

Kuipers rolled a 171 clip in the district while averaging 156 during the season. Nawrocki averaged 160 while rolling a 154 average during the season.

In the Individual boys regional, freshman Jim Denney was the top qualifier with a 659 series (254-212-193). "It

was a great day for Jim. He was 158 pins over his season average," Adrianse said. Denney averaged 219 over the three games.

The second top qualifier was D.J. Armstrong. The Red Arrow rolled a 638 series (227-164-247). Armstrong's district average was 212.

"D.J.'s been rolling the ball like this all year," Adrianse explained.

Jim DeWit had a steady round, finishing at 575 (189-206-180). DeWit averaged a 191 over the three games.

Nate Sloan was Lowell's fourth bowler to qualify with a 551 series (189-165-197). Sloan rolled a 183 clip over the three games.

"The boys rolled well today. I think they will bowl even better at Westgate," Adrianse explained.



Cast members of *The Nerd*, pictured from left to right, top row, are: Jim Hodges, Jamie Christians and Denise Mingerink. Pictured, lower center is Dean Borth (Nerd).

"The Nerd" headlines dinner/theatre production

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players will present *The Nerd* in a dinner/theatre production at Larkin's Other Place.

The dinner theatre production is March 8, 9, 15 and 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 10 beginning at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$20.

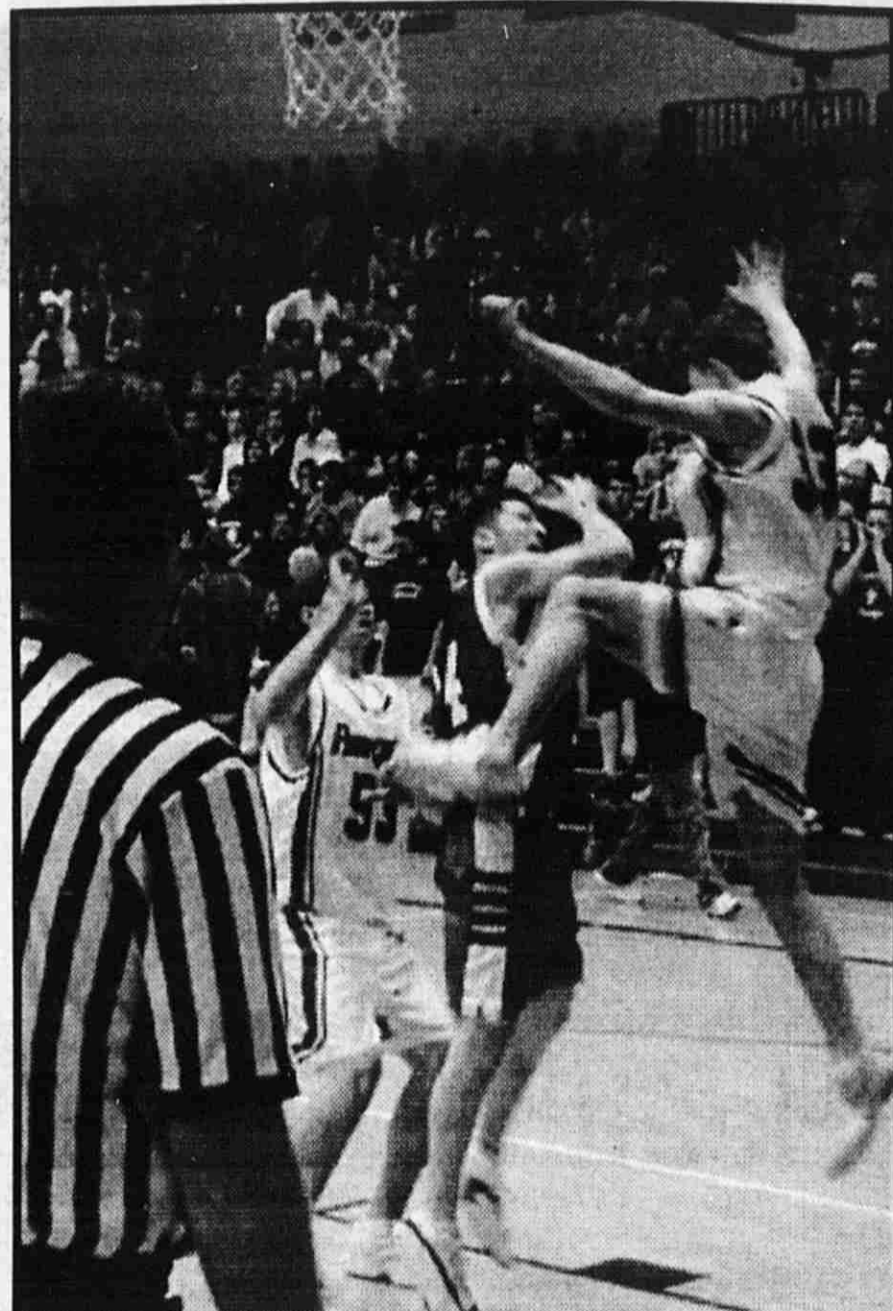
LAAC's Thebes Players will also offer a performance without dinner on Thursday, March 7 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this performance are \$6 and \$7.

