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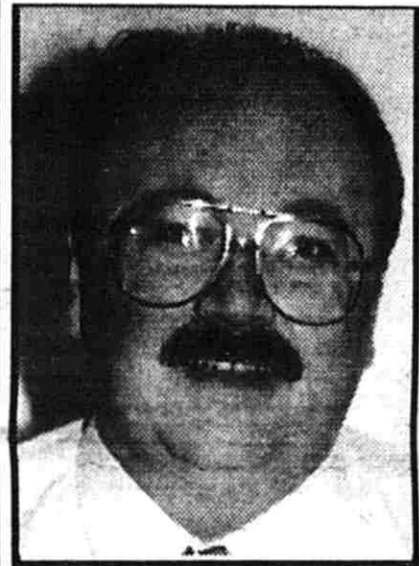
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Shores leading vote-getter in Lowell City Council election



Jeanne Shores



Donald Green



Mike Blough

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jeanne Shores was probably the most nervous of the four candidates running for a city council seat, yet the final results indicated she had the least reason to be.

Shores garnered 254 votes, the most among the four candidates. A total of 348 registered voters took to the polls.

"I was nervous all day. I guess it is because I really wanted to continue serving on the council," Shores said. "I've truly enjoyed the last four years."

Shores and fellow incumbent Donald Green, who tallied 229 votes, earned four-year terms.

Challenger Mike Blough's 211 votes outdistanced incumbent Jim Hodges (171 votes) for the third and final seat. Blough will serve a two-year term.

"I'm very grateful to the voters and am happy to be serving another four years on the city council," explained Green, who has served on the council for six years. "I wasn't any more nervous than in the past. My attitude has always been either I'm going to serve or I am not."

Items that the incumbent sees the council talking over during the next four years include a new City Hall/police station and getting city streets up to standards.

"I'm not sure where the money will come from, but the council will have to take a hard look at the budget. It's not exciting stuff, but it is important," Green said.

Shores also looks forward to addressing City Hall and police station improvements. "I'm also interested in pursuing an active kids' center here in town. One that works," she says. "I'm just happy to be involved with government and being a part of making decisions... It beats sitting around."

Blough indicated his desire to continue the city's long-range plans that have been started by the planning commission and seeing them through fruition.

The 10-year planning commission member, six as chairman, says whether he'd been elected onto the council or not, he would have continued to devote time toward serving the community of Lowell.

With his election onto the council, Blough will step down from the planning commission. "Instead of making recommendations, now I will help put ideas into practice."

Hodges served on the Lowell City Council for 10 years. "Local government is the best government and has the most impact," Hodges said.

Concerns over legal issues convince council to hold public hearing on sexually-oriented business ordinance

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

For the Lowell City Council, the issue was not whether licensed massage establishments could operate under its new ordinance, but whether to have another public hearing.

Under the state Enabling Act for zoning, city manager David Pasquale said the council could choose to forego the public hearing on the proposed sexual-oriented business ordinance since a public hearing was held at the planning commission level. At that public hearing, only positive comments were heard about the proposed ordinance.

However, with concern over legal issues, the council unanimously voted to have its

public hearing at its next regular council meeting, Nov. 17.

"I recommend that we do go with the public hearing to show that we went through all the proper channels and steps," said councilman Charles Myers.

However, some of the councilmembers expressed that another public hearing was not necessary since there had been no opposition to the ordinance and, in fact, all the comments have been positive.

"There have been no negative situations brought up to this," said councilman James Hodges. "There have been some questions and they have been answered, at least answered satisfactorily."

Due to concern that by

not holding a public hearing at the council level could put a loophole in the ordinance if challenged, the hearing was pushed forward.

"I believe this is a good ordinance," Hodges said. "It will be a good ordinance in two weeks, four weeks, or whenever."

The development of the sexual-oriented business ordinance took about two years. After considering the negative impacts such businesses could have on a community and looking at case law, city attorney Richard Wendt and the planning commission drafted the proposed ordinance.

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Lowell's Dusty Gless attempts to fight off a Greenville defender. Lowell's 34-0 win over Greenville solidified the Red Arrows a spot in the Class A playoff.

PLAYOFF BOUND

••• Lowell High School's football team will make its first ever playoff appearance Friday at Kalamazoo Loy Norrix.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in the school's history, Lowell will participate in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state football playoff.

The Red Arrows (8-1), seeded third in Class A Region II, will play Loy Norrix (8-1) Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Kalamazoo.

"Our goal at the start of the season was to have a chance to play for the state title," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "We're very excited about the opportunity. This brings a little credit to what we're trying to do."

It's ironic, but it was in defeat that

Dean first saw his club as a possible playoff team.

"It was in the fourth quarter against Forest Hills Central when we made that defensive stand inside our five-yard line," Dean explained. "Our offense then drove the length of the field to score our second touchdown." While it ended up not meaning anything in regards to the game's outcome, Lowell's coach said the boys showed some character... and what they were made of.

Seniors Nate Schoen, Bill McPherson and Jeff Altoft pointed to the team's commitment to off-season work and camps as reasons for this year's success.

Tickets for Friday night's playoff

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New police logger upgrade increases recording capacity

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

If you call the Lowell Police Department, watch what you say...because you will be recorded.

Which is nothing new, since the department has been recording its phone calls since 1993 at the encouragement of its insurance carrier.

However, with growth and expansion—the change of having five lines instead of three—the current voice logging system just isn't keeping up. According to Lowell chief of police Jim Valentine, the system only had four-channel

recording capacity, which was used for three telephone lines and a radio frequency.

With the new phone system, this ran a little short, with

only some of the lines having capacity for being recorded.

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OBITUARIES

ADAIR - Raymond J. Adair Sr., aged 71, of Saranac, passed away October 27, 1997 in Portland. He was born December 17, 1925 in Belding, the son of Max and Mildred (Krouse) Adair. He married Gay Ann April 9, 1955 in Sutton County, Angola, Indiana. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was a member and served as Commander of the Saranac VFW Post 4363. He was a trustee of Ionia County Council of

the VFW. He was a Life Member of the National Home for VFW. He is survived by his mother Mildred Adair of Ionia; wife Gay Ann Adair of Saranac; sons Phillip Adair of Belding, Max Adair of Grand Rapids, Raymond and Janice Adair Jr. of Clarksville; daughters Terry Kay and Larry Devereaux of Ionia, Rita and Chuck Raison of Clarksville, Monica Adair of Lake Odessa, Denise Adair of Ionia; brothers Alvin and Bonnie Adair of Greenville,

Clayton and Frieda Adair of Belding. Robert and Genie Adair of Ionia, Gerald and Anna Adair of Florida, Kenneth and Esther Adair of Ionia; sisters Bonnie and Richard Blackmore of Ionia, Mary and Robert Lindsley of Florida; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by one son. Funeral Services for Mr. Adair were held Friday at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Easton Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Veterans National Home of VFW of Eaton Rapids.

BIERI - Betty Bieri (Lee), aged 86, of Grand Rapids and St. Petersburg, FL, died Saturday, November 1, 1997, at Butterworth Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy Bieri in 1992. Surviving are her son, Robert K. Bieri of FL; daughter Ginger Harris of Grand Rapids; daughter-in-law Bobbie Bieri (Keyes) of FL; her grandchildren, Steve (Karen) Bieri of GA, Lisa Bieri of FL, Tom Bieri of FL, Eric (Alicia) Harris of Traverse City and Lowell, Michele (Jack) McLain of Grand Rapids, Cathy (Bill) Herman of Rockford; great-grandchildren, Jack McLain, Jesse McLain, Erica, Jessica, Monica Herman, Zach, Aaron, Nathaniel, Micah, Gabriel, and Terah Harris, Alex, Kelsey, and Michael Bieri, Jonathan (Bieri) Brady; her sisters-in-law Marian Lee of Lowell, Jean Bieri of FL; many nieces, nephews, dear friends and neighbors in Grand Rapids at St. Petersburg, Mrs. Bieri belonged to the Ladies Literary Club and The Women's City Club. Funeral Services were held Tuesday with Dr. M Bruce Irwin of Second Congregational United Church of Christ officiating. Graveside Services at Bailey Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kent County Literacy Council, 60 Library Plaza NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

BRIGGS - Oneta (Ester) Briggs, aged 80, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, No-

vember 1, 1997. She is survived by her husband Matt and daughter Joyce Angell, both of Lowell; grandchildren Matthew, Tara and Paula Krebs; sisters Arlene Schwacha of Lowell and Olive VerWys of Charlevoix; several nieces and nephews. Private services were held by her family. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

DATEMA - Mr. Claude Datema, aged 76, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, November 2, 1997. Surviving are his wife Betty; children Claude and Sally Datema, Sharon and Roger Hurley, Roger and Kathy Datema, Linda and Tom Himebaugh, Lonnie Datema, Dannie and Diane Datema; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Minnie and Vern Butler, Lucille and Russ Koenig; his sister-in-law, Leona VanNorden; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Datema was a veteran of World War II and a retired deputy with the Kent County Sheriff Department. Funeral and Committal Services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the VanStrien-Creston Chapel with entombment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Contributions in his memory to either the American Heart Association or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids would be appreciated.

HURLEY - Charles G. Hurley, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away Monday, November 3, 1997. He is survived by his wife Ella of 60 years; children Roger (Sharon) Hurley, Big Crooked Lake, Ann (Raymond) Marentette, Howard City and Helen (Bill) Thompson, Lowell; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sister Julia Hurley of Lowell and brothers John Hurley of Lowell, Robert Hurley of Ada and Gerald Hurley of Texas; several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian burial will be offered 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell. Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler, celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Rosery service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday. Also visitation at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday at church prior to service. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick's Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada, MI 49301. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

KORHORN - Mrs. Betty Lou Korhorn, aged 54 or Hancock, formerly of Lowell and Big Rapids, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, November 3, 1997 at her summer cottage in Lac La Belle following a courageous struggle with cancer. The former Betty Lou Wittenbach was born on August 20, 1943 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of the late Pauline and Elmer Wittenbach, was a graduate of Lowell High School with the class of 1961. She also attended the Grand Rapids School of The Bible and Music. She was raised in Lowell and lived there until 1964 when moving to Big Rapids and lived there until 1994 when moving to Grand Rapids. Since 1997 she made her home in Hancock, MI. Betty Lou was a member of Trinity Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Big Rapids. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Gerald Wittenbach. Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Korhorn, Sr., whom she married July 10, 1964 in Grand Rapids; sons Kenneth Korhorn, Jr. of Holland and Kevin S. and Lori Korhorn of S. Bend IN; daughter, Kimberly L. Korhorn of Atlanta, GA; grandsons Kenneth E. Korhorn, III; brother Glenn and Lois Wittenbach of Lowell; sister Marilyn and Dr. Chales Rhodes of Coloma, MI; sister-in-law Mrs. Joan Wittenbach or Lowell; several nieces, nephews and cousins. The serve of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the life of Betty Lou will be held Thursday morning at 11 at Alton Bible Church, Lowell with the Rev. Dr. Gerhard deBock officiating. Interment in Alton Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Trinity Fellowship Evangelical Free Church Building Fund in Big Rapids. Relatives and friends may greet Betty Lou's family 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford.

Lowell Charter Township studies water and sewer expansion at joint meeting

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

Gary Voogt of Moore & Bruggink, Consulting Engineers for Lowell Charter Township, presented an overview study for water and sewer systems expansion at the joint meeting of the Lowell Township Board and Planning Commission on October 20, 1997.

In a comprehensive video presentation, Voogt focused on Sections 4 and 5, which are the northern section of Lowell Township, where both existing and future development is concentrated.

According to the Lowell Township master plan of May 1995, these sections are designated for commercial and medium- to high- density residential housing in order to preserve agricultural land in the remainder of the township.

Voogt showed the existing water and sewer systems within these sections, as well as the feasibility study for a municipal water system for August 1992. The proposal of the water system, cheaper of the two at \$380,000, failed because it didn't get the customer base.

Voogt said that the sewer planning is more recent. The executive summary of the study for sewer expansion of April 1996 states that "by planning the design of the public sewer system to serve the population of the study area at full development, we avoid the shortsightedness of having a non-correctable undersized system. The early planning provides a

framework within which the system could be constructed in phases depending on the rate of development. This early planning also provides a basis for discussion with developers regarding their financial participation in extending sewer service to their development."

Thus the plan for sewer expansion concentrates mainly on the M-21 corridor because of emerging development requests and on Eastgate Woods because of recurring septic tank problems.

Voogt said that 154 out of 280 homes in Eastgate have a file at Kent County Health Department with activity after construction. These activities include health violations and septic systems not up to current standards as well as multiple septic incidents or filed complaints such as offensive odor or seepage problems.

Businesses along the M-21 corridor west of Alden Nash have also had septic tank problems. The study implies that construction of a public sanitary sewer system would solve the recurring health hazard.

The recommended alternative of a public sewer system is the most effective use of an existing pump station and force main, new east/west and north/south gravity trunklines and a new pump station and force main. The force main would direct the combined flows from the trunklines to the city's gravity system which ultimately carries the flow to the city Wastewater Treatment plant. This alternative will allow phasing of the

system expansion as residential and commercial growth continues toward full development. The cost of this recommended alternative amounts to \$2,240,000.

Finally, Voogt, in his presentation, came down to "What will it take to accomplish the plan?"

"Both boards will have to buy into the plan," he said. Voogt explained that there will have to be public/private development agreements such as "we do this, you do that" and a commitment from the developers.

According to the study, in order to accomplish the plan, it will also take rezoning from low density residential zoning, which is a house on a two-acre lot, to high density or cluster zoning, which is a 10,000 square foot lot. The major intent is to have more people on the plan, so lot sizes will have to be adjusted, Voogt explains.

The recommended plan will also require financing or bonding by the township in the form of special assessment bonds and utility revenue bonds, and adjustment to sewer hookup fees.

