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## Lowell's MEAP scores continue to indicate progress

••• However, the 13 percent of Kent Intermediate School District juniors who chose not to take the test, indicate that there is a fallout on the test's importance and purpose among a pocket of students county and statewide.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Approximately 13 percent of the 1997-98 juniors in the Kent Intermediate School District opted not to take the High School MEAP Tests. That number also held true throughout the rest of the state.

It supports a movement that began last year on the east side of the state whereby students and parents began questioning the purpose of taking the test.

"They don't see the purpose of the test because colleges and employers are not looking at it," said James White, Lowell assistant superintendent to curriculum. "I think it is disappointing that many students didn't take the test. When the data is not for all, it is difficult to draw conclusions about the curriculum."

While the average was 13 percent, there were school district pockets where numbers were larger.

In Rockford, two-thirds of last year's juniors did not take the test. In the Kentwood and Kelloggsville school districts, the percentage of students not taking the test was roughly 50 percent.

At Forest Hills, one out of every seven students opted out of the test.

Every Lowell junior, however, took the test.

Why the polarization? "We believe the tests are good measures of student learning. Our high school administration and staff do a good job of talking to students and parents about the importance of a test correlated to our curriculum," White explains.

In some cases like Rockford, the district has its own test that students must take. Officials believe there is more of an emphasis on this test rather than the MEAP.

The test, previously known as the High School Proficiency Test, is now called the High School MEAP Tests. The reason being, the legislature wanted the department of education to have three categories for endorsement.

- Those categories are defined as:
- Level 1 - Endorsed, exceeded Michigan standards.
- Level 2 - Endorsed, met Michigan Standards.
- Level 3 - Endorsed at basic level.

The state considers the MEAP tests to be reliable and valid measures of what students should know and be able to do by the end of the 10th grade. It believes parents, teachers, board members, administrators and students would want to know whether or not students meet or exceed Michigan standards.

"The county data on the test is skewed when 13 percent of the students don't take the test," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "We need the people in the Kent Intermediate School District to support this test and take it seriously."

The seriousness of the district is reflected mostly in total  
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## Frolicking in Fall's Fullness

The pile of leaves in the post office yard was too tempting to pass by for three-year-old Keaton Pomper. While Mom (Susan Pomper) was inside tending to the family mailing needs, the youngest Pomper was rolling around in the newly fallen leaves.



## City's transient merchant ordinance called into question by business owners

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The apples, and the apple cart, may soon get the boot out of Lowell.

The Lowell City Council was approached by residents and businesses about the city's current transient merchant ordinance at the Mon-

day night meeting. The ordinance allows people to purchase a license for \$10 a week to sell their wares or product on vacant property in the city. Usually these merchants have some type of agreement with the property owner and do pay rent.

But the question was

brought before the Lowell Planning Commission about the inequity of allowing such merchants into the city to compete with already existing businesses.

Several business owners pointed out the fact that they must pay property taxes, which include having a build-

ing, sales taxes, provide parking, and be governed by the city ordinances as far as setbacks and other issues. Their claim is that transient merchants are not being forced to follow the same rules.

But Councilor Mike Blough said the ordinance  
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## Vergennes Township residents reject initial rewrite of Historic District Commission Ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vergennes Township Historical Commission's effort to rewrite the Vergennes Township Historic District Commission Ordinance was rejected out of hand by a hall full of Vergennes' residents Monday night at the Vergennes Township Planning Commission meeting (held at Vergennes Township Methodist Church).

Vergennes Township Historical Commission's Dave Thompson said the reason for rewriting the ordinance is to protect the township and to give the ordinance some bite.

"By following the state language, some assistance comes with it that the ordinance would not get on its own."

Thompson explained. "It also improves grant availability."

The assistance is where Thompson and the residents parted. The historic commission member stated that the only way a person's property could be considered for a historic district was if the property owner came to the commission and asked for it.

The proposed rewrite says something different, as residents pointed out.

In Section 11 of the ordinance it reads: The Vergennes Township Board may at any time establish by ordinance additional historic districts, including proposed districts previously considered and rejected, may modify boundaries

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## OBITUARIES

**ARENSEN** - Henry Arendsen, aged 84, of Allendale, passed away Monday, October 26, 1998. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gertrude, in 1990. He is survived by his wife Wilma and his children Alvin Arendsen of Jenison, Dennis and Pearl Minnema of Holland, Larry and Sandie Arendsen of Zeeland, Dan and Gloria VanVels of Hamilton, Roger and Hazel Arendsen of Cedar Springs; 13 grandchild-

dren; nine great-grandchildren; his step-children Harry and Pat Erickson of Alto, Bertha Erickson of Lowell, Stanley Ford of Florida, Tangie Lawrence of Rockford, Richard Ford; 17 step grandchildren; 15 step great-grandchildren; his sisters and brother, Jen Lampen of Hamilton, Fred and Mary Bakker of West Olive, Andy and Amy Arendsen of Oakland; his in-laws Mrs. Bert Arendsen and Mrs. Allen

Arendsen both of Holland, Mrs. Arthur Arendsen of Zeeland, Alida Petter of Hudsonville, Elmer Poortenga, Art and Mina Poortenga, all of Jamestown; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Arendsen was a farmer in North Blendon and was employed at General Motors for 27 years. He was also a member of North Blendon Christian Reformed Church. Funeral services were held Thursday at North Blendon Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Paul Hoekstra officiating. Interment Blendon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Grand Rapids.

of Lowell; sisters Eva Krupp of Allegan, Patricia (Henry) VanderMaas of Kentwood; grandchildren Cindy Callison-Cooper, Aaron Curtis, Rebecca Jane and Elizabeth Teresa Brander, Lindsay Isaac; great-granddaughter Alexandra Lee Cooper; brother-in-law James (Ann) Dunlap of Florida; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. Interment Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**JOHNSON** - Ruby B. Johnson, aged 86, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, October 28, 1998. She is survived by her husband Ross; children Jerry Lee (Kathy) Johnson of Grand Rapids; sister Pearl Fitch of Muskegon; grandchildren Rev. Bryan (Robin) Johnson, Dwayne (Brenda) Johnson, Wendell Johnson; nine great-grand-

children; brothers-in-law Frank (Dorothy) Johnson of Grand Rapids, Ellis Cross of Middleville. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Jack Miller of Kentwood Baptist Church, and Rev. Bryan Johnson officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Kentwood Baptist Church, 2875 52nd, Kentwood, MI 49508 or Home of Hope. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

## COLLEGE NEWS

**DUNLAP** - Myra Jane Dunlap, aged 80, of Lowell, formerly of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord, Tuesday, October 27, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband Curtis Beil Dunlap; son David Lee Dunlap; son-in-law Gerry Osborn. She is survived by her children Bonnie Dunlap-Osborn of Caledonia, Ronald Curtis (Jennifer) Dunlap of Kalamazoo; Suzanne (Fred) Brander

**GALL** - Barbara J. Gall, aged 56, of Alto, passed away Tuesday, October 27, 1998. She is survived by her husband Michael Lee Gall; her sons Andrew Johnston Gall of Chicago, Adam Reed Gall of Alto; her parents Stuart and Lillian Moyes of St. George, UT; her brothers David Moyes of VA, Douglas Moyes of CO. Funeral and committal services were held Satur-

day at the Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. David E. LeBlanc officiating. Interment in Terre Haute, IN.

The search for a new president of Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) continues to move forward with the Presidential Search Advisory Committee's selection of 10 semi-finalists.

The 23-member committee, made up of 11 community representatives and 12 GRCC representatives, selected the semi-final candidates from a total of 47 applicants.

"We are very encouraged by the quality of candidates who have shown an interest in the college," said David Custer, president of Custer Office Environments and chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. "It was a challenge narrowing the field, but we are confident that the semi-finalists possess many of the qualities and skills we are seeking."

Of the 10 candidates, two are currently employed by the college. The search committee also noted that they reserve the right to add semi-finalist candidates.

The search committee will interview each of the candidates on Nov. 11, 12 and 13. The committee will re-

commend finalists to the GRCC Board of Trustees, who will conduct further interviews and make the final selection.

"The board truly appreciates the work and time the Presidential Search Advisory Committee has dedicated to this very important process," said Jackson Day, GRCC board of trustees chair. "The next president of Grand Rapids Community College will lead us into a new Millennium, so selecting the right person is essential. As a board, we felt involving members of the college community and Greater Grand Rapids community was key to selecting the right person for the job."

The 10 semi-finalists are: Thomas Ellsworth Gamble, Ph.D., president, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois.

Alice Mumaw Jacobs, Ph.D., president, Kaskaskia College, Centralia, Illinois.

Juan Olivarez, Ph.D., CEO of the Community Learning Enterprise and Dean of Institutional Research at Grand Rapids Community

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## Mr. B's, a bargain for customers and former police officer

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Brian Bartlett misses the excitement that came with being a police officer in DeWitt Township for 12 years.

He admits, however, the excitement of hearing a busy cash register is more enjoyable.

Bartlett and his wife Lisa opened Mr. B's Smart Buys (2173 W. Main in the Family Fare Shopping Center) in October.

The decision to change vocations is a decision that has been in the making since 1995...a memorable, traumatic year for the Bartletts. Brian was involved in two shootings that year. He was not hit, but his partners were. One was injured and the other was killed.

"Yes, it did scare me a little," Bartlett readily admits. Another memorable moment was played out for the Bartletts in March of 1997 as they experienced the birth of their son Drew.

"It helped put life in perspective," Bartlett said. It also accelerated his exploration for the possibility of a different job.

That possibility, turned reality, came through a phone call from a man with over 30 years' experience in wholesale and retail...his father.

"A good friend of my father's called my dad and told him that the owner of this store (then Mr. Buck's Dollar Store) was looking to sell," Bartlett said.

His father wasn't interested, but asked his son if he was. The Bartletts were and dove right in. "What sold us was the town (Lowell)," he says. "We enjoyed the friendly people we met on our visit and we like not being in the hustle and bustle of Lansing."

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— Jerry Seinfeld



Brian Bartlett and his wife Lisa opened Mr. B's in October. Their grand opening celebration is Nov. 5-9.

Bartlett is happier now that he doesn't have to deal with the stress of being an officer. "People don't understand the stress that comes with being a police officer," Bartlett said.

That's not to say there isn't stress in the retail business. The worries are now financial instead of physical well-being.

Bartlett's physical well-being is as good as his store. "Lisa and I take great pride in this store's cleanliness and

**Quotable:** People don't understand the stress that comes with being a police officer. That's not to say there isn't stress in the retail business. The worries are now financial instead of physical well-being. - Brian Bartlett

that its aisles are not cluttered," he explains. Mr. B's Smart Buys is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The retail store is filled with items priced at or below one dollar.

"It's quality merchandise at a quality price. It's not junk," Bartlett said. "You're just not paying for a brand name and its packaging."

## Correction....

The cost for gypsy moth spraying in Lowell Charter Township is \$12 per acre. The Oct. 21 edition of the Lowell Ledger incorrectly stated 12 cents per acre. The Ledger apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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# Reflections

Of Faith

By Tim Harmon  
Lowell Church of the Nazarene

A man fell off a cliff, but managed to grab a tree limb on the way down. Holding on for dear life, he yelled: "Is anyone up there?" A voice responded: "I am here. I am the Lord. Do you believe?" The man replied: "Yes, Lord. I believe. I truly believe, but I can't hold on much longer." "You have nothing to worry about," said the voice. "Let go of the branch and I will save you." The man thought for a moment and then called up to the top of the cliff. "Is

anyone else up there?" Walking by faith is not the path we would choose if there were any alternative. It is a frightening thing to "let go and let God." But, dangling on a limb seems at least as dangerous. So, we choose between trying to save ourselves or trusting God. It is the very basic freedom we have. God does not force us to trust, as if there is such a thing as "forced trust." He calls us to put our faith in Him.

Hebrews 11:6 states that "anyone who comes to God must first believe that He exists, and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." (N.I.V.) That seems obvious enough, hardly worth our attention. Atheists don't pray. Then again, believers don't pray very much either. Do we really believe? Does our silence reveal our unbelief?

In the movie *Armageddon*, as Bruce Willis' character struggles to save the human race, he prays for just a little help from God. That is all we have come to expect. We struggle to save ourselves from extinction, just hoping for an occasional boost from

God. But that is not Biblical faith. Faith is not a helping hand from time to time. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1) Or as the Message puts it: "The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living."

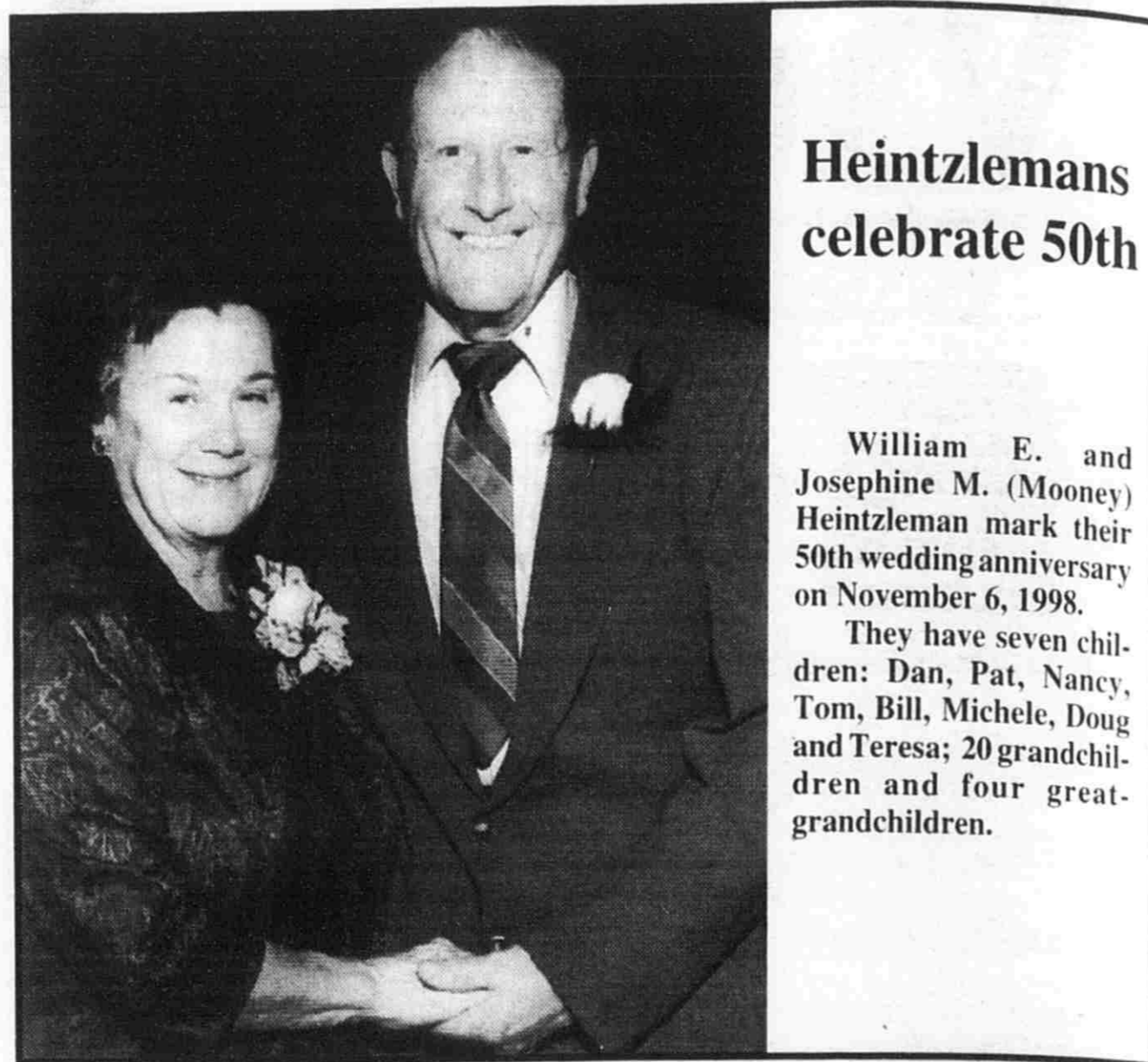
Faith is the foundation of our existence, not just a decorative add-on. And so prayer should be life directing and life changing. William MacNamara was asked, "Reverend, get things started with a little prayer." MacNamara wanted to respond, "I will not do it. There are no little prayers. Prayer enters the lion's den, brings us before the holy where it is uncertain whether we will come back alive or sane." MacNamara believed, really believed, that God existed.

