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## Residents' funds needed in construction and upkeep of community pool

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

While they may be no further than they were nine months ago, one thing has become very clear—if there is to

be a pool built in the Lowell area, the community is going to have to help.

That was the message behind an update on the community pool project pre-

sented by Lowell Area Schools superintendent Bert Bleke at Monday night's board of education meeting.

The idea behind the pool

came after the Lowell Community Fund was established when Harold Englehardt donated \$12 million to the Lowell area. At that time, surveys and focus groups were conducted to determine what resi-

idents would like to see the money used for.

Bleke updated the board on the work a group of people, made up of representatives from the school district, the city of Lowell, Lowell Township, Vergennes Township, and interested community members, have made during the past nine months.

"After a tremendous amount of brain storming, I can say we have a long way to go," Bleke said.

"The group has come to the conclusion that for the pool to become a reality, the project will have to be a community one, Bleke said. And part of the community realization is that the Lowell Community Fund does not have the resources to build the area a pool, he said. The fund will be able to help with some of the cost, but ultimately the residents will have to help cover the costs of building and maintaining the facility.

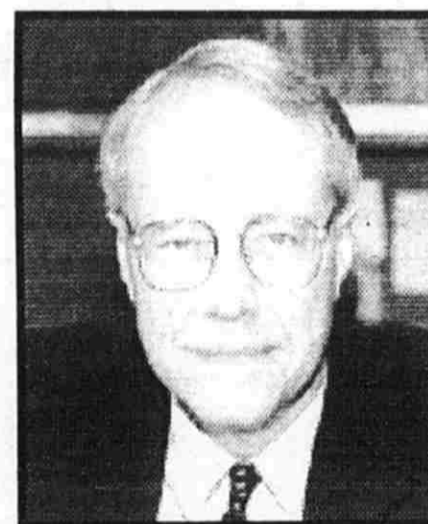
With that in mind, the group has been closely and diligently studying the cost of building and maintaining a pool. "One possibility would be the creation of a community Recreational Authority that would not only oversee the pool and perhaps a community center, but also the fields and other recreational areas," Bleke said.

But before taking any steps, the group needs to continue studying its options, he said. Part of that study will include reaching out to the community and talking to residents about what they want and think might be the best option and/or approach to the pool project.

Bleke said residents can expect to see and hear more open communication over the next six months as the group begins to gather community input in hopes of one day building a pool.

## Board extends Bleke's contract into 2,000

••• Lowell superintendent receives 3.9 percent pay increase.



Bert Bleke

Praising his leadership and role for the future development of Lowell Schools, the board of education unanimously voted to extend Superintendent Bert Bleke's contract into the year 2000.

With the vote at the Monday night board meeting, the board approved a raise in Bleke's salary from \$87,120 from 1997-98 to \$90,518 for the 1998-99 school year.

During board comments at the end of the meeting, several of the board members praised Bleke for his leadership and progressive thinking.

"The district has made tre-

mendous progress and improvement and I know you would say that it is never one person that is behind this," said board president Pete Gustafson. "They are, however, the result of good leadership."

Trustee Norm Byrne said he has been pleased working with Bleke during the past few years and was appreciative of his leadership in the future and the progress that

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Nearly 500 bikers, carrying toys, were part of the long procession that rode into Lowell on Sunday as part of the fourth annual motorcycle Toy Run. More pictures on page 24.

## Toy Run ensures ailing children feel holiday season's magic

••• The toys collected on Sunday will be distributed to children in area hospitals on Christmas Day.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Even for Santa Clause, alias Dave Stevens, the growth and enthusiasm for the annual motorcycle Toy Run is magical.

"I never thought when we started this four years ago, it would be this big," Stevens said. "It's incredible."

But not surprising. The nearly 500 bikers share a love of motor bikes and kids.

"The people here today love kids. That is why Sherrie and I started this... our love for kids," Stevens explained.

It was the loss of their loved one... three-year-old Tony Stevens to cancer weeks before Christmas in 1990 that served as the genesis of the event.

"What a place to be... in a hospital on Christmas Day," Stevens reflected. "A child is really sick if they are in the hospital on Christmas."

The place to be on Sunday was the Lowell Fairgrounds.

"The first year I rode in this event there were 67 bikes," said participant John Fry. "This is a great event and for a fantastic cause."

Fry and his wife Marilyn rode in on a 1997 Gold Wing. They brought with them first-year participants Glenn and Kate Taggart.

The Taggarts belong to the Gars' Honda Riders Club. Their bike of choice on this day was a 1994 Gold Wing Trike.

Kent City's Duane and Carolyn Roberts could not pass up a fun thing and a good cause.

"This is the second year we've participated," Duane Roberts said.

They rode a sportster, though Roberts indicated anytime soon that would be changing to a Road King.

Greeting the bikers once they reached their destination was the Bubba J's Blues Band along with hot dogs, barbecues, chips and refreshments.

The motorcyclists brought with them toys which will be distributed to area hospitals on Christmas Day. The toys filled three large boxes.

A T-shirt sale as well as a quilt and 50-50 raffle were held to further enhance the cause.

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## Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent



What would you do to prepare a five-year-old kindergarten student for a career that will begin some time in the year 2010? Are you ready to predict what changes will take place and what the work world will be like at that time? Are you ready to predict what knowledge or skills will be necessary to be successful? This is a task that we face daily as we prepare our students to be successful in the work world of tomorrow.

Some time ago, I wrote several articles that discussed the role of knowledge and skills in the preparation of our youth. I stressed that the staff of the Lowell Area Schools are working hard to become more compatible with the world of work and careers. We understand that all students will eventually be in the work place either before or after college. We know we must do a better job to help all students understand the options that are available to them in their future. We also must be more effective in helping our students understand what knowledge and skills are necessary for them to succeed in their careers of choice.

Our school district, with the help of local business leaders, is beginning to examine new ways to develop a closer relationship between school and the world of work. The following are several ideas we are pursuing: 1) better assessment of student interest and abilities. 2) increased information to students and

families regarding career options and possibilities, 3) increased learning opportunities for students outside of the classroom - opportunities such as work site visits, job mentoring, job shadowing and apprenticeships, and 4) within our classrooms to do a better job of learning to reflect real world situations.

While we cannot predict the future, what we can do is build upon the current needs of the work force. We can also provide our best thinking of how to help all kids acquire the necessary knowledge and skills.

## Showboat Board News

The Lowell Showboat Board continues to meet the fourth Tuesday of each month and our August meeting was held on the 25th of the month.

The treasurer's report, in a nutshell, is as follows: Balance in account after Bimini Brothers fundraiser was \$3,111.44 outstanding bills paid totaled \$2,210.29 leaving a balance of \$901.15. We received a donation of \$401.53 from the class of 1999 student council, which were proceeds of the teen dances, for the purpose of buying paint for the Showboat restoration project and we are keeping that amount set aside for that purpose. The \$901.15 will be used to pay bank interest, monthly insurance, school rental from Barbershop fundraiser, one day liquor bond and health department license for Fallsburg, phone bill, P.O. Box rental and \$25 to eight of our creditors bringing the paid out total to \$873.89. This will leave \$27.26 in the checkbook.

