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School convinced ground contamination poses no threat to middle school and Bushnell students or staff

J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Believing its residents should be informed about all issues involving the schools, the Lowell Area Schools sent out a letter Monday about ground contamination at two of its sites.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said the letter was sent to parents and staff of Lowell Middle School and Bushnell Elementary School, inviting them to attend an informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at the Lowell Middle School cafeteria.

"We are convinced that our children and staff are not at risk," Bleke said at the school board's regular meeting Monday night. "We have checked with three separate organizations, which have come up with the same data and are confident that our kids and staff are not at risk."

Reading from the letter, Bleke said for some time Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, located at 1000 Foreman Road, has been working to clean up contaminated groundwater beneath its property. Board vice president Mark Blanding noted the pollutant involved is trichloroethylene, a solvent that was commonly used in the 1970s, but has been banned because of its carcinogenic effects.

Recent tests performed by Root-Lowell have indicated that some of the groundwater pollution has extended across portions of the middle and elementary school property. "After being notified of the situation, the district has kept in contact with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, which is overseeing the clean-up, and has

received two other outside opinions from private firms about the contamination," Bleke said. "All reports from the state and private firms have made it clear that the

students and staff are not at risk." Later in the meeting, Blanding said he did learn that the ground contamination was at least 10 to 15 feet below ground, placing students and staff out of any harm.

Bleke said Root-Lowell does have plans to extract the pollutants from the area. In the next six months, the school district does expect the company to put in several ground wells to help

push the water back toward the plant. The water will be purified and then re-released into Cherry Creek.

While none of the students and staff are in danger from contamination, Bleke said school officials did feel they would be remiss in not informing parents about the situation.

"We do believe they have a right to know what is going on," he said. "If I were a parent (in that situation), I would want to know."

The contamination took place several years ago and Root-Lowell has since discontinued the manufacturing operations that caused it.

At the meeting next Monday, Root-Lowell officials will be on hand to discuss plans for removing the water from the school property as quickly as possible. Also on hand will be representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, who are familiar with groundwater issues.

We have checked with three separate organizations, which have come up with the same data and are confident that our kids and staff are not at risk.

Bert Bleke
Lowell Schools' Superintendent

Lowell Township resident to revisit rezoning of parcel

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tom Karp of 10800 Foreman Rd., withdrew his first rezoning request three years ago because his parcel of land was not hooked up to water.

On Monday, Oct. 27, Karp will be back before the Lowell Township Planning Commission to request a zoning change on his property from R-1 to R-2. This time water is in place.

The development of the westside water project enabled the township to pump water out to the school and laid lines which now run along both sides of Cumberland and Foreman.

If successful in getting the property rezoned, Karp will be able to divide his 76 acres at the southwest corner of Cumberland and Foreman into one-acre parcels.

R-2, single family parcels, must be 40,000 feet. Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson said Karp's proposal has the lots a little bigger than that.

If Karp gets a recommendation from the planning commission, the issue will go before the Lowell Charter Township Board.

"I expect there will be a few people who will voice their opposition to the development," Karp said. "The land is nothing but sand and gravel. A person cannot grow anything on it."

The developer said there would not be more than 22 parcels along Foreman and Cumberland. "If I wanted to put more than that in, I'd have to put in some paved roads," Karp said.

The developer said there are a couple of builders interested in some parcels if Karp can get approval from the township board.

Lowell Schools' Demographics Task Force committee to reconvene

J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

With hopes of getting ahead of the student population growth in its district, Lowell Area Schools has reconvened its Demographics Task Force.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said at the Lowell Board of Education meeting Monday night that the district put together the task force last year. The group presented a report to the board in the spring on suggestions on what the district should look at.

"You have to remember, they did not make any recommendations," said associate superintendent Dick Korb. "They only suggested issues that we should look at. Now we are getting into the real meat and potatoes."

Korb said the task force will take an in-depth, proac-

tive, systemic look at the major issues facing the district in the area of growth. To do this, the task force will be broken into four sub-committees and a defined timeline has been set up. While that timeline only covers this year, Korb said the process could take longer.

Each of the four committees will have a mixture of school representatives and citizens. The four committees are: finance, which will investigate funding options related to bonding issues; student growth, which will study the student growth trends of Lowell Area Schools, validate these numbers, and predict with as much accuracy as possible the annual student growth rate within the district over the next five to 10 years; community growth, which will undertake a comprehen-

sive study of growth within the Lowell community, including the surrounding townships; and facilities/programs, which will review current educational facilities and programs in regards to future growth in the district and community.

The sub-committees are much more detail-oriented than before, Korb said, adding that the groups will spend much of their time collecting data, checking facts and validating information as they help the district determine what direction it should go as far as growth issues are concerned.

Korb said while finance is looking at bond issues, he wanted to emphasize the district was not expecting to move forward on a bond issue in the near future.

Along with looking at stu-

dent growth, the task force will also take into consideration home-schooled children and charter schools.

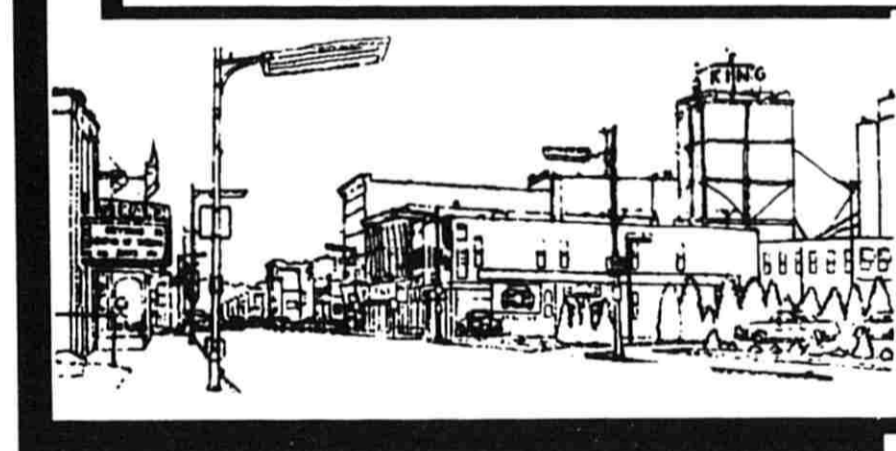
The timeline calls for the entire task force to start meeting in October to brainstorm names of citizens to invite and to review the schedule. The first meeting has been set for October 21. Some citizens have already been invited to join the group, Korb said, adding that anyone interested in participating with the studies should contact the administration offices.

Sub-committees are expected to start meeting in November and work through most of the school year with a preliminary report presented to the board of education in July.

Bleke said the Demographics Task Force is to help

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Along Main Street



LOWELL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lowell Area Historical Association is holding the second annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman, on Wed., October 15, from 5-7 p.m. The program will follow at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend. The speaker is James Mulder, topic will be "Early Surveying, Property Deeds and Other Public Records."

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OBITUARIES

CHILDS - Ellen E. Childs, Memorial contributions may be made to Ionia County Animal Shelter, 3256 S. State St., Ionia, 48846.

HEIDENFELDER - Frank J. Heidenfelder, aged 53, of Alto, died October 5, 1997. Surviving are his wife Marilyn; two children Pamela Collins and Brian J. Heidenfelder; his father Lewis (Doris) Heidenfelder of NV; one sister Linda (Cary)

Hassen of IL; two brothers Tom Heidenfelder of WI and Jim (Sandy) Heidenfelder of IL; and two step-children Kelly Cook and Jon Christopher of Grand Rapids. Mr. Heidenfelder was the owner of the Party Land store in Cascade. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 8.

RAYMOR - Oliver Keith Raymor, aged 76, of Lowell, passed away Friday, October 10, 1997, at his home after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his son H.M. Raymor. Surviving are one sister Isobel Edwards of Lowell; one brother John and Alice Raymor of Fenton; many nieces, nephews, cousins and a very special friend, Sue. Mr. Raymor was a former employee of the city of Lowell. Graveside funeral services were held Monday at Merriman Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

WINTERS - Mrs. Wanda Winters (nee Foster), aged 66, formerly of Alto, passed away Sunday, October 12, 1997 in Eaton Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob Winters. Surviving are four sons and two daughters Robert (Judy) Seese of Fenwick, Floyd (Dawn) Seese of Saranac, Paul (Ellen) Seese of Alto, William John "B.J." Seese of Eaton Rapids, Evelyn "Lynn" Seese of Lowell, Reetha (Victor) Kokx of Clarksville; 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; one sister Lorna (David) Bigelow of Stanton; two brothers Robert (Jane) Foster of Alto, William (Beverly) Foster of Palmer, Alaska. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with the Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas officiating. Interment in Merriman Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home of Lowell.



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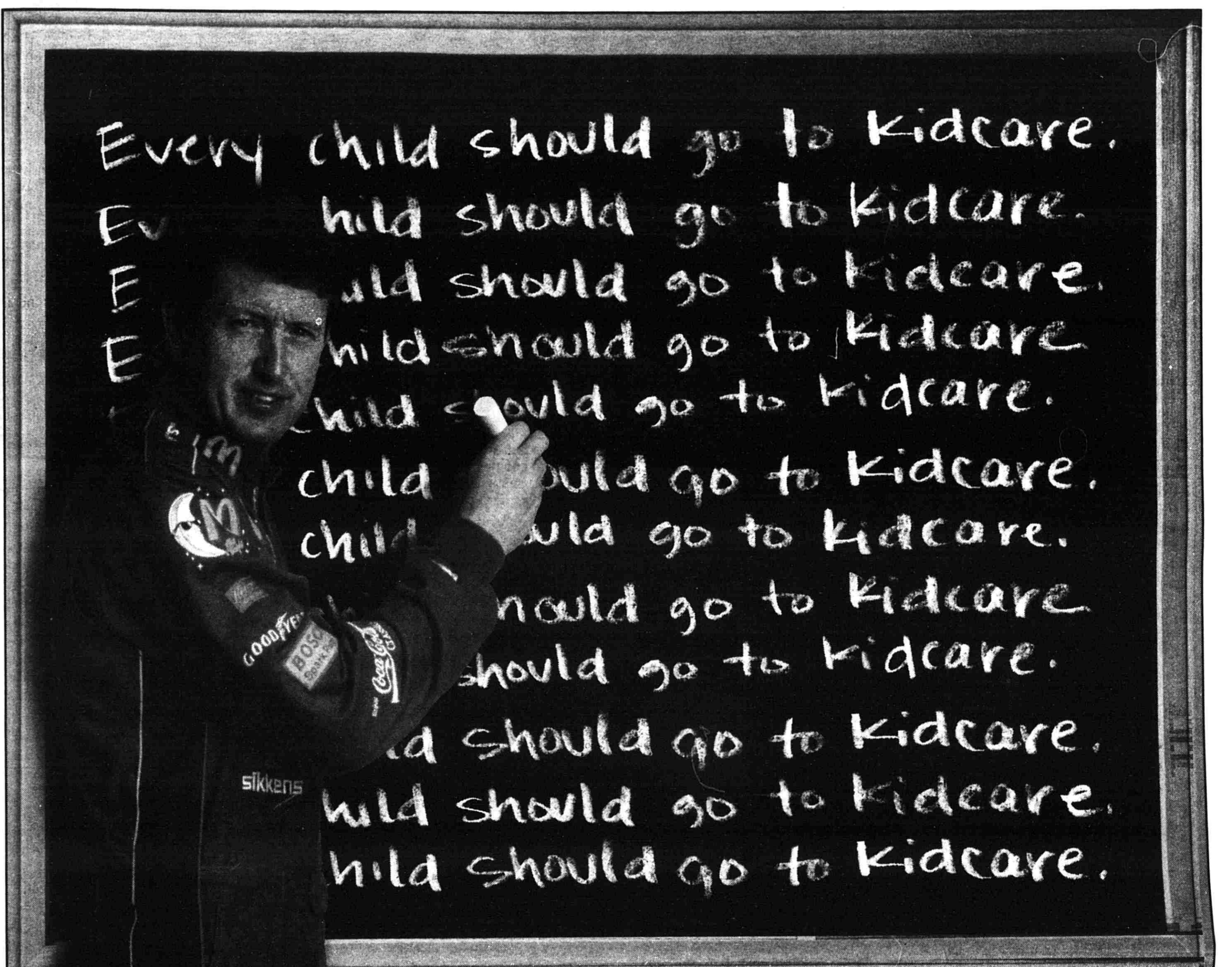
COLLEGE NEWS

Benjamin F. Peters, of Lowell, received his AAS degree in HVACR technology from Ferris State University. Peters, along with a total of 448 students, completed the requirements for certificates, associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees during summer semester (May - August).

Degrees awarded by the university were: doctor of optometry, master of science in career and technical education, master of science in information systems management, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in business, bachelor of social work, associate in applied science, associate in arts, associate in science and certificates.



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Reflections

Of Faith

By: Gordie Barry

Through the eyes of children I have seen wonderful hope and utter trust. At the same time, other children's eyes have reflected complete despair as well as deep fear. We have all those eyes and lives within our community. I share a poem from the Children's Defense Fund that reminds us of all our children. Every time I read these words and picture these children. I am once again moved to action in making my part of God's world a safe, joyful and hope-filled place for any child. May this be your pledge also.

