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## Maatman's years of service applauded as he's awarded the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell mayor, James Maatman, was asked by former city manager and friend Ray Quada to help him out in a pinch.

Quada, the emcee for the annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year banquet, needed help filling time so that all family members and relatives of this year's recipient could arrive at Deer Run Golf Club before the presentation was made.

Maatman was perfect - he's completing his 17th and final year on the Lowell City Council, his 12th as mayor.

He talked about the wonderful experience he's had serving on the council as well as a recent trip to Japan and a community which he is very proud to be a part of.

When Maatman was through, all the guests had arrived, and Quada was given the nod to make the Person of the Year presentation.

Before the presentation Quada remarked that the change in the banquet format, presenting the award first with dinner following, gave the recipient an opportunity to be up front with his family and to relax and enjoy the evening.

"The person we're honoring tonight has dedicated himself to this community. Over the years he has given so much of himself," Quada said.

Quada then asked those in attendance to help him congratulate this year's "Person

of the Year" — Mayor James Maatman.

Maatman is no John Wayne, but he will forever remember the night he was "Duked."

"This honor is totally unexpected. I don't know what to say," Maatman said, searching for words. "How did you get all these people here?"

Those people included his sons, his parents from Glenn Lake and relatives from as far away as Traverse City.

Maatman, a graduate of Creston High School, taught six years in the Saranac School System before helping to open up Modern Photographics in 1976. He currently serves as president of Michigan Instruments.

He's been on the city council since 1980; a city representative on the Lowell Look Memorial Fund; involved in the Lowell Rotary, Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce; a YMCA basketball coach; and was involved in the creation of the Cornerstone Community Church.

"The last 16 years have been a wonderful experience. It's been a learning experience," Maatman said. "It's been a high for me to be involved in city activities, growth and many other things that have happened."

He added that no matter where he is, he is proud to talk about Lowell.

"In my recent trip to Tokyo, Japan, the people were

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Ray Quada, right, presents Lowell Mayor James Maatman with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" plaque.

## Lowell veterinarian pleads guilty to CSC charges

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bruce Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinary Clinic (11610 E. Fulton) pleaded guilty to criminal sexual conduct (fourth degree) Monday in Circuit Court before 17th District Judicial Circuit Court Judge Robert Benson.

Back in March Langlois was bound over for alleged criminal sexual conduct. Kent County District Judge Sara Smolenski ruled that there was probable cause to believe that criminal sexual conduct had occurred and that the defendant (Langlois) committed the crime.

Prosecuting attorney Helen Brinkman said she was not surprised by Langlois's plea. "It happens often that a defendant waits until the last minute to plead guilty," Brinkman said. "Anything could happen - the charges could be dropped."

Brinkman said the victim, a 23-year-old former female employee of the Lowell veterinarian, is relieved that it is over.

## Lowell Township helps fund cost of new fire/rescue truck

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Board has agreed to fund a third of the cost for a new fire/rescue truck.

The truck, which is being purchased for the Lowell City Fire Department, will cost under \$90,000. It will arrive early next year.

The agreement is similar

to an arrangement with the fire department in the past and is in exchange for emergency services which are provided by the city.

The township does not have its own fire department and relies on the services of the city department and Bowne Township's fire department.

The township will pay off its portion in three years.

"Right now she is going to wait and see how the sentence goes," Brinkman said. "Her courage provided the strength for three other victims of the defendant to come forward. They were prepared to testify."

The prosecuting attorney added that a victim in a 1988 case, which convicted Langlois of criminal sexual (fourth degree) conduct charges, was also going to testify.

While her client is hoping for a stiff sentence, Brinkman said the sentencing timeline for the case is low. "We're probably looking at probation to nine months incarceration," Brinkman said. The maximum sentence for the criminal sexual conduct (fourth degree) is two years in prison.

Before the sentence the judge's office will hold a pre-sentence investigation which will examine the defense background and contact the victim.

Judge Benson said he was not inclined to incarcerate. Brinkman said that would depend on whether or not Langlois pleaded guilty and showed remorse.

"The defendant pleaded guilty under oath," Brinkman said. "That's the first step."

Defense attorney Keary Sawyer said he did not expect that his client would be incarcerated. Sawyer declined comment on the proceedings.

The incidences for which Langlois was charged occurred when the defendant was testing out an apparently faulty portable ultrasound machine on the employee.

The second incident took place three weeks subsequent to the first incident.

On this occasion, Langlois provided support for the employee while she stood on his knee to hook up a plug to a tank so oxygen could be provided to a horse that was in for a hernia operation.

No sentencing date has been set.

## Lowell Charter Township welcomes Equity Trucking as newest enterprise

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

After a few years of dormancy, the corner of Grand River Drive and Oberley will become alive with the sound of traffic.

Equity Trucking, a Grand Rapids-based trucking company, currently has plans to purchase the corner lot (formerly Aero-Liquid) and relocate the company.

Alan Bishop, co-owner of Equity, approached the Lowell Charter Planning Commission regarding the zoning of the property.

The commission assured him the property was zoned commercial and thus was properly zoned for his business.

"A number of properties were rezoned to match existing uses at that time, so it's in compliance," said planning commission chairman Mel Beers.

Bishop, along with partner Ed Stoga, has operated the company for 16 years and decided the move to Lowell would better accommodate their customers.

"Our biggest customers are Attwood Corp. and Amway, just down the road," said Bishop.

The company expects to make renovations to the current buildings and "bring over" an estimated 100

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## Reigning Royalty



Ryan Graham and Jennifer Jansma were crowned Lowell's homecoming king and queen for the 1995 year. More homecoming pictures can be found on page 21.

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Smith swings his way to league honors, pg27

## OBITUARIES

**FASE** - Jessie Fase, aged 90, of Belding, passed away Monday, October 2, 1995. She is survived by her husband, William; sister Celestia Shippy of Grand Rapids; nephews Gary Shippy, and nieces Sandra Robison, Georgia Carter, all of Grand Rapids; Bonnie Murray of Ada. A private funeral service was held at Cascade Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**LAMBERT** - Mark A. Lambert, aged 38, died unexpectedly Tuesday, October 3, 1995. He is survived by his parents Duane and Arlene Lambert; brother Darwin Lambert and friend Shannon Young; sisters Cindy Staring, Karen (Edward) Kohn, Deb (Brian) Broekema; grandparents Elmer and Beatrice Baldwin, Verge Zinck; nieces and nephews Nick, Matthew, Tyler, Kohn, Chelsea Broekema, Jordan Lambert. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**MC DONOUGH** - George W. McDonough, aged 87, of Saranac, formerly of Lowell, died October 4, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline. He is survived by his children Tom (Lorraine) McDonough, George Jr. (Rose) McDonough, all of Alto; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchil-

dren. Mr. McDonough was a World War II veteran. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Rev. George J. Fekete. Celebrant. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**RINGEISEN** - Nichole Marie Ringesen, aged 11, of Dorset, in loving memory of our beautiful, precious daughter and sister, Nichole Marie Ringesen, born March 15, 1984, who was suddenly taken to be with her Lord on October 2, 1995. Surviving are her parents, Robert and Diana Ringesen; her brother Ryan Michael; her grandparents Richard and Nancy Huizinga of Lowell; Ralph and Kathleen Ringesen of Kentwood; her great-grandmother Jessie VanKalsbeek of Bellflower, CA; and several uncles, aunts and cousins. The funeral service was held Friday at the Dorset Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Arthur VanWyke officiating. Memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Nichole, you filled our lives with joy, happiness, laughter and singing. You loved life, your friends, family and animals. We will cherish those memories for the rest of our God given days. So until we

meet you again in Heaven, Nichole, you will be in our hearts always. With our deepest love, Mommy, Daddy and Ryan.

**PUNCHES** - Edward N. PUNCHES, aged 75, of Belding, passed away October 1, 1995. Surviving are his wife Ellen; one daughter Nancy Dood of Lowell; one son David PUNCHES of Belding; 3 grandchildren; one niece and one nephew. Services were held October 4, 1995, with burial in River Ridge Cemetery.

**RODE** - Margo Ann Rode, LPN, aged 54, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday evening, October 4, 1995 at her home. Margo was a graduate of Creston High School in 1959 and also graduated from Grand Rapids Community College's School of Licensed Practical Nursing in 1961. Because of her love of children, Margo chose to work in Pediatric Health Care at Butterworth Hospital for 9 years and later at the office of Doctors' Wilson, Bakker, Taylor, Vaandrager and Staublin MD's. Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rode; a sister, Jacqueline Rode; her best friend, Carolyn Bosse and her adopted family. The Mass of Christian Burial for Margo was offered on Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell, with the Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler, as celebrant. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the St. Patrick's Educational Endowment Fund.

## Civil War comes to historic Bowen Mills and Pioneer Park

Celebrate fall this year with a trip to historic Bowen Mills and Pioneer Park and enjoy a festival called "It's Cider Time."

The October 14 and 15 festival will feature a Civil War living history encampment. There will be many other things happening too. The grounds will open at 11 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

A full schedule has been planned for each day with old time Civil War days activities going on from the time the park gates open until they close. There will be demonstrations, marches, rifle and drum music and a skirmish (battle) at 2 p.m. each day, in which cannons, gattling guns, artillery units and infantry units will all make "the past live again." There will be recruitments of civilians at both the Union and Confederate camps.

Mike Hook, a collector of Civil War artifacts, will have a special exhibit commemorating President Abraham Lincoln. It will be set up in the old one-room Moe School. Some of the items that will be on display are: Facsimiles of five versions of the Gettysburg address in the handwriting of Abraham Lincoln; a letter from Penn. Andrew Curtin to President Lincoln with Lincoln's actual signature acknowledging he received it at

the White House. Also there will be an actual pen used by President Lincoln in the White House and lock of President Lincoln's hair taken before his May 4, 1865, burial in Springfield, IL.

Folks are encouraged to step into the past and relive this important part of our history. Historic Bowen Mills Mission is to preserve past history, industries, events and activities for this generation and future generations to learn from and enjoy.

On Saturday, the sounds of dulcimers will be heard while guests sit a spell and enjoy one of the mill's famous apple doughnuts or some cider and doughnuts or try some of the other good food available.

The huge old water-powered cider press at the mill will swing into action, turning bushels and bushels of apples into gallons and gallons of fresh sweet cider while folks watch. In addition, the main floor mill museum will be open for tours and for water-powered corn grinding demonstrations along with The Old Mill Store and Antique Shop. Also open will be the mill's lower level area, with its working blacksmith, coopers and water-powered machine

shops. The 150-year-old Plank House will be open for tours. There is a covered bridge and picnic area. Horse-drawn hay rides will be offered too.

An antique car club and a wagon train will also be traveling through Saturday.

The October 21 and 22 festival will feature a French voyager living history encampment and the fourth level of the mill will be open with a photo contest and show featuring pictures of the mill, its festivals and its people. October 28 is "Kids' Day." It's a day set aside for kids of all ages: Scouts, Sunday school classes, etc. There will be games, a costume contest, hay rides and prizes.

All restorations and up-keep depend upon gate fees and donations. Gate fee is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids.

The Old Mill is located in the heart of Yankee Springs Township, just two miles north of Yankee Springs State Park. Or take the 131 expressway to the A-42 Bradley exit (Midway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo), east to Briggs Road, then north 1 1/2 miles to the mill entrance. Watch for the huge mill stone marker on Briggs Road. Bring cameras. For information call 616-795-7530.

## Board continues to examine its bond proceed options

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Options that were discussed at the public forum on Oct. 3 were shared at the Lowell Board of Education meeting by Superintendent Bert Bleke.

The four options included contributing to the 1996 refunding bond issue; transferring the monies to a proposed debt retirement fund; buy-back or tendering the bonds; or completing eligible and legal projects.

The public forum was part of a process adopted by the board to assist in making a decision as to what should be done with the remaining bond proceeds. The process will last through December.

"This will give the board time to attain information and it will assure that the community is not surprised by the decision," Bleke said.

Benefits to contributing to the 1996 refunding bond issue consist of the following: 1990 cap appreciation bonds (CABSS), maturities 2006-2010, could be refunded at today's lower interest rates; projected interest reduction of \$2.5 million on the 1990 bonds and \$1.7 million on the school bond loan fund

(SBLF); it would lower the millage between the years 2006-2010.

Brian Leffer, vice president A.G. Edwards, said the refinancing of 1990 CABs between the years 2006-2010 assumes interest rates will be comparable.

Interest reduction on the bonds will mean the school will have to borrow less from the school bond loan fund which in turn means the school would take less time to repay what it did borrow from its SBLF.

The second option would be transferring the debt retirement fund. The 1996 debt retirement rate would be reduced by 3.34 mills (this assumes a projected tax base growth of four percent); a one-time millage reduction could be implemented with a return to the required millage rate in 1997.

Buying back or tendering the bonds would require advertising a tender offer; bondholders would have to be willing to release bonds; seeking advice from bond counsel on legality and process; and a premium might be needed to buy back bonds. Leffer said he did not consider this a viable option because of its cost.

Leffer said he would check on the legality of it and return with an answer at the Nov. 2 meeting.

Option four, completing eligible and legal projects, would require a review of the 1990 ballot language (ensuring monies are spent on projects that would fall under the definition used in the bond ballot); reviewing the SBLF application; and consulting with the bond counsel.

"I have read the 1990 ballot. Currently we are fine with everything on the capital projects and technology related projects lists," said board member Pete Gustafson. "We will continue to get more counsel as we progress."

Board trustee Ellen McClain said if it is the board's decision to use the \$1.2 million in bond proceeds to complete eligible and legal projects, then she would want to spend the money on things that are going to be around in 20-25 years.

Board secretary Norm Byrne concurred with McClain's comments.

When it appeared that the bond project was over budget based on its inception, Byrne and board vice president Jack Lane noted that cutbacks were made in the area of furniture and a substantial cutback was made in the area of paving lots.

A second forum is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the board room.

## Droogsma appointed Lowell YMCA's new program director

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For one year Christy Droogsma served as a recreational supervising assistant to five program directors with the city of East Grand Rapids.

Droogsma recently started her new role as program director with the Lowell YMCA, replacing a position left vacant by Kendall Klingel Smith, who left Lowell for a director's position with the Greenville YMCA.

"There were five of me (program directors) at East Grand Rapids," Droogsma said. "Now that I am a program director, there are no assistants."