Cheryl Blodgett, director of the Larry Shue play, is assisted by Anne Pasquale.

Cast members are Brent Alles (Waldgrave), Dean Borth (Rick), Sydney Burrows (Angelica), Jamie Christians (Willum), Jim Hodges (Axel), Denise Mingerink (Tansy) and Carla Stone (Clelia).

The Nerd is the story of an aspiring young architect in Terre Haute, IN, Willum Cubbert who has often told his friends about the debt he owes to Rick Stedman, a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life after he was seriously wounded in Vietnam.

Willum is delighted when Stedman shows up unexpectedly at his apartment the night of his 34th birthday. The delight fades as he stays on and on, and it becomes apparent he is a hopeless nerd. That is when the fun begins.



Bill Harrison battles inside with the big guys at Forest Hills Friday night.

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offensive end."

Lowell was led offensively by Mark Biener with 14 points and Sam Oberlin with 10.

**FHC 77
Lowell 51**

With a conference championship as the carrot, Forest Hills Central wasted little time in dismantling the undermanned Red Arrow club.

The Rangers laid claim to their first league basketball championship in 16 years with the 26-point victory.

FHC raced out to a 21-8 first-quarter lead and increased the margin to 17 (43-26) at halftime.

The Rangers got off to as quick a start in the second half as they outscored Lowell 20-8 to take a commanding 63-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

James Telman was the Rangers' leading scorer with 15 points. Jon Edmondson contributed with 12.

Mark Catlin and Sam Oberlin led Lowell with nine points apiece.

Lowell outscored Central over the final eight minutes 18-14.



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Club treasurer charged with embezzlement

A 35-year-old Lowell woman turned herself in to Lowell police Friday on charges she allegedly embezzled approximately \$10-\$12,000 from the Lowell Wrestling Club.

The club's former treasurer will be arraigned on embezzlement charges on Wednesday (Feb. 13) in the 63rd District Court. The preliminary exam will follow 14 days later.

Funds in question were bilked over an 18-month period, dating back to September of 1998. The investigation began in November of 2001.

"It's clearly a crime. She had the trust of the board and had been entrusted with funds raised by the kids," said Lowell

investigative officer, Steve Junewick. "It hurts the kids."

Junewick said family financial problems had led to the treasurer writing checks to herself. "The intent was to borrow and then return it to the club," he explained.

After determining that roughly \$15,000 was missing, the wrestling club board went to police.

The club includes 120 student wrestlers, ranging in age from five to 18 years old, and their parents.

To raise more money, wrestlers will do extra fundraising by selling cookie dough and submarine sandwiches, and collecting pop cans.

Wyoming man faces sexual assault charges

A 27-year-old Wyoming man has been charged with criminal sexual conduct 2nd degree.

The felony charge alleges that an employee at Hope Care Network, 333 S. Center, inappropriately touched two vulnerable adults living at the home.

He was arrested Friday after turning himself in to Lowell police.


His preliminary exam is slated for Feb. 20 in the 63rd District Court.

