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Tough times will require tough action by school district

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's executive cuts in school funding stand to cost the Lowell School District \$261,000.

That will likely stand unless legislators respond with an alternative plan within 30 days that the governor will sign.

In December, Lowell assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, Connie Gillette presented a budget which reflected deficit spending in the amount of \$314,000.

Lowell will lose roughly \$67 per student this year unless the Legislature comes up with an alternative solution.

Rising insurance costs, retirement rates, a freeze on categoricals and per pupil allowance are factors scaring Lowell and other area public schools.

Lowell is in better shape than most due to the foresight to begin looking at cuts a year ago. That doesn't mean the

next couple of years won't be difficult.

"We're lucky to be in the spot we're at. Many school districts have already cut to the bone and have no fund balance," Gillette said.

Lowell currently harnesses a \$3.4 million fund balance. The amount is mitigated when one learns it costs \$2.2-\$2.5 million a month to run the district.

Of that fund balance total, \$300,000 is reserved for the new buildings and \$150,000 for curriculum.

"Not all of the fund balance is cash - most of it is money owed to us from the state," Gillette explained.

Delaying tax cuts currently in place may be an alternative; other options include taking monies from a general fund that is hurting or just doing nothing... in which case Granholm's cuts would likely go into effect on Feb. 14.

"Something must be done. The previous administration used one-time money for funding. There is only so much

money to work with and revenues are not growing," Gillette said.

Lowell will look at this year's budget to see what kind of things can be cut through the end of this year and then begin the process of looking at areas where cuts could be made for next year while trying to protect programs for kids.

"That will be difficult to do," Gillette said.

There are no questions as to who should be involved in the process. In short — everyone.

Gillette said budget presentations will be made to staff members in all the buildings as well as to the community and parents.

"We genuinely want feedback. Oftentimes it is difficult to see the big picture when you're so closely involved," Gillette explained. "We're looking for creative ways to save money and enhance revenues."

School to Career program opens students' eyes to a world of opportunity

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Providing students with a clear idea and vision of the career they want to pursue is the task of Lowell's "School to Career" program.

"At least once a year we want students to think about what they want to do for a career," said School to Career director, Carla Stone.

The program assists students with questions such as what career they are best suited for, what they need to do to be successful, and what courses they need to take.

As freshmen, each student creates his or her own

educational development plan and then adds to it as he/she progresses through the different grade levels.

Each student's educational development plan allows them to take an interactive role in their EDP progress. The plan assists students in developing an ongoing record of career planning that will guide them in taking effective steps to enter or to advance in careers of choice.

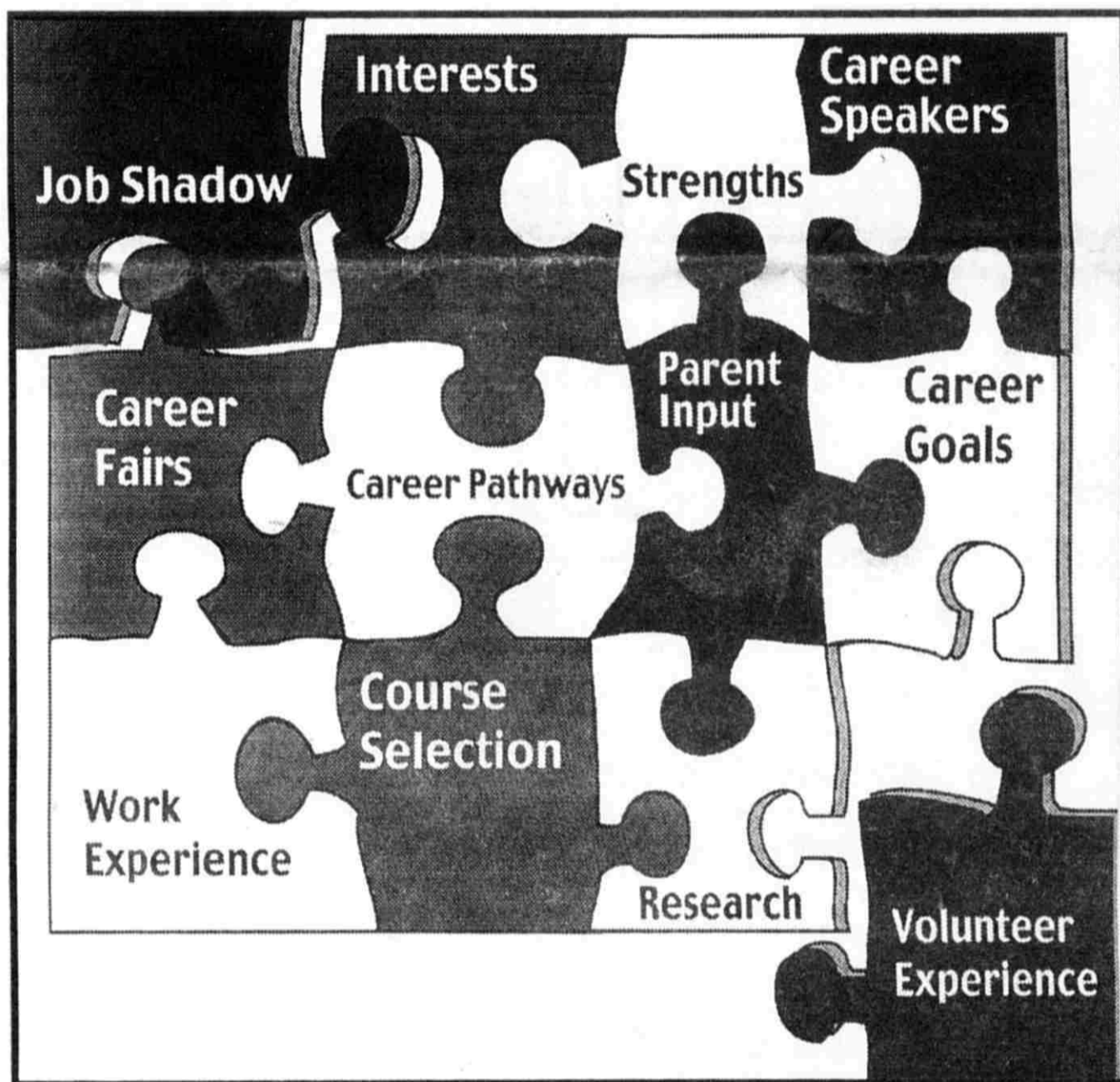
"When a student completes his/her four years of high school, we hope that they have a clear idea of what career they want to pursue; the steps needed to get there; a

better knowledge of self; and are prepared with a resume," Stone said. "Their EDP is also a document they can send to a university/college with their application."

Nate Fowler, Lowell High School history teacher, uses the information during the economics units.

The activity is called "Reality Store." Fowler has students take information gathered from the School to Career program and apply it to real life scenarios as they set up their own lifestyles.

Career Pathways, the software program used by the high school, provides a use-



Some day all students will go to work. Lowell's School to Career program helps students learn what it takes to succeed in the world of work.

Brick By Brick

The Lowell City Hall/Police Station project is closing in on the July 12 open house. Overbeck Masonry has been contracted to do the brick work.

ful framework to aid students, parents and educators in making meaningful connections to the world of work.

The software program also works with eighth-graders in providing an introduction to high school and brings awareness as to what they can expect and what they need to do to be successful.

The six pathways identified to cover all career opportunities regardless of educational requirements are: arts and communications; business, management, marketing and technology; engineering/manufacturing and industrial technology; health sciences; human services; and natural resources and agrisciences.

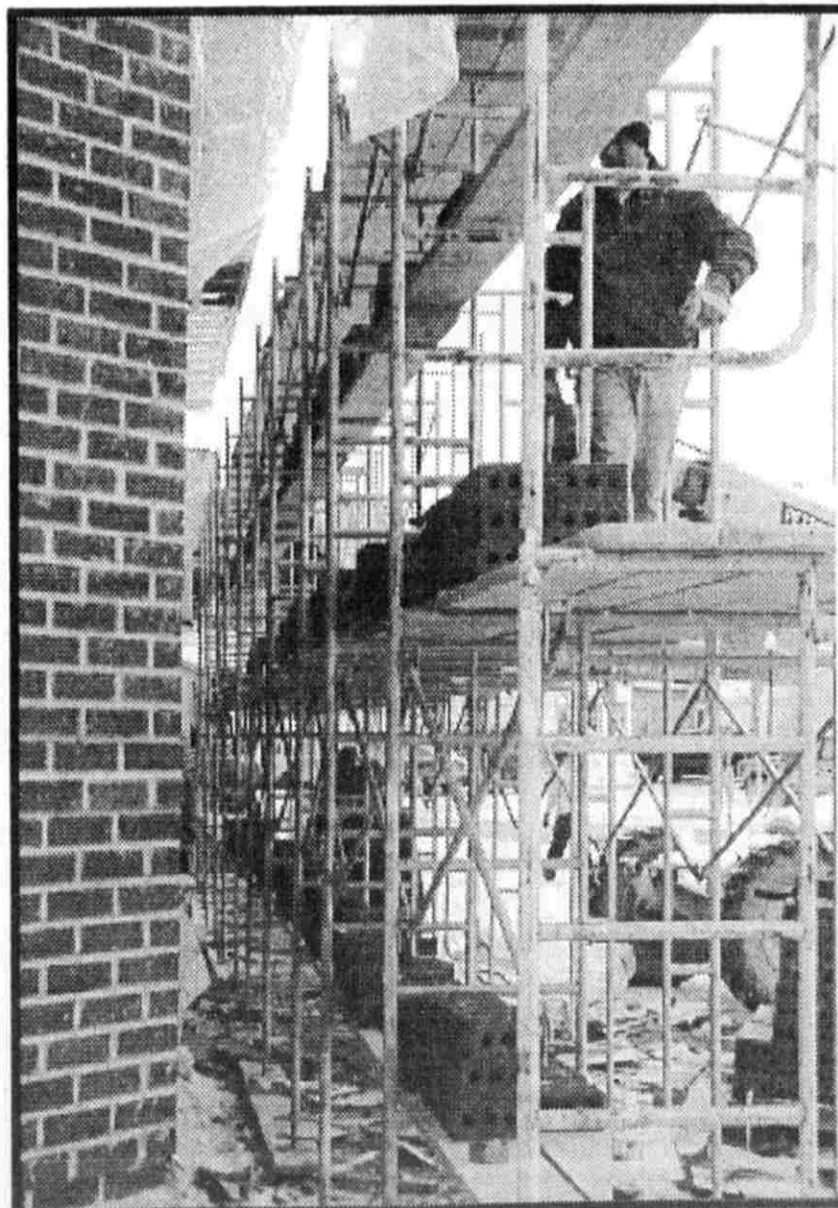
"Lowell has offered a School to Career program for students for the past couple of years.