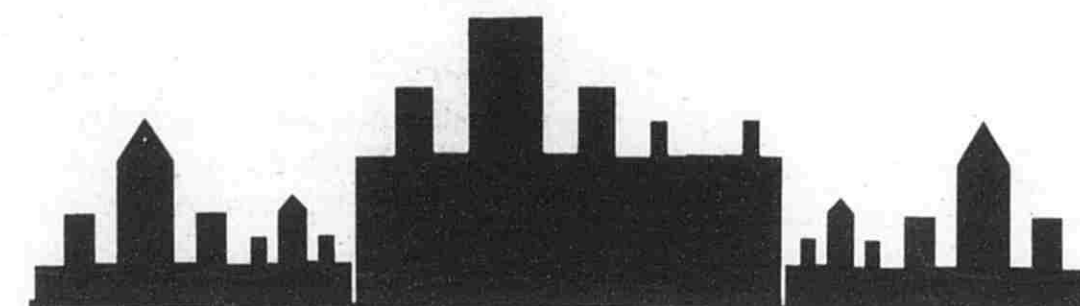
We continue to push for an increase of knowledge measured by MEAP examinations and the acquisition of life long skills. Additionally, we will continue to find ways to increase student understanding of the options available to them in tomorrow's work force.

Clearly, we have much to do. Yet we are committed to the process of all children having a successful future and will continue to dedicate ourselves to this goal.

The Showboat Board was pleased to take part in the annual Riverwalk Festival parade, riding in style, thanks to Harold Zeigler Ford. After the parade, the Showboat was open to the public and we could hardly believe the tremendous number of visitors to the Showboat. The cost was your donation and we received over \$200. Although we did not keep an actual tally of the number of visitors, we estimate about 500. We had visitors who reminisced about "the good old days," parents who brought their children to see where mom or dad graduated, teenagers who were curious or who have been working on the boat and young people who donated a nickel or dime just to see the Showboat up close. Our trivia experts on board were Norm Borgerson, Barbara Curtis and Ivan Blough and they were always ready to answer a question or tell a story. LAHA allowed us to have some scrapbooks on hand...although I had to promise my first-born and the keys to my husband's 1955 Chevy if I didn't return them. The day was truly a success for the Showboat and the community.

Our next fundraising opportunity will be Fallsburg Festival where we will have a food booth. Please be sure to stop by for a mouth watering walking taco or delicious apple dessert. Volunteers are always welcome so contact Jean Huver (897-8053) or Karen Hample (897-5360) if you can help.

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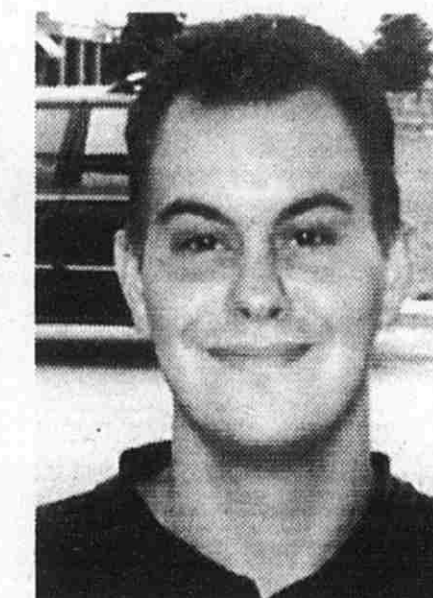


# TOWN TALK

In 25 years, which story do you think people will most frequently reflect back on... The 1998 stock market crash, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa breaking Roger Maris' season home run record of 61 or the President Clinton/Monica Lewinsky affair?



**Jim Deemer**  
The Clinton affair because it's been in the news a lot.



**Brian Thomas**  
The home run race. People are sick of the scandal and who's interested in the stock market?



**Steve Shepard**  
The home run record. They both have brought out an interest in the public and the story is more positive.



**Glenna Billeadeaux**  
The Clinton scandal and how our government has fallen on such a stupid issue.



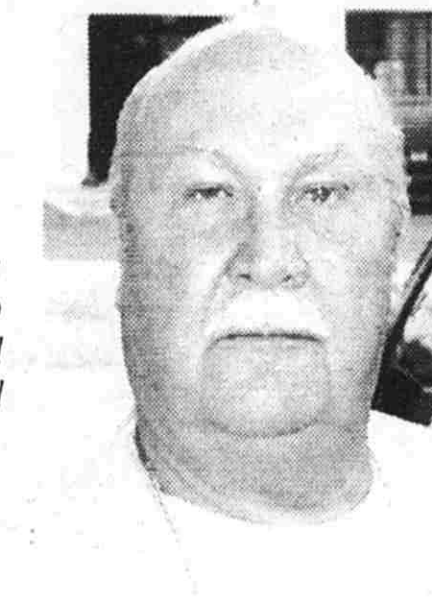
**Beth Sabin**  
The sports enthusiasts will recall the home record being broken, the political pundits will recall the scandal and the financial people will recall the stock market. I will recall the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal and how morally devastating it was.



**Valerie Dykstra**  
That Sosa and McGwire broke Maris' record. I am a baseball fan and my grandfather was a die hard Cubs fan.



**Dana Wolbers**  
The Clinton scandal because they have dragged it on for so long. I think we ought to get rid of the man. He's swasted so much of our money and time.



**Jim Culp**  
The Clinton/Lewinsky scandal. It's another blotch on our country - backing infidelity and crime and doing nothing, at least not as of yet. We shouldn't be submitting our children to this kind of stuff in our newspapers and on television.

