

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Lowell School District to purchase four new buses

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The school board of one of the largest land mass districts in West Michigan approved the purchase of four new buses from Hoekstra/Woodland.

The two 65-passenger lift buses and two 71-passenger buses will cost the Lowell School District \$235,338.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke noted that additional stress is placed on Lowell's general fund because of the expenditures needed to get students to and from school.

"Lowell is in the bottom third in current pupil funding, while a large portion of our general fund budget goes toward transportation," Bleke indicates. "This makes keeping up a difficult process."

The buses will be financed through a five-year loan. This has been common procedure in the past. Last year the loan was made through Old Kent Bank at an interest rate

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## Few Lowell 5th-graders meet or exceed state standards in social studies

••• Lowell eighth-graders fared better as 43 percent of the students met or exceeded state standards.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
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It was an inauspicious start to the social studies MEAP test for the Lowell School District.

Lowell fifth-grade students scored below the state and county average. Only 15.2 percent of the students taking the test met or exceeded state standards, while 51.2 percent did not pass the test.

"This is the first time I can remember our scores being below both state and county averages," said James White, assistant superintendent for instruction.

The district is charged with looking at and correcting the problem.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke warned that it's not time to overreact.

"The elementary is a different cat. The teachers teach all. We will look at the social studies results and will correct the problems, but not right now. This year, the new math approach has taken a huge amount of their time. Last year, it was science. You can only serve so many masters," Bleke explained.

The test, the curriculum and its frameworks will all be looked at. "We will look at all the things we do and see if our curriculum is aligned," White explained.

The fifth-grade MEAP test asked students to read and interpret graphs. White believes there may be interdisciplinary connections in reading, science and math that can help students with the test.

The reading level for the fifth-grade social studies test was between 11th- and 12th-grade. "That doesn't matter. Some fifth-graders did well on the test; ours did not," White said.

Of the eighth-grade Lowell students who took the social studies MEAP test, 43 percent met or exceeded state standards. East Grand Rapids led all KISD schools with 71.6 percent.

Lowell's percentage was sixth best in the Kent Intermediate School District.

There were 24 percent who did not pass the test. The average percentage of students around the state who did not pass the test was 42.3 percent.

Schools have not yet received their 11th-grade social studies results.

The charts to the right indicate percentage of students who met or exceeded the state standards in fifth- and eighth-grade.

### Lowell Area Schools 1999 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEAP TEST SOCIAL STUDIES - Level 1 & 2

East Grand Rapids	61.6
Byron Center	56.1
Forest Hills	48.2
Grandville	38.0
Rockford	31.3
Kentwood	31.2
Northview	28.3
Sparta	24.0
Godfrey Lee	23.6
KISD	23.0
Caledonia	22.1
Thornapple Kellogg	20.5
Cedar Springs	19.2
State	18.7
Comstock Park	16.8
Lowell	15.2
Kenowa Hills	15.1
Godwin Heights	15.0
Wyoming	14.1
Kent City	11.5
Kelloggsville	10.0
Grand Rapids Public	6.3

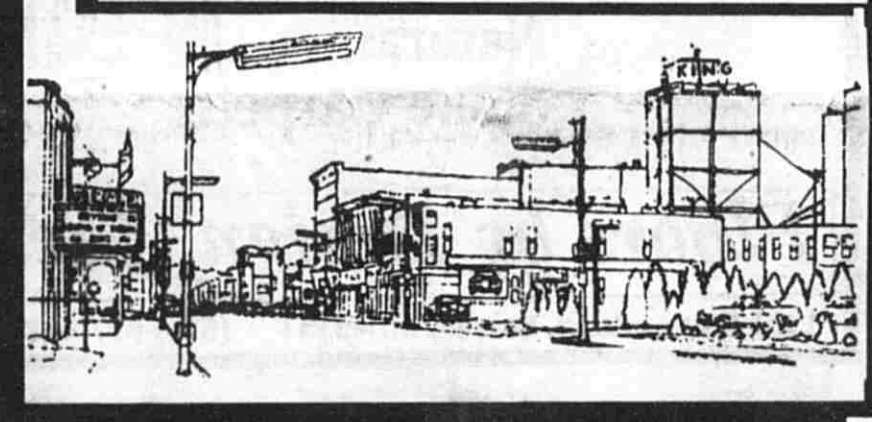
### Lowell Area Schools 1999 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEAP TEST SOCIAL STUDIES - Level 1 & 2

East Grand Rapids	71.6
Forest Hills	65.6
Godwin Heights	62.3
Caledonia	48.5
Rockford	45.0
Lowell	43.3
Grandville	43.0
Byron Center	40.5
Kentwood	40.3
Northview	39.7
KISD	35.2
Sparta	33.8
Kenowa Hills	31.1
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## Along Main Street



### YMCA EXTENDS BASKETBALL DEADLINE

The YMCA will be taking winter basketball signups after the deadline of Dec. 1 for grades three through six. Call the YMCA at 897-8445 or stop by at 323 W. Main St., Lowell.

### LOWELL YMCA KIDS' NIGHT OUT

A kids' night out Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec. 17 from 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary for boys and girls, preschool-12 years. Cost: \$10 Y members; \$12 non-members. Games and crafts, sports, movies, trained volunteers and snack.

To register, call 897-8445 or send payment and registration form to YMCA, 323 W. Main, Lowell. Space is limited.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Dec. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station. The station is located at 315 S. Hudson.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN CLUB 1999

Lowell YMCA will presents Christmas around the World at Cherry Creek Elementary from Wed., Dec. 22 - Fri., Dec. 31 from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. for boys and girls, grades 2 - 12 years old. Activities include arts & crafts, sports, swimming, bowling, computers, games and other field trips. Bring a sack lunch and drink each day, appropriate clothing for outdoor playing, swim suit and towel.

Cost is \$150 entire Christmas Break or \$22/day for YMCA members; \$25 for non-members. Payment is due first day. For more info., call Teri Sikkenga at 897-8445 or 897-2688.

### CLOGGING ANYONE?

A class for cloggers is currently being held at the Runciman School, 300 High St., in Lowell, on Monday evenings by the Thunder Floor Cloggers. Instructors are Bob and Lynda Warner of Lake Odessa. For more information, contact them at 616-374-8205.

### CHRISTMAS CONTINUES...

Pets can visit with Santa on Wed., Dec. 15 from 6-7 p.m. at the Animal Hospital Complex. Children can visit with Santa and get their pictures taken on Sat., Dec. 18 from noon to 3 p.m. at 222 W. Main St., Lowell.

## K&S contracted for park work

Lowell Charter Township Board has awarded the bid for improvements and further development of Grand River Park to K&S Excavating.

Six contracting companies put in bids for the park improvements, which will include drain pipe placements, hiking trail building, landscaping and clearing as well as other repairs.

K&S Excavating was recommended to the board by Gove Associates of Lansing. K&S' bid came in at \$90,000. Gove had estimated the total cost of the project to be about \$114,520.

The bids for the park improvement project ranged from \$90,000 to \$158,705.

All bids were formally opened and first read on Monday, Nov. 1 by the township board with K&S Excavating being accepted.

Supervisor John Timpson explained that there was no reason not to award the Grand River Park improvements' contract to K&S. All members of the township board were in agreement.

"No one had any objections, especially as they were well under the original cost estimates," Timpson said.



# OBITUARIES

**BAKER** - Marion Francis Baker, aged 81, of Lowell, died Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at her home. Marion was born in Lowell on Dec. 18, 1917, the daughter of Percy J. and Ethel V. (Munger) Read. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1935 and then attended Davenport Business College. She was a bookkeeper and a partner and worked with her father and her two brothers in their implement business called Percy J. Read & Sons until 1946 when they sold out to Wittenbach. Marion and Frank Baker opened the West Side Garage in 1950 in part-

nership with Nelson Stormzand until 1964 when they sold out to Wittenbach Auto Sales & Service. She worked as a bookkeeper for Bristol Auto Body from 1970-1979 when she retired. Marion was married on Nov. 23, 1939, to Frank Baker. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards and helping people and was a VFW and WOTM Moose member. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, her two brothers - James A. Read and William M. Read, her sister and brother-in-law Gertrude M. and Ivan Bieber, her sister and brother-in-law Emma J.

**BURNETT** - Mavis Jane Burnett, aged 73, of Saranac, passed away at her residence after a long battle with cancer. She was born May 20, 1926, in Belding to Frank (Alice Hawley) Bristol. She married Wilbert Burnett March 5, 1946, in Lowell. Besides her husband she is survived by six brothers Orval and Beverly Bristol of Greenville, Lester of Greenville, Don and Carolyn Bristol of Greenville, Ronald and Joann Bristol of Crystal, Gary Bristol of Stanton and Theodore Bristol. She was preceded in death by one brother Robert. Cremation has

taken place and there will be no services held.

**LESSENS** - Daniel Ivo Lessens, aged 77, of Lowell, passed away peacefully at Spectrum Health East (Blodgett) with his wife of 50 years, Phyllis (Elsbey) and his loving children by his side. Daniel was born December 31, 1921, to Maurice and Clara (Boone) Lessens in Lansing, Michigan. He is preceded in death by both his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Alice (Lessens) and Robert Westcot. Surviving are his loving children, Dr. Steven Richard (Sherry) Lessens of Shelby, Mary Christine (Chris) Dahl of Hartford, WI, George Daniel (Sherry Lee) of Grand Rapids, Michael Francis and Mark Timothy P.E. (Carolyn) all of Lowell; devoted grandchildren Jennifer Clara and David Maurice Lessens; April, Christopher and Kathryn Dahl of Hartford, Shannon (Marcus) Allen of Ft. Stewart, GA, Jacob (Katy) Dahl of Colorado Springs, CO, Eric and Ariel Lessens of Grand Rapids, and Sarah, Melissa, Amanda, and Tyler Lessens of Lowell; much loved great-grandchildren Ethan Allen and Stephanie Dahl; nephews Robert, Richard, and David (Denise) Westcot of Lansing; Also great-nephews Alex and Benjamin Westcot. Daniel is also survived by many relatives in Deince, Belgium, where his parents first met and married before moving to Michigan. Daniel grew up on a dairy farm near Mount Pleasant, and moved to Lansing and graduated in 1939 from Lansing Central High School. He served during World War II (Europe) as a mine detector

and rescued fellow soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge. He later graduated from Michigan State University. Daniel became a CPA and worked for Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery of Detroit and Kish Industries in Lansing. In 1964, Daniel and his family moved to Lowell, where Dan worked for C.H. Runciman Co. In the years that followed, he also worked for Gulf & Western in Middleville, and Parker Hannifin in Osego. He retired from Reynolds Metals Company in 1986. Daniel loved to be with his family. He was involved with St. Mary's Church of Lowell, and as a member of Men's Club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and as president of the Lowell Lions Club. He often volunteered much time at the Franciscan Life Process Center. He was also a choir member of St. Mary's and a chorus member of the Lowell Showboat. Dan enjoyed attending all of his grandchildren's functions such as concerts, religious programs, award ceremonies, Boy Scouts, sporting events and plays. He supported them with much enthusiasm. He was ever so proud of all of their accomplishments. Daniel also loved music varying from Mario Lanza and Marlene Dietrich to John

Lennon of the Beatles. Rosary was Sunday. Funeral Mass was Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Franciscan Life Process Center Scholarship Fund, Visiting Nurses Foundation, Lowell Lions Club.