Investigation into the case began in November of last year. The victims are 18 and 40 years old.

The suspect faces a charge that carries a 15-year felony.

Health

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The Need to Identify Stroke Symptoms

Medicine is in a continual state of change. Treatment for various conditions evolve, as advancements are made in research. One such area is in the treatment for patients who suffer strokes.

A stroke is characterized by a blockage in the flow of blood within the brain. The area beyond the blockage is deprived of blood resulting in cell death from lack of oxygen. In some strokes the blood flow is interrupted by a clot and in others, the vessel carrying blood breaks. The difference is indistinguishable based on symptoms, and only by evaluation in the hospital can proper treatment be established. Only a few short years ago, treatment for stroke victims changed. The development of TPA (tissue plasminogen activator) brought new hope that the devastating effects of "clot" or ischemic strokes could be lessened or even reversed.

The treatment advance, while promising, has some restrictions which must be sorted out within a narrow span of time after onset of symptoms. The key to treatment then is getting a patient to the hospital as soon as possible after the first sign of stroke. Many people have a general idea of the symptoms a stroke victim may suffer, but many do not, causing needless delay in evaluation of patients and the loss of newer treatments.

Depriving a portion of the brain of oxygen can affect any area of brain function, i.e., speech, strength, coordination, memory or a combination. Usually changes are sudden in onset, often without warning. As well, symptoms affecting the body are normally confined to one side of the body or the other. A facial droop, a limp arm or leg, tingling in an extremity without an obvious cause are signs of a possible stroke. Slurred speech, amnesia, or nonsensical language may be more subtle signs of a problem. The common denominator is that the person has a noticeable change and may not be aware of it themselves. The patient with any of the symptoms described may have had a stroke and if the full benefit of medical treatment is to be applied, then evaluation must be done as soon as possible. Waiting, in the hope that the symptoms will go away, only eliminates options if the problem persists.

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JV icers win a pair

The Lowell JV hockey team put two more games in the win column this past weekend in contests against Okemos and Grand Ledge.

The Lowell/Caledonia cooperative team defeated Okemos on Saturday morning by a score of 8-0. Brandon John was the leading scorer with 3 goals and 3 assists. David Maylone added 2 goals and 2 assists. Ted McCoy carded a goal and an assist while Corey Kelly and Andy Smith each added goals. David Sweeney, David Blair, Jeff Moore and Aaron Benmark recorded assists to round out the Red Arrow scoring. Goaltender Brian Maul was perfect in the net to record the shut out.

The Red Arrows traveled to Lansing to face Grand Ledge on Saturday evening. Once again it was John and Maylone who led the way - John with 3 goals and an assist and Maylone with 2 goals and an assist. Assisting the goals were Kelly, Benmark, McCoy and Moore. Pat McMahon contributed a goal and an assist while John Truszkowski added a goal to the 7-1 win.

The JV icers are now 10-4-3 in league play. They will take on the Wayland Wildcats at Standard Federal Ice Center at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16.

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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: Several years ago my mother put my name on all of her real estate and brokerage accounts so that when she died I would get everything without having to have her estate be probated first. My mother is in good health but unfortunately I have a heart condition. What happens if I die first? Is there a better way to approach this?

mother's assets will again be in her name alone. What this means is that upon your mother's subsequent death, her estate will need to go through probate before it passes on to her heirs (if she dies without a will) or to her beneficiaries (if she leaves a will).

What your mother ought to consider doing is preparing a living trust and then transferring the title to those assets to that trust. Since the trust, by virtue of the transfer, becomes the owner of those assets, then regardless of whether you die first or your mother dies first, there will be no probate issues regarding those assets. If you die first, then nothing changes

and the assets remain titled in the trust, and upon your mother's subsequent death, those assets would pass to the beneficiaries named in the trust. If you survive your mother, however, then upon your mother's death, those assets would pass to you (assuming you are named as the primary beneficiary in the trust), at which point you would want to make sure that you have your own estate planning in place directing where those assets should go in the event of your death.

I recommend that both you and your mother meet with an estate planning attorney who can review the attributes of a living trust, as well as the other types of estate planning documents which could be implemented by each of you for your protection and the protection of your families.