**Cindy Kline**  
The home run record because I like sports.

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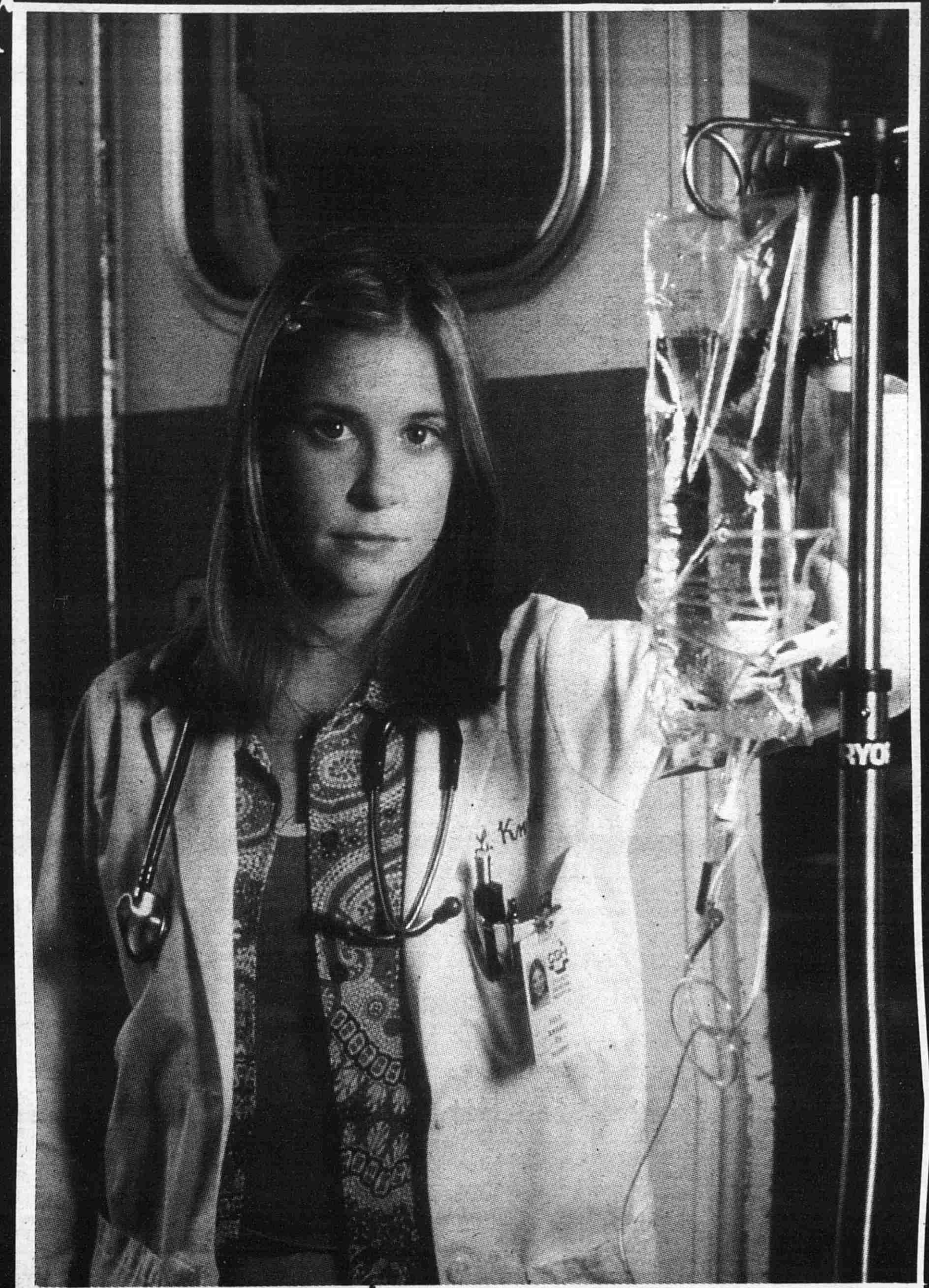
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# Drive makes statement in Lowell's 35-14 win over game bunch of Saxons

••• Shane Teelander's interception return of 100 yards for a touchdown in early minutes of the first quarter stalled a Hastings' drive and shifted momentum in favor of the Red Arrows.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took a statement drive midway through the second quarter for Lowell to establish some cushion between it and a good Hastings' football team.

The Red Arrows won the game 35-14, but it didn't feel like a 21-point win.

The feeling after the game was more reminiscent of last year's 14-13 win over Zeeland.

"I was glad last year to get Zeeland behind us; tonight I'm glad Hastings is behind us," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

The opening minutes of Friday night's contest were also reminiscent of the Ionia game a week ago when Steve VanLaan intercepted a pass and raced 41 yards for Lowell's first touchdown.

The Red Arrows stopped Hastings' opening drive on an interception for a touchdown.

On third down from the Lowell four-yard line, Shane Teelander picked off an Anthony Bowne pass in the front corner of the end zone and raced 100 yards down the visitor's sideline for a Red Arrow touchdown.

"It's good to have Shane as a football player," Dean said. Following Teelander's big play, his head coach quietly told the senior, "I don't want to be picky but you were out of position on that play."

Maybe, but Teelander's speed and anticipation got him into position to snare the ball out of the September air and run with it 100 yards the other way.

Lowell's second score of the first quarter came on a 67-yard pass from T.J. Thayer to Andy Graham.

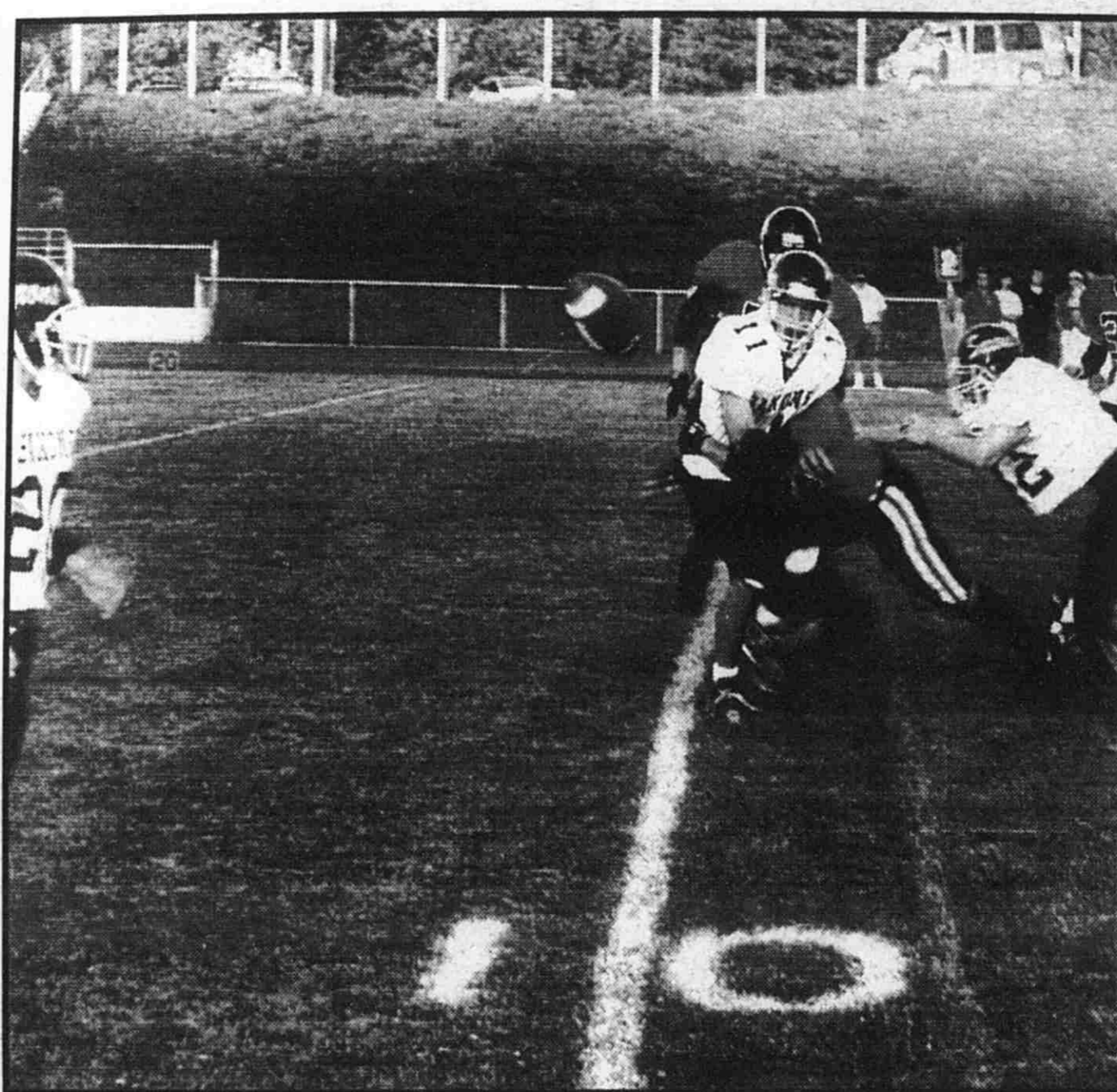
"Lowell is explosive and they have excellent team speed," Hastings' coach Jeff Keller said. "Our kids played with a lot of heart. I'd just like to have back a couple of mental mistakes."