We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak popicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,

who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,

who never "counted potatoes,"

who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead, who never go to the circus,

who live in an x-rated world.

We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,

who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who cover themselves with Band-aids and sing off key,

who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup,

And we pray for those who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,

who watch their parents watch them die,

who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,

whose monsters are real. We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,

who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,

who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,

who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,

who squirm in church or temple and scream in the phone,

whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry,

And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime,

who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who aren't spoiled by anybody,

who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, who live and move, but have no being,

We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance.

For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

Ina J. Hughes, Charleston, SC

Learning through experiences at the Franciscan Life Process Center

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Franciscan Life Process Center's Integrated Learning Program brings children continuity between their life experiences and the world around them.

This fall, the center will enhance the lives of 1,300 Grand Rapids inner city second-grade children.

"The program will tie pertinent elements of farm and wild animals to a life experience the children can relate to," said Franciscan Sister Maura Behrenfeld, director of the integrated learning program.

The purpose of the program is to expand the knowledge of children in a multitude of areas (e.g. farm animals, medieval days, whales) beyond farming.

"Some call in with a theme and we develop a program for it," said Sister Maura. "The center cannot offer what students get in a classroom, but we can offer what is only available outside the classroom."

The crucial element of the program is children learn through experiences.

For more information, call Sister Maura at 897-7842.

Treasured Heritage, Oct. 14-16

The *Treasured Heritage* session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan, will be held Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at the Welsh Auditorium of the Grand Center in Grand Rapids. This will be Michigan's 131st annual session.

Approximately 2,500 from over 264 chapters in

Michigan will be in attendance along with visitors from throughout the United States and the provinces of Canada.

Local delegates from Cyclamen Chapter #94 will be attending the session.

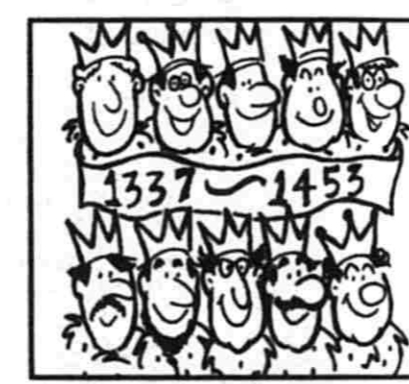
Local charity projects included working with other organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce and

the YMCA as well as church groups for the good of the community.

Last year's records show over \$158,000 was given to charities through Michigan's Grand Chapter, in addition to over \$61,000 given to local charities by the subordinate chapters.

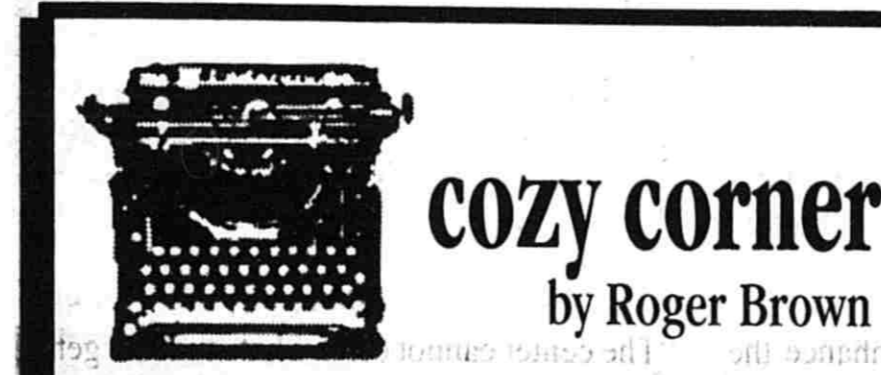
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- OCT. 16 - Angelo J. Zengri, Paula Blough.
- OCT. 17 - Collin Kaeb.
- OCT. 18 - Mary Ellen Rivers, Brian Willmarth, Brian Scott Kunard, Hayden Andrews/Snyder.
- OCT. 19 - Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk, Ruth Smith.
- OCT. 20 - Jack Thomet, John DeHaan, Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson.
- OCT. 21 - Al Seelye, Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.
- OCT. 22 - Troy Abel.



The Hundred Years War (1337 to 1453) extended over the reigns of five English and five French kings.

Viewpoint



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

I love this country! It was born of a thirst for freedom which remains at the core of all true Americans. What I feel is so great about this freedom we cherish, is the way in which it is sometimes manifested in the actions of our citizens. The rest of the world must think we are absolutely wacky, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

I love wacky people. For instance, my all-time hero isn't Cal Ripken, Jr., Chuck Yeager, Neil Armstrong, J.F.K. or Muhammed Ali. My hero is Larry Walters. "Larry Who?" you say. Larry Walters. He's the California truck driver who rigged 42 surplus weather balloons to a Sears lawn chair and soared to 16,000 feet where he was spotted by the pilots of at least two airliners. He had taken along a six-pack of beer, a CB radio to talk to his ground crew and a BB gun to shoot out some balloons when he wanted to descend. What a guy!

We can't all be like Larry Walters, but deep down, I think we want to be. Harley Davidson motorcycles are advertised as "the ultimate freedom machine." There is a five- or six-year waiting list for some models. Skydiving is bigger than ever. Sport utility vehicles are selling like hotcakes because everyone wants to be able to go "off-road" if they have a hankering to it. It seems like half the people you run into have a tattoo or some body part pierced. It goes on and on, but you get the picture.

For me, flying is an expression of freedom. Taking my old open cockpit biplane up for a loop, spin and a roll does it for me. Even though I'm strapped in the seat with an elaborate harness,

I still feel pretty darned free. I think the trip a buddy and I made down the entire length of the Mississippi River last summer in a floatplane was also born of this thirst for freedom we Americans have. Like I said, this lust for freedom is manifested in a myriad of ways, and that's what is so great about the whole idea.

All this brings us to the crux of this piece. I have a small collection of newspaper articles concerning people, Americans, who are having a ball doing some of the weirdest things imaginable. I just wanted to share a few with you, and see if you don't agree that this is one pretty wacky country.

One is related to my first love...flying. Seems there is a group of pilots somewhere down south who have combined their love of bowling, with their love of flying. The piece doesn't give any names, and doesn't give the exact location of the airport. The FAA might not approve of this activity.

According to the clipping, these pilots occasionally bring a junk car, preferably of Japanese manufacture, to the airport. They park it on the runway and go aloft with the doors off their light planes and 16- pound bowling balls onboard. The object is pretty obvious. They swoop down on the runway in a low pass over the old Datsun with stick in one hand and the other out the door with the bowling ball. After a Saturday morning of bowling ball bomber attacks, the old Datsun is reduced to scrap, and the pilots de-brief over beer and brats. Sounds like a lot more fun than cutting the grass or cleaning out the garage.

Another of these clippings concerns anvil blasting. Guess it's quite the fad among southern boys in Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, etc. Here the idea is to place a black powder charge under a 150-pound blacksmith's anvil and see how high you can blow it into the sky. The article claims 615 feet to be the current record. Cool!

My favorite article concerns catapults, or trebuchets, the French word for the medieval artillery pieces. Apparently, there is a minor resurgence of the ancient art of tossing things long distances. Originally, the catapults were used to hurl things like plague-infected dead horses, captured enemy sol-

"Are there alternative funding concepts?" During the course of this study, the community will have opportunity for periodic review and input.

It is important that the community understand that there have been no decisions regarding any of the above questions, including the question, "Will there be a swimming pool?" Our community does deserve to have this question examined carefully and thoroughly.

"Is there going to be a community pool?" I don't know. "Is it an issue that needs to be studied carefully in an open, cooperative, and community-building process?" Absolutely.

If you are interested in joining the community process that will study the community pool, please indicate your desire in writing to Kay Jones at Lowell Area Schools, P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331. Or if you are interested in receiving periodic updates regarding the progress of this study committee, please indicate that also in writing to Kay Jones.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

diers, balls of flame, etc. over besieged castle walls. Unlike modern, American practitioners of the art, they had a purpose.

Smaller catapultists hurl bowling balls, commodes, etc. Some of the guys with bigger devices toss upright pianos and even small cars. I wonder why cars and bowling balls seem to be a common thread here. A Texas dentist was quoted in the article as saying, "Every once in a while, you want to do something that is really out of the norm, something really stupid. By damn, we have found it." This guy has plans to build the world's largest trebuchet with a 110-foot slinging arm and a 15-ton weight box.

The guy slinging cars insists that they be fully intact with tires, wheels and in running condition. He says of this requirement, "Otherwise, what would be the point?"

That's what I like, a catapultist with principles. My kinda guy. My kinda American!

If you run across an article in this vein, please pass it along. I love reading this sort of stuff. Makes me proud to be an American!



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - OCT. 14, 1897

"Lowell schools are progressing nicely." Ent of inefarw The Central school isn't heated enough by the present furnace, but adding a furnace won't work well if the proposed new "apartment" (addition) is built next year; so the board votes to place stoves in two rooms.

A much-needed rain breaks the eight-week-long dry spell, though pastures are beyond help.

"German medicine men" spent 10 days at Keene Hall and, the correspondent notes, made money with their swindles and have moved on to Easton.

Two bushels of good potatoes will buy a year's subscription to the Lowell Ledger.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO - OCT. 19, 1922

Report cards will be delayed this period at the high school because the new cards were not ordered and shipped in time.

The new Mothers' Club at the East Ward building arranges to provide milk for younger children, also those who are underweight.

Machinery for a new creamery is being installed in the Maynard Building south of the Lowell State Bank.

A new Chevrolet touring car gets stuck on track repairs just east of the village. While the driver is gone to get help, along comes a Grand Trunk freight and pulverizes the car.

No ships, including foreign registries, may enter the U.S. three-mile limit with liquor aboard, is the newest Prohibitions ruling.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - OCT. 16, 1947

Paul Goebel will be the speaker for the annual banquet for the football team put on by the Board of Trade.

The Michigan State College Homecoming will have a queen for the first time.

McMahon & Reynolds gives a necktie to each man who picks the most weekend football winners. They handed out nine this week.

The Lowell PTA now has 119 members. Eighth grade girls will babysit for members' children in the kindergarten room.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - OCT. 12, 1972

The Main Street dam undergoes repairs by Bieri Brothers. The Lowell High School band, William Mills conductor, was the only Class B band to receive a first-division rating at Cedar Springs' Red Flannel Day.

There were 52 voters who registered after 5 p.m. last Friday. City manager Blaine Bacon attributes the increase to the Jaycees' efforts.

Charles Lippert purchases the empty supermarket on East Main Street, for more space and parking. He will include a soda fountain in the new plans.

School Menus

Week of 10/20 - 10/24
ELEMENTARY

MON: Ravioli, Calif. blend veg., French bread/peanut butter, assort. fruit, milk.

TUES: Hot dog in a bun, tater tots, grapes, canned fruit, or bread pudding, milk.

WED: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat & cheese & pepperoni, cole slaw, chocolate pudding or fresh fruit, milk.

FRI: Corn dogs, corn, baby carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Ravioli, burrito, chef salad, or cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: corn, side salad or fruit juice; French bread w/margarine, peanut butter, assort. fruit, milk.

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WED: Chicken nuggets or pork patty, cheeseburger in a bun, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes/gravy, rice, green beans, side salad; homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, baked potato/toppings, yogurt, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger; choose 2: broccoli, cole slaw or side salad; choc. pudding or fruit, milk.

FRI: Nacho pieces/meat & cheese, lasagna w/bread, cheeseburger, chef salad or yogurt; choose 2: corn, fresh carrots or side salad; fruit selection, milk.