DEAR JONATHAN: I have a durable power of attorney that I executed back in the mid-1980's. Is that still good?

JONATHAN SAYS: I highly recommend that you update that durable power of attorney. For starters, approximately 11 years ago, Michigan had a law change which required the creation of a separate health care durable power of attorney if someone wanted to name another to act on their behalf regarding health care matters. Prior to this law change, the agent named in a durable power of attorney would have the right to act on behalf of the principal both for financial purposes and personal and medical care purposes. Under the durable power of attorney for health care statute, if you want to name an agent (known as a patient advocate) to act for you regarding your personal and medical care decision-making, then you need to create a health care durable power of attorney in conjunction with that statute.

Although it is possible that your durable power of attorney is still viable regarding those areas other than

personal and medical care decision-making, since it is so old it should be updated. This will make that document current and less subject to challenge. I also recommend that you create a durable power of attorney for health care for the purpose of naming an agent to act for you regarding your personal and medical care decisions. Finally, I recommend that you name back-up agents for both durable power of attorneys so that you have a person in place to act in the event the person you name as primary agent on either document cannot or does not act for some reason.

IN THE SERVICE



Air Force Airman Douglas P. Reed has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Reed 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.

Reed, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Daniel Reed of Lowell.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to Sundry Corporation, Inc.'s request to rezone a portion of property situated within the city limits, the Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on this request.

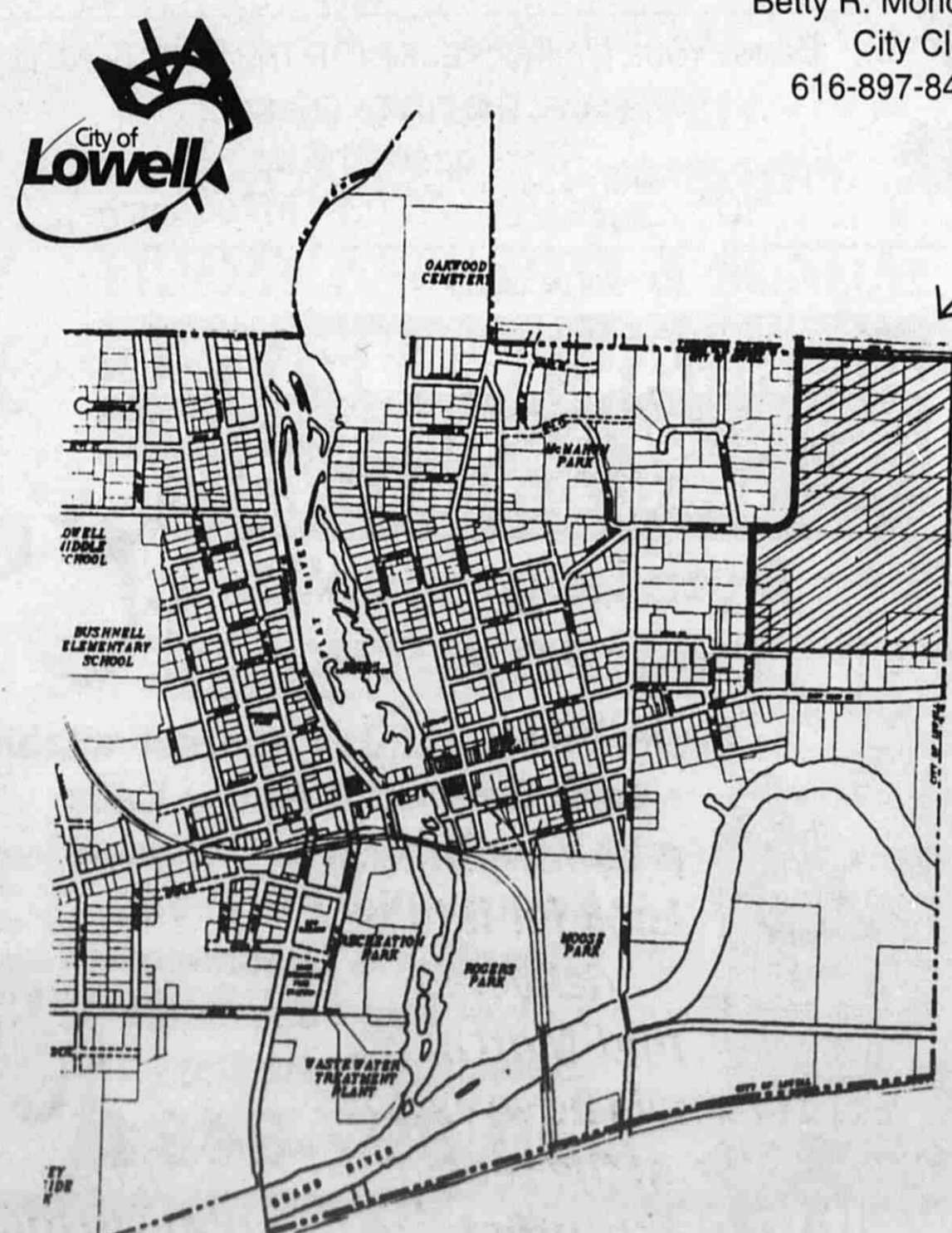
This request is to rezone the said boundaries as described below from SR (Suburban Residential) to R-1 (Residential Single Family) or R-2 (Residential Two Family).