Droogsma said the one

year of experience she picked up at EGR was invaluable.

"It helped me out so much. I couldn't have done this job in Lowell without that experience."

Her new position in Lowell will call on her to sell sponsorships, coordinate and set up all youth sport programs.

Droogsma is a 1994 Calvin College graduate. She earned a B.A. in physical education and a minor in psychology.

"At first I wanted to be a teacher, but then I realized I preferred organizing sport activities rather than teaching them," Droogsma said.

Droogsma grew up in Pease, Minnesota, a town of

173 people. She attended a private school through eighth grade and then went to public school outside the village of Pease.

"I would someday like to be a director of recreation," she admits.

Her hobbies include biking, running, camping, skiing and "the beach thing," she says.

Her parents are Donald and Carol Droogsma who still live in Pease, MN.

She is the youngest of six children. She has five other brothers - Mark, Greg, Tom Steve and Curt.



Christy Droogsma began her work as program director for the Lowell YMCA on Monday, Sept. 18.

### LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 14, '95 - Forest Hills Field	Oct. 14, '95 - Burch Field (Lowell)
9:00 ..... B Patriots vs Bills	9:00 ..... B Browns vs Red Hawks
10:30 ..... C Buccaneers vs Raiders	10:30 ..... C Vipers vs Razorbacks
12:00 ..... C Cowboys vs Red Devils	12:00 ..... C Orange Crush vs Broncos
1:30 ..... D Packers vs Dolphins	1:30 ..... D Lions vs 49er's
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Income	
Interest earned	\$1,072.15
Total	\$1,072.15
Disbursements	
Alto Library	\$8,031.00
Operating	\$478.50
Total	\$8,509.50
Ending Balance	\$210,662.71

William R. Harris  
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# Rite Aid and shopping center to bring a "mall full" of business to Lowell's west end

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A growing Lowell business district to the west will soon be growing some more. Within the next year, a new 10,004 square foot Rite

Aid building will be constructed at the corner of Valley Vista and M-21. In addition, a new shopping center will open at the former Plumb's location. Henry Pestka, shopping

center developer and owner of the proposed new Rite Aid building, received site-plan approval at a special planning commission meeting. "The construction of the new Rite Aid building will

take five months," Pestka said. "We'd like to get started as soon as possible; the season is getting late."

Rite Aid's site plan was presented by W.L. Perry Associates' architectural designer Conni Rogers.

The project's approval was subject to:  
• tree plantings along West Main similar to the variety of trees currently being used so that people can access the property without walking through the lawn area.

• a concrete walk to the building from West Main and Valley Vista Drive.

• a review with Lowell Light & Power involving the

relocation of the utility pole that sets on the west side of the parking lot.

Rite Aid's separate entry off of Valley Vista will not be adjacent to an existing drive, according to Rogers.

Pestka said that he has three businesses ready to go into the strip mall at this time. The former Plumb's building was redesigned into seven smaller store sites. Pestka was not able to identify the store sat this time.

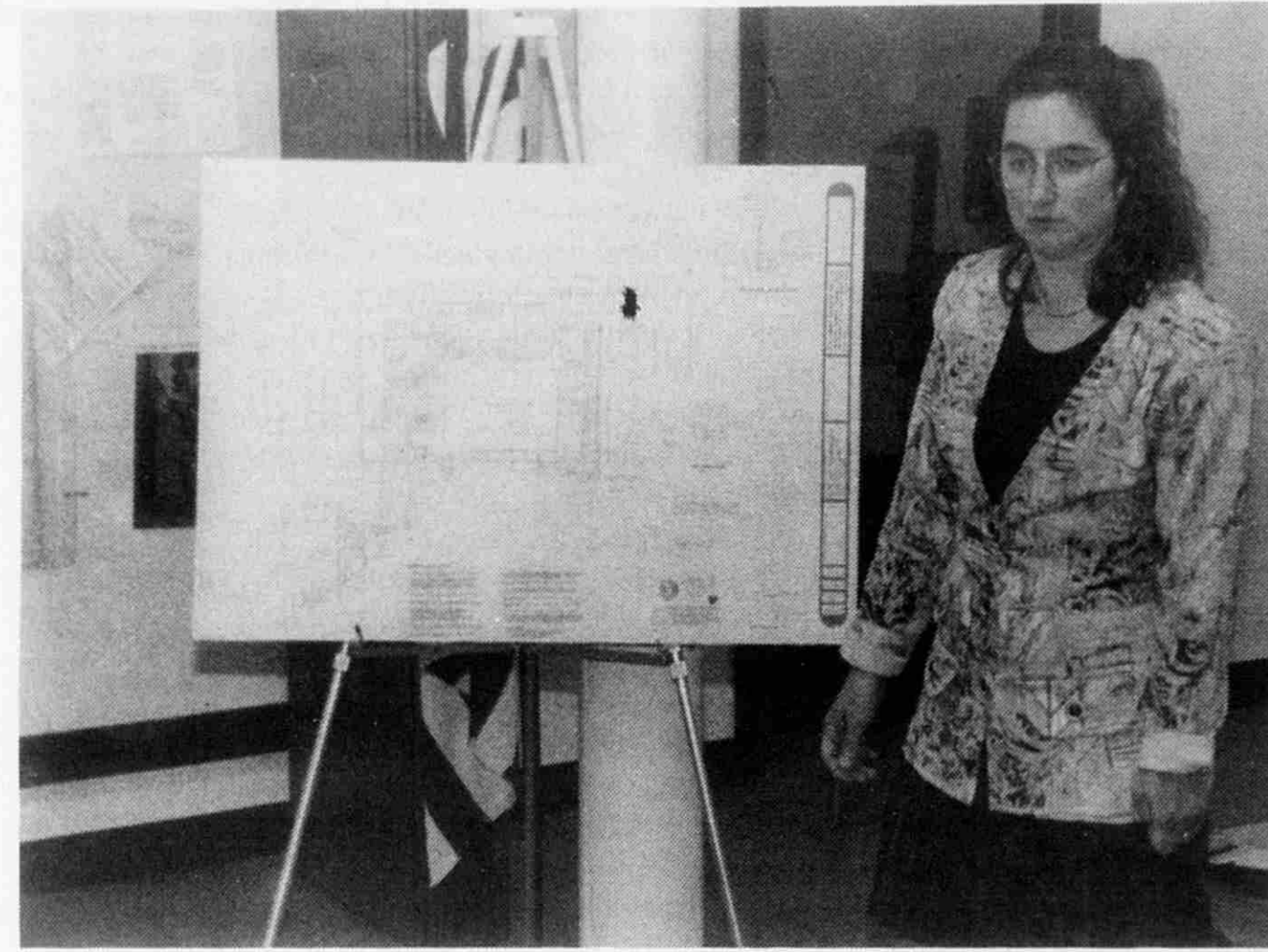
In accordance with the city sign ordinance, Rite Aid will be allowed 160 square feet of building signage. It will also be allowed to use some of the shopping center's permitted

120 square feet of pole signage. "Rite Aid will not have their own pole sign," Rogers said.

The shopping center and the Rite Aid projects neighbor one another; however, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said they are separate, individual projects.

The Rite Aid store, expected to be completed by next June, will be a one-story brick building.

Rogers said it is not clear whether Rite Aid will continue to use its current store location at 413 E. Main St. "I am not sure if they will close that one or keep two stores open," Rogers said.



Conni Rogers presents to the Lowell Planning Commission the site plan for the new Rite Aid store.

## Tiebreaker needed to determine Chamber golf scramble winner

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce held a four-person scramble at Deer Run Thursday, Oct. 5. Rainy and windy conditions kept the scores up. The three lowest scoring teams carded one over par but the tiebreaker separated the winning team of Scott Carpenter (Blue Ribbon Feed), Tim McCormick (Wittenbach Olds & Pontiac), Jim Miles (Lowell Engineering) and James Reagan, D.D.S.

The two other teams tying for second at one over par were John and Jeff Wilterink (Lowell Granite Co.); and Paul Trethafer and Bill Lee (Superior Furniture Co.); Bob, Jim and Leo Pfaller (Pfaller's Clothing) and Dave Durkee (Lowell Vision Center). Third place went to Dave and Larry Fosburg (Awards by Design). Dan Brubaker, Ross Leisman (Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones); fourth place was fire chief Frank Martin, Mark Mundt, Bryan Kimble, Kelly Holst (Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept.); and fifth-place was FMB team Diane MacNaughton, Val Kameraad, Tina Cross and Doug Green.

The Chamber and the golfers were thankful to the businesses who donated prizes for the 1995 event: Atwood Corp., Awards by Design, Curtis Cleaners, Chadalee Farms, Consumers Power Co., FMB State Bank, Fallsburg Historical Society, Hahn Hardware, Deer Run, Lowell Paint & Wallpaper, Rupert's Drop, State Farm and Victorian Thymes.

Chamber board member Bob Perkins (Chadalee Farm) and Roger Bumgarner (Attwood Corp) coordinated

# Rupert's Drop adds to cultural transformation of Lowell

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer



Deb Pipe's "Rupert's Drop" shop offers visitors a look into history and art.

Lowell's transformation into a culture stop in West Michigan has taken another step in that direction with the opening of Rupert's Drop.

The new store, located at 214 E. Main, is the dream of Deb Pipe and it's her desire to provide people with an insight to cultures from around the world.

The name itself provides a look into history and art. Rupert's Drop refers to an English prince from the 1600's who created a tear of glass drop with a long tail that "burst into fragments when the surface was scratched or tail broken."

Besides carrying several versions of the drop, Pipe also displays her own work, work of local artists, and pieces from as far away as Africa, Nepal, Tibet, and Egypt. "I've always had an interest in other cultures. I like to see how others live, their customs, music, and art," said Pipe. "With Rupert's Drop I've been able to put all those pieces together."

Pipe has been in business for herself for several years. She creates her own version of dream catchers, which are on display.

Other works include Zulu baskets, Celtic dolls from local artist Nancy Spalink and storytelling chairs from Craig Convisor, of Alto.

However, her most popular item provides hours of fun for Lowell's youth while providing an introduction to the art world.

Hacky-Saks, from Guatemala, are in such demand that Pipe is constantly replenishing her supply.

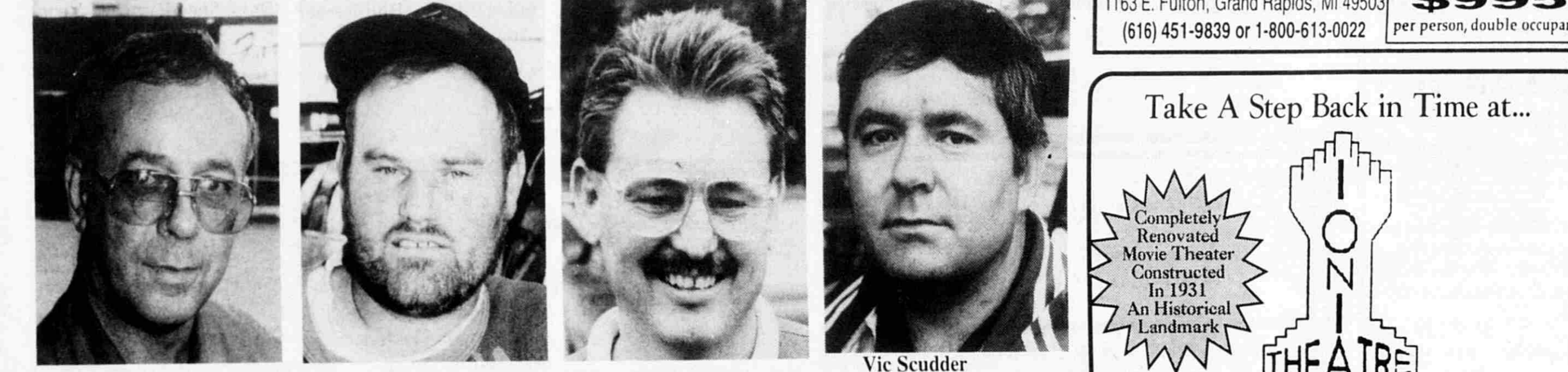
"The kids play in parking lots and are allowed to use them in the gym during their lunch hour. They're very popular," said Pipe.

Another popular item is not for sale, but brings a look of awe to visitors.

When first entering the store, a large black orb directs your attention.

## TOWN TALK

What was your reaction to the O.J. Simpson verdict?

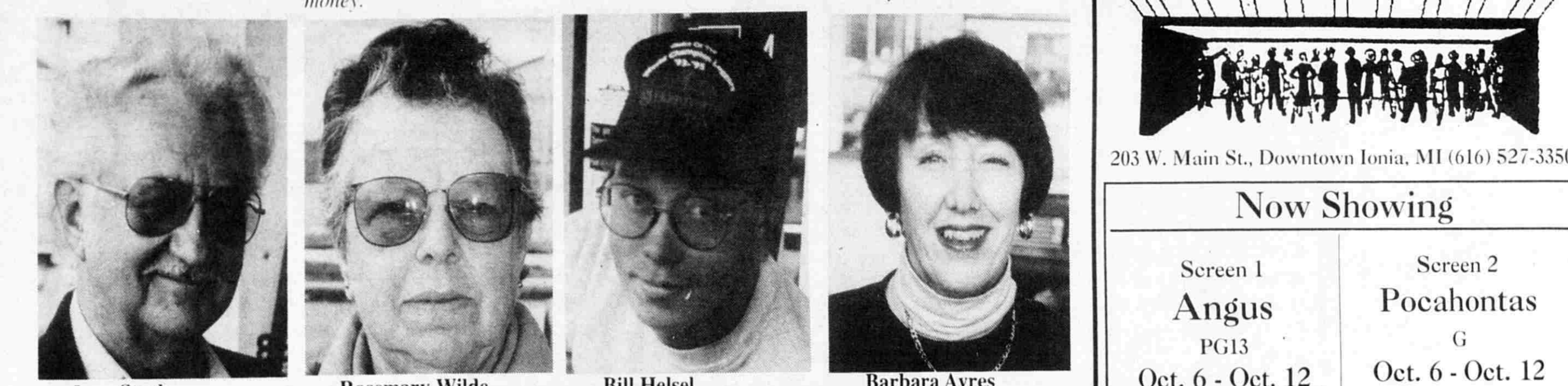


**Martin Kooiman**  
I think it kind of stinks. I thought he was guilty.

**Jim Clark**  
I knew it was coming. I didn't figure he'd get convicted when he's got all that money.

**Scott Carpenter**  
I thought with all the money he had that he would be able to buy his innocence.

**Vic Scudder**  
It was no surprise. O.J. had so much money; that was going to get him out of it. He had the best attorneys money can buy.