Voogt asks who is going to go first. "The issue is so complicated that nothing has happened, but none of the problems go away. Nobody individually can pay \$300,000 for a lift station. Curt Cowles couldn't. Eastgate is a chronic problem and Key Heights had to put in a new well under a moratorium," he concludes.

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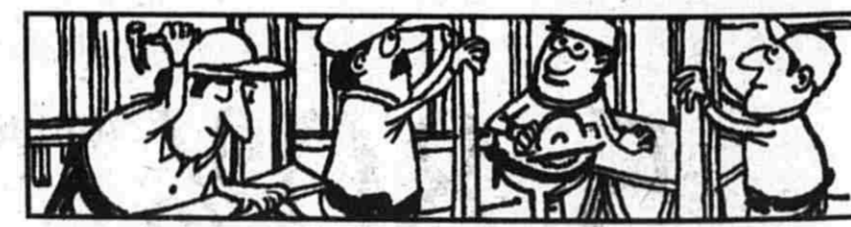
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Reflections

Of Faith

By: Tim Harmon

The story comes from Luke 8. Jarius had been looking for Jesus for some time. Frantically, he fought his way through the crowd and fell at Jesus' feet. "My 12 year-old daughter is dying." What could be a more urgent plea? Once before, Jesus simply spoke a word and a man was healed. That would seem the appropriate thing to do. The crowd was so large and so aggressive that it created a large traffic jam. But rather

than just a spoken word, Jesus decides to fight his way through the crowd to make a house call. Jarius is out front clearing a path. Don't they know what's at stake? Can't they see his panic stricken face? Then Jesus stops in his tracks. He turns to the left and then to the right. He looks over heads and around bodies. He asks, "Who touched me?" "Hundreds have touched you," the disciples respond. "No," Jesus says, "Someone touched me." Amid the masses someone touched Jesus out of faith and God healed the person. Jesus felt the healing power rush through his body. "Where is the one that has been healed?" he persisted. Jarius, by now, must have been beside himself. "We don't have time for this," he must have thought and might have said. "This interruption is inexcusable." But Jesus waits this person out. It was a woman who healed. She was ceremonially unclean because of her disease. She was not allowed to touch people. Her touch was legislated against. She hoped to slip into the crowd, to touch Jesus and then slip out anonymously. Jesus wouldn't allow it. So, she fell at Jesus' feet and, with quivering lips, admitted that she was the one. The spotlight is on her. She wasn't on the agenda. She was an interruption. But now, she and all her faults are center stage. The crowd wonders what Jesus is going to say. Why has he

searched out this woman who stole a miracle? Jesus says to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace." We knew Jesus was going to heal a daughter. We just didn't expect this one.

That is how Jesus deals with interruptions. Jarius' daughter is a major need. She is 12. Her whole life is ahead of her. Surely, a dying daughter must take precedence over a woman with a chronic disease. The woman had lived with this disease for 12 years, as long as Jarius' daughter had been alive. She had learned to cope with it as best as she could. But Jesus saw this woman not as an interruption but as a person. For that moment, she was the only person that mattered.

As I am writing this, my 5-year-old daughter is telling me stories about school. Just a minute ago, the phone rang. If I keep getting interrupted, I may never get anything done. On the other hand, sometimes interruptions are my most significant work. A wise pastor told me once that I should treat interruptions as divine appointments, as if God were simply adjusting my day timer. I am glad I am never an interruption to God. If you've ever waited in the E.R., you know that there is a hierarchy of illnesses; the worst goes first. Some needs are life threatening and must be given preference. But pain is pain, regardless of what it threatens. I am glad God doesn't make such distinctions. He doesn't ask, "Is this an emergency?" He notices the sparrow that falls and He notices my pain. He attends to my crisis moments as well as my chronic, nagging situations. He doesn't always bring deliverance immediately. Occasionally, as with Jarius, He waits until it seems too late. "Don't bother the Teacher any more. It's over." But as a great theologian once put it: "It's never over, till it's over." It's not over till eternity.

Lowell First United Methodist Church will host internationally known storyteller, Nancy DeVries, on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.

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AREA BIRTHS

Kevin and Jeni Clouser are pleased to announce the arrival of Emma Josephine. She was born October 6, 1997 at 5 p.m. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Also welcoming her home are her big brothers Jason and Kohl. Grandparents are Leonard Hoag of Evart, Phyllis Pawloski of Gun Lake, Ralph and Frances Clouser of Lowell, and great-grandma is Donna Arlt of Buckley, MI.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 6 - Cathy Kehoe, Kimberly Doyle, Becky Chamberlain.
 NOV. 7 - Keegan Geldersma, Charlene Butler, Kelsey Ligman, Carl Blough, Rachel Plotner.
 NOV. 8 - David Korte, Joe Potter, Dick Rutherford, Joshua Chamberlain.
 NOV. 9 - Angie Brown-Briggs, Roxanne Goff, Danielle Bundy, Katie Mendez, Carol-Sue McGregor, Tom Mohr, Daryll Gildner, Doris Ellis.
 NOV. 10 - Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor, Gary Davenport.
 NOV. 11 - Mike Roudabush, Tom Roudabush, Dan Wingieier Jr., Rachel Burns, Zachary Ligman.
 NOV. 12 - Harry Erickson, Deborah Malloy, Al Olszewski.

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>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>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship.....8:30 A.M. Koinonia.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Worship.....11:00 A.M. Wed. Worship, 1st. Wed. of ea. month.....6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 3650 Alden Nash S.E. (Rt. 16) 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service SUNDAYS: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m. Kids Church WEDNESDAYS: Family Night (for All Ages) 7:00 p.m. We don't build a church with programs We build people with a process</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 12501 Seltie Road • P.O. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<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. AWANA/J.V.....Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7188 F. Family-Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed Director Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

School News

Week of 11/10 - 11/14
ELEMENTARY

MON: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, sweet roll, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Cheeseburger in a bun, tater tots, fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni, corn, assorted fruits, bar cookie, milk.

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

FRI: Breakfast for lunch. 3 French toast sticks & scrambled eggs, hashed brown potatoes, warm apple slices or fresh fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Macaroni & cheese, ham/scallop potato, yogurt, chef salad, cheeseburger; Choose 2: green beans, side salad or fresh carrots; warm roll, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Chili hot dog, mini meatloaf w/bread, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, side salad or noodle soup w/crackers, fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, chicke n f ajita, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt w/bread; choose 2: corn, fruit juice or side salad; assorted fruits, bar cookie, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, roast turkey, cheeseburger or chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes/gravy, side salad or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch. 2 pancakes, or French toast w/egg, chef salad, cheeseburger, yogurt, chicken patty sandwich; choose 2: hash browned potato, side salad or fruit juice; warm apple slices or fruit, milk.

Viewpoint



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - NOV. 4, 1897
 "Mere Mention of Michigan Matters" heads the Michigan News page.

The bell rope was cut and the clapper (the business end) of the bell was stolen at the Central School Tuesday night. The Bailey Church in Vergennes is having extensive repairs.

Albert Osborn of Cascade bought a new Studebaker wagon from H. Nash last week. Michigan is enjoying a period of prosperity, with few idle workers; wages range from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day. Ionia County, (Otsego, Saranac) Methodist preacher J.W. Arney has given up the pastorate for racing his trotter.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO - Nov. 2, 1922
 Builder Henry Bank does his bit for the chronic housing

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
 On August 19, 1997 my van was parked in the municipal parking lot on the south side of Lowell Light and Power. I work in a business located on Main Street. In the afternoon I was told there was a large fire in the parking lot. I went to the parking lot and found flames shooting out of the transformer next to the parking lot where my van was parked. My vehicle sustained \$1,000.00 in damage from the intense heat generated by the burning transformer. I was told the transformer was owned by Lowell Light and Power. My vehicle insurance covered all the

shortage in Lowell by starting a tile house for Sam Fahrni and one of stucco for himself, on Vergennes (Lincoln Lake). The second-year French students will be corresponding with students in France who are studying English. Happy Allen's Campau Lake Dance Pavilion advertises good music and a cafeteria lunch. The U.S. Department of Agriculture warns that decreasing lumber stocks are due to not replanting forest land. Technical columns on radio are popular. This week's is on building your own antenna.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 5, 1947
 Elizabeth MacTavish is the only woman among 61 successful candidates for the state bar.

Council looks into the Municipal Employees' Retirement System. King Milling hosts Isidro Ayura of Ecuador, who is learning mill operation to take back home to Quito. Butch Thompson prepares to open his new meat market, Thompson's Sanitary Market. The annual "Hunters Should be Courteous to Farmers" article shows up.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - NOV. 2, 1972

The Chamber of Commerce reminds folks to get in their entries for the Second Annual Christmas Parade. A 1938 photo of pupils at Foxes Corners School is this week's mystery picture. Mentioned only because the author is in it.

Don't forget to vote next Tuesday. Transue Realty is offering free transportation to Lowell/Lowell Township polling places.

The new Lowell Barbershop, where Lowell Automotive was at East Main and Lafayette, features a putting green. A Maryland bank has started printing checks with the customer's picture, address and driver's license number.

damage except for the \$100.00 deductible. I made a simple request to Lowell Light and Power to be reimbursed for the \$100.00 deductible as the fire was in that agency's equipment and my vehicle was legally parked in a public place.

After two months I received a letter from the Meadowbrook Insurance Group stating the "explosion that occurred at the power plant was not caused by any direct or indirect actions on the part of the Lowell Light and Power." The insurance company's position was, therefore, that my claim was barred by governmental immunity.

This brings to mind several questions. Can I use the same argument if I don't intend to damage something, but do? If Lowell Light and Power is not responsible for damage caused by their equipment, who is? Have we become so litigious that we cannot simply do the right thing?

Jean Getzen

Sharing The Vision

PETER L. GUSTAFSON
 Interim Board of Education President

I am sure most of us can remember when the majority of stores in the Grand Rapids area were closed on Sunday. I am sure we also can remember when Meijers was not open 24 hours a day, everyday of the year, except Christmas. Clearly, our world is changing and organizations in our world, including public schools, must adapt to the changing habits and life styles of our citizens.

Our schools are working hard to adjust and enhance our current programs to improve both the quality and quantity of offerings for our citizens. In the past several years, we have upgraded our alternative programs for high school age students as well as expanding the programs we offer to our youngest classroom students ages 3 and 4. Additionally, our schools have begun to reach out to all parents of newborn children with our TOTS program. This program is designed to assure that all students reach kindergarten prepared to succeed in our schools. Additionally, we have expanded our summer school offerings, reorganized our community outreach program, and are in the process of expanding our School-to-Work offerings for our high school students.

The above examples are just some of the ways in which the Lowell Area Schools are attempting to improve the quality of our product for our community and our students. As our world continues to change, so must our school district's commitment to growth and improvement.

These are exciting and challenging times in education. We remain thankful for the support of our community and remain committed to the continuous improvement of educational services to our citizens.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

ROSACEA (ACNE ROSACEA)

Rosacea is a very common skin condition that affects approximately 13 million Americans. The word is derived from the Latin adjective meaning "like roses," an appropriate name for a skin condition that leaves the face as bright and colorful as a bouquet of red roses. About half of the people may experience the onset of rosacea between 30-50 years of age and about half may be older than 50. It is more common in women, but more severe in men.

The cause of rosacea is unknown. It is a chronic, progressive condition, characterized by flushing and blushing, facial redness, papules (small raised bumps), pustules (small, white blisters with pus), and small visible blood vessels. There can be an increase of soft tissue particularly on the nose. This enlargement of the nose is called rhinophyma. (This is more common in men.) Some people experience a stinging or burning sensation, including the sensation of tight skin.

Rosacea flare-ups are often triggered by environmental and lifestyle factors. Among the most common triggers are sun and stress; others are heat (weather, baths, beverages), alcohol, foods (spicy foods, certain fruits or vegetables, dairy products), exercise, cold weather, wind, skin-care products, drugs and other medical conditions (such as migraine).

Rosacea is not curable, but it is treatable. Treatment is based on severity and extent of disease, as well as patient preference. Skin care is very important in the successful management of rosacea. Patients should wash the face with a good, mild soap and wash gently, avoiding wash cloths, brushes, astringents, and deodorant soaps. Treatment may involve topical treatment (lotions and gels) and/or antibiotic therapy. Topical treatment needs approximately 5 to 8 weeks for significant response and oral antibiotics 4-6 weeks for response. Sometimes a combination of both therapies may be needed. Rosacea tends to be a stubborn and persistent process with flare ups. With good skin care, reduction in triggers, and a treatment regimen, it can be adequately controlled.

Without the outside waste imports, a landfill executive says the landfill cannot stay in business.

Under federal law, Michigan is powerless to stop other states from dumping trash in Michigan. An outright ban on the importing of out-of-state waste would be illegal unless Congress finally gave states the authority to take such action. Until now, that has not happened. This bill offers a positive alternative that would curb the flow of out-of-state waste, allowing homeowners an option for disposing of yard waste while still providing landfill owners with a revenue generating source - yard waste disposal and methane gas production.

As yard waste breaks down in a landfill, it produces methane gas. Methane can then be used as a fuel source and produces much cleaner electricity than coal.

We need to look closely at what is going into our landfills. Accepting out-of-state waste is a gamble we should not take.

The citizens of this state deserve peace of mind. We know what is in our own backyards - but we have no idea what we take in when we accept waste from other states and Canada. This must not continue and this legislation will help address that problem.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Capitol Commentary

By: Dick Posthumus

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO TURN TRASH INTO METHANE GAS COULD BRING YARD WASTES BACK TO STATE LANDFILLS

A few years ago, Michigan was concerned about running out of available landfill space so the state banned the dumping of yard waste into landfills. Since then, however, by order of the federal government, the now available excess capacity is being used up with the trash of people from other states and Canada. Finally a possible solution is on the way.

