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Nosko's proposed site condominium project would charter new waters in single family housing

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Planning Commission found a proposed site condominium project interesting, but was uncertain as to whether it would fit in with the city's overall character and plan.

Developer Michael Nosko presented the plan for property located on the east side of Ridgeview Drive between Sibley and West Main. Nosko wanted to get feedback for the Maplewood Square idea, which has hit big in other parts of the nation such as California and Texas, before moving ahead with the plans for the development.

The site plan called for developing 28 single-family homes on a little over 2 acres of property. This would leave about one acre for the development of three rental complexes or similar multi-housing facilities.

The idea behind the proposal was to create affordable low-income housing for young mothers or young families with children, Nosko said. The development would feature five floor plans with home square-footage ranging from 688 feet to 1,056. House prices would run from \$75,000 to \$91,000.

The houses would be at least 8 feet apart and each house would have a five- or six-foot backyard, which does not meet current ordinance standards.

Detached garages and storage areas would be available to homeowners for rent or purchase. Also the community would have a small park area and a decorative seven-foot wooden fence would run along the property to help keep it safe and secluded, Nosko explained.

Another feature would be the street, which would be one-way, making a circle through the community and exiting where the entrance was. Nosko said the idea for this was to help keep the community safe by reducing possible traffic hazards. Parking would be on the street with two cars being able to park parallel in front of the home.

Planning commissioners had mixed reaction to the proposed site condominium plan.

While some liked the one-way street for safety purposes, others were concerned with snow removal. Other commissioners noted that the city tries to keep parking on site versus

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Three city council seats at stake in Lowell's Nov. 4 general election

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Heeding the examples of their predecessors, three incumbents and one challenger will continue in their pursuit to serve the Lowell community.

The results of the Nov. 4 city of Lowell general election will determine who fills three city council seats. Vying for those seats are incumbents Jeanne Shores, Jim Hodges and Don Green, and challenger Mike Blough.

The two candidates with the highest amount of votes will receive four-year terms and the candidate with the third highest number of votes will receive a two-year term.

"Having grown up in the area, I've seen a number of residents take up the responsibility and participate in city government," said challenger and planning commission chairman Blough. "I continue to have an interest in this community."

The Lowell resident has served for the last 10 years on the planning commission, six as its chairman. Blough says he will step down from the planning commission if elected to city council. "There is a need for more people to get involved in

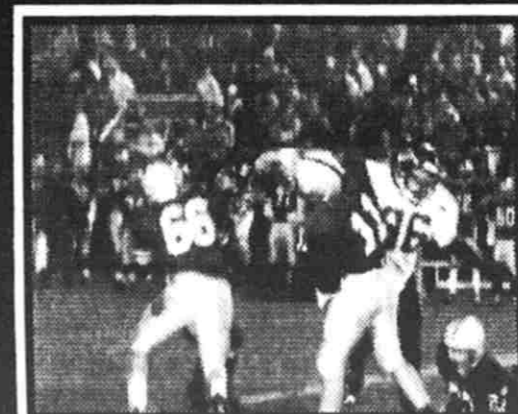
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Halloween's Ghoulish Games

By the end of the Halloween weekend, it is expected that over 400 people will have walked apprehensively through the Moose Lodge's sixth annual haunted house. Kids, seven years and older, who don't mind having their hearts jumping a few beats, can cautiously walk through the Crypt Keeper's House, 210 E. Main (Moose Lodge) for a \$2 admission fee. The Crypt Keeper's House will be open on Friday from 7 p.m. until midnight and on Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until midnight. "The proceeds will be used toward making next year's haunted house even better," said coordinator Karl Armstrong. Pictured above is "The Predator" (Sue Yakes) peering out the window; sitting on the floor is "The Thing" (Maria Vasquez).

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OBITUARIES

BERGY - Florence Bergy, 88, of Lowell, passed away October 24, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter in 1975. She is survived by her children Donald and Sondra Bergy, Lois Bergy, and Dale and Cindy Bergy all of Lowell; nine grandchildren; five

great-grandchildren; one brother Charles (Matilda) Deming of Alto. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Ronald Tuinstra of South Boston Bible Church officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Foundation or South Boston Bible Church Building Fund. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst.

DE WISPELAERE - Mrs. Jean DeWispelaere, aged 63, of Newaygo, died Saturday, October 25, 1997, at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Surviving are her husband, Robert DeWispelaere of Newaygo; her children Bev and John Jones of Austin, TX, Bob and Kelly DeWispelaere of Rochester Hills, and Jay and Carol DeWispelaere of Newaygo; daughter-in-law Mary DeWispelaere of Newaygo; grandchildren

Nicole, Bobbi Jo, Jemery, John Jr. and Debbie, Amy, Jamie, Sadie, Justin and Jennifer; her brothers and sisters Bob and Bonnie Morrill of Lowell, Clyde and Betty Morrill of Palistine, TX, Buddy Morrill of Tampa, FL, Orrie Clark of Euclid, OH, Beulah Helms of Lakeland, FL, and Helen and Roy Powell of Tampa, FL. She was preceded in death by sister Betty Morgan. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Mr. Bob Morrill and Mr. Clyde Morrill officiating. Interment Newaygo Cemetery. For memorials please consider PRIDE of Newaygo County. Arrangements by McKinley Funeral Home, Newaygo.

INBODY - Barbara Inbody, 65, of Crystal, passed away October 18, 1997. Surviving are three sons: Dale Inbody of Lowell, Richard Inbody of Crystal and Robert Inbody of Elwell; her mother Nora

Ehlert of Crystal; one step-sister Michele Pickham of Missouri, one step brother Jeff Hevel of Crystal; two brothers: Raymond Hevel of Carson City and Ronald Hevel of South Dakota; two sisters: Ruth Henry of St. Louis and Betty Halland of Carson City; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 21 with burial in Chapel Gardens Cemetery in Elwell. Arrangements by Dewey Funeral Home.

McGRAW - Mary Ellen McGraw, aged 52, of Lowell, died after a brief struggle with cancer. She is survived by her daughter Anne Marie McGraw-Biernacki; sister Anne McGraw-Terreault; brother Charles; nieces Kara and Kate Terreault; uncles Elton and Edgar Winchell and special friend Wayne Kryger. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to the family.

STUART - Duane A. Stuart, aged 62, of Saranac, passed away Saturday morning, October 25, 1997, at the Laurels of Kent in Lowell. He was born in Grand Rapids November 29, 1934 to the parents of Allie (Arleen Townsend) Stuart. He farmed the Saranac area with his father for several years. He is survived by his brother James (April) Stuart of Ionia; three nieces; one nephew; three great nieces and two great nephews; several cousins and one aunt. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 29, at 1 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Saranac Fire Department or the Ionia County Commission on Aging Activity Center.

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Planning commission to look at proposed light industrial district on a broader area

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Planning Commission continues to consider adding a new zoning district—light industrial.

At its Monday night meeting, the commission compared a proposed plan that would tighten up its current industrial zoning requirements and create the light industrial zoning district.

In looking at the proposal, the planning commission compared it to three test cases and found that two would need to get zoning variances to fit under the new zoning and one would have a storage issue.

Planning commission chair Michael Blough recommended a subcommittee look at the proposed zoning on a broader area and see how it would fit in various areas of the city. That committee would report back to the planning commission at its next meeting Nov. 24.

City manager David Pasquale said the planning commission has been looking at the issue of the light industrial zoning after a request was made by White's Bridge Tooling to move to a new location. The change did not quite fit the industrial zoning requirements.

Subsequently, White's Bridge Tooling has moved to its new location, but the commissioners still felt a need to look at creating the new zoning district.

The light industrial zoning would be for industrial and related uses which are lower intensity uses than those permitted in the industrial district. The new district could be used as a buffer between industrial and less intensive uses. For that reason, the district would permit compounding, assembling, or treatment of articles or materials, but would not allow for heavy manufacturing or the processing of raw materials.

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The planning commission has been working on the new zoning district since the summer.

Dave Pasquale
Lowell City Manager

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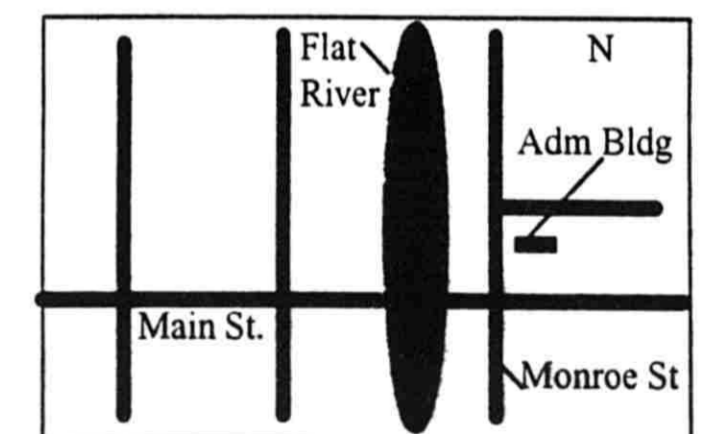
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Gordie Barry

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, "community" is defined as "all the people living in a particular district, city, etc. or a group of people living together as a smaller social unit within a larger one, and having interests, work, etc. in common." The words common and fellowship are also used in defining community. Over the past few years we have witnessed and felt the effects of a new breeze sweeping over our entire world. Walls are coming down. Concrete and supposedly impregnable walls like the Berlin Wall have tumbled to the ground, and a unified Germany is being born. We are watching the walls of racism and prejudice, sometime subtle and other times very obvious, being torn down. On top of these political and relational walls, there are reli-

gious walls as well.