Before we can truly pray, we must truly believe. What would we say to God if He suddenly appeared to us? Faith is believing that God is here, right now. Prayer is not just about saying words. Prayer is recognizing that we are in the presence of God. Sometimes, words are not necessary. Hebrews tells us that faith is believing that He responds to us when we seek Him with all our heart. We are not on a wild goose chase. When we earnestly seek the Lord, He will reward us with Himself.

## Christmas Through Lowell

The 7th annual Christmas Through Lowell will be held Friday, Nov. 20, Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22. Shop for hundreds of beautiful hand-crafted items made by over 50 local artists.

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Heintzlemans celebrate 50th

William E. and Josephine M. (Mooney) Heintzleman mark their 50th wedding anniversary on November 6, 1998.

They have seven children: Dan, Pat, Nancy, Tom, Bill, Michele, Doug and Teresa; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Noviskey's Golden Anniversary

Boyd and Marion Noviskey of Lowell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their daughter and granddaughter on Friday, Oct. 30 with lunch at Arby's. They were married on Oct. 30, 1948, and have two children: Larry Noviskey and Linda Noviskey Scott. They have one granddaughter, Danielle Scott. The couple has lived in Lowell since 1952. Marion Noviskey is a 1947 Lowell High School graduate. Boyd Noviskey spent two years in the Navy, one year as a Navy Seabee.

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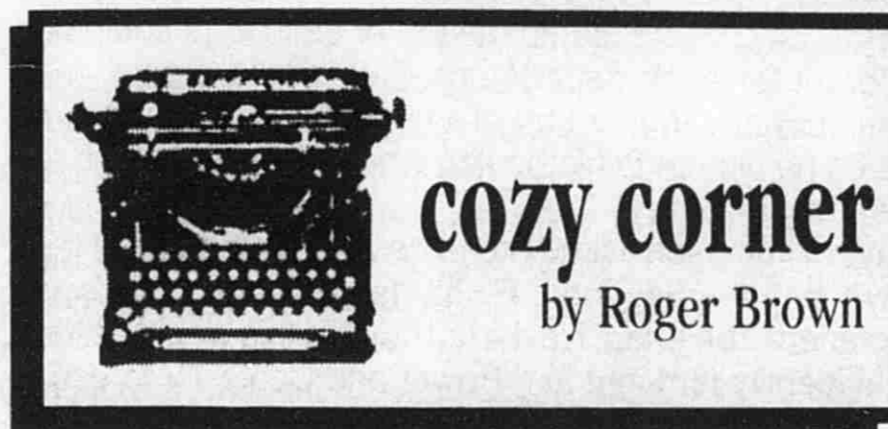
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# Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner  
by Roger Brown

How about a dog story? I haven't written about the mutts in a long time. Thor is still big and fat and hates U.P.S. trucks and drivers. His ninth birthday is next month. That's right up there in big dog years, but he's doing okay. Tito turned four this summer. He's in remarkable shape, has some pup left in him and keeps Thor from becoming too lethargic. I'm still the Alpha male and doing okay myself. All-in-all, our little pack is just fine.

We've spent a lot of time this year at Casey's farm. That's my son's place in Belding. It's not really a farm, as most of the acreage has long since been sold. There are 12 acres left with two big barns and several outbuildings. It just looks like a farm. Sort of like a movie set. An odd thing about the place is that it's within the city limits. An in-town farm must be something of a rarity.

The next door neighbor has a similar situation and told us about the "farm status" extending the two properties. According to the neighbor, farm status is good. We're not sure why it's good, but we took him at his word. Then he told about "horse weeks." Seems there is some formula whereas livestock must be boarded on the premises for a certain length of time throughout the year. I have no idea what the formula is, but let's say you had one pig for the entire year to qualify for farm status. That's 52 pig weeks. The way I understand it, you could also qualify by having 13 pigs for a month, or 52 pigs for a week.

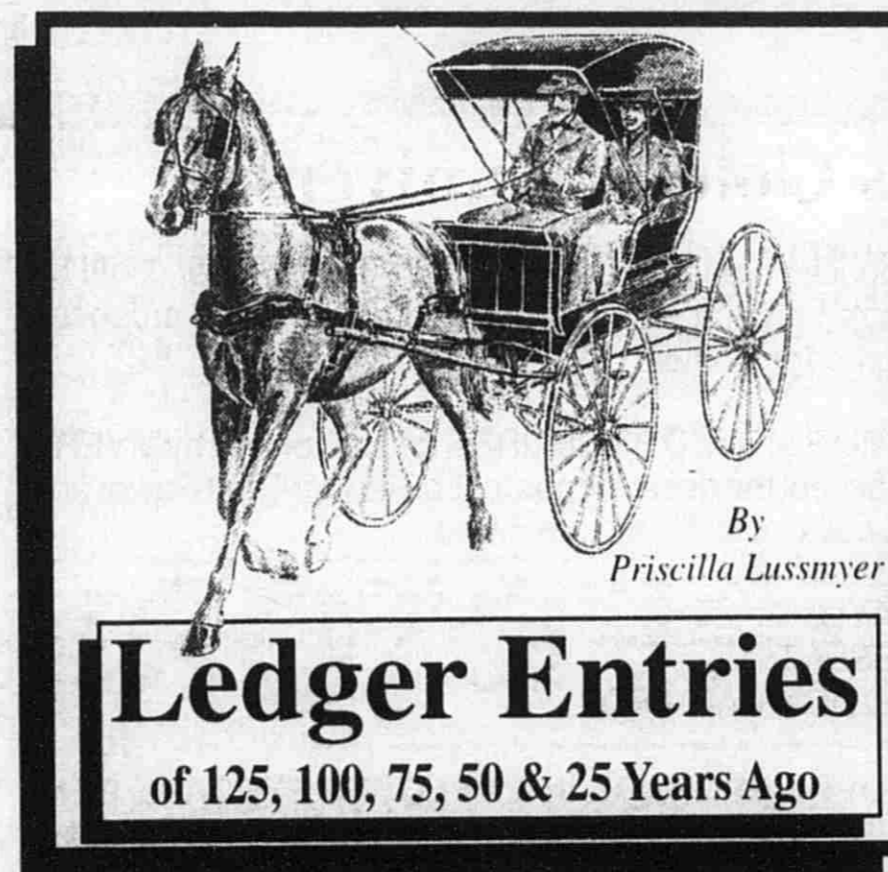
Kinda like the metric system... it plumb evades me.

The neighbor told us horses were the only way to go. It only takes six horse weeks to qualify (presumably because they're larger than pigs and chickens and sheep) and there are always people looking for a place to board a horse. He happened to have two at his place as we spoke, and offered to have the owner bring them over to Casey's when his horse weeks were accumulated. Three weeks with two horses and he'd have his horse weeks in for the year. Being new to the neighborhood and wanting to be obliging, we said, "Sure, bring 'em over. Thanks a lot, Mr. pardner."

That was mid-summer. They're still at Casey's farm. Not only are the original two there, one of them dropped a foal a week after they moved in. Also, a friend of Casey's moved her horse in. And, once Casey saw how much fun they were having cleaning stalls and such, he went out and bought one. Looks like maintaining farm status is not going to be a problem. That's another story. This is supposed to be about dogs.

So, one summer night after work, the dogs and I headed for the farm to get some work done. I let them out of the car and they bolted for the fence. They'd seen the loaner horses standing in the neighbor's pasture, and this was something new for them. Surprisingly, Tito heeded my calls and stopped at the fence. Thor continued at his top speed, which for an old dog is still quite impressive. He ran right up to the biggest horse, a black gelding. He barked like crazy, but rather than run away, the horse trotted right up to Thor. He had no idea of what to do. He froze.

The horse straddled Thor with his front legs, bent down and licked him. There was a look of sheer panic on Thor's face. He began to slowly ease his way back to the safety of the fence. He was almost tippy-toeing and his face was all scrunched up like he does when I'm about to hit him with a rolled up newspaper. The entire time, the big gelding walked along straddling him and licking the top of Thor's head. I laughed myself silly.



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

**125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - NOVEMBER 5, 1873**  
A meeting of the K.L.N.M.R.R. urges locating the route and buying right of way this winter, and orders an assessment of 5 percent (on whom?).

Farmers of South Lowell, East Cascade and North Bowne meet at the Morse Lake schoolhouse and organize a Grange of 50 members.

Wingler, Bergin & Co. shipped 26,000 dozen eggs and 65,000 lbs. of butter from their grocery between March 1 and September 1.

Bowne Township's ordinance is not enforced and dogs are killing many sheep.

Assessed valuations: Lowell Township, \$294,897; Bowne, \$183,477; Vergennes, \$283,263; Grattan, \$264,797; and Ada, \$225,793.

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOVEMBER 3, 1898**  
England forms a General Power Distribution Company, which plans to convert coal energy to electricity at the mine and send it to a dense manufacturing district, saving coal shipment costs and smoke nuisance.

Seal hunting in northern waters is way down, due to over-hunting.

The Grand Rapids Carnival this year was full of riot, vulgarity and nastiness.

The last log house in the East Paris-Cascade area is torn down to make way for a frame house.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - NOVEMBER 1, 1923**

Business men of Ionia, Lowell, Portland and other places along M-16 meet in Portland to fight the proposed rerouting of the road to open countryside.

Heavy fines can be imposed on persons who break the quarantine laws. A near-epidemic of scarlet fever in a school

district is blamed on persons who violated quarantine. Pres. Coolidge faces the difficult task of appointing a new ambassador to Great Britain, who must be "rich and brainy."

Recent extensive forest fires in the Ontonagon area, caused by carelessness, have burned over most of the county and incidentally revealed many illegal stills.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOVEMBER 4, 1948**  
Harry S. Truman wins over Tom Dewey and Earl Warren, G. Mennen Williams over Kim Sigler, Gerald R. Ford for congress and Roger O. McMahon of Lowell for prosecuting attorney.

Common Council tables rural residents' request to change the name of Vergennes Road (which changes its name to Lincoln Lake when it gets to the city limits). Frank McMahon says it used to be called Washington Avenue.

The new "Christmas Tree Act" requires a bill of sale or

As the months wore on, the dogs became more and more at ease around the horses. They turned their attention toward a more manageable quarry and now concentrate on the barn cats. The cats came with the horses. I don't know if one can qualify for farm status with cat weeks.

The rest of this story is secondhand, as I was gone when it happened. When I'm off on my monthly trip, the dogs are kept at the farm on weekends. They hardly miss the old Alpha male when they have the run of the farm and cats to chase.

Like I said, over time, the dogs became familiar with the horses. Apparently too familiar for the liking of the mare with the foal.

A couple of weeks ago, everybody was out in the pasture on a Sunday afternoon. Casey and his friends were building a fence. The horses were grazing and the dogs were just hangin' out. It seems Thor wandered between the mare and her foal, and she didn't like the idea. According to Casey, the mare bit down on Thor's rump, picked him up, and with a flick of her neck, hurled the 100-pound yellow lab across the pasture. I've been thrown by a horse, but never quite like that. Wow!

Like I said, I missed it. Given a choice between witnessing Mark McGwire's 61st, 62nd or 70th, John Glenn's space launch, a Monica Lewinsky visit to the oval office or the look on Thor's face when that horse threw him, I'd have to go with the dog launch.

Thor has been hit by cars. He has jumped from cars. He has been poisoned. He has been shot. He has had his privates soaked in gasoline. He was clunked by an airplane propeller making its last revolution after the engine was shut off. He lost the tip of his tail when a door slammed on it. He's led a very full life. Now he can add being thrown by a horse to the list. I doubt many dogs can make that claim.

P.S. He seems none the worse for the toss.

written permission from the owner of land where Christmas trees are cut to curb increasing thefts.

Harvey Callier sells the Strand Theatre to the Earl Evans family of Muskegon.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - NOVEMBER 1, 1973

The Outdoor Education Committee of the Middle School asks for volunteers to help build a corduroy road through Waldon Pond's marsh.

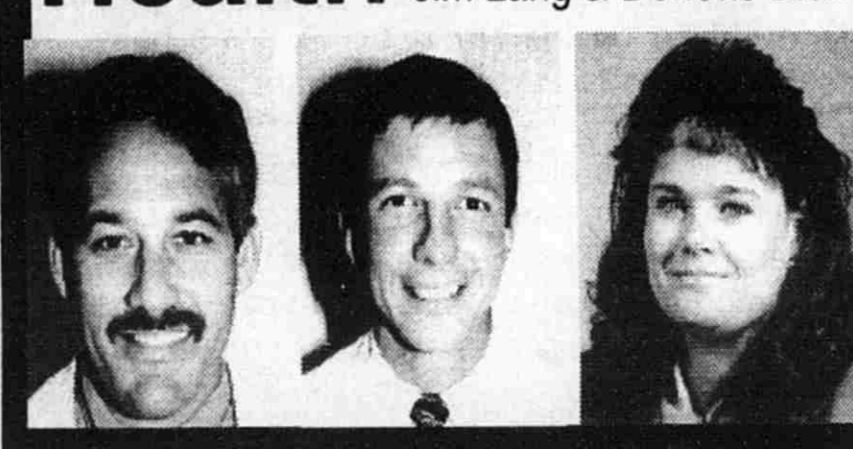
A Kent County tracking dog searches out a stolen truck, even on a 17-hour-old scent.

Lowell Light and Power, also faced with the world fuel oil shortage, asks customers to conserve electricity, including all outside Christmas lighting this year.

Dode Dey and Shirley Smith open "That Special Place" apparel shop on West Main Street.

Studded snow tires will still be legal this winter.

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



### A FEW COMMON FOOT PROBLEMS

Foot problems are a very common occurrence in women. Shoes are meant to protect the feet from the elements, cushion the effects of walking on hard, flat surfaces, and provide some support for bones and ligaments. However, some females have long viewed shoes as a fashion statement. Many people favor short, narrow shoes, high heels and pointed toes. This combination of style increases the pressure on the forefoot and leads to pain and some disabling conditions. Here are just a few of the many reasons for common foot conditions.

Bunions (hallus valgus) is a condition that occurs when the great toe deviates outward causing a prominent bump on the side of the foot at the base of the great toe. Pressure from footwear is the most frequent cause of pain. Shoes can be difficult to fit into without causing further pain. A wide toe box shoe is essential.

Hammertoes are deformities of the second, third, fourth and fifth toes. The condition may occur in more than one toe and most commonly involves the second toe. The toes buckle up and strike the top of the toe box of the shoes. Usually a callus or corn will develop on the top of the toe where the toe touches the shoes.

## Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1998.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: Councilmember Blough  
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Account Clerk Susan Ullery, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Charlene McNab, Deputy Treasurer Vickie Videan, Director of Cable TV Services Thomas Richards, Chief of Police James Valentine

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to excuse the absence of Councilmember Blough.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the October 5, 1998 meeting be approved as written.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/19/98)	
GENERAL FUND	108,462.71
MAJOR STREET FUND	609.43
LOCAL STREET FUND	609.42
DDA FUND	101,011.54
AIRPORT	672.31
WASTEWATER FUND	31,338.74
WATER FUND	36,645.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	647.01
CURRENT TAX	3,058.45
LOOK DALEY FUND	830.41

**Item #1. ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF GROUNDWATER DIFFUSER SYSTEM AT RECREATION PARK.** In an effort to rid brine from the Glen Springs Holdings, Inc. (old OXY-USA) site at the southeast corner of S. Division and Grand River, which has leached down river and surrounding areas, a diffuser system consisting of purge wells has been proposed at the south end of Recreation Park. Stephen MacDonald of Earth Tech stated an area of the ground has a high level of chloride plume. The State has ordered Glen Springs Holdings, Inc. to remove the chloride. The highest concentration was found beneath the Flat River. The method involves withdrawing the water from the ground and pumping it into the Grand River. The diffuser injects the ground water at a high-velocity to have rapid mixing preventing any species which live in the Grand River from being killed.

MacDonald stated the disruption to the park is estimated to be between 3-5 weeks. The electrical equipment would be installed nine to eleven feet above ground, due to the 50 to 100 year flood plain. In addition to the permanent structures, there will also be a series of valves near the river bank used to control the velocity of the water. MacDonald noted there may be some noticeable turbulence.

Councilmember Green asked if the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality had any problems with the disruption of the river. MacDonald responded no.

Councilmember Green asked if there would be a fence and screening around the electrical equipment. He stated there was a memorial stone in the area. He believed this would appear better, if some bushes were planted around the equipment. MacDonald responded bushes could be planted.

Mayor Thompson asked if this would prevent future use

of the land. City Manager Pasquale stated this would not interfere with the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant nor the park development. Mayor Thompson asked how long the wells would be operating. MacDonald responded the wells could be used for approximately twenty years.

Councilmember Myers questioned how the problem was created. MacDonald responded the majority of the problem was due to the activities from the former Lowell terminal, which stored brine within above ground lagoons. Over the years, this has seeped into the ground water. MacDonald added the purpose of the first well would be to remove the chloride from the water. The second well is to control the gradient. He stated the chloride is not a health concern, but a taste issue for the municipal water supply.

Mayor Thompson felt City Attorney Richard Wendt should review the liability issues. MacDonald stated the City would be insured on Glen Springs Holdings, Inc. policy. He suggested including indemnification language in the policy.

Councilmember Shores asked if the problem would be cleared in the future. MacDonald stated it may or may not be cleared. He stated Glen Springs Holdings, Inc. may be able to clear the plume to a concentration of 250 ml. per liter or less in the ground water within the next twenty to fifty years. Once the chloride has been reduced in size and is not migrating, the system could be stopped.

Mayor Thompson asked if property ownership could be transferred to the Glen Springs Holdings, Inc. City Manager Pasquale would speak with Wendt regarding this matter.

MacDonald stated the greatest liability issue would be having the equipment on the property. This could be written into the agreement to protect the City. He also stated the City could portion the access agreement in smaller time frames of five year increments. Mayor Thompson stated the agreement should state all expenses would be covered by Glen Springs Holdings, Inc. MacDonald mentioned construction is desired by the end of November or early December. City Manager Pasquale thought this would be possible.

Councilmember Green added the City should ensure there is screening around the electrical equipment. MacDonald responded this could be written in the access agreement. City Manager Pasquale said this issue would be brought back to the City Council at the November 2, 1998 meeting. No further action was taken.

**Item #2. PRESENTATION ON SENIOR MILLAGE.** Nicholas DeBoer, Director of Client Services for Senior Neighbors, provided a presentation on the proposed Kent County Senior Millage. He stated the proposed millage will be on the November 3, 1998 ballot, to consider a .25 mill levy over eight years.

DeBoer said there are 72,000 seniors in Kent County which will double in the next 20 years, whose basic needs are not met. Twenty-one percent (21 %) of seniors are living on an income of \$9,400 a year. The millage would provide home services such as home health aid, homemakers, home delivered meals, and support services. This would cost the average homeowner approximately \$12.50 yearly.

Mayor Thompson asked how many seniors receive these services in Lowell. DeBoer was unsure. The Council thanked DeBoer for his presentation.

**Item #3. CONSIDERATION OF LOGOS FOR LIGHT AND POWER AND CABLE TV AS WELL AS POSSIBLE CITY DEPARTMENT LOGOS.** City Manager Pasquale stated he and Councilmembers Shores and Myers met with Director of Cable TV Services Tom Richards and Light and Power Board Chairman Norm Borgerson to review the proposed logos for Light and Power and Cable TV. The logos were prepared by Randi Trystand of Fluid Design in Muskegon. Richards felt the logos for Light and Power and Cable TV had become outdated. Both organizations are facing competition from outside the community.

Councilmember Shores believed the logos would be appropriate for Light and Power and Cable TV. She did not believe the logos were appropriate for the other departments. Shores felt the other City departments should use the new flag logo.

Councilmember Myers felt the new logos would be good for the City. Myers stated the top of each logo could be different for each department. This would create one common appearance, but yet an individual identity. Myers stated he did not think the flag would be a good logo to have on stationery. Mayor Thompson asked Richards what he thought of the City using the flag logo. Richards responded this was designed to be a flag. He did not believe this would be the right identity for Light and Power and Cable TV to use.

City Manager Pasquale endorsed the proposals for Light and Power and Cable TV. Pasquale felt the new flag should be displayed in every municipal building and church in the City. He was willing to consider designs for individual departments.

Mayor Thompson asked how much was charged for the design of the logos. Councilmember Myers stated the cost for the Light and Power and Cable TV logos was \$3,300.

Mayor Thompson asked Chief of Police Jim Valentine his opinion. Valentine stated the department is in the process of changing the decals on the police vehicles. The police department would use what the City decides. Then, a reduced version of the logo would be placed on the vehicles. Councilmember Shores questioned what logo is being used for their stationery and business cards. Valentine stated the LPD has the original logo on their stationery.

Mayor Thompson liked the Light and Power and Cable TV logos and thought the City itself needed an updated logo. He questioned whether a different logo for each department would give the impression these are completely separate from one another.

Mayor Thompson stated this should be discussed with all departments before further discussion.

City Manager Pasquale will receive a cost proposal on a logo for each department and report back at the next meeting with the responses.

Councilmember Green stated the flag symbol could be placed on one side of the stationery and the proposed logo on the other.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to accept the design logos for Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV as submitted.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. UPGRADE IN EMPLOYEE EYECARE BENEFIT.** City Manager Pasquale stated he and Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Charlene McNab had reviewed employee eyecare benefits. The City has had the same vision benefit through Eyecare of Michigan since 1991. Pasquale recommended reducing the co-pays for exams and lenses to \$5 and increase allowances for frames to \$75 and contacts to \$110. This will provide a greater utilization of the plan. McNab figured an expense per year of \$5,144.90 per year. A total of \$5,016 has been allocated in the 1998-99 Budget.

Councilmember Myers inquired if Eyecare of Michigan was a state wide organization with local ties to optometrist David Durkee. McNab stated it is area wide. Councilmember Myers asked how many doctors participate with Eyecare of Michigan. City Manager Pasquale stated many optometrists participate. Mayor Thompson questioned if there were any other options available. City Manager Pasquale stated the City has been using Eyecare of Michigan since June 3, 1991. He mentioned no other companies have been considered.

Councilmember Myers asked the reason for the increase in the eye benefits program. McNab responded the request is due to inflation over the years.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to approve the upgrade in the vision benefit with Eyecare of Michigan at the cost of \$5,144.90 per year.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 12 PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON VARIANCES.** City Manager Pasquale

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stated on October 12, 1998 five Planning Commissioners (Brubaker, Canfield, Cahoon, Thompson and Jahnke) and three Zoning Board of Appeals (Green, Shores and Blough) met to review the variance process. Mayor Thompson questioned how many times had the Zoning Board of Appeals reversed a recommendation made by the Planning Commission. City Manager Pasquale stated five times within six years.

The following items were discussed:  
- Agreement that granting of variances is based upon the meeting of all six criteria as stated in Section 21.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. A denial of the variance request can be justified by having at least one of the criteria not met.  
- In the motion to grant, the ZBA must state the facts for each of the criteria.  
- If the decision from the ZBA is different from the recommendation of the Planning Commission, written comments will be provided back from the ZBA to the Commission.  
- More precise feedback will be provided from the Planning Commission, regarding its review of variance criteria. This will make the ZBA's task easier when it reviews the application.  
- A memo from the Planning Commission on the recommendation of the variance will be given, including minority opinions.  
- A Planning Commission representative will be present at the ZBA meeting.  
- A review of the period of validity under Section 21.04C (three months with up to one renewal of three months) will be undertaken.

Councilmember Green stated those present had discussed the six criteria needed to grant a variance. He also said a memo will now be given to the ZBA from the Planning Commission regarding each variance recommendation.

Councilmember Shores felt it was a good meeting and an understanding of each board had been accomplished.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the recommendations for granting variances as provided at the October 12, 1998 joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. PRESENTATION BY CHAR MCNAB AND SUE OLIN. REVIEW OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT.** City Treasurer Sue Olin introduced the members of the Finance Department.

Vickie Videan has been employed with the City since June of 1991. She started as part-time summer help for the Department of Public Works. In January, 1997, Videan worked as permanent part-time clerical help at the City Hall. In December, 1997, she became a full-time employee. Currently, Videan is the Deputy Treasurer and the Utility Billing Supervisor.

Responsibilities include the following:  
- All aspects of utility billing  
- Distribution of taxes to school districts  
- Fire/Rescue billing to townships  
- Standard journal entry to spread electric expenses to various departments  
- Preparation of M-21 reports  
- Collection of delinquent personal property taxes  
- Preparation of Historic District Commission minutes, attending meetings and preparing agendas  
- Entry of voter registration data  
- Typing of monthly reports for Council  
- Recording of cemetery records

Account Clerk Sue Ullery has been employed with the City since April, 1998. Ullery was previously employed with Lowell Charter Township. Currently, Ullery has assumed the duties of receptionist until a part-time receptionist position is filled.

Responsibilities include the following:  
- Answering most incoming calls  
- Receipt of payments for taxes, water/sewer billing and various fees; issues receipts  
- Typing of correspondence and City Council/City Planning Commission/Look Memorial Fund Committee Minutes  
- Answering routine inquiries regarding department services and procedures  
- Assisting with general tax and special assessment questions

- Maintaining purchase order system  
- Providing clerical support assistance to administrative staff  
- Sorting and distribution of incoming mail, and metering and mailing of outgoing correspondence  
- Balancing of cash drawer nightly  
- Performing data entry of accounts payable

Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Char McNab has been employed with the City since October, 1988.

Responsibilities include the following:  
- Accounting, Data Entry  
- Supervision & posting of cash receipts  
- City payroll  
- Preparation of W-2's  
- Maintaining personnel records  
- Fire/Rescue payroll  
- Federal 941 reports  
- State of Michigan Withholding/Sales Reports  
- Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Reports  
- Administer Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Dental/Eyecare, Workers Compensation, OSHA, Retirees Health Insurance  
- Prepare fringe benefit standard journal entries  
- Supervise Utility Billing - as needed  
- Reconcile bank statements  
- Budget Preparation: Wage & Fringe Benefits - All Departments  
- Investment and record keeping for Lee & Look Funds  
- Composing necessary correspondence  
- Assist with establishing Water/Sewer Rates  
- Administer city property, fleet & liability insurance  
- Monthly distribution of interest earnings to various funds  
- Accounting General Journal Entries  
- Prepares recurring entries  
- Assisting preparation of annual audit

Olin stated she is the City Treasurer and has been with the City since September of 1991. She also worked at City Hall while attending college.

Responsibilities include the following:  
- Budget preparation  
- Local Unit Audit Report  
- Annual State Street Report  
- Criminal Justice Training Report- Annual  
- C.O.P.S. quarterly reports  
- Prepare 1099's  
- Prepare Accounting Journal Entries  
- Prepare Financial Reports: City Council, Look Memorial Fund Committee, Downtown Development Authority Board (D.D.A.), Department Heads  
- Forecast Revenues/Expenditures  
- Accounts Payable  
- Monitor Revenues/Expenditures throughout the year  
- Journalize all miscellaneous accounts receivable  
- Follow up on collection of delinquent receivables  
- Property Taxes: Bill Preparation, Collection, Distribution  
- DDA Taxes: Maintain D.D.A. Tax Roll, Forecast D.D.A. Revenue, D.D.A. Tax Disbursement, D.D.A. Reports to State of Michigan  
- Industrial Facilities Exemption Tax Reports  
- Compose necessary correspondence  
- Maintain Look Memorial Fund records of contributions  
- Assist in preparation of annual audit  
- Prepare equipment rental journal entries

Olin stated the department is currently reviewing a new network based accounting software. The current Versys software and hardware are not Year 2000 compliant. After reviewing three software systems, a decision should be made shortly. Olin also stated the department is currently considering networking the hardware as opposed to the present mainframe system.

Councilmember Myers asked if there was consideration in coordinating a new billing system which will work for all departments. He wished to be able to receive one bill in the mail, instead of three. City Manager Pasquale responded Light and Power is considering a separate system because of deregulation of the electrical industry.

Councilmember Myers asked if Light and Power and Cable TV would be offering electronic payment. McNab responded Myers would need to ask Light and Power and Cable TV if these services will be offered. Mayor Thompson questioned how many were using electronic payment. Videan responded approximately 40 customers.

Councilmember Myers inquired if there would be a need in the future to add more staff. Olin responded at the

present time, a part-time receptionist is needed. Pasquale stated the plans for the new City Hall do allow for additional staffing.

Mayor Thompson questioned how the adjustment has progressed since City Treasurer/ Finance Director Judy Noonon has retired. Pasquale responded the adjustment has gone well. He stated Olin and McNab are very familiar with the City and are excellent workers. Pasquale added the Finance Department employees work well with each other and are performing a great job.

Councilmember Myers asked if there was any interaction between the City and Light and Power and Cable TV. McNab responded new information is shared with each other. Pasquale added you can pay all your utility bills at one place. Mayor Thompson stated City Manager Pasquale, Superintendent of Light and Power Paul Christman and Director of Cable TV Tom Richards meet on a weekly basis to update each other on various issues. Councilmember Shores appreciated the departments giving a presentation of their responsibilities.

**Item #7. POLICE MOTORCYCLE LEASE PROGRAM.** Police Chief Jim Valentine requested permission to enter into a lease agreement with Town & Country Sports Center, Inc. of Cement City. The Lowell Police Department wished to lease a Harley Davidson motorcycle, for \$300 yearly. The LPD would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the motorcycle.

Mayor Thompson asked if Harley Davidson is leasing through dealers. Valentine responded he spoke with the owner of Town & Country Sport Center, Inc. and was told the lease agreement is through the dealership. He stated at the end of the lease agreement, motorcycles are refurbished and sold as profit because of the demand. Valentine noted the motorcycle would provide for better traffic enforcement. He also stated one officer would be sent to police motorcycle training in the spring of 1999. Additional officers may be trained in the future.

Councilmember Myers asked if there were any insurance riders available. Valentine stated the Fleet Insurance would be increased to \$300 per year.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to enter into a one year lease agreement with Town & Country Sports Center, Inc. at a rate of \$300 per year providing a motorcycle for the Lowell Police Department.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS.** No comments.

**Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** None.

**Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores asked if there will be a curfew on Halloween. Chief Valentine stated the Trick or Treat hours have been established between 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Shores also stated Laurels of Kent will be providing the residents with candy to pass out to children. This will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Myers stated a citizen has questioned what the setbacks are for Transient Merchants. He stated the merchant located at the corner of Hudson and Main Street has items that are for sale placed to the sidewalk. City Manager Pasquale stated there are setbacks required and this will be reviewed.

Councilmember Myers also stated there was a letter written to the editor in the Lowell Ledger regarding the speed limit on Hudson Street. Myers asked if Chief of Police Valentine could address this concern. Valentine stated this had been discussed with the traffic safety engineers. They stated, unless there was a formal request, such a study would not be voluntarily conducted. Councilmember Myers questioned if the speed limits throughout the City are maintained through the LPD. Valentine stated all are maintained by the LPD, except for Hudson Street and M-21.

Councilmember Myers stated he would like a salary review process set for the Boards and Commissions. City Manager Pasquale responded there would have to be a charter change with the Planning Commission allowing compensation. Mayor Thompson stated this could be reviewed. City Manager Pasquale will report back with information at the November 16, 1998 meeting.



# Transient Merchant, continued.... From Page 1

does require that transient merchants follow all of the commercial zoning requirements. Blough suggested that perhaps the real problem is the enforcement of the transient merchant ordinance.

"It is enforceable," said planning commissioner James Hall, who is one of the six commissioners who voted in favor of recommending that the city eliminate the transient merchant license for profit groups. "It's a matter of enforcing it. I think too much time is spent, especially on the corner of Main and Hudson, for us to justify it."

But instead of limiting the license to only nonprofit groups as proposed by the planning commission, the city council opted to have the commission take a look at the ordinance and review it...the goal being to clean up some of the language such as the licensing fee and length of time that a place could operate. Having more time to review the ordinance was the recommendation of planning commission chair Dan Brubaker, who was the minority vote.

While the planning commission reviews the ordinance, the city council has put a moratorium in place on future transient

licenses. Those with existing licenses will be allowed to continue until the license expires or is revoked by the council for not following city ordinances.

## Ordinance, cont'd.... From Page 1

of an existing historic district, or may eliminate an existing historic district.

Thompson clarified that under state law, consent is not required by the property owner. "Rarely throughout the state is property designated over an objection," he said.

Sue Ford, a Fallasburg Park resident, said the proposed new ordinance would be used not as goodwill toward the residents but as a legally binding goodwill for the commission.

"If a resident wants, the commission will let us be in a historic district; if not, we will be because the property is valuable to the commission," Ford said.

Craig Wood, a Vergennes resident, said the residents have had less than two weeks to research, study, and understand the proposed ordinance. "That is insufficient time to compare the old to the new. As written, this ordinance is severe and not friendly to residents. There are many questions which need to be answered and discussed."

The planning commission tabled the issue and motioned that a committee of interested citizens, the township planner and members of the historic commission put together an ordinance.

## MEAP, cont'd.... From Page 1

student participation and the continual gradual increase in percentage of students meeting state expectations for endorsement.

Lowell High School juniors finished in the top 10 in three of the four High School MEAP Tests within the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD).

The one exception was reading, in which it was 12th among KISD schools.

In science, 70.3 percent of Lowell juniors met state expectations for endorsement, sixth best among KISD schools. That is above the state (51.7) and county (57.7) averages.

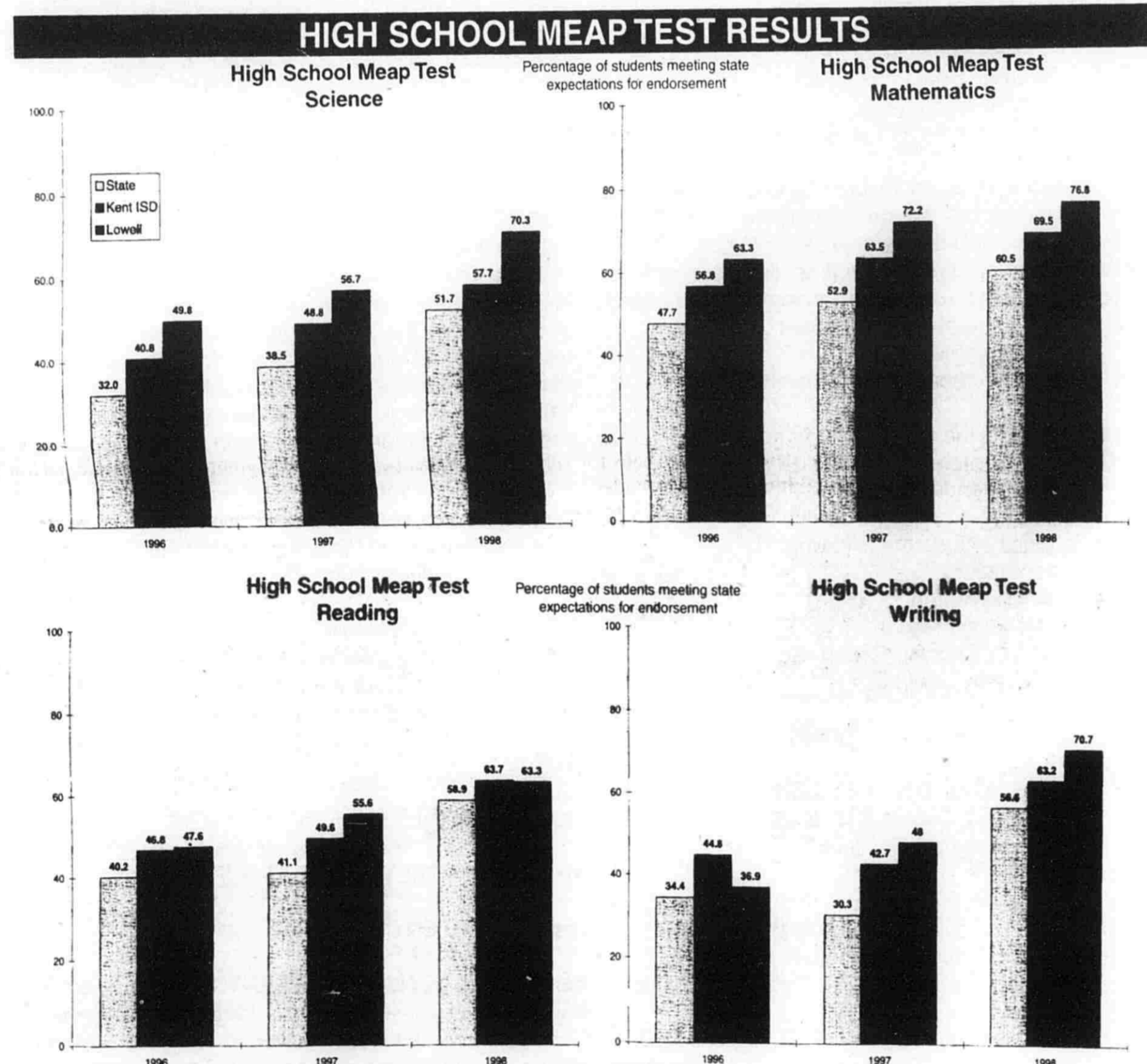
In math, 76.8 percent of

Lowell juniors met state expectations for endorsement. The state average was 60.5 and the county average was 69.5. Lowell's score was seventh best in the KISD

In writing, 70.7 percent of Lowell's 1997-98 juniors met state expectations for endorsement. The state average

was 56.6 and the county average was 63.2. Lowell's writing percentage was fifth best among KISD districts.

In reading, Lowell had 63.3 percent of its students meet the state expectations for endorsement while the county average was 63.7 and the state average was 58.9.



Previous to 1997-1998, the performance category of "Proficient" was used to classify those students who were endorsed as meeting Michigan's high standards. This year the category has been subdivided into students who "Exceed Michigan Standards" and "Met Michigan Standards."

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Thompson stated there is a street light out at the corner of Grindle and Shepard.

**Item #11. MANAGERS REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale stated the following:

1. Jim Brown has been hired as Equipment Operator/Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department starting last September 28. Jim is a 1977 Lowell High School graduate.

2. Enclosed are the following meeting minutes:  
 - Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce meeting of September 9  
 - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of September 12  
 - Downtown Development Authority meeting of September 17  
 - Cable TV Board meeting of September 17  
 - Lowell Light and Power meeting of September 21

3. On Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education Room, the Lowell Area Schools will hold an information meeting on cost and financing of the proposed swimming pool and future school building projects. All have been invited.

4. Marilynn Semonick provided a sample agenda regarding the goal setting session. She said the program could be held in one eight hour day (Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or two consecutive 6 hour days from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Possible dates were:

November 21, (Saturday) one day  
 December 7, 8, 9 (Monday - Wednesday) two of these days  
 January 5, 6, 7 (Tuesday - Thursday) two of these days  
 January 11, 12, 13 (Monday - Wednesday) two of these days  
 January 30 (Saturday) one day

Semonick estimated her out-of-pocket expenses not to exceed \$300.

The City Council decided to meet with Marilyn Semonick on Saturday, January 30, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 5. Minutes were prepared from the Boards and Commissions meeting, but was left out of this packet. These will be provided at the next meeting.

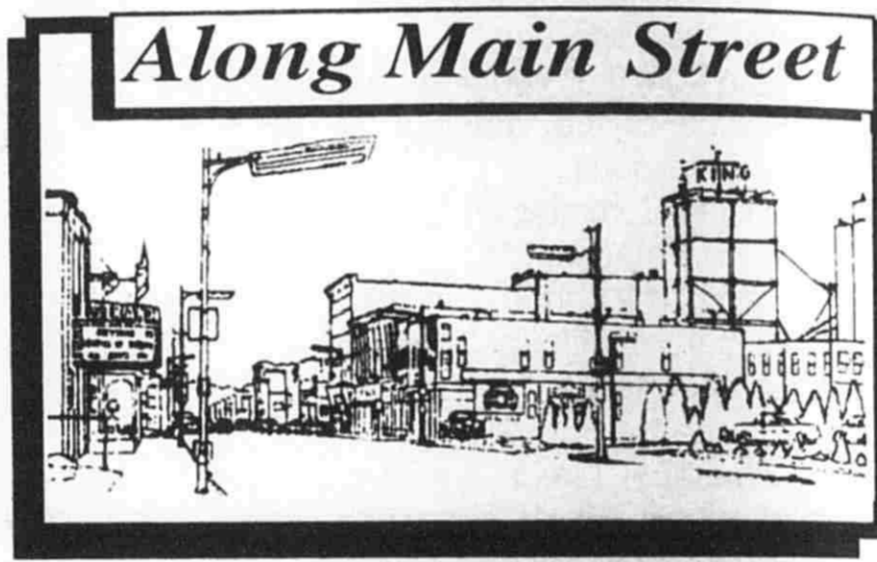
Mayor Thompson asked if Light and Power had hired a Superintendent. City Manager Pasquale responded a tentative offer has been made.

**Item #12. APPOINTMENTS.** None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adjourn at 9:19 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, Nov. 2, 1998

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



### LYFL BANQUETS

The Lowell Youth Football League banquet will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 at noon in the Cherry Creek cafeteria.

### SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington.

Program is *Learn to Know and Use Herbs* with Julie Kienitz.

### LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

The Lowell Little League board meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the NAPA building.

### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m. November commodities are: corn cereal, corn (canned), walnuts, raisins, beans, nuts and frozen turkey.

### BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lowell High School auxiliary gym. The blood drive is sponsored by the student council.

### PARENTS - SENIOR VIDEO

Pictures are needed of seniors for the senior video which will be available at the Senior All-Night party. Baby pictures, group shots and individual pictures may be dropped off at the high school office or media center.

# Elementary students cashing in on banking opportunities



Alto Elementary Learning with Interest Bank staff members are: Benjamin Hanson, Megan Vaught, Andrea Koster, Rebecca Underwood, Bradley Corlett, Samantha Mol, Eva Wilcox, Alisha Trebian, Brook Van Eck, Paula Lawrence, Leannah Seese, Alice Blumm, Jonathan Riddle, Austin Blough, Heather Harrigan and Jennifer Zoodsma. (Names Do Not Appear In Order)



Cherry Creek Elementary Kash-4-Kids Bank staff members are: Lori Smith, Jeanie Miller, Amanda Schneider, Cassandra Oracz, Brett Hobrla, Billy Gill, Kristin MacAlpine, Jodi Lupton, Lisa Bomers, Ashley Spicer, Angela Miller, Elizabeth Drain, Jessica Wright, Maggie Nurmikko, Angelica Williams, Danielle Anchors, Laura Crimmins, Elizabeth Mosher, Sarah Lessons, Molly LaLone, Alisha Hughes, LynnAnn Bell, Alana Anderson, Tony Adriane, Jennifer Lupton, David VanKeulen, Katie Goldner, Greg Stevens, Kirby Siek, Charles Fetterhof, Jamie Dryer, Kaitlyn Brower, Adam Ingraham, Alison Nugent, Samantha Collins, Stephen Kerr. (Names Do Not Appear In Order)

## Wings Program Parents Group meets Nov. 24th

The Wings Program Parents Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at 300 High St. It offers information and support for parents of high ability students in the Lowell Area Schools. For more information call Paula Blumm at 897-5157 (e-mail PBlumm@aol.com), or Dottie Roth at 897-9257.



Heidi Christines is pleased to announce the appointment of Shela Carey-Thomson as a member of its design team. Carey-Thomson brings a unique blend of talents. She has been a salon owner in Lowell for two years and has a background that has served

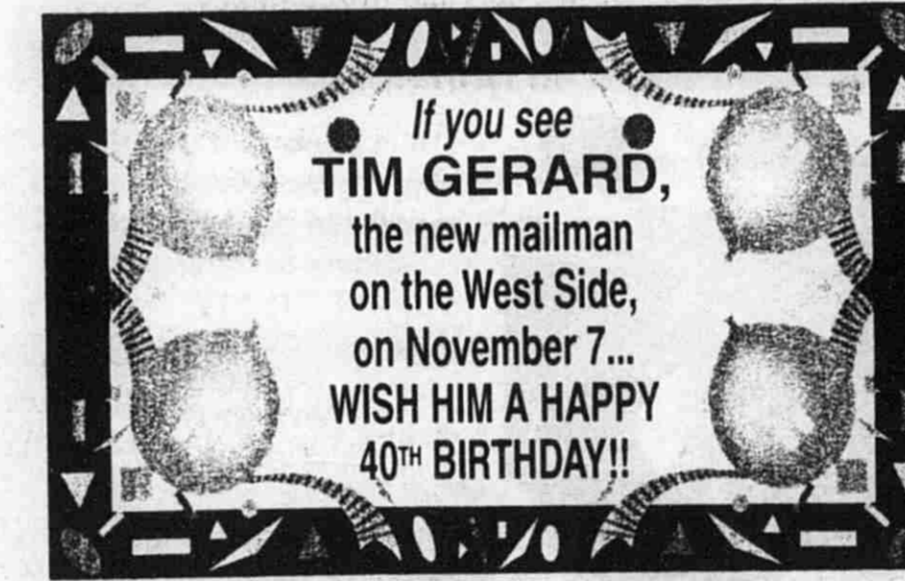
her well in the fields of esthetics, make-up application, and trends.

Carey-Thomson will blend her skills into the salon and spa at Heidi Christines, 500 Ada Dr., Ada MI 49301.

She started her new job on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Carey-Thomson can be reached at 676-3304.