**KOOIMAN** - Arthur Kooiman, aged 87, of Coopersville, passed away Friday, December 10, 1999. He is survived by three sisters and one brother, Anna Scharphorn of Grand Haven, Lillian Wert of Alto, Emily Howe of Grand Rapids and William Kooiman of Ontonagon; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Church of the Saviour, Coopersville, with burial in Coopersville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Network Community Haven.

**MARTIN** - Donald LeRoy Martin, aged 59, passed away December 5, 1999 of accidental injuries driving a semi-truck to Texas. He is survived by four children, four sisters, one brother and an aunt, Margarette Martin of Saranac. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Michigan.

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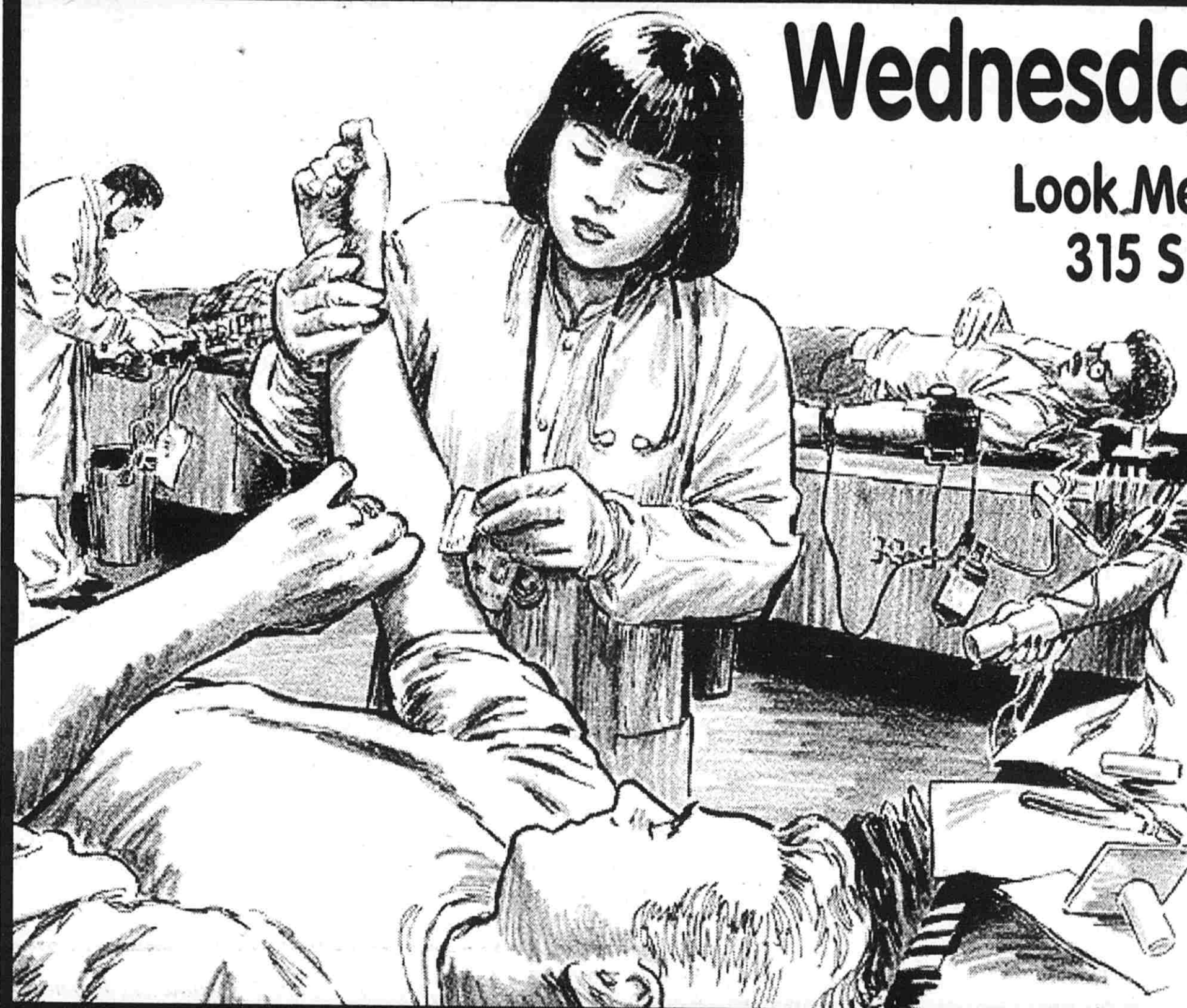
# LOWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

## Wednesday, Dec. 22

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# Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. George J. Fekete  
St. Mary Church

This month we are writing about wanting to, or why celebrate the coming of the Third Millennium. Last week we focused on the fulfillment of human history, Jesus' Incarnation and birth at Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Time is fulfilled by the fact that, in Jesus, God came down into human history.

This week, let's look at the fundamental importance of time. Desiring to live forever is a universal human trait, it is an irrepressible longing. How are we to think about or imagine a life beyond death? A common response to this longing in many spiritual traditions, especially in the Eastern religions, has been the teaching of reincarnation in one form or another until final purification is attained. In con-

ing on earth, human time, which began at creation, has reached its fullness. The fullness of time is in fact eternity, indeed, it is the one who is eternal, God himself. Thus, to enter into the fullness of time means to reach the end of time and to transcend its limits in order to find time's fulfillment in the eternity of God" (ibid.).

It is for this reason that we have the duty to sanctify time, make it holy, for "in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, time becomes a dimension of God" (ibid.). With the old covenant, this was done when days, weeks, or years were dedicated to time, as in the Jubilee year. In Christianity, the sanctification of time, the making of time holy, is done through our regular worship of God especially as we celebrate, really re-live, the saving actions of Jesus which He accomplished in time - and finally then, living out those actions in our daily lives. God bless you.

We fulfill ourselves in God who comes to us through Jesus. "Thanks to God's com-

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- DEC. 15: Roger Brown, Karen Latva, Tammy Baird, Kathryn Duiven, Kristin Ellis, Danielle Brenk, Marea Borg.
- DEC. 17: Bill Ellison.
- DEC. 18: Danielle Anchors, Hillary Graves, Cliff Walling.
- DEC. 19: Lori Moore.
- DEC. 20: Ed Mohr, William Henry Burt.
- DEC. 21: Al Smith, Brooke Page.



"God bless us, everyone." The name Ebenezer comes from a Hebrew term meaning "stone of help" After a victory over the Philistines, Samuel set up a memorial stone because God had helped Israel.

## West Michigan Regional Competition opens March 12

Ron Pederson, sculptor, professor and chairman of the Aquinas College Art Department, has been chosen to jury the 14th Annual West Michigan Regional Competition.

"Ron has taught art for 25 years and is well respected as a professional artist," said Lorain Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council. "His expertise in the visual arts promises a diverse and high quality exhibition."

In addition to teaching, Pederson has served as resident artist at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, as art reviewer for the Grand Rapids Press, and has exhibited nationally and regionally since completing his M.F.A. in sculpture at the University of Minnesota in 1977.

The show's grand opening is scheduled for March 12 at the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery. The reception and awards ceremony is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The art exhibition will run through April 13. Artists who want their art considered for the competition must drop off their work at the gallery March 3-5 between noon and 5 p.m.

"Residents from the Lowell community will have an opportunity to view some of the best artworks created in Michigan," Smalligan concluded.

## Township commission elects officers

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission has re-elected its officers for the year 2000 to fulfill another term in their current positions.

Richard Bryan, of 2989 Gulliford SE, has been re-elected as commission chairman.

Other officers include Mark Batchelor, of 2775 Tyler SE, as vice-chairman; David Simmonds, of 3333 Segun SE, as secretary; and John Cornish, of 3100 Kissing Rock Ave., as engineering advisor.

Carol Wells, of 3415 Emery SE, will continue as township board representative. Wells is also the clerk for the main township board.

## Simple guidelines to reduce holiday shopping stress

The holidays can be the most stressful time of the year. Here are a few suggestions from the Safety Council of West Michigan to reduce the stress. Following these simple guidelines can help minimize holiday stress.

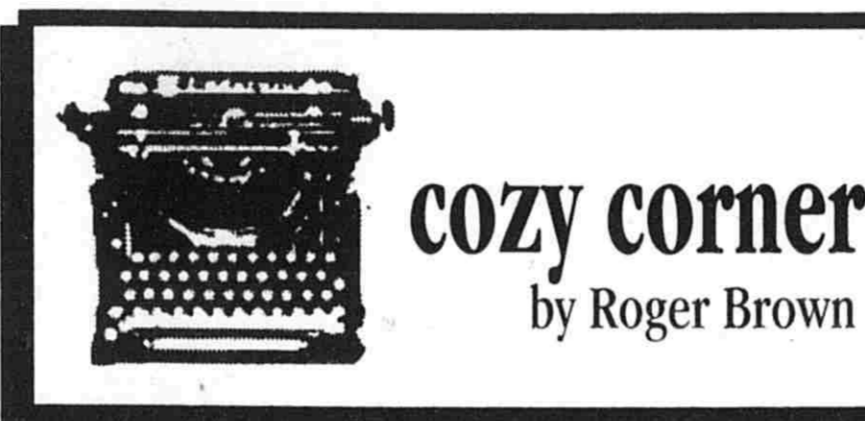
- Plan ahead. Avoid last minute preparations that can cause worry or injury.
- Set a holiday budget and stick to it.
- Make a list of things to do. Prioritize your list and then decide how much time to allow for each.

- Don't try to purchase all of your gifts at one time.
- Be patient and let someone else get ahead of you in line or while driving.
- Hit the malls when they are the least busy-early in the day or during the week.
- Wear comfortable shoes and take frequent breaks.
- Use a package pickup or ask if they can be delivered to your home.
- Consider shopping from the catalogs or the Internet, but

just remember to shop early in case gifts might be back ordered.

The holidays can also be the most stressful time for those living alone so plan ahead to include family, friends or neighbors in your holiday. For more information on this or other safety issues, please contact the Safety Council for West Michigan at 1-800-704-7676 or (616) 344-6189 or visit our website at [www.scmwi.org](http://www.scmwi.org)

# Viewpoint



cozy corner  
by Roger Brown

What goes around, comes around. Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. These are both good points to remember before pulling a prank on someone with a milestone birthday. As they say, paybacks are hell.

A rolling stone gathers no moss is another good adage to take heed of if you have pulled a lot of pranks and a milestone birthday of your own is coming up. As I write this, my birthday is tomorrow, Wednesday. And, yes, I have pulled my share of pranks on people turning the big whatever. I left Lowell Sunday morning. After racking up 1,600 miles on the odometer. I feel relatively safe from paybacks on my 50th.

I didn't get out of Dodge quite soon enough. If the employees were going to pull something, I figured it would be on Friday since that was my last day at work prior to my birthday. Friday came and went without so much as a stripper or aging male dancing fairy. I've been party to both of those gigs, so they would have been fair game as a payback. There was a birthday cake, cards and a couple small gifts. That was it! Whew!

Saturday night was our annual shop Christmas party. It's a two-part event. We begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the home of one of the employees. He has a nice home and he and his wife are gracious hosts. I tried to make myself small in a corner chair near the buffet. There I could talk to everyone

as they came by for food, but still be in position to hide under the table if any 50th birthday nonsense erupted. Nothing happened. Off to the bowling alley.

For three or four years now we have all gone to "Moonlight Madness" as part two of our shop party. It's a lot of fun. For most of us it's the only time we bowl; consequently, the scores are low and the bowling is ugly, but we have fun insulting each other. We insult each other at work all year long, but bowling gives us a whole new venue.

