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## Barbers ask council to find an alternative route in Bowes Road realignment project

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By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dave Pasquale



Jim Barber is hopeful that he will not lose the front yard of his rental property to the Bowes Road realignment.

Rental property at 1600 Bowes Rd. represents a piece of Jim and Barb Barber's retirement.

The realignment of Bowes Rd. could threaten that.

The stakes in the front yard of a duplex owned by Barbers indicate that the proposed realignment, as it stands now, would turn a large portion of their front yard into roadway.

"The front steps would be just 13 feet in front of the right of way and the well would be just eight feet from the road right of way," Jim Barber said. "It would destroy the value of the property and remove the parking space."

The Barbers discussed their concern with the council at the Oct. 16 meeting.

Councilmembers Bill Thompson and Jeanne Shores met with the Barbers, city manager Dave Pasquale and Dave Groenleer, director of engineering for the Kent County Road Commission, at 1600 Bowes Rd. on the evening of Oct. 17. The yard was staked out so that Shores, Thompson and Pasquale could visualize what the consequences to Barber's yard would be.

"Speaking for myself, I did not realize that it was going to be that close to the property," Shores said. "The council does need to look at the situation. I hope an alternative can be worked out."

One of the duplex tenants said she'd have no choice but to move if the realignment plan stays the way it is.

"I moved here last year thinking this would be my last move," said Dorothy Young. "This has really upset me. I feel bad for the Barbers if no changes are made. This was supposed to provide finances for them in their retirement."

A special meeting has been set up so that council members can revisit the alignment. They will meet on Wednesday (Oct. 25) at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Pasquale said actually seeing the path of the realignment staked out on the property gives it a different perception.

"The final plans for this project haven't been okayed. The council and I are sensitive to the concerns of the community," Pasquale said. "We don't want to be heavy-handed and say this is the way it's going to be."

Lowell's city manager said looking at it

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## Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation begins journey to enhance students' education

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Lowell Education Association vice president Marv Hasso

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The idea is a common one and the enrichment it brings can be lasting.

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation is in place. The nonprofit forms have been signed and returned.

Now the charge is to create instruments, events, and plans that will encourage endowments, individual contributions, and governmental grants.

Success will bring enrichment to the education of Lowell Area School students by providing funding and resources for enhanced programs and innovative learning.

"The foundation's hope is to issue grant money for the second half of the school year," Lowell Education Foundation vice president Marv Hasso said.

The forming of the foundation started the first week of June when a meeting took place with foundation representatives from the Forest Hills and Rockford School Districts.

School board trustee Steve Idema and a steering committee

met all summer formulating ideas and structure.

The ideas are now in place and the structure has a foundation. It includes an executive committee, public relations committee, special endowment and fund-raising committee and a grant evaluation committee.

The executive committee will prepare and submit a budget, a long-range action plan, and a set of board policies for consideration and approval by the full board.

The public relations committee will organize special events and speaking engagements designed to increase public awareness of the foundation.

The special endowment and fund-raising committee will oversee the creation of instruments, events, and plans that will encourage endowments, individual contributions and governmental grants.

The grant evaluation committee will establish criteria and procedures for evaluation of grant requests and to review fund requests that come to the board. It will also make recommendations to the full

board regarding the approval of those requests it is asked to review.

The Lowell Education Foundation executive committee will be made up of Pinky McPherson, president; Marvin Hasso, vice president; Rena Mitchell, secretary; William Roth, treasurer; and Wendy Southwell.

Serving on the public relations committee are Hasso, Ray Quada, John Haggai and Southwell.

Serving on the special endowment and fund-raising committee are Roth, Jim Bossard and Gordie Barry.

Serving on the grant evaluation committee are Mitchell, Sally Gunberg, and a teacher representative from each school.

Currently the foundation has received approximately \$4,000 in donations. The goal is to begin building an endowment over the next 1-2 years.

Volunteers interested in helping on one of the committees should write the Lowell Education Foundation, Lowell Administration building, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.



The hats, mittens and booties stitched together by seniors in Lowell and other parts of West Michigan help newborns stay warm from the tops of their heads to the tips of their toes. Pictured above, left to right, are: Jo Willard, Lila Thaler, Virginia Hydenberg and Treva Johnson.

## The warmth of Lowell seniors reaches hundreds of West Michigan newborns

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Walk into the neonatal, premie or newborn wards at any of the four Grand Rapids hospitals and you will notice a sea of pink, mint green and lavender stocking caps, mittens and booties on most of the babies.

They are used to help the babies retain much needed heat from the top of their heads to the tips of their toes.

The mittens and booties also help prevent the newborns from pulling out tubes.

Where do the approximately 800 sets of clothing items come from?

They are cut, sewn and stitched up on a daily basis by

retired senior volunteers in West Michigan.

The idea, first introduced as doll clothes, was started by Lowell's Keith and Virginia Hydenberg.

A neighbor then relayed to them that her sister, a nurse

in a special care unit at Butterworth Hospital, could use the caps, mittens and booties at the hospital for the newborns.