"Pinky McPherson laid the foundation for it - now I'm bringing in more of a business standpoint," Stone said.

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OBITUARIES

LEHNEN - Joyce Elizabeth Lehen, aged 72, of Dutton, went to be with her Lord Saturday, January 18, 2003. She was preceded in death by a grandson Cole. Surviving are her husband Duane; her children Kimberly Sasson, Lisa (Henry) Bronkema and Brad Lehen; her grandchildren Traci, Ryan, Tori, Zack, Michael, Nikki, Jonathan and Cory; her brothers and sister, Thomas (Judy) Benedict, Linnie VanderWerp, Arnold Benedict, Arthur (Gladys) Benedict; her sisters-in-law Betty Rietman, Wanda (Howard) Rietman; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Second Baptist Church, 840 Wilson N.W. with Rev. Thomas Cavanaugh officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

PRATT - Lawrence D. (Joe) Pratt, of Ada, died at home on January 18, 2003, at the age of 60. During his struggle with cancer, his faith in the Lord allowed him to end each day

saying, "Today was a good day" in appreciation of the little things in life. He was born in Alma, attended Alma High School, married his high school sweetheart Gloria and served four years in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife Gloria; children Brian (Cheryl) Pratt of Lowell, Ron (Tarr) Pratt of Standale, Kevin (Audra) Pratt of Allendale; brothers Richard (Norma) Pratt of CA, LeRoy (Mabel) Pratt of VA, Robert (Norma) Pratt of Alma; grandchildren Kevin, Katie, Cody, Ronald, Jacob, Jonathan, Lillian, Taylor and Alexis; parents-in-law Henry and Helen Detloff of Grand Rapids; brother-in-law Russell (Kathie) Detloff; sisters-in-law Geri (Bud) Miller, JoAnne (Walt) Nauart, Kathy (Tony) Rossi; many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at St. Patrick Church, Rev. Joseph Kenschel, presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or St. Patrick Church.

THOMAS - Wayne Perry Thomas, aged 65, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord January 14, 2003, in Grand Rapids. He was born July 25, 1937, in Lansing, the son of Matthew and Jennie Ann (Eddy) Thomas. He went on to marry Kathleen Jean Moore May 5, 1956, in Saranac. He worked for Vans Delivery Service in Grand Rapids for the past six years. Prior to that he worked for Berger Chevrolet as a body man and manager for 20 years. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Kathleen Jean

Thomas of Lowell; children Debra and Michael Andrews of Orleans, Teresa and Donald Cowley of Fla., Stephanie and Gary Birman of Saranac, Marjorie and David Hanner of Belding; 13 loving grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his sister Dorothy May Thomas of Saranac, brother Richard Thomas of Ionia. He was preceded in death by his son Christopher O'Brien Thomas April 27, 1977; his father Matthew, two brothers Robert and Levi and sister Martha. He was loved

very deeply and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Most of all we know he is home with the Lord. He loved his Lord very deeply and God was the soul of him. He was a fine Christian man. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Friendship May Thomas of Saranac, Robert Roush and Rev. Matt Harvey officiants. Interment Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to the Families Choice www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

WARNING - Lillian Sonja Warning, born May 26, 1913, died on January 17, 2003. She is survived by her children Art Warning of Lowell; Norm Warning of Greenville, Chuck Warning of Greenville, Ruth Adams of Grand Rapids and Ron Warning of Lowell; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private memorial will be held.

New wireless internet connection offered to Lowell area

It's not dial-up, but the price is comparable. It's not DSL, but it's always on. And it's not T1, but it's just as fast. It is also completely wireless. And for now, you can only get it here in Lowell. Using recently developed technology, Lowell-based WIFnet begins offering its new wireless Internet connection to Lowell-area residents on Jan. 23. Partners David Yomtoob and Christopher TerVree established their company just over a year ago out of a belief that consumers should have access to an online connection that would be fast, wireless, affordable and reliable. The WIFnet system offers a high-speed alternative

to traditional Internet access systems. The system's design enables non-line-of-sight (NLOS) connections, which allow service providers to build networks in areas where terrain, trees or buildings prevent direct line-of-sight connections. The NLOS system includes a wireless modem and indoor antenna that can be installed by the subscriber, or quickly and easily installed by the operator. The wireless system can accommodate up to 300 subscribers per sector on its three-sector base station (for a maximum of 900 subscribers per base station) and delivers a maximum data rate of 2.0 Mbps over a 2.75 Mbps channel, with a range of up to two

miles for NLOS connections or eight miles with a line-of-sight connection. WIFnet service does not require a phone modem or cable hookup. It is established through a signal from a Lowell-based tower. "At this early stage, all our service will be limited to customers within a three-mile radius of our tower in Lowell," said Yomtoob. "As demand for this new kind of Internet connection grows, we will certainly expand our service capabilities to meet the demand." As unique as the technology that connects its customers to the Internet, WIFnet also has a very unique way of pricing its services. Rather

than charge customers a flat monthly fee, which might vastly overcharge for their usage, or a by-the-hour fee that discourages quality time on the computer, WIFnet actually charges by the megabyte. "With our service, you actually pay for what you send to or receive from the Internet," Yomtoob said. "That is a better way to tie the amount paid to the value received. If someone goes to bed without remembering to disconnect the Internet connection, and it stays on all night, they don't get charged for all that time because no activity is occurring." Downloading a large file, Internet, cont'd. pg. 3

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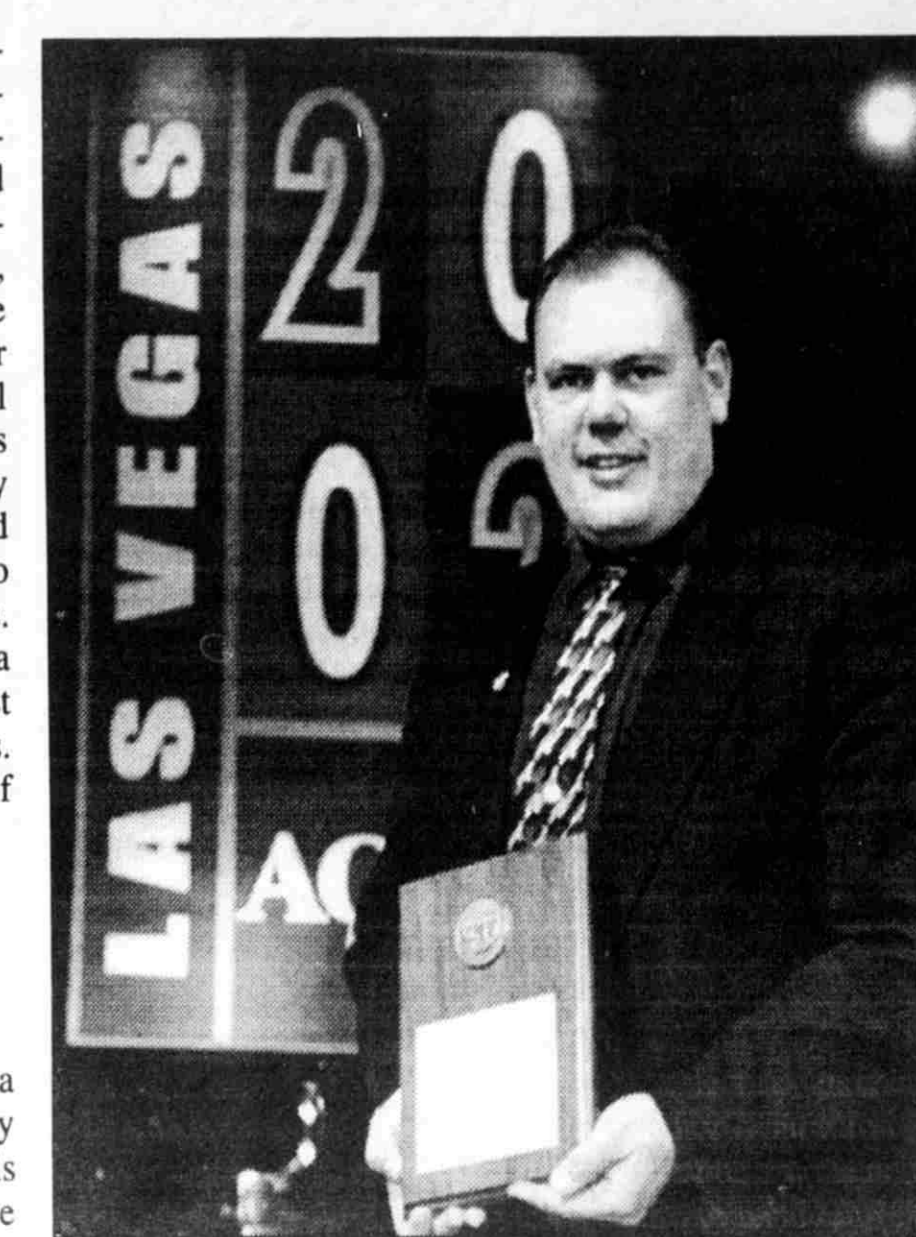
Lowell's Schut a finalist for national award

The Association for Career and Technical Education recently named John Schut, agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at Lowell High School, as a national finalist for Outstanding New Teacher of the Year. The awards were given at a special session of the ACTE Convention held in Las Vegas, Nev., in December.

Schut says that working with youth in agriculture is one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. He is passionate about his role as an agriscience teacher and FFA advisor. Before coming to Lowell, Schut served as

agriscience teacher and FFA advisor in Montague, a smaller town in rural Muskegon County.

Coming to Lowell gave Schut an experience in both tradition and innovation. The agriscience program has been around since 1919. After working only two years in the program, which for decades had been one of the most successful in the state, "he has raised it to an even higher level," according to the assistant superintendent of schools, Jim White. In addition, at the time of Schut's hiring, Lowell Area Schools was in the process of developing a com-



Lowell's agriscience teacher and FFA advisor, John Schut receives his award as a finalist for outstanding new teacher of the year.