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Sharing The Vision
BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

I am often asked, "Is Lowell going to have a community swimming pool?" My answer is always, "I do not know."
During the past year, this question has been studied by an architectural firm hired by the Board of Education, the city of Lowell, Vergennes and Lowell townships, and the YMCA. A cost of \$4,000 was spent by these organizations for a feasibility study of a community pool in the Lowell area. This study, now complete, will provide excellent data for the community to fully explore the community pool question.
In the next six or seven months, a community group will examine the critical questions surrounding the swimming pool concept. Among the questions that need to be answered are, "What is the purpose of a community pool?" "Where will it be located?" "What will be the financial impact?" "What are the long-term commitments for maintenance and upkeep?" And,

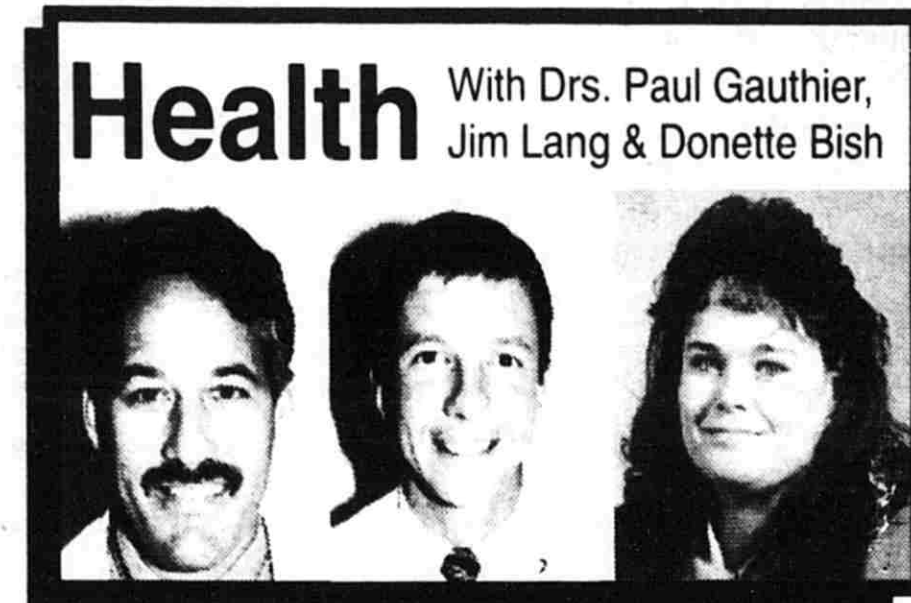
TO THE EDITOR

The idea of new wooden signs is great, but I hope the city council members will think long and hard as to what design is put on the sign.
Let us not forget what Lowell is all about - the Showboat! When I moved to this community, I felt fortunate to become a part of something so special that sets us apart from other communities. Something so special that eyes light up and smiles appear when people talk about their memories that evolve around the showboat. This past summer was the 65th anniversary of this tradition - a tradition that many people in this community are working year around to preserve and bring back in all its grandeur!
What could be a better welcome to this city by the river than what gave this city its name, the showboat itself!

Kay Peterson Oligney
Showboat volunteer

I noticed the secondary road to Mr. Horton's house was resurfaced for one mile. Nice job too. It didn't seem to be in such hopeless condition.
Let's see some action for the district from Mr. Horton.
Rough Rider,
Jessie VandenBerg

Dear Editor:
In response to your article regarding the new city limit signs, I would like to make a comment.
To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 6



Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

HEMOCHROMATOSIS
Hemochromatosis is a disorder of the blood that leads to excessive iron stores in the body - exactly the opposite of iron deficiency anemia. The body absorbs too much iron which may cause damage to the heart, liver, pancreas and other organs.

Hemochromatosis tends to run in families and is most common in middle aged men of northern European descent. Usually, there are no symptoms associated with the disease until it has progressed to involve multiple organ systems. Hemochromatosis can cause diabetes, joint pains, heart failure and liver disease.

The disease is easily detected by checking the iron storage levels in the blood with a simple blood test. If the blood reveals elevated levels of iron, a liver biopsy may be performed to determine the extent of liver damage.

Once diagnosed, the treatment of hemochromatosis is really quite simple. You make regular donations of a pint of blood to remove extra iron stores from your body. As excessive

stores are removed and the disease improves, you will only have to give blood 3-4 times per year.

Hemochromatosis is easily treated if it is diagnosed early enough, prior to damage to other organs. So, it is important to have your blood checked if there is any family history of hemochromatosis.

To The Editor, continued...From Pg. 5

children and our community. Much more, I think, than a sign announcing that they have just crossed an imaginary line on a map.

If the members of the city council wish to pursue the agenda of erecting a Welcome to Lowell sign, why don't they start a fundraiser to raise enough money to pay for the complete project?

Is the money in the Look Memorial Fund meant to be utilized to appease the vanity of the present city council?

I am sure that the taxpayers of Lowell would want to voice their opinion and have their vote count towards such a frivolous expenditure.

If Mr. Barry wants to have a sign indicating the community, let him donate the monies himself, to the community, to have his wish come true. I have read nothing of the city council wishing to use some monies to help out the YMCA, or give the

schools some extra funding for student class trips, computers, books, sports equipment, or anything that would really benefit the residents of Lowell.

Maybe the council should see the teachers of our children stretching their budgets to accommodate the needs of their students, and paying for small items out of their own pockets. Or perhaps watch a kindergarten teacher in the finishing semester of the school year having to decide on buying new crayons or something else because there is only money left for one of them. \$8,225 could pay for an incredible amount of field trips for our school children, giving them exposure to many tremendous educational experiences.

Is the future of Lowell and our community in a welcome sign? Or is it in America's most valuable asset...our children?

Fred Maier

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



Dear Jonathan:

After my mother passed away a few years ago my father set up a living trust. One of his concerns at that time was that his estate would not have to be probated at his death and as a result he transferred what he thought to be his entire estate, which I believe to be worth approximately \$500,000, to that trust. My father recently died and after going through all of his papers I discovered a life insurance policy on my father's life which named my mother as the beneficiary. Since my mother is deceased, I checked with the insurance company to see if there was a contingent beneficiary named and they indicated that there was none and that the proceeds would be paid to my father's estate. Since my father does not have an estate because he transferred everything to the trust, once the check for the insurance proceeds comes through, can I simply deposit that check in the trust bank account?

Jonathan Says: Unfortunately, no. Since there is no contingent beneficiary named to receive the life insurance proceeds, those proceeds will need to be paid to your father's estate. As a result, before those proceeds can pass to the intended beneficiaries, they need to be probated. Once probate is completed, those proceeds will pass to the beneficiary or beneficiaries named in your father's will, if any. If your father prepared a will at the same time he made his living trust, then he probably named the trust as the beneficiary of any assets that need to be probated.

If your father failed to leave a will, then those proceeds will be distributed to your father's heirs pursuant to Michigan law. In this event, those proceeds will never go into the trust and instead will be divided among individuals (your father's heirs) who may or may not be consistent with those beneficiaries your father named in his trust.

The situation in your case is a very good example of why it is so important to make sure that all of a person's assets are properly transferred to a living trust prior to death or in the case of contractual benefits, like life insurance proceeds, that the trust is the named beneficiary of those proceeds. By failing to make sure that all assets are properly titled in the name of the trust, those assets which remain titled in the name of the decedent will be subjected to probate.

Your discovery of the life insurance policy may also push your father's estate into a taxable estate. You indicated in your question that you felt that the value of your father's estate was approximately \$500,000 without the life insurance. If the life

insurance proceeds the estate will receive are large enough to push the value of your father's gross estate over \$600,000, then a federal estate tax return will need to be filed and a federal estate tax may be incurred.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney for the purpose of opening a probate estate on behalf of your father and determining the value of the assets which comprise that estate. Good luck.

Dear Jonathan: What is an LLC?

Jonathan Says: An LLC is a limited liability company. A limited liability company is an unincorporated business entity which gives its members certain protection against personal liability, like a corporation, but is taxed like a partnership. Because an LLC is a cross between a corporation and a partnership, combining the best elements of each, many professional advisers feel that this type of business entity is the entity of choice in establishing a business.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



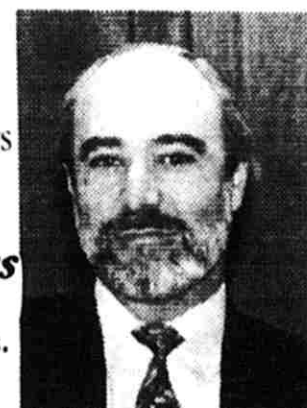
George Orwell, author of (1984) and other works was really named Eric Blair.

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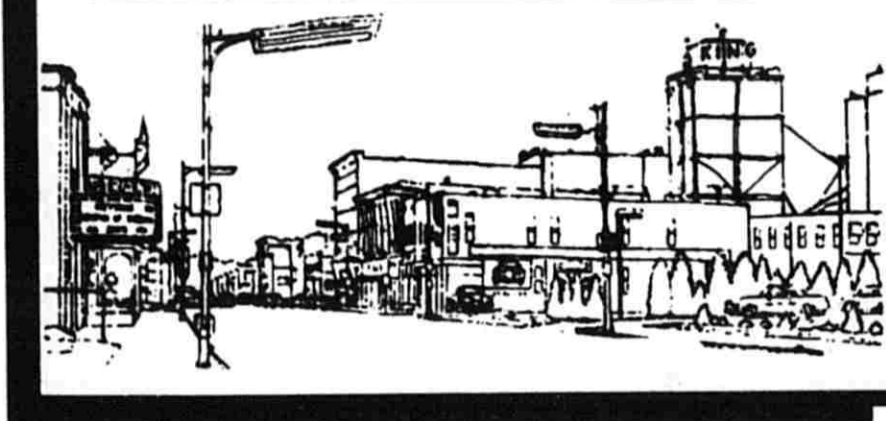
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Along Main Street



YOUTH FOOTBALL MEETING

The end of the year youth football meeting and elections for next year will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 28 beginning at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Call 897-5073 with questions.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR G/T

There will be a parent support group for Gifted/Talented on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the board room, 300 High St.

Guest speaker will be Jonathan Gamm, L.L.P., C.S.W. and the topic will be the emotional and social aspects of the gifted. R.S.V.P. to Kim at 897-6755.

HARVEST DINNER AT METHODIST CHURCH

The annual Harvest Dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the turkey dinner with all the trimmings can be purchased at FMB State Savings Bank, the church office and at the door. Adults - \$6.50; children 6-12, \$3.50; 5 and under, free. Take-out dinners are available after 5:30 p.m.

Task Force, cont'd.... From Page 1

the district get a head start on its growth, something the district has been experiencing for several years.

The plan could be something that predicts what the district should do in two or three years, which is better than trying to address the problems that occur with growth when they happen, he said.

"If we have to put it on the shelf for a couple of years, that's fine," Bleke said. "If we have to plan in a hurry, well, that's bad."

L.A.H.A. 2nd Annual SPAGHETTI DINNER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 at Cherry Creek School from 5-7 P.M. Program to follow at 7:30 P.M. *Everyone Is Invited!*

ATTENTION HUNGRY HISTORY BUFFS!

Anonymous donor makes donation of \$1,500 toward middle school hotline

•••• Lowell residents also contribute golf equipment to the Lowell athletic department.

J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Tiger Woods became interested in it before he could walk.

Now, Lowell students interested in learning more about the game of golf will have even more of an opportunity to do so thanks to donations from two Lowell residents.

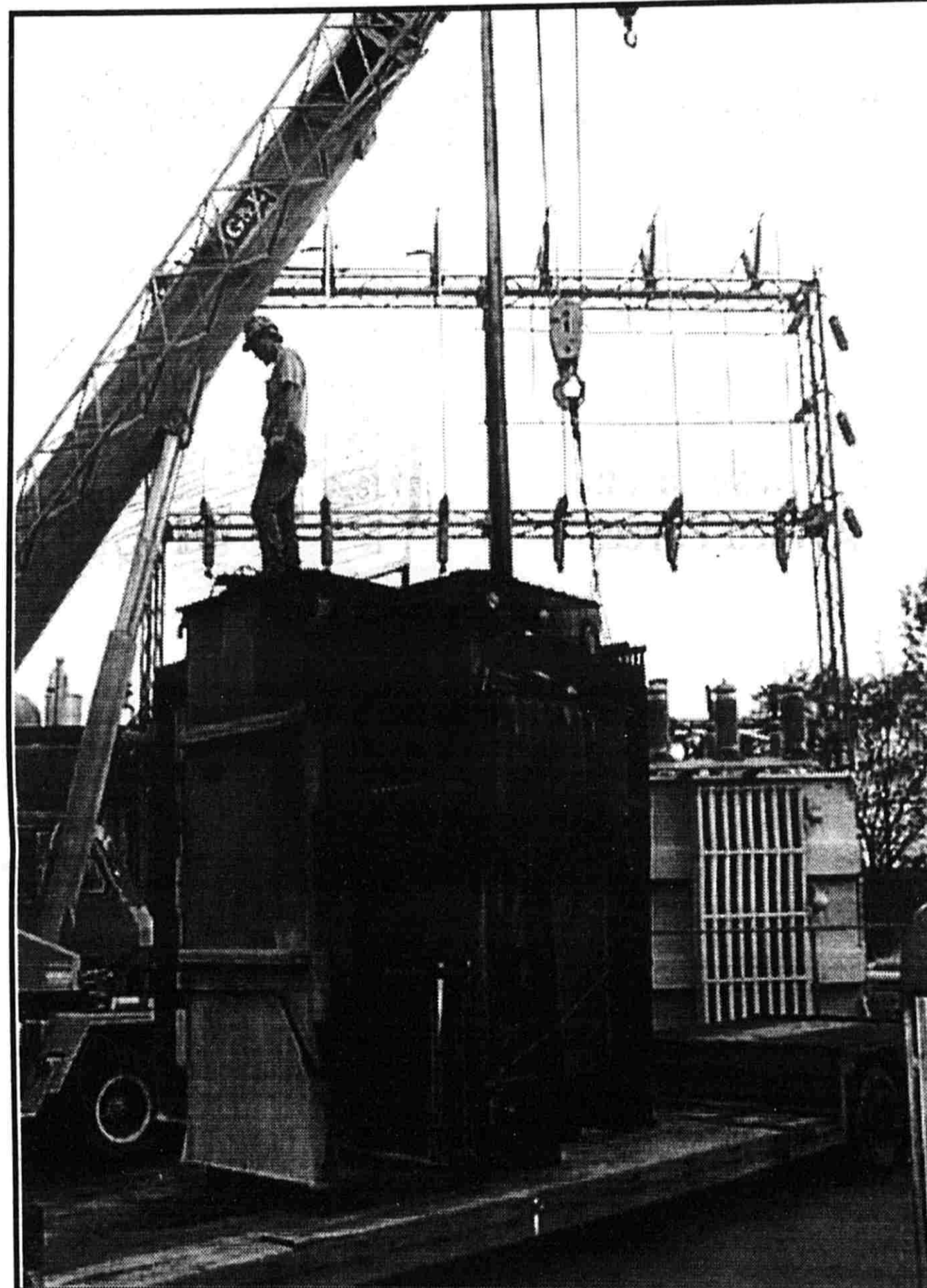
Marlene Landstra donated golf clubs and bags, valued at

\$750, and Maureen Gruel donated golf clubs, bags, and balls, valued at \$250, to the Lowell athletic department. Both donations are designed to provide beginning players with equipment necessary to participate in the sport.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell Board of Education accepted the equipment, a total value of \$1,000. Board president Pete Gustafson said the district appreciated both gifts.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said the district also appreciates the anonymous donation of \$1,500 to the middle school homework hotline that was made this month.