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 JENNIFER TILLY (R)  
 WED/TH 5:30 7:40 9:30

**BELOVED**  
 DIGITAL  
 OPRAH WINFREY (R)  
 WED/TH 6:30 9:35

**GHOSTS OF DICKENS PAST**  
 FEATURE FILMS FOR FAMILIES (G)  
 WED/TH 5:20 7:10 9:20

**ANTZ**  
 DIGITAL SOUND (PG)  
 VOICE OF WOODY ALLEN  
 WED/TH 5:10 7:20 9:00

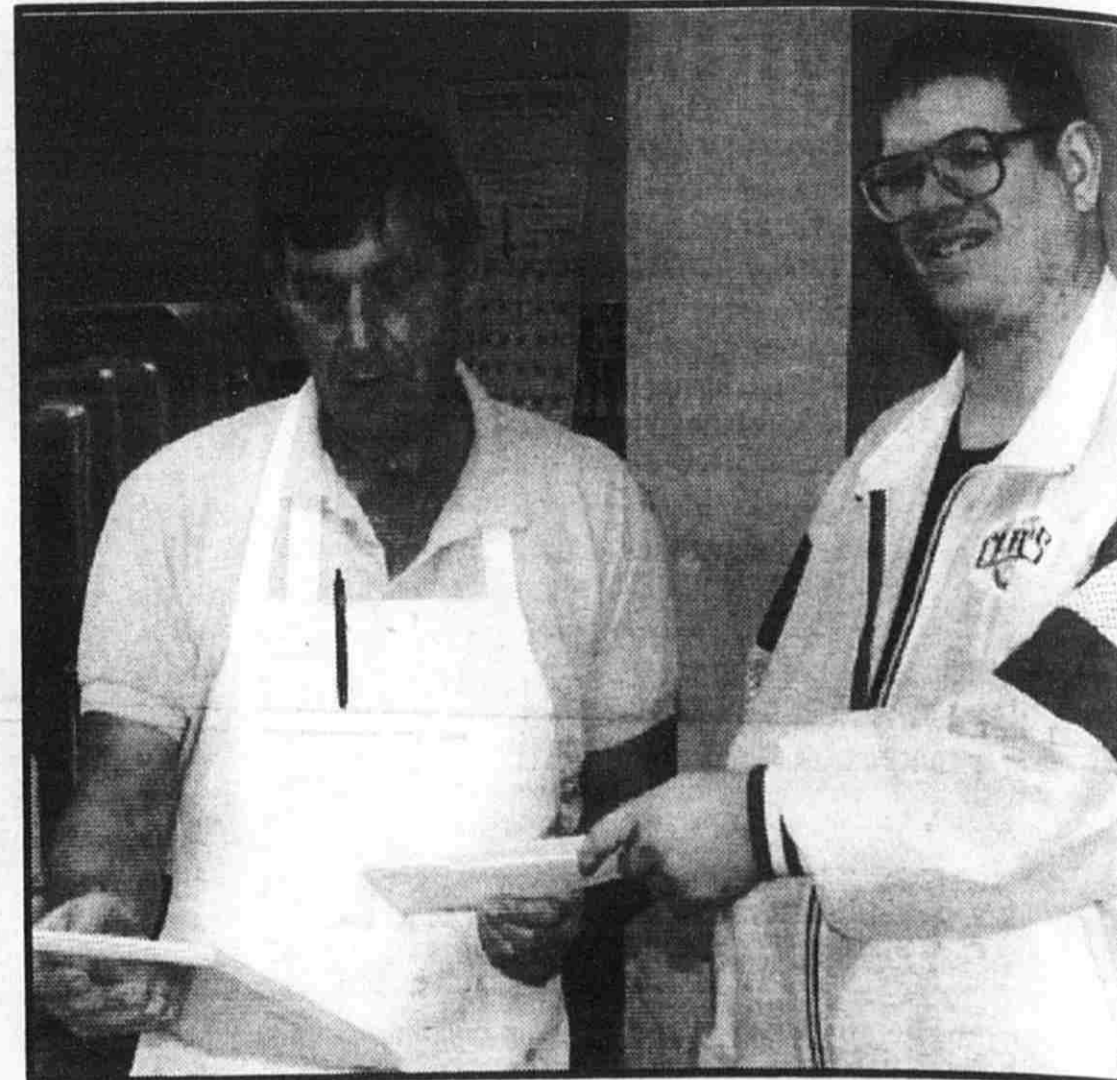
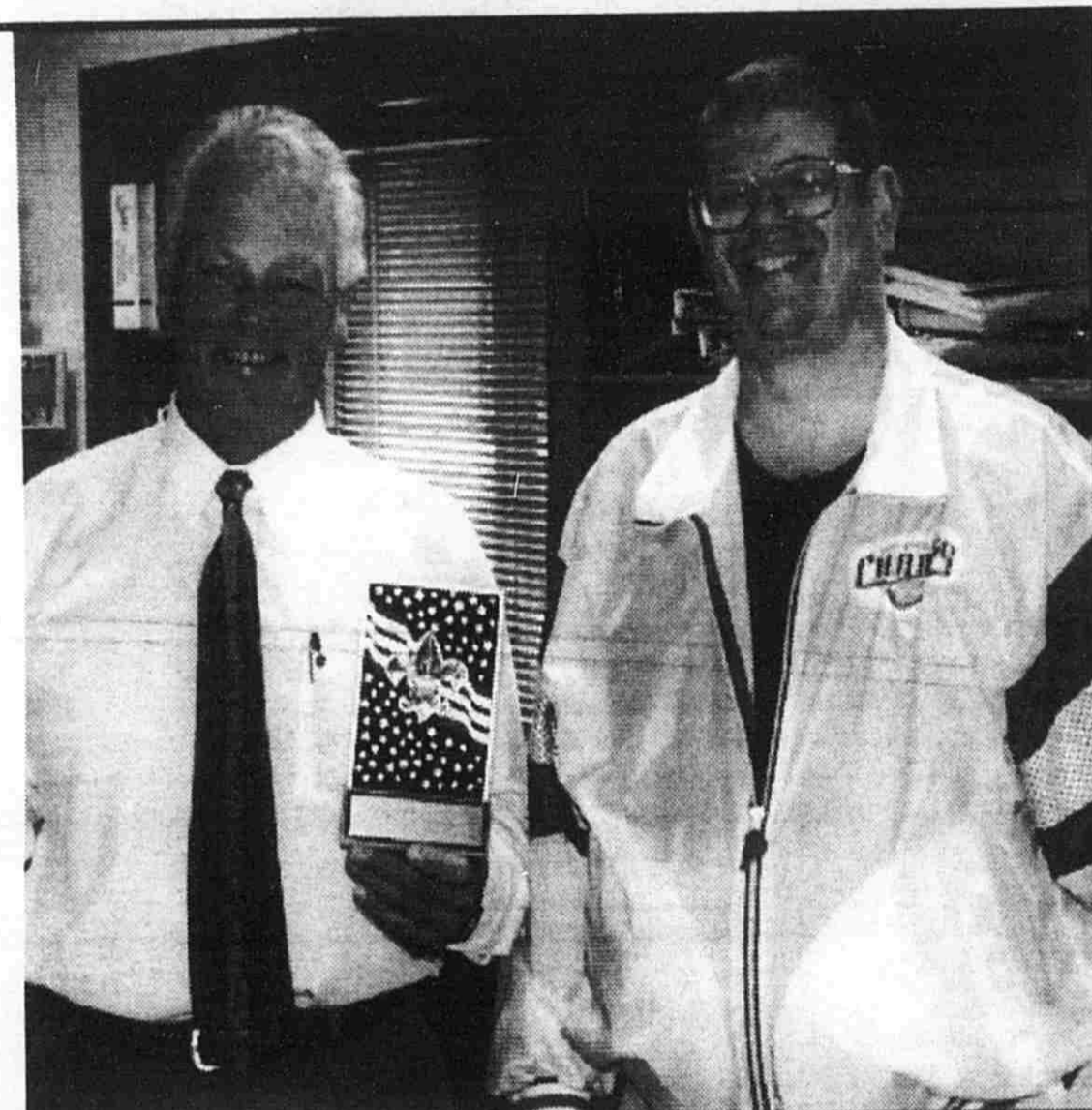
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### Scouts recognize Ledger for its service

Dirk Ritzema, right, leader of Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102, presents Lowell Ledger publisher Roger Brown, left, with a plaque acknowledging the weekly newspaper for its service and cooperation in making Troop 102's chicken barbecue a success.



### Gary's Meat Market Saluted

Gary Laux, left, owner of Gary's Meat Market, receives a plaque from Dirk Ritzema, Boy Scout Troop 102 leader, for his devoted service in helping with the troop's annual chicken barbecue. "Both Gary's Meat Market and The Lowell Ledger have been good to us for years, dating clear back to when we first started the barbecue," Ritzema said.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION  
POSTING AND NOTICE  
OF ACTION  
CASE # 98-07624-DO

HALL OF JUSTICE  
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DONNA J. ROSAS  
PLAINTIFF  
vs  
ANTONIO ACOSTA-  
ROSAS  
a/k/a JOSE LUIS  
ROSAS

TO ANTONIO ACOSTA-  
ROSAS, a/k/a JOSE LUIS  
ROSAS

IT IS ORDERED:  
1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for a DIVORCE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before NOVEMBER 15, 1998. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. A copy of this order shall be sent to ANTONIO ACOSTA-ROSAS a/k/a Jose Luis Rosas at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

October 13, 1998  
Judge George S. Buth

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### Fluid Design contracted to design city logo

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

the flag looks, then again it  
might be more like the Low-  
ell Light and Power one.

No matter what it looks  
like, one thing is for certain—  
the city will have its own logo.

At its Monday night meet-  
ing, the Lowell City Council  
unanimously voted to have  
Fluid Design work on develop-  
ing a logo for the city at the  
cost of \$1,020.

Under the motion made  
by Mayor Bill Thompson, the  
design company, which came  
up with Lowell Light and  
Power and Lowell Cable Tele-  
vision designs, would have  
the option of utilizing aspects

from the city flag and/or the  
power company and cable  
television designs.

A question was raised last  
month over whether separate  
designs should be created for  
each city department. City  
staff indicated that their pre-  
ference was to have one logo  
to represent the entire city.

Councilor Jeanne Shores  
said she agreed with that since  
"we are one city and should  
be represented by a single  
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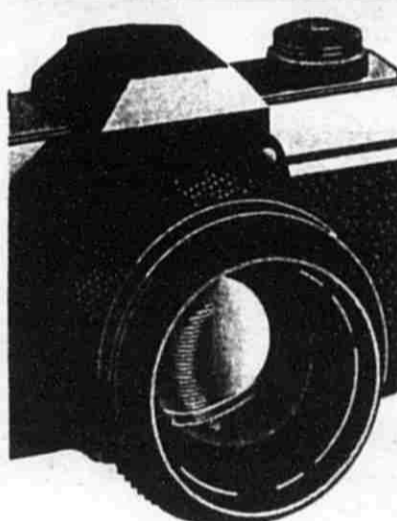
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### FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6 THRU NOVEMBER 12

Mario Van Peebles, Cicely Tyson, Kaleb Morton, Queen Latifah and Blair Underwood (from left) star in the multigenerational film *Mama Flora's Family*, Based on the novel by Alex Haley (*Roots*) and David Stevens, the two-part TV movie airs Sunday and Tuesday on CBS.

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FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 6, 1998 BROADCAST STATIONS table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and station names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.)

FRIDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 6, 1998 BROADCAST STATIONS table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and station names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.)

SATURDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 7, 1998 BROADCAST STATIONS table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and station names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 7, 1998 BROADCAST STATIONS table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and station names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.)



SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 7, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs and movies.

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 7, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs and movies.

SUNDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 8, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs and movies.

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MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 9, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 9, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs.

TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 10, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 10, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs.

WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 11, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 11, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs.



THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 12, 1998											
BROADCAST STATIONS		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "Anywhere but Here" (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Rear Windows '98" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
4	WOTV	Extra (In Stereo)	Real TV (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman, A son's engagement throws a kink into a gay couple's life. (In Stereo)	News	Nightline					
6	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Mystery! "The Life and Crimes of William Palmer" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)			
7	WXMI	Frasier (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	World's Wildest Police Videos (In Stereo)	When Good Pets Go Bad (In Stereo)	Baywatch "Swept Away" (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H "KIM" (In Stereo)			
8	WOOD	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Jesse (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	ER "Hazed and Confused" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
9	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Movie: *** "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman, A son's engagement throws a kink into a gay couple's life. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "The Last Rainforest" (1992) G	Movie: * 1/2 "Heatseeker: The Movie" (1986) G		Walt Disney Presents: Guide to Nature			
10	DISN	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Jungle Book" (1967), George Sanders G		Movie: *** "The Last Rainforest" (1992) G		Movie: * 1/2 "Bloodsport" (1988) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Leah Ayres.					
11	TBS	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	WCW Thunder	WCW Thunder						
12	FAM	Oh No! Mr. Bill	New Addams Family	AXN	Life, Camera, Action	Movie: ** 1/2 "Anything to Survive" (1990) Robert Conrad, Ocean Hellman.			700 Club		
13	FX	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	X-Files "Redux" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)	NYPD Blue "Seminal Thinking" (In Stereo)	In Living Color	Bobcat's Big Show	X-Files "Gettsemene" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 3)			
14	USA	Xena: Warrior Princess "Hooves and Harlots"		Walker, Texas Ranger "Right Man, Wrong Time"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen. (In Stereo)			New York Undercover "Color Lines" (In Stereo)			
15	WGN	Gimme Shelter (R)		Spytek "Spy vs. Spy" (R)	Spytek "The Real 007" (R)	Spytek "Deadly Game" (R)		Justice Files "Justifiable Homicide" (R)			
16	DISN	Family Matters	Family Matters	Wayans Bros. (R)	Jamie Foxx (In Stereo)	Steve Harvey "Rent" (R)	For Your Love	MacGyver "Birth Day"			
17	ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	Thursday GameNight	College Football: Georgia Tech at Clemson. (Live)				Sportscenter			
18	CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live			Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	
19	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years "Poker"	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
20	A&E	Law & Order "Encore" (R)		Biography: Nancy Reagan-Leading Lady	Unexplained "Exorcists" (R)			Touch of Frost "Unknown Soldiers" (Part 2 of 2)	Law & Order "Barter" (R)		
21	FSD	Red Wings Wk.	IHL Hockey: Michigan K-Vipers. (Live)					FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
22	TNT	ER "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "McIntock" (1963, Western) John Wayne, A cattle baron meets his match in a strong-willed woman.				Movie: *** "An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982) Richard Gere.			
23	NASH	Waltons "The Return" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)		History of Southern Gospel Music (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)			Dallas "The Wind of Change" (In Stereo)			
24	TLC	Code 3 "Clinging to Hope"		Medical Detectives	Without Warning			Lost Squadron			
25	SCIFI	Sightings (In Stereo)	Star Trek "The Omega Glory"					The Stand (Part 3 of 4)			
26	COM	Daily Show (R)	Win Ben Stein's Money	Movie: *** "Something Wild" (1986) Jeff Daniels, Ray Liotta.				Comedy Showcase			
27	HIST	20th Century (R)		Born Killers: Leopold & Loeb	Warhorse (Part 4 of 4)			Modern Marvels "Helicopters" (R)			
28	AMC	8:00 Movie: *** 1/2 "Julia" (1977) PG		Movie: *** "The Diary of Anne Frank" (1959, Drama) Joseph Schildkraut, Millie Perkins, A Jewish girl hides from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.				Dallas "The Wind of Change" (In Stereo)			
29	HBO	6:00 Movie: *** "The Main Event" (1979) PG		Teen Killers-Second	The Siege: First Look			Movie: *** "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (1945)			
30	MAX	6:00 Movie: *** "Moment of Impact" (1998)		Movie: **** "The Untouchables" (1987) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, graphic violence)				Movie: *** "Sleepers" (1996), Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman (In Stereo) R			