This past week I attended our monthly Ministerial Association meeting with a number of pastors from our area churches. Guess what we did? We tore some walls down. We started with our "common unity" - that which we have in common. The religious community of Lowell rejoices with the unity we ALL have in the saving grace of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. To this end, we all have the same story to boldly proclaim and live out. What was and continues to be exciting in working with this group is that one reality of "community" goes further and deeper. Last week that unity was focused on our youth and our community as a whole.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 31 - Bill Richter, Bob Richter, Connor Duiven.
NOV. 1 - Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea Owen, Patti Brenk, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis.
NOV. 2 - Barb DeLoof, John Mogor.
NOV. 3 - Connie Stencil, Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Dommer, Christina Dixon, LeeAnn Brenk, Becky Myers.
NOV. 4 - Ken VanderWarf, Carol Hunt, Meghan Plutschow.
NOV. 5 - Mart DeYoung, Holly Stouffer.

Children stand more in need of example than criticism.

—Joseph Joubert

Secretary of State Mobile Branch office to roll into Lowell

In keeping with her commitment to customer service, Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced that the Mobile Branch Office will visit Lowell and Wayland the first week of November.

"We are always looking for ways to enhance our service for the millions of people who do business with us each year," said Secretary Miller. "The Mobile Branch Office can provide our customers with a savings in time and travel. I am pleased that it is in Lowell and Wayland."

The November dates mark the Mobile Branch Office's second visit to West Michigan. In early October, the Mobile Branch Office was in Rockford, Coopersville and Ravenna.

The Mobile Branch Office will be in Lowell on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents can renew driver's licenses and license plates up to six months early without penalty at the Mobile Branch Office. No forms are necessary; however, residents

must bring identification and proof of Michigan no-fault insurance.

The Mobile Branch Office is handicapped accessible and provides a service window for customers with a quick question or errand such as dropping off a form.

A branch office on wheels, the Mobile Branch Office provides customers

with all the services found at any Secretary of State branch office. Since its unveiling in August, the Mobile Branch Office has traveled to numerous sites around the state, including the Michigan State Fair, the Upper Peninsula State Fair, senior citizen centers and events, businesses and local communities.

Mulder speaks at LAHA's spaghetti dinner

The Lowell Area Historical Association held their second annual Spaghetti dinner Wednesday, October 15 at Cherry Creek Elementary. The speaker for the evening was Jim Mulder whose occupation and advocacy is surveying. Employed by Metropolitan Title Company, Mulder has done much personal and historical surveying and carried out several surveys of Fallsburg Village.

Mulder gave a brief demonstration on the early tools of the trade which were measured out so a rectangular

mathematical system could be easily duplicated to verify boundaries. This was a much superior system than a pile of rocks, trees, or stream that was used in many of the original 13 colonies. He is amazed that early survey marks are as accurate as they are.

Two metal stakes in the 1869 resurvey of Kent County by Robert S. Jackson were recently located in 1994, marking the Grindle Ave./N line of the city of Lowell. He told the 24 in the audience the reason for Dansville's original location on the south side of the Grand River, which was prior to the 1837 statehood of Michigan, was all the land north of the Grand River was uncharted and unsurveyed, therefore Indian land. After statehood in 1837, this land was open for settlement, but only after it was surveyed.

The next L.A.H.A. board meeting will be its Annual Meeting January 31, 1998. If you are interested in obtaining more information, call 897-7688.

AREA BIRTHS

Autumn Rose French was born September 26, 1997, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Ron and Stephanie French of Ada. Grandparents are Steve and Barb Metternick of Ada and the late Mike and Lois French. Great-grandparents are Don and Joan Bogerd of Lowell and Matt and Shirley Metternick of Benzonia. Great-great-grandparents are Leo and Minnie Markham of Saranac.

Viewpoint



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Two weeks ago I devoted this space to some of the oddities I'd stumbled across over the years. Larry Walters, the guy who soared to 14,000 feet over southern California tied into a lawn chair attached to 40 surplus weather balloons, was mentioned in the piece. I covered the sport of anvil blasting. A deep south tradition of placing a black powder charge under a 150-pound anvil and launching it to heights of over 600 feet. There were modern day trebuchet builders (catapultists) who are constructing monstrous devices capable of tossing cars and pianos huge distances. I also mentioned a small society of pilots who get their kicks dropping bowling balls from their light aircraft onto unsuspecting junk cars. As I stated in the column... I love this stuff!

I had written this piece out of desperation. After straining my cranium for some stupid, cornball stunt I'd pulled recently, I decided to write about stupid stuff other people have done. Lo and behold, it seems to have been a hit with my readers. Many people have mentioned the piece to me. Better yet, some folks are even sending along clippings to add to my library. You guessed it, those clippings are going to be regurgitated for your delight.

A local veterinarian dropped off a Wall Street Journal piece on Punkin' Chunkin'. Apparently, right under our noses, there has been a growing interest in pumpkin tossing in Morton, Ill. The first contest in 1986 produced a winner at 50 feet. By 1989, catapults were tossing 8- to 10-inch pumpkins 600 feet. By 1993, the distances were roughly doubled. In 1994, an air cannon appeared at the annual contest and blasted a pumpkin over 2,500 feet. In 1995, a Delaware contingent with an air cannon dubbed "Mellow Yellow" raised the bar to 2,655 feet. We're talkin' one serious spud gun here folks.

Not to be outdone, in 1996, the local folks rolled out their entry, an 18-ton monster of an air cannon named Q36. The name comes from a cannon owned by Martin Martian in an old Bugs Bunny cartoon. Last year the Q36 gang set a new world record at 2,710 feet. Bolstered by their success, a team of volunteers has been modifying Q36 for this year's Nov. 1 competition. Their goal is to not only shatter the previous mark, but to achieve Mach 1, roughly 750 miles per hour,

without turning the pumpkin to mush. These self-described "High-Tech Rednecks" are my kinda Americans!

Here's a bit of advice. Forego that planned color tour, pack your earplugs and drive to Morton, Ill. this weekend. This has got to be more fun than watching a bunch of leaves die. Take your camera and get some pics for the Ledger.

A neighbor dropped off another clipping that somehow seems to fall into this category of inventive lunacy. I had heard a little bit about this story in bits and pieces on the radio and from conversations with others who had heard or read a little about it. Even this clipping is a little vague in regard to the actual date and the guy's name, age, etc. Apparently the Arizona Highway Patrol is still sifting through the debris, and doesn't have all the facts. Maybe they never will.

After motorists reported unusual marks on a straight-as-a-string five-mile stretch of Arizona highway, the police were able to piece together the following scenario.

Earlier this year, a High-Tech Redneck American bolted a JATO bottle into the trunk of his 1967 Chevy Impala and launched himself into eternity. A JATO bottle is not a bottle, but a rather large canister of solid rocket fuel. They are attached to the rear of big, heavily laden military transports to assist them in take-off from short airfields. The JATO stands for jet assisted take-off. You know what a '67 Impala is.

Where he got the JATO bottle is anybody's guess, but Arizona residents can be thankful he didn't get hold of a nuclear device instead.

The police theorize our hero got the Chevy up to top speed capable from the internal combustion engine before igniting the JATO bottle. Within five seconds of ignition, it is estimated he was doing something like 350 miles per hour. About 2.5 miles into his run, he melted his brakes and tires into the asphalt, leaving the incriminating marks. I'll bet he also left a little stain on the seat.

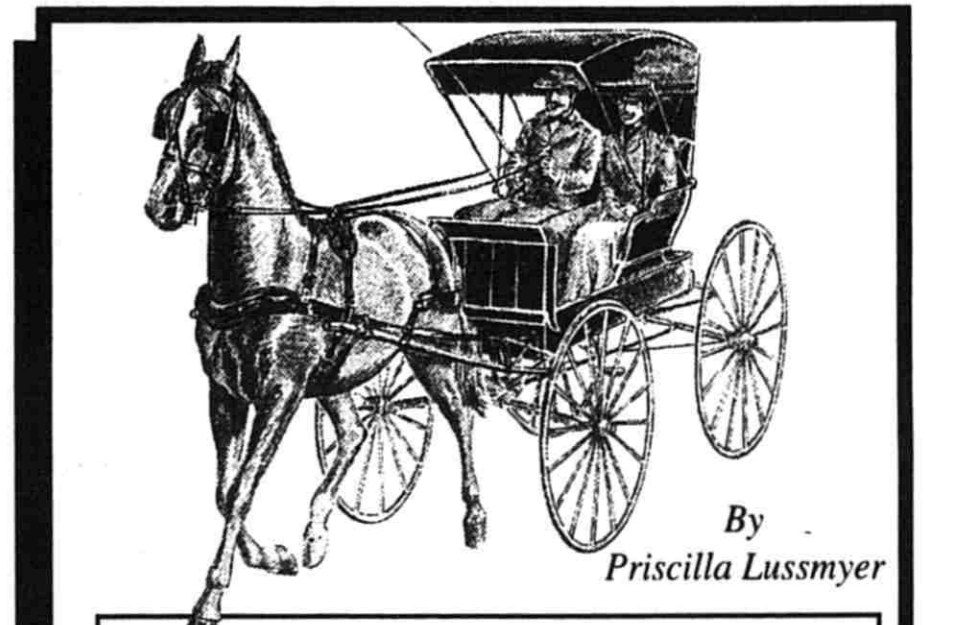
At about the five-mile mark, the highway rises gently and curves a bit. With the JATO bottle still roaring and no "off" switch, the Impala went airborne over the rising curve. What the highway was curving to avoid was a solid rock cliff...not the most forgiving obstacle in the world. The jet assisted Impala had reached an altitude of 125 feet when it, our hero, and the rock cliff very suddenly occupied the same space in the universe. It must have been a helluva crash. A three-foot-deep crater was made in the rock.