Michigan citizens may soon be able to again dump yard waste such as leaves and brush at local landfills or have it picked up at the curb for landfill disposal under legislation being introduced by my colleague state Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

The bill would allow Michigan landfills to accept yard waste - which is currently prohibited - only if landfill owners agree not to accept out-of-state waste. Michigan landfills currently accept trash imported from 10 other states and Canada.

A prime example of this happening is in Washtenaw County's Salem Township where the city of Toronto plans to ship between 250,000 and 500,000 tons of its solid waste each year. Starting January 1 of next year, the Canadian city plans could see 40 trucks a day coming to a landfill in the Ann Arbor area landfill.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1997.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, Director of Public Works Daniel DesJarden, and City Planning Commission Chairman Michael Blough.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the October 6, 1997 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/20/97)

GENERAL FUND	\$98,818.41
WASTEWATER FUND	28,118.98
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,820.77
LOCAL STREET FUND	7,689.86
AIRPORT FUND	25.59
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,027.00
WATER FUND	1,434.60
DDA FUND	91,933.23
MAJOR STREET FUND	318.25
CURRENT TAX FUND	4,970.89

Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS REGARDING FLAGS, BANNERS AND SIGNS PUBLIC HEARING.

As noted previously, a Planning Commission subcommittee was formed represented by Gordon Barry, Dan Brubaker and Dan Pipe to review certain aspects of the Zoning Ordinance as these pertain to flags, banners, pennants and general provisions of the sign ordinance. City Manager Pasquale mentioned the subcommittee spent several meetings with residents and merchants to provide a recommendation to allow flags, banners and pennants. A key issue involved allowance of these for a maximum cumulative total of twenty-one days. Also, signs advertising garage sales may not be posted for more than five consecutive days and must be removed within twenty-four hours after the end of the sale.

Pasquale stated a concern was expressed by Councilmember Green involving American flags counting toward overall signage. In this regard, it was suggested by Planning Commissioner Brubaker that Section 20.04N be amended eliminating the phrase "other than those of the United States, the State of Michigan, the County of Kent, community organizations or educational institutions and the City."

Michael Blough, as Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated much of the credit should be given to Dan Brubaker and his subcommittee. Blough stressed there were many pros and cons examined. The subcommittee sought information from community members at large as well as downtown business owners.

Dean Lonick questioned how this ordinance pertained to the American Flag. City Manager Pasquale said these are within the general sign provisions, which involves flags, banners, streamers and pennants are permitted only in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. The ordinance allows flags no larger than 5' x 8' to be an exempted sign. Pasquale noted those larger than 5' x 8' are considered in the overall signage requirements.

Lonick felt there was a limitation on what days and how long flags may be displayed. Chairman Blough said the

intent of this ordinance was to honor our nation by allowing people to display the American Flag. Mayor Thompson mentioned there was a concern regarding large American Flags occasionally utilized by car dealerships. Lonick said the newspaper did not provide the distinction regarding the size American Flag. Thus, it appeared the ordinance prohibited displaying these.

Councilmember Shores mentioned the Planning Commission has done an excellent job with signage and this ordinance.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding flags, banners and signs and some general provisions of the sign ordinance as amended.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

A. 2173 W. MAIN - TURN WEST - VARIANCE TO ALLOW A SIGN (HORSE FIGURE) ABOVE THE ROOF LINE OF THE BUILDING - PUBLIC HEARING. As noted from the last meeting, Bill Bolt, owner of Turn West, 2173 W. Main, wishes to have the horse figure on the roof of his building remain. The horse for purposes of the Zoning Ordinance is considered a roof sign. According to Section 20.04K of the Ordinance, no sign shall be erected above the roof line of the building.

At its September 22 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended against the variance, based on the current ordinance having no regulation allowing signs to be hung from the roof of a building.

John Wallace, representing Bill Bolt, stated the Turn West store is located in the Ridgeview Plaza, immediately west of Family Fare and is setback 440' from West Main Street. He said this considerable setback makes identification of the store difficult. Because this is considered a specialty store, a large percentage of the customers do not reside in this immediate area. The store must draw on a broad market to survive. Wallace stated the question with the variance request involves not only if it is acceptable to have a figure on the roof, but reasonable identification signage. He said there is not much opportunity for easily identifiable signage for the Turn West store. Wallace noted either the views to the store or the signage identifying the store are blocked.

Wallace further mentioned a considerable amount of landscaping located near the east end of the shopping center lot. He said some of these are growing quite high and blocking the view to the primary identification sign for the shopping center. Further, the size of the free standing sign offered to Turn West is not large enough to identify the store. Wallace explained a 2' x 5' panel has been offered on this sign. However, with the speed limit of 45 mph and the size sign allowed, readability would be nonexistent.

Additionally, studies Wallace has reviewed indicate traveling at 45 mph would require 100-120 s.f. of signage to adequately identify a business. He provided a video to show the difficulty.

Wallace further explained Turn West would utilize the horse figure to improve visibility and felt this is more easily identifiable than a small lettered sign. Also, Turn West requests consideration by this Board for a reasonable opportunity to allow identification.

Thompson noting the maximum speed along West Main St. is 45 m.p.h., questioned the minimum speed in this area. Chief of Police Jim Valentine responded the minimum is what anyone wants to drive. Thompson stressed when traveling in an unfamiliar area, he would travel at a speed less than 45 m.p.h.

Myers mentioned in terms of the representation, the video did not capture an individual's peripheral vision. In regard to the vegetation, Myers said strip malls have much parking in the front and not visually attractive. He questioned if Wallace's firm would recommend a type of berm to shield the view of the shopping center. Wallace responded good design balances a number of objectives. He said the sign should be positioned in front of the vegetation, while still providing greenery. Wallace re-

sponded the identification sign would not have any object blocking its view. Myers mentioned the berm is in this location to camouflage the appearance of the parking lot and the general presence of the center. He said the Planning Commission is cognizant of how the City appears with natural vegetation. Myers said having a berm is far more appealing than viewing headlights and taillights. Wallace responded this area is zoned Commercial and its purpose is to have a relationship with the public.

Myers questioned if Mr. Bolt's advertising would indicate this store is located in the Ridgeview Shopping Center. He said often it is the shopping center or the anchor stores which draw customers to this location. He did not believe it was the City's obligation to go beyond the ordinance to assist a store with visibility. Wallace said Mr. Bolt is requesting reasonable identification of this particular store. He felt Bolt should not have to work through another store for identification.

Michael Blough stated this is a variance request relative to section 20.04k of the sign ordinance. The items identified relating to landscaping on the east side and the layout of this site are under the control of the property owner. Blough mentioned the site plan was reviewed several years ago. The trees were provided by the property owner's choice. He stressed the property owner has let this vegetation grow to this height. Blough stated the location of the shopping center sign was the landowner's choice. Further, the restriction of the amount of signage for the shopping center is controlled by the landowner, not by this ordinance. Blough added Mr. Bolt is in violation of the zoning ordinance by having this figure on top of his building. Having the figure there, Blough believed no more provided visibility of the store than if the horse did not exist. Now the City is faced with reviewing a variance which does not allow the store owner what he really desires: more visibility. Blough said this situation needs to be discussed with the landowner and negotiated for more square footage of signs or relocating the existing landscaping. Lastly, all these conditions existed before Turn West decided to rent in this area.

Councilmember Shores felt the sign on the front of their store could be printed with a bolder lettering. She believed a more prominent sign may improve in identifying their business.

Wallace disagreed that the ordinance does not play a factor. He said the ordinance limits the square footage of signage to 125 s.f. to serve the entire shopping center. Wallace said Mr. Bolt cannot control the owner of this shopping center forcing him to allow Turn West additional signage. Wallace felt the City has a responsibility to work with their zoning regulations, given the reading of the ordinance, to state this is a unique circumstance on this site. He felt this is the essence for acting on a variance request.

Myers said if a horse is an appropriate item to have on a roof, are vegetables and bottles of catsup appropriate for Family Fare? He stated a variance sets precedence for others. Wallace believed variance actions are not precedence setting.

Green said walk-in customers are already attracted to the shopping center. However, in regard to regional traffic, individuals will find the business in the yellow pages. Green felt customers do not need the horse figure to assist in locating this store.

Thompson said there are other successful businesses located in shopping centers which have done very well.

Wallace stressed the Board must be willing to step back for a unique situation which Turn West has demonstrated.

City Manager Pasquale stated Mr. Bolt is requesting the Zoning Board of Appeals to now review the situation. He stated the horse was placed on the roof prior to asking the community if it was "ok". Pasquale added City staff, Planning Commissioners and Councilmembers were available to provide direction. Pasquale stressed in this case, the horse was installed, and then the request was made.

Councilmember Green added Mr. Bolt had placed plywood signs and corrals at the road side which were not approved signage.

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Myers stated letters were received from Todd Gillan and A & C Company insisting this variance request be denied. He stated this is the third meeting on this issue, including a public hearing held in regard to the horse figure.

In response to placing signs without approval, Wallace did not defend Bolt's position. He requested tabling this item or a denial with a request that Bolt provide an alternate, more acceptable variance. Wallace stressed there is not the normal identification process on this site.

Shores felt this was an issue between the property owner and Bolt. There is an ordinance in place and Bolt did not comply.

Blough stated the Planning Commission recommendation was based on the result of the comprehensive plan as adopted by the City Council.

City Manager Pasquale stressed the City is always available to consider options. Bolt may consider. He said it is difficult when someone installs a figure and then says "Let's make it work."

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to deny the variance request for 2173 W. Main-Turn West to allow a sign (horse figure) above the roof line of the building, based on no undue hardship or unusual circumstances shown.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. 901 GRINDLE - ROBERT AND TRACI MULLINS - VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 33 FOOT LOT WIDTH AT THE FRONT YARD SETBACK SO THAT AN ADDITIONAL LOT CAN BE CREATED - ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEARING DATE (11/3). Shores stated Robert and Traci Mullins have requested a variance to allow a 33' lot width at the front yard setback so that an additional lot can be created. She noted the Planning Commission will provide a recommendation at its October 27 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing date for the November 3 meeting to consider a variance request for 901 Grindle, Robert and Traci Mullins, subdividing for a 33 foot lot width at the front yard setback so that an additional lot can be created.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. AGREEMENT WITH KENT COUNTY FOR QUALIFIED VOTER EQUIPMENT FILE. Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock stated the State of Michigan will provide 45¢ per voter name (approximately \$ 1125) to establish a registration file with direct tie to the State. She explained Kent County has offered to purchase the computer equipment and software to set up the system, in return for the State funds.

The City will be responsible for maintenance and internet charges amounting to \$450 per year. This will provide access to a State wide voter file.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES to approve adoption of the resolution whereby Kent County will provide computer equipment and software to set up the City's system, in return for State funds consisting of 45¢ per voter name (\$1125) for Qualified Voter File Equipment.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4 BIDS - CREEKSIDE PARK FOOT PATH PROJECT. City Manager Pasquale stated the City is ready to proceed with the establishment of a footpath from Creekside Park to Foreman Road. Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden sought bids for this project, including a concrete culvert to be furnished and installed across Cherry Creek. Pasquale stated washed stone base and rip rap are to be placed along with cutting 665 lineal feet of an 8' wide path to provide compacted gravel.

The following bids were received:

O.E. Bieri and Sons, Inc.	\$6,360
Ken Shaler and Son Excavating	\$7,584

In reviewing the project, O.E. Bieri and Sons suggested 100 yards of fill be provided in the low area down stream, along with a silt filter costing an additional \$ 1360. DesJarden recommended exceeding the State's standards for erosion by filling both sides of the stream to prevent wash out. He planned on plowing this path during the winter.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the project be awarded to O.E. Bieri and Sons to install a foot path at Creekside Park to Foreman Road at a cost of \$7,720 with funds allocated from the Lee Fund.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Hodges mentioned he was impressed with the amount of work Dan DesJarden provided toward this project.

Item #5. REPRESENTATIVES FROM SWIMMING POOL STUDY COMMITTEE. City Manager Pasquale stated a meeting was held concerning a proposed community swimming pool. Further, a letter was received from Lowell Area School Superintendent Bert Bleke requesting the various jurisdictions appoint two representatives to serve on a study committee. Pasquale stated the first meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Councilmember Green questioned if the meetings would be held consistently on Wednesday. City Manager Pasquale responded he was uncertain whether the meeting would always be scheduled for this day.

Both Councilmember Myers and Councilmember Green expressed interest in serving on this committee.

Item #6. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED VACATION OF WATER STREET. City Manager Pasquale stated Councilmember Green, Mayor Thompson, Jim Doyle of King Milling Company and Dean Lonick of Michigan Wire Processing Company attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting regarding the proposed vacation of Water Street on October 18. He noted this was a result of a proposal by Jim Doyle of King Milling Co. to vacate this street. Pasquale said discussions concerned what would the affect be on Recreation Park if Water Street was vacated. Pasquale said suggestions were made to provide access for the Ballfield to the north or south of the King Memorial pool building. He added the south side appeared to be a better solution, since the north side intrudes onto the Michigan Wire property. Jim Doyle mentioned the possibility of reorienting the ball diamond would provide for easier access. But, this would be a costly venture.

It was decided representatives from King Milling, Michigan Wire and the City should meet and review this proposal. Pasquale added the tone of the meeting was established of partnership and cooperation. Mayor Thompson stressed Water Street would not be vacated to Main Street. This would ensure property owners along Main, utilizing the alley in the rear, would not lose access.

Councilmember Green stated the best way to provide access to the river and utilize the Recreation Park property can be worked out. He mentioned there are short term, less expensive solutions, in addition to costly long term alternatives.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were provided:

Police	Public Works	Fire
City Manager Activity	Budget	Building

Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson mentioned there are vacancies on both the Cable TV and Airport Boards.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. As part of the recent 911 confusion regarding persons residing on Lincoln Lake,

Councilmember Green observed the local directory listed City residents residing in the township and vice versa.