From there, the Hydenbergs expanded their

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Craig retires from FMB, pg 20

# OBITUARIES

**GORMAN** - Mr. Richard I. Gorman, aged 70, passed away Sunday, October 15, 1995 after a lingering illness. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Ann Gorman. He is survived by his wife Janet; his children Michael and Page Gorman of Bloomfield Township, MI, and their children Kelly, Matthew and Sean; Robert and Dorothy Gorman of Seattle, WA, and their daughter

Madeline; Frederick and Kathy Gorman of Wyoming, MI. Also surviving are his mother Jeannette Gorman; his sisters Eleanor Gorman, Jeanne Marshall, all of Grand Rapids; his sister-in-law Alla Gorman of Gulfport, FL, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Gorman was a U.S. Navy veteran serving three years during WWII, a 1942 graduate of Davis Tech High School, a 1952 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering, and during his working life was employed by the Toledo Light and Power Company, the City of Grand Rapids Light and Water Department and the City of Kalamazoo Utilities Department. He also served as Petoskey City Manager for 20 years, the General Manager of the Michigan Public Power Agency for 10 years, acted as the interim City Manager for the City of Wyoming, and also worked for the City of Lowell for several months in a similar capacity. Memo-

rial Services were held Thursday at Westminster Presbyterian Church, with Rev. William A. Eversberg officiating. Interment in the Westminster Church Columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of Michigan, the Janet and Richard Gorman Scholarship Fund through Petoskey/Harbor Springs Foundation or the Westminster Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

Services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

**PLETCHER** - Lila L. Pletcher, aged 77, of Lowell, died Tuesday, October 17, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth. She is survived by her children Galen (Cecilia) Pletcher of N.Y., Patricia Louise (Alan) Conway of CO; grandchildren David Marcus and Jessica Ann Pletcher; sisters Lorraine (Gerald) Black of Holmes Beach, FL, Madara Cornell of Virginia, Charlotte Altland of Lansing, Gale Shear of Kentwood. Funeral

**YOUNG** - Thane M. Young, aged 68, died Saturday, October 21, 1995. Funeral Services will be held Sat., Nov. 4 at Friendship Country Chapel. There will be no funeral home visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River, Lowell, MI 49331 and Visiting Nurse Services, 1401 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst.

**MAYS** - Louise Mays, aged 92, passed away Saturday, October 14, 1995 at Lowell Medical Care Center in Low-

## Vergennes Twp. extends irrigating well usage indefinitely for high school

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lowell High School's irrigation needs will continue to use an 8-inch well for their football field and lawn areas.

The Vergennes Township Board agreed to extend the school's use of the well indefinitely provided it doesn't add new irrigation areas.

The board based a portion of their approval on a survey conducted by Raymer Co., a water supply contractor.

According to Raymer's study, the "use of the irrigation well does not significantly lower the regional water level."

"According to the study the change in the water table occurs around the entire area," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

The study revealed that three wells have fallen approximately two feet since the last measurement taken in

June. However, the slight decrease follows the pattern established since the measurements were first recorded.

The water levels appear to be at their lowest levels in the fall with a slight increase occurring in the spring, the study stated.

Since the seasonal changes in the water level appear to be on a regional scale and cannot be attributed to the use of the irrigation well, Raymer doesn't believe the wells need to be monitored any further.

The township originally gave the school permission to use the well for irrigation purposes as long as it was monitored by an outside source.

As part of the extension agreement Stone said Vergennes Township was asked to state in their approval that the school must use 4 million gallons of municipal water as well as the water used from the well.

Stone said the board was asked to include that provision as a way to help residents in Eastgate Village.

"We were asked in order to make sure the school would use their share of the water," said Stone. "We're empathetic toward Eastgate's situation, but it's not within our realm of power to force that issue."

School officials have already indicated that they plan on using their entire allotment of water from the municipal water system.

Stone said the extension is only for land which is currently irrigated by the well and not for any additional land.

"In order for the school to irrigate more land the planning commission would need to conduct a site plan review and present a recommendation to the board," she said. "The board would have to approve any additional irrigation...it is not an easy process to go through."