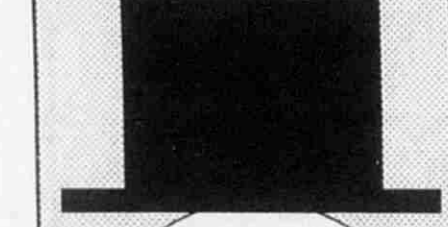
**Ivan Stark**  
I was shocked. I thought he'd be found guilty of second degree murder.

**Rosemary Wilde**  
I figured he'd get off with all the publicity and the fact he had the jury on his side. As the trial went on, I didn't think the prosecutors were doing the job they needed for a conviction.

**Bill Helsel**  
I expected him to be found guilty. Do you think I could get away with the same thing?

**Barbara Ayres**  
I was stunned. I had an inkling based on the facts that he was guilty. I also understood the impact Fuhrman had on the trial.

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## Students prepare for SAT/ NMSQ

For many students, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is the first step on the road to college.

Lowell sophomores and juniors will have an opportunity to take the test on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the high school. The test will last from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There will be an \$11 fee. Students may pay and register for the test at the student service center.

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"It's a great conversation piece. It always offers something new to somebody," said Pipe.

Offering something new and unique is the essence of Rupert's Drop, but a sense of calm and peacefulness permeates the air.

"I've tried to make this a feel good place," said Pipe. "Visitors can look at the art, read a good book, drink a cup of cappuccino and just relax."

Pipe's introduction to other cultures was intensified during her college years.

While attending junior college Pipe assisted students from other countries in learning more about America and its culture.

"The object was for me to help them learn more about us, but I ended up learning as much, if not more, about their culture as well," said Pipe.

Questions about the store's artwork abound, but Pipe said her number one question doesn't involve any artwork; instead it's about her location.

"People always ask me - 'Why Lowell?'" said Pipe. "I believe the character of the city is changing to more culture and antiques, which I believe is perfect for Lowell."

Pipe envisions the city becoming a cultural hot spot in two to five years.

"There are a lot of people who come here from within the state and from other states to visit the antique mall and showboat," said Pipe. "We're hoping to help that transformation along with Rupert's Drop."

If Pipe doesn't have it, she said she is willing to get it. She keeps a list of requests from customers who are seeking that specific piece to add to their collection.

"I go to shows in Chicago or Detroit with my list and I try to get as much if not everything on it," she said. "My goal is to give people a window to look through to see other cultures and hope they expand their interest."

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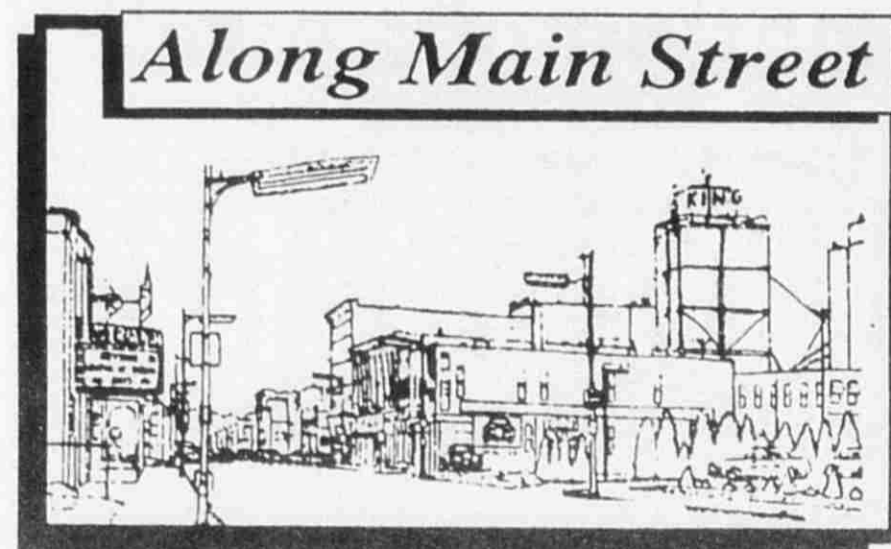
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**CHERRY CREEK CRAFT SHOW**  
Cherry Creek Craft Show will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman Rd. Luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake sale. Sponsored by Lowell Elementary PTO.

**ACT TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOP**  
Lowell Community Ed and the SSC are offering an ACT test preparation workshop. The workshop will consist of three sessions of interesting information on how to take the test and subject reviews in each of the areas. Sessions are \$3 each and you must sign up at the SSC or call Marge at the Community Ed office at 897-8434.

The workshop schedule is as follows: Session 1, Monday, Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m., math review; Session 2, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 to 9 p.m., science review; Session 3, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 to 9 p.m., English review. All sessions will be held in the Lowell High School. The ACT test will be given on Saturday, Oct. 28.

### Bernard variance denied; hearing set for Blimpie's

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Zoning Board of Appeals denied one variance request and established a public hearing so it could consider another variance request.

Charlie Bernard, owner of Bernard's True Value Hardware, 1601 W. Main, was asking that he be allowed to add 32 square feet to his 98 square foot pole sign.

While Bernard's overall signage allowance was under the maximum (290 square feet allowed, 250 square feet would have been provided with the proposal), a pole sign can currently have only 50 square feet.

The zoning board of appeals denied his request. The denial was in line with the Lowell Planning Commission. It voted 7-1 against the variance based on the maximum square footage being exceeded. The proposed sign fell

### GWATKIN TO RELATE EXPERIENCES AS AN ARMY NURSE

Mary Ann Gwatin will relate her experiences as an army nurse in the European Theatre of Operations during the second World War on Oct. 16 at the Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary meeting at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Sponsor is Gert DeHaan. Guests are welcome.

### SPOOK HOUSE

The Lowell Moose Lodge 809 and Women of the Moose 1388 will sponsor a spook house at 210 E. Main on the following dates: Friday, Oct. 20 and 27 from 7 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 21 and 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2.

### HERE'S WHERE IT'S AT

The Lowell Area Arts Council is happy to announce its cookbook "Brunch and Beyond" is hot off the press. Over 140 pages of great recipes are found inside-everything from appetizers to soups, chinese and great desserts.

This book makes a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! "Brunch and Beyond" may be purchased at FMB State Savings, East Main; Lowell Ledger/Lowell Litho; Rupert's Drop and the Art Center Gift Shop.

### YMCA ADULT FITNESS CLASSES BEING HELD

The Lowell YMCA is holding adult fitness classes for adults! A high/low impact class is being held on Mon/Wed/Fri

at 9:15 a.m. This is a fun upbeat class for all fitness levels. A low intensity class is being held on Mon/Fri at 10:30 a.m. Babysitting is available!

All classes are being held at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell. Call 897-8445 for further information.

### YMCA MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Men's open gym starts in October and will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Open gym is being held at the Lowell Middle School. Cost is \$2 per person per visit!

### SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENTS' MEETING

The first parents' meeting of this school year will be Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room at the Administration building of Lowell Schools, 300 High Street.

A video, "Learning Disabilities and Social Skills: Last One Picked...First One Picked On" will be viewed. The video will provide parents with information and guidance related to the development of social skills for children with learning disabilities. Please call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 by November 6 to register. Child care will be provided for parents who make arrangements with Carol.

### LOWELL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Entries are needed for the Lowell Christmas parade. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.

For more information contact Dee Brown at 642-9820.

### Maatman, cont'd.... From Page 1

most impressed by the fact that I was a mayor of a city," Maatman said. "Lowell is somewhat comparable to Tokyo - about four blocks of it."

Lowell's mayor spoke of his appreciation for the support and help he's received over the years.



James Maatman addresses those in attendance at the "Person of the Year" banquet.

### Equity Trucking, cont'd.... From Page 1

employees. However, Bishop said some openings may occur in the company due to some employees wishing not to relocate.

The commission had concerns about the discard of oil and grease, but an existing 5,000 to 8,000 gallon stainless steel tank was deemed to be more than sufficient to handle the waste.



The beautiful Lionfish has fins that look like a bird's feathers, but they are as sharp as needles and give off a deadly poison.

### Precious Moments session Oct. 10-12

The "Precious Moments" session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan, will be held October 10, 11 and 12, at the Saginaw Civic Center in Saginaw, Michigan. This will be Michigan's 129th annual session.

Approximately 3,000 delegates and members from 280 chapters in Michigan will be in attendance along with visitors throughout the United States and the provinces of Canada.

Local delegates from Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 who will be attending the session are Sandra Caswell and Nancy Wood. Margaret Martin will be awarded an Honorary Life Membership. To be eligible for an Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter, a member must be a life member of the subordinate chapter and must have attended the Grand Chapter sessions for 25 consecutive years.

Last year's records show over \$232,000 was given to charities thru Michigan's Grand Chapter, in addition to donations given to local charities by subordinate chapters.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN County of Kent, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 18, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Historic Museum Building, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of St. Patrick School for an institutional special land use consisting of the installation and use of modular building units for school purposes during an interim or limited period of time, located on existing St. Patrick School premises at approximately Parnell Avenue at 5-Mile Road within the Township, upon lands legally described as follows:

The South 881.5 feet of the North 931.5 feet of the East 412.5 feet of the Northeast 1/4, Section 31, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested institutional special land use for school purposes. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: October 6, 1995

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



Week of Oct. 16, 1995  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian Spaghetti, steamed mixed vegetables, French bread & margarine, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog in a bun (catsup, mustard, pickles), baked beans, assorted fruit, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, homemade dinner roll & margarine or peanut butter, fresh or canned fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza pockets, lettuce salad, fruit juice, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Italian dunkers, meaty sauce & 2 bread sticks, cheese sticks, green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti or baked turkey enchilada or chef salad, choose 2: mixed vegetables, cole slaw, or salad, French bread & margarine, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY - Cheeseburger in a bun or chicken patty in a bun or chef salad with bread, choose 2: pasta salad, side salad, or baked beans, assorted fruit, cookie or bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken nuggets or pork chop patty or chef salad with bread, choose 2: corn, mashed potato & gravy or side salad, homemade roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY - Pizza pockets or burrito or bread or chef salad with bread, choose 2: side salad, rice or cole slaw, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Italian dunkers w/cheese sticks or scalloped potato & ham casserole w/1 breadstick or chef salad w/1 breadstick, choose 2: green beans, side salad or carrot sticks, assorted fruit, milk.

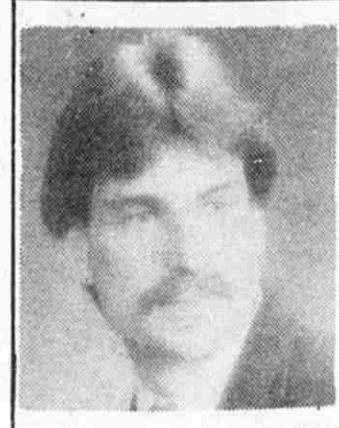
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THURSDAY EVENING OCTOBER 19, 1995		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Quiet the Night	New York News (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
4	WOTV	Highway Patrol	Top Cops (In Stereo)	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Mystery! "Gallowglass" (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
5	WGUV	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Practical Sports	This Old House		Mystery! "And Baby Makes Two" (In Stereo)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "The Forsaken"			
7	WXII	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Pilot"	Living Single	Crew (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "The Highest Bidder"	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt			
8	WQDD	Extra (In Stereo)	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Caroline in the City				
9	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Murder, She Wrote (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Caroline in the City	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
10	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation		Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Caroline in the City	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
23	WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery! "Gallowglass" (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)	Practical Sports	Wild America (R)	
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Charlie Grace (In Stereo)	Crew (In Stereo)	Monroes "Rites of Passage" (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Five" (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones	
17	WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Living Single	Crew (In Stereo)	Monroes "The Highest Bidder"					
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
17	TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: *** "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Jagger, Ricky Nelson. A powerful rancher seeks his brother's release from prison.	Movie: ** "Rio Lobo" (1970), Jorge Rivera						
17	FAM	Waltons "The Braggart"	Highway to Heaven "A Match Made in Heaven"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Evening Shade	Evening Shade				
20	FX	Under Scrutiny	Hooperman	Hart to Hart "From the Depths of My Hart"	Dynasty "Masquerade"	In Living Color	In Living Color				
20	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Fabulous Baker Boys" (1989) Jeff Bridges, Beau Bridges. (In Stereo)	World Wrestling Federation Raw	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)				
23	DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step (R)	Elephant Seals (R)	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler "Gunglifiers"	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000		
23	WGN	Family Matters	Newhart	Movie: *** "Joe Kidd" (1972) Clint Eastwood, John Saxon.	Boxing: Jesse Ferguson vs. Danell Nicholson. (Live)	News	Night Court (Part 2 of 2)	Simon & Simon			
23	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Weekend Kickoff	Superbouts: Muhammad Ali vs. Jimmy Ellis.	Boxing: Jesse Ferguson vs. Danell Nicholson. (Live)	News	Sportscenter	Sportscenter			
27	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primernews	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World News	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		
27	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Clarissa Explains It All	Munsters	Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke		
27	A&E	Rockford Files "The Queen of Peru"	Biography "The James Gang: Outlaw Brothers"	Movie: *** "Phantom of the Opera" (1990) (Part 1 of 2) Burt Lancaster, Teri Polo.				Law & Order "Seed"			
27	PASS	Red Wings Hotline	NBA Preseason Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Detroit Pistons. (Live)				Press Box	CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A. On Pit Road Preview		
27	TNT	Pro Football	NFL Football: Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers. From Three Rivers Stadium. (Live)						Pro Football Tonight Post Game Report		
27	NASH	(8:30) Club Dance	Country News	Loretta Lynn & Friends (R) (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Louise Mandrell, Monte Warden. (In Stereo)	Country News (R)			Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)		
27	SCFI	Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Horror Express" (1972) Peter Cushing, Telly Savalas.				Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside	
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
13	DISM	MMC (In Stereo)	Hollywood Lives (R)	Movie: * "Stepmonster" (1993) Robin Riker (In Stereo) PG-13	Movie: ** "Batteries not Included" (1987) Jessica Tandy "PG" (Adult language, mild violence)				Mickey Mouse Club		
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# Oesch continues climb toward league's elite; boys drop FHC

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Annie Oesch knows if she is going to be the top runner at the conference meet in a few weeks, she has to get her time under 20 minutes.