"Apparently, someone received a lot of benefits from the hotline," Bleke said. "Whoever you are, we thank you."



Cleaning Up!

American Electric Power, the parent utility company to Indiana Michigan Power Company, began working on the cleanup and restoration work of the substation and transformer roughly four weeks ago. Lowell Light and Power superintendent Paul Christman said he thought it would be another two weeks before the work is completed. It is thought that the approximate cost will range between \$250,000-\$300,000. The cause of the explosion is still not known. Christman said a report had been issued to the Meadowbrook Insurance Company, Southfield, within the last week. Meadowbrook is part of the city insurance policy purchased through the Michigan Municipal League. Pictured to the left is the transformer before being hauled away.

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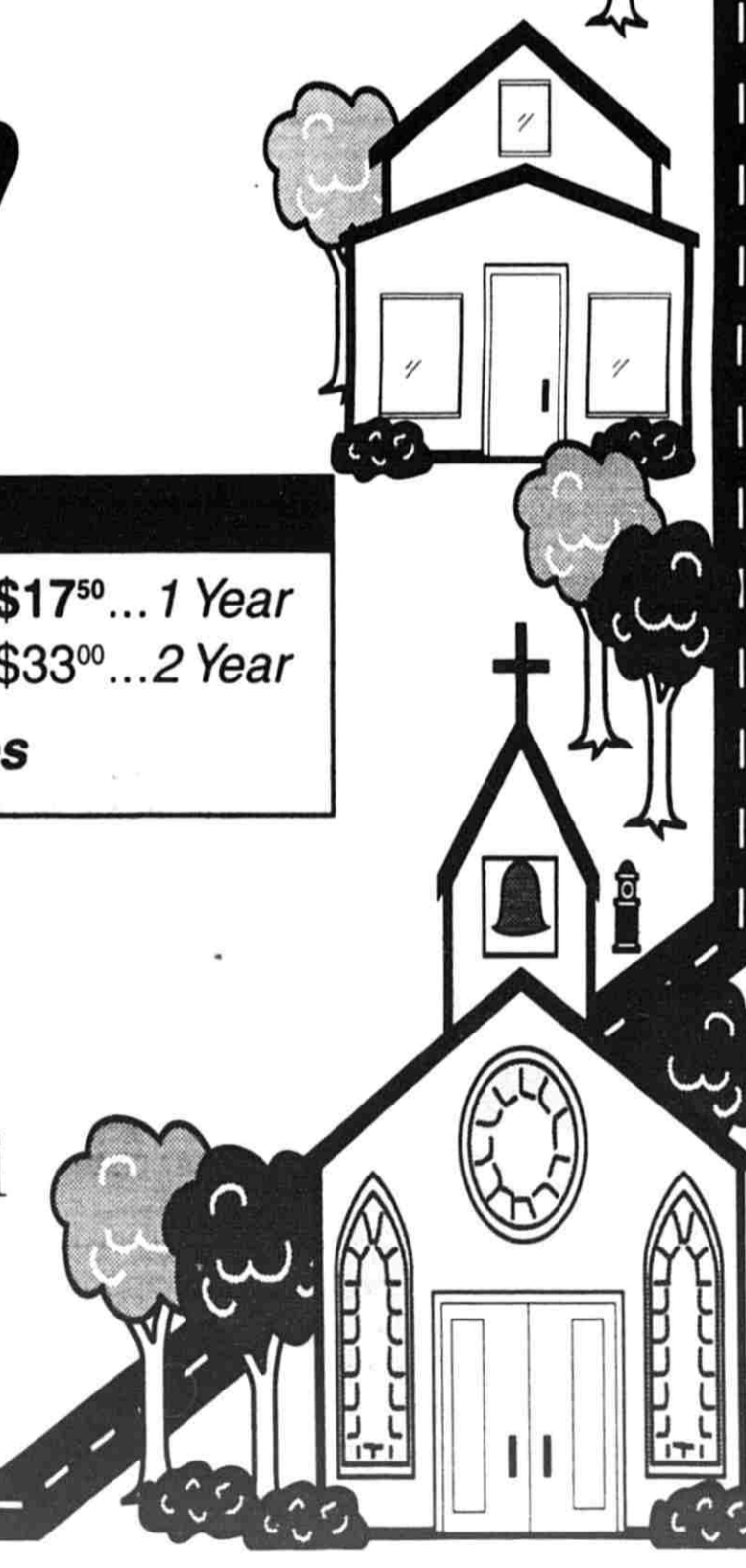
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Tryouts for Spring 1998

When: Monday, October 27th, 1997.
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Parents Meeting: 6:15 pm
Make-up Day, Wednesday, October 29th.

Where: Creekside Park in Lowell.

Who Can Try: All Advanced Soccer Players Between 8 & 12 Years Old on July 31, 1997. We will be adding one or two teams depending on the ages and skill levels of the players trying out. Note: **THIS IS AN OPEN COMPETITIVE TRYOUT!** LASSO Soccer teams are Select Travel Teams. TRYOUTS ARE MANDATORY FOR SPRING 1998 PLAY.

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TOWN TALK

The city is in the process of choosing a welcome sign for the entranceway into Lowell. Three pictures are being considered for the sign: the downtown, the downtown clock and the new downtown lights. Do you prefer any one of the three or do you have a suggestion?



Kory Stremier
I like the sign with the picture of the downtown. I also think a picture of the Showboat would be nice. It should be something historical.



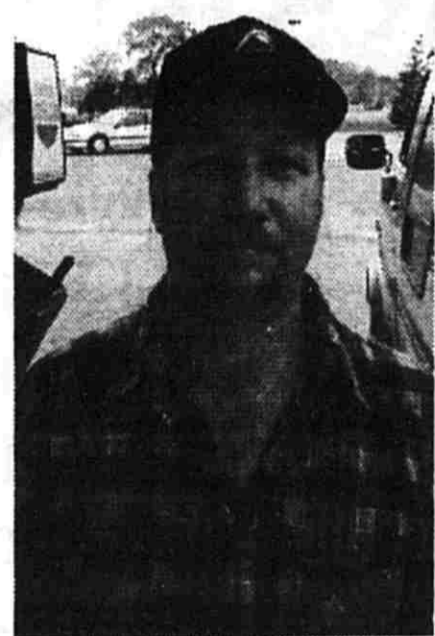
Sue Walter
I like the picture of the downtown. It represents Lowell - a small town and good people.



Amber Helsel
The Showboat, I think, is a good idea.



Tony McCaul
The Showboat should be on the sign. I think it is synonymous with Lowell. When people think of Lowell, they think of the Showboat.



Robert Smith
A picture of the Showboat. That is a Lowell thing.



Maureen Nurmikko
I'm glad they're putting up welcoming signs. They are needed. I would choose the picture of the downtown.

J.V. girls put their heart into playing

The Lowell J.V. girls' basketball team lost a pair of heartbreakers last week. On Tuesday they faced Hudsonville, and despite a halftime lead of 18-15, were unable to beat the Eagles. Lowell was plagued with poor shooting throughout the game,

making only six of 16 free throw attempts.

Coach Brent Noskey said, "The free throws hurt us, but this team continues to show a lot of heart." Top scorer of the game was Beth Fredline with 13 points. Rebounds were led by Lindsay Scigliano with

nine. The final score was Lowell 35, Hudsonville 41.

Thursday, Lowell went up against undefeated East Grand Rapids losing in a heartbreaker 41-40. Coach Noskey said, "I'm proud of the girls. They played with a lot of heart." Scoring was led by Jody Seif

with 16 points and Kelly Chapman and Lindsay Scigliano with eight each. Chapman had five steals while Katie McPherson and Scigliano each had six rebounds.



Crystal Sefton
I like the sign with the picture of the downtown. It's Lowell. It's about our hometown.



Bridget Doyle
I like the downtown image in the light sign example.

Kathy Augdahl
I like the picture of the downtown.

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—Josh Billings

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Roudabush and Lonick lead strong effort at OK White conference meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Seniors Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush struggled at second doubles for most of the season.

"They had talent but just weren't able to put it together," Lowell tennis coach Wendy Ackermann said.

That all changed as the season began winding down.

"They put it together and started playing well," Ackermann said. Over the last week of the season, the doubles team won four matches.

"They finished very strong. As seniors, that is a nice way to end the season," Ackermann said.

At the O-K White conference meet, Lonick and Roudabush looked up and found themselves ahead of Forest Hills Central after winning the first set 6-3.

"I'm not sure they believed it," Ackermann said.

Neither did the Rangers as they battled back to win in three sets, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Lonick and Roudabush used their match against Central as a springboard into matches against Zeeland and Hudsonville.

They defeated the Chix 6-3, 6-3. The Red Arrows then bested Hudsonville 6-1, 6-3. The wins earned them a fifth-place spot at the conference.

At third doubles, Amy Meiste and Lindsay Gustafson entered the conference meet seeded fourth. They finished fourth following a 6-2, 1-6, 1-6 three-set loss to Northview.

"They were a little disappointed; they wanted to take third," Ackermann said. "They've had a good year and played well in the league meet."

At fourth doubles, Amber Petersen and Ainsley Smit finished fifth.

In a tightly contested match, they lost to Hastings 4-6, 3-6 but finished the day with wins over Zeeland (6-3, 6-3) and Hudsonville (6-1, 6-3).

"Amber and Ainsley had a great conference," Ackermann said.

Lowell finished seventh overall at the league meet.

Lowell 7 Cedar Springs 1

In its final dual meet of the season, the Red Arrows posted their third win of the year in a non-conference victory over the Red Hawks.

The Red Arrows swept the four doubles matches.

Colleen Mandel and Liz Lonick straight set Janet Hutchens and Kristi Baker 6-2, 6-2.

Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush, playing second doubles, dispersed of Shelly Gordon and Julie Mueller 6-4, 6-0.

It was Lindsay Gustafson and Amy Meiste dismissing Jenny Mueller and Betsy Falen 6-4, 6-0.

At fourth doubles, Ainsley Smit and Amber Petersen were 6-2, 6-1 victors against Kari Robinson and Mandy Gordon.