Green further observed the City crews working along N. Division repairing the recent washouts. He questioned if the road will last through the winter months.

Green asked if there was an appropriate time for Trick or Treating. Valentine responded 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and homeowners are urged to turn their porch lights off after this time.

Councilmember Myers mentioned two letters to the Editor in the Lowell Ledger received from Kay Peterson Oligney and Fred Maier. He stressed suggestions from our citizens are always welcome.

Mayor Thompson said the Look Memorial Committee had reviewed the letter from Kay Peterson Oligney suggesting the City consider utilizing the Showboat theme for the entrance signs. Thompson added the Committee decided to utilize the downtown and light scene themes.

Item #11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

A. The September 4 meeting minutes of the Downtown Development Authority were provided.

City Manager Pasquale stated on October 9, the DDA approved allocations of \$4800 to Design Plus for an observation deck design at the Lee's Landing site and \$3800 to the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas promotions.

B. A copy of the September 15 meeting minutes of the Board of Lowell Light and Power was submitted.

C. A copy of the October 8 Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes was given.

D. The City received nine proposals for the City Hall and Police Station Needs Assessment and Schematic Study. He noted the Planning Commission will be receiving its copies next week. The City Council and Planning Commission will need to determine how to review these proposals. Pasquale stressed if the public wished to review the proposals, they are welcome.

E. Pasquale stated discussions were held earlier on the revision of the City Charter. He added revisions from the Planning Commission were received. He desired to know the next step the Council wishes to take. He mentioned proceeding with the formal process of a Charter amendment process. Mayor Thompson stated it may be easier to do a revision. City Manager Pasquale said the Council has received copies of the City Charter.

Mayor Thompson asked the Council to provide any proposed changes to the City Charter at the next meeting.

F. City Manager Pasquale stated the Look Memorial Committee granted \$9,000 for four entrance signs. He mentioned the downtown scene will be used on Main Street, while the lights will be on the Hudson Street signs. Mayor Thompson said a statement will be provided on the bottom denoting "donation provided by the Look Memorial Committee." Pasquale stated DeRuiter Woodcrafts (the builder of the entrance signs) has been contacted to commence construction.

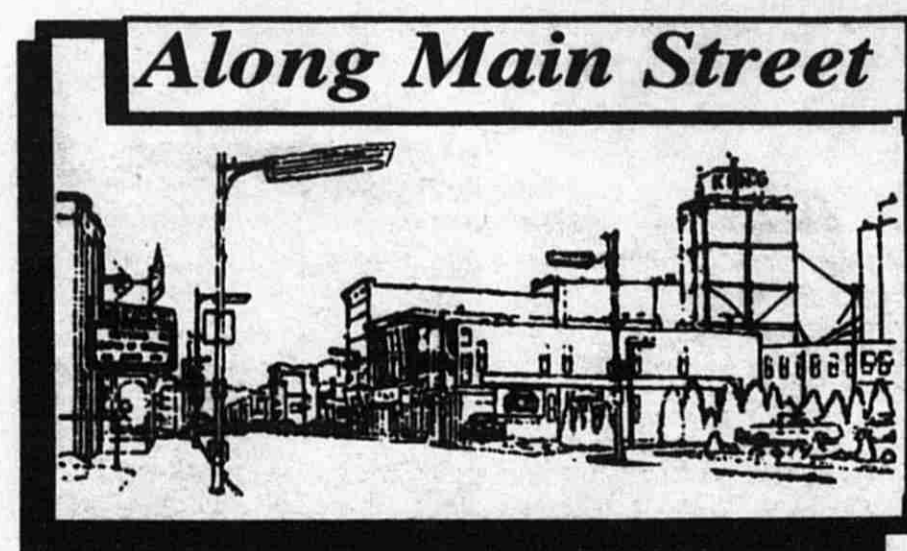
G. Pasquale questioned if the maple tree located at 929 N. Jefferson, should be removed as requested earlier. Councilmember Hodges understood the difficulty with this tree, but would be opposed to having it removed.

It was the consensus of the Council to not remove the maple tree located at 929 N. Jefferson.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: November 3, 1997

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk



FAN BUS TO KALAMAZOO FOOTBALL GAME
Join in the fun and ride a fan bus to Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Friday night to watch Lowell's first-ever playoff appearance. They will take as many buses as we can fill, so bring your friends, family and neighbors and sign up in the high school athletic office (\$3 for ticket to the game + \$2.50 for bus ride). The buses will leave at 5 p.m. from the east entrance of the high school. Don't delay - reserve your spot now!

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.

Hearing, continued.... From Page 1

nesses, the ordinance does regulate the location, which has to be at least 400 feet from any schools, churches, parks, libraries, and day care facilities. This would open up a small corridor for such businesses on the western edge of the business district along W. Main Street," said Pasquale.

The council did have some questions raised about the new ordinance from salon owners wishing to offer licensed massage therapy. Under the current ordinance, these businesses can only offer

massages for the head, neck, face, and shoulder areas. Pasquale said under the proposed ordinance, licensed massage therapy businesses could operate in the general business district area, which put salon owner Sheila Carey-Thomson at ease.

"I will definitely be adding this in to my salon once the ordinance is passed," said Thomson, who owns Salon by Design, 508 W. Main. "In fact, since the eight months ago that I opened, I have been trying to get them to establish this."

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.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Showboat Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington. The speaker will be Donna Koledo. She will explain how to identify and use ferns in your garden. Koledo is the district IV director for the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and a flower show judge. The public is invited.

LACC SPONSORS AFTER HOURS
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors After Hours Nov. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Victorian Thymes' new location at 211 Main St. For more information call Liz at 897-9161.

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.

LACC OFFERING FREE CARRIAGE RIDES
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be offering free carriage rides throughout the holiday season: on Nov. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Nov. 15 and 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. The carriage stop is located at the Riverwalk Plaza. For more information call Liz at 897-9161.

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.

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.

Logger, cont'd... From Page 1

After seeking bids from three different companies, Valentine recommended to the Lowell City Council Monday night to upgrade the police's voice logging system with a newer system offered by VanBelkum, Inc. The system is called the Comfile 1000.

All the proposed systems offered an eight-channel recording capability; at this time the police department needs about six to seven. All the systems offered the ability to be modified to expand up to 16 channels.

The new voice logging machines could be downloaded on a computer with hundreds of calls being stored on one tape versus the cassette tapes now used that have to be

changed every couple of days. Valentine recommended the Comfile 1000 system from VanBelkum because for the price of \$11,410, it also offered an annual maintenance agreement for \$915. He said the agreement was high, but did cover the equipment if it should break down.

The money would come from the budgeted \$16,500 for new equipment at the police department.

And the old system isn't going out to pasture just yet. City clerk Betty Morlock has expressed an interest in purchasing the old system at \$795 for use in recording the council meetings.

dents received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions. Huyser is the son of Abram H. and Corrine B. Huyser of Clarksville. He is a 1997 graduate of Saranac High School.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Abram H. Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO. Huyser III has graduated from basic military training at Fort During the training, stu-

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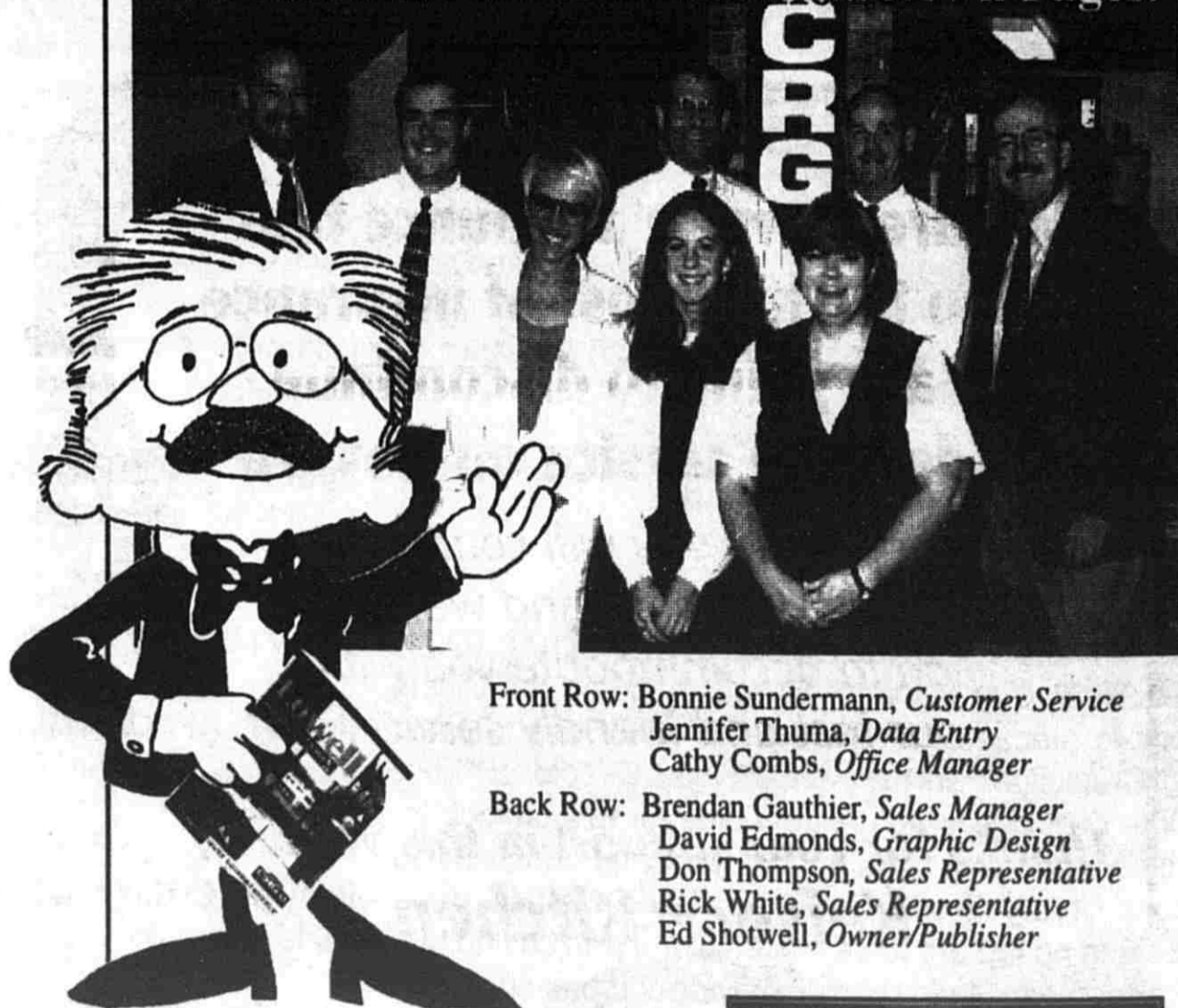
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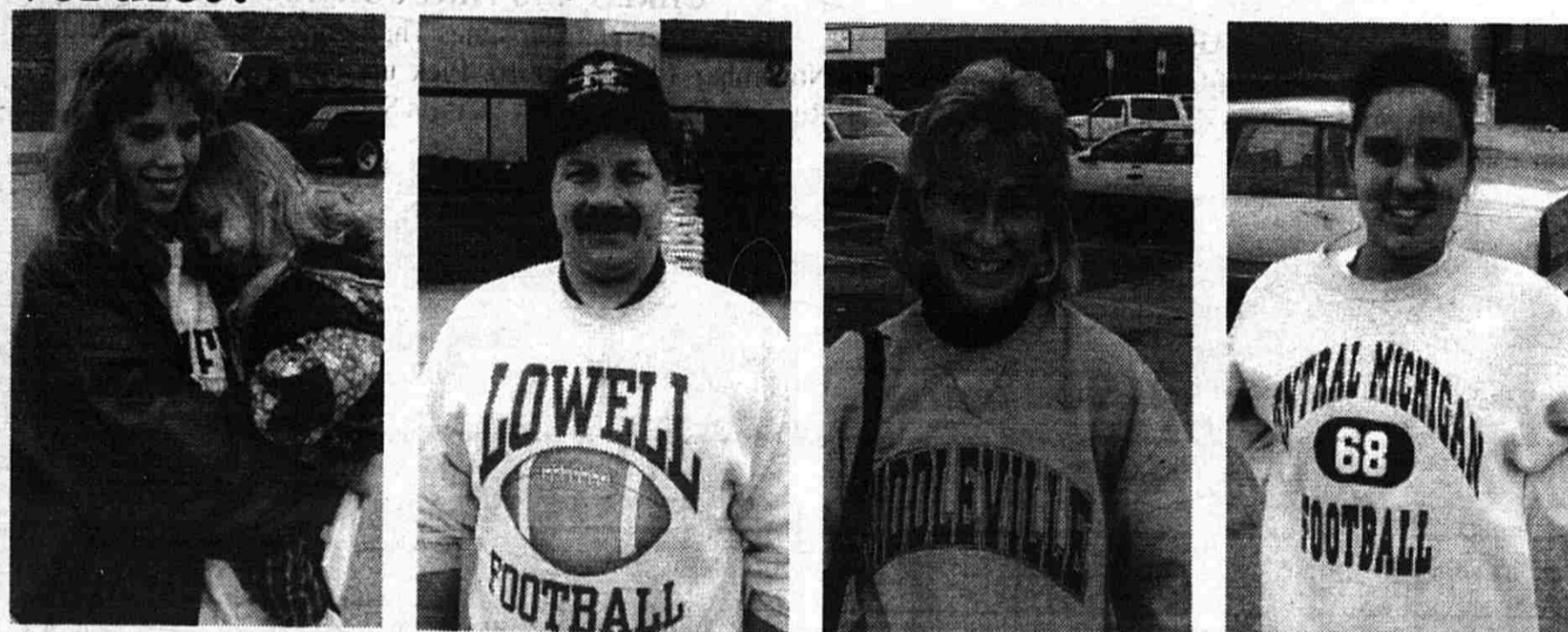
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Nineteen-year-old British nanny Louise Woodward was found guilty of second degree murder in the death of Matthew Eappen. What was your reaction to the verdict?



