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## STATE CHAMPIONS

# Riding High

••• Lowell's equestrian team arrived in Detroit Friday as one of 18 District Class A champions vying for the Class A Division state title. It rode out of Detroit Sunday night as the 26th MIHA State champion.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association state champion has resided on the east side in each of the last 25 years.

That changed Sunday at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit when the Lowell Equestrian team hoisted the championship trophy above their heads on the floor of the colosseum. Lowell became only the eighth team in 26 years to win the Class A Division State Equestrian Championship.

"It's ours," exclaimed Lowell coach Gail Parker af-

ter learning Lowell was up 39 points heading into the final class on Sunday. The maximum number of points Ann Arbor Pioneer (second) could score was 38. To ensure her calculation was correct, Parker asked Noreen Balaam, Huntington Bank, to do the math.

As word began to make its way through the Lowell throng of parents, family and equestrians, the noise and celebration of a champion could be heard.

"It wasn't supposed to be this year," Parker explained. "I really thought next year we'd have the maturity to

compete for a state title. We had such a team effort... and this is a great team."

Signs of the great things to come began to surface Friday night in the 18-team Class A field. Lowell led the field with 91 points, followed closely by Ann Arbor Pioneer with 79.

By Saturday afternoon Ann Arbor had wrestled away the lead from Lowell (151-132).

The lead would be short-lived as Lowell scored 36 points in the trail class to Ann Arbor's eight and grabbed a 168-159 advantage.

Lowell followed that up



Lowell's state champion equestrian team presents the trophy to high school principal Scott Vashaw.

with a 31-26 advantage in the Saddle Seat Pattern class to open a lead of 199-185.

The last class on Saturday evening was the flag race. Lowell extended its lead to 232-188 by scoring 33 points.

On the final day of the state finals, there were four classes to decide, each one carrying 68 points with it.

Lowell took 32 points in the Western equitation, nine in the Western bareback, five in the keyhole and two in the final class (two-man relay).

The top five teams in the Class A Division state finals were Lowell 280; Ann Arbor Pioneer 239; Howell 198; Caledonia 151; and Grand Ledge 133.

"I told the girls if through our best efforts we win a state title, that's great, but we were already cham-

pions (District 5 A) just by being there," Parker said.

Lowell's two highest point getters were a sophomore and a freshman.

Katelyn Bush (soph.) tallied 76 points at the state finals and Jessica Hamp (frosh) scored 42. Junior Jessika Richardson posted 36 points.

"We're all seasoned riders who show every weekend," said Bush. "After trail riding on Saturday we began to pull away and that's when I first thought we had a chance to win a state title. It hasn't really hit me yet."

All of Lowell's riders are 4-H kids who own their own horses and work year round at it. "Schools like Ann Arbor, their riders come out of high powered show barns," Parker explained. "While many schools were plodding and planning, we just came ready to ride."

To be successful at the state level, Parker said riders need to have been at it six-eighth years and have two-three years experience with a horse.

Bush has been riding since the age of five; Beth VanEns has been showing since the age of nine and Kirk Johnson

has been showing for eight years.

"We've always had a good team spirit and we're always there to support and cheer one another on," VanEns explained. "Winning the state title is the best thing ever. It's an amazing feeling."

Lowell has had an equestrian club for 20 years. Its best finish at the state level has been third. Last year it placed fourth.

"We thought that was pretty good," said tri-captain Johnson who scored 21 points at the state finals. "The difference this year is we had good riders in all classes. It's still hard to believe we're state champions."

Katelyn Bush's mother Carmen said it didn't really start to sink in until she started telling people after they got back to Lowell. "I think it is as exciting for the parents as it is the kids. All those early mornings of clipping and bathing and getting the horse ready. This makes it worth it."

It is only the second team state title Lowell has ever won. Lowell won a boys state track title in 1928 defeating Kalamazoo Christian 16-15.5, according to former Lowell athletic director, Bob Perry.

## Lowell Area Community Fund awards \$268,000 in grants

••• Half of the funds to support YMCA fitness and teen adventure center.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grants totaling \$268,910 to the Lowell community from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Harold Englehardt) were approved Monday.

Nearly half of the money (\$160,000) will be used to open a new YMCA community fitness center and teen adventure center. The facilities will utilize space in the strip mall behind Rite Aid near Mancino's.

Half of that funding (\$80,000) will be made available immediately, with the remainder contingent on demonstrating that all teens will have equal access to the facility and on making a broader fund development plan. The entire project is expected to cost \$365,000.

The teen adventure center will include a computer and homework area; entertainment area with TV, VCR and stereo equipment; a recreation area with ping pong, pool, air hockey, foosball and a mini gym with a climbing wall.

Young people will be able to participate in a 12-week personalized fitness plan, as well as a full character building

curriculum including topics on abuse and violence prevention, peer pressure, diversity and environmental issues.

Lowell YMCA executive director Will Welsh expects the center to attract 25 teens per day.

Adults will be able to enjoy a new state-of-the-art fitness center, complete with a nursery for young children. YMCA officials plan to begin the renovation work this month, with the new facility opening in January 2001.

Meanwhile, the city of Lowell received three grants. A \$35,600 grant will provide a sprinkling system for Creekside Park and Recreation Park. A rejuvenated old well will be used as the water source.

Two grants will support the activities of the city's Chamber of Commerce: \$12,000 will promote commercial growth and \$3,500 will create maps of the township and city master plans and zoning maps as part of the chamber strategic marketing plan.

Other grants include:

- \$20,000 to the Lowell Area Historical Museum to plan, design, and construct exhibits;

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## OBITUARIES

**HOWARD** - Mrs. Edith Howard, aged 98, formerly of Lowell, died Saturday, September 30, 2000, in Hemet, CA. Edie was born on a farm outside Clarksville November 22, 1901. She married William Frost in 1917 and

raised two children William (Bud) Frost and Helen Frost Koewers. Edie lived in the Lowell area from 1925 to 1940, moving to Tucson, AZ where she married Willis Howard in 1946. Following his untimely death, Edie

moved to Hemet, CA in 1995. Edith worked for many years in retail. While in Tucson, she owned and operated a car repair garage. She is preceded in death by her son William (Bud) Frost, her husband Willis Howard and her grandson Tom Koewers. She is survived by one daughter Helen Koewers, a daughter-in-law Joyce Frost, three grandchildren: Marlene Koewers, William Frost and Jim Frost; four great-grandchildren: Erin Koewers, Kelsey Koewers, Jeremy Frost and Nicole Frost. Edie will be remembered for her love and relationship to family, her enthusiasm for hunting, fishing and boating in the mountains of Arizona. A brief service of memorial will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22 during the 10 a.m. service of worship at First Congregational of Lowell. All friends and acquaintances are invited to join with the family at that time.

**LOWER** - Janet Louise Lower, aged 72, of Holland, formerly of Saranac, passed

away Saturday, September 30, 2000 at Haven Park Christian Nursing Home in Zeeland. She was born May 16, 1928 in Ionia, the daughter of Wheeler and Mary (Terrell) Scherier. She is survived by six children, Kurt and Diane Lower of Holland, Erik Lower of Texas, Kay Louise and (Al Washington) Lower of Georgia, Mark and Tami Lower of Holland, Jan and Renee Lower of Poland, and S.S. G. Craig Scherier Lower of Texas; sisters Mary and Carl Klahn of Saranac, Elsie Voorheis of Florida, Ruth Ingraham of Portland, Irma Smith of Greenville. Immediate burial has taken place and there will be a memorial service held for Mrs. Lower Thursday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Center United Methodist Church with Rev. David Fligel officiating. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Holland.

**MORRIS** - Judith Ann Morris (Judy Stevens) aged 45, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000, following a lingering illness at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She was born Feb. 7, 1955, in Lansing, MI, to George Morris and Norma (Morris) Stevens. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1973. She was a member of Southern New Mexico Cancer Support Services. She was preceded in death by her son David. Her survivors include her father George Morris of Mason; her mother Norma Stevens of Albuquerque, NM, her twin sister Julie Braun and husband Craig of Grand Rapids; her brother Michael Stevens of Albuquerque, NM, her sister Mary Vezino and husband Daniel of Lowell; stepmother Shirley Morris of Mason, stepsister Rene Schutte and husband Wayne, stepbrother Thomas Morris and wife Dana, one grandmother Theresa Wing, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins along with three special friends, Philip Stanion, Las Cruces, NM, Marge Paterson, Las Cruces, NM and Sandy Johnson, Charlotte. Cremation was held at Las Cruces, NM. Memorial Services to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids. Judy

will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew and loved her.

**MUTSCHLER** - Jacob Allen Mutschler, Jr., aged 9 days, of Alto, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 2, 2000. He was born September 23, 2000 to Louise Foster and Jacob A. Mutschler, Sr. Jacob is survived by his parents; his grandparents Scott and Jackie Foster of Alto, and Bliss and Foster of Alto, and Bliss and S.S. G. Craig Scherier Lower of Texas; sisters Mary and Carl Klahn of Saranac, Elsie Voorheis of Florida, Ruth Ingraham of Portland, Irma Smith of Greenville. Immediate burial has taken place and there will be a memorial service held for Mrs. Lower Thursday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Center United Methodist Church with Rev. David Fligel officiating. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Holland.

**MYERS** - Mr. Steven Myers, aged 40, went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, October 1, 2000, following injuries received in a car accident. Steve attended Northlawn United Methodist Church. Since graduating from Lowell High School in 1978, he has worked 22 years for Amway Corp. in the manufacturing store room. He was a man with a warm smile and great personality. Preceding Steven in death was his father, David, on January 2, 1997. He is survived by his wife Amy Freeland Myers; his mother Mrs. David (Margaret) Myers of Kentwood; brothers and sister John and Barb Myers of Freepport, Christine and Michael Rau of Thompsonville and Thomas Myers of Ewart; Amy's family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Lois) Freeland and Daniel and Wendy Freeland all of Kent City; Kirk and Billie Freeland of Bailey; grandmother Mrs. Earl (Florence) Wosinski of Lowell; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. The service for Steve was held Thursday at Northlawn United Methodist Church with Pastor Charles VanLente officiating. Interment in Courtland Township Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

**WEEKS** - Kimberly Suzanne Weeks, aged 25, of Saranac, passed away at her residence Wednesday, October 4, 2000. She was born in Ionia on March 27, 1975 to Roger and Marcia Ward Weeks. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1993 and has worked for Foremost Insurance Co. for 1 1/2 years. Sue is survived by her parents Roger and Marcia of Clarksville; grandparents Lorraine Ward of Morley and Dorothy Alderink of Clarksville; a special friend Scott Fisk of Saranac; her daughter Amanda Lynn Smit at home; one sister Michelle and Gary Graft of Lowell and one brother Douglas Weeks of Alto, one nephew Alex and one niece Andrea. She was preceded in death by a brother Dean in 1990 and grandfathers J.B. Ward and Harold Alderink. Funeral services were held on Sunday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Gregory Freed and Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to Elmdale Church of the Nazarene Building Fund or for Amanda.

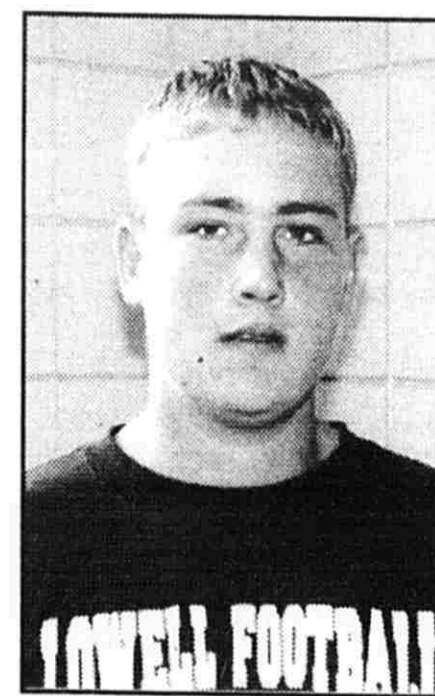
**SCHNEIDER** - Philip H. Schneider III, aged 51, passed away on Tuesday, October 3,

2000 after a difficult battle with cancer. Phil was a determined, articulate man who fought cancer with each breath he took. He was surrounded by his wife Barb of 31 years, his daughter Doreen, and his best buddy, golden retriever Cassie. Phil will be greatly missed by special friends of the family, Tim Hawkins and Christopher Barnes. He is also survived by his father Philip H. (Marian) Schneider II, his mother Jeanne Arehart, mother-in-law Dorothy Byrne, brother Craig (Sue) Schneider, sister Carol (Earl) Maynard, many sisters and brothers-in-law, several nieces and nephews and many friends who fought the battle with Phil's family. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Kidney Foundation, Hospice of Michigan, or the Lakewood Education Association Scholarship Fund.

## Petition one more reason why traffic light is a good idea

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sue Sutherlin has asked her U.S. Government students to take an hour outside of class and get involved in something government-related. "I decided that in an election year it would be good to get them involved. Many of them have taken the idea and run with it," Sutherlin said. One of those students has been Kevin Klahn. The junior chose to draft up a petition for a traffic light at the Vergennes/Lincoln Lake intersection. His petition gathered the



Kevin Klahn

names of 130 residents. It wasn't the determining factor in the Kent County Road

Commission's decision to install a "stop and go" traffic signal. But, it was one more request to consider when completing its warrant study at the intersection.

"We began taking counts and studying the intersection in May," said Tim Haagsma, assistant director of traffic and safety. "Our decision to install a traffic signal was based on counts and the accident rate."

Haagsma and Jeffrey Best, director of traffic and safety, applauded Klahn and other citizens who signed the petition requesting a signal at the above location.

The traffic volumes at the intersection satisfy the four-hour volume warrant and the combination warrant. This is when either warrant one or two is at least 80 percent of the required volume for at least eight hours of the day.

"Although this intersection has not experienced an accident problem, there has

been increasing delays, as at least two signal warrants have been satisfied," Best said.