Investigators were able to identify the make, model and year of the Impala from fragments at the scene. Our hero left only splinters of bone, teeth, and fingernail. Hey, nobody ever said being a High-Tech Redneck American was safe.

In the clipping it was mentioned that our hero in this unfortunate incident is a serious contender for this year's

Darwin Award. Again, I'd heard snippets about the Darwin Award given annually to the person who does the human gene pool the most service by removing himself from it in the most extraordinarily stupid manner - hopefully before he, or she, has reproduced.

Having piqued my interest, a High-Tech Redneck American on my staff accessed the internet for info on the Darwin Award. I now have a whole stack of stuff on past winners and nominees. You can bet this will end up in a future "Cozy Corner," or two. In the meantime, keep those clippings coming.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - OCT. 28, 1897

The meeting of the Lowell Horticulturists at the South Boston Grange Hall includes lots of good (sometimes conflicting) advice on sealing preserves and the possibility of a profitable fruit cannery (probably not).

Three sisters-in-law named Corrigan are badly injured when their horse bolts and upsets the carriage.

Complaints come in about nonenforcement of the noxious weed law, which requires cutting all weeds before they go to seed, and orchard inspections.

A new bank is to open its doors about Dec. 1. Its name will be the City Bank of Whitney Watts & Co.

The Vergennes detective association will meet next Monday evening for business of importance to be attended to.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO - Nov. 2, 1922

Lowell has a housing shortage and is glad to hear that two new five-room bungalows are started.

"Our City Schools: Notes from Lowell's Biggest Industry—the Brains Factory."

Pres. Harding thinks that the U.S. might join the League of Nations after all, unless a substitute is offered.

The Yukon steamers have stopped for the winter and the overland stage to White Horse is now carrying passengers and mail.

The U.S. Post office is printing a whole new stamp series, running from one cent to five dollars. Every penny from one to 15 is represented, except 13.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - OCT. 30, 1947

Word of advice to motorists: park within the lines in Lowell, so more cars can fit.

Rotary, Board of Trade and American Legion are sponsoring the big Halloween party for kids in Recreation Park tonight.

The LHS class of '46 has its first reunion.

The new Michigan law says you can run for public office without a petition drive - just plunk down \$100.

State employees are quitting because of inadequate salaries, says Gov. Sigler.

Lowell native Howard H. Peckham, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, publishes his new book, "Pontiac and the Indian Uprising."

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - OCT. 26, 1972

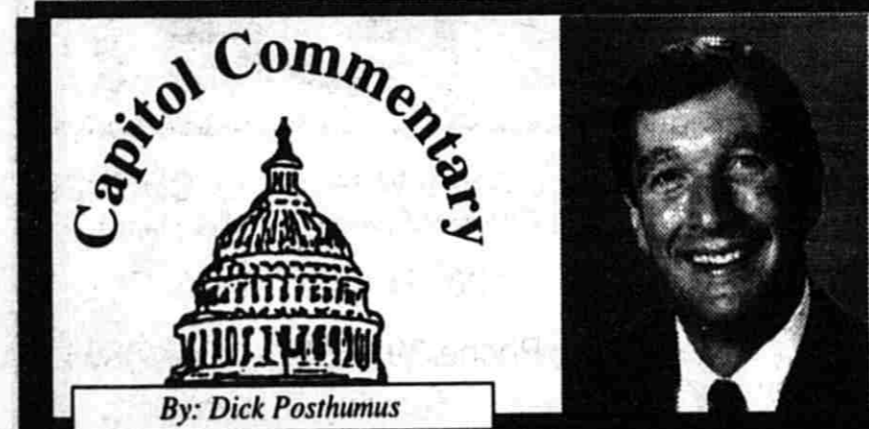
The Ledger-Suburban Life is running a contest identifying who the person in the old picture is. The winner each week gets a year's subscription.

Amway reports sales of over \$180 million in the fiscal year that ended August 31.

This winter may be the last season that studded snow tires will still be legal.

The two very heavy deer statues are stolen from the yard of Plowman's Rest Home on South Jefferson Street.

Congressman Gerald Ford's visit to Lowell this week included cutting the ribbon at the new Cherry Creek Nursing Home and speaking to government and history students at the high school.



Capitol Commentary
By: Dick Posthumus

As the temperatures drop and the seasons change from fall to winter, there should be a rising crescendo of legislative debate about a proposal to deregulate electrical utilities in Michigan. There will be many shadings of opinion about what it will mean to both residential and business users of electrical power.

While much of the debate will be couched in technical terms and concepts, it is vital that all users of electricity be familiar with the concept of deregulation and the various parts of the proposal being debated.

The movement to deregulate the generation of electricity is one more step towards the downsizing of government, moving us one step closer to a more free marketplace where the law of supply and demand rules, rather than the dictates of government.

There has been a steady drumbeat of such moves in this state. Gov. John Engler has shrunk the number of administrative rules that executive departments use to make demands on individuals and businesses. The intra-state trucking industry has undergone deregulation, making it easier to move goods inside the state. Other areas of the economy affected by deregulation include telecommunications, aviation and natural gas.

Historically, the state's utilities have been granted exclusive monopolies in their individual areas. There are approximately 60 electric utilities in Michigan, including investor-owned, municipally-owned utilities and rural cooperatives. The largest are Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy, formerly Consumers Power.

To ensure efficient and reliable delivery of power, the Michigan Public Service Commission enforces strict regulation and monitoring of the industry. The commission also regulates prices that utilities can charge, making sure that the companies get a reasonable return and charge fairly.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and non-denominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Larry Pike</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
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<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168</p>	<p><i>Join Us In Worship</i></p>		

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Family is the focus in community-wide conference

Give yourself a break and breathe freshness into your family life. Lowell High School will soon be the site of the first community-wide Family Life Conference in our area. The conference will take place on November 7 and 8. The schedule includes one Friday night rally and three Saturday events.

Special guest speaker



Dan Seaborn

will be Dan Seaborn, founder of Family Life Ministries, Inc. and a leading communicator and spokesperson for the family. "My passion is renewing hope in America's greatest resource...the Family," says Seaborn. He will share many timely and practical helps to tune up our marriages and jump start our family life.

Friday night's "Parent's Night Out" will focus on building better marriages. Attendees will experience a fresh touch and learn what "oneness" looks like. You will walk away with new ideas on keeping your marriage vibrant.

At Saturday's 9 a.m. breakfast, "dads" will learn how to keep perspective in our busy culture and get practical ideas to practice at home. You will also learn principles that have lasting value.

The 1 p.m. luncheon is for "moms". The topics include celebrating who you are; and your key role in the family. You will receive many new ideas to try at home.

Saturday night is "Family Night." It is designed for the whole family, from elementary age kids through adults. Seaborn will be launching off the themes of playing together, building a memory and loving each other.

The Family Life Conference is offered at a special rate for the whole family of only \$30. This includes admission to both evening seminars and the breakfast and luncheon. Special single event prices are also available.

The importance of strong families in our community has prompted the Lowell Area Schools, the YMCA, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and area churches to endorse and support the Family Life Conference. The potential benefits are enormous.

For more information and to register, call 897-6890 or pick up a conference flier at any Lowell area school office or Lowell area church.

Unhappy businessmen, I am convinced, would increase their happiness more by walking six miles every day than by any conceivable change of philosophy.

—Bertrand Russell

Sexually oriented businesses ordinance nears final approval

J.N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

When the proposed sexually oriented businesses ordinance comes before the Lowell City Council next week, it will have at least one vote pulling for it.

Councilor Donald Green voiced his support and thanks to the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night for moving on his idea to create such an ordinance.

"I am really glad to see this being put in place," Green said.

The city council will review the ordinance at its regular meeting on Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Englehardt Library meeting room. If the council approves the ordinance, it will officially go on the city books.

No comments were received by city staff on the ordinance and little was said other than another couple at the meeting also giving their support to the ordinance.

"I appreciate you looking into this before we have something come into the city," said Lowell resident Alan Mathews. "We need to watch out for ourselves."

City manager David Pasquale said the city first identified what types of businesses would fall under this category, such as adult bookstore, adult video store, adult cabaret, adult entertainment, adult motel, and escort agency, to list a few.

The city officially recognized that these types of businesses could be detrimental to the community. However, municipalities such as Lowell cannot prevent such establishments from being allowed to do business in the city limits. So, city officials went ahead and put together an ordinance based on court findings and case law that would restrict and keep sexually oriented businesses in check.

"Basically, they would have a very short leash," Pasquale explained.

One of the measures would dictate where the businesses could be located. The sexually oriented businesses cannot be within 400 feet of churches, parks, schools, libraries and day care centers and have to be at least 1,000 feet from another sexually oriented business.

Planning commission chair Michael Blough said the ordinance is not because anyone has requested to establish a sexually oriented business in Lowell. Rather, it is to set the ground rules before such a project would even be requested.