"The top three girls in this league are probably within 10 seconds of one another," Lowell cross country coach Tom Harper said. "Annie's one of the three. It should make for a good lead race at the conference meet."

Oesch came off the Hastings' course in 19:52 in Lowell's match against Central. The only other harrier to beat her time was Saxon Charissa Shaw, who finished in 19:41. The third member of the 19-minute club was Hudsonville's Cami Moll who

stopped the clock at 19:58. "Our other girls are improving also," Harper said. "However, Central is a good team and will win the conference championship for the third or fourth straight year." Following Oesch home was Red Arrow Andrea Baker. She finished seventh with a time of 23:39.

Teammate Angie Johnson was 10th, crossing the finish line at 24:31. Amy Teunis was 11th with a time of 24:57 and Beth Larabee was 12th in 24:57.

## Lowell 19 FHC 42

Claiming the top three spots helped the Red Arrow boys defeat an improving Ranger team.

"Central is improving and they ran well against us," Lowell coach Tom Harper said.

"However, our times were good and all the boys are improving."

The Lowell coach knows all too well that it is necessary if the Red Arrows are to defeat Wyoming Park in their final conference dual meet. "We're a unit. But they all need to improve their times by 10-15 seconds for us to defeat Wyoming Park," Harper said.

John Wojciakowski led all runners with a time of 17:26. Ryan Wittenbach was third in a time of 17:36. Matt Inman

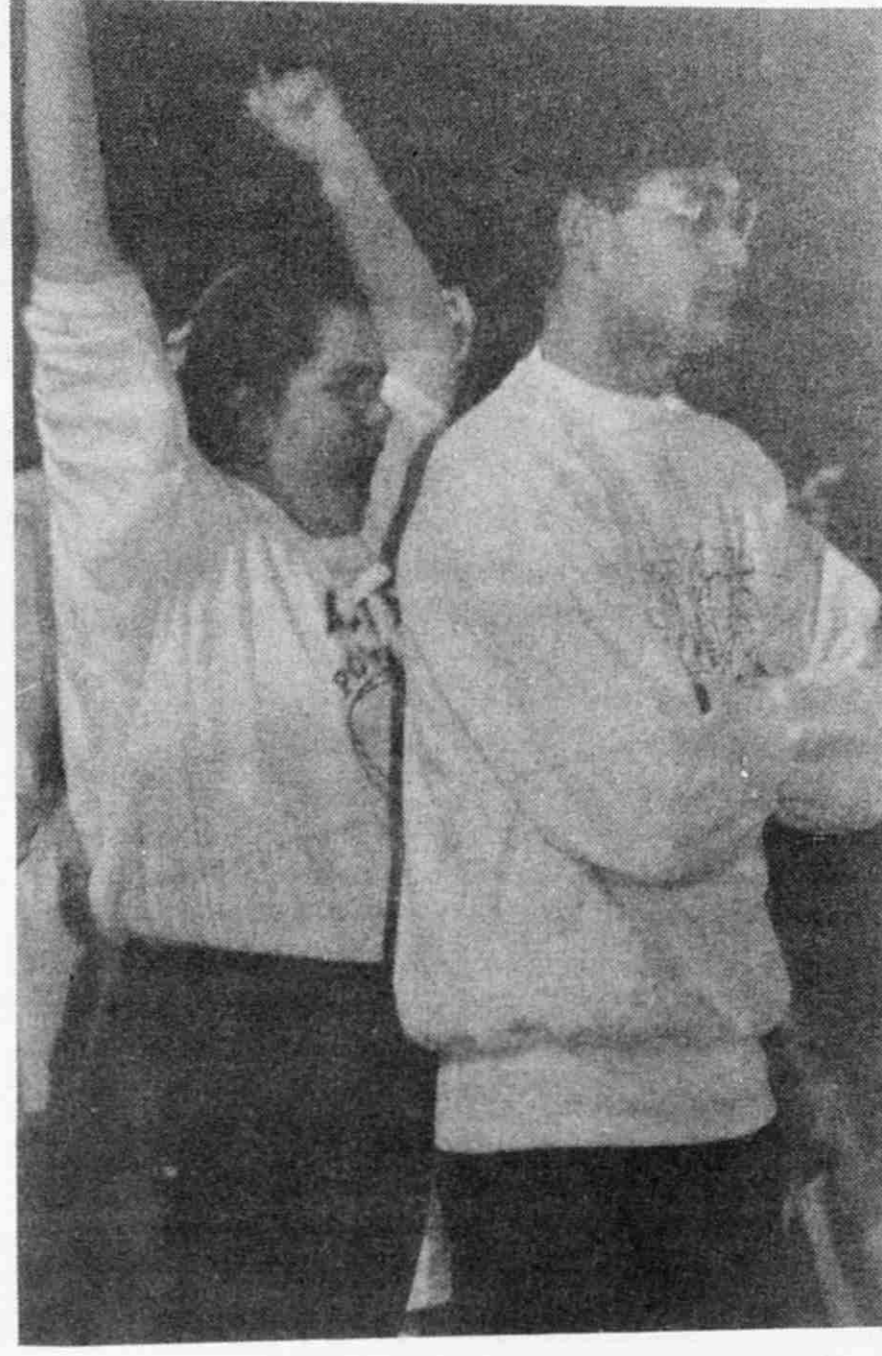
took third, coming off the ten-run in 17:44.

Lowell's Casey Harper was sixth finishing in 17:51. Frank Kirsch was seventh, stopping the clock at 17:52.

For Central, Jeremiah Stanage came in fourth with a time of 17:45 and Chris Leja was fifth with a time of 17:50. Other Ranger times included Mike O'Rourke's 17:55 (9th); Shaun Kerschen 18:05 (10th); and Steve Baker 18:37 (11th).

## Powder Puff players' play passionately

LHS's junior varsity Powder Puff football team, coached by Phil Beachler, not only cheered but played proudly in their 20-12 loss to the varsity team. The varsity squad was coached by Rick White. Both coaches agreed the game was one of the better played, more competitive games they can remember in recent history.



## Lowell junior varsity girls split

The JV's defeated Middleville on Tuesday, October 3 by a score of 45-38. Three Red Arrows scored in double figures, with Angela Young having a game high 13 points. Lisa Posthumus and Susan Rozman added support with 12 and 10 point efforts.

Lowell shot a respectable 38 percent from the field and were able to control the game with a solid pressing defense. Melissa Sobie and Courtney Coupeau both turned in all-around solid game performances.

On Thursday, the team traveled to Northview and dropped a close 33-27 game to the Wildcats. Defense was the name of the game as neither team could get a consist-

tent offensive effort going. Young was again the leading team scorer with 11 points, while Sandy Lonick did an outstanding job of rebounding. The team now has a record

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# TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN County of Kent, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on November 1, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grattan Township Historical Museum Building, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed amendments in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

The Zoning Ordinance amendments to be considered at the public hearing include the following: Sections 3.01, 3.17, 3.29, 3.41, 3.45 and 3.49, covering accessory buildings and structures, minimum lot width, private roads, walls and fences, lot width-to-depth ratio, nonconforming lots and other matters; Sections 6.03, 7.03, 7.04, 8.03 and 9.03 covering lot area and lot width in the A Agricultural District, minimum lot area for certain lots in the R-L, R and R-R Residential Districts and other matters; Sections 16.02, 16.04, 16.05, 16.07 and 16.08 pertaining to signs and billboards, including temporary or portable signs, directional signs, certain freestanding signs and other matters; Sections 17.03, 17.04 and 17.06 covering site development plans, including review procedures and other matters; and Sections 19.02, 19.06 and 20.03 covering zoning compliance permits, reimbursement of Township expenses in zoning proceedings, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and other matters.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments also include the addition of Section 2.60a, defining limited construction yards; the addition of Section 6.02K providing for limited construction yards as a special land use in the A Agricultural District; and the addition of Section 3.14 setting forth required findings and minimum conditions for the authorizing of limited construction yards as a special land use in the A District.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments also include the addition of Section 2.49a to define temporary uses; the addition of Section 3.49 to regulate temporary uses, to provide for temporary use permits and minimum standards and requirements for the same and to specify other matters concerning temporary uses, including duration of such uses, the imposing of reasonable conditions in connection with the approval thereof and the revoking or suspending of temporary use permits.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, or any of them. Written comments concerning the proposed amendments, or any of them, may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, up to the time of the public hearing.

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# Central too strong for the Red Arrows; Lowell beat up 41-6

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's defense derailed an eastbound locomotive for one half of the play Friday night in the Red Arrows' homecoming contest against Forest Hills Central.

Lowell held Central's biggest freight, running back Brian Griffin, to 44 yards rushing in the first half and trailed the highly ranked Rangers 6-0 at halftime. However, size and sheer Ranger strength wore Lowell down

in the second half as the visitors spoiled Lowell's homecoming, 41-6.

Griffin, at 207 pounds, represents some of the strongest, toughest running backs in the O-K White. "What can I say, he's a locomotive," Lowell football coach Phil Christensen said. "Physically, Central wore us out in the second half."

During the second half, Griffin exploded for 90 yards, a touchdown and a punt return for a touchdown as the Rang-

ers outscored Lowell 22-0 in the third quarter and 35-6 in the final 24 minutes.

"We wore Lowell down in the second half," Central coach Tim McGee said. "They've had a lot of injuries, but Lowell played a great first half. You have to give them credit."

As for Griffin he finished the game with 134 yards in 13 carries. "He's a great ballplayer. He's intense, strong, fast and he does it all," McGee said.

Quarterback Jeff Catlin was two-of-seven for 22 yards through the air.

Catlin, however, rushed for 81 yards.

"Jeff started to mature tonight. He did a lot of positive

things out there," Christensen said.

Lowell's only score came on a 10-play, 78-yard fourth-quarter drive. Mike Curtis did the scoring honors from three-yards out.

The big plays of the drive were a 17-yard pass completion from Catlin to Curtis and a 30-yard run by Catlin.

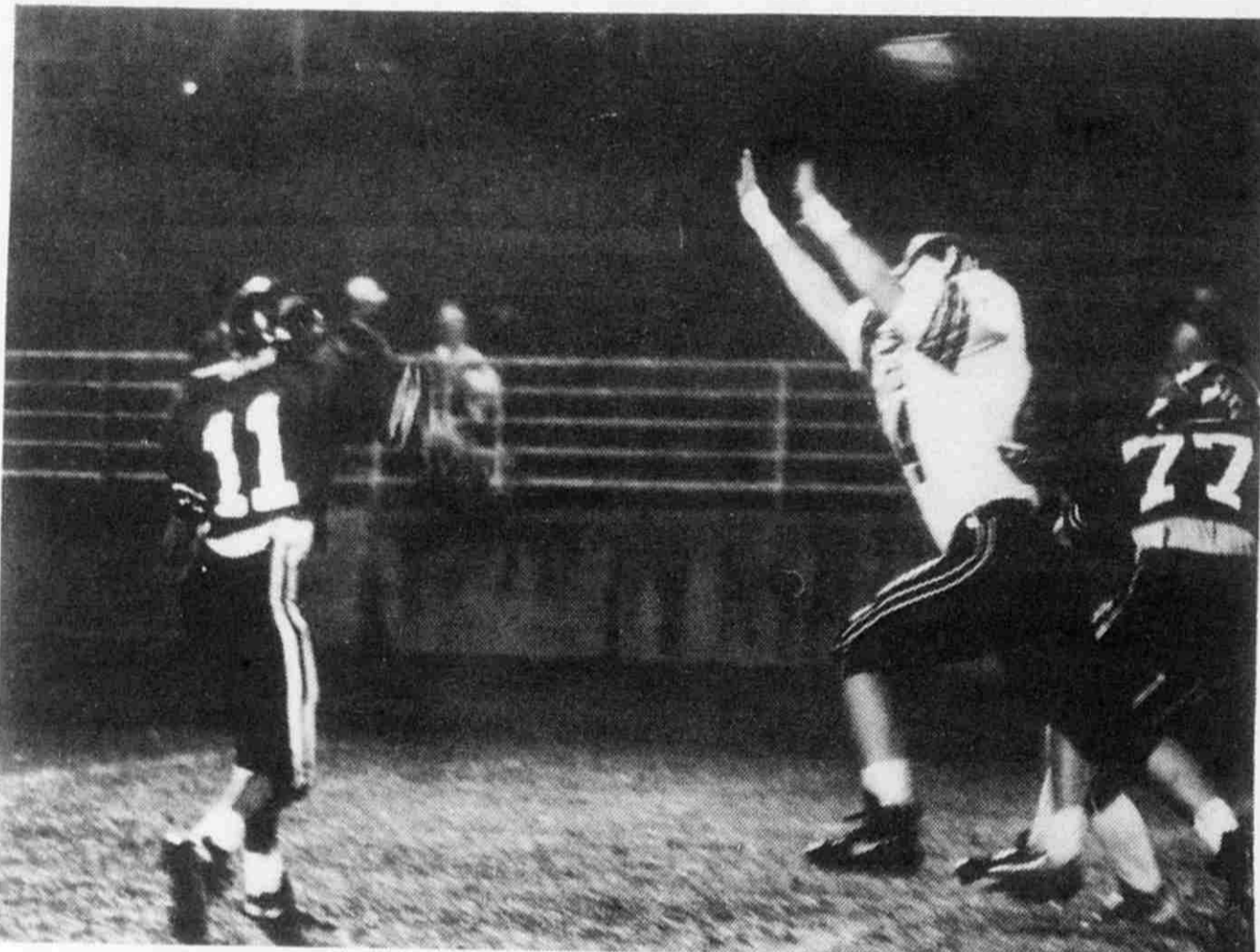
Central's second half scores came on a 67-yard run by Griffin; a six-yard run by Dave Vorce; a 67-yard punt return by Griffin; a 13-yard run by Jud Schroetenboer; and a 10-yard run by Schroetenboer.

For Central, the win improves their record to 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the O-K White.

Lowell falls to 1-5 overall and 0-5 in the O-K White.



Lowell's defense plugs up the hole in time to stop FHC's run.



Lowell's Jeff Catlin releases a pass just out of the arm's reach of a Ranger defender.

run. The rest of the first half was dominated by the two defenses.

