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School district passes bond issue in convincing fashion

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Along with his sincerest thanks, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke offered volunteers and school administrators pop and potato chips for their help in getting the \$27.5 million bond issue passed Tuesday.

The two-phase bond passed by 555 votes or 1,671-1,116.

Phase I of the bond, approximately \$13 million, consists primarily of a new elementary school, technology for all students in all schools, and a gymnasium at Alto Elementary School.

Phase II, approximately \$14, will consist of a second new elementary building and an addition to the current high school.

"This is great," Bleke exclaimed. "I believe this indicates the district feels good about supporting Lowell Schools. Now it's time to take planning one step further. It's time to

sit back and reflect on when and how to do things and make sure we do them the right way and at the right time."

The information gathering process used to determine what the district needs to handle anticipated growth began

SCHOOL BOND TALLY			
		YES	NO
Precinct I	Runciman	804	434
Precinct II	Bowne	160	163
Precinct III	Verg. Twp.	707	519
TOTALS		1,671	1,116

nearly four years ago. Rick Seese and board member Kate Derneocoeur were two volunteers who were there to serve on the demographics task force committee.

"I'm thrilled. I've been here since the beginning. I believe we're on the threshold of the future," Dermocoeur said. Seese added "The quality of education is more in the forefront than it was 10 years ago. I think some people did not want more taxes, but felt this was necessary."

The bond issue passed in two of the three precincts. Precinct II did not pass it. It failed by only three votes. The bond passed by 370 votes in Precinct I and 188 in Precinct III.

"The results are a reaffirmation that this community values a quality educational system," said Lowell Mayor Michael Blough. "It also indicates people trust the district leadership to guide the future."

There were 2,787 registered voters who went to the polls on Tuesday.

Residents speak out against rezoning

Adjustments in R-1 zoning could alleviate need for Richard Cooper's rezoning request.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Not one of the residents who spoke at a Vergennes Township public hearing Monday night found the idea of having 157 acres of R-1 land rezoned to R-3 very palatable.

The only thing discussed that may have discouraged them more is the fact that the state requires the township designate an area that permits manufactured housing.

If excluded from the township's zoning, it's likely that a developer with deep financial pockets may be al-

lowed to name the location of the development, following a court case.

"Vergennes, like a number of other small rural townships, doesn't have the tax base to do the legal battles," said Vergennes Township Planning Commission chairman, Rick Gillett.

Richard Cooper, owner of the property in question at the northeast corner of Alden Nash and Foreman, is requesting rezoning from R-1 to R-3 so he can preserve a portion of the natural area and the land's rural character by keeping multi-family dwellings in a

more compact area. R-3 allows for town house and condotype housing. R-1 does not.

The planning commission may consider adjusting its R-1 zoning to allow more than single family housing. This may be a way for Cooper to keep the land R-1.

"If what you've seen in leaflets and in the newspapers is true, I'd be upset with what's being proposed," Cooper said. "I've lived here 40 years. I want something that is attractive and good for this community."

Cooper's rezoning proposal was met with skepticism.

Gary Knottnerus, 11900 Vergennes, asked if rezoned, what's to stop Cooper from selling to a new developer?

Ross Martin, 665 Cumberland, moved to Vergennes Township from Wisconsin six years ago. "I came here because of the school system and the wide open areas. Since arriving,

the traffic pattern has increased immensely. There is enough of a challenge with the current growth... why do we want to accelerate it? Do we want Vergennes Township to be a four-lane road?"

Others pointed to school buildings already filled with kids and questioned whether the school can absorb more if its bond does not pass.

Susan Walter, 1045 Alden Nash, said rezoning would only have a negative impact on roads, property value and natural resources.

David Thaler, 885 Alden Nash, spoke in favor of planned and controlled growth. "I believe Richard Cooper's intentions are good, but I don't think that means the township should rezone the property from R-1 to R-3," he said. "Planned Unit Development (PUD) allows for different kinds of development, but it gives the township stricter con-

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Plans underway to open teen and fitness centers in January

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh announced Friday that the local branch will open a Teen Adventure Center and a Community Fitness Center in January of 2001.

These facilities will utilize space in the strip mall behind Rite Aid near Mancino's.

The proposed facilities are in response to a community need to provide teens with safe, structured activities.

YMCA's effort is in collaboration with the Lowell ministerium and Lowell Schools.

"I strongly believe our community is in need of such a place," said Lowell police chief, James Valentine. "Lowell has no organized activities in our community for young people who are not involved in school athletics. Providing a center for youths which will be a positive environment for them is most timely and appropriate."

The Teen Adventure Center targets sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. It provides a venue for activities in a safe, caring environment with opportunities for mentoring, leadership training, and tutoring.

Activity areas will be provided for a computer center/homework tutorial area; entertainment and listening; recreation area; mini gym with a climbing wall; and fitness area.

The program runs in cooperation with Lowell Area Schools, the Lowell Police Department and the Teen Task Force. Each of these organizations will help the YMCA develop the program and curriculum.

Welsh notes that the key is "a teen advisory group will be asked to help in all aspects of the center." This includes fundraising, renovation, layout and design, operation, marketing, evaluation and implementation of changes.

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Lowell police work to expose the exposor

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the fourth time in three weeks, Lowell police received reports of a male suspect exposing himself to a young girl.

This time the incident occurred Monday evening outside the Englehardt Library.

"The suspect exposed himself to an 11-year-old girl," said Lowell police chief, James Valentine.

Prior to the incident, the suspect caught the attention of the young girl's mother as he walked around the library. From her description, the state police artist will provide a composite sketch of the suspect.

"We also have a good description from an incident that occurred Friday evening. It was similar to the one

Exposed, cont'd. pg. 8

LOWELL ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wed., Sept. 27 from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED
Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to ? at the Lowell Moose Lodge Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. The state requires that your card be current in order to receive commodities.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Please come and support our athletes.

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OBITUARIES

COOK - Mary E. Cook, aged 65, of Saranac, and formerly of Rock Island, IL, passed away September 23, 2000, at Trinity Medical Center, West Campus, Rock Island, IL. She was born August 22, 1935, in Saranac, the daughter of Byron and Esther Locker Baie. She married Raymond D. Cook, July 14, 1962, in Saranac. Mary had worked as a registration clerk in the Trauma Department of Trin-

ity Medical Center, Rock Island. She retired in 1997. She loved to sew, cook, do crossword puzzles and watch golf. Mary especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her husband Raymond D. Cook; a daughter Pamela Cook of Rock Island, IL; a granddaughter Lindsey Terronez of Rock Island, IL; a sister Diane Bushnee of Saranac; a niece Janice Kinny of Monmouth, IL; great-

nephews Ted McMillan of Rock Island, IL and Nick McMillan of Mian, IL. Tony McMillan of San Diego, CA; and a great-niece Ashley Thennis of Monmouth, IL. Service for Mrs. Cook will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Paul Fremer. Visitation on Wednesday prior to the service from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

DEIBLE - Frederick Wayne Deible, aged 61, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly September 16, 2000. He was preceded in death by his son Colin, brother Charles and sister Clara. He is survived by his daughters Brenda and Robin (Thomas) Esterline of Lakeview, MI and their mother Joyce Stark; brothers George (Kathy), Edward (Sue) and Albert; sisters Margaret

(Larry) Johnson, Rose VandeVetter, grandchildren Kayla, Rachelle, Brad, Lindsay, Amanda, Nicole and Colin; special friend Carol Blain; many nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordie Barry of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fred Deible Memorial Fund.

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Parenting discussion group begins meeting Oct. 3

SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) discussion groups bring parents of gifted children together in a setting where they can interact with other parents and trained leaders to receive support and develop skills in nurturing emotional development of gifted children and their families.
 A series of 10 guided discussions is being offered free to parents in the Lowell Area School District, and open to parents from other districts for \$50. All participants need to buy a copy of "Guiding the Gifted Child" by Dr. James Webb, Elizabeth Meckstroth, and Stephanie Tolan.

The discussion is very hands-on, relating personal situations to the topic of the week. Topics include Identification, Motivation, Discipline, Stress Management, Communication of Feelings, Peer Relationships, Sibling Relationships, Tradition Breaking, Depression, and Parent Relationships.
 Kating Herring and Paula Blumm will lead the group on Tuesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Englehardt Library. The discussion will run from Oct. 3 through Dec. 12.
 To register contact Blumm at 897-5157. Registration is limited so call early.

Parenting workshop Oct. 3 at Middle School

A Parenting Workshop will be held at Lowell Middle School Cafeterium on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Parents of gifted children encounter challenges and joys that are the same and different from those faced by all parents.
 The workshop is being offered by Nancy Weber who is a full-time consultant/presenter on a variety of educational topics. She has teaching experience from kindergarten through high school as well as in parenting her own high ability children. Weber is the co-author of "Teacher Talk: What It Really Means."
 Parents are invited to voice concerns regarding their gifted children both at

school and at home.
 For more information call Ellen Lietzke at Lowell Middle School (897-9222) or Paula Blumm (897-5157).

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- HIGHLANDER: ENDGAME (R)
- 3:10, 5:05, 9:15
- THE CREW (PG-13) 1:20, 7:15
- SPACE COWBOYS (PG-13) 11:45, 4:35
- SCARY MOVIE (R)
- 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:05
- THE CELL (R)
- 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
- WHAT LIES BENEATH (PG-13) 2:05, 6:55, 9:25

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For all who send cards, (I received over 100 beautiful cards), flowers and food. I appreciate those who came to visit me, and telephoned to check on me. I am overwhelmed at the generosity of those who have helped me out financially.

A very special "Thank You" to the Lowell Senior Neighbors, The McDonald's Senior Corner, the gals at Card Club and to all my dear friends and neighbors at Schneider Manor.

Most importantly, I am thankful for all the support I've received from my family. Those who stayed nights with me and took me to my treatments. THANKS for always being there for me.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers.
 God bless all of you!

