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Commission to create new communication tower ordinance

••• AT&T to move forward with its multi-carrier 180-foot pole on city property.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Everyone loves their phones. So much so that the communication created cell phones, which created a need for communication towers and antennas.

These towers in turn have created a need in Lowell for city officials to come up with some type of ordinance regulating such towers.

"I'd like to see us postpone action on any towers and work quickly to amend our zoning ordinance," said Lowell Planning Commission chair, Dan Brubaker at the commission's Monday night meeting.

For the rest of the commission, however, the question came, "Was it fair to force someone who had already allowed the city's rules to wait until the city amended them?"

"Someone decides to build something, reads our ordinance and sees how it should be done, and then we tell them to wait until we change the rules?" said planning commissioner John VanderWilp, adding he wasn't certain that was really fair.

Matt Jurson, who represented AT&T at the meeting, said he was of the essence for his company. AT&T was on the agenda for a public hearing to be scheduled for the company's proposal of a multi-carrier 180-foot pole on city property located off of Gee Drive.

"Three months is a big chunk of time," Jurson said. "And to be honest, I don't know if you could come up with an ordinance in three months."

Jurson said, however, AT&T has had experience working with municipalities that have either had or not had ordinances regulating communication towers such as the one AT&T is proposing. He said the company tries to stay abreast of the current trends and requirements, and he believed the city could find AT&T's proposal to be in line with current guidelines.

With that in mind, the planning commission decided to work with AT&T and at the same time move forward on developing an ordinance for the city to deal with communication towers and antennas. Currently, the city does have an ordinance on radio and television towers and antennas, which Lowell City Manager David Pasquale said is what most communication companies wanting to build towers in Lowell have been looking at.

Actually, over the course of the past several months, communication companies including Nextel, CenturyTel, and AT&T have approached the city about putting up towers within the city limits. Both AT&T and CenturyTel were at the city council meeting last week to discuss whether the council could be interested in lease agreements. CenturyTel is interested in the city property located on Shepard Drive.

"Over the 18 years that I have worked here I have had a number of communication companies call - AT&T, Nextel, CenturyTel, and others - and it always comes down to the same two spots: Gee Drive or Shepard Drive," said Public Works director, Dan DesJarden.

The council said it would like to see the communication companies work together along with Lowell Cable to see if the number of communication towers proposed could be narrowed down. The council also asked for feedback from the planning commission.

The planning commission created a subcommittee to be chaired by commissioner Clark Jahnke and include Brubaker

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Lowell High School Symphonic Band

"SAGITTARIAN DANCES"

••• A significant musical score for LHS Class of 2000 and its band director, it will be featured at the May 16 Spring Concert.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There is a significance in being a member of the Class of 2000.

Thanks to the work of some Lowell seniors, there will be a signature to symbolize that significance.

Band officers Felicia Eshragh, Lindsay Perkins, Ryan Kremer, Leto McElveen, Jennifer Wisner and David Barry (president of the symphonic band) set out two years ago to commission someone to write a song for their graduating class and to celebrate Bob Rice's 27 years as LHS band director.

"We thought it would be cool and something original for our class to leave the school," Eshragh said who took the idea to band Booster president Lanie Rice.

The musical score was put together by Steven Barton, a high school band director at Manchester High School in Midlothian, VA.

"Barton's name was chosen from a list acquired from the director of bands at Michigan State University," Wisner explained.

Rice received copies of the score in January, follow-

ing eight months of work by Barton.

It is titled "Sagittarian Dances." Sagittarian is a person born under Sagittarius, the Archer, a zodiacal constellation, thus giving it a connection to the Red Arrows.

It spotlights certain instruments (trumpet, clarinet, flute, French horn and the Congo drums).

"The piece is very dance-like," said Lowell High School/Middle School band director Kathryn Bredwell. "It's not a real common thing for high school bands to have a song commissioned, but it has been done before."

The premiere of "Sagittarian Dances" will be performed for the first time by the Lowell symphonic band on Tuesday, May 16 at the Lowell High School Spring Concert.

The band got its first look at the musical score in March.

Barton has been entered into The Big 10 Band Commission Project competition.

"It's starting to sound better," said Perkins. "It has some different time signatures."

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Residents choose Riverwalk Plaza

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The votes are in, and it's an overwhelming decision to name the walk area along the Flat River "Riverwalk Plaza."

About 80 people participated in the survey that ran in the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide with 55 votes coming in for the name Riverwalk Plaza. Lafayette Plaza, a fa-

vorite among the Lowell Planning Commission, tied for second with Showboat Plaza, each receiving seven votes.

"O.K., there are nine of use and only seven votes for Lafayette Plaza," said planning commissioner, Jim Hall. "Who are the traitors?"

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OBITUARIES

PIFER - Leslie Pifer, aged 67, of Saranac, passed away April 14, 2000. He was born May 28, 1932, in Lansing, the son of Otto and Ethel (Huffman) Pifer. He worked for General Motors for 30 years before retiring. He was a member of the UAW and a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Saranac VFW Post and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. He married Dorothy in 1981; she survives him in Saranac. Also surviving are his sons Stanley Pifer of Pottersville, Steven and Dawn Pifer of Saranac; daughters Susan and Chuck Holton of Washington, Sharon and Bradford Carter of Diamondale, Hope and Tom Shaw of Remus; brothers LaVern (Bud) and Ira

Pifer, Larry Lee and Paulette Pifer; sisters Tootie and Celora Shilling, Anita and Jerry Rodabaugh; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral Service was held Monday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Matt Harvey officiating.

VAN BENNEKOM - August (Gus) D. VanBennekum, aged 64, of Saranac, passed away Friday, April 14, 2000, at his residence. He was born in Grand Rapids on October 21, 1935, to the parents of John and Ruth (Geiger) VanBennekum. He retired from Blough Polishing and Buffing last year. He married Judy Chorley October 1977 in Lowell. Besides his wife Judy he is survived by four sons Dick (Bernice)

VanBennekum of Greenville, Paul (Linda) VanBennekum of Saranac, Burt (Judy) VanBennekum of Saranac and Daniel (Lisa) White of Fenwick; four daughters Sharon (Bryce) Weeks of Saranac, Julie (Rick) Meyers of Saranac, Melissa (Sid) Graham of Rockford and Judy (Robert) Hardy of Saranac; one son-in-law Dirk Lake of Ionia; four brothers Ronald (Alice) VanBennekum of Walker, Douglas (Judy) VanBennekum of Saranac, Robert (Mary Ann) VanBennekum of Ithaca and John VanBennekum of Belding; one sister Ruth Ann (Pete) Rittersdorf of Greenville; 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter Teresa in 1999. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Deacon Scheid of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Belding officiating; interment Clarksville Cemetery. Any one wishing may make contributions to Grand Rapids Hospice of Michigan.



Cats have two sets of vocal cords: one for purring, one for meowing.

Festival will feature LL&P/ Lowell Cable Television

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Light & Power/ Lowell Cable Television is one of 54 businesses, colleges and organizations throughout the Greater Grand Rapids and Lakeshore areas participating in the seventh annual West Michigan Science Festival.

The festival, which runs April 15-26, celebrates the wonder of science, mathematics and technology through a

variety of events in manufacturing, electronics, health care, engineering and more.

The goal is to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of these subjects in the careers of the future among students, teachers, parents, and the community at large.

Lowell Light & Power/ Lowell Cable, a provider of electricity and cable television services to over 2,500 homes and businesses in the Lowell area, is one of four

first-year participants.

Tom Richards, marketing and programming manager for Lowell Light & Power/ Lowell Cable Television, was involved in a Science Olympiad project for WGUV a few years back.

"The same people who sponsored the Science Olympiad also sponsor the festival," he explains. "The festival is an opportunity to highlight what we're doing and to share information with those who are interested."

Women's Club News & Notes:

The March meeting of the Lowell Women's Club was held at Lowell High School on March 8.

A very interesting program was presented by the senior girls, honorary members of the club. International affairs was updated by Callie Boyce, Kristen Wysocki and Felicia Eshragh. Laurie Biener and Beth Fredline talked about education.

The school update was presented by Beth Fredline, Elissa Kinney, Annie Zalokar and Tara May. Several Irish songs were performed by Becky Reagan and Gerry Frances.

The exchange students were introduced and gave their likes and dislikes of attending Lowell High School.

These students were Ivo Stefanov of Bulgaria, Andreea Inancu of Romania, Mariana Vieira of Brazil, Midori Ogihara of Japan and Julia Gachri of Germany. Judy Straub Borgerson and Luanne Kaeb of the LAHA spoke about the progress of this organization and displayed some historical clothing of past years.

The April 12 meeting was held at Schneider Manor and sponsored by Helen Koewers, a resident of the

manor. Kelly Chapman spoke on public relations and gave the monthly school report. Kristie Akers told of her attendance last year at the annual Hobey conference sponsored by Women's Club. Matt Barry will be the representative next year.

Entertainment was provided by the Kitchen Band from Wyoming Park United Methodist Church.

The next meeting will be held at Schneider Manor on May 10. Scholarships for senior girls will be awarded. The speaker will be Jane Murphy on "Superstitions - Their Origin."

Business teacher ready to share revamped school website

•••• www.lowell.k12.mi.us is another communication tool in place which can be used by staff, students, administration and the community.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Not so long ago when a Lowell computer student called up Lowell on a search engine, he/she got Lowell, Massachusetts.

That has changed, thanks to the tireless work of Cari Slot, Lowell High School Business teacher.

On Wednesday (April 19), a revamped and improved Lowell schools website was up and running and acces-

sible on the internet.

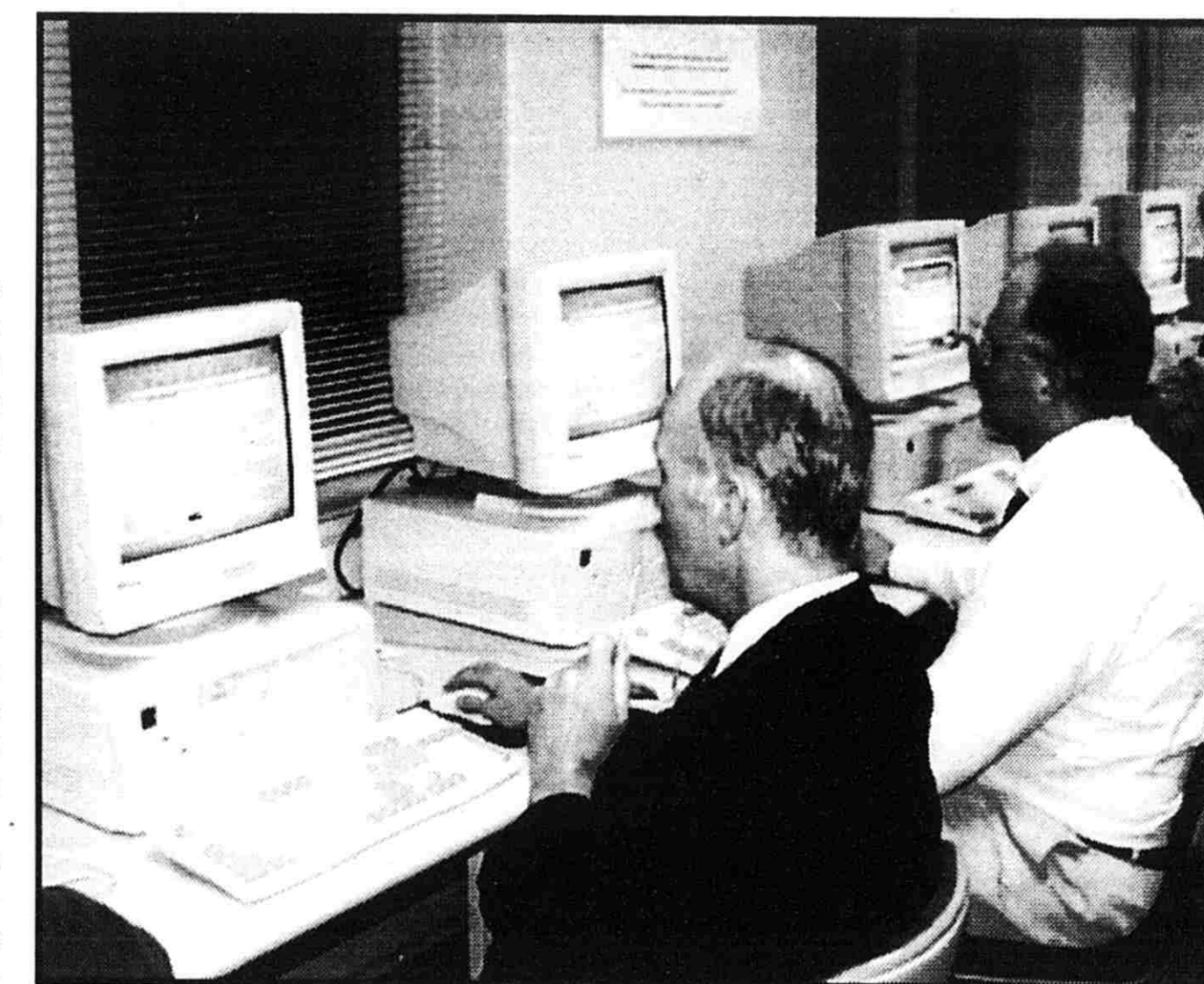
The revamped site (www.lowell.k12.mi.us) has 14 main pages and off that there are somewhere between 60-70 other pages website users can surf.