Central returns eight players on defense from its state runner-up team of a year ago.

"Their defense is solid and they don't make mistakes," Lowell coach Phil Christensen said.

Lowell managed only 93 yards rushing in 30 carries.

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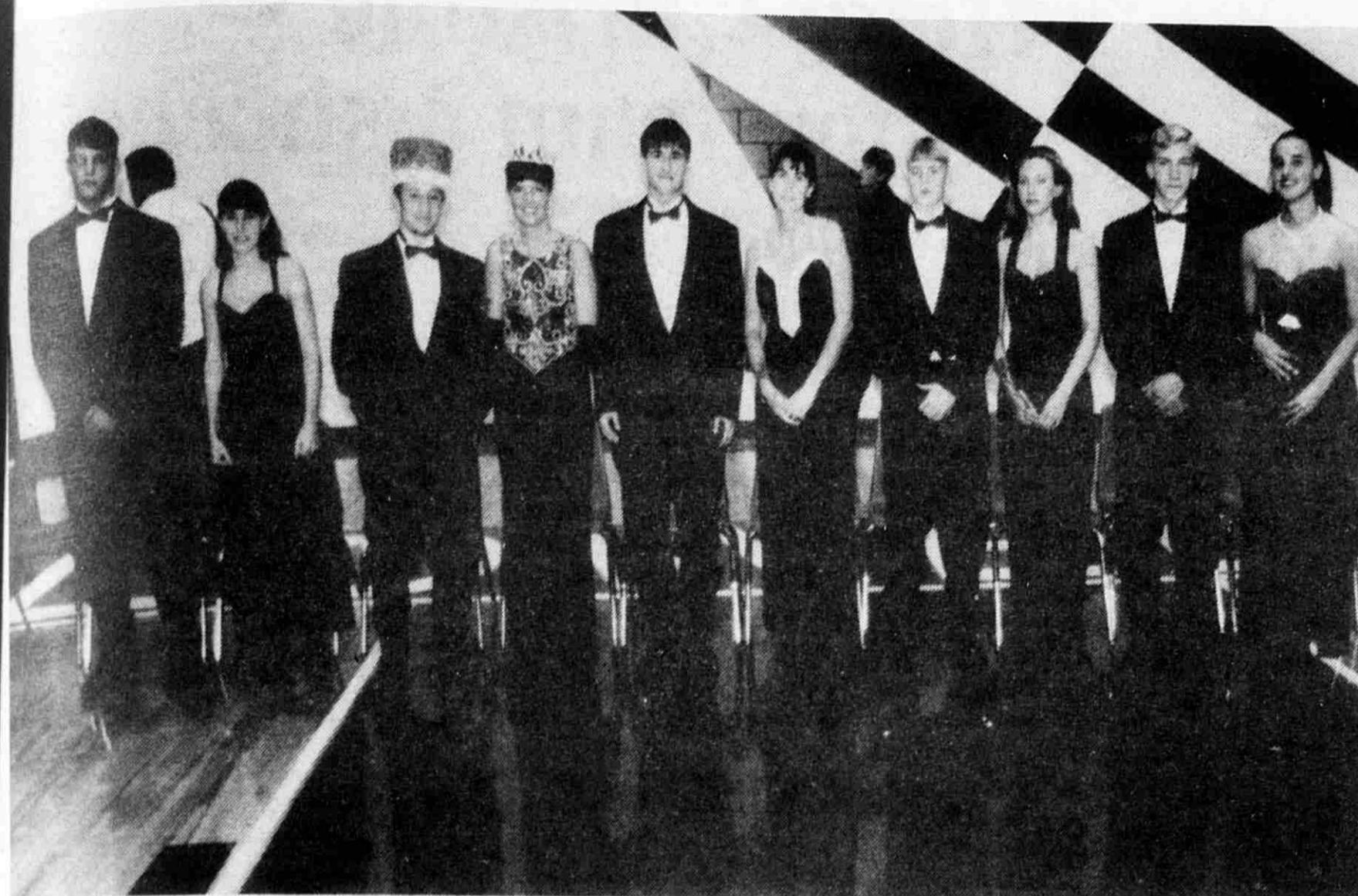
**BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1995 7:30 P.M.**

HISTORIC TOWNSHIP HALL  
8240 Alden Nash S.E.  
(Corner 84th & Alden Nash)

Request from Esco/Ed Huizinga & Steve Donker for zoning change on parcel 41-24-04-200-011 located at the railroad tracks and Alden Nash from rural residential to light industrial.

Donald Schriemer  
Chairman

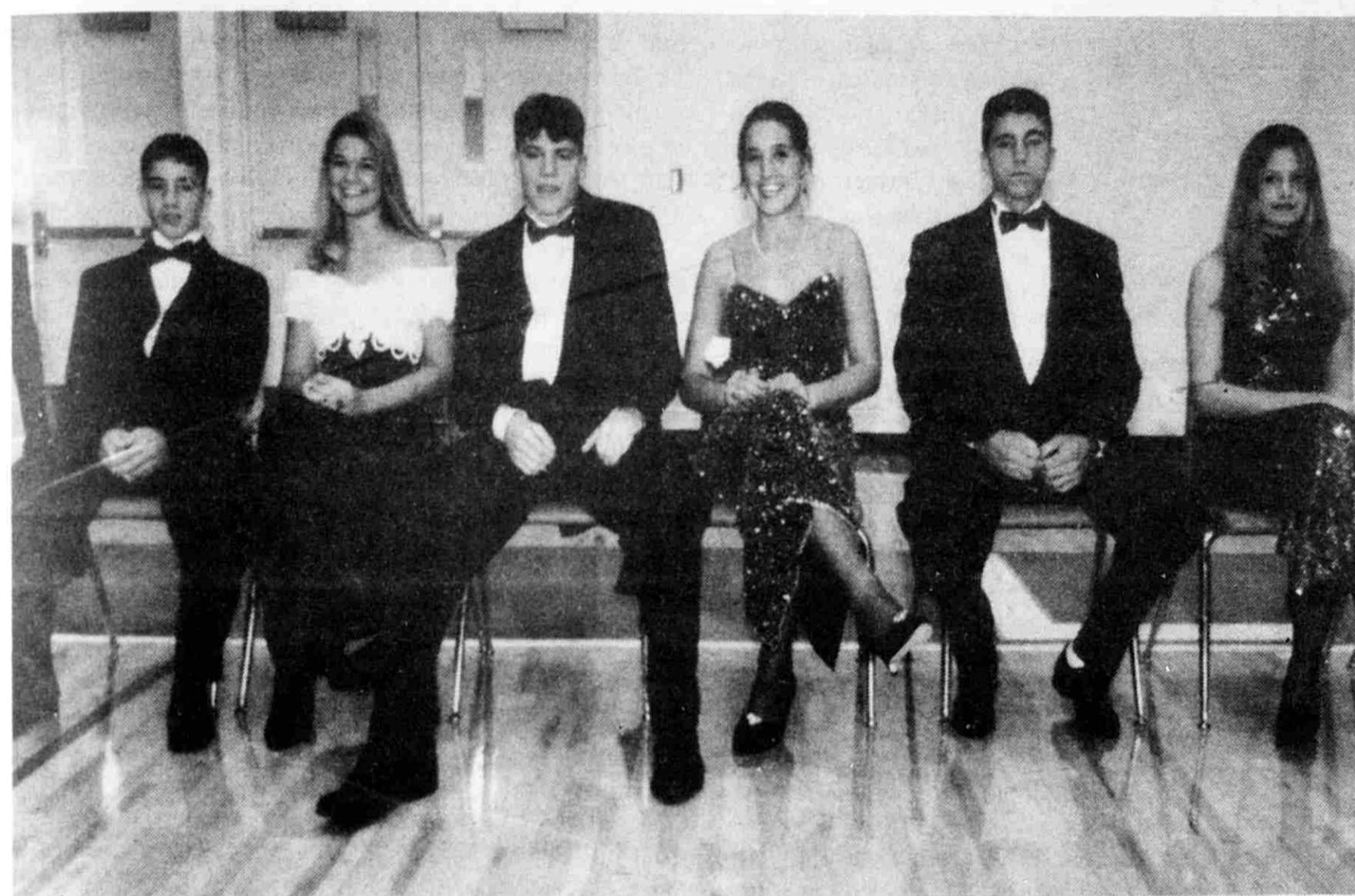
# Homecoming Cuts!



Senior members of the Lowell High School homecoming court are, left to right, Joe Seitz, Tammy Stauffer, Homecoming King Ryan Graham, Homecoming Queen Jennifer Jansma, Ryan Teunis, Karen Dykstra, Blaine Haywood, Cindy Cook, Scott Smith and Amy Teunis.



Jenny Jansma is crowned homecoming queen by the 1994 queen Mary Brown.



Homecoming Class Court representatives are left to right: freshmen Andy Graham and Jessica Koopman; sophomores Mike Wernet and Laurie Barton; and juniors Jeff Catlin and Katie Buitenhuis.



Shelby Williams twirls as the band plays during halftime of Friday night's homecoming game.

## PUBLIC NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL

A Public Hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road on:

Wednesday, October 18, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

at which time and place, in accordance with the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, the following subjects will be heard:

Randy Mast of 3861 Causeway Dr. NE, Lowell (property #41-12-33-327-013) requests a variance to retain a replacement structure as built which is located less than the required front yard and side yard distance as stated in section 7.03 (A&B).

Bob Canfield of 4179 Causeway Dr. NE, Lowell (property #41-12-33-251-024) requests a variance to retain a lean to addition to an existing structure as built which is located less than the required front yard distance as stated in section 7.03 (A) and has a combined total floor space larger than that allowed as stated in section 3.01 (A).

Richard Wierckz of 4064 Murray View NE, Lowell requests a variance for his property across the street at 4061 Murray View NE (property #41-12-33-177-002) to construct an accessory building without a principal structure as required according to section 3.01(A).

Dennis Heffron of 7724 Ashley Ave. NE, Belding requests a variance for his property at 8083 Ashley NE (property #41-12-02-400-003) to construct an accessory building without a principal structure as required according to section 3.01(A).

Written comments concerning these issues must be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: George Poulias, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Road, NE, Belding, MI 48809.

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# Heidi Christine's design team a success

Heidi Christine Elzinga and Marilyn Sage-Dawson, along with the Heidi Christine's Design Team, kicked off their first educational design tour in Marquette, MI, on September 10-11. The traveling Design Team is comprised of top designers from Heidi Christine's Salon located in Ada. At the request of the dean of cosmetology, a return engagement has already been booked for July 1996 at North-ern Michigan University.

Heidi Christine's On Tour presented an intense 48-hour, hands-on graduate school specifically tailored for hairstylists, salon owners and students...the first of its kinds. The attendees were introduced to the latest fall and winter trends in hair, makeup and nails.

Quoting an attendee, Kris Eger, from the Golden Comb Salon in Escanaba, "God bless you all for sharing your knowl-

edge and enthusiasm of this business. You've enhanced my desire to make dreams come true!" Quoting C.J. Hamel from Hair on Earth Salon in Marquette, "The best is the team work. Teams are hard to find. You're very personal to the crowd, making the crowd feel as appreciated as you are."

Heidi Christine's next slated tour will be held in Detroit this November.

# Beware of autumn home improvement con artists

Fall traditions in Michigan include cider, a plentiful supply of fresh, delicious apples, warm doughnuts and comfortable fireplaces.

Unfortunately, something else that can occur in fall is fraud. Every year, many state residents are victimized by unscrupulous con artists offering to winterize homes or perform home inspections and repairs only to rob unsuspecting homeowners.

Consumers Power Company alerts customers that it does not solicit door-to-door for any of its company programs such as HouseCall, furnace inspections or other types of service work. Also, the utility reminds customers that

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- Get a description of suspicious person(s) for police, but do so from a safe distance.
- Get a description of any vehicles that were used; again

do so from a safe distance.

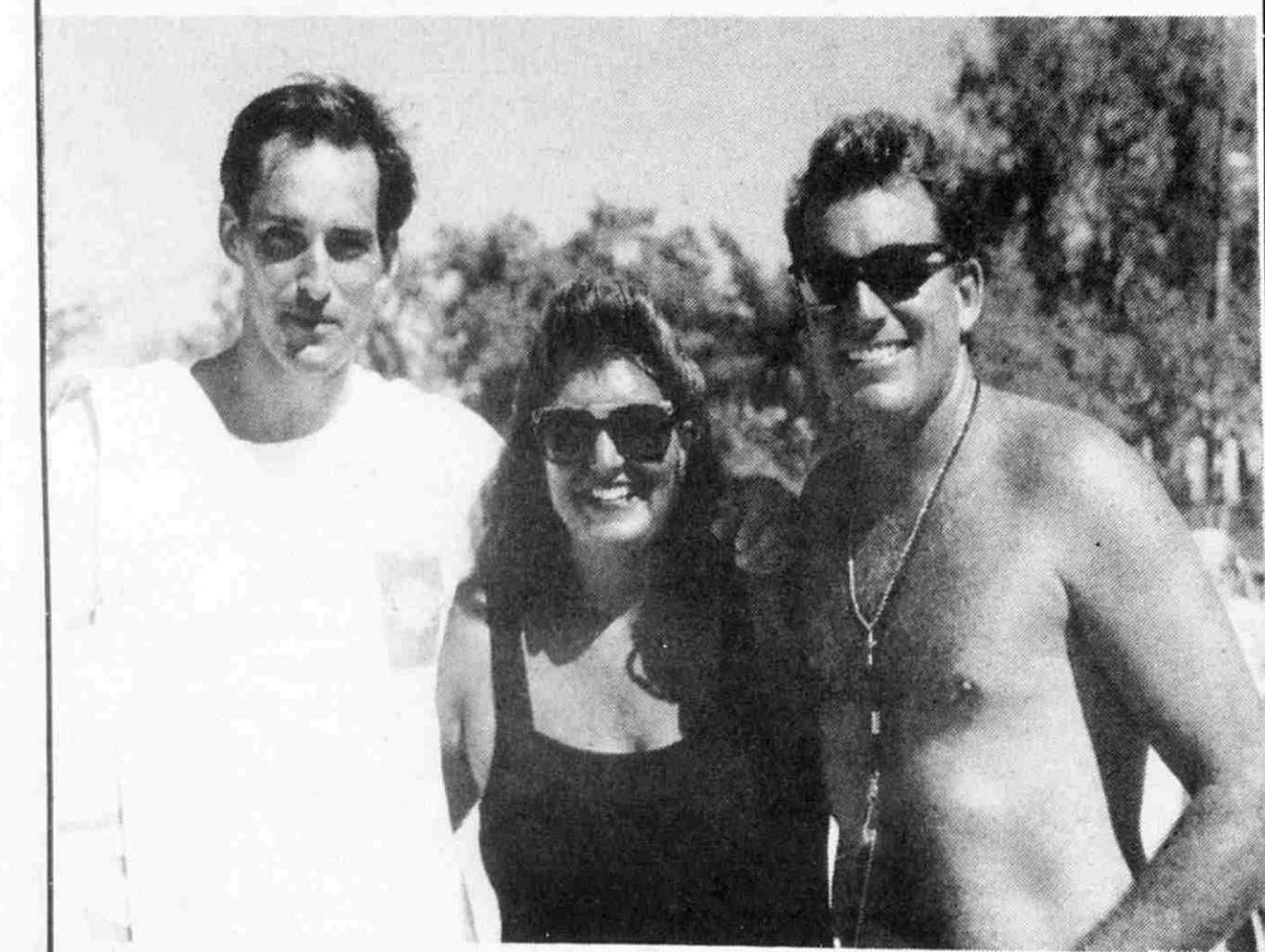
• Do not give cash to anyone for work you have not requested.

