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Riverside reopened; generating units removed

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

No longer economically

viable to run, two engine/generating power units have been dismantled and removed

from the Lowell Light and Power building. The unit parts are being

ful purpose to Lowell Light and Power," said LL&P and Lowell Cable superintendent Ron Holcomb.

Over the last eight weeks while the work has been underway, Riverside St. was closed off.

The firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber has been contracted to design an office space proposal and there are also tentative plans to use some of the available space for additional generation, according to Holcomb.

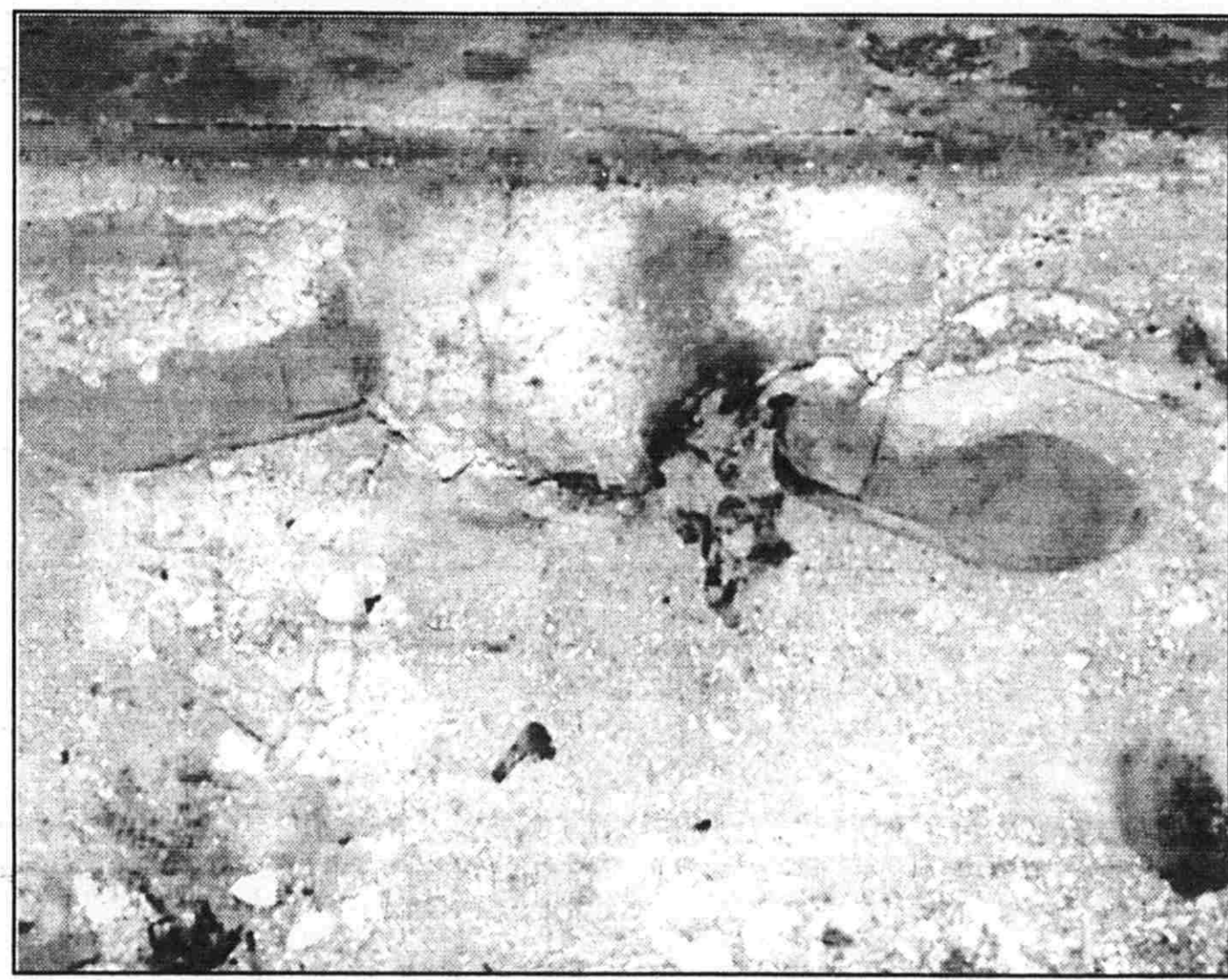
The superintendent added that Reimink Plumbing has been hired by Lowell Light & Power to install a new cooling system for the plant's three remaining engines. That work is expected to be completed in the first week of June.

Underneath one of the engine/generating units that was removed was a pair of shoes which were pressed into the surface of the soil. All that could be seen were the shoes' bottoms.

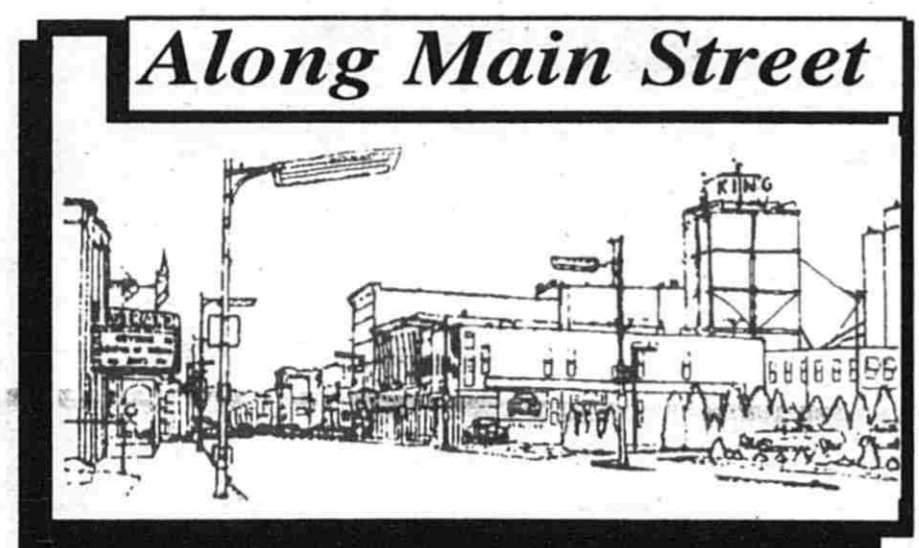
"I didn't touch them. I'm a little worried that's where the last superintendent who did not do his job got buried," Holcomb said with a wry smile.

returned to the contractor who will use them for scrap metal.

"The two engines were chewing up valuable space and no longer serving a use-



Upon removing one of the engine/generating units, these shoes were found. Lowell Light and Power employees chose not to check to see if anyone's feet are in those shoes.



Along Main Street

CLASS OF '90 REUNION

Jennifer Berry is planning the Lowell High School 10-year-reunion and needs help. Please call (616) 785-1567 with your current address and phone number if you'd like to help.