Sincerely,
 Nita Baker-Czypek

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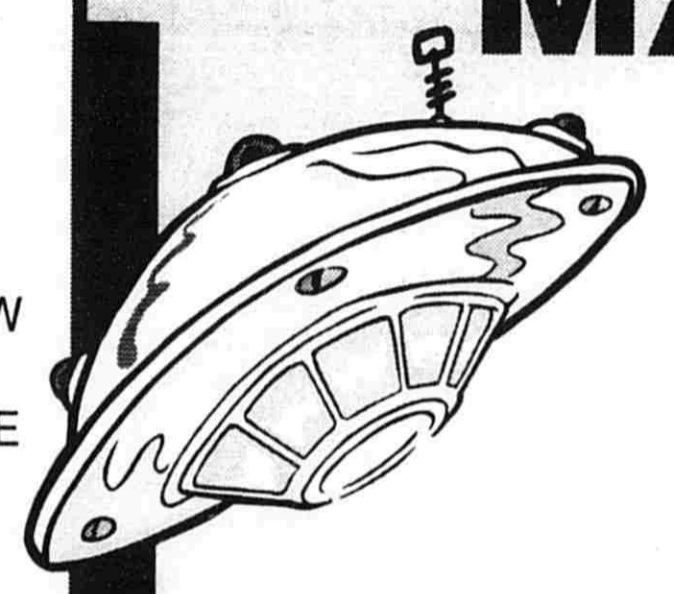
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HOMECOMING 2000

Sept. 25 - Sept 30

THEME... **CRAZY UNCLE LUIGI'S TIME MACHINE**

- Mon., Sept. 25** TENNIS vs FHC
- Tues., Sept. 26** BASKETBALL vs NORTHVIEW
 GOLF vs FHC
 SOCCER vs HUDSONVILLE
- Wed., Sept. 27** CROSS COUNTRY vs NORTHVIEW
 TENNIS vs ZEELAND
 POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME at the Lowell Red Arrow Stadium 7:00 p.m. Juniors vs Seniors
- Thurs., Sept 28** BASKETBALL vs FHC
 GOLF vs ZEELAND/NORTHVIEW
 SOCCER vs HASTINGS
- Fri., Sept. 29** HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY Court and Class Representatives, Announcement of King & Queen 2:00 - 2:34 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 30** HOMECOMING DANCE High School Gym - 8:00 - 11:30 p.m.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Freshman:
 Kelly Umlauf & Thomas Eldridge

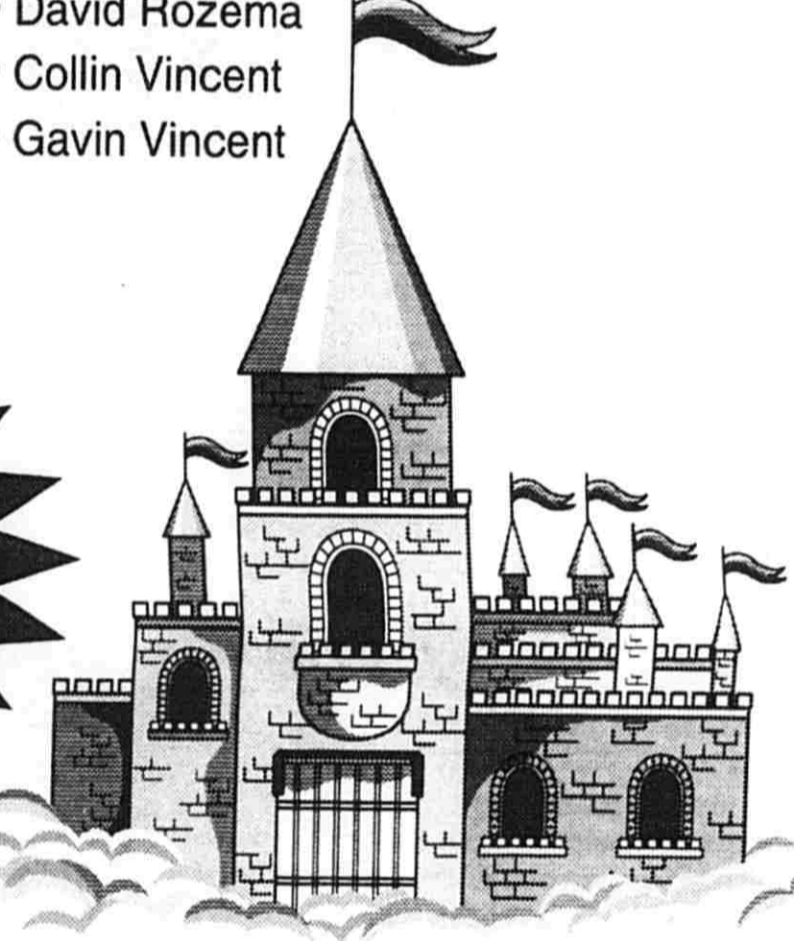
Sophomores:
 Abby Vos & Evan Dorough

Juniors:
 Megan Liszewski & Darryl Thompson

SENIOR COURT MEMBERS:

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- Joshua Brown
- Wendy Bischoff
- Ryan Dorough
- Ashley Cunningham
- David Rozema
- Sunny Moyer
- Collin Vincent
- Heather Posthumus
- Gavin Vincent

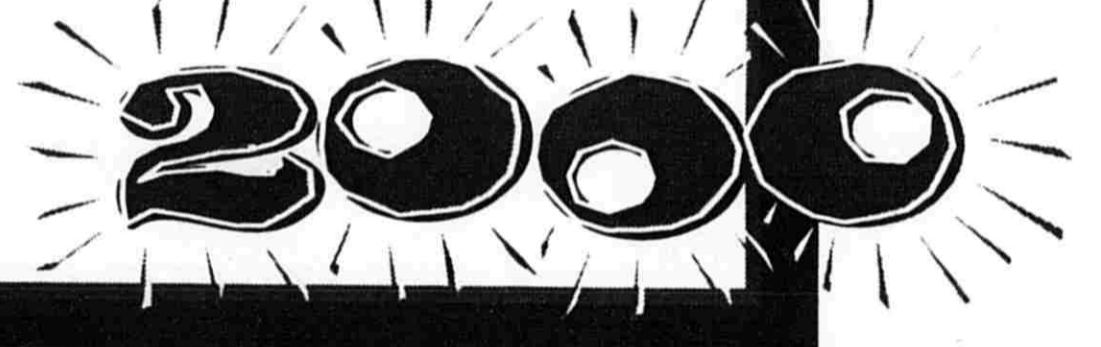
Master and Mistress of Ceremonies:
Troy Gillan & Kristy Akers



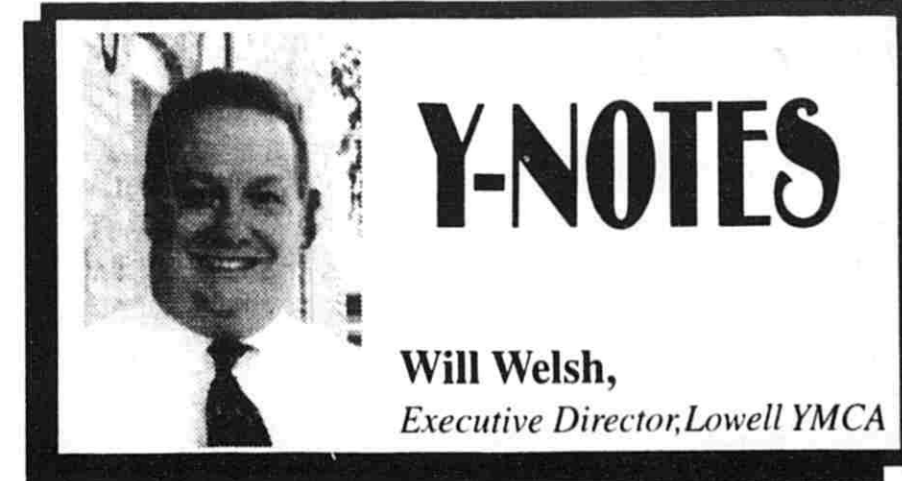
HALL DECORATING CONTEST

Friday, September 29
 THE TIME MACHINE TRAVELS

FRESHMAN:Stone Age
 SOPHOMORES:....Medieval
 JUNIORS:.....Modern Day
 SENIORS:.....Future



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Y-NOTES

Will Welsh,
Executive Director, Lowell YMCA

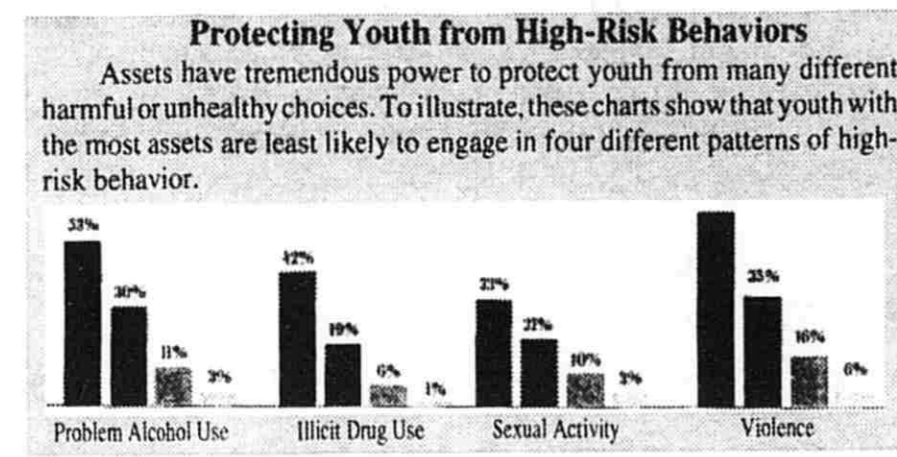
ASSET DEVELOPMENT PART I

Last week I shared a story about a tribe that had lost a child in the tall grasses of the Savanna. All tribal members joined hands to find the child. Unfortunately, the lions of the Savanna found the child first and the child met with an untimely death. The question asked was, "Do we have a drum?" If we were to find a

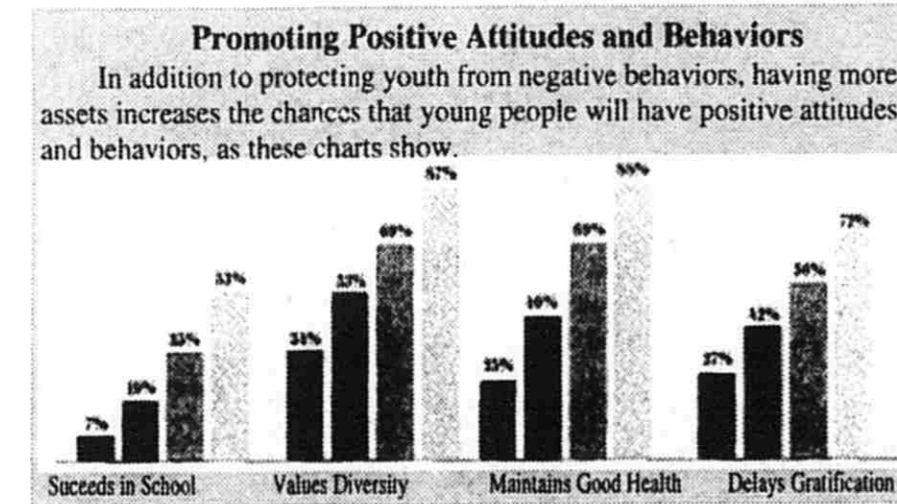
national organization based out of Minneapolis, MN. Since 1996, the Search Institute has surveyed over one million youth in over 200 towns and cities across the United States. The purpose of the survey was to identify "building blocks" of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. This research by the Search Institute has identified

personalities of our youth. They can be measured by the child's commitment to learning, exposure to positive values, growing of social competencies and the nurturing of their personal positive identity.

External assets are the environmental conditions, interactions and influences of family, friends and organizations in our community.