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 12, 1998											
BROADCAST STATIONS		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Man Hunt"	CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)						
4	WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Love Connection	Change of Heart	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
6	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
7	WXMI	Newsradio "Rose Bow"	Newlywed Game	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Cops "Las Vegas"	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)			
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Tonight Show (R) (In Stereo)	Sunset Beach (R)				LAPD: Life on the Beat	This Morning's
9	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Mad About You	News (R)	Judge Joe Brown	Married... With	Coach (In Stereo)	ABC World News Now	(Joined in Progress)	
10	DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Three Lives of Thomasina" (1964), Karen Dolrice PG	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Jungle Book" (1967), George Sanders G				Movie: *** "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (1945)	Inside Donald Duck (R)	
11	TBS	WCW Thunder (R)		WCW Thunder (R)		Movie: * 1/2 "Cover-Up" (1990) Dolph Lundgren, Lisa Berkley.			Perry Mason "The Case of the Fugitive Nurse"		
12	FAM	AXN (R)	Life, Camera, Action	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club					
13	FX	NYPD Blue (In Stereo)	In Living Color	In Living Color		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
14	USA	Silk Stalkings "Partners in Crime" (In Stereo)	Renegade "The Pipeline" (In Stereo)		Movie: ** "Rage and Honor II: Hostile Takeover" (1993) Cynthia Rothrock. (In Stereo)				Strens "Missing" (In Stereo)		
15	DISC	Spytek "Spy vs. Spy" (R)		Spytek "The Real 007" (R)		Spytek "Deadly Game" (R)			Paid Program	Paid Program	
16	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Paper Castles"		Matlock "The Lovelorn" (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program		Movie: ** "Kickboxer" (1989) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Chan.		
17	ESPN	Outside the Lines (R)		American Muscle (R)	World's Strongest Man			Up Close (R)	College Football: Georgia Tech at Clemson. (R)		
18	CNN	Larry King Live (R)		Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly (R)		Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		CNN International	Newsroom	
19	NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years "Poker"	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy
20	A&E	Biography: Nancy Reagan-Leading Lady		Unexplained "Exorcists" (R)		Touch of Frost "Unknown Soldiers" (Part 2 of 2)			Law & Order "Barter" (R)	Movie: *** "The Fallen Idol" (1948)	
21	FSD	Last Word (R)	Ultimate Fan League	Extremists (R)	Football Wkly	Go!n' Deep (R)		Hardcore Football (R)		Signature Series (R)	Paid Program
22	TNT	(10:45) Movie: *** "An Officer and a Gentleman"		Movie: *** 1/2 "The Shootist" (1976, Western) John Wayne, Lauren Bacall, A terminally ill gunslinger struggles to find peace.				Movie: *** "High Noon" (1952) Gary Cooper, Otto Kruger.			
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Carnival of Thrills"		Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)		Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)			Paid Program	Paid Program	
24	TLC	Lost Squadron (R)		Eurotunnel (R)		Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)		Paid Program	Paid Program	
25	SCIFI	(11:30) Star Trek "The Omega Glory"		The Stand (R) (Part 3 of 4)				Boris Karloff Presents Thriller			
26	COM	Saturday Night Live		Make Me Laugh	Daily Show (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "UH!" (1989) Al Yankovic, Kevin McCarthy.			Trains Unlimited "Built for Speed" (R)		
27	HIST	Born Killers: Leopold & Loeb (R)		Warhorse (R) (Part 4 of 4)		Modern Marvels "Helicopters" (R)			Born Killers: Leopold & Loeb (R)		
28	AMC	(11:00) Movie: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (1945)		Movie: *** 1/2 "Julia" (1977), Vanessa Redgrave, Jason Roberts PG (Adult language, violence)		Movie: *** "The Diary of Anne Frank" (1959), Millie Perkins, Shelley Winters					
29	H&G	Room for Change (R)	Designing-Sexs	21st Century Home (R)	Dream Builders (R)	This Old House (R)	New Yankee Workshop		Paid Program	Paid Program	
30	LIFE	Golden Girls (In Stereo)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)		Homicide: Life on the Street "Happy to Be Here" (In Stereo) R	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
31	HBO	Arliss (R) (In Stereo)	Sex and the City (R)	Mr. Show-Bob	Movie: *** 1/2 "Ulee's Gold" (1997), Patricia Richardson (In Stereo) R (Adult language)			Teen Killers-Second	Movie: *** "The Firm" (1993) (In Stereo) R		
32	MAX	(10:00) Movie: *** "Gentleman of the Bed" (1995), Betsy Monroe (In Stereo) R		Movie: *** 1/2 "Marathon Man" (1976, Suspense) Dustin Hoffman, A graduate student is at the mercy of a Nazi war criminal. R					Movie: *** "Mo'Nave Moon"		

## New league fills void for those with competitive spirits

...YMCA's Spirit League is considered more conducive to building a stronger basketball program in Lowell and offers something to those who are looking for more than recreation.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
*Lowell Ledger Editor*

YMCA's new basketball program attempts to meet the need of a competitive league while retaining the charge of a long-standing recreation league.

Having viewed the success the Southeast YMCA enjoyed in offering a competitive league (Spirit League) along with a recreational league last year, the Lowell YMCA has announced it will initiate a similar program.

"There is a group of people in the Lowell community who have been asking for a competitive basketball program," said Lowell YMCA program director Clay Summers. "We have been the only game in town for a lot of sports. While many love our recreation league, many want more."

The YMCA's recreation league offers players the opportunity to have fun, and to learn team work and basketball skills. The "Spirit League" will offer a more advanced, structured basketball program for kids with advanced skills.

Pete Bush, Lowell High School basketball coach, says over the last couple of years discussions have been held about starting a program on his own.

"I don't feel we've made the gains through the Y program

that I've expected," Bush said. "It hasn't been conducive to building success in our boys' basketball program."

Bush admits that the new Spirit League gives opportunity for that to happen. "I think we owe it to Clay (Summers) and the Y to see how the program is run the first year."

The Lowell varsity basketball coach will be given control, enabling him to set up what and how basketball skills are taught in the new league.

One of the problems with house leagues is that there are 1-2 players on each of the 8-10 teams who dominate the play, which leaves the rest to learn how to get out of the way.

Bush sees the Spirit League as a way to challenge top players and teach them how to move without the ball. "It also will give the players not as skilled a chance to learn the different facets of the game and to play at an equal level," he said.

Spirit League coaches will be interviewed and talked to about goals and what Bush wants to see accomplished with the teams of fifth- and sixth-graders.

They will all be required to attend a seminar outlining expectations and skills that need to be taught. "The volunteer coaches, I think, are very receptive to some structured training," Summers explains.

Summers and Bush both agree that by running the recreation and Spirit League programs, the goals of both can be accomplished.

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"The Y can run a very good Spirit League, but it will be even better with Pete being involved," Summers said.

One of the benefits to the Y by having Bush involved is on-site gym availability.

Summers believes there will be enough participation to have eight boy teams and six girl teams.

The practice for the Spirit League will begin the second week of December with the season ending Feb. 20.

Although there will be no tryouts, there will be a skills evaluation of players. From that, a recommendation of which league a player should participate in will be made.

"This type of league is needed. I think it is an area that Grand Rapids has lagged behind," Bush said.

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# Historical old barn falls in Sunday evening blaze

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The investigation into the cause of the fire that leveled a half-a-century-old barn (1160 W. Main) continues to raise new questions.

Investigating officer James Hinton explained that while questions continue to get answered, new ones keep surfacing.

"The fire could be an electric issue, but the cause re-

mains suspicious," Hinton said. "Arson has not been ruled out."

The fire was reported at 11:48 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18. Firefighters needed three-and-a-half hours to douse the flames of a flattened structure appraised at approximately \$2-\$3,000, according to city assessor James Marfia. "A storage building that old was probably worth a couple thousand dollars."

The signs and miscellaneous items Greenridge Realty stored in the barn were said to be valued at approximately \$3-\$4,000 by Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty manager.

Parts of the south portion of the newly sided Greenridge office building were bubbled by the heat from the fire.

A recurring problem Greenridge has encountered over the years has been kids

using the barn structure as a hangout.

The barn was originally built back in the mid-40s by George Lundberg. He had the house (now Greenridge) built in the early 40s.

Lundberg used the barn to raise riding horses, according to his daughter Julie Lundberg Condon (Jack

Condon) who now resides in Greenville.

"My father raised Western Pleasure horses. It was a four-stall barn, but he raised two horses at a time," Condon explained. "I can remember riding horses as a child. It is a fond memory."

In 1965, her father sold the property to Dr. Harold

Myers who owned the house and barn until the early 80s when he sold the parcel to Don and Connie Reedy.

"Prior to buying it, the house had been a restaurant. In front of the house was an apple and cherry tree orchard. You couldn't see the house from the road," Reedy explained.



The half-a-century-old barn (1160 W. Main) burned on Sunday, Oct. 18.

## Kids Night Out

The Lowell YMCA sponsored a "Kids Night Out." This is a time for the kids to come out and have a fun, safe evening. The nights are filled with many different activities: movies, arts and crafts, sports, games and food. One activity the kids enjoyed on Friday night was "Hanging Donuts." Here the picture shows Michelle Thompson giving it her best try at eating the donut...it's harder than it looks!

Director of the YMCA school-age program Teri Sikkenga says, "This Kids Night Out had the highest registration yet - over 100 kids signed up."

The next Kids Night Out will be on Fri., December 18. Parents need to sign



up early to make sure their child has a spot. For more information on Kids Night Out, you can call the Lowell YMCA office at 897-8445.

# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, 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 MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**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. Overeater's 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!

**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 MI#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 Beltline). 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.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** Toastmaster - New club forming. Meets from 5:20 to 6:30 p.m. at FTCH 6090 E. Fulton St., Ada. For more information contact Lee Lebbin, 453-4538. We unravel the tongue-tied.

**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 Congregational 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 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**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.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7 p.m.

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

**THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school

cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

**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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**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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**NOV. 7 & 8:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club annual rifle/shotgun sight in. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the club range, 11400 Foreman Rd. For more information call Jim Schafer, 897-5451.

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**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **MON.-FRI.:** Senior meals program, noon.

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**THURS., NOV. 5:** 11:45 a.m., Al Jolson, DeVos Hall.

**THURS., NOV. 12:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Advisory Council orientation, Walker.

**FRI., NOV. 6:** 10:30 a.m., Kelloggs "Cereal City" Battle Creek.

**MON., NOV. 9:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping Meijers. **FRI., NOV. 13:** 12:30 p.m., shopping - Target & Fruitbasket.

**TUES., NOV. 10:** 12:30 p.m., Grand Rapids Art Museum - Mathias Alten. **TUES., NOV. 17:** 10:30 a.m., Wellness class. (Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

**WED., NOV. 11:** Noon,

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# Red Arrows end football season with a 41-0 dismantling of Greenville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In a game that marked the end of high school football for 20 Lowell players, it was fitting that it was the seniors who were the highlights in the Red Arrows' 41-0 nonconference win over Greenville Friday night.

Lowell, which has gone 15-4 over the last two seasons in which the '98 seniors have played, blasted the Yellowjackets from start to finish.

"The boys socked it to them," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "They came out ready to play and played better than I thought."

Lowell scored on five of its first six possessions.

"We knew coming in that we had to stop their best player (T.J. Thayer)." Greenville coach Aaron West explained. "We didn't. He's too dang good. Thayer's a great player. Lowell's first two series set the tone for the game before we could catch our breath."

The Red Arrows took five plays to drive 66 yards on its opening series. A Thayer to

Andy Graham 10-yard touchdown pass capped the scoring march.

Minutes later, Thayer rushed it in for Lowell's second touchdown from one yard away, finishing a drive 59 yards.

Lowell increased its lead to 21-0 early in the second quarter when Steve VanLaan rumbled home from the two, capping a drive that started on the Lowell 35.

**Quotable:** I have a great deal of love for these seniors. They are good kids. I'm glad to be able to call them my friends. There's more to this game than wins and losses. I'm sad to see these kids go.

- Noel Dean

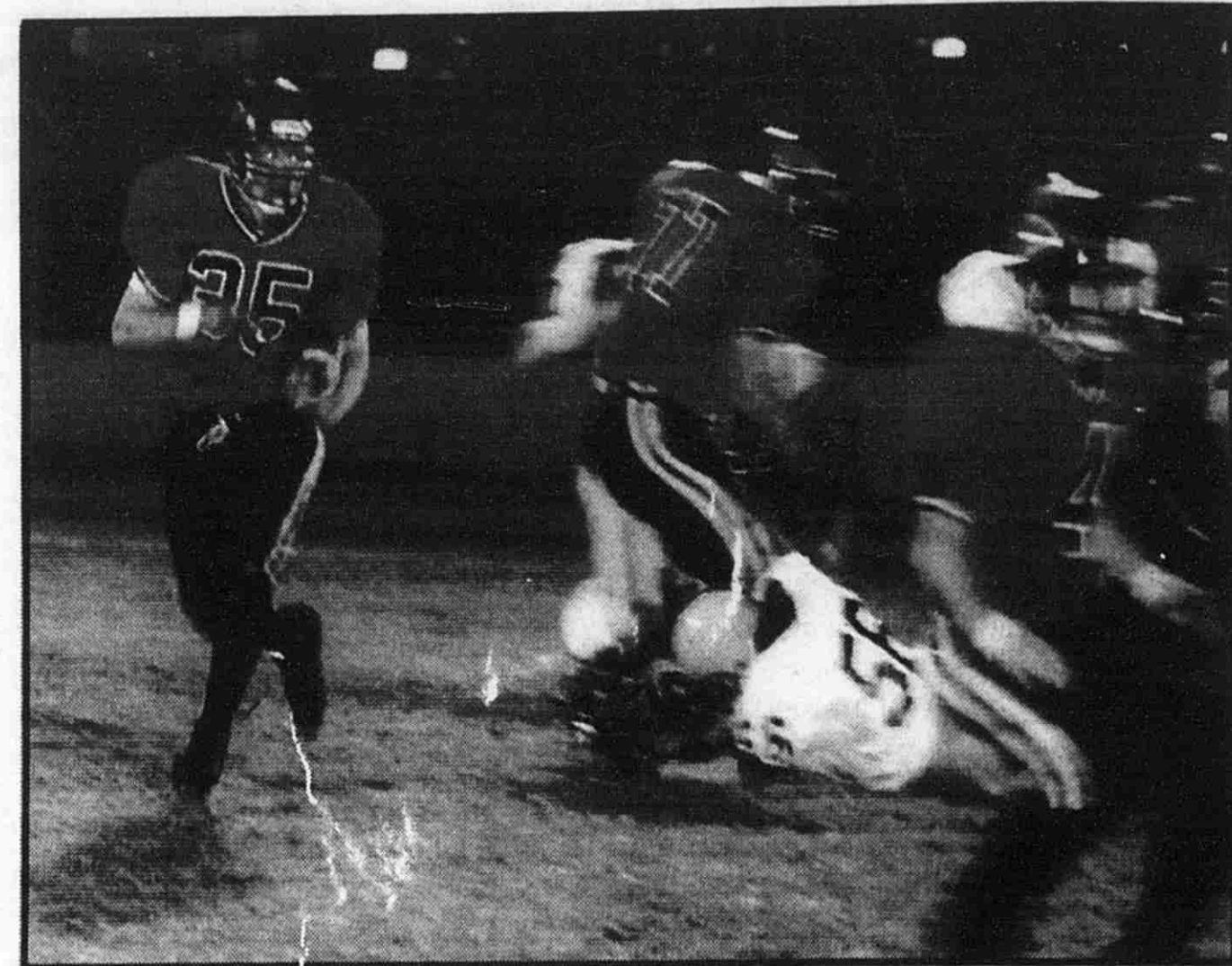
With a little over a minute left in the first half, it was Thayer scoring from the Greenville two-yard line, giving Lowell a 28-0 halftime lead.

