

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Henry VanderVennen, Lowell auto dealership owner, dies after battle with melanoma

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor



Henry VanderVennen

Whether it was a short chat in front of the post office, lunch with him at Lowell Rotary, or walking into his car dealership, people walked away with the feeling that Henry VanderVennen was "their" friend.

"He was a friend to all," said his son-in-law Daryl Kuiper. "They don't make them like that anymore."

VanderVennen died Wednesday (Dec. 4) after a battle with melanoma.

He was first diagnosed and treated for the cancer four years ago. However, it wasn't until September that it surfaced again. "It came back in full force," Kuiper said. "It took him very quickly."

VanderVennen worked for VanAndel-Flikkema Motor Sales for 26 years before purchasing his own dealership (Vennen Chrysler Dodge Plymouth Jeep Eagle) in 1978. He bought the former Jackson Dodge lot from Lowell's Leonard Jackson.

"Each year on the anniversary of the sale, we went out," Jackson said. "There was not a nicer, more congenial guy than Henry."

VanderVennen served as a member of the Lowell Rotary for 18 years. Over the past five years, VanderVennen and fellow Dutchmen Jud Wilterink, Harold Rodenhouse and Lew Haeck made up what is affectionately referred to as the

"Dutch Mafia."

"That got started because we'd all sit at the back table," Rodenhouse said. "The joke is that in order to sit back there, you have to become a member of the "Dutch Mafia."

VanderVennen also served as an elder and on mission committees for the Southeast Protestant Reformed Church.

Haeck called VanderVennen a fine Christian man. "He had a concern for everyone. I respected him as a business person and what

he did with Vennen."

Haeck's ties with VanderVennen go all the way back to the first grade. "My mother was his first-grade teacher at Baxter Christian School (now Baxter Community Center).

VanderVennen is survived by his wife Lorna; their four daughters Linda, Sharon, Kathy and Cindy and their husbands, and 16 grandchildren.

The family held a private funeral service and burial at Woodlawn Cemetery on Friday.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the First Protestant Reformed Church.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Covenant Christian High School or the Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

"Henry was a fine gentleman. He had a lot of good things to say about people," Rodenhouse said. "That is commendable and I admired him for that."

## Modular home company eyes Lowell Charter Township for its retail site

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission has heard plans from Jerry McMaster to place a modular home business along M-21.

McMaster, owner of the McMaster Building Company, sought information on the zoning classification of a nine-acre parcel located at 11907 Fulton (M-21) for the purpose of placing a model of a modular home and an office on the site.

The commission informed McMaster that the property was zoned commercial and residential three, and that his proposed plans would be acceptable. (The model would not be used as a residence.)

No official approval was given for McMaster's plans because he must still submit an engineered blueprint of the site and his intentions.

Currently, the site is a single family residence, which McMaster plans on renovating and transforming into an office.

The property, which is located approximately 500 feet from Alden Nash (next to

Rousch's Auto Sales), would also accommodate one modular model, with the option of putting another model on the property in the future.

McMaster said he has no intention of putting permanent modular homes on the nine-acre parcel.

The average cost of modular homes sold by McMaster is between \$100,000 and \$125,000, but can go as high as \$180,000.

"I've done studies and the market looks good for something like this in the area," he said.

McMaster said he is willing to work with the planning commission and abide by its

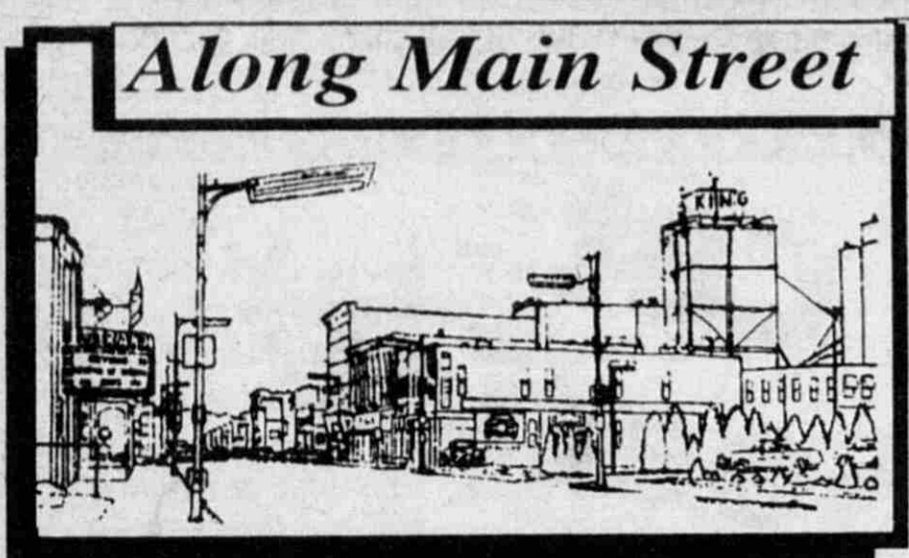
ordinances and master plan before submitting any official documents.

Part of McMaster's plans will include the location of an access street parallel to M-21.

According to trustee Dick Bryan, it is the township's intention to eliminate access driveways off M-21 sometime in the future.

"It may be 10 years, it may be 20 years, we don't know, but we do need you to show the road on your documents so you understand that when the time comes,

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### Along Main Street

#### HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT TIMES (Note new band concert time)

The Lowell High School band concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and the high school choir concert will be held Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

Both concerts will be held in the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

#### LHS SPIRIT STORE HOURS

The Lowell High School spirit store is open on Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until Christmas break.

#### COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

There will be an important college financial aid night on Wed., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All college bound seniors, juniors and parents are invited.

#### LOWELL LITTLE LEAGUE MEETING

The next Lowell Little League meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Key Heights Community building.

#### PARADE ON LOWELL CABLE

The 1996 Christmas parade, Santa pictures, carriage rides and the live Nativity will be shown on Lowell Cable TV on the following dates: Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

#### KID'S NIGHT OUT CANCELLATION

The December 13 Lowell YMCA Kid's Night Out has been cancelled. Please look for the next Kid's Night Out in our upcoming brochure and flyer.

#### DOWNTOWN CARRIAGE RIDES

Carriage rides will be available from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, in downtown Lowell.

#### LAAC CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE

The Lowell Area Arts Council presents a "Gala Christmas Show and Sale" running through December 24. The Main gallery at the center located at 149 S. Hudson in downtown Lowell will be filled with the handcrafted work of over 50 Michigan artists. Unique and unusual, the gallery of gifts features jewelry, pottery, glass and much more.

The gallery will be open for this special event Tuesday through Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Mondays. For any further information phone the center at 616-897-8545.

#### CHERRY CREEK ON LCTV

The Cherry Creek Elementary third-grade program "Twas The Night Before Christmas" will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 11 at noon; Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.



### Sitting a Spell with Santa

Tommy and Jessica Alberts were two of about 60 children who visited Santa Claus at Larkin's "The Other Place" following the Christmas parade on Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

BIGGS - Burton Harold Biggs, of Flint, died Thursday, December 5, 1996, at Hurley Medical Center. Mr. Biggs was born in Lowell the son of Arthur and Daisy (Read) Biggs; he had resided in Flint for many years. Mr. Biggs was a retired real estate salesperson and businessman (Burgess Realty.) He enjoyed the Hurley Health and Fitness Cardiac Rehab Spa, hunting, fishing and gardening. Surviving are his wife Mary Ann; three sons: Burton H. and wife Bonnie Biggs of Linden, Bradley R. and wife Diane Biggs of Fenton and Thomas C. and wife Starlene Biggs of Lapeer; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister Bertha and husband Leo Bryant of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Lawrence Biggs. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 9, at Sharp

Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek. Pastor David Hill officiating. Interment in St. John Cemetery, Davison. Those desiring may make contributions to the First Baptist Church of Lapeer.

DOMBAK - Elisabeth Joy Dombak, aged 26, of Lowell, God's very special child, died December 4, 1996 at Butterworth Hospital. She will be greatly missed by her parents, Dennis and Marilyn; brother, Daniel; and sisters, Sarah, Rebekah and Susanne. She is also survived by her grandparents, Pat Dombak, Peter (Mary) Winters; great-grandmother, Lyda Ensing; aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by brothers, David and Jonathan. A private service to celebrate her life has been held. Memorials may be made to Lowell Rescue c/o Chief Martin,

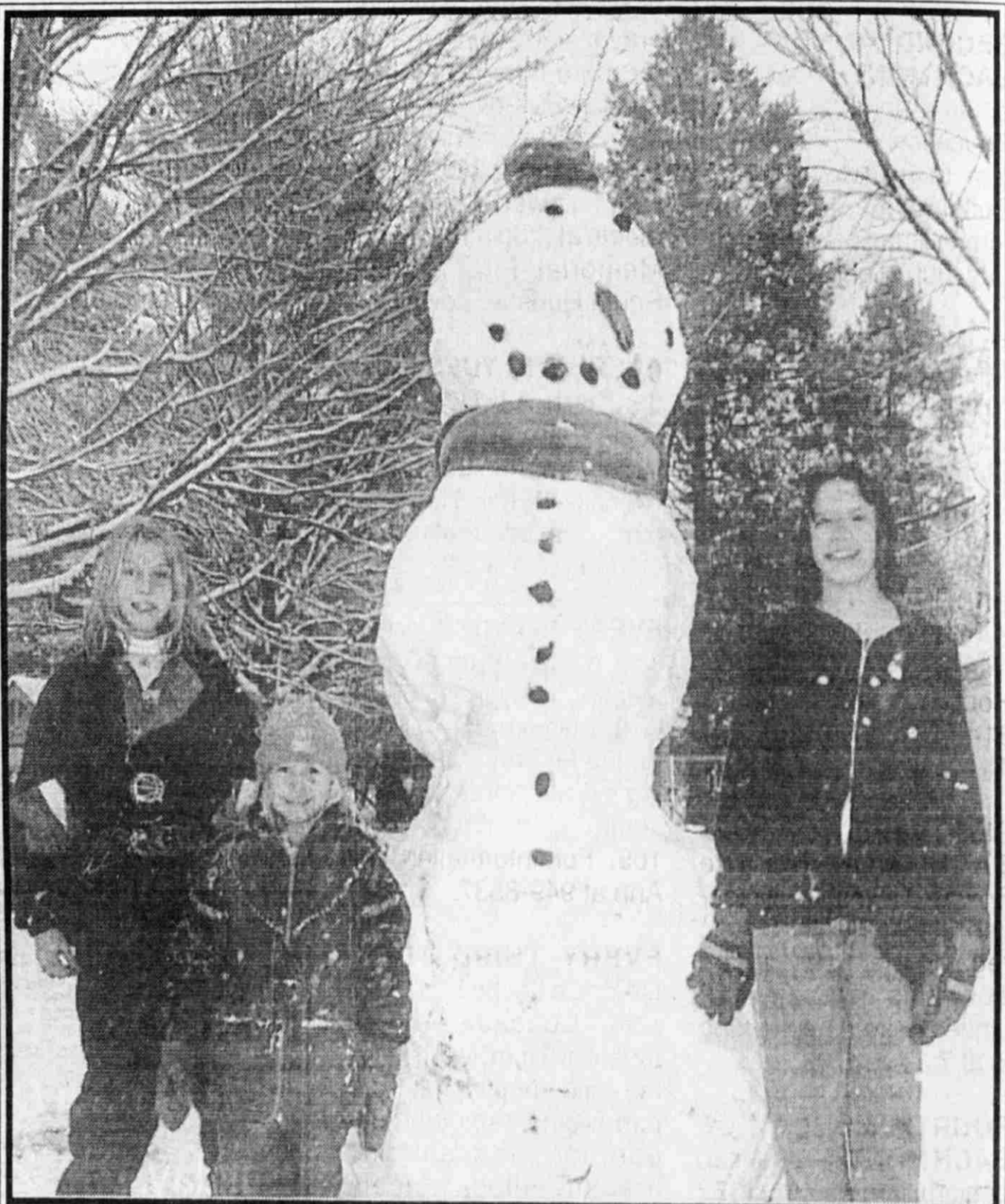
Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Lowell.

FAIRMAN - Richard T. Fairman, aged 67, of Parnell, died Thursday, December 5, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Don Fairman of Ada; Major Terry (Lynda) Fairman of England; Sherry (Steve) Glendenning of Lowell, Pam (Paul) Mauric of Rockford, Mark Fairman of Ada; grandchildren, Christopher Fairman, Brian, Daniel, Andrew, Christine, Tresa and Jason Mauric; brothers, Ben, George, Dave, Tom; sisters, Nancy Cortoparri, Marge Sucoff, Virginia Johnstons; many nieces and nephews. He was a member of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council #8564. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Patricks Church, Parnell, Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler Jr. presider. Interment St. Patricks Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patricks Endowment Fund, 4351 Parnell, Ada, MI 49301.