40 concrete, positive experiences and qualities - "developmental assets" - that have a tremendous influence on young people's lives. And they are things that all people from all walks of life can help



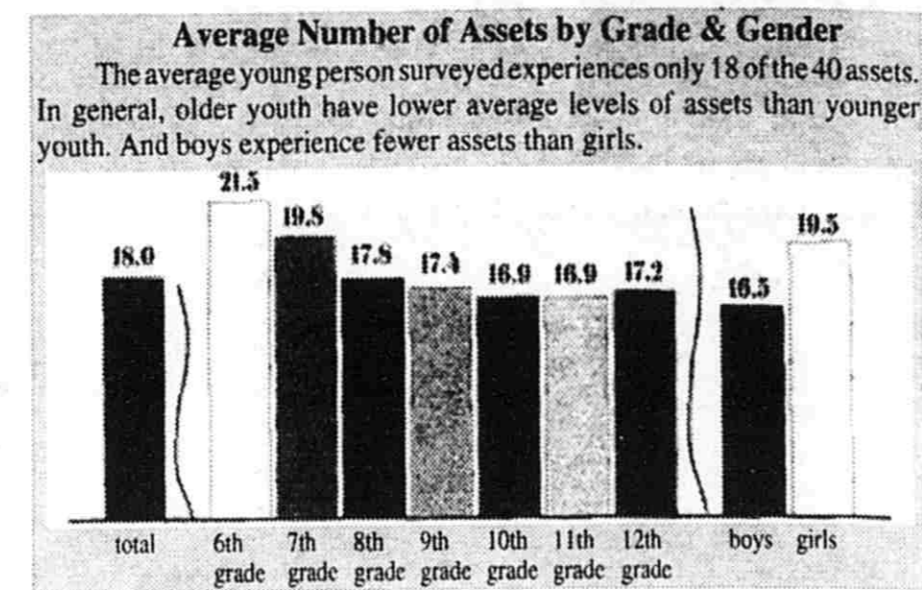
to nurture. The 40 assets are broken into the two categories: those of internal assets and those of external assets.

Internal assets are the characteristics, attitudes and

expectations and help them use their time constructively?

In addition to these 40 developmental assets being necessary building blocks for our youth, they also have tremendous power to protect our youth from many different harmful or un-

healthy choices. To illustrate this power, the Search Institute shows that youth with the most assets are least likely to engage in high-risk behavior. As an example: youth with 0-10 assets are 53 percent at risk of having a problem with alcohol use, youth with 11-20 assets are 30 percent at risk, youth with 21-30 assets are



11 percent at risk and youth with 31-40 of these identified developmental assets are only three percent at risk of developing a problem with alcohol use. In addition to protecting youth from negative or at risk behavior, having more assets increases the chances that our youth will have a positive attitude and behaviors. As an example of positive behavior: youth with 0-10 assets are only seven percent likely to succeed in school, youth with 11-20 assets are 19 percent likely to succeed, youth with 21-30 assets are 35 percent likely to succeed, and youth with 31-40 of the identified assets are 53 percent more likely to succeed in school.

So what challenge does our community face? Our challenge is to ensure that these 40 developmental assets continually surround every one of our youth from kindergarten to 12th grade.

While these assets are powerful shapers of young people's lives and choices, too few young people experience many of these assets. Only 25 of the 40 assets are experienced by less than half of the young people surveyed. Many youth reach their "maximum number of assets" by 6th grade. In general, older youth

have lower average levels of assets than younger youth with boys having less than girls. Ideally, all youth would experience at least 31 of the 40 assets. Sadly, only about eight percent of our youth are this fortunate. 62 percent experience 20 or fewer assets.

Next week I'll share with you what many youth serving agencies from our community are doing to develop assets in our youth. This is our drum: Do we choose to sound the alarm and call our tribe together to save the child? Or do we expect someone else to find the child, to save the child?

The Lowell YMCA has an eight-page brochure that explains the Asset Development model from the Search Institute available at no charge. Simply call the YMCA at 897-8445 to request a copy.

LL&P plans plethora of activities for "Public Power Week"

By Debbie Deane
Lowell Light & Power and Cable
Television marketing and programming manager

When you think of democracy, what images come to mind? Maybe it's the American flag blowing gently in the wind or perhaps it's a scene from an old Norman Rockwell painting. Whatever the image, democracy - representative government by the people - is a basic right each one of us holds sacred.

During an election year, these images of democracy are used frequently on the campaign trail as candidates pledge to represent the people fully if they are elected to office. Here in our community, we have another image of democracy: our publicly owned electric utility. You may not think of our utility office at 127 N. Broadway as a symbol of democracy, but indeed it is.

Back in 1896, the citizens of this community empowered themselves economically by choosing - based on citizen election - to establish this public power system. They believed local ownership and control would ensure lower rates, and that consumers would receive better services. They also believed that a community-owned electric system would be a mainstay of community prosperity.

The community has directed us to provide power at reasonable rates. Lowell Light & Power serves the interests of the community, not stockholders. "Public Power Week celebrates the benefits of community-owned utilities," said Tom Richards, General Manager of Lowell Light & Power. "Our electric utility operates to benefit the entire community, as well as providing safe, reliable power and high-quality customer services at competitive rates. We hope that the citizens of Lowell enjoy the events we have planned."

Lowell Light & Power's Public Power Week activities include: Educational presentations to all the students at Bushnell

Elementary on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. Ron VanOverbeek of Lowell Light & Power will present safety tips, education about electricity and a demonstration with the "Big Bucket Truck". The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has also provided the Lowell Duck mascot (Larry Dyer, LL&P) for a visit with the children.

Customers who come by the office at 127 N. Broadway are treated to gifts of appreciation and free safety covers for their wall outlets. The Lowell City Council along with City Manager, Dave Pasquale and Lowell Mayor Michael Blough have proclaimed October 1-7, "Public Power Week."

You've also directed us to provide excellent service. Unlike some of the private power companies, owned by foreign investors or large conglomerates, you know where to find us when you need us. We're not a "1-800" call. We're just down the street if you have questions, suggestions, or comments about your service or how we operate.

Democratic ideals do not stop at the ballot box. Ongoing decisions about our service aren't made in some corporate boardroom located across the country. Every citizen has an opportunity to help make decisions about electric service.

Here in Lowell, public power has always been the citizens' choice. Next time you drive by our office on Broadway, think of it as another symbol of democracy at it's best of local citizens reaching consensus on an important community service.

Please join us along with our city leaders in proclaiming October 1-7, national "Public Power Week". Ours is one of 2,000 communities across the country with a publicly owned electric utility that is a valuable community asset, and this is our annual time to celebrate it. We're proud of what we've built together and we hope you will join in our celebration. If you have any questions or comments about electric service, please call me at 897-8402.

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Sept. 5, 2000

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Thank You!

To all of the residents
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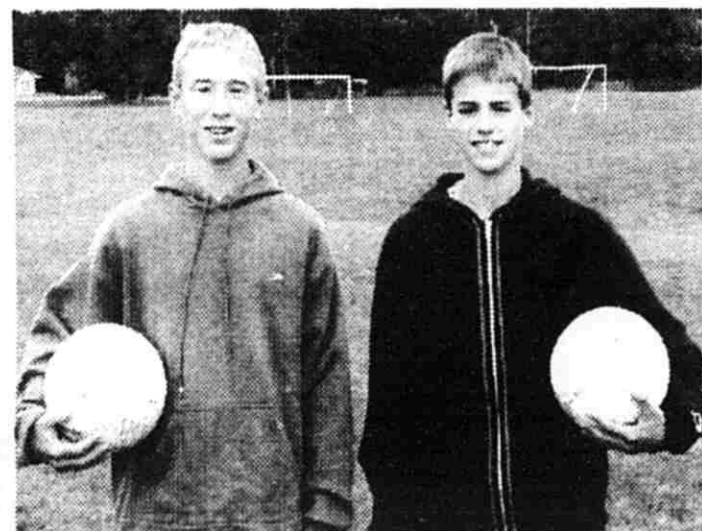
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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



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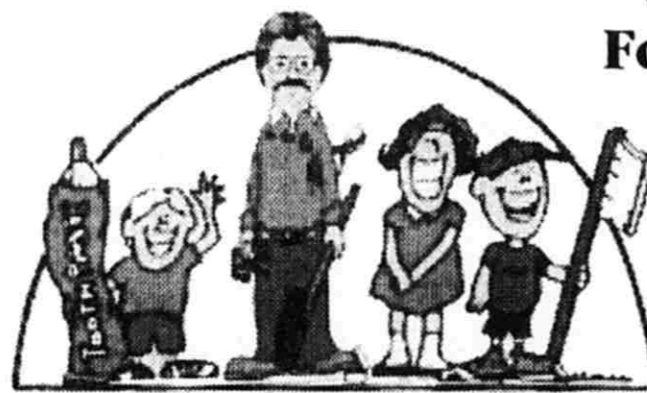
PATRICK VOGEL - This sophomore defender is strong and fast with quick recovery.

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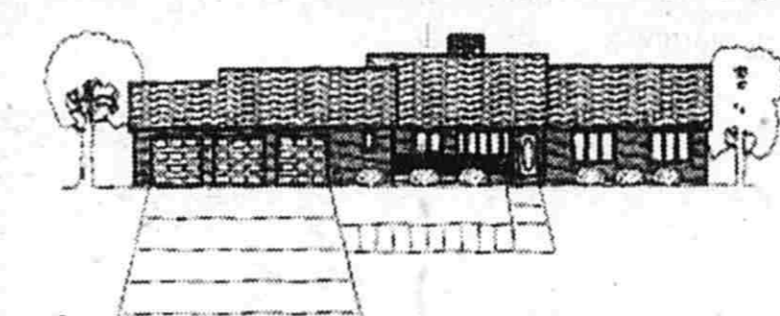
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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The beginning of another archery deer season is approaching fast. Shooting a bow and arrow with consistent accuracy takes a fair amount of practice. All hunters have an obligation to develop shooting skills that will allow them to make shots that insure a quick clean kill. Here are a few ideas that may help the archer to meet this responsibility.

First, we will assume the bow is properly tuned. That means the bow draw weight and arrow spine are properly matched, the cams on a dual-cam compound bow have been synchronized, and the nocking point and arrow rest or launcher were adjusted for smooth accurate arrow flight. One way to check arrow flight is to shoot through a sheet of paper. The arrow will make a long tear as it passes through the paper if it isn't flying straight.

If one doesn't shoot regularly, it's best to start practicing at a moderate distance, say 20 yards. Concentrate on proper form and a smooth release. Make sure to be completely focused on the target and remember to follow through on every shot. The objective at this point is to develop muscle strength and consistent form. Keep at it until you feel comfortable pulling the bow and can hit a saucer size target every time.

The next stage is to duplicate, as close as possible, the kind of shot you expect to make on game. If hunting from an elevated stand, practice shooting from the same height and distance that will be likely encountered in the field. If you will be sitting when the deer shows up, practice shooting from that position. You get the idea.

Make sure to shoot with broadheads before going out. They will usually have a different point of impact than field points. I use a special foam target to avoid damage to my regular targets and the broadheads.

Keep in mind that shooting on a steep grade or at an angle from a tree stand will affect arrow flight. These shots will require a different aiming point or a sight adjustment to compensate for the difference in the point of impact. I use two fiber optic sight pins: one for ground blinds and another for shooting from tree stands.

Try to use a target that resembles the quarry as much as possible when practicing for different hunting scenarios. A 3D target the same species and size as the animal to be hunted

provides realistic practice. A burlap bag full of onion sacks also works well. Shooting on a 3D archery course will provide experience at estimating distance under different conditions.