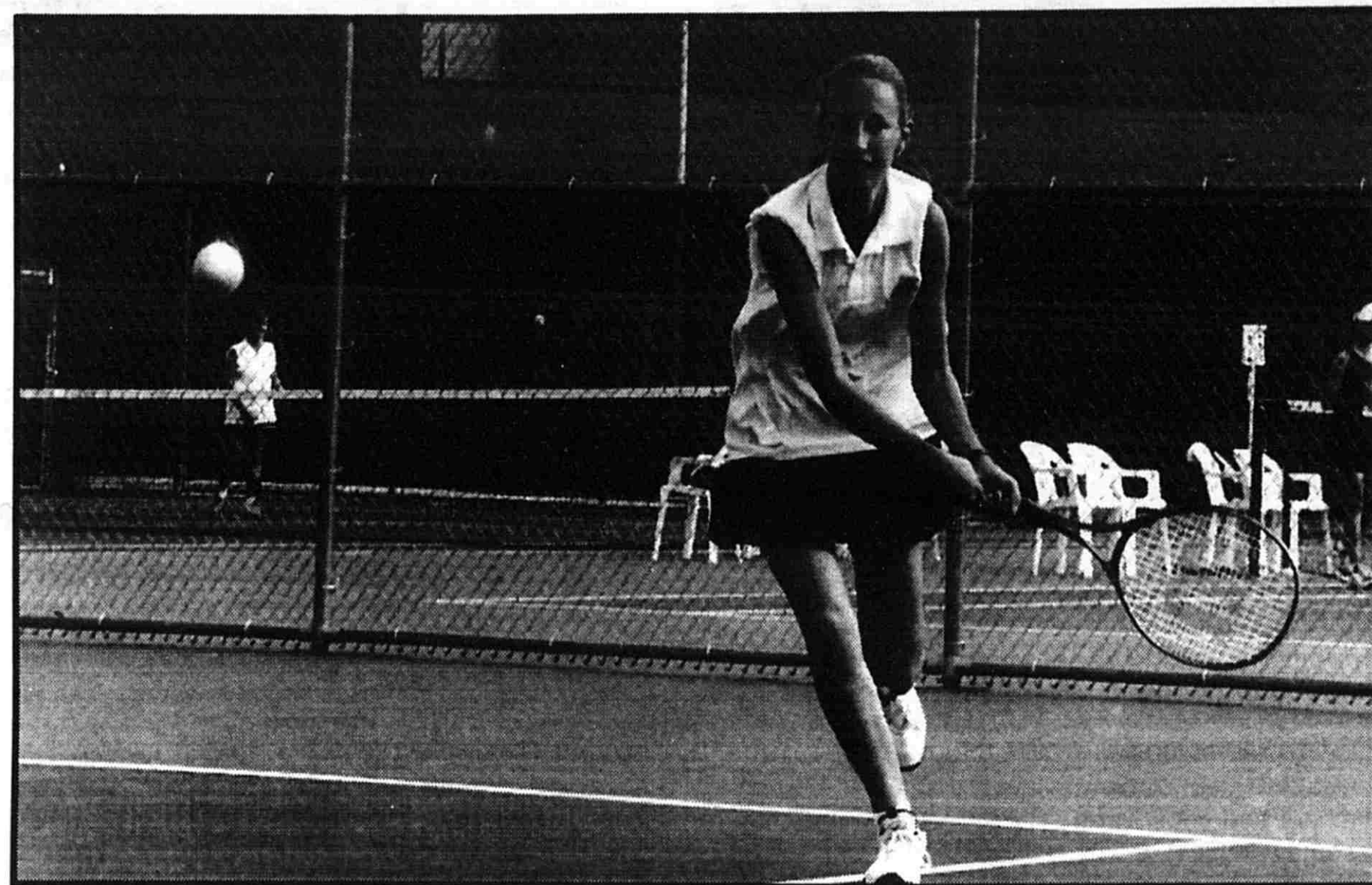
In singles play, Kim Meiste needed three sets to upend Lindy Heiss 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 in fourth singles.

"Kim's last set was her best played of the three," Ackermann said. "She was playing shots and forcing errors."

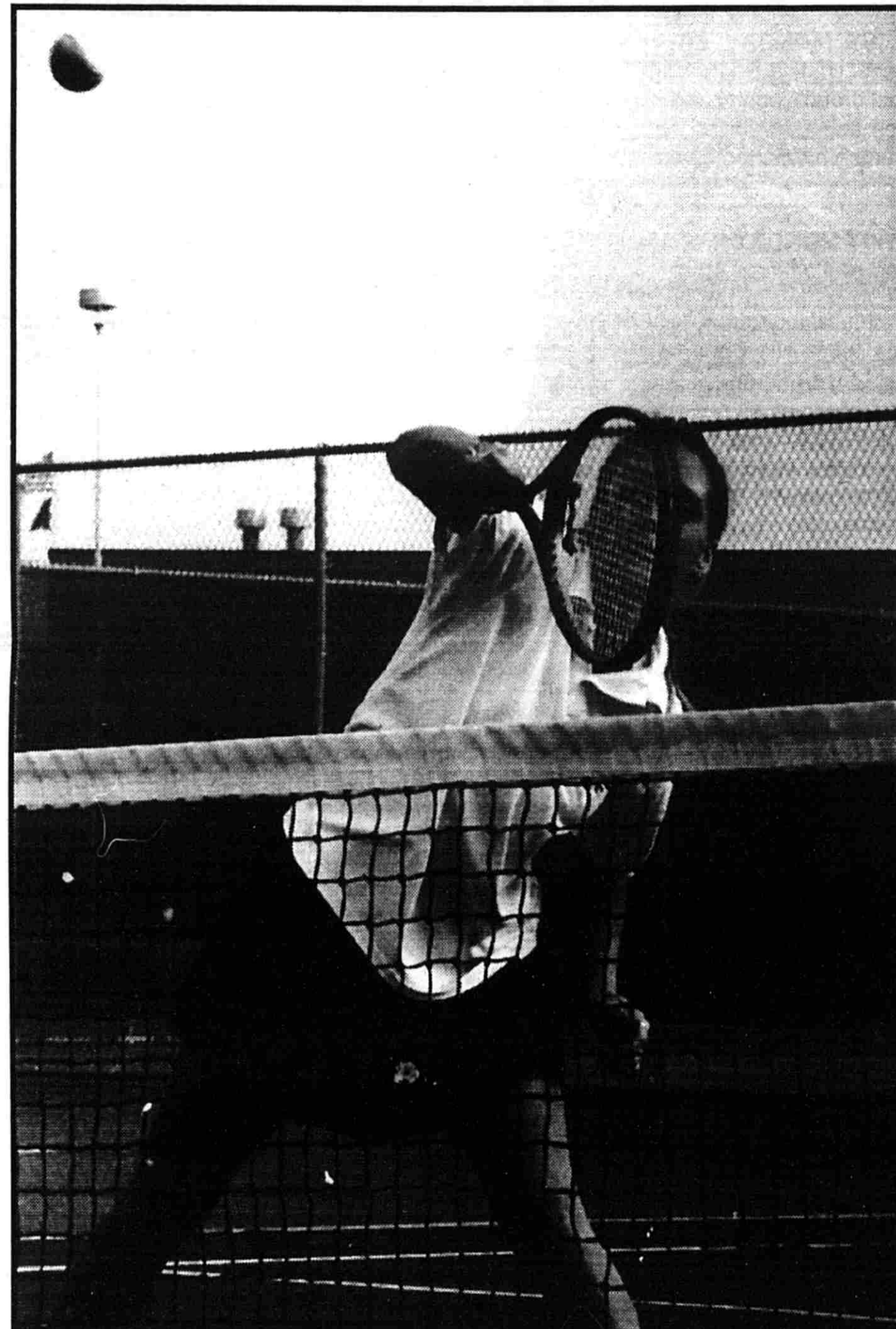
Lisa Osterhaven, third singles, bested Heather Swope 6-4, 7-5.

Amy Snell battled to a 7-5, 6-3 win over Alina McDermid in second singles.

Lowell's Beth Hoag lost to Tawnya Sowerwing 1-6, 4-6.



Amy Meiste, above, returns a forehand winner. Right, Lyndsay Gustafson kills a volley at the net.



Class A Regional

Lowell placed eighth at the regional in East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows tallied three points in the regional won by the Pioneers.

Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush scored one of three Lowell points as they upended Creston's Katie DeHaan and Amanda Davidson 7-6, 6-1. They were dropped from the regional in a second-round loss to South Christian.

In first doubles, Colleen Mandel and Liz Lonick defeated Angel Merren and Heidi Beuschel of Wayland 7-6, 6-3.

They were dropped from the tournament in a 5-7, 3-6 loss to Hastings.

Lowell's Beth Hoag earned the Red Arrows' only other victory at first singles. Hoag straight set Leah Bloemendaal 6-1, 6-3 before losing to East Grand Rapids.

"The girls improved their play in every area this season," Ackermann said. "I think the girls take a sense of competitiveness with them from the season. It's encouraging to me and to them to know that they can be competitive."

Girls basketball team upended by Hudsonville and EGR

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two mistakes right before half enabled a bigger and stronger Hudsonville girls' basketball team to pull away from Lowell 62-34 in O-K White conference action.

"We could have gone into half, down four, but with a couple of mistakes, Hudsonville increased the lead to 12 (33-21) at halftime," explained Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers.

Lowell kept the deficit in single digits in the early going of the third quarter, before the bigger and stronger Eagle team took control.

"The girls played well early in the second half, but then the wheels came off," Akers said. Hudsonville outscored Lowell 13-6 in the third quarter and 16-7 in the fourth quarter.

Lynn Boersma was Lowell's only player in double digits with 11 points.

Lowell was outbounded 44-26.

Crystal Brink was the game's leading scorer for Hudsonville with 20 points.

"After playing through the first round of league games, it's apparent a team like Hudsonville is bigger and stronger than we are," Akers said. "In an age of specialization, teams are playing basketball year round and lifting weights. It is something we will have to evaluate at the end of the season."

EGR 81 Lowell 44

Lowell was within 13 points of the league leaders entering the final stanza.

The Pioneers then shot the lights out over the final eight minutes to outscore Lowell 26-9 in earning their 12th straight win.

"They can flat-out shoot the basketball," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said. "They couldn't miss in the fourth quarter and East wasn't shooting layups."

The Pioneers led 25-9 after one quarter of play and 37-23 at halftime.

The two teams traded baskets in the third quarter with each tallying 14 points.

Lisa Brewer led East with 20 points; Carrie Damon fol-

lowed with 15.

Lisa Posthumus led all Lowell scorers with 13 points. Rachael Fredline tossed in eight.

Lowell finished the week at 0-7 in the league and 0-10 overall.



The many species of migratory songbirds called warblers help farmers by killing insects that destroy fruit and strip trees of their leaves. Warblers search out tiny cracks in the bark and in fruit buds for insects that might escape larger birds.

Homecoming delight; Lowell pounds Wyoming Park, 33-0

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two coaches with young teams had different tales to tell following Lowell's 33-0 homecoming shut out against Wyoming Park Friday night.

"We have young kids who are maturing and beginning to play some pretty good football," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

Wyoming Park coach Jack VerDuin called Friday's loss the story of his young team's life.

"We have good kids who are very inexperienced and make mistakes," VerDuin explained.

Catching an improving Red Arrow team on its homecoming may have been a mistake the Vikings would have liked to avoid.

Lowell QB T.J. Thayers saw to that. The junior had a role in four of five Lowell touchdowns. Thayer ran for two scores and threw for two others.

"T.J. is a good quarterback. He works hard at it," Dean explained.

He showcased some pinpoint passing prowess against the Vikings. Thayer was seven-of-11 for 209 yards.

He lofted a perfect strike to Tim VanLaan for a 23-yard touchdown pass, giving Lowell a 14-0 lead right before half-time.

His other touchdown pass came on a 75-yard scoring hookup with Jeff Altoft. Thayer hit Altoft on an out pass and the Lowell receiver raced 60 yards after the catch for the score.

"Lowell has a nice club. They have a lot of speed and execute their offense very well," VerDuin said.

It was the lack of execution by his Vikings early in the third quarter that may have changed the entire complexion of the game.

Wyoming Park had taken the opening second-half kick and marched 50 yards in nine plays when the Vikings fumbled the ball away on a second down and three from the Lowell 17. "That was a big play," VerDuin said.

Lowell took the game's opening kickoff and marched 64 yards in 10 plays to grab a 7-0 lead. Thayer did the scoring honors on a two-yard run.

Thayer recorded Lowell's second rushing touchdown of the evening with 9:28 to play. This time he ran it in from a yard out. The score gave Lowell a 20-0 lead.

Dusty Gless, in his first game back since an early-season injury, popped through the line and raced 45 yards for Lowell's final score of the game with 7:08 to play in the fourth quarter.

Lowell had a balanced rushing attack. Steve VanLaan ran

for 45 yards, Thayer rushed for 40 and Gless tallied 39.