Between the first and second games, it happened ... just when I thought I was going to get through this birthday thing without an embarrassing incident... just when I thought everyone had forgotten all the stuff I've pulled over the years. The public address system blared, "Roger Brown, Roger Brown. There is a delivery for you at the lobby." I wanted to crawl under the table but there was no room what with the bowling bags and shoes.

With nothing to do but do it, I reluctantly shuffled up to the lobby. It wasn't a stripper. It wasn't a "Fairy Gram." It was my old friend Andy. Andy the goat. Andy the smelly, bearded billy goat. Andy was all decked out in black balloons and a sign around his neck that said, "Happy Birthday Roger... Remember Me?" The back of the sign read, "I'm gonna like it in Florida."

Andy was a gift to my friend Randy Seaman on his 40th birthday some seven years ago. The "Old Goat" was meant to commemorate his passage into the ranks of us old poops. We had him decked out in a T-shirt that said something like, "Too sexy to be this old" when he made his grand appearance at Randy's birthday party. He made himself at home eating cake, butting kids around and stinking up the place. He's been a part of the Seaman family ever since.

Randy tried to make like Andy was truly mine in this payback deal. I was half believing it. I was stammering around

The field looked better than ever this year due mainly to the new irrigation system. Coaches, players, parents and visiting teams all made positive comments on how great the field looked.

The best compliment came late in the season from our own high school head football coach, Noel Dean, who said, "Burch Field was in better condition than the high school field."

Again, we would like to thank the Look Memorial Fund. Our irrigation project would not have been possible without their donation.

Sincerely,  
Bucky Curtis

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The entire Lowell Youth Football League organization would like to thank the Look Memorial Fund for its very kind \$5,000 donation towards the "underground irrigation" project for Burch Field.

A total of 77 games were played on Burch Field this fall. LYFL had over 300 football players and 100 cheerleaders participate in our program.

she states, "We do no great things, just small things with great love." Does not this simple yet eloquent statement give each of us the hope and courage to do more to help ourselves, our families, and our community to be better places to live, to learn, and to grow? Could not each of us in our own small way make a real difference in the lives that we touch everyday?

How many times do we shy away from reaching out to help others because we feel that our contributions would not amount to much or that someone else might be able to do better? Our community, schools, families - indeed the world - will not improve because of a few world changing events. It will change because each of us makes the time to use our God-given talents to do the small yet important things that make the world a better place. We all count. Each of us can make a difference in our world - not by doing isolated great things but by daily doing "small things with great love."

The community traits of Lowell include compassion. Can each of us find ways to demonstrate compassion daily by helping those who are in need? My wishes and that of the entire Lowell school community are that you have a Blessed Holiday and a fulfilling and compassionate New Millennium.

### Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent

It seems that one critical aspect of a fulfilling life is the ability to reflect. Reflection or thinking deeply upon our life experiences not only adds value and wisdom to our current life ... it may also be the best way for each of us to grow and plan for our future.

America's traditional holidays - Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as the upcoming millennium event can provide each of us an unusual opportunity to reflect upon our future. Mother Theresa gives each of us excellent counsel when

### Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

#### LOW BACK PAIN

Low back pain is something which plagues most of us adults at one time or another. It is estimated that four out of five adults experience low back pain at some time in their life. The most common causes of low back pain are:

- Spasms and muscle pulls (strains). This is usually caused by improper lifting, bending, or overuse of the low back muscles.

- Osteoarthritis - As we age, the discs between the bones of our spine tend to degenerate and this, combined with degenerative changes in the bone itself, may cause stiffness and pain.

- Sciatica - This is what the public knows as a "pinched nerve." This is caused by something (disc, bone spur, etc.) causing pressure on a nerve root. This usually results in back pain which radiates into a leg.

Low back pain should always be treated conservatively at first. Ice in the first 24-72 hours, followed by application of heat, is often helpful. Anti-inflammatory medicines (aspirin, ibuprofen) are usually well tolerated and helpful. Sometimes prescription muscle relaxants are used to lessen muscle spasm. Manipulation in the form of massage or other "hands on" therapies many times is beneficial.

If conservative therapies fail, further diagnostics (X-rays, CT scans, MRI) may be ordered to further evaluate the cause for persistent pain.

with excuses. Where am I going to keep him? I'm gone too much to take care of him. He would miss living out at your place with the dogs, cats and horses. Randy loved it!

Finally, it was time to bowl again. I'd had my picture taken with Andy and gave him a big hug. Now I smelled like a goat. I really didn't want to haul him home in my new car.

I was relieved when Randy's wife Peg told me the kids cried when she told them they were giving Andy back to me. That told me Andy was really not coming to live with Tito and me. As for the suggestion he move to Florida, there was never so much as a snowball's chance of that happening with Terese involved. She thinks my dog misbehaves. She ain't seen nothing till she's seen what a goat can destroy. At the end of the evening Andy went back to the Seaman spread. I do have to admit they had me going for awhile. Damn, I hate paybacks!

By Priscilla Lussmyer

## Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL DEC. 16, 1874  
This issue is missing

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DEC. 14, 1899

The Ledger has 12 pages this week, a big one. "Fern" writes from her new home in McCords, describing the village and finishing with "you will find us the sweetest-tempered old maids---in any town."

A long and detailed article tells how one can ride 107 1/2 miles in New York City for five cents. There are 87 transfers. There were 17 hunters killed and 18 injured in gun accidents in Michigan during November, more than the deaths for an entire year of the war against Philippine insurgents.

The President's Message (to Congress?) needs five columns of fine print.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DEC. 11, 1924

Postmaster Norm Borgerson reminds us that everything should be in the mail by December 20.

Power output of some radio-casting stations is expected to reach as high as 10,000 watts in the near future.

Atkins Motor Sales Co. advertises Fords from roadsters at \$383 to "Fordors" at \$711.

Judge Frank Murphy hears the one-man grand jury investigation of Detroit Dept. of Public Works irregularities: paying \$7,500 to a company for delivery of only 500 of 5,000 yards of cinders, for one.

Commerce Department head Herbert Hoover urges legislative control and development for radio and aircraft.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DEC. 15, 1949

Cartoons and comedies will be shown free to children under 12 at the Strand Theatre the afternoon of Dec. 24.

The Paul Kellogg Vinegar Plant is featured this week. Paul's father, John Kellogg, started an apple-drying plant in 1894, then a cider mill in 1900. The plant produces a million gallons of cider a year.

Three young men, arrested in Ionia, have admitted responsibility for recent break-ins all over the area.

Three geologists say that a bridge at the Straits of Mackinac cannot be built because the soft shale is not adequate for foundations.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE DEC. 12, 1974

The annual Christmas parade gets good pictorial coverage. The School Board approves addition of gymnastics to the list of sports. (Girls' sports are being expanded by law for equal opportunity to participate).

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship Fund is set up for Lowell High School students.

A fired high school teacher appeals to the federal courts to aid in his reinstatement.

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**TUES:** Italian dunkers or cheeseburger on a bun, baked beans, sweet cherries, cookie.

**WED:** Christmas break. See you January 3rd.

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\*Lunch: \$1.50

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**TUES:** Double cheeseburger on a bun or 2 hot dogs on buns, baked beans, sweet cherries, cookie.

**WED:** Christmas break. See you January 3rd.

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## Township could be cooperative partner in model provided it doesn't tax budget

Lowell Charter Township has received a proposal asking for its support in the creation of a Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model.

The purpose of the model is to promote community-improvement through cooperation, mutual problem-solving and vision among the governing bodies of the various recreational areas.

"I could be for a cooperative community model, but not for a recreational committee," said township clerk Carol Wells.

The clerk and township board oppose any use of taxpayers' funds for any project; the majority of residents do not want.

Lowell Charter Township planning commissioner Alyn Fletcher says he hates to see an effort for cooperation go down the tubes.

"Lowell is a growing community. We will have challenges that singularly the townships, city and school district cannot do and where there will be a need to link arms," Fletcher explains. "I'm not just talking recreation, but that's a good start."

Surveys and forums will be conducted among residents in an effort to continue to gather opinions and ideas.

The Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model calls for the community as a whole (comprised of elected officials of the governmental entities and school district) to meet twice annually to achieve the goals set.

*To charge an exploratory committee to achieve and do what's in the best interest of the whole community is going to cost money... most things do. A committee can come back with what seems like a good idea, but can the budgets withstand it?*

**John Timpson**  
Lowell Township Supervisor

The teams or task forces would be citizen-based groups created by the committee to achieve the community cooperation model. The teams would be advisory only.

Possible areas of interest to be discussed include infrastructure, ecology, rights of landowners and farmers, and well-planned growth.

"Whether it's family, organizations, churches or a community... cooperation is needed," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent, Bert Bleke. "Lowell is a growing, changing community and the only way for it to thrive and reach its potential is through cooperation."

John Timpson, Lowell Charter Township supervisor, says he favors a Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model as long as there is an opportunity to question anything that deals with the budget.

The model calls for funds to come from the committee as a whole or through grants.

"To charge an exploratory committee to achieve and do what's in the best interest of the whole community is going to cost money... most things do," Timpson said. "A committee can come back with what seems like a good idea, but can the budgets withstand it?"

Timpson called the model an admirable pursuit as a means to solve problems. He added that it is important that the townships, city and school work together as a group.

## Millennium Magic at Englehardt and Alto libraries

Celebrate the New Year with magic through the ages as the Kent District Library presents Millennium Magic, a program for the entire family performed by professional magicians Renee' Hudson and Johnny Jay.

The program will mystify and amaze audiences with tricks from the ancient past through illusions of the 20th century. Registration is required at some KDL branches.

The magicians entertain audiences with their comedy and magic shows full of laughter, fun and audience involvement. They have performed for corporations and at schools and libraries throughout Michigan. Hudson presented her "Magic With A