R. (Dale) Culler of Jackson, Irene M. (Paul) San Nicolas of Bellwood, IL; sons, Donald L. Taylor Jr. of Ionia, Dale E. (Julia) Taylor of Kentwood and Darrel J. (Cheryl) Taylor of Morley; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Taylor; a daughter, Bernice Johnston and two grandchildren. The Funeral Service was held Thursday, Dec. 5 at Parma Chapel Rev. Phillip Bongard officiating. Interment Campbell Cemetery. Assistance with memorial contributions available Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels.

VANDER VENNEN - Mr. Henry J. Vander Vennen, aged 66, of Ada, was called home to be with his Lord Wednesday, December 4, 1996. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lorna; his children, Linda and John Van Uffelen, Sharon and Daryl Kuiper, Cynthia and Todd Miedema, Kathy and Jeffrey Terpstra; his grandchildren, Dan, Lora, Jeff and Sarah Van Uffelen, Kristin, Katie, Jonathan, Kerrie and Karissa Kuiper, Melissa, Leanne, Danae and Travis Miedema, Lindsey, Kelsey and Michael Terpstra; his mother-in-law, Lina Rhoda; his sister, Mary and Walt Decker Sr.; his sister-in-law, Marilyn and Ed

Toonstra; his brother-in-law, Tom and Bea Rhoda; many nieces and nephews. He was a member of Southeast Protestant Reformed Church and served for many years on the church council. Henry was the President of Vennen Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep, Eagle in Lowell. A Memorial Service was held Saturday at the First Protestant Reformed Church, with Rev. Dale Kuiper and Professor Herman C. Hanko officiating. Private interment services were held at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Christian High School or to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.



....And Eyes of Coal

Lowell's first substantial snowfall this winter season didn't go unnoticed or unrewarded. From left to right, Lowell youths Justin Stanford, Tracey Johnson, and Kayla Johnson built a 7 1/2 foot tall snowman with buttons and eyes of coal and a nose of a banana. In all, it took them approximately one hour on Thursday to complete one of the holiday trademarks.

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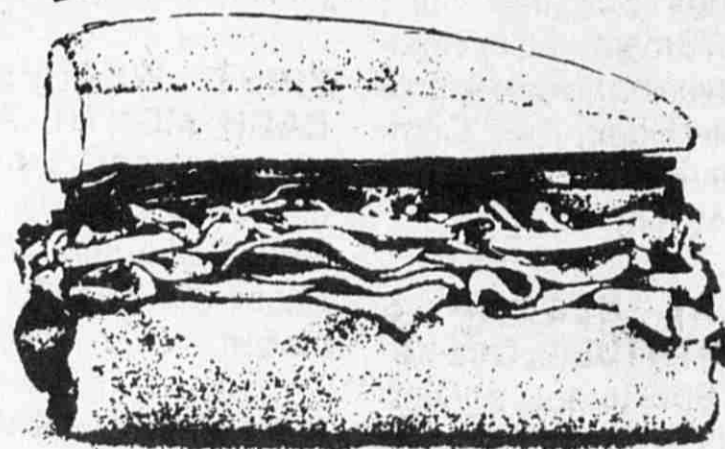
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EVERY TUES.: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at 7 p.m.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

THURS., DEC. 12: Keen Agers will meet at 10 a.m. in Vergennes Methodist Church. They will have dinner - turkey ala king on buns. Bring table service and a salad. They will pack Christmas boxes. Bring homemade cookies, breads and candy.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUN., DEC. 22: Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington, presents "Noel, Jesus is Born," a Christmas musical service at 11 a.m.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. thru the holidays. Phone 897-8545.

SUN., MARCH 2: Lakeland gathering at Huntington Hills. For information call (941) 688-7089.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

EVERY 3RD TUESDAY: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

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SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

Please join family and friends to celebrate the 85th BIRTHDAY OF CLARENCE B. (PECK) KLAHN At An Open House Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2 to 5 P.M. at his home - Orchard Hill Farm 9896 Cascade Rd. S.E., Lowell

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

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FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events

TUES., DEC. 17: 10:30 a.m., Wellness.

MON., DEC. 23: 12:30 p.m., Center Christmas party.

WED., DEC. 18: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

FRI., DEC. 20: 2:30 p.m., Christmas on the Grand and dinner.

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## Eighth-graders share in the spirit of giving

Lowell Middle School eighth-graders demonstrated the giving spirit this Thanksgiving by collecting items for food baskets for nine local families in need. Names of the families were obtained through the First United Methodist Church. Three parent volunteers helped students assemble and deliver the baskets. Volunteers pictured, front row, left to right, are: Jill Taylor, Travis Anderson, Ben VanderVeen, Kurt Umlauf and Joanne Steele; back row, left to right: Jason Simbor, Brandon Taylor, Jordan Steele, Sean Simpson and Susan VanderVeen.

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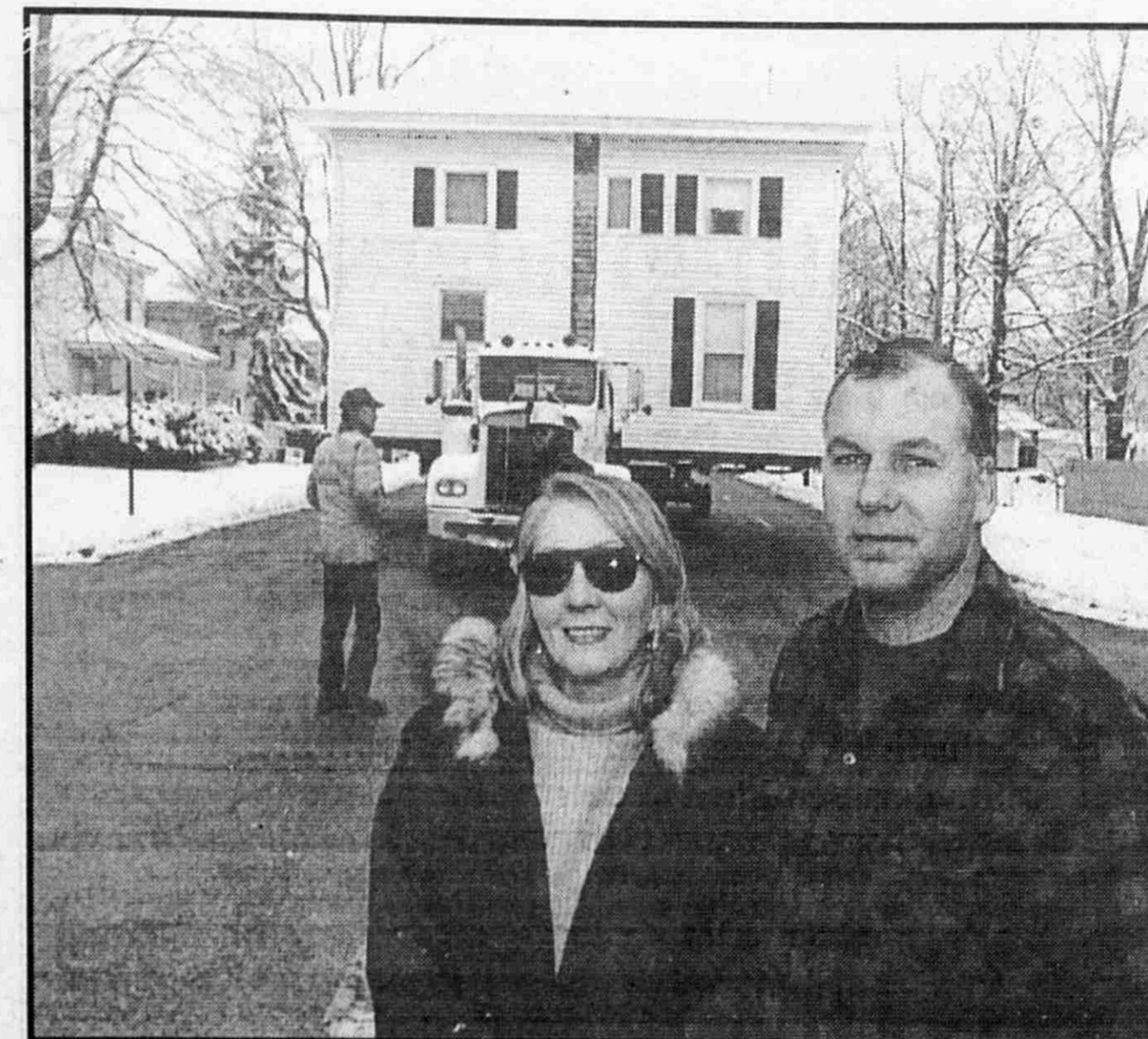
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Bill and Mary Zigmont, left, watched carefully for five-and-a-half hours as their home at the corner of Elm and Hudson was moved east of Lowell to Riverside Drive. The home was moved by Roll Away Movers out of Grand Rapids. The house was moved on Wednesday, Dec. 4. The lot which now sets vacant at Elm and Hudson, owned by Dave Gerst Sr., will be used to provide Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with additional parking. Below, movers negotiate a left-hand turn onto Main Street. The house is 100-plus years old and was purchased by George Story in 1937. Story sold the house to Gerst in 1989.



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## Modular Home, cont'd.... From Page 1

you will need to eliminate your driveway and use the access road," Bryan said.

McMaster acknowledged the commission's plans and said he will adhere to its guidelines.

McMaster also informed the commission that his business owns no lumber or heavy machinery for modular home construction and doesn't have plans to do so in the near future.

He said the site will be used as a retail/commercial site and only company pickup trucks will access the property.

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP WINTER COLLECTION HOURS

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Because March 1 falls on a Saturday, our office will be open on Monday, March 3, for dog licenses from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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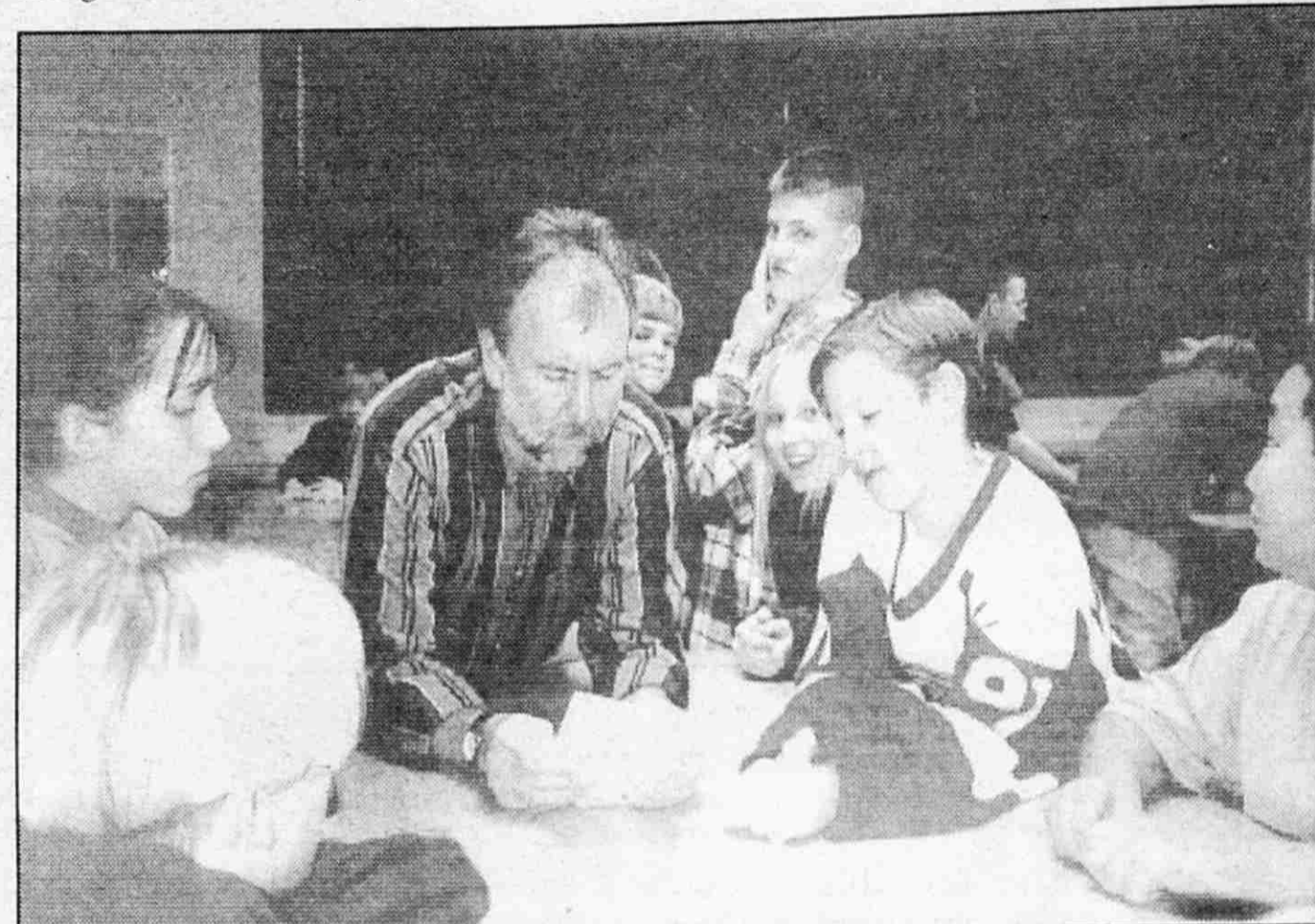
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## Egyptian Pyramids present in LMS art classes

Reverend Gordon Barry brought pyramids from his Egyptian trip to the seventh and eighth grade art classes through slides and a question and answer period as a culmination of an Egyptian cultural art study incorporating potter's wheel techniques and procedures and the designing of burial chambers in the pyramids. Students learned the Egyptian creator Ptah was depicted as a ram-headed craftsman sitting at the potter's wheel fashioning mankind from clay. They also learned the correct portrayal of the figure and that the use of hieroglyphics along with scenes of everyday life were important ingredients

in the pharaoh's burial chamber to ensure eternal life.