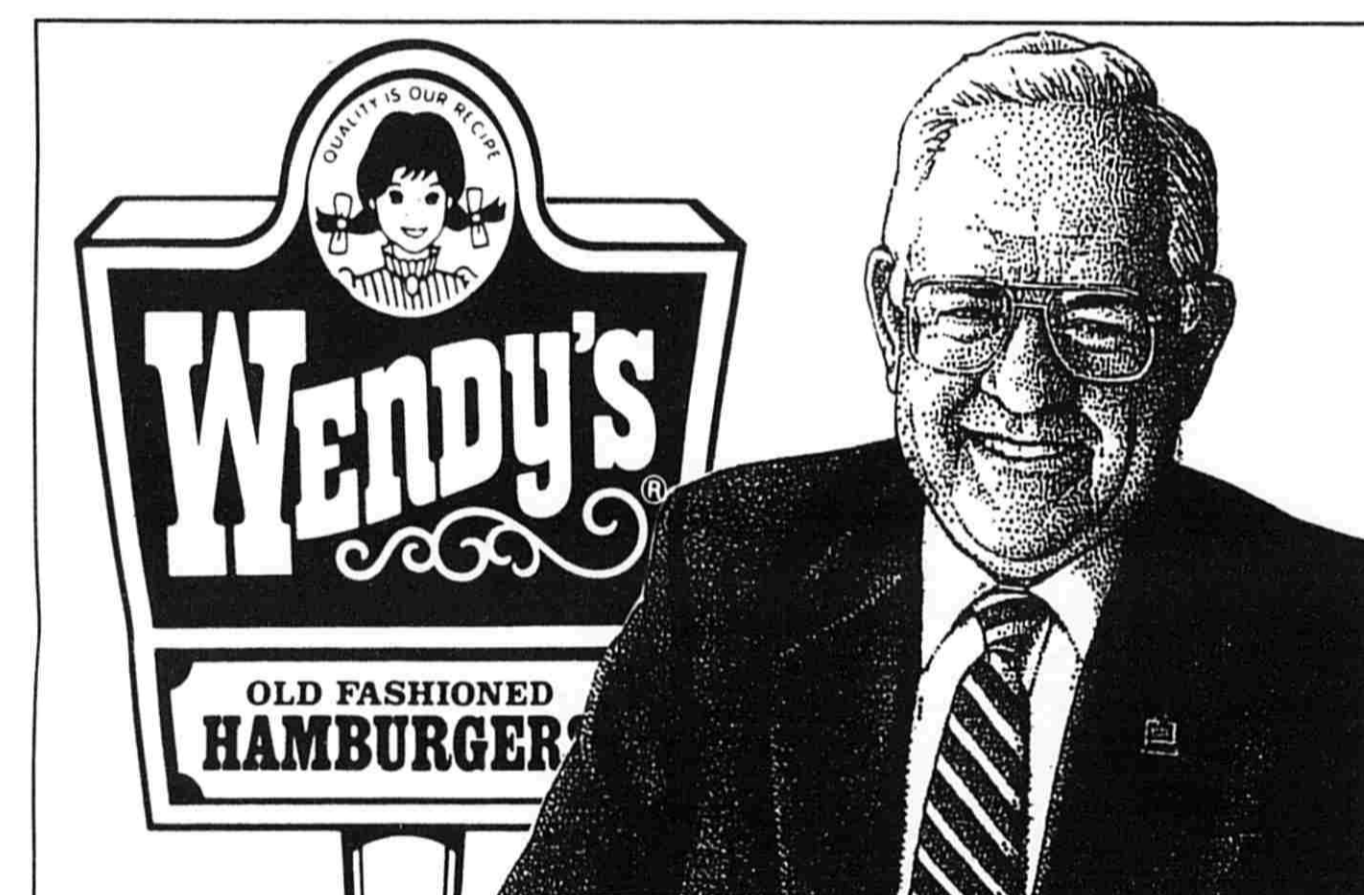
Last year there were five accidents at the intersection and four in 1998.

Haagsma noted that intersections which have traffic lights installed, typically, see an increase in crashes initially.

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said she was pleasantly surprised by the criteria that is looked at in determining whether a traffic signal is needed.

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## Baker and Blough attend dairy judging competition

Lowell's Courtney Baker finished fourth in oral reasoning in the four-day National Dairy Judging Competition in Harrisburg, PA.

Baker, representing the Lowell FFA, and Gina Blough, representing 4-H, attended the competition.

While their scores were calculated separately, Blough



Courtney Baker and Gina Blough and Baker competed together. The two Lowell seniors placed

in all categories.

They were first in Holstein and oral reasons, second in Aryshires, third in Guernsey and jersey and fourth in Brown Swiss.

Baker and Blough were coached by Michigan State University's Joe Domecq.

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## CITY OF LOWELL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting the second full week of October, leaves will be picked up weekly. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

City Hall Hahn Hardware  
Family Fare Crystal Flash (1002 W. Main)

These bags are sold in lots of 20 for \$5.00. They hold 30 gallons and are made of a paper, biodegradable material. The leaves are taken to a compost area.

This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation can not accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday and if your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday.

If there are any questions, please contact City Hall at 897-8457.

### 2000 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

MON-TUES TRASH PICKUP	WED-THURS TRASH PICKUP
October 3	October 4
October 10	October 11
October 17	October 18
October 24	October 25
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November 7	November 8
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# Reflections

Of Faith

Burland D. Margesson,  
Pastor, First Baptist Church

Last week I began a brief series under the heading, "What in the world is the Church to be?" I do not pretend to sound in any way as one with all the answers. I believe the New Testament has a marvelous pattern from which we can draw as we determine priorities for life and ministry within a local church. My first observation of the early church was their

deep devotion to the Word of God.

Secondly, I am greatly impressed by their devotion to worship. This is identified by their meeting together in a large general assembly and in smaller "house churches." Obviously, we wonder immediately as to what was the content of their worship and in what manner did they express their devotion. I am certain you would agree with me that there is a great difference of opinion about this subject, today.

Worship is the response of the child of God to the Person of God. It does not happen automatically because of the day or time or style of facility in which one meets. It is an active response to God whereby the believer endeavors in several ways to declare the worth of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All worship is given life and substance by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. It is to be God-centered. This may sound obvious but in our times we tend to become very self-centered in what is to take place in the worship hour. Entertainment and a certain amount of gratification pleasant to the senses play a major role for many.

In the test of Scripture to which I make my major reference, we discover that prayer and worship in celebration of

the Lord's Supper are certainly vital parts of their involvement. In Acts 1:14, we read that they were continually devoting themselves to prayer.

When Churches drift from devotion at His Table and from the altar of prayer, they drift from a very vital part of New Testament worship. I am confident that their worship involved much music. They used the Book of Psalms together with other expressions to praise and honor the Name of the Lord. They balanced joy and reverence. They were not boring nor were they frivolous. They never lost the wonder of God's presence and stayed strongly focused on the Person of their risen Lord. It seems that all service and witness flowed from their experience in worship.

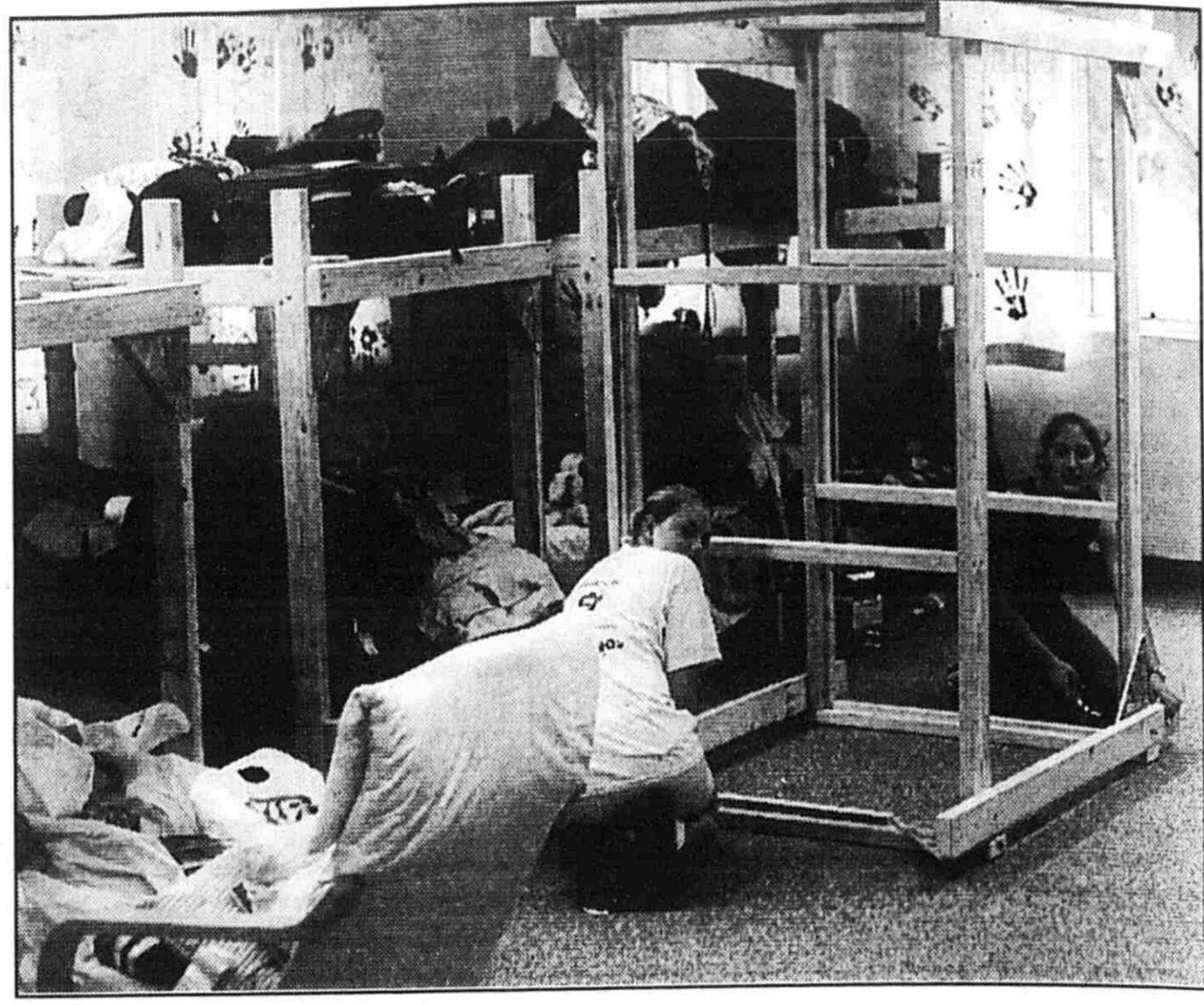
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**OCT. 12:** Neille Stephens.  
**OCT. 13:** Adam Thaler, Joe VanLaan, Patrick Doyle, Gilbert Snieder, Emily J. Zengri.  
**OCT. 14:** Jeanne Shores, Ericka Onan, Barb Erickson, Debra Duiven, Court Duiven, Kyle Hildenbrand, Stacey Kinyon, Jim Watrous, Kelsey Callihan.  
**OCT. 15:** Jamie Roth, Jason Roth, Elizabeth Raab, Mark Russell, Jan Lippert, Annie Oesch, Kevin Clouser, Frank Grudzinkas, Doug Felling, Dick Watters.  
**OCT. 16:** Angelo J. Zengri, Paula Blough.  
**OCT. 17:** Collin Kaeb, Kurt Telman.  
**OCT. 18:** Mary Ellen Rivers, Brian Willmarth, Brian Scott Kunard, Hayden Andrews/Snyder.

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<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. Burland Margesson &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/J.V. Wed. 6:15 &amp; 7 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free A Family Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>First Service.....8:45 a.m. Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor Cindy Talcott.....Pastor Megan Culver.....Christian Ed Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>



Rebecca Batt and Lena Dhayni help with a Habitat for Humanity project in Baldwin.

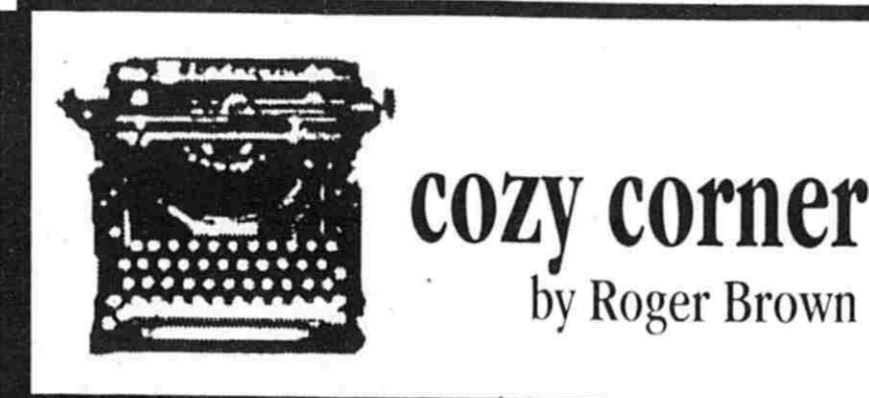
## Youth collect pop cans for Habitat

As part of a nationwide effort, Lowell United Methodist Church youth, seventh and eighth graders, will collect pop cans in support of Habitat for Humanity. The drive will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The youth will canvass the east side of Flat River and are requesting that the cans be clean and in bags. If you won't be home, you may place cans at the front door. The United Methodist Youth have worked each summer for the last six years at the Lake County Habitat for Humanity. This past summer they framed a house, including the trusses and built 21 bunk beds for the Father Joe Fix Volunteer Center.

## KDL to use pumpkins to celebrate Teen Read Week

Kent District Library invites young adults to celebrate the fun of reading during the third annual Teen Read Week, Oct. 15 - 21. To mark the occasion KDL will give out free pumpkins for teens to decorate and will display the completed jack-o-lanterns at the library. Some branches, including Englehardt and Alto branches, will give away pumpkins for decorating at home, to be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last beginning Oct. 15. Other branches will host a pumpkin decorating party. Teen Read Week is an annual observance celebrated by libraries, schools and bookstores across the country. For more information about Teen Read Week pumpkin decorating, please call Kent District Library at 336-3250.

# Viewpoint . . .



## cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Life seems to be unusually hectic of late. Because of all our commitments, the wife and I nearly canceled a fall color tour we had planned. We decided to go for it and returned last night. Looking back on the previous four days we're glad we stuck with our plans. That's not to say there weren't times during the trip when I wished Henry Ford had flopped with his motorcar idea and the loggers had cleared out all the trees in the Upper Peninsula.

Terese had not been to the U.P. in more years than she cares to count. Living in the Florida Keys, she hasn't seen our fall foliage in seven years. I guess she needed a fix, if for no other reason than to more greatly appreciate fall in the Keys. There you can tell it's fall when the locals might just break out a long-sleeved shirt to wear after sunset. The palm trees don't change much at all.

I hustled around at work so I could take Friday off. We left mid-afternoon Thursday with no fixed plans, itinerary or agenda. We ended up in Indian River, after dark, hungry, in a cold downpour with no hotel reservations. That's what impromptu travel plans will get you.

We got reasonably lucky. I found a place with cabins to rent on the river. They were sort of closed for the season but said they'd make the bed and turn on the heat in one of the cabins while we got something to eat. We watched the ballgame and listened to the rain. It was still raining when we got up.

We checked out, crossed the big bridge and hung a left. We were in and out of the rain as we worked our way west on Route 2. Occasionally the sun would come out and the colors would be quite brilliant. We took some side trips. We went down the Garden Peninsula to the village of Garden. I'm gonna go out on a limb here and say that the area's founders were a little overzealous with the names they came up with. Of course, the peninsula probably looked more like a garden before all the tumbledown buildings and junk cars.

We toured the lighthouse at Seal Choix Pt., hit a couple other tourist spots and headed north at Gladstone. It was still raining off and on. As it got along in the day we planned to hustle on up to the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula. We went up Highway 35 to 41. We traveled through very pretty country, despite the less than perfect weather. Again, it was late in the day, we were tired and hungry when I pulled into a nice new Best Western on the Bay in Baraga. I was confident of getting a nice room with a view of the bay because of a winter storm warning for the western U.P. I was confident that given the

forecast, the hotels would be flooded with cancellations from less stout color tourists than Terese and me.

The desk clerk informed me that not only was it fall color season, it was Michigan Tech's homecoming weekend and I wouldn't be able to find a room this side of Marquette. So much for my rationale. He was partially correct. I finally found a room about 40 miles back down the road at Lake Michigamme.

On the plus side, it was a clean, cozy room and there was a nice restaurant nearby. On the negative side, the forecast called for the worst of the snow at higher elevations. The Lake Michigamme area is one of the highest places in the state. We woke up to about ten inches of snow with more coming down steadily. Kids were tobogganing and building snowmen. The weather was becoming more conducive to snowmobiling than color touring.