Following a Hastings' one-yard touchdown run by Bill

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Getting the opposition to respect the run of the fullback is a key component in running the veer offense successfully. Above, Neil Reimbold, Lowell fullback, carries out the fake in action against Hastings.



Hastings' quarterback Anthony Bowne gets hit by a Lowell defender as he pitches to Josh Woodard.

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# Lowell offense sputters in nine-point loss to Greenville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

On rare occasions it happens... that impatience betters patience.

That was the case in Lowell girls 36-27 loss to Greenville in high school basketball play Thursday night.

"We played well on defense but just couldn't score enough points," said Greenville coach Ann Hayward. The Yellowjacket scoring total was enough to beat the Red Arrows, but well below their 50-something point per game average.

At the other end, Lowell's offense sputtered.

"We played with a scared patience," Red Arrow basketball coach Ken Akers explained. "We did not attack the basket. The girls have to be more aggressive offensively."

The Red Arrows' stagnant play at the offensive end mustered just 13 points in three quarters of play.

"We played hard on defense, but you have to be able to score some points," Akers explained. "We were tentative and did not execute on offense."

Lowell trailed 30-13 entering the final eight minutes. The Red Arrow offense did not show any signs of life

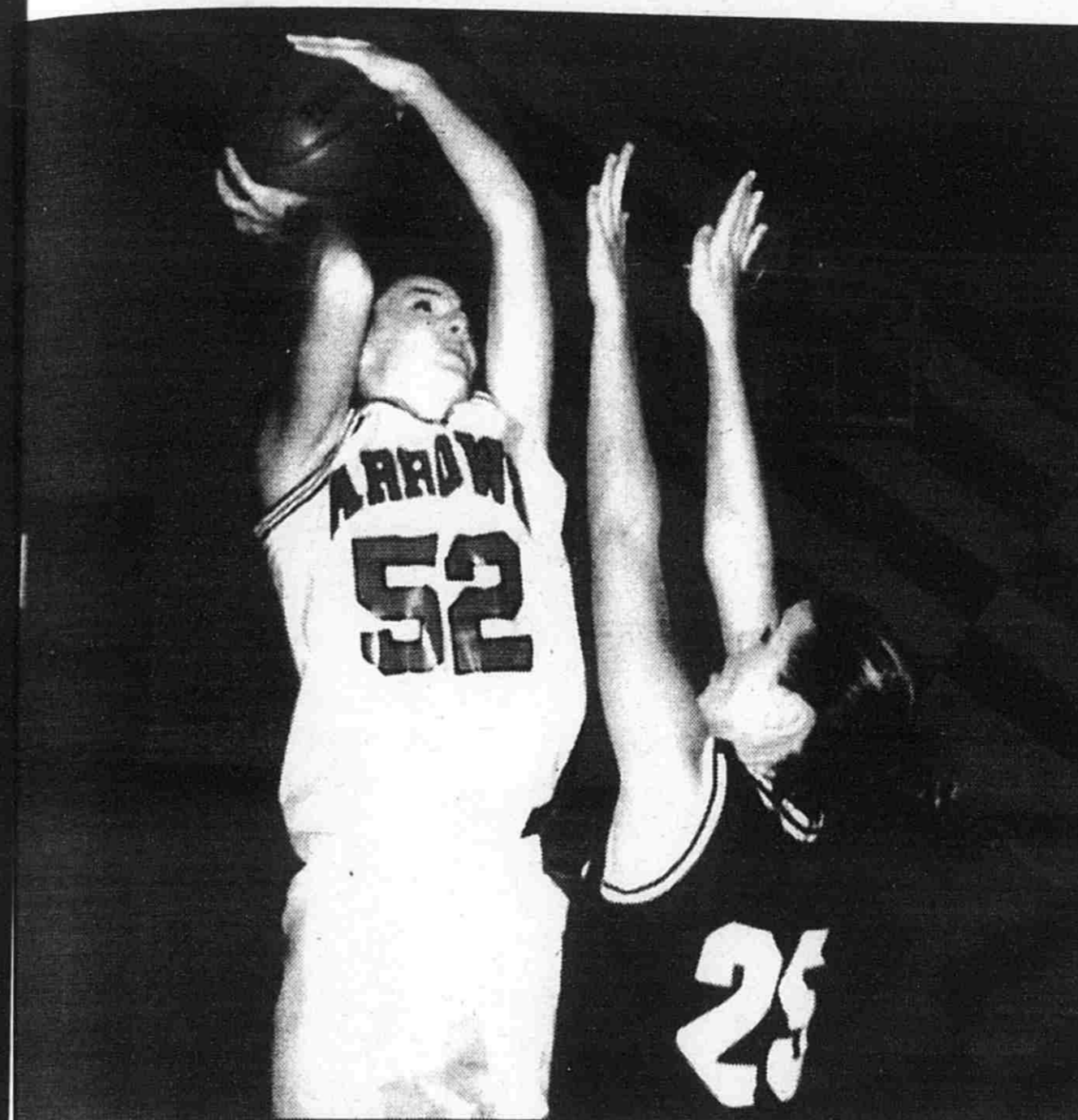
until the final four minutes of play.

Lowell cut the deficit to 10 with 2:19 to play on a basket by Kelly Chapman. The Red Arrows got the deficit down to eight on a Bethany Fredline three with less than a minute to play.

"We played lousy and got beat by nine points," Akers said.

Lowell's coach also felt a 10-day layoff between his club's second and third game did not help.

Fredline led all Lowell scorers with 13 points. The loss drops Lowell's record to 1-2.



Lowell's Amanda Stoutjesdyk puts up a short jumper in the lane against her Greenville counterpart.

# Red Arrow boys searching for consistency out on the links

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Lowell's golf coach Jack Ogle looked into the crystal ball for the 1998

season, he saw a need for consistency out of his number three and four linksters.

Ogle, thus far, has been pleased with just how dependable the rotation of players at three and four has been.

