

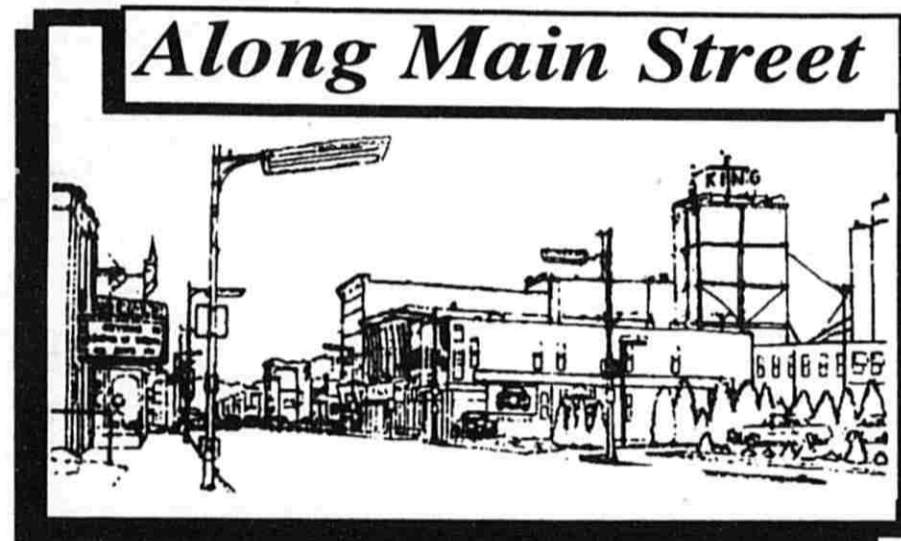
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## ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Please come and help support our athletes.

## EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC

The Lowell First Congregational Church will present a contemporary Christian music program on Sunday, May 7 from 7 to 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.

## ALMOST NEW SALE

It's time for spring cleaning. Sell your used toys, books, clothing and baby essentials. Please bring your own table to the Runciman Gym at 300 High St. on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 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.

## SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN UPS

Sign up now for summer softball. Coed games begin Monday, May 1; Men's Wednesday, May 3; Men's and Women's on Thursday, May 4 and Men's Friday, May 5.

For information contact the YMCA at 897-8445.

## ADOPTION SEMINAR

Adoption Associates of Jenison is offering a seminar at Adoption Associates, Inc. office at 1338 Baldwin in Jenison.

For couples considering adoption, information will be shared on how to build families through both domestic and international adoption.

Please call 616-667-0677 to reserve a spot. There is no charge.

## ZBA approves variances for miniature golf course

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In seeking variances regarding lot size and parking, Bob VanNoller, owner of Roll Away Family Fun Center, nearly got more than he was asking for.

The Zoning Board of Appeals was not only set to grant both variances but was also ready to require VanNoller to install sidewalk on Avery and Grove streets ... a requirement the Lowell Planning Commission had waived.

"Why am I being required to install sidewalks when it was waived for the proposed med center on Bowes Road and the new restaurant on Center Street?" VanNoller asked.

Councilman Ray Quada looked VanNoller in the eye and said, "That's a good question."

He then withdrew his request for requiring sidewalk from the motion.

The ZBA approved the two variances as recommended by the planning commission.

The approval allows VanNoller to begin construction

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## EGGING THEM ALONG

Basket loads of children participated in VFW Post 8303's annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at Creekside Park. There were approximately 7,000 eggs colored, hidden and then found by children. The eggs with numbers written on them earned children prizes. More pictures on page 3.



## Fair Board nears completion on King Memorial Youth Center

*It's very gratifying that so many people got behind this project and helped us out. It's by far the biggest project the fair board has ever done.*

Ron Wenger  
Kent County Youth Fair Board President

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Kent County 4-H Youth Fair board president Ron Wenger stands in the middle of the nearly completed King Memorial Youth Center building, nodding his head in satisfaction.

"It's very gratifying that so many people got behind this project and helped us out," Wenger explained. "It's by far the biggest project the fair board has ever done."

Renovation work to the building began with installation of a new roof a little over a year ago.

Today, all that remains to be completed is carpeting in the meeting room, cupboards and sinks in the kitchen, and the bathrooms.

Wenger said the bathrooms will be completed before May

## Extending Ridgeview makes sense but funding is short

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In terms of traffic flow, extending Ridgeview from Sibley to Gee Drive makes sense.

In terms of funding, there may not be enough cents.

"Extending Ridgeview from Sibley to Gee would assist with the circulation of traffic," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale. "It would help lighten the traffic on M-21."

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13th. "They have to be - Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus is hosting a picnic on the fairgrounds for the Republican convention," Wenger explained.

When the drive to raise funds for the King Memorial Youth Center Building initiated, the price tag was \$135,000.

"It's grown," Wenger says with a slight smile. "We've never done anything like this before. It is more expensive than we estimated."

When all is said and done, the president says the final cost will be roughly \$175,000.

In support of the fair board's effort, it has received financial help from the Englehardt Lowell Community Fund, Steelcase Foundation (challenge grants), Look Fund, Wege Foundation, Cherry Creek Classic and Lowell Rotary - not to mention all the businesses and organizations that have stepped forward.

"People are willing to help if they know that you're working and not just asking them to give," Wenger explained.

On Saturday, April 16, the fair board held a pancake breakfast in the center. It served roughly 250 people, raising approximately \$800 toward the project.

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# OBITUARIES

**CHALLENGER** - Challenger of Saranac: sister Clarice S. Challenger, aged 74, of Ionia, passed away April 21, 2000, in Lansing. She was born May 12, 1925, in Grand Rapids. She is survived by her children Carl and Von Challenger of Eaton Rapids, Linda VandeKemp of Ohio, Richard and Norine

Challender January 24, 1942, in Battle Creek. He preceded her in death in 1986. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Ionia Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to the Church of the Nazarene in Ionia.

**VENEMA** - Dirk J. Venema, Ph.D., aged 73, went to be with his Lord Wednesday, April 19, 2000. He is survived by his wife Shirley of Plainwell; his children Barbara and Gregory Clark of Texas, Mary and David Peterson of Kalamazoo, Cindy and Don Waechter of Plainwell, Patty and Doug Olinger of Kalamazoo, and Lionel Pelletier; his grandchildren Adam, Mendy,

Lynette, Matthew, Melissa, Michelle, Lionel, Tom, Nicholas, Sean, Christopher; his great-grandchildren Garrett, Mattalyn, Savannah, Mason, William and (almost) Cooper; his sister Norine Glaza; his half-sister Linda Hittle; his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Wayne Ellis, James and Dolores Ellis; and several nieces and nephews. Dirk was loved and cherished and touched many lives through his ministry and his teachings and will be missed by all. A Memorial Service for Dirk was held Monday at the R.L.D.S. Church in Alaska, MI, with Elder Robert Loesch and Elder Richard Wiley officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association.

## City inks agreement with county on PTAS

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell became the latest government agency to approve an agreement with Kent County to upgrade the Property Tax Administration System (PTAS).

The system handles the assessing and treasurer functions.

The city will incur \$18,272.97 in development cost divided over six years or \$3,045.50 and \$6,015 in administrative costs for a total of \$9,061.36.

The benefits to the local units of government include fewer layers of county bureaucracy, more accountability to local units, one stop shopping for local property tax officials and better performance from a consolidated department.

Assistant County administrator Al Vandenberg noted that the public will enjoy better service levels through re-organization of work functions, fewer stops to record deeds through better coordination with the Register of Deeds office and more staff available to assist the public during peak periods.

## North Kent Transit funds amended

As part of the Community Development Block Grant Program with Kent County, the city has supported the North Kent Transit system with its funds.

The city has allocated \$2000 to North Kent Transit to fund transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped for approximately five years.

Due to increased rider-

ship, the Lowell City Council approved amendments to reflect increasing funds to the program.

The 1998-99 budget was changed to \$3,094.74 representing 204 rides (\$17.82 per ambulatory ride and \$782 per senior citizen ride).

The 1999-2000 budget was amended to reflect an

increase from \$2,000 to \$4,000 based on increased ridership.

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**Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.**  
—Bertrand Russell

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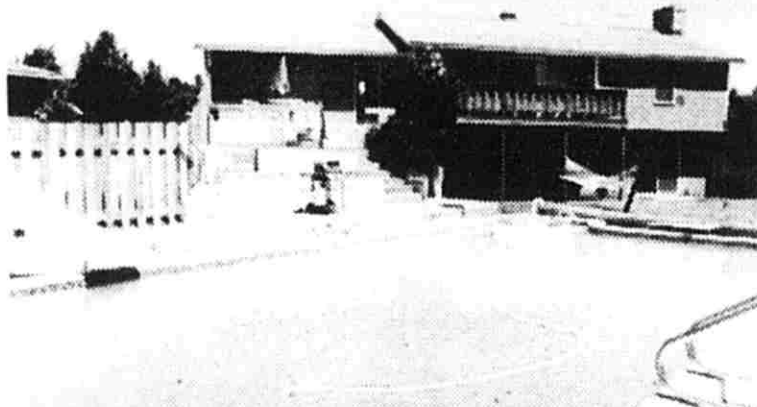
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Major items of work shall include:  
Construct Picnic shelter  
Concrete slab

Contract start date is estimated to be on or about June 01, 2000. All work shall be completed by July 01, 2000. Total contract time shall be 30 calendar days. Liquidated damages shall be \$100.00 dollars each calendar day that the total contract time and/or final completion date is exceeded. Stop and start orders will be given for required delays due to weather as approved by the Engineer.

Bidding documents may be obtained at Gove Associates, Inc. 821 E. Kalamazoo Street, Suite E, Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 485-0555. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for plans and specifications.

Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations: Gove Associates, Inc., 821 E. Kalamazoo Street, Suite E., Lansing, MI 48912; Builders Exchange, Lansing, Grand Rapids; Dodge Reports, Lansing, Grand Rapids; and Lowell Township Hall.

Partial funding for this project will be provided by the State of Michigan Grant Program. All relevant State of Michigan requirements shall apply including all Equal Opportunity Regulations. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price. The Township of Lowell reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of Township of Lowell.

Gove Associates, Inc.  
Anton Raykovich, Project Engineer  
Agent for: Township of Lowell

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## Kent District Library looking for volunteers

The Kent District Library invites young adults, ages 11 to 15, to become "heroes" by volunteering at the library this summer. Those wishing to sign up to volunteer may pick up an application at any KDL branch starting May 1. All heroes must attend one orientation session. These sessions will be held at most branches

of the Kent District Library and registration is required. KDL heroes help youth librarians with various library duties, such as shelving books, decorating the library and assisting with children's programs. At some branches, heroes perform for children in Teen Theater or Storytime programs.

Hero orientation is scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Thursday, June 8 at 4 p. m. and the Alto branch on Wednesday, May 17 at 4 p. m.

For more information please call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**APRIL 27:** Janice Ryder, Dennis Pretzel.  
**APRIL 28:** Terese Brown, Tim Vezino, Shawna Austin, Kattie Hildenbrand.

**APRIL 29:** K.J. Vezino, Bryan Roth.  
**APRIL 30:** Carmen Roudabush.

**MAY 1:** Dennis Anchors, Rick Roth.  
**MAY 2:** Madison Briggs, Melinda D'Agostino, Bertha Jessup, Tim Mastenbrook, Glen Bryant.  
**MAY 3:** Wilma Roudabush, Melissa Merriman, Mimi Mitchell.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
FILE NO. 00-169,159 SE

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Date of birth 2/04/1905

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April 24, 2000

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It takes two to speak the truth-one to speak, and another to hear.

—Henry David Thoreau

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Dan DesJarden responded to Leo Pfaller's concern at the last meeting concerning Ridgeway Drive. Pfaller had wanted an estimated cost regarding the extension of the street from Sibley to Gee.

DesJarden stated the installation of curb, sewer and storm sewer would cost between \$250,000 to \$350,000.

Quada questioned if the City could request funding from the Local Street Fund. Pasquale responded the extension would initially be a Local street. However, the revenues are minimal with a local street designation. Pasquale said the key is to acquire a major street status. He mentioned when a new street is being constructed, other sources of revenues must be acquired. Pasquale said when Boves Road was relocated, it had cost approximately \$300,000. There were some federal funds received along with Community Development Block Grant revenues totaling \$100,000.

Quada questioned if the City were to extend Ridgeway Drive would there be a possibility of developing the area into available building lots. Pasquale said possibly. Blough noted there have been a few proposals presented to the Planning Commission over the last several years.

William Thompson congratulated Betty Morlock on an excellent job. He also commented on the job well done by Light and Power and the Department of Public Works during the recent storm snowstorm.

**Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Quada commented on the issue of having three towers in the City. He stated that he thought the discussion had drifted to the issue of aesthetics. Quada understood that the City did not want to spend funds to change a tower unless from an aesthetic standpoint. He suggested that the engineers at least consider an alternative to having a tower located on Gee Drive, Shepard Drive and one in the downtown area. Quada said the cellular companies want to have a location within the City and suggested they work together and find one location within the community in which all co-locate.

Quada also inquired when the auditors would be selected to audit the 1999-2000 financial records. Pasquale responded in May. Quada said that he believes the audit is the responsibility of the City Council and stated that the Light and Power may choose to conduct their own audit for internal purposes, but that the Council should select one firm to audit all departments of the City.

Blough questioned if this was an item Quada wanted made as a motion. Quada responded he wanted to ensure discussion was held prior to the selection of who would perform the audits.

Blough requested this topic be placed on the agenda for the May 1, 2000 meeting.

Councilmember Green said it has been the City's process to receive bids from auditing firms every five to six years.

Pasquale suggested Biggs, Hausserman along with the firm conducting the audit for Light and Power be notified of this for next year.

Councilmember Myers congratulated Betty Morlock on her appointment. He challenged her and Ullery to provide a formalized plan in which a higher voter registration can be obtained. Morlock responded the new QVF voting system is very helpful. She explained anytime an individual renews a driver's license the person is automatically registered to vote unless specifically stated otherwise.

Myers presented pictures taken of the Showboat area. He commented on the satellite dishes and asked if it would be feasible to have these moved elsewhere.

Myers also noted local resident Larry Fleis wrote an article within the Michigan Municipal Review.

Councilmember Shores questioned the status of the bridgework. DesJarden was hopeful the bridge would be finished by April 11, 2000.

Shores also noted the Cable Advisory Board meeting on April 11, 2000. She mentioned it was a public hearing and would be held at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Blough stated today the Council has thought about communication towers in three different places and tomorrow an engineering staff could have another recommended location. He felt the Planning Commission could bring some light to reinforce some community values. He believed Quada was correct, and said there wouldn't be two competing firms unless it was a lucrative market. Like any type of growth, the City can set back and allow organizations to come in and tell the City what they can do or the City can place some of our values on this intended growth with some structure and reasonable expectations for an organization who wants to invest in the community. This at the same time can be beneficial to our residents. Blough agreed, if the City can utilize this to improve the Cable TV facility including moving the tower.

**Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following meetings minutes were enclosed:

- Downtown Development Authority meeting of February 17, 2000
- Planning Commission meeting of February 28, 2000
- Airport Board meeting of March 7, 2000.

2. Also provided were the minutes of the March 21 Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model meeting along with supporting documentation from School Superintendent Bert Bleke.

3. The Kent District Library has a millage election planned

for August 8. Last Thursday, Pasquale had an opportunity to review the status of the District Library and discuss possible millage options. With alternatives, which provide more than just basic millage, Lowell could receive an additional 5 more hours a week for service. If interested or have additional comments they can be forwarded to Pasquale or Claudya Muller directly. There is another meeting scheduled at the District Library Headquarters on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

4. As part of the South Hudson road reconstruction project, the Kent County Road Commission must acquire grading easement from the City involving the Fire Station and Fairgrounds properties. Council approval is needed. Public Works Director DesJarden explained it would be the south side of the Fire Station's driveway. It will be the same grade now but back seven feet, which would require an easement.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to allow the Kent County Road Commission to acquire a grading easement from the City involving the Fire Station and Fairgrounds properties.

**Item #9. APPOINTMENTS.** The following appointments or reappointments were considered:

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by QUADA to reappoint Jim Myaard (413 N. Washington) to a term with the Airport Board expiring January 1, 2003 and appointing Carolyn Price of Dream Pieces (219 W. Main) to the Downtown Development Authority to a term expiring January 1, 2002.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Quada questioned if the appointment made to the Downtown Development Authority was filling the vacancy created when he resigned. Mayor Blough responded yes. Quada thought he had been appointed as the "At Large Citizen" and wanted to ensure there was representing on the DDA Board for this community.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving personnel issues.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return to open session at 9:54 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, April 24, 2000

Michael K. Blough, Mayor  
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

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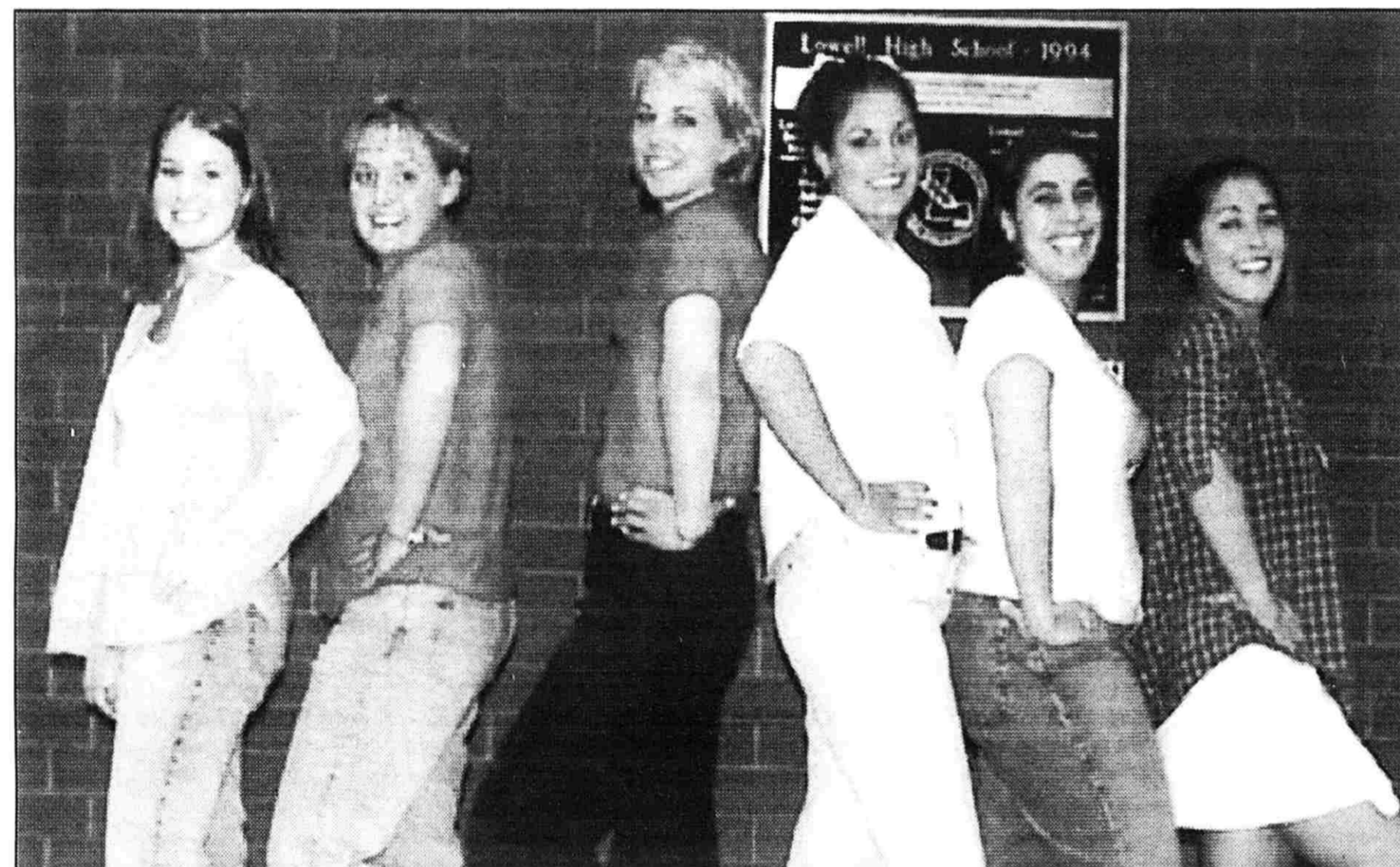
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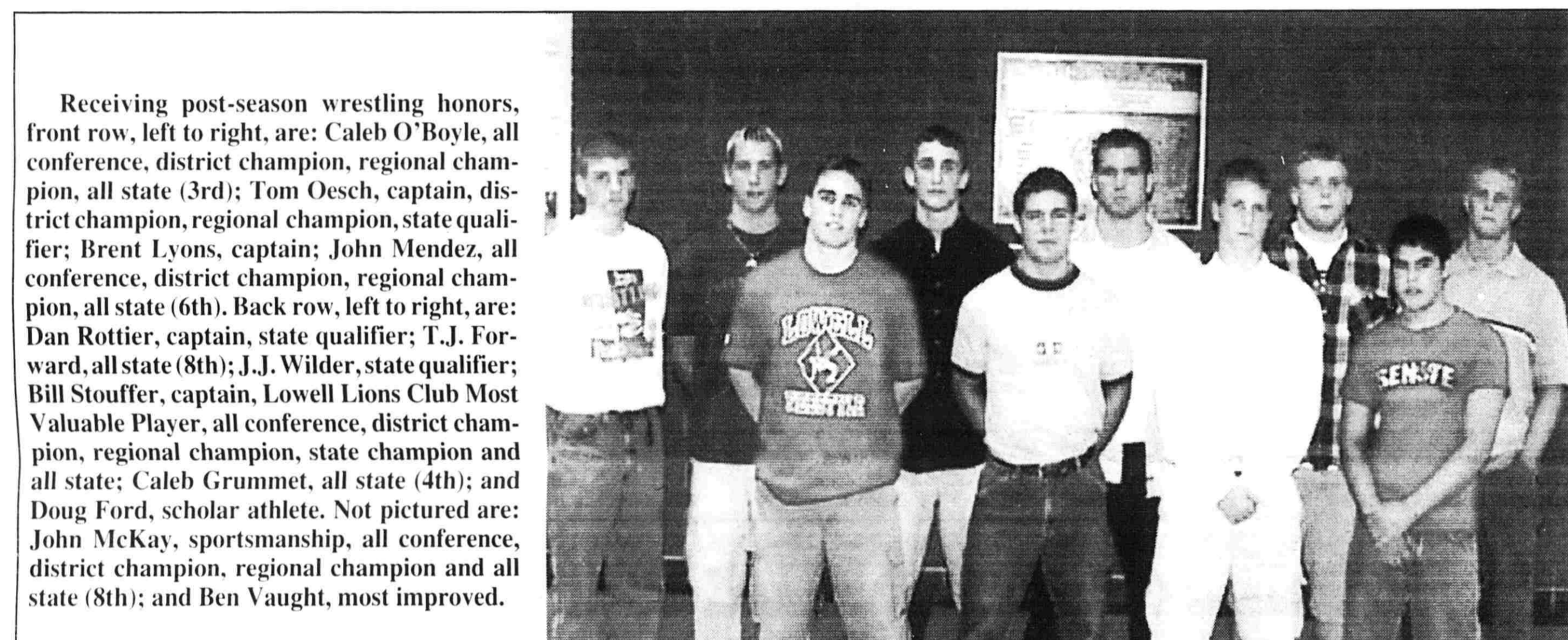
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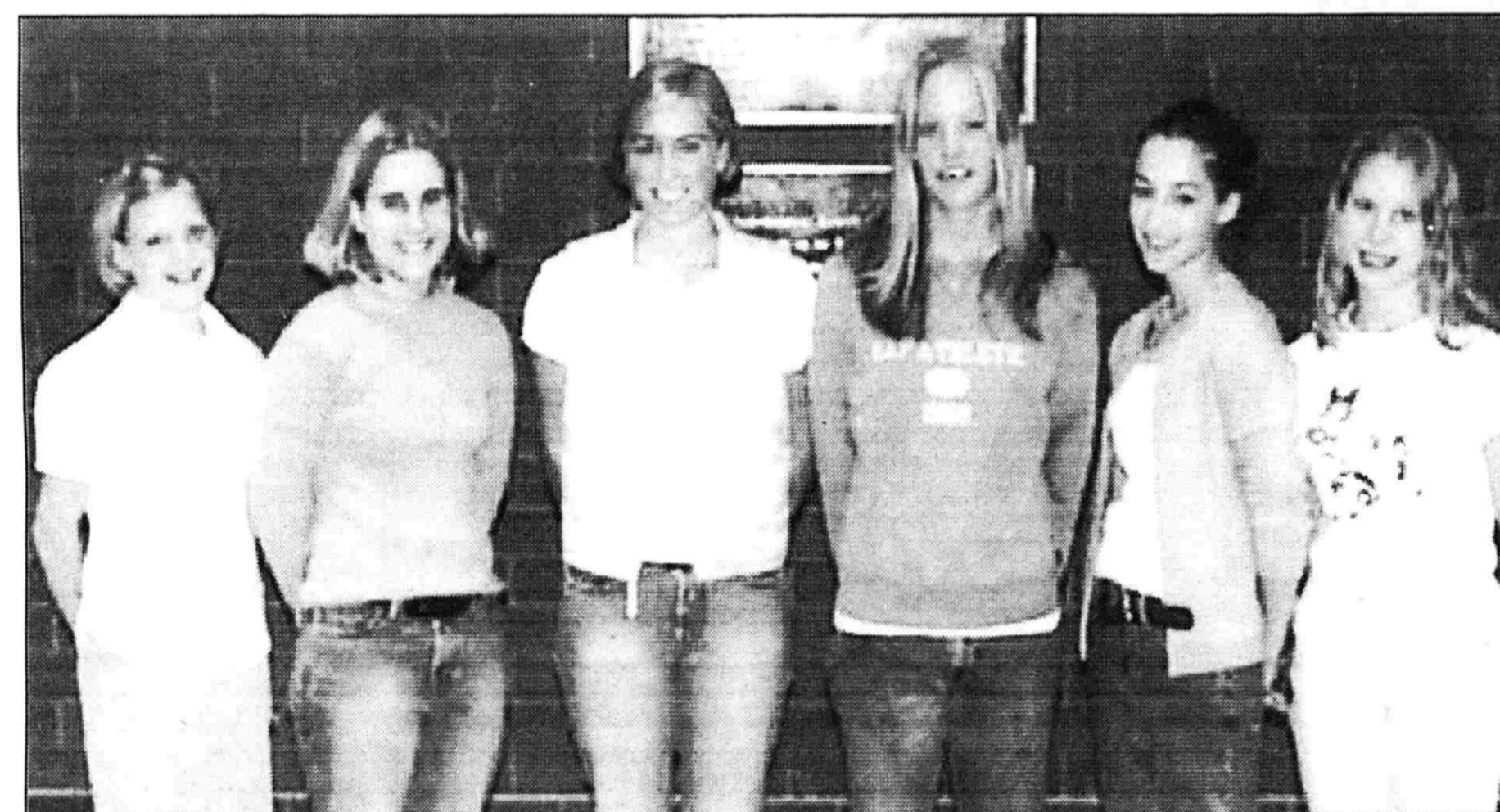
# 2000 Winter Sports Post Season Honors



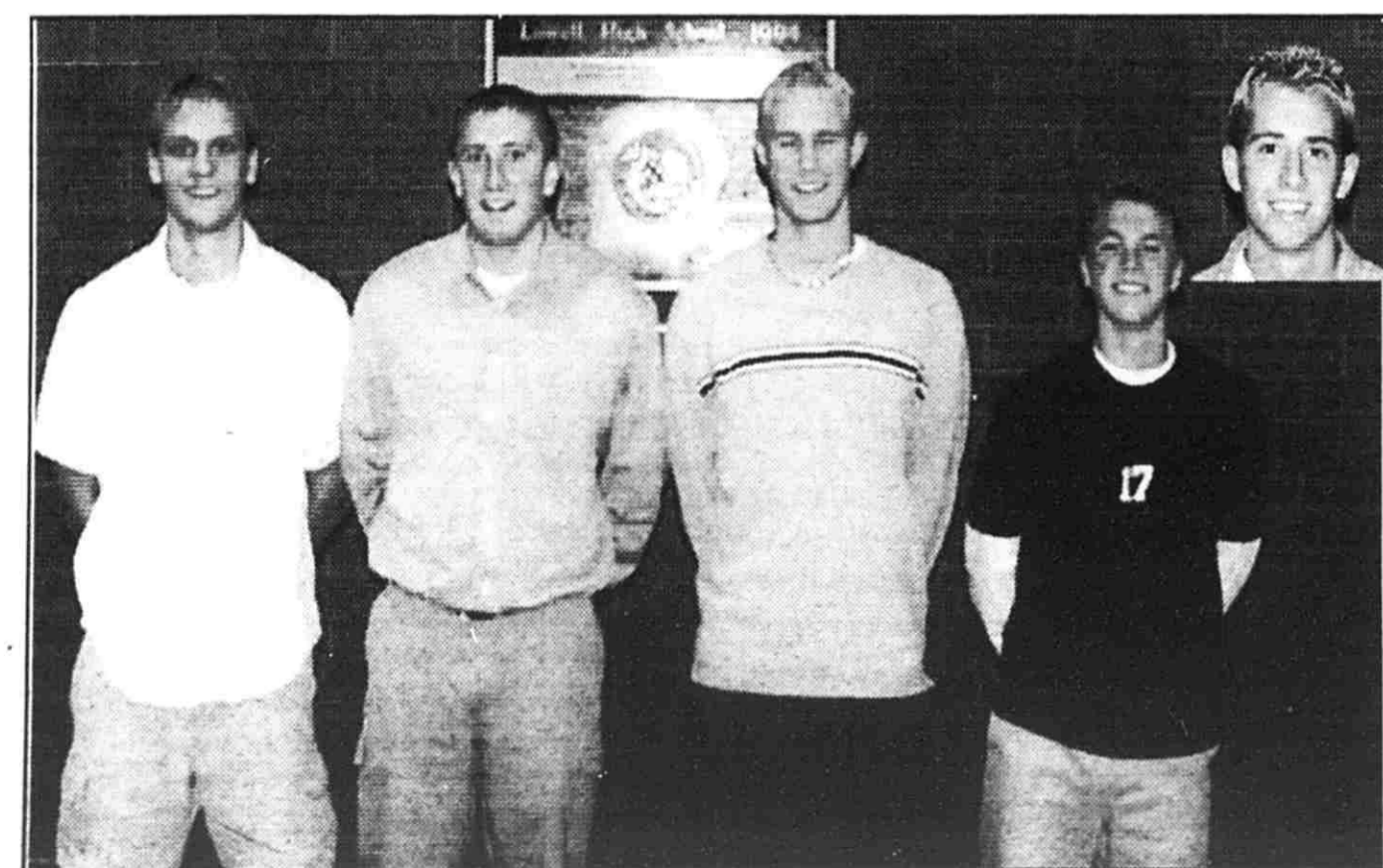
Receiving post-season cheerleading honors, left to right, are: Katie Stanford, most improved; Lisa LaHaye, most spirited; Rachelle Becker, sportsmanship; Kristi Ford, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player; Felicia Eshragh, captain, scholar athlete; and Tina Delamar, captain and most dedicated.



Receiving post-season wrestling honors, front row, left to right, are: Caleb O'Boyle, all conference, district champion, regional champion, all state (3rd); Tom Oesch, captain, district champion, regional champion, state qualifier; Brent Lyons, captain; John Mendez, all conference, district champion, regional champion, all state (6th). Back row, left to right, are: Dan Rottier, captain, state qualifier; T.J. Forward, all state (8th); J.J. Wilder, state qualifier; Bill Stouffer, captain, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, all conference, district champion, regional champion, state champion and all state; Caleb Grummet, all state (4th); and Doug Ford, scholar athlete. Not pictured are: John McKay, sportsmanship, all conference, district champion, regional champion and all state (8th); and Ben Vaught, most improved.

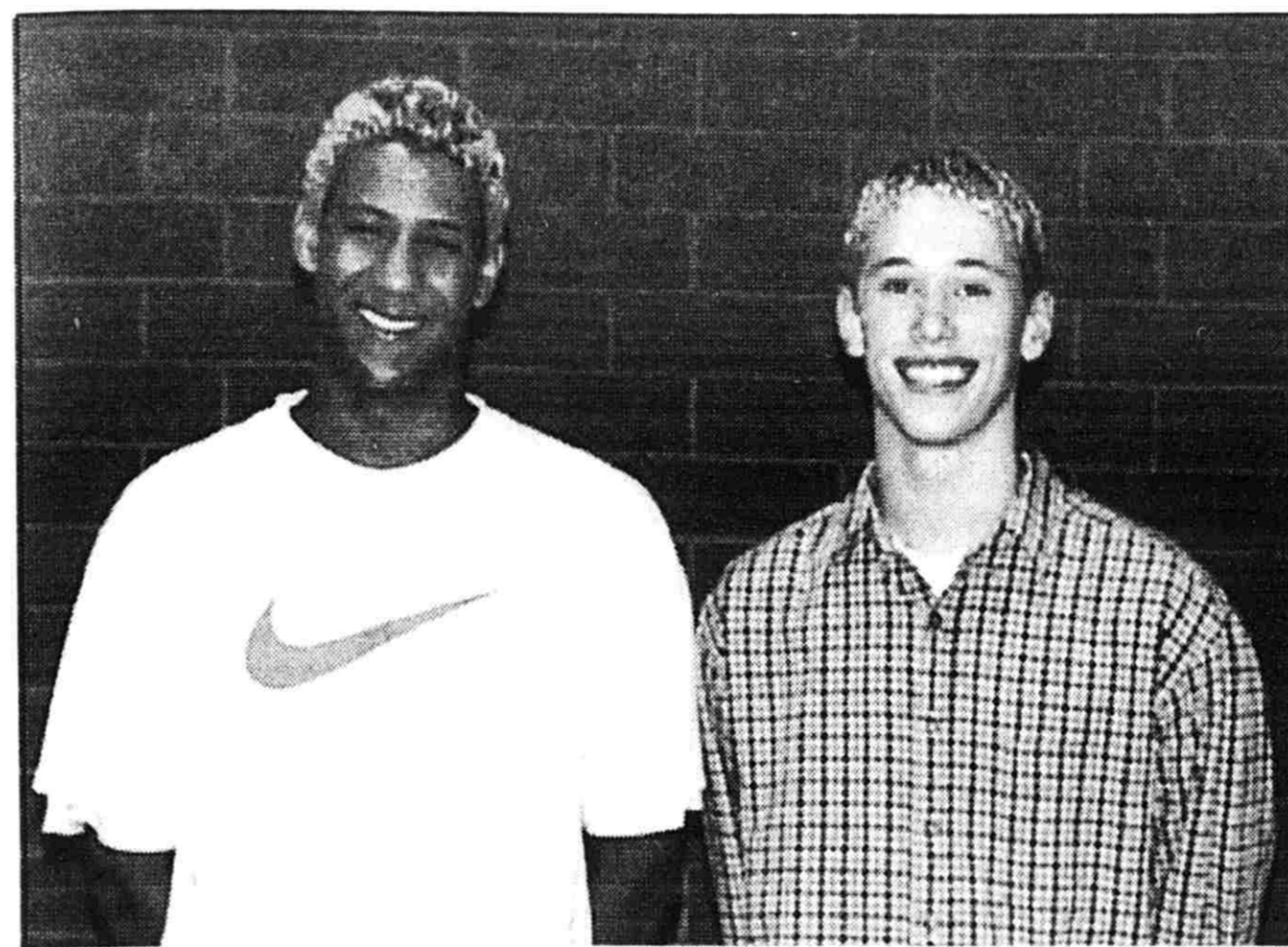


Receiving post-season gymnastics awards, pictured left to right, are: Holly Plattner, most dedicated; Renee' Brower, captain, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, all conference; Katie Blough, scholar athlete; April Telman, most spirited; Melissa Neubecker, most improved; and Kim Seaman, most improved and sportsmanship.



Receiving post-season basketball awards, pictured left to right, are: Ryan Mix, captain, all conference honorable mention, scholar athlete; Scott Pullen, captain, sportsmanship award; Steve Adams, captain; and Troy Gillan, most improved. Aaron Alsgaard, pictured alone, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, captain and all conference, first team.

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Receiving post-season swimming honors, pictured left to right, are: Scott Weir, all conference and all state; Mike Gustafson, captain, all conference.



Receiving post-season volleyball honors, pictured left to right, are: Jody Seif, hustle award; Sarah Happie, sportsmanship award; Jenny Williams, most improved; Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, all conference; Courtney Hedlund, captain, coach's award; Sunny Moyer, captain and scholar athlete.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Freshman Shannon Finnegan, of Lowell, was among the 23 Alma College students who were awarded the President's Cup during honors convocation on April 6 by Dr. Alan J. Stone, Alma's president. "For the 33rd time, we award the President's Cup to those few students whose scholarship surpasses all others," said Dr. Stone. The stu-

dents - 13 freshmen, seven sophomores and three juniors - earned the honor by achieving the highest academic grade point average in their respective classes.

Alma president Robert Swanson started the President's Cup tradition in

1968. Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement and have their name inscribed on the appropriate class (freshman, sophomore or junior) President's Cup trophy. The trophies are kept on permanent display in the Reid-Knox Administration building on campus where, said Dr. Stone, "They are a constant reminder of their achievements."

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Exercise yourself in what lies in your power.  
—Epictetus  
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## NOTICE Amendment to the VERGENNES TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance regulating Vergennes Township cemeteries was amended at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 17, 2000. This amendment affects the Ordinance in Section 2, C., under the heading of Definitions of Lots and Burial Spaces. It amends the allowed number of burials per space from one to two, and reads as follows:

A burial space will accommodate one vault, one vault and one cremation, or two cremations.

The complete text of the Vergennes Township Cemetery Ordinance is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and copies are available during regular business hours. The offices are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after publication unless a notice of intent to file referendum is filed within such time and, if so, then this ordinance shall take effect at such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282 as amended.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## BUSINESS MATTERS



Joice Smith

When Joice Smith decided to open her own real estate office, there was never a question of location. As a lifelong resident of Lowell, she knew that her community and the RE/MAX system would make wonderful neighbors.

A licensed Realtor® for

more than six years and a member of the Grand Rapids Association of Realtors®, Smith is now the broker/owner of Re/Max Country Hills, located in Lowell. She serves the Lowell, Saranac, Cascade and Ada communities and specializes in residential, farm operations and vacant land property.

"Growing up on a farm I had the desire to return to the independence of my own business. I feel now I can give a more personalized service for the individual client's needs," she said. "My family

has always been in this area and I knew that this is where I wanted to stay. Re/Max offered a strong framework in which I could do all these things."

She has joined the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and is looking forward to playing an active part in working with the other local merchants. She and her husband Terry have two children and three grandchildren.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Synopsis of minutes from Regular Meeting April 17, 2000.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 5 Board Members present. Minutes of March 20, 2000 approved.

Bills paid:	
General Fund -	\$36,406.27
Sewer Fund -	\$815.92
Water Fund -	\$43,748.78
Trust & Agency Fund -	\$896.45

Business Conducted: Moved to sign the Property Tax Administration System Services Agreement with Kent County; moved to hire Luscious Landscaping for the mowing and fertilizing of park property; tabled the proposal received from Meijer on utility connection fees; received the Alto Sewer Agreement for consideration; appointed David Simmonds to be the township representative for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Selection Committee meeting of April 27, 2000; received March's building report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Carol L. Wells  
Lowell Charter Township  
(616) 897-7600

## CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Summary of Ordinance No. 00-2 Adopted by the Lowell City Council on April 24, 2000.

Ordinance No. 00-2 amends Section 10.02 of Chapter 10; amends Section 11.02 of, and adds Section 11.05 to, Chapter 11; and amends Section 12.02 of, and adds Section 12.05 to, Chapter 12 of Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Such amendments and additions (i) eliminate the requirement that retail stores located in a C-1 Neighborhood Business District ("C-1 District"), a C-2 Central Business District ("C-2 District") and a C-3 General Business District ("C-3 District"), must have their goods located within an enclosed building; (ii) add outdoor merchandise display as uses permitted by right in a C-1 District, C-2 District and C-3 District; and (iii) establish requirements for outdoor merchandise displays located within C-2 Districts and C-3 Districts.

Ordinance 00-2 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk







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## RECOGNIZES THIS SEMESTER'S HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

### Lowell High School Honor Roll

3rd Marking Period 1999-2000 • 3.00 & Above GPA

**FRESHMEN**  
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Jennifer Adams\*  
Stacey Arnsward\*  
Eric Austin  
Shawna Austin  
Sara Bailey\*  
Benjamin Barle  
Sara Bault\*  
Mark Baum  
Annie Beenen\*  
Heather Befus  
Roberta Bender  
Jacquelyn Benedict\*  
Abbie Blanding  
Heather Blough\*  
Tara Bogdanik  
Emmanuelle Borel  
Rebecca Bosserd\*  
Christopher Bradley  
Samuel Brower  
Cassandra Burke  
Katelyn Bush  
Nicole Butterworth  
Kelsey Capps  
Tara Cariano\*  
Craig Carpenter\*  
Aimee Catlin\*  
Mark Catlin  
Nicole Chernoby  
Katherine Clements\*  
Tiffany Condon  
Audrey Converse\*  
Corinne Cozzaglio  
Jeremy Crandell  
Ryan Curtis\*  
Emily Cyrocki\*  
Sophia D'Agostino\*  
Carmen Datema  
Jennifer Dee\*  
Taryn DeRuischer  
Paul Despres  
Michael Deters  
Neal DeVoid  
Noelle Dewey  
Lena Dhayni  
Evan Dorough  
Cori Drenth\*  
Sara Droese  
Jill Egler  
Jeffrey Fish  
Josh Fisher  
Brent Folsom  
Matthew Foster  
Baton Fredline\*  
Timothy Freed\*  
Heather Geelhoed\*  
Eva Geldersma  
Brandon Gessler  
Christina Getz  
Travis Gillan\*  
Brandon Gillikin  
Nicole Gillikin\*  
Eric Gillman\*  
Robert Gingerich  
Tara Giuliano  
Jeremy Goff\*  
Heather Green\*  
Paula Grooms  
Jennifer Gunberg\*  
Matthew Hafey  
Jessica Hamilton  
Seth Heimer  
Rachel Heinicke  
Katie Hettinga\*  
Erin Hollister\*  
Kimberly Hoogewind\*  
Michael Hoogewind  
Jared Huffman\*  
Kimberly Huyser\*  
Mark Hyzer\*  
Raymond Kennedy

Natalie Kent\*  
Lesley Kerr  
Amanda Kettel  
Jessica King  
Joel King  
Shaun Koning  
Kristi Kremer  
Corey Krieg  
Leah Krueger  
Jacob Kulhawik  
Amber LaBine  
Christine LaFave  
Tom Lancaster  
Robert Latva\*  
Jodi Laux\*  
Shannon Levingston  
Katherine Lum  
Allison Malone  
Jeremy Marchido  
Matt Marvin  
Marjorie Mayhew  
Katie McAlpine\*  
Brian McCaul  
Alexandra McMahon  
Andrew McQueen  
Lisa Meis  
Blair Meyer\*  
Jennifer Meyers\*  
Josh Middleton  
Keaton Moore  
Eric Moulton  
Nicholas Moyer  
Kelsay Myers\*  
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Eric Nederhoed  
Tyler Nethercott\*  
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Cody Soyka  
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Matthew Tomko\*  
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Lauren Vashaw  
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Abby Vos\*  
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Bryan White II  
John Wilder

Sara Willett  
Nick Willette  
Brian Williams  
Lisa Wojciakowski\*  
Lori Zillmer

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Donald Armstrong  
Kellie Baker\*  
Molly Balaam  
Erin Barnes  
Matthew Barry  
Zachary Beachum  
Vanessa Beddows  
Amy Bellechasses\*  
Christine Benson  
Katherine Blough  
Shannon Boggs\*  
Matthew Borth  
Brandon Bouwkamp  
Nathan Boyce  
Rebecca Brinkley  
Lauren Bristol  
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Patrick Cavanaugh  
Vanessa Church  
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Amanda Eickhoff  
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Kelly Fitzpatrick  
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Alicia Gleason  
Ashley Gosselin  
Holly Grummet\*  
Glenda Guernsey\*  
Theresa Happie  
Bridget Harrigan  
William Harrison  
Clifford Heiman  
Corinne Hess\*  
Samantha Hoekstra  
Holly Holmes  
Matthew Horan  
Laura Horsley  
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James Kelly  
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Sean Mandle  
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Torrence O'Haire  
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Brian Pfaller\*  
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Kristen Ford  
Michele Ford  
Jordan Gallagher  
Lyndsey Geer  
Troy Gillan  
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Matthew VanTatenhove  
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