I brushed off the car, hooked it in four wheel drive and away we went. We gave up on plans to tour the copper country and headed for Marquette. As forecast, there wasn't any snow at the lower elevations but cold rain and a howling wind were coming in off Lake Superior. We kept working our way toward Sault Ste. Marie, hugging the shoreline as we went.

Part of the trip took us through the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. It sounds beautiful, and despite the weather, it was. Only one problem. About fifty miles of the route are dirt roads and they were abominable given all the rain.

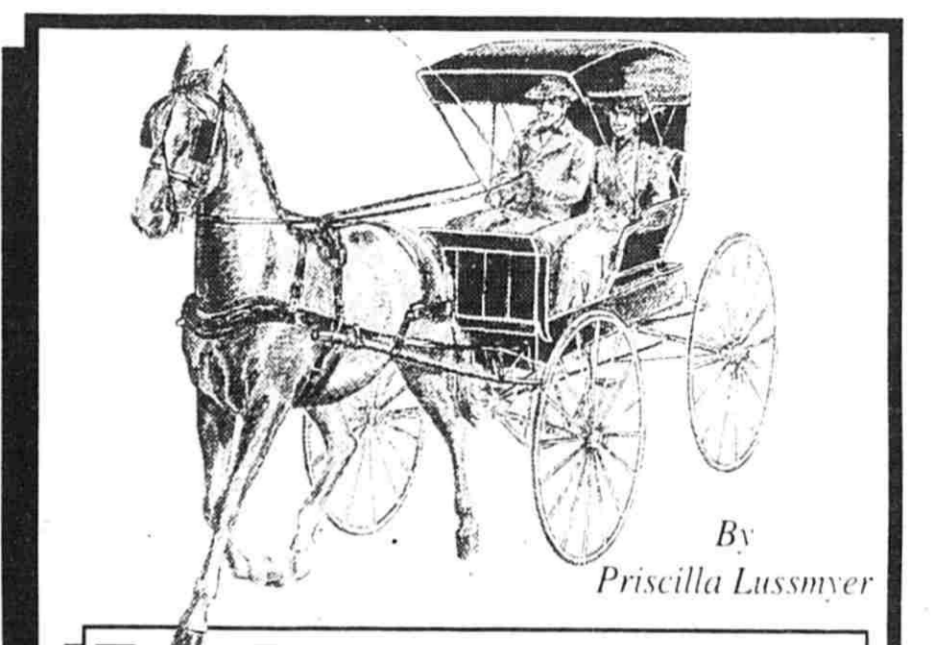
I was so glad to get back on a paved road, a State Trooper had to pull me and my mud encrusted Jeep over just to slow me down. He let me off with a warning.

We spent the night in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, again shopping around for a room late in the day and hungry. In my weakened state I dropped a fortune for a room with a view of the locks. We nearly froze watching a freighter lock through, got something to eat and crashed. This color touring business is exhausting.

The next day the weather was considerably better, though still cold. We worked our way out to Drummond Island, had lunch and toured around there. In the afternoon we made our way back to the "straits," poking around Cedarville and Hessel as we went. We ended up in Cheboygan with a room on the river watching the ballgame. Kinda like the first night, minus the rain.

The next morning we were up early and on the 8 a.m. ferry for Bois Blanc Island. We had fun snooping around on the island. Of course, the weather continued to improve as we drew nearer the time to head south. We caught the 3 p.m. ferry back to Cheboygan and were southbound by 4:00. We had a quick dinner in Mt. Pleasant and were westbound on country roads as the sun was setting. It was by far the prettiest sunset I've seen in a long time and definitely the most dramatic visual of our 1,500 mile whirlwind trip.

That's a quick recap of our color tour. We had a good time, but my guess is Terese has had her fix. She just might be content to spend her next few fall seasons watching palm fronds rustle in the breeze. I can't fault her for that.



## Ledger Entries

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

OCTOBER 13, 1875

"Log choppers are grinding their weapons."  
"Those water holes that adorn Elm and Spring streets ought to be filled up."

The old Kopf building at the corner of Kent and Monroe is pressed into service for the school Primary Department, which is overcrowded. No better is available at the moment.

The taxpayers' petition from south of Grand River, to detach from the Lowell school system, is denied.

Township School superintendents meet and decide to form a county school association.

The vote came in overwhelmingly for a new brick school-house south of the Grand River, and another on the west side, and new seats for the high school; all this for \$7,150.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

OCTOBER 11, 1900

Fires destroy the old Novelty Mills in Ionia at Main and Dexter streets, and the roof of the Lowell Laundry Company.

Francis King, co-founder of the King, Quick and King company and first president of King Milling in 1890, as well as president of Lowell State Bank, dies at age 80, still president of both concerns.

There is an instructive column, "Rules for Churning" (butter) on page 2.

Inflation: It requires 20 bushels more corn to buy a wagon than it did in 1896 (4 years ago).

The Valley School will have a box social Friday night for the purpose of buying books and curtains for the school.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

OCTOBER 8, 1925

Col. William (Billy) Mitchell's plan for a separate Department of Aeronautics is heartily opposed by the Departments of Army and Navy.

The Parnell correspondent notes that thieves are busy at work in the vicinity, and so are amateur detectives.

Ford coupes are \$520, Runabouts half that much. Demountable rims and starters are extra on open cars.

An article warns to not use too much cement to a tire patch, or vulcanizing might stick the tire to itself.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

OCTOBER 12, 1950

An income tax boost will now withhold \$5 a week from a man's \$40 wage, as against the former \$4.10.

Not in Lowell, a group of people recently petitioned their city council to make the local drive-in restaurant turn off "Good Night Irene" on the outside loudspeaker at 10 p.m. instead of midnight.

The local volunteer firemen are entertained by Rotary Club, and Chief Dave Clark introduces the State Fire Marshal Sgt. Quentin Dean, as the speaker. They demonstrate the new resuscitator.

The C. Thomas grocery on West Main has changed hands, to Dr. D.H. Oatley and Ray Barber, and will henceforth be known as the B & O Grocery.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE

OCTOBER 9, 1975

The six candidates for City Hall present their views on the impasse between City Council and the 4-H Fair Board on use of Recreation Park this week in the Ledger.

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,  
An open letter to the community of Lowell:  
For those of you fans at the varsity football game at Forest Hills Central last Friday night, you may have noticed a cheerleader who appeared to be ill. And for those of you who came forward to let our administration know that you were worried about the condition of said cheerleader, on behalf of the school, the community and the family, I would like to say thank you for your concern.  
However, some assumptions made by the fans were that this cheerleader appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and once this assumption was made, word spread like wildfire throughout the community in a matter of hours. After being taken to the emergency room at the end of the game and being tested for hypoglycemia and diabetes, it was determined

that this cheerleader was not under the influence of any foreign substance.

While it is truly commendable for concerned community members to be watchful of the youth of our community, we must keep in mind that such statements can be hurtful when untrue. When judgments are made without all the facts being known, it can certainly be harmful to the person in question.

A further point would be the fact that opinions from people in the stands would have been more helpful and appreciated in an effort to help a person who appears to be in need. We should not be too shy or reserved to step up when we have knowledge that can be detrimental in the care of a person in medical distress.

The bottom line is, it truly does take a village to raise a child, but let us be careful to not jump to conclusions and cause an otherwise solid reputation to be tainted.

Betsy Maki  
Athletic department secretary and another concerned community member



## BOOK REVIEW

By Joan Wittenbach

To be honest, I find it hard to know where to begin with the book, *The Courage to Teach* by Parker Palmer. My personal copy of this book is underlined in red and that means that somewhere in those squiggles, my heart has been left behind.

While visiting a friend this summer, she handed me this book and said, "Joanie, I think you'll find this refreshing and

a delight to your teacher heart." She was right! Look at the contents with me, please, and see if they speak to you, or remind you of someone who might be interested and encouraged by such a book.

The introduction, *Teaching from Within*, was the jumping off point into this joy of a book. Intro's don't always do that, so I sometimes have to go beyond and get into the book to see for myself. But the names of the chapters were stimulating enough to keep my pen handy.

In sequence they are: *The Heart of a Teacher: Identity and Integrity in Teaching; A Culture of Fear: Education and the Disconnected Life; The Hidden Wholeness: Paradox in Teaching and Learning; Knowing in Community: Joined by the Grace of Great Things; Teaching in Community: The Conversation of Colleagues; Divided No More: Teaching from the Heart of Hope.*

"As good teachers weave the fabric that joins them with

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# OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



## DRY DOCK

This time of the year, many of us are focused on the current and upcoming hunting seasons. I hesitate to bring this up, but if you haven't winterized your outboard fishing outfit, it is about time to get it done. Late fall fishermen have time before the water gets too hard to float a boat and can put this chore off a bit longer.

Now is the best time to do the maintenance on your fishing rig to avoid possible damage because of freezing or corrosion. The best part is, the boat will be ready to launch when the weather breaks in the spring.

The outboard motor will require the most attention. Flush the cooling system, especially if it was run in salt water. Change the oil in the lower unit. Water in the drain oil here would indicate a leaking seal that will have to be replaced. Clean the spark plugs or replace them if they are not in good condition. Adding fuel stabilizer to any gas left in the system reduces gum build up. Fog the carburetors and cylinders with rust preventative according to the directions on the can to avoid corrosion in these areas. Locate the lubrication points and give the fittings a shot of grease. The prop shaft should be cleaned and a light film of oil applied. Then clean and wax painted surfaces.

Boats can get a bit grungy, so a good scrub down may be in order. This is a good time to sort fishing tackle and marine gear. Repair or replace anything that is damaged or missing. Don't forget to drain the hull. My boat hull is painted, so I wash it down and apply a coat of wax.

The trailer is often overlooked. We have all seen—or been there—the boat and trailer on a jack by the side of the road. This is what can happen by not paying attention to bearings and tires. Make sure the wheel bearings are clean and packed with fresh grease. Check the tires for wear and damage. Rotating and properly inflating the tires will prolong their life. Don't

forget to include the spare. You do travel with a spare, don't you? Supporting the trailer on blocks will keep the tires off the floor all winter. Inspect and clean the electrical connections and replace anything that looks questionable. Lights can be purchased as sealed units now, and work well. Releasing the tension on the winch strap and transom hold downs will take pressure off the hull.

Check the starting battery and electric trolling motor batteries if you have them. Bring batteries up to full charge before storing in a cool dry place.

A few of these tasks could require special tools as well as some knowledge of mechanical or electrical systems. Most marine dealers offer a winterizing package if you are not comfortable doing it yourself or don't have time.

Making the effort to properly maintain your rig now will pay big dividends in the spring. When the ice goes out you can head for that favorite fishing hole with confidence, knowing that your equipment won't let you down.

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



### HIGH CHOLESTEROL

Cholesterol is a fat molecule important in creating many molecules for normal body functions. However, abnormally high levels lead to atherosclerotic coronary artery disease or "hardening of the arteries." Cholesterol "sticks" to the artery wall, slowly plugging up the artery. This ultimately leads to a heart attack.

Cholesterol levels may become too high because of your genetics (family history), diet, or a combination of both. Cholesterol is found in meat and dairy products. LDL cholesterol is termed "bad" cholesterol as this is what causes coronary artery disease. HDL cholesterol is "good" cholesterol as this decreases your total LDL (or bad) cholesterol. Both of these are reported when your doctor checks your cholesterol level. This test should be checked after you have been fasting overnight.

If your cholesterol is elevated, a "step one" diet is instituted. This is a diet in which fat is less than 30 percent of your total calories consumed in a day, as well as less than 300 mg. of cholesterol daily. Thirty or more minutes of aerobic exercise daily have been shown to increase HDL (good) cholesterol. If this fails to decrease your cholesterol in a reasonable amount of time, medication may be prescribed. Studies have demonstrated that cholesterol build-up occurs at a young age. Therefore, early prevention is the key to reducing your risk of future heart attacks.

## Book Review, continued...From Page 5

students and subjects, the heart is the loom on which the threads are tied, the tension is held, the shuttle flies, and the fabric is stretched tight. Small wonder, then, the more heart-breaking it can be. The courage to teach is the courage to keep one's heart open in those very moments when the heart is asked to hold more than it is able so that teachers and students and subject can be woven into the fabric of community that learning, and living, require."

This book is the kind that you are either going to love, hate, or leave alone. But I have often found it to be true of the hundreds of books I've read, that even if I didn't go along with some of the philosophy, I came out with at least one or two precious gems. With this one, I struck gold. *The Courage to Teach* is available in the Kent District Library System.

## Y-NOTES

Will Welsh,  
Executive Director, Lowell YMCA

### ASSET DEVELOPMENT: KIDS NEED SUPPORT!

Kids today face tremendous challenges in growing up healthy, caring and responsible adults. They are confronted with dilemmas and situations never imagined a generation ago. The prospect of violence, poverty, drug abuse, physical abuse, poor education and uncertainty consume many kids trying to grow up as children. Unfortunately, many of these children are facing things many adults would not be equipped to deal with. The fear of violence takes a toll on their ability to learn, grow and develop life skills, which will lead to healthy productive lives.

According to data from the Children's Defense Fund in 1998, children face what might seem insurmountable odds. Every Day in America...

- 3 young people under age 25 die from HIV infection
- 6 children commit suicide
- 13 children are victims of homicide
- 14 children are killed by firearms

- 81 babies die
- 280 children are arrested for violent crimes
- 1,403 babies are born to teen mothers
- 2,430 babies are born into poverty
- 2,756 children drop out of high school every school day
- 5,753 children are arrested
- 8,470 children are reported abused or neglected
- 11.3 million children are without health insurance
- 14.5 million children live in poverty

In a world where we are numb to the impact statistics can have on our psyche because they are cited for everything, just remember these are every day, 365 days a year.

The 40 internal and external Developmental Assets identified as crucial building blocks for youth to develop into healthy caring adults are further separated into eight developmental categories: Support, Empowerment, Boundaries and expectations, Constructive use of time, Commitment to learning, Positive values, Social competence and a Positive identity. Support, Empowerment, Boundaries and expectations, and Constructive use of time are all the external assets. Let me begin with Support.

1. Is there family support - a family life that provides a high level of love and support?
2. Is there positive family communication - open and truthful where a young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents?
3. Are there other adult relationships - that youth can receive support from three or more non-parent adults?
4. Is there a caring neighborhood - which the youth is growing up in?

5. Is there a caring-school environment - which the youth is participating in?

6. Are the parents involved in schooling - to help the youth succeed?

Think of your position in the community. Every one of us can have a positive impact on one or more of these assets. Taking the time to support a child as they are growing and developing will help ensure they grow up into healthy, caring and responsible adults. Next week: Empowerment... it's not as scary as it sounds... empowering kids!

Contact the YMCA at 897-8445 for your free copy of The Asset Approach.