"What wasn't expected, though, is the inconsistency Ogle's one and two players have experienced.

"Both Jim (Gilchrist) and Dan (Barton) have struggled with their consistency," Ogle said. "They continue to work

builder," Ogle said.

Freshman Wade Gilchrist was the team medalist. He carded a 45. Two behind him was Barton with a 47. Nick Collins and Jeff Pfaller came home in 49.

"Pfaller has been pretty consistent around the mid 40s. Collins has actually been playing better than that," Ogle said.

Lowell's coach described the conditions at Watermark as tough. "It has a lot of wa-

# Lowell's Kirsch and Rottier provide the kick in boys' cross country win over Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following what coach Mike Mull referred to as his version of hell week, the Red Arrow boys cross country team was nearly two-and-a-half minutes faster in its 20-39 win over Hastings Wednesday at Johnson Park.

"As a team the boys were about 2:24 faster than last week," Mull explained. "That's an incredible improvement. It is what I was asking for them."

Frank Kirsch and Dan Rottier led from start to finish. Hastings' Mike Elliott ran with the Red Arrows through half of the race. "About half way through the race, Kirsch and Rottier pulled away," Mull explained.

The two Lowell harriers posted the second and fourth best times in the conference on Wednesday.

Kirsch stopped the clock in 17:58 and Rottier came home in 18:10.

Caleb O'Boyle, Lowell's third runner home and fourth overall, stopped the clock in 20:01.

"Caleb was not far off the pace. He ran a strong race by himself," Mull said.

Lowell's Aaron Plattner was fourth overall, coming off the course in 20:04. "Aaron was a half mile back at the two mile mark, but finished strong," Mull said.

Following Plattner was teammate Mike Suman. The Red Arrow was eighth overall in a time of 20:35.

"I am happy with their effort and work," Mull said. "We are going to need our third, fourth and fifth runners to knock another 30 seconds off their time next week against Central."

Hastings was led by Elliott's time of 18:46. Cory Sandusky was sixth overall at 20:11; Steve Moray was seventh in 20:13; Shawn Hill was 11th at 22:55 and Scott Sawyer placed 12th at 23:15.

# Winning and losing for Red Arrow girl harriers separated by 30 seconds

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A half minute in the OK White may mean the difference between winning and losing a cross country meet.

"If our second pack of runners (three-seven) can drop their times by 30 seconds, we beat everybody. If not, we get beat," Lowell girls cross country coach Mike Mull explained.

Lowell's Ashley Cunningham led the Red Arrows at Johnson Park on Wednesday. Cunningham placed second. She stopped the clock at 22:35.

"The sophomore's time is remarkable in that she had to stop while out on the course.

"Ashley was about 30 seconds behind when she stopped, but after she began running again, she was able to pass the Saxons' second and third runners," Mull said.

Freshman Molly Kirsch was Lowell's second runner in Kirsch was fifth overall. She finished with a time of 23:01.

"Both Cunningham and Kirsch hit their goal times," Mull said.

Lowell's third harrier home was Andrea Baker. She came off the terrain in a time of 24:18. Stacey Anderson and Beth Larabee were ninth and 10th respectively, stopping the clock at 25:03 and 25:05.

Other Red Arrow runners to finish the race but not figuring in the scoring were Courtney Baker, 25:10; Amber O'Boyle 25:23 and Anna Komejan, 28:47.

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Blair and a two-point conversion; the Saxons trailed by six, 14-8.

That is when Lowell made its statement. "We set the tone," Dean said.

Up to that point Lowell had rushed for only five yards. The Red Arrows, on a six-play drive (all rushes), marched 58 yards with Neil Reimbold scoring on a five-yard rumble.

"That was a statement drive," Dean said.

Keller got the message. "Lowell began pounding the ball at us. We're not a big team," he explained.

Leading 22-8, Lowell authored a final drive before half-time. This time it moved the ball 47 yards in 11 plays with VanLaan scoring on a three-yard run.

Hastings scored on their first possession of the second half. Mike Pursell raced 48 yards off a trap, cutting Lowell's lead to 28-14. Pursell finished the night with 125 yards on 14 carries.

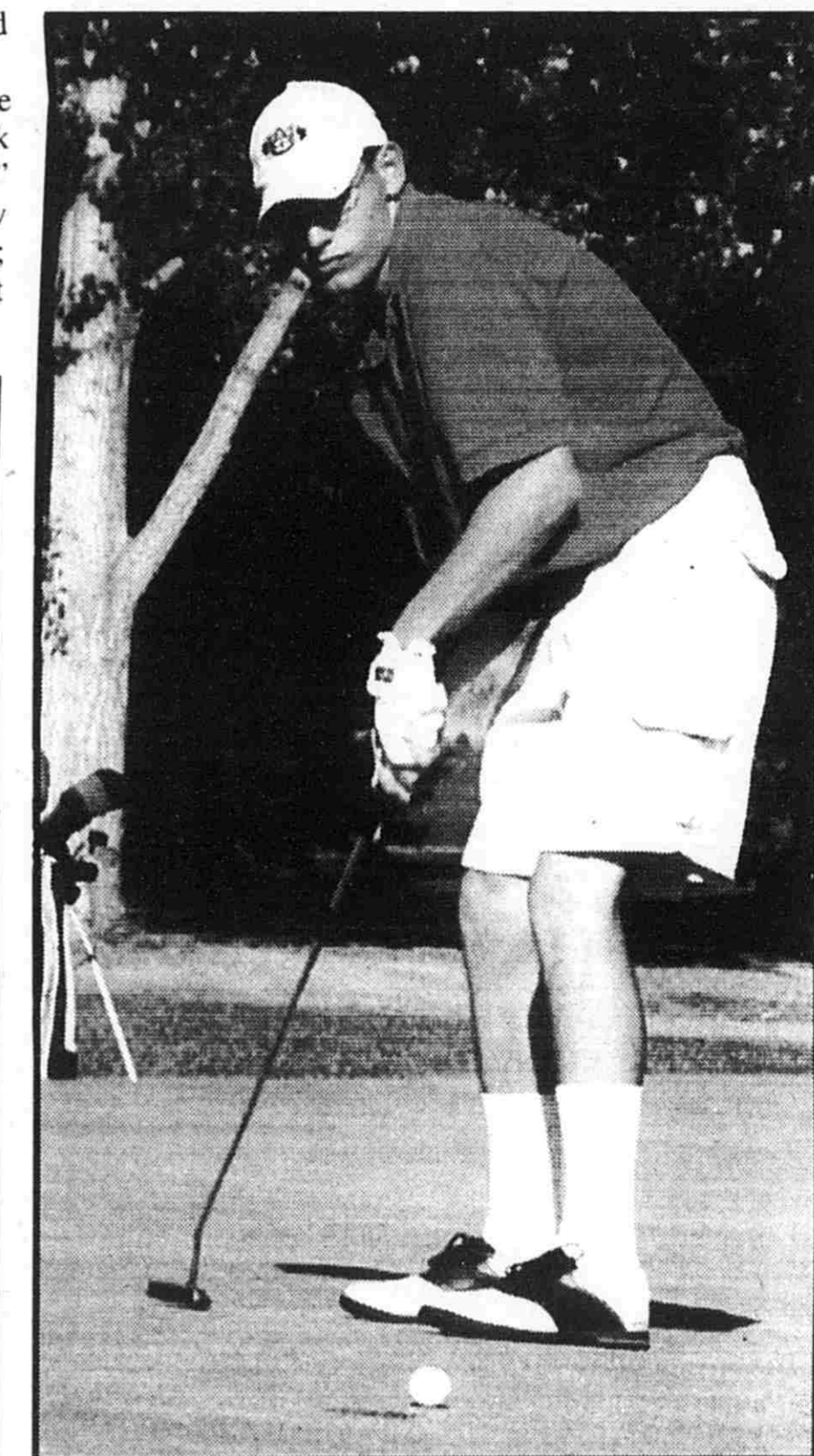
Lowell's only score in the second half came in the fourth quarter on a 31-yard pass from Thayer to Teelander.