SHOWBOAT AMPHITHEATER CLEAN-UP DAY

Graduation day is Sunday, June 6 and to get ready, a clean-up day at the Showboat Amphitheater will be this Saturday, May 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

BAND CONCERTS

The Lowell sixth and seventh-grade bands will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. All are welcome and admission to both is free.

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

We are looking for persons who are currently playing string instruments - the violin, viola, cello or bass - as there is an interest in starting a string ensemble in the Lowell area. Please contact Carol Drenth at 897-8785 ASAP.

Also call if you have a student that is interested in playing a string instrument and/or if you would like to see a string orchestra program in the Lowell School district.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

"Old Barns" will be the topic at the Fallsburg Historical Society's meeting on Monday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the

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Social Studies credit requirement imbalance with core subject areas now history

...By a vote of 5-2, the Lowell School Board voted to increase the social studies credit requirement to three. The 1998-99 freshman class will be subject to the requirement.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Board of Education's decision to raise the required social studies credit requirement to three, in racing terms, brings social studies neck and neck with all core subject areas.

The 1998-99 ninth-grade class will be subject to the requirement. Up until now, freshmen have been required to take a Social Studies 9 course; sophomores, a U.S. History class; and seniors, a government class for a total of two-and-a-half credits.

Following the board's 5-2 vote, the freshman class will now be required to take a Western Civilization class during the sophomore year, which will bring the social studies credit total to three.

Board trustees Jim Reagan and Norm Byrne voted against the half point credit increase because of the threat it brings to students' scheduling flexibility.

Social Studies, cont'd. pg. 8

Township expresses concern over possible district-wide vote to determine pool bond

... Vergennes Township attorney Jim Doezema also discusses possible financial and liability shortfall.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If you can dream, it you can do it.

Pete Gustafson has been a part of the community pool initiative for the past several years. His involvement makes it easier to visualize going to the new community pool in the early morning for lap swims.

The realization of a new pool, however, is more complicated. "Nothing is easy," Gustafson remarked following Vergennes Township board's discussion on the proposed community pool and recreational district authority agreement Monday night.

James Doezema, township attorney, who had reviewed the community recreational agreement and the community pool addendum to recreational district agreement, discussed his concerns regarding the documents.

Doezema explained that while he felt many of the concerns can be worked out, there are major issues which should be addressed before the township board signs off on a contract which sets up the legal basis for the pool and recreational authority board.

Once these are established, a bond issue can be put before the people to vote on. Doezema raised the question as to whether the township could back out if its residents voted against the bond issue.

Gustafson said the bond issue would be voted on as a whole (townships, city, school district) and not individually. The vote would be a district-wide vote up or down on the bond issue... the same as is done for the Kent County District Library system or in a school election, it is the overall vote of the whole district.

All the township board members stated they were not comfortable with the possibility of voters outside the township overturning what the township residents want or don't want.

"I'm uncomfortable with others overturning our vote," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

Doezema pointed to the Community Pool Act adopted in 1994 which provides for an escape mechanism for participating municipalities, unlike the present proposed agreement.

"I think it should be examined to determine if it does apply and if it could be utilized for the establishment of the community pool," Doezema said.

The concern of a financial shortfall was also raised. The proposed agreement provides that, if there is a deficit, the school district, Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township and the city will share the deficit equally.

Doezema also raised the question of injury claims. "I would recommend that the agreement require that the recreation board maintain higher limits of liability insurance."

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INSIDE THE LEDGER

DIRECTIONS

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Laurels of Kent residents have a front row seat to '99 LHS prom fashions

Approximately a dozen Lowell High School juniors and seniors modeled their prom dresses for residents at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St.

The fashion show was organized by Laurels of Kent dietician Kathie Hawn and activities director Karen McGlamery.

LHS junior and senior student council members were solicited for the fashion show. They included Amanda Mastenbrook, Erin Umlauf, Katie Akers, Meghan Geer, Rachael Fredline, Shannon Finnegan, Sarah Debiak, Kim Fish, Mike Armstrong, Scott Pullen, Meg Jipping, Kelly O'Dell, Ainsley Smit, Bethany Fredline, Amber Peterson and Elizabeth Lonick.

Armstrong and Pullen served as escorts. The tuxedos for the escorts were provided by Afendoulis.

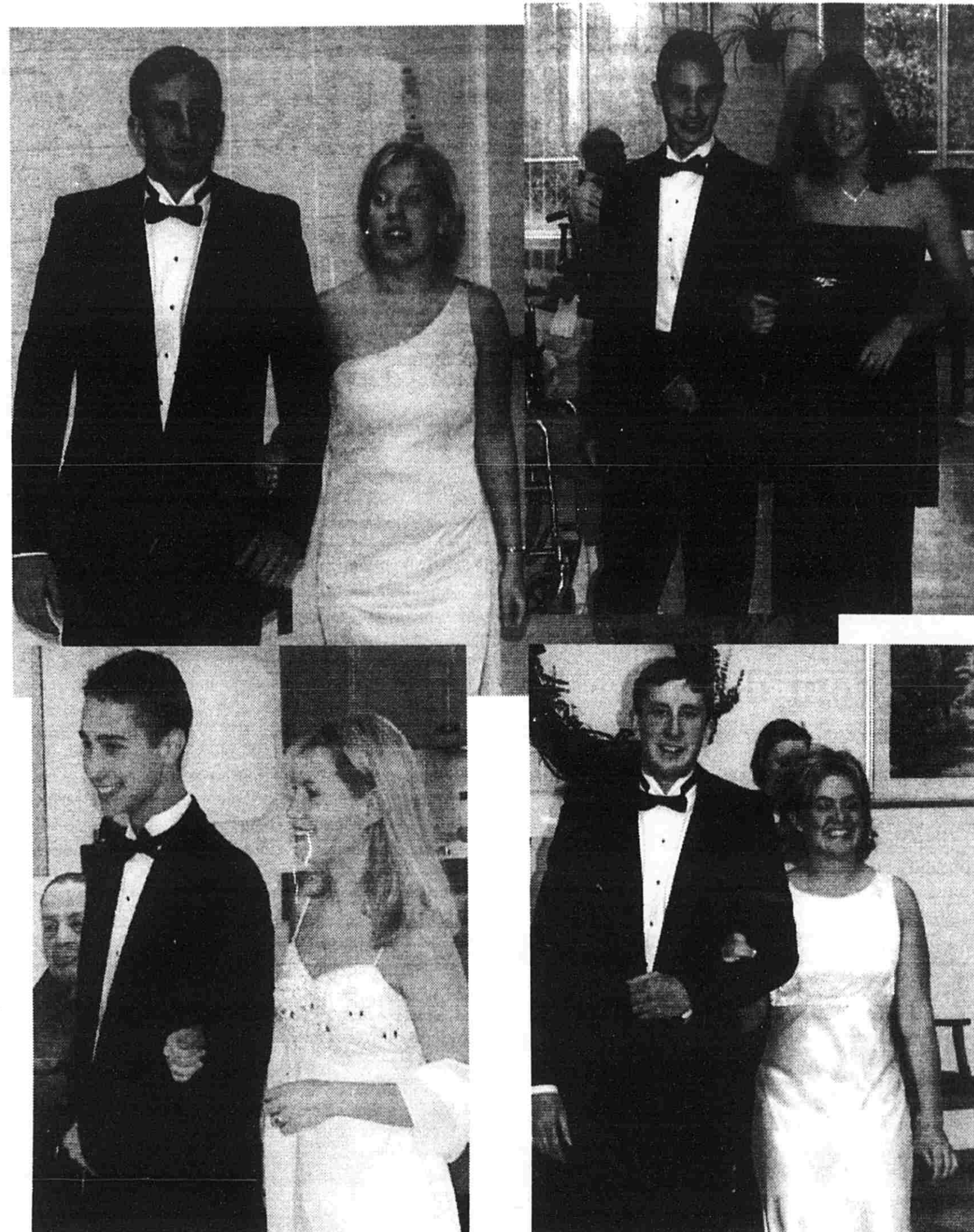
Hawn said her former employer (Ovid Convalescent Manor) held a fashion show for its residents. "It was well received. The residents really enjoyed it, so I suggested we try it at Laurels of Kent," Hawn said.