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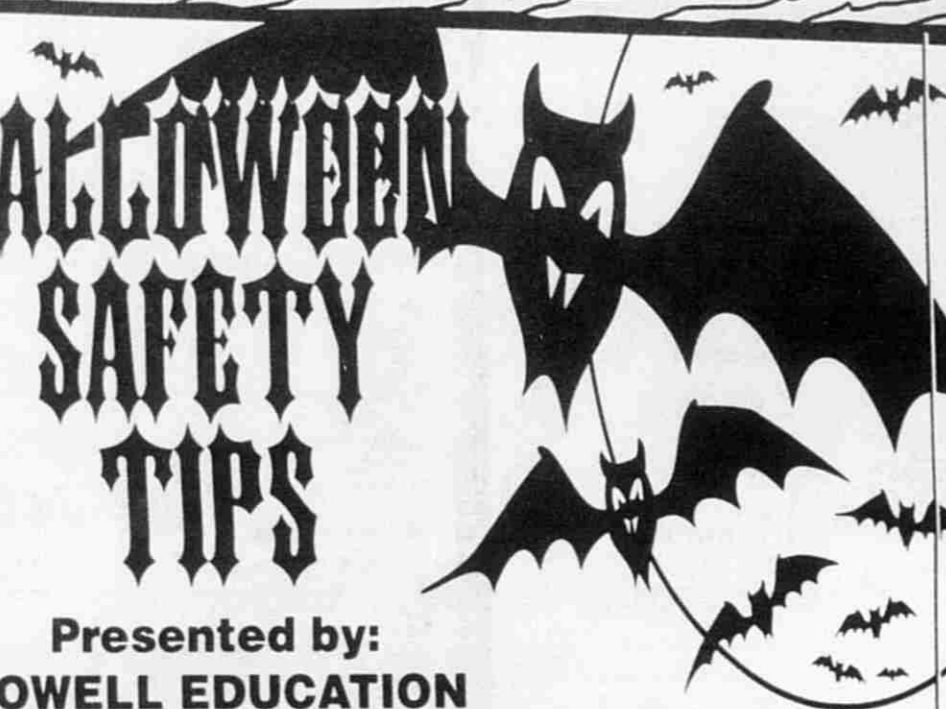
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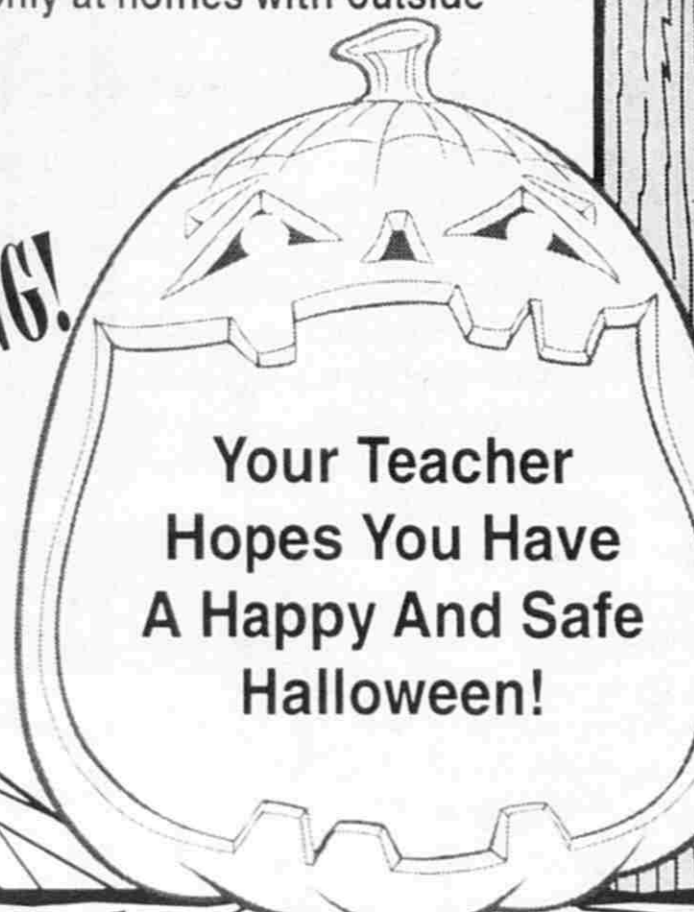
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2. Trick or treat with friends.
3. Have an adult nearby.
4. Have your parents look at treats before you eat anything.
5. Carry a flashlight.
6. Do not take candy from strangers.
7. Look both ways before crossing streets.
8. Don't walk between parked cars.
9. Trick or treat in early evening.
10. Wear make-up or greasepaint instead of vision-obstruction masks.
11. Trick or treat only at homes with outside lights on.

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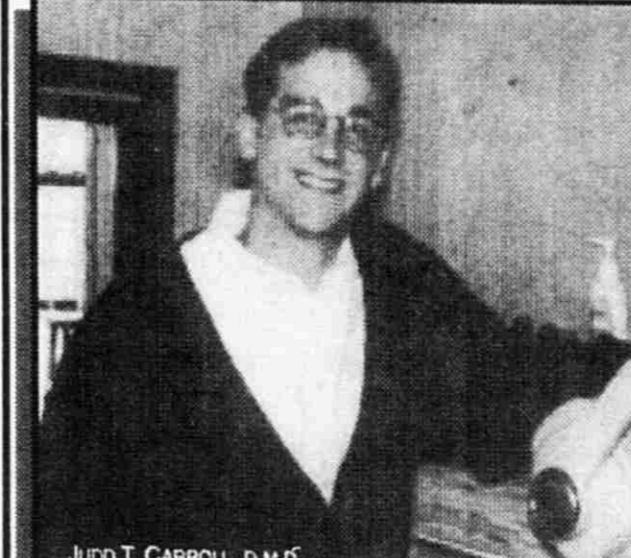
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Ohhhh So Close!