The excitement and pressure of making the shot on a game animal can cause many of us to make costly mistakes. We usually have only one opportunity. I have found a way to help me deal with this pressure. I store my targets and equipment at different locations, so it takes some doing to set up for practice. During the season I will sometimes do all of the set up and then take only one shot and then put everything away again. I have found that I am more focused and careful knowing I have just one shot.

Being an effective and responsible bow hunter takes a lot of time and effort, but the rewards are well worth it. Good hunting!

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LEGAL EASE

By
Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: My wife and I want to start making gifts to our children and our grandchildren. I know we can each give \$10,000, but is that a total of \$10,000 per year or is it \$10,000 per person per year? Do we need to file a gift tax return every time we make a gift?

JONATHAN SAYS: You and your wife can each give up to \$10,000 per person per year to as many people as you want. A gift tax return is only required to be filed for gifts in excess of \$10,000 in value. There are certain exceptions to this rule, i.e., payments made directly to an educational institution or a health care provider for medical services are not deemed to be taxable gifts and as a result no gift tax return is required.

If you and your wife elect to split a gift, then a gift tax return will need to be filed. An example of gift splitting would be where the husband makes a gift of \$20,000 to an individual and his wife joins in the gift, even though all of the money came from a bank account in the husband's name alone. If you want to avoid the preparation and filing of a gift tax return, then you and your wife should each make separate gifts of \$10,000, rather than having one of you make a gift of \$20,000 and having the other one consent to the gift.

Before you initiate any gift giving program, I recommend that you consult with your estate planning attorney and/or CPA to not only advise them of what you intend to do but to make sure it is done correctly.

DEAR JONATHAN: I know that I am allowed to gift up to \$10,000 per person per year without incurring any gift tax. My question is whether this gift tax exclusion only applies to cash gifts or to other types of property. I recently inherited a car which is worth probably no more than \$10,000 at the most and I really have no need for it. I would like to give it to my sister who could really use it.

Will the gift tax exclusion apply here? I suppose I could always sell the car and give the cash to my sister, but I would rather not do that if I don't have to.

JONATHAN SAYS: You can gift the car to your sister without the imposition of any gift tax so long as the value of that car does not exceed the sum of \$10,000. This is because the annual gift tax exclusion applies to any type of gift whether it is cash or otherwise. Before making the gift, however, you should probably establish in writing the value of the car based on its year, make, model, mileage and condition and retain the valuation for your records.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- SEPT. 28:** Bruce Weeks, Erin Doyle, Chad Newhouse. Tony Johnson.
- SEPT. 29:** S.J. Ayres, Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling, Edward Stormzand II, Matthew Foster.
- SEPT. 30:** Ernie Barnes, Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Ray Zandstra, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Marion Miller, Haley Main.
- OCT. 1:** Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Sara Schuitema.
- OCT. 2:** Doris Titcombe.
- OCT. 3:** Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.
- OCT. 4:** Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde.

Surprises of nature reflected in Tummino's oil paintings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Judith Tummino has always been an artist at heart. It's just over the last three years that the Lowell resident has shifted her professional focus to just art.

The Lowell Area Arts Council is presenting oil paintings by Tummino at Huntington National Bank through Oct. 10.

"My paintings show my love of form as perceived in different kinds of light. Two recent trips to Italy changed my work dramatically," Tummino explained. "While I previously looked for detail in the landscape, I now concentrate on creating a broad direct interpretation of the scene."

Her figurative and still life paintings show a more emotional and evocative approach, in which Tummino reacts more to the subtle changes of tone in the still life or model seated before her.

"The works in this exhibit are primarily small in scale, while I work in large as well as small formats," Tummino explained.

Tummino's 23 pieces of art on display at Huntington Bank are predominantly landscapes done on location in Italy, Arizona and Lowell. There are also some portraits and still lifes.

"I feel that these oil paintings have an intimacy which reflects my love of the surprises which can be found in nature,"

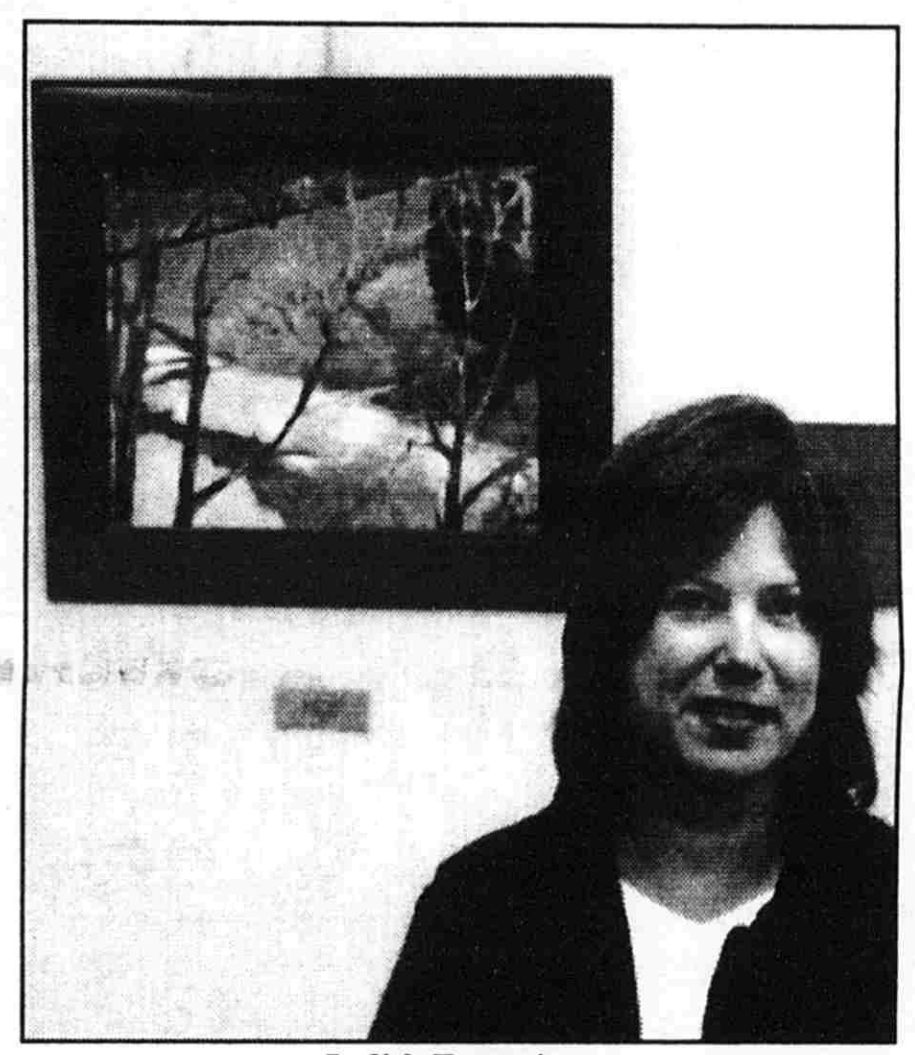
Alto angler qualifies for richest walleye tourney

Rick James, of Alto, has qualified to compete in the most significant walleye fishing tournament in history - the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship in Green Bay, Wis., Oct. 3-7 for a shot at up to \$400,000 in cash.

With 400 top walleye anglers from 30 tournament organizations in the United States and Canada casting for a share of up to \$2.4 million in cash, the RCL Championship presented by Evinrude Outboards represents a new era of national promotion for the sport.

The event, which boasts the richest purse in the walleye fishing history, will be televised on ESPN2 this fall and covered by newspapers and outdoor journals throughout the United States.

"The demand for competitive fishing events for all species is at an all-time high," said Irwin L. Jacobs, chairman of Operation Bass Inc. "The time is right for walleye fishing and its participants to



Judith Tummino

Tummino said, "I'm really into oils. I like the flexibility and the expensive quality it provides."

She has also worked in watercolors. "They have a nice subtle tone to them that I like," she said.

Pieces of her work have also been displayed in the Lowell Area Arts Council Regional Show; the Muskegon Museum of Art Regional Show and Grand Rapids First United Methodist Church "Celebration."

She is currently represented by the Gallery at the Grand Rapids Art Museum and at Gallery Arcadia on Leonard Street in Grand Rapids, MI.

For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

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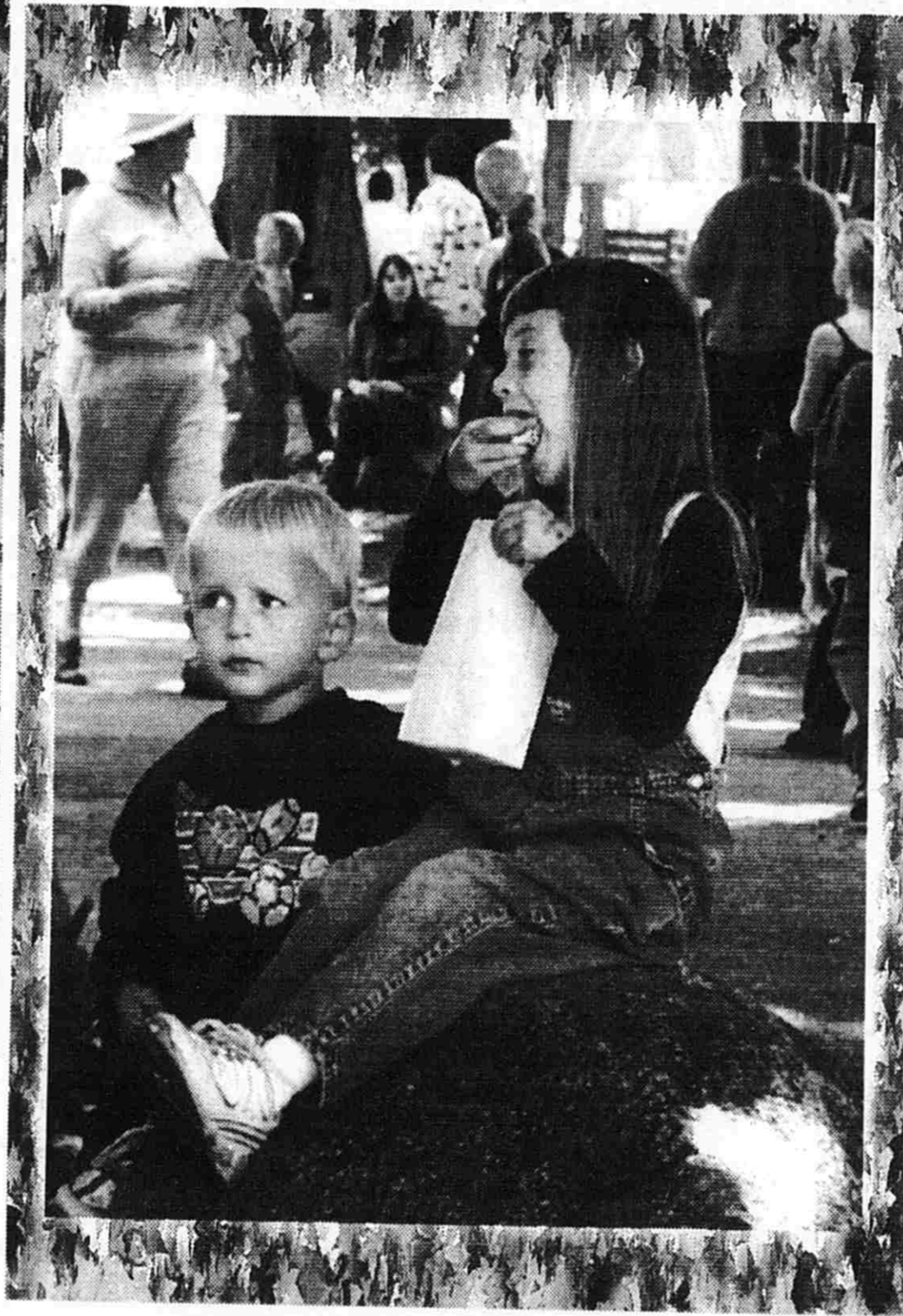
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 00-4
ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2000

Ordinance No. 00-4 amends several provisions of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Lowell related to the regulation of commercial wireless communication towers and amateur radio antennas. A commercial wireless communication tower is defined as a tower used for licensed telecommunication services including cellular, personal communication services (PCS), specialized mobilized radio (SMR), enhanced specialized mobilized radio (ESMR) paging and similar services marketed to the general public. A commercial wireless communication tower is deemed not to be an essential service as that term is defined in Appendix A. Commercial wireless communications towers may be permitted as a special land use within I-L Light Industrial Districts, I Industrial Districts and PF Public Facilities Districts and may be located on existing commercial wireless communications towers or publicly-owned towers throughout the city subject to meeting certain conditions. Where possible such towers shall be located on an existing tower. Unless located on an existing tower, no new tower shall be located within a one-mile radius of an existing commercial wireless communication tower. Amateur radio antennas may be located in any zone district by approval of the Planning Commission as a special land use.