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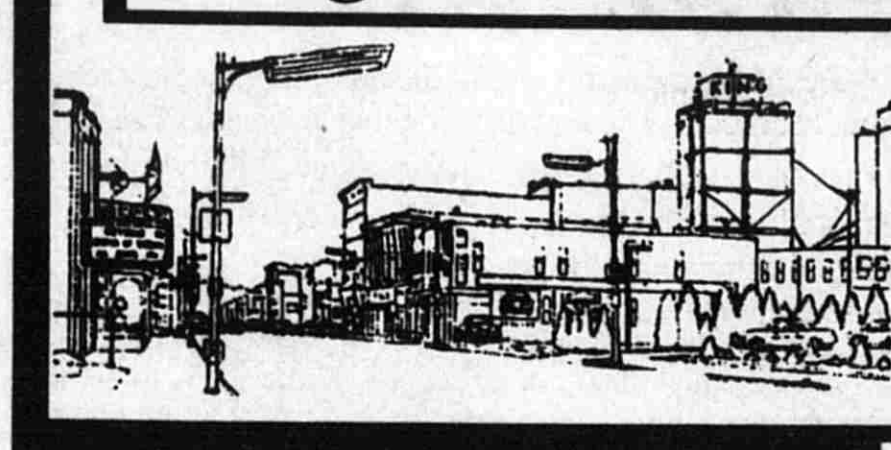
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INTERNAL TEEN MACHINE TO BE SHOWN ON LCTV

The eighth-grade middle school drama class' *Internal Teen Machine* will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on: Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 1 at 10 a.m.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge

on Monday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

SPOOK HOUSE

The Lowell Fire Department will be having their annual spook house on Friday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station on S. Hudson. Admission is free.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

The Lowell Masonic Temple at 119 Lincoln Lake will be sponsoring their all-you-can-eat fish fry on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults, \$6.50; children 6-10, \$4; under 6 free. The public is welcome.

LHS CLASS OF '98 OVERNIGHT PARTY

A planning meeting for the Lowell High School class of 1998 overnight party is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the LHS band room. All senior parents are strongly urged to attend.

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

VFW Post #8303 and Auxiliary, 307 E. Main St., will hold a Veteran's Day spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 5-7:30 p.m. Adults, \$3.50; children, \$2.00. Call 897-8625 or 897-9132 for further information.

PLAY AUDITIONS

The Lowell Area Arts Council will present the comedy *Let's Murder Marsha* by Monk Ferris. Four women of various

ages and three men are needed for the cast. Tryouts will be Nov. 10, 11 and 12 at the Arts Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Scripts may be obtained at the center which is located at 149 S. Hudson. All those interested in working as cast or crew are invited to attend. Jim Marron will direct. Rehearsals begin January 5 and show dates are Feb. 12, 13 and 14 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

The sixth-annual Christmas Through Lowell will be held November 14, 15 and 16. Pick up your map at Cousins, Rupert's Drop or Creative Crafts Shop & Gifts, Inc.

ARMISTICE DINNER

The annual Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary Armistice Day dinner will be at Schneider Manor Monday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. It will be a catered dinner and reservations must be made. Please call 897-8258 or 897-8870 by November 5.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The Lowell First United Methodist Church will host its annual holiday craft show on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any crafters who would be interested in joining the show should call Ann Dimmick at 897-5326.

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along the street and were not comfortable with the parking arrangements.

The main concern came with the density or rather number of units on the property. Many of the commissioners said they felt it was simply too many.

"I find it interesting, but I'm also scared to death of it," said planning commissioner James Hall. "I can imagine 67 bikes and tricycles and ... young couples are in the age of acquisition—bikes, snowmobiles—where are they going to put everything?"

Nosko said the parking was designed on the street to help keep lot costs down to around \$8,000 to \$9,000, allowing for more money to be put into the house. Since many of those who would be buying the homes were apartment renters before, he did not think they would mind the closeness of the homes.

Nosko said he got the idea for the plan after looking over the community, what was available, costs, and what was needed. He felt this was a nice transition from apartments and mobile homes and that such developments have been quite popular in other states.

"Because the setback requirements are not met, the city would have to consider variances or some type of zoning for the project," said city manager David Pasquale. "This is something planning commissioners could consider before Nosko returns with another plan."

Nosko said he estimates it would take about two years for the project to go from planning to completion phase. He said he plans to return to continue discussions with the planning commission.

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city government. It doesn't serve well to have one person serving on two different city boards," he said. "Serving on the planning commission is a way in which community members can provide feedback for topics of interest that involve long-range planning."

Prior to her last four years as a member of the Lowell City Council, Shores spent

12 years on the planning commission.

"I enjoy being involved in city government," Shores said. "There are a lot of exciting things that have happened in Lowell and there is a lot to happen."

Shores says she has sensed a rebirth in community spirit. "I think the people of Lowell are coming together and working together

more," she explained.

She identifies the downtown area project as an example of city government working.

Hodges is completing his tenth year on the city council. He has also served three years on the parks and recreation board and six on the Lowell Cable Board.

"The city sidewalk issue where the city council com-

municated with people and the people communicated with the city council is a great example of how government should work," Hodges said. "A city council must be sensitive to the people. After all, 'we is one.'"

The Lowell resident says he has enjoyed his nine years and feels he has added to the council and community. "Local government is the best government and has the most impact," Hodges explains.

Green is completing his

sixth year on the city council. He has also served eight years on the parks and recreation board.

"I have enjoyed it. I feel as if I have something to offer. I also want to have a voice in the city," Green explains.

He points to the water system improvements as a prime example of city government working.

"Water was provided for the new school, even though it was not located in the city. The council was able to see

and provide for the need and at the same time provide for a need within the city," Green explained. "This was possible through shared help with Lowell Township."

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Registered voters will vote either at Precinct 1 (Runciman building) or Precinct 11 (Bushnell Elementary).

CITY OF LOWELL GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City General Election will be held in the CITY OF LOWELL

County of Kent, State of Michigan
On

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

At the following locations:

Precinct #1: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street

Precinct #2: Bushnell Elementary School, 700 Elizabeth Street

If you are unsure of your precinct, please call Lowell City Hall, 897-8457 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT - CITY GENERAL ELECTION

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CITY CANDIDATES

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Jim Hodges C. Jeanne Shores

On the City General Election, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will receive four (4) year terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will receive the two (2) year term.

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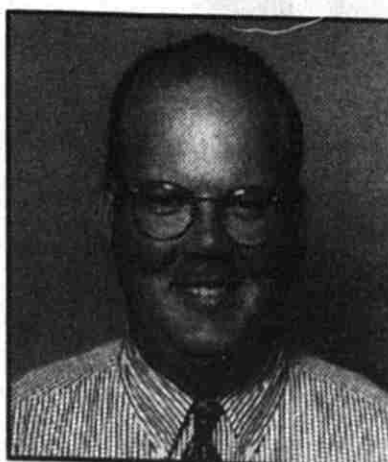
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LHS October Students-of-the-Month

Each month four of the 12 Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student who has shown exemplary work and added effort in their content area. For the month of October they are:

art, Beth Cummings; science, Nate Schoen; agricultural science, Andrea Baker; and technology, Nathan Seeley.

Beth Cummings, a senior, is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Cummings of Lowell. She is an advanced and very



Beth Cummings

dedicated art student who always works hard on her assignments, but more importantly goes beyond the assignment guideline to make sure her artwork is creative and successful. She takes her work home often, devoting a great deal of additional time as well as demonstrating excellence in the classroom. Recently elected by her peers to be the president of the Art/Drama Club, she is very focused and will be a successful leader of this large group. Already the officers are attempting to put together a spring trip to New

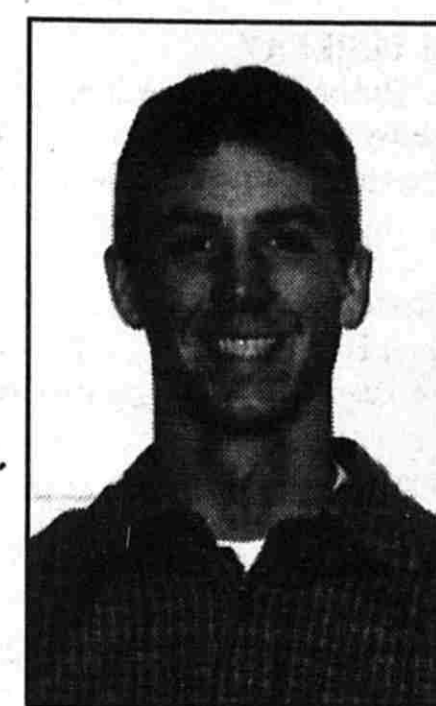
York City. Her artistic abilities also affect the high school yearbook. She took the photography class with Mr. Ingraham and is serving her second year as staff photographer.

Cummings has been involved in FFA, Art Club, Drama Club, cheerleading, all-school play and musical, NHS, Women's Club, honor roll, Annual and International Club. She served as class representative her junior year, and has been a member of the basketball, tennis and track teams. She works at the Kentwood Fruitbasket Flowerland. She has been accepted at Michigan State University to study pre-veterinary medicine, with a minor in art, in the fall. She will also be working for a veterinary clinic in Lansing this summer. She received her varsity letter in academics and cheerleading and the JC Penney United Way Golden Rule award. Her hobbies are the arts, drama and photography.

Nate Schoen, a senior, is the son of Jim Schoen and Nancy Triplet, both of Lowell. He has continually excelled at the top of his science classes including a.p. chemistry and physics. He serves as an example for others in his work, attitude and actions. He is captain of the football team and has received academic all-state in football and track and all-conference in track. He is student council president, and is involved in basketball, Model UN, NHS, Rotary and Lowell YMCA Leaders Club, having served as its president.

His favorite classes are

math and science and he plans on going to college to study engineering.