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys challenged Zeeland like they haven't been challenged in the O-K White in quite some time. The Chix responded like one might expect from a five-time defending conference champion. Zeeland held off the Red Arrows to earn a narrow two-point win at the O-K White Conference meet.

"Winning year after year, I think the boys have learned how to respond in big races," Zeeland coach Mark Reinardy said. "The race was a lot closer than I would have liked, but the boys stepped up and ran a good race."

Lowell, who lost in the regular season dual meet to Zeeland by seven points (24-31), continued to show marked improvement in their quest to overtake Zeeland.

"It was a heck of a run. Lowell is one of the top teams in the state. Their four and five runners have really stepped up," Reinardy said. Lowell's top five runners finished in the top 15. With four runners in for both the Chix and Red Arrows, Zeeland held a six-point lead. Lowell's fifth runner, Casey Harper, came home in 18:25 to take the 15th spot and four spots ahead of Zeeland's fifth runner, Chad Kleinheksel (18:34, 19th).

"We ran a great race," Lowell coach Tom Harper said. "Kirsch and Inman really came in strong for us. We were shooting for the top spot; we just fell a couple points short." Harper said going into the race he felt five points would separate the top three teams. However, Wyoming Park who lost close races to both Zeeland and Lowell during the regular season, slipped to a distant third (74 points). The Vikings were followed by Hudsonville 83; Forest Hills Central 118; Northview 163; East Grand Rapids 175; and Hastings 210.

The league medalist was Hudsonville's John Hazebrook finishing the race in 16:53. Park's Russ Gerbers was second with a time of 17:29. Zeeland's Kevin Blackquire was third, stopping the clock in 17:33. David VanderMeer placed fourth in 17:47. Lowell's John Wojciakowski was fifth with a time of 17:52.

Lowell's other times were Frank Kirsch, seventh, 18:01; Matt Inman, ninth, 18:06; Jon Dean, 14th, 18:20; and Harper was 15th, 18:25.

For Zeeland it was Blackquire, John Petty, sixth, 17:52; Doug Boyer, eighth, 18:05; Joe Michmerhuizen, 12th, 18:16; and Kleinheksel, was 19th, 18:34.

Placing 10th was Hudsonville's Chris Wiggers at 18:10.

For Lowell and Wyoming Park cross country teams, the conference meet may have seemed just a bit anti-climatic.

The Red Arrows and the Vikings hooked up in a season-ending conference dual meet that was everything the coaches billed it to be.

"It was what we thought it would be - an extremely tight race," Park coach Dan Burns said. "We thought going in we had a good chance of claiming the top two spots. However, I thought the key would be which team took the fifth spot. Lowell did and that determined the outcome."

Lowell edged Wyoming Park 27-28. With the win, the Red Arrows finished with second best record during the regular season. Lowell's only loss was to Zeeland, who went undefeated. Park was third with two losses.

With a win against Park, Lowell kept alive its chances to catch Zeeland in the conference meet.

"We figured Park would lead at the halfway point. I told the boys that would be okay. We just wanted to lead at the end," Lowell coach Tom Harper said.

Park's top two runners, Russ Gerbers and David

Red Arrow boy harriers two points shy of Zeeland at O-K White Conference meet.

VanderMeer, took it out fast and were really never challenged by Lowell's top runners (John Wojciakowski and Ryan Wittenbach).

Gerbers was first in 17:15 and VanderMeer was second in 17:18.

"We thought they would lead early. We were hoping to break them up in the second half of the race," Harper said. "Jon and Ryan couldn't reel them in over the second half of the race. Park's boys ran a great race."

Wojciakowski was third, coming home in 17:19. Wittenbach placed fourth in a time of 17:37.

Lowell's three, four and five harriers won the race for the Red Arrows. "Our three, four and five guys beat Park's," Harper said. "That was the difference."

Frank Kirsch came forward with his best race of the year.

He came off the terrain in a time of 17:51, taking the all important fifth spot.

He edged out Park's Brian Gorman (17:56) by five seconds.

Matt Inman (17:58) and Casey Harper (17:59) beat Wyoming's four and five runners Ben Rawson (18:01) and Jeff Witbrodt (18:05).

A good marriage, if there is such a thing, rejects the company and conditions of love. It tries to imitate those of friendship.

—Montaigne



Matt Inman, right, and Casey Harper, second from the left, race for the finish line in Lowell's narrow 27-28 win over league rival Wyoming Park.

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# Red Arrow girls place seventh in O-K White cross country league meet

The wild and crazy race for supremacy continued in the girls' cross country league meet.

Going into the race three teams were tied for first. The conference's fourth-place team, though, was the team that had everyone's attention at the end of the dual meet season.

There was good reason for that. Hudsonville, that fourth-place team, claimed top honors in the O-K White Conference meet. The Eagles' top five runners tied with East Grand Rapids. Hudsonville's sixth runner, however, came home ahead of the Pioneers' giving the Eagles their first O-K White Conference meet championship.