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are good kids. I'm glad to be able to call them my friends," Dean said. "There's more to this game than wins and losses. I'm sad to see these kids go."

The seniors' final half of play included a 12-yard touchdown run by Steve VanLaan and a 34-yard scoring burst by Dustin Gless.

When asked if the club was disappointed about not making the playoffs, the



Steve VanLaan scored two touchdowns and rushed for 73 yards in his final varsity game.

tions, and everybody should, otherwise you just wallow in mediocrity."

VanLaan finished the game with 73 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Thayer

garnered 93 yards and also scored two touchdowns.

Lowell's defense held Greenville to 64 yards on 37 carries. The Yellowjackets

were 1-of-5 through the air for 19 yards and two interceptions.

Greenville was held to just 83 yards' total offense. Lowell finishes its season at 7-2.

## 78'ers end season with victory

The 78'ers football teams played their last game of the season last Wednesday at Burch Field.

The Red team defeated Grand Rapids Central and finished the year with a 7-1 record. The Arrows' squad was defeated by East Grand Rapids (East's only loss was to Lowell's Red team) and finished the year at 5-2-1.

Head coaches John Wilder and Rick Zimmerman both agree having two teams, while most have just one, may cost some victories but it is well worth all the kids seeing more playing time.

The majority of players are eighth graders which should make for an exciting freshman football team next year.

## Kirsches and Rottier finish regional with state qualifying times

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Both Frank and Molly Kirsch felt the push of time Saturday at the Class A Regional cross country meet at Lowell High School.

Frank Kirsch knew his senior year was his year, and his last chance, to qualify for the state meet. "I just had to go out and get it done," he explained.

Kirsch did that by finishing 15th overall with a time of 16:58 and earning a spot at the Class A State meet on Saturday at the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn.

"As a team we made it to the state meet my freshman year. All I remember was there were a lot of people there and quite a bit of snow," Kirsch recalls. "I was slipping and sliding a lot."

His younger sister Molly felt the push of the upper-classmen running against her, who were also looking to make this year their year.

The Red Arrow freshman, though, also wanted something - a spot at the state meet.

"It was a tough race. The girls really pushed hard," Molly Kirsch said.

The freshman (21st) withstood the push and came home in 21:01 and will join her brother and other elite runners from around the state on Saturday.

"This course is more difficult than Johnson Park. The hills are not as big, but there are more of them spread throughout the course," Molly Kirsch explains.

Both Kirsch runners were helped by their familiarity with the course. "It is an advantage to know where the turns are and how much there is left to go," Frank Kirsch says. "I felt good the first two miles. Because the pack came through fast at the two-mile mark, I lost a little and couldn't stay with them over the last mile."

The elder Kirsch will also be joined by teammate Dan Rottier. The senior was 20th overall with a time of 17:05.

"Dan ran a tough race," said Lowell cross country coach Mike Mull.

Other Red Arrows to finish the race were Mike Suman (18:22), Aaron Plattner (18:31), and Caleb O'Boyle (18:35).

Teammates following Molly Kirsch home were Ashley Cunningham (22:07); Stacy Anderson (23:42); Courtney Baker (23:47); and Brittany Plescher (24:21).

The top three teams in each class advanced to the state meet.

In the Class A girls' race, they were Mount Pleasant, 77; Portage Central, 77; and Gaylord, 130. Lowell was Saturday.

14th with 352.

The top three boys' teams were Grand Ledge, 61; Portage Central, 114; and Gaylord, 136. Lowell was 11th with 246.

### OK White Conference Meet

Frank Kirsch turned in his best time of the year in one of the season's most important races.

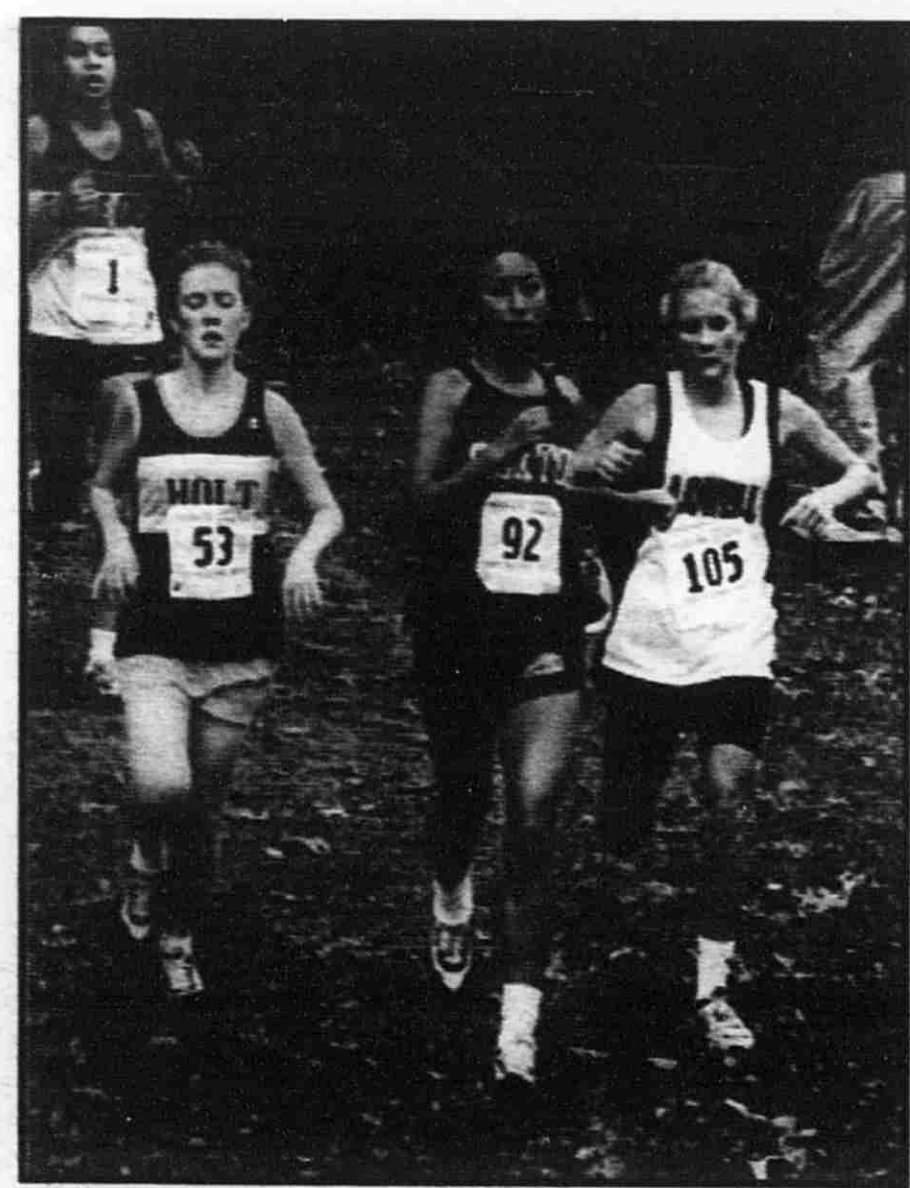
Kirsch came off the Johnson Park course in 16:52, placing him second only to Zeeland's Scott Nagelkerke (16:42).

The Red Arrow team (99) was fourth overall behind Zeeland (33), Hudsonville (76) and Northview (77).

Red Arrows following Kirsch were Dan Rottier, fourth, 17:15; Caleb O'Boyle, 24th, 18:39; Aaron Plattner, 32nd, 19:20; and Andy Oetman, 37th, 19:37.

The Red Arrow girls placed eighth. Freshman Molly Kirsch was eighth overall with a time of 21:09. Other Lowell times were Stacy Anderson (34th) 23:51; Courtney Baker (36th) 24:12; Brittany Plescher (38th) 24:18; and Amber O'Boyle (39th) 24:20.

Red Arrows earning all conference honors were Molly Kirsch, Frank Kirsch and Dan Rottier.



Lowell's Molly Kirsch, left, and Frank Kirsch, bottom, were two of three Red Arrow cross country runners who qualified for the state meet on Saturday. Joining them will be senior Dan Rottier.



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## Freshmen FB team upends Greenville and Zeeland

Call them the "Cardiac Kids." The Lowell freshmen football team stopped Greenville's last series at the Lowell 13, to preserve a 38-36 victory.

The previous week, Matt Barry along with Brandon Biggs stopped Zeeland at the one-yard line, as time expired.

Before that, it was Wyoming Park failing on a field goal from the three-yard line as time ran out.

Lowell scored first against Greenville on a 40-yard run from Nick Onan. Greenville countered with two scores of its own to make the score 14-6.

With less than a minute left in the half, Brad Eldridge scored on a 45-yard run around the left side along with a two-point conversion.

Greenville countered with a touchdown of its own. Lowell's Travis Devoid scored on runs of 44 and 50 yards for the Red Arrows.

**Lowell 18**  
**Zeeland 15**

After Lowell stopped Zeeland on its first series, Lowell took over on the Zeeland 37 from a bad snap to the punter. Lowell then capped a 10-play scoring drive with Travis Devoid plunging in from two yards out.

The conversion failed leaving the score 6-0. On the next series for Zeeland, Kyle Sitzer forced a fumble and Nick Onan picked it up at the Zeeland 30-yard line, scooting into the end zone for Lowell's second score. Lowell stopped Zeeland on Lowell's 16-yard line with an interception and 1:22 left in the second quarter.

Lowell received the ball to start the third quarter. Behind the fine blocking of the Lowell line, Brad Eldridge went 62 yards to make the score 18-0. With the score 18-8, Zeeland scored with 11.8 seconds left in the game. Zeeland then recovered an on-side kick with 9.9 seconds remaining.

On the second play, Matt Barry along with Brandon Biggs forced Zeeland out of bounds at the one-yard line after a 42-yard screen play with no time left on the clock to preserve the victory.

## Red Arrow JV football team edges Greenville

Lowell's JV football team defeated Greenville last Thursday 38-33. Both teams were 7-1 entering the contest.

After both teams traded turnovers early in the contest, the Arrows struck first when Kurt Telman raced 63 yards for a touchdown. Greenville responded with a six-play drive to end the first quarter 6-6.

Josh Brown connected with Nate Borth for an 18-yard touchdown pass and Tom Dawson ran for the 2-point conversion.

Greenville scored as time ran out in the first half and converted the 2-point conversion to tie the score at 14-14.

On the second play from scrimmage, Dawson went 92 yards to score. Greenville returned the kick-off to tie the score at 20 all.

Greenville scored again in the third quarter for a 26-20 lead. Ken Palowski ran for a 23-yard touchdown to open the fourth quarter and scored again for a 32-26 Lowell lead. Brown scored on a five-yard run and Greenville scored once more with less than one minute to play for a 38-33 Arrow victory.

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Pictured from Brenda's Hair Design, front row: Therese Jakeway; back row, left to right, are: Julie Heimer, Cheryl Thomas and Brenda Bergy.



Pictured from City Hall, left to right, are: Sue Olin, Char McNab, Sue Ullery and Vickie Videan.



Pictured from Cumberland Manor, left to right, are: Tara Krebs, Joy Fezler, Agnes Holcomb, Kathy Stiver and Lola Hunt.



Pictured from Lowell Township Hall, left to right, are: Carol Wieland, Jean Huver, Kathy Fremer, John Timpson and Rena Jett.



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# Halloween contest pics, continued...



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Pictured from Riverbend East, left to right, are: Deb Hill, Mary Ford, Trisha Propst, Carol McGregor and Karen Payne.



## Lowell girls find their mark in league wins over Northview and Wyoming Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A 14-4 run to start the fourth quarter helped ignite Lowell to a 50-41 OK White Conference win over Wyoming Park on the reunion of the 1989 and 1993 Red Arrow championship teams.

It was the Red Arrows' (3-8, 5-11) second league win in three nights. There are signs, that this Lowell club, after a tough first half of the season, is beginning to play its best basketball.

"The girls have played well in three consecutive games," Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers said.

"They're being patient, executing and knocking down some shots."

Against the Vikings Thursday night, Lowell got 38 points from its guards. Bethany Fredline netted a game-leading 17 points, Lynn Boersma tallied 11 and Rachael Fredline contributed with 10.

"When our backcourt scores 38 points, we're going to win some basketball games," Akers explained.

A Bethany Fredline three was sandwiched between two Boersma threes as Lowell built an early 9-1 lead.

The Vikings weathered the storm as they battled back

to trail by just three (15-12) at the end of one quarter.

"We began to execute in the second quarter. That continued until midway through the third," Wyoming Park coach Rich Pullen said. "Then we made mistakes and struggled to maintain our intensity."

Akers attributed Lowell's five-point second quarter to a lack of penetration by his guards.

The Red Arrows trailed

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- Ken Akers

21-20 at halftime and 31-30 after three quarters of play.

The final stanza was dominated by Lowell. A baseline jumper by Nicole Arnett with 6:55 to play gave Lowell a 32-31 advantage, one it would not relinquish.

A Rachael Fredline three-point shot and a Shelby Williams' bucket gave Lowell a 37-35 advantage.

The Red Arrows, in a two-in-a-half minute span, went on a 7-0 run to take control 44-35.

"Lowell played harder than we did at the end," Pullen said. "We have problems finishing. It's been a problem all year."

The only part of Lowell's game in which its coach was disappointed was Lowell's rebounding. "The two games prior to this, I thought our rebounding was great, but not tonight."

Lowell 37  
Northview 31

From an offensive execution standpoint, it may have been Lowell's finest game of the year.

"The girls were like clockwork. They ran our high post offense to near perfection," Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers said.

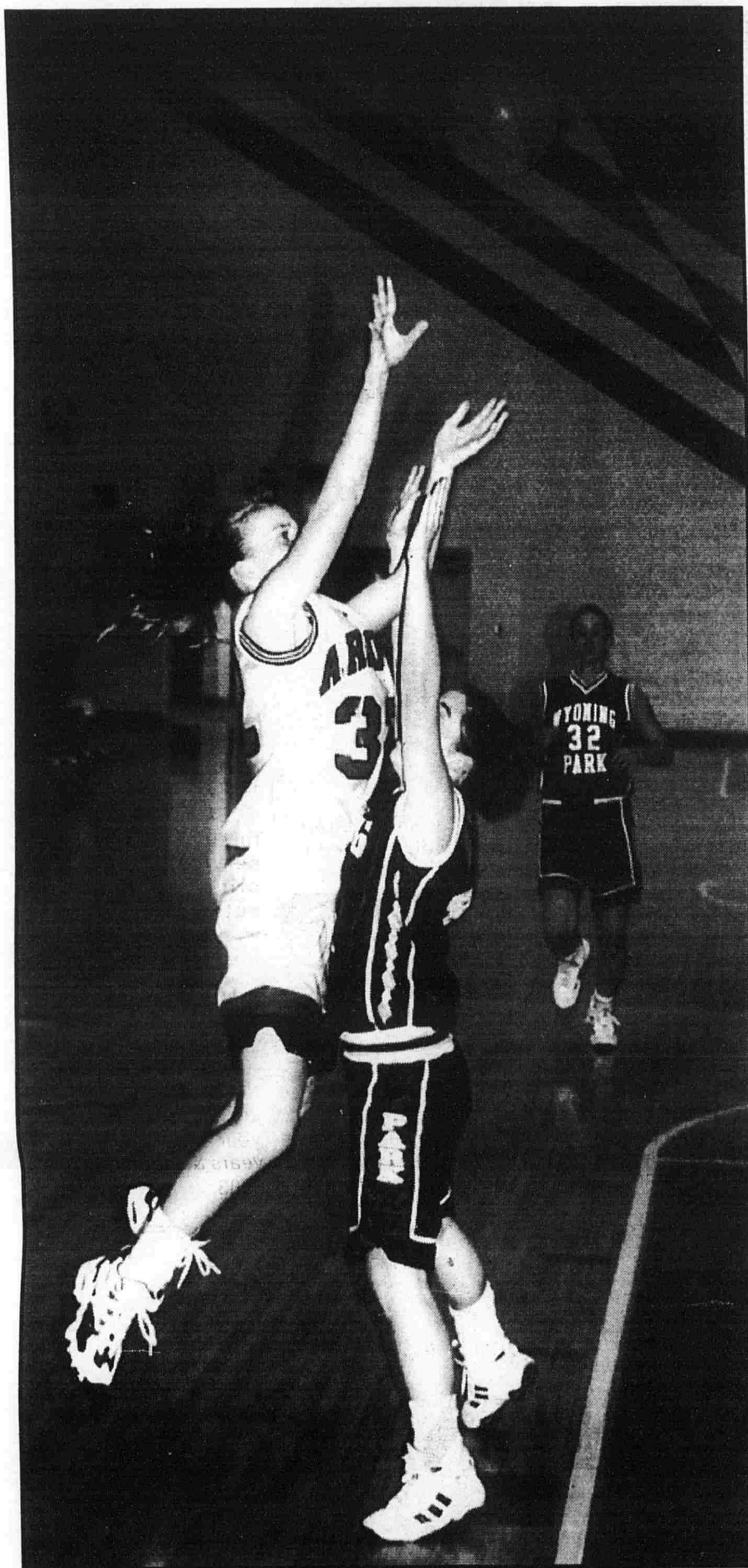
Shelby Williams connected on 4-of-6 from the foul line late in the game to help Lowell salt away the victory.