Amy Middleton (Kalee)
I didn't think Woodward did it. I think her testimony was believable.

Mark Rosenberger
It is sad in today's society that life is taken so trivially and that people even have to try people on murder. As for the verdict, I will rely on your judicial system.

Lisa Enslin
I believe in our judicial system. She did shake the baby.

Hayley Braun
The verdict was good. She got what she deserved. The injury to the head is what convinced me Woodward was guilty.

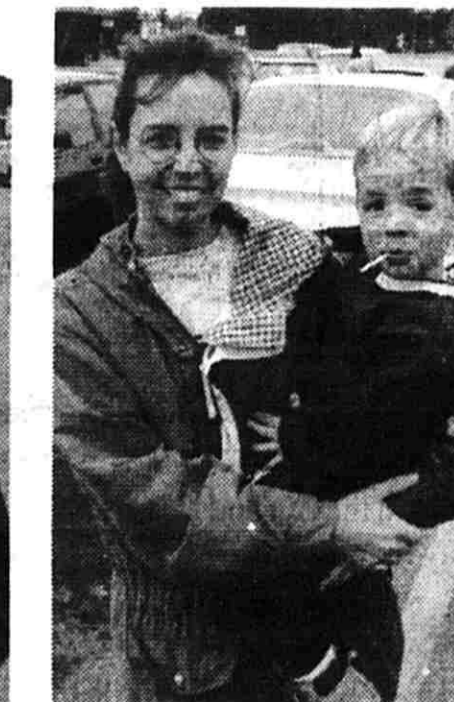


Kathy Smith
I think she was guilty, but not of murder. However, the jury was given no choice because she would not want manslaughter. Considering what I heard about the case, I think Woodward was responsible for the baby's death.

Mona Beurkens
I was upset. I felt with the doctors' testimony there was reasonable doubt. She even took a lie detector test.



Dominique Olree
I disagree with the verdict. I think the jury was confused by its instruction. The worst I think Woodward should have gotten is manslaughter.



Mary Hess
I just heard bits and pieces as the case went along. I think the punishment fit the crime.



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Lowell residents survive six-hour Light & Power outage

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Light & Power customers were without electricity for six hours on Sunday as work to restore the electrical system was carried out.

Well, not everyone. Thanks to the use of a generator and the collaborative effort of Lowell Light & Power, the Lowell Performing Arts Center was the site of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony's fall concert on Sunday.

Lowell Light & Power provided the labor for hook up so that the concert could go on as scheduled.

"In the past week, many residents in the Greater Grand Rapids area have experienced power outages," said Barb Hammond of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony. "Lowell leads the way in demonstrating how a community working together has 'power.'"

Many local residents without power took the opportunity to visit friends or family. Others went shopping and some took in a movie to pass the time.

The outage started at 10:02 a.m. Power was restored at approximately 4:05 p.m.

The outage was necessary due to the fire on Aug. 19 which burned and completely destroyed the number three transformer.

On Sunday, crews from All American Electric Power of St. Joseph/Benton Harbor serviced the air brake switches, cleaned insulators, and reattached the primary and secondary bus bars on the number three transformer.

Fittings and pipings were installed on the number one and two transformers along with nitrogen being inserted on top of the oil.

Work scheduled for the north substation was not completed. "We did not receive all the materials needed to do the work," Lowell Light and Power superintendent Paul Christman said. "Another outage for the north end will have to be scheduled at a later date."

The outage will affect a couple of industries and about 200 residents.

Workers were treated to baked goods and drinks by the ladies of The First Baptist Church of Lowell. "They brought in pies, brownies, cookies and juice," Christman said. "It was greatly appreciated."

Art/Drama Club helps raise money for God's Kitchen

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In April of this year, the Lowell School Board adopted five character traits that it felt could be integrated throughout its curriculum.

Not only can visitors to the different Lowell school buildings see the traits posted, but if they look around they can also see character building activities taking place.

Most recently, it was the Art and Drama Club through its involvement with God's Kitchen.

"The club does things each year for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but wanted to get involved in a charitable project," said Lowell High School art teacher Robin White.

When the opportunity to help raise money for God's Kitchen surfaced, the Art and Drama Club couldn't say "yes" fast enough.

"The students went wild. They thought it was a fantastic idea and were really interested," White explained.

God's Kitchen provides over 170,000 meals each year to the elderly, the homeless, and the poor through its Capitol Lunch and Meals on Wheels programs.

On Jan. 9, it will hold a "Soup's On For All" event. At the event, a silent auction will be used to help reach the goal of \$100,000.

Items will include ceramic bowls designed, fabricated and donated by regional potters and other interested individuals.

Lowell's Art and Drama Club will donate 40 soup bowls made by its student members.



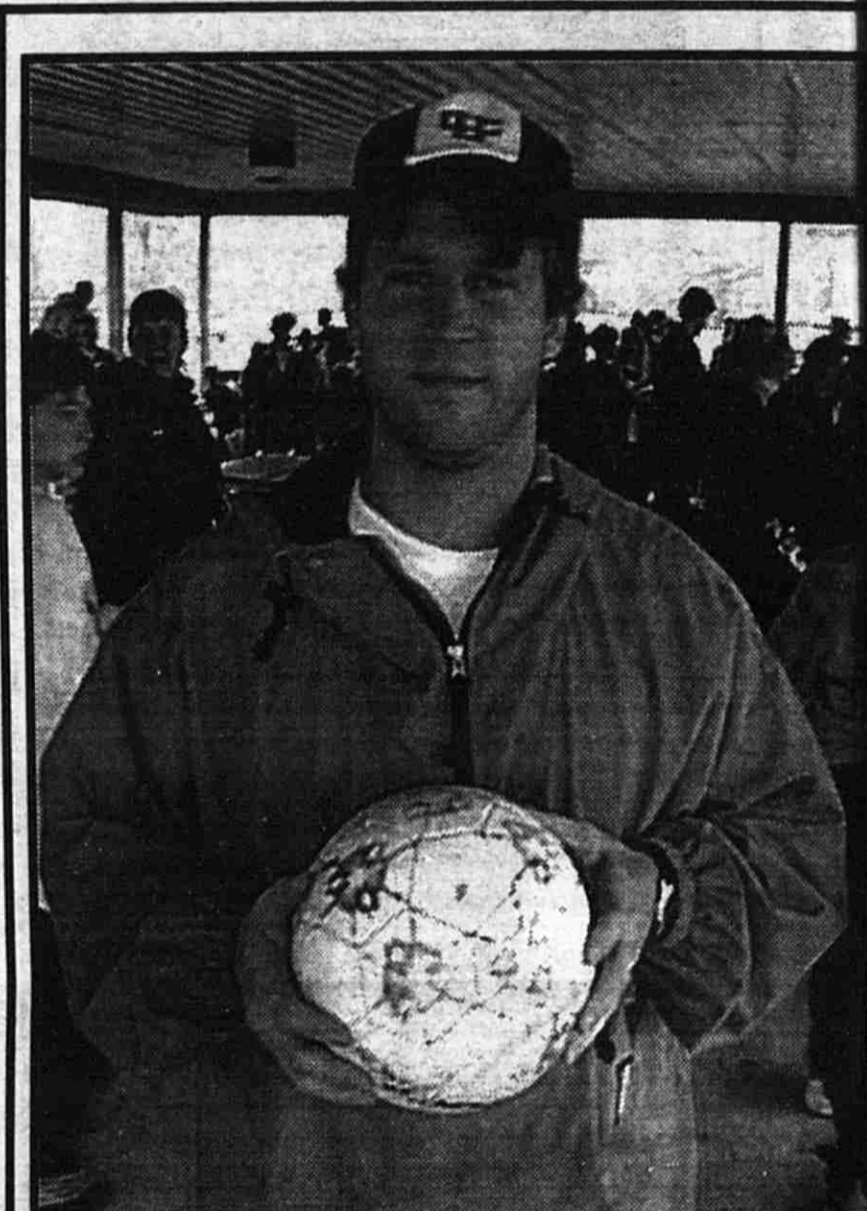
Pictured above are Lori Walsh and Josh Price.

"The kids gave up time before school, after school and some even on the weekend in order to complete their soup bowls," White said. "With as busy as many of them are, that is a real trick."

The fundraising event will take place from 6 until 10 p.m. at the Van Andel Museum Center.

This winter, the Art and Drama Club will start a drama workshop with Lowell elementary kids.

White and Laurie Summerfield are the club's leaders.



Chris Barlow, above, is one of three coordinators of LASSO, a soccer feeder program. Working with Barlow are Louis D'Agostino and Jeff Dickerman.

Feeder program "Lassos" in area soccer players

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell elementary and middle school wrestling feeder programs are second to none in West Michigan.

Lowell's youth football and 78'er programs prepare youngsters for football at the high school level.

The formation of the Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO), therefore, only seems natural.

If the 120-140 kids who showed up for tryouts is any indication, it was also heavily desired.

"LASSO is for kids who want to excel in soccer and want to play competitively to further themselves," said the organization president, Chris Barlow.

LASSO has been established to fill the gap between soccer at the YMCA level and the varsity level. "We want it to complement the 'Y' program."

The tryouts were for play in the spring of 1998. Kids will also have the option to play indoor soccer this winter if it fits into their schedule.

Indoor play begins next week and spring play begins the first week in April.

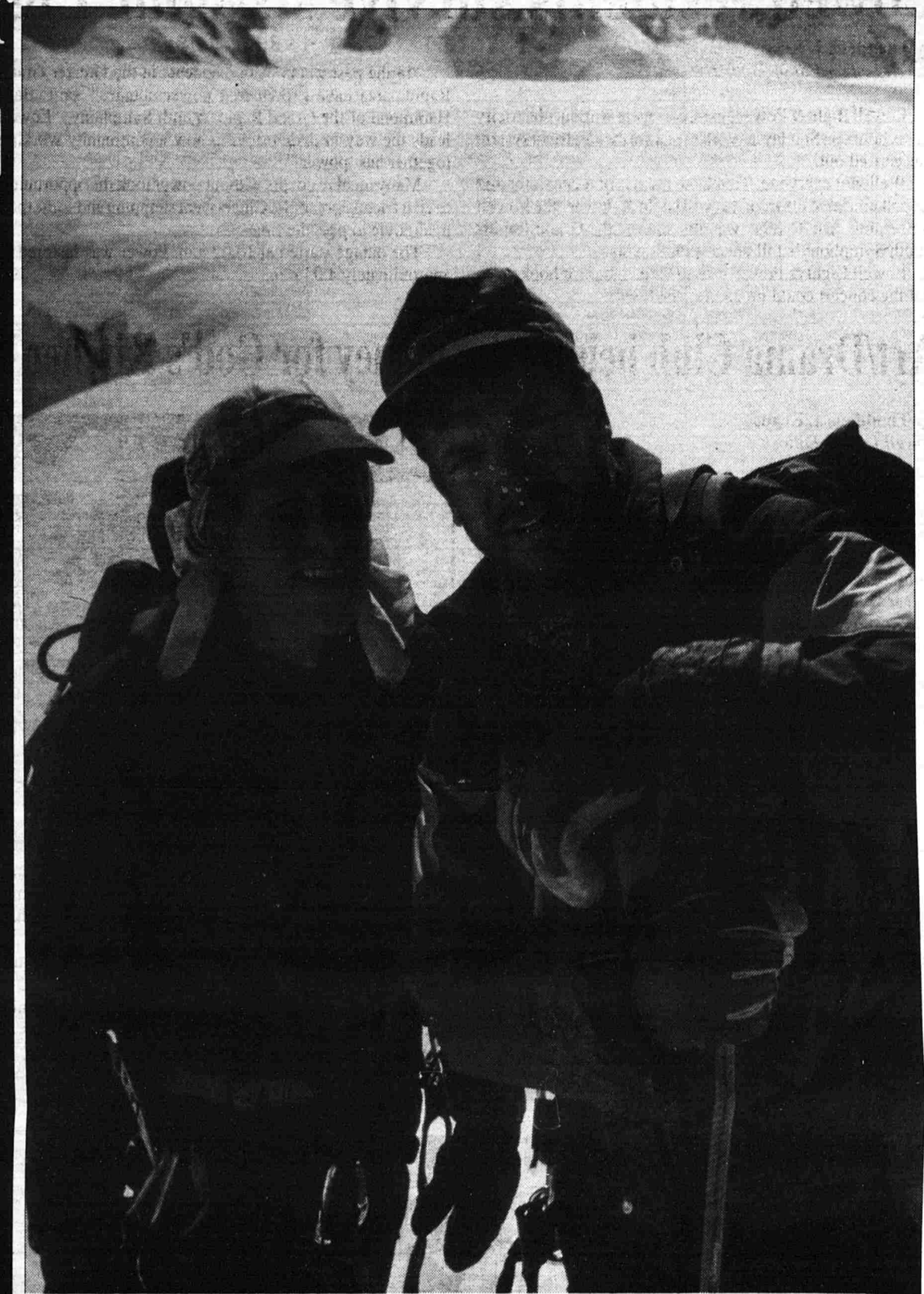
The spring session will have six age divisions with two levels at each age group.

The Trumbull, CN, native, along with assistance from Lou D'Agostino and Jeff Dickerman, will run the off-season programs. "It is designed to get kids ready at a competitive level of play before they get to be freshmen or sophomores in high school," Barlow said.