"I didn't especially have a favorite dress, but all the girls were beautiful," said Laurels of Kent resident Alice Lambert. "When I went to school, we made our own dresses."

Clyde Cox enjoyed his first fashion show. "It was quite different. It was the first fashion show I've ever been invited to."

McGlamery said the event is something she'd like to see continued.

Pictured clockwise are Scott Pullen and Meg Jipping; Mike Armstrong and Kelly O'Dell; Armstrong and Katie Akers; and Pullen and Erin Umlauf.



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FRIDAY EVENING MAY 21, 1999

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOV, WGU, etc.) listing broadcast programs.

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SATURDAY MORNING MAY 22, 1999. 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 Channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WTLJ, WKAR, WSYM, WZPX) and Cable Channels (FX, FTM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN) and Premium Channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX).

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

TENNIS: USA Mon. 10 a.m. Tennis French Open - Early Rounds. From Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (Live) USA Tue. 10 a.m. Tennis French Open - Early Rounds. From Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (Live) USA Wed. 10 a.m. Tennis French Open - Second Round. From Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (Live)

BASEBALL: FOXDT Fri. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Indians. From Jacobs Field. (Live) WGN Fri. 7:30 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field. (Live) TBS Fri. 7:35 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field. (Live) WGN Sat. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field. (Live) FX Sat. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox. From Comiskey Park. (Live)

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SATURDAY EVENING/LATENIGHT MAY 22, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, May 22, 1999. Columns include time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, May 22, 1999. Columns include time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, May 22, 1999. Columns include time slots (6:15-1:00) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

SUNDAY MORNING MAY 23, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Morning, May 23, 1999. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Morning, May 23, 1999. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Morning, May 23, 1999. Columns include time slots (4:00-6:30) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MAY 23, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 23, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 23, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 23, 1999. Columns include time slots (10:45-6:30) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

Advertisement for Ball's Softie Creme featuring a turtle sundae for \$2.50. Includes address: 503 E. Main • Lowell.

Advertisement for Premium Channels listing various TV shows and their broadcast times.

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Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) under the heading 'MONDAY EVENING' and 'MAY 24, 1999'. Includes 'BROADCAST CHANNELS' and 'CABLE CHANNELS' sections.

Table with columns for time slots (6:15-5:00) and rows for various channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) under the heading 'PREMIUM CHANNELS'.

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Advertisement for Star Wars Rookies, featuring 'WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST?' and 'Celebrating our 7th Anniversary!'. Includes logos for MasterCard, Visa, and Star Wars.

Advertisement for Wilttenbach Lube, Oil Change, Filter, featuring 'LUBE, OIL CHANGE, FILTER' and 'Wilttenbach' logo. Includes a price tag of \$17.95.

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 25, 1999. 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 various channels (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

Table with columns for time slots (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 premium channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) listing programs like Love Songs, The Jerky Boys, and Last Action Hero.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 26, 1999. 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 various channels (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

Table with columns for time slots (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 premium channels (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) listing programs like Napoleon, Species, and The Night We Never Met.

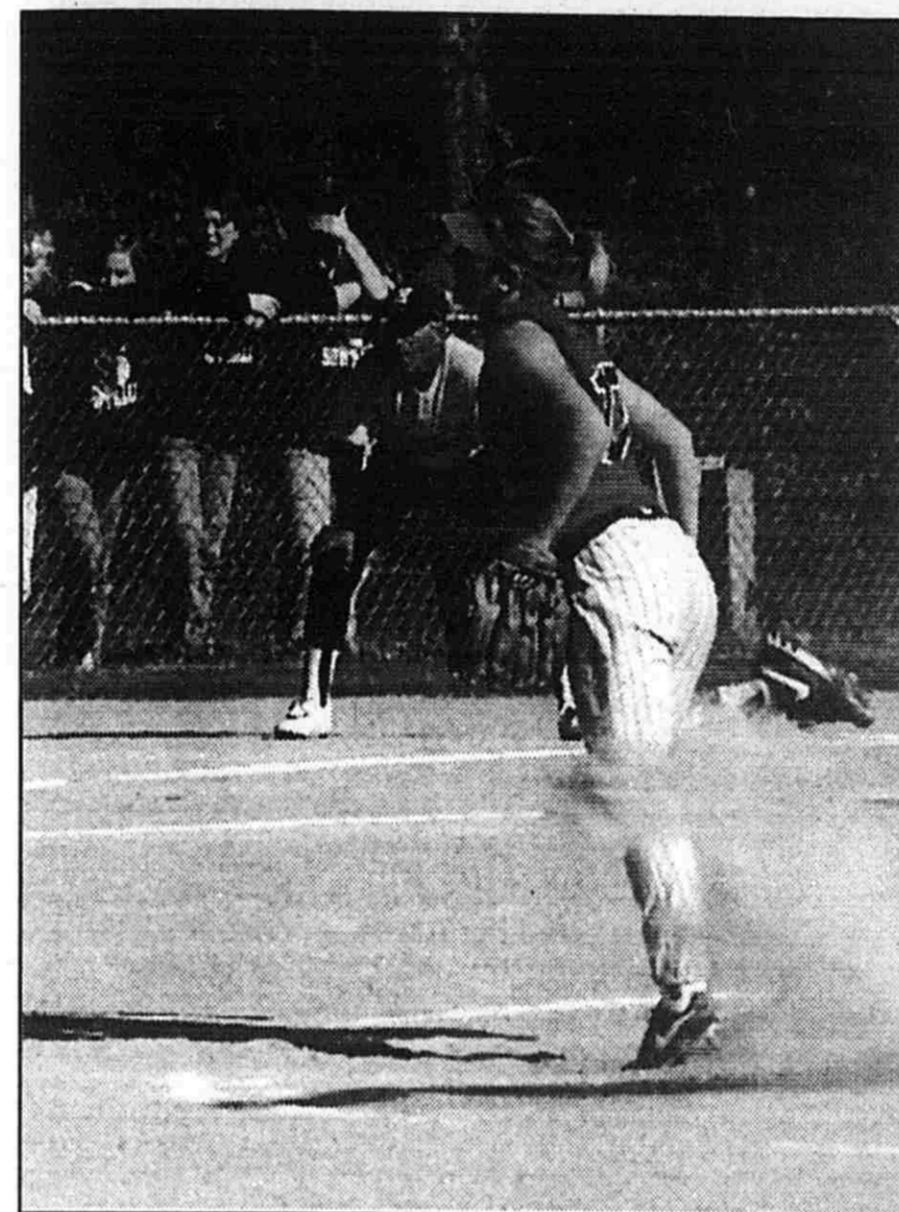
Advertisement for 'White Swan Coffee House & Gifts' with the slogan 'Let Us Cater Your Graduation Open House Or Your Next Business Meeting For More Information Call Sue... 897-2505'. Includes an image of a swan and a coffee cup.