Slot, over the last two-and-a-half months, has overhauled the school's website. "It's been under construction," Slot explains. "Because it is now available on the internet does not mean we're done. It remains a constant work in progress."

The business teacher says the website is another communication tool which can be used by staff, students, administration and the community.

"I have many things envisioned for it. It is a great way to get out information to the public," Slot said.

Some of the information which can be currently found on the website includes MEAP results, a curriculum guide with full course descrip-



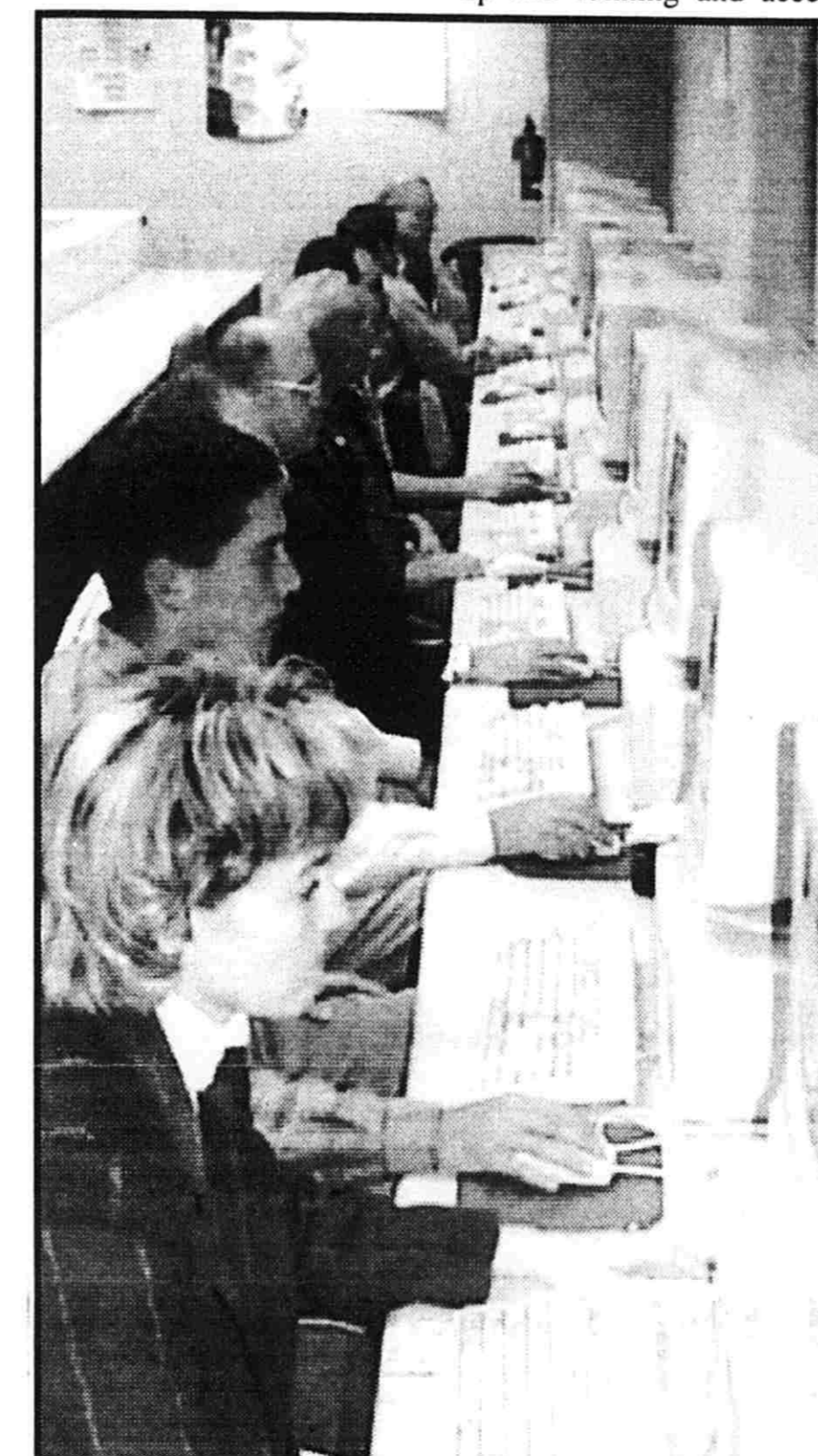
Lowell School Board president, Pete Gustafson, left, and Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw spend just a few moments reading a letter from superintendent Bert Bleke which can be found on the website.

tions, athletic handbook, student handbook, and accessibility to many e-mail links.

Users will be able to access site to all Lowell school buildings, the athletic department and school organiza-

tions. "This is a giant leap forward for Lowell," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

"Cari has spent a ton of her own time on building a website. The district is grateful."



Amy Hayes, Cherry Creek Elementary assistant principal, front, other administrators and school board members, surfed the improved website first-hand Monday night.

Commission removes park designation from downtown park

•••• The property located in the 300 block of E. Main may be utilized as part of the upcoming City Hall/police station project.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

To allow for greater flexibility, the Lowell Planning Commission decided to remove the park designation on a small downtown park.

The Senior Citizen Memorial Park, located in the 300 block of E. Main between Lowell Auto Body and Tummino law firm, has been under discussion for the past month after council member Ray Quada recommended its park designation be removed because of lack of use.

The planning commission agreed and after a public hearing at its Monday night meeting, unanimously voted to remove the park designation for the area from the master plan.

"It will allow us greater flexibility with the property," said Lowell City Manager David Pasquale. "It doesn't necessarily mean that we will sell the property, but we could do that."

Actually, city officials are considering utilizing the property as part of its upcoming City Hall/police station project. Nothing has been finalized at this point. The Lowell City Council and/or the Planning Commission would be involved in any final decision determining the fate of the property.

"We haven't determined what we will do with the property," Pasquale explained. "We haven't determined what we will do with the items on the property."

The recommendation has been made that the plaque and other items currently at the park be moved to other city parks where they would be better seen and utilized.

'90 class reunion, Aug. 12

Lowell High School's class of 1990 will be holding its 10-year class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Deer Run Golf Course.

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. The cost is \$25 per person.

Reservations must be sent in by June 1 so that dinner can be reserved.

Money may be sent to Chris or Selena DeGrote at 183 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-7468.

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The family of Beatrice Wheaton would like to thank the following people who helped with the memorial service: Rev. Dimmick, for a deeply moving service, Carolyn King who read the eulogy, Rita Kline who sang Bea's favorite song, and the United Methodist women for their marvelous catered luncheon. Also, the family remembers all the thoughtful cards, inquiries & flowers. An additional thanks to both Rev. Dimmick & Rev. Barry for their visits with Bea at Metro & Home of Hope. Those visits meant the world to Bea. Bea's entire family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the numerous individuals who expressed their sympathy for them during their time of sorrow.
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SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 10, 2000
MOTIONS APPROVED:
Motion to approve the agenda as presented
Motion to approve the consent agenda
Motion to approve the resolution with change in paragraph 5 to read "Therefore the Grattan Township Board does hereby resolve to support the agreement for property tax administration services and pay the required share to the upgrade expense with conditions."
Motion to approve the Kent County Road Commission work order in the amount of \$41,000 for Tiffany Avenue
Motion to adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

ZBA approval next step in miniature golf course request

Construction on the miniature golf course could begin as early as late April.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

For Bob VanNoller, he has one more obstacle to get around before heading to the "18th hole" with his proposal to build a miniature golf course.

VanNoller approached the Lowell Planning Commission about getting an open-air permit to construct the golf course, which would be located at his Roll Away Family Fun Center, 805 E. Main. The commission unanimously approved the request after a public hearing at its Monday night meeting.

VanNoller, however, has one more round to go with the city. He must meet with the city council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, this Monday to get approval for two variances: lot size and number of parking spaces required.

VanNoller said he believes the addition of the miniature golf course will only add to the family-owned business.

"I think this will continue to bond with the business and make it a well run business," VanNoller said.

The planning commission did raise several questions about security and vandalism, and equipment removal should the business fail. VanNoller said he is investing in this particular miniature golf course because of the resale value.

As for vandalism, he is hoping the fact that his family lives on the property, the lighting and three-foot high, multicolored rose hedge on the property, and the traffic on M-21 will act as a deterrent.

"We wanted to make it beautiful first and not worry about the security as much," VanNoller said, adding that any vandals wishing to remove something would need to spend a large amount of time doing so.

The planning commission granted the open-air permit on the condition that VanNoller obtain his variance requests for parking and lot size. For a miniature golf course, VanNoller is supposed to have three parking spaces per hole or 54 spaces. He only has 36. The commission at its March meeting decided three per hole was excessive. Also, VanNoller's property falls short of the one-acre requirement, but planning commission officials decided that the public right of way on Horatio Street, which is used by VanNoller, could be counted, bringing his property to the required size.

VanNoller must also get a performance bond or guarantee for the landscaping around the miniature golf course and meet signage requirements as stated in the city's zoning ordinance.

If all goes according to plan, VanNoller said he intends to start construction on the miniature golf area the day after the April 24 meeting with the city council. The miniature golf course should be ready in about six weeks.

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Bach and Beethoven," Meirelles said. Her father also played a hand in her piano playing. He taught her the more contemporary music when mother was through with the classical pieces. "He called it the fun music," she explains.

The fun and amazement was left for Sunday's audience as they marvelled as Meirelles' hands glided over the piano keys with the greatest of ease.

"I've been blessed being around a pianist and performance all of my life," Meirelles says.

She has made the most of her extraordinary talent. She graduated from the Brazilian Conservatory, where she studied with her mother, renowned pianist, Nicia Roubaud.

She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in piano performance at the University of Michigan where she studied with international virtuoso, Gyorgy Sandor, Charles

Fisher, and Eugene Bossart.

Meirelles earned a scholarship to Juliard. She stayed there just a short time. "I just felt my instructor at Michigan was better. I wasn't going to stay at Juliard because it had more prestige. Michigan, though, has the third best music program in the country."

She completed her doctorate work on Beethoven because of the body of work and the challenge of playing all 32 of Beethoven's sonatas.

"I performed all of them in one day. It took me from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. with a (few breaks)," she said.

Her goal is to some day perform all of the Prokofiev sonatas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 20: Jim Hodges, Rick Briggs, Bobbie White, Donna Peterson, Kendra Merriman, Angela Miller.

APRIL 21: Roxann Roth, Connie Phillips, Ernest Smith, Ian Newhouse, Daniel Titcombe.

APRIL 22: Mallorie VanderWarf, Tim Hill, Mackenzie Hacker, Sharon Potter.

APRIL 23: Nathan Roudabush, Jonathan Dixon, Karen Merriman, Nicole Cummings.

APRIL 24: Gary Goff, Trevor Foss, King Doyle, Don Shaffer, Logan Propst.

APRIL 25:

APRIL 26: Casey Brown, Marsha Ray, Bonnie Baird.