Internet, cont'd... From Page 2

But how exactly can WIFnet offer T1-type speed for such an affordable price? It is possible, Yomtoob explained, because various users essentially share the connection. "The capacity required for a T1 connection is quite large, and can be shared by many users at once," Yomtoob said.

out their permission, WIFnet uses a different approach. Because they include a wireless router with each installation, multiple computers can easily be added. WIFnet will offer five different pricing packages for users, who can choose the one that best suits their likely usage.

by contrast, would be charged accordingly. That allows the user to decide the value he or she wants to receive from Internet use - and the investment he or she wants to make in usage fees.

While the cable industry considers it cable theft to add additional computers to broadband cable connections with-

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COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 7,974 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 2002. Students from Michigan numbered 7,281.

Included on the list from Alto are: Andrew P. Chamberlin, Elizabeth Atkins Fortuna, Heidi Elaine Jarchow, Colleen Joanne Nelsen, Jason Anthony Peabody, Chadwick James Radaz, Melanie Leigh Smith, Matt Alan Triewerler and Chris Dayton Williams; from the Lowell area are: Michael Eugene Armstrong, James Michael Beerens, Jennifer Vanderko Denhouer, Stephanie Jo

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Reflections

Of Faith

Dean Bailey, Pastor
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"I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14 (NRSV)

When you read every verse of Psalm 139 you experience the all-pervasiveness of the divine. There isn't anywhere God avoids or is not present. This psalm has been typically labeled, "the inescapable God." God is not only pictured as everywhere present, but everywhere

searching for us. God knows us inside-out because God forms us. God is so involved that the results are of a "fearfully and wonderfully" nature.

How do we feel about ourselves? How do we feel about others in our families? How do we feel about folk of other races? How do we feel about people in other countries? Doesn't it help our positive, affirming and life enhancing feelings to know that all of us are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by a God we cannot escape. All of us including you and me!

Bulletin boards building character

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Middle School eighth-graders may not spend a R-I-C-H-R 20 minutes during their school day than when in their morning contact period.

Through the guidance of Lynn Rocca, eighth-graders are participating in an activity called "Contact Olympics."

The charge is to help students make a connection between the language of the community character traits and the behaviors.

Six out of the nine months during the school year are assigned a character trait (Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Respect).

Each month the contact classes are responsible for decorating their room's bulletin board so it reflects the definition and behavior of the monthly character trait.

"We are finding that the words are coming up naturally through the curriculum and through everyday natural

occurrences," Rocca explained.

In addition, each month students are asked to respond to situations relating to the character trait. Their responses are kept in their class journal.

AREA BIRTHS

Todd and Rachel Phillips are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brayton Phillips. He was born Sunday, December 22, 2002 weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerry and Sue Phillips of Lowell and Sharon and Terry Webb of Belding.

Great-grandparents are Mary Phillips of Lowell and Ernest and Evelyn Geiger of Belding.



Brayton Phillips

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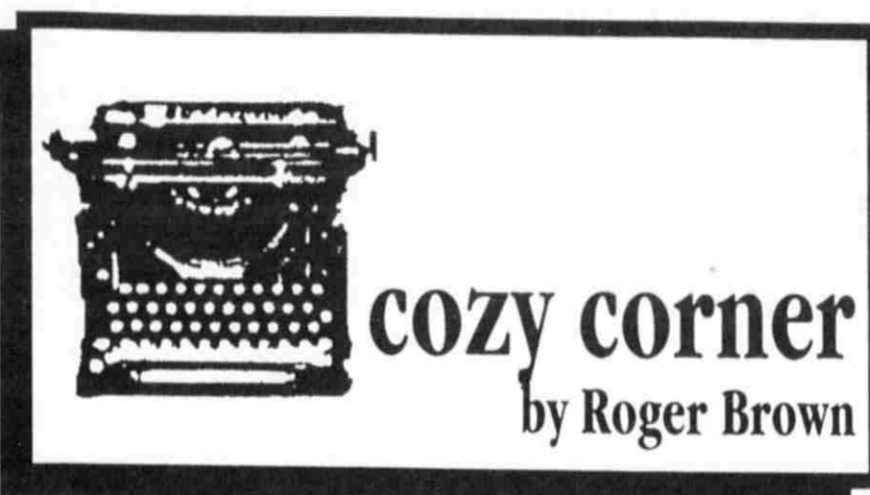
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Viewpoint . . .



It's possible you may have noticed the absence of the "Cozy Corner" in last week's paper. Just in case someone out there is interested in an excuse, here it is.

The excuse is simple ... my grandkids are visiting. For those of you with grandkids, you need no further explanation. There is a little more to my excuse than that. I did get up early and was a few paragraphs into a column when we lost power. I hadn't saved my file, so I lost that. When the lights came on an hour later, the grandkids were up and any hope of some solitude at the keyboard was long gone. That's a little better than, "the dog ate my homework," but not much.

My just-turned-four-year-old grandson Boog was the

subject of my start on last week's column, so we'll run with that again. Having turned four, Boog is a self-proclaimed "BIG Boy." If grandpa slips and calls him a poopy-diaper-baby (no more than a dozen times a day) he gets a punch wherever Boog can reach. That reach extends to my groin if we're standing, and right in the kisser if he's on my lap. It's a fun little game we play that will be part of his "de-grandpa program" when he leaves.

Boog has recently developed a habit of throwing an extra "ed" on all words in the past tense. For example, "I looked at my book" would be "I looked-ed at my book" in Boogese. Other past tense words get an extra "ed" as well. Instead of, "I ran out the door," Boog would say, "I run-ed out the door." Since he has become a "BIG Boy," there is not a lot of sense arguing the issue. Boog is pretty much always right.

My grandkids live in China with their parents. They've been there nearly two years and I'm told they are "conversational" in Chinese. Perhaps Boog's problem with English has something to do with his bilingual environment.

More likely is the fact he got an extra dose of his grandpa's genes. You can tell that by looking at the poor kid. You can tell that grandpa is no whiz at English just by reading this column.

We were all in the car the other day. The constantly blabbering Boog said he had "hear-d-ed" something or an-

other. I don't remember the context, but the "hear-d-ed" was a particularly awful abomination of "heard." It caught everyone's attention. And grandpa, who has been told not to encourage this obliteration of the language, busted up.

Boog's mother got on his case and corrected him. She said, "You heard ..." whatever the context was. Boog gave the correction a feeble attempt and said, "I heard ..." and so on. Grandpa guffawed, and was scolded.

Grandma gave it a try next. She said, "I heard ..." and again added the context. Grandma used her best diction in a school teacher's or Catholic school nun's voice. She had drawn out and carefully enunciated the word "heard." Boog listened intently.

The car was silent awaiting Boog's reply. He piped up in his cheery little voice and said, "Yup grandma, I hear-d-ed it too!" That brought down the house. So much for English lessons on that little road trip.

I realize this column is a bit shorter than usual. Just consider yourselves lucky. Grandpa thinks he hear-d-ed the pitter-patter of little feet out in the other room. Of course, that means I need to wrap this up before they find me here in the office. It's extremely difficult to type while wrestling with a soon-to-be-six-year-old girl and four-year-old "BIG Boy."

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be sold on Sunday, but is informed that state law won't allow it.

Be careful; ice is not thick in this warm winter and many breakthroughs have been reported.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 22, 1903

The school will hold semi-annual examinations in all grades next week.

President Theodore Roosevelt and Congress remove all duties from imported coal to increase supplies during the strike.

The editor wonders if lodge activities may play a part in declining church attendance.

Several children have been injured coasting on the big hill, and there is a rumor that one boy had a bottle of strong drink there. Parents: Pay attention.

About 60 people attended the newly-organized Pedro Club at the Lowell House Monday evening, for progressive pedro and dancing.

State officials are on a tour to urge cities to plan and build sewage treatment plants.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 22, 1953

Complaints about the new water and sewer rates to finance improvements lead to council discussion of additional ways to finance the undertaking.

Television sets were brought to the schools Tuesday for the inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The county will blacktop Lincoln Lake Road from Lowell to 3 Mile, and Grand River Drive two miles farther west to Snow Ave. this year.

If enough people show up, evening classes in typewriting, knitting and first aid will be offered on Thursday evenings.

American Legion Post 152 of Lowell asks Frank Houghton, Lowell Township supervisor, to use his influence to get flashers at the C&O crossing at Grand River Drive.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANUARY 25, 1978

The Strand Theatre will reopen next week with the George Burns-John Denver movie, "Oh God!"

"Along Main Street" reminds that license tabs can be had by mailing your check; no office calls.

Michigan may include Dial-A-Ride for seniors with the new transportation bill.

A car hits a deer within the city limits, the first one killed in Lowell for over a year.

Lowell Arts Council is rehearsing the play, "Arsenic and Old Lace."

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

CHANGE OF SCENERY

The rush of activity that surrounds the holiday season is behind us and it will be a long time before the grass turns green again. Looking out the window of a warm cozy house at the cold windblown landscape can cause one to long for far away tropical destinations.

Well, if you are one of us who by necessity or choice will spend the entire winter in Michigan, you sure are lucky. That is because we have the good fortune to live in a state that is laced with cross country ski trails from the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula to the Indiana-Ohio border.

Everyone is within an hour's drive of a ski trail and most folks, like ourselves, are less than half that time from good skiing opportunities. Exploring trails farther from home, however, is fun and interesting, and is a chance to get away for a while. One location that provides a variety of skiing opportunities is the Grayling area in the Northern Lower Peninsula. It is probably too far to travel for a day trip, but during a weekend, a skier can choose from many trails around Grayling.

State park trails require only a daily or annual vehicle

permit for entry, and donation pipes are located at the trailheads in state forests. This year, these trails are all scheduled to be track-set regularly.

Hartwick Pines State Park offers 18 miles of trails that pass through huge virgin pines and lead to the Au Sable River. The visitor center is open in the winter and has some interesting displays related to the logging era in Michigan.

The Mason Track, east of Grayling, has 11 miles of trails which mostly follow the banks of the South Branch of the Au Sable River. After a heavy snow, the scenery appears to have been copied from a Christmas card.

North Higgins Lake State Park has 7.5 miles of generally easy skiing. The Tisdale Triangle Pathway, south of Roscommon, has 10 miles of easy skiing while South Higgins Lake State Park has six miles of flat to rolling terrain circles around Marsh Lake.