THURSDAY EVENING MAY 27, 1999. 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 various channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

Lowell bounces EGR and Hastings; but hammered by Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A one-out, two-run single in the seventh inning did two things for East Grand Rapids: 1. It brought the Pioneers to within a run (9-8) of the Red Arrows; 2. And it drove Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse to call on ace Andrea Rickert to come in and nail down a save.



Lowell pitcher Andrea Rickert kicks up some dust on her delivery to the plate against Hudsonville on Thursday.

Rickert ran the count to one ball and two strikes before the Pioneer hitter rapped a liner to first baseman Courtney Hedlund, who then touched first to double up the runner and end the game.

"The game was under control for the most part,"

Rodenhouse explained. "It got a little hairier than I had hoped." Stacey Kinyon, in her fourth start of the year, got plenty of offensive support.

The Red Arrows scored nine times over the first four innings to take a 9-2 lead. "We hit a lot of shots right at them," Rodenhouse said. EGR battled back against Kinyon. They touched up the Lowell senior for four runs in the fifth inning, cutting Lowell's advantage to three (9-6).

A walk, a double and a single pulled East to within one run in the seventh.

Lowell 11 Hastings 1

Seven singles and a double highlighted a 10-run sixth inning as Lowell picked up its seventh league win of the year. Saxon pitcher Erica Simpson had shut out Lowell on three hits through four innings.

Trailing 1-0, Lowell broke through in the fifth inning with a run on three hits.

In the sixth inning, Lowell got RBI singles from Andrea Rickert, Amy Snell, Becky Brander, Amy Smit, and Niki Russell. Rachael Fredline added an RBI double. "The girls were kind of flat until the sixth inning," Rodenhouse said.

Rickert ran her record to 12-2 overall as she walked four Saxons and struck out five.

Hudsonville 14-12 Lowell 0-2

It was supposed to be a battle between the top two softball teams in the OK White.

It played out as a coronation of the Hudsonville Eagles. "They are a very good softball team," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said. "They are even better than I thought."

The Eagles, from the opening inning of game one to the final inning of game two, showed that they are the best softball team in the OK White this year and will be a legitimate threat to win titles over the next three to four years.

It all starts with their battery. Pitcher Bethany Busch is a freshman transfer from California, and catcher Marleah Staf, while a quality sophomore catcher, is as hard a hitting slugger as the league has seen in quite some time.

"Marleah hits the ball hard and is an excellent receiver."

Lowell coach Tom Vrugink. "We're a young team and should be a pretty good softball team for a few years."

That pretty good softball team hit the visiting Red Arrows with a 10-run first inning. While helped by four Lowell errors, Hudsonville also hit the ball.

The inning was highlighted by Staf's grand slam home run over the center field wall.

Busch shut out Lowell on two hits and struck out four hitters.

"Hudsonville can swing the bat from the top to the bottom of their lineup," Rodenhouse said. "They have good at-bats. They foul off good pitches and hit the bad ones."

In the nightcap Busch held Lowell to two runs on seven hits while walking one and striking out six.

Andrea Rickert, who was touched up for 14 runs on 14 hits in game one, surrendered 12 runs on nine hits in game two.

"Sometimes losses like this can destroy a team. I think the girls will learn from this and bounce back," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell 4-13 Godwin Heights 6-0

Stacey Kinyon walked two and struck out four Godwin Heights' hitters in her complete game shutout.

Rachael Fredline led Lowell at the plate in game two with three hits and three RBI. She rapped a three-run triple in the seventh.

Courtney Hedlund added a two-run single in Lowell's seven-run seventh inning.

Lowell was held in check in the opener. The Red Arrows had just eight hits. "Godwin's pitcher kept us off balance and we failed to come up with a big hit," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell was also hurt by some shaky pitching, giving up 10 walks and five wild pitches.

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MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED CHURCH DIVISION. Table with columns W, L, T. Rows include Lowell Nazarene I (2 0), First Congregational (2 1), Lowell Nazarene II (1 1), Bowne Center United Methodist (1 1), First United Methodist (1 2), Alto Baptist (0 2).

MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED OPEN DIVISION. Table with columns W, L. Rows include Rainbow Travel (2 0), Noon Equipment (1 1), Laurels Of Kent (0 2).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION. Table with columns W, L. Rows include Germaines/Saranac Dental Clinic (2 0), Chiro Maniacs (2 0), Ball Busters (1 1), Jordan Smith Concrete (1 2), Precise Engineering (0 1), Lowell Engineering Mirror System II (0 2).

FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION. Table with columns W, L. Rows include Ostranders (3 0), Graham Framing (3 0), River City Fire Protection (3 0), Larkins (3 1), Alpha II (1 2), Magna Mirrors (1 2), Lowell Moose Lodge (0 3), Ada Beef (0 3), Harding Enterprises (0 3).

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Academic scholarships cultivate football opportunities for Lowell seniors



LHS seniors who will play football in the fall at area colleges and universities are left to right: Jason Alber, Andy Graham, Steve VanLaan, T. J. Thayer and Josh Maxim.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Five Lowell senior football players will be receiving scholarships to attend a college or university in the fall.