Nate Schoen

Andrea Baker, a junior, is the daughter of Bert and Karen Baker of Lowell. She is a very energetic and dedicated FFA member, currently serving as chapter reporter and very active in Project Pals.

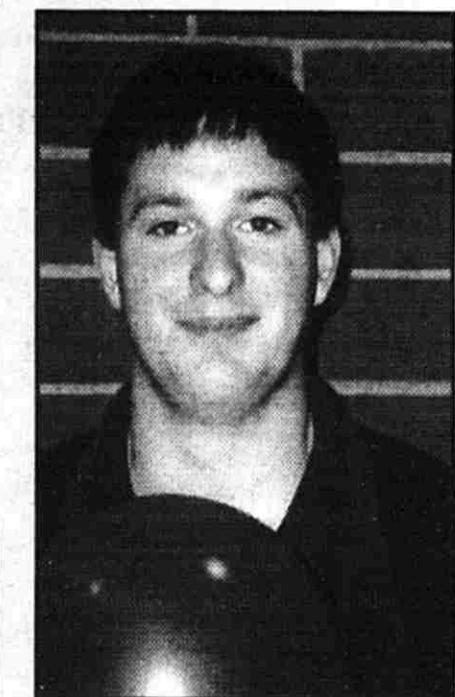


Andrea Baker

Baker's enthusiasm is contagious, being a very posi-

tive person and an excellent student in her agriscience classes. She has been involved in FFA, cross country, track and soccer and donates her time at the nursery class of St. Patrick's Church in Parnell. She worked at Arrowhead Golf Course last summer taking care of flowerbeds and cleaning golf carts.

Nathan Seeley, a senior, is the son of Greg and Marcia Seeley of Lowell. He has been a very valuable resource in the technology department over the last several years. He has mastered many lifelong



Nathan Seeley

learning skills and is presently involved with the Advanced Manufacturing Academy at Kent County Technical Center which is one of the newest concepts in education. He is involved in Model UN, receiving third place in advance general assembly in '95, second place in economic and social councils in '96 and third place in second council. Seeley's skills are used in a wide variety of problem solv-

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Summary of Ordinance No. 97-1
Adopted by the Lowell City Council
on October 20, 1997.

Ordinance No. 97-1 amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell, and particularly, Chapter 26, Section 26-6 and several sections of Chapter 20 of the Zoning Ordinance dealing with signs.

Ordinance No. 97-1 clarifies the application of the Zoning Ordinance's sign provisions to historic districts defined in Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, requiring that signs within the historic districts must comply with the Zoning Ordinance. It also defines the permitted uses of flags, banners, streamers, and pennants within the City limits, permitting decorative flags and encouraging patriotic flags.

Ordinance No. 97-1 also defines the permitted uses of garage sale signs, strings of light bulbs, pennants, streamers, banners, sidewalk and sandwich board signs and other similar devices.

Ordinance No. 97-1 is effective 30 days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting the week of October 20th, leaves will be picked up weekly through the week of November 17th by Denny's Disposal. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN:

I recently transferred my house to my living trust. My homeowners insurance agent is a friend of mine and when I mentioned to him in a casual conversation that I had transferred my house to my trust he told me that I should name my trust as the insured on my insurance policy. Is this correct?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. Although transferring your house

to your revocable living trust is nothing more than a paper transfer and you still retain full control over your house, since the actual title to that house is in a different name, i.e., your trust, then any policies of insurance that you have on the house need to reflect that fact. Consequently, not only should your homeowners insurance policy name your trust as an additional named insured on that policy, you should also contact the title insurance company which issued the title insurance on your house and have them add an endorsement to your policy naming your trust as an additional named insured.

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that the warranty deed needs to come from my husband's estate since he was the last owner of record of that property. I do not understand why I cannot execute the warranty deed. After all, I did execute the land contract. Can you help?

JONATHAN SAYS: Unfortunately, it appears that the purchaser's attorney may be correct. Assuming your late husband's name was the only name on the deed to the property and he at no time executed a deed putting your name on the title of the property, then the only interest you had in the property at the time you executed the land contract was a dower interest and you relinquished that dower interest when you signed the land contract. Consequently, in order for the purchaser to obtain good and marketable title to this property, he has to receive a warranty deed from the title holder of the property which, in this case, is currently your husband's estate. Therefore, if my assumptions are correct, then you have to open a probate estate on behalf of your husband and probate his interest in that land contract dating back to the date of his death. What type of probate proceeding you will need to initiate will depend upon the value of your husband's interest in the land contract at the time of his death. Once the probate of your husband's interest is completed, then the court will order his interest in the land contract assigned to you and you in turn can then execute a warranty deed to the purchaser.

I recommend that you meet with an attorney who specializes in probate and have him or her examine the land contract and the title search to determine whether a probate estate needs to be opened on behalf of your husband to facilitate your execution of a warranty deed to the purchaser of the land contract property. Good luck.

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Lowell soccer season ends with 2-1 pre-district defeat to Forest Hills Central

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The most pivotal part of Lowell's 2-1 pre-district soccer loss to Forest Hills Central may have been the 10-minute halftime. It's not what occurred during the break that was pivotal, instead it was what it interrupted.

Lowell was trailing 1-0 when Nick Blough creased Central's empty net with 46 seconds to play in the first half. Seconds later, the Red Arrows were setting up for a corner kick when the clock turned to zeroes, effectively stemming the tide of any Red Arrow burst of momentum.

"Halftime gave Lowell time to ride the wave momentum and for its energy to subside," said Forest Hills soccer coach Dave Udell. "It also

gave us time to get focused and get back into the flow." Lapses in focus and intensity over the last week of the regular season cost Central the outright title in the OK White.

The Rangers led by two games over Hastings with two to play. FHC lost to Zeeland 3-2 after leading 2-0 at half. Its 1-0 loss to the Saxons in its last regular-season game dropped Central into a tie for first with Hastings.

Central took a 1-0 lead against Lowell on a well executed header into the net by Matt Hyder off a corner kick. "From a tactical standpoint I felt we were in control throughout most of the game. However, the scoreboard didn't indicate that," said Udell.



Early in the second half it was Hyder again. This time he dribbled the ball down the right side, used his quickness to cut across into the middle and then slid one past Red Arrow goalie Ben Michael. "Matt is so quick," Udell said. "He has really stepped up his play since Nick Schipper went down with an injury."

Lowell never was able to find an answer to the Ranger defense. "They were doubling up on Maatman and Jastifer. We were never able to generate any offense," Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock said.

The game remained a one-goal contest in large part due to the play of Michael. "Their keeper came up



Aaron Alsgaard, above, races toward the ball with his Ranger counterpart, Tyler Southwell, left, applies some tenacious defense in the first half of Lowell's pre-district game with Forest Hills Central.

big - a number of times for Lowell," said Udell.

Wydock agreed. "Ben has been our rally point this year. When he's played well, we've played well."

Lowell's season ends at

9-9 overall and 7-7 in the OK White. "These kids have made some major improvements from the first game of the year until now. They showed a lot of heart," Wydock said.

Central's win improved its record to 14-6 overall and set up an all Forest Hills district final between the Rangers and the Huskies which Forest Hills Northern won 1-0.

Conference Champions

... Red Arrow football fans waited 19 years in between conference football championships. Lowell's 23-7 win over rival East Grand Rapids ended the drought.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

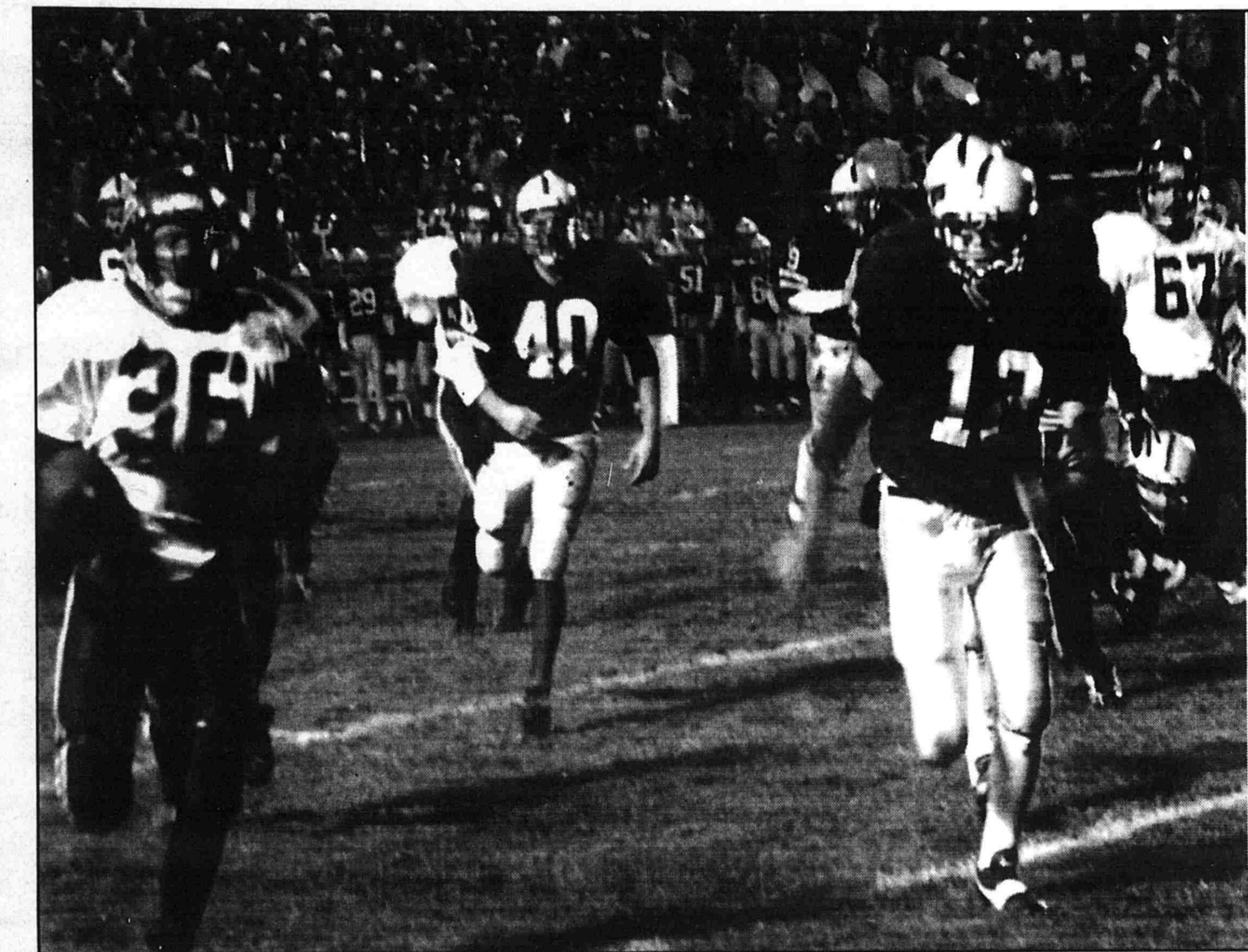
First came academic all-state team honors (1996-97), then state recognition for community service and with Friday night's convincing 23-7 win over East Grand Rapids, Lowell shares in its first OK White conference football championship.