The Cross Country Ski Headquarters on the west side of Higgins Lake on County Road 100 maintains well-groomed trails through the state forest. It is the only trail I know of that is serviced by snow making equipment, so the trails will be skiable even when conditions elsewhere are poor. There are ski rentals and lessons available on site. The warming lodge and ski shop provide a place to get soup and a sandwich and relax in front of a big stone fireplace. There is a small fee for a trail pass. I would recommend that a beginning skier make this one of his or her first stops when in the area.

There are also several resorts and private trails in the vicinity. Cross country skiing in Northern Michigan will provide good exercise, a change of pace during the long winter, and an opportunity to connect with nature.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang
Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

TINNITUS

Tinnitus is the name for "ringing in the ears." It can be loud, dull, high or low, buzzing or hissing. It's a very common malady. It can occur in one or both ears. It is a symptom, not a disease. There are many different causes. Some of the most common include: exposure to loud noise, natural aging/hearing loss, certain medications - especially aspirin, earwax buildup, infections and high blood pressure. Tinnitus associated with age generally occurs at age 60 and older.

Many people experience symptoms for only a short time. If symptoms persist, intensify or also occur with dizziness, you should seek care. The treatment for tinnitus is treating the underlying cause.

Flat River Grill's pre-opening raises \$5,100 for foundation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

three-night pre-opening Flat River Grill fundraiser.

The Lowell Area Education Foundation can't say enough about Gilmore's generosity and support of its educational endeavors.

The event raised \$5,150 toward the foundation's goal in providing funds and resources for enhanced programs and innovative learning.

"We are happy to be an asset to the Lowell community through our support of the Lowell Area Education Foundation and its effort to enhance the education of children," Gilmore said.

The mid-week event allowed 150 patrons to get a sneak-peak and taste of the menu offered by the Flat River Grill.

"Not only was it extremely successful monetarily for the foundation, but patrons were overwhelmed by the menu offerings and service," said foundation board member and event coordinator, Theresa Beachum. "On behalf of the foundation I would like to thank Greg and Chris (West) for allowing the foundation the opportunity to benefit from their pre-opening."

The foundation, established seven years ago, underwrites an average of 14 grants a year. It estimates that the grants, totaling over \$100,000, have benefited roughly 7,860 students.

"In year one, the foundation raised \$10,000; this year

it will raise over \$30,000," said event coordinator and vice chairman for fundraising, Dave Thompson.

The foundation's Tribute Tree, a growing educational endowment, has honored 39 community members and has grown to \$15,600.

MacNaughton to perform at winter concert

The Lowell Area Arts Council has planned a winter concert for Saturday evening, March 1 at Deer Run Golf Course.

Featured will be "The Roger MacNaughton Quartet" from 7-10:30 p.m. Jazz standards, tunes and original works will be performed. Also included will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Tickets are \$12.50 general admission and \$10 for arts council members. For more information call 897-8545.



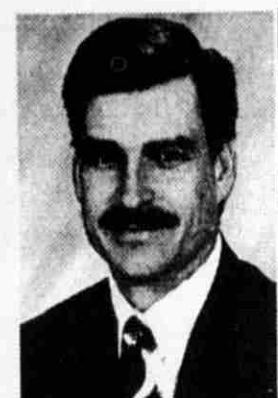
Riders Donate "Food & Stuff"

The Lowell Equestrian team has participated in two community service projects over the last three months - a canned food drive for Access Six Food Pantry and the collection of stuffed animals for the Lowell Fire Department.

At the team banquet on Dec. 16, members donated a stuffed animal to be used by local firefighters and first-aid personnel during time of trauma for area youth.

Team high-point riders this year were Katelyn Bush, Jessica Hamp, Jason Seely, Lauren VanEns, Carolyn Johnson and Mary Mendez. Co-captains for the 2003 season are Jessica Hamp and Steven Koning.

Bottom row, left to right, are: Julie Dunn, Carolyn Johnson, Jessica Hamp, Sandra Wisniewski and Lauren VanEns; top row are: Michelle Wolf, Lindsey Foster, Kim VandenBerg, Jason Seely, Collette Benmark, Kelly Foote, Ryanne Oetman, Janice Wisniewski and Steve Koning.



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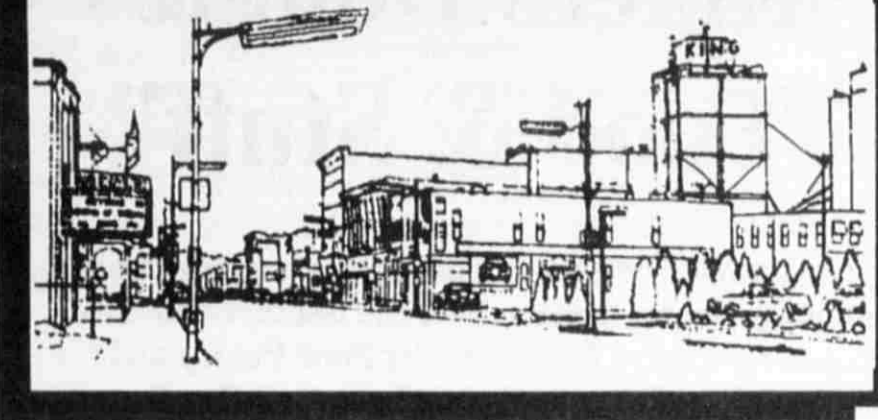
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LAAC/THEBES PLAY AT LPAC

The Glass Menagerie will be shown Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 1 at 3 and 8 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 general admission; \$6.50 LAAC members/students/seniors; available at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson or by calling 897-8545.

FAMILY FLY TYING

Wittenbach Center will offer a free family fly tying

workshop on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. To participate you need to RSVP to Tammy at 987-1002.

LOOKING FOR TRIBUTE TREE NOMINEES

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation is requesting nominees for the annual "Tribute Tree" celebration during the Spirit of Community program in the spring. To honor a community member who has improved the school system, call Rose at 897-8415.

SNOWMOBILER TRAIL MAPS

The West Michigan Trail System is marked and ready to ride. Trailhead is now at Alto Marathon gas station on Alden Nash S. with maps available. For more information contact the Flat River Snowmobile Club at 897-5015.

COLLEGE NEWS

Hope College has listed students who have been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2002-2003 school year.

From the Lowell area are Steven J. VanLaan and Meghan L. Geer, both seniors.

To be named to the dean's list a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College, affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, is a four-year, co-educational liberal arts college with an enrollment of 3,035 students.

Albion College has named two 2002 Lowell High

School graduates to the dean's list for fall 2002 semester.

William C. Harrison is a first-year student and a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. He is the son of Bill and Missy Harrison of Lowell.

Jennifer L. Wagner is also a first-year student and

the daughter of Sidney and Susan Wagner of Lowell.

To achieve dean's list status, a student must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed during the semester.

Calvin College has announced its fall 2002 dean's list.

From the Lowell area are Erin Fields, Andrea M. Renkema and Seth D. Renkema. From the Alto area are Matthew S. Draft, Kayle K. Hinkle III and Katherine L. Sikma.

To earn a spot on the dean's list requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and have a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-174,917-DE

Estate of PATRICIA A. HUSSEY Date of Birth: 10/27/1944

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PATRICIA A. HUSSEY, who lived at 2073 Woodshire Place S.E., Kentwood, Michigan died 12/19/2002.

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*** Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow. *** —Peb Jackson



Week of 1/27 - 1/31

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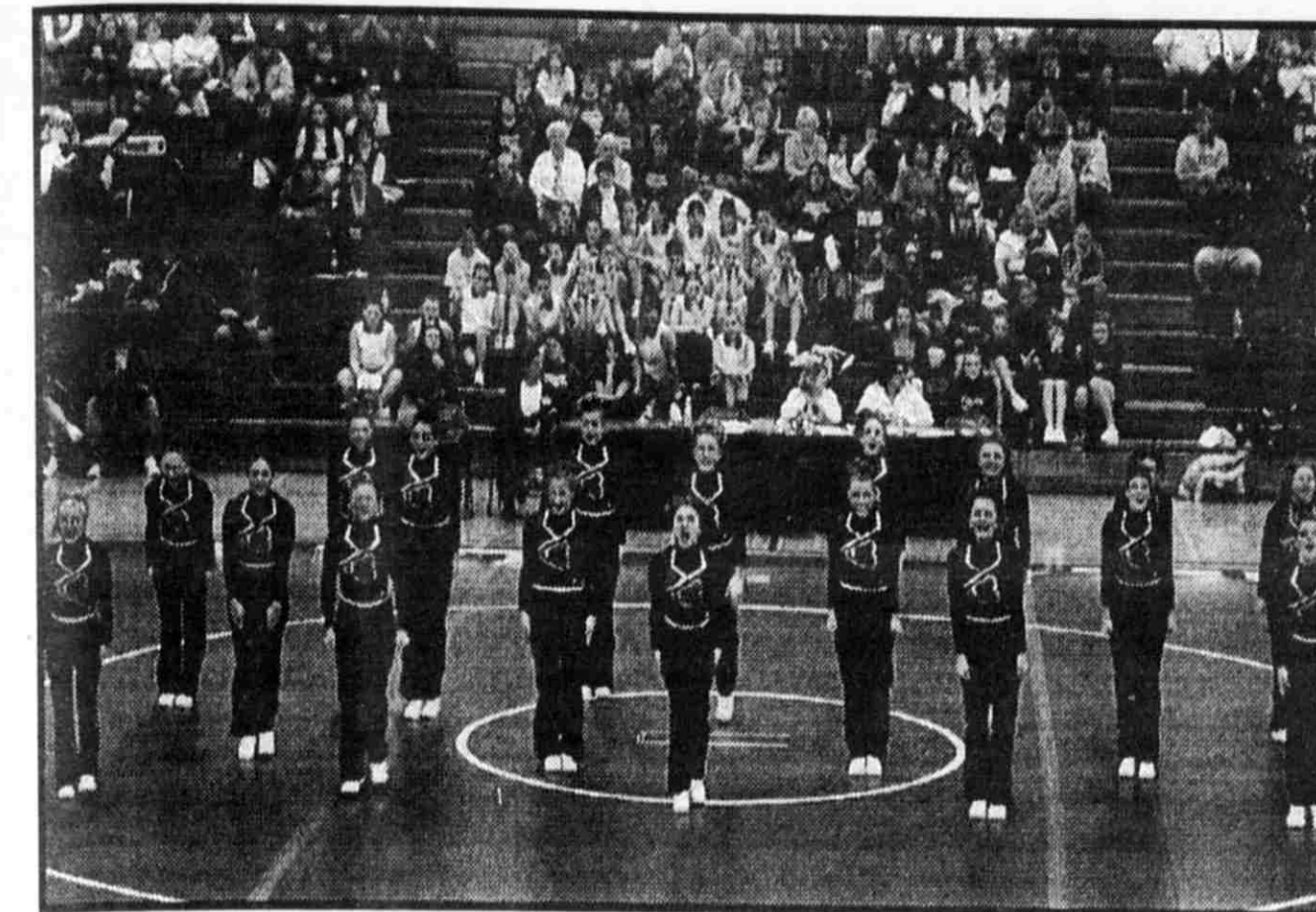
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TUES: Soft shell chicken taco with cheese and lettuce or mini corn dogs with bread, pears, fresh veggies and dip, mini krispies treat.