Not one of the scholarships will be for athletics. All five, in fact, are academic scholarships.

Josh Maxim (linebacker) will attend Olivet College; Andy Graham (running back) Northwood University; T.J. Thayer (quarterback) Kalamazoo College; Jason Alber (linebacker) Kalamazoo College; and Steve VanLaan (running back) Hope College.

They are all outstanding role models who come from good families with very active parents.

Noel Dean
Lowell Football Coach

"I am glad that we are able to continue the tradition Phil Christensen started of Lowell football players moving to the next level of play," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "The thing about these five athletes I am most

proud of is that it is actually their grades and attendance in school that have provided them with this opportunity."

Red Arrow athletes playing at the next level are Bill McPherson, fullback, Michigan State University; Jeff Altof, linebacker, Eastern Michigan University; Jeff Catlin, strong safety, Northwood University; and Brad Holtz, receiver, Northwood University.

Over the last three years, Lowell has had 19 football players named to OK White all-conference teams. Their accumulative GPA has been 3.2.

The combined cost of school for these seniors next year is \$100,000.

"They will pay less than \$20,000 because of their academic awards, not their athletic ability," Dean explains. "In a world that seems to be upside down in our priorities sometimes, it is refreshing to have five young men like these."

The Lowell coach said the players have also been instrumental in carrying out community service projects.

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Lowell soccer team shuts out Vikings; loses heartbreaker to Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Being in a new program can help dull the pain of losing for athletes.

When heartache and even tears replace it, ironically that

can be seen as growth.

For the first time in nearly two years, the Lowell girls soccer team tasted what it's like to play well, only to come up short against a pretty good soccer team.

"We hadn't lost a close game where we were up for most of the game," said Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan, following his girls' 4-3 overtime loss to Hudsonville. "I felt bad for

the girls because they played their best game of the year and lost."

Lowell jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Abby Goff. The game was tied 1-1 at halftime.

The Red Arrows grabbed a 3-1 lead in the second half on Goff's second and third goals of the game.

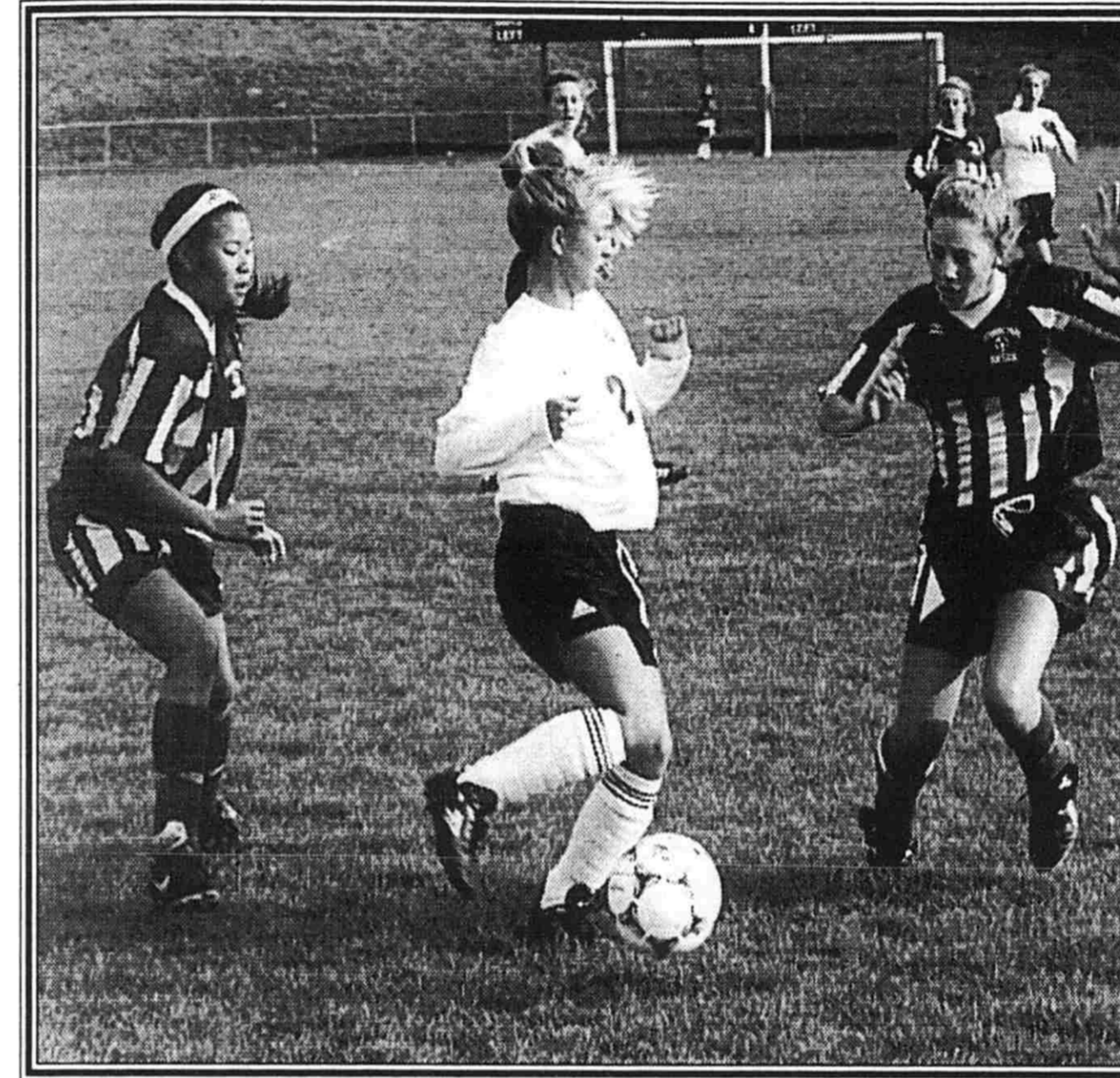
The score remained at 3-1 until Hudsonville scored with eight minutes to play, cutting the deficit to 3-2.

"We made a miscue and Hudsonville scored," Conlan explained. "I began to feel things slipping away. We were beginning to rush to punt the ball and throw the ball when time was our ally."

With 46 seconds left, Hudsonville tied the game on a free kick, sending the game into overtime.

Six minutes in, the Eagles scored the winning goal.

"Hudsonville had all of the momentum going into overtime. I also felt we were a little fatigued," Conlan said.



Lowell's Abby Goff dribbles the ball through two Wyoming Park defenders.

dominate play against the Vikings.