The students were fascinated by the tanks left in the desert along with the closeness and differences between the two cultures - ours and Egyptian. Students had many questions about the pictures they saw. Rev. Barry also passed around pieces of papyrus with prints on them and an alabaster jar in which a vital organ could be stored after embalming. Classes are under the direction of M. Karen Lambert.



Pictured, left to right: Jack Whitman, Megan Liszewski, Reverend Barry, Jim Kelly, Ben Grummet, Bridget Harrigan, Andy Larish and Joel Land.

## IN THE SERVICE

Marine Lance Cpl. Richard T. Stouffer, son of David E. and Bonnie L. Stouffer of Lowell, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS

Nassau Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG). Stouffer is one of more than 2,000 marines and sailors, who departed Norfolk, VA, aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville and the dock

landing ship USS Pensacola. Equipped with the 26th MEU landing force, helicopters, Harrier attack jets, high-speed assault hovercraft, landing craft, tanks, and armored and amphibious assault vehicles, the USS Nassau ARG provides theater commanders in the Mediterranean Sea a wide range of capabilities.

The 26th MEU can evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force ashore.

Stouffer and his fellow marines and sailors spent the past year training for a wide range of conventional and special operations they might be tasked with during the deployment. As part of the preparations, USS Nassau ARG participated in exercises involving air, naval and ground operations. The exercise also included surveillance, rescue, humanitarian assistance, maritime interdiction, embassy support and non-combat evacuations.

The 1994 graduate of

Lowell High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1994.

Marine 1st Lt. Benjamin P. Richmond, son of Jerrold R. and Diane M. Richmond of Lowell, recently participated in the 21st Annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.

Richmond was one of more than 19,000 runners participating in the event, which is also known as "The People's Marathon." Open to the public, the 26.2-mile marathon was originally designed to promote harmony among civilians and military in the capitol city area by bringing the two communities together in a neutral event.

Although no prize money was awarded, finishers received an official Marine Corps silver medal for their efforts.

Richmond is a 1993 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, with a BS degree.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE PROPOSED ZONING AND MAP AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed map amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on December 12, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, MI. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The proposed amendments to the zoning map would rezone approximately 20 acres of land on the east side of M-50 (Alden Nash Road), lying south of the C & O Railroad from Agricultural (A-2) to Light Industrial (I-1). The area to be rezoned is more fully described as being:

Commencing at the Southeast intersection of highway M-50 and the C & O Railway, then South 500 feet, then East 600 feet, then South approximately 434 feet to a point which lies 65 feet North of the North line extended of parcel - 013), then East 573 feet, then North approximately 934 feet, then West approximately 1,230 feet to the place of beginning.

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, MI 49302, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, telephone number is (616) 868-6846.

Please join us for  
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"Code Red" is a youth musical by Dennis and Nan Allen that is being performed by the First Baptist Church of Lowell teens.

Please join us as we share in a very entertaining but meaningful way what the Greatest Gift we can ever receive is as we celebrate this Christmas season.

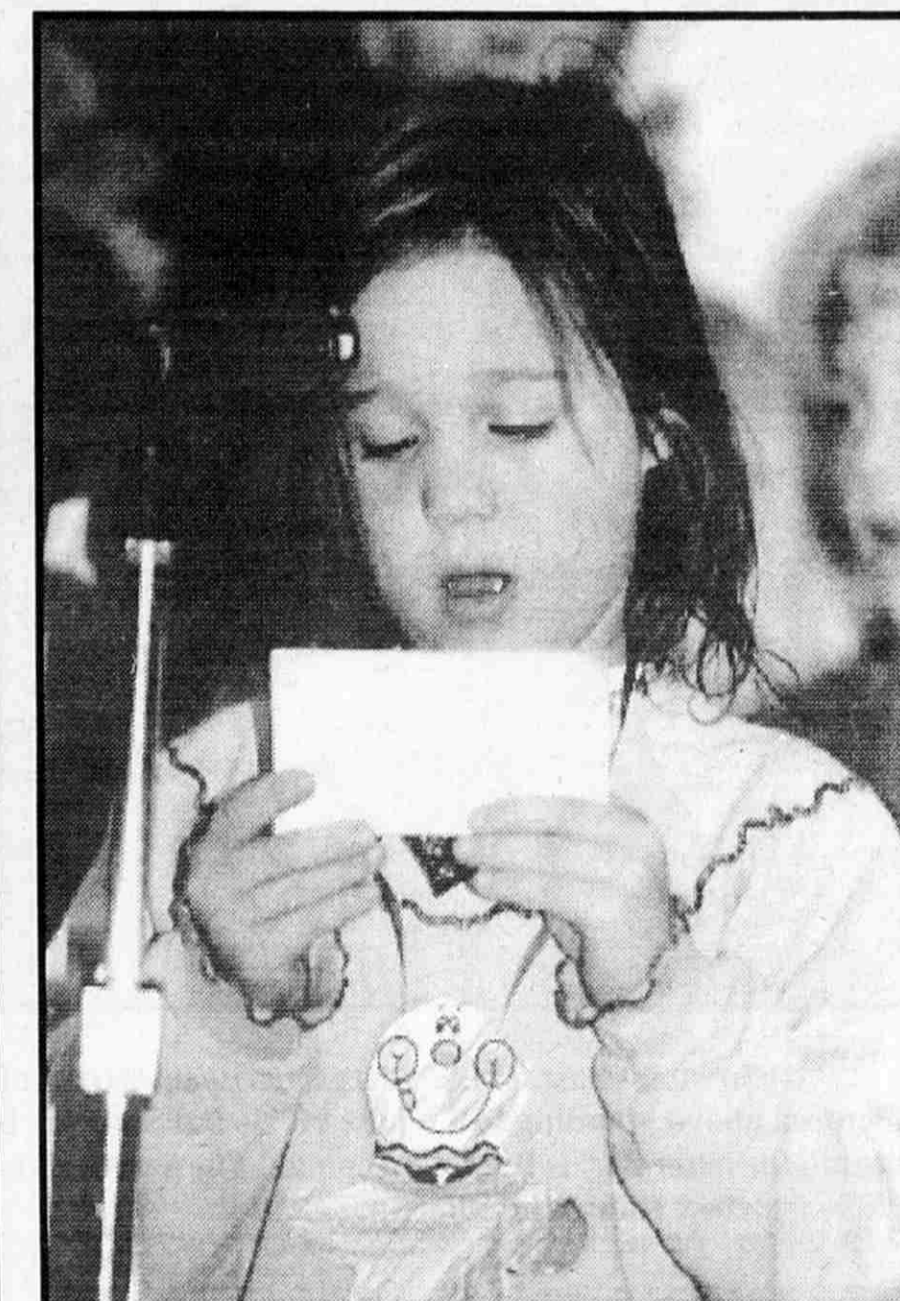
When: December 15, 1996  
Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Where: First Baptist  
Church of Lowell  
2275 West Main St.  
Lowell, MI 49331  
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## Bushnell first-graders cheer in the holiday season with annual Christmas concert



Jessika Towne shows the "heart" of a holiday.



Amber Collins



Pictured above, from left to right, Peter Scudder, Brian Sejat, Corbin Debiak, Justin VanAcker.

## Getting Ready for the Holiday

Over 200 Bushnell first-graders kindled the Christmas spirit of family and friends with a high energy Christmas concert. The first-graders were directed by Bushnell music teacher Julie Dick. Musical numbers performed by the first-graders included "Sing of Christmas Joy," "Deck the Hall," "The Gift From the Heart," and "Yummy, Yummy Christmas Time."

## Show Us Your Smile!

### NOVEMBER SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME: ..... Katherine Sprague

AGE: ..... 3 years old

BIRTHDAY: February 4, 1993

HOBBIES: Playing with her dolls, cat and dog  
Katherine receives a prize for her great check up.



### November

## "No Cavities" Club Members

Michael Sprague  
Jordyn Warner  
Bobby Nichols  
Jacob Gould  
Alex Johnson  
Brittany Moore  
Ed Zigmont  
Alan Onan  
Thomas Sprague

Trevor Reniger  
Jessie Stinchcomb  
Chad Vanderploeg  
Heather Green  
Angie Wood  
Sean Burrows  
Eric Saenz

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Pictured above are, front row: Pat Wickerham; middle row: Tim VanLaan and back row: Brad Jackson, Mike Wernet and Nate Schoen.  
Not pictured is Chris Wieland.



...Of Christmas Past. This kindergarten float was part of Lowell's first Christmas parade back in December of 1947. Pictured above, standing behind the "E" is Pat Sullivan, behind the first "R" is Mary Ann MacDowell and standing behind the letter "Y" is Beverly Wepman. The names of the other children standing behind the letters are not known. Photo courtesy Ruby Christiansen.

## Streets are lined for Lowell's annual Christmas parade

There were 52 entries in the 1996 Lowell Christmas parade. Judged as the top three floats were as follows: 1. Lowell Area Bus Drivers Association (\$100); 2. Boot Scoot Riders 4-8 Club (\$75); 3. The Lowell Postal Service (\$50). Liz Baker, coordinator of the parade, added that area churches earned honorable mention. "I want to thank all the participants for their part in making this year's parade a success," Baker said. "Through them, the true spirit of Christmas was revealed."



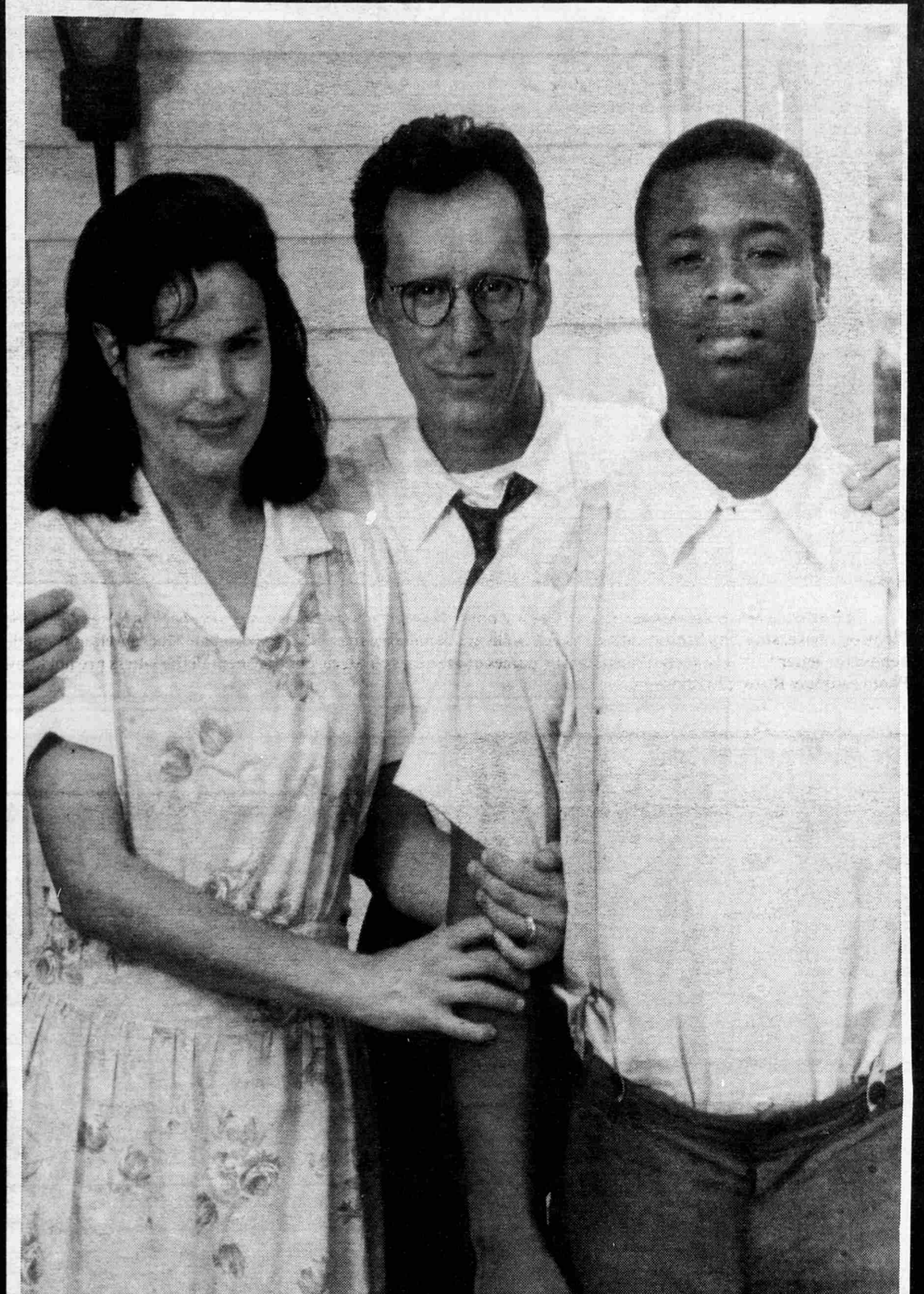
Santa didn't look like "Daddy" to Pat and Michele Schaefer's little 19-month old Ryan.