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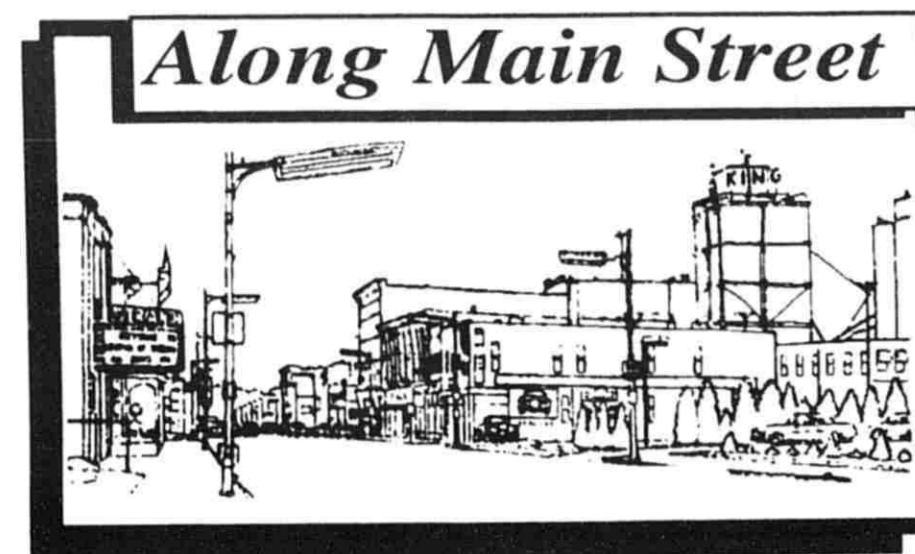
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**CHERRY CREEK CRAFT SHOW**

Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman Rd., will host the Cherry Creek Craft Show on Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Hourly raffles, crafts and a bake sale will highlight the event. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission fee.

**RENAISSANCE PARTNERS TO MEET**

There will be a meeting on Monday, Oct. 16 for all interested Renaissance parents and partners. It will be held at Lowell High School conference room A at 7 p.m. Call Pat Yeo at 676-1761 if you have any questions.

**HARVEST DINNER AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Harvest Dinner will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the family-style turkey dinner are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6 thru 12 and free for children 5 and under. Take out dinners are also available beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE**  
 Lowell YMCA will have a Monday night men's 5 on 5 basketball league from Oct. 16 thru Dec. 11 Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 16. Call the Y for more information at 897-8445.

**RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PETE SILER**  
 The FFA will be honoring Pete Siler for his many years of dedication and service to education and the FFA at the annual hog roast and auction at Lowell High School on Friday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. Please join the FFA in this celebration.

**LAAC PRESENTS "HARVEY" IN OCTOBER**  
 The Lowell Area Arts Council presents *Harvey*, a three act comedy by Mary Chase, at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Performances are on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for LAAC members, students and seniors, and \$6 for general admission. Tickets are available at the LAAC, 149 S. Hudson (897-8545) and at Family Fare in Lowell.

**LOWELL COMMUNITY ED. OFFERS MUSIC LESSONS**  
 Music lessons for elementary, middle school and high school students who want to learn to play the violin, viola, cello and bass will be offered by Lowell Community Education. Group lessons are available for beginner and intermediate beginners following the school day. An orchestra class is held at the high school on Tues. and Thurs. Private string lessons are also available. Call Community Ed. at 897-8235.

**FLU SHOT CLINIC**  
 The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a flu shot clinic Thursday, Oct. 26 from 1-5 p.m. at 300 High Street, Superintendent's office. The cost of the shot is \$7.50 Please call Liz at 897-9161 to schedule your appointment.

**LOWELL FFA HOG ROAST AND AUCTION**  
 The Lowell FFA and Lowell Agriculture Supporters are hosting their annual hog roast and auction on Friday, Oct 13 in the high school cafeteria. Dinner is from 6-7:30 p.m. and the auction is at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults; children 5 and under are free.

**YMCA GYMNASTICS PROGRAM TO START**  
 Gymnastics classes for boys and girls ages 3-8th grade will be held at Lowell United Methodist Church and at Runciman gym beginning Oct. 31 thru Dec. 19. Limited class size, so register early at the Lowell YMCA, 323 W. Main or by calling 897-8445. Registration begins Oct. 12.

**AUTUMN CELEBRATION AT WITTENBACH CENTER**  
 The Lowell High School Environmental Club will be providing an "Autumn Celebration" for children to attend with their parents on Friday, Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center on Vergennes Rd. The cost is \$3 and costumes are welcome.

Events may include crafts, apple dunking, bake sale, pumpkin and face painting, and Halloween walk. For more information call 987-1002.

**LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL READING EVENT**  
 The Lowell Middle School, 750 Foreman Rd., is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 9 thru Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Also open during Parent-Teacher conferences. The community is invited to visit, shop and even volunteer for this nonprofit event. Call 897-9222 if you can help.

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 The 7th and 8th grade youth of Lowell United Methodist Church are collecting pop cans in support of Habitat for Humanity. The drive is Sat., Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The youth will canvass the east side of Flat River and are requesting that the cans be clean and in bags.

**LOWELL YMCA BRANCH CLOSED**  
 The YMCA office, located at 323 W. Main, will be closed on Friday, Oct. 13. It will reopen on Monday, Oct. 16 for business.

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Sara Bradley	Kyle Neubecker	Ben Ludema
D.J. Clark	Lindsey Fortuna	Levi Churches
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**ALMOST FAMOUS (R)** 1:25, 3:50, 6:45, 9:15  
**BRING IT ON (PG-13)** 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30  
**THE CREW (PG-13)** 12:55  
**SCARY MOVIE (R)** 5:30, 9:55  
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**SATURDAY, Oct. 14**  
**5:30-8:30 P.M.**

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING of the PUBLIC**  
**Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals**  
 A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M.**  
 at which time and place the following requests will be heard:  
 Alan and Frances Bush on behalf of Robert and Linda White of 7987 Tiffany, parcel number 41-12-06-300-044 has made application for variance from Article 6, Section 6.03 (B) (D) defining area and setbacks. The requested variance is to construct a dwelling in Grattan Township on a non-conforming parcel located within both Cannon and Grattan townships.  
 Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 16, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following requests:  
 • Zoning Ordinance Amendment to allow vehicle repair facilities and vehicle service stations in Industrial district by right and Light Industrial district by Special Use Permit.  
 • River City Fire Protection, Inc. requests to establish an Industrial Development District at 1375 East Main St. of 17,424 s.f., in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended.  
 Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.  
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 see a decline in earnings when the economy slows.  
 Noncyclical industries are generally more immune to rising interest rates and a slowing economy. Noncyclicals include food, drugs, tobacco and beverages — items that people typically buy in good times or bad.  
 Thus far, we've looked only at stocks. What happens to bonds when the economy cools off? For one thing, if a slowdown begins to hurt a wide range of stocks, investors may turn to bonds, viewing them as a safer alternative, thereby driving bond prices up.  
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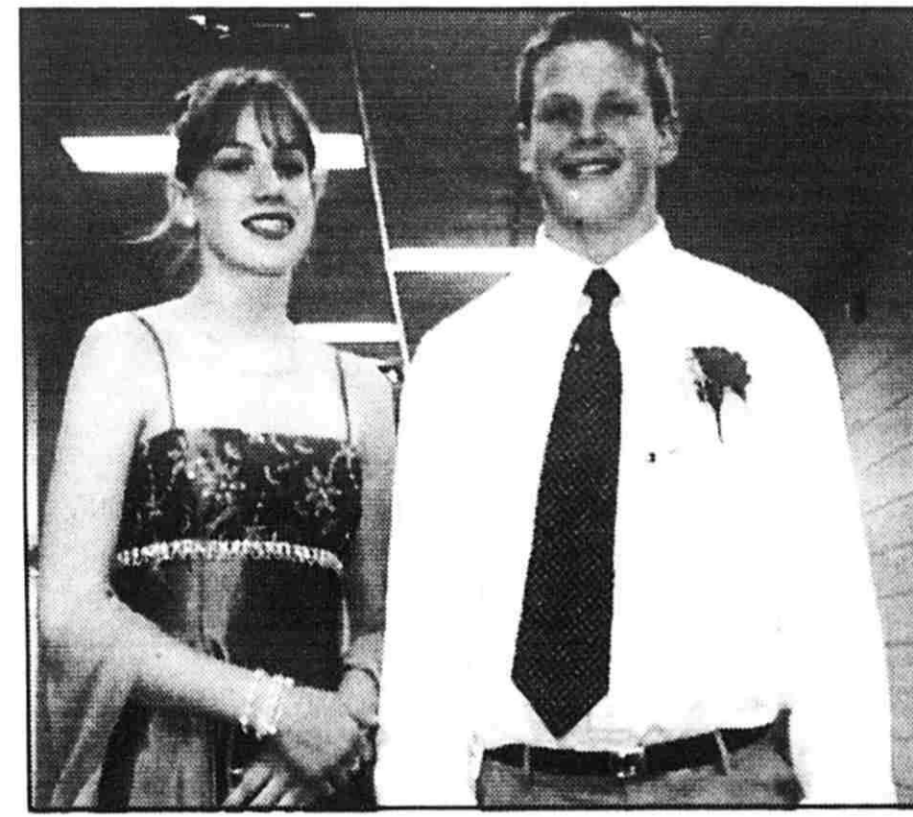
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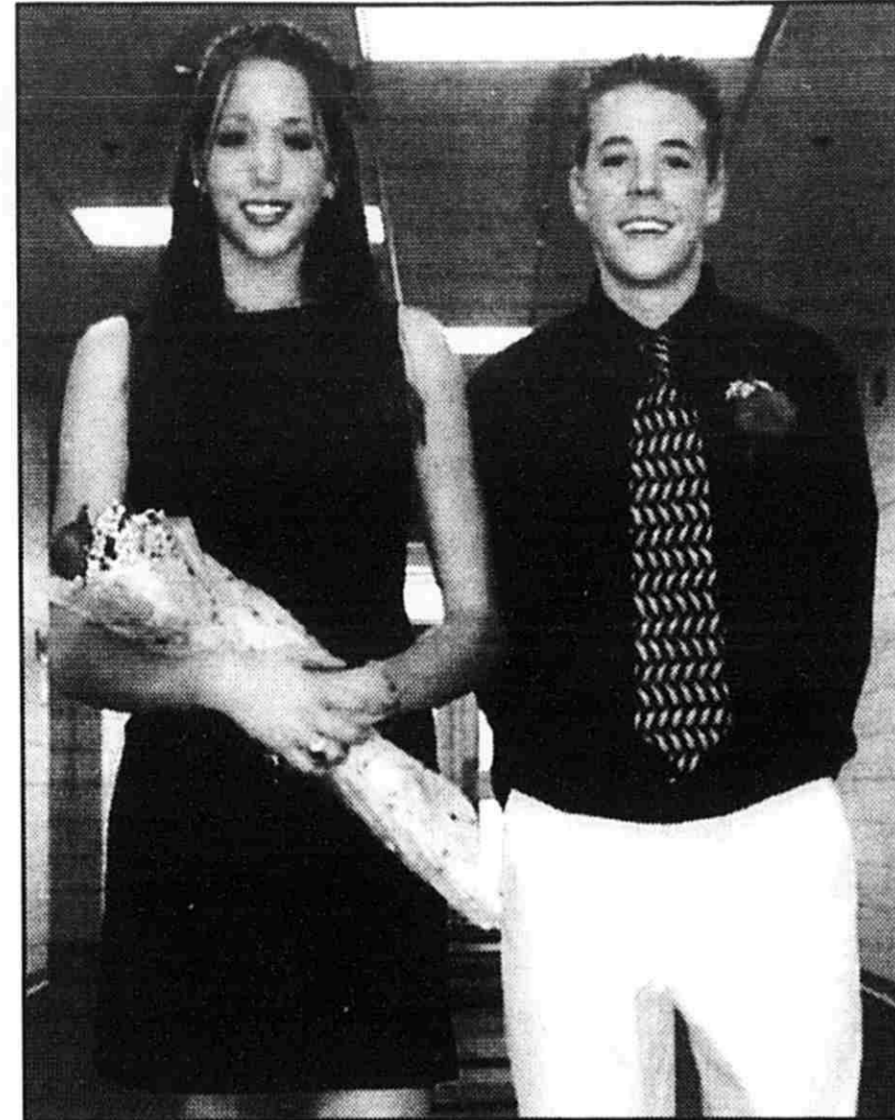
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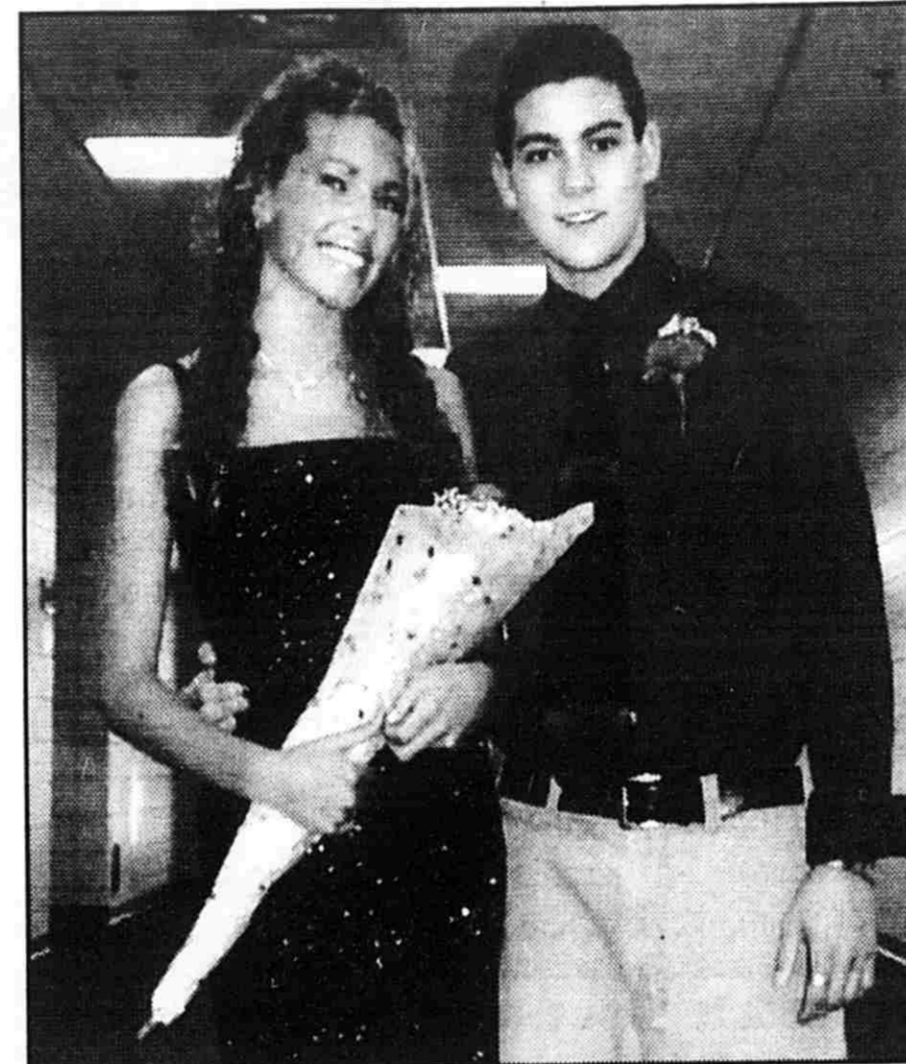




Homecoming 2000 freshman class representatives Kelly Umrlauf and Thomas Eldridge.



Homecoming 2000 junior class representatives Megan Liszewski and Darryl Thompson.



Homecoming 2000 sophomore class representatives Abby Vos and Evan Dorough.

## CITY OF LOWELL

### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will continue the public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, October 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- to consider a special use permit request from Conservation Woods for a 54-unit townhouse development south of Gee Drive and west of Sibley behind Family Fare. A portion of this acreage is in the R-2 district, thus a special use must be sought for multiple family development.

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



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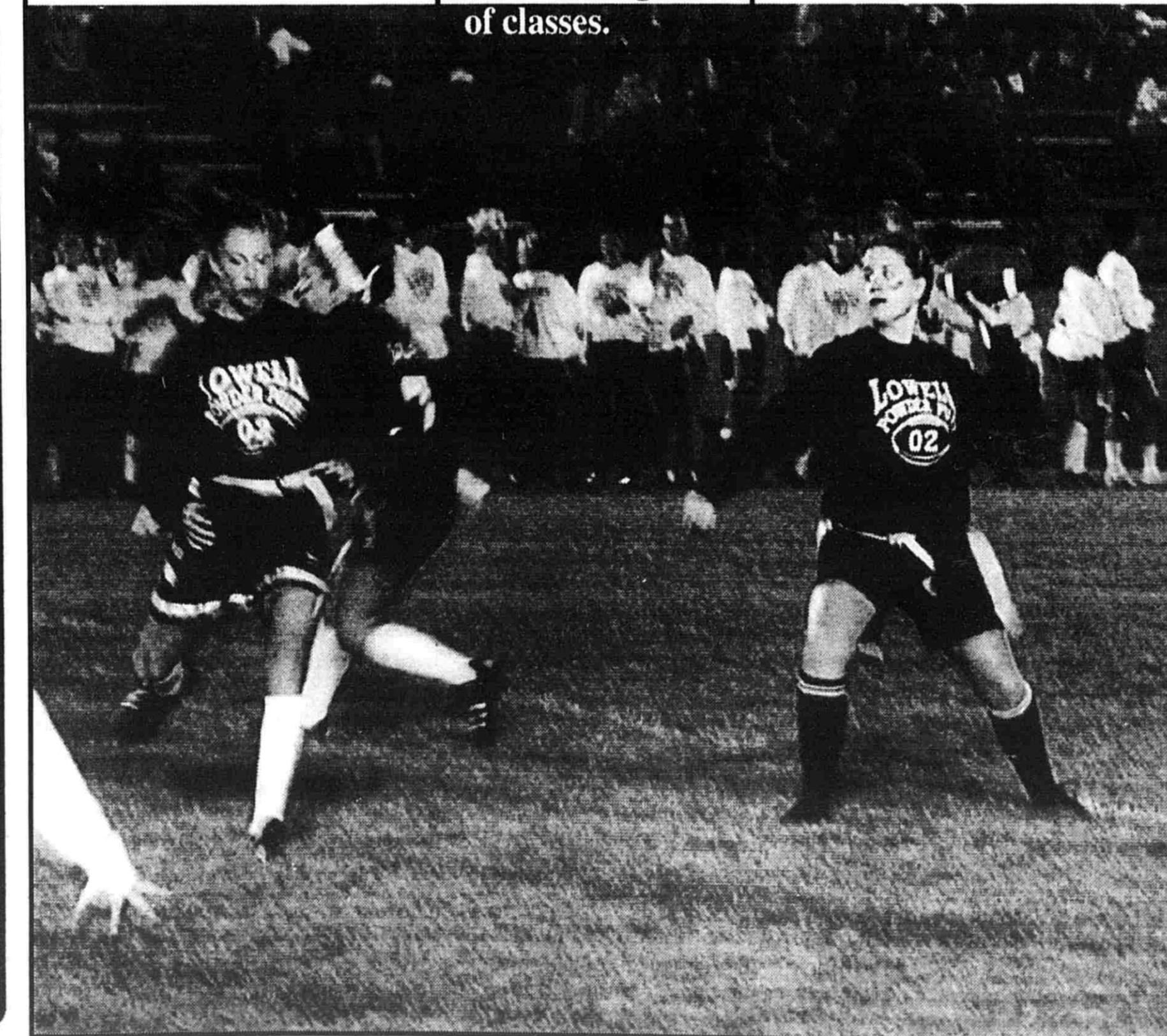
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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. 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 call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**EVERY SUN.:** Misner House and Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg 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 residents. Interested persons 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:** Fallsburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 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 V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

**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.:** Women's Community Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time from 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Chr. Ref. Church across from Burger King. For information call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. 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 welcome. Call 897-8694.

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**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 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 Lowell Masonic Temple.

**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 12 p.m. 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.

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

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir

room. For information call 897-1502 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 #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., 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; 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 light breakfast. For information, call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

**THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 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 Mon. 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., OCT. 11:** Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family-style beef & pork dinner commencing at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$7; children 5-12, \$2.

**MON., OCT. 16:** The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider

Manor. Program by Betty Yeiter; hostess and sponsor is Gert DeHaan.

**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. Family-style turkey dinner; take-outs available after 5:30 p.m.

**TUES., OCT. 17:** CHADD welcomes Dr. James Van Haren to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, speaking on Medication for AD/HD and Coexisting Disorders. 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 for info.

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **WED., OCT. 11:** Noon, Movie: "The Quiet Man."

**THURS., OCT. 12:** 12:40, Health Expo, Roger's Plaza. **WED., OCT. 18:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council.

**FRI., OCT. 13:** 11:30, Sr. Color Cruise Grand Ledge. **THURS., OCT. 18:** 3-6 p.m. Sr. Neighbors Open House.

**MON., OCT. 16:** Pending - Voigt House Tea. **THURS., OCT. 19:** Noon, Dance Westside Complex.

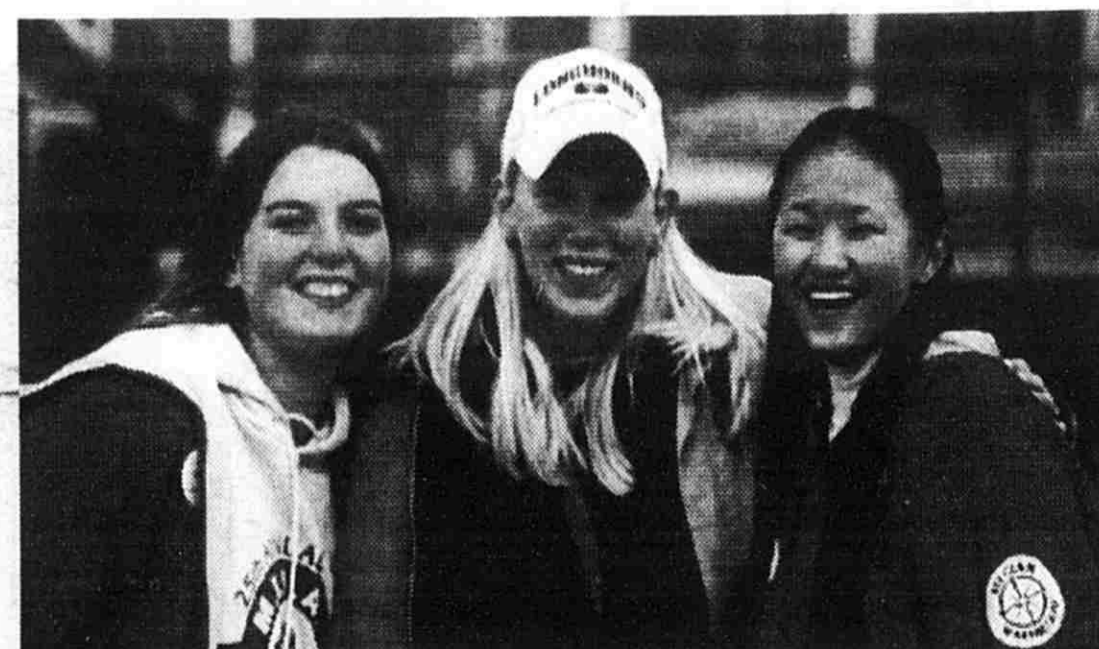
**TUES., OCT. 17:** 12:40, Bella Vista Church. **FRI., OCT. 20:** 12:40, Gerontology Network.

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

# Quest for Championship Fulfilled



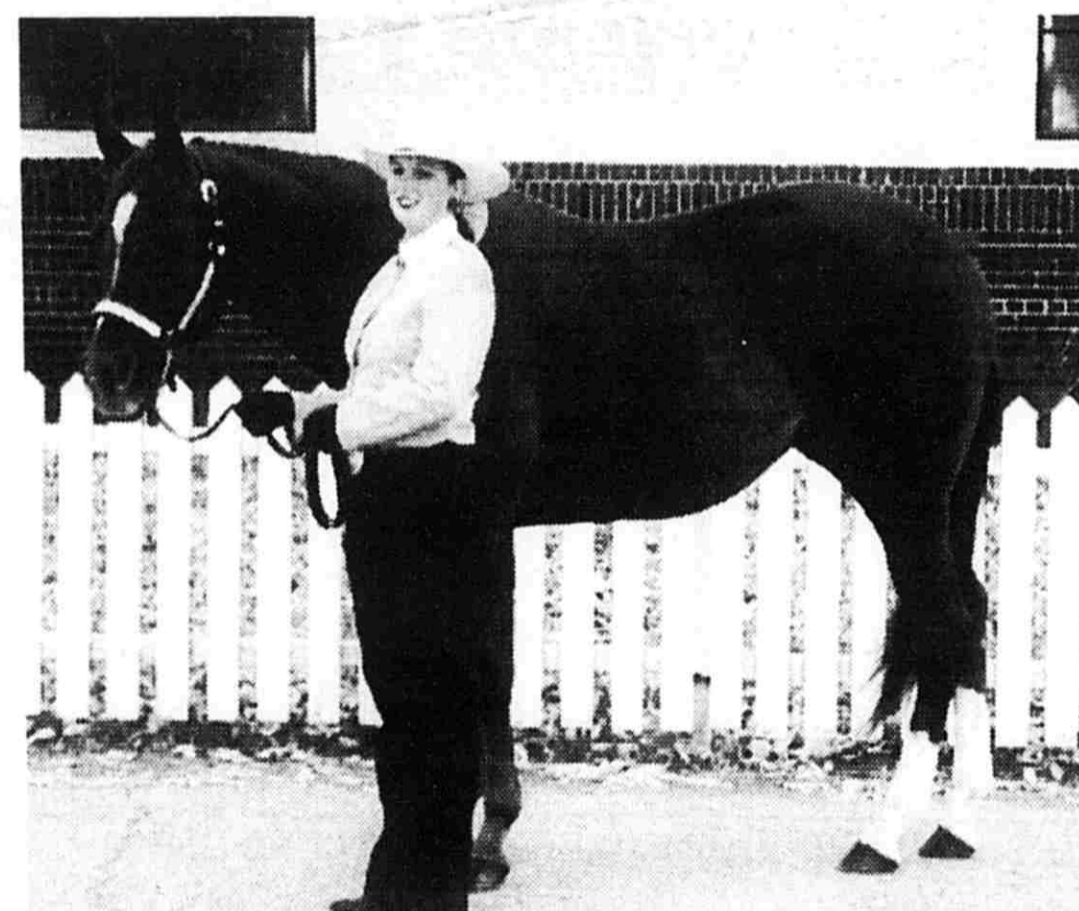
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Jessika Richardson



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Tracy Seif



Molly Balaam



# Big plays enable Lowell to hush Ranger challenge

Ken Palcowski ran for touchdowns of 65 and 30 yards in helping Lowell to a 21-7 win over Forest Hills Central.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the second time in three weeks, Lowell had its character tested in Forest Hills.

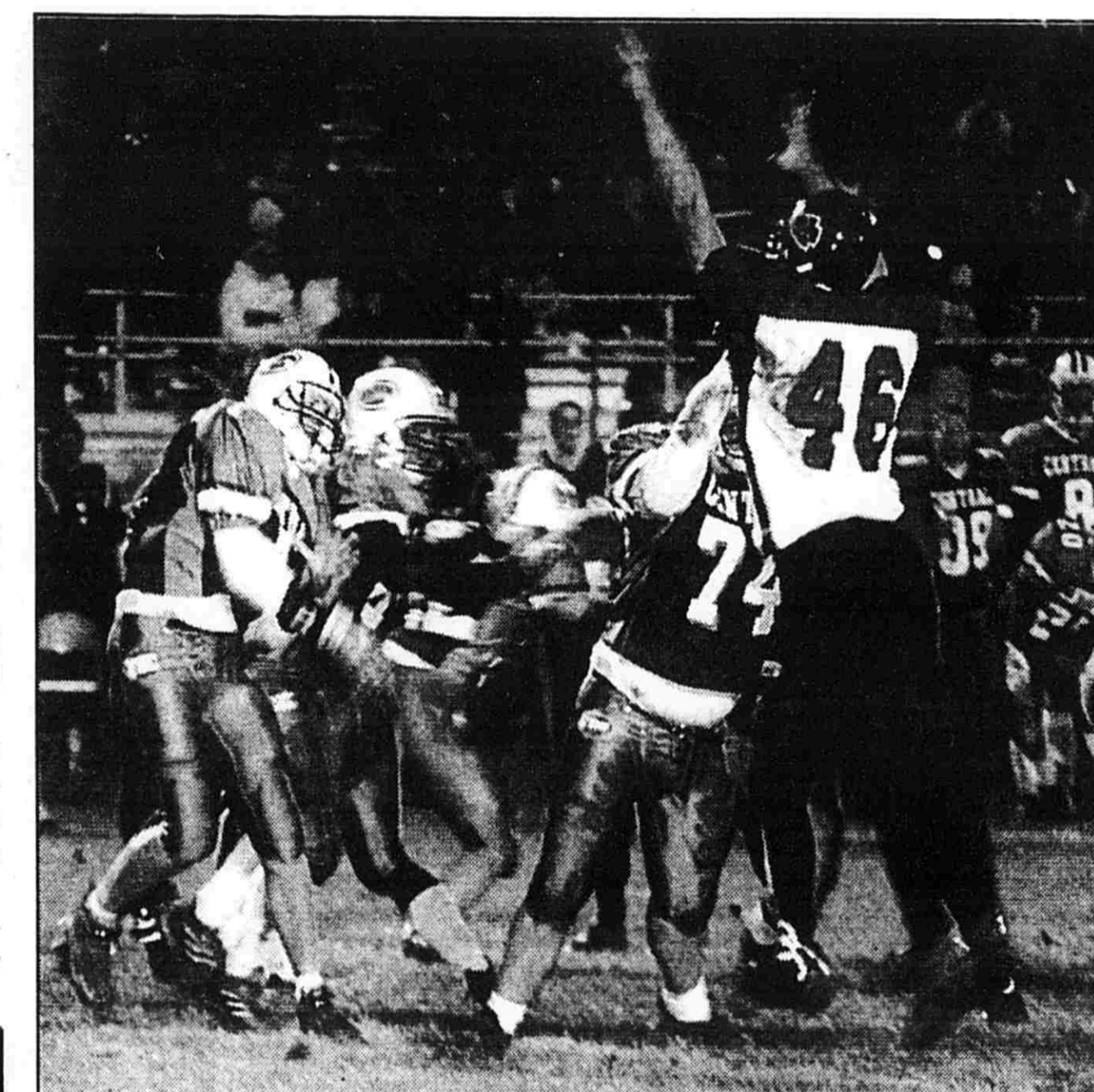
Two weeks ago, the Red Arrows overcame a fourth-quarter, 10-point deficit to defeat Northern.