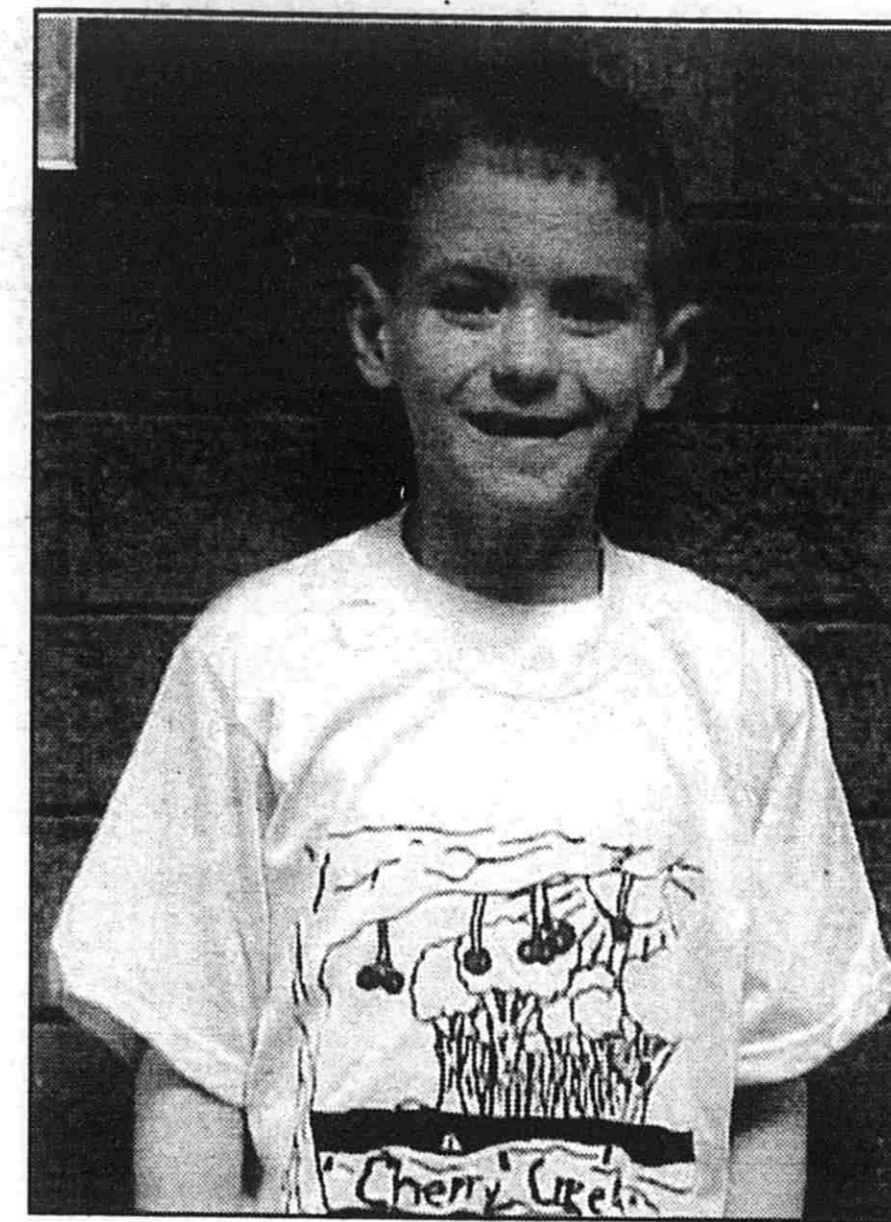
Smile" show last summer at various branches as part of the Summer Reading Club.

The program will be held at the Englehardt branch in Lowell on Thursday Dec. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Phone 897-9596 for information. It will be held

at the Alto branch on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 1:30 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

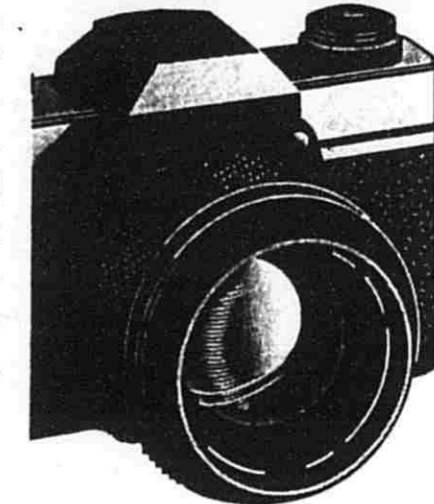
For more information about Millennium Magic, call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

## Bilski wins T-shirt contest



Cherry Creek third-grader Chris Bilski models a T-shirt he designed. The grey shirt has a black and red design featuring cherry trees and a creek. The T-shirts are being sold to raise funds for the class trip to Greenfield Village in June. They are available at Cherry Creek Elementary through Dec. 20 in the cafeteria or school store. Sizes range from youth medium to adult XXXL and are priced from \$9 to \$16.

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

of 5.15 percent.  
 Financing for the buses will be addressed prior to delivery, according to Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel.

Lowell currently maintains and operates 49 buses. The new buses will replace the last of 1987 and '88 buses. "With the four new buses, our oldest bus on the road will be a 1989."

Lowell transportation director Larry Mikulski said. "The state recommendation is that a bus be no older than 12 years. So, we're doing very well."

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**DEC. 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31st**  
 Jean Huver, Treasurer

**KEENE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 7:30 P.M.**  
 Keene Township Hall  
 8505 Potters Rd.  
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**The following Zoning Ordinance Amendments will be heard:**  
 Keene Township Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and accepting comments from the public for zoning ordinance amendments to the existing Land Division Ordinance and a proposed new Private Road Ordinance.

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The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

1. An ordinance amendment involving provisions of Boarding and Lodging Houses as a Special Use in the General Business District.
2. An ordinance to amend Section 19.01 of Chapter 19 of Appendix A in the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances involving hard surfaced access driveways to off-street parking facilities in residential district.
3. An ordinance to amend Section 2.03 and Section 2.20 of Chapter 2 and Section 12.03 of Chapter 12 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell involving provision for definitions of Body Shop and Vehicle Repair Facility and establishing as a Special Use in the General Business District Vehicle Repair Facilities.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or appear in person.

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The proposed amendments to the Land Division Ordinance changes the review process by removing the Township Board approval requirement. The Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission will review and approve land division applications.

The proposed private road ordinance will regulate an application and review process for the construction of new private roads. Current existing private roads are proposed to be exempt from this ordinance. There will be standards for construction and water drainage. Private roads that serve 4 or more lots will be required to apply for and receive approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of the ordinance amendments will be available at the Keene Township Hall on two Thursdays; 12/16/99 and 12/30/99 p.m. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the ordinance amendments. Written comments will also be considered if mailed and received at the Keene Township Hall prior to 6:00 P.M. on January 4, 2000.

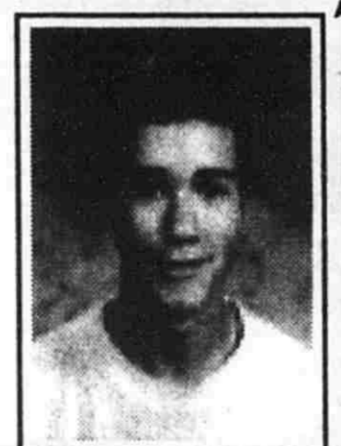
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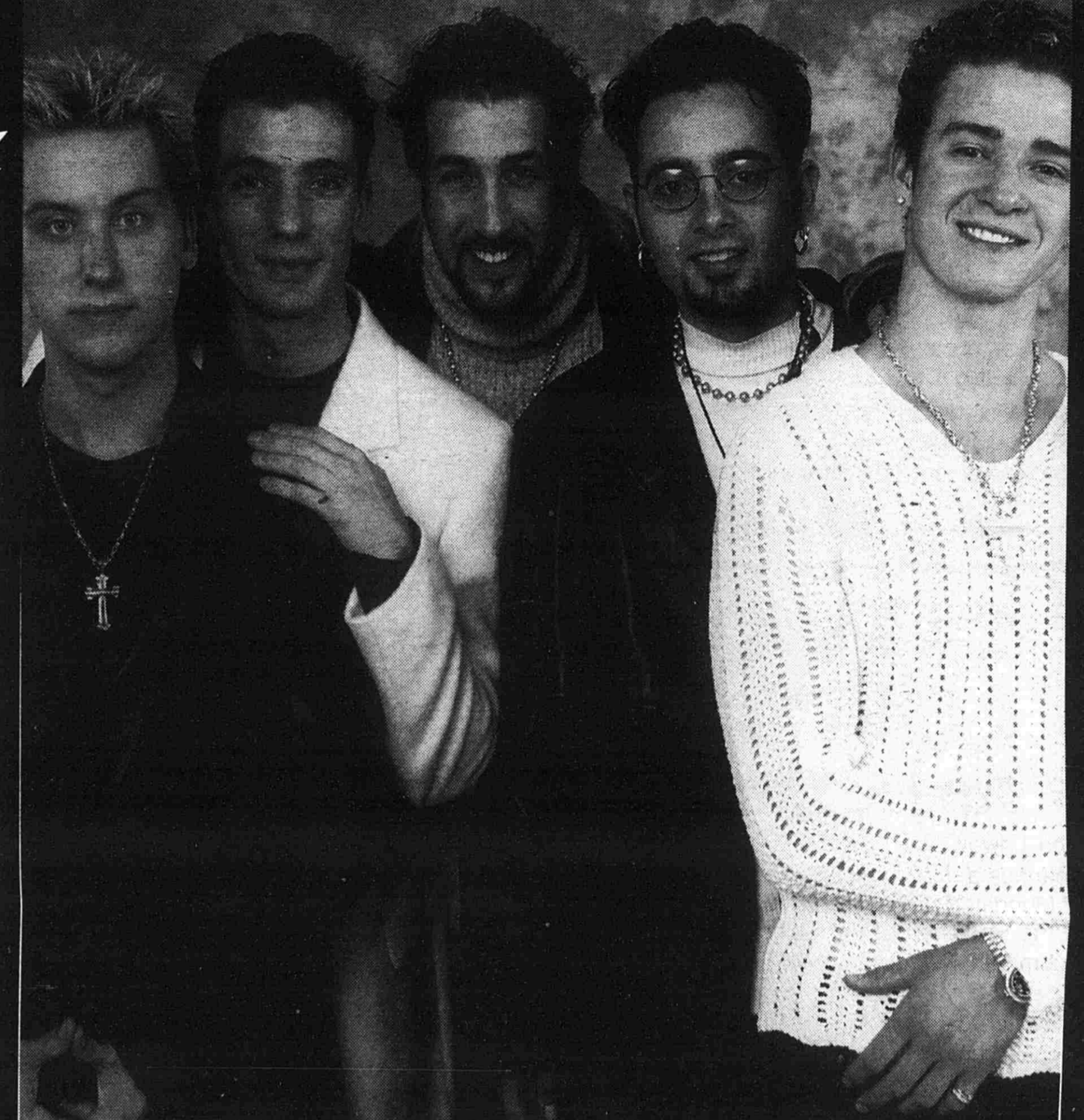
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SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

ANTHOLOGY: ESPN Tue. 1:30 p.m. Battle of the Corporate Stars (Taped). BASKETBALL: TNT Fri. 8 p.m. NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota Timberwolves.

SOCCER: FOXDT Sun. 5 p.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. WINTER SPORTS: WOOD Sat. 4 p.m. Skiing Downhill Series.

GOLF: ESPN Fri. 3:30 p.m. Golf Senior Match Play Challenge. BICYCLING: ESPN Tue. 2:30 p.m. Cycling Van's Freestyle Motocross. BOATING: TNN Sat. 11:30 a.m. Powerboat Racing IHA Drag Boat Series.

BOXING: FOXDT Sun. 7 p.m. Boxing Sunday Night Fights. FOOTBALL: WOOD Sat. 12:30 p.m. College Football Heritage Bowl. HOCKEY: FOXDT Fri. 7:30 p.m. NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings.

OUTDOORS: ESPN Sat. 5 p.m. Timber Series From Oshkosh, Wis. (Taped). RODEO: TNN Sun. 9 p.m. Championship Rodeo Highlights of bronc and bulldozing from Mesquite, Texas.

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COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY 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.

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

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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.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

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ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

WED., DEC. 22: Blood Drive sponsored by Grand Valley Blood Program and Lowell Fire Department at Look Memorial Fire Station.

MON., JAN. 31: A slide and video presentation will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center by Kate Democoeur who traveled to Ethiopia this past fall.

EVERY 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.

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Advertisement for 'WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949', listing various community events and meetings.



# A journey ends: Blue Nile team returns home

**Editor's Note:** This is the last installment of a four-part series on Kate Dernocoeur's journey down the Blue Nile.

**Sunday, October 10 (River Day #21):** It's a different float with the motor doing all the work. Bruce is improving, the guides can chat, Ethiopians are sleeping, others of us are hanging out.