The Lowell QB was four-of-13 for 118 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 83 yards.

VanLaan ran the ball 13 times for 128 yards. Bowne was eight-of-12 for 49 yards and an interception.

"He's a nice player. Number 11 is going to make a few defenses look bad this year," Dean explained.

The win improves Lowell's overall record to 2-0. It will take its 1-0 league record into Forest Hills Friday to play the Rangers in a battle of 1997 OK White co-champions. FHC won 6-0 against Northview Friday night.



Lowell's Dan Barton watches his put go left during high school golf action at Deer Run Golf Course.

hard and keep a good attitude. They are going to be okay."

Lowell split its triangular with Forest Hills Central and Hastings on Tuesday at the par 36 Watermark course.

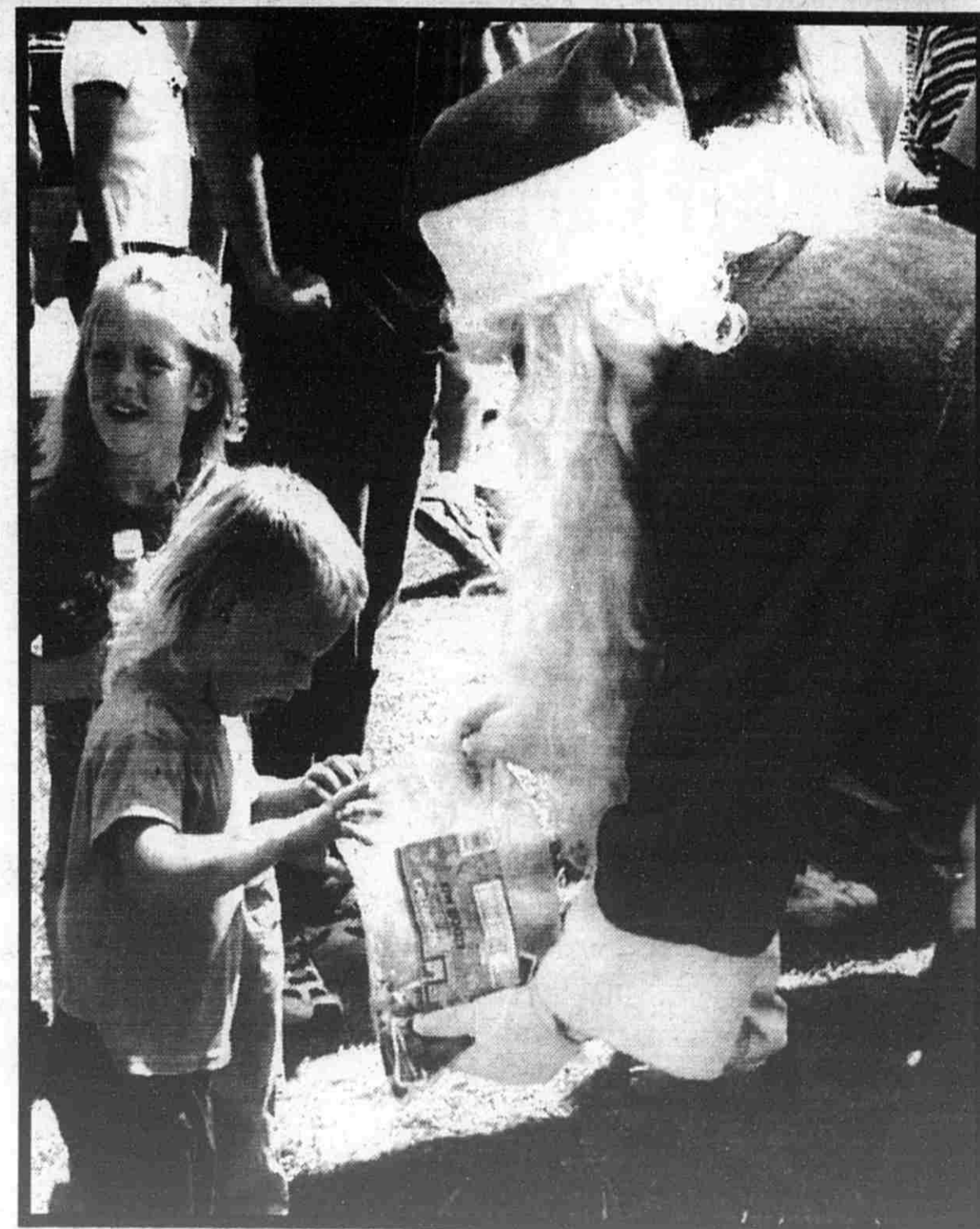
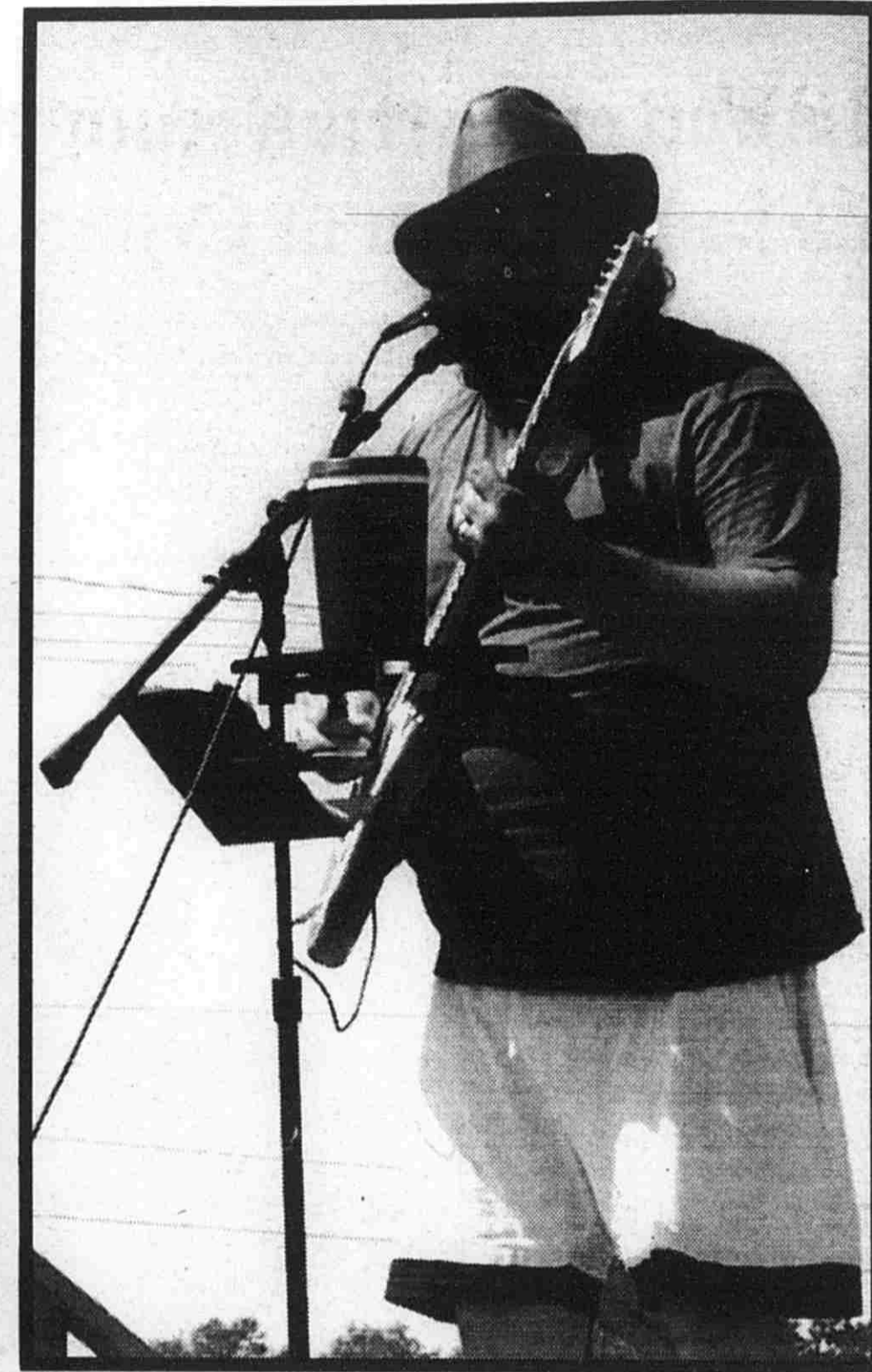
Logan won it with a 173. Lowell shot a 188 and Hastings finished with a 195.