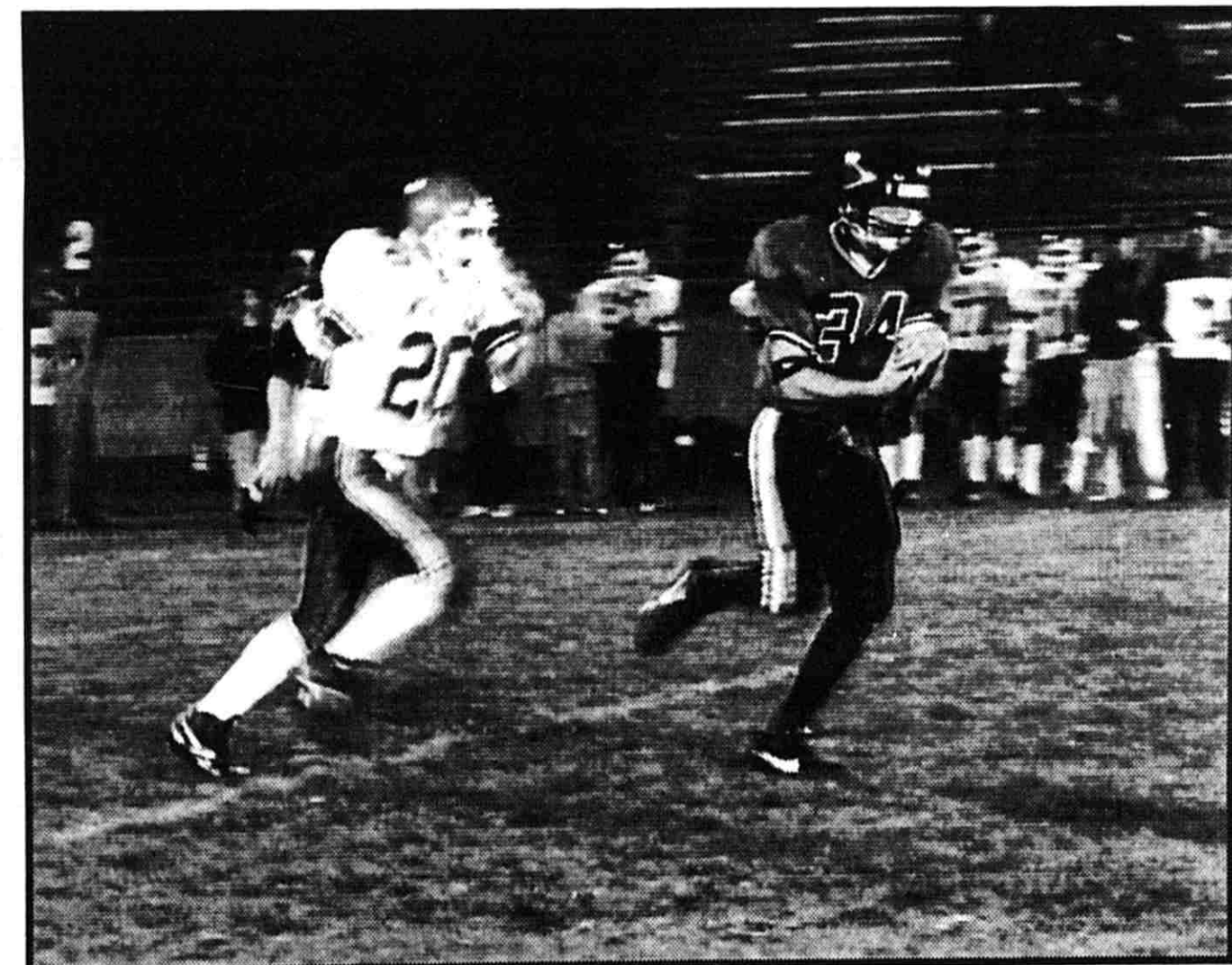
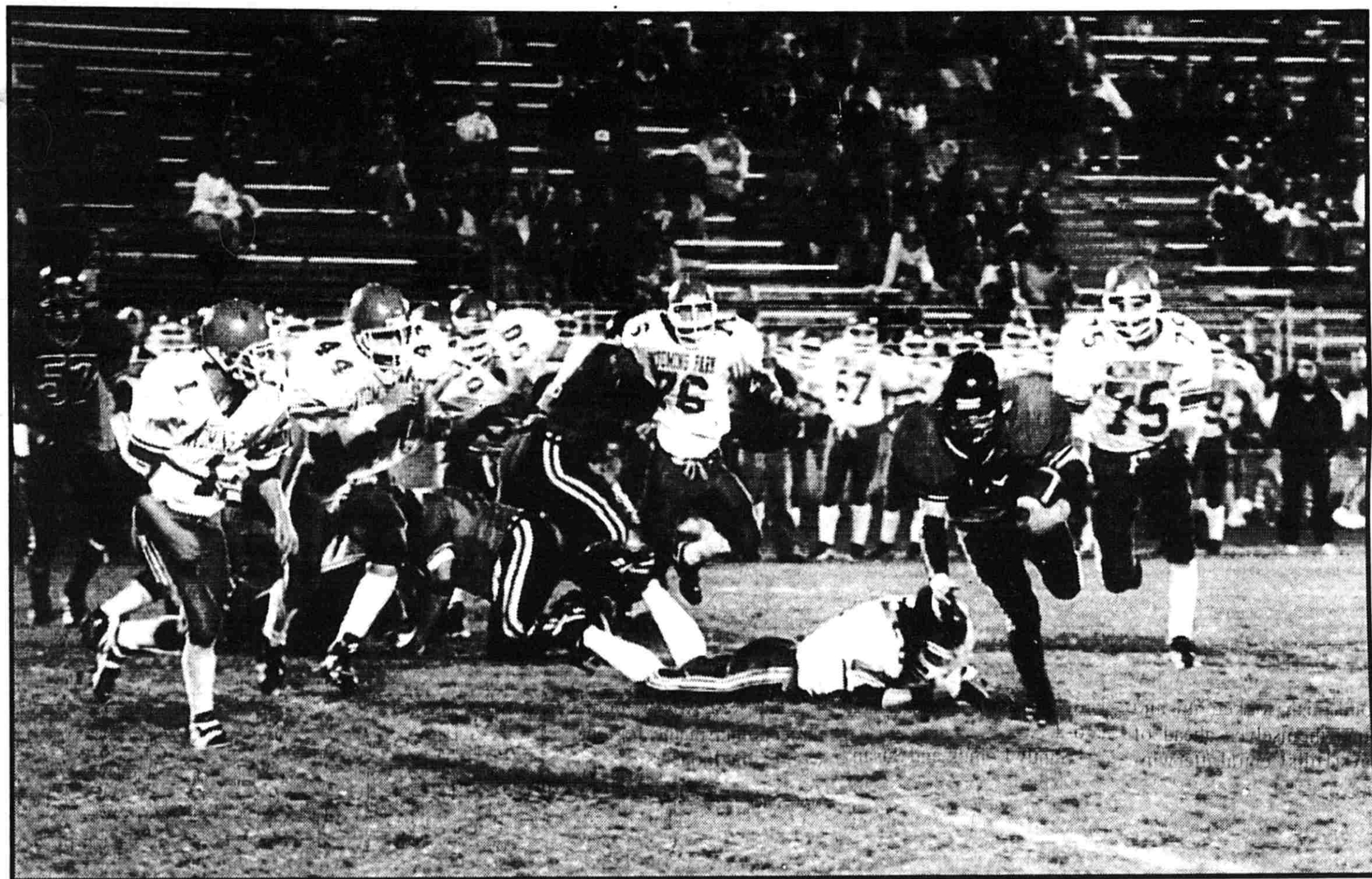
"We still have some work to do. Our offensive line is not where we thought it would be," Dean said.

Its defense, though, is playing okay even by its coach's standards. "It played pretty good tonight against an offense that is pretty tough to defend," Dean explained.

The loss drops Park to 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the O-K White.

The win improves Lowell's overall record to 5-1. The Red Arrows are now 4-1 in the league.

Lowell hosts Hudsonville Friday in its final home game of the year.



Lowell's ground game was held to just 165 yards, but quarterback T.J. Thayer threw for over 200 yards. Steve VanLaan, above, looks for the first down mark after breaking through a tackle. Senior Mike Wernet, left, attempts to outrun a would-be Viking tackler.

OK White Recap

(5-1, 4-1) FHC 19, (5-1, 4-1) EGR 6

(5-1, 4-1) Zeeland 28, (3-3, 2-3) Hastings

(1-5, 1-4) Hudsonville 32, (0-6, 0-5) Northview 26

(5-1, 4-1) LOWELL 33, (1-5, 1-4) Wyoming Park 0

Lowell golf team finishes season with eye on future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell finished the golf season without a win in the OK White conference and with just one victory overall.

"It was a year to build on," Lowell boys' golf coach Jack Ogle said. "We knew it was going to be. The boys are going to work on their game indoors over the winter."

The Red Arrows were led by two sophomores and a junior

in the Class A regional at Crystal Springs (par 72).

Sophomores Dan Barton and Keith Valentine paced Lowell with rounds of 93. The Red Arrows finished 15th with a team total of 388.

Rockford won the regional with a score of 315. Zeeland was second at 322. Both teams will advance to the Class A state meet for the first time in several years.

Forest Hills Central missed qualifying for the state meet by one stroke. The Rangers lost in a tiebreaker to Mona Shores, who earned the final qualifying spot.

Following the sophomores home was junior Jim Gilchrist. He carded a 98. Senior Aaron Hanson finished with a 104.

"Valentine, Barton and Gilchrist are the core that will lead us next year," Ogle said. "I've seen a lot of individual improvement from them this year. We're headed in the right direction."

In the OK White conference meet at Thornapple Point (par 72), Lowell finished last with a team score of 374.

Forest Hills Central won the league meet with a round of 313. It was two shots better than East Grand Rapids (315) and three shots better than Zeeland (316).

The conference medalist was Central's Andy Matthews who tied a course record, four-under-par 68.

Lowell's top score was handed in by Gilchrist (88). He was followed by Hanson's 95, Brett West's 95 and Valentine's 98.

"We didn't win a lot this year, but it was a joy to watch the younger kids," Ogle said. "They all have good attitudes and show a desire to improve."

Hudsonville too strong for Lowell cross country

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell cross country teams were outmanned by a stronger Hudsonville contingency in a dual meet at Johnson Park.

The Red Arrow boys were defeated 19-44 and the girls lost 15-49.

Leading the Lowell harriers was sophomore Dan Rottier. He came off the course in 18:27 and was second only to Hudsonville's Fred Smallegan (18:07).

Following Rottier in for Lowell were Caleb O'Boyle, 10th 19:47; Derrick Harmon, 14th, 20:24; Aaron Plattner, 16th, 20:39; and Aaron VanderPols, 21st, 25:12.

Teammates following Smallegan home were Mark Starlin, third, 18:56; Ben Haveman, fourth, 19:02; Shane Malaski, sixth, 19:03; and Matt Renkema, sixth, 19:14.

The Eagles won the girls' race by the score of 15-49.

Hudsonville swept the top five spots.

Cami Mall was first, stopping the clock at 20:12. Carrie Postma placed second with a time of 22:33. Other times were Stephanie Harrison, fourth, 22:45; Amanda DeYoung, fourth, 22:54; and Alison Vryhoff 23:06.

Lowell's top five scores were handed in by Andrea Baker, seventh, 23:52; Stacey Anderson, ninth, 25:06; Beth Larabee, 10th, 25:16; Courtney Baker, 11th, 25:52; and Melissa Miller, 12th, 26:29.

The essential thing is not to find, but to absorb what we find.

—Paul Valery

Quality win against Northview highlights homecoming week for Red Arrow soccer team

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock and his Red Arrow soccer team may have suffered from deja vu during the first

'96 track members receive academic all-state honors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three members of the Lowell boys' track team were recently named to the 1996 academic all-state track team.

There were 24 Class A athletes recognized around the state. Only Traverse City, with four, had more athletes named to the team.

To qualify athletes had to place in the top eight of a state event and carry a minimum of a 3.5 grade-point-average. Lowell's John Wojciakowski, Denny Briggs and Nate Schoen met those requirements.

The three Red Arrow track stars were members of the 1600-meter relay track team which placed seventh in the state event.

Wojciakowski graduated in 1996 with a 4.0 GPA. Denny Briggs graduated with a GPA of 3.78. Schoen as a junior carried a GPA of xxx.

Both Wojciakowski and Briggs are attending Aquinas College.

"It is great to see that kids can not only get recognized separately for their academics or athletics but can be recognized in combination of both," Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve.

All three students were also very active in area clubs, organizations and volunteer activities.

"Usually we think of students as athletes or only as students," Boeve said. "I think this shows that good athletes can also be excellent students, Boeve said."

two minutes of its 3-2 win with Northview.

In their first meeting of the year, the Wildcats pounced on the Red Arrows with three goals in the game's opening 15 minutes.

Game two was just a couple of minutes old when Northview's Chad Sheehan pushed one past goalie Ben Michael, giving the visitors a 1-0 lead.

"Northview passed the ball outside, dribbled, Michael came out and Sheehan slid it past him," Wydock explained. "We didn't mark up well at all."

The goal served as a wake-up call for Lowell. "It definitely woke the boys up. They settled down and began playing defense."

Lowell's Jim Jastifertied the score at 1-1 at the 17:57 mark of the first half on an assist from Matt Maatman.

"Maatman crossed one over to Jastifer, their goalie came out and Jastifer flipped one over his head," Wydock said.

The score remained tied until five minutes into the second half when Jastifer scored his second goal of the game, giving Lowell a 2-1 lead.

On the play, Jake Brown dribbled through the middle before passing off to Maatman, who chipped it over to Jastifer for the score.

Six minutes later, Maatman got in on the scoring act as he

slid one past Northview goalie Nick Garbowitz for a 3-1 lead on a feed from Jastifer.

Northview's Adam Terhan, off a deflection, made it 3-2 with a goal seven minutes later.

"It's a big win for us. Northview had been playing well," Wydock said. "Our boys adjusted defensively and played smart over the final 22 minutes of the game to protect our one goal lead."



Joe Giuliano, #10, passes the ball past his Viking defender. Lowell shutout Wyoming Park 11-0.

An improved Viking team still proved to be no match for a homecoming week-charged Lowell team. The Red Arrows won the game 11-0. "We played extremely well," Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock said. "The boys played well in the open field and did a nice job of looking for one another."

Seven Lowell players shared in the 11-goal performance. Matt Maatman found the Viking net three times and tallied one assist. Shaun Precious scored twice and dealt out two assists while sophomore Aaron Alsgaard creased the net twice and recorded an assist.

Jake Brown, Tyler Southwell, Jim Jastifer and Nathan Reimbold each scored a goal. Brown also posted four assists. Reimbold, Mike Frey and Adam Billingsley also added assists.

Shorebird Gallery & Gifts brings Lowell various touches of wildlife

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike and Carolyn Stahl's 34 years of marriage proves that they can live together.

