

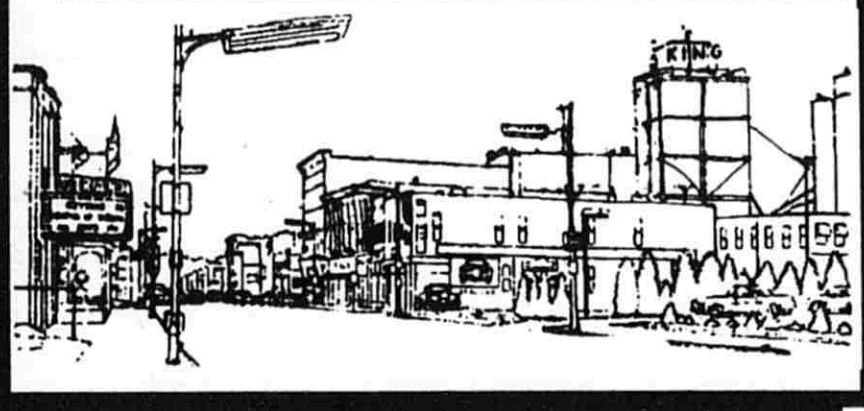
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Along Main Street



LAHA TO HOST "HISTORY EXPLAINED" PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will host a "History Explained" program on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Lowell Township Hall.

The public is invited to this program which will explain and answer any questions regarding the plans for the Lowell Area Historical Museum as well as offer members and the public an opportunity to bring objects and artifacts that have a story surrounding them. Light refreshments will be served.

SENIOR OVERNIGHT PARTY COLLECTIONS

On Thursday, Oct. 26 and Friday, Oct. 27, seniors will be able to turn in their money for the class of 2001 overnight party during all lunch hours in the cafeteria.

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.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT

The Lowell YMCA "Kids' Night Out" will be held on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary School. Call the Y at 897-8445 for more information.

FREE TRICK OR TREAT BAGS

Hey kids!!! Free trick or treat bags are available just by stopping in at the Lowell YMCA at 323 W. Main. Pick yours up today!

SEGMENT 2 OF DRIVER'S ED PROGRAM

Lowell Area Schools will offer Segment 2 on Nov. 6, 8 and 9 at Lowell High School. Those taking Segment 2 must be in attendance all three days. Those who took 1st session driver's training (June) will attend the 3-5 p.m. class; those who took 2nd session driver's training (July) will attend the 4-6 p.m. class. Students attending Lowell High School must see Mrs. Phillips to sign up for the Segment 2 classes. District students not attending Lowell High School may come to either one of the Segment 2 classes. Students must bring their 30-hour record book and Level 1 license to the first class.

ACTIVE PARENTING FOR AGES 2-12

An entertaining and effective program for parents is scheduled for six Mondays beginning Nov. 6 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary Family Center. The facilitator will be Jackie Schnackenburg, Lowell Schools' social worker. Call Ann Nichols, Family Center coordinator at 897-9257 for more information.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATING 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Schneider Manor will be the setting for the Fallsburg Historical Society annual banquet on Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a catered dinner and exhibit highlighting the society's achievements of 35 years. Reservations are necessary. Call 897-6430, ask for Priscilla.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL NEXT MONTH

The annual Christmas Through Lowell will be held on Nov. 17, 18 and 19; 23 homes involved with six businesses. Fliers/maps are available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's, Dream Pieces, The Shorebird Gallery & Gifts, Touch of Country, Rupert's Drop and State Farm Insurance.

Renovation of city parking lots to commence in spring of 2001

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) renovation of three downtown parking lots will commence in the spring of 2001.

The DDA gave approval to Fishbeck Thompson Carr and Huber to complete project engineering drawings not to exceed \$39,500.

The Lowell Planning Commission gave site plan approval for the three parking lots at its September meeting.

The parking lots are located on the northeast corner of N. Monroe and Avery, the southwest corner of N. Monroe and Avery, and the southwest side of Main Street and S. Monroe.

The N. Monroe/Avery Street (City Hall/police station) parking lot will have its parking spaces increased to 49 with access from Avery and Monroe.

The N. Monroe and Avery Street parking lot (southwest corner) will basically function in the same manner as it currently does. There will be a truck route which will circulate along the outside loop. It will have 41 parking spaces.

The King Milling lot will have 55 parking spaces.

The planning commission gave site plan approval provided it could review information concerning dumpster locations; contact store owners regarding access for the N. Monroe/Avery lot; furnish a plan to address the rear entry of the chamber building; and determine a boat launch relocation.

Halloween brings calls for candy and safety

An invasion of youthful ghosts and goblins is about to descend on neighborhood streets, so parents, youngsters and motorists should use extra caution to ensure safe trick-or-treating this Halloween, AAA Michigan advises.

"Halloween can be a safe and enjoyable time for everyone, if motorists are on watch for costumed creatures who may dart out between parked cars," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Drivers should also be especially careful when pulling in or out of driveways, and realize that the normal residential speed of 25 m.p.h. is way too fast when the night is full of excited kids moving from house to house."

The city of Lowell will be observing Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 - 8 p.m., according to James Valentine, Lowell chief of police. Households wishing to participate with treats for children should turn on outside porch lights.

To ensure a safe and fun evening, Valentine recommends that children and their parents follow these safety tips:

- Wear light colored costumes or clothing which will be seen easily. Place reflective material on the costume if it is dark colored or place a reflective material

This Halloween Drive With Caution!



on the treat bag.

- Make sure masks or face coverings have large eyeholes or consider make-up as an alternative to costume masks.

- Carry a flashlight.

- Use sidewalks. If no sidewalks are present, walk on the side of the roadway facing traffic.

- Always look for cars before crossing the street - cross only at intersections, never between parked cars.

- An adult should accompany children when trick or treating.

- Do not allow children to eat treats until they have been inspected by their parents.

- Only trick or treat in your own neighborhood or at houses you are familiar with.

It is also important that motorists follow these tips:

- Drive with your headlights on during daylight hours.

- Be alert for children darting across the street ... especially between parked cars.

- Drive at a safe and prudent speed, especially after dark. Operate your car below the speed limit in residential districts.

"A safe Halloween means seeing and being seen by motorists," concludes Basch.

CenturyTel spot on Cable TV tower; Landman proposes communications tower

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

The ink is barely dry on the city of Lowell's new ordinance covering communications towers but the race is on as to where the first one will be located.

The winner, by a nose, is CenturyTel, which received approval Monday night from the Lowell Planning Commission to co-exist on the Lowell Cable TV tower. The tower would be extended from 20 feet to 183 feet and would allow for CenturyTel and another carrier to be on the tower.

The issue came before the board at its September meeting, but was tabled when the board could not come to a consensus. Since that time, planning commission chair, James Hall said he had talked with Lowell Cable TV officials about some of the commission's concerns including the unit be able to have another carrier and cleaning up some of the satellite dishes located on top of the building.

"The tower could be designed to hold another carrier," said Carrie Norris of Faulk and Foster, a company working with

CenturyTel on the tower project.

Hall also learned that the

city could enter into an agreement with the company for a

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Inside The Ledger

Two Red Arrow Teams
 Claim Conference
 Championships,
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OBITUARIES

GILLETTE - Veneitta M. Gillette, aged 91, formerly of Saranac, passed away October 16, 2000 at the Breton Manor in Grand Rapids. She was born in Sidney, MI, on December 10, 1908 to George H. and Tena Hanson Nelson. She lived in Saranac from 1953-1971. She was a past member of the Eastern Star and an active supporter of Job's Daughters and the order of DeMoley. She married Wallace Gillette on Sept. 12, 1932 in Indiana who preceded her in death Dec. 15, 1975. She is survived by one son David J. and Myrna Gillette of Grandville and one

daughter Alice and Richard Powell of Walker; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother and five sisters. Funeral services were held Friday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Brad Ambricht officiating. Interment Resthaven Cemetery in Belding. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the charity of one's choice.

DELMAR - Barbara Mae Delmar, aged 77, passed away Friday, October 20, 2000. She is survived by her children, David (Susan) Delmar of Grand Rapids, Mary (Randy)

Hamp of Lowell; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Monday at the Rothgerst Funeral Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Muskegon.

SLOWINSKI - Lucille Nugent Slowinski, aged 79, of Parnell, passed away on October 17, 2000. She was born on September 28, 1921, to Joseph and Marie Heether and married to Ligouri (Duke) Nugent who preceded her in death in 1969. She then married Wilson Slowinski who also preceded her in death in 1985. She served as Grattan Township treasurer from 1969 to 1986 and was a very active member of St. Patrick Parish, involved for many years at the school and in the Altar Society. Lucille was happiest when surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed preparing large meals for her family, golfing and taking care of her flowers and large yard. She will be dearly missed by her sons Terry (Jean) Nugent and Denny (Mary) Nugent, and daughters Phyllis (John) Powell, Kathleen (Tom) Evans, Jean (Dan) Fitzpatrick, Sharon (Mike) Plaska and Joan (Jack) Weeber; her grandchildren Sheila (Conan) Burkhardt, Mike (Betsy) Nugent, Tom (Kathy) Nugent, Renee Nugent, Dave (Kelli) Powell, Joyce (Seth) Bussert, Julie (Tom) DelCorso, Dan

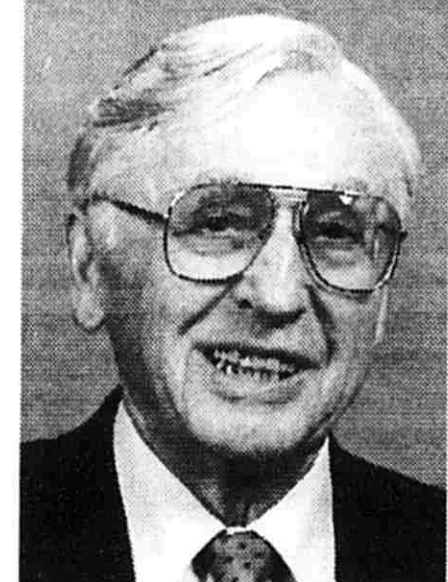
(Julie) Evans, Pat, Betsy, Kerry, Kevin Nugent, Brian, Kelly, Monica, Kyle Fitzpatrick, Matt, Nick, Josh, Andy and Sam Plaska, Alicia and Jack Weeber; great-grandchildren Tyler and Kristen Burkhardt, Steve, Jacob and Nicole Nugent, Connor Nugent, Alex and Sydney Powell, Zach Bussert, Dylan and Gabby DelCorso, Carson Evans; sisters Irma Malone, Florence Wosinski, Margaret Skinner and Kate Frazee; nephew Jerry (Linda) Nugent and many other nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial and Committal was celebrated Saturday at St. Patrick Church, Parnell with Rev. Ronald Hutchinson officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick Building Fund.

WITENBACH - Harold W. "Mike" Wittenbach, aged 89, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, October 21, 2000. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lee, of 52 years and

survived by his children Lynn (Greg) VanDrie, Carol (Tom) Drenth and Denny (Renee) Wittenbach; seven grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

sister Freda Armstrong of Bocca Raton, FL and sisters-in-law Annebelle and June Wittenbach. Mike was one of twelve children of Christian and Anna Wittenbach, and raised on the family farm in Vergennes Township which later became his home. He was a graduate of Lowell High School and co-owner of Wittenbach Sales and Service with brothers

Wilbur and Everett Wittenbach. Over his lifetime he enjoyed working the family farm; driving his milk truck route, working with and serving the many farmers of the area, raising beef cattle and crop farming. He was active in the First United Methodist Church of Lowell and gave much of his time to 4-H and his children's 4-H horse club and Vergennes Township. With his wife he enjoyed many wonderful times and friendships as long time members of the Grand Rapids Riding Club. He will be remembered for his great love and devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren and his farm. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry and Chaplain Carol Fleetstra officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.



Developer gets okay on condo project scheduled for wetlands area

••• The Conservatory Woods development on about 18 acres behind Family Fare would house 35 condominiums.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

A parcel of land located behind Family Fare will be developed the way the developer had hoped.

Monday night, the Lowell Planning Commission approved a site plan and special use permit for the development of Conservatory Woods which will be located on about 18 acres behind Family Fare. The approval came despite the objections of several residents and the presentation of a petition in opposition to the special use permit

which would allow developer Steve Hanson to put up 35 condominiums on the north end of the property.

"The property is going to be developed," Hanson said. "I believe this is a much nicer situation. Under what is allowed, I could put duplexes which don't require any landscaping and would bring in renters that don't care about the area."

Under the proposal, Hanson planned to put a total of 54 condominiums on the property which, according to his engineer Rick Pulaski of

Nederveld Associates, could hold up to 126 units. However, most of the land is restricted by the Department of Environmental Quality because it is wetlands, a problem developers before Hanson had in trying to do something with the land.

In his proposal, Hanson plans to put 19 condominiums on the south side of the property near the corner of Sibley and Ridgeview. Since that area is zoned R-3 residential, allowing for multi-housing, Hanson is allowed to put the condos as a right of use on that section of the property.

The northern piece of the land is zoned R-2 residential, which allows for condominiums under a special use permit. The R-2 zone does allow for duplexes as a right of use. If Hanson hadn't gotten the special use permit, he had an

alternative plan to go forward and build the duplexes.

"The number of years I have been here ... of all the plans presented, this has been the best plan," said commission member, Elizabeth Thompson. "By rights, you don't want anything, but it is going to be developed and you try to pick the very best plan you can possibly have."

Commission member John VanderWilp said he sympathized with the neighboring residents who have had to deal with a series of water problems due to development of the area. The developer, however, had a right to develop the land and can do so. VanderWilp said he believed

the project had been well thought out and was a good project.

Commission member Trudy Cahoon, who along with commission member Jim Pfaller opposed the special use permit, said she once again felt that the commission was moving forward on something that several residents had opposed and that 30 residents had signed a petition against.

"Here we are again after a public hearing where residents are saying, 'No, no, no' and going ahead with it anyway," Cahoon said.

Pulaski said there were several advantages to the project: The project did not

push the envelope in density of buildings, it is designed to conserve the natural elements of the land, the units would be owned ... not rented, and an association would be developed to make sure all the rules were followed.

Residents objected to the development largely because of water issues. Development of previous areas has caused several of the residents' basements to flood because the water has no place to go.

In a 5-2 vote, the planning commission approved the special use permit. In a 7-0 vote, the commission approved the site plan for the project.

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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

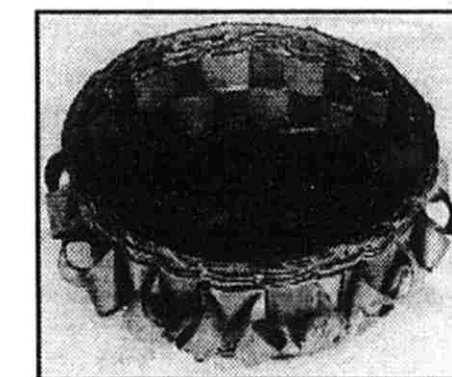
MON-TUES TRASH PICKUP	WED-THURS TRASH PICKUP
October 3	October 4
October 10	October 11
October 17	October 18
October 24	October 25
October 31	November 1
November 7	November 8
November 14	November 15

1800s Odawa Indian basket donated to museum

A late 1800's Odawa (Ojibwa) Indian basket was recently donated for use in the Lowell Area Historical Museum scheduled to open in September, 2001.

"This was a 'real prize' donation," said board member Judy Straub. This particular basket was donated by Linda (Stevens) Barnes and her sister Martha (Stevens) Michel. Barnes explained that she grew up seeing the basket used by her grandmother for sewing notions and that her grandfather, Jim Green, originally purchased it from local Indians.

At the time Lowell was settled, there were approxi-



mately 300-400 Odawa Indians that lived in and around Segwun. Upon the death of her grandparents, Barnes' sister acquired the basket and used it in her home as part of the decor. In citing the reasons for donating the basket, Barnes states that her sister wanted it to come back to Lowell where it originated and

where it could be shared with all the residents of the Lowell area.