Lowell, 7-0/5-0 never trailed in its 21-7 win Friday night against Central, but the Red Arrows were tested mightily nonetheless by a proud Ranger squad.

"I'm proud of these guys. They played with the heart and enthusiasm of a Ranger," said Tim McGee, an FHC football coach who finds himself under fire with his 2-5 Rangers.

A 10-yard touchdown pass from Chris Bode to Kevin Murphy midway through the third quarter tied the score at 7-7 and threatened to prevent Lowell from attaining its seventh win and maintain its share of the top spot in the OK White with Hudsonville.

With the call of the Ranger challenge, Lowell championed a response in a quicker fashion than the political party convention war rooms.



Lowell's Andy Curtis leaps in an effort to deflect a Ranger pass in high school football action Friday night at Forest Hills. Lowell won the Ranger homecoming game, 21-7.

The Red Arrows covered 80 yards in two plays when Ken Palcowski raced 65 yards through the right side of the line, giving Lowell a 14-7 advantage.

"Lowell made some big plays," McGee said. "We made some critical mistakes, but you've got to believe that Lowell may have caused some of those."

Lowell football coach Noel Dean labeled himself a big advocate of scoring right after your opponent does.

"That's the best time to score. We have some nice kids who have been down before and come back," Dean said in reference to the Northern game.

Palcowski added a game-winning fourth-quarter score on a 30-yard touchdown run with 4:09 to play in the game.

The senior running back finished the game with 101 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Lowell quarterback Josh Brown rushed for 97 yards and was 5-of-12 through the air for 106 yards with one interception.

"I thought we did a pretty good job defending Lowell's running game. They broke a few long runs. Lowell runs the option real well," McGee said.

The Ranger running game was not so productive. It finished with 17 yards on the ground. FHC, however, finished with 200 yards passing.

Central's passing presented a tall challenge for Lowell.

"88 (Murphy) is a tremendous player and 8 (Bode) is a good size player himself," Dean said. "We kind of felt like Gulliver out there - ankle biters."

Lowell took the opening kickoff and drove to the Central 29-yard line before Brown was intercepted by Adam Grealish. On the Ranger's return of the interception, Grealish fumbled the football at the Lowell 46 where Red Arrow Chris Rittersdorf fell on it.

It took Lowell nine plays to find the end zone with Brown busting through from three yards out.

Lowell will take its perfect record to Zeeland Friday night. The Chix are coming off a 38-35 loss to Northview.

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LOWELL LANES	LAUNDROMAT & CAR WASH	MICHIGAN WIFE PROCESSING	ICNB	Lowell junior varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Nate Sloan, defensive back and C.J. Hauck, outside linebacker.	
BARB & TERRY ABEL	BARB & TERRY ABEL	Byrne ELECTRICAL SPECIALISTS INC.	L.A. FIRM	Lowell varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: John Houweling, center and Matt Altoft, defensive tackle.	
Fry Daddy's	Todd Landman	Kalson's	DICK & PAM POSTHUMUS	GO TEAM	
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## Impressive win over Zeeland creates logjam atop the OK White

••• Red Arrow girls basketball team's 58-38 win over the Chix gives Lowell a share of the conference lead with the Chix and Pioneers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dee Crowley and her Red Arrow girls basketball team treated Thursday's visit to league leading Zeeland as a must-win situation.

It showed during the opening four minutes and it showed again in the way Lowell finished.

The sophomore-laden Lowell lineup showed some nerves to start. "They had some butterflies to start, but then they settled down," Crowley said. "They haven't played in a bigger game."

With four minutes gone in the first quarter, Lowell trailed 7-1. "I was a little nervous. It was important that our defense not let them get away from us," Crowley said.

It didn't. Despite some horrific first-quarter shooting, the Red Arrows managed to get Amanda Stoutjesdyk enough touches...the center tallied eight points in the final four minutes of the opening stanza, narrowing the Zeeland lead to 11-10.

"Defensively we switched to a stay-in-front, slow-them-down press," Crowley explained. "On offense we started finishing."

The combination of the two, and a stifling man-to-man half court defense lifted Lowell to a 23-19 halftime advantage.

"The girls knew who drove and who shot threes," Crowley said. "I don't think they were used to playing a team with our

speed and size." Zeeland wasn't, and it had an effect. "We weren't as patient as we needed to be. I thought we rushed shots and Lowell blocked a lot of shots," said Zeeland coach Bob Riley. "Their rebounding was also a key. We never got our transition game going."

Lowell started the second half much the way it ended the first...with a mini run. The Red Arrows outscored Zeeland 6-0 to end the first half and 5-2 to start the second half. It turned a two-point deficit (19-17) to a 28-21 advantage.

"Other than the slow start, we really didn't have a lapse," Crowley said.

Lowell's Leslie Crowley finished with a game high 23 points. She netted 11-of-12 foul shots over the final 4:39 of play.

Stoutjesdyk finished with 20 points, 16 of which came in the first half.

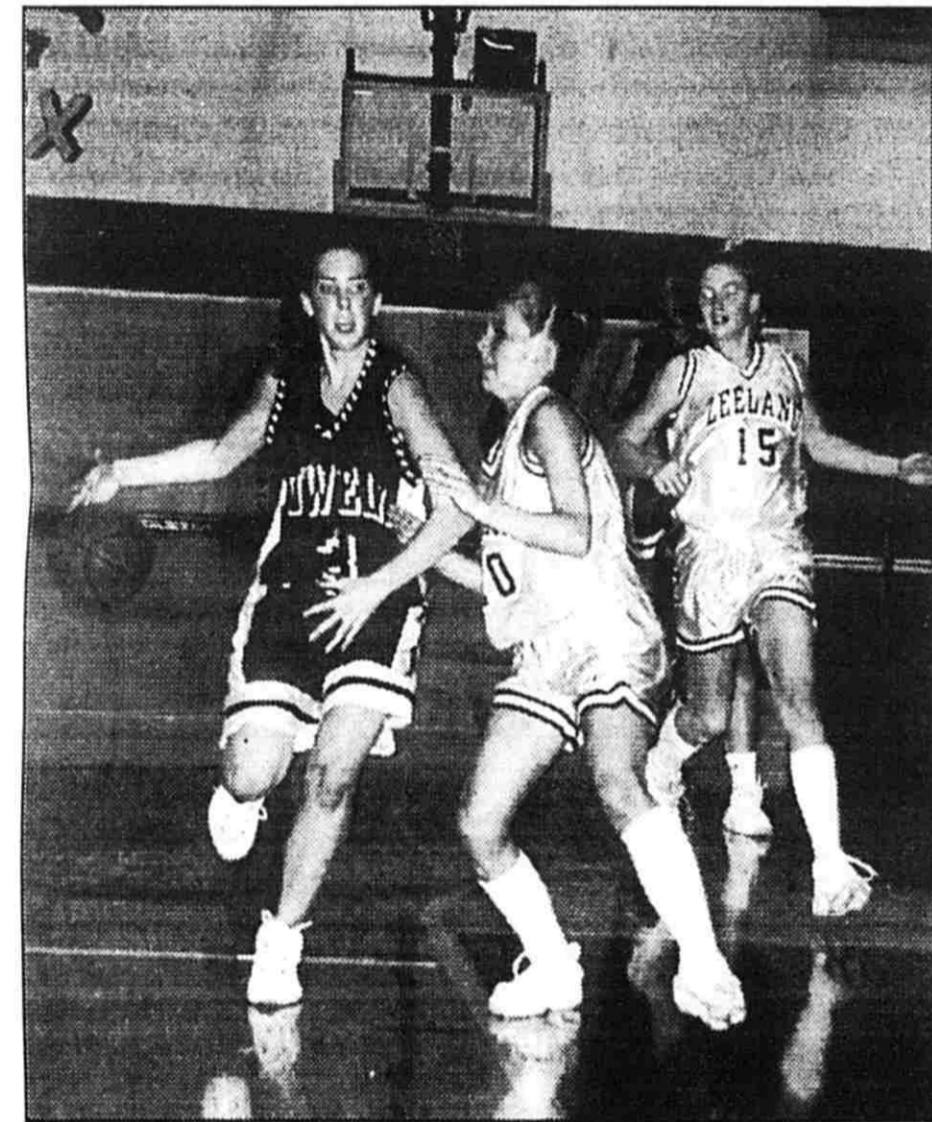
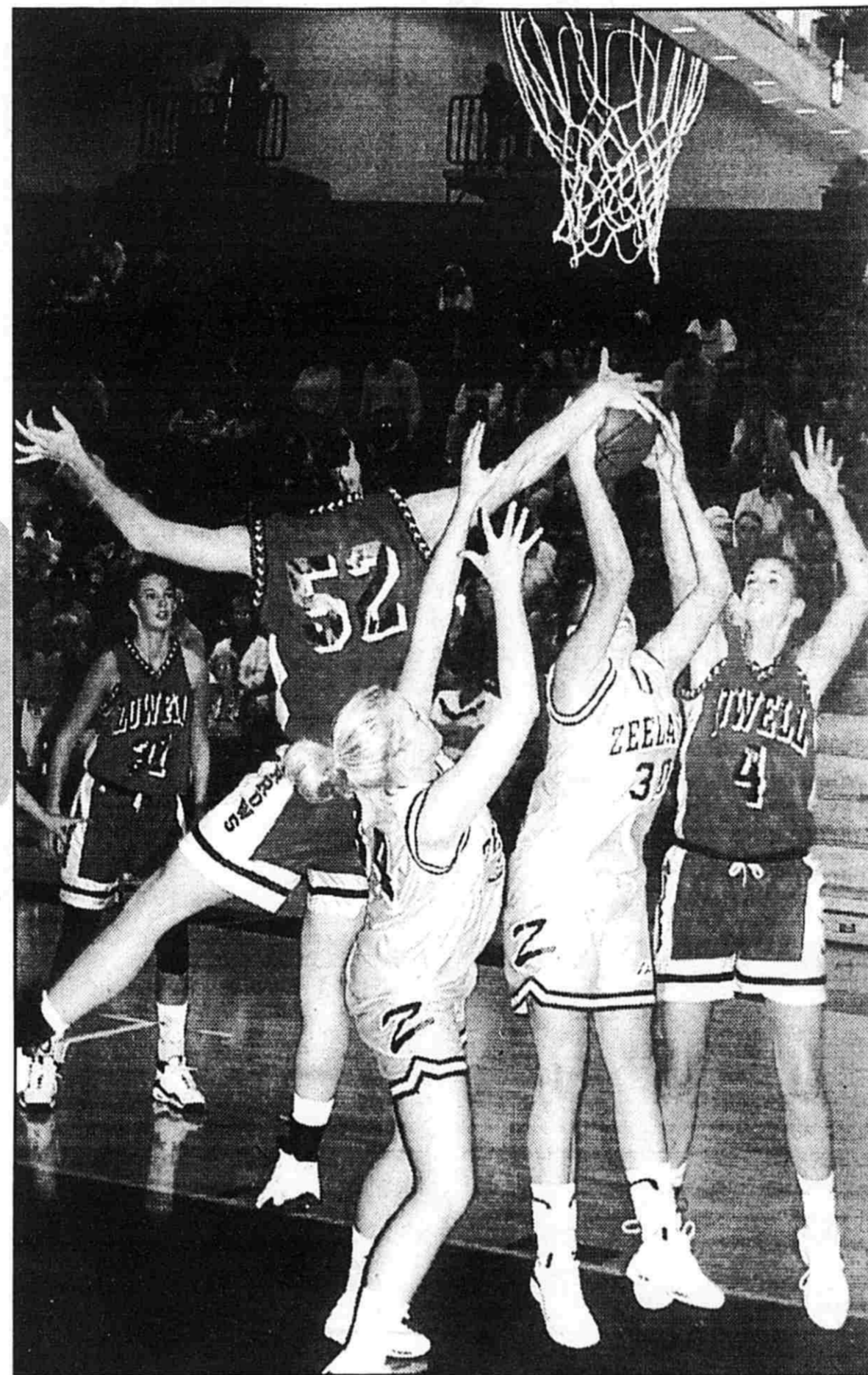
Zeeland is now 10-1 overall and 5-1 in the league. "Our good start has allowed us to lose one and still be in the thick of things," Riley said.

With its win, Lowell improved to 8-3 overall and 5-1 in the OK White.

Both the Red Arrows and Chix are tied with East Grand Rapids in league play.

Lauren Vashaw crosses half court against Zeeland man-to-man pressure.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk (#52) and Blair Meyer (#4) look to redirect this Zeeland shot underneath the basket.



## Red Arrow Roundup

Focused and driven, Lowell's junior varsity soccer team defeated Forest Hills Northern 2-0.

Off a direct kick, Brandon Gillikin placed the ball over a Huskie wall and under the cross bar from 30 yards out in the first half.

Lowell's only other score came in the second half when Jeremy Goff crossed the ball in to Gillikin who drove it past the Huskie goalkeeper.

Before half, Josh Anderson blocked two shots within five seconds to prevent Northern from scoring.

Jamie DeLiefde, Patrick Vogel and Josh Abdoo were key in shutting down the FHN attack. Vogel and David Kropf were also huge in transitioning balls.

The Red Arrow freshman football team pounded Forest Hills Central 44-6.

Dustin VanLoon got the Red Arrow offense rolling with an 80-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Sean Myers found the end zone a little while later on a 62-yard run. Chris Curtis converted on the two-point conversion making it 14-0 Lowell.

VanLoon added his second touchdown of the game in the third quarter on a six-yard run, making the score 28-6.

Other second half scores included a 39-yard touchdown scamper by Curtis and an Andrew Benedict 40-yard touchdown run.

Lowell hosts Zeeland Thursday at 5 p.m.

## One is the difference in Lowell girls' win over FHC

•••• The Red Arrow girl harriers' 28-29 victory keeps them tied atop the OK White.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lisa Wojciakowski's race against Forest Hills Central's Chris Moore for the top spot in the dual meet at Hastings may very well be symbolic of her Red Arrow team.

Wojciakowski lingered in the shadow of Moore for two-thirds of the race on Thursday. The Red Arrow harrier then ran past Moore on her way to a comfortable lead and win.

Lowell, which has quietly lingered in the background of the OK White all season, looks as though it's in position to possibly claim the top spot in the OK White.

With two dual meets remaining with Zeeland and Hudsonville before the conference meet, Lowell is 4-1.

There are a cluster of teams tied atop the OK White. They are East Grand Rapids, the only team to defeat Lowell, Hudsonville, and Forest Hills Northern.

Lowell's 28-29 win over Central gives the Red Arrows a boost.

"The win gives us some confidence. If we buckle down, we have a shot at the conference title," Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf said.

Taking three of the top four spots aided Lowell in its one-point win over the Rangers.

It wasn't the first time the teams have seen one another this season.

"We beat them by one at the Sparta Invitational and they got us by 10 at Carson City," VanderWarf explained. Wojciakowski finished in 20:55. Moore was 15 seconds in back of her at 21:10.

Red Arrow Holly Plattner came home in third with a time of 21:13. "Holly was right behind Moore. She ran a super race as did Sarah Swab," VanderWarf said.