Ordinance No. 00-4 is effective 10 days after this publication of a summary thereof.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Fun, Food & Frolic at the Fallasburg Festival



COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

EVERY SUN.: Misner House and Fallasburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallasburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park.

SECOND SUN. 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."

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society will hold its monthly board meeting, to which the public is invited, in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m.

SECOND MON. 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 MON. 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.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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 MON.: 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 10210, 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 learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

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 TUES.: 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. For teen 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.

Girls ages 8-13 are welcome. Call 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30 - 8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for more details.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at the Masonic Temple. Programs for July include: Pam Nation, exec. director Habitat for Humanity; Clarence Underwood, athletic director for MSU & A Michigan Outdoors program. Members plan on attending & bring a guest.

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: 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 WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

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

THURS.: 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 ado-

lescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H 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 THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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 THURS. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

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

FOURTH THURS. 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

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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.

WED., SEPT. 27: The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

THURS., SEPT. 28: Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to ? at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, E. Main.

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., SEPT. 27: 8 a.m., Women's Breakfast.

FRI., SEPT. 29: 12:40 p.m. Tour Fallasburg Park & Village.

TUES., OCT. 3: 12:40, Travelogue.

WED., OCT. 4: 8 a.m., Men's Breakfast.

WED., OCT. 4: 9:30, Blood Pressure.

THURS., OCT. 5: Noon, Dance Westside Complex.

FRI., OCT. 6: 12:40, Shop Cascade Meijer.

MON., OCT. 9: 12:40, Color tour - Robinettes/Flowers of the Field.

TUES., OCT. 10: 12:40, Shop K Mart/Kohl's.

WED., OCT. 11: Noon, Movie: "The Quiet Man."

Current cards are required by the state in order to receive commodities.

MON., OCT. 2: Lowell Athletic Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

THURS., OCT. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Donna Ford, Phyllis Lessens, Betty Heaston. Program by Jim Valentine, police chief, on "Safety Tips." Sponsor: Pauline Burtle.

SAT., OCT. 7: Class of 1995 5-year reunion at Creekside Park, 2-6 p.m. Bring side dish or dessert to pass. RSVP to Kerry Nugent at 691-8557 or Krista Beach (Posthumus) at 517-355-8093 by Oct 1.

TUES., OCT. 17: Harvest Dinner at Lowell 1st United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m. \$7 adults; \$3 children 6 thru 12; free 5 & under. Buffet style turkey dinner; take-outs available.

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.

THURS., OCT. 12: 12:40, Health Expo Roger's Plaza.

FRI., OCT. 13: 11:30, Sr. Color Cruise Grand Ledge.

TUES., OCT. 17: 12:40, Bella Vista Church.

WED., OCT. 18: 7:15 a.m., Music Cedar Springs, B. King.

WED., OCT. 18: 10 a.m., Advisory Council.

WED., OCT. 18: 3-6 p.m., Sr. Neighbors Open House.

THURS., OCT. 19: Noon, Dance Westside Complex.

FRI., OCT. 20: 12:40, Gerontology Network.

MON., OCT. 23: 12:40, Shop Meijer.

WED., OCT. 25: 8 a.m., Women's Breakfast.

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

Red Arrows blast past Northern with 22-point fourth quarter

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The difference was night and day as Lowell erased a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit Saturday afternoon to defeat Forest Hills Northern 22-10.

"There are only so many rooms at the inn and we'd like one of those. Actually we'd like the penthouse suite," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean, in reference to qualifying for the playoffs, after his Red Arrows ran their record to 5-0

and 3-0 in the OK White.

"This was a long game, but a nice game. It keeps us on track for our long-term goal," Dean said.

The two teams returned to the Huskie football stadium on Saturday to complete a game which was suspended Friday night, due to lightning, with 2:20 to play in the second quarter and Northern leading 10-0.

With neither team able to sustain an offensive drive, Forest Hills Northern and Lowell lingered between the two 30's all of the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Lowell's passing attack gave the Red Arrows life.

On second and four from its 46, Josh Brown found Mark Catlin on a 22-yard square out. Two plays later from the Huskie 29, it was Brown to Catlin on a 29-yard touchdown pass.

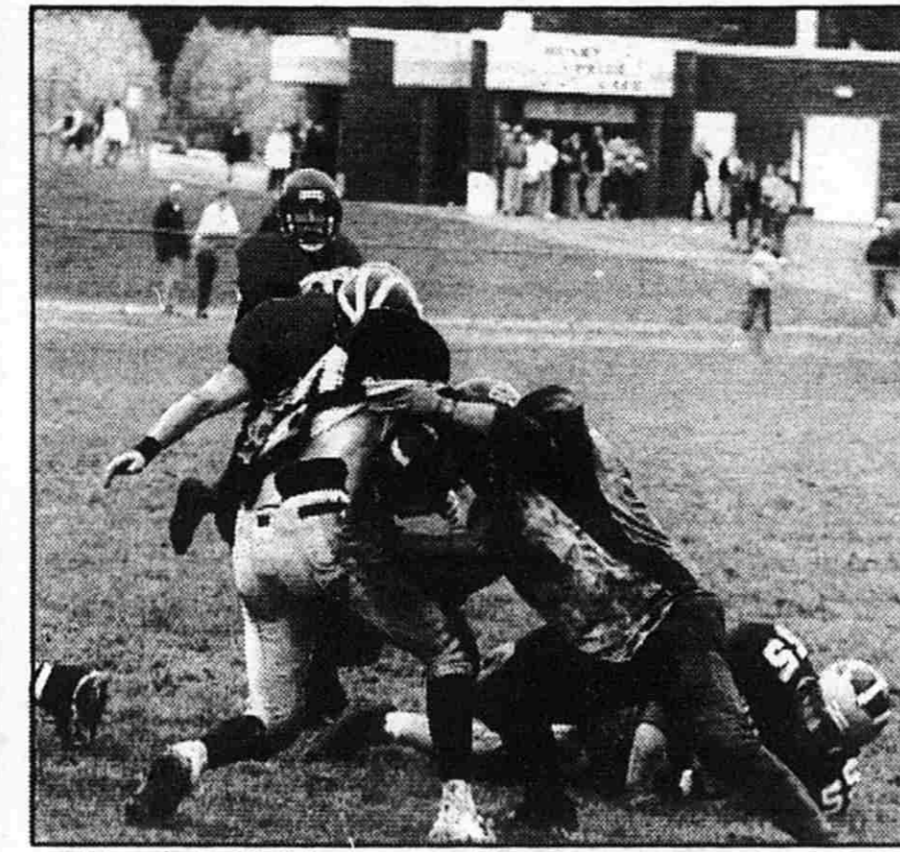
After Lowell's kickoff pinned Northern down at its 12-yard line, the Red Arrow defense held the Huskies to three plays and a punt.

On Lowell's punt return, FHN was flagged for a personal foul, one of three on the afternoon.

The Red Arrows set up shop at the Northern 12. Brown pulled a Huskie defender with him on the last two yards of a nine-yard touchdown run to give Lowell a 13-10 lead. Lowell



Lowell's Josh Brown tries to shake the grasp of the Huskie defender. Brown rushed for a touchdown and threw for two in Lowell's 22-10 win over FHN.



Travis DeVoid wraps up Northern quarterback John Buth.

converted a two-point conversion when Tom Dawson took a shuttle pass three yards around the right end, giving Lowell a 15-10 advantage.

With 7:20 to play, Lowell's defense was called on to halt a Northern challenge.

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Lowell girls bounce Northern; edged by Pioneers

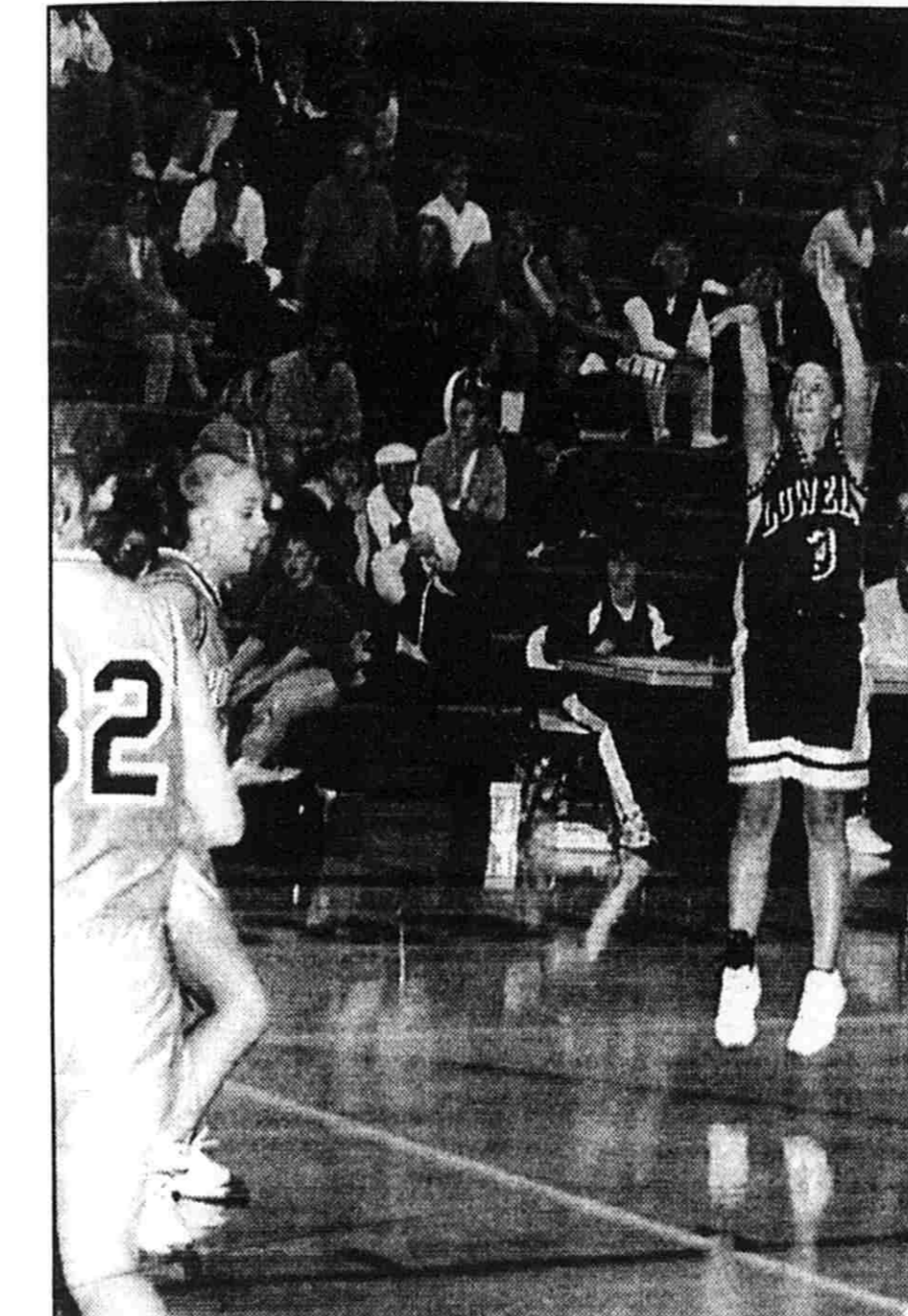
By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Missed scoring opportunities continued to haunt Lowell in its 42-41 loss to East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows (1-1, 4-3) were unable to overcome unforced turnovers and missed shots from within five feet. "We weren't able to finish," said Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley.