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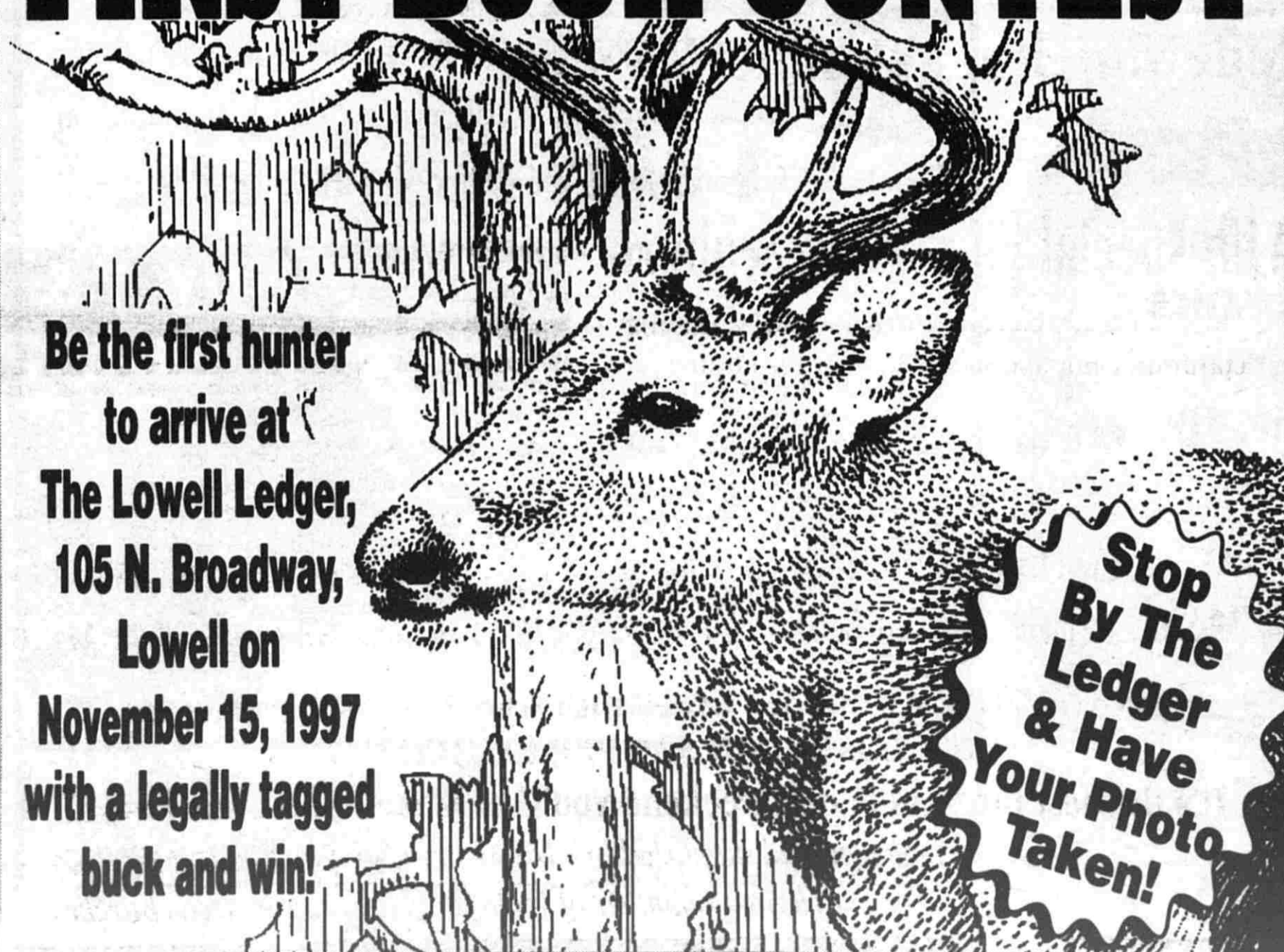


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Peter Horton and Christopher McDonald (from left) star in *Into Thin Air: Death on Everest*, a two-hour TV movie based on journalist and climber Jon Krakauer's account of his ill-fated 1996 Mount Everest expedition. The movie, filmed in the Austrian Alps, premieres Sunday on ABC.

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Lowell earns Class A playoff spot with 34-0 shutout over Greenville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell finished its 1997 regular season, the way it started it, with a 34-0 non-conference victory.

After its season-opening win against Ionia, Lowell football coach Noel Dean said his club would improve a lot over nine games.

The Red Arrow coach could not have realized just how prophetic those words would turn out to be.

Lowell's win at Greenville Friday night earned the Red Arrow team the distinction of being one of 128 high school clubs who will play a tenth game. Lowell's shutout over Greenville catapulted the Red Arrows into the Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A football playoffs for the first time in the school's history.

The Red Arrows' eighth win against one defeat validated Lowell as one of the top four teams in Region II.

"We didn't need to make the playoffs to validate the good season the boys have had or that we're a good football team," Dean explained.

But, Lowell did, and the Red Arrows and their coach are excited.

"I am very proud and feel very fortunate to be a part of this program," Dean said.

The second-year coach is also very fortunate to have T.J. Thayer, a 5-7, 145-pound junior quarterback who has combined cat-like quickness and a strong arm in putting together a tremendous year.

Playoff, cont'd... From Page 1

game are \$3 and will go on sale Thursday at the high school athletic office.

A fan bus will be available to students wanting a ride to the game. "We will take as many buses as we can fill," Lowell athletic director Barry Hobria said. The bus(es) will leave from the east entrance of the high school at 5 p.m. on Friday. There will be a \$2.50 charge to ride the bus.

Only six returning starters from its 1996 squad (7-2), make qualifying for the playoffs this year that much more remarkable. That part is amazing," Dean said.

Getting There From Here
Take 131 south to 94 east. Take 94 to exit 76B (Westnedge). Take Westnedge to Kilgore and turn right. Loy Norrix football stadium is two miles.

The play at linebacker and quarterback have been notable. "We've been surprised by the play of our linebackers," Dean said. "We have four very good linebackers. The nice thing is that three of them are juniors."

T.J. Thayer has been affectionately referred to by his coach during the regular season as the "little squirt." "T.J. has far and away exceeded our expectations," Dean said.

Lowell's second-year coach says preparation for the game will remain the same. "We will keep the routine the same. We're not going to change a lot."

As for its opponent, the Red Arrow coach calls the Knights a very talented team. "They have a lot of talented individual players at the skilled positions," Dean said.

Loy Norrix was second in the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference to St. Joe, the only team to defeat Loy

Against the Yellow Jackets, Thayer rushed for a season-high 176 yards while running for two touchdowns and throwing for two more.

"When people see him for the first time, they can't believe how good he is. He's also been helped by the good offensive line in front of him," Dean said.

Thayer and his mates needed a quarter of football before it took control of the outmanned Greenville team. Lowell took a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter on a four-yard run by Thayer.

Three minutes later, it was Bill McPherson bursting over from the four-yard line, giving Lowell a 14-0 lead.

Then, with about 2:40 left in the first half, Thayer hooked

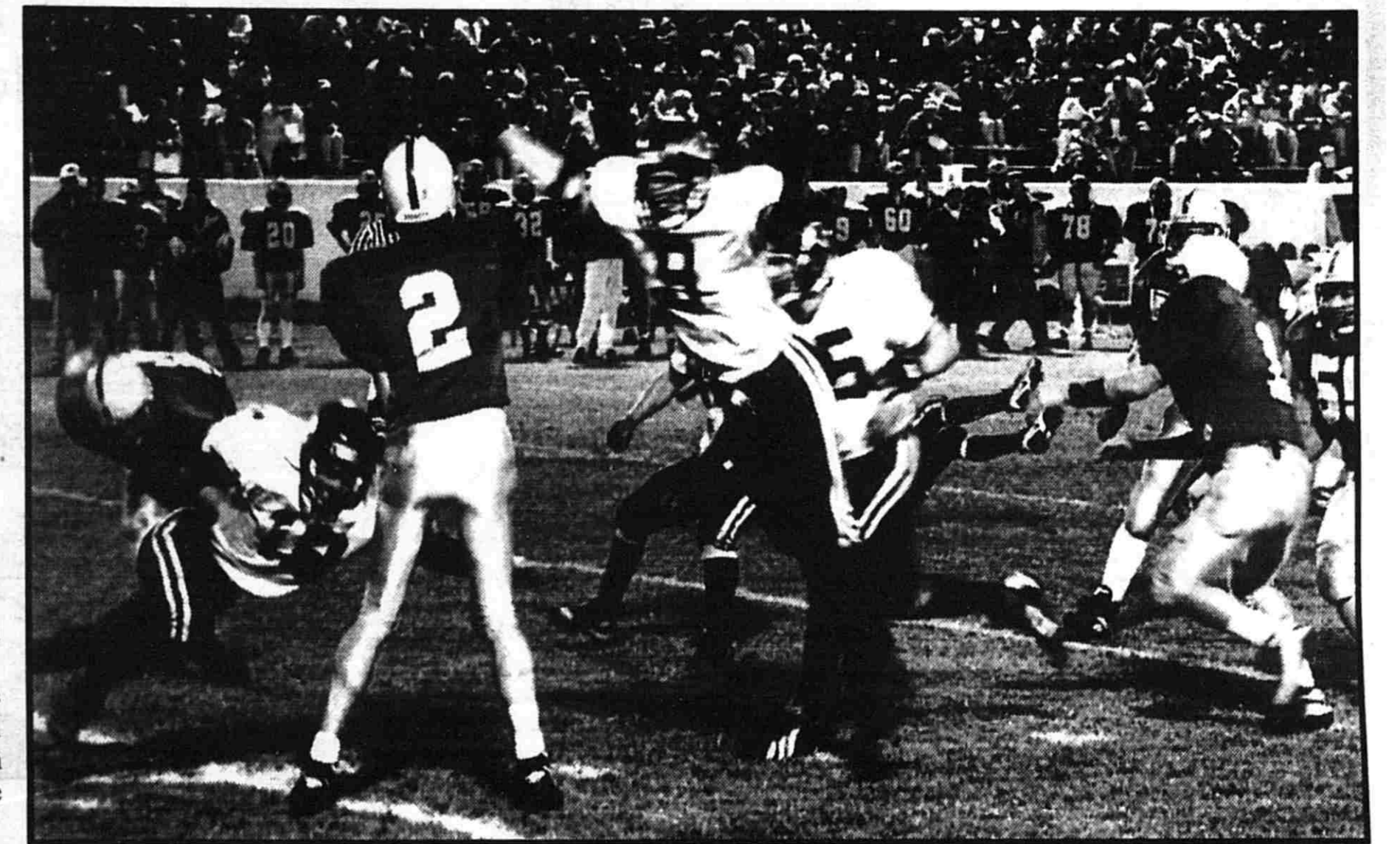
up with Andy Graham on a sweet 35-yard touchdown pass down the Red Arrow sideline.

Leading 21-0, Lowell scored right before the end of the first half. It marched 79 yards in seven plays. The final 47 came with three seconds remaining in the half on a scoring toss from Thayer to Teunis, making the score 28-0 Lowell.

The Red Arrows opened the third quarter with a 50-yard touchdown march. Thayer capped it off with an 11-yard touchdown run.

Lowell's defense held Greenville to just 65 yards rushing and 57 through the air for a total of 122.

The Red Arrows amassed 458 total yards against the Yellow Jackets.



Lowell's Jeff Altoft (#9) and Brian Bellechasses (#18) apply pressure on Greenville's quarterback.



T.J. Thayer rushed for 176 yards in Lowell's 34-0 win over Greenville.

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Poor shooting sinks Red Arrow girls

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball team's scoring woes continued in losses to Forest Hills Central and Northview.

"We played well defensively, but we couldn't shoot," said Red Arrow coach Ken Akers. "We were firing blanks."

Lowell's highest offensive output for a quarter was 14 points against the Rangers. Against Northview, Lowell's highest offensive output was a nine-point first quarter.

"If we shoot the ball at all against Northview we blow them away," Akers said.

Lowell led Northview 14-10 at halftime, but were outscored in the second half 27-14.

The difference in the second half was the play of Wildcat Katie Ziembra. "She was the difference. She took over the game down the stretch. She was their scorer," Akers said. "We do not have that type of person."

Angie Young led all Red Arrow scorers with eight points. Lisa Posthumus contributed with six.

Girls' JV defeat 'Cats, lose to Rangers

Lowell junior varsity girls basketball team lost 34-32 to Forest Hills Central.

The Red Arrows led 23-17 at halftime but were outscored 17-9 in the second half. Lowell connected on just four of 25 shots.

Beth Fredline led Lowell

The Wildcats outrebounced Lowell 23-18. "While I am disappointed in the loss, I'm not in the way they played," Akers said. "We handled their press and did everything else but put the ball in the hole."

The story was the same in its game against Central. "Defensively we did fine, but we

couldn't score," Akers repeated.

Lynn Boersma and Nikki Arnett led all Red Arrows in scoring with eight points.

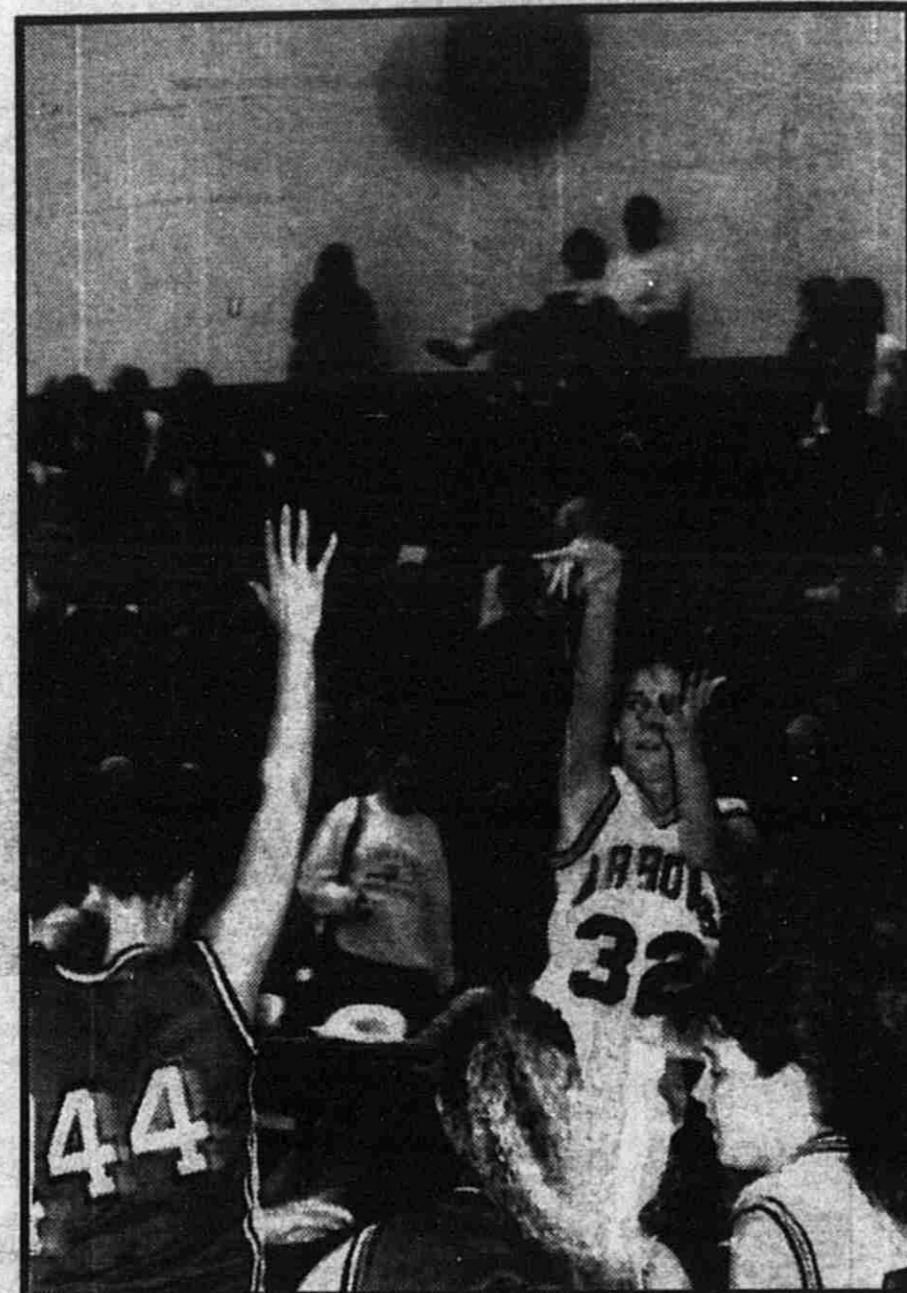
Julie Zeef and Kelli Dillard led the Rangers in scoring with 10 points apiece.

Lowell ended the week at 0-10 in the league and 0-16 overall.

bounds and came away with 21 steals against the Wildcats.

Fredline netted a team-leading 16 points. Katie McPherson netted seven.

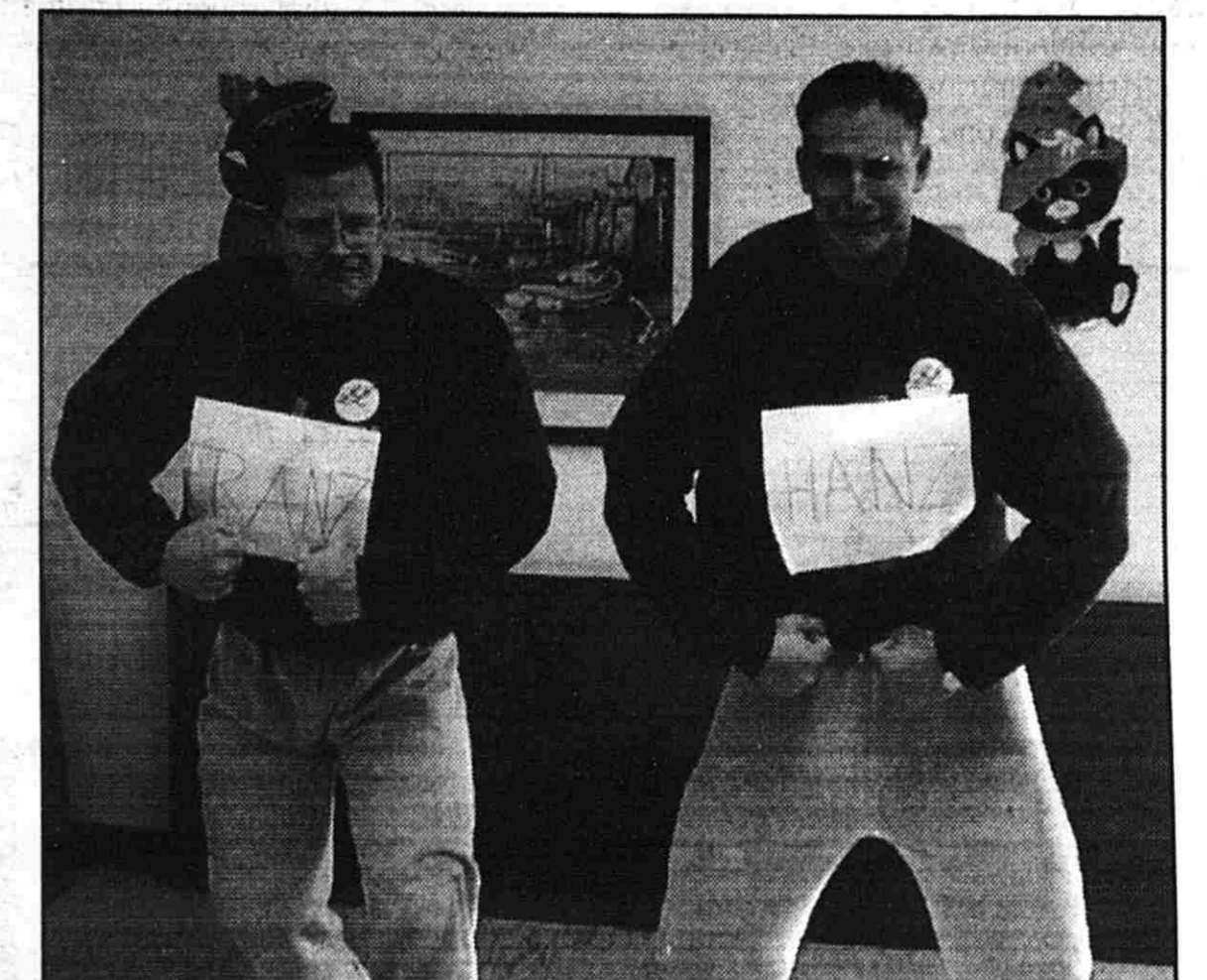
Lowell grabbed 31 re-



Lynn Boersma releases a shot against Northview in high school girls' basketball action on Thursday.

Local businesses go "batty" for Halloween

And the winners are...



Pictured from left to right, from Cumberland Retirement Village, are: Paul Wyman and Mike Zylstra. Each will receive a certificate for a free visit to Heavenly Tans.



Pictured, kneeling, left to right: Becky VanVleck, Nancy Dickerman, Denise Southland, Annie Charles, Nan Zeeuw, Martha Hayden and Gail Vidro; standing, left to right: Jean Seman, Lanie Rice and Julie Dick. They will receive a certificate for a party platter from Blimpie Subs.



Samantha Bronkema from Phillips 66 will receive a certificate for a free visit to Heavenly Tans.



Pictured, from left to right, are: Patty Larkin, Deb Fahling and Kathy Kingma from Larkins. They will receive a certificate for a 16" pizza from Mancinos.

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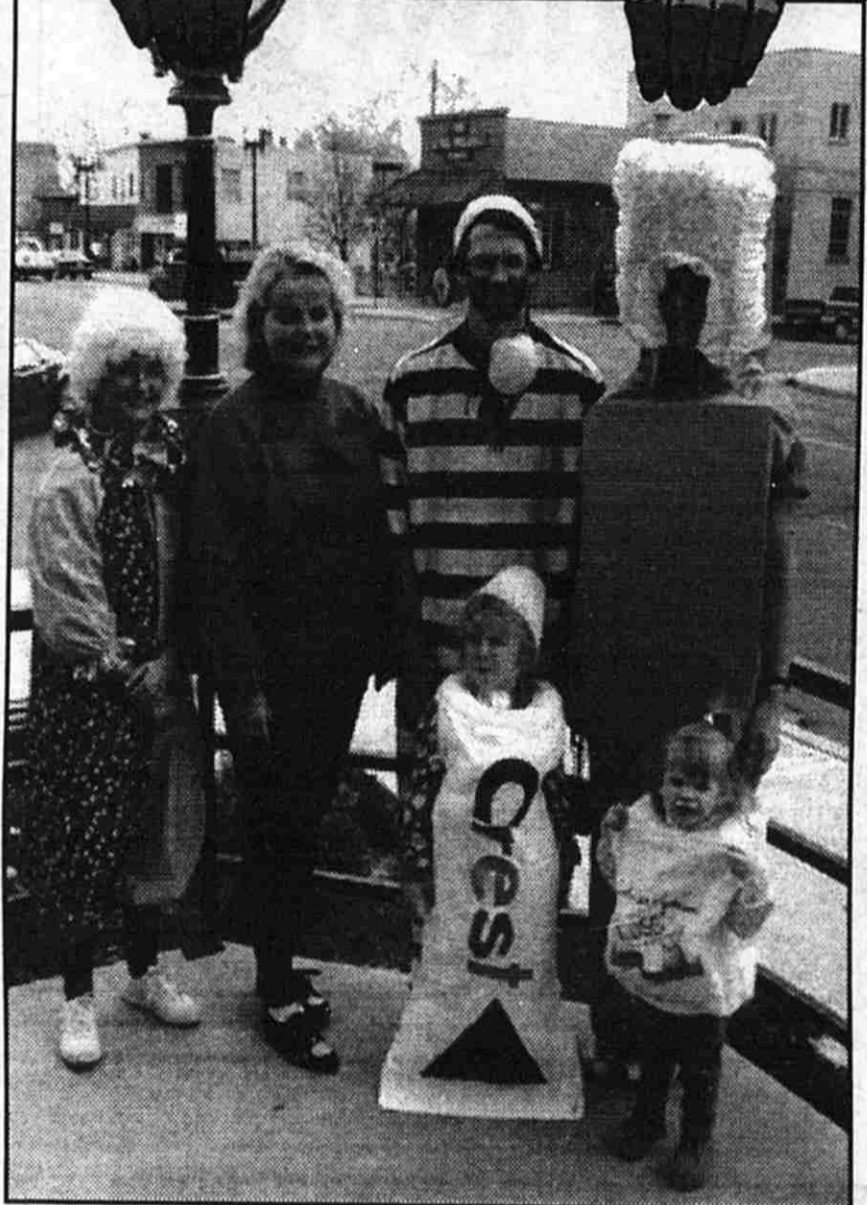
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Halloween pictures, cont'd...From Pg. 23



Pictured from left to right are: Carmen Dahl, Gail Thomet, Jim Reagan D.D.S., and Julie, Jenni and Kate Spencer.



Pictured from left to right from Attwood are: Sue Spoelman, Pam Krause, Jeanne Smit and Tammy Ayers.



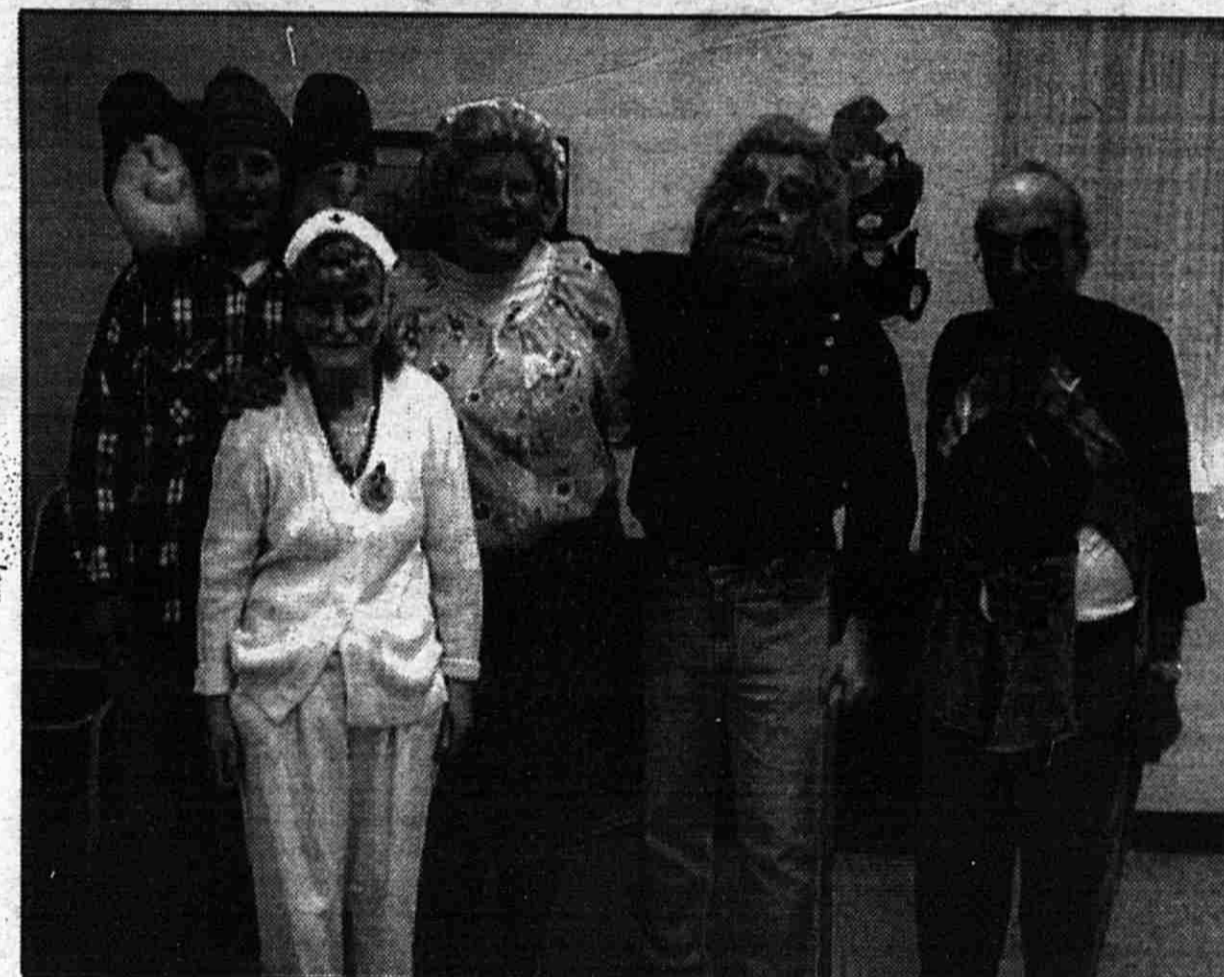
Pictured from left to right from the Lowell Animal Hospital are: Shirley Peel, Betsy Leash, Bob, the clinic cat, and Lorri Stewart.