Straub says, "We are really on the lookout for Indian and early settler artifacts as we do not have very many in our permanent collection. This is truly a sad thing given the fact that we are the third oldest settlement in Kent County. We would like to ask area residents to consider donating or loaning the museum artifacts that represent this early part of our history."

If anyone is interested in donating or loaning items to the museum, please call 897-7688.

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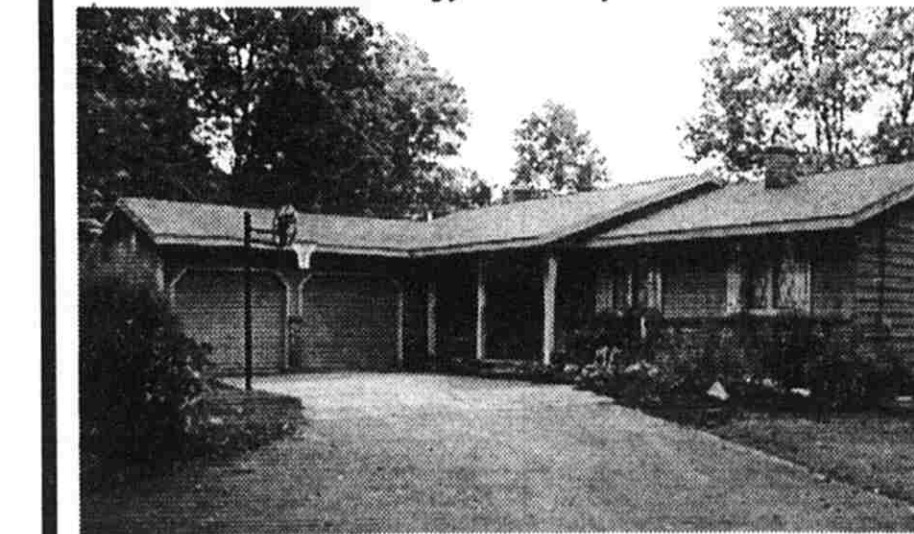


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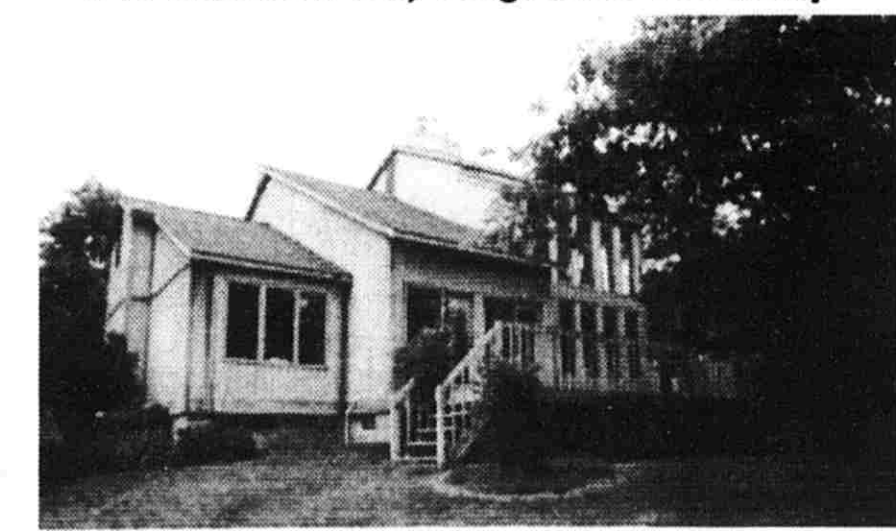
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The Ledger Halloween COSTUME CONTEST



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Reflections

Of Faith

Burland D. Margesson
Pastor, First Baptist Church

For the series of articles in the month of October, I have chosen to focus my thoughts under the heading:



Week of 10/30 - 11/3

ELEMENTARY

*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.
* Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30c

MON: French toast sticks or cereal choice, scrambled eggs, apple juice, golden potato wedges.

TUES: Happy Halloween! Nachos w/meat, cheese, roll or chicken sandwich, apricots & cherries, green beans, cake.

WED: Pepperoni pizza or beefy gordita (on warm pita bread), blueberries & cream, celery w/peanut butter.

THURS: Macaroni & cheese or corndog on stick, cinnamon roll, peas, pineapple tidbits.

FRI: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese bagel, tossed salad, cinnamon apple slices.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.
* Lunch: \$1.50 * Milk: 30c

MON: Crispito w/chips & cheese or macaroni & cheese, cinnamon roll, fresh grapes, corn.

TUES: 2 turkey & cheese on buns or cook's choice, fruit choice, potato wedges.

WED: Chicken nuggets or lasagna w/meat sauce, breadstick, blueberries & cream, whipped potatoes.

THURS: Breakfast bar, French toast sticks, or pancake dippers, scrambled eggs, potato wedges, juice, warm cinnamon apples, cherry topping & syrup.

FRI: Pizza wedge or ravioli w/cheese & roll, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits.

a fourth and final observation. They were a people actively engaged in reaching their world for Jesus Christ.

Today, the word "evangelism" evokes a great variety of responses. There is a strong trend currently sweeping our nation that equates New Testament evangelism with television hucksters wearing \$600 suits, driving luxury cars and living in a lifestyle that is nauseous. Others see evangelism as an expression of intolerance and exclusiveness. It is to this problem that I would like to speak briefly.

The final words of the Lord Jesus Christ were: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) Standing on the Mount of Olives just prior to His glorious ascension He said, "You shall be witnesses of Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8) A great many of our readers remember the Golden text of John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

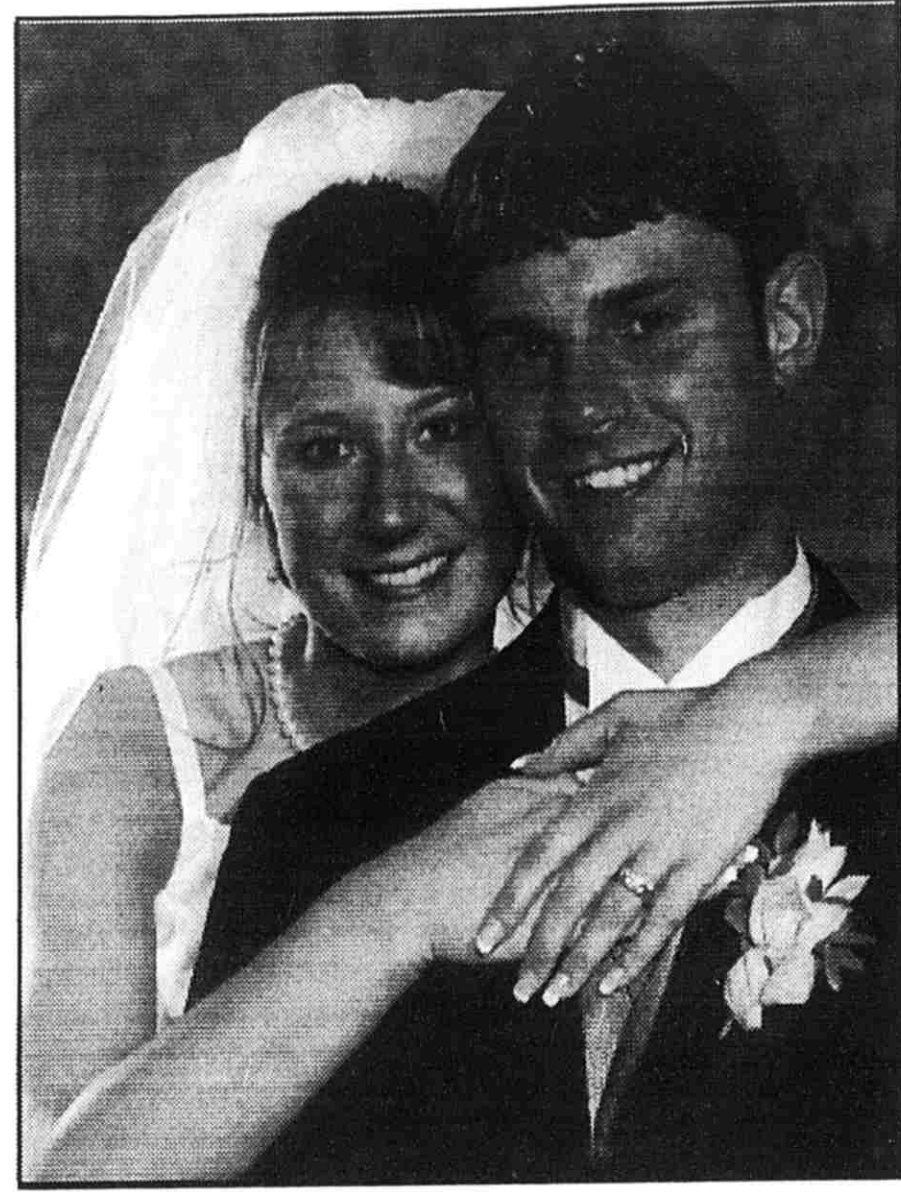
The resentment towards the exclusiveness of this message rests in this strong and singular claim that in Jesus Christ alone is there salvation. The world is filled with religions, Christianity is a relationship with a Person. Evangelism is obedience to that Person. The issue is not rather one is a Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran or some other Church. It is Jesus Christ, His Cross, His Resurrection and the offer of eternal life through Him alone.

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Kari and Brant Erbertraut

Erbertraut/Monks

Kari Alison Monks and Brant Alan Erbertraut were married at St. Mary's Church in Grand Rapids on May 27, 2000.

Parents of the couple are Earl and Colleen Monks of Portland and Stuart and Jean Erbertraut of Lowell.

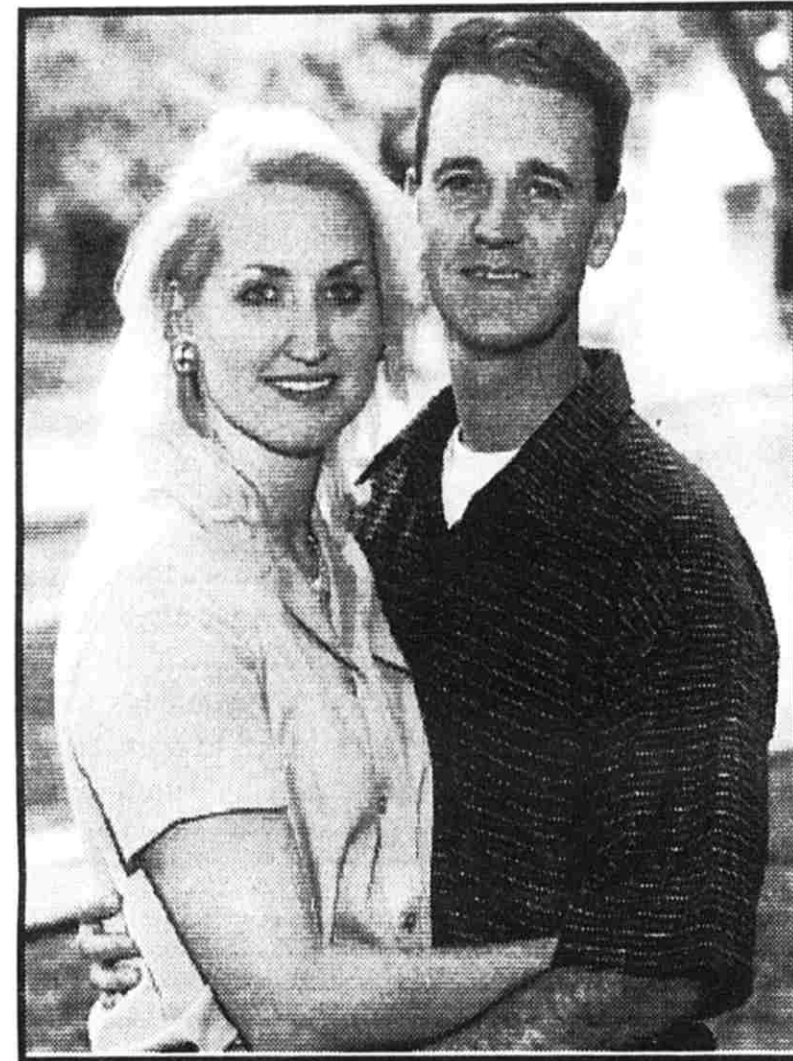
Maid of honor was Stephanie Monks. Bridesmaids were Kristen LaFond, Tammy Rodriguez and Wendy Ernst.

The best man was Kevin Andrus. Groomsmen were Jeff Carabines, Chris Monks and Brian Olds.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were J.R. and Jan Schultz.

The couple resides in Milwaukee, WI.

Deady/Collins



B.D. and Denny Deady of Bridgeport, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Guinness Margaret Deady to Brent William Collins, both of Addison, Texas.

The future groom's parents are Steve and Kay Collins of Carson City, NV, formerly of Lowell. His grandparents are Rex and Dode Collins of Lowell. He is a graduate of James Madison High School and the University of North Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy and is currently asst. vice president/project management for Resource One Credit Union.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Paradise High School and the University of North Texas. She is customer implementation manager for Data Return.

A December 2, 2000 wedding is planned.

Viewpoint . . .

To The Editor

To the Editor,
I am compelled to write concerning an issue which could have grave consequences for the schools in our community as well as public schools throughout the state. The issue is vouchers. On Nov. 7, voters in Michigan will decide whether or not to allow public funds to finance private schools through a voucher system.

I have taught in public schools for the past 32 years. I have seen great strides made to improve the quality of public education in Michigan and particularly in Lowell Area Schools. As a member of the Lowell staff for the past 26 years, I have seen the board of education, administration, and a very dedicated, highly qualified teaching staff constantly strive to improve the curriculum for the students of our community.

Also, teachers and administrators have made great improvements in teaching techniques, laboratory procedures and computer technology with limited fixed funding from the state legislature to meet the constantly changing needs of our fast-paced society. In addition, teachers regularly update their skills through in-service training, graduate classes and seminars to enhance their teaching.

If we answer the voucher question with a "yes" vote, then Lowell Area Schools and all other public schools will suffer. The money needed to continue striving for excellence in the education of all of the children in our district and throughout the state will be used to fund private schools. Voucher funding for private schools will only widen the gap in education and hurt public schools.

We don't need vouchers to improve the quality of our schools. We need to support the public schools of Lowell and Michigan in their quest for excellence - Vote "No" on Proposal 1.

Pete Siler, Alto

To the Editor,

I have to say I was very disappointed when I read all the articles about homecoming. There were articles about the football team, cheerleaders, and court members, but nothing about the marching band and flag team.

I'm not sure people realize how much time and effort is put forth by both members and the band directors for a performance like homecoming. I am a member of the middle school band and I know how hard Mr. Latva, Mrs. Bredwell and Mr. Rice worked to prepare us. It isn't fair to them or us.

Katie Serne

To the Editor,

Seems that Kent County Commissioner Jack Horton thinks we should vote for Proposal 1 (school vouchers) because witches, Wiccans and the Ku Klux Klan send their kids to our public schools (G.R. Press, Sept. 10, 2000). Tsk, tsk.

If Mr. Horton is concerned with the Wiccans and the Klan, he should be leading the opposition to vouchers. If Proposal 1 passes, the Wiccans and the Klan and any other fringe element in our society could set up their own private school and be eligible to receive taxpayer money through vouchers.

I would encourage all voters to read the entire proposal (not just the language on the ballot) before voting, and then vote "No" because truly, the devil is in the details.

Sincerely, Tom Stahr

To the Editor,

As a parent of a state champion Lowell equestrian team rider, I am overwhelmed by the fantastic enthusiasm with which our community has reacted to the team's success. I am so proud to be living in a town that wholeheartedly embraces the accomplishments of our young people. In fact, we continue to celebrate, and the adrenaline rush has only begun to ebb slightly.