• Call your local police for assistance if you feel threatened.

• Report any suspicious activity to local police at your earliest convenience.

Remember, there is a lot of truth in the old adage, "If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is." "Fall in Michigan can be a wonderful and memorable time for you and your loved ones. Don't let it be spoiled by fraud," says Harvey G. Heyer, asset protection supervisor for the utility.

# Beach volleyball makes its mark in the sand



Favorite player John Cumming, Bennett, MPVA Founder and CEO Chris Allard.

It is expected that the popularity of beach volleyball will soar among both players and fans when the sport makes its introduction in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. The MPVA (Midwest Professional Volleyball Association) tour is recognized as an essential stepping stone to the elite competition of the AVP and WPVA. Teams from as far

away as California are making their move to Michigan to play on our finest beaches and resorts.

Lowell's Diane L. Bennett was recognized at the MPVA's annual award ceremony on Sept. 3 at Pere Marquette Park, in Muskegon, by President and CEO, Chris Allard. Bennett has been instrumental in heightening

awareness of MPVA and is a respected fan by the players. Her knowledgeable experience in promotion and leadership for Nashville country singer Thom Ellis, make her qualities looked upon favorably as an asset for MPVA in the upcoming year.

For a schedule of the 1996 Official Pro Beach Tour, call Bennett at (616) 897-4258.

# IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Darren K. Shockney, son of Larry K. and Mary D. Shockney of Ada, has returned to Yokosuka, Japan, after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the guided missile frigate USS McClusky, which included duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq.

Shockney is one of 205 sailors aboard the ship who completed the 12,000-mile voyage as part of the Middle East Force. While in the Persian Gulf, Shockney helped enforce the international embargo against Iraq by conducting maritime interceptions of merchant ships suspected of violating the agreement. Shockney's ship questioned and boarded ships suspected of smuggling prohibited materials to and from Iraq.

Also during the deployment, Shockney's ship participated in several multinational exercises with forces from Great Britain, Kuwait and Thailand.

Shockney's ship also represented the United States at the International Defense Exhibition in the United Arab Emirates, and Secretary of Defense William Perry visited the ship.

While spending 150 days at sea, Shockney and fellow sailors also visited Australia, Bahrain, Bali, Kuwait, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia,

Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

Mobile and flexible, Shockney's ship is equipped with sophisticated radar, sonar and weapons systems used to combat submarines, ships and aircraft. The 445-foot-long ship can travel nearly 700 miles a day.

Shockney's involvement in the deployment is an example of how U.S. men and women are serving in the Navy and Marine Corps around the world from the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea in support of U.S. interests. Whether projecting power ashore, delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo or troops from the sea, these highly trained naval forces provide a unique forward presence and crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.

The 1989 graduate of Delta High School of Muncie, IN, joined the Navy in March 1994. Shockney is a 1993 graduate of Ball State University, Muncie, IN, with a BS degree.

Marine Pfc. Brent A. Teft, son of James E. and Mary A. Teft of Lowell, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and was promoted to his present rank.

Teft successfully com-

pleted 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Teft and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Teft spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Teft and fellow recruits worked as a team to solve a number of tactical problems during the program. They performed close order drill and operated as a Marine small infantry unit in the field.

Teft and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Teft joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School.

Army National Guard Pvt. Natasha M. Sturgeon has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, MO.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Sturgeon is the daughter of Leonra K. Sturgeon and granddaughter of Anna M. Sturgeon, both of Saranac.

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If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost, that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.  
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# Doubles' play improves as tennis season winds toward an end

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell coach Wendy Ackermann is getting double the enjoyment from watching her girls' tennis team these days.

"Our doubles teams' play is really starting to come around," Ackermann said. "This is a good time of the year for it to come around. Our four doubles teams are playing much more competitive tennis."

Ackermann also realizes that looking at the scores against Northview and Wyoming Park may not indicate that.

"The team was erratic against Northview," Ackermann said. "We got good play from Beth Hoag (number two singles) and our fourth doubles team (Laurie Roth and Meg Jipping)."

Roth who probably has played more three-set matches than any of the Red Arrows came up a set short against Northview's Laura Conner 6-7, 6-3, 5-7.

Playing as partners for the first time this season, Roth

and Jipping played a strong first set against Northview's Lee Potter and Allyssa Verburga. The Wildcats won the match 6-4, 6-0.

In other doubles play, Northview's Donna Tiejema and Liz Milroy defeated Stephanie Stormzand and Becky Thomas 6-1, 6-1.

In second doubles, Liz Lonick and Amy Meiste lost to Sarah Adams and Lynn Feute 6-0, 6-2.

Third doubles team of Nicole Linkfield and Amy Snell fell to Wildcats' Heather Ryder and Shelby Belka 6-0, 6-2.

In singles play, Jennifer DuVail upended Lowell's Cheryl Anderson 6-1, 6-0.

In third singles, Melissa Malone lost in straight sets to Emily Milroy 6-0, 6-2.

Northview's Erin Leed defeated Susan Roudabush 6-0, 6-0.

**Wyoming Park 8 Lowell 0**

Wyoming Park challenged East Grand Rapids for the top spot in the O-K White. Lowell learned firsthand just how good the Vikings are.

"Park is very strong and they will enter the conference tournament tied for first with East," Ackermann said. "It should be an interesting contest."

In singles play Cheryl Anderson was defeated in straight sets by Anne Bentley 6-0, 6-0.

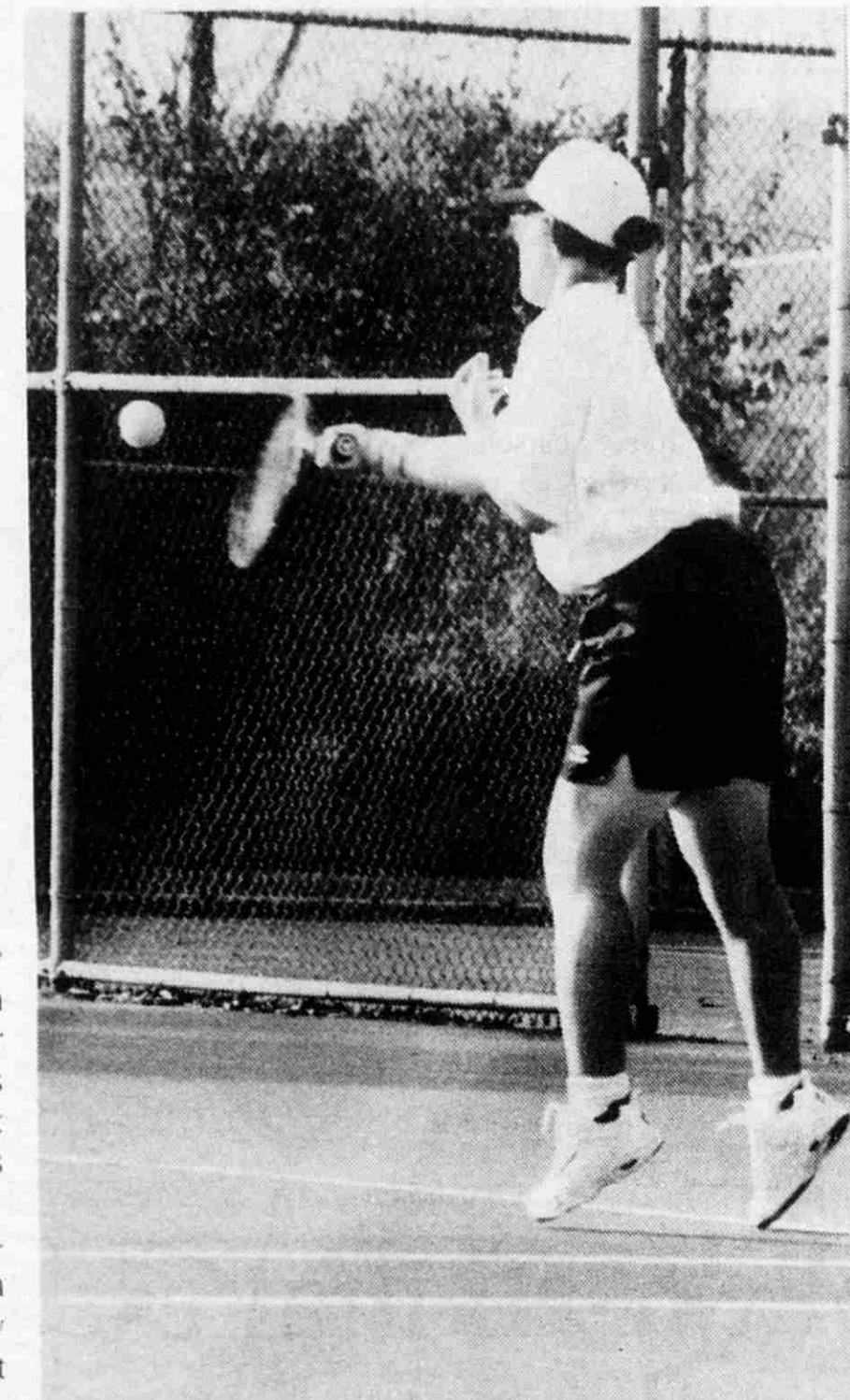
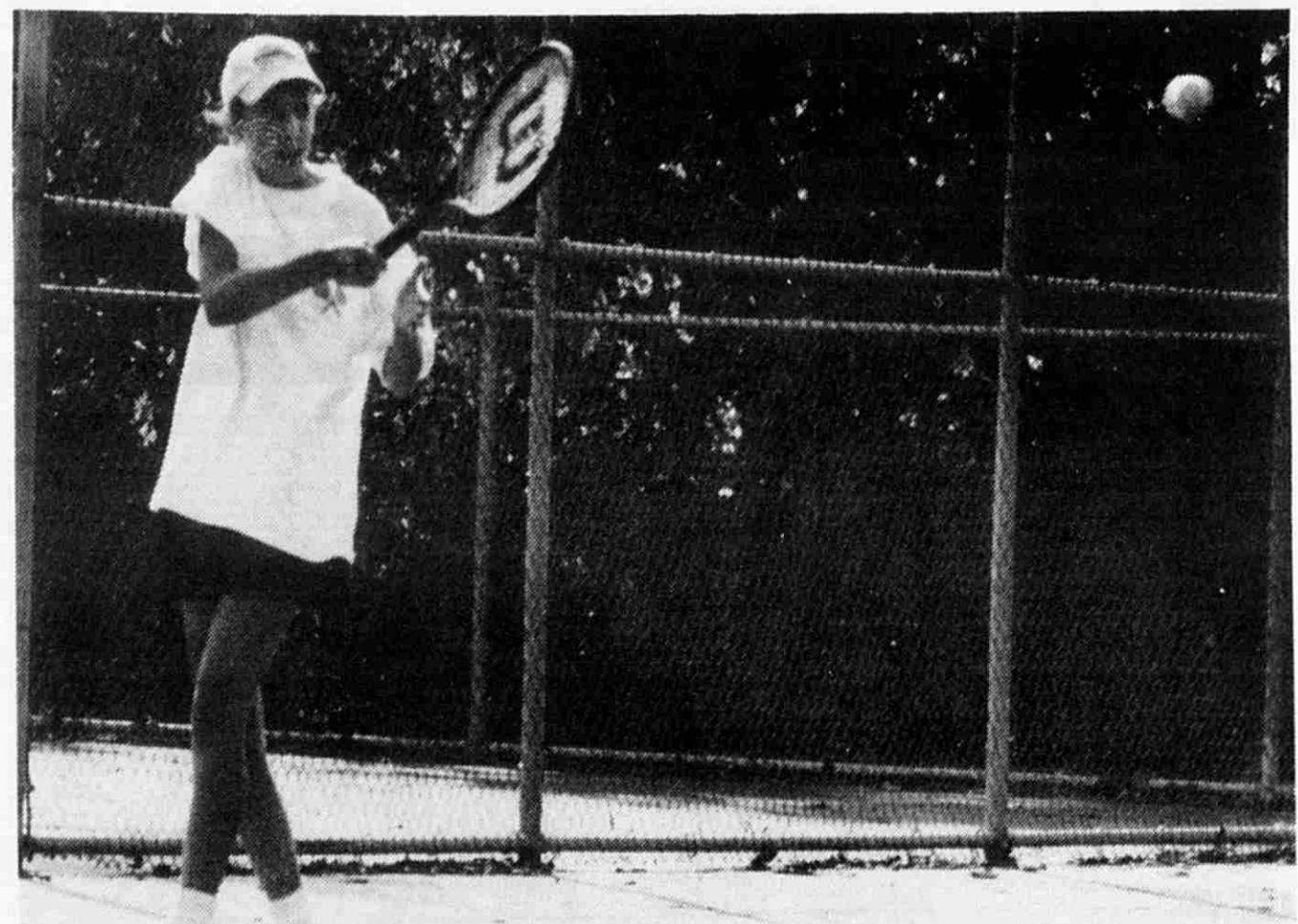
Other scores in singles competition included Park's Sara Kobiela beating Beth Hoag 6-0, 6-1; Alissa Brown defeating Melissa Malone 6-0, 6-0; and Ashley Crane besting Susan Roudabush 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play it was Park's Amanda Hartman and Ellery Crain straight setting Stephanie Stormzand and Becky Thomas 6-0, 6-0.