Now the couple is out to prove they can work together. "Everybody says husbands and wives can't work together. We are out to prove them wrong," explains Mike Stahl. Shorebird Gallery & Gifts (215 W. Main), specializing in wildlife art and related outdoor items, opened in September.

"We offer a variety of wildlife gifts as well as home accents and customized framing," says Carolyn Stahl. There are over 1,100 frame samples to choose from along with roughly 150 wildlife carvings.

Stahls have also commissioned resident artist Brian Ballard for his artwork.

For now, the newest Lowell retail store will keep predominantly evening hours.

Shorebird Gallery & Gifts' weekday hours are from 5 p.m. until 8; Saturday from

10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Sunday from noon until 6 p.m. "Working here is like sitting in my own den at home,"

Mike Stahl said. "I have the same type of wildlife pictures and decor on my walls." By day, Carolyn works as

a medical technologist at St. Mary's Hospital and Mike operates his own audiologist office.

Mike Stahl's interest in wildlife was nurtured by his father. "Since the age of 12, I did a lot of outdoor things (hunting and fishing) with my father," he said.

His fondest memories are of fishing (bass and pike) and camping trips. Stahl and his father took to northern Minnesota.

His introduction to wildlife and the outdoors as a young boy and his 17-year association with Ducks Unlimited has made The Shorebird Gallery & Gifts shop a natural fit.

"Mike has always wanted to have his own shop," Carolyn said.

The Stahls bought property in Lowell 12 years ago. "We liked the area," Carolyn said. "That is when we first started talking about the idea of a wildlife gallery and gift shop."

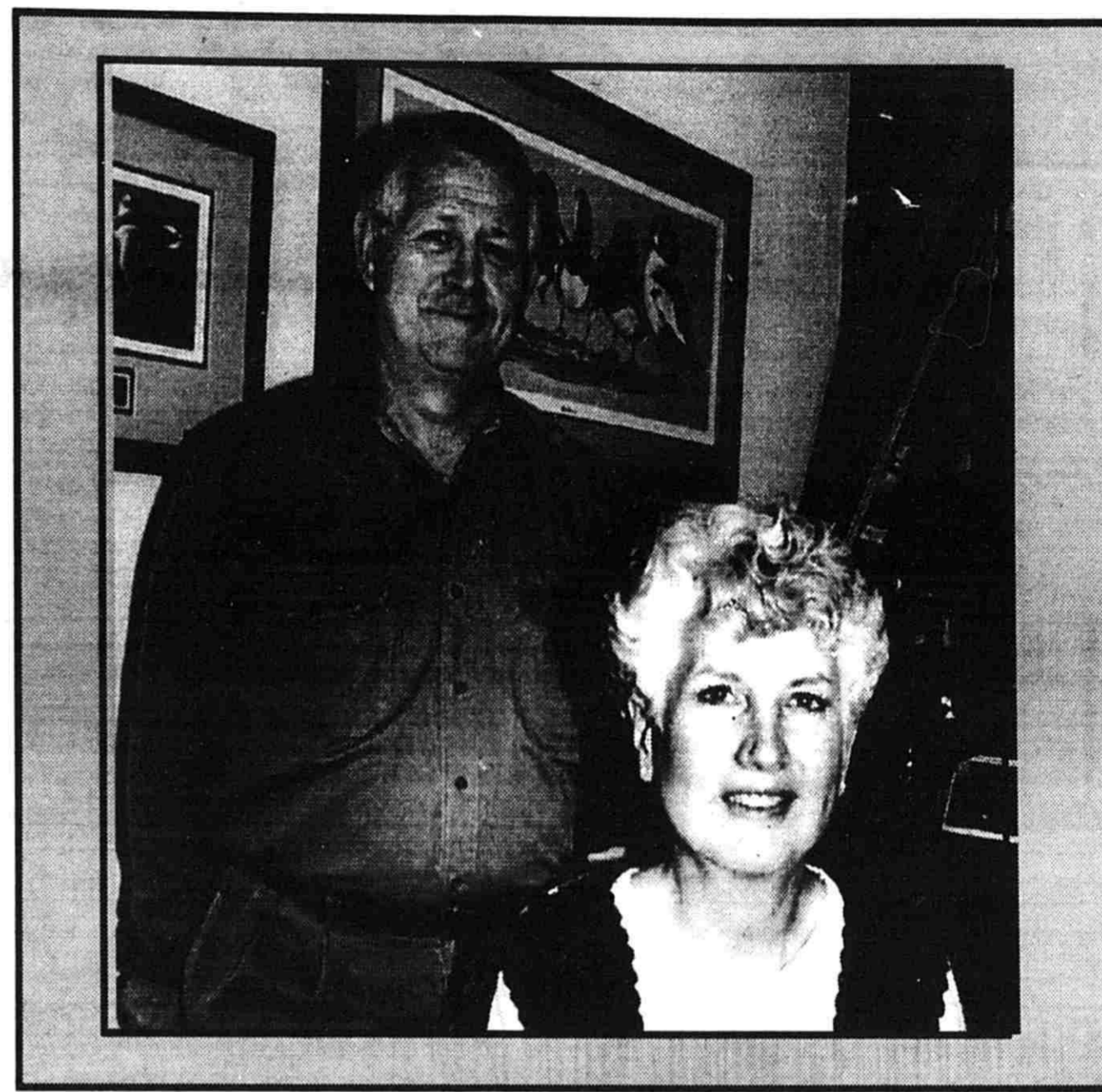
The search for a building began in earnest about three years ago. "The building just fell into place," Mike explained. "I saw a card in the window of this empty building, made a few calls, made an offer and I had a building."

The couple spent the last two years renovating it.

"The hardest part was re-finishing the wooden floor," Mike Stahl said. "Because the floor wasn't even, we had to use hand sanders instead of a floor sander."

They are both glad they did. The floor accents the wildlife decor and gives Shorebird Gallery and Gifts a distinct ambience.

"I'm very pleased with the response we've received so far from the community," Mike said.



Carolyn and Mike Stahl, owners of the newly opened Shorebird Gallery & Gifts.



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The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 20, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the new Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

Bill Bolt, owner of the Turn West store, petitioned to allow a sign (horse figure) above the roof line of his building at 2173 W. Main remain. According to Section 20.04 K of the Zoning Ordinance, no sign shall be erected above the roof line of the building, thus a variance had been requested.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.

Betty R. Morlock
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Zoning Ordinance Amendments relating to flags, banners and signs.

A copy of the ordinance amendments is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

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Bliss and his puppets entertain and educate

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's an odd world when, in an age of digital imagery and electronic video, something as simple as puppets can maintain such a holding power on its audience.

"It's an odd sort of magic that people genuinely respond to," said Greg Bliss of the Master Arts Theatre in Grandville. "It shows that people still enjoy an honest art form."

Bliss' Punch & Judy puppet show will be the second of three acts at Lowell Area

Arts Council's presentation of *Reveal Perugino: A Renaissance Revelry* on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

Society for Creative Anachronism will perform first with *Quodlibet* as the final act. The music ensemble will perform music written before 1650 using period instruments such as recorders and Crum Horns.

Tickets for the program at the Lowell High School's Performing Arts Center are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. *Quodlibet* will perform



Greg Bliss, Master Arts Theatre in Grandville, will bring his Punch & Judy puppet show to Lowell on Oct. 25 as part of the *Reveal Perugino: Renaissance Revelry*.

for Lowell High School students at 1:15 on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Bliss will also do two shows for fourth- and fifth-grade Cherry Creek Elementary students on Oct. 22.

It will mark the first time he has gone into a school to perform for students. The script he sent to Cherry Creek teacher and LAAC member Jim Blodgett raised an eyebrow.

"The domestic violence in the script was an immediate concern," Blodgett said. Bliss gave a preview presentation to Blodgett and building principal Bill Markovich last week. "That relieved my concerns," Blodgett said.

Bliss rewrote the script, toning down the violence. "It is more palatable. It is not as violent but still true to the script and times."

Bliss explained that poverty and governmental depression were prominent in people's minds then. "Punch represented the fight against struggles people were going through and how they were desperately trying to make sense of it all."

Bliss earned his undergraduate degree and master's degree from Bob Jones Uni-

versity in Greenville, South Carolina.

Perugino was Italy's finest painter in the 1500s. He worked on the Sistine Chapel.

Perugino's artwork will be shown for the first time in the United States at the Grand Rapids Art Museum from Nov. 16 through Feb. 1 1998.

"The LAAC asked the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids if it would partly fund the related events at the performing arts center," said Craig Convissor, chairman of the *Reveal Perugino* event.

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The Arrows opened the game with a 65 yard drive. Josh Brown scored on a one-yard quarterback keeper.

Nate Borth caught a 55-yard pass from Brown with the same combination for the conversion for a 14-0 half-time lead.

Lowell scored on its first

two possessions in the third quarter. Tom Dawson scampered 63 yards with some nice

open field running and Borth caught the two-point conversion. Neil Reibold plowed in from the one yard following a 50-yard drive with Jake Baum catching the two-point conversion.

Wyoming Park scored its first of three touchdowns with six minutes remaining in the game. Dawson closed out Lowell's scoring with a 10-yard run.



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Lee, Lowell's first full-time woman police officer

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As Lowell Police Department's newest full-time patrol officer, Sandra Lee must use her knowledge to make decisions

on a momentary notice...something she did regularly as a race horse rider and trainer. "You're constantly making decisions about whether to run them, stop them, or leave them alone," Lee said. "I liked that independence."

Lee finds that same independent quality as a police

officer. "It's the same thing on the street. An officer has knowledge and based on that must make decisions."

Lee's parents are happy with their daughter's decision to end her horse racing career. "They think being a police officer is safer than racing horses," Lee said. "That's because I got knocked around a few times while with a horse."

The change has also brought Lee security and benefits. "There weren't any benefits or security in training and riding horses," Lee said. "Riders are constantly moving to where trainers want the horses to run."

While horse racing is no longer a profession for Lee, she still conditions and trains Arabian horses and thoroughbreds on her own time. "I also still make trips to Mt. Pleasant and Delaware, NY, and race."

Lee started as a part-time police officer for the Lowell Police Department in August of 1995.

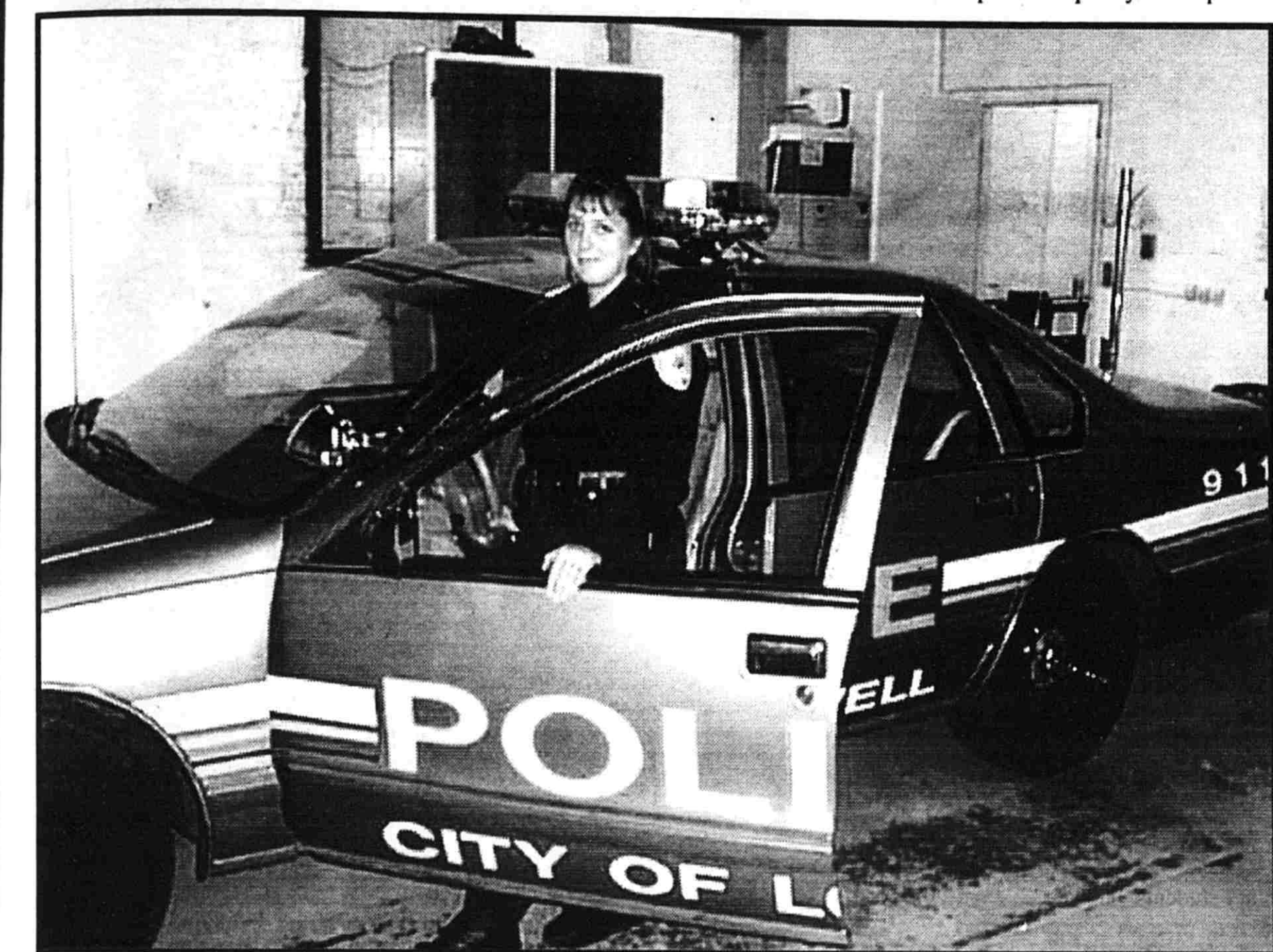
Police chief Jim Valentine gave Lee a full-time position at the end of September. Lee is the first full-time Lowell woman police officer.