Swab came off the course in 21:37. Central grabbed spots five through seven. Becca Flanders stopped the clock in 21:45; Elizabeth Milne 21:49 and Mo Pflug came home in 21:55. Molly Kirsch was eighth for Lowell in a time of 21:57. Following her were Theresa Leveley, ninth 21:58 and Abby Vos, 12th, 22:37. "The girls ran a great race. They wanted this one bad," VanderWarf concluded.

OK White Boys

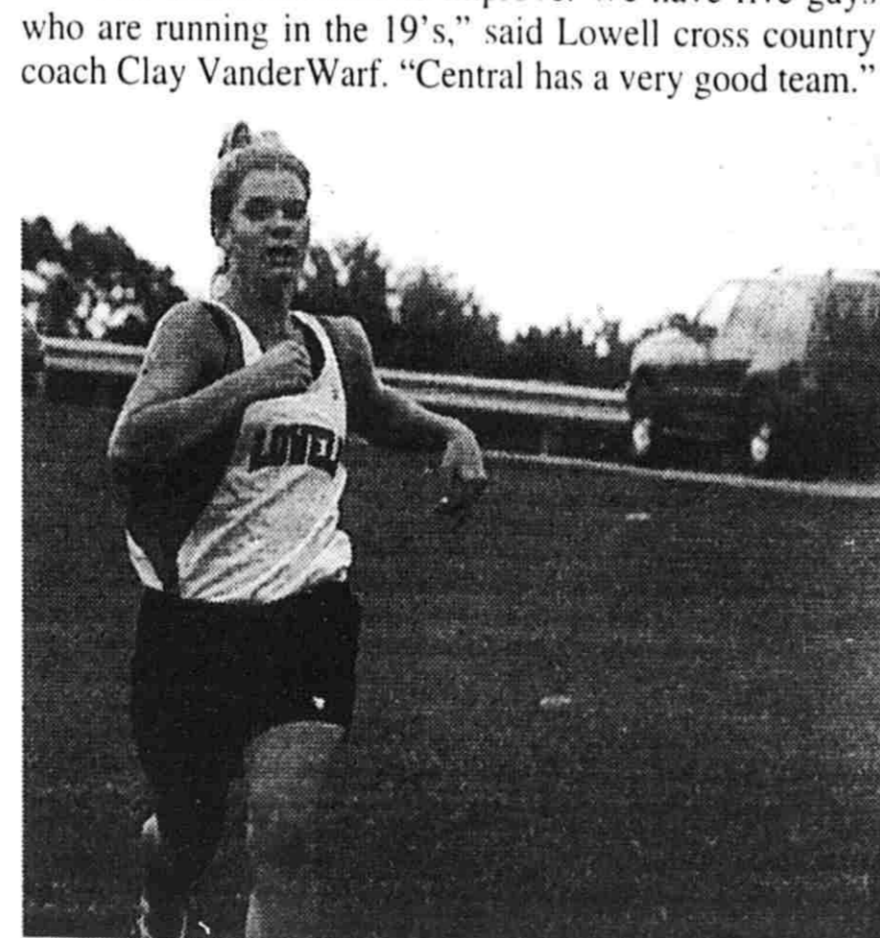
FHC 18  
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The Rangers ran away with five of the top six spots in defeating the Red Arrow boys cross country team.

Nick Liversedge led the way with a time of 17:57. Following him home were teammates Bobby Brouwer, second, 18:27; Andy Neumann, fourth, 19:21; Kyle Scott, fifth, 19:25; and Mark Kwast, sixth, 19:26.

For Lowell Kevin Frazier was third, 18:57; Scott Riddle, seventh, 19:30; Pat Cavanaugh, eighth, 19:34; Craig Myers, ninth, 19:45; and Caleb O'Boyle, 10th, 20:08.

"Our times continue to improve. We have five guys who are running in the 19's," said Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf. "Central has a very good team."



Lisa Wojciakowski led Lowell to a one-point win over Forest Hills Central.

## OK White conference tennis tournament suspended after two rounds

••• Despite the cold, wind and wet conditions, tennis was played on Saturday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The OK White conference tennis tournament sites were wet, cold and wind-blown, so naturally they played two rounds of tennis.

"I really felt sorry for the girls. The conditions were terrible," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

The weather did not affect the favorite. East Grand Rapids advanced to the finals in all eight flights to lead the tournament with 32 points. Forest Hills Central was second with 24 and Forest Hills Northern was third with 23.

Hastings was fourth with 14 points, Zeeland, fifth with six, Northview, sixth with five, and Lowell and Hudsonville were tied for seventh with four points.

Jenny Gunberg, second singles, lost her first match to FHC (0-6, 0-6), but battled back to defeat Zeeland 6-4, 6-0.

"Jenny gave a real sound effort in her match against Zeeland," Wall said. "It was a good win."

Kristie Noall, third singles after losing her first match, battled back to defeat Hudsonville 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. "It

was a great effort by Kristie," Wall said.

Kelly Riddle, fourth singles, lost to Central 6-0, 6-2, but recovered in her match against Northview to win 5-7, 7-6, 7-6. She trailed 5-2 in the third set before rallying to win. "It was a great effort by Kelly," Wall said.

Kate Gunberg, first singles, lost her opening two matches to East Grand Rapids and Hudsonville.

In first doubles play, Virginia Bultema and Erin

Barnes lost their opening matches to Northview and Forest Hills Northern.

Jennifer DenHouter and Nicole Tegg, second doubles, lost their opening matches to Hastings and Zeeland.

In third doubles action, Marta Alonso and Jodi Laux lost to Central before defeating Northview 6-4, 7-5.

Melissa Neubecker and Heather Geelhoed lost their opening match 6-2, 6-0 but battled back to defeat Northview 7-6, 7-5.

"We're playing better, but we need to continue to improve our footwork. Sometimes it looks as though we need an electrical shock," Wall explained.

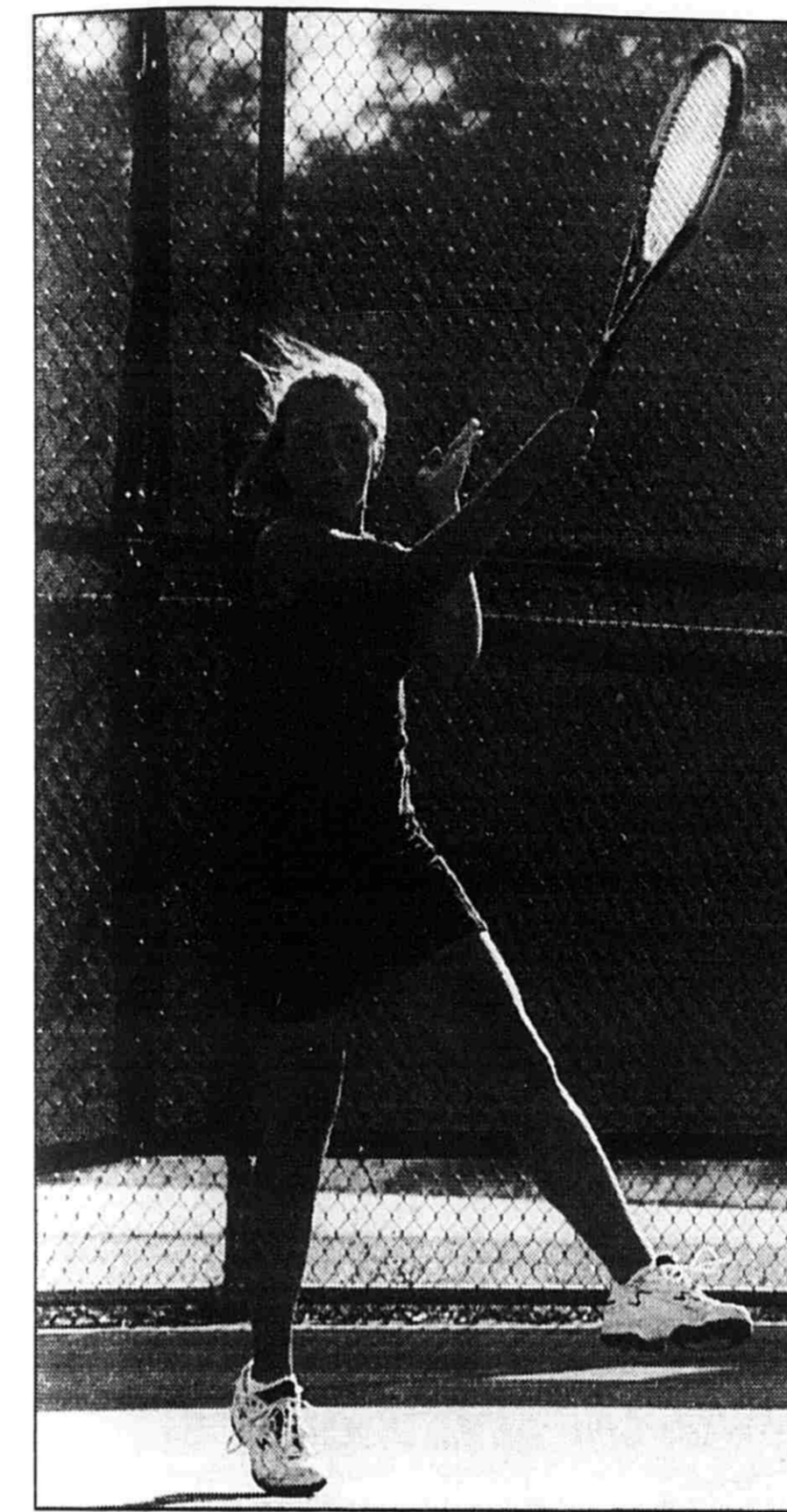
••• Forest Hills Central's first doubles team won both of its opening matches, without the services of one of its starters.

Lauren Grzanka did not play Saturday. The Ranger's best friend Jennifer Barker was killed Friday night on her way to the Ranger homecoming football game with Lowell.

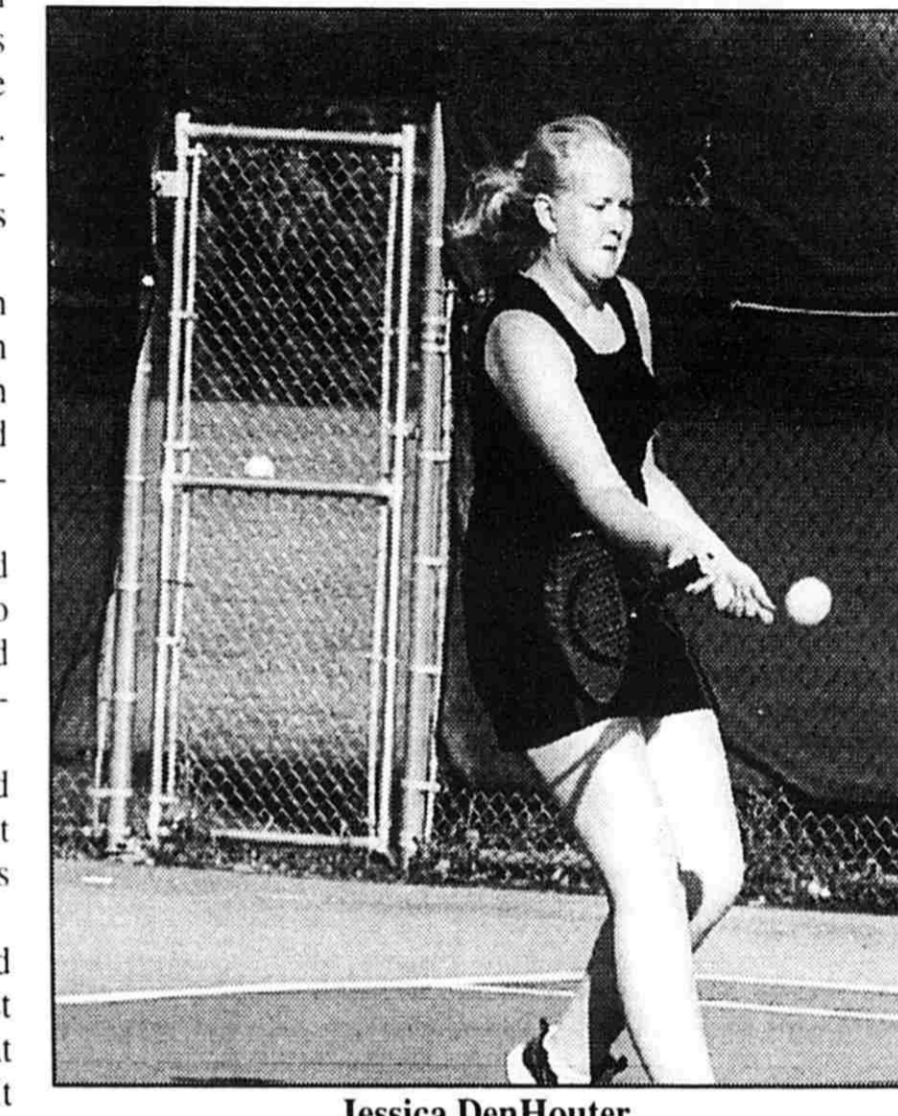
Grzanka's doubles partner Michelle King teamed with a junior varsity player in posting two wins in first doubles action. She not only battled the weather elements, but fought back tears throughout the day.

Barker, 16, was a passenger in a Dodge Durango driven by her sister, Jessica Barker, when the accident happened. Their vehicle was broadsided by a double-trailer semi about 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Ada Drive and Fulton (M-21).

Jessica Barker was attempting to turn left on Ada Drive from Fulton Street when their vehicle was struck by the truck.



Kate Gunberg



Jessica DenHouter

## Lowell soccer team stumbles in losses to Huskies and Pioneers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

According to Forest Hills Northern coach Erwin VanEls, Lowell's soccer team was there, but so was his club.

"We were hanging in their shadow," VanEls said.

Just seconds before the end of the first half, Northern jumped out of the shadow and pushed one past Lowell goalie, Jake Billingsley.

"That goal was very important, it gave us momentum going into the second half," VanEls said.

The Huskies used the momentum of the last-second first half goal to set off a scoring blitzkrieg in the second half.