Williams, who plays high post, is a key element in execution of the high offense.

"Shelby sees the floor well and makes good decisions," Akers said. "She is also possibly the best screener I have ever coached. Shelby sets outstanding screens and doesn't get called for fouls."

Bethany Fredline scored a team-leading 11 points. Amanda Stoutjesdyk added seven and Williams contributed with six.

Lowell trailed 12-7 after one quarter, but rallied to take a 19-17 halftime lead. The Red Arrows extended their lead to 27-23 after three quarters. The Red Arrows outscored Northview 11-8 over the final eight minutes.



Lynn Boersma puts up a jump shot just outside the paint. Lowell defeated Wyoming Park 50-41.



Bethany Fredline drives past her Viking defender in girls' basketball action Thursday night at Lowell. Fredline led the Red Arrows with 17 points.

## Jim Reagan earns Fellowship at American College of Dentists

The American College of Dentists enrolled James E. Reagan with fellowship on Friday, Oct. 23, 1998.

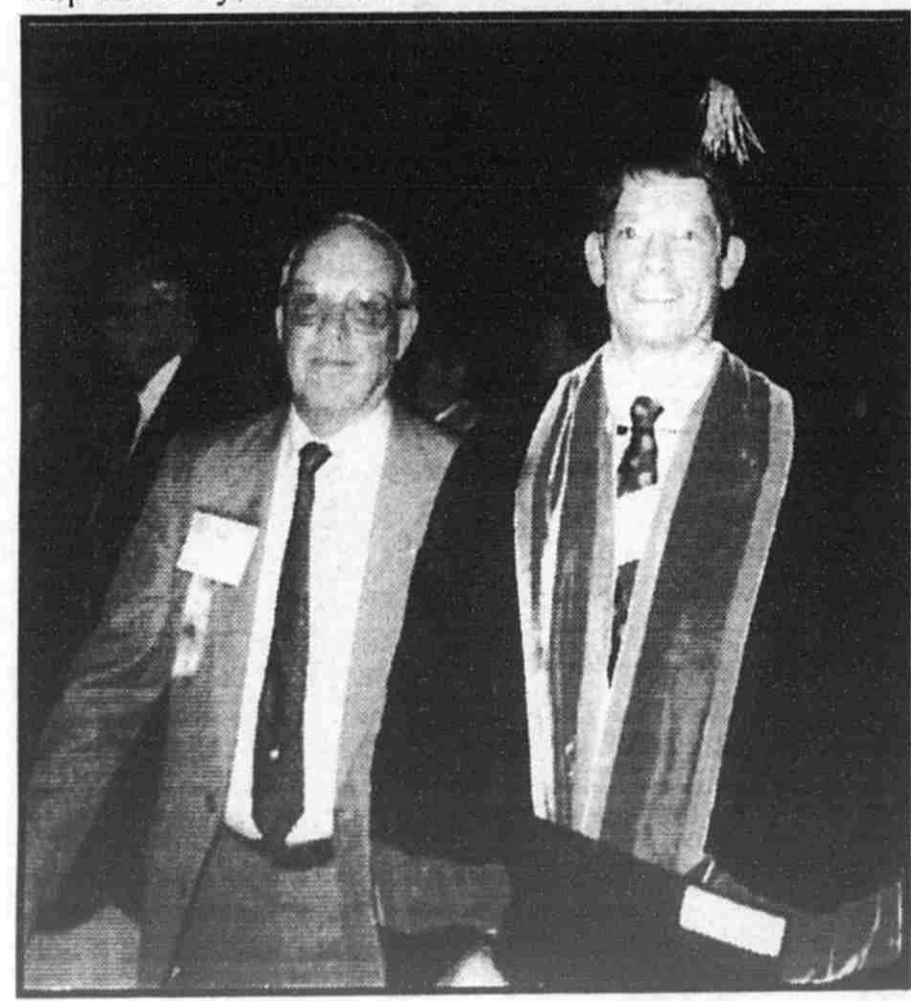
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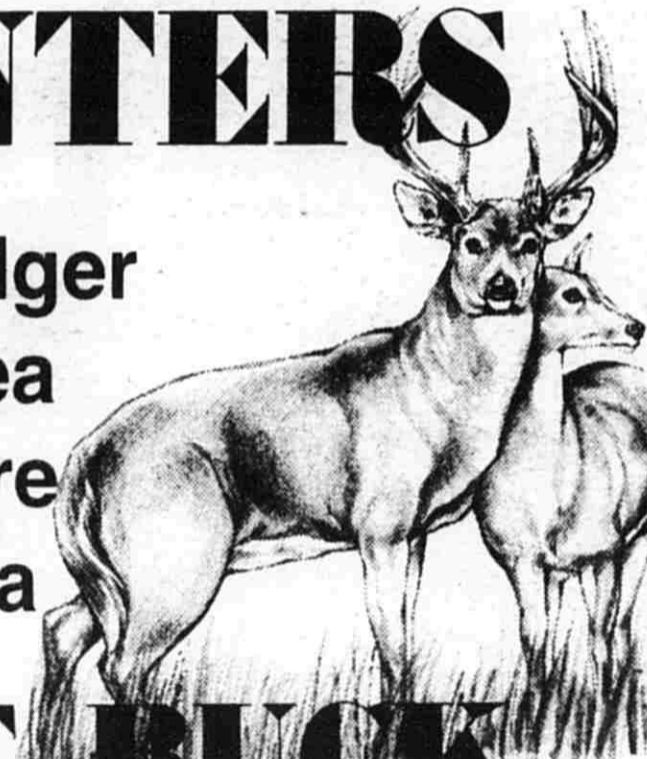
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What is the fastest land mammal? It's the cheetah, which can run more than 60 miles per hour.

The cheetah's long legs, small head and big lungs are all part of what makes this animal so fast. From standing still, it only takes about three seconds for a cheetah to reach its highest speed.

Mostly found in Africa, the cheetah is a member of the cat family. It weighs from 100 to 130 pounds. While the head and body of a cheetah can be up to 5 feet long, its tail can be up to 2 feet long.

While other large cats hide and wait to pounce on prey, the cheetah uses speed to catch food. If it does not catch its prey within a minute, the cheetah will give up. Once the cheetah catches its food, it will drag the catch to a safe place and eat what it wants, then leave the remains for other animals.

The female cheetah spends most of her life taking care of cheetah cubs. The male usually hunts with other males. The male is very protective of his group's area or territory. If a male who is not part of the group tries to get into the territory, they start fighting, and sometimes the intruder is even killed.



# Volunteers accelerate Thrift Shop process; strip away old and soiled

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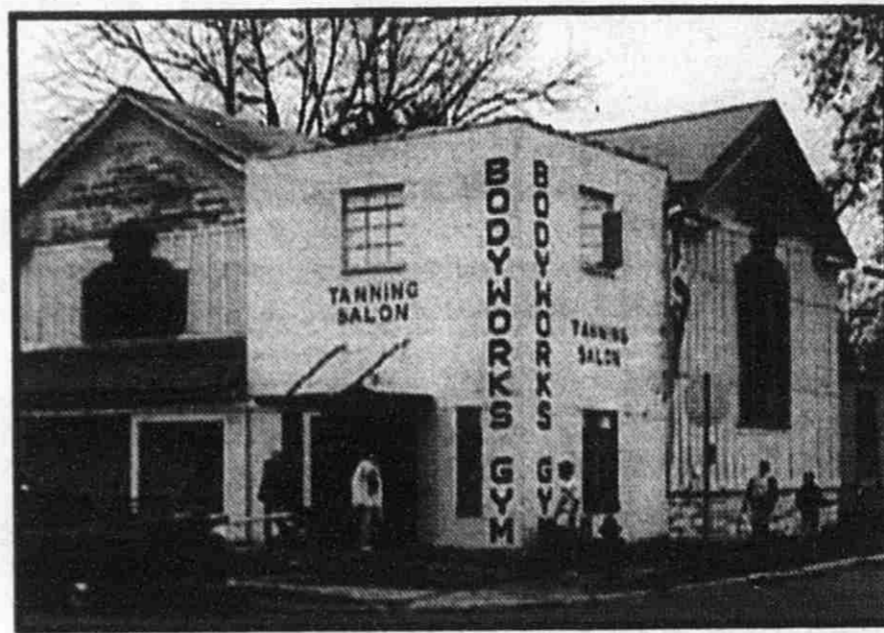
- Tim Harmon

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Stripped of its dilapidated cover, the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop was prepared for renovation work following Saturday's "clean up" day.

"It is unbelievable how this community rallied to begin turning this thing around and turning it into something this community can be proud of," said Roger LaWarre, Flat River Outreach Ministries interim board of directors chairman. "There was a steady stream of volunteers hauling stuff out of the building and of volunteers coming back in to gather more junk."

Approximately 100 volunteers removed junk, stripped rotted plaster off walls, pulled up old soiled carpet, as well as removed rotted wood, false walls and



Volunteers were needed for approximately three-four hours to clear the junk from the old Bodyworks Gym.

underlying.

The group of volunteers

met at 8:30 for coffee and donuts and was well into its working day by 9 a.m.

The group's makeup included parents, organizational and community leaders, kids and senior citizens.

"They were of all ages. There was stuff everybody could do," LaWarre said.

The junk was hauled into a lean-to in the back of the building. From there, the Bieri Brothers will remove the lean-to building and haul away the junk.

"Within the next couple of weeks, Roofers Incorporated out of Grand Rapids will reroof the old Baptist Church," LaWarre said. "The company has been nice enough to do it at cost and donate their labor."

Electrical and furnace work will need to be brought up to code. Other work that needs to be completed includes putting up some new dry wall, painting, and constructing shelves.

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we anticipated," said Tim Harmon, Lowell Church of the Nazarene pastor. "It was pretty impressive."

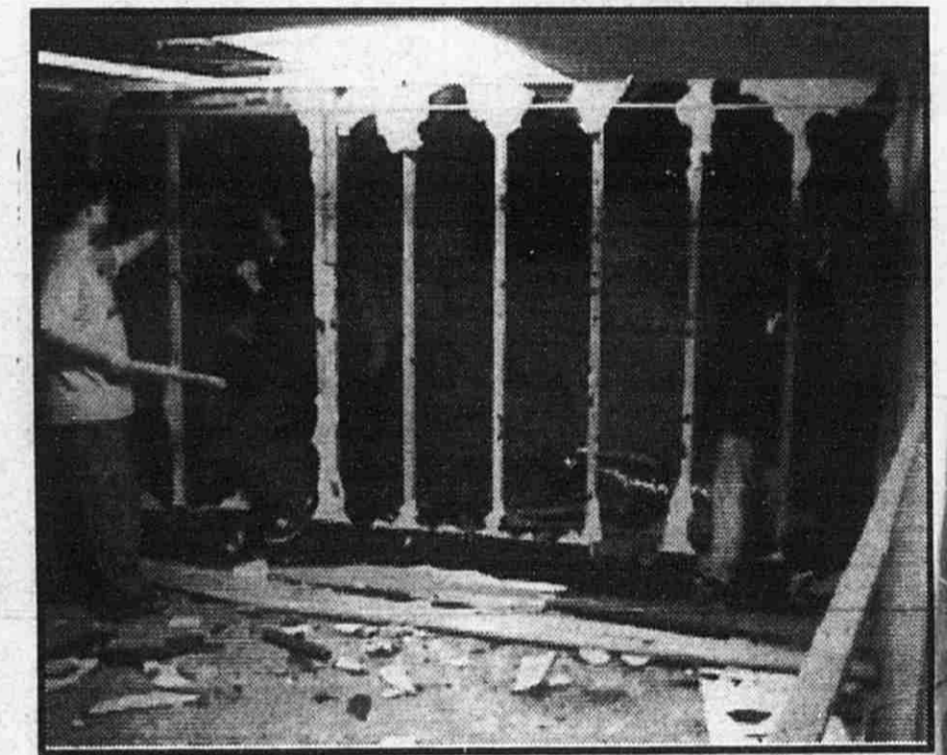
The work, which was completed about, was followed by a complimentary lunch.

The Flat River Outreach Ministries purchased the building at 519 E. Main St. from Norm Borgerson and Judy Straub for \$25,000. It will pay \$5,000 a year over the next five years.

The purchase will enable Flat River Outreach Ministries to enlarge its stock of food and emergency supplies.

LaWarre said when completed, the project will cost approximately \$100,000-\$120,000.

Flat River Outreach Ministries learned in June that it would receive \$30,000 this year and \$20,000 next year from the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund toward the building's repair and upgrade.



I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific.

- Lily Tomlin



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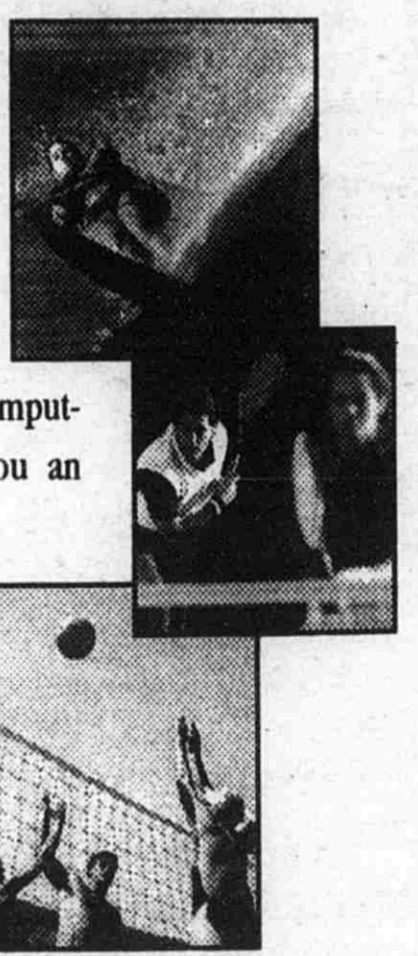
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