Absent from the Red Arrows' top four-leader board was Jim Gilchrist. "All Jim needs right now is a confi-

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# More Toy Run pictures...



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# DPM to present demographic material findings at Oct. 8 meeting

J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Not wanting to get caught with its pants down, the Lowell Area Schools is looking ahead to the future in hopes of anticipating its growth.

Monday night, Super-intendent Bert Bleke presented the board of education with an update on the district's two-year demographic study. The Demographic committee has accumulated an "impressive amount of material," much of which was turned over to a consulting group, DPM, for analysis, Bleke said. On Oct. 8, the DPM group will present its findings,

which will include an aerial map of the district.

Bleke said the purpose behind all the demographics work is for the district to be able to make predictions about the district's future student population growth as accurate as possible.

"I would like to add a disclaimer if I could," Bleke said. "Do not think we are going to go out and build next summer or next spring or that we are going to ask for that. We just want to be ahead of the curve."

Part of being ahead of the curve is to know what to expect, he said.

The committee will begin to review its data along with reviewing all options on how to handle future growth. Bleke said when talking about all options, this does include the possibility of year-round schools along with/or building. But before any decision can be made, the district must first consider everything and then eliminate what officials, board members, and the community do not want, he explained.

The committee will also review building capacity and begin to gather community input through surveys and focus groups.

## Developer considers bringing 90-unit apartment to Lowell Township

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

Apartments in Lowell Township? Developer Dave Woods questioned the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission about potentially building apartments in Lowell Township.

Woods stated at the meeting Sept. 14 that he was considering the purchase of what is known as the McKinnon property and that he hoped to develop it. The land, which is on the east side of Cumberland just north of the Key Heights trailer park, would support a 90-unit apartment building if approved.

The planning commission presented Woods with two obstacles to his potential development. First, chair Richard Bryan indicated that sewer systems are not available in that area and the land would need to be rezoned. Second, Bryan stated that the area is being "developed enough" at this time. "Another big project would subtract even more from the private country atmosphere," he added.

Woods told commission members that his inquiry was for "preliminary information" and that he "had not made any decisions yet." He stated that he would follow the necessary procedures if he opted to pursue the project.

## New road considered for Foxtail Ridge development

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

A new road may be coming to Lowell Charter Township! At their meeting Sept. 14, Dave Potter presented the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission with his proposals for a new Lowell Township road.

The road will potentially run in the area south of 36th Street and west of Kissing Rock. The road name under consideration is Foxtail; the road would be constructed in affiliation with Potter's Foxtail Ridge development.

Though the projects are currently in the early stages, Potter supplied plans for the road for the commission to evaluate. It will be 60 feet wide and 1200 feet long if approved and will be paved with curb and gutter.

Commission chair Richard Bryan indicated that in order for the project to proceed, Potter would need to supply documentation like a cross-section of the road and sealed copies of the engineer's report.

"I expect the [road project] will take about seven months," said Potter. "I'll make sure I have all my bases covered."

## School district accepts four gifts from community

The Lowell Area Schools received several gifts totaling \$1,375.

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Vernon C. Nauta, 2821 Parnell Ave. NE, is requesting to use a barn formerly used to house dairy cows as a storage facility for marine use. The requested use is permitted under Section 201.304 C (10) Rental Storage, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