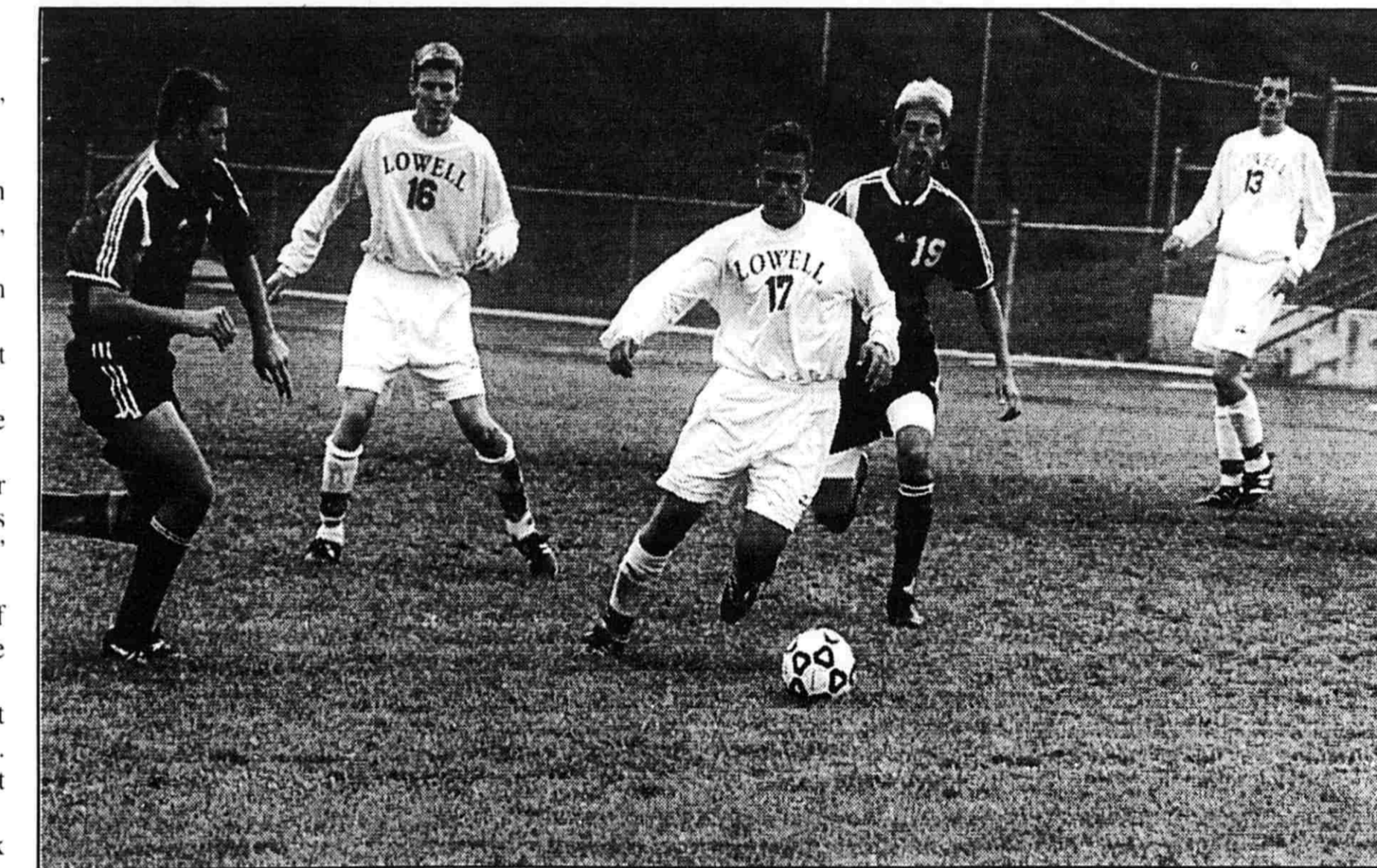
Northern scored five goals en route to a 6-0 win over the Red Arrows.

"Our kids played with a great amount of energy. In our first meeting with Lowell, our kids did not meet Lowell's energy level and we're lucky that we found a way to win," VanEls explained.

Northern scored three goals within the first 13 minutes of the second half; the first two came within nine seconds of one another.

"After they scored that goal at the end of the half, I thought we lost our focus," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge. "After they scored early in the second half, our boys got frustrated."

The Red Arrow coach suggested that after the game took a bad turn, his kids looked like they folded. "It's difficult when



Tom Hobbs (#17) finds some clearing against the Huskies as Zach Stauffer and James Bosserd assist.

you're in a hole to climb out. It's like swimming against the current."

Matt Foster fends off this Huskie defender.

Legge promised that his club would break out.

The loss to Northern came on the heels of a 3-0 defeat at the hands of league-leading East Grand Rapids.

Legge noted that the loss to the Pioneers played out much like the Northern game.

"We played a good first half, but East came out and

scored three goals within a short period of time," Legge said. "We played one good half and then looked as if we rolled over."

EGR scored three goals within four minutes of each other in the first 11 minutes of the second half.

Lowell finished the week at 5-5 in the OK White and 7-7 overall.



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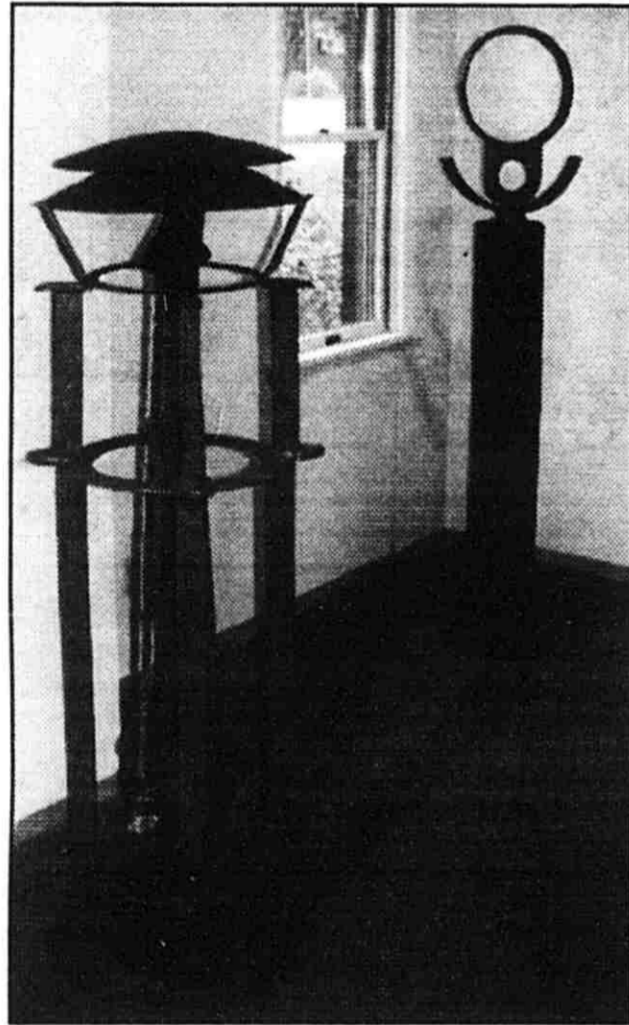
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# Peters' work at LAAC; but working with LHS students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
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Steven G. Peters' steel sculpture titled "The Warrior Within" won best 3-D at the West Michigan Regional competition.

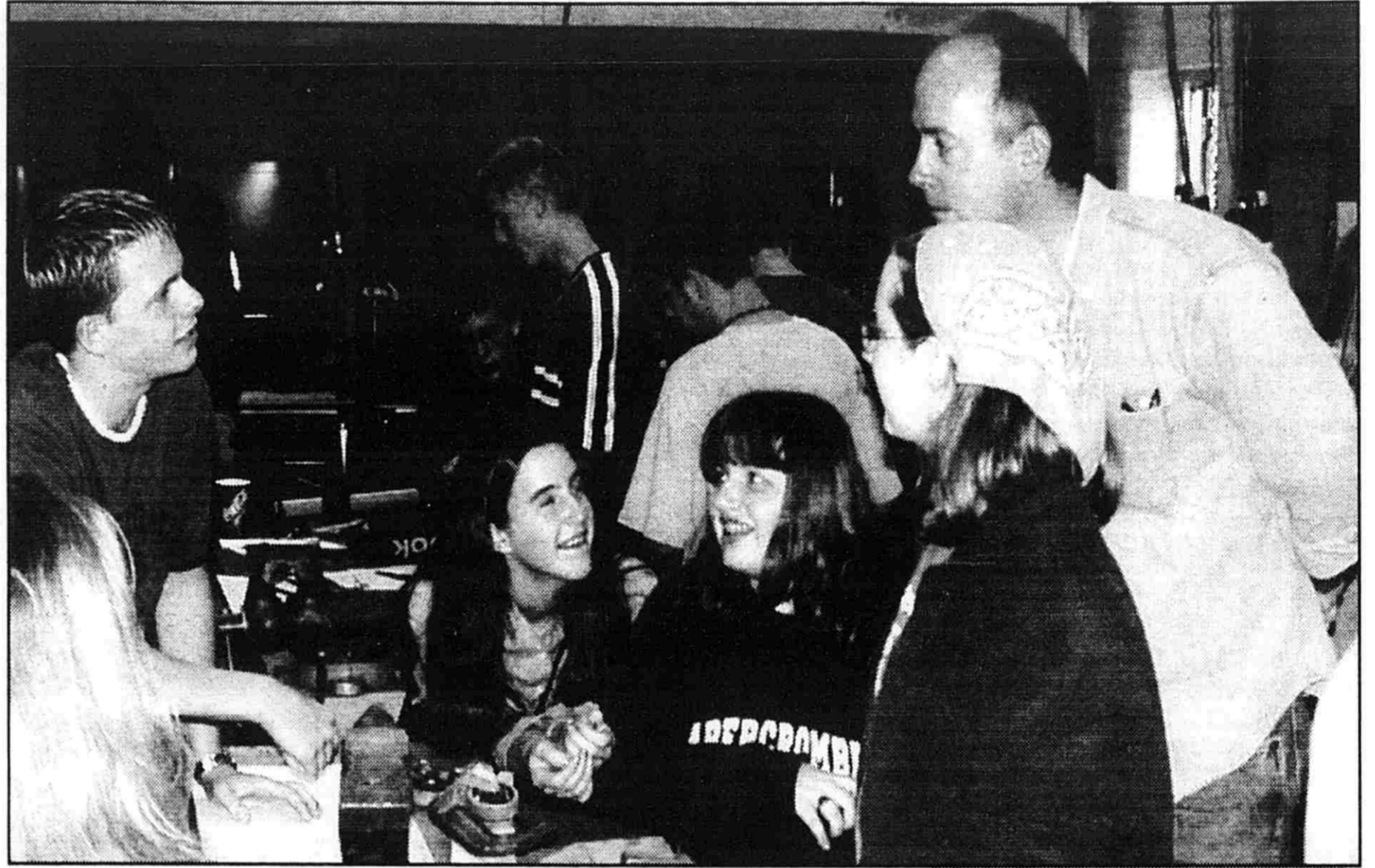
It was the warrior within Peters which enabled him to rise above a callously discarded commentary of an undergraduate professor and begin to create a body of work that expresses his own passage through life.



The body of steel-welded work began with an installation in southern Illinois. "It signified my passage from graduate studies into the professional world," Peters said.

Art enthusiasts can view a sampling of Peters' work through Nov. 4 at the Lowell Area Arts

**Ceremonial Vessel Series - Nakajo, Welded Steel**



**Steven Peters talks with students from Robin White's art class about a group sculpture project.**

Council. His Katabasis exhibition includes indoor and outdoor sculptures and an indoor "installation" sculpture made specifically for the gallery space.

His work revolves around the theme of cultural ceremony and self-discovery through personal, ritual and spiritual development.

"I began working with steel as an undergraduate, using steel from scrap and junk yards and farms," Peters explained.

His undergraduate professor told him he had no vocabulary with steel, naturally leading Peters to successfully create his entire undergraduate show in steel. As a professional artist he continues to create ceremonial spaces, spiritual images and totemic structures.

Peters' basic structures are created from a theme. "Most of the time I develop a theme and then find parts to create structures that fit with the theme," he explained. "Sometimes I'll find steel parts which help me create new ideas."

Along with the exhibition, Peters will be an artist-

in-residence at Lowell High School for six weeks. The residency program will culminate with a group sculpture created by participating students. The sculpture will be installed outside the entrance to the high school.

"I started college with the intention of being an art teacher," Peters said. "Kids have a great energy and new ideas. High school students are better with ideas and advanced art, and K-5 students will try anything."

The artist-in-residence idea was presented to Peters by LAAC executive director, Lorain Smalligan.

"LAAC is looking to do more collaborative things with the school. One way to do that is through residency programs. Steve's work takes old farm equipment and other old steel components, and makes them into one piece of artwork," Smalligan said. "Lowell has a wonderful art program and a facility where Steve can come in and work with students. It also gives students the experience of working with a professional artist."

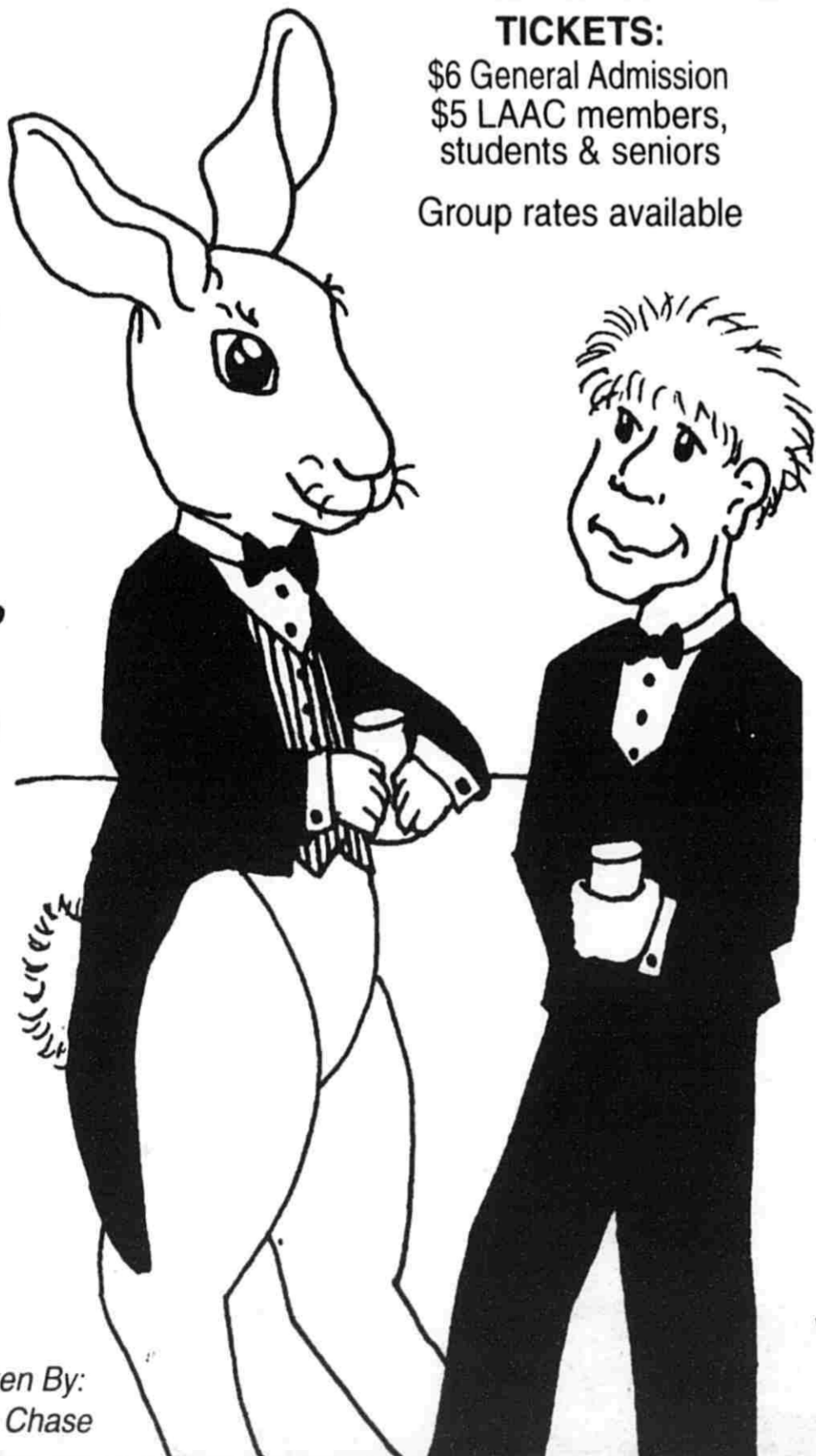
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