**Monday, October 11 (River Day #22):** I had the most lovely waking dream. Then I realized there was daylight beyond my eyelids, and discovered that I am still in Africa! It's two days prior to take-out. In a week, I'll be home and this entire adventure will be a memory...I have been to Ethiopia and I have touched it with my soul. It has wrapped itself around me and I feel embraced by a culture unencumbered by complicated, confusing outside influences. They are, most delightfully, simply who they are, with smiles that light up, teeth that are usually remarkable, eyes that meet you halfway. I feel unafraid to reach out, to be part of the first-ever experience for most of these people with white people. We are ambassadors of a different world, and we are leaving behind (I hope) good impressions.

I will miss this vagabond, no-agenda, no itinerary lifestyle, because a big part of me understands it, and loves it. The others will all go

and to township meetings, helping out at school. I am so happy to think of going on to all these everyday things. I am thrilled to know that I have a real home to go to, and a life in a community where I am valued. My fellow-travelers, who are much more into this lifestyle as a

regular diet, do not necessarily have that... [During our two-night stop at this village] I had a lot of medical tasks, including a man with a very infected thumb. I think he's looking at amputation. I told him to plan a trip and get to a hospital ASAP, and I hope he goes

who we have encountered are all so welcoming. That the Ethiopians have never been colonized has provided a delightful platform for a clear identity. Their culture has not been confused or muddled by someone else's interpretation on how to live. I shall always treasure my friendships with

has given it to us... We will be riding in Landcruisers on bumpy roads for the next few days, and there will be goodbyes at Bure when Ginny & Nevada break off to go back to Bahar Dar [for more journalism work]. More goodbyes, I suspect, when I'm dropped at the Hilton on Friday night (assuming we get there!), and then I'll leave this pod of community, test passed! Although there are still two phases to this trip that remain [the drive to Addis and the journey home], the trek has been made and the river has been run. The core adventure is essentially done. I have truly loved every moment...

End note: Take out went like clockwork! Utterly amazing, really. As we floated closer & closer to the Sudan border, anxiety levels were rising — and then, Mauritio popped out of the bushes on "river right" and the fun began! The drive was like the climb down a mountain after the exhilaration of reaching the peak. The first 80 km were the worst, with pouring rain at times, mud to the tops of the wheelwells, and other huge 4WD challenges. Also, my driver was battling a nasty bout of malaria... For the next 2-1/2 days, we endured the rigors of the road, ate real Ethiopian food (delicious!), slept in beds (the second night - we had to camp on the road the first night), and gradually made our way to Addis.

Of the five vehicles that left Bamburi, three limped into Addis while the others stayed behind until they could be repaired. Crossing the river at Shafartok Bridge (site of our resupply after the first six days on the river) was intensely beautiful and emotional — and the guards all remembered us!

Back in Addis, it was interesting to lay eyes on the woman in the mirror, someone I had not caught sight of in 32 days. To use a toilet, to wash hands with warm water, to take a shower, and yes, to order room service at the Hilton Hotel — all had new significance to me. So did the sensation of being in an enclosed structure.

I had dinner with "my guys" (I was the only female left) before my 10:30 pm flight away from Ethiopia. It was at the same Italian restaurant where I had met my colleagues five weeks — to the day! — earlier. After a 28-hour odyssey, I arrived at Kent County Airport. The trip ended with a very touching reception at the airport, with a huge banner and balloons and flowers and friends, and even a bottle of wine for a toast. Dorothy was right: "There's no place like home!"

... Kate Dernocoeur will be giving a slide and video presentation to benefit Lowell Area Youth Development at the Lowell High School on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.



Our National Geographic photographer, Nevada Wier, at work with an Ethiopian villager and her child.

There's one 2-days' walk away. I also walked to the next village to visit an old man — the father of the chief — who is dying. I could do nothing for him, but encouraged the family to make his last days as comfortable as possible. Hospice work, here in the wilderness. Later, the chief of the bigger nearby village gave me a chicken to "compensate" me, so when I returned to our camp, I had dinner in hand!

[We stayed at this village so we could go to] Market Day! I found myself "peopled out" within minutes. Commerce doesn't interest me. Finally, I went and sat with several older men in the shade while I waited for Mike and Mike to be ready for the walk back. The men had a goat's head and other remains in a plastic bowl on the ground in front of them. They laughed when I made a casual, light-hearted response to the gruesome sight!

**Tuesday, October 12 (River Day #23):** This has been my favorite campsite, under a large sausage tree, with large streamside boulders, including a FLAT one (!!) where I'm now seated. I sat alone on this rock last night and ate my spaghetti in daylight (first visible meal in three weeks or so — we were aiming to have dinner finished before the now-nightly "Gnarly Nighttime Nile Gnat" invasion) and the others had gone into the nearby village. I was quite content to sit alone.

My mind wandered as I lay in my tent last night, while the firelight flickered off my ceiling. The Ethiopian people

Zelalem and Ephrem. Expedition-wise, I feel very proud of my part in this adventure. The teamwork required to de-rig and re-rig on a daily basis for 4-weeks-plus has occurred without a single snippy or impatient or cross word. This is the benefit of being with an experienced, mature group.

The stunning thing is that this landscape continues to surprise and amaze all of us. The river is streaming by with all the same force as ever. We had big riffles — rapids, you could say — today, and word at one village that one ferenj in Haile Selassie's time (1960's?) drowned in them. We are now at the 838 km mark, camped within reach of the Sudan border. Our exact take-out point is very vague, so tomorrow will certainly be an adventure! Mauritio is out there somewhere with five empty Landcruisers...

**Wednesday, October 13 (River Day #24):** Woke up refreshed, and in the half-light rested on my comfortable riverside bed for the last time, with the surf of the river riffles singing just to me. Outside my tent, I could see the morning start, and a shooting star, too. I'll think of it as the Nile sky's goodbye to me.

Life is a test. It's possible for each person to design his or her own tests, and this was a big one for me. A midlife chance to be part of something utterly unique. The test I set for myself had more to do with the group, to be a good member of the team, a valued part of a successful trip. I feel that we have not taken this trip; the Blue Nile

# Graham building transformation historically pleasing for volunteers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Ledger

Lowell Area Historical Association's first organized meeting was called to order in Judy Straub's dining room in 1989.

That meeting authored a vision of opening a Lowell museum in the historic Graham building at the corner of Main Street and Hudson.

In what is believed to have been the dining room at the Ernest R. Graham Estate, 323 W. Main, Straub and six to 10 volunteers continued to move ahead with that vision as they painted the walls and ceilings which were once backdrops to the Lowell library.

"Seeing the transformation of these rooms has been

absolutely wonderful," Straub explains. "From the cracked broken walls to this (cleanly repaired)."

Don't be fooled... the cleaning up and refurbishing have involved many more hours and volunteers than were offered on Saturday.

Last year, Straub estimates there were in excess of 2,000 volunteer hours clocked in helping the metamorphosis from an old building to a historic museum.

Since the library vacated the building for its new digs, LAHA and its many volunteers, working on a "proceed as it can pay" budget, are ready to begin the exhibit phase.

"There are stories that need to be flushed out and told, and exhibits to go along

## Winter Safety Strategies

By Laura Evans

Old Man Winter brings less daylight hours, the holiday season, and bad weather. As this time of year approaches, it is important to review some safety strategies with your kids.

Whether your child walks to school or takes the bus, be sure to: know their route, know their clothing, and have an action plan in place if dismissed early.

Develop a code word between you and your child. When someone other than the usual driver picks them up, have the child ask the driver for the code word. Know the "safe" houses to go to in your neighborhood when necessary. Remind them that cars and buses have a harder time stopping on snow and ice.

Does your child know what to do in an emergency if home alone? How to handle talking to strangers? What to do if they get lost at a mall, a store, or a holiday function? Play act with your kids; practice what talking to a stranger might be like, teach them how to talk to the right strangers if they are lost, alone or in danger; discuss feelings and what-if situations. Tell your child they can call 911 from a public phone for free. Reassure them that if they get lost you will search for them, no matter what.

A small amount of time, a little discussion and a few safety measures can go a long way to ensure the success of your child. Safeguard your kids... you'll be glad you did! Happy Holidays from the School Safety Advisory Committee for Lowell Area Schools.

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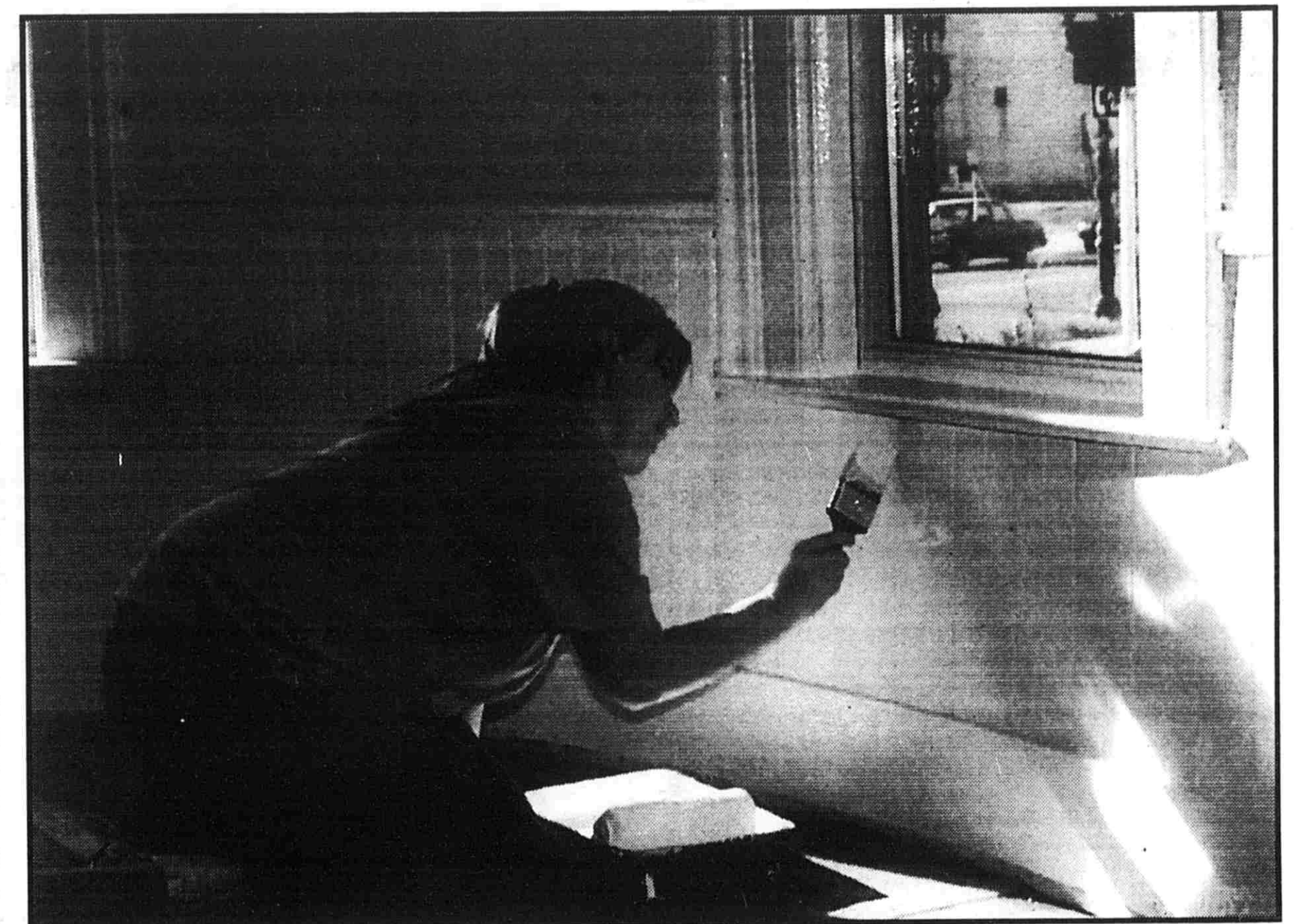
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Melissa Hubenet joins her father Gordon and sister Stacy as part of the volunteer crew which worked at the Graham building on Saturday.

with those stories," Straub says. "Our history needs to allow people to live, touch, feel, and reminisce. That's how people become excited about their roots and where they came from."