WED: French toast sticks or assorted cereal, scrambled eggs, juice choice, potato wedges.

THURS: Pizza dippers with sauce or sloppy joe on bun, fruit mix, corn.

FRI: Chicken nuggets with roll or ham, egg and cheese on English muffin, peaches, whipped potatoes and gravy.



Lowell cheerleaders first at Union

Melanie Jacobs Searfoss
Photo by Jim Searfoss

For the first time in Lowell's history, four separate Sideline Cheer squads performed in a competition event.

The opening event of the 2003 MCCA Sideline Cheer season was held at Grand Rapids Union High School at the 7th annual West Invitational on Saturday.

MCCA Sideline Cheer is a two-round competition, involving a first round "flat" cheer, which emphasizes jumps, position changes and a strong chant chorus. The second round includes music and multiple gymnastic and stunt routines.

The varsity squad, coached by Amanita Fahrni, has a school record 20 members - seven seniors and 13 juniors. The girls had a strong performance in round one where only 6.5 points separated the first-place Lansing Catholic Central squad from Lowell's fourth place.

In round two, varsity pulled out a series of new stunts including a star, a tick-tock, and a hurricane, plus tumbling runs featuring Kaitlyn Hanrahan, Lynda Horsley and Lisa Roth.

The well-executed stunt cheer earned the Red Arrows a score of 193.5 points - 13.5 points higher than Crosswell - Lexington's team and a first place.

The LHS combined totals were the highest of all Class A/B teams competing in both rounds.

Coached by Kerri Bailey in their performance debut, the Lowell Middle School 78ers squad of 17 girls won both of their rounds. The Lowell freshman team, coached by Lori Maxim, placed second in round one and first in round two, with the highest combined freshman total point scores. The junior varsity squad, under the direction of Emily Liley, gave a solid performance in both rounds, but missed out on a trophy due to penalty deductions.

The next Sideline Cheer competition event for the Lowell teams will be Feb. 8 at the inaugural West Michigan Classic at Lowell High School. At 9 a.m., the MHSAA (three rounds) Competitive Cheer teams will take the mats; at 12:30 p.m., the MCCA Sideline teams will perform.

*** Failures are like skinned knees—painful but superficial. *** —H. Ross Perot

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on January 13, 2003, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan, so as to approve the Big Pine Preserve Planned Unit Development. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

1. **Planned Unit Development.** The Big Pine Preserve Planned Unit Development (PUD) covers lands located at approximately 12462 Heffron Street and legally described as follows:

Government Lot 4 and the North 40 rods in width of Government Lot 5, Section 3, T8N, R9W, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan. Said parcel may also be described as: Part of the South 1/2 of Section 3, T8N, R9W, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 88°24'57" West along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 1355.03 feet to the East line of Government Lot 4 and the Place of Beginning; thence South 00°21'17" West along the East lines of Government Lot 4 and Government Lot 5 a distance of 1983.63 feet to the South line of the North 40.00 rods of said Government Lot 5; thence South 88°33'00" West along the South line of said Government Lot 5 a distance of 2040 feet more or less to the water's edge of Big Pine Island Lake; thence Northerly along the water's edge of Big Pine Island Lake to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence North 88°25'29" East along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 637 feet more or less to the Center of said Section; thence North 88°24'57" East along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 1355.03 feet to the Place of Beginning.

2. **Land Use.** The planned unit development (PUD) must be developed only in accordance with the Final Development Plan, which consists of 29 site condominium units, for one single-family detached dwelling each.

3. **Access.** Access to the Development shall be from Heffron Street.

4. **Utility Services.** Each lot in the Development will be served by public sanitary sewer system and private individual water wells approved by the Kent County Health Department.

5. **Other Provisions.** The amending ordinance contains other provisions concerning streets and drives; surface water drainage; landscaping; utilities, soil erosion and sedimentation control; wetlands; common open space; docking regulations; provisions limiting lake access; fertilizers and pollutants; buffers/tree clearing; and other matters.

6. **Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective January 29, 2003. A copy of the ordinance may be examined or purchased at the Cannon Township offices, Cannon Township Center, 6878 Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

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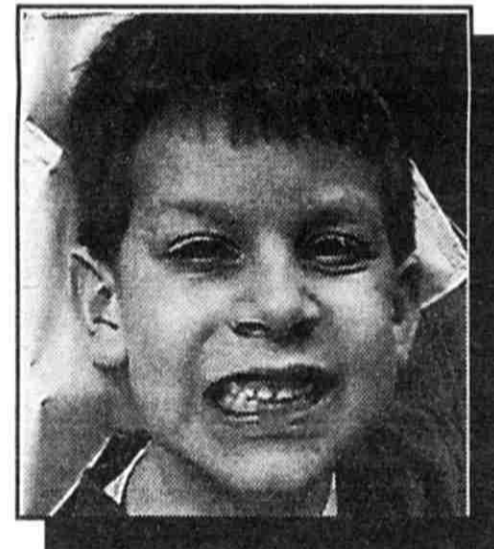
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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2003

AGENDA ADDITION -The board added "Retirement Notification" to the agenda following the closed session.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION - To honor the Board members for their dedication in serving the Lowell Area Schools, Shari Miller presented each member with a certificate and a calendar.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Dignity and Respect Award -Nancy Hopkins and Shari Miller presented the December Dignity and Respect Award to the Middle School student winner - Matt Siciliano, an eighth-grader.

- ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following gifts:
- Robert Garcia donation of camera, case and lens valued at \$160 to be used by the Lowell High School Photography Classes.
 - Al Eckman donation of 30-gallon fish tank and supplies valued at \$180 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 - Lowell Showboat Garden Club donation of \$251 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 - Becky Bosserd donation of turtle, cage and supplies valued at \$75 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 - Alto Lions Club donation of \$1,000 to be used by the Alto Accelerated Reading program.
 - Michael Stephens donation of \$100 to be used by the Alternative Education Program.

REPORT - Wittenbach Woodlot Presentation - Heather Kohtz, high school biology/life science teacher, along with her student, David Sefton, gave a PowerPoint demonstration on the Wittenbach Woodlot Project.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

- The minutes for December 9, 2002 Regular Meeting, December 16, 2002 Board Workshop, and the December 20, 2002 Special Meeting.

- The following payment of bills for December 2002:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$912,341.58
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$66,233.85
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$33,815.20
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$274,634.08
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$17,833.12
Scholarship Fund.....	\$400.00

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the high school wing is nearing completion. Murray Lake Elementary School shop drawings are being reviewed by the architect and the construction manager with site work slated to begin in March.

UNITY SCHOOL - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Marlene Heemstra and Unity Teachers, Tonya Sandborn and Darla Palmer, updated the Board of Education about their school improvement and professional development plans.

BUDGET PROCESS REPORT - Connie reported that she and Shari and Jim will be meeting in January with building staffs to share information regarding the budget and budget process and then will be meeting with employee groups, parent and community groups and a student group during February to solicit ideas about potential cuts or ways in which to obtain additional revenue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Dave Thompson from the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation expressed his appreciation to the Flat River Grill and the community members who took part in the recent fundraising event. The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation raised approximately \$5,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Shari Miller reported that she continues to meet with community members, high school student groups and classrooms; she has been riding school buses and attended an excellent band concert. She also extended her appreciation to the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation and the Flat River Grill for the recent fundraising effort.

RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION- The Board did not take any further action or discussion regarding this item following the closed session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop
Monday, January 27, 2003
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2003
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2003.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Officer James Hinton, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Financial Services Officer Charlene McNab and Light and Power and Cable TV Boardmember Norm Borgerson.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH that the minutes of the December 16, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (01/06/03)

GENERAL FUND	\$105,903.18
MAJOR STREET FUND	456.66
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,056.72
DDA FUND	5,108.86
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	77,121.29
AIRPORT FUND	77.77
WASTEWATER FUND	30,418.77
WATER FUND	7,060.14
DATA PROCESSING FUND	437.33
EQUIPMENT FUND	582.86
CURRENT TAX FUND	63,078.17
CARR FUND	300.00

Item #1. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY BANKS. There is a need for the City to annually designate its depository banks and authorize signatures for the coming year.

The following designations were recommended:

- a. Authorized signatures:**
Mayor C. Jeanne Shores
City Manager David Pasquale
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Myers
City Treasurer Suzanne Olin
Police Chief James Valentine
Financial Services Officer Charlene McNab
Deputy Treasurer Vickie Videan

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

- c. Depository Banks:**
Comerica Bank-Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids)
Huntington Banks (Lowell)
National City Bank (Grand Rapids)
Fifth Third Bank (Lowell, Ada, Grand Rapids)
Bank One-Grand Rapids (Ada, Grand Rapids)
Standard Federal Bank (Ada, Grand Rapids)
Ionia County National Bank (Lowell)

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the annual authorization of signatures for the city bank accounts and designation of depository banks.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2003. As recently carried out for the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent County Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids Community College requested that the City col-

lect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the GRCC's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

Thus, City Manager Pasquale recommended the current policy for collecting GRCC summer property taxes be maintained and a resolution be passed.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to approve the resolution concerning the collection of summer property taxes for 2003 for the Grand Rapids Community College.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. 2001 - 2002 CITY, LIGHT AND POWER AND CABLE TELEVISION AUDIT PRESENTATION. Peter Haefner of Rehmann Robson presented the annual audit. He pointed out there were no comparative balances from the prior year due to a prior year adjustment for Lowell Light and Power's beginning equity balance of approximately \$500,000. In addition, there were funds associated to a law suit which were recorded as an asset and not as revenue. As a result of these two issues, an increase in the beginning equity for Light and Power was created. In future years, a comparative balance will be given.