The overall league title went to East Grand Rapids. The Pioneers tied for first with Hastings and Forest Hills Central during the regular season. EGR finished ahead of both schools Monday to claim the overall title.

The O-K White Conference meet standings finished like this: 1. Hudsonville 62; 2. EGR 62; 3. Hastings 80; 4. FHC 88; 5. Zeeland 126; 6. Wyoming Park 137; 7. Lowell 163; 8. Northview 207.

Lowell's Annie Oesch placed third overall with a time of 20:46.

Red Arrow Andrea Baker was 32nd overall with a time of 24:11. She was followed home by teammates Beth Larabee, 41st, 25:13; Amy Teunis, 42nd, 25:17; and Angie Johnson, 45th, 25:36.

Hudsonville was led by the meet medalist Cami Moll. She came off the terrain in 19:58. Teammates following her home were Carrie Postma, 13th, 22:23; Sarah Van Hall, 15th, 22:31; April Boersen, 16th, 22:41; and Amanda Deyoung, 17th, 22:42.

Breaking the tie was the Eagles' sixth runner Lisa Vrugink. She finished the race in 22:42.

The top 10 conference runners were Moll; Charissa Shaw, Hastings, second, 20:23; Oesch; Kelly Ratza, FHC, fourth, 20:59; Tami Lauritzen, Wyoming Park, fifth, 21:02; Lori Malville, Hastings, sixth, 21:09; Emily Vandort, Zeeland, seventh, 21:16; Jenn Ratza, FHC, eighth, 21:17; Ellen Schneider, EGR, ninth, 21:18; and Emily Alder, 10th, 21:24.



Beth Larabee and Amy Teunis eye their closest Viking competitor in Lowell's final dual meet of the year.

The Vikings squeaked past the Red Arrows. Lowell claimed spots one and four while Park took places two and three, leaving the two teams tied after the top two runners for each squad crossed the finish line.

Annie Oesch was the meet medalist with a time of 20:13. Red Arrow Andrea Baker was fourth in 23:13.

Vikings' Tammy Lauritzen (21:04) and Melissa Clay (23:09) were second and third respectively.

The Vikings took spots five, six and 11 which were two points better than Lowell's seven, eight and nine.

Mandy George was fifth in 23:27 and Julie Buist was sixth with a time of 24:06.

Lowell's Beth Larabee came home in seventh, stopping the clock at 24:09. Angie Johnson (24:34) and Amy Teunis (25:19) were eighth and ninth respectively.

Park's Maren Lentz was 11th overall at 27:01.

# Second-half touchdown lifts Lowell past Vikings in rain-soaked struggle

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It looked as though in its first possession, Wyoming Park (and not the rain) was going to wash away any emotion that Lowell brought with it into its final home game of the year.

The Vikings churned up 63 yards in 16 plays and had the ball first and goal at the Lowell six-yard line. Three plays later the Vikings settled for a 25-yard field goal from sophomore Erik Fischer.

However, a third-quarter 11-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jeff Catlin gave Lowell a 6-3 win over the Vikings. It was also Lowell's first win in the O-K White this year.

Park's first-possession drive and score was significant in that the Vikings would only come away with one more first down the entire evening after picking up five in its first drive. The closest

Park got to the Red Arrow end zone during the rest of the game was the Lowell 45-yard line.

"Our boys didn't quit. The defense showed some heart and got the momentum back on our side," Lowell football coach Phil Christensen said. "Our offense pulled together and got us a winning score in the second half."

Lowell's defense gave up 63 yards on the opening drive. It held Park to a negative 11 yards for the rest of the game.

"I am very happy for our seniors. I believe in these kids and what they do," Christensen said. "I am especially happy for our co-captains Ryan Graham and Jack Livingston."

Along with a stellar defensive effort, Christensen was also cognizant of the outstanding punting effort of senior Steve Bossert. "Steve's punting was excellent. Without it we would have been in trouble."

Three times Bossert pinned Wyoming Park inside its own 10-yard line.

The weather and some hard hitting were responsible for the ball hitting the ground 14 times. Both teams fumbled the ball seven times. Park lost five of its seven fumbles. Lowell lost just two of its seven drops. The Vikings were also intercepted once.

Lowell finished the game with 83 yards rushing. Through the air the Red Arrows were two-of-seven for 30 yards.

The Red Arrows' third-quarter touchdown came four plays after a Park fumble on its own 24-yard line. Livingston recovered the fumble for Lowell.

"It's been a tough year for us," said Viking coach Jack Football, cont'd., pg. 20

# Lowell girls rally to defeat EGR in O.T.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball team was rolling along and over Hudsonville for nearly three quarters.

Then lightning struck twice. Red Arrow point guard Tammy Stauffer picked up fouls four and five. The result was a Hudsonville come-from-behind 43-40 win over Lowell.

"Tammy picked up her fourth foul in the third quarter and as I was looking to send someone in for her she was tagged with her fifth foul," Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers said. "Tammy not only is our leading scorer but more importantly she controls the tempo of the game for us."