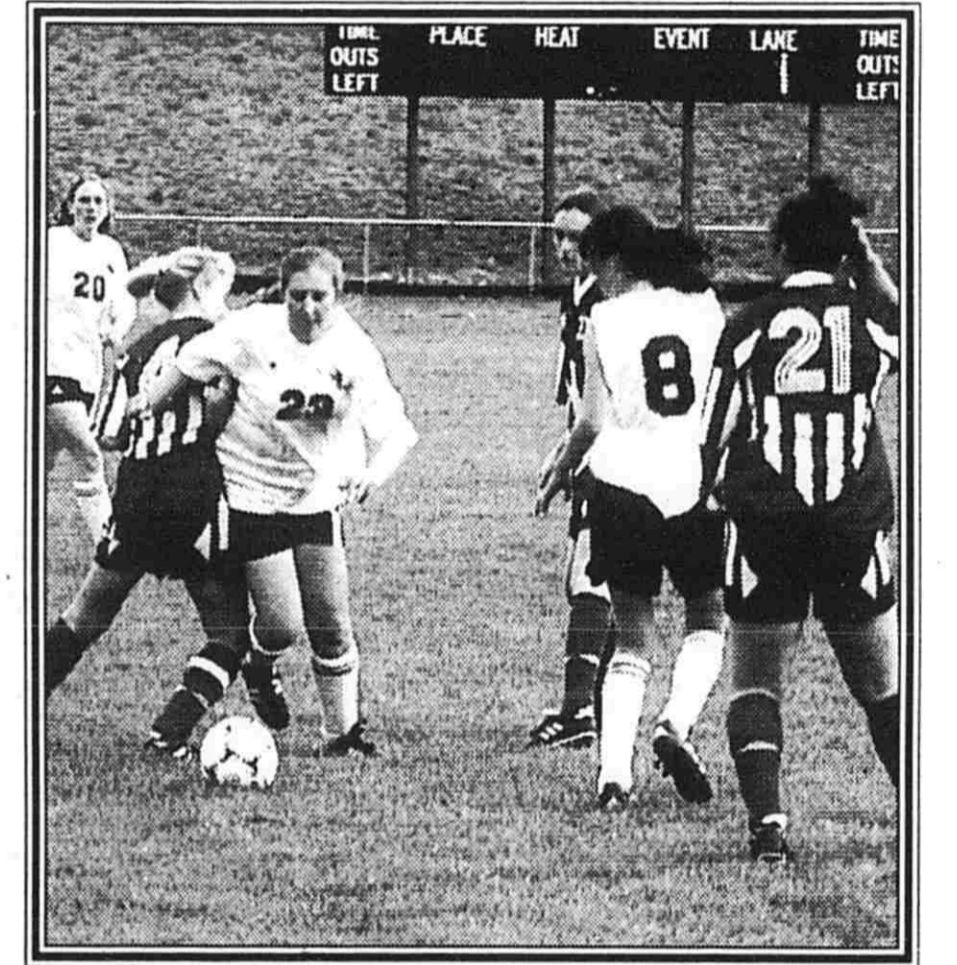
"The girls put forth a good effort," Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan said.

Lowell got excellent play from Abby Goff. "She is very aggressive and goes hard after it there before her opponent. It's that type of play that allows big plays to happen," Conlan said. "The girls executed our passing game very well and our defensive play was strong."

East Grand Rapids 7
Lowell 0

The Pioneers dominated play in their shutout over the Red Arrows.

"They scored fast and we never recovered," Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "It wasn't one of our better efforts. The girls may still have had the loss to Hudsonville on their minds. We just didn't do the little things. Against a team as good as East, you'd better do the little things well."



Sara Soyka fights her way through a body check in action during Lowell's 6-0 win over Wyoming Park.

Lowell 6
Wyoming Park 0

Aggressive confident play helped the Red Arrows

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 3,621 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1998-99 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all As) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Among them are: Betsy Renee Elzinga, Christy A. Ennis, Angela M. Johnson, Teresa A. Kenney, Karyn M. Rogers, Amanda Nicole Smit, Tamara Sue Stauffer, Sara R. Triplett, Robert Hale VanderJagt, Sarah M. Wieland and Elizabeth M. Zeeuw of Lowell, and Rachael Bledsoe, Nicole M. Knapp and Rachel D. O'Connor of Alto.

Competing against more than 12,000 students from throughout the United States, Shannon Finnegan, a Lowell High School senior, has won a National Honor Society scholarship, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP).

Scott Vashaw, principal at Lowell High School, announced the award which includes a \$1,000 college scholarship. Two hundred fifty National Honor Society winners

were announced by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Each high school NHS chapter could nominate two senior students based on their leadership, scholastic achievement, character and service. Nominees submitted a form outlining their participation in school organizations, clubs, academic accomplishments, employment experience and community service.

"Finnegan has demonstrated outstanding ability in her academic work and service to her school and community," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NAASP. "She's a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

While at Lowell High School, Finnegan has been president of the Lowell FFA Chapter, Region V FFA secretary, senior class representative, and Peter Pan in Lowell's musical production of the same name. She has also been a member of the National FFA Chorus, the Michigan All-State Choir and the Michigan Youth Chamber Singers. Finnegan is one of three valedictorians at LHS. This fall she plans to attend Alma College to study communications.

LHS Variety Show met with much success

Twenty acts performed before an enthusiastic audience of over 500 people Thursday, May 6, at the Fourth Annual SADD/ART Club Variety Show held in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Mistress of ceremonies, Laurie Kuna, introduced each act and filled in between with a little singing of her own and even a couple of her ever-famous alligator stories.

The *Wizard of Oz* opened the program. The act consisted of eight LHS staff members as munchkins, Dorothy (Laurie Kuna) and Glenda the Good Witch (Jeff Larsen). Other acts presented by LHS staffers included "Calendar Girls," and the song "You Don't Own Me," from *The First Wives Club*.

Students highlighted the show with many wonderful acts. Vocal music was provided by Kim and Amy Meiste, Devin Morehouse and Sara Noom. Becky Brinkley and Megan Fleet. John Mull performed an original song on his guitar.

Two bands also participated: one was led by Charles B. Stol and the other by Joe Peterson.

Dance numbers comprised a big part of the show. Sarah Gruber, Amanda Mastenbrook, Kaily Wittenbach, Morgan Scheid, Megan Geer, Katie Akers, Rachael Fredline, Erin Umlauf, and Amy Snell formed one group; Dan Vosovic, Shelby Williams,

Brooke Bennett, Jenny Kitchen, Sarah Debiak, Sarah Bommarito, Kristi Ford and April Telman performed another; Casey Parker danced solo; and SADD members Nicole Briggs, Deb Sova, Christie Lacie, Lisa Payne and Ruth VanderHart made up a third routine.