In its first conference test of the year, Lowell was unable to tie the score in the second half.

A game-tying, three-point attempt by Leslie Crowley bounced off the front of the rim. Heather Posthumus rebounded the shot and put it in as the clock ran out.



Lauren Vashaw releases a three-point shot against FHN's zone.

Crowley finished the contest with a game-leading 21 points. The sophomore was eight-of-10 from the floor and six-of-seven from the foul line.

"Leslie and Lauren (Vashaw) were able to hit some outside shots in the second half and that helped open things up inside," Crowley said. The Red Arrows, however, were unable to convert inside.

Vashaw netted three from the arc in tallying nine points. Blair Meyer (5 points) and Amanda Stoutjesdyk (4 points) accounted for just nine points between them.

"We practiced all week on defending the post," said EGR coach Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate. "I was pleased with our post defense effort. Crowley got going in the second half. She's a clutch player."

East led 15-9 after one quarter of play and 24-20 at halftime.

Behind the long-distance shooting of Vashaw and Crowley, Lowell rallied in the early stages of the third quarter to take a 27-24 advantage.

East spread the floor to start the third quarter in an effort to bring Lowell out into a man-to-man defense. The Red Arrows didn't and the Pioneers failed to execute.

"We were not patient enough and took some bad shots," Lamoreaux-Tate explained.

Emily Braseth led the Pioneers with 14 points and Audra VanDuinen added 12.

"It was a tough, intense game," Crowley said.

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Forest Hills Northern got a close-up look at a Red Arrow basketball team that combined size and quickness and an inside-outside game.

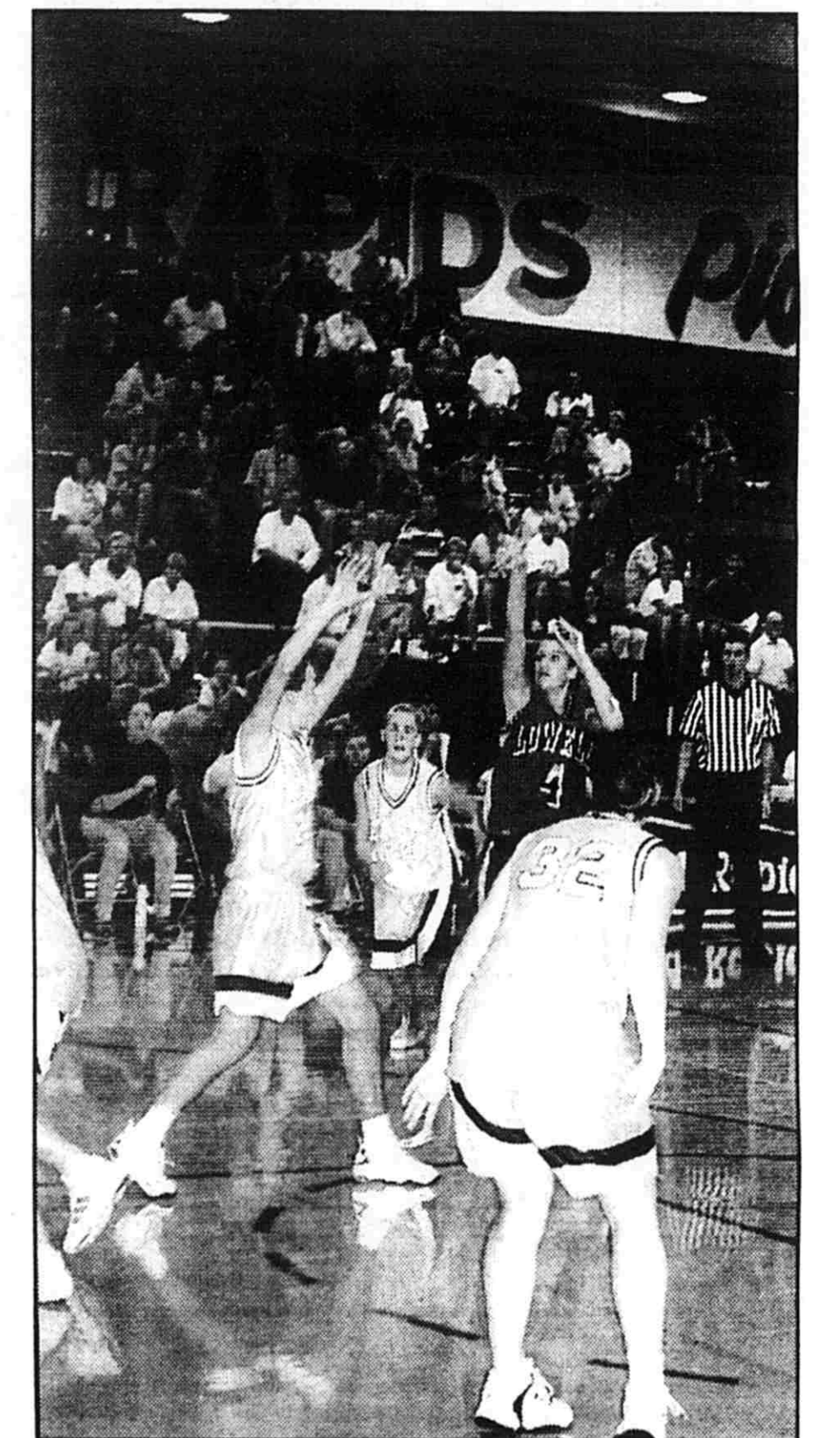
"We have size and quickness. That is a good combination," Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley said. "We hit some outside shots tonight and that opened up the middle. When that happens, we can hurt people."

The Red Arrows, who have struggled to finish, did so against the Huskies. "We got the ball inside to Amanda Stoutjesdyk and she finished," Crowley said.

Senior Sunny Moyer returned to the court for the first time since her appendectomy on Aug. 18. "She practiced on Monday and Wednesday. We talked about her playing if the opportunity was there. Sunny said she was able to go in."

Stoutjesdyk led all Lowell scorers with 19, Crowley

netted 12 and Becky Bosserd added 10 points.



Blair Meyer gets a shot off against her Pioneer defender.

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Red Arrow freshmen football players of the week, pictured left to right, are:
Luke Tomczak, tight end/outside linebacker; Andrew Benedict, running back/defensive back.

Lowell junior varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are:
Andy McQueen, outside linebacker/guard; J.J. Wilder, quarterback.

Lowell varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are:
B.J. Frazier, defensive tackle; Alan Stiver, running back and Zach Beachum, receiver.

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- Creston (5-0)** - Polar Bears didn't give best effort in 18-14 win over Catholic Central. Enough, though, to hang onto top spot.
- Hudsonville (5-0)** - No surprise in Hudsonville's 28-3 romp over Zeeland. Eagles close regular season with FHC, EGR, FHN and Lowell. How is that for a final four exam.
- Lowell (5-0)** - Red Arrows break through in fourth quarter against Huskies for an impressive 22-10 win.
- South Christian 5-0** - Sailors take undefeated record into Caledonia to face angry Fight'n Scots.
- East Kentwood (4-1)** - Falcons stay in hunt for OK Red title with 32-14 win over Mona Shores.
- Jenison (4-1)** - Wildcats need every last second in 10-6 win over West Ottawa.
- Coopersville (5-0)** - Bronco bash (53-0) at expense of Calvin Christian. Christian coach Tom Bouma said Coopersville is good team from A-Z. They play hard from start to finish.
- Rockford (3-2)** - Rockford explodes for 62 against the lowly Dutch from Holland.
- Cedar Springs (5-0)** - The Red Hawks made believers out of Caledonia with a 32-6 thumping of the Fight'n Scots.
- Byron Center (5-0)** - Bulldogs blank Middleville 31-0, remain tied atop OK Blue with Coopersville.

The Huskies drove the ball from its 35 to the Lowell 36 in 10 plays. The drive ended when a fourth down and five pass fell incomplete. With less than two minutes to play, Brown and Catlin worked some more fourth-quarter magic. This time Catlin faked a short turn in and went deep. Brown hit the sophomore on the run as Catlin shed a few defenders along the way of a game-clinching 60-yard touchdown reception. "It's a short turn in, but the defender played up, so I faked the turn in and went deep," Catlin explained afterwards.

Northern coach Irv Sigler didn't think his club played well on Saturday. "We made mistakes against a good team. You cannot play a good team and not play well and expect to win," said Sigler.

The Huskies built a 10-0 lead Friday night on a Geoff Meyer 33-yard, first-quarter field goal. Northern made it 10-0 when Patrick Wierenga returned a Lowell punt 64 yards for a touchdown late in the first quarter.

Asked if the game being suspended had a big impact on his club, Sigler said, "No. Both teams were subjected to the same set of circumstances. Lowell just made the difference. We didn't play a full 48 minutes of football."

Northern held Brown to a season low 28 yards rushing, but the Red Arrow QB was seven-of-15 through the air for 138 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for one touchdown.

"Brown's a great player. You can't let a player like him and a team as good as Lowell get their heads above water when you have them down," Sigler said.

Northern's wing-T offense generated 186 yards on the ground, but only seven yards through the air on one-of-six passing.

"The wing-T is unique, but once we got a feel for it, that makes a difference," said Dean. "It's also made more difficult when the opponent has a seven-foot fullback running behind an eight-foot center."