At our district banquet last Tuesday night, the Lowell team unanimously won the sportsmanship award. Not only are our young equestrians excellent riders, they are also of such character that they help the other teams, become friends with them, and sincerely applaud their successes. One could say this is because our community's families raise good kids with strong values. I believe that is true. Our team is a group that worked together for a common goal, utilizing all the qualities required to win, including support of each other, enthusiasm and love of what they're doing. But there is one piece to this great success that needs to be recognized publicly - the role that the coaches of this equestrian team played in our state championship.

Coaches Gail Parker and her daughter Casey are the ones who led this team to the top. Gail and Casey exhibit the qualities of true leaders. Their uncanny sense of which riders and horses would ride which classes best was dead-on. And Gail's inherent fierce competitiveness was camouflaged by a never-ending sense of humor, a sincere attentiveness to each and every team member, and an ability to know when and how to push for the best. Casey was always there with her special relationship to the team members, reinforcing the same coaching skills every step of the way.

I know I speak for each and every parent of the Lowell Equestrian Team when I express how very fortunate I feel to have a daughter experience the incredible momentum that is gained and what can be accomplished by a group that is brought together and led by such dynamic individuals. Gail and Casey took our talented kids and made this all happen. Oh...and I can't forget Gail's husband, Joe Parker, who faithfully brought up the afternoon ice cream at our meets. Thank you, Ice Cream man. And thank you so much Gail and Casey.

Still riding high,
Noreen Balaam

To the Editor,

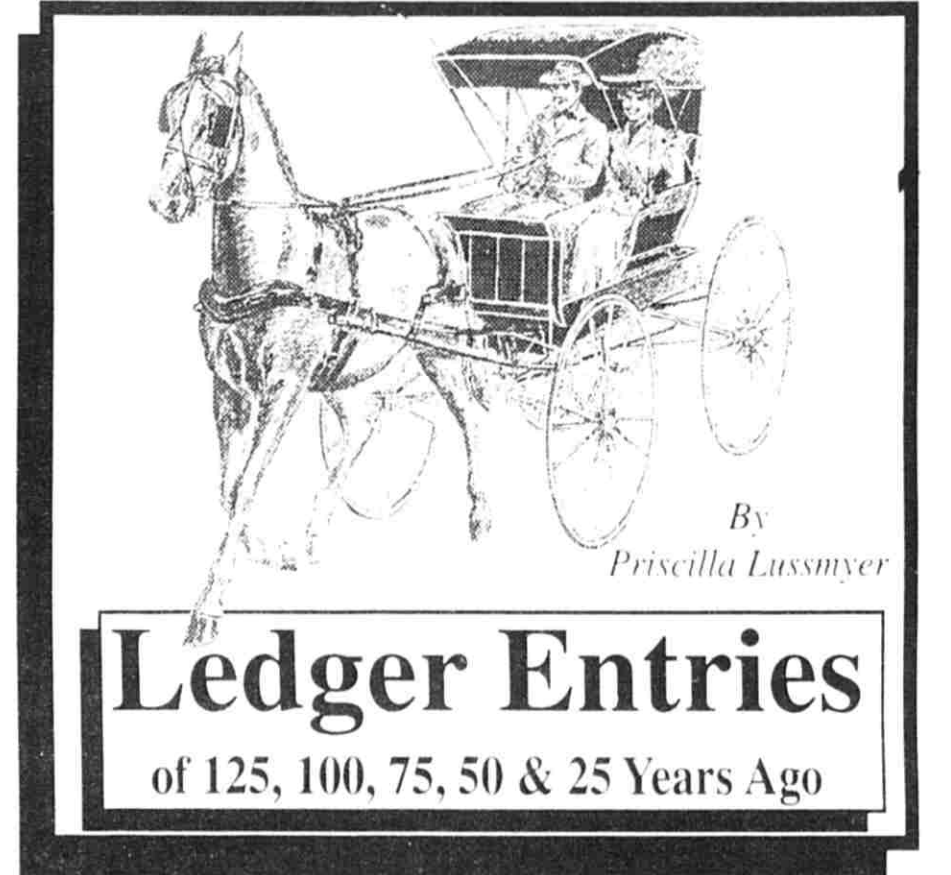
Proposal 1 has created extreme charges on both sides of the issue. It has become a very difficult proposal to separate the facts.

I see passage of Proposal 1 as a step in the right direction to help reform our educational system by allowing parents to get more involved and to make changes.

We are fortunate in Lowell to have an excellent educational system and not be one of the less fortunate seven failing school districts.

Make your voice heard on November 7. Be sure that those children in the less fortunate school districts get the opportunity to obtain quality education.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Reagan, D.D.S.



Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOV. 3, 1875

This issue is missing. We substitute Nov. 2 1870, the first microfilm of Lowell paper, the Weekly Journal, Volume VI, Number 18.

The bridges over Flat River have been replanked. Wagon loads of potatoes coming into town daily.

The oceans of mud in our streets almost all the time suggest it would pay to pave Bridge Street from the bridge to Washington Street, and Main from the bridge to Hudson.

"Dr. H. B. Peck's Catarrh Specific" wagon, one of the most tastefully gotten up wagons of its kind we've ever seen, was built, painted and lettered here.

Publication day will henceforth be Wednesday instead of Thursday, to accommodate South Boston, Campbell and other places not receiving daily mail.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOV. 1, 1900

Gov. Pingree asks voters to support the constitutional amendment to make railroad and telephone companies pay taxes on property like everyone else, not just on profits.

There will be a big Democratic Party rally at Train's Opera House Saturday evening.

The editor of the Ledger accuses the editor of the Journal of lying that Republicans have been responsible for all veterans' benefits, and names facts and figures to prove they haven't.

An extra is put out on Nov. 3 to announce that the county treasurer and candidate for state Senate has committed suicide, and that A. W. Weekes of Lowell will run in his stead.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 29, 1925

Frank White, village assessor, says that the Ypsilanti Reed Furniture company, lately moved to Ionia, was not assessed unfairly as the manager had said, but was bothered by transportation costs and a lot of unused floor space in Ionia.

W. Merle Burger, husband of Helen Look Burger, dies after eating game at a hunting cabin, when insect poison was mistaken for flour.

A three-act play performed by two actors playing four parts, will be the Lyceum's first program next Tuesday at City Hall.

Paul Kellogg's Lowell Cider & Vinegar Co. will custom-grind your apples for 3 cents per gallon.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOV. 2, 1950

General Motors has published slide films and movies for driver education classes.

The Grange and Farm Bureau sponsor many pie-baking contests for Apple Week.

Proposed constitutional amendments in the coming vote range from earlier voter registration, expanding mental and TB hospitals and repealing the ban on yellow margarine, to a subversive crime bill.

The December draft quota for Kent County is 106.

Lowell Municipal Plant's exhaust fan motor is struck by lightning for the second time this year. Now it goes back to the factory for a rebuild.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE OCTOBER 30, 1975

Please do not rake your leaves into the gutter or burn them in the city ... bag them.

The last of the six City Council candidates' weekly questions is about improving the city airport, the downtown business district and rating the various city departments. Most candidates dodge the last question.

Sixth-grade Campfire Girls will offer free baby sitting to parents who are voting.

All youth who were born on Nov. 1, 1957, the day the Mackinac Bridge was opened, will receive a framed color lithograph of Big Mac, when they present proof and cross the bridge.

The Garden Lore Club will give three commemorative trees to the City for the west bank of the Flat River, to celebrate the Bicentennial.

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Y-NOTES
Will Welsh,
Executive Director, Lowell YMCA

ASSET DEVELOPMENT: BOUNDARIES & EXPECTATIONS

Why do some kids grow up with ease, while others struggle? Why do some kids willingly get into trouble and participate in dangerous activities while others spend their time contributing in a positive way to their community? And finally, why do some children brought up in the most difficult situations imaginable beat the odds and become healthy caring adults while some children born with multiple positive resources available follow a destructive path? Today I will share the importance of Boundaries & Expectations.

The Boundaries and Expectations assets refer to the need

for youth to have clear and enforced boundaries to complement support and empowerment. Ideally, boundary assets are experienced in the settings of family, school and neighborhood, providing a set of consistent messages about appropriate and acceptable behavior across socializing systems. Youth need to know what is expected of them and whether activities and behaviors are acceptable.

Think of two families, the one you grew up in and the one your children are growing up in. Hindsight is 20/20. In looking back, did you have clear expectations? Did you have chores, homework responsibilities, a curfew, a pet to feed and take care of and positive expectations on how you were to act in public? Did your family have consequences you had to endure if you fell short of your expectations or went outside of those boundaries? Maybe you lost your allowance for the week or were grounded. If so, you learned or, better yet, were given appropriate lifelong tools that you use today in your community and the work place. Are you doing your part to give your children those same tools?

What was the neighborhood you grew up in like? I had a park and a YMCA behind my house that was in my "physical" boundaries. I knew as a child that I wasn't allowed to cross the street in the front of my house, but I was allowed to cross the alley in the back of my house and go to the YMCA. I was

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With Christopher J. Bouma

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these companies, hold on to them. If they are truly strong firms, they'll increase their earnings — no matter who's the president or which party is running Congress.

By taking a long-term approach, you'll spare yourself the difficulties of constantly trying to adjust your portfolio in response to elections and proposals. Not only would you be constantly veering off course, but you'd also be chasing after the wrong driver. The nation's economy — not its politics — has traditionally had more impact on the financial markets. And the Federal Reserve — not the White House — has played the key role in steering the economy.

Presidents come and go every four or eight years. But your investment horizon is probably much longer than that. So keep pursuing your financial objectives, and stay with your investment strategies. Make adjustments to your portfolio in response to changes in your personal situation, the economy or the financial markets. But don't make financial moves based solely on an election — unless, of course, you're running for office yourself.

DON'T LET THE ELECTION CHANGE YOUR INVESTMENT PLANS

In two weeks, we'll elect a new president. And it can safely be said that the world is watching, with significant interest, to see who will take over the Oval Office. As a U.S. citizen, you are probably interested in the outcome of the election. But as an investor, should you be equally concerned?

Probably not. The fact is, some investors place too much emphasis on who is in the White House or which party controls Congress.

For example, many investors were concerned about a Clinton victory in 1992, yet the Dow Jones Industrial Average nearly doubled in his first four years in office. Of course, much of the credit for the strong stock market was due to an evenhanded Federal Reserve, the absence of any shocks to the economy — such as an energy crisis — and the outstanding performance of corporate America.

On the other hand, campaign rhetoric and various proposals can temporarily affect individual sectors of the market. Consider health care. Several reform proposals have recently put pressure on health care stocks — which also happened in 1993, when similar proposals were made. But these stocks later bounced back strongly. The prospects also looked good for environmental stocks when President Clinton took office. However, proposed reforms didn't go through, and these stocks struggled.

Ultimately, the market's response to presidential elections and to political proposals is essentially short term in nature. As an investor, it's more important to think about the long term. Instead of being concerned about what industries might fare better under which candidate, look for high-quality companies with good products, good growth prospects and the ability to dominate their competitive niche. And once you find

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blessed that the YMCA was inside my boundaries and helped stock my life's tool belt. Does your neighborhood help stock your child's tool belt? Or better yet, are you helping to stock up the tool belts of the children in your neighborhood?

One of the toughest jobs in our community is that of the teacher. Our schools have the unenviable task of setting fair and safe boundaries for all kids. What makes this difficult is that we, as adults, have many different ideas of the boundaries we want for our children. Some of us want clear, sharp boundaries when it comes to behavior, study habits and attitudes. Some parents aren't sure what boundaries are appropriate and rely on the teachers to set them, enforce them and help teach the parents to do the same. And some parents aren't as cooperative.

In some instances when children have not been exposed to many boundaries and expectations, they struggle with school, friends and neighbors. Sadly enough, these parents many times feel it is the school's fault, or the teacher's fault. They are not able to realize that boundaries and expectations start at the home, long before children are exposed to them in school. Ideally, the family gives these tools to their children and the school helps the child become a master at using those tools for the good of their family, themselves and their community.

All of us in our community have the opportunity to have a direct and positive impact on our children. We need to see

ourselves as investors. We are investing in our future when we invest time, talent and money in ensuring our children are given the right tools to succeed in life and are taught how to use those tools.

Contact the YMCA at 897-8445 for your copy of the Asset Development Approach. An 8-page brochure will be sent to you at no charge.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 7, 2000 General Election will be conducted Wednesday, November 1, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



OUTDOOR GEAR FOR WOMEN

As usual, the trips to the mailbox during late summer and early fall yielded a stack of catalogs featuring hunting gear and other outdoor products. The majority of these publications devote considerable space to clothing for male customers. Several years ago one retailer did begin to include a few items intended for women.

The other day my wife and hunting buddy, Gwen, got around to organizing the box of photographs most of us have tossed in a drawer somewhere. One of the photos was of Gwen posing with a deer she had taken some years ago. I'm not a fashion expert, but I think I could describe her attire in that photo—without getting into too much trouble—as unbecoming and impractical. Her wardrobe consisted of a collection of men's and boys' hand-me-downs. It must have been difficult for her to walk or even move in that stuff. The manner in which she was dressed might explain why more women are not involved in hunting and fishing activities.

Well, ladies, those days are gone forever. The outdoor outfitting industry has caught up with the times. This year, a catalog from a well-known national retailer of outdoor products featured hunting apparel and other equipment for women only. Now it is possible to find windproof, waterproof, heavy-duty coats, pants, and boots that come in all the latest camouflage patterns and still fit well and look great. There are shooting shirts and neoprene waders. How about a safari jacket or a goose down parka? This stuff comes in all the modern fabrics like Saddle Cloth, Cordura, and Polartec.

The models in this catalog were not photographed on the beach. One is calling up deer while hunting with a bow from a treestand and another is walking in a field with a classy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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- OCT. 27: George Cook, Tim VanLaan.
- OCT. 28: Aaron Stencel, Bonnie Essich, Deb Stoutjesdyk.
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- OCT. 31: Bill Richter, Bob Richter, Connor Duiven.
- NOV. 1: Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea, Kunard, Patti Brenk, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis.

AREA BIRTHS

Bryan Michael Bitterman was born on Friday, September 15, 2000 weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Welcoming him home are big brothers Tyler and Derek and proud parents Dan and Karen Bitterman.

Henry and Gwen Whittum of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Elyssa Beth Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Guernsey of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Culp of Lake Ann.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jacqueline E. Bay, of Lowell, was one of about 1,800 students who graduated in August from Central Michigan University.

William Stepek, a graduate of Lowell High School, was recently named to the honor roll at ITT Technical Institute, Grand Rapids.

In order to be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better. Stepek plans to graduate with an associate's degree in electronics engineering technology.

The Grand Rapids ITT Technical Institute is operated by Indianapolis-based ITT Educational Services, Inc. (ESI), providing education to more than 26,000 students through its ITT Technical Institutes. Founded in 1968, ESI is one of the largest publicly-traded higher education systems in the country, operating 68 ITT Technical Institutes in 28 states. Established in 1979, the Grand Rapids ITT Technical Institute offers educational programs in Electronics Engineering Technology and computer Aided Drafting to 400 students.

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shotgun and a fine looking bird dog. Others are fishing for tarpon with a fly rod on the salt flats off Key West or casting a fly to rainbow trout in a mountain stream. A couple of outdoor gear retailers now have women on staff who field test and promote the firm's products.

Congratulations, ladies, someone else out there has recognized that you have a life beyond the office and the mall. I sincerely hope that the product manufacturers and dealers are rewarded for their efforts to meet the needs of the

outdoorswoman. Selection and availability will just get better if the market is there.

Women have been, and still are, under-represented in the hunting and fishing community. However, every year more women venture to the lakes and streams and into the fields and forests in pursuit of fish and game. Hopefully, by having the opportunity to get properly outfitted, more women will be motivated to participate.

STONERIDGE DRAIN COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO PROJECT

RE: PETITION TO LOCATE, ESTABLISH AND IMPROVE AN INTRA-COUNTY DRAIN IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20, of Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, a petition was filed with the County Drain Commissioner of Kent County, Michigan, petitioning for improvement to the Stoneridge Drain to reduce the potential for flooding within the township limits of Lowell Charter Township, located approximately as follows:

A drain 50.00 feet in width located in part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 4 and in part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 9, all being in Town 6 North, Range 9 West, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan, the centerline of said 50.00 foot wide drain being described as follows: **BEGINNING** on the South right of way line of Fulton Street (Highway M-21, a 100.00 foot wide public right of way) at a point being North 00°46'16" East 589.58 feet (as measured along the East line of Section 4) and South 86°49'30" West 1137.25 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 4, said point also being North 86°49'30" East 190.06 feet from the West line of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 4, thence South 00°50'30" West 238.94 feet parallel with said West line; thence South 86°49'30" West 165.00 feet; thence South 00°50'30" West 1360 feet more or less parallel with said West line and the West line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of aforesaid Section 9 to the waters edge of the Grand River and the place of ending of this described drain.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Drainage Board for said project has considered the said petition and has made a tentative determination that said petition is sufficient and that the said project is practical and should be completed, and has made a tentative determination that the following public corporations should be assessed for the cost of said project, to wit:

- Lowell Charter Township
- County of Kent - on account of drainage from county roads.
- State of Michigan - on account of drainage from state roads.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Drainage Board will meet on the 9th day of November, 2000, at 8:00 a.m., at the Kent County Administration Building, 300 Monroe, N.W., 3rd Floor Conference Room, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the project, to the petition therefor, and to the matter of assessing the cost of thereof to the public corporations above named. This Notice is given to and for the benefit of the said public corporations(s) and all taxpayers thereof. At the hearing, any of said public corporation(s) or any taxpayer thereof will be entitled to be heard.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Drainage Board shall make a determination as to the sufficiency of the petition, the practicability of the project, whether the project should be completed, and if so, the public corporations to be assessed and shall issue an order known as the Final Order of Determination. Section 483 of Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended, provides that the Final Order of Determination shall not be subject to attack in any court, except by proceedings in certiorari brought within 20 days after the order is filed in the Kent County Drain Office, the office of the Chairperson of the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain, and that if no such proceeding shall be brought within said 20 day period the legality of the drain project shall not thereafter be questioned in any suit at law or in equity, either on jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional grounds.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Kent County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Kent County Drain Commissioner at (616)336-3688 (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

This notice is given by order of the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain.

Roger G. Laninga, Chairperson
Chapter 20 Drainage Board
Stoneridge Drain

Dated: October 11, 2000

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five-year lease with an option for a five-year renewal, giving the city some flexibility on moving the tower or moving some of the dishes onto the tower.

The commission agreed to the co-existence of CenturyTel on the Cable TV tower with the condition that a concrete fence be constructed around the tower. City staff was instructed to determine what type of gated entryway should be allowed.

Hot on the tail behind CenturyTel is local business owner, Todd Landman, who came before the planning commission seeking a public hearing to construct a communications tower on his property at 2401 W. Main.

"I am working on getting four of the carriers on this pole," he said. "With more and more people using these things, it has become an unfortunate need to put these poles up. However, with the pole I am proposing, it would eliminate the need for three other towers in the area."

Landman is proposing a 250-foot high communications tower, which fits with the ordinance and would be located about 1.6 miles away from the Lowell Cable TV tower. Communications towers must be at least a mile apart.

City manager, David Pasquale said staff did find one problem with Landman's proposal in that the city ordinance

allows a property to have only one primary use. Landman's property actually has several uses.

"Having an industrial zone is designed to get these types of things out of our residential areas," Landman said, adding that industrial areas often have several uses. The planning commission asked for an interpretation on the ordinance.

Also, Pasquale said the Lowell Airport Board would have to review the proposal and give its recommendation. The planning commission set a public hearing on Landman's request for its next meeting, Nov. 27.

Shortage in flu serum leaves many vaccine seekers with sickly feeling

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A delay in the arrival of flu serum has created a panic among West Michigan vaccine-seekers.

"The unavailability has created a panic. I'm not sure it's necessary. I think it has more to do with supply and

demand," said Grand Valley Health Plan communications coordinator, Julie Bernock.

Grand Valley will supply 1,800 vaccines for employee groups between Oct. 23 and Nov. 10.

"We received the serum in September because we planned for the vaccines in

the spring," Bernock explained. "I do not know if we will be able to get any more. I do know we're maxed out right now."

On Thursday, 312 Lowell School District employees and some Lowell residents will get their flu shots between 1 and 5 p.m. at the

school administration building on 300 High St. The cost of the flu vaccine is \$7.50.

Because the Grand Valley Clinic does not accept payment through Medicare Part B, local residents who relocate to Florida for the winter, in the past, have waited until arriving in Florida so they

can go to a clinic that does.

Due to the shortage this year, Florida commuters are trying to get the flu shot wherever they can whether they can use Medicare Part B or not.

Bernock said Grand Valley sticks to employee groups. The high risk people get their

shots at clinics.

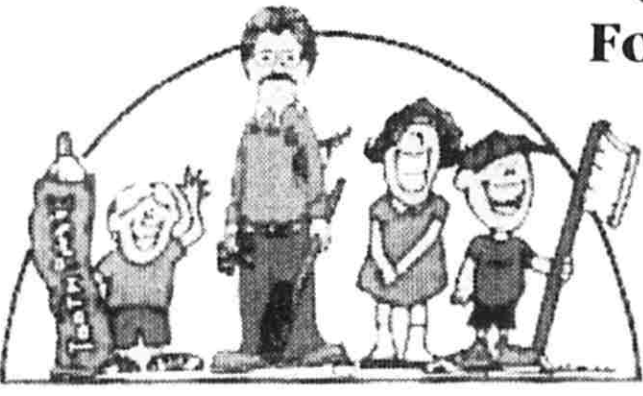
Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director, Liz Baker, who has worked with the school on Thursday's clinic, said there are people on a waiting list she will call if there are no-shows. Based on the demand, that seems unlikely.

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NOT A SPECIALIST

Wittenbach Center News & Notes

By Tammy DeBaar

Upcoming events and activities Lowell residents may wish to participate in between now and early December include:

Oct. 30 - Eastern Mountain Sports will host a lecture on Isle Royale (tips on camping and other information provided).

Nov. 11 - A mountain biking session will be held at the Yankee Springs Mountain Bike trail (near Gun Lake). Eastern Mountain Sports will host the event.

Dec. 2 - The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) will be providing a teacher workshop on wolf education, for all grade levels at the Wittenbach Center. Cost is \$13, payable in advance - noon.

Oct. 27 - The Environmental Club is hosting a Halloween party for kids at the Wittenbach Center. It will be from 4 until 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$3.

Oct. 28 - Eastern Mountain Trails is hosting an orienteering workshop at Proven Trails in Grand Rapids from 9 a.m. until noon.

\$10 will be refunded upon arrival and \$3 will be used for lunch. This will be co-hosted by the Wittenbach Center, Howard City Nature Center and the NWF. Checks may be mailed to Tammy DeBaar at 11715 Vergennes, Lowell.

Dec. 9 - Eastern Mountain Sports will host a snow shoeing event at the Howard Christensen Nature Center at 9 a.m. Snowshoes can be rented.

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Partnership approach works as catalyst for safer community

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S.P.O.T. is a collaborative effort established by the Lowell Police, Lowell Area Fire and Ambulance, Lowell Public Works, Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV, and the Lowell Area Schools.

"Change can happen if everyone is involved in building community, 'neighborliness' and mutual respect," states Dan DesJardens, superintendent of Lowell Public Works.

The partnership approach is guided by values and affirms the importance of the community. Its overall aim is

to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell and the surrounding areas by working together to develop and implement meaningful strategies.

S.P.O.T. was established to create a safer community, reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime, assist vulnerable groups, and to ensure that everyone who lives, or works in Lowell, has the best possible knowledge of and can participate in the development of a safer community.

"If our collaboration is to be successful and work effectively, we want to ensure that all the people in the Lowell area are aware of what is going on and feel a part of the process," said Frank Martin, Lowell Area Fire Chief.

Concern about crime stems from inadequate knowledge of the facts. Working together can remedy that. Building on the networks developed by collaboration,

widespread dialogue can take place and arrange for the sharing of information vital to the spread of community safety initiatives. S.P.O.T. has identified four primary objectives:

- To Support Vulnerable People - The focus will not be to reduce reported incidents but to try and establish a true picture of why some people in our community find it difficult to come forward and either seek help or advice or, if necessary, complain. "We want to ensure that we can provide appropriate and accessible responses to these people by organizing neighborhood groups and by strengthening and re-energizing programs like ChildWatch and safety training programs," acknowledged Jim Valentine, Lowell Police Chief.
- To Reduce Fear of Crime and Create a Safer Environment - Everyone has a right to live without fear of a crime

being committed against him or her, their family or their property. Crime and more particularly the fear of crime affect health, not to mention general well-being and overall quality of life. The fear of crime is as big a problem as crime itself and often this can lead to unrealistic fear where we believe ourselves to be at greater risk than we actually are.

• To Work With And For Young People - With the cooperation of the Lowell Area Schools, there is a unique opportunity to interact and engage children from the elementary years onward with age-appropriate activities.

"An important part of this process is to listen to the views of young people and to understand their perspectives," explains Bert Bleke, superintendent of Lowell Area Schools.

• Develop Reliable Channels of Communication - By empowering citizens with the information they need to actively participate in the decision-making process, citizens

avail themselves to a diverse insight as yet not fully explored. Real sharing of power is distinguished from seeking input outside the normal channels. When efforts are cooperative and connected to the community, strengths and resources will pull greater insights into the needs and solutions to accompany safety initiatives.

"Partnership approaches increase community ownership and generate a broad-based investment in the solution. S.P.O.T., cont'd. pg. 10

NOTICE Amendment to the VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance 2000-4, affecting manufactured home developments, was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on October 16, 2000. The ordinance amendments have been made to reflect recent court case rulings with regard to manufactured home developments. A summary of the ordinance 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 Ordinance 2000-4 is posted and can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 [Fax 897-5674]**. Regular office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S INTENT TO ISSUE SELF-LIQUIDATING REVENUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Bowne, County of Kent, Michigan, intends to issue its self-liquidating revenue bonds, in total principal amount of not to exceed Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and installing sanitary sewer improvements within the Township to upgrade the Township's existing wastewater pumping and treatment facility, including but not limited to expanding the sewage pump station, providing a new electrical service to the treatment facility site, installing mechanical aeration equipment, replacing interpond transfer piping and valves, effluent filtration and drip systems, effluent monitoring equipment and all necessary mechanical, electrical and control systems. Said bonds shall mature serially in not to exceed forty (40) annual installments with interest payable on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed eight percent (8%) per annum.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE NET REVENUES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM INCLUDING THE SYSTEM'S FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS, ENLARGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS. THE NET REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM CONSIST PRIMARILY OF THE RATES AND CHARGES BILLED TO USERS OF THE SYSTEM. THE BONDS SHALL BE SELF-LIQUIDATING REVENUE BONDS AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWNSHIP WITHIN ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY LIMITATION. THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AS SECURITY FOR PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The Township intends to issue the bonds without a vote of the electors unless a petition requesting an election on the question of issuing the bonds, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors of the Township of Bowne, is filed with the Township Clerk within 45 days after publication of this notice. If such a petition is filed, the bonds cannot be issued without an approving vote by a majority of the electors voting on the question.

This Notice is given by order of the Township Board pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1933, as amended. Further information concerning the matters set forth in this Notice may be secured from the Township Clerk's office.

DATED: October 25, 2000

Sandra Kowalczyk
Township Clerk

St. Mary Girls Club travels to Rome for Jubilee

Twelve girls from St. Mary Girls' Club in Lowell and nine adults will undertake an exciting pilgrimage to Rome from Dec. 30 - Jan. 7. Throughout history, the purpose of a pilgrimage has been a journey to deepen one's faith and draw closer to God. The purpose of the pilgrimage for this group will also be to participate in several historical moments within the Catholic Church as they attend special Jubilee Year events with the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II and thousands of other pilgrims from around the world in Rome.

The year 2000 has been designated by Pope John Paul II as a "Great Jubilee Year" which means it is a year for all Christians to renew their relationship with Christ, to strengthen their relationships with others through reconciliation, and to receive an outpouring of God's abun-

dant graces. It is a Jubilee year of greatest magnitude as it occurs on the turn of a millennium.

The origin of the Jubilee Year is found



in the Old Testament book of Leviticus (25:10-17). The Lord told Moses to instruct the Israelites to set aside and make sacred every 50th year. Every 50th year was to be a jubilee year - a year to proclaim liberty in the land for all inhabitants, when debts were forgiven and slaves were set free. For the past 400 years, the Catholic Church has declared a Jubilee Year every 25 years.

The group from Lowell will be present for the closing of the Great Jubilee Year in Rome which will be signified by the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, a door that is only opened every 25 years during a Jubilee year. This is a symbolic reminder for all Christians to carry on the mission of the Jubilee year, which is to "Open wide the doors to Christ."

It will be an exciting trip.

also, for the group will have the opportunity to see some of the physical aspects of the Catholic Church including St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, and numerous great works of art. After returning from Rome, they hope to share their Jubilee 2000 Pilgrimage with the local community.

To help raise funds for the pilgrimage, the Girls Club will be hosting a silent auction and a "Taste of Italy" dinner with

music provided by a local string instrument group, Sunday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary School. Contact Helen Thompson for tickets 897-7114. Dinner prices are adults 12 and up \$7; children 5-11 \$3.50 and children 4 and under free.

You can learn more about the year of the great Jubilee from Lowell Cable EWTN, Channel 49. Many of the Jubilee year events occurring in Rome will be aired on EWTN during the local groups pilgrimage there.

Parenting program Nov. 6

Kids face social and family issues far different from decades which preceded them making active parenting more essential than ever before.

Cherry Creek Elementary Family Center is offering an active parenting program for area parents beginning in November. The program runs six weeks beginning Nov. 6, going from 6:30 until 9 p.m.

It will be held at the Family Resource Center at Cherry Creek Elementary Childcare.

Jackie Schnackenberg, Cherry Creek School social worker, will lead groups, focusing on such topics as discipline, self-esteem, communication and family enrichment. The information and skills taught are designed to develop responsible, cooperative and courageous children.

Parents will learn communication skills they can use and, more importantly, teach to their children. They will discover how to eliminate power struggles with discipline skills that really work. They will also learn how to develop a child's pride and inner strength and teach them responsibility.

The program costs \$25 per person or couple.

S.P.O.T. cont'd.... From Page 9

tions. When we are willing to work preventatively, our community services are more relevant and useful to all of us," states Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV.

S.P.O.T. - Security & Protection in Our Town is a community-wide safety awareness program. For more information, please call Debbie Deane at Lowell Light & Power, 897-8405 ext. 20.

Environmental kits help area residents determine if radon is a problem in their home

It can't be seen, smelled or tasted but Radon resides in nearly one out of every 15 homes in the U.S.

Radon, a radioactive gas, comes from the natural decay of uranium that can be found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation.

Homes trap radon inside where it can build up. New and old homes, well-sealed homes and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements may all have radon problems. Rarely do building materials cause radon problems.

Radon can be a problem in schools and workplaces, too. Environmental Health Research conducts indoor air quality test at the schools. Recent tests indicated there are no

components indicating that radon exists, according to Larry Mikulski, Lowell Schools supervisor of transportation and operations.

The Kent County Health Department has made radon testing kits available at city and township offices around Kent County.

Testing for radon is easy and takes just a few minutes, according to William DeHaan.

The quickest way to test is with short-term tests. They remain in your home four-seven days. The city of Lowell as well as Vergennes and Lowell townships are handing out these radon test kits.

The test kit should be placed in the lowest lived-in level of

the home (for example, the basement if it is frequently used, otherwise the first floor). It should be put in a room that is used regularly (like a living room, playroom, den or bedroom) but not in a kitchen or bathroom. Once the test is finished, it should be ressealed and packaged and sent to the lab for study. Result sare returned within a few weeks.

Since there is no known safe level of radon, there can always be some risk.

A variety of methods can be used to reduce radon in your home. In some cases, sealing cracks in the floors and walls may help reduce radon. In other cases, simple systems using pipes

Radon Testing, cont'd pg. 12

LEGAL NOTICES

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October 19, 2000

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Use of new park pushes Lowell Charter Township to add more parking

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Grand River Riverfront Park in Lowell Township hasn't been open to the public six months and it's clear that more parking space is necessary.

"Build it and they will come." Lowell Charter Township supervisor, John Timpson said. "That's true - look at our park. It's full whenever I'm there."

Timpson received permission from the township board to shop for land for the purpose of increasing parking lot space.

Township trustee Richard Huver asked if the township would be eligible for DNR funds for the additional parking. "I'm too old to ask the DNR for money," Timpson said with a grin. "My first experience (when plans for the park were being made) was a horrible one."

Timpson said there are land possibilities to the east and west of the park.

The park sits on 77 acres and Timpson said he would look for an additional four acres for parking.

Trustee Alyn Fletcher recommended that the township not be shortsighted. "Let's not just think about our parking cars

when buying property."

In other township news, Lowell Charter Township will begin a Downtown Development Authority process so it can receive funds like its neighbors, Alto, Bowne Township and the city of Lowell.

"These funds will help the township dress up the west M-21 corridor with landscaping and lights so that it looks like the community we want to live in," said Timpson. "I would also like us to be prepared to set one up for our industrial park."

A resolution has been identified in the Stoneridge drain issue.

The storm water drainage coming off Meijer property will run across M-21 to Sam Noon's property to the wetland area. A delay was caused in determining who would implement the drain work.

After the county, state and drain commission balked at the idea, the township said it would.

That's when the Michigan Department of Transportation stepped in, saying it couldn't accept that proposal. So it was given back to the county and now the township will pay the cost to maintain it. The people served by it will be charged with

a special assessment.

The drain commission will hold a public hearing on Nov. 9 at 8 a.m. on this issue.

Radon Testing, cont'd.... From Page 11

and fans may be used to reduce radon.

If major structural renovation is planned in an unfinished area of the basement area being converted into a living space, it is important to test for radon before starting. Major renovations can change the level of radon in any home.

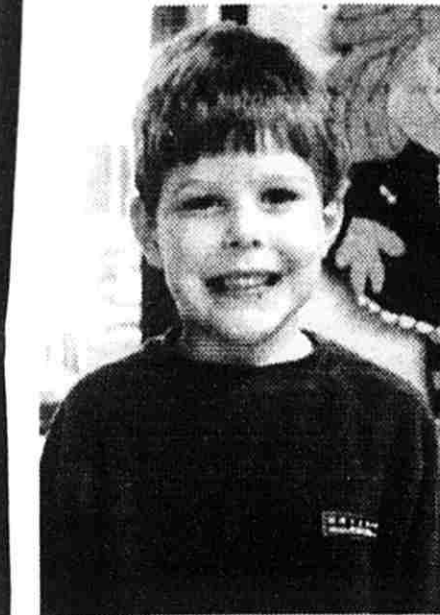
The surgeon general stated that Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.

It is not the strength but the duration of great sentiments that makes great men.

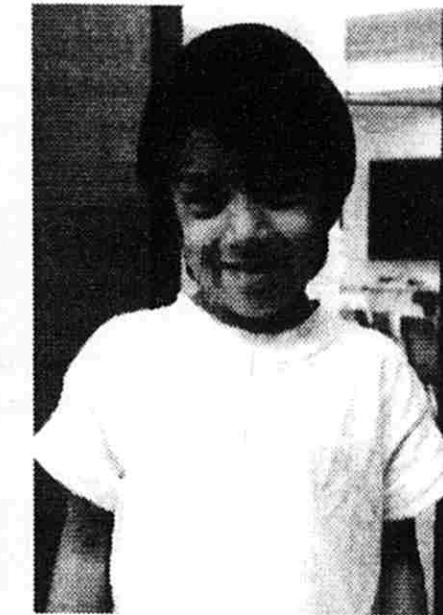
—Friedrich Nietzsche

TOWN TALK

The Ledger asked Cynthia Pierce's developmental kindergarten students what they will dress up as for Halloween and what their favorite treat is.



Nicholas Henderson
A red Ranger and candy corns.



Angel Zamora
A bat and chocolate.



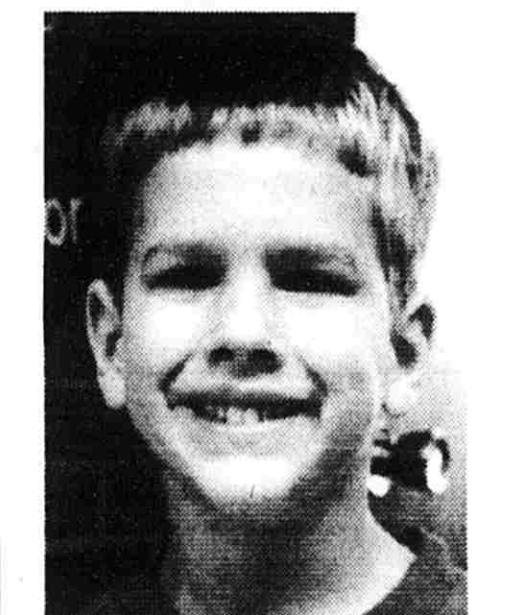
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A clown and candy bars.



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Superman and bubble gum.



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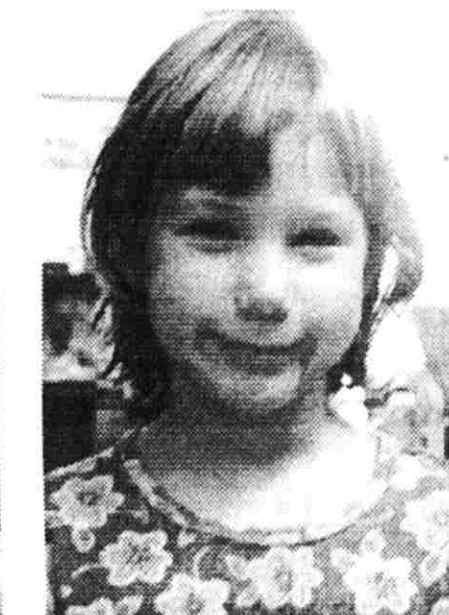
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Leah Drake
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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000
Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 6 board members present. Minutes of special meeting of October 2, 2000 approved.

Approved bills totaling:

General Fund.....	\$121,497.12
Sewer Fund.....	\$10,327.14
Water Fund.....	\$27,755.54

Business Conducted: Amended line items within budget; set election date for home-based business ordinance for next general election- November, 2002; adopted the Stoneridge Drain Resolution; voted to allow Sparta Township and Village Fire Department to join the Kent County Fire Commission; authorized Timpson to look for additional land for the Township park; authorized lots to be swapped for additional land at the Merriman Cemetery, approved private drive Gonzo's Way.
Adjournment at 8:25 p.m.
Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
NOTICE FOR TESTING OF THE OPTECH COMPUTER FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that testing will be done on the optech computer for the general election to be held on November 7, 2000.
Testing will be done on October 30, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. on Monday at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., N.E., Belding, MI.
Lana Green
Grattan Township Clerk

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY
Saturday, October 28th
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Moose Rec Hall
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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. Bellline) 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.

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

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.

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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.

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

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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.

THURS., OCT. 26: 2nd Thurs. for "Create your own Halloween costume" at the Franciscan Life Process Center, for children 6 to 12 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more info. call 897-7842.

OCT. 26 & 27: Class of 2001: Collecting money for the senior overnight party during all lunch hours in the cafeteria.

SAT., OCT. 28: Harker Middle School in Saranac - clothing and food drive from 9 a.m. - noon. Bring in quality used clothing and non-perishable food items. ?'s, call 642-9701.

THURS., NOV. 2: Vergennes Cooperative Club meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Doris Ellis, Shirley Weeks, Dorothy Randall & Dani Smith; program:

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
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MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.
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.

Special Events
WED., OCT. 25: 8 a.m., Women's Breakfast.
WED., NOV. 1: 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast.
WED., NOV. 1: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure.
THURS., NOV. 2: Noon, dance, West Side Complex.
MON., NOV. 6: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Meijer.

THURS., NOV. 7: Election Day.
TUES., NOV. 7: 12:40 p.m. Travelogue "The Holy Land, an Incredible Journey."
WED., NOV. 8: Noon, Movie at Showcase Cinema.
WED., NOV. 15: Noon, Thanksgiving Dinner, Order by Nov. 9.

MON., NOV. 6: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Meijer.

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

Jim Doyle "Lowell Area Historical Assoc.," sponsor: Evelyn Briggs.

MON., NOV. 6: Clark-Ellis Post #152 American Legion members and auxiliary are invited to a catered armistice dinner at Schneider Manor community room at 6 p.m. Contact Doris Ellis at 897-8870 before Nov. 1. Reservations are necessary.

MON., NOV. 6: Lowell Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge at 7 p.m. Come and support the athletes.

WED., NOV. 8: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family-style turkey and dressing dinner commencing at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$5; children 5-12, \$2.

SUN., NOV. 12: 2nd annual Vegetarian Food Fair from 3-5 p.m. at Forest Hills Aquatic & Community Center, 660 Forest Hill Ave. Recipes/door prizes. Sponsored by Riverside Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventist. Call Linda at 676-1667 for info.

LEADERS of the PACK: Lowell girls cross country team wins OK White Championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

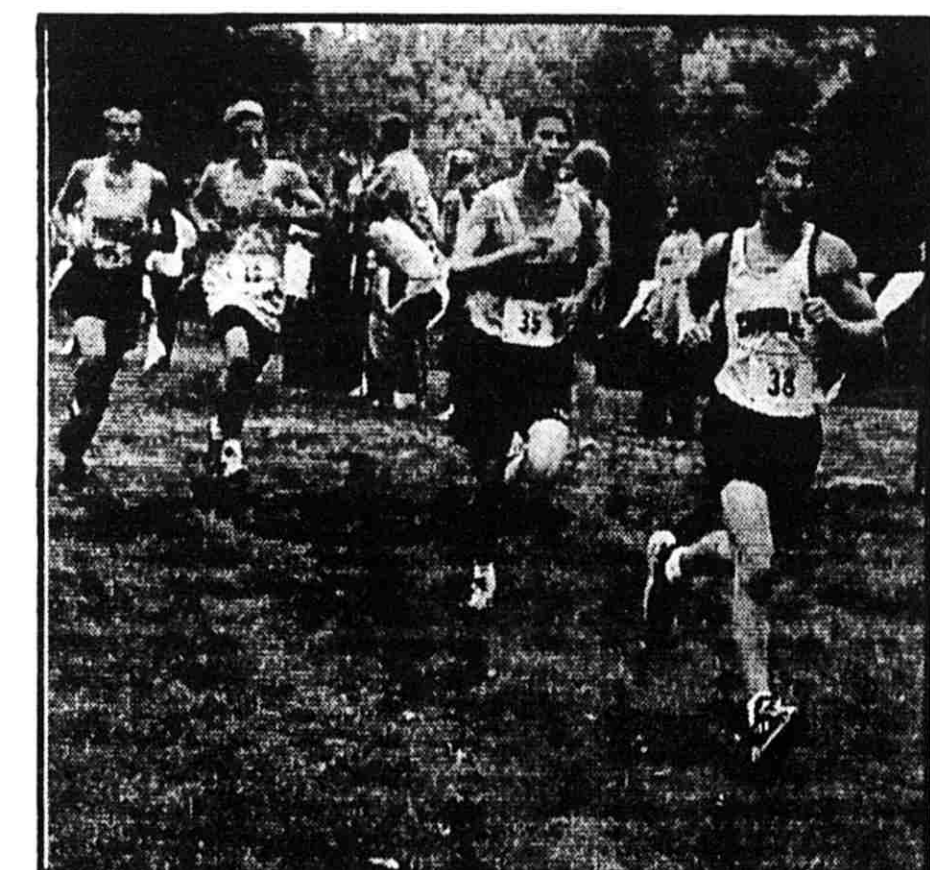
Lisa Wojciakowski and her Red Arrow cross country teammates remembered the heartbreak of finishing second in 1999.

They were determined not to revisit those feelings in 2000. "We were ready. We knew what we had to do," Wojciakowski explained following Lowell's win at the conference tournament Monday which secured the Red Arrow girls their first OK White league title.

"We felt confident coming in and it feels great to win," Wojciakowski said. The Red Arrows finished the dual meet part of the season atop the conference with a 6-1 record. Winning the league meet, assured Lowell outright possession of the league's top spot.

Lowell placed seven runners in the top 20, two in the top five. Wojciakowski was third with a time of 20:42 behind Forest Hills Northern's Nicole Chambers 20:34; and Heidi

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Schroeder, Hastings, 20:17. "Lisa has a very solid work ethic. Her time has been steady all year," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. Red Arrow Holly Plattner was fifth in a time of 20:58 finishing behind East Grand Rapids' Kim Humphries 20:43. "Holly has a nice turnover and holds her own out there."

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

VanderWarf said about the shortest of Red Arrows.

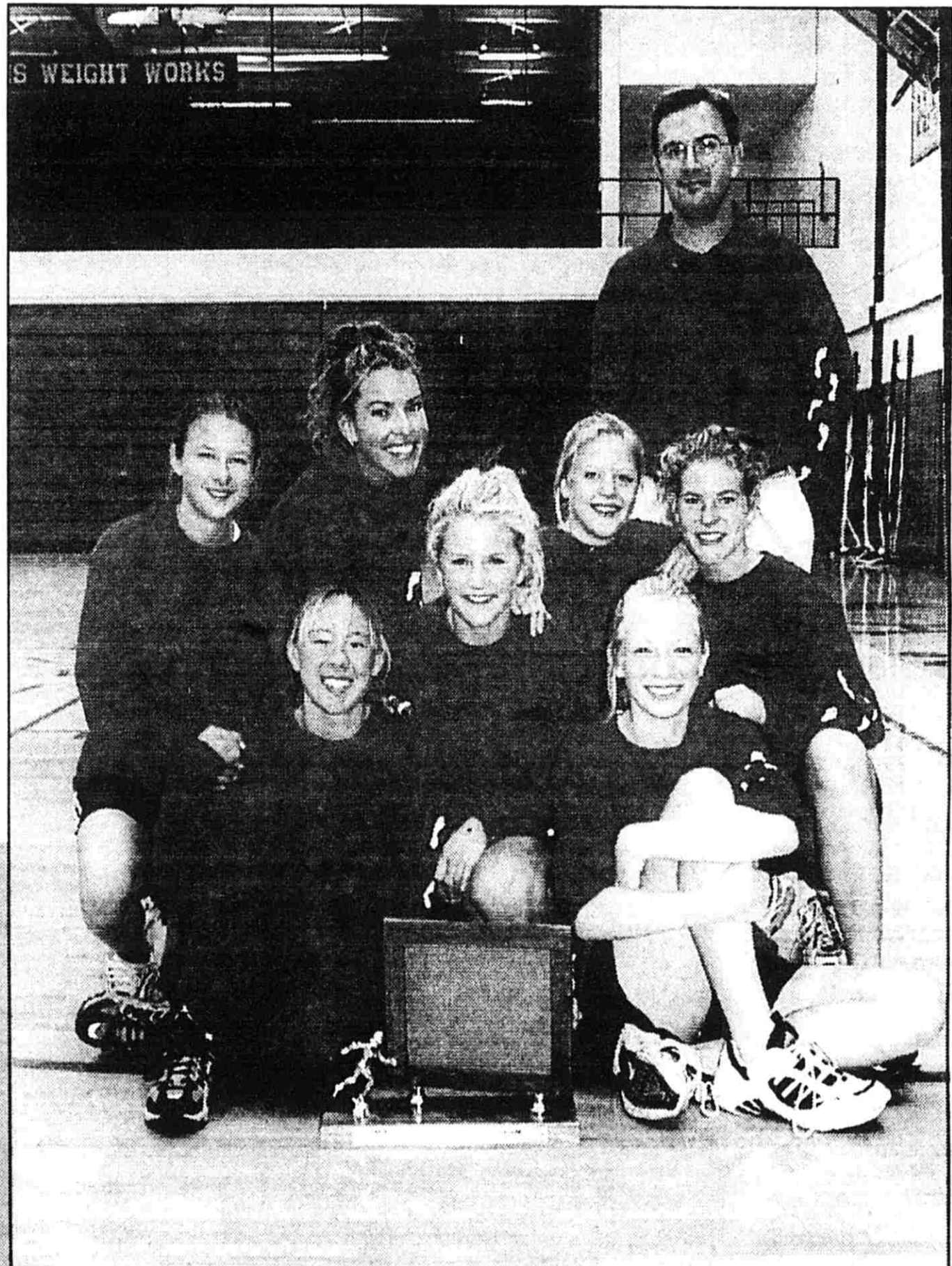
Lowell's Sarah Swab was 14th overall in a time 21:49. Forest Hills Central's Maureen Pflug came home four seconds in back of Swab at 21:53.

Harriers Molly Kirsch (21:57), Abby Vos (22:07), Katie Anderson (22:10), and Abbie Blanding (22:10) came off the course 17 through 20 respectively.

"Our fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh runners really stepped up today," said VanderWarf. "They ran really strong races for us."

Lowell finished first with 57 points followed by FHC 61; East Grand Rapids 88; Zeeland 103; Forest Hills Northern 140; Hudsonville 145; Hastings 160; and Northview 186.

The Lowell girls varsity cross country team left Hastings as the undisputed OK White Conference champions. Pictured front row, left to right, are: Katie Anderson, Molly Kirsch, and Sarah Swab; back row, left to right, are: Abbie Blanding, Abby Vos, Holly Plattner and Lisa Wojciakowski. Standing is coach Clay VanderWarf.



"The girls have worked real hard and are peaking at the right time," VanderWarf said. "Central has challenged us all year. But when this club has been challenged it has approached the race with a focus and preparedness."

O-K White Boys Conference Meet

Lowell's boy harriers placed sixth at the OK White Conference meet in Hastings on Monday.

Freshman Kevin Frasier led all Red Arrows with a time of 19:01 placing him 28th overall.

Craig Myers was 29th, two seconds in back of Frasier at 19:03. Pat Cavanaugh came home 32nd with a time of 19:20. Scott Riddle stopped the clock in 19:43 placing him 37th. Bobby Gingerich was Lowell's fifth runner home in a time of 20:10 finishing 41st.

Red Arrows who finished the race but didn't figure in the team score were Dave Anderson 20:27 (45th); and Mike Wierenga 20:35 (46th).

Zeeland won the league meet with 41 points. The Chix were followed by Forest Hills Northern 44; East Grand Rapids 75; Hudsonville 105; Forest Hills Central 135; Lowell 167; Northview 186 and Hastings 198.

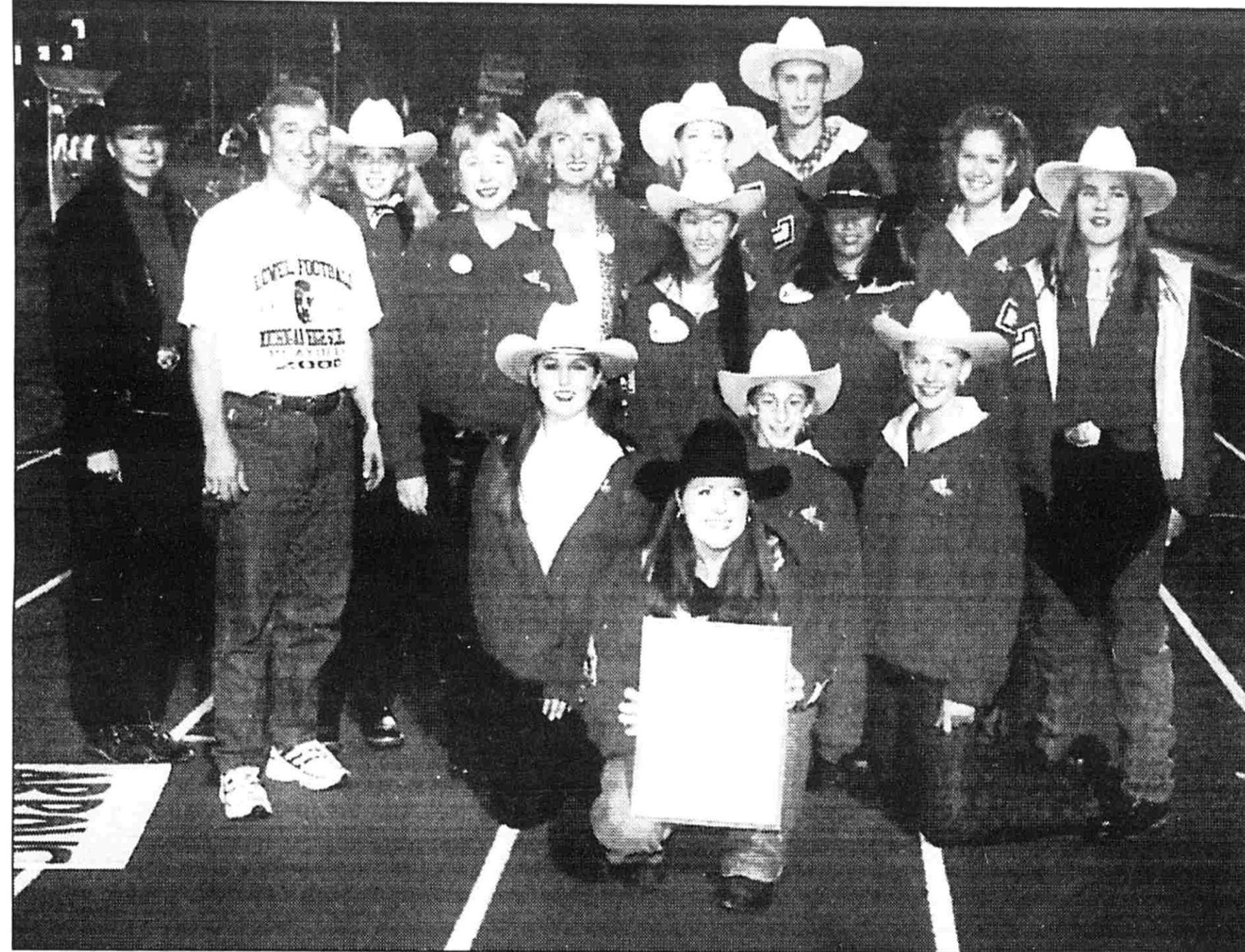


Holly Plattner keeps pace with her Forest Hills Central counterpart. Plattner was fifth overall.

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The Red Arrow boys placed sixth in a field of eight teams.



STATE CHAMPIONS HONORED

Lowell's Class A equestrian state champion team was honored at halftime of the Lowell/Hudsonville football game Friday for its banner season. On hand to present them with a plaque from Gov. John Engler's office was Michigan's Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. Members of the Lowell varsity equestrian team are Jessica Hamp, Lisa Roth, Katelyn Bush, Ryanne Oetman, Molly Balaam, Jeanie Dunn, Kirk Johnson, Jessica Richardson, Kelsey Scheider, Jasmine Steele, Michelle Strzyzewski, Tracey Seif, Jordan Steele, Ben VanEns, and coaches Casey Parker and Gail Parker. Members of the junior varsity team are Grace Boylan, Kim Huyser, Steve Koning, Jenni Myers, Laura Miller, Jerry Parker and Emily Roth (groom).

Lowell girls suffer overtime defeat to Pioneers

Pioneer Emily Braseth's short jumper in the lane with five seconds remaining in overtime sent Lowell to a 56-54 loss.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

While Lowell's 56-54 overtime loss to East Grand Rapids disappoints, it did not destroy the Red Arrows' hopes of an OK White championship.

"It gives us two losses in the league, but our destiny is still in our own hands," said Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley. "There can be no let downs. A league title is still available."

For now, the loss drops Lowell into second place in the OK White, one game behind Zeeland. The Chix only league loss came at the hands of the Red Arrows.

The two teams meet again in Lowell on Nov. 7.

"We're out of the conference championship hunt; all that matters now is that we won tonight," said Pioneer coach Colleen Tate-Lamoreaux. "This win helps us get ready for the tournament and gives us some confidence."

The Pioneers' confidence was lingering following losses to Forest Hills Central and Zeeland. "We've been in games but have been making mistakes down the stretch. Tonight, we did the things we needed to do to win," Tate-Lamoreaux explained.

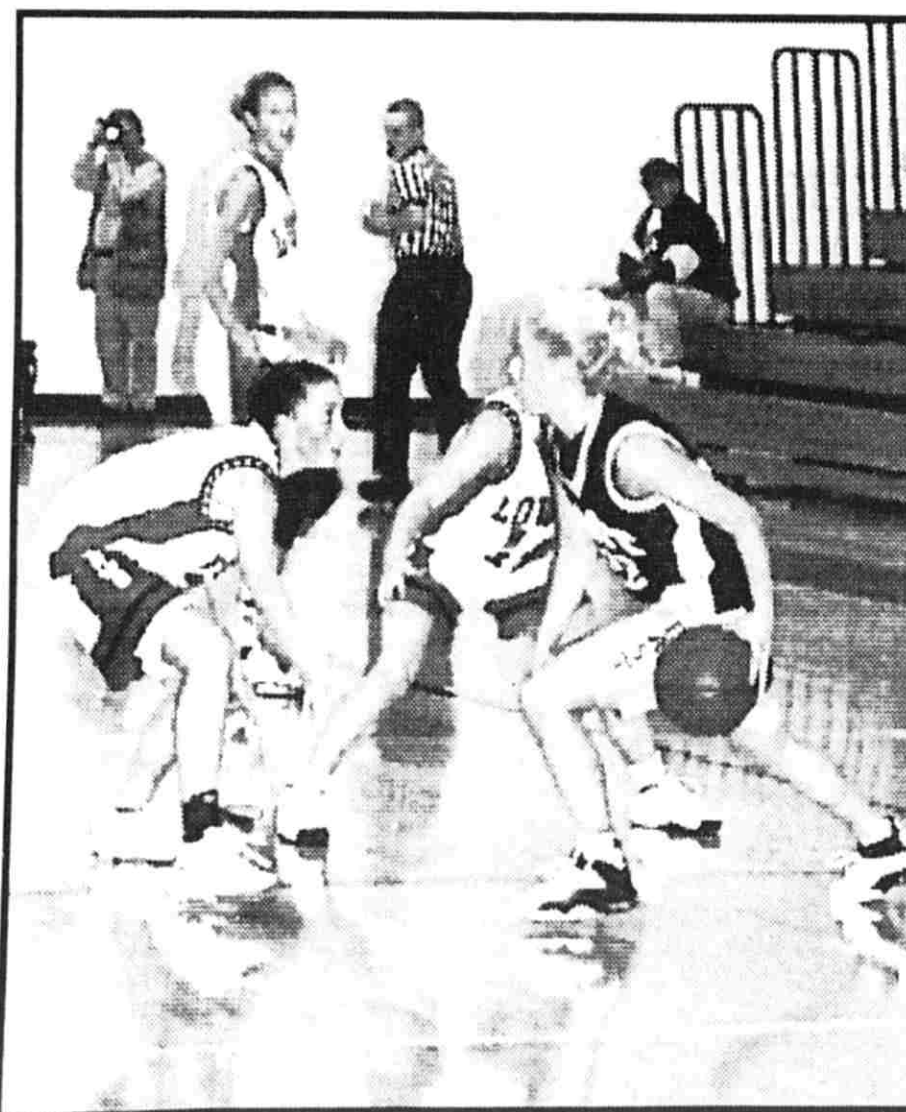
The most important thing East did was get the ball into the hands of its star player with five seconds to play in overtime. Emily Braseth received a pass as she slashed into the lane, pulled up and netted a six-foot jumper.

"Emily struggled mentally in our last game with recruiters there watching her," Tate-Lamoreaux said.

The other important thing the Pioneers did was to jump out to a big lead (16-3).



Lowell's Heather Posthumus beat EGR's pressure with a pass.



Red Arrow Lauren Vashaw double teams this EGR guard with the help of Heather Posthumus.

Red Arrows sparkle in soccer win over Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In its 6-1 win over Zeeland, the Lowell boys soccer team played at the level it needs to be at to win big games.

"We haven't done that yet. The boys will need to play two big games if they want to win the district," Lowell boys soccer coach Paul Legge said. "If not, the season is over."

Lowell has had its moments where it has played that high-caliber soccer the coach speaks of, but that has been followed by less than stellar play.

"We play well and then we revert back to the old style of kick and run," Legge said.

Against the Chix, Lowell showed what Legge be-

lieves is district-winning form.

"It was a good game. We dominated possession and play," Legge said. "Everyone contributed and played well."

Sam Oberlin has moved beyond his pesky injuries and is playing good soccer. The Red Arrow has posted four goals and three assists in his last three games. "Sam has overcome his injuries and now is playing at a high level. He has been on fire," Legge said.

Defensively Lowell stayed with their marks and shut down Zeeland. Zach Stauffer and James Bossard were recognized for their effort in distributing the ball out of the back.

The Red Arrows grabbed the lead in the first half with

goals by Tom Hobbs and Oberlin.

Leading 2-0, Lowell outscored Zeeland 4-1 in the second half.

Red Arrow goals were scored by Ryan Phillips (assist Matt Foster), Oberlin, Chris Cress (assist Oberlin), Stauffer.

Hudsonville 2 Lowell 1

Labeled as one of Lowell's worst performances of the season, the Red Arrows fell to the Eagles. "We were flat and had no focus," Lowell boys soccer coach Paul Legge explained. "We reverted back to the old style of kicking and running. We played well at moments, but then the next minute we were terrible."

Lowell's only goal was

netted late in the second half by Troy Gillan.

The loss dropped Lowell (7-6-1) to fourth in the OK White standings.

The Red Arrows finish the regular season at 9-8-1 overall.