# The Ledger TV LISTING MAGAZINE

CHANNEL	SYMBOL
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3	WWMT-3
4	WOTV-41
5*	WLLA-64
6	WGVU-35
7	WXMI-17
8	WOOD-8
9*	WLNS-6
10*	WILX-10
11*	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	DISNEY**
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
17	WTBS
18	C-MAX**
19	FAM
20	FX
21*	M-TV
22*	LOCAL
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28*	HN
29	NICK
30	A&E
31	PASS
32	TNT
33*	DOPLAR RADAR
34*	EWTN
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39*	VH-1
40	WEATHER
41	HISTORY
42	AMC

\* Denotes channels not appearing in the grids  
\*\* Denotes Premium Channels



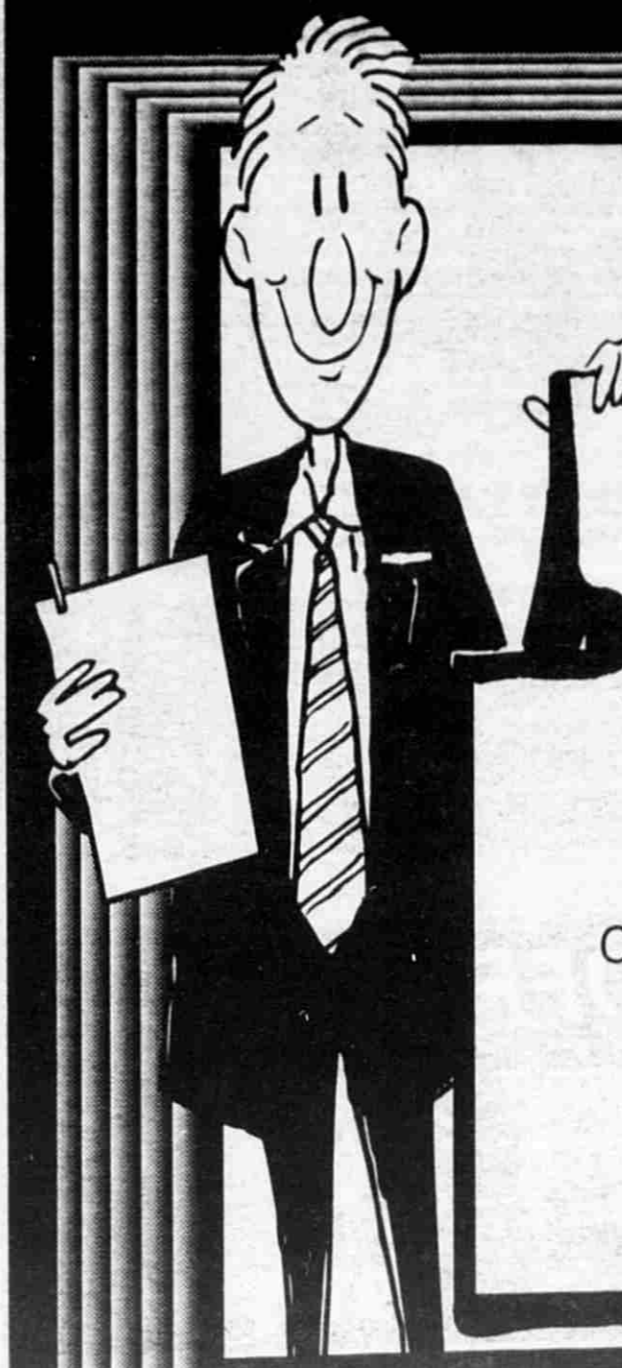
### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 THRU DECEMBER 19

A white couple accepts responsibility for a mentally challenged black teen-ager, despite objections and threats from other townspeople, in *The Summer of Ben Tyler*, airing Sunday on CBS. The Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation, set in 1942, stars Elizabeth McGovern, James Woods and Charles Mattocks.

## NOTICE TO LCATV SUBSCRIBERS:

Lowell Ledger Television Guide readers may have already noticed a change in the TV Guide grids. The Lowell Ledger has added four new stations to its daily grids...  
The Learning Channel, Travel Channel, History Channel and American Movie Classics.

In order to make room for these channels in the daily grids, the Ledger has deleted channels 9 and 10, and the cable and premium station dividers. Channels 9 and 10 were removed because in large part they duplicated programming that can be found on channels 3 and 8 which are listed in the grids. Also, on the front of the television guide there is a revised list of the channels offered through Lowell Cable television. Channels offered through Lowell Cable but not listed in the grids are denoted with asterisks. Premium channels are denoted with two asterisks.



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Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WDTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'This Morning', 'CBS News', 'Good Morning America'.

Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WDTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Young and the Restless', 'The City', 'All My Children'.

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WDTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Wheel of Fortune', 'Jeopardy!', 'Dave's World'.

Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WDTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Late Show', 'Late Late Show', 'American Journal'.

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Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WDTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like 'Storybreak', 'Beakman's W.', 'Holidays at Home'.

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 14, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVI, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 14, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVI, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVI, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 15, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVI, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, DUCK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 1996
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THURSDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 19, 1996
Broadcast Stations: WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX. Schedule from 12:00 to 4:30 AM.

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# Township puts wealth of experience and knowledge on planning commission

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Wells' appointment will become official during the township's regularly scheduled board meeting (Dec. 16), according to township supervisor John Timpson. At that time Wells will be officially appointed to the position. Wells has served as township clerk for more than 20 years and has served on the commission prior to this appointment. Wells replaces Carol Wieland who lost a bid to become township clerk during the Aug. 6 primary election.

As part of the unofficial welcoming festivities, the commission also elected its officers for the new year. Mel Beers will retain his role as chairman, a position he has held for two years. Dick Bryan remains assistant chairman and David Simmonds will continue his role as secretary. Wells' appointment gives the commission a five-person board.

Drive and the Grand River. When approved, the township will need to improve the site so it is safe to cross and to avoid traffic congestion on Grand River Drive. Township officials are hoping to have a softball field, hiking trails and picnic areas as part of the park's attraction. The deal of the land, which was purchased from Wayne Norton, also includes two islands in the river. The township agreed to pay approximately \$40,000 of the purchasing price with the remainder of the funds coming from state grants and private donations. No discussion has taken place about how the islands will fit into the park's scheme. No park opening date has been set by the township.

# Track crossing only hurdle left for township park plans

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The hopes for a public park in Lowell Charter Township have hit a bump in the road, but officials don't think its severe enough to derail the project.

Before the township can finalize the purchasing of the park land, it must receive permission from Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad to cross the tracks.

The township approved the purchasing of the park land in August, but the go-ahead is being delayed until the railroad gives final permission.

"Once we get permission from the railroad company, we can move forward," said township supervisor John Timpson.

The 76-acre park would be located between Grand River

## CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

As referenced in the Snow Removal Ordinance #86-1, all occupants or owners of any premises or property are responsible to keep sidewalks and areas adjacent to existing sidewalks clear of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of snow fall.

No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-of-way, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

Any occupant or property owner that violates this ordinance will be fined.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk



### Doyle Runs in Dublin

Lowell's Erin Doyle, the daughter of Brian and Cheryl Doyle, ran in a two-mile race in Dublin, Ireland, during a family vacation in October. Erin is wearing a "Cherry Creek Classic" shirt. Her time was 27:40.

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**UNSUNG ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

JACK and ANDY are senior leaders on the football team in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the weight room. Jack has started for two years at linebacker and running back. Andy started at running back, flanker and defensive back. Their work in the classroom helped their team achieve academic all-state status while their leadership in the weight room led the team to believe in themselves. Their dedication to the team will stand as a building block in the future foundation of Lowell football.

JACK LIVINGSTON Senior  
ANDY SMITH Senior

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# Lowell grapplers finish third in Battle Creek

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell officially got its wrestling season underway Saturday at the Battle Creek Lakeview Invitational.

The Red Arrows placed third in a field of eight with 112 points.

Charlotte won the tournament with 175.5 and East Kentwood was second with 157.5 points.

Lowell placed three wrestlers in the finals and five in the consolation round.

Earning firsts were Red Arrows' David Luyk and Billy Stouffer.

Luyk (2-0), wrestling at 140 pounds, decided Charlotte's Kris Tarrant 4-2. "David wrestled real well and surprised some

people," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said.

Stouffer, 215, pinned East Kentwood's Ryan Neil in 1:46 of the first round. The Lowell freshman was 2-0 on the day.

Red Arrow senior Mike Minier, wrestling at 189 pounds, placed second. He lost to Charlotte's Aaron Uhl in the finals by the count of 7-1.

"We had some wrestlers that looked better than we thought," Rivers said. "We also had some experienced wrestlers who did poorly."

Under the category of "better than we thought" was Dan Rottier (103). The freshman was third with a record of 3-1. His only loss came to the number one seed, Battle Creek Lakeview's Phil Bowers, 8-4. In the consolation match, Rottier pinned Charlotte's Cam Doty in 53 seconds of the first round.

Lowell's Scott Hays (160) defeated East Kentwood's Matt

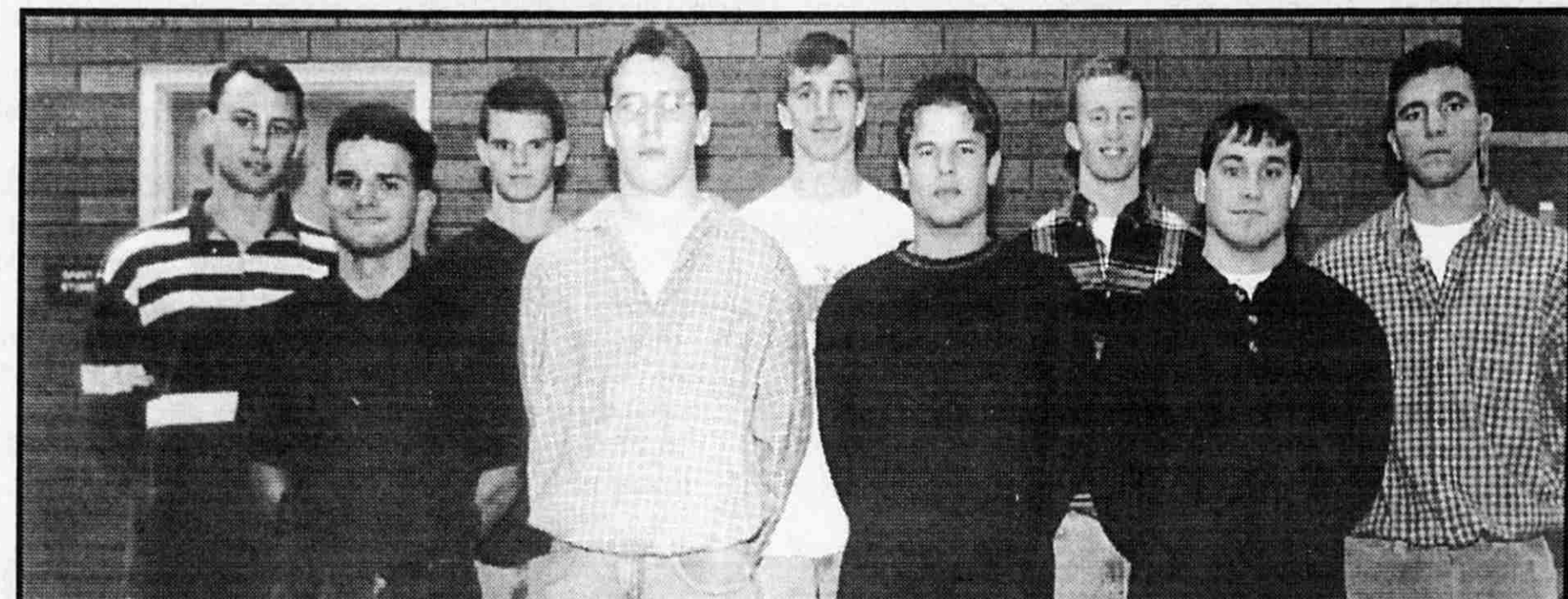
Degier 18-5 in the consolation round to earn a third-place finish.