Helping LAHA set up the exhibit is consultant Jerry Adams.

The presentation of the museum may be made to the public as early as February. The exhibit won't be

complete until LAHA is able to entirely occupy the building. That cannot happen until the Lowell YMCA vacates space it still uses.

That space will be turned into period rooms.

"I knew the museum would happen," Straub said.

It's been a long process, but one Straub, LAHA and volunteers have found rewarding.



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The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following variance request:

901 W. Main Street - Main Street Banquet Center variance for rear yard setback and off street parking involving new 4600 square foot facility.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

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Dated: December 14, 1999  
By: Mark Mundt, Superintendent  
Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant



# Little things send Lowell reeling to 0-2 start

◆◆◆ The Red Arrows took it down to the final minutes in both of their losses to Lakewood and Forest Hills Northern. Lowell hopes to break into the win column this week against Forest Hills Central and Northview.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Poor decisions at critical times hurt Lowell down the stretch in its effort to win a nonconference, season-opening high school boys basketball tussle with Lakewood.

The Vikings' Luke Farrell turned the poor decisions into points netting three-of-four from the foul line in Lakewood's 53-48 overtime win against the Red Arrows.

"It's frustrating. We didn't make the best decisions at critical times in a game we should have won," said Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush. "It took us two-and-a-half quarters to make the pass into the post against their match-up zone. We did for a short span in the third quarter and built a four-point lead. Then we stopped."

A pass here, a rebound there and a no call here, and Lowell could have been celebrating its first win of the year.

Lowell led 41-40 with less than two minutes to play when Andy Curtis picked off a Viking front-court pass and appeared on his way for a layup and a three-point Red Arrow lead. Instead, a whistle blew and a foul was called on Curtis, sending the Vikings to the line for a game-tying free throw.

"That was obviously a big call," Bush said afterwards. Lowell had the ball and a chance to win the game with 10 seconds remaining on the clock.

"We wanted the ball to go into the middle, but it got out on the wing and we got stuck and we didn't get the shot we wanted," Bush said.

The Red Arrows settled for a baseline shot deep in the corner by Brady Foster which bounded off the rim.

Lakewood jumped on Lowell early in overtime, building a 50-43 advantage before eventually winning by five.

"We're a really good shooting perimeter team, but tonight we didn't hit our shots. Some of that had to do with Lowell's good pressure defense," said Lakewood coach Mark Farrell. "Lowell's a much improved club over the last couple of years."

The Vikings were helped throughout the game by their full-court pressure and traps. Lakewood also had a big night on the offensive boards.

"We work on boxing out and rebounding in practice. I thought we did a good job of finding a man and boxing out, but then it's like we forgot to go get the ball," Bush explained.

Aaron Alsgaard and Ryan Mix led all Lowell scorers with 17 points apiece.

Luke Farrell led Lakewood with 16 points.

**FHN 49  
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To borrow a line from Yogi Berra, "It seemed like deja vu all over again."

For the second time in four days, Lowell's basketball team led 41-40 late in its basketball game. The auspicious scenario crumbled in the final three-and-a-half minutes as the Red Arrows dropped a four-point decision to the Huskies.

"I told the boys we're at a point where we can't except anything less than executing and winning," said Lowell boys basketball coach Pete Bush. "It's hard to accept missing foul shots, easy shots, turnovers and not boxing out. If the little things get done, we're 2-0 right now."

Instead, the 0-2 Red Arrows will try to right the ship with games against Forest Hills Central and Northview this week.

An abysmal opening 10 minutes Friday night put Lowell in a 19-4 hole.

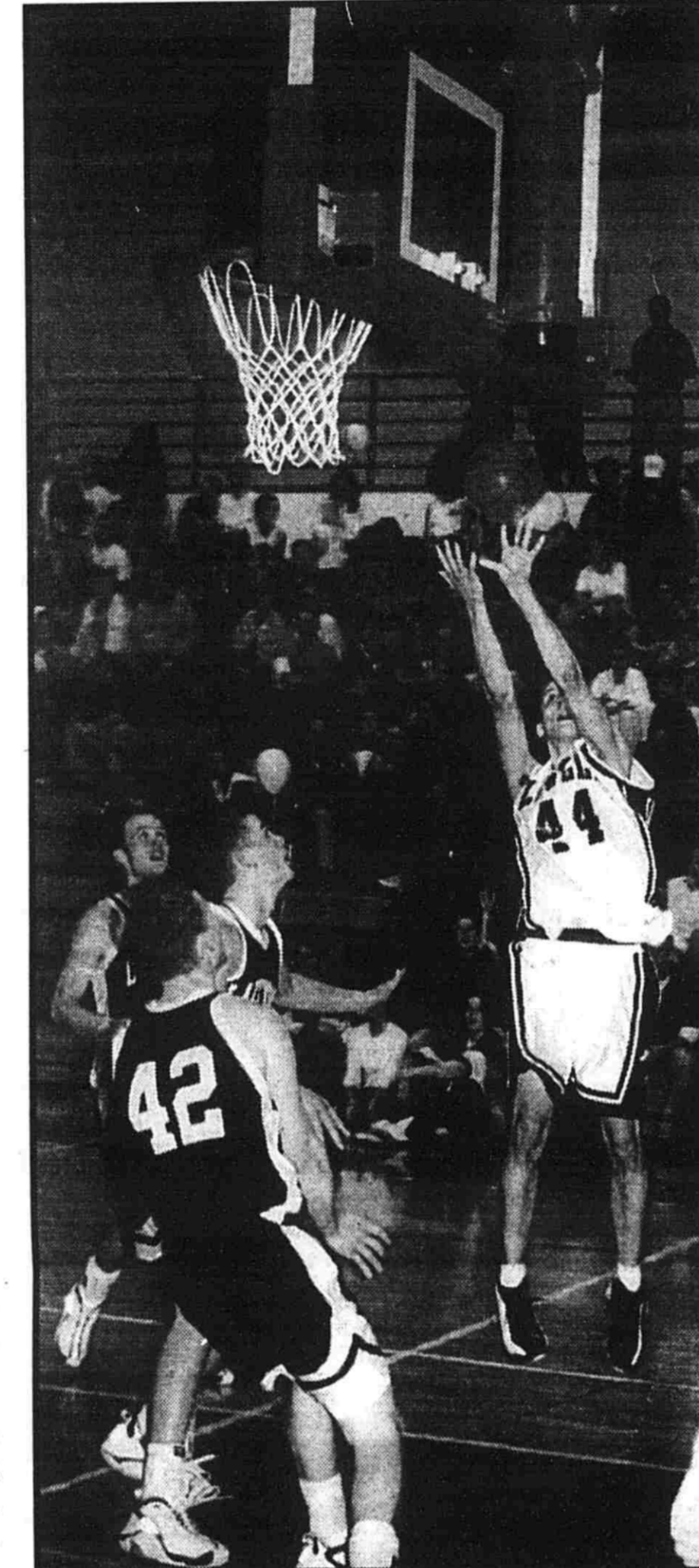
"We looked really good at the start of the game. The key was we made some shots," Huskie coach Steve Harvey explained. "But then our shots didn't fall and that

Alsgaard kid got hot. Give Lowell credit... they could have given up, but they fought back."

Trailing by 15, Lowell outscored Northern 19-7 over the last 5:49 of the second quarter to cut its deficit (26-

During the timeout Bush improved his two best players (Alsgaard and Ryan Mix) to run the offense.

Lowell's good fortune continued in the fourth quarter as it outscored Northern 7-4 to take its first and only



Lowell's Ryan Mix pulls up for a baseline jumper in high school basketball action on Friday against Forest Hills Northern.

lead of the game at 41-39. From that point on, FHN went on a 10-4 spurt to finish out the contest and earn the win.

Alsgaard led all Lowell scorers with 20 points. Dave Burggraaf led Northern with 25.

Jesse Beals (103) defeated Lowell's Jeremy Goff 10-8. Eaton Rapids' Austin Carmody (112) pinned Bobby Gingrich at 1:15 of the first period.

John McKay's 11-8 decision over Josh Boyd cut Lowell's deficit to six at 9-3. It was 13-3 Eaton Rapids after Jesse Chapman defeated John Mendez 9-0.

Lowell strung together three consecutive wins at 130, 135 and 140 pounds.

John Wilder (130) won a 10-5 decision over Sean Grant; Dan Rottier (135) pinned Chris Gladstone at 1:45 of the first period; and Caleb O'Byrne decisioned Matt Chapman 8-4, giving Lowell a 15-13 lead.

Brent Lyons (145) lost a heartbreaking 7-5 overtime decision to Mike Wilson. The

were a little slow in game one, but the girls recovered and fought hard to pull out an incredible win in game two," Ference explained.

Lowell played a mistake-filled opener in losing its first game to West Catholic. "The girls made a lot of middle school, freshman-like mistakes (overlapping, foot faults, jumping into net)," Ference explained.

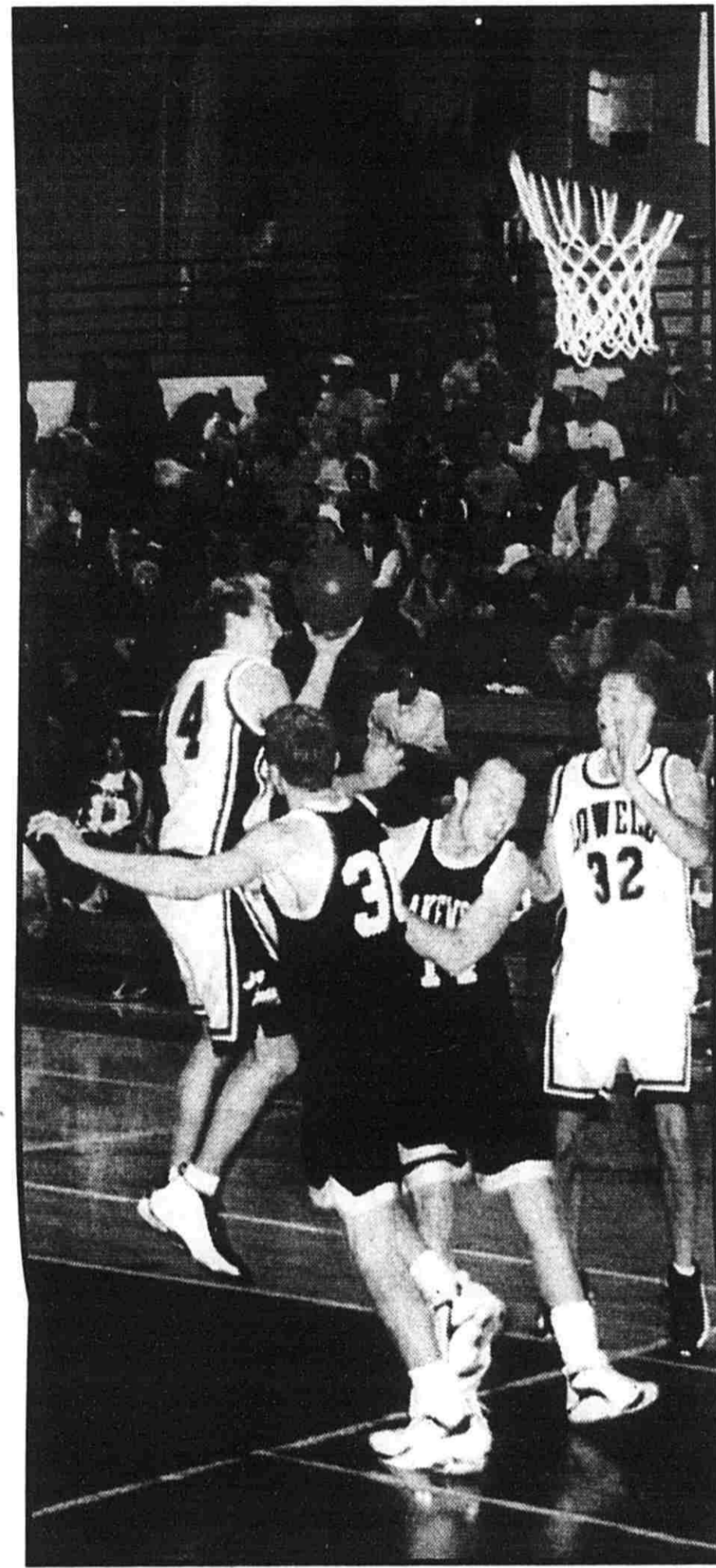
Lowell, again, was able to bounce back as it rallied to win game two.