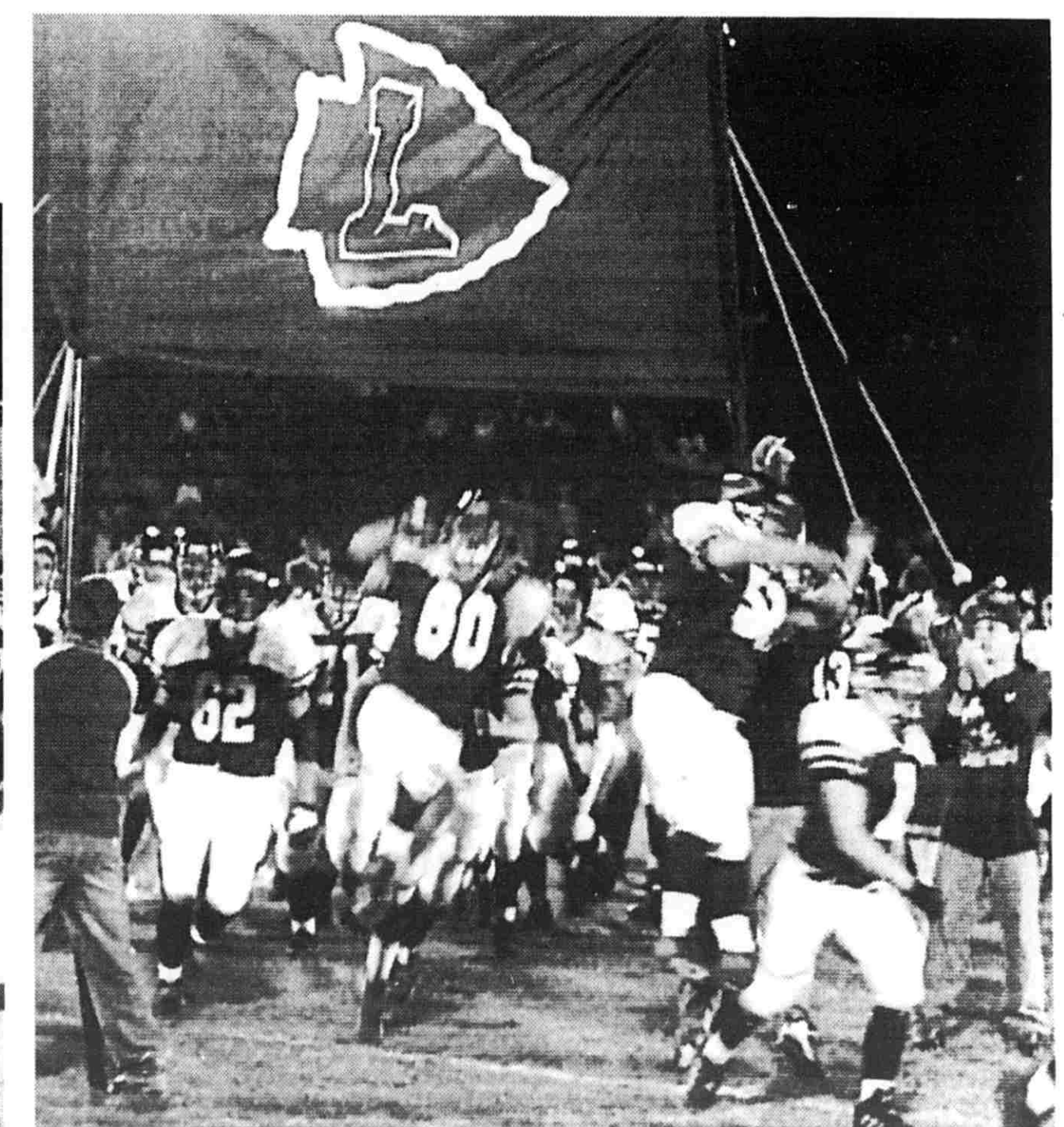
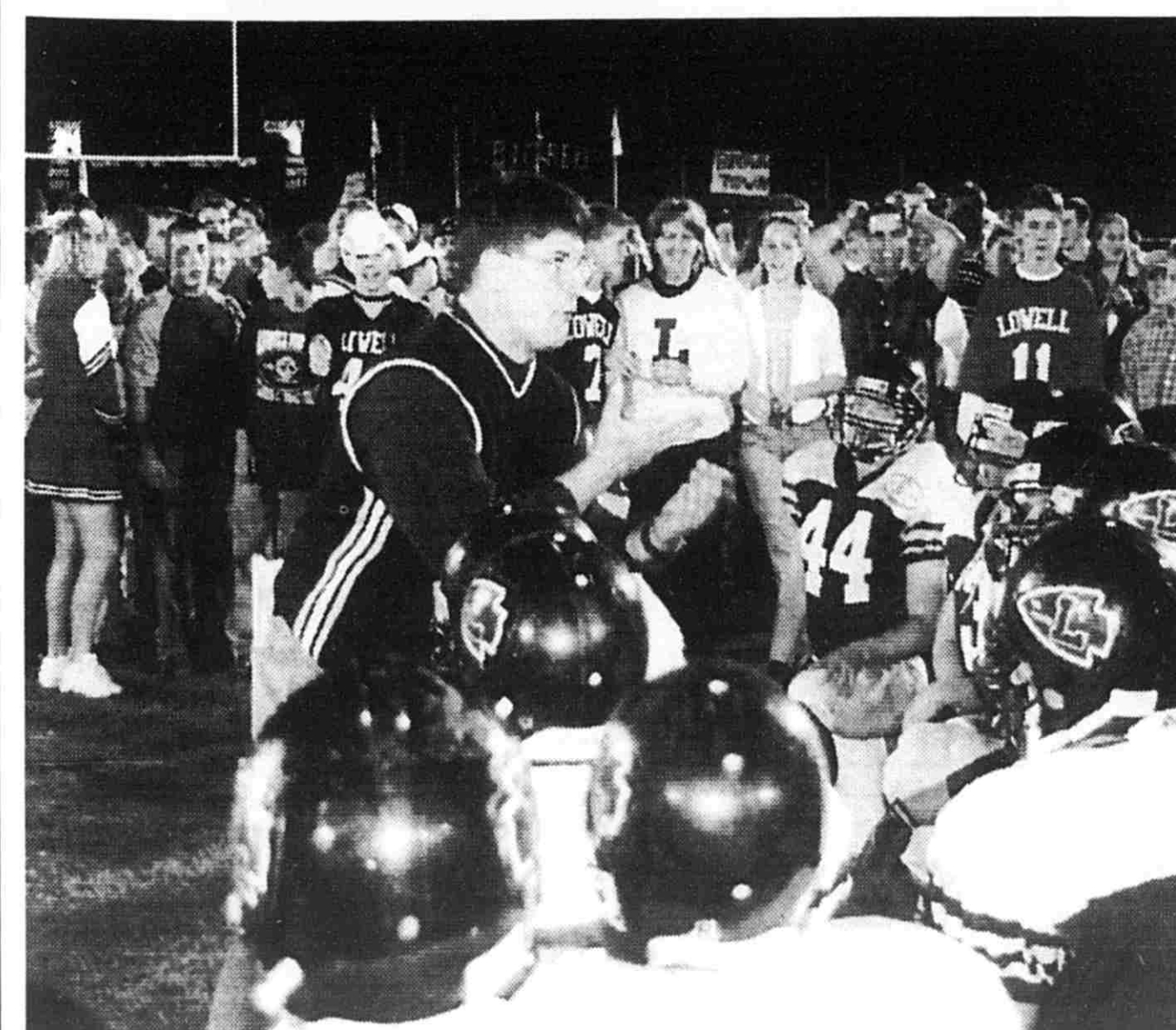
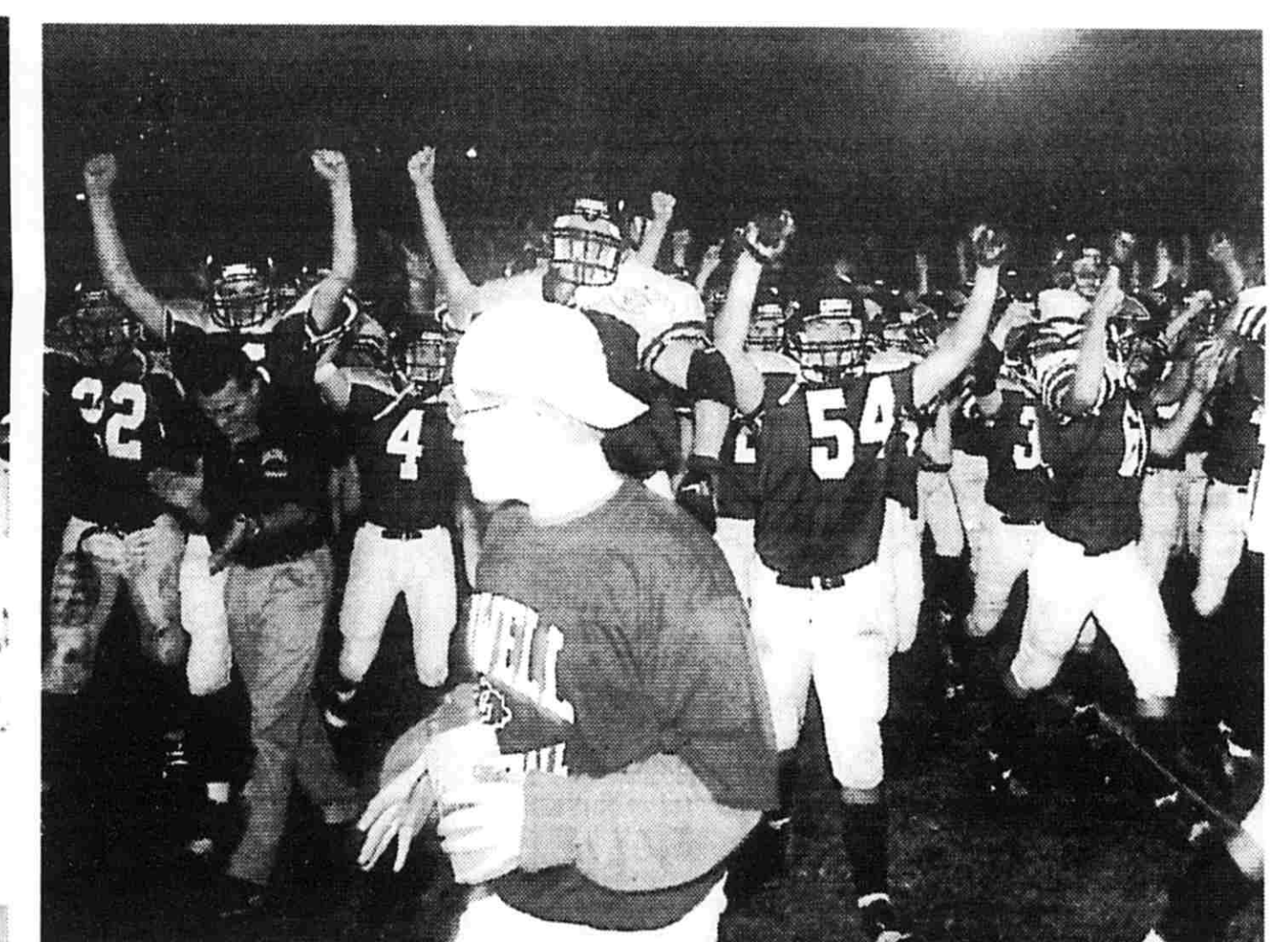
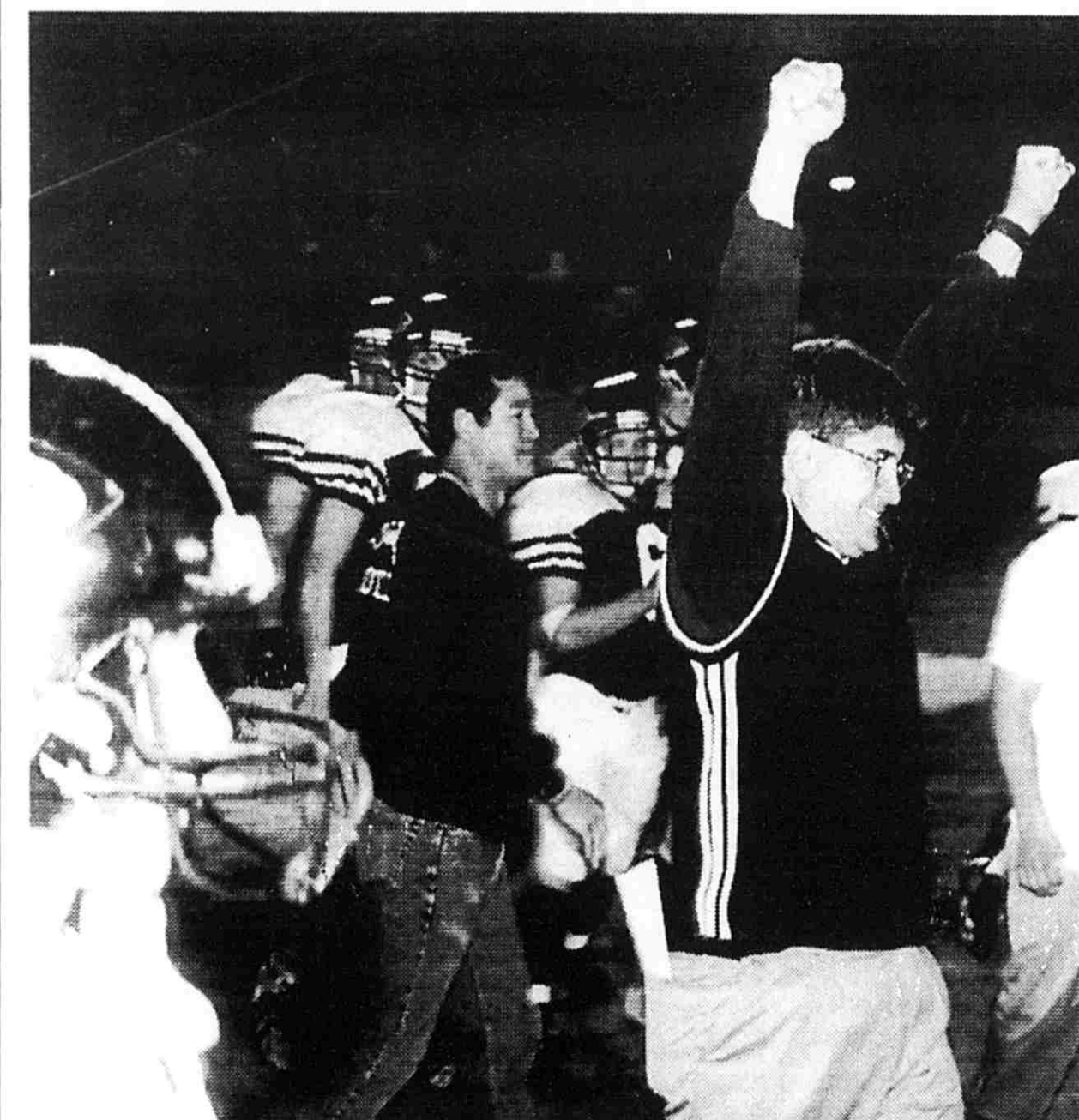
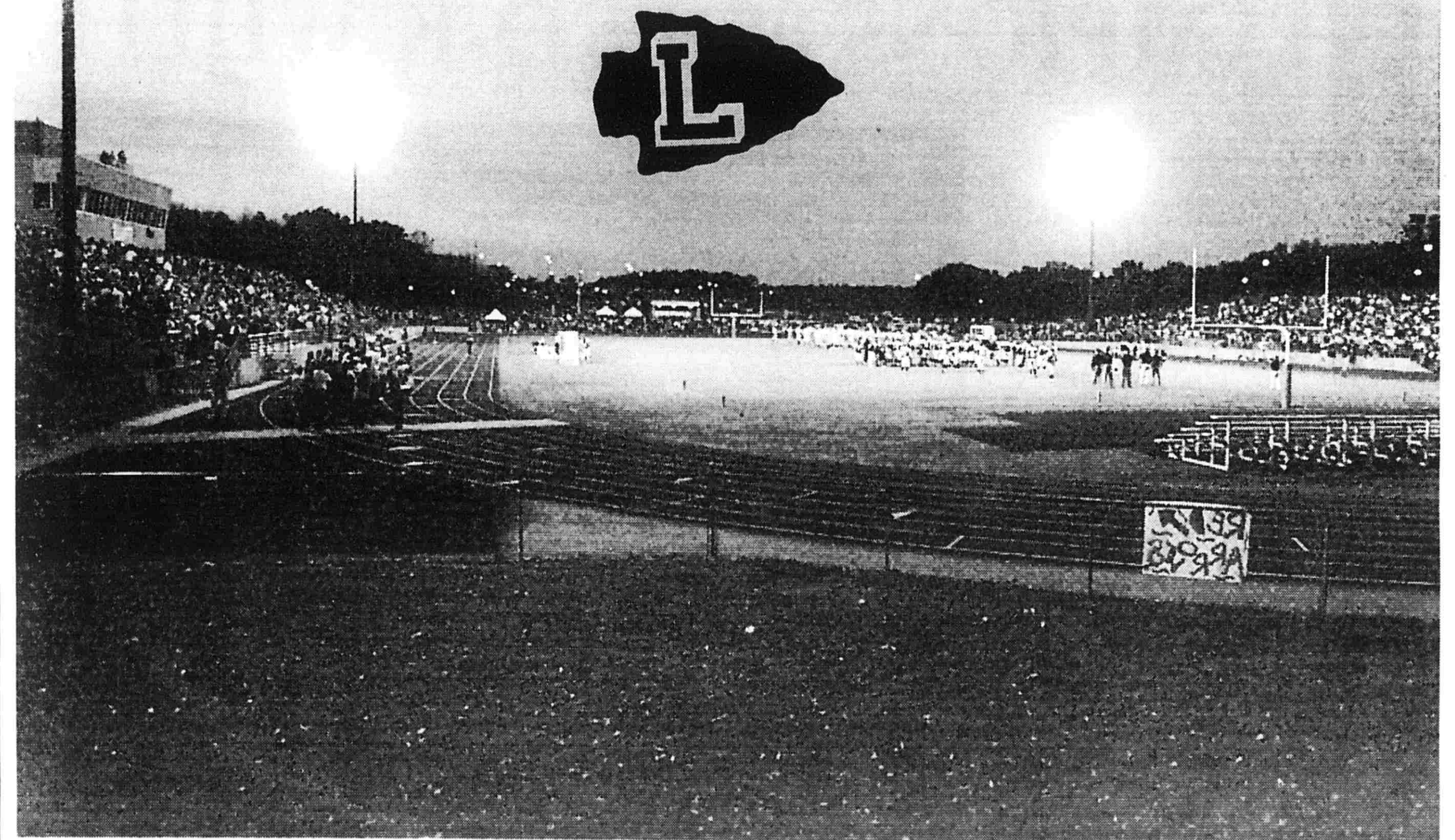
League Honors

OK White all conference honors were awarded to Red Arrow forward Ryan Phillips and sweeper Zach Stauffer.