As if that wasn't bad enough, things got worse for the Red Arrows. It lost its swing player Melanie Tucker with six minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

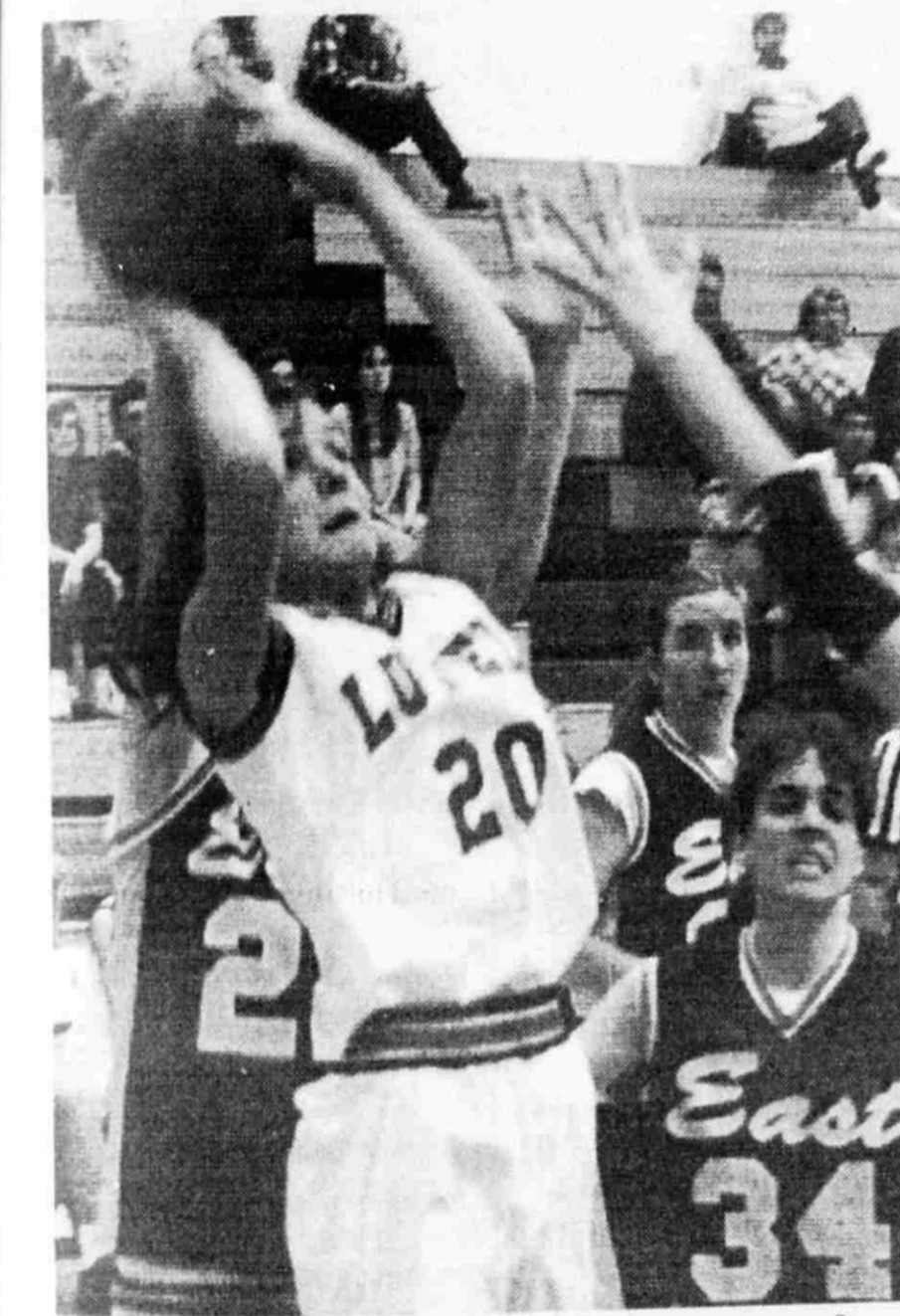
"That left us with no one to bring the ball up the floor," Akers said. "I think from that point we only took five shots."

Elena Richmond was Lowell's leading scorer with 10 points. Lisa Murphy added eight points and Stauffer contributed with seven.

The Red Arrows outrebounded Hudsonville 32-27. Lisa Surian was Hudsonville's top scorer with 10 points.

Lowell 41  
EGR 36

Coming off tough losses to Wyoming Park and Hudsonville, Lowell barely survived an overtime battle with the up and



Lowell's Emily Dunn goes back up strong after an offensive rebound.

coming Pioneers from East Grand Rapids.

"We are very happy to win the game," Lowell coach Ken Akers said. "The girls are playing with their hearts and giving everything they have."

The Pioneers led throughout much of the fourth quarter. "We had about five opportunities to win the game down the stretch, but you have to make foul shots and you have to rebound," East coach Colleen Lamoreaux said. "We're making strides, but when the game is on the line and there is pressure, we're still making mistakes."

The Lowell victory pushed its league record to 5-4 and its overall record to 7-8.