Red Arrow Steve VanLaan (3-1), 171, earned an 8-4 decision over Battle Creek Pennfield's Justin Crawford to finish third. VanLaan's only loss (6-4) of the day came to East Kentwood's Sung Moon.

Red Arrows' Brett Plattner (135) and Nick West (112) were defeated in the consolation round and finished fourth. Both wrestlers were 2-2 on the afternoon.

Wrestling, but not placing, were Denny Snuffer, 119, 0-2; Casey Harper, 125, 1-2; Brad Lyons, 130, 0-2; Travis Ebmeyer, 145, 0-2; and Chris VanSpronsen, 152, 0-2.

Lowell wrestles at home against East Grand Rapids on Thursday and travels to Hemlock on Saturday.



Post season varsity football awards were presented at the annual Lowell football/cheerleading banquet. Front row, left to right, are: John Hapeman, Coach Burch award; Jeff Altoft, all conference; Jack Livingston, captain, Lowell Lions Club defensive player of the year; Mike Curtis, all conference, most improved. Back row, left to right, are Aaron Brander, honorable mention all conference; Brad Lyons, coach's award; Matt Dykstra, coach's award; Brian Willmarth, scholar athlete; Jeff Catlin, captain, coach "C" award, all conference, and Lowell Lions Clubs offensive player of the year. Not pictured, are: Brett Bittrick, sportsmanship award, captain; Andy Smith, captain; Pat Johnson captain, and Nate Lietzke all conference.

## Lowell football team one of the top four academically in Class A

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell football team finished the regular season ranked sixth in Class A (Region I), leaving the Red Arrows two spots short of qualifying for the state tournament.

Lowell, however, made the grade when it came to recognizing Class A schools for all-state academic honors.

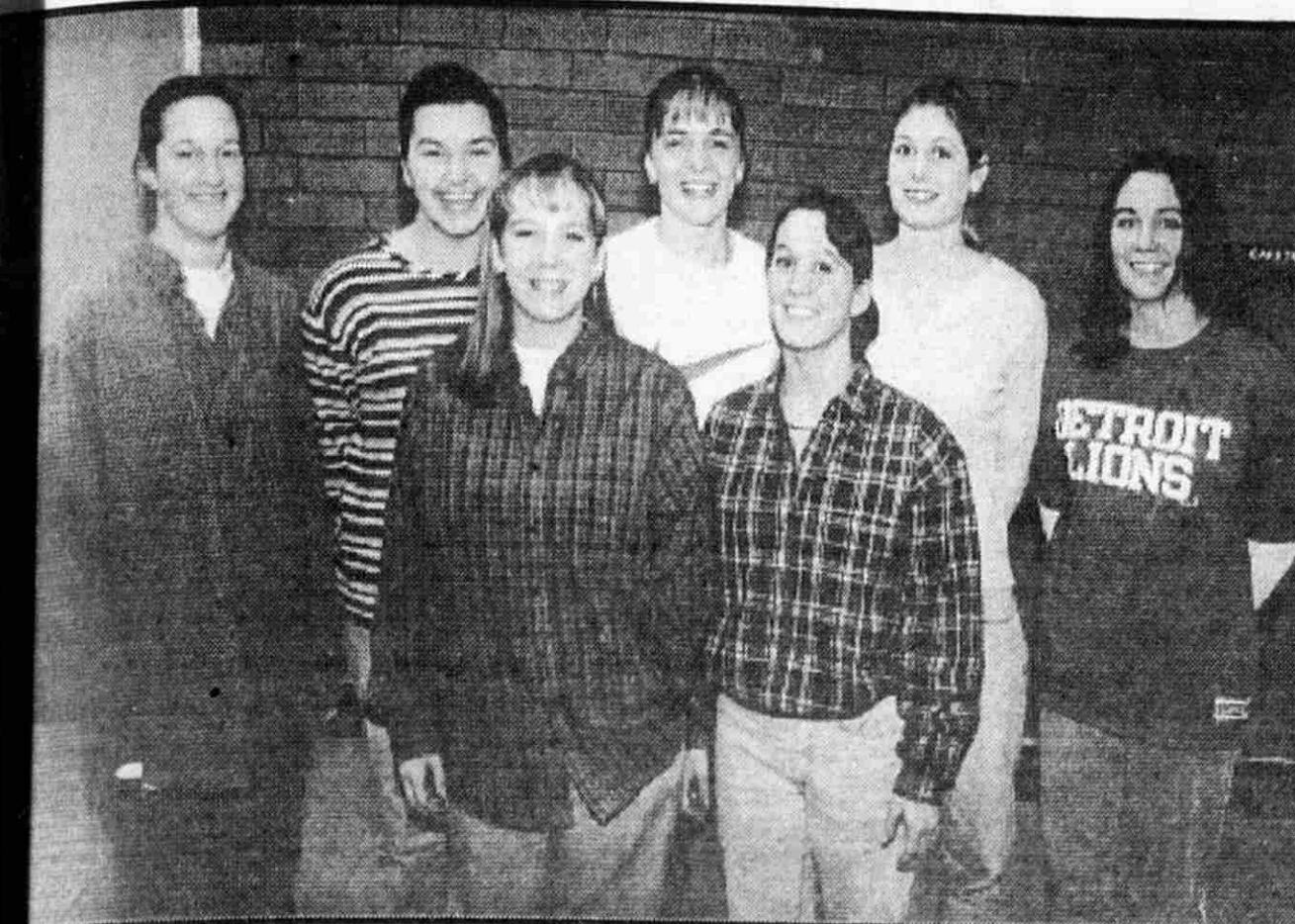
The Red Arrows were one of four teams recognized for their performance in the classroom.

The Red Arrows top 11 football players carried an average GPA of 3.81.

They were Nate Lietzke, Jason Alber, Aaron Brander, Jeff Catlin, Jack Livingston, Nate Schoen, Andy Smith, Steve VanLaan, Tim VanLaan, Chris Wieland and Brian Willmarth.

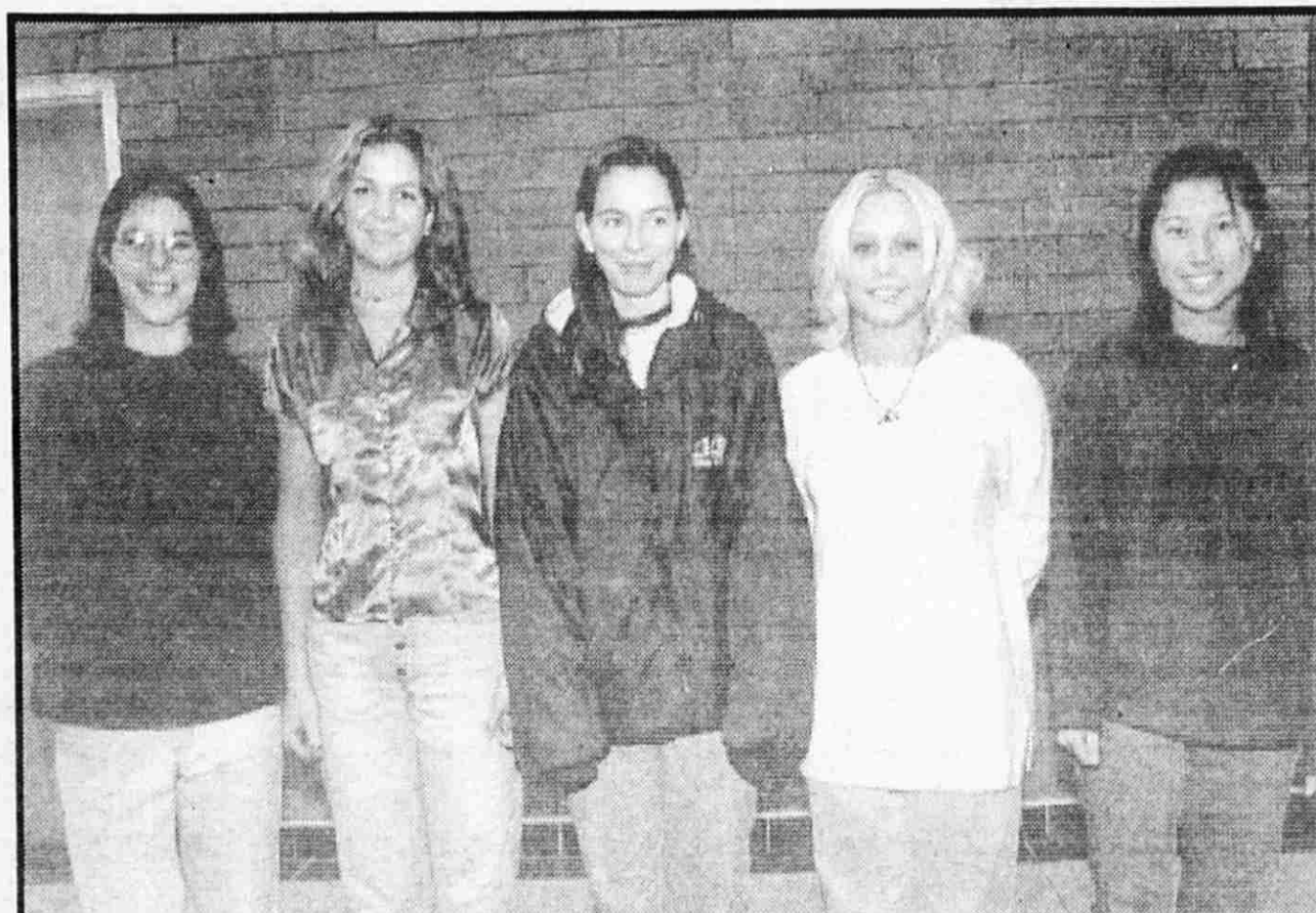
Lietzke was also named to the academic allstate team. Selection is based on GPA, ACT score, class ranking and paying time. Based on that criteria a player must be one of the top 22 players in the state.

The senior has a GPA of 3.97, scored a 32 on the ACT, is ranked fourth in his class, and played 85 percent of the time during the regular season at offensive tackle.



## Varsity Basketball Awards

Post season varsity girls basketball awards were presented at the annual banquet. Front row, left to right, are: Melissa Sobie, most improved; and Lisa Posthumus, Davis award. Back row, left to right, are Shannon Laux, defensive player of the year; Heidi Koskey, sportsmanship; Emily Dunn, captain, top rebounder, Lions Club most valuable player, all conference; Melissa Luyk, scholar athlete; and Jenny Borg, offensive player of the year and all conference honorable mention. Not pictured is Rachael Fredline, coach's award.



## Varsity Cheerleading Awards

Post season varsity cheerleading awards were presented at the annual Lowell cheerleading/football banquet. Pictured from left to right, are: Lori Catlin, sportsmanship award; Kelly Biener, scholar athlete; Ashley Pullen, co-captain; Skye Fisher, co-captain and Lowell Lions Club most valuable player; and Cory Land, most improved.

### CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 16, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall., 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to consider vacating Railroad Street.

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# Moving On Up!

## Freshman class expected to make an impact while wrestling program veterans will be asked to take it up another notch.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

During the second week of the high school football season, Lowell's Gary Rivers made note of the fact that there were just eight more weeks until the wrestling season began. "I've been waiting for the season to start since March," Rivers says with a broad smile.

Some may find it hard to believe, but the enthusiasm the 37-year veteran wrestling coach has for the sport hasn't wavered even a little over the years. In fact, it may just be amplifying.

Some of the excitement that has sprouted this year may stem from the strong freshman class that has arrived at the high school.

"What makes this freshman class one of the better ones is the knowledge and the sheer number of wrestlers," Rivers said.

There are 12 freshmen on the roster. There are probably two or three who will make an immediate impact. They are Dan Rottier (103), Tom Oesch (135) and Bill Stouffer (215).