Haefner explained the financial statements of the City are the responsibility of management and ultimately the Council. It is the responsibility of Rehmann Robson to express an opinion based on the audit of the financial statement. The company's opinion is the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Lowell as of June 30, 2002.

Haefner referred to the Combined Balance Sheet. The General Fund Balance is approximately 20% of the annual expenditures, which means the City is in a good financial position.

In addition, the Capital Projects Fund indicates a deficit fund balance at the end of the year. This is a result of the City Hall project. The deficit is covered by the Building Authority Bond proceeds, which were received in July, 2002.

The Trust and Agency Fund maintains a large balance. Haefner noted the community is fortunate to have such a large balance.

Haefner reported nothing out of the ordinary from the Statement of Operations Fund.

Haefner summarized the operations for the Enterprise Funds/Internal Service Funds. These are activities which are accounted for as a business. The dominant fund is from Lowell Light and Power.

Haefner referred to a letter which provides an opinion concerning internal controls and other issues which have been identified during the audit. A material weakness had been found regarding the reconciliation of a bank account. Rehmann Robson identified the problem which involved a transaction being posted twice. The problem was associated with the system conversion and is not seen to be a reoccurring issue. Councilmember Brubaker asked if measures were in place so such an issue can be caught earlier. Haefner responded yes. City Treasurer Suzanne Olin explained the problem involved a check which was to be voided. An auditor from last year voided the check and then the system also allowed the same check to be voided again.

Haefner explained a management letter was also issued and discussed. The issues will be reviewed again next year. One refers to GASB 34, which relates to the new financial reporting model. This will give individuals and citizens a better or a more business look at government finance. There are some requirements which will need to be completed, such as depreciating fixed assets, advertising the issuance bonds or discounts on bonds and treating items more as a business. Councilmember Blough asked if there is a process or procedure, which had been initiated to implement these issues. Pasquale responded yes and noted a report would be presented at a later time.

Brubaker confirmed a qualified statement under the Municipal Finance Act had been filed. Haefner responded yes.

Haefner noted several amended budget items were exceeded. He suggested this should be avoided but understood this would be difficult.

Olin mentioned the amended general fund budget revenues over expenditures were within \$18,000 (over) of the audited amount. Pasquale stated the amended General Fund budget was \$494,000 for a fund balance while the actual was \$513,000.

Haefner stated there is also a management letter for Lowell Light and Power. No issues were found.

Brubaker inquired how City of Lowell compared, in terms of record-keeping and the overall budget, with other communities. Haefner responded the City of Lowell is consistent with its size and did very well. The records were also kept very well.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to accept the City and Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV audits as presented by Rehmann Robson.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - 2003 - 2004 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (1/21). Kent County has informed the City that an estimated \$24,701.78 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds is available for various community projects beginning July 1, 2003.

As a first priority, City Manager Pasquale recommended the funds be allocated to the Carol Lynne Drive underdrain. But, the study has not been completed as of this time. It is expected to be finished by the January 21 meeting. Thus, the need or cost of the underdrain is unknown.

If the underdrain is not necessary, Pasquale recommended the funds be provided for sidewalk construction on the east side of North Hudson Street and the north side of Foreman. This would complete walks in the area as part of the school route.

Again, funds should be allocated to North Kent Transit.

For advertisement of a public hearing, Pasquale recommended the following projects:

- Carol Lynne Drive Underdrain
- North Hudson Street (eastside) and Foreman Road (north side)
CDBG - \$20,701.78
- North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizens and handicapped riders
CDBG - \$ 4,000.00

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to set a public hearing for January 21, 2003 to consider Community Development Block Grant - Allocation of Funds.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. CITY HALL - POLICE STATION DEDICATION - CONCURRENCE FROM CITY COUNCIL. Councilmember Blough stated he and Pasquale had the opportunity to review the current project with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H). Blough was impressed with the status of the project. FTC&H is on schedule and is estimating completion the second week in July. Blough wanted to plan a dedication and proposed a cornerstone ceremony by the Masonic Order for Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. An open house would subsequently follow. This will coordinate well with the Riverwalk Festival, which is scheduled for the same day. A parade through downtown is planned for 9:30 a.m.

Blough stated there has also been discussion about placing a time capsule behind the cornerstone similar to what was done with the library. The Lowell Area Historical Museum would work with the City.

Pasquale stated John Wilterink of Lowell Granite Company will provide the cornerstone.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to set the cornerstone and dedication ceremony in conjunction with the Masonic Order for the City Hall -

Skaters' strong effort in Kalamazoo comes up short

The last time the Lowell-Caledonia hockey team played the Kalamazoo Blades, they lost 4-1 in the championship game at the Kalamazoo Invitational.

Last Friday night their effort was much better, but the result was the same: Lowell lost to the Blades by a score of 5-4.

The game was close from the drop of the puck until the final whistle. The Red Arrows fought through penalty trouble the entire game but were still strong enough to hang tough with the quick Kalamazoo team.

The Blades struck first with just two minutes remaining in the first period, when an unchecked Kalamazoo player picked up a loose puck and fired it past goaltender David Maylone.

Kalamazoo added to their lead early in the second period. It was the Blades' first of what would end up being four power play goals during the game.

Lowell responded just three minutes later. Defenseman Ramsey Charrouf passed the puck to center Dustin Hofert who skated over the blue line and rifled a hard wrist shot into the upper corner of the Blades' goal.

Kalamazoo scored next, helped by a Lowell penalty and some good stickhandling and puck work. For the remainder of the second period, Lowell settled down and played some hard-hitting hockey, managing to stay out of the penalty box. Their effort was quickly rewarded. Bryan Posthumus picked up a rebound out in front of the Blades' goal and wasted no time in banging it home. Assists were awarded to Brandon John and his linemate/brother Josh John.

Lowell pulled even at three apiece in the second period when Corey Kelly found Brandon John at center ice; John dished a pass off to winger Ted McCoy. McCoy wound up and

cranked a slapshot that found its way to the back of the Blades' net.

The third period started with many good scoring opportunities for both teams. Some stellar goaltending and good defensive play by the Lowell icers kept things close. The ceiling fell in for the home team when the Blades notched two more power play goals just minutes apart.

With two minutes remaining, the team pulled their goalie, Maylone for an extra attacker. Working in close to the Blades' goal, Josh John passed to McCoy. McCoy drew the attention of two Blades' players before finding Kelly in front of the net. Kelly received the pass and shot the puck all in one motion to draw Lowell within one.

The Red Arrows were unable to net a tying goal over the final 50 seconds.

Offenseless in Greenville, Lowell falls in nonconference matchup

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If offense is what you were looking for, Greenville is not where you wanted to be Tuesday night.

The Yellowjackets imposed their slow, controlled, methodical approach on the Red Arrows as they upended Lowell 33-28.

"With the exception of a three-minute period in the first quarter, they controlled the tempo," said dejected Red Arrow coach, Jeff McDonald. "They took us out of what we wanted to do... that's good coaching. I didn't have my

guy prepared for that. That's my fault. Blame this loss on me."

Lowell jumped out to a 9-2 advantage, but after that, buckets were few and far between.

"They played a matchup zone, preventing Sam (Oberlin) and Mike (Koster) from getting the ball," McDonald explained. "We just couldn't find anyone to put the ball in the basket."

Oberlin led all Red Arrows in scoring with eight points. Andy McQueen and Mark Catlin each tallied six

points while Koster netted five.

Greenville trailed 15-10 at halftime, but outscored Lowell 23-13 in the second half.

Ryan Kubec and R.J. Billmeier each scored eight points to lead Yellowjacket scorers.

"Controlling tempo is a great equalizer. Greenville (4-4) did a good job of that," McDonald said.

The loss drops Lowell to 5-4 overall. The Red Arrows host Belding on Tuesday.

Dean honored with Olivet's alumni award

Olivet College presented Noel M. Dean with the first-ever Distinguished Young Alumni Award Saturday, Jan. 11. This award is given to recent Olivet College alumni who demonstrate commendable achievements in his or her chosen career.

As head football coach at Lowell High School, Dean led his team to the 2002 Division 2 state title. According to Marty Jennings, Olivet College director of alumni affairs, Dean sets the stage for his players to be active members of their community by encouraging volunteerism.

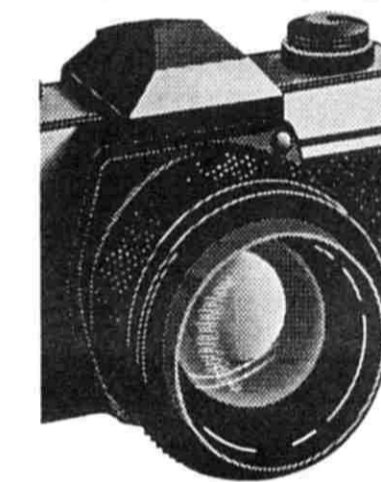
"His players have volunteered at the local elementary school, sold a team poster with proceeds going to the public library, and parked cars at high school sporting events, among

other things," said Jennings. "He's truly a role model and very deserving of this honor."

Besides teaching, Dean is the head power lifting coach, responsible for implementing the strength and conditioning programs at Lowell High School.

Dean graduated from Olivet College in 1991 with a degree in chemistry. While a student, he was a defensive lineman for the Comet football program, where he was named second-team All-MIAA as a senior.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Police Station on Saturday, July 12, 2003.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. NAMING OF NEW PARK - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. The Parks and Recreation Commission advised for the "Name the Park" contest and received 20 entries. At its last meeting, it was recommended the park be named "Upper Bridge Park" because it is near the intersection of the Division Street bridge and Grand River Drive.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to accept the name "Upper Bridge Park" for the newest park.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCLUDING SEWER BACKUP AND OVERFLOW CLAIM REPORTING PROCEDURES TO WATER AND SEWER DISPOSAL SERVICE CHAPTER, CODE OF ORDINANCES - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE (1/21). As recommended by Councilmember Brubaker, the ordinance incorporates the state statutory provisions found in Act 222 of 2001 regulating sewer backup and overflow claim-reporting procedures.

Brubaker stated this is standard language following the procedures which are set forth in the PA 222 of 2001. This would cognify what is already stated in the City's code of ordinances to create a procedure which complies with the act.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to establish a public hearing for January 21, 2003 to consider an ordinance which will identify the sewer backup and overflow claim reporting procedures in ac-

cordance with the State Act.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated there have been no complaints or backups since the last meeting.