Pictured from left to right are: Norma Rose, Shirley Haminger, Starlene Jastifer, Helga Kohl and Marie Flositz from Cumberland Retirement Village.



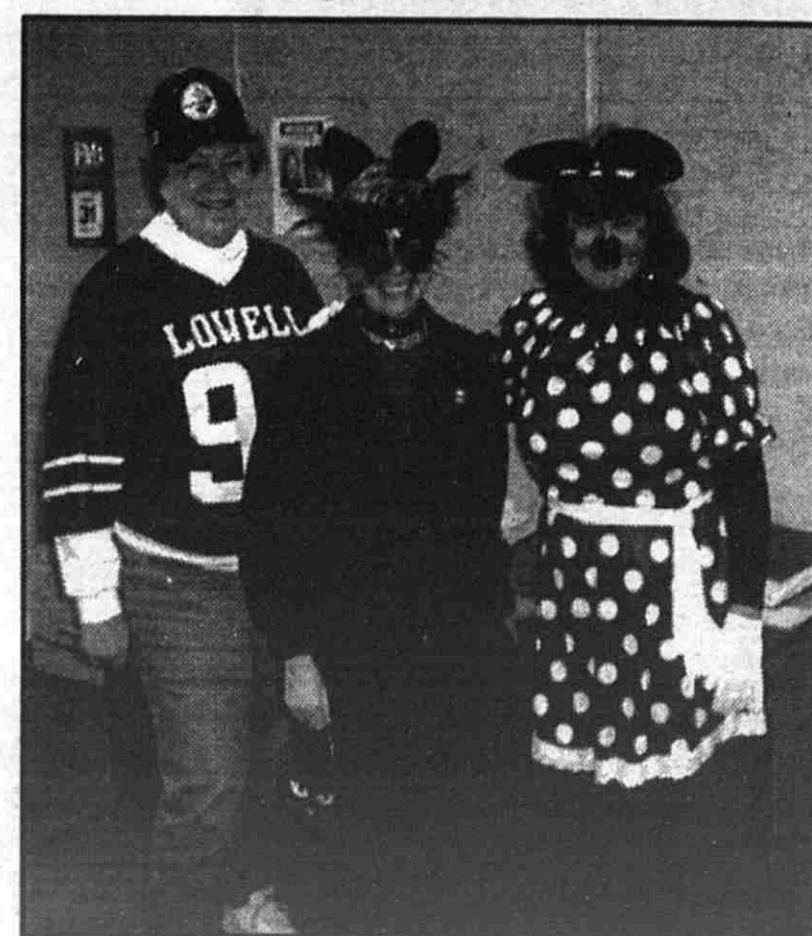
Pictured from left to right are: Rachel Brecken, Jen Hulliberger, Jean Getzen and Vickie Comdure from the office of James Reagan DDS.



Pictured from left to right are: Joy Fezler, Roberta Heller (in front), Susan Moore, Brian Michael and Harry Langley from Cumberland Retirement Village.



Pictured from SOS Salon, from left to right, are: Sue Weeks, Kris Bazan, Laurie Chambers and Sandy Onan.



Pictured from left to right from the Lowell Township Hall are: Jean Huver, Sue Ullery and Rena Jett.

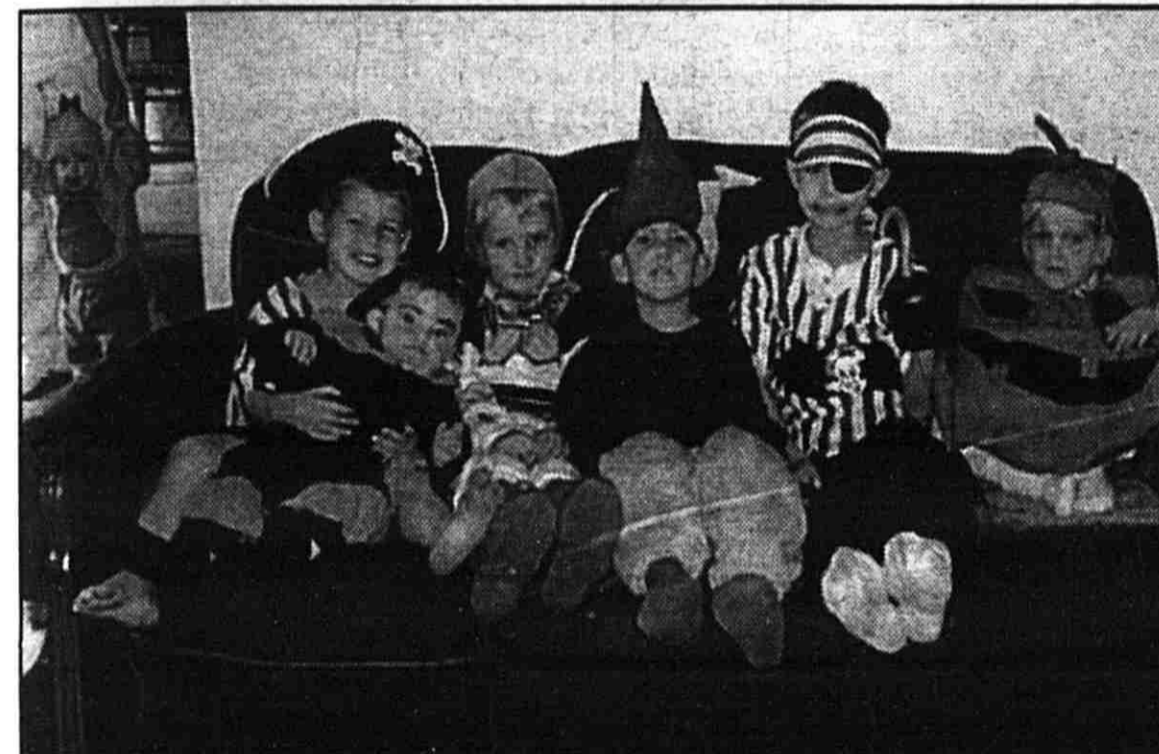
More Halloween pictures...



Pictured from left to right are: Lola Hunt, Paula Willett, Leona Zander, Jill Hill and Deveny Dibble from Cumberland Retirement Village.



Pictured from left to right are: Todd Gillan, Stacie Hood, Melissa Myers, Lisa Doesburg, Angie Lehman and Donna Breen from the office of Dr. Todd Gillan DDS.



Pictured from left to right from Picket Fence Child Care are: Connor Duiven, Mikaela Lake, Tom Houlihan, Evan Kohtz, Ian Duiven and Sophie Kohtz.



Pictured from left to right from Picket Fence Child Care are: Ben Kohtz, Jackson Simmons being held by his grandma, Jordan Meyer, and Deb Duiven holding Brendan Spencer.



Pictured from Keiser's Kitchen are from left to right: C.J. Gonyan, Debra Aikens, Linda Miller, Sally McIver and Linda Lukas.



Pictured from left to right are: Janet Ski, Traci Douglas, Louise Swiatek and Marcia Baird from Attwood.



Pictured from left to right are: Allyson Noall, Sherrie Stevens, Cliff Fenling, Chris West and Trudy Cahoon, from Keiser's Kitchen.



An accident at M-21 and Key Heights Trailer Park sent an Ionia woman to Butterworth Hospital with minor injuries. The vehicle pictured above is owned by William Rash of Lowell.



Karen DeVries escaped injury following an accident with a garbage truck on Lincoln Lake Road.

Vehicles incur substantial damage in separate accidents

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Failing to yield the right-of-way left the vehicles of two Lowell drivers incapacitated in two separate area accidents last week.

Karen DeVries, driving a Geo Storm, made a left turn onto Lincoln Lake Road in front of a southbound garbage truck, driven by Donna Thayer of Fenwick on Wednesday (Oct. 29).

DeVries' car incurred major damage to its rear back panel.

Kent County Sheriff Department deputy Marc Faase said

no injuries were suffered by either driver.

William Rash, of Lowell, turned left into the path of a vehicle driven by Ionia's Marcia Emmons on Thursday (Oct. 30) at the intersection of Key Heights Trailer Park and M-21.

Rash was traveling westbound on M-21 when he failed to see the eastbound car driven by Emmons.

According to Kent County Sheriff Department deputy Don Hamilton, Rash said a car in front of Emmons shielded his vision. "He said Emmons' car was following right behind the car that turned right," Hamilton explained.

Rash did not incur any injuries. Emmons was transported to Butterworth Hospital.

Council approved replacement of centrifuge

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Simply put, it's time for the city to stop driving the tank to the Sunday picnic.

At least that is what Wastewater Treatment plant supervisor Mark Mundt said about the plant's outdated and

problematic centrifuge.

He proposed and the council unanimously approved seeking bids for a proposed \$139,832 project that would remove the centrifuge and replace it with a more modern rotating drum. Mundt will now seek bids and come

back to the council with a recommendation.

When the plant was built in 1989, the engineer had the foresight to include a centrifuge to help solidify the bi-solids found in wastewater. This was primarily done to reduce the capacity needed for storage of such materials.

However, the city did not need to use the centrifuge until 1995, and ever since then it has been nothing but a problem, Mundt said. Repairs for the 10-ton piece of equipment have been costly and the need to replace it was only facilitated when a bearing overheated and caused the machine to burn up, which will cost about \$42,000 to fix.

"We're supposed to tear it down every two years to inspect it; this thing lasted one year and 11 months," he said.

Because the machine is unreliable and requires a 100-horse power engine to run it, Mundt along with Earth Tech

engineer Jeff Pugh began to look at options for the plant.

"While the initial capital cost of replacing the centrifuge with another piece of equipment, such as a rotating drum, is higher, over the long haul of 20 years, the city would actually be saving money," Pugh said. "This is because the rotating drum would require much less maintenance and most maintenance work could be done on-site versus having to ship the item back to the manufacturer, as has to be done with the centrifuge."

Other advantages would include only needing a three-horse power engine to run the rotating drum, which would be much more cost efficient, Mundt said.

"I have tried to come up with an analogy for this and all I think of is it's like driving the tank to the Sunday picnic, when all you really needed was the car," he said.

VETERAN'S DINNER

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I miss you so much my Grandpa, my friend, But I know you'll be with me until the end.

Written 10/30/96 by
Liz Lonick, granddaughter.
With much love from his children & grandchildren.

Holiday shopping begins with Christmas Through Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

will be open to holiday shoppers during the sixth annual Christmas Through Lowell

tour scheduled for Nov. 14-16. The event, with over 50 local artists, will be open to

the public from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday.

670 postcards to area residents," Haybarker said. "Those who bring the postcards with them are eligible to register for an additional door prize."

traffic light on Hudson; Dode and Daughters, 404 Lincoln Lake St.; From Our Home To Yours, 249 Roberta Jayne; Earth Angels, 1326 Jane Ellen; Madellyn Pfaller and Bonnie Brunsick, 810 Bowes Rd.; Crafts By Collins, 213 Maple St.; Lowell Area Arts Council, can be found at 222 W. Main for the entire Christmas season; Ladybug Crafts, 807 N. Washington; From the Brush of Marla, 426 Avery; Creative Crafts Shop and Gifts, 201 E. Main St.; Porcelain Treasures, 3081 Alden Nash SE; The Sisters, 11750 36th St.; Country Calicoes, 3980 Alden Nash; Something for Everyone, 3376 Segwun.

Sixteen Lowell homes



"Approximately 900-1,000 shoppers toured through the homes last year," said Jody Haybarker who along with Bill Collins are co-coordinators for this year's event.

Those who make the tour will find wood crafted items, beeswax candles, porcelain dolls, baskets, angels, quilted wall hangings and much more.

"A couple of new items which have been added this year are stained glass, and fresh wreaths and garland," Haybarker said.

Crafters pay \$50 to open their homes for the event. The money is used to cover the cost for promotional fliers and ads. "This year we sent out

At each of the 16 stops along the tour, shoppers will receive a salad recipe. Shoppers who have their Christmas Through Lowell cards punched at 12 of the 16 homes will be registered for door prizes.

Included in this year's tour are two businesses. They are Cousin's Hallmark (223 W. Main) and Rupert's Drop (214 E. Main).

The 16 homes along the tour are The Honey Farm, 2.7 miles north of M-21 on Lincoln Lake Road (2nd drive north of Bailey); Chris' Crafts, 928 Riverside Dr.; Corner Crafts, seven blocks north of

Homes not open on Sunday are Madellyn Pfaller and The Sisters.

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