"Both Rottier and Oesch have knowledge and ability, but they don't have varsity experience," Rivers said. "The same goes with Stouffer. He is also in a tough weight class. However, Billy is not your typical freshman."

Rivers says how successful this year's team will be is hard to visualize. "We have a number of wrestlers who have been in the program a long time. They were .500 wrestlers or a little above or below that at the varsity level last year. The question is whether they will move up to that next notch," Rivers said.

Falling under that umbrella are David Luyk, 140, 24-22; Brett Plattner, 135, 21-19; Scott Hays, 160, 27-20; Mike Minier, 189, 27-20; Steve VanLaan, 171, 26-20; Nick West, 112, 18-23; and Brad Lyons, 130-135, 19-28.

"We have to work to get these guys to the next level," Rivers said.

A senior who took that next step in his junior year is quad-captain Casey Harper. The Red Arrow was 33-18 last year. Sharing the captain honors with Harper will be Plattner, Hays and Minier.

Rivers says the O-K white will be horrendously tough. He tabs the defending champs, Forest Hills Central, as the favorite. "Don't overlook Northview, Wyoming Park or Hastings," Rivers warns. "I think we'll be in the hunt also."

Lowell looks to be stronger at heavyweight. Battling for the top spot will be Mike Arnswald, Andy Nauta and Jason Willard.

Names that could dot the varsity lineup throughout the season are Denny Snuffer, Matt Blough, Nick Lamoreaux,

Brad Jackson, Keith Krebill, Caleb Grummet, Lucas Grummet, Clark Fox, Josh Stauffer, Travis Ebmeyer, Chris Van Spronsen, Mike Seitz, Chris Wilkins, Nathan Roudabush, Gerrid Uzarski and T.J. Forward.

"We're going to be strong at the bottom and top," Rivers said. "We'll be a little light in the middle."

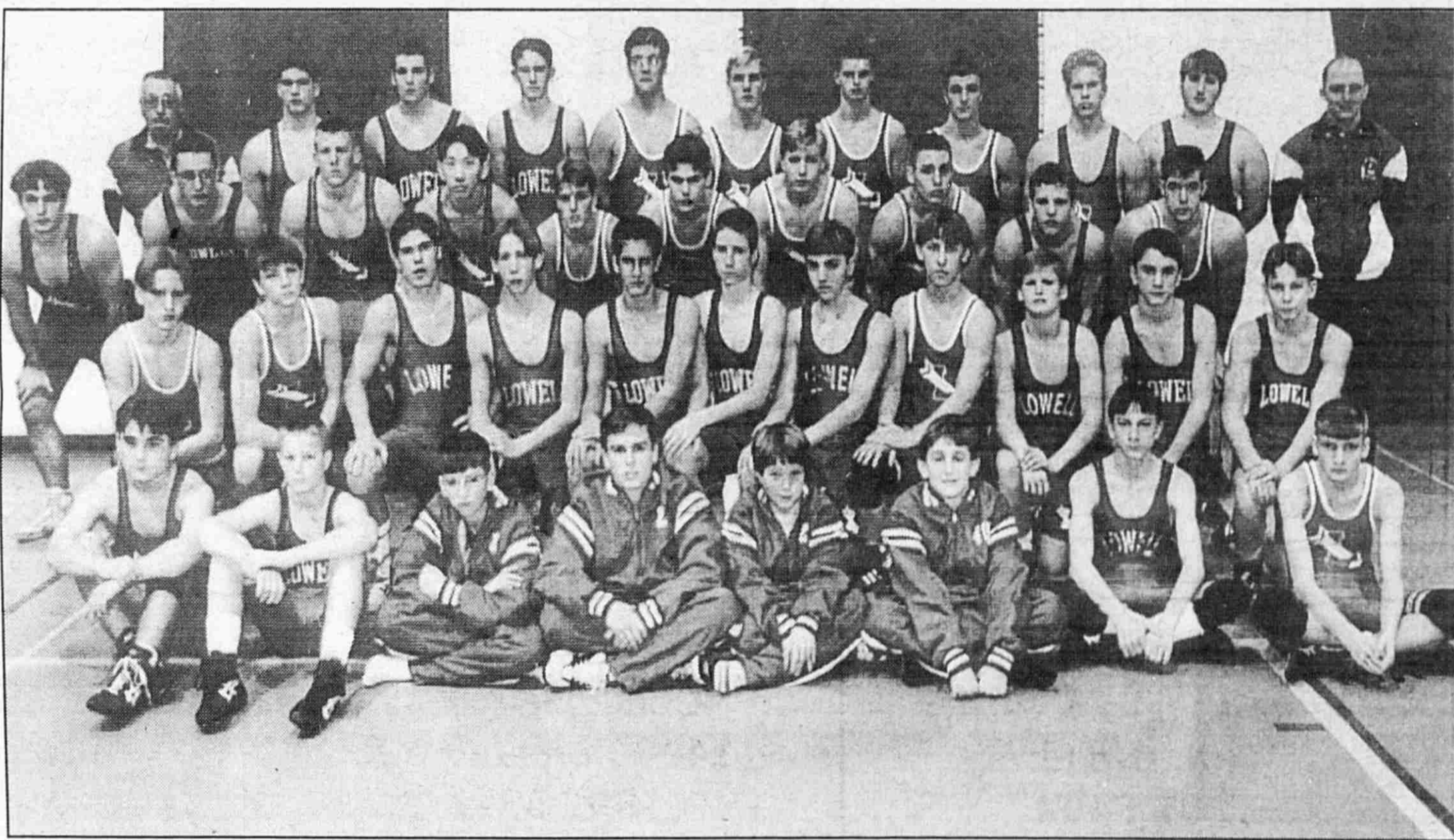
*What makes this freshman class one of the better ones is the knowledge and the sheer number of wrestlers.*

**Gary Rivers**  
Lowell Wrestling Coach

The coach says he's been impressed with the way this year's team has worked. "They are really enthused and wrestling hard."

Lowell's first home match is against East Grand Rapids on Dec. 12.

Members of the Lowell wrestling team are, front row, left to right: Chris Wilkins, Doug Ford, Erik Hays (manager), Caleb O'Boyle (manager), Beau Wilder (manager), J.J. Wilder (manager), Brett West, Dan Rottier. Second row, left to right: Casey Harper, Nick West, Tom Oesch, T.J. Forward, Mike Junewick, Brent Lyons, Brad Jackson, Denny Snuffer, Aaron Plattner, Gerrid Uzarski, Anthony Sagane. Third row, left to right: Clark Fox, Kyle Roth, Caleb Grummet, Nate Roudabush, Brett Plattner, David Luyk, Chris VanSpronsen, Travis Ebmeyer, Luke Seitz, Mike Minier. Fourth row, left to right: coach Gary Rivers, Billy Stouffer, Lucas Grummet, Josh Stauffer, Mike Arnswald, Steve VanLaan, Brad Lyons, Scott Hays, Keith Krebill, Jason Willard and coach Dave Strej.



# Size, quickness and strength could help ease scoring concerns

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Lowell boys basketball team shot 40 percent or better from the floor last year, they won.

The Red Arrows were 3-18 in 1995-96. Guess what concerns second-year Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush going into the 1996-97 season?

"We were unable to put the ball in the basket last year," Bush said. "Scoring points is a concern."

Three key elements - size, quickness and strength - may help the Red Arrows improve on their ability to score points in 1996-97.

"We won't be bigger than the other teams in our conference, but we won't be considerably smaller either," Bush said. "We will be able to fill the five-spot (center) position."

That position will be shared by juniors Nate Schoen (6-4) and Justin Balcer (6-7). Lowell's basketball program will also profit from the

weight program many of the players went through for football. Bush said he has added a strength program for basketball as well. "I think we will see benefits from this throughout the program."

"There is no doubt our quickness and size give us the ability to defend well," Bush said. "Playing man-to-man defense will be a focus of ours."

If the Red Arrows are successful playing defense, they can create turnovers and force their opponents into taking bad shots. "Defense is hard work, hustle and determination," Bush said.

*We won't be bigger than the other teams in our conference, but we won't be considerably smaller either.*

**Pete Bush**  
Lowell Basketball Coach

The Lowell coach hopes that quickness will also allow them to move the ball up the court faster and therefore score more in transition.

The Red Arrows are not blessed with great offensive players...with the possible exception of senior Kevin Brown. "We are going to look to Kevin to do a lot for us," Bush said.

Senior Aaron Brander will play the two-guard position. "Aaron invested a lot of time in basketball over the summer," Bush said. "He's quicker and shoots better."

Senior Jeff Catlin will play at small forward/third guard. "There won't be a

player he can't go by," Bush explained. "However, this year, I think Jeff will be able to finish off the play."

Bush will build his starting five around the three seniors. "They will be on the floor as much as possible."

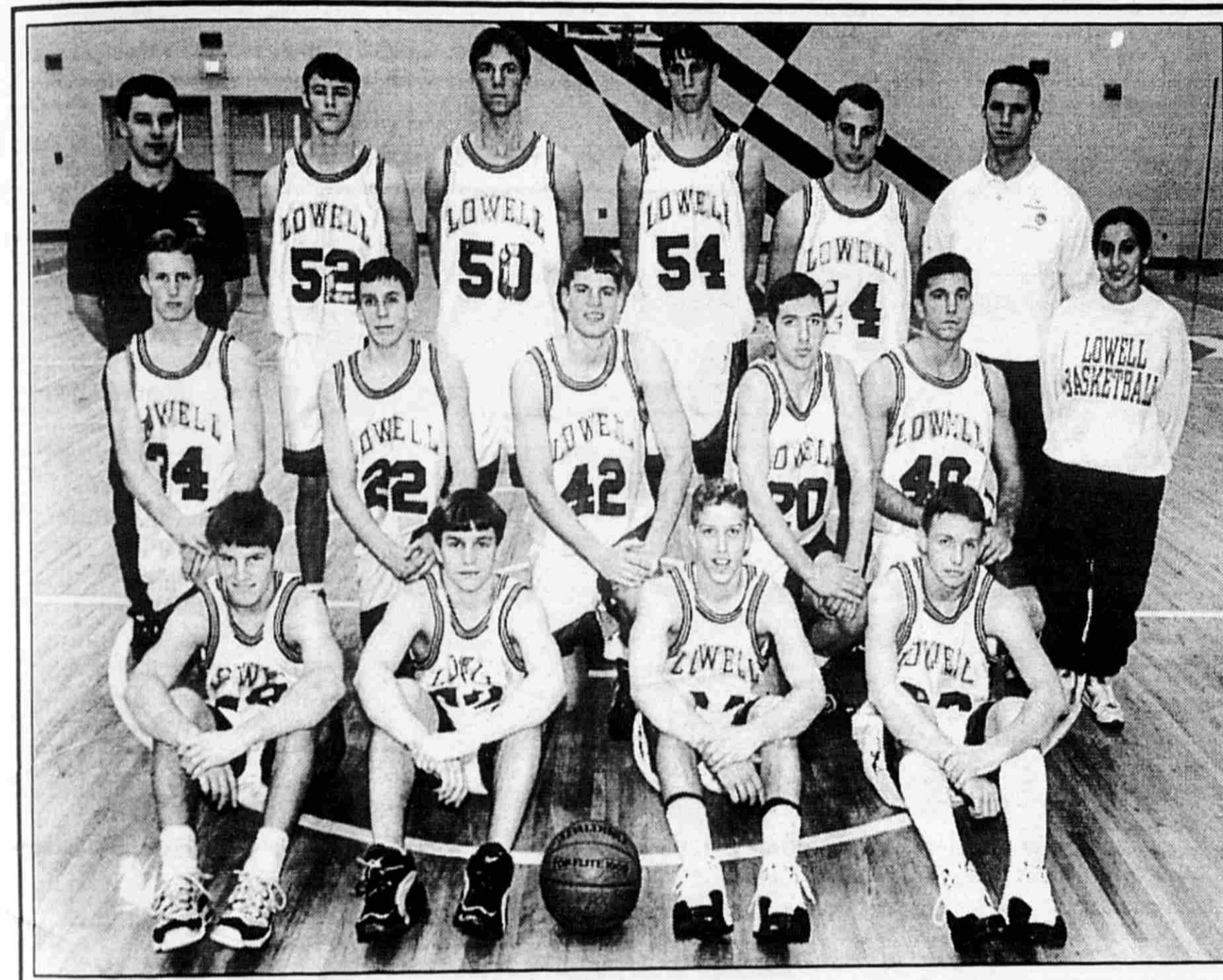
Senior Joe Hohbach, junior Tim VanLaan and sophomore Shane Teelander will fill the point guard position.

Also expected to contribute this year are Mike Scigliano, Todd Dalga, Kevin Williams, Brian Willmarth and Mike Wernett.