The Red Arrows last shared in a conference title with Belding, Lakewood and Sparta as a member of the Tri-River conference in 1979.

"I can't wait to get home and hug my two babies and squeeze my wife," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. It's hard telling which got squeezed harder, the coach's two children and his wife or the Pioneer offense by the Red Arrow defense.

Lowell's defensive quickness bottled up the Pioneers all evening. "They took us right out of it (the game)," said EGR football coach George Barcheski. "They were quicker and faster than we were. Lowell's defense was superb."

East's ground game was held to 72 yards rushing. A Pioneer passing attack which aired out 246 yards against Zeeland a week ago, managed just 63 against Lowell.



Lowell's Bill McPherson scored the first of three Lowell touchdowns against the Pioneers.

the next, agreed that Friday's win was a stepping stone.

"Not because we beat East...yes, they have great tradition, but it's big from the standpoint of winning a share of a league title," Dean explained. "The beauty is these boys are champs in the classroom, in community service and now on the gridiron."

Lowell's drive for a share of the OK White conference championship started midway through the first quarter when senior

"I'm not surprised by anything when we play well and execute," Dean said.

The Lowell coach who has gone to great lengths not to make one game bigger than

Smart, strong and fast will make a good coach out of anyone.

Noel Dean Lowell's second-year football coach

fullback Bill McPherson broke through the left side of the line for a 20-yard touchdown run, giving the Red Arrows an early 7-0 lead.

A second quarter drive that consumed 5:30 of the clock ended when Steve VanLaan raced into the end

zone from the East 16 yardline.

The closest the Pioneers got to the Red Arrow end zone in the first half was 34 yards. That is where their second possession of the first quarter fizzled.

The Pioneers opened the

third quarter at their own 35. Ten plays later East was on Lowell's 39, but turned the ball over after two incomplete passes on third and fourth downs.

Lowell increased its lead to 17-0 early in the fourth quarter on a 21-yard field goal by Jeff Altoft.

Following three incomplete passes, EGR punted the ball to Lowell. The Red Arrows marched 66 yards in nine plays with VanLaan scoring his second touchdown of the evening. Lowell missed the two-point conversion and led 23-0.

EGR's only score of the evening came with 58 seconds remaining in the contest.

VanLaan led all ball carriers with 86 yards rushing. Lowell quarterback T.J. Thayer rushed for 55 yards but threw for 140 yards. "Pound for pound, he may be

the best quarterback in the state," Dean said of Thayer.

Lowell's mistakes were few. It ran into the Pioneer punter on fourth and 14 and the Red Arrows fumbled away the football on the East one yard line.

"Give Lowell credit - they played very well. I hope they make it into the playoffs and I hope they do well," Barcheski said. "They also have a nice quarterback. He has a nice arm."

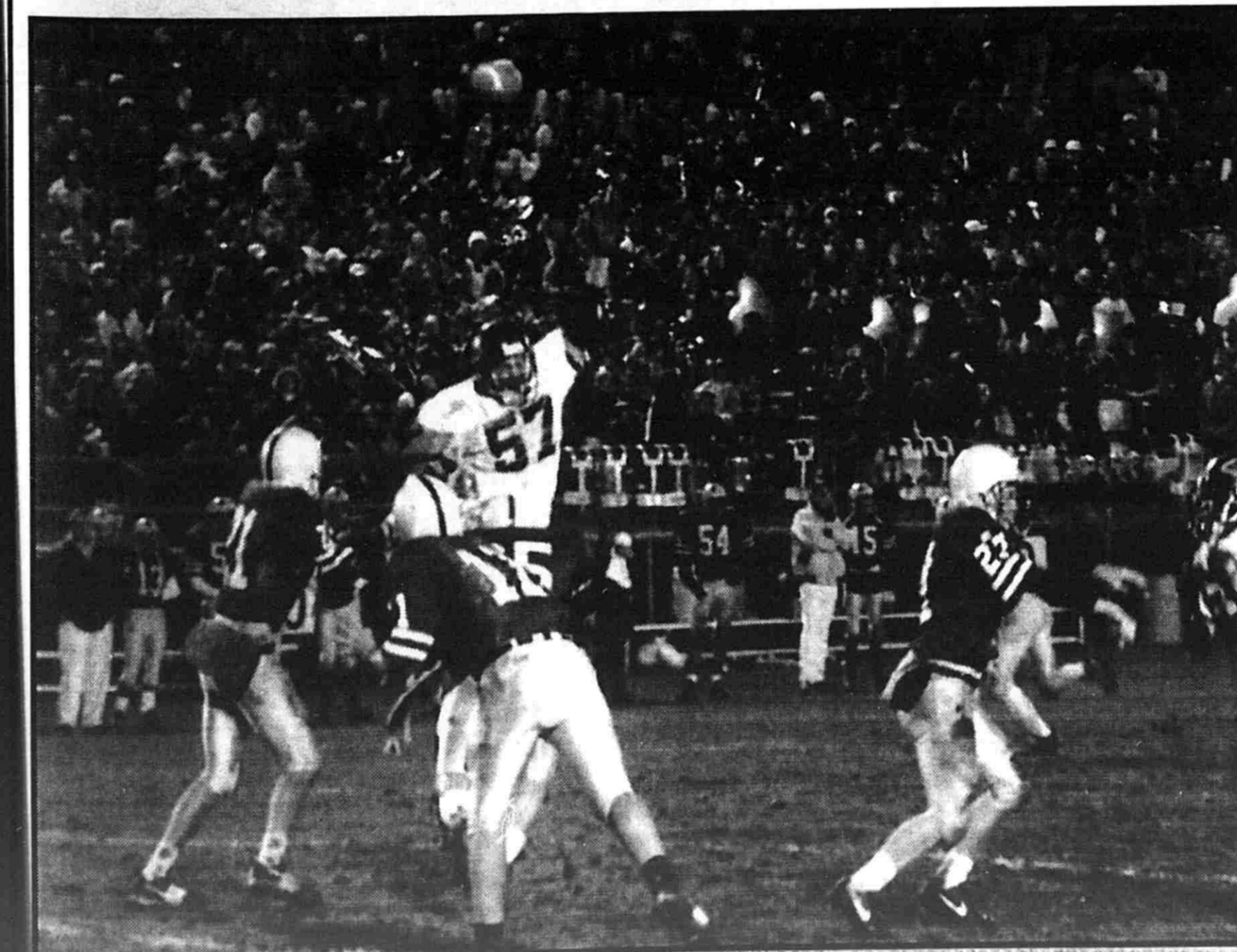
The win improved Lowell's record to 7-1 overall and 6-1 in the league, tying it with Forest Hills Central. The win puts Lowell in the thick of the playoff picture. It makes Friday's game with Greenville, Lowell's biggest of the year.

"If we don't beat Greenville we don't have a shot," Dean concluded.

OK White Recap

(7-1, 6-1) Lowell 23, (5-2, 4-2) East Grand Rapids 7
(7-1, 6-1) FH Central 39, (2-6, 2-5) Wyom. Park 6
(4-4, 3-4) Hastings 34, (1-6, 1-5) Hudsonville 15
(6-2, 5-2) Zeeland 54, (0-8, 0-7) Northview 6

Lowell's Nate Schoen (number 57) attempts to deflect a pass from Pioneer quarterback Chris Blynt.



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Lowell's JV girls basketball team splits

Lowell's good shooting solved Hastings' zone defense in the Red Arrows 45-23 win over the Saxons. "We were able to hit some open shots against their zone," Lowell coach Brent Noskey said.

Lowell's leading scorers were Beth Fredline with 10, and Kelly Chapman and Jody Seif each with nine.

Chapman also grabbed six rebounds and four steals. Seif pulled down five rebounds and came away with four steals. Lowell snagged 31 rebounds against Hastings. Lowell lost at Zeeland to the Chix 44-34. Chapman and Fredline led the team in scoring with nine points apiece.

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Lowell girls come up short in narrow defeat to Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Nothing in high school basketball is a sure thing. Hastings girls' basketball team was reminded of that Thursday night. The Saxons, who started slowly against winless Lowell, held off a hungry Red Arrow squad 50-45.

"We got off to a slow start, but were able to pull away a little in the third quarter," Hastings coach Katie Kowalczyk said. "Lowell's girls stepped up and came after us."

With the win, Hastings improved its league record to 6-3, leaving it two games behind conference-leading East Grand Rapids.

For Lowell, it stretched its winless streak in the OK White to nine and overall to 13.

"The girls played hard," said a disappointed Red Arrow coach Ken Akers. "Defensively, they played their hearts out."

However, it was untimely turnovers that once again bit the Red Arrows.

Lowell led 28-25 early in the third quarter. The Red Arrows had four opportunities to increase their lead, but failed each time to even get a shot off.

"Just too many turnovers," Akers said. "That was the key to the game. We have four trips down the floor with a three-point lead in the third quarter and don't get a shot."

Hastings made Lowell pay. It went on a 13-0 run to take a 38-28 advantage.

"I told our girls at halftime that we needed to step it up in the third quarter and put Lowell away," Kowalczyk said.

With its run, it looked as though the Saxons were going to carry out their coach's instructions.

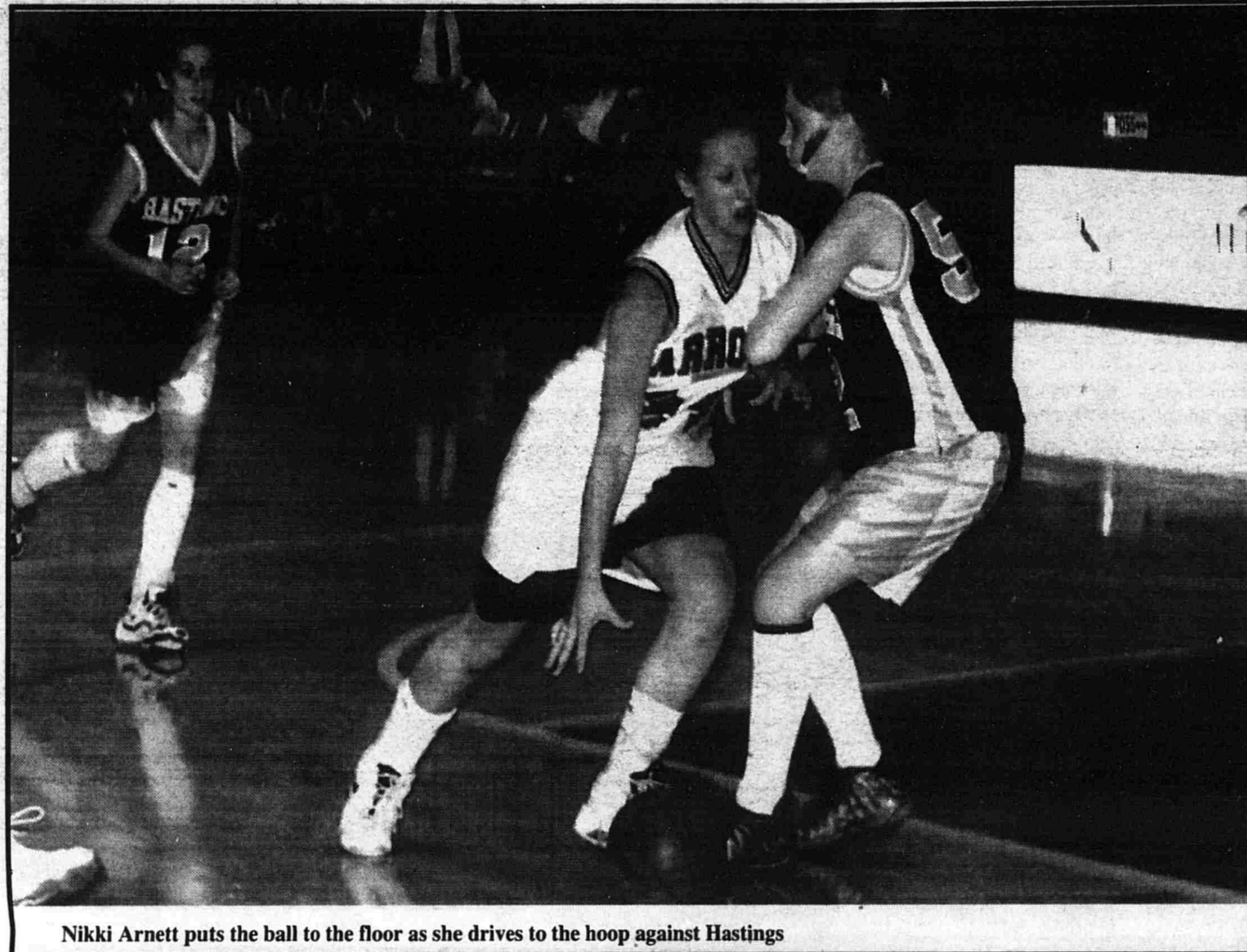
Lowell had different ideas. Trailing 45-33 with six minutes to play, the Red Arrows went on a 12-3 run to cut the deficit to 48-45 with 20 seconds to play. The spurt was fueled

it the ball with 18 seconds to play and an opportunity for some last-second heroics.

Saxon pressure on the in-bounds pass forced a Lowell turnover. Hastings then netted two foul shots with 16 seconds to play, sealing Lowell's fate.

"It was a team effort tonight. I played a lot of kids. It was a nice win for our girls. They have never won at Lowell before," Kowalczyk said.

The Hastings coach was also excited that their all-star player Rachel Young was due to return to the starting lineup after missing 13 games with a sprained ankle and broken wrist.



Nikki Arnett puts the ball to the floor as she drives to the hoop against Hastings

Zeeland 65 Lowell 35

The Red Arrows never had an answer for the Chix fire power.

Zeeland outscored Lowell 16-8 in the first quarter and increased its lead to 36-17 at half-time.

Rhonda Obrenovich led all scorers for Zeeland with 17 points. Teammate Meredith Austin contributed with 13 points.

Lowell was led by junior Nikki Arnett. She tossed in a team-high 11 points.

Zeeland outscored Lowell in the second half 29-18.

by three Melissa Sobie buckets.

Lowell's defense then caused a Hastings' turnover, giving

The Red Arrows ended the week at 0-9 in the OK White and 0-13 overall.



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The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 3, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

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

Robert and Traci Mullins, 901 Grindle, request a variance to allow a 33 foot lot width at the front yard setback so that an additional lot can be created. With the property zoned Suburban Residential, a 165 foot width is required, therefore a variance has been requested.

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

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Lowell equestrian team places third at state meet

The Lowell Equestrian Team competed at the state Equestrian Meet held on Oct. 17-20 at the Detroit Fairgrounds with 48 teams from the state of Michigan. The team finished third in Division B with a total of 101 points, falling short of the state Reserve Championship title by only six points.

Coach Nancy Mulder said, "The team did an outstanding job! The classes averaged 50 riders per class, and 50 percent of our placings were either first or second place. That shows what a strong team we had. Just to place at this level with the best riders in the state is a great accomplishment."

In the Showmanship Division, Beth VanEns placed first in the Hunt Seat class and Jenny Sage placed second in the Western class.

In the Saddle Seat Division, Casey Parker placed first in the Saddle Seat Pattern class.

In the English Division, Lyndsey Ghareeb placed second in Equitation over Fences class. In the Hunt Seat Bareback class, Parker placed fourth and Jackie Dykstra received sixth place.

In the Western Division, Parker placed fifth and Rachael Huisman placed 10th in Western Horsemanship. In Western Bareback, Huisman placed sixth and VanEns received eighth. In the Western Riding class, Sage placed second and Huisman received 10th. In Trail class, Ainsley Smit received eighth place.

In the contesting events, Dykstra received 3 second-place finishes in the Clover Leaf Race, Speed and Action, and Two Man Relay. Mahrya Skinner received second place in the Two Man Relay class.



From left to right: Coach Stacy Anderson, Jen DenHouter, Beth VanEns, Jenny Sage, Ainsley Smit, Jackie Dykstra, Rachael Huisman, Mahrya Skinner, Shawna Seiloff, Coach Nancy Mulder. Not pictured: Lyndsey Ghareeb, Casey Parker.

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The Lowell Varsity Football Team celebrated in its share of the OK White Conference championship Friday night following a 23-7 win over East Grand Rapids. Lowell completes league play with a 6-1 record, tying it with Forest Hills Central. A win against Greenville on Friday could land the Red Arrows in the state playoffs.

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Valley Wood condo site attains final approval

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kevin Rude, of Sundry Development, attained final approval from Vergennes Township for his 25-home Valley Wood condo site on Grindle Drive.

Eight to 14 of the sites will require a signed agree-

ment with owners that extra care will be needed if they are to build on the parcels.

The township is requiring an agreement to insure that it will have viable building sites and that there is not potential for erosion elevation issues.

"The township has requirements to prevent erosion

- such as drainage runoff on slopes and steep hills," said township clerk Mari Stone. "The township is now comfortable that it has insured good building sites."

Rude said he has already sold one lot and plans to build a spec house on another parcel.

Rude began the process in the spring.

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New computer system to give Vergennes Township direct ties to state

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vergennes Township's new computer voter equipment will allow it to establish direct voter registration ties with the state, thus eliminating Kent County from most of the local voter registration process.

With the establishment of the new state system, the state government will give Vergennes Township 45 cents per registered voter. This will amount to \$900 for the township. These funds will be used to purchase the computer equipment for the township.

"It should not cost the township anything in the first year for computer software," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone. "There will be some cost for internet charges. In subsequent years, the annual

cost will be approximately \$450."

The computer package being purchased for the township will include the computer, color monitor, barcode reader, a laserjet printer, oracle license and support for one year, all warranties, Netscape 4.0 Communicator and one-year subscription.

In completing its recent office renovation, the township put in wiring to accommodate the voter registration computer program.

Instead of receiving voter registration information from the secretary of state offices via the county, the township will now get the information directly from the state through the qualified voter file.

Stone and election inspector Kim Hetta will receive training on the system on Nov. 18.

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All levels of school organization play role in education/ business plan implementation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The education/business plan adopted by the Lowell Board of Education in April of last year identified eight areas critical to the long-term success of the district.

"The district has made progress in these areas, indicating it is moving ahead," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke explained.

Bleke has scheduled eight board presentations whereby

the subcommittees will report on their progress over the last year.

Mark Weber, Lowell Middle School assistant principal, and Jim White, director of Lowell curriculum and instruction, made the first of eight presentations at the October board meeting on the progress of the educational vision subcommittee.

Districtwide, different players (citizens, business people, school employees)

were brought together to create a vision whereby identifying goals, process, results and culture.

Weber explained that the subcommittees served as a conglomerate between the schools and the education/ business plan.

The district took the recommendations from the subcommittees and put together a visual representation of where the district is headed. "People within the organization (board

and superintendent) are expected to know what the vision is about and develop ways to make it happen," White said. "That's how it's implemented."

In discussing areas where progress has been made at the middle school within the last year, Weber identified interpersonal communication skills (peer mediation and conflict resolution), technology skills, and the academic areas of science, reading and writing (measured through MEAP and HSPT).

"Students are leaving the middle school with a more sophisticated level of computer knowledge," Weber said. "They are able to do some amazing things with computers."

The assistant principal wants to see students create their own portfolio which would identify goals and how they will achieve them.

"Individual planning is an area where I would like to see us move faster at the middle

school level," Weber said. "With 800 students, it is hard to sit down with each one of them. Individual planning needs to be monitored. A way for us to do that would be through our contact classes."

The district vision includes integrating five values throughout its curriculums. They are responsibility, respect, integrity, compassion and honesty.

"The majority of our students have these values. They have been raised in a culture where these values exist," Weber said. "To be a good person or to be successful in a community, a person must have these values."

The education/business keeps the district moving toward getting better.

"Business wants students who have computer

skills, are self-learners and can work together," Weber concludes.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary W. Meyers, son of Gary W. and Elizabeth Meyers of Saranac, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Meyers is one of more than 5,000 sailors and marines aboard the ship, which departed its home port of Norfolk, VA, to lead the USS George Washington Battle Group. The battle group is comprised of eight tactical aircraft squadrons, seven surface combatants and two submarines and is replacing the USS John F. Kennedy Battle Group, which has been deployed since April.

Meyers and fellow crew members prepared for the deployment by participating in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise. The exercise involved more than 15,000 U.S. forces and tested their ability to respond to situations they may encounter during their six-month deployment.

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Adopted by the Lowell City Council on May 16, 1994

Ordinance 94-4 adds Article V entitled "Property Maintenance Code" to Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. It adopts by reference the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code, fourth edition, 1993 as the property maintenance code of the City for the purpose of regulating buildings and structures in the City. It also provides the penalties of violation of the property maintenance code and provides for the establishment and operation of a property maintenance board of appeals.

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Lowell Light & Power shutdown to leave residents without power Sunday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Work to restore Lowell Light and Power's electrical system to the condition that it was in prior to the Aug. 19 fire will leave most customers without power for approximately four hours on Sunday, Nov. 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Initially the power out-

age was to start at 7 a.m. However, in an effort to not completely disrupt area church services, the time was changed to 10 a.m.

"That decision came after a meeting between church leaders, LL & P superintendent Paul Christman and board member Norm Borgerson.

"It was another example

of different segments of the community working together to find a solution that is win-win for everybody," said Lowell First United Methodist Church pastor Gordie Barry.

The change also allows Keiser's Kitchen to serve breakfast from 6:30 until 9:30 a.m.

"The fact is when good

intentioned people in the community sit down at a meeting, they work together and come to a compromise that is good for the community" said Lowell First Congregational Church pastor Roger LaWarre.

The fire in the main substation transformer located directly behind the Lowell Light and Power office and power plant building burned and completely destroyed the transformer.

"In addition, other equipment was destroyed and the structure suffered flame and soot damage," said Christman.

During the explosion, there was also a fire in the secondary compartment of a transformer at the north substation located off Foreman Road between Cherry Creek Elementary and Metric Manufacturing.

"The damage to the transformer cabinet and cables was extensive and repair work must be accomplished," Christman said. "Therefore, customers served by the north substation distribution circuits will experience an extended outage."

Approximately 200 residential customers will be without service.

Christman explained that three American Electric Power crews will be brought in to carry out the project.

Over the last several weeks, an outside contractor has carried out clean-up and restoration work at the substation and has replaced the destroyed transformer with a replacement unit.

Customers of Lowell Cable Television who are served by Consumer's Power will be without cable during this time.

In the event of inclement weather, the work will be rescheduled for Sunday, Nov. 9 at the same time.

Experience has shown, and a true philosophy will always show, that a vast, perhaps the larger, portion of the truth arises from the seemingly irrelevant.

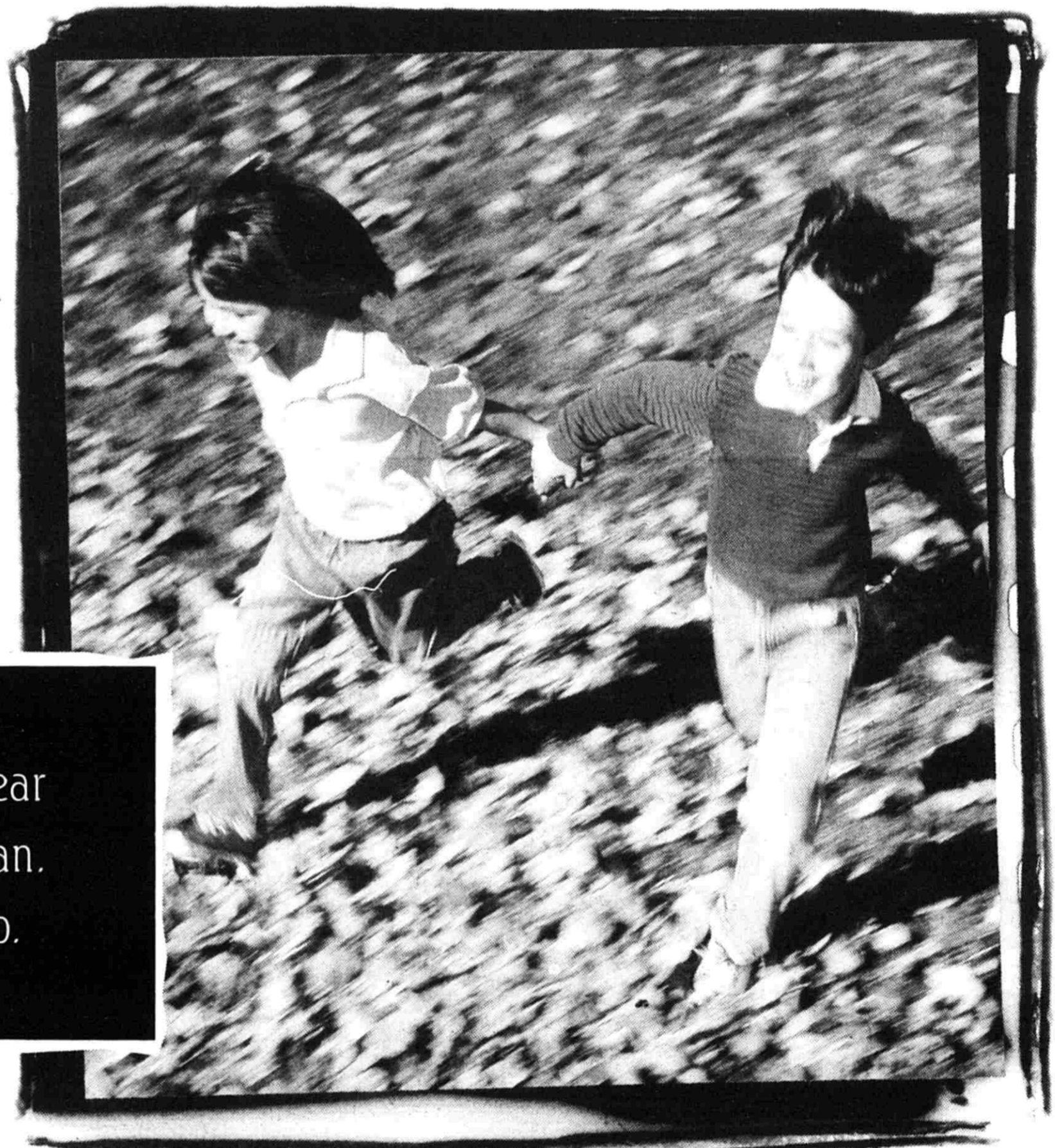
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