Lilly Bussis and Nanda Fowler beat Liz Lonick and Amy Meiste 6-0, 6-0.

In third doubles play Lisa Cepero and Chris DeBruine beat Nicole Linkfield and Amy Snell 6-0, 6-0.

In the fourth doubles match, Lowell's Laurie Roth and Meg Jipping fell to Sara Smith and Tara Dewitt 6-0, 6-0.



Above, Amy Meiste returns a serve in doubles' play against Wyoming Park. Left, Beth Hoag gets up on her toes for a forehand return.

# Soccer team recovers with a 3-2 win over Northview in O.T.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A stringent preseason conditioning program didn't endear the Red Arrow varsity soccer players to coach Dave Wydock.

However, 14 games and seven overtimes later, the preseason conditioning is looked upon as a blessing.

In its seven overtime games, Lowell has posted a 4-2-1 record. "That's pretty good," Wydock said. "I truly believe the conditioning has benefitted us in the overtimes."

The Red Arrows played overtime games six and seven last week. Lowell came away

with a 3-2 win over Northview and a 0-0 tie against Zeeland.

Lowell's defensive effort was the springboard for its offense, according to Wydock.

"Our defense was outstanding," he said. "Our midfield play from Matt Carstens and Dan Spicer was terrific. Spicer put down Northview's big gun Alamar Pali. When Matt and Dan play well, our team plays well."

Their fine defensive play was contagious. Goalkeeper Mark Schutte, returning from an injury, played one of his better defensive games in the net.

Wydock also praised the

play of defenders Nathan Reimbold, Denny Briggs, Ryan Teelander and Brandon Onan.

"I've moved Denny around to incorporate him more into a larger part of our offense," Wydock said. "He's a team leader and a smart player. Teelander also falls under that category."

Reimbold and Onan continue to impress the coach with their improved play. "They both have played excellent soccer for us," Wydock said. Carstens supplemented his fine defensive play with two of Lowell's three goals.

The second goal came on a game-winning shot in overtime.

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## Smith finishes third in O-K White golf tourney at Egypt Valley

Two shots separated the top four golfers in the O-K White Conference Golf Tournament at Egypt Valley Country Club.

Lowell's Scott Smith tied for third with Wyoming Park's Jason Hartman. Both golfers were two shots off the pace of Forest Hills Central's Jason Fill. Smith and Hartman carded rounds of 81. Fill fired a medal round of 79. Northview's Nick LaCroix placed second with an 18-hole total of 80. Finishing fifth through 10th at the league meet were David Castiglione, FHC, 83; Andy Mathews,

FHC, 84; Steve Popma, Wyoming Park, 84; Jason Tooker, Hudsonville, 85; Matt Gretzen, EGR, 85; and Jeff Groenink, Hudsonville, 86.

The Rangers secured their spot atop the O-K White as they placed first in the tournament with a team score of 334. It was seven shots better than second-place Wyoming Park's 341.

Central also finished first in the regular season dual meet standings.

Lowell, which placed seventh during the regular season, finished eighth at the conference meet and seventh

overall.

The order of finish in the tournament on Monday was FHC 334; Wyoming Park 341; EGR 345; Hudsonville 353; Northview 357; Zeeland 361; Hastings 366; and Lowell 366.

The final overall standings played out in this order: 1. FHC; 2. Wyoming Park; 3. EGR; 4. Northview; 5. Hudsonville; 6. Zeeland; 7. Lowell; 8. Hastings.

Following Smith home for Lowell were James Vezino with a 91; Rob Cindric, 96; and Jim Gilchrist, 99.

Hastings Country Club

was an unknown quantity for the visiting Red Arrows and Chix golf teams.

What was known is that it was cold, rainy and windy.

These knowns and unknowns would lead one to believe Lowell and Zeeland were in for a long afternoon.

That would be a hasty and wrong verdict, however, as Lowell narrowly defeated Hastings and Zeeland by one stroke. The Red Arrows finished with 175. The Saxons and the Chix came home in 176.

"Our top three guys played well and pulled us through."

Lowell golf coach Jack Ogle said. "Three good scores were enough today. Against anybody else in the O-K White, we would have lost."

Lowell's Scott Smith and James Vezino played well as they led Lowell in scoring with rounds of 39 and 42 respectively.

"Scott played real well on a course he hadn't seen before," Ogle said. "James has settled down for us and is playing good golf. He's found his stride. He's been a solid third man for us this year. James has developed nicely."

Rob Cindric brought

home Lowell's third score with a nine-hole total of 44. "Rob has been steady for us. He's always right there at 44-45."

The Red Arrows' fourth score was Nick Kuzmin's 50. Zeeland's team medalist was Doug Korejan with a 41. Teammates Jason Holland, Terry Craycraft and Lance Bos all came off the ninth green with 45s.

Hastings received a team best 43 from Don Smith. Jason Fuller and Matt Styf followed, carding rounds of 44. Jon Lawrence completed the team scoring with a 45.

## Lowell girls' basketball team loses close one at Northview

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers began the '95 season feeling a little down.

He then became elated with his club's play in the O-K White.

Following his club's 43-37 loss to Northview, he was feeling a little down.

"I'm down because we should have beaten Northview. I felt we were the better team," Akers said. "I felt really good about this game going in. Especially after our win against Middleville."

The loss to Northview dropped Lowell's record to 5-6 overall and 4-2 in league play.

"I probably would have been happy with 5-6 at this point at the beginning of the year, but with the progress this team has made, we could easily be 6-0 in conference play going into the Wyoming Park game."

Where the Red Arrows came up short against the Wildcats was as clear as the disappointment on Akers' face.

Emily Dunn and Elena Richmond have been thor-

oughbreds on the boards for Lowell all season. Against Middleville the two combined for 22 rebounds. Against Northview the two combined for just nine rebounds.

Northview outrebounded Lowell 33-22. "We're a better rebounding team than that. Emily and Elena are better rebounders than that - and they know that."

The other point that stood out with Akers was Lowell's trips to the foul line. "We went to the line just nine times," Akers said.

Jenny Borg led all Red Arrow scorers with 20 points, including eight-of-15 shooting from the floor. Tammy Stauffer was the only other Lowell player in double digits. She tallied 10 points.

"Tammy's been consistent for us. She is always in

double figures in scoring," said Akers.

Defense was the key in Lowell's 40-30 nonconference win over Middleville.

"Our defense has really come along. We're moving well on defense and the girls are communicating with one another," Akers said. "There is not a comparison to how we're playing defense now and how we played a month ago."

Stauffer led Lowell in scoring with 15 points. Richmond added eight and Borg scored seven.

Dunn pulled down 12 rebounds and Richmond grabbed 10.

Lowell travels to league-leading Wyoming Park on Thursday to take on the Vikings.



Lowell's James Vezino chips over a hill and onto the green in conference action on Monday.

## Soccer, continued.... From Page 23

time. On a setup by Chris Petrovich, Carstens booted a low angle shot past the Northview goalie into the top corner of the net.

"This win is no doubt one of our biggest of the year. It's right up there with our win against East Grand Rapids," Wydock said.

Carstens, who is playing with a cast on his arm, gave Lowell a 2-1 lead in the second half when he netted a cross from Nick Blough.

Blough scored Lowell's first goal nine minutes into the second half on an assist from Ryan O'Dell. "O'Dell is doing an excellent job of setting

up. He is very knowledgeable and shows good leadership," Wydock said.

The game got sent into overtime after a scramble ended in front of the Lowell net. A Red Arrow player went to clear the zone and the ball deflected off another player, right past the Lowell goalie.

In its 0-0 overtime tie with Zeeland, Lowell managed 30 shots on goal but could not create the net.

"It was a defensive battle - nobody could score," Wydock said. "I also think the pouring rain and the nasty playing conditions played a part in it."

Zeeland had 22 shots on goal, but could not get any past Lowell goalie Chris Wilcox. "Chris was great in the net. All those shots in rainy conditions make the shutout even more impressive," Wydock said.

The Lowell coach was also impressed with the play of Zeeland. "Their coach (Jeff McDonald) has done an outstanding job turning that program around."

Lowell finished the week with a 7-5-2 record overall and a 3-3-2 record in the O-K White.

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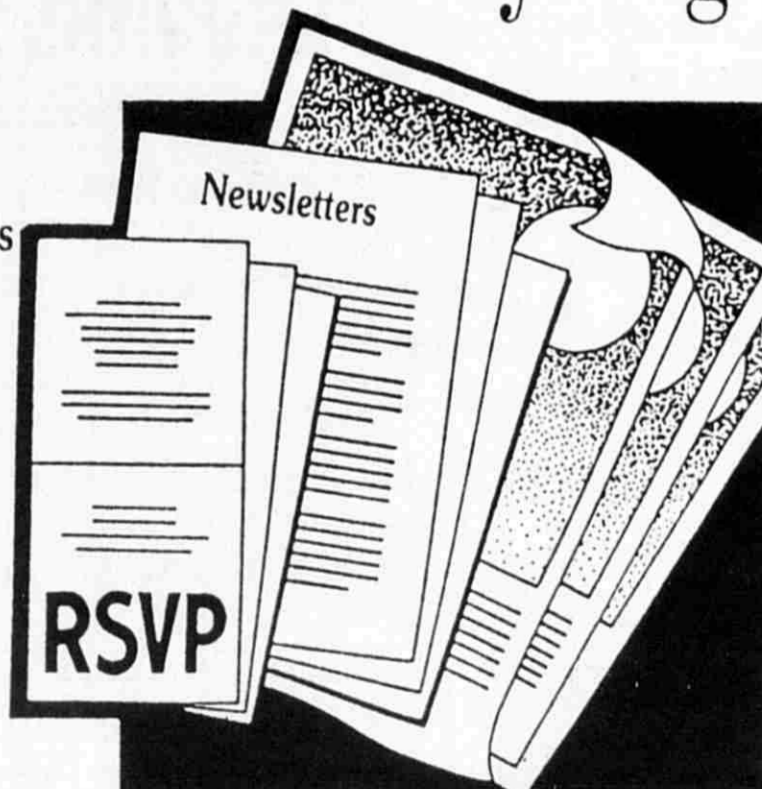
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In Memory of Robert Ruesink who passed away 5 years ago October 8, 1990. Also, special thoughts on his birthday October 12.

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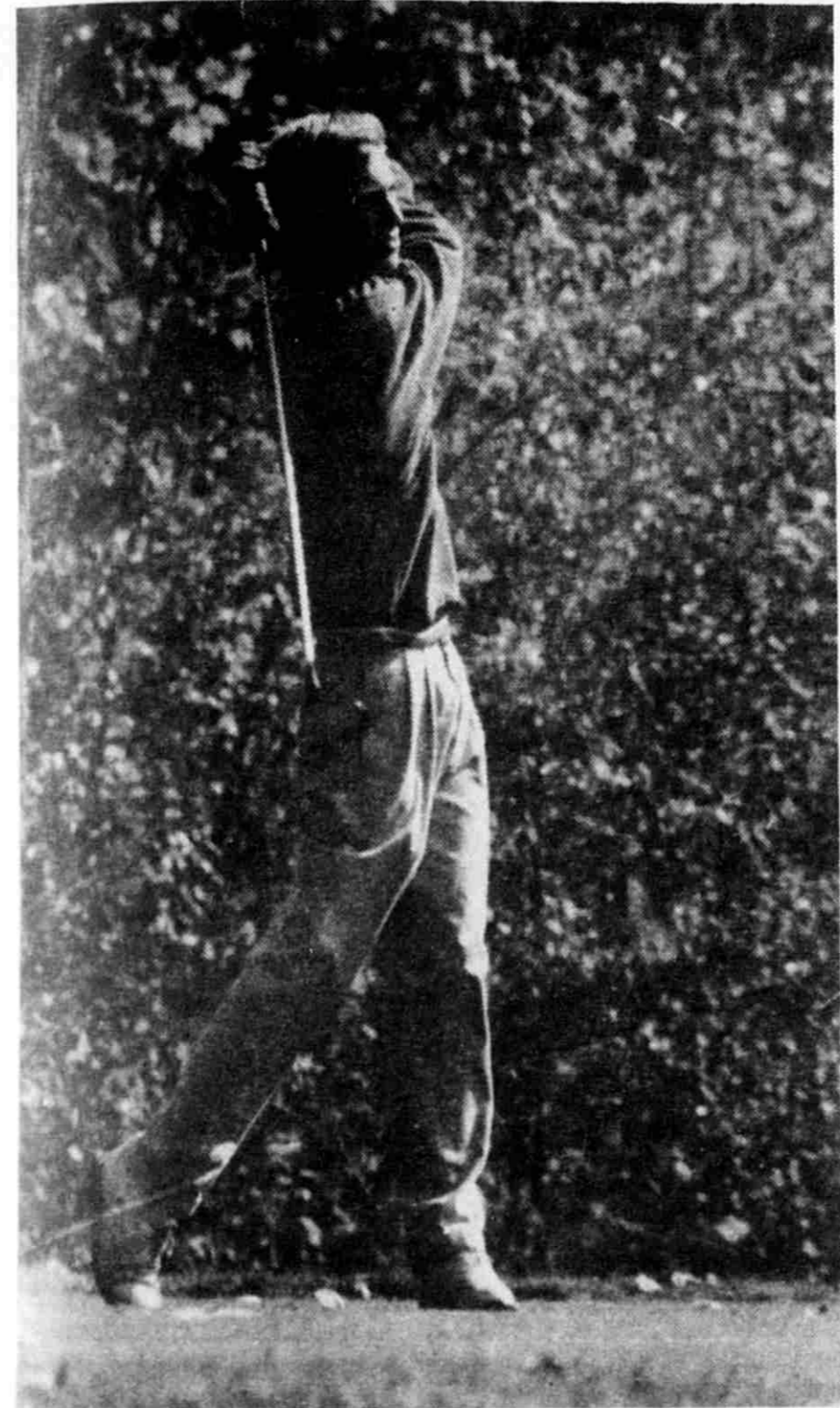
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# Lowell's Smith recognized by coaches as one of league's best golfers and a true gentleman