In an effort to eliminate "spot zoning" the City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee expanded the applicants rezoning request boundary. The expanded boundary of this request is as follows:

- Commencing at the point of beginning being the intersection of Grindle Drive and Fun Street. Thence East along Fun Street to the East City Limit line. Thence south along said City Limit Line to a point that intersects with High Street "Extended". Then west along High Street "Extended" to James Street. Thence north along James Street to Grindle Drive. Thence east along Grindle Drive. Thence north along Grindle Drive to the Point of Beginning (see map below).

Interested persons may submit written comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.

Betty R. Morlock
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The Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library invites mothers and their daughters, ages 12 and older, to read a book together for the Mother-Daughter Book Club. Copies of the featured title are available at the checkout desk.

Mothers and daughters will gather at the library on Tuesday, March 12 and April 9 at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and lots of good book talking.

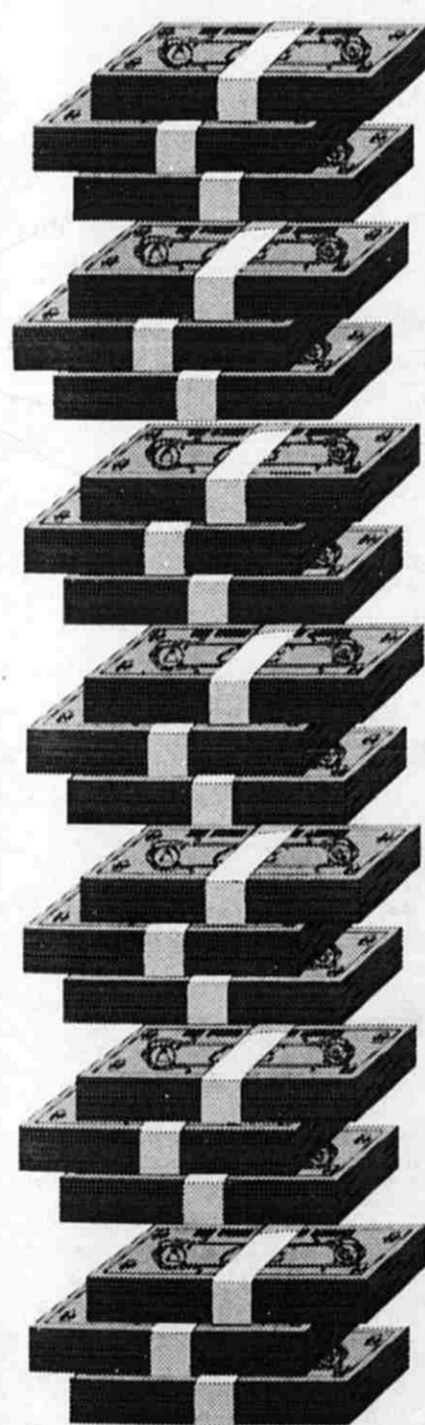
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IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Ruth Ann King who passed away four years ago February 13, 1998.