Bush has tabbed Northview and Wyoming Park as league favorites.

"I think Forest Hills, East Grand Rapids and Zeeland will be competitive," the Lowell coach said.

Lowell plays Friday at home against Rockford.



Members of the varsity basketball team are, front row, left to right: Tim VanLaan, Joe Hohbach, Shane Teelander, Kevin Williams. Middle row, left to right: Brian Willmarth, Todd Dalga, Mike Wernett, Mike Scigliano, Jeff Catlin and Susan Clark (manager). Back row, left to right: coach Pete Bush, Kevin Brown, Nate Schoen, Justin Balcer, Aaron Brander and manager Joe Stacey.

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## Increased skill and experience afford Lowell's gymnastics team lofty individual and team goals

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Based on gymnastic skill, Lowell's gymnastics team will start the 1996-97 season as rich as it's been in a number of years.

Three girls return from last year's team - seniors Shannon Laux and Skye Fisher and junior Brenda Lacey. They represented 75 percent of the 1995-96 squad.

Joining the returning letter winners are six freshmen, four with prior club experience.

"I think Shannon, Skye and Brenda all have the ability to qualify for the state meet," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said.

Of the three all-around performers in 1995-96, Lacey was the only Lowell gymnast to qualify for the state meet. She qualified on the balance beam.

Fisher, according to her coach, has already surpassed her talent level of a year ago. "Skye put in some work over the summer," DeHaan said. "This year, for the first time, she will do back-to-back backhand springs on the balance beam."

Laux exudes power. It is never more evident than on the vault, the senior's strongest event. "Her tumbling experience and leg strength are what make Shannon a good vaulter," DeHaan said. "She hits the board with power and knows what to do with it."

Over the summer, Laux worked on her beam exercise. DeHaan had talked to her about dropping the cartwheel mount, a difficult trick in which she had trouble with her landing last year.

"On Shannon's first day of practice, she hit the cartwheel mount five consecutive times," DeHaan said. "Her work over the summer must have paid off."

Lacey, Lowell's top gymnast last year, took on some private tutelage in the off season. The junior is expected to shine most brightly in the floor exercise and on the balance beam. She has an opportunity to qualify for the state meet in multiple events.

Lowell's third-year coach believes a mix of experienced freshmen may also bode well for the team.

They are Renee Brower, Laura Douglass, Kristy Hughes, Anna Garza, Lisa Malone and Samantha Ripley.

Brower, Douglass, Hughes and Garza have prior experience.

"Our experience, I think, gives the team a realistic shot at qualifying for the regional," DeHaan said.

Brower is a product of the Lowell YMCA gymnastic class and has worked out at an area gymnastic club.

"She will contribute to our fourth score as an all-around

performer," DeHaan said. "Her strongest event is probably the balance beam."

Douglass will also compete in all four events. "She comes to the high school program already knowing how to execute all the basic skills," DeHaan said. "For never being in a ballet class, she is a most graceful gymnast. If a gymnast has grace, it is something people don't notice. If a gymnast doesn't have grace, it is very obvious."

Another all-around gymnast is Garza. She has some gymnastic experience and her coach says she is a fast learner. Her dance experience will help make the floor exercise one of her stronger events.

DeHaan was expecting good thing from Hughes. However, an accident on the third night of practice will limit Hughes to the role of spectator this year.

"She fell off the uneven bars and broke her arm," DeHaan said. "The injury required two plates and 13 screws."

Malone and Ripley have no prior gymnastic experience. However, they have a strong work ethic. "They are good examples to other girls coming up that you can participate in gymnastics and have fun even if you don't have any previous experience."



Members of the junior varsity volleyball team are, front row, left to right: Shannon Finnegan, Rachael Fredline, Brooke Bennett, Jennifer McCaul. Middle row, left to right: Kelly O'Dell, Amy Snell, Tiffany Varnell, Laura LaHaye. Back row, left to right: Andrea Rickert, Kaily Wittenbach, Nicole Arnett, Lynn Boersma and Morgan Scheid.

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**Michele DeHaan**  
Lowell Gymnastics Coach

The Red Arrows are looking to be more competitive in the O-K Rainbow and improve upon their last place finish of a year ago.

Lowell's first home meet is Jan. 7 against West Catholic.

**Editor's Note:** The Red Arrow gymnastics team picture will appear in next weeks edition of the Lowell Ledger

## "Practicing" coach takes a player's approach in practice

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some coaches ask their players to listen and then do as they say.

Lowell first-year volleyball coach Tammie DeVries has her Red Arrows doing as she does.

"I am participating in the drills with the girls in practice," DeVries explains. "I'm showing them how I want it done."

DeVries played four years of volleyball at Jenison High School and has served as an assistant coach at Jenison and Grand Rapids Community College. As one might expect, she is excited about her first head coaching position.

"I think summer camps, work in the off season, and weight training are necessities in building a good volleyball program," DeVries said. "Girls need to work on their skills throughout the year."

DeVries notes that the newly opened USA Volleyball Center in Grand Rapids is a good place for players to work on their skills and get good training.

Another key to a successful program that DeVries will demand of her squad is team unity, and a family-type atmosphere. "Players have to be working with each other - not against one another. They

must strive to win together."

The 14-player roster will be filled with seven returning letter winners from a year ago.

A strong nucleus of those will make up what DeVries describes as an aggressive bunch of hitters and blockers playing at the net.

Playing the middle will be aggressive and hard-hitting junior Laurie Barton.

The outside attack will come from senior Rachael Thomas. "She's our outside

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**Tammie DeVries**  
Lowell Volleyball Coach



Pictured above are Katie Stouffer, Mahrya Skinner, Laurie Barton, Jessica Winsor, Julie Wisner, Jennifer Schmidt, Corrine Arnett, Jennifer Borg, Shelly Staal, Cherelle Weber, Elizabeth Rooker, Courtney Kissinger, Rachel Thomas, Shelby Williams and coach Tammie DeVries.

hitter and the team's communicator," DeVries said.

Junior Julie Wisner will also provide blocking and hitting in the middle. "Julie has a good reach and excellent timing," DeVries said. "She's a devoted, hardworking athlete."

Setting for the hard-hitters will be senior Corrine

Arnett. DeVries says of her setter, "She has good footwork, good hands, and is quick and knowledgeable."

Shelby Williams and Jenny Borg will be key components to Lowell's back row play. Williams passes the ball

well, and Borg does a good job of getting to the ball and also passes well.

DeVries says she hopes to throw in some middle and quick attacks to go with a strong right side hitting attack.

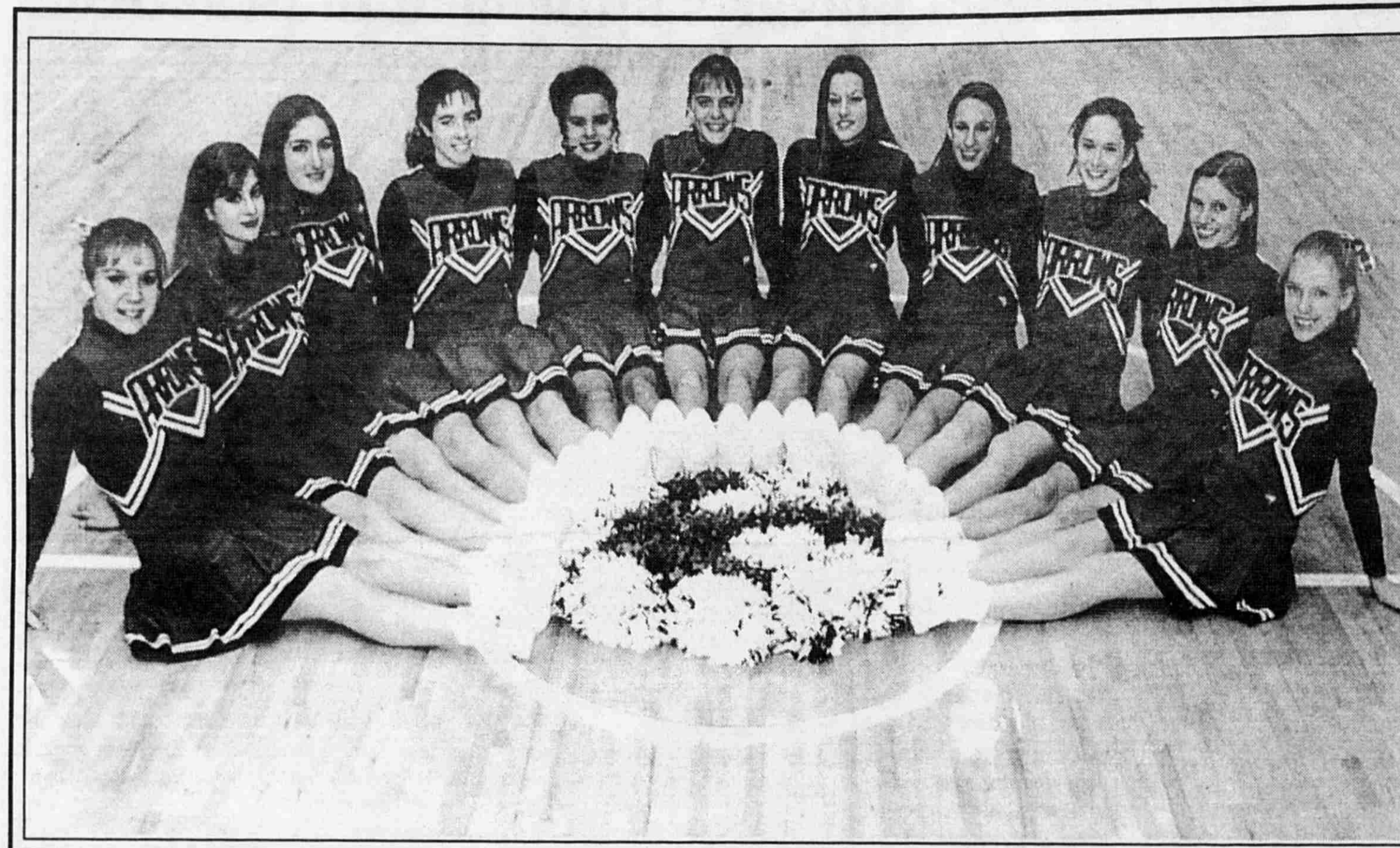
"I'm going to keep the girls challenged with different sets," she said.

Other players DeVries will look to this year are seniors Courtney Kissinger and Katie Stouffer, and juniors Liz Rooker, Jeni Schmidt, Mahrya Skinner, Cherelle Weber and Jessica Winsor.

Lowell's first match is against Greenville on Jan. 6. Its first home match isn't until Jan. 16 against Forest Hills Central.