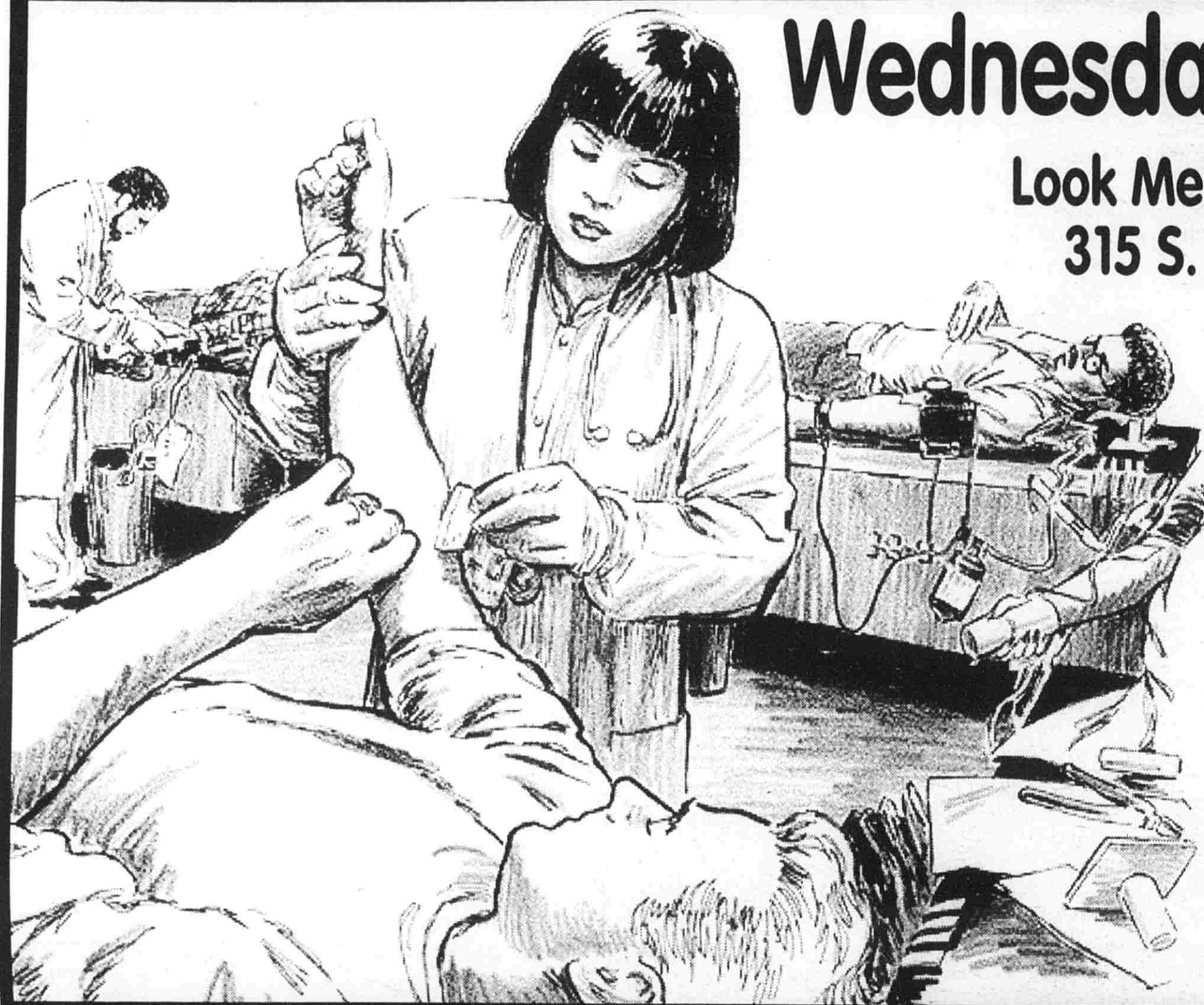
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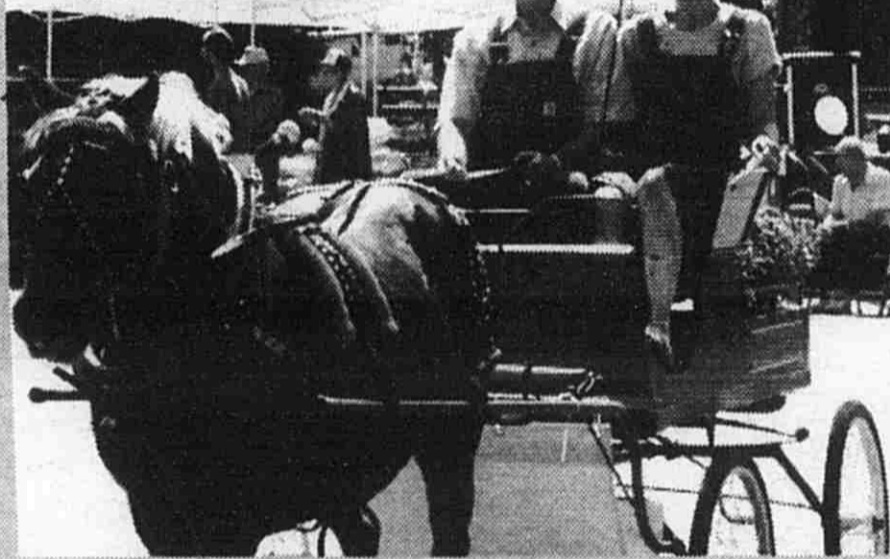
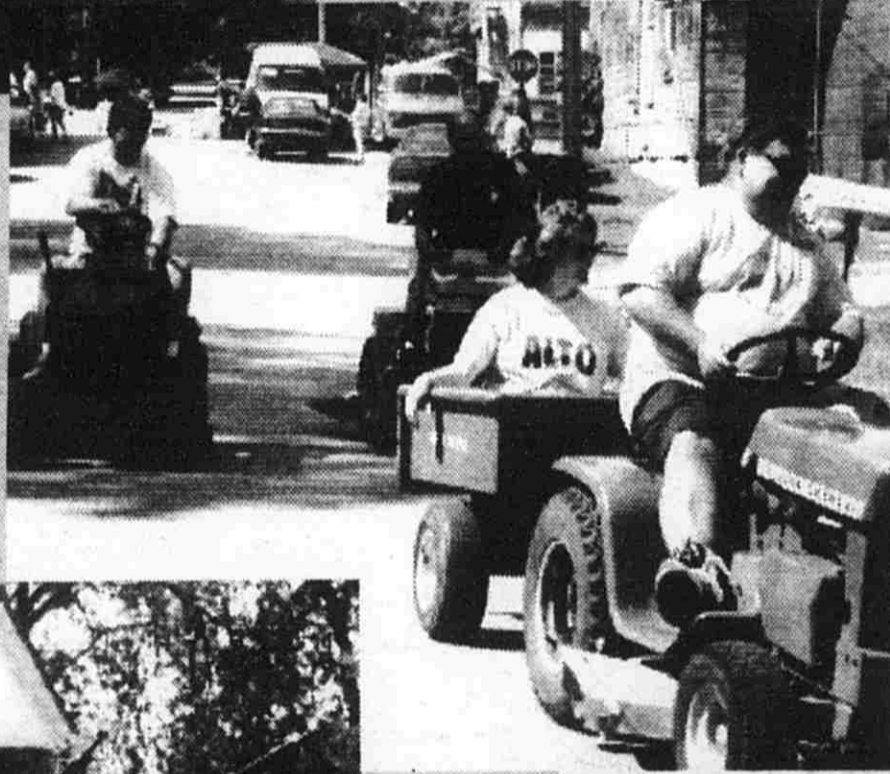
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# Alto Fall Festival



Things at the Alto Fall Festival were on the move... From the Cruis'n Critters mobile zoo to the motoring lawn mowers and the wheel'n bikers to the sauntering horse and buggies. The bright sunshine highlighted a day of old-fashioned fun, including a blue ribbon pie contest, tug-of-war, pony rides and a dunk tank. Saturday's day in the sun was the 18th annual Alto Fall Festival.

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