East fell to 4-10 overall and 1-8 in the conference.

The Pioneers were led in play by freshman standout Lisa Bruwer. "She's a key player for us. She can play point, forward or center. Lisa is going to be a very good player."

The Pioneer tallied 11 points against Lowell. "Bruwer is a sweet looking player," Akers said.

Lowell's mentor added that conference opponents are going to force other Lowell players to step up.

"They aren't going to give Tammy open looks. Tonight other players got some good looks, but couldn't put the ball in the basket."

# Red Arrow soccer season ends in disheartening 1-0 pre-district loss to Catholic Central

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's soccer season came to a disappointing conclusion Monday as it was a 1-0 victim to Catholic Central in a Michigan High School Athletic Association pre-district contest.

"Everybody played well. We had opportunities offensively but did not finish," Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock said. "We made a mistake defensively in the second overtime and Central took advantage of it."

With the loss the Red Arrows finished the season with an overall record of 9-7-2. Lowell ended league play at 5-5-2.

"This team has had to play above more adversity than any team I've coached here at Lowell," Wydock said. "I'm very proud of them. We've had a lot of people go down to injuries, but we've also had a lot of players step up and fill in for us."

Catholic Central ended the scoreless contest five min-

utes into the second overtime off of a corner kick. Tom Myslivic creased the net behind Lowell goalie Mark Schutte.

"We failed to mark up in the box and Central was able to score," Wydock said.

Lowell outshot Catholic Central 29-12, but was unable to find the net. "We rolled the ball in front of the net, but couldn't finish. We had two wide-open shots that sailed over the bar. We haven't had a problem finishing like that all season."

The win sends Catholic Central into Wednesday's semifinal against South Christian. The game will be played



Melanie Tucker brings the ball up the floor against pressure from EGR.

at Lowell.

Earlier in the week Lowell completed its regular season with a 3-0 shutout over Hudsonville and a 4-1 loss to Forest Hills Central.

Against the Eagles, Lowell's Nick Blough scored 12 minutes into the first half off an assist from Ryan O'Dell.

Later in the first half it was O'Dell's turn as he scored off assists from Chris Petrovich and Matt Carstens.

The only second-half score came on a penalty kick by Nick Malokofsky. His kick was blocked by Hudsonville's goalie. The ball, however,

came back out in front of the net and Malokofsky was there to boot it home.

"We came out strong in the first half, but the boys tired some in the second half," Wydock said. "Our goalie Chris Wilcox had a very good game. He got better and better as the season progressed."

In a 4-1 loss to Central, Lowell's only score came on a goal by Nick Blough.

"We never seem to play a good game against Central. I am not sure what it is," Wydock said. "The first 20 minutes of the game was played in front of Central's net, but we had trouble finishing."

# CITY OF LOWELL GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City General Election will be held in the

CITY OF LOWELL  
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1995

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THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8:00 P.M. ON SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

# 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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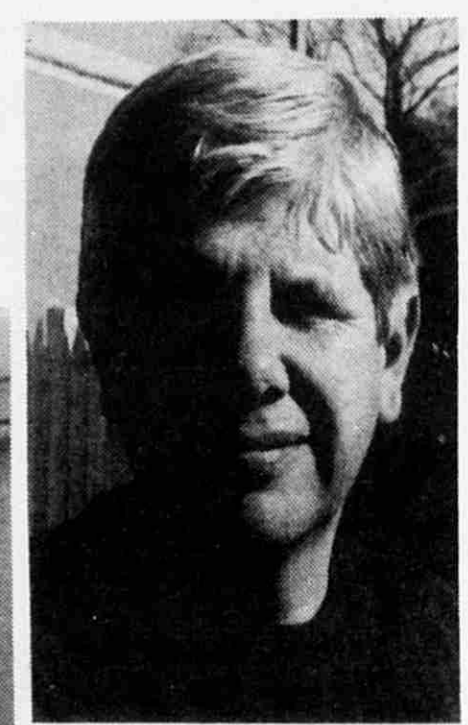
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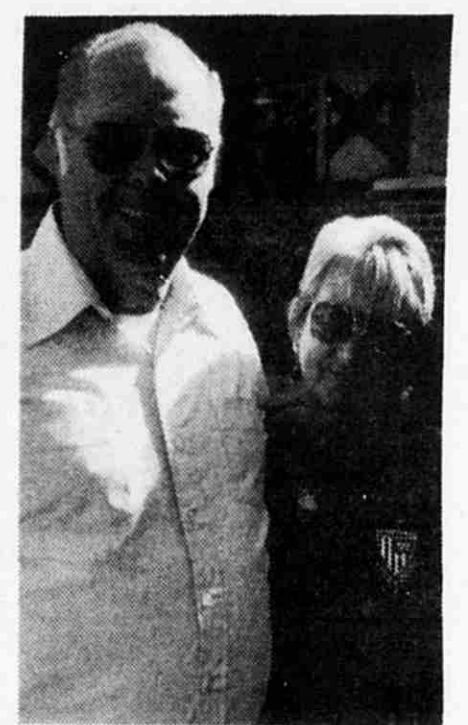
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# 50 Years and still Speaking!

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A wise man once said, "Don't ever go into business with family or friends."

The man obviously never met up with Frank Keiser or the three generations of Keisers who have followed him.

In 1945, during World War II, Frank and Letha Keiser built a restaurant next to their home on the corner of M-21 and Amity with the idea that a truck stop was needed between Flint and Grand Rapids.

The restaurant served as an extension of Keiser's home.

Fifty years later, the home and restaurant have burned, and Keiser's Family Restaurant has relocated to 700 E. Main.

However, it still remains an extension of Frank Keiser's home. There are now second, third and fourth generation Keisers cooking and serving food at the oldest retail business in Lowell.

"We still do things together outside of work and have remained really friendly," Keiser's Chris West said. "Three generations and we're still speaking. We've all started out washing dishes and peeling potatoes. I remember standing on a pop case as a kid peeling potatoes."

In the beginning Keiser's was a very popular truck stop, with just a few tables and chairs for seating.

"I graduated from high school in June of 1945 and started working at the restaurant," Keiser's daughter Darlene Westcott said. "From the time we opened up, we were busy. Dad never realized we'd be in business for 50 years. He'd be so proud."

Westcott's son, Blair Cahoon, adds that it is still a lot of work. "It's been made easier because it was done right the first time," he says.

Cahoon's brother Roger inserts, "The care was already started. We've just followed up."

With the popularity and success of the limited menu (hamburgers and chilli), expansion soon entered into the success formula.

In 1956 the kitchen size and the seating capacity were enlarged.

In 1962, Keiser's added onto the front. In 1975, the side was put on, and in 1985, the upper half was opened up and seating was added.

On Jan. 8 of 1988, an electrical fire destroyed Lowell's venerable eating establishment.

"I was scared to death following the fire. For just a short time I thought maybe that was

the end of Keiser's," Westcott said. "But everything is fine."

Because the restaurant was an extension of Keiser's home, the fire took more than just a restaurant. "It was tough," Westcott said. "For the family, the layers of wallpaper that were peeled off the walls by the fire were not from a restaurant but from our grandmother's home."

"There was never a question in Roger's or my mind that we were going to continue," Blair Cahoon says.

Keiser's reopened at its new location in 1988. "We really wanted to stay at the west end. We didn't want customers to have to travel too far to find us," West said.

In the end, Westcott and her three children (Blair Cahoon, Roger Cahoon and Chris West) made the decision to rebuild where parking was.

From a counter and eight stools, Keiser's has grown to a seating capacity of 185. "I'd like to think we're still growing," West said. "We have a lot of new customers from Ionia and Greenville."

West noted that due to the change in times, customers that used to eat out three nights a week are eating out just one night now.

However, Keiser's continues to fill its dining room at



Over the past 50 years, three generations of Keisers have operated the family restaurant. A fourth generation has begun helping with some of the restaurant's daily grind. Pictured above are Blair Cahoon, Darlene Westcott, Roger Cahoon and Chris West. They represent two generations that have operated Keiser's Kitchen since the death of its founder Frank Keiser. Pictured to the left is Keiser with his two-year-old son Larry. Keiser is putting in a door during the construction of the original Keiser's Family Restaurant at the corner of M-21 and Amity.

breakfast, lunch and dinner. "Hopefully people are coming to Keiser's because the people are friendly and because they get good, fast, qual-

ity service and food," said West.

Keiser's invites their customers to come help them celebrate 50 years on Oct. 25. "We're going to have coffee cake, drinks and balloons for the children and prizes for the adults," West said.

The celebration was a few months early (the actual anniversary is Dec. 22), but was moved up so Westcott could be a part of the celebration. "She goes to Florida every year and didn't want to wait 'til December," West said.

Some long-time customers will be served up humble

pie. One, in particular, is Ray Borgerson. "He told my grandfather years ago that the restaurant wouldn't stay open six months," West smiles.

Borgerson now says he was only off by 49 years and six months.

Borgerson may get a chance at redemption. Westcott's kids are discussing the possibility of opening a second restaurant east of Lowell.

"I could never thank the customers, the employees or my children enough for all they have done," concluded Westcott.

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A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold.

—Ogden Nash

## THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS INVITES YOU TO A COMMUNITY FORUM

The purpose is to review options regarding remaining bond monies from the 1990 bond issue.

Thursday, November 2, 1995  
7:30 p.m.  
Board of Education Room  
300 High St.  
Lowell, MI

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE TO OAKWOOD CEMETERY LOT OWNERS

If you have artificial flowers, decorations, etc., which you wish to save, please remove them by November 5, 1995. Urns should be emptied of dirt and turned upside down to avoid cracking.

All items not removed by November 5, 1995 will be picked up by City crews and discarded.

Winter floral tributes (plastic flower, wire stemmed plants, etc.) are allowed after November 11, 1995. But must be removed by early spring. These items can foul lawnmower blades and cause serious injury.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

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