The wheels came off in the Red Arrows' quarterfinal match with Spring Lake. "We broke down mentally, especially in game two. The girls need to learn how to break through when things are going bad," Ference said.

That is a difficult feat when the passing, serving and hitting is sub-standard. "The girls stopped moving," Ference added.

The Lowell coach recognized the defensive effort. "The Lowell coach recognized the defensive effort. The Lowell coach recognized the defensive effort."

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Lowell point guard Aaron Alsgaard drives, scoops and shoots against a collapsing Huskie defense.

# Red Arrow grapplers hope to solve Ranger mat riddle

◆◆◆ Lowell's four-match losing streak a "personal" thing for Red Arrows. Central and Lowell are scheduled to begin their conference dual at 7 p.m. this Thursday at Lowell High School.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dave Strejc says Thursday's OK White Conference confrontation with Forest Hills Central is "personal" this time.

Lowell's four-match losing streak against Central has elevated it to that point.

The Red Arrows will not get any sympathy from the Rangers, who broke a 13-match losing streak to Lowell four years ago.

This year's Lowell seniors have never beaten a Forest Hills Central squad which, according to Strejc, makes this match "a pretty big one."

Central coach Dave Mills concurs. "This is a big match. I've coached at Central for 12 years and every year the match between Lowell/FHC seems to get bigger and bigger," he explains.

Mills says it didn't start to heat up until the Rangers broke the losing streak.

"Our matches are usually decided by one match... it comes down to who gets pinned or who stays off their back," Mills said.

Both coaches are not afraid to admit that it's not just the wrestlers who are caught up in the rivalry.

"I get excited thinking about our match with Lowell. It's good for the sport to have two quality teams wrestling one another and for people to get emotionally charged about it," Mills said.

Strejc has a pretty good grasp on which weights will be key in deciding the outcome. "103 is important, 112 is important, 119 is important... you get the idea," Strejc says matter of factly.

Other than the closeness of the matches, there has been a significant trend during Forest Hills Central's winning streak... the Rangers have had the match locked up before getting to 215... where defending state champion Bill Stouffer awaits.

Strejc believes Thursday will be different. "I have a feeling this is going to come down to the final match (heavyweight)," he says.

Mills says he will put out his best lineup and hope the match has been decided before 215.

This year, unlike years past, Lowell and Central have faced one another prior to their conference tilt. The Rangers won that match 35-33 two weeks ago at the Michigan Duals in Bay City.

# Lowell wrestlers fall to Eaton Rapids in finals of Howell tourney

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

If Lowell entered the Howell Invitational Saturday not knowing where it stood after two weeks into the season, a tourney title match with Eaton Rapids cleared things up.

The Red Arrows lost 38-24 to the Greyhounds, the defending Division II state champions, in a tournament championship filled with a number of swing matches.

"We lost a number of closely contested matches, which I'm not really happy about," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc. "I really felt as if we should have beaten them."

Lowell advanced to the title match with wins over Goodrich (42-27), Howell (51-21), and Traverse City West (58-13).

The Red Arrows fell behind the Greyhounds 9-0 after losing a decision at 103 and suffering a pin at 112.

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Tom Oesch (152) answered with a 3-1 decision against Chad Wright, giving Lowell an 18-16 advantage.

T.J. Forward was leading 5-1 in the third period when he was taken to his back at the 5:00 mark. The pin gave the Greyhounds a 22-18 lead.

The advantage was ex-

rk ethic, effort, and attitude... The things we control



The Lowell powerlifting club opens its season on Dec. 18.

# Powerlifters pointing toward state and national honors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

What do the community of Lowell and the Lowell powerlifting club have in common?

They both like to look and feel good about themselves. The Downtown Development Authority has restored the pride of many for its hometown.

"Our powerlifting club has the same character traits of the community. It is important to these kids to look and feel good about themselves," Lowell powerlifting coach Noel Dean explains.

This will be the first time Lowell fields lifters who have been lifting four years.

"To build strength, it takes time. Lifting must be done consistently over a period of time," Dean says.

Last year's varsity and junior varsity powerlifting teams enjoyed a high degree of success.

The varsity placed fourth at the state level and the junior varsity won the national title.

The Lowell powerlifting coach believes a state title is within grasp in 1999-00. "I think we have a shot at a national title too," Dean said.

Dean's confidence is borne from the fact that many kids who will compete for the Red Arrows this year have been lifting four years. Another factor is there are key kids at all the weight classes.

Leading the Red Arrows will be Mike Dykstra (181 pounds), Neil Reimbold (165) and Cory Perdaris (132). Dean anticipates all three lifters will have good years. "They really work hard at it," he says.

There are 80-85 lifters on this year's roster... 10 of which are girls.

Lowell's first powerlifting meet is Dec. 18 at Comstock Park. The Red Arrows are at Jenison on Jan. 15 and host the West Michigan Powerlifting Championship on Feb. 5.

The state tournament is March 18. The location is to be announced. The national tournament is March 24-26 in Oshkosh, Wis.

# Forest Hills/Lowell cooperative swim team opens with win over West Ottawa

◆◆◆ Tri-captains Mike Gustafson, Brett Goldberg and Andrew Klipa are expected to lead a young Ranger swim team.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

First-year Forest Hills/Lowell boys swim coach Heather Heritage is aware that her 1999-00 team is young and that it has some talent.

The \$60,000 question is whether the youth can provide some depth to go with the talent.

That talent is in the form of a strong junior contingent led by Mike Gustafson, Brett Goldberg and Andrew Klipa.

"Swimming is a part of Mike's lifestyle," Heritage said. "He thinks about and trains for swimming. He eats and exercises with swimming in mind."

Gustafson's approach landed him a number of freshman and sophomore class swimming records.

Heritage expects that the junior will own seven school swim records before the end of the season.

In his first dual meet of the year, Gustafson set a school

record in the 100 breast stroke. He stopped the clock in 1:02.4.

In Lowell's 103-80 win against West Ottawa, Gustafson came home in 54.33 in the 100 butterfly, leaving the tri-captain five-one-hundredths of a second from a school record.

Goldberg and Klipa, the other two captains, provide strength in the IMs and sprint freestyles.

Goldberg's strongest event is the backstroke... and Klipa, the breast stroke.

It's not by coincidence those are the areas where the overall team strength is. "They are my studs," Heritage quips.

Klipa won the 200 IM against West Ottawa with a time of 2:23.27. He also had a winning leg in the medley relay.

Teamed with Goldberg, Gustafson and Jon Rosenberger, the Lowell relay team came home in a winning time of 1:47.70.

Goldberg claimed top honors in the 100 backstroke, finishing in 1:02.54. Jacob Billingsley was second with a time of 1:12.71.

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## Lowell hockey team falls to West Ottawa and East Lansing

The Lowell junior varsity hockey team lost two games this past weekend to divisional rivals' West Ottawa and East Lansing. In both games, the Red Arrows were forced to play short-handed for an unusual amount of time.

The rivalry between West Ottawa and Lowell developed last year with each team winning one game and tying two others. This rivalry intensified earlier this year with two preseason ties. Saturday's game seemed to follow in suit for the first two periods of play.

West Ottawa quickly jumped ahead by a score of 2-0 early in the game and then added a third goal later in the period. Despite playing short-handed for 10 minutes out of the first period, the Red Arrows were able to add two goals of their own in the first period to keep the score 3-2 going into the second period. Eric Austin scored Lowell's first goal at the 9:50 mark on an assist from Daniel Woods, and then Woods found the net himself on assists from Austin and Chad Rau.

Although there were nu-

merous scoring opportunities in the second period on both sides, each team was only able to produce one goal apiece. Lowell's Andi Larisch scored the team's third goal at the 8:30 mark with assists coming from Austin and Woods. With the score 4-3 in favor of West Ottawa, the stage was set for an intense and physical third period of hockey.

Unfortunately for the Red Arrows, things did not go as planned. West Ottawa exploded in the third period for five goals and won the game 9-3. Lowell had difficulty breaking the puck out of the defensive zone and was not able to capitalize on any scoring chances that came up.

"We felt confident going into the third period, but things just didn't go our way," explained head coach Paul Jacobus. "It was a disappointing way to finish, but West Ottawa is a solid team and they played a flawless period of hockey."