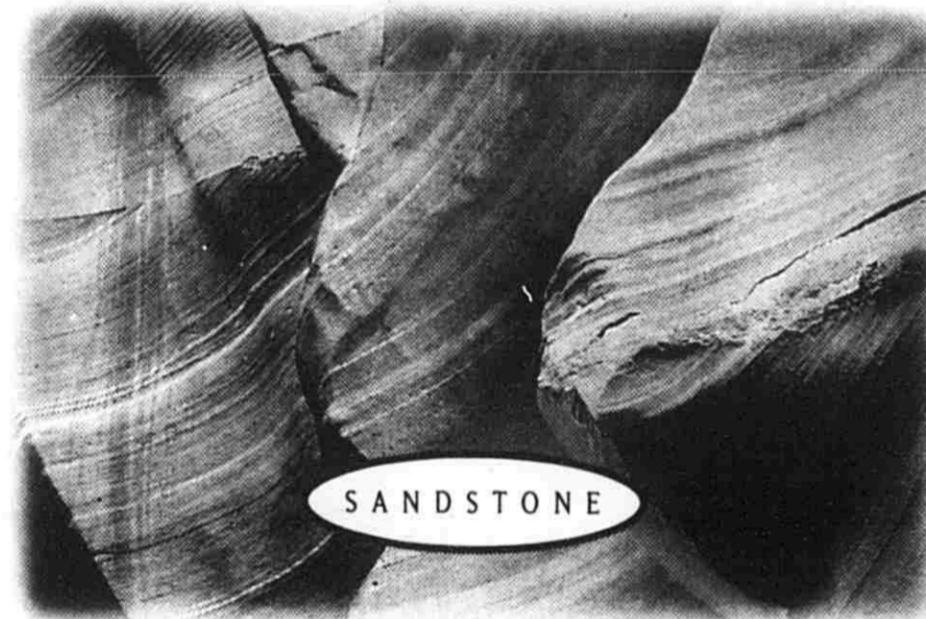
Performing the ever popular "YMCA" were Scott Pullen, Bill Harrison, Brian Conley and Ryan Mix. William Shakespeare's work made an appearance as Torie O'Haire, Toby Smith, Bob Shindorf, Kim Meiste and Samantha Mooney brought fans the *Six-Minute Hamlet*. Sarah Gruber did a monologue about going off to summer camp, and members of the Lowell Performing Arts Center crew closed the show

with a number done to "Wild Thing."

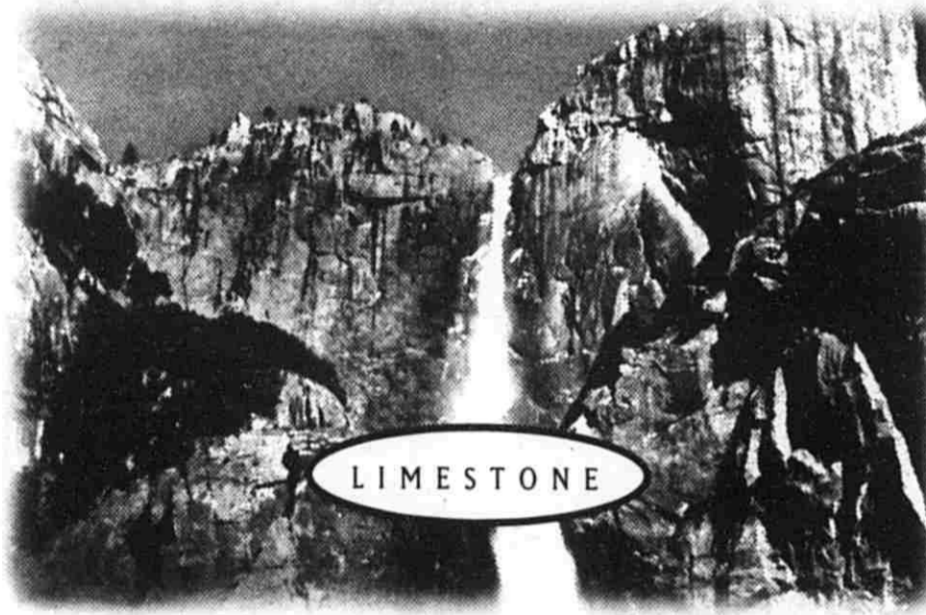
"The evening was the most successful and entertaining Variety Show yet," said Marsha LaHaye, SADD co-sponsor. "A good time was had by all, both performers and spectators."

The two groups sponsoring the show - SADD and the Art/Drama Club - will split over \$1,300.

"A huge thank you goes out to all who worked on the show," said Kathy Talus, who also co-sponsors SADD, "but especially to Richard Graham, the director of the LPAC. Without his hard work and dedication, the show would not be possible."



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Turn West Customers
Due to road construction, Turn West in Lowell will be changing its hours.
As of Monday, May 10 we will be open from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M.
Monday thru Saturday.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

CITY OF LOWELL
PUBLIC NOTICE
LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS
JUNE 22, 1999
4:00 P.M.
Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulations and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 22, 1999. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Deputy Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

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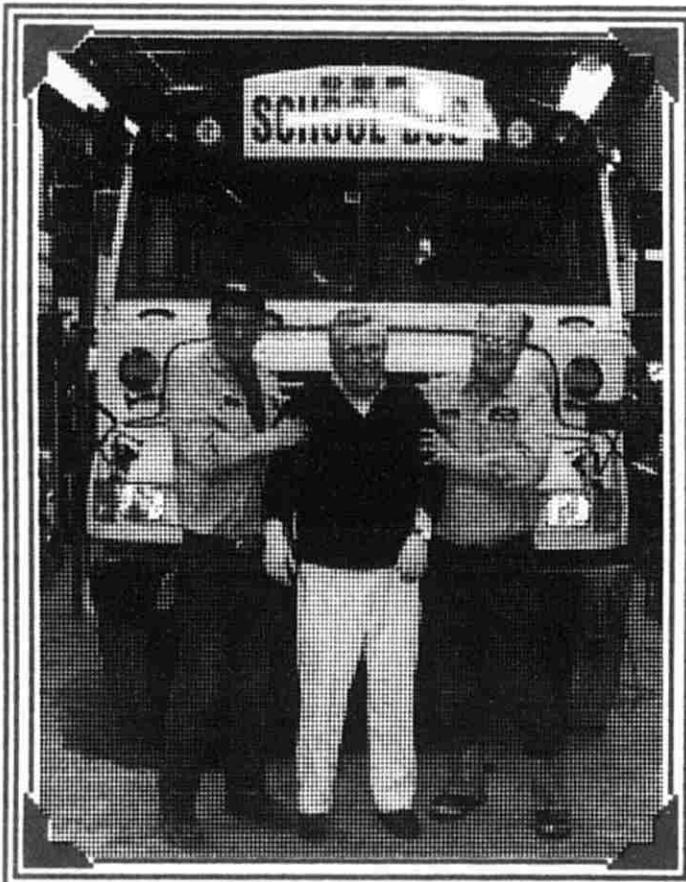
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Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS

A MONTHLY COMMUNICATION PUBLICATION TO PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

May 1999

DEPARTMENT FOCUS TRANSPORTATION



Leo Bowen, Larry Mikulski and Duane Hamilton. Congratulations on a perfect state inspection!