The Lowell coach said despite trailing by 10, the staff decided it didn't have to abort its game plan until it went down three scores, "but that didn't happen," Dean said.

The Red Arrows now prepare for a homecoming confrontation with Northview (1-2, 1-4). The Wildcats are coming off a 14-6 upset win over East Grand Rapids.



Lowell football coach Noel Dean talks strategy with his club during the final minutes of Lowell's 22-10 victory at Northern.

Lowell golfers lose to Northern and Hudsonville

The Lowell boys golf team lost to Hudsonville and Forest Hills Northern in an OK White triangular meet at Deer Run. Hudsonville won the meet with a round of 160. Northern fired a 167 and Lowell finished with a nine-hole total of 180.

Wade Gilchrist led the Red Arrows with a 42. He was followed home by Eric Ostrander 44, Kyle Hines 45, and Mark Kimberlin 49.

Kevin Tomga led the winning Eagles with a 38. Teammates Mike Smith shot a 39, Derek Becker carded a 40, and Matt Roberts came off the ninth green with a 43.

Northern's Jim Wisinski was the match medalist with a one under par 35. Teammates Ryan Livingston shot a 40, Mark Streekstra a 45 and Ryan Sprotte carded a 47.

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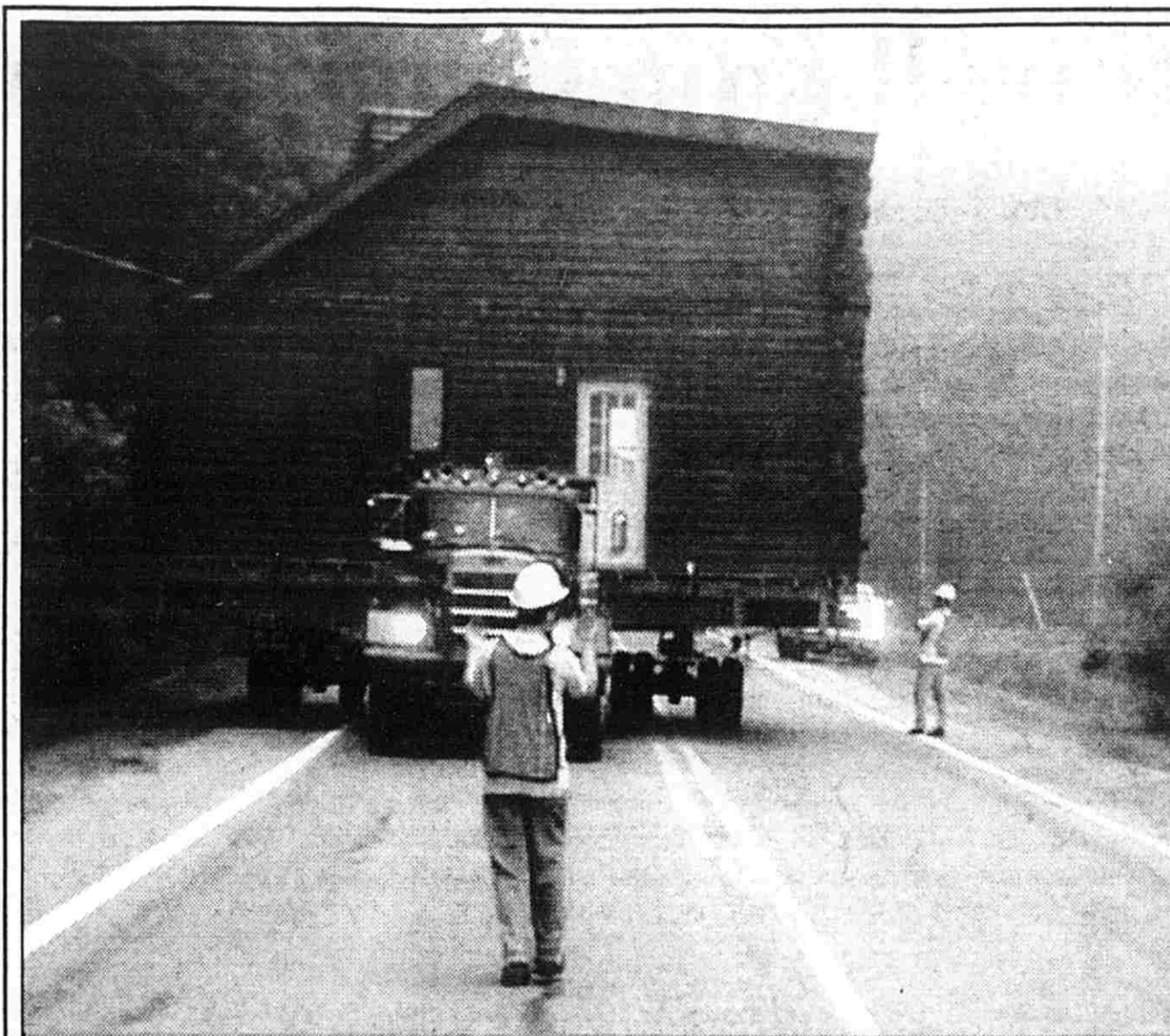
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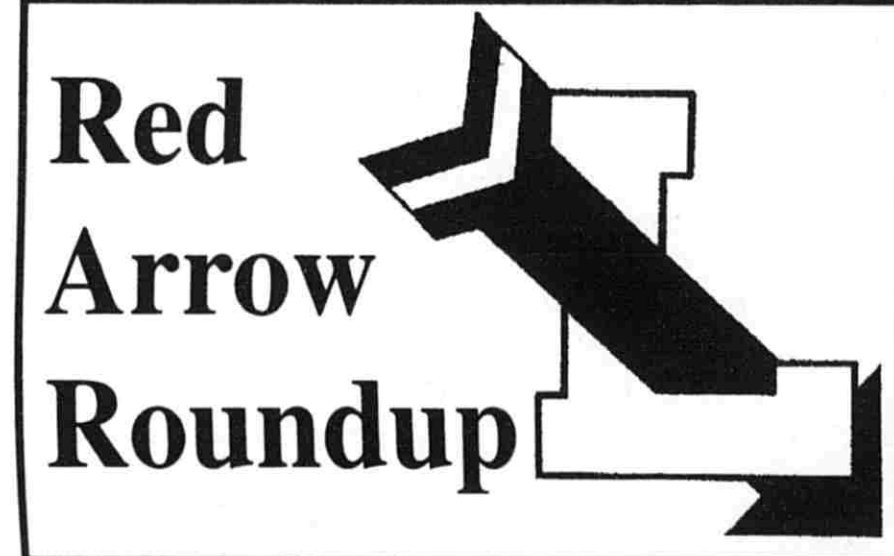
ROTARIANS RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lowell's Rotary Club presented two of its members with the distinguished Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Receiving the award this year were Tony Asselta (pictured above) and Tami Doran. The award, presented by Charlie Doyle, recognizes years of community service by Lowell Rotarians.



MOVING ON UP!

Jeffrey Dodson had his log home moved from Alden Nash to Godfrey St. in Lowell, Ottawa Custom Hills, of Coopersville, did the demolition and reconstruction. The move took four hours. Lowell Light & Power moved lines along the way.



J.J. Wilder led his sophomore brethrens with two touchdowns as Lowell's junior varsity football team defeated Forest Hills Northern 21-6.

Lowell's defense shut down the Huskies razzle-dazzle wing-T offense for three quarters.

The Huskies' only score came on a 73-yard touchdown run by Aaron Wood.

Lowell's Nate Parnofiello capped Lowell's scoring with a fourth-quarter touchdown.

"It feels good to bounce back after last week's loss to EGR," said Lowell football coach Jeff McDonald.

Red Arrow netters surprise Wildcats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls tennis team surprised Northview with a split of the eight matches.

The Red Arrows won singles matches at second and third flights and doubles matches at the third and fourth flights.

"I was pleased with the play of the whole team," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. "The girls have been working hard and they are beginning to put into play

things we are practicing." Jenny Gunberg, second singles, has begun to hit her stride and with it she feeds her opponents a steady diet of solid ground strokes. "Right now Jenny is playing beautiful tennis," Wall said.

Gunberg won her match against the Wildcats 6-3, 6-1.

Kristie Noall, third singles, combined smart tennis play and quality shots to win her match 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

Becky Raymor and Marta Alonso teamed up in third

doubles to post a 6-1, 6-1 win.

"It's good to see them gel as a team. They continue to play better and better tennis," Wall said.

Melissa Neubecker and Heather Geelhoed, playing fourth doubles, were 6-1, 6-4 winners. "They too, continue to improve and are playing good tennis."

Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes, first doubles lost a close three set match. Kelly Riddle, fourth singles, was

edged in two sets, 6-4, 7-6.

"The girls are moving their feet better and just playing smarter tennis," Wall explained. "The kids are taking more pride in their tennis and are showing some excitement for the game."

In Lowell's 7-1 loss to Hastings, Neubecker and Geelhoed, fourth doubles, posted Lowell's only win with a 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 victory.

The Red Arrows were shut out by a strong Forest Hills Northern team, 8-0.

Lowell soccer team scores three times in second half to defeat Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys soccer team broke free from the throes of its offensive slump in the second half of its 3-0 win over Zeeland.

The Arrows creased the Chix net three times over the final 40 minutes to even its record at 5-5 overall and 3-3 in the OK White.

Lowell had lost four of its last five games heading into its fray with Zeeland.

"Actually we played well enough to win in three of the games," said Lowell coach

Paul Legge. "The boys just didn't finish."

In their first five games of the year, the Red Arrows found the opponents' net 19 times. In the last five games, Lowell has creased the net just five times, three of those coming against the Chix.

"When a team holds its opponent to one goal, it should win," Legge said. "We've played well enough to be 8-27-3."

Lowell had what Legge described as point blank scoring opportunities in 1-0 losses to Mona Shores and

Forest Hills Central.

In their win over Zeeland, Legge brought some fresh legs up front over the last 20 minutes of the game and he liked the result. "Sean Mandel and Chris Michael provided us with a huge spark," Legge said.

Lowell's three second-half goals were scored by Ryan Phillips, Chris Michael and Travis Gillan. Mandel assisted Michael on his goal.

"The boys played extremely well against Zeeland. We controlled the game with complete possession. Our de-

fense remained solid. It has been the most consistent part of our game," Legge said.

Lowell outshot Zeeland 27-6. In an effort to spark more scoring, Legge had his club look to shoot from further out.

In its loss to Forest Hills Central, Lowell gave up the game's only goal in the first minute of the game. "It was just a lack of communication. We struggled in the first half, but came back in the second half and I thought carried the play, but again we couldn't finish," Legge concluded.

Lowell girl harriers edge Northern; boys shutout

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took an 11th harrier runner to determine the Lowell/Forest Hills Northern girls cross country meet Wednesday in the cold and rain.

Natalie Kent's 10th place finish broke a 28-28 tie and lifted the Red Arrows to an OK White Conference win.

Kent came home in 23:44; she followed teammates Lisa Wojciakowski, second, 21:19; Sarah Swab, fourth, 22:26; Abby Vos, sixth, 22:55; Molly Kirsch, seventh, 23:14; and Katie Anderson, ninth, 23:40.