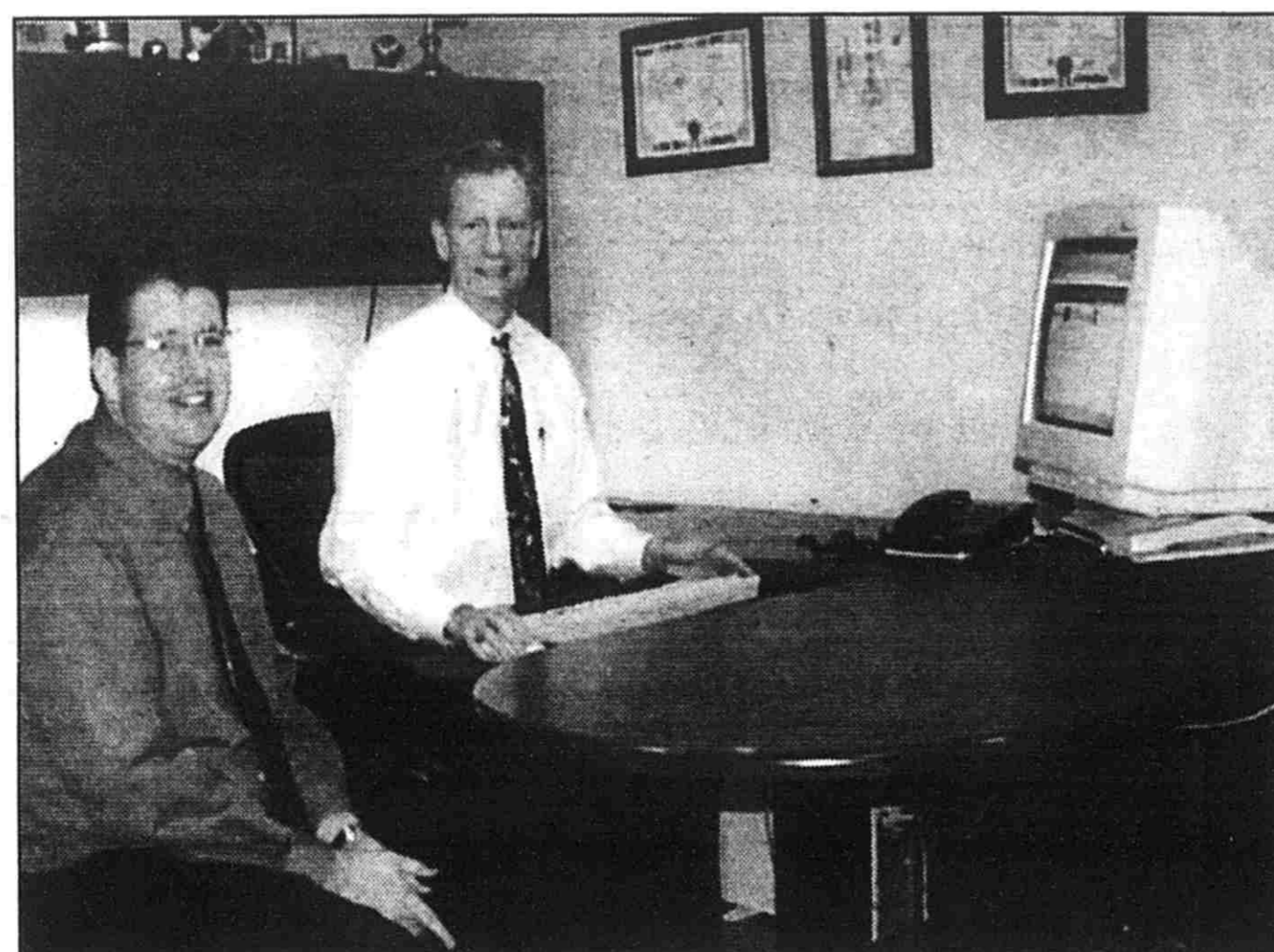
On Sunday, the Red Arrows tried to get back into the winning column as they hosted East Lansing at Michi-

gan National Ice Center. Once again, penalties and missed scoring opportunities plagued Lowell throughout the game as the team dropped their second consecutive divisional game by a score of 3-1.

Despite the score, Lowell played a very strong offensive game all three periods. The Red Arrows out-shot East Lansing by a margin of 44-28 but were unable to convert on several scoring chances. Lowell's only goal came on a perfectly executed two-on-one when Larisch set up David Maylone to make the score 1-1.

Defensively, Lowell played very good position throughout the game and did a nice job of clearing the front of the net for goalie Jay Blair.

"Considering the difference in shots on goal and the number of missed scoring chances, we really felt that this game could have gone in our favor," explained Jacobus. "These games are tough, but I'm proud of what our team has accomplished so far and we will bounce back."



Christopher Cahill, left, president and founder of freeClubSite.com and Michael LaFeldt, right, got their intranet system up and running a little over two weeks ago.

## Intranet site enhances communication for churches and other organizations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

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Billingsley, John Webb, Rosenberger and Mark Kwast were first in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:47.65.

Transfer student Scott Weir is Heritage's ace in the hole. It has not yet been determined whether the junior will be able to compete. "He has tremendous potential," Heritage said.

A new face to the Ranger swim team is Lowell's Collin Vincent. The junior is expected to step in and contribute in the middle distance events.

Diving coach Jim Davis has four new divers to work with this season.

Based on their one-two performance against West

Ottawa, Rachel Swift and Jacob Baker appear ready to lead the way. Mac Russell and Andrew Sargent should also contribute.

Other members of the team are Mike Deters, Tyler Duckett, Ryan Dorrough, Matt Trierweiler, Scott Springer, Eric Cherba and Philip Wegert.

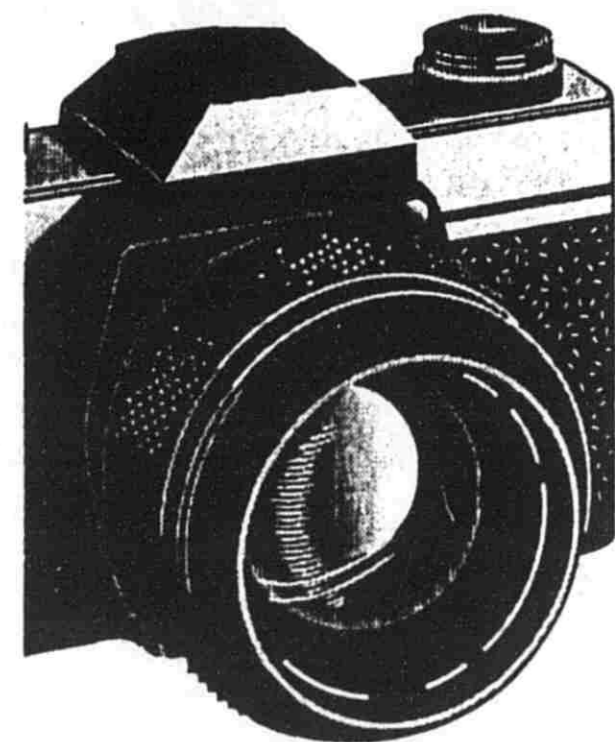
## Volleyball cont'd.... From Page 24

sive play of Abbey Goff and Kelly Kemen. "They both moved well and had some good digs," Ference said. "Our offense wasn't there yet.

Our hitters didn't show any power. Our serving game was good in the beginning but faded as the day went on."

The Red Arrows have a little over a week before they play in the WMVOA holiday tournament on Dec. 27.

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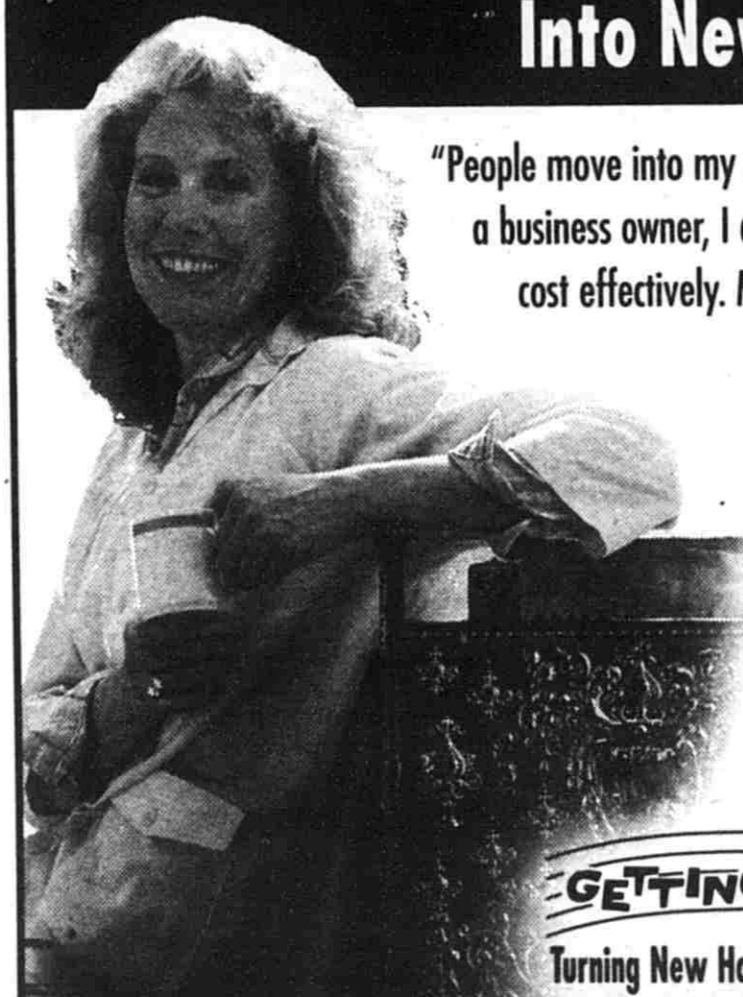
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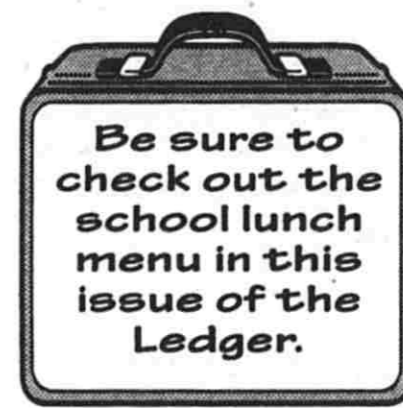
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Be sure to check out the school lunch menu in this issue of the Ledger.

### CARD OF THANKS

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Thank you to all who attended Thanksgiving dinner, everyone was so helpful! A very special thank you to First United Methodist Church, Keiser's Kitchen and Sneaker's.  
Denny's Extended Stays

**THANK YOU**  
A hearty thank you to Tom, Matt and Shannon at the Lowell Fire Department for bringing the fire truck to the DiCesare family reunion and Christmas party on Sat., Dec. 4. Thank you again and Happy Holidays.  
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Thank you to all the friends and neighbors who helped celebrate our 50th anniversary, for the cards and gifts, and to the family: Linda and Scott, Chris and Jody, Dan and Rhonda, Jerry, and grandchildren, our foster daughter Evelyn from Texas, who decorated the hall so festively, luncheon and lovely music which we appreciated so much and will be in our memories forever.  
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Clay Summers, left, and Will Welch, second from left, accept a check for \$1,100 from John Cromartie, second from right, master of Lowell lodge #90, and Ron Stanford, far right, senior warden of Lowell Lodge #90.

## Masonic Lodge invests in Lowell's youth

The Invest in Youth program of the Lowell YMCA has touched many children and youth in our community through the recreation and sports programs it funds.

As part of the plan to raise money for Invest in Youth, the YMCA and Lowell Masonic Lodge jointly planned and hosted a golf outing raising \$2,200. The Masonic Lodge voted to return its share of the proceeds (\$1,100) so that Invest in Youth would benefit from all money raised in this event.

In addition to the major donations given by Progressive Heating and Cooling and River City Fire Protection Inc., many local businesses contributed to the project by sponsoring one of the 18 holes. Other individuals and businesses gave donations and door prizes. In all, 24 teams of four people each enjoyed an afternoon of four-man scramble.

The partnering of YMCA and Lowell Masonic Lodge

reflects the spirit of cooperation and community mindedness represented in these organizations. Everyone is familiar with the long standing history of service to humanity that undergirds our YMCA's programs.

The Masonic organization has a history in Freemasonry that dates back to the 17th century ... a history emphasizing the importance of living a life of moral and ethical responsibility leading to freeing humankind from the evils of prejudice, superstition and social injustice. The Masons have always been men of character who seek to aid those in need within the community.

The partnership between the Lowell YMCA and the Masonic Lodge, in hosting this first annual golf outing, points the way to helping the youth of our community. Teaming up to support Invest in Youth is truly of benefit to the entire community of Lowell.

## Recognize These Old Goats?



Roger Brown turns 50 on Dec. 15. The old goat on the right is Andy. Andy was given by Brown to friend Randy Seaman for his 40th birthday back in 1993. Now a favored pet, the goat made a grand entrance into Lowell Lanes Moonlight Madness last Saturday donned with over-the-hill balloons and sporting a "Remember Me?" sign around his neck to wish Roger a "Happy 50th!"

All his friends and the staff at The Lowell Ledger, Lowell Litho and Buyers Guide would like to wish Roger a very Happy Birthday.

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

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