DesJarden also presented a letter regarding a back flow preventor policy and the procedure discussed during the worksession. He asked the Council to review and submit any changes. DesJarden commented on the water main break, which occurred on January 3, 2003 near the intersection of Main and Center streets. He thanked the Police and Volunteer Fire Departments. Mayor Shores also thanked the departments for the quick clean up.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne questioned the procedures of the public hearing for the sewer backup claims. Branham asked if individuals would be given a chance to review the ordinance before being approved. City Manager Pasquale responded yes, noting the ordinance is available at City Hall.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Pfaller commented on the good job the fire and police departments did during a recent church service after an individual collapsed.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following board and commission meeting minutes were provided:
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of November 15, 2002

2. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

3. The City has been informed by the Michigan Department of Transportation that the City qualifies for street improvement funds under the Federal Surface Transportation Program - Small Urban Program. Projects can receive \$375,000 in federal funds with localities providing at least 20% of the total cost.

Street projects must be within the Federal Urban Aid System. Currently, Foreman Road is the only qualifying street in need of improvements. An application will be filed. Gee and Bowes are to be sought for the federal designation.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. to receive comments on this program.

4. Pasquale also provided a status report of his goals.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores stated Keith Stanford and Jim Hodges both wish to remain on the Parks and Recreation Commission. With Council approval, Shores wished to reappoint both with a term expiring in January 1, 2006. By general consensus, the Council agreed.

Shores also noted David Pasquale wishes to be reappointed to the Building Authority with a term expiring on January 1, 2006. By general consensus, the Council agreed.

Shores noted John VanderWilp has resigned from the Planning Commission. She thanked him for his services.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, January 20, 2003

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

Zeeland blocks Lowell's chances for league win

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Enthusiasm and confidence started on Lowell's side of the net, but eventually got wrestled away by Zeeland as the Chix defeated the Red Arrows 15-12, 15-9 in O-K White Conference volleyball action Thursday night.

"We started off really well, but then started to play out of control; you just can't do that in volleyball," said Lowell coach, Connie Black. "When the girls play under control, they do just fine."

Zeeland's victory improved the Chix to 2-0 in league play. "We're really good some nights and not so good other

nights," said Zeeland coach, Ivan Janssen. "We don't have consistency right now."

Janssen did receive consistent play from sophomore Dani Kraai, who recorded a team-leading seven kills. She also had numerous blocks.

"Dani played well tonight. It was one of her better games. The key was her being aggressive," Janssen explained.

Haleigh Heneveld, Zeeland's setter, recorded 25 assists. Lowell blocked well and served well, but struggled with its serve receive.

Heather Becker led all Red Arrows in blocks with six while Katelyn Bush had a team-high 22 assists. Bush and Julie Halbeisen recorded Lowell's only tow aces.



Heather Becker rises up to block a Chix return.

Red Arrow gymnasts not equal to Forest Hills challenge

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was Lowell's first conference loss of the year, but in defeat the Red Arrows learned they can compete with the league's best.

"I really believe once we get our act together and cut out the form mistakes and the falls on the beam we're going to be hard to beat," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan following Lowell's 137.275-134.275 loss to Forest Hills Central.

"This conference will probably be decided by less than a point. Rockford and Holland are good enough to beat Forest Hills if they slip a little."

Holly Plattner, while the lead Red Arrow on the balance beam with a score of 8.65, left plenty of room for improvement. "Holly didn't have any falls, but her routine was a little sloppy. All the girls need to clean up their tricks," explained DeHaan.

Lowell's other three

scores on the beam were handed in by Krystal White, 8.5; Jenna Dickerman 8.25; and Melissa Neubecker 7.85.

White led Lowell to its best day on the uneven bars so far this year. The senior recorded a team high 8.325. Plattner came off the apparatus with a mark of 8.2 followed by Neubecker with an 8.15 and Dickerman with a 7.9.

"The girls had a good day on the uneven bars. Our tricks were cleaner and we didn't have as many errors in our form," DeHaan said.

It was Plattner leading the charge in the floor exercise

with a score of 9.15. White was second for Lowell with an 8.95 followed by Dickerman 8.65 and Carmen Datema with an 8.4.

It was Dickerman's personal best in the floor exercise.

On the vault it was Plattner with a team-high 8.75 followed by White 8.25, Dickerman 8.2 and Datema 8.1.

Lowell will host West Catholic this week before traveling to East Grand Rapids on Wednesday and to Mona Shores on Saturday.

CITY OF LOWELL

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 27, 2003 at 7:00 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 the following:

- An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lowell by the addition of Chapter 15A "Open Space Preservation" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell
- An Ordinance to amend Section 5.04 "District Regulations" of Chapter 5 "SR - Suburban Residential District" and Section 6.04 "District Regulations" of Chapter 6 "R-1 Residential District" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall (414 East Main Street - Huntington Bank Building) and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 2003

MOTIONS APPROVED:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, AS AMENDED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS AMENDED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VENDOR PAYMENTS.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2 MORE SEWER CONNECTIONS TO THE BIG PINE ISLAND PRESERVE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BIG PINE ISLAND PRESERVE PUD.

MOTION TO APPROVE LISA SOSTECKE TO REPLACE BOB POPE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

MOTION TO APPROVE JIM FUES TO REPLACE LISA SOSTECKE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE METROPOLITAN EXTENSION TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVERSIGHT ACT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

MOTION TO OFFER A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TOM BYRNE PARCELS TO INCLUDE 2 MORE SEWER ATTACHMENTS.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:27 P.M.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/lt. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave : 897-2533.

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 7:00 p.m. (at Schneider Manor until further notice.)

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m. ?'s call 897-2760.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Call Sandy at 285-0621.

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

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

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. region of the Horseless Carriage Club meets 7 p.m. at old S&H Green Stamp storefront in Rogers Plaza. Anyone interested in historical autos welcome. Call Bob 891-2205 for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

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

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 of the Commons. 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.

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children 4-7th grade. 897-5894 for details.

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

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 897-7842.

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program w/school children from Lowell in activities. 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. at Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./band: 7 - 8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-

denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at a new location: Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor (until further notice).

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother-mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society at 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By apt.: 676-9346.

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JAN. 30 - FEB. 1: LAAC Thebes Players will present

"The Glass Menagerie" at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. \$8 general admission; \$6.50 for LAAC members /seniors/ students. Call 897-8545 for times and tickets.

MON., FEB. 3: Lowell Athletic Booster Club regular business meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

SAT., FEB. 8: Free family fly tying workshop from 9-noon. RSVP to Tammy at the Wittenbach Center 987-1002.

THURS., FEB. 13: Lowell Freestyle sign-ups at Cherry Creek Elementary from 6-8 p.m. Must bring a copy of youth's birth certificate. Cost: \$65.

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Lowell roughed up in Rivers' tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After waltzing through their pool with visions of that dream matchup against Davison waiting at the end of the day, Lowell was introduced to Stevensville/Lakeshore and Coldwater.

In both cases, the Red Arrows fell short against the southwestern Michigan schools. Its dream matchup with Davison never materialized.

Stevensville tied Lowell 29-29 but edged the Red Arrows on criteria in a semi final match while Coldwater punished Lowell 39-21 in a battle for third place.

Davison won the tournament with its 50-22 decision over Lakeshore in the championship match.

The defending Division II state champions entered the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament with championship trophy on their minds; they left, however, with a disappointing fourth-place finish.

"Disappointing? Yes! The difference today was we were not earning bonus points but were giving up bonus points late in matches," Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc said.

"To win championships you've got to be greedy about getting all the points you can and stingy about giving up as few as you can."

In its semifinal match (starting at 125 pounds) against the Lancers, Lowell jumped out to a 15-4 advantage, but then dropped six of seven matches, falling behind 29-18.

The 11-point deficit set up a scenario whereby Lowell needed two pins to win the match. Joe Mendez (112) pinned Chris Forrester at 3:57 of the second period, cutting the deficit to five at 24-29.

David Kropf, 119, did everything but pin his opponent, Aaron Bradley in posting a 15-0 technical fall and tying the score at 29-29.

It went to criteria where Stevensville got the nod due to Lowell voiding its match at 103 pounds.

"I had us seven matches apiece going in," said Strejc. "Stevensville was just better than us. They had a little more heart."

Lowell's seven victories were posted by Brandon Kinney (16-7), Kevin Frazier (14-6), Jamie DeLiefde (7-6), Bobby Gingerich (20-6), J.J.

Wilder (6-0) and Mendez and Kropf.

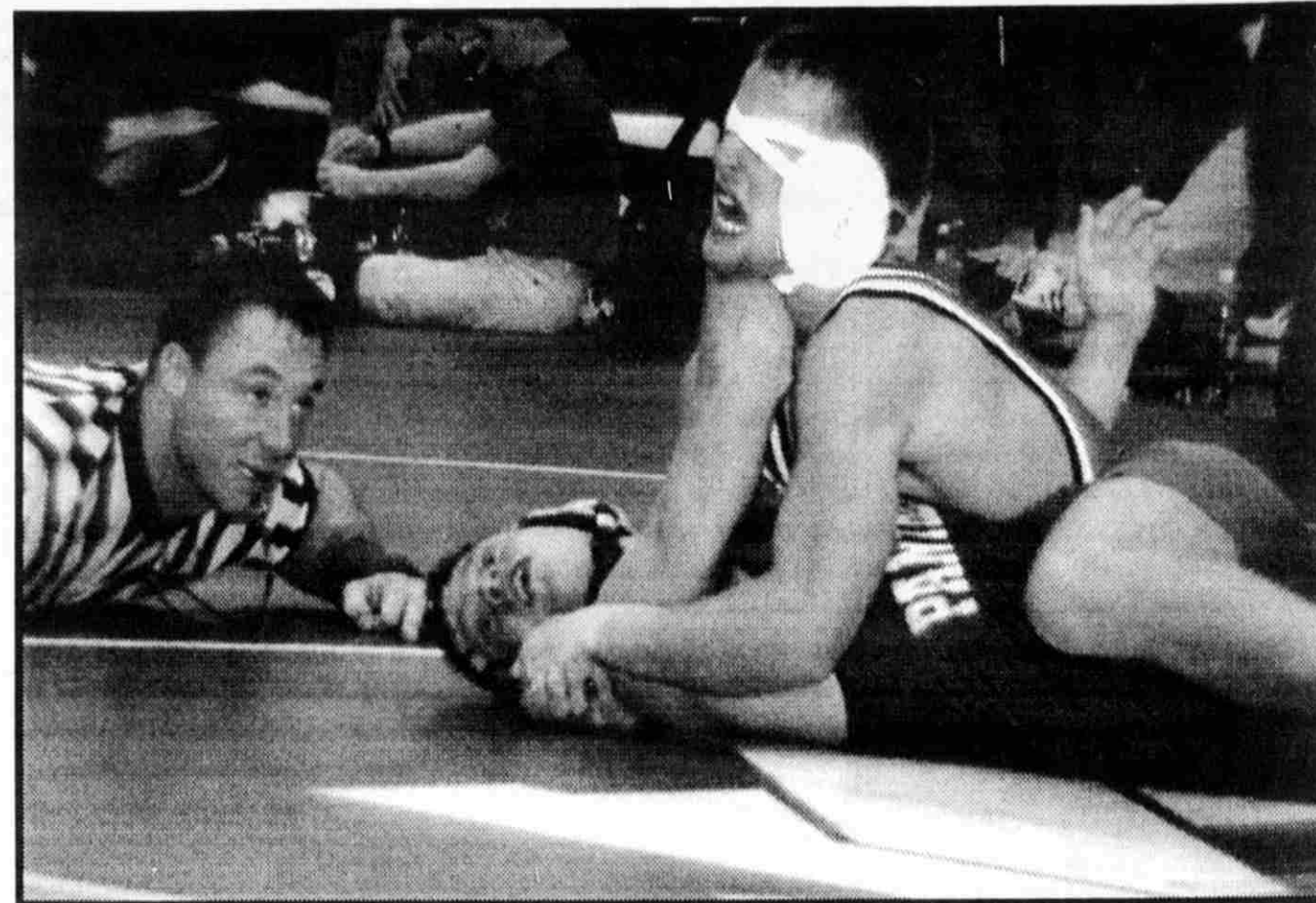
"It was a big win for us," said Lakeshore coach, Bruce Bittenbender. "All of my kids live in the Lakeshore school district, we don't have school-of-choice. Wrestling teams like Lowell and Davison is like wrestling an all-star team, so defeating Lowell is a big win."