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Signed: J.E. Nicholas Gent

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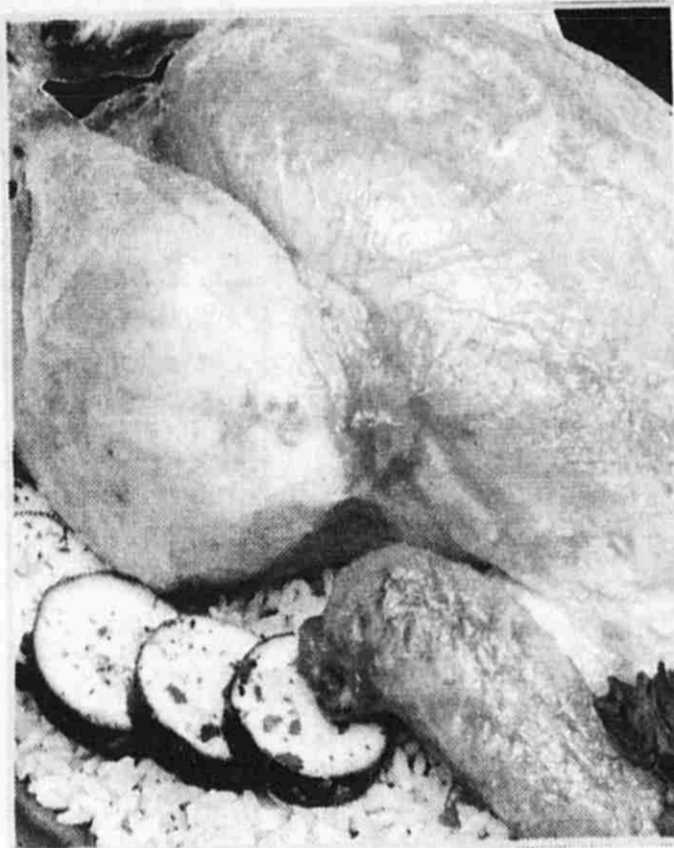
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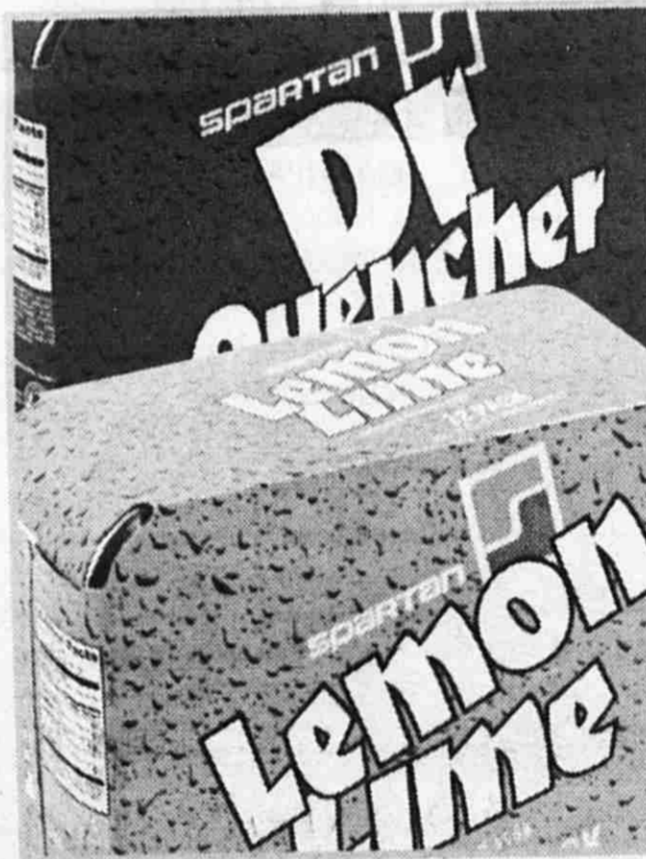


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