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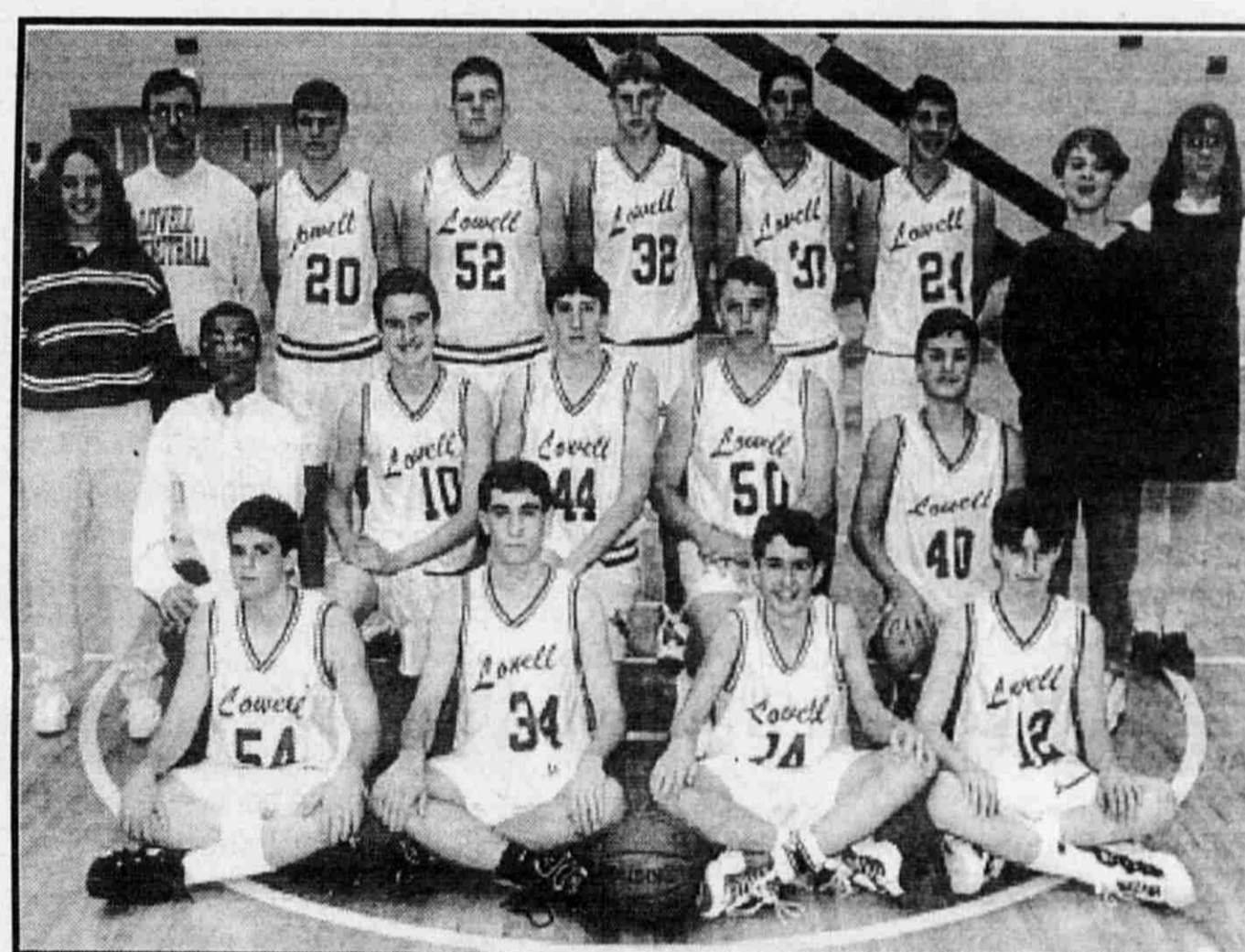
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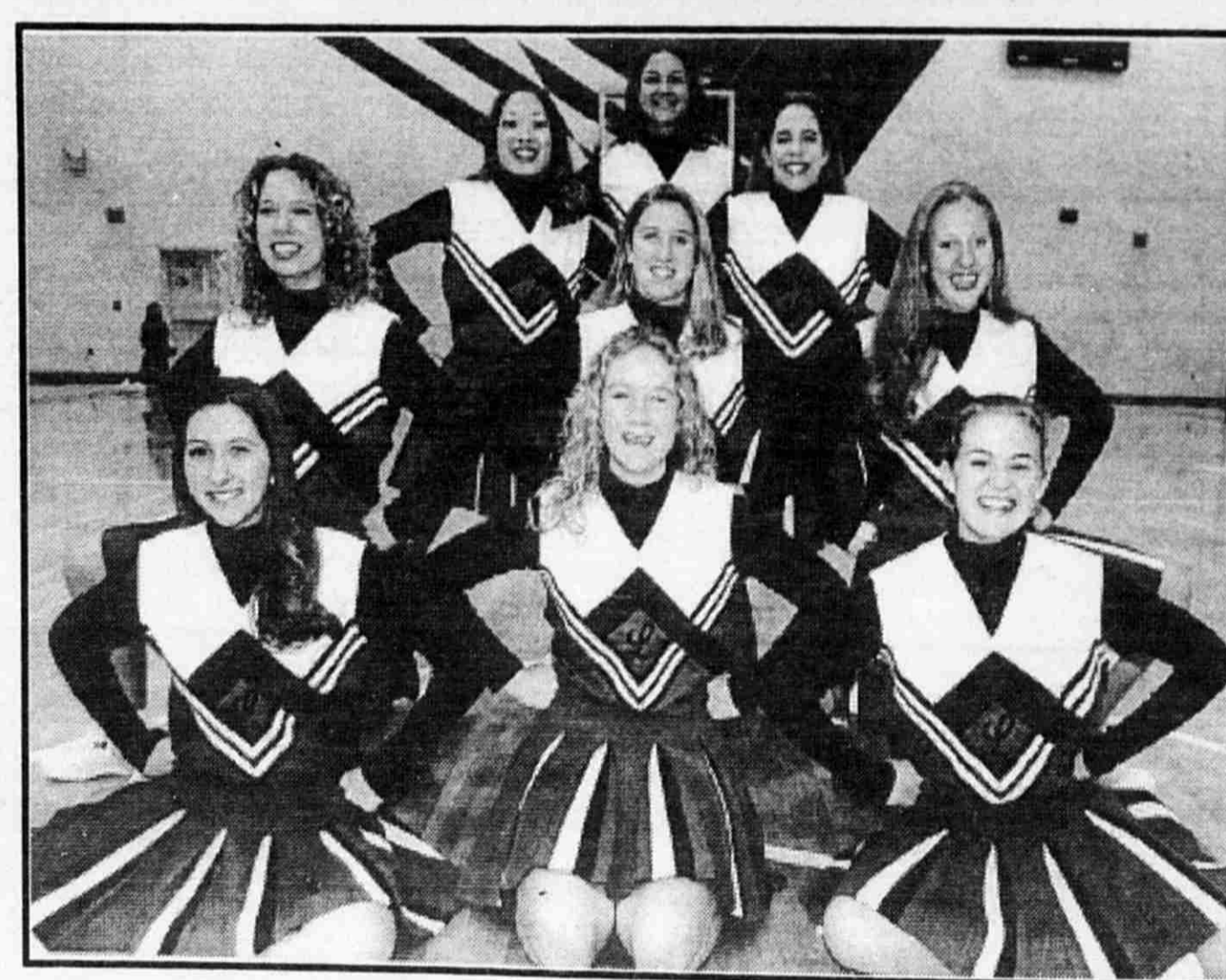
Members of the junior varsity basketball team are, front row, left to right: Andy Graham, Josh Phillips, Frank Kirsch, T.J. Thayer. Middle row, left to right: Dusty Gless, Matt Brocker, Caleb Moore, Austin Krieg. Back row, left to right: coach Tim Antel, Bob Jones, Kevin Condon, Luke Rosenberger, Shaun Precious and manager Susan Clark.



Members of the freshman basketball team are, front row, left to right: Dan Allichin, Brian Conley, Aaron Alsgaard, Bryce McMahon. Middle row, left to right: Amy Osterhaven and Leto McElveen (managers), Aaron Hall, Scott Pullen, Tim Schutte, Kevin Huisman, Andy Inbody (manager). Back row, left to right: Coach Brent Noskey, Josh Vrooman, Steve Adams, Keith Valentine, Brady Foster and Lori Walsh (manager).



Members of the Lowell freshman cheerleading team are, front row, Tina Delamar; second row, left to right, Felicia Eshragh, Elizabeth Graham; third row, Jackie Cress; and back row, left to right: Melissa Merriman, Michelle Reed and Katie Johnson.



Members of the junior varsity cheerleading team are, front row, left to right: Liz Lonick, Stephanie Schulte, Erin Umlauf. Middle row, left to right: Nola Dzwonek, Beth Weber, Ainsley Smit. Back row, left to right: Manda Lesky, Jessica Koopman and Tracy Hugmeyer.

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### Smooth, Creamy Mashed Potatoes For Holiday Or Every Day Feasts

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#### CARNATION MASHED POTATOES (Makes 6 servings)

- 2 pounds (about 5 medium) potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
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- Salt
- Ground black pepper

PLACE potatoes in large saucepan. Cover with water; bring to a boil. Cook over medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until tender. Drain.

RETURN potatoes to saucepan; add butter and evaporated milk. Mash with potato masher or fork until smooth. Season with salt and pepper.

NOTE: Chopped green onions, chopped parsley or cooked, crumbled bacon may be added to mashed potatoes.

For Cheesy Mashed Potatoes: ADD 1 cup shredded cheddar, Swiss, Monterey Jack, mozzarella or Parmesan cheese to hot mashed potatoes; stir until melted.

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ADD potatoes and evaporated milk; mash potatoes until smooth and thoroughly mixed with mushrooms. Season with salt and pepper.

## Theatre name change leaves some people asking questions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In an effort to expand its business farther to the west, Robert Goodrich, president of Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc. announced that Lowell 5 Theaters has been renamed Ada-Lowell 5.

Since opening in August, officials say the theater has done less business than anticipated. Some of that may have to do with people's mindset.

"The mindset of people to the west is that Lowell is far away," Carrie Suntken of Goodrich's marketing department. "By adding Ada to the name, we believe it will help change the mindset of people living in Ada and Forest Hills that Lowell is close by."

Suntken said one of the drawbacks of opening the theater in August is that it missed the big summer hits.

The name change coincides with the beginning of the holiday season - a busy time of year for theaters.

"Obviously the last thing we intended to do by changing the name was insult Lowell," Suntken said. "Goodrich Theaters is very fond of Lowell or we wouldn't have built the theater here."

A November survey conducted by Ada-Lowell 5 in November indicated that a large segment of its movie patrons come from Lowell and Ada. "We surveyed 75 people; 40 were from Lowell, 20 from Ada and the rest were from outlying areas (e.g. Saranac, Ionia).

Suntken said it was renamed Ada-Lowell 5 because it is alphabetically correct and easier to say than Lowell-Ada.

Officials at the local theater and at the Goodrich offices say they have had people inquire as to why the name change was made. Suntken said she hasn't detected any anger in the tone of inquiries.

A new neon sign, reflecting the name change, will be hung on the inside. Permanent letters spelling Ada will be put up on the outside of the building in the spring.



The local theatre was recently renamed Ada-Lowell 5 in an attempt to expand business.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Deborah L. Biggs, BA, psychology; David S. Hildenbrand BS, public resource management and Norman Charles Risk, BS, crop and soil sciences, all of Lowell and Jennifer Lynn Dougherty, BS, civil engineering; John C. Duba, BS, engineering arts, and James D. Roberts, MBA, integrative management, all of Alto, were among the 2,173 degree candidates listed for fall 1996 at Michigan State University.

There are 1,520 candidates for bachelor's degrees, 447 for master's degrees and 183 for doctoral degrees. Eight students are candidates for an educational specialist degree, three for doctor of osteopathic medicine, eight are candidates for doctor of medicine and four for doctor

of musical arts. Advanced degrees were conferred at commencement ceremonies December 6, at Breslin Student Events Center. Homer Alfred Neal, Uni-

versity of Michigan interim president, will give commencement address.

Lansing Mayor David Hollister addressed undergraduate degree candidates in the colleges of Arts and Letters, Social Science, Human Ecology, James Madison College and the Eli Broad College of Business on Saturday morning. William David

Brohn, Broadway orchestrator and arranger, addressed undergraduate degree candidates in the colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Communication Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Natural Science and Nursing at the 1 p.m. ceremony.

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## Lowell's board of education adopts a more rigorous and productive K-8 science curriculum

Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Kent County Collaborative Core Curriculum is one where students master skills at each level.

The approach is similar to that used in Japan and European countries.

"There are a few common skills taught at each grade level," said Lowell's director of curriculum and instruction, Jim White. "The number of skills covered in a core area are fewer, but they are taught more in depth."

The method is part of the new comprehensive K-12 science curriculum. The Lowell Board of Education adopted the K-8 portion of the curriculum Monday night. The 9-12 grade science curriculum will be complete in about six months.

The curriculum is a collaborative effort of the 20 schools within the Kent Intermediate School District.

"This is a step forward. A lot of effort has gone into it," Lowell Board of Education vice president Pete Gustafson said. "Lowell needs to upgrade its science and math curriculums and look to offer more rigorous course offerings. This will help in that direction."

It is aligned and based around the state standard framework for science (Michigan Essential Goals & Objectives for Science Edu-

cation) and designed around the High School Proficiency Test and the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

The K-8 science curriculum provides teachers with additional resources, outlines prerequisite skills students should know and contains built-in assessment to measure whether students have mastered skills.

"The idea is to provide students with an understanding of science methods and processes," White said. "It is more of a hands on curriculum. Students are not just reading about it and then answering questions. They are experimenting and observing science."

The approach calls for the district to spend approximately \$100,000 for textbooks and supporting materials.

Elementary teachers who do not have a strong background in science can use the curriculum as a step-by-step guide.

White explains that the curriculum provides standards that outline what students should be able to do and assessment to determine what students have mastered.

"State assessments will help determine if the curriculum is working," White said. "If the expectations on the MEAP and High School Proficiency Test stay the same,

schools should see student improvement. As the state assessments change, curriculum and instruction will also have to change."

The curriculum was put together by science content-knowledgeable people in Kent County. White said there were 80-100 teachers (including 11 Lowell teachers) and consultants who collaborated on the effort.

Lowell instructors involved in the process were Kathy Wood, Sally Sterly, Karen Latva, Glenna Blanding, Jan Hanson, Mike Fillman, Barb Schneider, Sandy Michael, John Sterly, Heather Kohtz and Rick White (chairperson).

"The K-8 science curriculum that has been adopted is good and productive for students and teachers," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

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