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

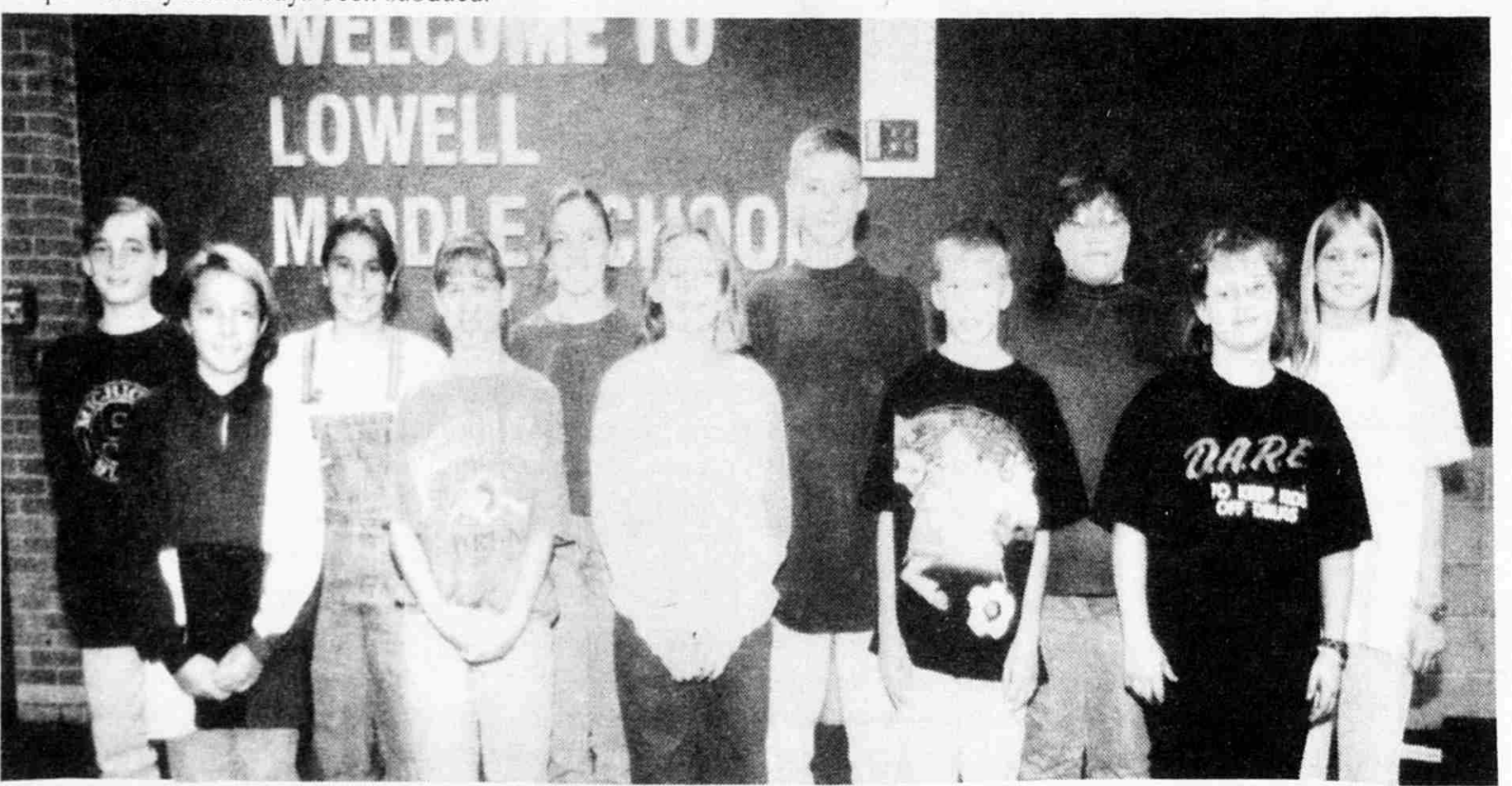
Leaving a bad hole behind him is easier for Lowell golfer Scott Smith now than it has ever been. "It's also more important now," Smith said. "People are expecting me to come in with a good score. So I have to make the best of each hole."  
The senior Red Arrow linkster has done just that. In this, his final season, Smith has averaged a round of 39. That should help him attain O-K White All-Conference



Scott Smith watches intently after a drive in conference tournament play at Egypt Valley.

honors. In his junior year he was all-conference honorable mention.  
His goals in '95 are all-conference and making it back to the state tournament.  
"I think I need a decent round in the conference tournament to make all-conference," Smith said. "You can have a good average, but if you don't play well in the league tournament, you won't make all-conference."  
Lowell golf coach Jack Ogle believes Smith has something else working for him. "Smith has a league-wide reputation by the other coaches as being a gentleman," Ogle said.  
Many of the good players have a background that includes playing at clubs as a youth and lessons.  
Smith didn't need lessons- he has a father (Craig) who was a state champion golfer at East Grand Rapids.  
"My father taught me," Smith said.  
As for course management and his disposition, Smith said his personality has always been subdued.

Ogle believes Smith's ability to manage a course and his grooved, steady swing keep him out of trouble, when others may falter.  
"His swing is so grooved and dependable that when he's in trouble he can count on his swing to be there," Ogle said.  
With players like Smith, Ogle recognizes that as a coach he is there to give advice on their swing and to answer any questions they might have.  
This season, Smith finished third in the Kent County Tournament and 10th at the Lowell Invitational.  
Last year, Smith was third in the regional.  
"He's been consistent. Scott has been up among the best in our meets. He's been playing solid golf against the league's good teams," Ogle said.  
To no one's surprise golf is Smith's favorite sport.  
"Golf is easy-going, practices are not hard and it has come naturally for me," Smith said.



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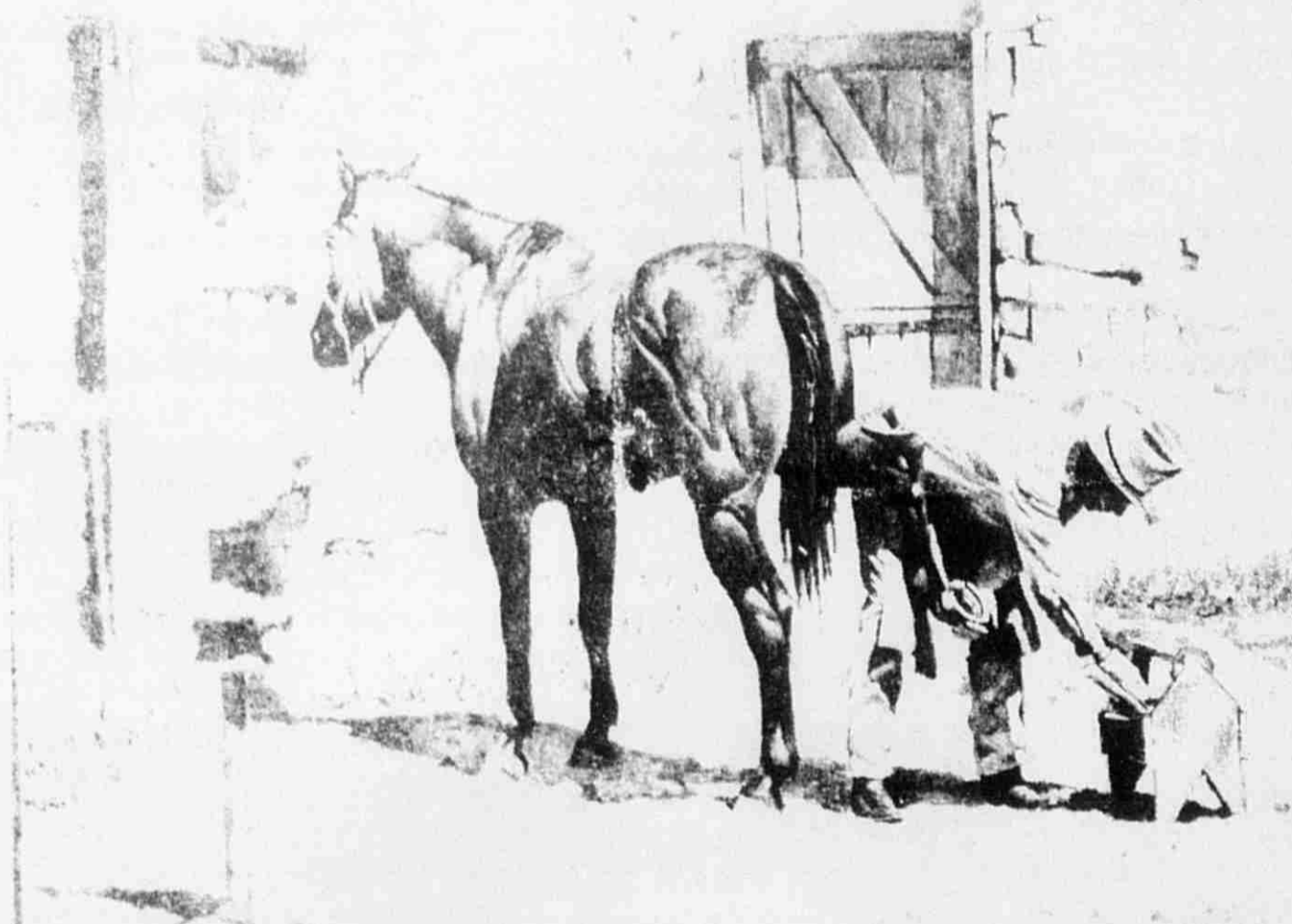
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# "Trails of a Wanderer" documents the life of Keith Avery - a man who has dared to march out of step



This painting was a departure for Avery - an adobe building instead of the landscape backgrounds he does so well and that are so familiar on area phone books. "It's in the book."



"This is when I was a kid, a teenybopper. I thought I was all grown up."



Keith Avery today. "I never go out without my hat."

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Keith Avery, from his home in Roswell, New Mexico, says he marched out of step most of his life, but still managed to make a go of it.

In the book *Trails of a Wanderer*, written by Rhonda Segwick Stearns, Avery illustrates "the unique lifestyle I have led," Avery said.

He's not kidding when he says unique. Avery remained involved in the rodeo until the age of 66. "Seven months after my bypass heart surgery I thought it was a good time to quit," Avery says with a small amount of self-amazement.

When a person looks to identify the makeup of this Lowell native, they must first travel down a trail filled with a number of diversions.

Life's path of this 73 year old has encompassed roles as a teacher, painter, poet, and cowboy.

"I don't think any one of those has consumed me more than the other," Avery says. "I do know that when I was a teacher, that was my number one focus. When I was a painter, that was my number one focus and when I was a poet...."

Guy Logsdon, publisher of Avery's first book, wrote that to pick a single talent and say Keith is best at one is impossible. He added that the finished product, whether it is an oil painting, a poem, an inspired student, or a doctored cow, reflects Avery's self-disciplined talent combined with hard

work and his pride in a job well-done.

Avery was a teacher for 18 years; 13 of those were in the Lowell School District. "I worked hard at trying to be a good teacher," he said. The Roswell resident adds that he was also a pretty darn good student. "I'm still a student. I continue to learn."

His latest book will allow readers to learn more about Avery and the connection Lowell shares with the Avery family.

Avery is the son of Norton Avery, who was born in Lowell in 1894. Norton graduated from Lowell High School and retired in Lowell after some 25 years in Lansing where he was a noted photographer. "My father was an uncompromising, sarcastic perfectionist," Avery said. "He disagreed with my aspirations. Painting was my rebellion. It has always been my thought that if you're doing what everybody else is doing, then you're not being noticed."

Avery's brother Hoyt operated the Color Studio in Saranac before moving to Au Train in the Upper Peninsula in 1969 and now the Avery Studios publish many books, most with Upper Peninsula themes.

Avery still speaks with much affection about his grandfather. "He knew everything about a horse a person needs to know," he explains. "I used to sit up with him eating crackers and milk and listen to his horse stories."

Beyond detailing his unique life, the book will also raise money for the Cheff Center for the Handicapped in Battle Creek. It is a program for children with disabilities who want to learn to ride horses. It was established by Ted Cheff, a longtime friend of Avery's. Cheff died in 1990.

The center, which celebrated its 25th anniversary April 29, honored Avery with a \$200-a-plate dinner. One of his many contributions included an Avery painting which raised \$10,000 for the center. Avery is hopeful that after book sales, in total, he will have been able to raise a quarter of a million dollars for the center.

"God was good to me and it's time I begin paying back," Avery explains.

Avery was forced to quit painting in 1988. The artist suffers from macular degeneration which has taken his eyesight. "It started to get away from me in 1987," he explains.

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Avery, the cowboy received an honorary doctorate from New Mexico State University in 1986. Last year he won the Governor's Award. "I am the dean of New Mexico cowboy poets," he says.

As a kid Avery was a loner. However, as an adult he has traveled many paths. When asked what he would like his tombstone to say, Avery reflected on an inscription written by an old Spaniard. "Passo Por Aqui" (I passed this way.)

*Trails of a Wanderer* can be ordered from the Cheff Center for the Handicapped, 8450 N. 43rd St., Augusta, MI 49012 or by calling 616-731-4471. The cost is \$29.95 plus \$4 for shipping and handling.

*Ridden Hard and Put Up Wet* can be purchased from Guy Logsdon, P.O. Box 520982, Tulsa, OK 74105. Avery said he was not sure of the price. The book was published in 1990.

It hasn't stopped him from writing his poetry, though. In 1960, Avery began writing and illustrating his own Christmas cards and sending them to his friends each of the last 35 years. Most of those can be read in his first book *Ridden Hard and Put Up Wet*. "They come to me very spontaneously," Avery said. "Talent doesn't come out of a bottle at a drug store."

A favorite of Avery's is the greeting he wrote in 1982 entitled "Salute." He recited it over the phone:

*On trusted hoss  
We took our rope  
And searched the human herd  
With hope.*

*We've hunted something  
Extra fine  
To snare within  
Our swinging twine,*

*And sure enough  
The gathers good  
We've filled our loops  
With brotherhood—*

*So now we give her  
One more swing—  
To you the best  
Of everything.*

## CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF BIDDERS

Sealed bids for a two-year contract for the mowing and trimming of various city properties will be accepted at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 until Wednesday, October 25, 1995 at 2 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Call 616-897-8457 for a complete list of properties and specifications. Mark envelopes "**MOWING BIDS.**"

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.