The motto of Lowell Area Schools' bus drivers is "Moving Precious Cargo." To the drivers, each student is precious, and the main concern is their safety. During this school year, approximately 2500 students have been transported to 23 different schools in our area. Transporting our students on a daily basis to Lowell, about 70 special needs students to programs outside of our district, as well as field trips and sporting events, keeps our drivers busy and well-practiced in safety. Cameras mounted in each bus assist drivers in keeping their attention on the road, rather than turning around to check on students who are misbehaving. Each bus is also equipped with a radio, giving instant communication with our Bus Garage in case of any problems or messages for students.

Our bus drivers have been dedicated to the Lowell Community for more than 20 years. The yearly Christmas parade is part of their public involvement. These activities show students that drivers do more than just drive them to and from school.

All drivers and mechanics are required to have a continuing education course every two years to advise them of new laws and regulations that have occurred. During this year's state inspection of our bus fleet, our Transportation Department received a perfect score, something of which to be very proud!

A way that has been developed by our district to insure the safety of all students is that each driver is required to do a daily pre-trip inspection of the bus-inside and outside-before the bus leaves the lot. Likewise, when returning, drivers are required to do a thorough post-trip inspection of the inside for any students or items that may have been left on the bus.

A Transportation Committee, made up of parents and bus drivers, shares ideas and gives community input to our drivers. If you would like to be part of this committee, or volunteer to help on a bus, please call our Transportation Supervisor, Larry Mikulski, at 897-9353.



FOOD SERVICE

Thanks to the support of our parents and students, our school breakfast and lunch programs have been very successful again this year. The Food Service Department prides itself on providing students with a variety of nutritious meals at competitive prices. Many busy parents have appreciated the breakfasts offered each morning, with a favorite of the students being French toast sticks, English muffin sandwiches and freshly-baked cinnamon rolls! Lunch participation increased this year, with 229,011 lunches being served as of April 30th.

Meals are prepared and served as a non-profit item, meaning prices charged to students cover only the cost of food and personnel to prepare and serve the meals. Our school program for students is subsidized by state and federal funds.

When asked what is their favorite lunch, hungry students respond with chicken nuggets, Breakfast for Lunch, burritos, pizza and hot dogs. Our school bakers busy themselves creating delicious cookies, cakes and dinner rolls on a weekly basis. In one week's time, 1850 rolls are shaped and baked for our students.

You can be sure your student is receiving nutritious meals if they participate in the lunch program at Lowell Area Schools.

FOCUS ON FITNESS

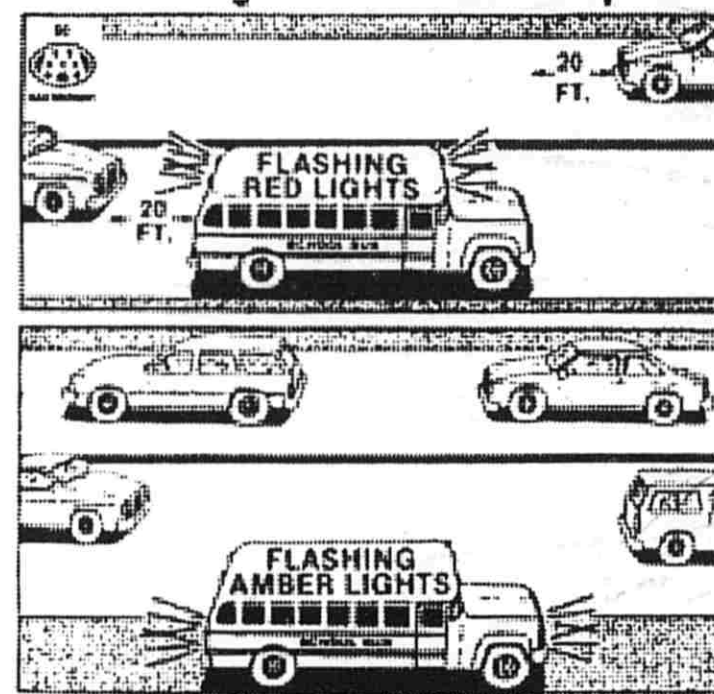
Physical Education is a program offered to our preschool through middle school-aged students. There are a variety of ways physical fitness is taught and emphasized, with the hopes this will become a routine for one's entire life. Our program includes warm-up drills done with partners to encourage each other to keep active; water safety classes at the Forest Hills Aquatic Center; a 6-week lunch/recess running and walking program for preschool through third graders; Fit for Life Club; middle school timed runs and walks; and of course the many sports areas that are learned and played. Fridays at the middle school are designated Circuit Training Days to bolster physical and cardiovascular fitness levels.

Students at Lowell Area Schools are fortunate to have such a strong physical education program in place. Our P.E. teachers take every opportunity to share their knowledge on being physically fit and are great role models for all our students.

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Alto Student Council had a contest to see how many responsible behaviors they could keep before the students as reminders of good school and life behaviors. Posters were created, after talking about the responsible behavior each group wanted to display. The older grades worked with the younger grades in creating these posters, which are displayed within the school building.

New Michigan School Bus Stop Law



When red overhead flashing lights are activated, approaching and following traffic must stop not closer than 20 feet from the stopped school bus and not proceed until signals are off. If a bus is off the roadway and only amber hazard warning lights are flashing, motorists from both directions may proceed with caution.

LOWELL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

CALL 897-8235 TO REGISTER
SPORTS CAMPS

Sports Camps are offered by Barry Hobrla Athletic Director and Lowell High School coaches. They will be offering basketball, football, gymnastics, tennis, volleyball, cheer leading and soccer for boys and girls from elementary through middle school age. For more information call: Barry Hobrla -897-4445.

LOWELL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

All enrichment and academic classes are offered by Lowell Community Education. Please send completed form along with payment to: Lowell Community Education, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331. Mark "Summer School" on your envelope.

Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Your check holds your spot. There will be no refunds after the first class. You will be notified if a class is not offered due to low enrollment (minimum of 10 per class). If your family qualifies for free or reduced lunches, scholarships are available. Deadline for registration for both classes and scholarships is May 21, 1999. A confirmation post card will be mailed.

For more information call: Beth at Lowell Community Education - 897-8235
After July 1 call: Beth at Cherry Creek Elementary - 897-9257

**Students attending both AM and PM sessions will need to bring a lunch.

BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

On any school day, when the weather is bad, school postponement or closing will be broadcast over these radio stations: WCUZ, WGRD, WJFM, WKTH, WLAV, WLHT, and WOOD TV, and WZZM-TV. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school postponement or closing on the air by 6:45a.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month. All interested people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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