Northern's Crystal White was the meet medalist coming home in 20:46. Following her home were teammates Nicole Chambers, third, 21:33; Amy Laughlin, fifth, 22:50; Jennifer Krieger, eighth, 23:30; and Amanda Mason, 11th, 23:45.

The Red Arrow boys cross country team was swept by Northern.

The Huskies took the top seven spots. Jason Raehl led the way with a time of 17:51; Eugene Kreys, second, 18:04; Gary Micka, third, 18:25; David Morgan, fourth, 18:29; Zac Kapolka, fifth, 18:43.

Lowell's top runner was Kevin Frazier, eighth, 19:27; Craig Myers, ninth, 19:48; Caleb O'Boyle, 10th, 19:52; Mike Wierenga, 11th, 19:55; and Pat Cavanaugh, 12th, 19:59.

Lowell Invitational

Lowell's girls placed third in Division III of the Lowell Invitational behind Rockford's "B" team (60); and East Kentwood (82). Lowell was third with 95.

Lisa Wojciakowski, fourth overall, led Lowell with a time of 20:45. Holly Plattner, 14th, 21:25; Sarah Swab, 16th, 21:40; Abby Vos, 29th, 22:41; and Molly Kirsch, 32nd, 23:05.

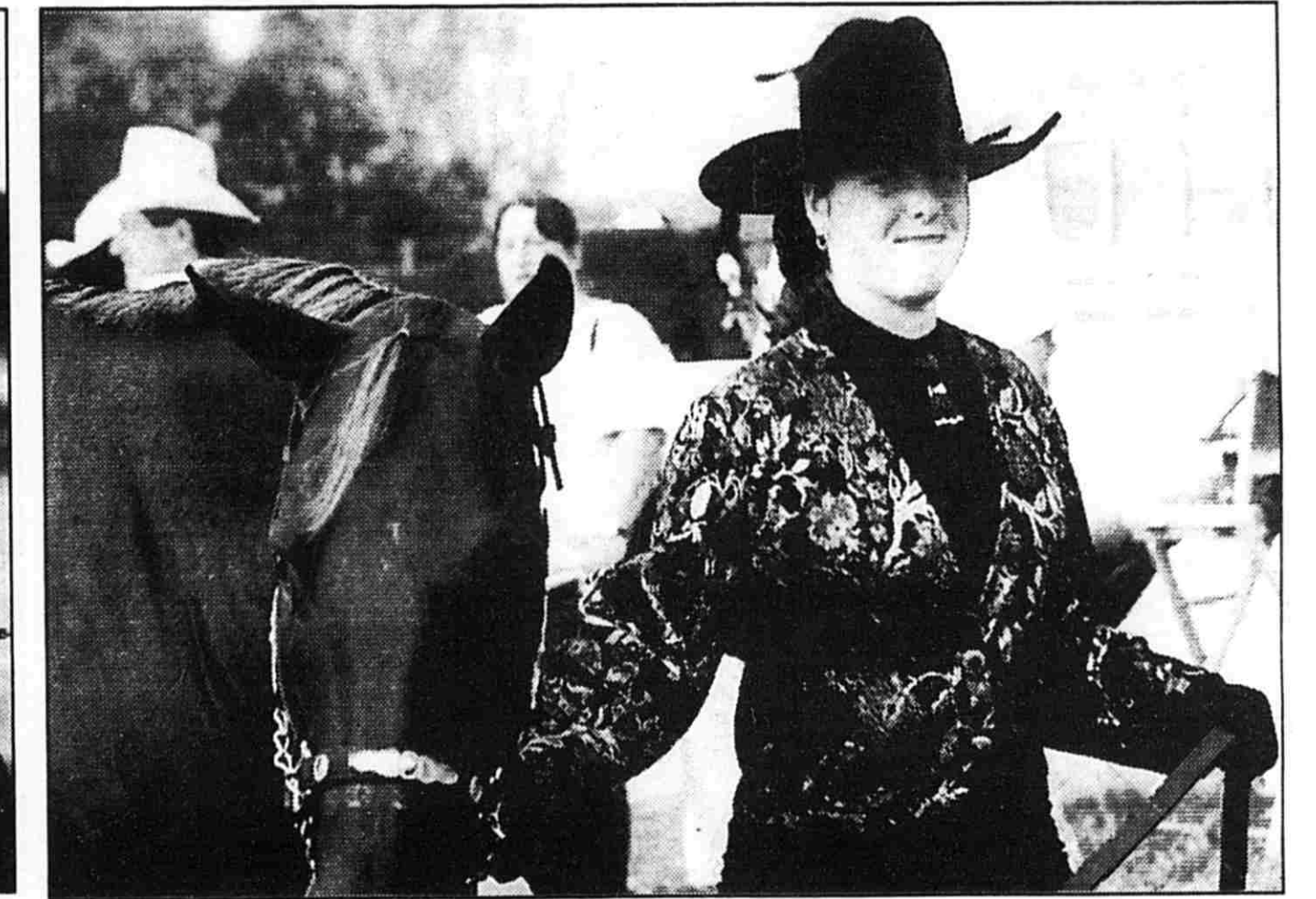
The Red Arrow boys' squad was seventh with a 221

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Lowell equestrians win district championship



Lowell equestrians, pictured left to right, are seniors Tracy Seif and Laura Miller.



Senior Lowell equestrian Beth Van Ens.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's equestrian team was crowned District V champion Saturday after winning its third consecutive district meet over Rockford.

Leading 35-25 the meet was called when weather made the arena unsafe to ride in.

The season final tally had Lowell outscoring Rockford 620-193.

Lowell swept all three morning classes on Saturday.

Freshman Jessica Hamp won the Western Showmanship; high-point rider Katelyn

Bush won the Saddle Seat Class, and the Hunt Seat Showmanship was claimed by senior team captain, Beth Van Ens.

The Lowell equestrian team also received strong support from Laura Miller, Steve Koning and Lisa Rock.

Saturday's meet was the last local competition for seniors Grace Boylan, Laura Miller, Tracy Seif, Jordan Steele and Van Ens.

Lowell will compete at the Michigan Interscholastic Horseman Association (MIHA) State Championship in Detroit on Oct. 5-8.

"Our plan is to compete with the best and do our best at the state," Lowell equestrian coach Gail Parker said.

"The local support for the team has been tremendous. We are proud to represent Lowell at the championship."

Delay pushes back Lowell Airport paving of taxiway

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A delay in the application for a state loan will push back the paving of a proposed Lowell Airport taxiway until spring.

Airport manager Jim Sowle said the approval of the loan application to the state is expected to come in November. The amount of the loan will be between \$80-\$90,000.

Provided the state loan goes through, the School of Missionary Aviation Technology will contribute \$10,000.

A percentage of the state money will be used toward paving of the taxiway and the rest will be spent on airport improvement projects. "All of these will help us meet the state standards for a general utility airport," Sowle said.

Lowell's airport board recommended the taxiway project be awarded to Great Lakes Paving (\$26,670) and Bieri & Sons (\$9,645) at a cost of \$36,315.

The monies to pay for the taxiway will be generated either through a loan from the state's Michigan Aeronautics Commission or from the School of Missionary Aviation Technology and the Lowell City Airport.

Last year the city airport had to be shut down three times because planes couldn't taxi to the runways.

Bieri will gravel and hard pack the proposed taxiway this fall, to insure that it is kept usable.

"Otherwise, when the ground gets cold and then thaws, planes are unable to get through," Sowle said. "The taxiway will provide better access to the runways from the ramp and fuel areas."

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points. Traverse City West won the invitational with 41 points.

Lowell's top runner was Kevin Frazier, 32nd, 18:41. The Red Arrow was followed by Caleb O'Boyle, 41st, 19:21; Craig Myers, 46th, 19:55; Scott Riddle, 55th, 19:58; Pat Cavanaugh, 55th, 20:22.

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Metro Council subregional aim to give voice to small groups

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Representatives from Lowell, Ada, and Grattan townships took part in a

Grand Valley Metro Council subregional Thursday night at Lowell Charter Township Hall.

The purpose of the focus

group was to provide an opportunity for a relaxed conversation about issues of mutual concern and interest.

"The idea is to work to-

gether for the overall benefit of all," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor, John Timpson.

Some of the topics discussed included transportation needs, matching up zoning on borders, South Beltline and a bridge over the Grand River.

"These meetings help give the voice of a small group a worthwhile feeling," Timpson said.

Grand Valley State University director of communications, Alex Nesterenko served as a facilitator of the discussion.

"It provided a sense of

what concerns planning commission and elected officials, and if they are cooperating with other townships," Nesterenko said. "While still in the early stages, they are also trying to determine if a

regional vision of how areas are growing

"We're a service organization for all municipalities which coordinates land use efforts between the townships. We work with them.

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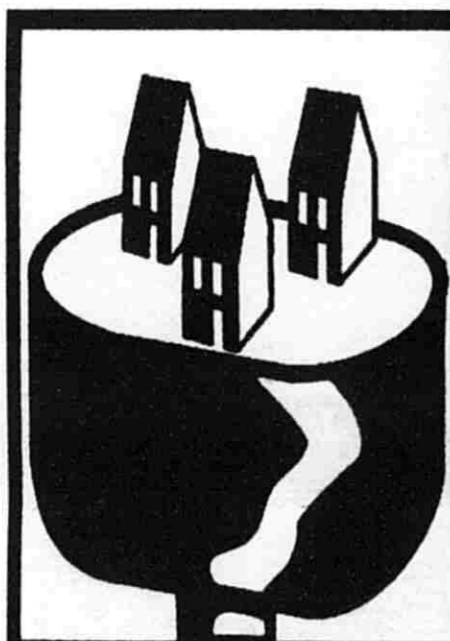
separate entity is needed to represent their collective needs."

The Grand Valley Metro Council, first formed in the early 90's, is an effort to gain

This is not government trying to overreach," said Grand Valley Metro Council planning director, Andy Bowman.



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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, October 2, 2000 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. The mobile home park ordinance amendments are being changed to reflect the recent court case rulings. A summary of the proposed amendments are as follows:

Amend Article II Section 201.202 Definitions:

Delete the following current definitions: *House trailer or mobile home, House trailer park or mobile home park, House trailer or mobile home site or space*

Replace with the following definitions:

Manufactured home: means a structure, transportable in 1 or more sections, which is built on a chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without permanent foundation, when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained in the structure.

Manufactured home development: means a parcel or tract of land under the control of a person upon which 3 or more mobile homes are located on a continual, non recreational basis and which is offered to the public for that purpose regardless of whether a charge is made therefor, together with any building, structure, enclosure, street, equipment, or facility used or intended for use incident to the occupancy of a mobile home.

Mobile home: See Manufactured home.

Amend Article III Section 201.306A R-3 Special Residential:

Delete 201.306 C 5 to remove Mobile home parks as a special use. Add to 201.306 B 3 to add Manufactured home development as a permitted use with review subject to the State Act and Rules.

Amend Article IV Section 201.416 Mobile home parks:

Delete entire section

Amend Article V Section 201.502 B Special Exception Uses:

Delete reference to mobile home parks as a special use
The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674]** during regular office hours of Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Written and oral comments regarding the proposed amendments will be received at the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission