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## Legislators provide school district with encouraging news on funding

By J. N. Boormsa  
Contributing Writer

It's rare, but it does happen that once in a while the news from the state in regards to school funding is good.

Such was the case last week...the state legislators decided on two years of school state funding that could give Lowell Area Schools quite a boost.

"When we heard the news, we were very happy," said business director, Connie Gillette, who presented a brief outline of the benefits Lowell will receive to the board at its Monday night meeting.

First, the district will receive a one-time payment of \$51 per pupil this year. This

totals to an extra \$180,000 for Lowell. The district will receive this money in seven payments starting in February 1999.

**Notable:** Lowell School District will receive a one-time payment increase in the foundation allowance of \$51 per student. For the 1999-2000 school year it will get a \$190 foundation allowance increase per student

**Quotable:** When we heard the news, we were very happy.

- Connie Gillette

Also, the retirement rate was reduced from 11.15 percent to 10.77 percent, an especially nice surprise since it will be an additional \$100,000

savings for Lowell, Gillette said. This reduction was due to a good stock market and good investments. And while this is the second year in a

row that the retirement rate has gone down, Gillette cautioned against being too optimistic, especially as the stock market changes.

Another bonus for the district was that the state set the funding per student for the 1999-2000 school year, which will be \$190 per student. Gillette said this advanced figure will help the district to plan for the following school year versus making a lot of assumptions and guesses.

Other changes that could benefit the district include adjustments in special education funding as well as possible changes in At-Risk money, which could mean an extra \$6,000 for the district.

Gillette said she planned to give the board a more detailed report in December along with having the budget amended to reflect these changes.

## With turkeys gone, Lowell Charter Township farmer looking for something to pay the taxes

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

What do you do with three huge empty turkey barns?

That was a topic discussed by farmers Bill and Carol Wieland at the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission meeting Oct. 12.

The Wielands will no longer be farming turkeys at the end of this year, and they have found that farming crops alone will not pay the taxes on their property at 52nd and Pratt Lake in Lowell Township. What's more, they will soon find themselves owners of large-capacity turkey barns that will serve no purpose on their land.

Bill Wieland approached the commission to familiarize himself with township ordinances to determine what ordinances allow for family-owned businesses. He indicated a desire to store recreational vehicles such as boats and campers in his barns, two of which measure 55 by 550 feet and one

which measures 50 by 200 feet. He commented that their property is zoned as farmland and, because of this, ordinances regulate uses for the land.

Commission secretary David Simmonds explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals can approve variances to the zoning ordinance in certain circumstances and an application process would need to be followed. As a member himself of the Board of Appeals, Simmonds offered to obtain materials for the Wielands which would explain the appeal process.

"There's a lot of fine print with this sort of thing," stated commission chair Richard Bryan. "The commission is not in a position to add allowances through special use permits."

Bill Wieland expressed, "This land has been in the family since 1885. We're just looking for enough money now to pay the taxes on it."

## Leadership Lowell seeks future community guidance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ray Quada, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Jim Bossard, Lowell Rotary, Marsha Wilcox, Bill Thompson, Carol Wells, Bert Bleke, Gordie Barry and Roger LaWarre are just some of the names and organizations synonymous with providing leadership in the Lowell community.

The day will come when these trusted individuals will step aside and new individuals will be looked to for leadership.

The development of a Leadership Lowell concept can increase the ability of individuals, organizations and community through leadership learning.

The Leadership Lowell concept is being developed

**Notable:** Leadership Lowell meeting slated for Thursday, Nov. 12

**Quotable:** We want to creatively help people in organizations so they can take part and play a significant role.

- Bert Bleke

and funded through the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Its purpose is to discover better ways for the Lowell community to work together to maximize human and financial resources; increase individual involvement in the community; provide increased learning opportunities for Lowell residents and organizations; and assure the

## Victorian Oaks development meets with commission approval

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

Tom Karp had an unmistakable smile on his face. Karp's proposed development project, Victorian Oaks, received Lowell Charter Township planning commission approval contingent on "minor changes" recommended by the township's engineer. A public hearing date was set for Oct. 28.

Township clerk Carol Wells stated at the meeting that a letter was received that day from Gary Voogt, township engineer from Moore & Bruggink of Grand Rapids. Voogt stated that Karp's plans were "well done and approvable after minor changes." The changes involve the double-checking of fire hydrant locations and attention to street detail on the development's public road, among other adjustments.

Karp questioned the necessity following Voogt's recommendations and asked whether or not the commission would mandate the changes. "If something [in the plans] is suggested to change, it will be changed before approval," commission chair Richard Bryan stated. "Any 'should be' in Voogt's wording is a 'yes.'"

The public hearing Oct. 28 will be for approval of a special use permit for on-site septic systems in the proposed Victorian Oaks project. Karp was informed by the commission that, when sewer service reaches that area of the township, homes located there may be required to hook up to it within an allotted time frame. Issues such as that one will be discussed at greater length at the public hearing.

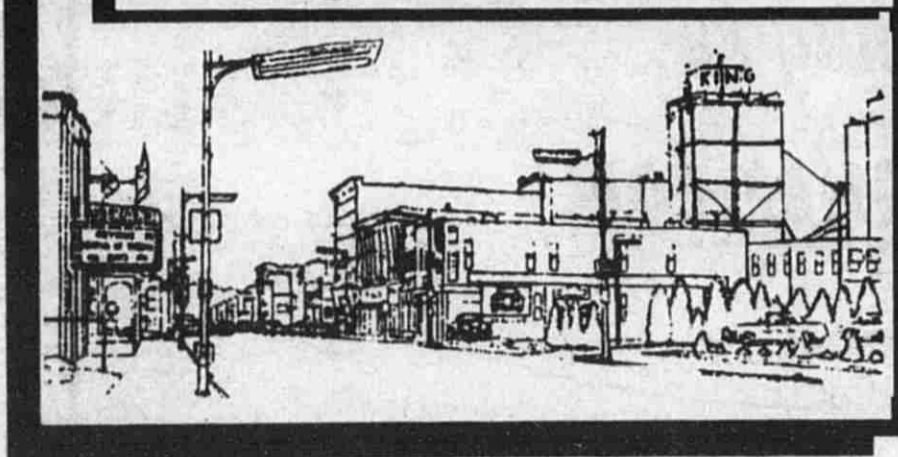
Karp said that he intends to submit revised plans to township consultants by Oct. 28.

**Notable:** Victorian Oaks will be a 50-home development. Karp's next step is an Oct. 28 public hearing.

**Quotable:** Tom Karp's plans were well done and approvable after some minor adjustments.

- Gary Voogt

### Along Main Street



#### YMCA BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

The Lowell YMCA is still accepting registrations for its fall basketball program grades 3-6. The registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 15, by 5 p.m.

Drop off registration at YMCA office, 323 W. Main St., or call 897-8445.

#### CUB SCOUTS

Are you involved with fall sports and still interested in Cub Scouts? Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets Tuesday nights at the Lowell First United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

Cub Scouting is a year-round program and boys in grades 1-5 are welcome to join our pack at any time - just stop by or call 897-8751 for more information.

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## OBITUARIES

**CZECH** - Ellen D. Czech, aged 48, of Ionia, formerly of Saranac, passed away October 5, 1998. Surviving are her husband Rick; one daughter Michelle Allen of Ionia; one son Daniel Zimmer of Ionia; two grandchildren Nicholas Scott and Ryan Thomas Allen, both of Ionia; brothers and sisters Floyd and Marlene Smith of Saranac, Gladys and Emery Bowen of Saranac, Elsie and Bert Copron of Lowell, Darlene Klahn of Lowell, Erwin and Shirley Smith of Saranac, Elaine and John Harkes of Jenison; mother-in-law Marie Czech of Wisconsin; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held October 9 with burial in Saranac Cemetery. Arrangements by Cook Funeral Home, Ionia.

**DEBOLD** - Terrance B. DeBolt, Sgt. Kent County Sheriff Dept. (Ret), aged 53, passed away peacefully in the loving arms of his wife and went to be with the Lord Monday, October 5, 1998. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Karen C. DeBolt (Hutchings); their children and grandchildren Brian and Renee DeBolt and their children Chris, Tory and Kim of Lowell, Terry and Sheri DeBolt and their children Sara and Noelle of Grand

Rapids, Mike DeBolt and Kelly Shotwell of Lowell and life-long friend Miles Fase of Ada. Services were held Friday at Northview Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Contributions may be made at the church or sent to 2222 Riverside NE, c/o Karen DeBolt.

**DRAKE** - Stephen D. Drake Sr., aged 61, of Onekama, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 1998. He was preceded in death by his daughter Sara. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; his children Heidi (Jeffrey) Anonick of Belmont, Molly (Michael) Miller of Alto, Stephen (Margo) Drake Jr. of East Grand Rapids; mother Lucille Drake of Traverse City; brothers Joel Drake, Michael Drake; sister Sue Baker; seven grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and dog Tenby. Private funeral services were held by the family. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church, 4920 Spring St., Onekama, MI 49675.

**OPDYCKE** - Holland M. Opdycke, aged 61, of Bitely, passed away October 3, 1998. Surviving are mother Kathryn of Madison Heights; wife Mary Jane; daughters Hollene (Al) Lowetz of Lowell, Deborah of Tennessee; son Holland (Rachel) Opdycke of Swartz Creek; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers; one sister; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held October 7 with burial in

Bitely Cemetery. Arrangements by Vida Funeral Home in Baldwin.

**VANDER MOLEN** - Howard S. Vander Molen, aged 70, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 1998. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sue; children Jim (Linda) Vander

Molen of Saranac, Robin (Rick) Seese and Ron (Kathleen) Vander Molen of Granger, IN; grandchildren Angela, Sara, Scott and Molly; sisters Shirley Vander Molen and Joyce Schank; a special friend Craig Rich; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst

Chapel, Lowell, pastor John Prominski of the Resurrection Life Church of Ionia officiating. Memorials may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Santa Claus Girls, 155 Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

## March of Dimes needs Lowell residents to serve some time

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is calling all Lowell citizens to volunteer to "do time" to help raise funds for America's mothers and babies by participating in Jail and Bail.

Jail and Bail, to be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, involves the mock arrest and jailing of well-known personalities and ordinary citizens for such "crimes" as impersonating a manager to visual assault with a loud necktie.

"We need volunteer jailbirds, jailers and judges to make this Jail and Bail a great success," said Debbie Hopkins, event coordinator. Volunteers will take "mug shots" of participants, handle phone calls, record pledges and provide transportation if needed.

A temporary jail will be set up at Station Break Video in Lowell to serve as the site for Jail and Bail. At the jail, a volunteer judge will set one-

hour sentences for each lawbreaker. The jailbird uses that time to call friends, associates and co-workers to raise bail in the form of a contribution to the March of Dimes.

Anyone interested in doing time for the March of Dimes or serving as a Jail and Bail volunteer should call Debbie Hopkins at 1-800-968-3463.

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Through its efforts to Save Babies Together, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy.

"Jail and Bail is a lot of fun and raises urgently needed funds to support programs to help improve the health of Lowell's mothers and babies.



A shark's skeleton contains no bones. It is made entirely of cartilage.

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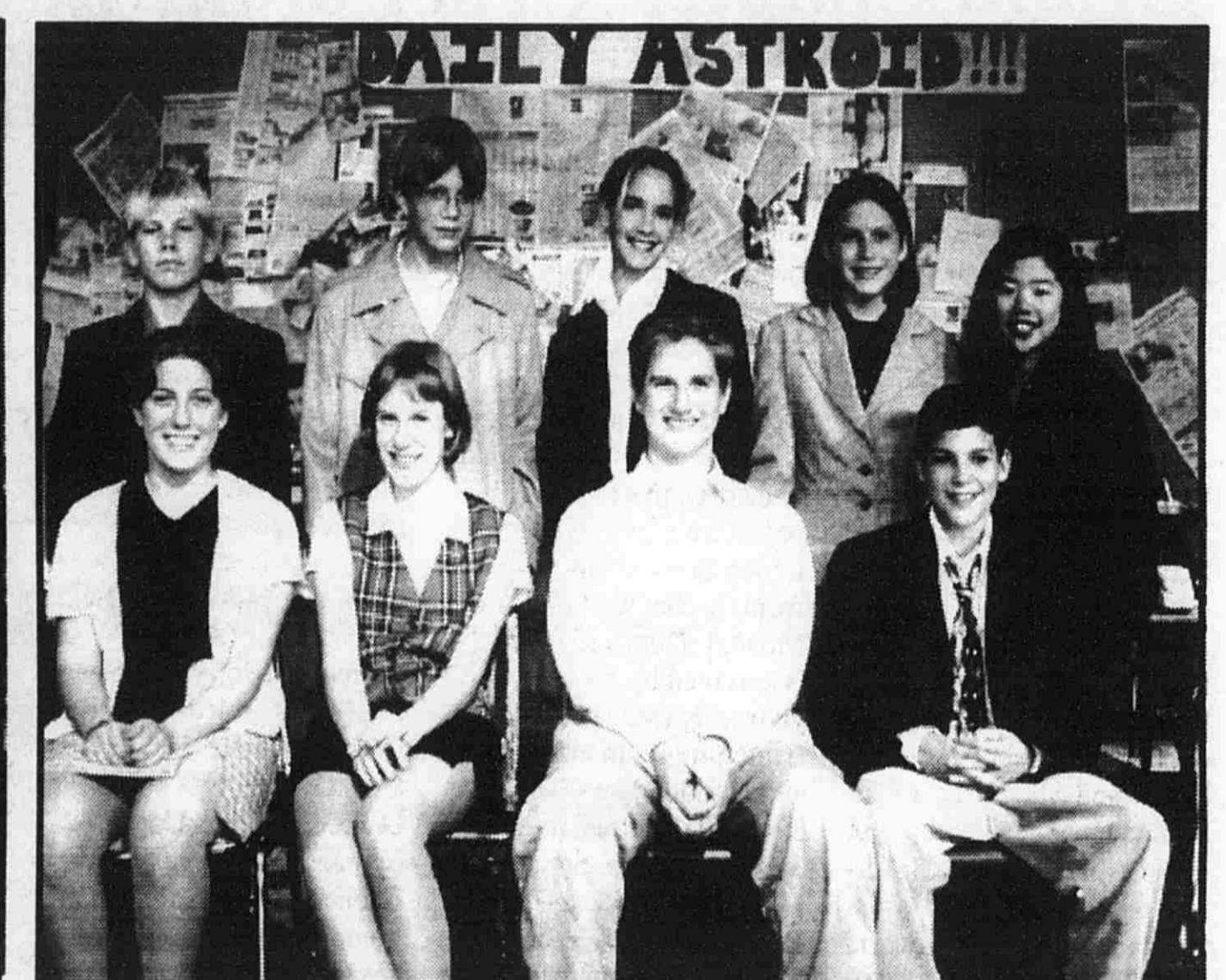
## "Nerdman" coming to Lowell Middle School Tuesday, Oct. 20



Pictured, front row, left to right: Jennifer Meyers, Kristi Kremer, Craig Carpenter, Amber LaBine; back row, left to right: Angela Gooch, Christine LaFave, Ruthanne Oesch, Tara Giuliano and Melissa Neubecker. Not pictured are: Kaley Grummet, Nate Luebs, Steve Shepard and Justin Soyka.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, the Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class, under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett, will present the comedy, *It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's...Nerdman!* There's a crime wave in Petropolis, and the newsroom at The Daily Asteroid is buzzing with excitement. Investigative reporters are disappearing, citizens are being robbed and terrorized. Is there anyone out there who can restore truth and justice?

Meanwhile, the dashing Clark Brent tries everything he can to impress Lois Drane, society



Pictured, front row, left to right: Noelle Dewey, Cori Drenth (as Lois Drane), Steve Sper (as Nerdman), Evan Dorough; back row, left to right: Sean Austin, Seth Heimer, Kim Hoogewind, Carisa Sayer, Kelsay Myers.

editor. But, she's not interested. Lois makes it clear that Clark is just too cool and self-centered, and would stand a better chance if he had a little honest "nerd" in him.

Come join the fun. Meet the many interesting and zany characters who populate Petropolis and The Daily Asteroid, and enjoy a free evening of entertainment. The play will be presented in the LMS cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

### IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Recruit Dennis J. Wagner, son of Kevin J. and Sue M. Wagner of Alto, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, Wagner completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Wagner and other recruits

also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Wagner

joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this

year from all over the country. Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Wagner and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few

years, highly motivated young people like Wagner are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training.

He is a 1998 graduate of Caledonia High School.

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Grattan Township would like to update the list of residents interested in serving on any appointed committee, commission, or board.

Any resident who would like to make a contribution and become more involved in the community should submit letters of interest to:

**Richard A. Herweyer, Supervisor**  
 Grattan Township  
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 Belding, MI 48809

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## Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to present a "Touch of Winter Magic"

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan, is presenting "A Touch of Winter Magic." The session, held at the Saginaw Civic Center in Saginaw, runs from Oct. 13 thru Oct. 15. This is Michigan's 132nd annual session.

Approximately 2,500 from over 255 chapters in Michigan are in attendance, along with visitors from throughout the United States and the Provinces of Canada. Delegates from Cyclamen Chapter #94, of Lowell, are attending the session.

Last year's records show over \$120,000 was given to charities thru Michigan's Grand Chapter, in addition to over \$72,000 given to local charities by subordinate chapters. Cyclamen Chapter's donations to local charities included school youth projects, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, and a European Tour of the Student Ambassadors from the Cascade-Forest Hills area.

## Lowell Women's Club begins new year

The Lowell Women's Club held their first meeting of the year at Schneider Manor on September 9. Senior girls from Lowell High School and their sponsors were introduced to the members. Every year 15 senior girls are chosen to be honorary members of the Women's Club and each girl is sponsored by a member of the club. They meet every month with the club and participate in the programs and the various activities that the club sponsors.

They also report each month on the activities of the high school. Kelly Chapman, who was sponsored last year by the Women's Club at the Hobie camp where students learn leadership skills, etc., gave a report on her attendance at the camp. Also reporting to the club on the working of several organizations were Bert Bleke, superintendent of schools; Jim Reagan, representative of D.D.A.; Jim Doyle, of Lowell Historical Society; and Jim Valentine, representing the Lowell City Council. They reported on the plans and accomplishments of each of these organizations.



Week of 10/19 - 10/30

### ELEMENTARY

**MON:** Ravioli, California blend veggies, French bread/margarine, apple or canned fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Hot dog in a bun, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit crisp or fruit, milk.

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

**THUR:** Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, side salad, juice, punch or grape, chocolate pudding or fruit, milk.

**FRI:** Corn dog on a stick or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, corn, muffin (corn), assorted fruit, milk.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

**MON:** Ravioli, burrito, chef salad, or cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: Calif. blend, juice, side salad; French bread w/margarine, apple or canned fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Hot dog or crispo w/cheese, chef salad w/bread (chili dog), cheeseburger or yogurt; choose 2: Baked potato, half deli or side salad; fruit crisp or canned fruit, milk.

**WED:** Chicken nuggets or baked ham, cheeseburger in a bun, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans or side salad; homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

**THURS:** Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, turkey or ham croissant, yogurt, chef salad, cheeseburger; Choose 2: oven fries, side salad or juice (punch, grape); chocolate pudding or fruit, milk.

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**OCT. 15** - Jamie Roth, Jason Roth, Elizabeth Raab, Mark Russell, Jan Lippert, Annie Oesch, Kevin Clouser, Frank Grudzinskas.

**OCT. 16** - Angela J. Zengri, Paula Blough.

**OCT. 17** - Collin Kaeb.

**OCT. 18** - Mary Ellen Rivers, Brian Willmarth, Brian Scott Kunard, Hayden Andrews/Snyder.

**OCT. 19** - Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk, Ruth Smith, Zachary Clouser.

**OCT. 20** - Jack Thomet, John DeHaan, Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson.

**OCT. 21** - Al Seeley, Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.

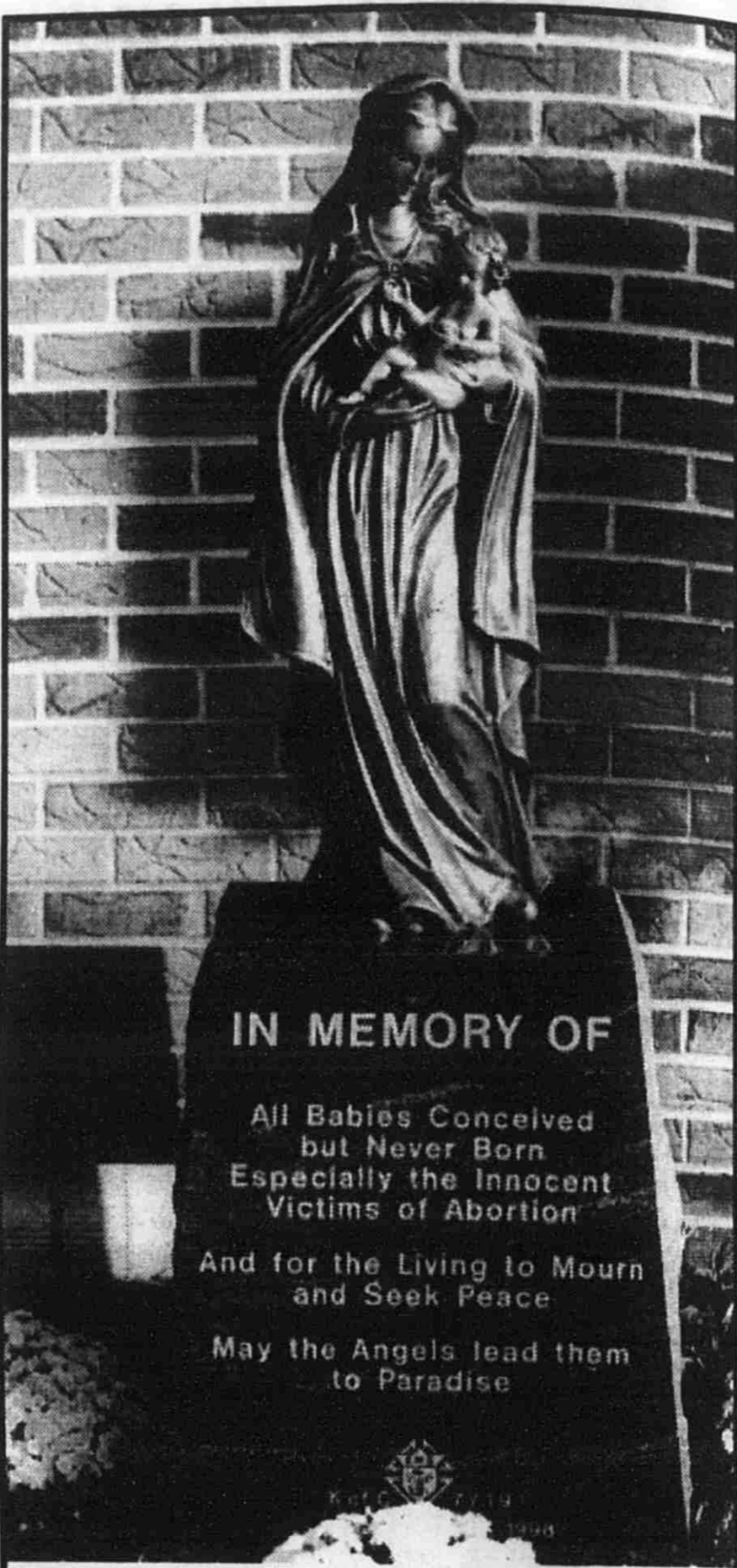
### AREA BIRTHS

Jeff and Amy Batey are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Nicole Lynn Batey on September 20, 1998. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Welcoming her home are big brother Sean, grandparents Lloyd and Pam Batey of Lowell, LeRoy and Phyllis Wallace of Ionia, and great-grandparents Wallace and Donna Ypma of Jenison.



Nicole Lynn Batey

Rick and Debbie Bowling are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jack Tanner, born September 24, 1998. He weighed 8 lbs. and measured 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Chris and Darlene Crawford of Lowell and Bill and Gari Bowling of Middleville.



### Dedication to the Unborn

Knights of Columbus, Council #7719, held a dedication ceremony for the recently installed Memorial to the Unborn, at St. Mary Catholic Church. As supporters of the right-to-life issues, the Knights of Columbus' concern is not only to protect the life of the unborn and to memorialize those not given the opportunity to live a full and natural life, but to provide an expression of forgiveness to those who have taken the life of their child. The monument will serve just such a purpose. It is located at the south side of St. Mary Church.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

		<b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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	
<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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. Every Wednesday Bible study/enrichment ..... 6:30 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance	<b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN E.L.C.A.</b> New Location: Kettle Lake School Whitneyville Rd at Garbow, Alto just south of 68th St. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP: Sunday Worship 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695	<b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b> 3650 Alden Nash SE • 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service Robert W. Holmes, Pastor Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor SUNDAYS: Morning Worship : 10:30 a.m. Sunday Night Alive: 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7-8 p.m.	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.iserv.net/~goodshep 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
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service, 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour ..... 11:00 A.M. AWANA/JV ..... Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship	<b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlementwood • Ph. 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)	<b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday 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	<b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (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

# Viewpoint . . .



I left you last week at my home in the Florida Keys with Hurricane Georges breathing down our necks...literally. Terese and I had spent two days making preparations for the storm. Thursday evening we enjoyed a nice meal and were tracking the storm on TV. As you can well imagine, the Miami stations and the Weather Channel were non-stop coverage of the storm. The talking heads in the studio were all in a tizzy. The weather people were throwing up all the latest charts, radar images, satellite photos and statistics at their disposal. Live, on-the-scene reporters were stationed up and down the Keys and filing their reports.

It was too much. Around 10:00 I'd had all I could stand of these people clamoring to put yet another spin on Georges (pardon the pun). The outer bands of the huge hurricane had been over us for hours. The winds were slowly, but steadily picking up. Evacuation had long since been out of the question. We'd done everything to prepare the house that I could think of. We went to bed.

Around 1:30 a.m. on Friday, a gust of wind woke Terese. She switched on the TV. That woke me up. We watched for a while, switched it off and went back to sleep. About 4:00 Terese woke me up. It was howling pretty good outside. We watched TV in bed for a little while and finally decided it was time to get up and man the battlements. This amounted to putting on some coffee to brew, peeking out the shutters and continuing to monitor the TV.

The winds were coming up on hurricane strength; that is, sustained at 65 miles per hour. The weather people were showing Georges continuing to track directly over the lower keys with the center of the eye heading right for Key West. The eye was about 40 miles in diameter and our house is 20 miles from Key West. That put us right in the north wall of the eye which, according to the weather guys, is the very worst place to be. Yikes!

The good news was, Georges hadn't picked up in strength much as it passed over the open waters of the Florida Straits. The sustained winds were holding just under 100 miles per hour which gave us the likelihood of a tidal surge in the five- to eight-foot range. Our house was built after Hurricane Andrew and was engineered to withstand sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. The main floor of the original portion of our house is eight feet above mean high tide. We were looking good.

The winds continued to intensify and the rain became pretty much horizontal. My ventures outside for a look around became more and more brief as the driven rain really stung. I was beginning to see debris show up in the portion of our yard illuminated by floodlights. Shingles, tree branches, palm fronds,

etc. were the kinds of things I was seeing. After a few trips outside, Terese forbade further ventures. She was afraid I'd get a coconut upside my head. It wasn't so much that she was concerned for my safety as she was worried about having to ride out the storm alone. Just kiddin'.

As a weird greenish daylight grew, we could see by peeking out of the storm shutters that we were definitely in a hurricane. Trees were being severely whipped around and bent over. Some trees were already down. Portions of my neighbor's board fence had been blown down. Somewhere about this time we lost cable TV service. This meant we lost all local broadcasts, but we could still get the Weather Channel on our DSS system. According to their reports, the worst was yet to come. Oh boy.

The storm continued to intensify. The shutters would rattle and bang. We could see the larger windows flex and bow in the stronger gusts, despite the fact there were louvered shutters covering them. The entire house would shudder in some of the bigger blows. Around 9:00 we lost power, which meant no TV. This was almost a relief. We switched over to the battery radio.

The local radio station is a story of its own. Their studio is on Big Pine Key, just five miles from our home. Using their big generator, nicknamed "Zippy," they were the only station to stay on the air throughout the storm. Their entire staff of five people (this is a really local station that broadcasts want ads every weekday morning) stayed at the studio fielding calls, some frantic, and dispensing whatever information they could obtain from Miami weather people via the telephone. They became the only link to the world for thousands of people riding out the storm. Their efforts were truly Herculean, and after the storm accolades poured in from every quarter. They were even covered by the Today Show and the New York Times. Terese and I can attest to the fact they did a heckuva job. Their presence made us feel like we weren't completely alone.

Around noon we were in the very worst of the storm. As forecast, the eye was passing directly over Key West. They were experiencing the relative calm of the eye, while just 20 miles away, we were riding out the storm's worst winds, in the northeast quadrant of the eye wall. The wind never subsided for us. About this time, the tidal surge began. As luck would have it, the surge came at high tide. The water level peaked at around 1:00. In my neighborhood it rose to approximately six feet. Most of our key, or island, was awash. There was two feet of water, blown to whitecaps, rushing down our street. Pretty wild.

From what I could see from my peepholes, we were holding up pretty well. The surge had come a couple of feet short of flooding our main floor. My boats were still tied down. I couldn't see any large chunks of our house in the yard. It looked like we were going to come out okay. Couldn't say the same for what I could see of some of my neighbors. The water was halfway up the doors of one neighbor's car. Another neighbor had lost most of his roofing. Lots of trees were down. However, we'd seen the worst of it and everybody's house was still standing.

The storm continued to pound away throughout the afternoon, but it was definitely on the wane. Somewhere along the line we lost telephone service, then cell phone service and, of

course, the mailman never came. Other than the radio, we were on our own.

By about 6:00 that evening, the winds had died down to 40 miles per hour with gusts to 50. It seemed much calmer than that. The rain had let up and the flooding had subsided. We went outside for a look around. It had been a long, long day. We had sustained hurricane force winds, some around 100 miles per hour, for about 12 hours.

Next week I'll complete this little trilogy with a damage report. Of the before, during and after segments, the after is without a doubt the most interesting.



## Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

**125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - OCTOBER 15, 1873**  
The new business block needs a name.  
Willie Howk brought a 6 1/2" x 8" egg into the news office last week.  
The marshal says no more shooting within the village limits.  
A farmer bought 5 pounds of eight-penny nails the other day, threw them in the back of his wagon, and later found them scattered the length of Water Street.  
Instructions are given for building a three-legged milking stool that holds the bucket as well as the milker.

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - OCTOBER 13, 1898**  
One-day Reading Circles will be held once a month assisting teachers in reading instruction. Lowell is one of the half-dozen county centers.  
The game of "Pull away" on the school playground has become rough, and two boys, Harry Chambers and Charles Rogers, have suffered broken arms the last few days.  
Editor Frank Johnson notes that the present Indian War in Minnesota is one more chapter in "Four Centuries of Dishonor"—punishing the Indians for fighting for their rights and their lands.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - OCTOBER 11, 1923**  
The Ledger is sold back to Frank Johnson within a week. McMillen is homesick, and Frank is willing to go on, after hearing everyone's regrets.  
The Vergennes Cooperative Club meets, elects officers and hears Mrs. M. B. McPherson tell about her trip to Washington and Mrs. G. B. Fero's report on improving wood-lots.  
Mrs. McPherson, president of the Clover Leaf Club, invites Pauline Register to speak on the Kent County juvenile (orphan) home, where she worked for 16 years. Mrs. Register is an orphan herself.  
The Atkins Motor Sales (Ford Garage) has two horses, five used Fords and a Fordson tractor for sale.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - OCTOBER 14, 1948**  
The King Milling ad reminds recipe contest entrants to include instructions along with ingredients.  
Schools will be closed two days for Teachers Institute in Grand Rapids next week.  
State police remind that October is the month of highest traffic fatalities: fog, frosted windshields, slippery pavement, more darkness and much football travel.  
Bambi is playing at the Strand Theatre.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - OCTOBER 11, 1973**  
A movie sponsored by Jaycettes warns school children about being approached by strangers. Twelve complaints in 1972 and three already this year prompt the action.  
Money order limits are raised from \$100 to \$300 at the post office, says Postmaster Charles Doyle.  
Lowell Showboat, Inc. petitions the city for permission to build a ticket office and conference room next to the Levee Restaurant on Main St.  
Lowell will possibly have a new water treatment facility within the next two years; this in answer to complaints about dirty water in Valley Vista.

It's time to relinquish the past and time for Lowell to start a new era of tradition, which begins and ends with total Red Arrow fan support!!

Rick Sauber  
Red Arrow Fan

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,  
I want to personally apologize to all of the Lowell football players for the poor fan support shown during their football games. This was especially evident to me during the Hudsonville game. I'm sorry you probably couldn't hear the few fans screaming and yelling for you, but we were and you deserve a lot of credit for the tremendous effort you gave against a top quality team.

Our crowds seemed hesitant to stand up and cheer, yell or scream for our Red Arrows. The Hudsonville crowd and especially their student body section appeared to be larger, louder and full of enthusiasm, along with an accession of team spirit. At every game I see our fans showing up late, leaving early, socializing with others, and basically doing very little to pump our team up! The fans that leave early are just rude. Leaving at the beginning of the fourth quarter is inexcusable. I hope to see a raucous crowd Friday against East... let's make some noise!!

In closing I want to apologize to all past coaches who received last week's coach bashing. The groundwork they set was key for the success of Lowell football today.  
What they accomplished a few years ago were tough and changing times for Lowell football. Leaving the Tri-River conference, and moving to the new OK White conference took a lot of hard work. Everyone learned from that growing period. The coaches' efforts were a stepping stone to the level of play Lowell is striving for today. The players play the games, not the coaches. Lowell has had several talented teams in the past.

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*Around The Corner*

By: Joan Wittenbach

Not long ago a woman came up to me in a writing class and gave me a wide grin and said, "I think you would just love this book." Handing it to me, I smiled. "I have no doubt at all. Patricia Polacco is one of my favorite children's author/artist."

Her newest book, *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, will no doubt be one of my favorites for a long time. Her artwork is more expansive than some of her other books, and at times very gripping emotionally.

The grandpa held the jar of honey so that all the family could see, then dipped a ladle into it and drizzled honey on the cover of a small book. The little girl had just turned five. "Stand up, little one," he cooed. "I did this for your mother, your uncles, your older brother, and now you!" Then he handed the book to her. "Taste!" She dipped her finger into the honey and put it into her mouth. "What is that taste?" the grandma asked. The little girl answered, "Sweet!" Then all of the family said in a single voice, "Yes, and so is knowledge, but knowledge is like the bee that made that sweet honey, you have to chase it through the pages of a book!" The little girl knew that the promise to read was at last hers. Soon she was going to learn to read.

That paragraph comes alive with the charming artistry of Polacco. It is the big hook into this very moving story. Although her excitement was so real, the next six years were filled with

disillusionment, fear and intimidation. And she didn't know what to do; she couldn't read like the other children. In fact, she couldn't read - she bluffed her way through each grade. She couldn't read, but Patricia could draw - beautifully.

In her family, books were loved by everyone. Her mother was a schoolteacher.

Patricia loved books. Why couldn't she read like the others and why was learning numbers even more difficult? She just knew she was dumb.

The Polacco family moved to California where her mother got a teaching job. But the tauntings by bullies became even worse and she wanted to go to school less and less. When she started fifth grade, she heard about the new teacher - Mr. Falker (wait until you see his picture) "...right from the start it didn't seem to matter to Mr. Falker which kids were the cutest. Or the smartest. Or the best

at anything." Even though he was wonderful, there was one bully that made life at school intolerable for Patricia.

Long story - short, Mrs. Falker takes care of the bully and starts Patricia on a journey toward learning to read. "You're going to read - I promise you that," he reassures her. And with the help of a reading teacher, she does learn to read.

There is so much hope in this book that it oozes out...sweet like honey. Whether young or old, having reading problems is a hurtful experience. Today there is more help for reading problems than ever before. I recommend this book highly. There is joy, there is sadness, there is friendship and there is healing. What a bundle of knowledge and sweetness. "The honey is sweet, and so is knowledge, but knowledge is like the bee who made the honey...it has to be chased through the pages of a book."

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**PNEUMONIA SHOT**

Last week we wrote about the flu shot. This week we want to remind you to also consider the pneumonia vaccine.

The pneumonia vaccine is probably one of the most underutilized tools we have to help prevent pneumonia. Pneumonia is a major cause of hospitalization and accounts for about 40,000 deaths annually in the United States.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends the pneumococcal vaccine for the following:

All persons 65 years old or older.

Adults and children with chronic respiratory diseases, chronic cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic liver disease and persons who have had their spleen removed.

All persons who have an immune system disorder.

Unlike the flu vaccine which must be given annually, the pneumonia vaccine is given only once. Because protective antibody levels may decrease over several years, it is now recommended that individuals over the age of 65 be revaccinated if they have had the original vaccine more than five years ago. Other high-risk patients should also be revaccinated after five years.

Minor side effects can occur after injection of the vaccine. Local reactions at the site include soreness, warmth, redness and swelling. Some people may experience a mild fever or myalgias for a day or so.

**To The Editor, continued...From Page 5**

community can afford that, but not security cameras for the parking lot.

If they're going to charge the senior class, are the cameras going to be installed before the end of our school year? Also, is this just a one-year thing, or are students going to keep having to pay? Shouldn't the school also be responsible for the damage done to our cars if we're paying the ten dollars?

Luke Rosenberger

To The Editor:

Recently Lowell High School has made changes for the 1998-99 school year. One change that they made was to make all students that drive to school pay ten dollars to park in the school parking lot. The school is saying that the money is going to pay for planners and to buy security cameras for the parking lot. Many students are very upset about this new requirement and think that there is no need for us to pay this.

If the school is using the money to buy things for the whole school, then the whole school should have to pay, not just the students that drive. Another thing is that if students are paying to park, then all students should be told that their cars will be insured that nothing will happen to them while parked in the school parking lot. All parents pay taxes for this school so why should we have to pay to park when the teachers aren't even paying? Many students think this is a very bad idea and that it is not fair to all the student body and it should be changed.

Sincerely,  
Beth Wierenga

To The Editor:

I saw that the Lowell City Council is working on a proposal to open a skateboard park. Is the park really more important than a swimming pool or ice skating rink?

The park will simply bring unneeded attention to the Lowell area. It will attract the skaters from the Grand Rapids area who will come because they don't have a skate park.

The city has been considering a swimming pool for some time. If the pool is built, the high school could finally get a swim team. The city of Lowell needs a swimming pool before a skate park. It snows one fourth of the year, and I feel that the park would just sit there the rest of the year. The city would really find the pool a lot more useful.

Jeff Ortowski

To The Editor:

It has come to my attention that a skateboarding park is being considered by the City Council. I think people should realize that certain people or kids enjoy this sport, and it shouldn't be illegal for them to express themselves.

I could see if they were offending or hurting people, but they're simply doing what they like. By taking away the right to skateboard, you're taking away the right for certain to express them. I think by making a skateboarding park, it would make the people that do skateboarding happy, and it wouldn't hurt anybody. Even though people who skateboard have a reputation for getting in trouble and such, creating a park would keep them out of trouble. I think it is a great idea and should be highly considered.

Shelby Williams

To The Editor:

I have a problem with the way that pep assemblies are run at Lowell High School. First of all, I don't have a problem with any other varsity fall sports but these assemblies were made for football. I go to girls basketball games and other sports, but I just think that pep assemblies were made for football.

You can't honestly tell me that people go to pep assemblies to cheer on the cross country team. Nothing against the cross country team but they just don't attract too many fans. We've averaged about 5,000 fans a game, one game we had 6,218 fans. That kind of shows me that we have a lot of fan support. Students like to see our football team because we're good.

Another thing I'm not too fond about is that we only have a few pep assemblies a year. I was talking to my mom, and she told me that when she was in school that they had them every day they had a game. It would be fun and would get people pumped up for the game if they had a pep assembly every Friday. Even for the people who aren't football fans, they usually have fun at the pep assemblies because of the games and class competition. Maybe Mr. Hoblra can look at this and make some changes to how things are run.

Kevin Johnson, #46

To The Editor:

It comes to my attention that the city council has plans to build a skateboarding park within the city limits. Building this park may raise some issues. Some of the issues may be graffiti and drug usage. The kids who go there might take the park as their territory and do whatever they want, like spray paint things on the walls or equipment that is in the park. Plus, the kids who go there might go to get high or drink.

I am not saying everyone who skateboards is going to do drugs, but a skateboarding park is another place away from home where kids can get into trouble.

Kurt Schenk

To The Editor:

Last week my husband and I visited my nephew who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Battle Creek. He was feeling a little better and it was good to see him again. We were astonished at the many buildings and the large size of the hospital.

While driving home, we talked about what we had seen and experienced during our short visit there.

We felt that we had been given but a small glimpse into the true cost of war. The sight was not pretty.

Jessie VandenBerg

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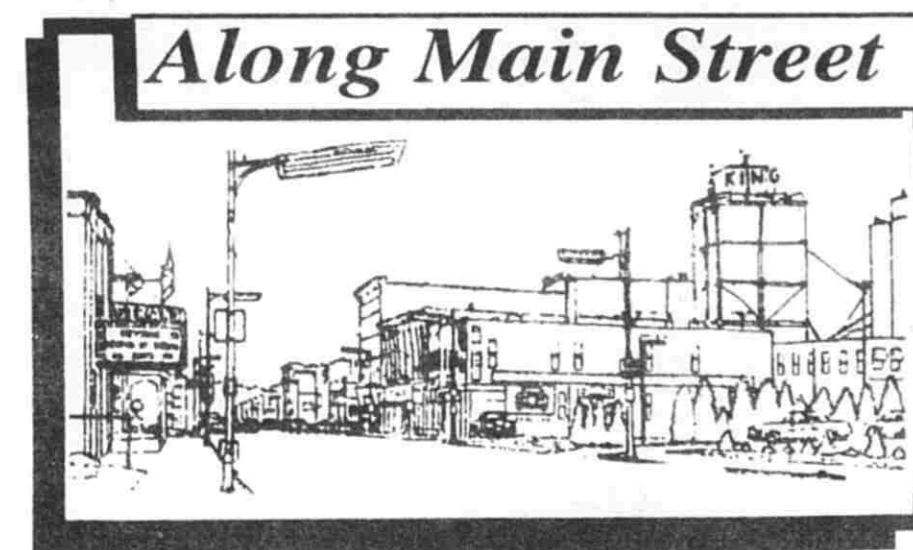
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**SHOWBOAT**  
The last workday of the season at the Lowell Showboat is Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They're on the home stretch and can use your help.  
Call Sharon Vosovic 897-7371 if you have questions.

**LAHA SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
The Lowell Area Historical Association is sponsoring its third annual spaghetti dinner and program on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Cherry Creek Elementary. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a presentation by Don DeLong entitled "Oakwood Cemetery - Past and Present" following.  
The cost of dinner is adults, \$6; children, 4 to 12 years, \$4; under 4, \$2. There is no charge for the program. The public is welcome.

**PARENT MEETING FOR SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY**  
There will be a meeting for all parents of seniors graduating in 1999 to discuss the senior all-night party. It will be held at the performing arts center in Lowell High School on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

**LMS DRAMA CLASS PRESENTATION**  
The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present *It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's...Nerdman!* on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

**DRIVER EDUCATION SEGMENT 2**  
Lowell High School will be offering driver education segment 2 on Nov. 9, 10 and 11. All students must pre-register by contacting Sue Phillips before Wednesday, Nov. 4. Students not enrolled in Lowell High School, please call 897-4125.

First session summer driver education students will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; second session will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students must attend all three days to receive their certificate.

**SNOWMOBILE TRAIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Flat River Snowmobile Club is looking for volunteers to help with trail work on the W. Michigan Snowmobile Trail which runs through Lowell.  
If you have ridden the trail and would like to see it continue, your help would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, call Brad Potter at 897-7398.

**LACC VISION QUORUM**  
Come and share your input at a vision quorum sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The quorum will be held at Lowell Middle School cafeteria, 750 Foreman Rd. from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wed., October 14.  
RSVP to Liz Baker at 897-9161.

**CLEAN UP DAY**  
Flat River Outreach Ministries will be having a *Clean Up*

Day on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the old Body Works building on Main Street, just east of downtown Lowell. Anyone who would like to help the needy of our community is invited to join us for this project.  
Donuts and coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m. The work will conclude with a complimentary lunch at noon. You are encouraged to bring work gloves and wear hard sole shoes. For more information call Roger LaWarre at 897-5906.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SHOWBOAT AUCTION**  
The Lowell Showboat auction is being planned for Friday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Larkin's The Other Place. **Please note date correction.**  
If you have any donations, new or old, big or small, contact Karen or Laura at 897-5360. They will pick up items donated.

## Leadership, continued.... From Page 1

planning, leadership training, goal setting, how to conduct effective meetings, team building, increasing creativity, organizational process, diversity training, organizational assessment, technology, grant writing basics, running successful special events, planning for successful fund raising, common sense marketing plan, effective public relations, communication and conflict resolution skills and building boards that work.  
The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Lowell High School cafeteria at 6 p.m.  
"We want to creatively help people in organizations so they can take part and play

a significant role." Bleke explained.  
Bleke credits former Lowell School Board president/Vergennes Township supervisor Marsha Wilcox for suggesting such a concept.  
"I think when there are just a few people doing public service jobs in the area, there are fewer people willing to step out and help," Wilcox said. "Leadership Lowell can help provide people with the necessary skills. They will be more comfortable and the community will be better off."  
A light dinner will also be served to those in attendance on Nov. 12.

## Foxtail Ridge developer told "more is needed"

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

When Dave Potter presented what he hoped were final plans for his development project in Lowell Charter Township, the planning commission told him words he did not want to hear: "We need more!"

At their meeting Oct. 12, the Lowell Charter Planning Commission reviewed the plans for Potter's proposed Foxtail Ridge project and noted that certain necessary steps for project approval had not been taken.

Commission chair Richard Bryan pointed out that the engineer's plans Potter provided were not sealed, and proposed lot frontages were not listed on the plans. "These things must be provided to take liability off of us...we're not engi-

neers nor are we mathematicians," Bryan said.  
In addition, Potter was asked to obtain letters with signatures from the Kent County Road Commission stating that all code inspections were met for Foxtail Ridge. Bryan explained that once the road commission approves Potter's permit after inspections, the township could issue a go-ahead on the project.

Foxtail Ridge's slated location is the south side of 36th Street, west of Kissing Rock, and it is projected to include a housing development and a 1200-foot public road.

"See you in a couple of weeks," Potter told the commission. "Snow's going to come soon and I want this project [underway] before then."

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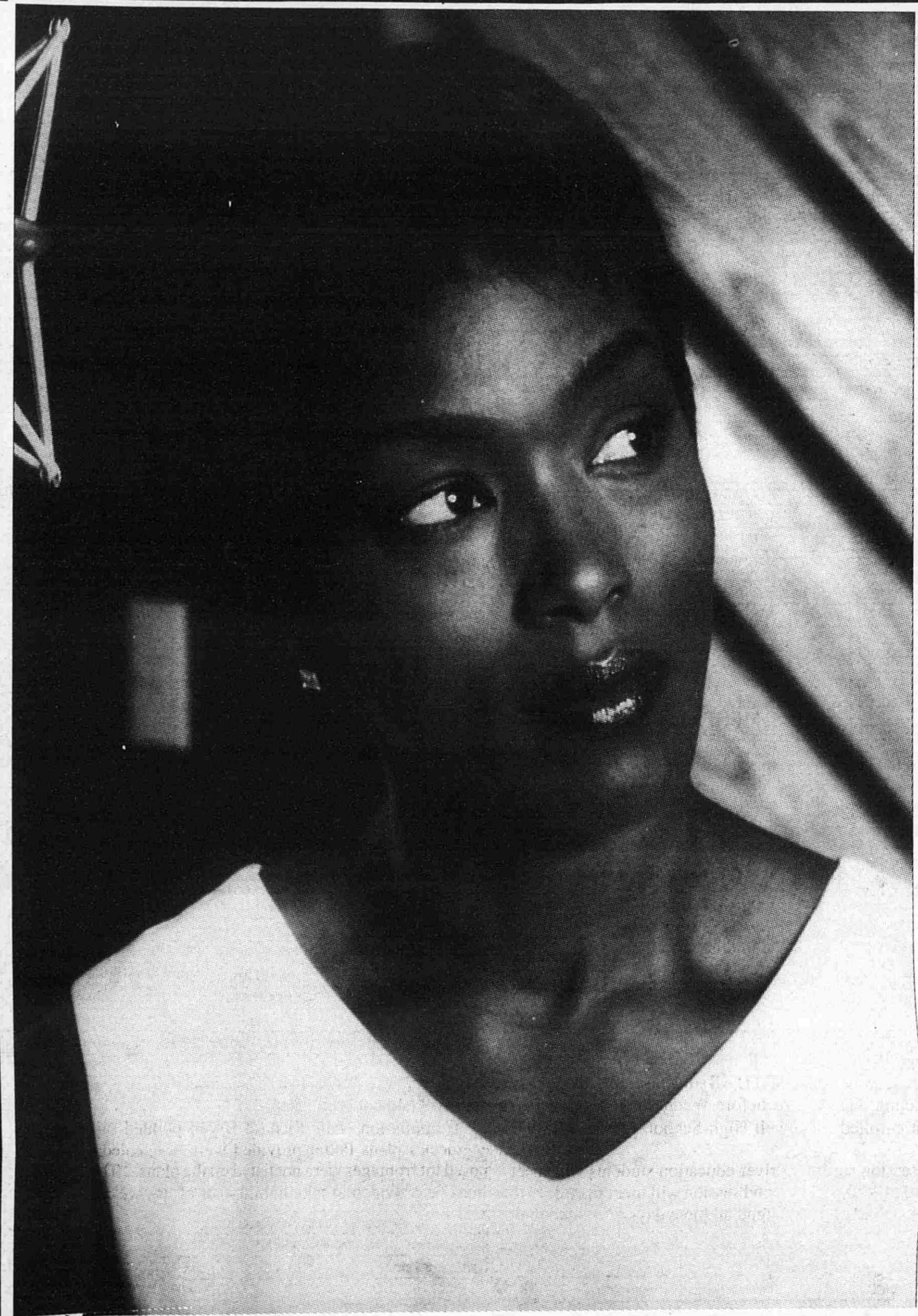
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Actress Angela Bassett (*How Stella Got Her Groove Back*) lends her voice to the engrossing documentary miniseries *Africans in America*, airing Monday through Thursday on PBS (check local listings). The series spans the years from the Jamestown colony in 1607 to the post-Civil War era.

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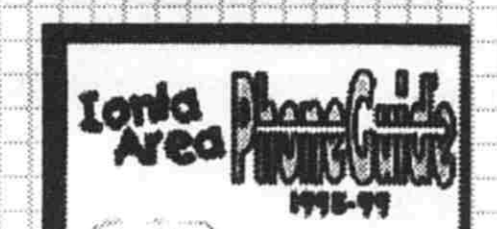
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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Andover, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

**EVERY THIRD SUN.:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome. No Sept. meeting.

**FIRST MONDAY:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

**EVERY THIRD MONDAY:** MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322. Begins in Sept.

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

**EVERY MONDAY:** 7:30 p.m. Overaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

**EVERY MONDAY:** Senior Men's Golf Club at Arrowhead Golf Course. 1 p.m. tee-time. Come join us!

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

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MONDAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets

at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 1016, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**TUESDAYS:** Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

**EVERY FOURTH TUES.:** Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall.

**TUES. & THURS:** Flat River Running Club, 7 p.m. at Fallsburg Park-main parking lot, during summer months starting June 23. For more information call Mike Wojciakowski, 691-7455.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY TUES.:** Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Bellline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

**EVERY 1ST TUES:** Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group

meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

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

**WEDNESDAYS:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

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

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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

**SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

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

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

**THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333.** Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**THURSDAYS:** Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congrega-

tional Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school.** From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

**FIRST THURSDAY:** 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 10 a.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Lowell. Call Janet 897-6845 or Rebecca 897-6734 for more information.

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY:** Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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**ENGLERHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.;

**FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

**THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH:** West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, at 7 p.m., Discovery Room. Contact Danni Smith, 897-2544 or Tim Timmerman 696-1023.

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

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

- MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. and shop - Woodland Mall; 1:00 p.m., Euchre; 9:30-11:30, Crafts.
- TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
- WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.
- THURS:** 9:00 a.m. Walk
- FRI., OCT. 16:** 12:45 p.m., Reminiscence.
- MON., OCT. 19:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping K-Mart/World Market.
- TUES., OCT. 20:** 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.
- WED., OCT. 21:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

### Special Events

- FRI., OCT. 16:** 10:30 a.m., John Ball Park - free admission.
- THURS., OCT. 22:** 10:30 a.m. Planning Committee - Halloween party.
- WED., OCT. 21:** 10:30 a.m., John Ball Park - free admission.
- THURS., OCT. 22:** 10:30 a.m. Planning Committee - Halloween party.

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# Red Arrow girls play well in 51-43 loss to Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Zeeland, through the work of Laura Geunink and Crystal Timmer, had the inside track Thursday night against Lowell. It eventually led to an upper hand and the Chix' 51-43 win over the Red Arrows.

Zeeland outrebounded Lowell 38-25. A number of those resulted in easy inside baskets.

"There is no doubt their big girls really hurt us," Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers said.

Zeeland's front line stands at 6-2, 6-0 and 5-11. With the absence of center Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Lowell's tallest front-line player was 5-5.

Despite the height disadvantage, Lowell found a way to stay close. Zeeland needed to make six foul shots down the stretch to hold off the Red Arrows.

Lowell trailed 19-8 after the first quarter and 29-19 at halftime.

The Red Arrows cut the deficit in half after three periods of play as they trailed 35-30 to start the fourth quarter.

Lowell got to within three (35-32) in the fourth quarter. "Our guards are starting to move like I want them to. They are doing good things," Akers said. "Williams (Shelby), Arnett (Nicole) and Kinney (Elissa) did a good job for underneath, battling Zeeland's big people."

Bethany Fredline was the only Red Arrow in double figures with 11 points. Kelly Chapman netted eight and Lynn Boersma tallied seven. Arnett contributed with six points.

Arnett, Boersma and Williams all collected four rebounds apiece.

Akers also recognized Katie McPherson for her contribution (three points, two rebounds) off the bench.

Rhonda Obrenovich led the Chix with 15 points, Geunink tallied 12 and Timmer netted 10.

## East Grand Rapids 47 Lowell 22

A 13-2 second quarter advantage for the Pioneers helped separate East from Lowell.

The Red Arrows led 9-8 after one quarter of play, but the high-powered Pioneers outscored Lowell 30-8 over the second and third quarters en route to a 25-point win.

"We had an opportunity to cut an eight-point deficit to five or six before halftime. A bonehead play, instead, allowed East to open up a 21-11 halftime lead," Akers said. "Our girls played hard; we just didn't score."

Nicole Arnett and Shelby Williams led Lowell with eight points apiece. Bethany Fredline contributed with five.

Jessica Hart led all Pioneers with 14 points.

# Kirsch posts best time in OK White; Lowell drops two to Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time this season, Zeeland's Scott Nagelkerke did not have the top cross country time in the OK White Conference.

The honors went to Lowell senior Frank Kirsch. The Red Arrow stopped the clock at Hastings in 17:10.

Nagelkerke came home in 17:25. Zeeland, however, beat East Grand Rapids 15-45, but Kirsch and the Red Arrows lost to Hudsonville 25-30.

Six of Lowell's seven runners were under 20 minutes, but the Eagles edged Lowell at some key points in the race.

**Notable:** Lowell freshman Molly Kirsch defeated one of the league's best in Hudsonville's Cami Moll. The Red Arrow finished the race in 21:22.

**Quotable:** Molly ran a super race, and in doing so, defeated one of the top girls (Cami Moll) in the conference.

- Mike Mull

Hudsonville's Ryan

Malott edged Dan Rottier for second place. Malott came home in 17:21; Rottier finished in 17:45.

Eagle Fred Smallgan garnered a fourth-place finish with his time of 18:29. Teammates Shane Malaski and Brandon Rodgers followed in spots five and six.

Malaski came home in 18:41 and Rodgers came off the course in 19:10.

Lowell's Mike Suman was seventh in a time of 19:14. Brandon VanderMolen bested Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle for eighth place with a time of 19:15.

O'Boyle ran the course in 19:28 and Aaron Plattner (10th) was clocked at 19:36.

"We needed Caleb and Aaron to beat Hudsonville's fifth man. VanderMolen stepped up and ran a tough race," Lowell cross country coach Mike Mull said. "Going in their 3-5 runners' times were a slight bit faster than ours."

Lowell's sixth man Derrick Harmon stopped the clock in 19:52 and Andy Oetman finished in 20:02.

**Hudsonville (girls) 24 Lowell 35**

Lowell freshman Molly Kirsch ran her best race of the

year and placed fourth overall in the conference on Wednesday at Hastings.

"Molly ran a super race, and in doing so, defeated one of the top girls (Cami Moll) in the conference," said Lowell cross country coach Mike Mull.

Kirsch raced home in a time of 21:22. 23 seconds better than Moll (21:45). Moll was followed by teammates Katie Grotenhouse (22:28) and Melissa Walcott (22:34).

Lowell's Ashley Cunningham and Katie Anderson claimed spots five and six respectively. Cunningham finished in 22:43 and Anderson came off the course in 23:10.

"Ashley stepped up and ran a good race. Today, she had to be mentally tough on a tougher course," Mull said. "It was just Katie's fifth race and she was our third best runner."

Hudsonville's Kelly Beers finished seventh with a time of 23:14. Sarah VanHall was eighth at 23:25.

Stacey Anderson, Lowell, was 11th in 24:04 and Courtney Baker was 12th with a time of 24:05.

"The back of our pack picked up their pace a little bit," Mull said. "If I can keep this group of young runners working hard and then add a good group of freshman next year, we're going to get things turned around."

# Strong, balanced equestrian team competes in state meet this weekend

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Since organizing 10 years ago, the Lowell equestrian team has missed qualifying for the state meet just twice.

So, it comes as no great surprise to learn that Lowell will once again compete at the fairgrounds in Detroit the weekend of Oct. 16-18.

The Lowell equestrian team qualified for the state meet by accumulating the most points (437) in District V.

In its first meet of the year at Cedar Springs Lowell tallied 118 points. In week two, also at Cedar Springs, Lowell scored

**Notable:** For the eighth time in 10 years, Lowell's equestrian team has qualified for the state meet.

**Quotable:** To be competitive at the high school equestrian level, equestrians must have show experience before they reach high school.

- Nancy Mulder

139 points and in week three in Ada at the Thomet Stables, Lowell accumulated 180 points.

# Lowell golf team concludes season at Big Rapids

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys golf team finished their season at the Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids in the Division II regional.

The Red Arrows received solid performances from senior Jim Gilchrist and junior Dan Barton.

"Both boys made a commitment to finish strong," Lowell coach Jack Ogle said. "Jim because he is a senior and Dan because he wants to build for next year."

Gilchrist fired an 88 and Barton carded an 89.

Teammates Jeff Pfaller and Nick Collins finished with rounds of 101 and 102 respectively.

Big Rapids won the tournament with a team score of 314.

Lowell will try to improve on last year's splendid performance. The equestrian team missed reserve champion honors by just six points.

This year's strength is in Lowell's balance. "We are very competitive in each of the four divisions," said Lowell's second-year coach, Nancy Mulder.

The talent level of all 15 members is quite high. Mulder credits her club members' involvement in 4-H and other horse show circuits throughout the summer.

"To be competitive at the high school equestrian level, equestrians must have show experience before they reach high school," Mulder said.

The popular horses used in competition are quarter horses and Arabians.

"While the cost to own a horse is expensive, the cost to participate on an equestrian team is not," Mulder said.

Members of this year's Division A team are Jenny Sage, Ainsley Smit, Casey Parker, Beth VanEns, Kelsey Scheider, Kirk Johnson, Jackie Dykstra, Molly Balaam, Michelle Strzyzewski, Jeanie Dunn, Anna Moore, Jessica Richardson, Shannon Boggs, Jen DenHouter and Emily Roth.

Mulder is assisted by her daughter Stacy (Mulder) Anderson.

Catholic Central was second with a 334 and Forest Hills Northern was third with a score of 337. The top three teams advance to the state tournament.

Other Red Arrow opponents in 1998 to compete were Ionia, fourth, 338; East Grand Rapids 341; Greenville 350; and Northview 354.

The top individual score was handed in by Big Rapids' A.J. Balulis. He shot a 72.

"It's been a good year. This has been a good group of guys," Ogle explained. "We have to start thinking about next year."

# Petersen and Shockey deliver strong performance in Class A tennis regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Normally, the Class A regional marks the end of Lowell's tennis season.

Due to inclement weather, the Red Arrows will play again this week, as a third attempt to finish the OK White conference meet will be made.

"It's been a never-ending conference meet," said Lowell girls tennis coach Wendy Ackermann.

In preparation for the unenviable finish, Lowell tallied three points over the weekend in the Class A regional played at Forest Hills.

**Quotable:** That was the best tennis they (Meg Jipping and Lisa Shockey) have played all year. They were aggressive and consistent. It was exciting to see them play so well.

- Wendy Ackermann

Meg Jipping and Lisa Shockey, playing their best tennis of the year, advanced to the semifinals before bowing out to Forest Hills Central 6-3, 6-0.

The Red Arrow second doubles pair received a first-round bye. In round two, Jipping and Shockey defeated the team from Cadillac in three sets 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

"That was the best tennis they have played all year. They were aggressive and consistent," Ackermann said. "It was exciting to see them play so well."

Lowell's first doubles team of Colleen Mandle and Amber Petersen defeated a team from Muskegon 6-1, 6-1 in the first round.

The Red Arrows lost to the number-one seeded team from Northview in the second round 6-0, 6-1.

"Colleen and Amber played smart in their win over Muskegon," Ackermann said.

The Lowell coach said she was disappointed that her club lost a couple of close matches she felt they could have won.

"There were some close matches we couldn't pull out," Ackermann explained.

# Hudsonville makes a believer out of Lowell, Eagles shutout Red Arrows 12-0

.... Lowell's

high-powered veer attack was held to just 54 yards rushing at Hudsonville Friday night. The loss was Lowell's first in the OK White this season.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Perhaps the only people who didn't believe that Hudsonville was the underdog going into its football game against the fifth-ranked Red Arrows were the Eagles. Following Hudsonville's 12-0 shutout over Lowell Friday night, perhaps now, everyone is a believer in the Eagles.

"We're flying high," said a very happy Eagle coach Dave Duram. "We beat an exceptional Lowell team that has excellent athletes and is well coached."

The win gives Hudsonville sole possession of first place in the OK White.

Hudsonville's success or Lowell's demise, depending on how one looks at it, came on both sides of the football.

Lowell which had averaged over 200 yards rushing in five previous games was held to 54 yards on 26 attempts.

Hudsonville, on the strong and durable legs of Nate Lurtsema, grounded up 289 yards rushing. The senior was responsible for 226 of those yards.

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day night, he rumbled through the left side of the line and didn't stop until he was through churning up 86 yards and the night's first touchdown.

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of the year. It's the best team I've seen."

For as good as Lurtsema was, the Eagle defense was every bit as strong.

"Our goal was to take Thayer out of the game - to make him a non-factor. Otherwise, he is a one-man wrecking crew the way he can run and pass the ball," Duram said. "We were willing to give Lowell other things to stop

"It's tough to convert when you're up against a well-coached team with good athletic players," Dean said. Duram said his club's improved quickness and speed helped a lot in containing Lowell.

"The last two years Lowell has eaten us up with their speed. This year we were able to take away their speed advantage," Duram said.

later, faced with a fourth and 20, Lowell faked a punt and T.J. Thayer hit Andy Graham in the flat for what appeared to be a Lowell first down inside the Eagle 10. However, the play was called back due to holding.

The Red Arrows got inside the Hudsonville 10 late in the fourth quarter, but on first and goal from the four-yard-line, Thayer was intercepted on a pass attempt to Graham.

Lowell, now 4-1 in the league and 5-1 overall, must prepare for East Grand Rapids (3-2, 4-2) on Friday at Red Arrow Stadium.

# Red Arrow JV suffers its first defeat

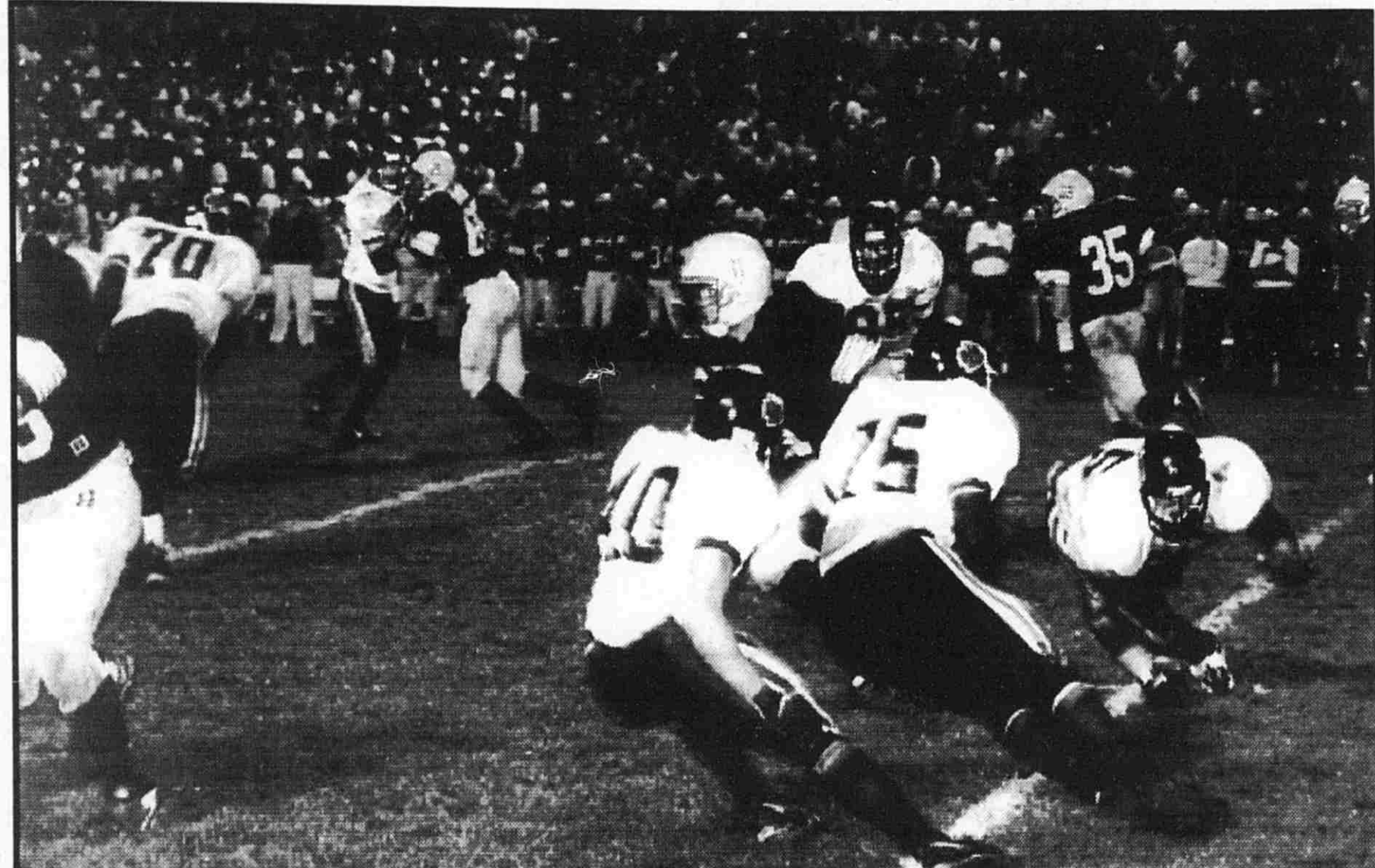
Lowell's junior varsity football team suffered its first loss of the season to Hudsonville last Thursday. The Eagles defeated the Red Arrows 22-0.

Last year as freshmen, the Red Arrows handed the Eagles their only loss of the year.

It shapes up as an interesting rivalry over the next couple of years.

The junior varsity team travels to East Grand Rapids on Thursday. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

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Hudsonville's D.J. VanSlyke runs the football during first half action against Lowell Friday night. Hudsonville upset Lowell 12-0.

day night, that would be hard to argue.

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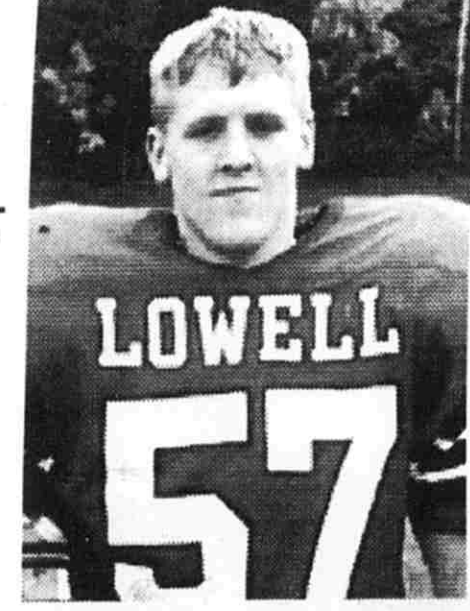
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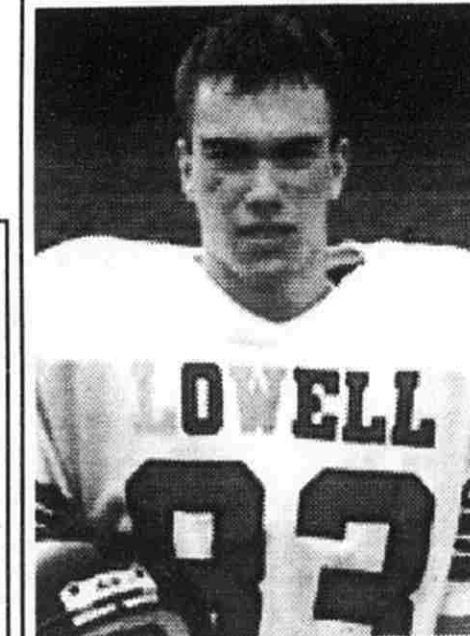
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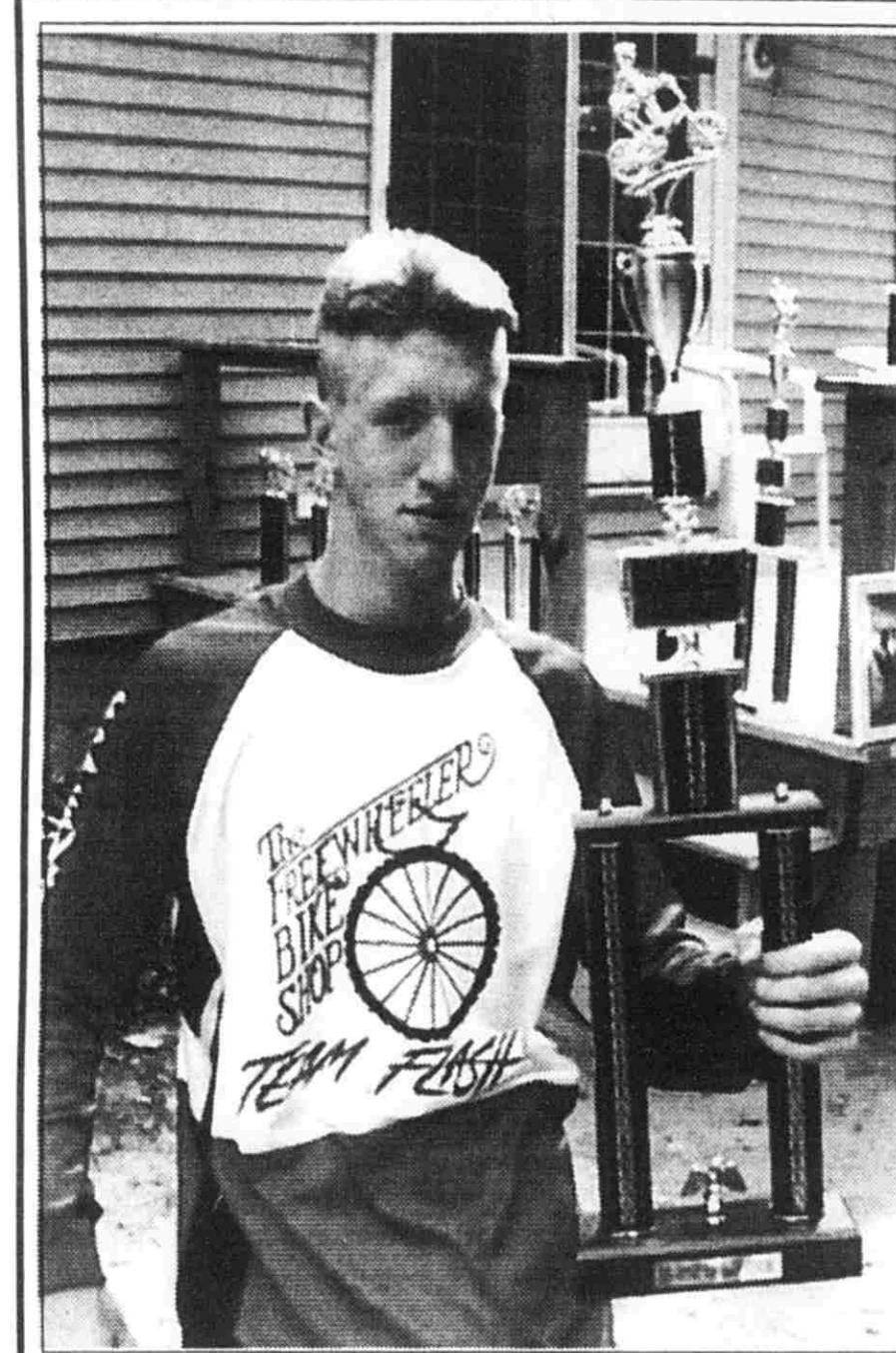
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**Joe VanLan**, receiver, and **Nathan Junglas**, receiver.



**Kyle Rollins**, left guard, and **Chris Curtis** (not pictured), quarterback/safety.





Lowell's Harvey a BMX state champion

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In just his third attempt, Lowell's Chad Harvey won the BMX Michigan State Championship at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. Competing in the 15 novice division, Harvey, riding his regular BMX 20-inch Santa Cruz, outraced the field on the quarter-mile track. "The key was being relaxed and remaining consistent," Harvey said. He finished the course in approximately 32 seconds with his speed ranging between 30-40 miles per hour. With the win, the Lowell freshman qualifies to participate in the President's Cup in Columbus, OH, on Dec. 26-27. Harvey will race on an indoor track in the Hyatt Regency Convention Center. He built his red Santa Cruz bike himself. Pre-assembled bikes range in cost from \$250-\$500. Harvey has more than doubled that in his bike. Harvey was first introduced to the sport through a friend. He has been a dedicated cyclist since.

Coach Chris Burch remembered by alma mater

\*\*\* Rockford High School honored Carroll "Chris" Burch, a 1923 graduate, for the impact he had on many lives and his service in the area of education.

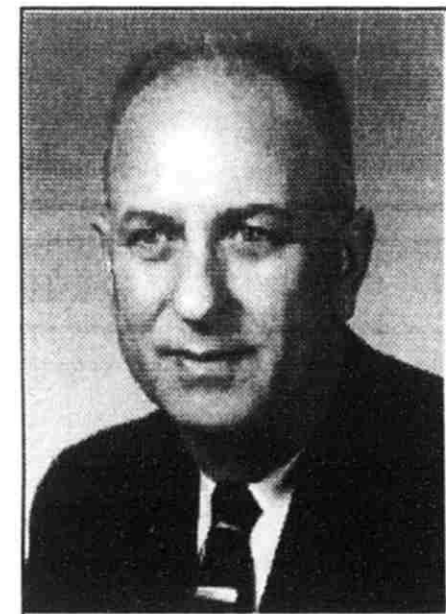
By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The admiration and respect for the late Carroll "Chris" Burch some 45 years after coaching his last football game at Lowell High School continue to grow. This time, the 1923 graduate was remembered and recognized by his old high school...Rockford. Burch was one of six Rockford High School graduates inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame at the Silver Lake Country Club.



This trophy was presented to Chris Burch's wife Helen.

He was one of the first people in the area to set up a driver's education program and was very involved in the community. Burch was a member of the Board of Trade, the city council, Lions Club and the Lowell Showboat. In his 26 years of coaching football, Burch was 122-73-9. In 1989, a Chris Burch Scholarship program was set up in his honor.



Chris Burch

Lowell football field after him in 1974; and winning, in 1988, the national high school coaching award for dedication to student athletes.

"As a coach he often said that in any game of athletics, it is important to play for honor, self-respect and good sportsmanship," Perry said. "Chris not only talked the talk...he walked the walk. He lived by example and was what he expected his athletes to be."

After four years at Rockford, Burch went on to Central Michigan College (now University). He graduated in 1927.

His first teaching job was in Sebawaing, a small town in the thumb area.

During his time there, his teams won several championships in football and baseball. In 1936, he moved to Lowell where he served as a teacher, coach and athletic director.

Freshman football team loses

The Lowell freshman football team lost to Hudsonville 27-0.

The Eagles scored their first touchdown with 7-46 to play in the second quarter.

The Red Arrows moved the ball to the Hudsonville

five-yard line before their drive stalled.

Hudsonville scored two second-half touchdowns against the Lowell defense.

Lowell's freshmen play at East Grand Rapids Thursday at 5 p.m.

Lowell soccer team gets back on winning track; shuts out Wyoming Park and Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The great thing about streaks is once one ends, a new one can begin. The Lowell soccer team knows about streaks. It has experienced a couple of them this year.

The Red Arrows, after winning eight straight games to start the season, dropped five in a row. That losing streak was halted and a two-game winning streak started on Tuesday with a 5-0 win over Wyoming Park, followed by a 2-0 shutout over Hudsonville on Thursday.

With the start of the district less than a week away, the Red Arrows have their sights on and hopes of taking a four-game winning streak into its district game against Forest Hills Northern on Monday, Oct. 19.

For that to become a reality, wins are needed against East Grand Rapids and Zeeland.

If Lowell can pull that off, it will have beaten everybody in the conference at least once.

With wins over the Vikings and Eagles, Lowell improved its league mark to 7-5 and an overall record to 10-5.

Goals by Troy Gillan (assist Rich Tousley), Joe Giuliano (assist Jim Jastifer) and Aaron Alsgaard (assist Nick Blough) staked Lowell to a 3-0 first-half lead against Wyoming Park.

"We played well considering the torrential downpour conditions," said Lowell varsity soccer coach Dave Wydock. "Usually sloppy conditions are an advantage for the weaker team."

Second half goals were tallied by Tousley (assist Jastifer) and John Webb, who scored on a beautiful header off an assist from Blough.

"I was very pleased with the play we got from Giuliano and Webb off the bench," Wydock said. "The whole team passed the ball and moved well. More importantly, we stopped our losing streak."

Wydock said during the losing streak, his club played as if it was afraid to lose instead of going out and playing to win.

Against Hudsonville, Lowell outshot the Eagles 39-8, but only turned two of those attempts into goals.

"They packed the goal and played a very physical, rough game," Wydock explained.

Lowell benefited from sound play from sophomores Gillan and Webb. "They both had good weeks. Their play against Hudsonville was excellent."

Gillan netted Lowell's first goal on an assist from Webb.

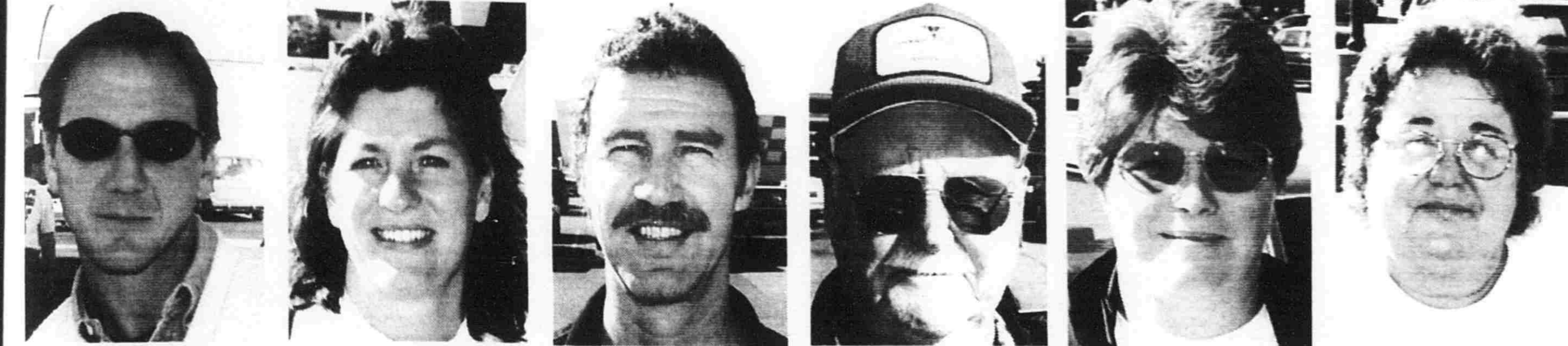
Later, Blough made it 2-0 on an assist from Jastifer. "We could have scored some more. We had a couple of shots go off the post and a couple right at the keeper," Wydock concluded.

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TOWN TALK

Where do you think the impeachment inquiry of the president will end... in an impeachment, censure or rebuke? Do you think the whole matter has been dealt with correctly?



Tom Martin: A rebuke. I don't think there is enough support for an impeachment. I think the media has been too involved. I think it should have been looked into and researched before things were let known. Brenda Weaver: Being that the house is ruled by Republicans, I think it will go all the way through to an impeachment. I don't think it will be fair. I don't think it has been handled fairly. The whole thing, regarding the investigation into sexual matter, shouldn't have happened in the first place. Rob Walter: I am not sure it has reached beyond the point of censure. I am not sure this country has the moral fortitude to take action on what we currently know. I think that is why a full inquiry has been opened. They are on a mission to find something that supports an impeachment. I think we are obligated to discipline the president, but like parents disciplining their child, we are less than enthused about it. Harold Simpson: A censure. The only thing they have got him on is lying to the grand jury about having sex with Miss Lewinsky. I don't think that is enough to warrant an impeachment. The people in Washington aren't exactly jumping in and getting anything done that we elected them to do. They are just letting the country go to pot. Denise Fosburg: I think the president will be impeached. I think it has been handled well up to this point. Many think the Republicans have been dirty, but I think it has had to be handled that way. Carol Williford: I don't think they will go as far as an impeachment. I think they are just going through a formality so the public thinks they are doing their job. I am very pleased with the job our president has done.

\*\*\* You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows. -Bob Dylan \*\*\*

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PHyllis Ketchum: I think the president will be impeached. It's been handled okay. I just think we need to get on with it. CHERYL Smith: He will be impeached. I am happy with the way things have been handled.

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## Bookabout, a small out of the way window into another world

••• Bookabout has been providing readers with some of their favorite novels for almost 20 years. The last 13 years it has been operated by Gwen Freeman

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

No longer is 100 W. Main the window to mystery, romance, westerns and science fiction.

Fortunately, like a Houdini illusion, the missing item(s) are just out of sight.  
Just a hallway away, leading to the building's south end, are the 18-20,000 paperback books along with Gwen Freeman, "baroness of books," who has owned Bookabout since 1986.  
The smaller quarters meant there were 4,000 paperbacks which did not make it onto the shelves.  
Freeman, the owner of Bookabout, has kept a loyal following of avid readers with the availability of a wide selection of paperback books at or under half price of their original cost.  
"I'd like to say I'm in this because of the money," Freeman explains. The truth, however, is the money is limited, and the plodding reader loves books and enjoys the regulars who frequent Bookabout.

"I haven't made a lot of money over the years, but I have managed to torment my customers with my sassiness," Freeman explains.  
Judy, one of five regulars browsing through paperbacks on this afternoon, exclaims, "Gwen's sassy, but she has a heart of gold."  
Bookabout also has a good selection of today's popular authors. Patricia Cornwell (mysteries), Louie L'Amour (westerns) and Sue Grafton (ABC books) are asked for often.  
The Lowell bookstore shelves many children's books along with science fiction, mysteries, classics, romance and westerns.  
If a reader brings in a paperback that Bookabout can use, Freeman will give them credit toward the purchase of another book.



Gwen Freeman, owner of Bookabout, offers her customers 18-20,000 selections.

In and about the shelves of books are greeting cards, picture frames, journals, note cards and used puzzles.  
"I work all the puzzles. If there is a piece missing, I throw the puzzle out," Freeman says.  
Bookabout is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5:45 and on Saturday from 10:30 until 5 p.m.

## Koning recipient of Kent County 4-H medals

••• Steven Koning was recognized for dairy, community service and environmental stewardship at the Kent County 4-H banquet.

Steven Koning was the recipient of three county medal awards through the Kent County 4-H program.  
During the Kent County 4-H recognition banquet in conjunction with National 4-H week, Koning received awards for dairy, community

plete an in-depth application form covering their 4-H experiences as well as school, church and other youth organization activities.  
Koning is the son of Steve and Cindy Koning of Lowell, and a member of Friends and Neighbors 4-H Club and Life's A Stage 4-H Drama Club. He serves as an officer in both clubs and will begin as a teen leader this year.  
Koning is a member of the Kent County 4-H Judging team. He has competed the last four years at MSU 4-H Dairy Days in Lansing, in judging skillathon, show-

## BUSINESS MATTERS

Citizens Insurance is accepting nominations for its 10th annual Citizens Insurance Senior Awards.

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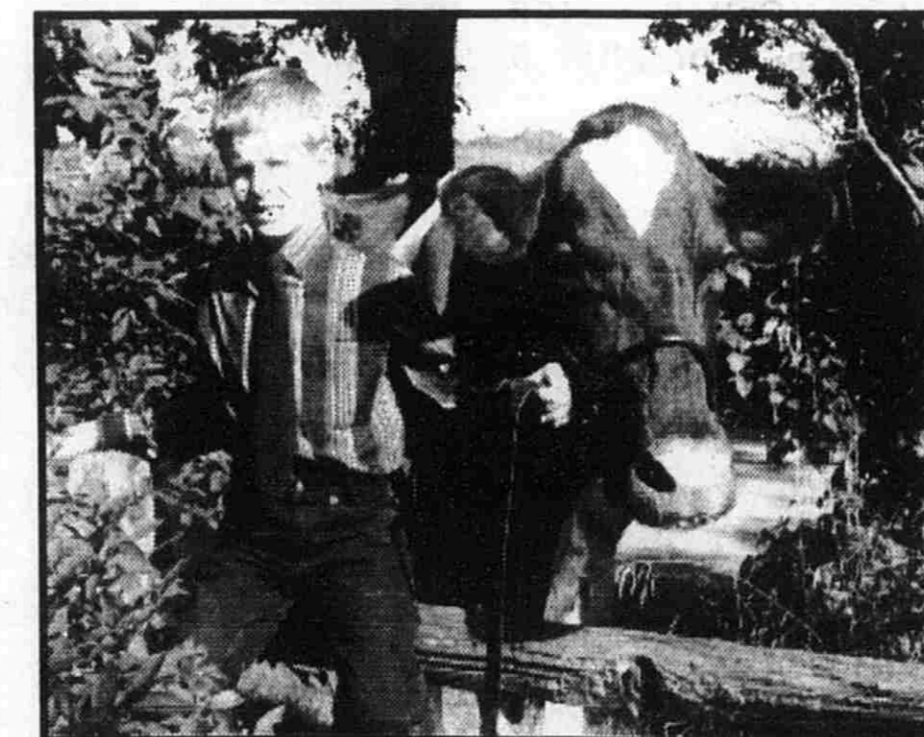
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The cost of the dinner is adults, \$6; children 4-12 years, \$4; children under 4, \$2. There is no charge for the program.



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Koning with his dairy friend Pine Tree Clover.

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manship and breed classes. He received the Outstanding Junior Dairy Herdsperson Award this year at the Kent County Youth Fair.  
Koning is involved in both individual and club conservation projects which include bluebird nesting boxes, land use demonstrations, the adoption of an endangered West Indian manatee and an Adopt-A-Road project.  
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## WANTED

**WANTED TO BUY** - small farm or acreage for cash. Call 676-1089.

**WANTED TO BUY HOUSE** - any condition, ten acres or more with or without house. Call 942-2517.

## LOST

**LOST KITTY** - Kissing Rock Road. 1 year old, grey & white & tan tiger, declawed, female, extremely tame. Family is heartbroken. Please call Bill 897-7563.

## HELP WANTED

**COOK/AIDE** - Part-time 32 hours/week. Grand Rapids, NE. We are looking for someone who has some industrial cooking experience but who isn't afraid to tackle pots & pans. We are a conference/residential facility that needs someone to cook & prep meals (many from scratch), stock buffet line & do dishes when needed. Position works a rotating work schedule. Working hours range between 7 a.m. & 8 p.m. Starting wage \$8.29/hour. Call us today! 459-2910.

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**STORAGE UNITS** - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

## SALES

**GARAGE SALE** - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 15-17 at 340 Donna Drive.

**HUGE BARN SALE** - butcher block table, microwaves, furniture, stereo equipment, toys, glassware, some antiques. Sat., 10/17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri, 19th - 23rd, 4-7 p.m. 9630 Foreman Rd. M-21 to Bennett right to Foreman, right to second to the last house on the left. Rain or Shine. 897-9733.

**CRAFT SALE** - 3376 Segun, Sat., Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wide variety of crafts. PUMPKINS for sale too!

**FREE RAILROAD TIES** - 2000 to 1 person, excellent for fence posts, burning, etc. Call 616-669-9270.

## EVENTS

**SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - at 3189 Snow Ave., SE will serve a family style beef & pork dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 14 commencing at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$6, 5-12, \$2.

**LOWELL MOOSE LODGE #809, ANNUAL SPOOK HOUSE** - 210 1/2 E. Main, rear entrance. Fri., Oct. 23, 7 p.m. - midnight; Sat., Oct. 24, 1-5 p.m. & 7-midnight; Sun., Oct. 25, 1-5 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 30, 7-midnight; Sat., Oct. 31, 1-5 p.m. & 6-10 p.m. \$2 donations but only if you dare.

**THE ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER** - of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will be held Tues., October 20, 1998. Serving will be from 5-7 p.m. Cost is 11 & up, \$6.50; 6 thru 10, \$3.00; 5 & under, free. Take-outs available from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come join us!

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## Minor injuries incurred in Friday afternoon accident

A Lowell woman complained of injuries following a two-car accident at the intersection of Lincoln Lake Road and Christopher Street, north of Lowell on Friday.

Shirley Hoffman was driving her 1992 Pontiac southbound on Lincoln Lake when a 1988 Chevy

pickup pulling a utility vehicle, driven by Guy Latham, of Grand Rapids, attempted a left-hand turn into the path of Hoffman.

Kent County Sheriff deputy Corey Luce cited Latham with the ticket.

## Decisions on smoking and weighted grades will wait for Nov. meeting

By J.N. Boormsa  
Contributing Writer

Smokers may be out of luck and Lowell High School students taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses could get a boost.

This all depends on whether the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approves two proposals presented to them at its meeting Monday night.

First up was a proposal to make all school properties—including grounds and athletic facilities—smoke-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Current state laws mandate that the inside of a school building be smoke free up until 6 p.m. on the weekdays. The law does not state anything about the weekends.

"I am in favor of anything that helps keep the sight and smell of tobacco from our children, in particular," said trustee Mark Blanding. "I would tend to be in support of something like this."

Trustee Ann Mulder also voiced support for the proposal although she said she felt the district was going after "the victim and not the perpetrator." She encouraged residents to voice their concern about the manufacturers of tobacco products, who prey "on people's habits."

Trustee Jim Reagan said he would like to see the district ban all tobacco products, including smokeless ones. Superintendent Bert Bleke said he was not certain how enforceable that would be.

The board is expected to make a decision about the smoke-free policy at its November 9 meeting.

Also up on the board's plate Nov. 9 will be the issue of offering weighted grades to students taking AP classes.

Students taking such classes would be given a 25-percent increase in their grade because of the difficulty in the course, said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw. This means a student who received a 3.0 on the final test would get a 3.75 on his/her report card.

Vashaw said the idea is to encourage students to take the more challenging classes and to reward them by doing so. And, in fact, Vashaw said he would like to reward those students "who had the guts this year" to take the six AP classes offered at the high school without any idea that they could receive a boost in their grade.

Vashaw said he would like to see the board implement the weighted grade policy for AP classes this year, so AP students could receive the benefits on their June 1999 report cards.

**Quotable:** I am in favor of anything that helps keep the sight and smell of tobacco from our children, in particular. I would tend to be in support of something like this.

- Mark Blanding

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1998, AT 7:30 P.M.

At which time and place the following subject will be heard:

John and Sherrie Ashebremer have made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance 3.41 (B), prohibiting fences within 30' of the high water mark in the L-R District. The fence is to be located on parcel 41-12-33-251-043 at 4111 Causeway Drive.

#### DESCRIPTION:

PART OF LOTS 30, 31, 32 & 188 & PART OF VAC PUBLIC WALK/5 FT WIDE/COM 25.0 FT N 54D 30M OOS W ALONG SWLY LINE OF LOT 30 FROM MOST SLY COR OF LOT 30 TH S 54D 30M OOS E ALONG SWLY LINE OF LOT 30 & SD SWLY LINE OF LOT 30 & SD SWLY LOT LINE OF LOT 30 & SD SWLY LOT LINE EXT 30.0 FT TO MOST WLY COR OF LOT 31 TH S 44D OOM OOS E 20.0 FT ALONG SWLY LINE OF LOT 30 TH N 54D 56M 13S E 394.29 FT M/L TO WATERS EDGE OF MURRAY LAKE TH NLY & WLY ALONG SD WATERS EDGE TO A LINE BEARING N 31D 14M 43S E FROM BEG TH S 31D 14M 43 S W 549.45 FT M/L TO BEG\* ISLAND PARK MURRAY LAKE

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: George Poulias, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.



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## NOTICE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Board of Appeals will hold their semi-annual meeting on

Monday, October 26, 1998

At 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

On the agenda:

- 1) Terry Metternick's variance request to allow a garage to be built with insufficient rear yard allowance on his property at 10216 52nd Street SE, Lowell; and
- 2) Any and all other business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Carol L. Wells  
Lowell Township Clerk

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1998, AT 7:30 P.M.

At which time and place the following subject will be heard:

Jim Lillie has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance 9.03 (D), requiring a rear yard setback of 30'. Mr. Lillie has requested a 14' setback for an addition to be located at 4345 Murray Lake Road.

#### DESCRIPTION:

S 264.0 FT of N 792.0 FT OF E.  
330.0 FT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4\*  
SEC 32 T8N R9W

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