Education Foundation adds names to Tribute Tree

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation paid tribute to three new inductees for their spirit, generosity, vision and educational dedication Sunday at the fourth annual Tribute Tree program.

Whether it was sewing the flags and markers that line the field where her husband taught young men how to play football, or washing their uniforms, or organizing Lowell Schools' first food service program, Helen Burch was there for her husband (Chris Burch), their children and the children of the Lowell community.

Sometimes it was just giving a hug and saying everything would be all right," said Tribute Tree emcee Ray Quada. "Her concern for family and community has been unwavering."

Quada and others joined family and friends in paying tribute to a special lady.

The Lowell Board of Education paid tribute to Chris and Jill VanAntwerp for their individual and joint contributions to the community and for their continued involvement in the community.

Jill VanAntwerp is highly

respected for her contributions to the English and literature departments at Lowell High School. Chris VanAntwerp is equally respected for his contributions to art education.

VanAntweps are a part of a nucleus which helped found the Lowell Area Arts Council. "Every event the arts council has sponsored has been touched by the hard work of Chris and Jill," Quada said. "Their perseverance and dedication have been unending."

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Most recently, the Wittenbach family, in search

The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation paid tribute to June and Everett "Steve" Wittenbach for their support of the Lowell educational community.

At a critical time in 1992, Wittenbachs volunteered to sell over a hundred acres of land to the school district, making possible the high school facility on Vergennes Road.

This gesture will continue to positively impact the community of Lowell for a long time to come." Quada concluded.

Ray Quada
Lowell Area Education Foundation

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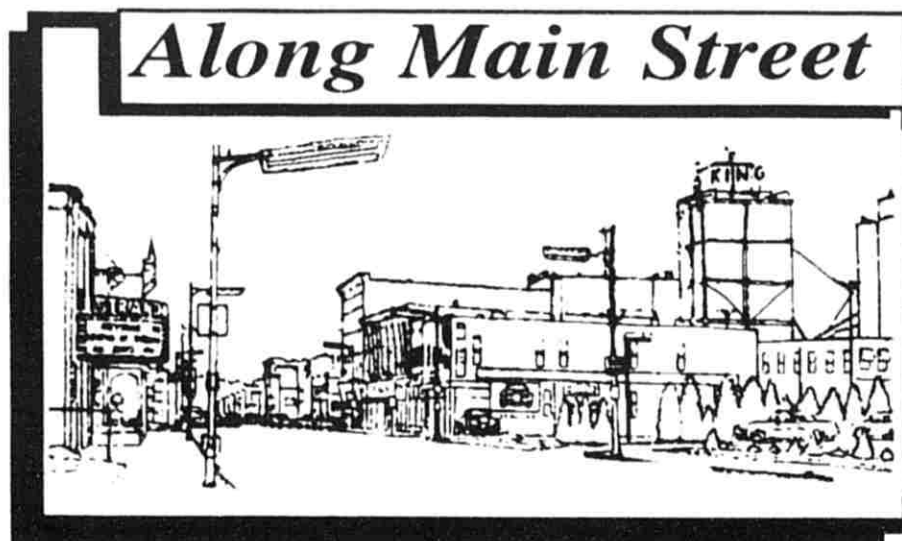
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It's count-down with less than three weeks to the CROP Walk, Sunday, May 7!!! Walkers and sponsors are still welcome but if you are unable to participate physically that day and still want to donate to the CROP Walk effort, a general contribution may be made by check to Church World Services, and sent to Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk, c/o First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

For more information, call 897-5936. All donations are tax deductible.

NIGHT OF JAZZ

Lowell Middle School and Lowell High School jazz bands, respectively, will present a concert on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the high school performing arts center. Following them will be Central Michigan University Jazz Lab Band One under the direction of Jack Saunders.

Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and may be purchased from any jazz band member or at the door.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

The First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Easter Worship in the performing arts center at Lowell High School on Sunday, April 23 at 10 a.m. If you do not have a church of your own or are looking for an additional worship experience, you are invited for uplifting worship and song. Included in the service are the adult Chancel Choir, Praise Team and the Joybells and Ringspiration bell choirs as well as an inspirational drama by the senior high youth.

SPRING FLING AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Come and join Cherry Creek and Bushnell students and staff at their annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 27. Bushnell Elementary from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and Cherry Creek from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for "Person of the Year." Please mail a brief summary of the person you wish to nominate to: LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, Mich. Deadline is April 30.

RIDING THE RAILS WITH JIM WINSLOW

The Lowell Area Historical Association will present a program titled "Riding the Rails, with Jim Winslow" on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall (lower level). Winslow will share photos, slides and artifacts from his more than 40,000 item collection on West Michigan railroads. His talk will focus on Lowell's first two railroads. Light refreshments will be served following his talk.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

There will be a fun workshop (cooking special treats) for you and your child on Wed., April 19 from 10-11 a.m. Also on April 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. Call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 to register - space is limited.

FREE LEARNING LAB PRESCHOOL

The Child Psychology class at Lowell High School will be conducting their annual free learning lab preschool starting April 25 every other day until May 19 at the high school in room B-210 from 9:45 - 11:10 a.m. Call Marsha LaHaye during regular school hours at 897-4125 to register.

EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC

The Lowell First Congregational Church will present a contemporary Christian music program on Sunday, May 7 from 7 - 8 p.m. Featured will be The Praise Band, Ringspiration and Rapture

along with other special guests. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

EXPECTANT MOMS BABY SHOWER

Come to the TOTS Activity Room at 300 High St. on April 25 from 7-8 p.m. to meet other expectant moms and receive a free gift bag. Refreshments, games and parenting materials will be available. RSVP by April 21.

ALMOST NEW SALE

It's time for spring cleaning! Sell your used toys, books, clothing and baby essentials. Please bring your own tables to the Runciman Gym at 300 High St. on Sat., April 29 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Help other Lowell families. Free to participate.

VOLUNTEER COACH NEEDED

Lowell JV hockey program is in need of a volunteer head hockey coach. Response needed no later than May 1. Interested parties please call 897-0103 or 897-6436.

YMCA OFFICE CLOSED

YMCA office will be closed on Good Friday, April 21.

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN UPS

Sign up now for summer softball! Co-ed games begin Mon., May 1; Men's Wed., May 3; Men's and Women's on Thurs., May 4; and Men's Fri., May 5.

For information contact the YMCA at 897-8445.

Reinvestment to enlarge LL&P/cable office and engine and operations space

... The construction which began in February is expected to be completed by mid-June.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Reinvest or leave a decaying building. The decision was that simple.

City residents may have noticed that the Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television Board chose to renovate its building at 127 N. Broadway.

Construction began in February, and the \$440,000 project is expected to be com-

pleted in mid-June.

"The building needed some structural work," said Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television superintendent Ron Holcomb.

The support walls have been shored up, the roof extended and fixed, inside walls are up, and the elevator shaft has been completed.

"The building is still in the same configuration as it was when it was built in the 20's," said Lowell Light and Power/Lowell Cable Television board chairman, Norm Borgerson. "The renovation work will carry us well into the 21st century."

Renovating the facility will expand it from a little less than 1,000 square feet to roughly 4,000 square feet.

The extra square footage will encompass his and her bathrooms, offices for all cable/light & power office staff, an engine and operations section, an employee break room, a newly designed lobby, and a handicapped accessible entrance.

Mugen Construction is the lead general contractor. Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber is the design and project engineer.

"With the renovation work, the building should be good for at least 20-30 years," Holcomb concluded.



OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

TURKEY TIME

The going was slow; the only sounds were rustling branches and my labored breathing as I slowly made my way through the heavy stand of jack pines in the pre-dawn shadows of a crisp October morning. I was already spooked enough so that the hair stood up on the back of my neck as I searched for my bowhunting blind. Suddenly, uneasiness turned to fright, when something huge exploded up through the branches, making sounds I had never heard before. The mystery creature turned out to be a wild turkey.

That was my first encounter with a wild turkey back in the late 50's. After a long absence, turkeys had been released in the Baldwin area in an attempt to re-establish self-sustaining populations. Restoration efforts over the last one hundred years have focused on several species of birds and animals, but none can match the comeback of the wild turkey. Turkeys had disappeared from the Michigan landscape by 1900. By the 1960's there were huntable populations in a few isolated areas of the state. Today, 135,000 turkeys inhabit most counties in Michigan. In northern areas of the state, artificial feeding by dedicated sportsmen is necessary to sustain the flocks through the harsh winter months.

Our trips afield are much more interesting and exciting because of the addition of the wild turkey to the already diverse population of wildlife found in our state. After missing from the Michigan landscape for many years, moose and elk have also been introduced and can easily be observed in the wild.

Turkeys are not easy to hunt, so one will have to do his or

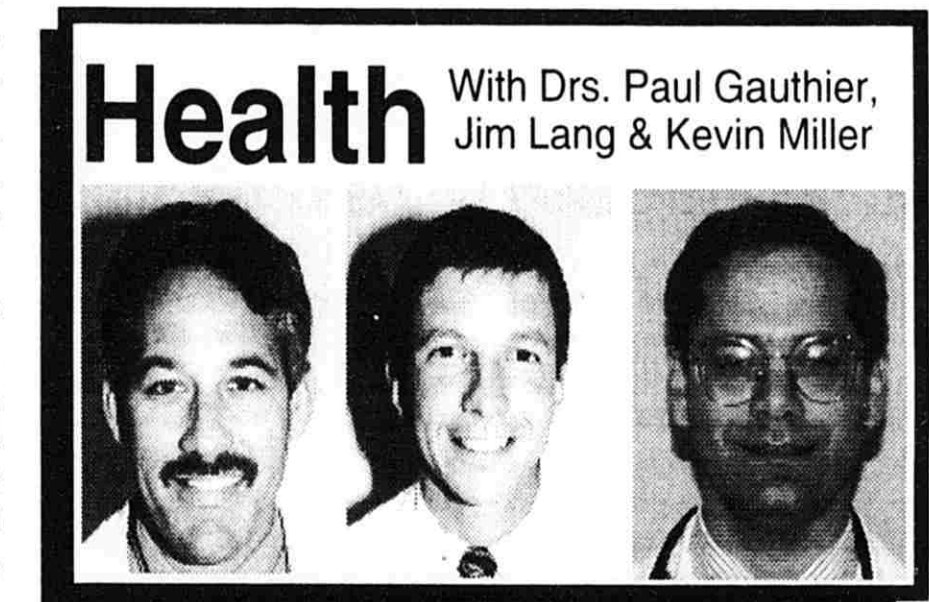
her homework to be successful in taking a bird home for dinner. Turkeys have excellent eyesight and can detect the slightest movement. Because the turkey is so wary and adapts well to varied habitat, numbers continue to grow in spite of increased hunting and predation.

The first step in hunting turkeys is to apply for a license. You may choose a specific management area and hunt date when completing your application. The deadline for applying for the spring season was February 1, 2000. If you missed that, applications for a fall season will be available in July for an October hunt.

The first-time hunter should consider finding a partner who is experienced at hunting turkeys and is willing to share

his or her skills and knowledge. Workshops which are held at different locations around the state are another good source of information. The dates and contacts for these training sessions are listed in the application bulletin. Outdoor shows often feature turkey hunting seminars. Some of the lessons to be learned are turkey behavior, calling, regulations, and, of course, safety.

Whether you are hunting, photographing, or just observing turkeys in the wild, it's always a thrill to get close to birds or hear the gobble of a big tom echoing across the countryside. Just don't be too alarmed if you are walking in the dark woods and something large erupts from nearby cover.



Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

PREVENTION OF STROKES

A stroke happens when a part of the brain is deprived of adequate blood flow. This is usually due to a blockage in an artery from a blood clot. A stroke may be preceded by a transient ischemic attack (TIA), sometimes called a mini stroke. A TIA is caused by a transient blockage of an

artery resulting in a short-term (less than 24 hours) neurologic deficit. A TIA can be a warning sign of a pending stroke and should be treated aggressively to prevent a full blown stroke from occurring. At least a third of those experiencing a TIA will have a stroke within one year.

Several lifestyle or medical factors increase the risk of stroke such as: high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, irregular heart rhythm, excessive alcohol intake, and high cholesterol.

Unfortunately many strokes occur in patients without any risk factors and most strokes are not preceded by a TIA.

Signs of a stroke or TIA can vary from person to person and the severity of symptoms depend on the location and size of the infarction. Weakness, numbness or incoordination of one or both limbs on one side of the body is a frequent symptom of stroke. Other symptoms include a sudden loss of vision in one eye, trouble speaking fluently, slurring of speech, confusion or a sudden onset of a severe headache.

If you or someone you know experiences these symptoms you should call 911 and go to the emergency room right away. Newer thrombolytic therapy (clot dissolving) can sometimes prevent a full blown stroke from occurring if treated early enough after symptoms first start - usually within the first three hours.

Symptoms of a TIA will resolve spontaneously within a few minutes to several hours. After a TIA, your physician will perform several tests on the heart and blood vessels to determine a possible cause of the TIA in order to prevent a later stroke. Aspirin or other blood thinners are usually prescribed and have been proven to be effective in reducing the risk of stroke.

Sharing The Vision, cont'd....From page 5

schools are the gifts of time, money, and energy from the community of hundreds who care deeply for the Lowell area.

Wonderful and unusual gifts such as the Wittenbach donation then do not absolve people from becoming involved. Just the opposite is true. They invite increasing opportunity for people of all ages to make a real difference. Two excellent examples of this are the Flat River Outreach Ministries and the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center. Both will provide excellent opportunities

for hundreds of caring citizens to make a difference in the lives of our people and our community.

Volunteering of one's time and energy is critical to the quality of life. But also

important to those who give of themselves is that it just plain feels good. I hope that you will find some time in your life to both help the community and to make yourself feel good.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 17, 2000
(Please note: Special location of meeting)
Lowell High School Performing Arts Center
11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI • 7:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Teacher Recognition
2. Model U. N.
3. Community Service Award - H.S. Football
4. Technology Report
5. Gifts to the District
6. Michigan Teacher Day Resolution
7. Consent Grouping
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Payment of Bills
 - c. New Hire
 - d. Annual Election Resolution
 - e. Shared Time Program at St. Patrick School
 - f. Schools of Choice Resolution
8. Discussion
 - a. Demographics - Preliminary Proposal
(This Board Meeting will be broadcast on Channel 20 on April 19, 20, 21 and 22 at 7 p.m.)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Finance/Personnel Committee - Thursday, April 27, 2000 - 7 a.m.
Runciman Administration Building - S. Conf. Rm.
Board Curriculum/Policy Committee - Thursday, April 27, 2000 - 5 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - S. Conf. Rm.
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 8, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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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, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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

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.

SECONDSUNDAY EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

SUNDAYS - Beginning Feb. 13 (13 weeks) DivorceCare, 6-7:15 p.m. at Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1188 Lincoln Lake. For information call 897-6890.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 1023, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and

ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

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

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

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

SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Alto Senior citizens meet at Alto Elementary School. Please call 868-6111 for luncheon reservations.

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All Girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

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

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m.

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

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

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

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at 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.

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

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

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) meets at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, 7 p.m., Discovery Room. A group sharing meeting is usually alternated with a meeting with a special guest conducting a Q/A. Contact Danni Smith (616) 897-2544, Laural Auw (616) 689-6133, Anita Droog at Victim/Witness Unit (Hall of Justice) (616) 336-2856.

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

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical

Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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 held third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

BEGINNING APRIL 18: The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is offering educational workshops. For more information call Liz at 897-9161.

WED., APRIL 19: Lowell middle school and high school Jazz Bands, respectively, will present a concert in the performing arts center at 7 p.m. Following the two bands, directed by Dale Latva and Bob Rice, will be the Central Michigan University Jazz Lab Band One under the direction of Jack Saunders. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults & \$3 for students, and may be purchased from any Lowell Jazz band member or at the door.

THURS., MAY 4 - Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Lillian Briggs, Emma Herron & Evelyn Briggs; program: LHS reps to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State in June '99, Kelly Chapman & Felicia Eshragh; sponsor: Evelyn Briggs.

FRI., MAY 19: Lowell Little League will hold a Las Vegas Night from 6-midnight at Lowell Lanes.

THURS., APRIL 20: Keenagers will meet at

If my life had been made up of eight-hour days I do not believe I could have accomplished a great deal.

-Thomas Edison

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

WED., APRIL 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

WED., APRIL 19: 12:30 p.m., Volunteer recognition.

THURS., APRIL 20: Noon, Dance, Westside Complex.

TUES., APRIL 25: 12:40 p.m., Shop, Ionia Meijer & K-Mart.

THURS: 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

WED., APRIL 26: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. Euchre 1 p.m.

THURS., APRIL 27: 3:30 p.m., Senior Neighbors board meeting at Center.

FRI., APRIL 28: 12:40 P.M., Gerontology Network.

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TOWN TALK

How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this year? Can you name three players from the team?



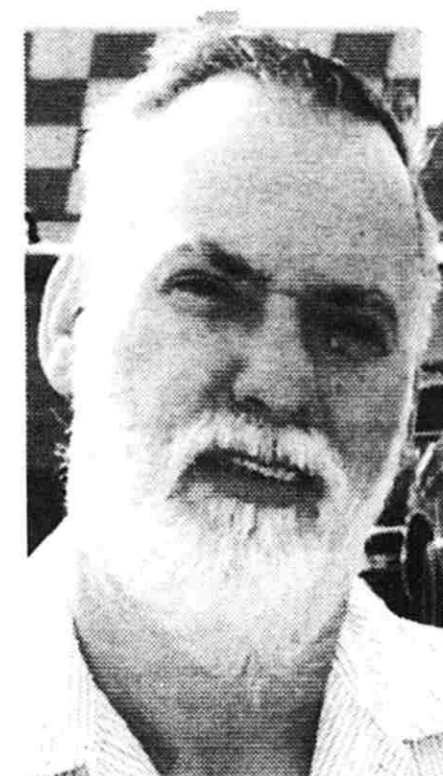
Jeff Stewart

I hope they do better than what they've done the last five years. They have a new park. If that doesn't provide them with inspiration, nothing will.



Dave Doezema

They won't do well. The Tigers have been down the last five years. They have a new facility, but they need new spirit. No, I can't name three of their players.



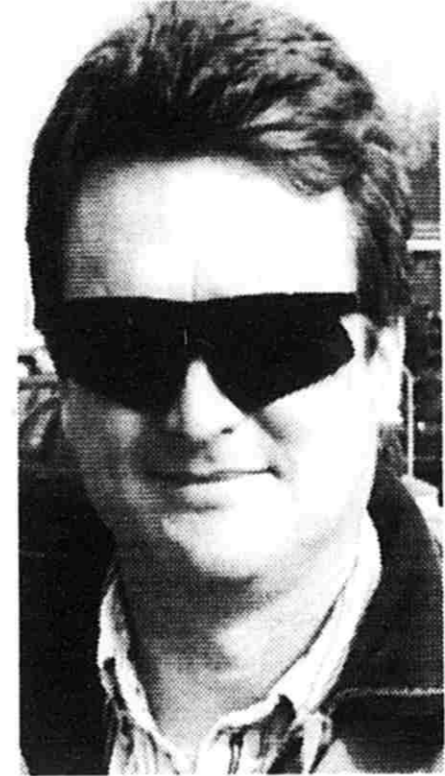
Al Anderson

I'm hoping they can finish second. I still think the Indians are too strong for the Tigers to catch. Tony Clark, Brad Ausmus and Bobby Higginson.



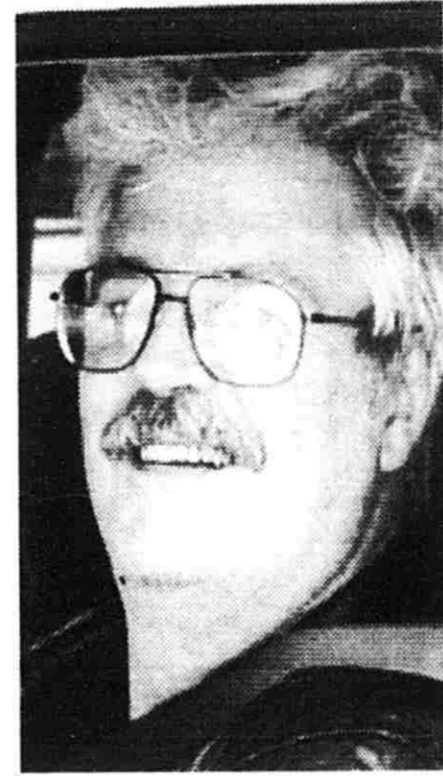
John Reinberg

They'll do okay. They have a new stadium, maybe that will help them out. I can't name three of their players.



Jim Novak

The way they've been going, I don't think they will do too much this year. No, I can't name three tiger players.



Ken Gunderson

I start to watch the Tigers if they are in first or second at the All Star break. I don't think they will be in first or second at the All Star break this year. No, I can't name any of their players.

Education is... hanging around until you've caught on.

—Robert Frost



John Doane

I think .500 sounds reasonable. If they can, that would be great. No, I can't name any of their players.



Juanita Griner

I think the Tigers will do great. With the new park, I think there is more incentive. I can't name three of their players.

The value of a sentiment is the amount of sacrifice you are prepared to make for it.

—John Galsworthy

BANK TELLERS

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, April 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

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

- An ordinance to amend Sections 10.02 and 10.03 of Chapter 10; to amend Sections 11.02 and 11.03 of, and to add Section 11.05 to, Chapter 11; and to amend Sections 12.02 and 12.03 of, and to add Section 12.05 to, Chapter 12 of Appendix A in the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances involving outdoor merchandise displays.

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at same meeting to consider the following:

- To consider a Special Use Permit request from Roll Away Family Fun Center to establish an Open Air Business (Miniature Golf Course) at 805 E. Main Street.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
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Lowell High School Performing Arts Center
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Land use discussion not limited to government meetings

•••• Tammy DeBaar's Unity High School ecology class takes a close look at how land use affects them, the environment and the needs of others.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Discussion on the issues of open space, land use and development, farm land, the environment and ecology has extended beyond Lowell's governmental entities.

These issues have been at the forefront of Tammy DeBaar's ecology class at Lowell's Unity High School.

The kids are pretty in tune to land, pollution and the environment," said DeBaar.

Not only have they offered DeBaar information, but they've also exchanged ideas with Doug Hines, Meijer's Loss Prevention project developer; Jim Doyle, president of the Lowell Area Historical Society; and John Timpson, Lowell Charter Township supervisor.

Aleisha Mayer, a junior, favors expanding parks in the Lowell community and in saving some farm land. "There is going to be growth and changes in Lowell," Mayer says. "That's okay as long as there isn't as much crime as there is in Grand Rapids. Growth will also bring more traffic and pollution."

Freestyle Wrestling Results:

Wrestlers for the Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club continue to do well. The following is a list of wrestlers who have placed at the last two tournaments:

- April 8: Portland
Group 3: Phil Burton, 1st
Matt Burton, 2nd.
Kenowa Hills
Group 3: Dakota Bunn, 4th; Andy Oesch, 1st.
Juniors: Tom Oesch, 1st
Caleb O'Boyle, 1st.
April 7: Greenville (Greco Roman)
Group 2: John Drier, 1st
Zach Baum, 1st.
Group 3: Alex Carpenter, 2nd; Rob Karasiewicz, 2nd.
Group 4: Ryan Karasiewicz, 3rd.
April 8:
Group 2: Zach Baum, 3rd.
Group 3: Edward Parks, 4th; Rob Karasiewicz, 2nd.
Alex Carpenter, 2nd.
Group 4: Josiah Hull, 2nd; Ryan Karasiewicz, 4th.
April 15: Caledonia
Group 2: Zach Baum, 1st
Group 3: Phil Burton, 2nd; Matt Burton, 4th.
Alex Carpenter, 2nd
Rob Karasiewicz, 4th
Andy Oesch, 4th.
Group 4: Josiah Hull, 2nd
Junior: Ben Fleet, 2nd.

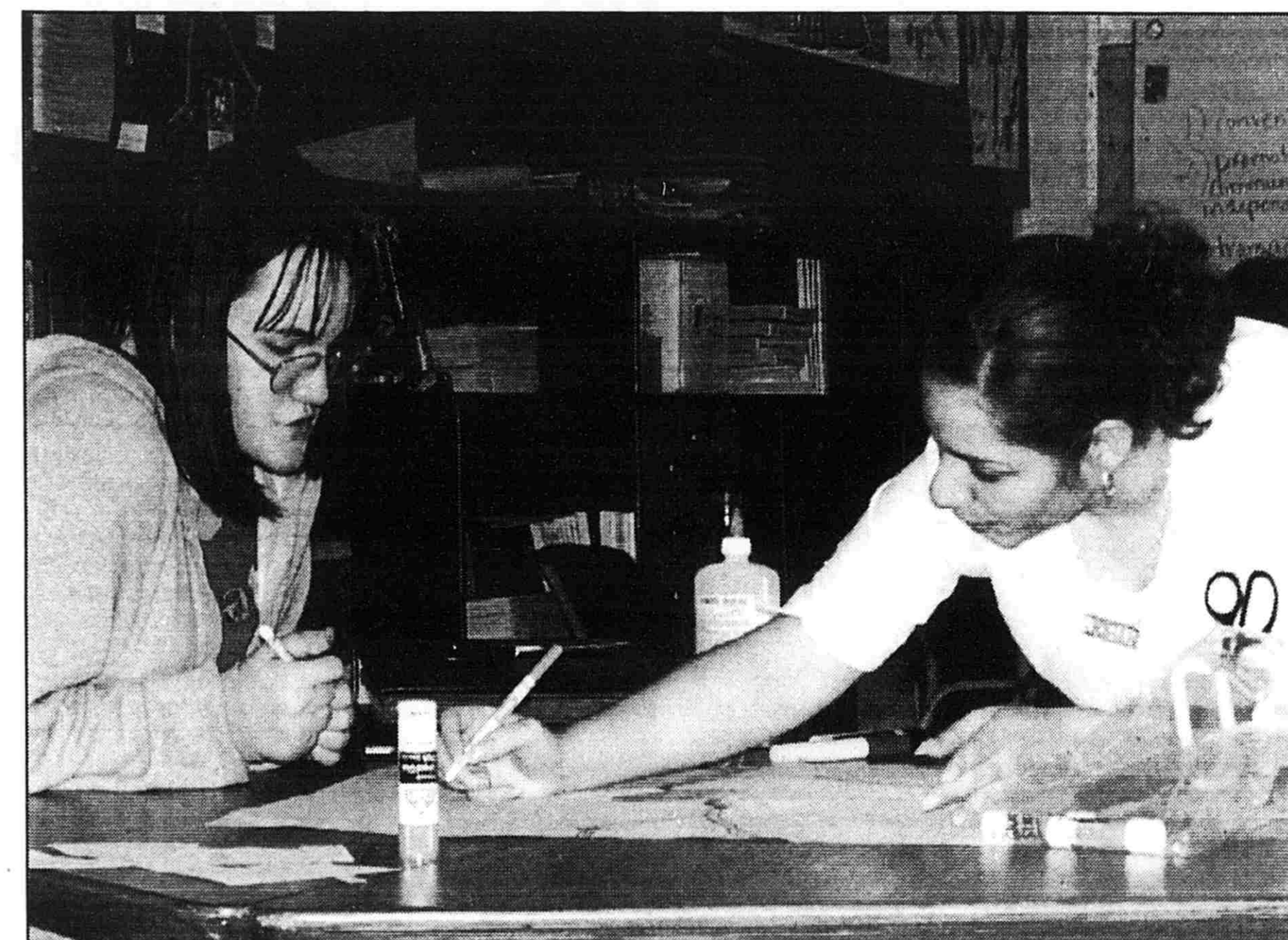
Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.



Aleisha Mayer, right, and Yesenia Perez begin designing their artificial community using a perspective other than their own.

riverbank, students are studying the water temperature, fish habitat and macrovertebrates.

Lowell's growth has a direct effect. "Growth is good

in that it helps bring more money into the community, but with it we are losing greenspace, and habitats are

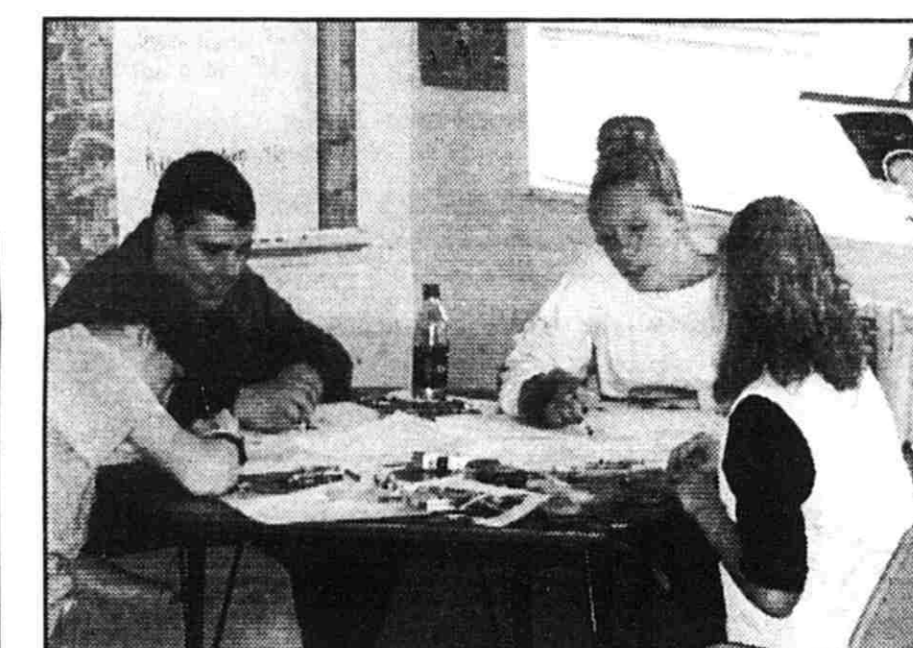
being lost," senior Tabi Baker said.

Students not only identified pollution as a by-product of growth; some even identified eventual solutions.

Junior Bill Russell noted cars which run on electric and methane will help solve the pollution problem.

"Both have already been introduced. They just aren't widely used yet," Russell said. "That will happen. Gasoline is not going to last forever."

DeBaar hopes the students' interest which she tapped through class discussion will, however, last far beyond their time in her classroom.



The land use project asks students to access a changing community.

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Kremer adds, "It's a challenging piece."

The Class of 2000 paid roughly \$1,500 to commission the music.

Lowell High School Band Booster president Lanie Rice said the club will pay to fly Barton in for the Spring Concert performance.

Barton holds the rights to publish and sell the musical arrangement.

"This is a tribute to the students for coming up with the idea. It's also exciting for Lowell Schools and the community," Rice said.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke expressed his ap-

preciation to the students for thinking about the adults. "That is special and not a lot of students do that."

Lowell School Board president Pete Gustafson said he has observed and appreciated the progression of the Lowell music program over a period of time.

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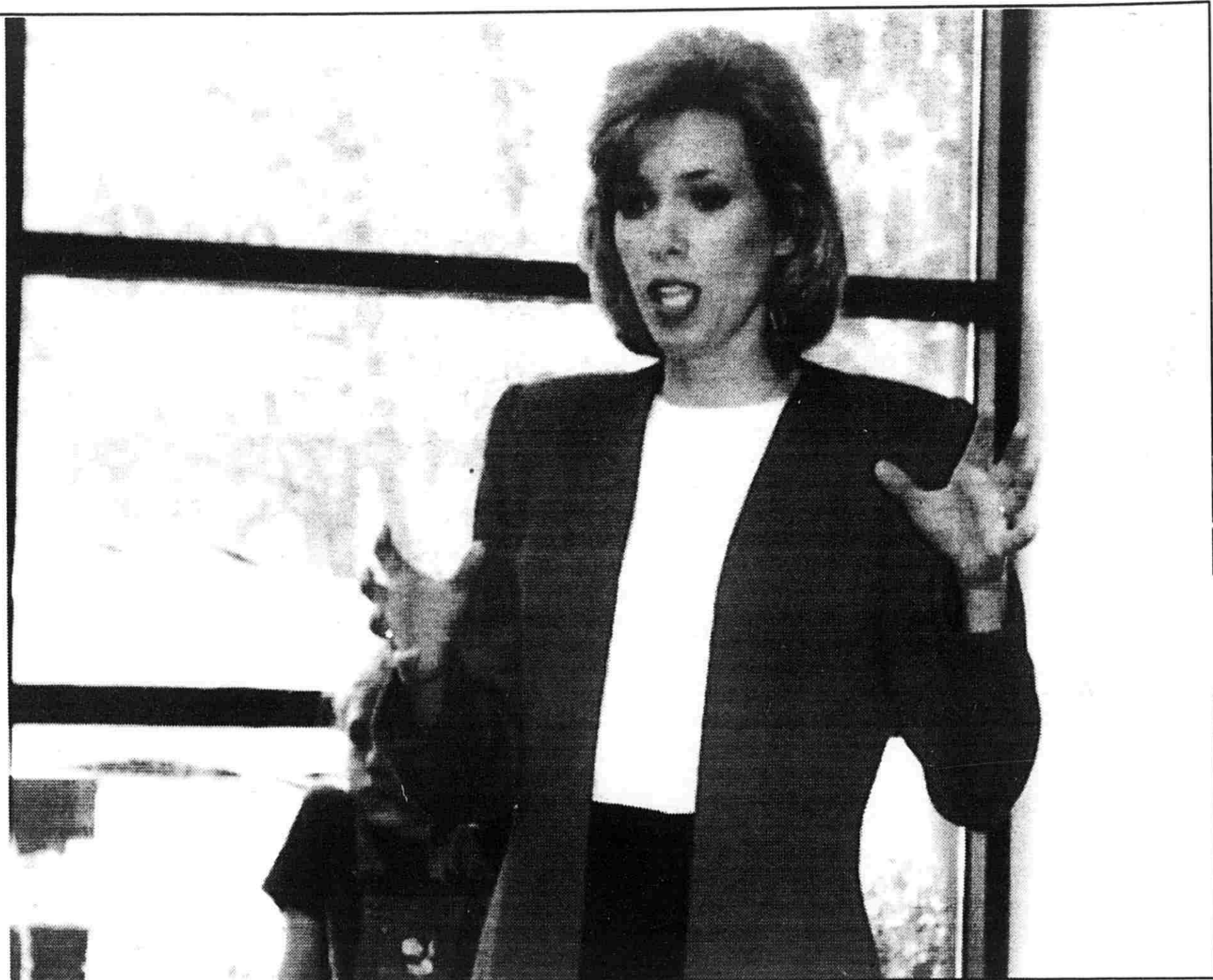
WED: Nachos w/meat & cheese & roll or pork ribBQ on bun, green beans, jello, Spanish rice.

THURS: Turkey gravy w/biscuit or footlong hot dog on bun, whipped potatoes, coleslaw/cobbler.

FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & roll or pizza wedge, sweet cherries, corn, cookie.

DeBoer shares knowledge and enthusiasm for weather with area Brownies

TV-8's Terri DeBoer talked to Brownies from 14 area troops about weather in Michigan: forecasting, stormy weather, radar and the different kinds of precipitation. There were approximately 125 Brownies at Lowell Charter Township Hall, Saturday, working collectively on their Outdoor Happenings badge. The badge requirement called on the girls to learn about the weather, planting and observing seeds and their growth, and weather vanes. The activity was organized by Troop 329 leader, Christine Mol.



TURKEY SHOOT

Louie Dudeck grounded this turkey around 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. The turkey weighed 22 1/2 pounds, with an 11-inch beard and a 1 1/2 inch spur.

Red Arrow lady linksters win two of three in opening week

Lowell's girls golf team defeated Belding in a nonconference meet and Wyoming Park in a league meet. The Red Arrows, however, lost to Hastings.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls golf coach Rick White said the OK White would be up for grabs in 2000. Lowell's first league meet proved White a prophet. The Red Arrow coach figured if his club was going to lose in its triangular meet, Wyoming Park would probably be the nemesis. Lowell (220) defeated the Vikings (220) in a tiebreaker but lost to Hastings (212). "I would have thought it would be the other way around, but this league is up

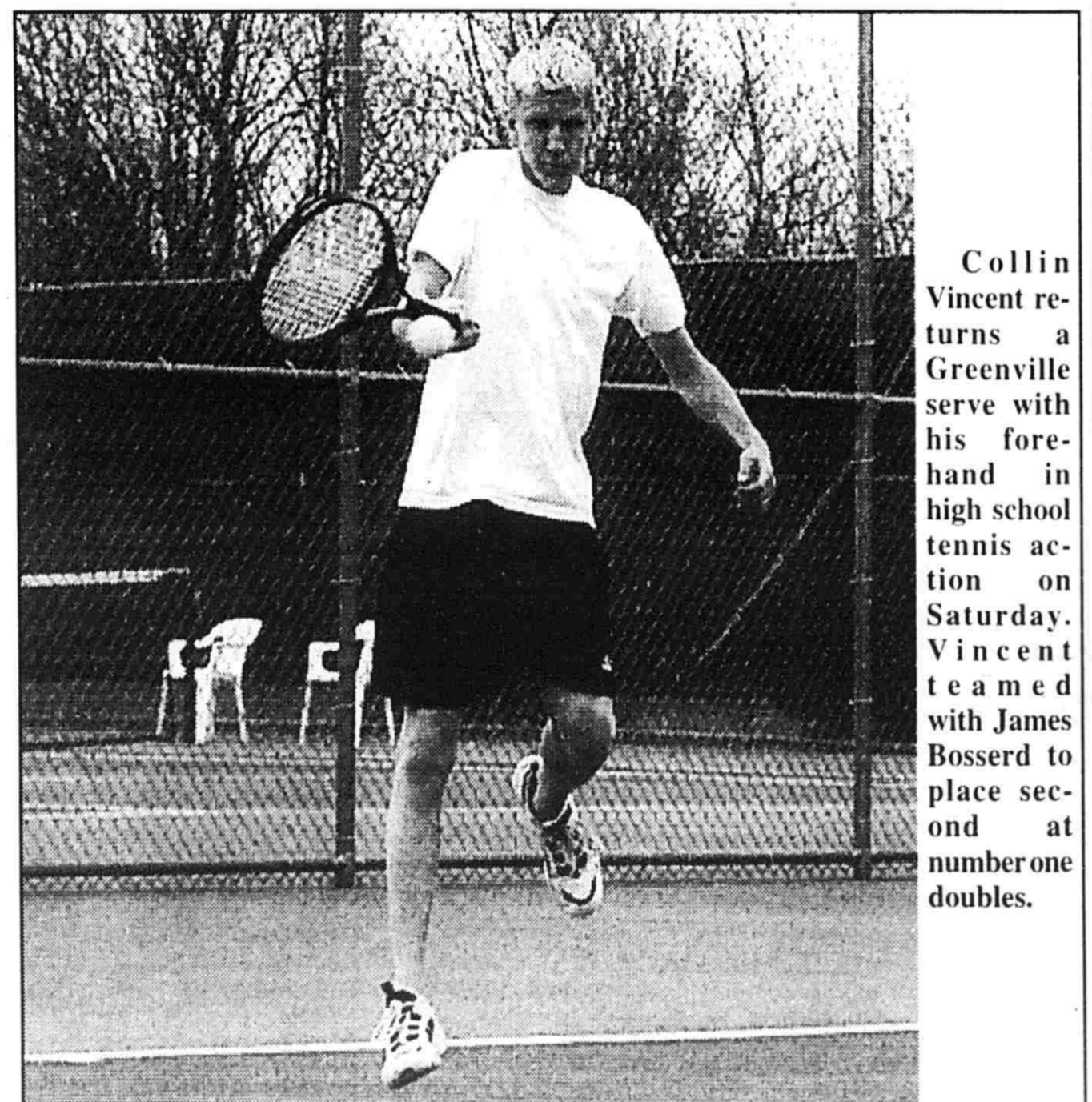
for grabs this year," White explained. Lowell's golfers started the season a little slow. The Red Arrows, after week one,

We're winning, but we have better scores in us. We're making mental mistakes with our chipping and putting.

Rick White
Lowell Girls Golf Coach

are 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the league. "We're winning, but we have better scores in us," White said. "We're making mental mistakes with our chipping and putting." Amber Kuipers led the way with a round of 51. Kelly Fitzpatrick was three shots back with a 54. She was followed by Jenny Gunberg 56, Lisa LaHaye 59, and Katie Gunberg 61 (tie-breaking score). In a nonconference win over Belding on Friday, Jenny

Gunberg and Fitzpatrick led the Arrows with rounds of 55. Jeannie Dunn fired a 57 and Kuipers shot a 61.



Collin Vincent returns a Greenville serve with his forehand in high school tennis action on Saturday. Vincent teamed with James Bosserd to place second at number one doubles.

Red Arrows' tennis doubles teams give strong showing at Lowell Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two proved better than one for the Red Arrow tennis team at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday. Lowell's four doubles teams accounted for all nine of the Red Arrow points. Lowell finished in thirdplace with Greenville. Alma won the four-team tourney with 18 points, followed by Big Rapids with 12. Dave Barry and Ryan Kremer, playing third doubles for the Red Arrows, took first by winning all three of its matches. "They used their height well at the net," Lowell boys tennis coach Bonnie Wall said. "Ryan has a good forehand return of service and both players had effective serves." The doubles team defeated Alma 6-1, 6-4; Big Rapids 6-2, 6-1; and Greenville 6-2, 7-6. Lowell's number one doubles team of James Bosserd and Collin Vincent won

two of three matches and finished second. The Red Arrows defeated Greenville 6-3, 6-1; Big Rapids 6-2, 6-3; and lost to Alma 6-4, 6-4. "James and Collin are looking pretty darn good. They are quick and strong at the net, they serve well and both have strong ground strokes," Wall said. Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines, second doubles, won two of three matches. The Red Arrows defeated Greenville 6-1, 6-2; Big Rapids 6-2, 6-3; and lost to Alma 6-3, 6-1. "They are coming on," Wall said. "They're playing pretty well." Playing at fourth doubles, Gavin Vincent and Troy Gillan were 2-1 with wins over Greenville 6-4, 6-2; and Big Rapids 7-6, 6-2. They lost to Alma 4-6, 6-4, 5-7. Lowell lost all of its singles matches. Alan Stiver played first singles. "Alan doesn't have the experience or training that most of his opponents have, but he gives his

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Red Arrow girls shutout Lakewood

Lowell found play a lot tougher in its league opener against Central. The Rangers defeated the Red Arrows 7-0.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Exceptional passing in the first half served as a catalyst in Lowell girls soccer season-opening 3-0 win against Lakewood. "I thought the girls played well in the first half," said Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan. "We passed the

ball very well." The passing led to a couple first-half goals from Kelly Chapman and Becky Bosserd.

The Red Arrows outshot Lakewood 35-3. "We only found the net three times, but it was good to get that many opportunities. Now we just have to work on finishing," Conlan said.

The only goal in the second half came with less than 10 minutes to play. Chapman slid one by the Viking goalie. "I think the girls got a little complacent in the second half. That bothered me. I told them if we're going to win games in the OK White, they will have to play two good halves," Conlan explained.

FHC 7
Lowell 0

The Rangers showed why they are one of the top girls soccer programs in the state. "Forest Hills Central has 10 seniors who have been playing together since the age of five," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "We were just outmanned by an excellent team."

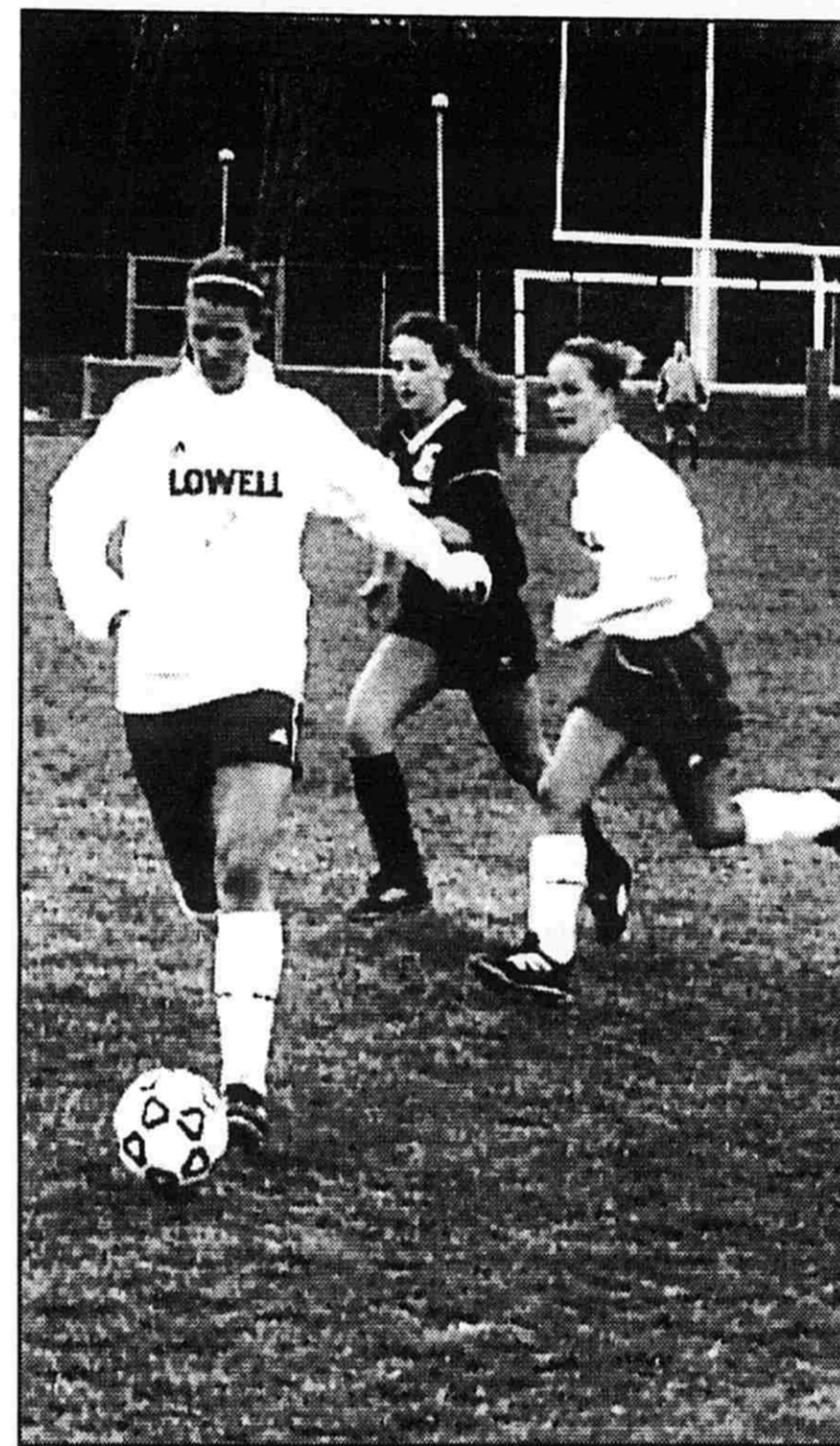
Central created the net three times in the first half and tallied four goals in the second half.

"I think our girls were in awe of Central in the first half. I told them at half to just relax and play in the second half," Conlan said. "I think they did a better job of that in the second half."

Lowell travels to Grandville and Northview this week.



Above, Lowell's Abby Goff gets a little boot from behind as she works to gain possession. Right, Blair Meyer teams with Heather Posthumus to bring the ball up the north sideline in soccer play against Lakewood. Lowell won the game 3-0.



Red Arrow baseball team 2-2 after one week; Lowell posted wins against Greenville and Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike Smith pitched seven innings as Lowell defeated Greenville 6-3 in its season opener. The Red Arrow bats pounded out 11 hits against Yellowjacket pitchers and stole eight bases.

"We got timely hitting and some great head up defensive play," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said. "However, we made some base-running mistakes which cost us some runs."

Lowell tallied two runs in the first inning, two in the fourth and two more in the fifth in posting its non-conference win.

Jake Baum, Brian Conley and Keith Valentine were Lowell's leading hitters.

Baum was 2-for-3 with a double; Conley was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI; and Valentine was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Keith Kernen had one hit and knocked in two runs; Eric Gruber tripled and plated a run.

In game two, Greenville, pitching, held Lowell hitters to just two hits by Kernen and Tim Schutte as the Yellowjackets won a five-inning contest by the score of 3-1.

"Their pitcher kept us off the base paths. We never got anything going off him," Antel explained.

Lowell pounded Hudsonville pitching for 12 runs on 13 hits in the consolation game of the Lowell Baseball Invitational on Saturday.

The Red Arrows combined strong hitting with effective starting and relief performances from pitchers Brady Foster and Tim Schutte.

Foster helped himself out of a first-inning jam by pick-

ing off two Eagle runners. "They pitched well, we ran the base paths aggressively and smartly, and we hit the ball," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said.

Josh Brown and Brian Conley led the way at the plate with three hits apiece. Brown knocked in four runs and Conley added an RBI.

Jake Baum had two hits and three stolen bases and Keith Valentine tallied two hits and stole two bases.

In its tournament opener,

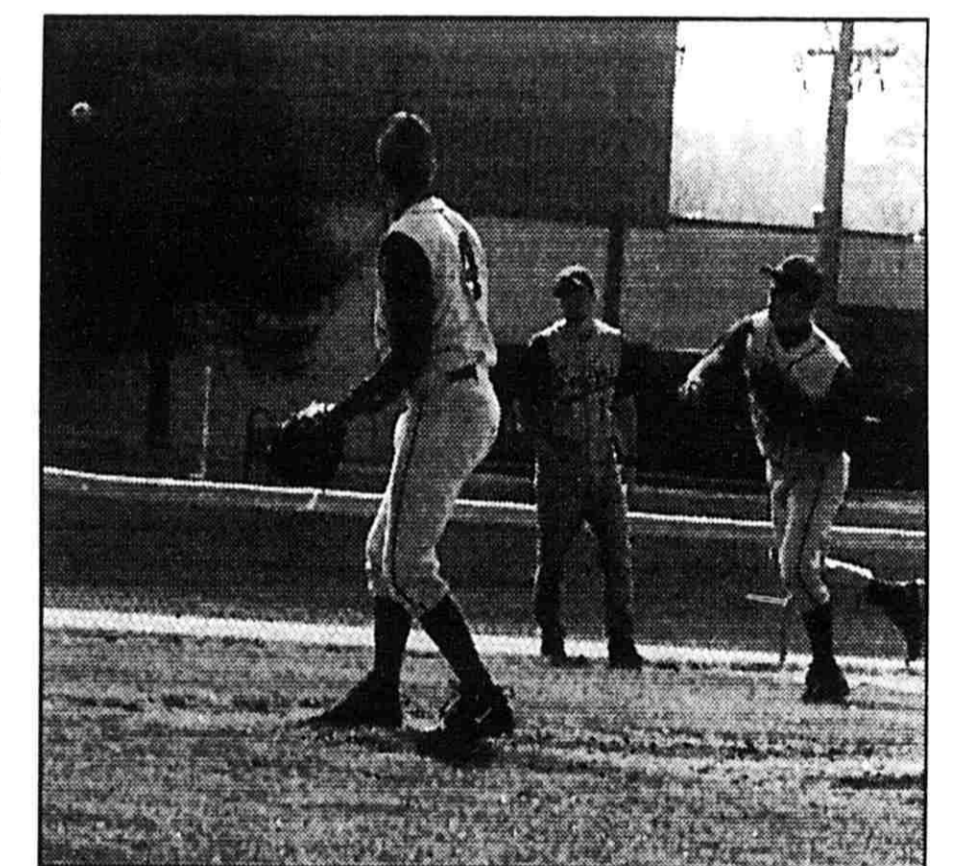
Lowell bats were shut down by South Christian's Rick Hapner. The Sailor gave up three runs on three hits and struck out 13 Red Arrows.

Christian defeated Lowell 7-3.

"Hapner had better than average velocity, a better than average curve and great location," Antel said.

Mike Smith pitched the first four innings for Lowell before being relieved by Dave Rozema.

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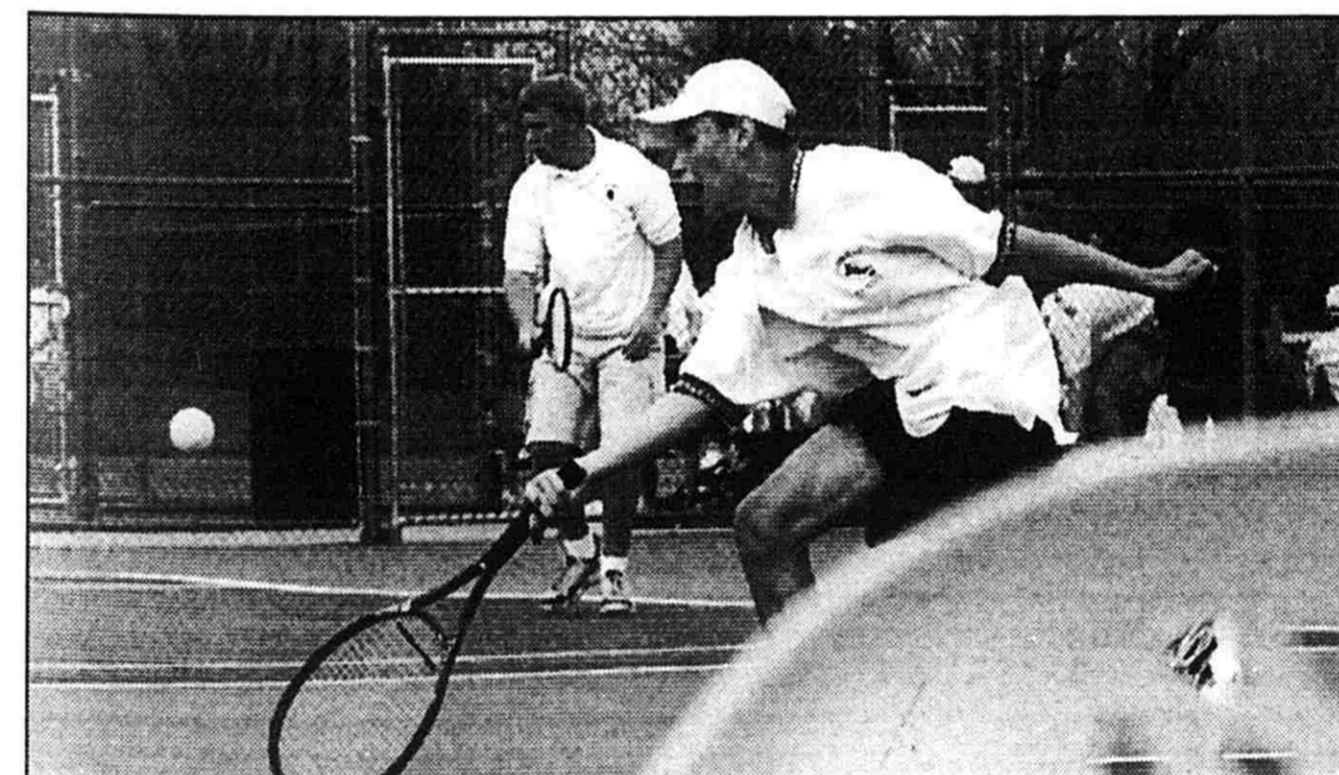


Keith Kernen relays a throw home to cut down a Yellowjacket runner.



Mike Smith earned his first win of the year in game one of a doubleheader against Greenville.

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Lowell finished third at the Invitational on Saturday, before losing to Central Monday.

all and is steady," Wall explained. Cris Cress played second singles, Andy Oetman third singles and Richie Ford played fourth singles.

FHC 7
Lowell 1

Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines, third doubles, fell behind a set before rallying to defeat their Central opponent

6-7, 6-1, 7-5. "They really played well. It was exciting to see them win," Wall said.

All four of Lowell's doubles teams played competitive tennis against a strong Ranger team.

"Central didn't play their top doubles teams at all flights, but they're still quality tennis players," Wall said.

Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent lost a three-set

match at second doubles. The Red Arrows fell 6-7, 6-4, 3-6.

James Bosserd and Collin Vincent, first doubles, lost in straight sets 6-1, 6-0. "The score isn't indicative of how tough the games were. We just couldn't pull out any tough points," Wall said.

In singles play, Alan Stiver, Cris Cress and Andy Oetman lost 6-0, 6-0. Richie Ford, fourth singles, lost 6-1,

6-0.



Lowell's Jody Seif picks and throws from her shortstop position in action against Rockford. Lowell won game one 8-3 and lost the nightcap 4-1.

Solid pitching and defense help lift Red Arrow softball team to 3-1 start

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Seeing eye hits saw to it that Lowell beat Rockford in a nonconference double-header Friday.

"We hit the ball, they were cheap hits, but they all count," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse following the Red Arrows' 8-3 win over the Rams. "It's a quality win against a good softball team."

Lowell used solid, steady pitching by Kelly Kemen and nine hits against Ram pitchers.

The Red Arrows tallied a pair of runs in the second, third, fifth and sixth innings.

Kemen, meanwhile, held Rockford to three runs on six hits while walking just one batter. It was her first walk in three games (two starts, one relief).

Courtney Hedlund got Lowell on the board with a run-scoring double in the second inning.

Jody Seif led all Lowell batters with three hits. Hedlund, Becky Brander and Jackie Benedict each contributed with two hits.

"Lowell puts the ball in play, which forces your defense to make plays," said Rockford coach Terry

Konkle. "They are a good team. We like to play a tough nonconference schedule to prepare us for the OK Red."

Rodenhouse is pleased with the way his club has executed the bunt so far this season. "The girls have failed to get the bunt down just once so far this season," he said.

Rockford 4 Lowell 1

In game two of the double-header, Rockford's Jamie McCormick held Lowell to four hits as the Rams salvaged a split.

Lyndsey Thaler gave up just five hits, but was hurt by five Lowell errors.

"Lyndsey pitched a good game, but we just couldn't hit McCormick," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell took an early lead with a run in the second inning. Rockford, however, answered with two unearned runs in the fifth and two more runs in the sixth on a walk, an error and two hits.

Lowell ended the week with a record of 3-1. Kelly Kemen sparked in her season-opening, one-hit performance against Greenville. The senior pitched a shutout in

Lowell's 10-0 win over the Yellowjackets.

Lowell 10-6 Greenville 0-4

Kemen, given the unenviable job of filling Andrea Ricker's shoes, was up to the task.

She pitched five innings, striking out four and not walking a single batter.

"Kelly faced just one batter over the minimum," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said. "It's easy to play well when your pitcher doesn't walk anyone."

The Red Arrows scored three runs in the second inning, five in the third and three more in the fifth.

Kemen was not only outstanding on the mound, but perfect at the plate. The senior was 3-for-3 with an RBI and scored two runs.

Beth Fredline, catcher, tallied three hits, scored two runs and knocked in two runs.

Freshman Jackie Benedict collected two hits and knocked in two runs. Jody Seif also had two hits and an RBI.

Lowell punched out 11 hits against Greenville in game one.

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Sprint teams key in pacing Lowell past Central

Red Arrow freshman Dave Hefferen surprised a few people with a meet-winning first throw in the discus.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Stalwart performances by Ken Palcowski, Jon Wiering and Mike Williams propelled the Red Arrow boys track team to an 81-55 win over Forest Hills Central.

Wiering took first in the high hurdles (16.09), second in the low hurdles (46.06) and pole vault (11'0"), and third in the long jump (18'6").

Palcowski was first in the 200-meter dash (23.7), second in the long jump (18'10"), and anchored the winning 800-meter relay (1:35.61). Teaming with him in the relay were Williams, John Wierenga and Kurt Telman.

"Our hurdle crew really helped us today," said Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve. "They took first and second in the high hurdles and first and third in the low hurdles."

Telman claimed top honors in the 300 low hurdles, stopping the clock in 45.92. Jeff Telman was third in a time of 46.27.

Williams also placed second in the high jump (6'2") and second in the 100 dash (11.01).

The Lowell coach was pleased with his club's start. "Every meet is going to be a dogfight. Hudsonville is the only team which clearly stands above the rest," he said.

Freshman Dave Hefferen, competing in his first varsity track meet, threw the discus 112'8 1/2" on his first attempt. The throw easily claimed him top honors. "I thought Dave would help us, but I didn't expect that," Boeve said.

Teammate Bill Stouffer was second with a throw of 104'. Stouffer was first in the shot put with a toss of 44'11". Andy Curtis was second with a mark of 41'5 1/4".

The Red Arrows won three of four relay events. Lowell's Ryan Mix, Mark Maatman, Kevin Huisman and Zach Stauffer came home in the winning time of 9:10.97 in the 3200-meter relay. In the 1600-meter relay it was Wierenga, Stauffer, Maatman and Mix breaking the tape at 3:41.79.

Placing second in other events were Ben Grummet, 100 high hurdles, 17.38; Stauffer, 1600 run, 5:12.69; Mix, 800-



Ken Palcowski brings home the winning baton in the 800-meter relay.

meter run, 2:12.18; and Mike Armstrong, 3200 run, 11:27.70.

Ionia Invitational

The Red Arrows (76 points) were second at Ionia on Saturday.

East Grand Rapids was first with 79 points. Top performances were: Jon Wiering/Mike Williams,

first, high jump: Mark Catlin, Mike Williams, Ken Palcowski and Matt Foster, first, sprint medley: Wiering/Foster, second, pole vault: Kurt Telman, second, 300 low hurdles: Williams, Catlin, Telman, Palcowski, second, 400-meter relay: and Mark Maatman, John Wierenga, Brian Fitzpatrick, Kevin Huisman, third, middle distance relay.

Wiering also placed fourth in the 100 high hurdles and teamed with Palcowski for a fifth in the long jump.

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"Rozema was excellent in relief. Both he and Schutte showed me something today. Their stock is up," Antel said.

Lowell's three hits were an RBI double by Valentine, an infield hit by Baum and a single by Eric Gruber.

Girls too strong and deep for Forest Hills Central

Becker, Huyser and Sturis shine in win over Rangers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The final score (87-45) made Lowell girls track team's win appear easier than it was.

"It wasn't an easy meet. We won because we had more depth," Lowell coach Kathy Talus said.

The Red Arrows got strong performances from Rachele Becker, Kim Huyser, the distance crew, and Sandra Sturis in defeating the Rangers.

Becker was first in the shot put with a distance of 28'6 1/2". Sturis was third at 27'2".

Lowell swept the discus as Sturis was first, 101'7"; Becker, second, 77'9"; and Ashley Cunningham finished third, 68'2".

Becker claimed second in the high jump with a height of 4'10". Teammate Kristi Ford won the event with a mark of 5'0".

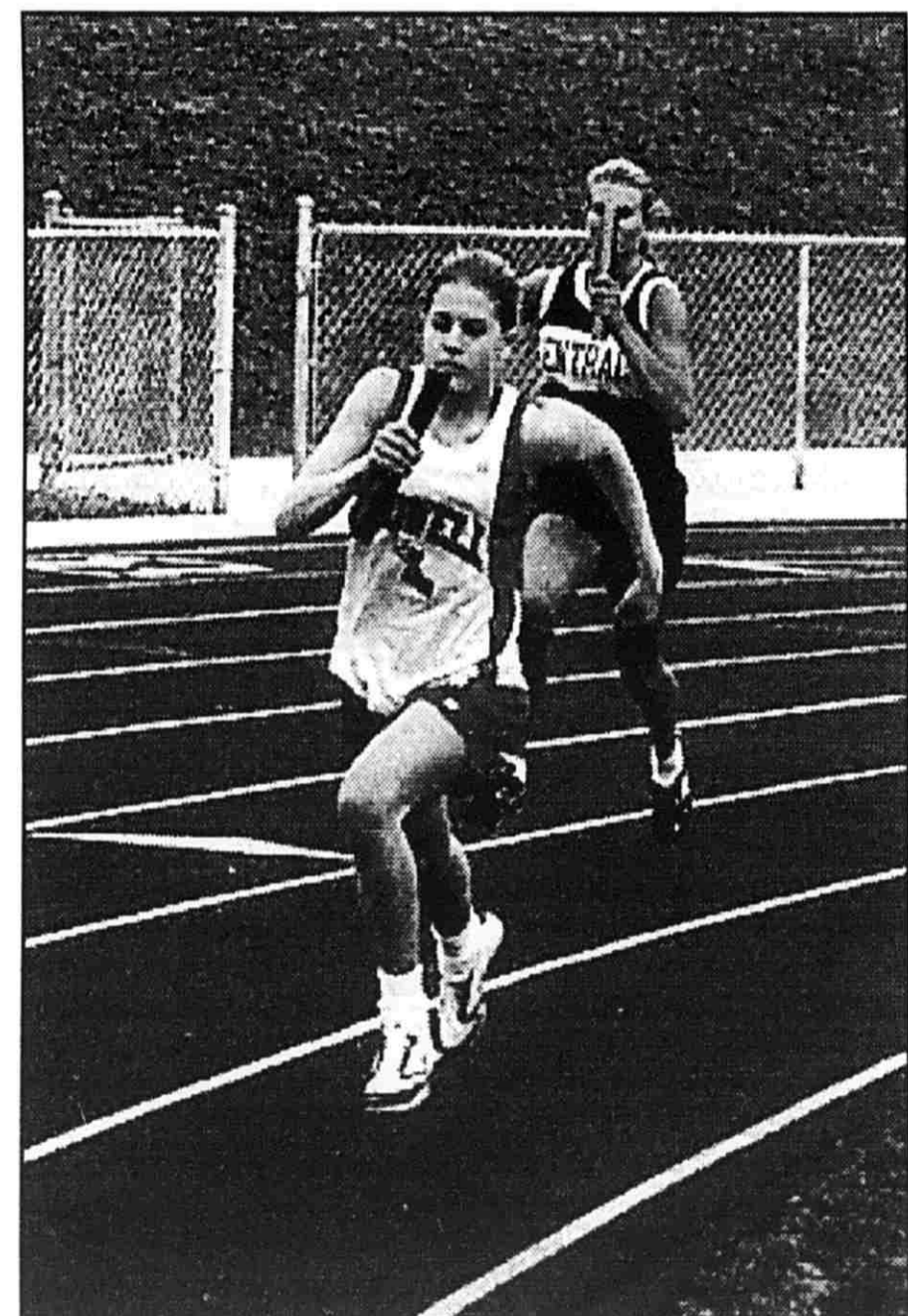
"Rachele is a natural talent. Once she got started we knew she was going to

be good," Talus said.

Huyser's distance of 13'9" in the long jump was a meet best. Nicole Gillikin finished second with a jump of 13'5 3/4".

Gillikin's height of 8' earned her the top spot in the pole vault. Cunningham was second with a height of 7'6".

Huyser was first home in the 100-meter dash. She was clocked at 13.02. The Red



Krystal White won the 200-meter dash and had a leg in the 800-meter relay.

Arrow was third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.93. Lowell's Krystal White was first at 29.23.

"Kim didn't participate in our scrimmage, but we're obviously very happy she's a part of this team," Talus said.

Lowell's Lisa Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner, Abbie Vos and Katie Anderson won the 3200-meter relay in a time of 10:52.

Wojciakowski was first in the 400-meter run, coming home in 1:05.31.

Plattner (2:43) and Vos (2:52.4) placed second and third respectively in the 800-meter run.

In other distance events, Katie Clements took second in the 1600-meter run in a time of 6:01.71. The freshman won the 3200-meter run by stopping the clock in 13:01.

April Telman claimed first in the 100 high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles with times of 17.15 and 51.76 respectively.

White finished second to Telman in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.06.

Ionia Invitational

Lowell (90) finished second to East Grand Rapids (98) at Ionia on Saturday.

The Red Arrows placed in the top three in 10 of the events.

Earning firsts were Sandra Sturis and Rachele Becker in the discus with a combined mark of 169'2"; Nicole Gillikin, Ashley Cunningham and April Telman in the pole vault with a combined height of 16'; distance relay (Christie Lacie, Lisa Wojciakowski, Krystal White and Kim Huyser), 7:59.3; and Telman, 300 hurdles (51.6).

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Kristi Ford won the high jump with a mark of 5'. The Red Arrow placed fourth in the long jump.

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Lyndsey Thaler earned her first win of the year in the second game as she pitched five innings allowing four runs on four hits while walking five and striking out three.

Kemen shutout Greenville over the final two innings allowing one hit and striking out four Yellowjacket batters.

Lowell scored its winning runs in the fourth inning on four consecutive singles.

Freshman second baseman Tara Kimble went 3-for-3 and scored a run. Freshman third baseman Noelle Dewey was 3-for-4 with an RBI. Benedict went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and scored two runs.

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Placing second were Telman, 110 hurdles, 17.1; sprint medley (Wojciakowski, White, Huyser and Gillikin); and the 1600-meter relay team (Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner, Natalie Kent and Gillikin).

Lowell finished third in the high jump (Becker, Cunningham and Kent); middle distance relay (Jamie Tegg, Jana Young, Kim Seaman and Katie Anderson) 7:59.3; 300 hurdles, Telman, 51.6; and 400-meter relay (Lacie, Becker, White and Huyser).



Joseph Caspar Mezzofanti, an Italian priest, was fluent in 39 languages including Chaldean, Hindi, Hebrew, Algonquin, Armenian, Syriac, Bulgarian and Coptic.

Dean recipient of inaugural leadership award

Football coach deflects praise of team character and community involvement back to players.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The presentation of the Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award helped link the past of three high school football coaches Monday night.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke coached against Ralph Munger's high school football team (Frankenmuth).

Ralph Munger coached against Noel Dean's high school football team (Montrose).

Monday night, Munger, who is the Region IX Michigan High School Football Coaches Association director and Rockford varsity football coach, was in attendance at the Lowell School Board meeting to present Dean with the inaugural Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award which recognizes outstanding community leadership within the state leaders program.

Dean was one of four coaches in the entire state to be honored with the award.

"Noel has spent a great deal of time and effort build-

ing team character and insisting his players be involved in the community of Lowell," Munger said.

In accepting the award, Dean said the award was made possible through the leadership of this year's seniors Andy Nowak and Bill Stouffer.

He credited the seniors with organizing the players to do the projects. They included participation in:

- the FFA's Adopt a Family program.

- football's Little Buddies mentoring program.

- helping to sand and stain Creekside Kingdom in 1999.

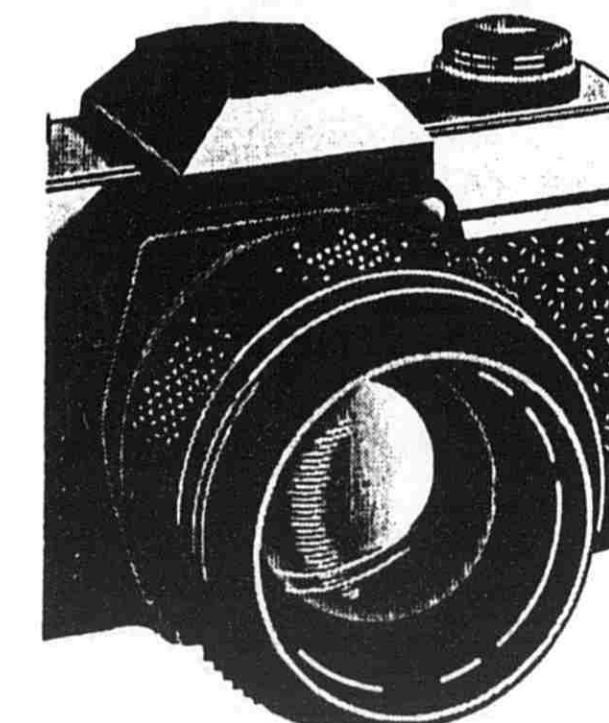
- digging out fire hydrants over the winter for the Lowell community.

- organizing an alcohol-free Lowell bowling night

- taking part in the Lowell football reader's program.

"As a society we put a great emphasis on winning. Noel has done a great job in terms of wins on Friday night," Bleke said. "The memories of the values football has imparted on them are what the players will remember. Setting high standards and expectations for our kids is what I think makes our football program unique."

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