While losing is always tough for Strejc, losing to his former high school coach stung a little more.

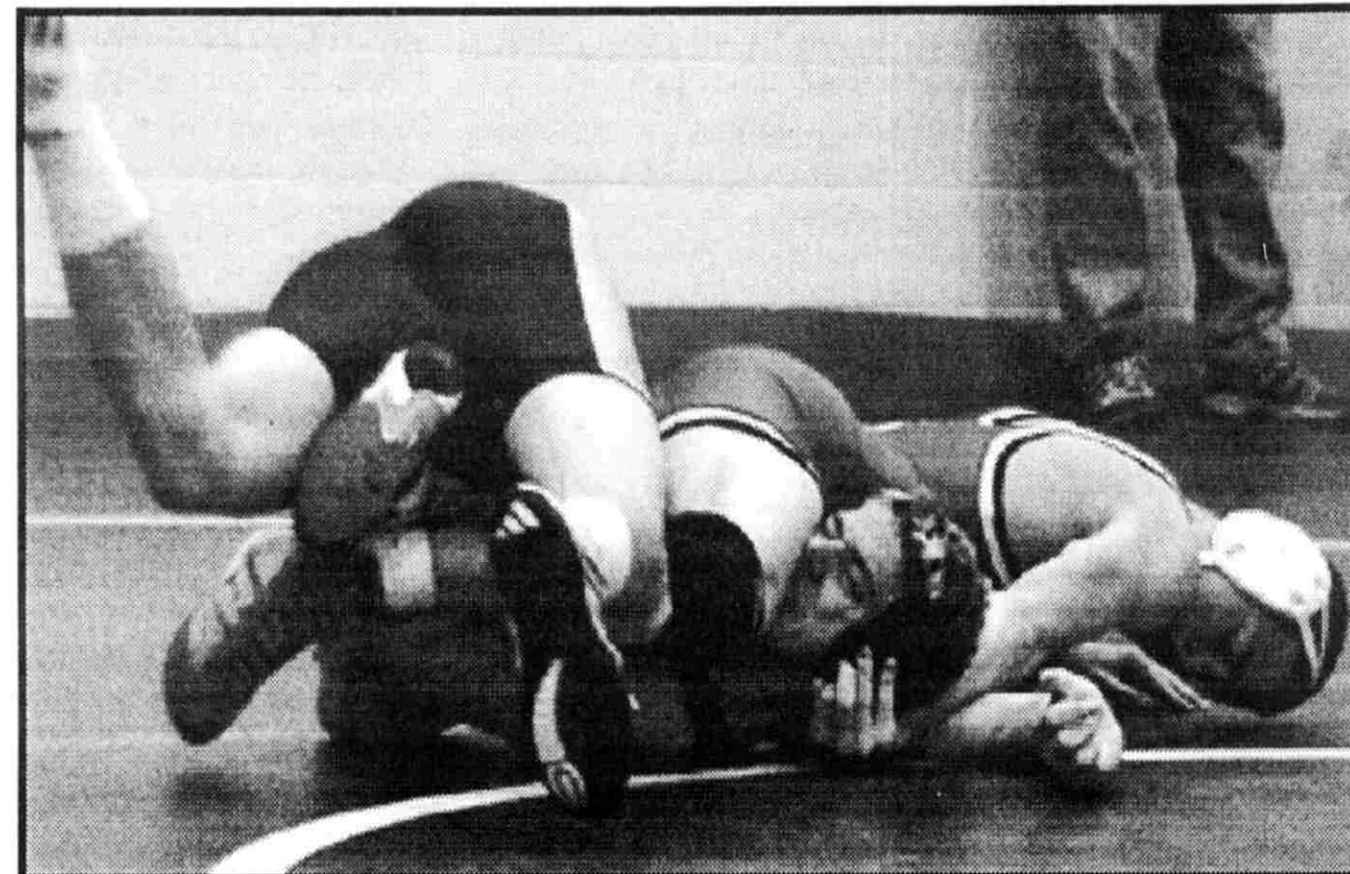
"The credentials of the wrestlers on our team this year are phenomenal, but I haven't detected that urgency in them. They have to want it. It's up to them to make it happen," Strejc said. "To win a state championship you need individuals at all levels. Attitude is so very important."

Lowell hosts Hudsonville on Thursday and competes in the Lakewood team tournament on Friday where it will wrestle Saginaw Heritage, Middleville and Lakewood.

"The dance has begun, the stage is set. Will our fighters take flight?" Strejc concludes.



Red Arrow Kevin Frazier remained in control of his match even without 20-20 vision.



Lowell's Bobby Gingerich spent little time on the mat before pinning his opponent.

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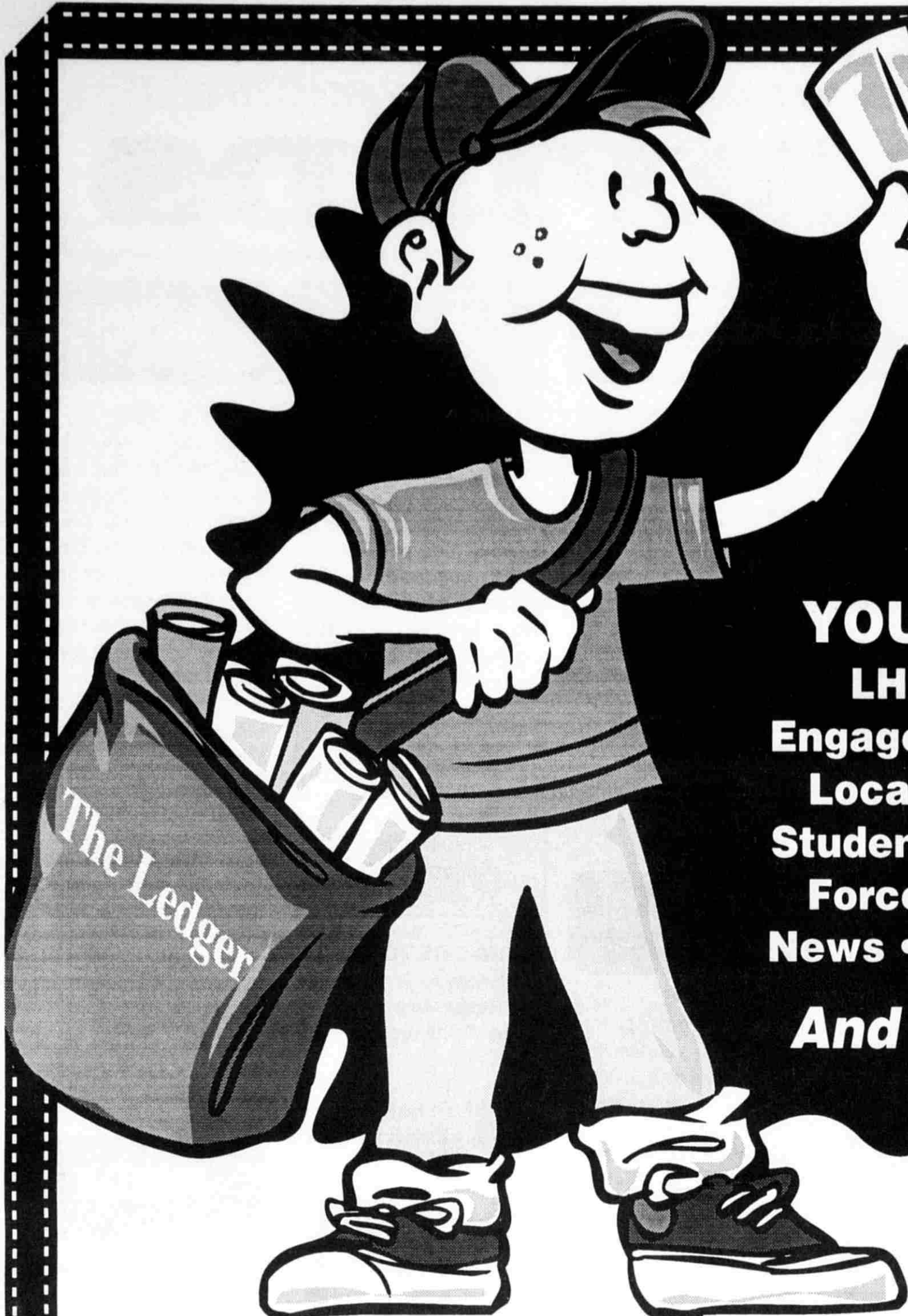
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