"This is the most professional place that I have worked," Lee said.

Her decision to become a police officer led to meeting her husband James Lee.

"We met at the firing range," Lee says with a smile.

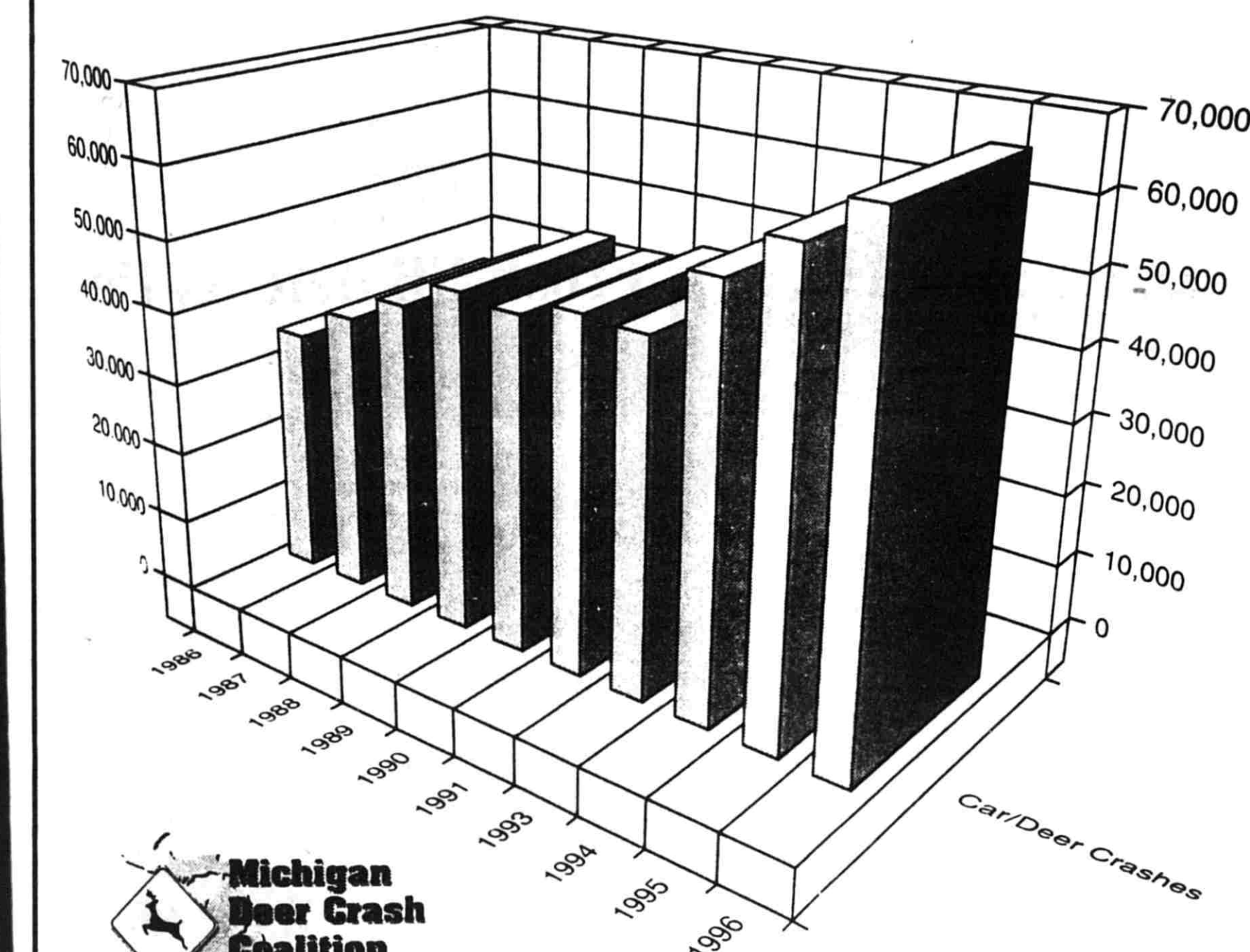
Her husband is a police sergeant with the Hastings Police Department. Prior to that, he worked in Dade County, FL.



Police officer Sandra Lee sets to begin her 12-hour shift. Lee began her full-time position in September.

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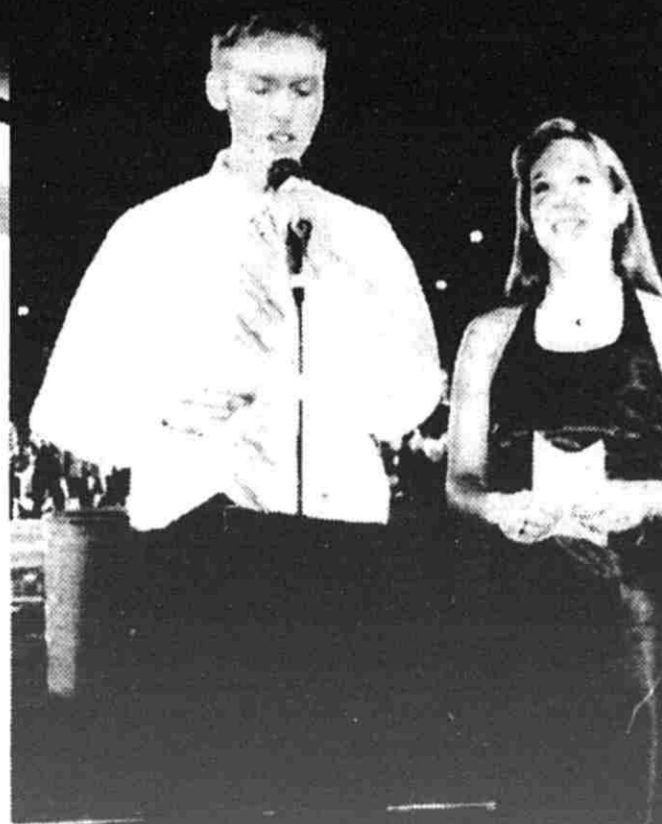
Lowell's Homecoming, Somewhere Over The Rainbow



Members of the senior homecoming court pictured, front row, left to right, are: Mahrya Skinner, Cherelle Weber, Laurie Barton, Erin Gannon and Lori Catlin (Homecoming queen). Pictured in the back row, left to right, are: Scott Mikulski, Jeff Altoft, Bill McPherson (Homecoming king), Mike Wernet and Chris Wieland.



Members of the junior homecoming court, pictured above, from left to right, are: Brandon Drier and Kristina Delemar, Lori Bessey and Ken Palcowski, and Erin Umlauf and T.J. Thayer.



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Lowell High School's 1997 Homecoming king, Bill McPherson, and Homecoming queen, Lori Catlin are pictured right.



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Identifying direction builds self-esteem, helps turn perception into reality

Editor's Note: This is the third of four articles addressing goal-setting, motivation, visualization, success and balance in one's daily life

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Seeing is believing.
Perception becomes reality.

Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz wrote, "I will win seven gold medals," on his bedroom wall at the age of 14. He didn't win any gold medals his first trip to the Olympics. On his second try, he won exactly seven.

Writing the goal down on his wall didn't make it come true. It was Spitz's ability to learn what steps had to be negotiated to reach the goal. Visualizing and writing the goal down brought with it the motivation, drive and discipline needed to realize his goal.

Characteristics of successful goal-setting are making them specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and tangible.

"People must be realistic with the time line they set to reach their goal," said Tonia North, a representative with Growth Through People Inc. "Becoming a millionaire tomorrow is not a realistic goal, but that doesn't mean it can't be achieved."

North used as an example a woman who set the goal of owning a Mercedes. "Under her current financial conditions, she could not afford a Mercedes," North explained. "So she wrote down what she needed to do to accomplish her goal."

Setting the goal gave her new-found energy and it helped to increase her sales at work. "The end result from all of this is she now drives a Mercedes," North said. "It's all conditioning. People must believe they can achieve something."

There are two kinds of goals - vague and specific. Examples of vague goals would be the following: "I want to lose weight." "I want to spend more time with the kids." "I want to do better in school."

A specific goal would be, "I want to lose 5 pounds in the next 30 days." Specific goals give direction, motivation, and they can be measured.

"The common fault in setting goals is people are not specific enough," North said. "Also, people do not track their goals. This is very important. Taking a map on vacation allows you to check your progress, make adjustments and ultimately reach your destination in a timely manner. Without a map you may get there, but the trip may incur more frustration and ruin the purpose of the vacation - relaxation."

There are short- and long-term goals. There are daily, weekly, monthly and yearly goals. North suggests that people use the different types of goals as stepping stones. "It is a good idea to start off with a daily or weekly goal and gradually work toward a monthly and then a yearly goal. People tend to

disregard what they have done or achieved. Goals allow people to track and define that more clearly," North said

The benefits that come from goal-setting include less stress, saving time and money and can raise self-esteem through feeling of accomplishment.

The values (direction, motivation and discipline) that goal-setting instills in people make it an exercise worthy of starting at a young age.

"With young children, this can be done with a piggy bank," North said. "Have the child identify what it is they want and what it is they need to save to obtain it. It is also important that they write it down or hang something up in their room to remind them of their goal."

These values are often found in athletics. North says direction is something that should be addressed with kids. "The power to choose is a great responsibility. It's an acceptance. It's not having a fear of failure," she says.

Marshall Field decided to stay in Chicago after the great Chicago fire, even though all of the other business owners decided to start over in a more promising part of the country. Field's store in Chicago is now known around the world.

Field identified a direction. Not being able to identify one's direction may lead to doubt and insecurity. The other side of that - being able to identify direction and track one's progress helps one with his/her self-esteem.

Lowell YMCA recognizes spirit of its volunteers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There were 1,700 Lowell area children who benefited from the efforts of many YMCA volunteers over the past year.

A volunteer appreciation dinner at Cherry Creek Elementary Thursday night recognized their time spent.

"Through these efforts, the volunteers and the community have gained," said Jim Bosserd, chairman of the YMCA board.

Special recognition was given to the Don and Sheila Dubbink family, and individual awards were given to Perry Beachum and Jackie Bottomley.

Bosserd also paid tribute to YMCA director Andy Johnson. "The Lowell YMCA has grown tremendously under his leadership. Andy has initiated a very successful child care program and under his leadership our Y sports programs have grown."

The dinner's guest speaker was WOOD TV-8's

Warren Reynolds, former station sports anchor and now the voice behind "Positively Michigan."

Reynolds has also had a long-time volunteer association with Cystic Fibrosis.

"In my 34 years in the West Michigan area, I have seen what volunteers can do," he said. "They are working people within the community working to make a difference with kids."

Reynolds concluded by saying that it is easy to reach into one's pocket and give money. "When a person donates his/her time, they give a piece of their life."



Pictured from left to right are Don Dubbink, Jackie Bottomley and Perry Beachum.



A game with some similarities to soccer, called Zui (to kick a ball of stuffed leather), was played in China in the third and fourth century B.C.

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Hi Neighbors,

This memo is just to inform you that you should be made aware of the fact that we have people living in our midst who are not **ETHICAL HUNTERS** and are very **UNETHICAL** people in general. My pet came home injured after being absent at feeding time and when I took it to my veterinary the first diagnosis was a broken leg. After doing x-rays it was determined that my pet was **SHOT** and her leg is full of **SHOT PELLETS**.

I am a hunter and I am also a Certified Hunter Safety Instructor. One of the first things we try to teach our students is **HUNTING ETHICS**. Another important issue we stress to our students is that you **ALWAYS IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET** before pulling the trigger. No way did the person who shot my pet identify their target. I am very upset to think that this could possibly be one of my neighbors.

I know for a fact that there are many people who go for walks behind my house back in the thick scrub brush. I also know that I have neighbors who are doing a science project and they are constantly going for walks in the back. I hate to think that this person who **SHOT** my pet could possibly **SHOOT A PERSON** just because they did not identify their target properly.

If any of you know any information as to how my pet got shot I would appreciate knowing this bit of information. And should I find out who did this to my pet I will not hesitate to contact the proper authorities and file charges to the fullest degree.

My big concern is that the shooting of my pet could easily have been the shooting of one of your children or one of you.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel the need.
Sincerely, Lynn Seese • (616) 897-3076