Phillips finished the regular season with eight goals and six assists. Legge called Stauffer arguably the best sweeper in the conference.

Lowell goalie Jacob Billingsley earned honorable mention status.

2000 O-K White Conference Champions



LOWELL & BEHOLD CHAMPIONS of the O-K WHITE

The Red Arrows ran their record to 9-0 with an impressive 24-7 win over previously undefeated Hudsonville. The victory gave Lowell its second league championship in four years - its first outright conference championship since joining the league.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's 24-7 win over Hudsonville in the OK White Conference championship showdown was a keeper that will be remembered for years to come.

In fact, it was a counter keeper which cleared the way for Lowell's second conference championship in the last four years and put a cap on a perfect 9-0 regular season.

Lowell shared a conference championship with Forest Hills Central in 1997. It last won an outright league title back in 1973 as a member of the Tri-River conference.

"It's flat out amazing what these kids have done," Lowell football coach Noel Deans said, following Lowell's win Friday night before a home crowd of approximately 8,500.

It was a bus and a monster truck that rolled Lowell to the top of the OK White peak.

Josh Brown, the monster truck, scored touchdowns on his first and last carries of the game in rolling up a game-leading 155 yards rushing.

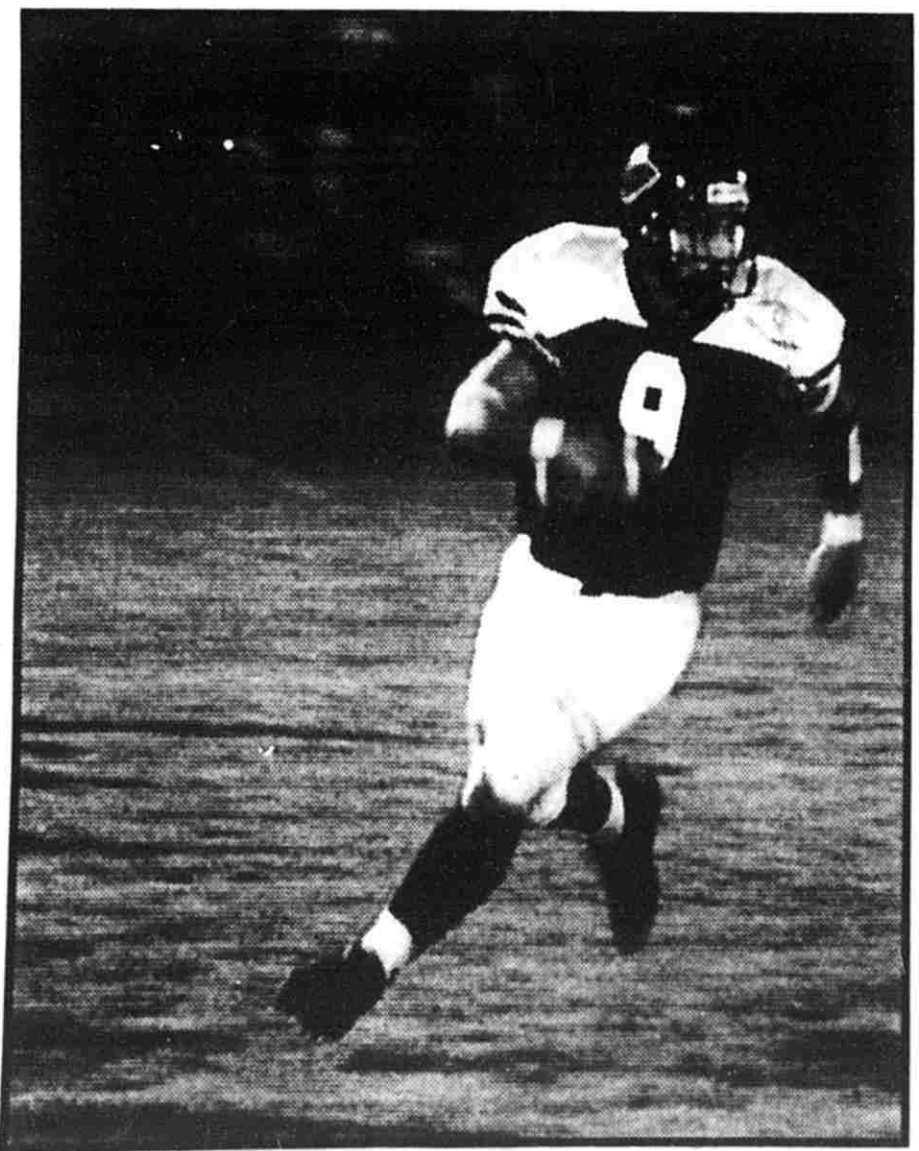
The run that may have turned the game came at 7:23 in the fourth quarter on a third and 15 from the Lowell 15.

"We didn't want anything high risk down there. We ran the counter keeper hoping to cut the yardage in half and then punt," Deans said. Brown did better than that. He picked up 20 yards and a key first down.

After Brown's bruising running style wore down the Eagles, Travis DeVoid, Lowell's bus with a battering bar affixed to the front, picked Brown and the rest of the Red Arrows up and carried them home.

DeVoid rushed the ball four times in the fourth quarter, covering 70 yards, 44 of which came on a game-clinching touchdown run with 5:24 to play in the game.

"Travis looked a little like Jerome Bettis out there tonight," Deans explained. "He had that step and that waddle going."



Red Arrow Josh Brown had another successful night running Lowell's Veer offense. Brown picked up 155 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns.



Travis DeVoid would not be caught on this 44-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run which gave Lowell an 18-7 lead over Hudsonville.

Hudsonville did not have a counter for Lowell's running game and strength.

"Lowell was more physical than us tonight. Over the course of the game their physical strength took over," said Hudsonville coach Dave Duram. "Lowell has three very physical runners (Brown, Ken Palcowski and DeVoid). You don't arm tackle them. They don't go down on the first hit. Like any good team, Lowell executes the x's and o's and eventually one of those guys pops one."

Duram and his Eagles were hoping that their I formation attack could pop one more than Lowell.

The Red Arrow defense would have none of that. For as impressive as Brown, DeVoid and Palcowski are, the game was a showcase for Lowell's defense.

It held an offense, that had rolled up the numbers against all other league opponents, to just 109 yards rushing and 103 yards passing and just one touchdown.

The Red Arrows were led by Neil Reibold who defensive coach Jason Katt called the "heart of the squad."

"Neil has worked hard the last four years. He's a great kid," Katt explained.

With few exceptions, Reibold and the Red Arrows contained Hudsonville's backs and quarterback Greg Imminck.

"The coaches prepare us well throughout the week. We came in believing we could," Reibold said. "It's amazing everything we've done over four years. This win really means something."

In the short term it means Lowell will host a playoff game on Friday against Catholic Central. The Red Arrows defeated the Cougars in week two 16-6.

"You picked up a bucket of playoff points tonight," Deans told his squad afterwards. Those points could help Lowell host a couple more playoff games... provided they win.

The Red Arrows scored on their second play from scrimmage. Brown broke through the right side of the line and raced 67 yards for the game's first touchdown.



Lowell's seventh-grade girls basketball team lost to Cedar Springs 24-13.

The Red Arrows' leading scorers were Nicole Shephard with seven points and Melissa Telman with six.

The Red Arrows broke their four-game losing streak with a 26-15 win over Sparta.

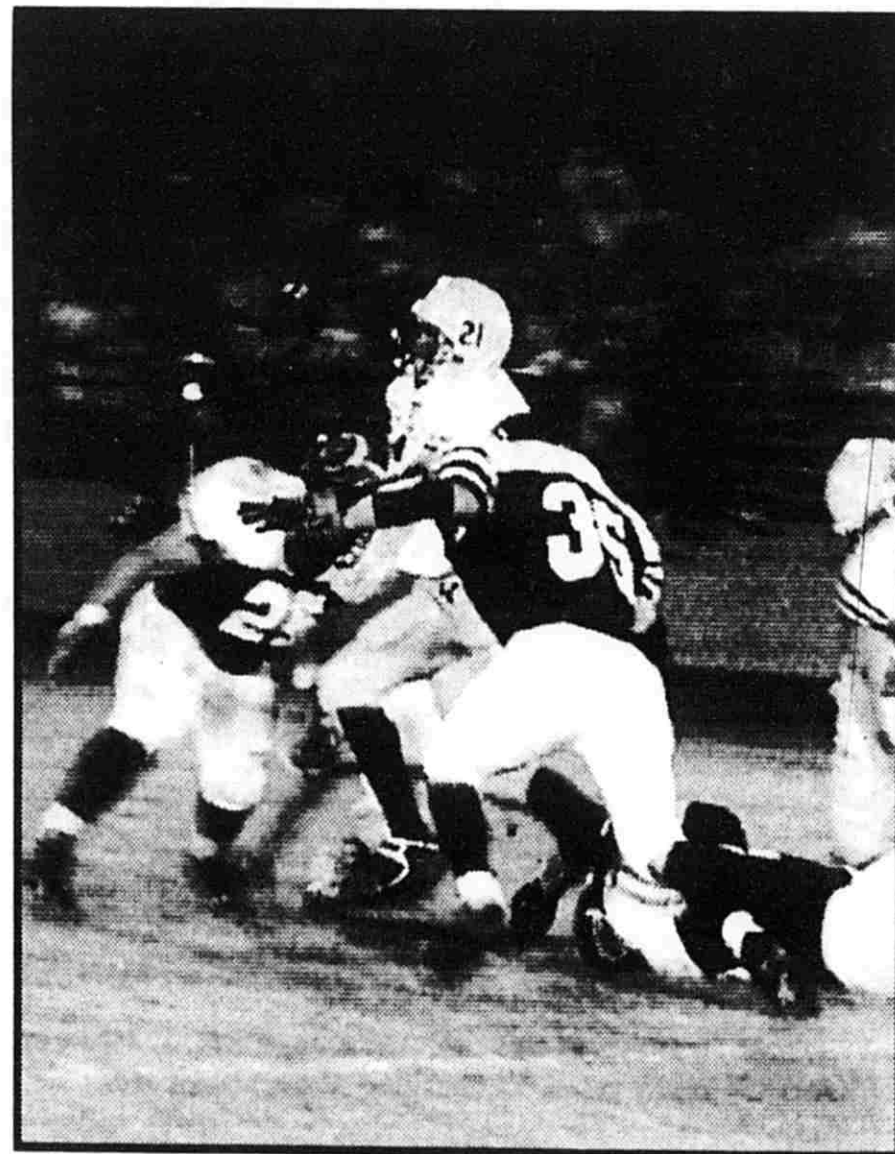
The seventh and eighth-grade boys cross country team placed second in the

Hudsonville took a 7-6 lead later in the opening quarter on a Jon Besselsen one-yard dive.

A Palcowski 17-yard burst early in the second quarter gave Lowell a 12-7 lead.

Lowell's last touchdown came on a six-yard run by Brown with less than two minutes to play.

Lowell rushed for 300 yards against the Eagle defense.



Travis DeVoid (#25) and Tom Dawson (#35) converge on Eagle runningback Jeremy Underwood.

West Michigan Middle School League meet.

Steve Ellison took top team honors with a fourth place finish.

Others receiving medals were Mitch Solon, 15th; Jonathan Riddle, 16th; Joe Mull, 18th; Nick Huizinga, 31st; Josh Tapia, 32nd; and Brett Ostrander, 34th.

The middle school girls team does not have enough members to compete as a team. Rebekah Woods, however, placed sixth overall and Amanda Roberts finished with a time of 12:04.

Nine freshmen Red Arrows contributed in Lowell's 42-22 win over Hastings.

Kristin Lee led the way with 10 points. Amanda Grochowalski and Katie

Capps added eight and six points respectively.

Larinda Marker led the way with six points in Lowell's 37-21 loss to East Grand Rapids.

The girls play at Northview on Thursday.

Lowell's freshman football finished its season at 8-1 with a 32-6 win over Hudsonville.

Chris Curtis scored three touchdowns, and Dustin VanLoon scored another on a 50-yard touchdown run.

Ben Lemke picked off a pair of Hudsonville passes to stop Eagle drives. Mike Nearing also had an interception.

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GROWING COMPANY - relocating to Lowell looking for an experienced office person. Position available now. Some general accounting knowledge necessary. Involves handling a variety of tasks including accounts receivable, telephone, UPS shipping program, must have good PC & customer service skills. Should be detail oriented, well organized & self-motivated. Will train. We offer a benefit package including health insurance, 401K with match, paid holidays & vacation. 30 hours a week to start. Send resume & salary history to: LOWELL HELP WANTED, c/o Lowell Ledger, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

LOOKING FOR 2 TEAM PLAYERS - will train. Flexible hours. Write your own paycheck. Call Craig Sanborn at Westdale Better Homes & Gardens. 942-2300.

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PART-TIME HELP NEEDED - Cleaning 6 stalls, three days a week. Must be 16 or older. Call 897-5435.

LOCAL NURSING HOME - Laurels of Kent is seeking an Activities Assistant. Must be caring, honest, creative, organized and energetic. Full-time, 30 hours weekly, insurance, paid vacation. Call Karen McGlamery 616-897-8473 for an interview.

THE S.C.A.M.M. - (Saranac Community and Area Music Makers) Board of Directors is seeking applicants for the position of **executive director** for the 2001 season. The voluntary position includes planning, directing & overseeing 3 performances a year. Applicants should call Ruth at 616-642-9524 or send resumes to: SCAMM, PO Box 168, Saranac, MI 48881.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Tappan propane stove, \$100 obo; Magic Chef propane dryer, \$100 obo. Call 897-6983.

DIRECTV - mini-satellite dish, \$69.99 with free installation, new subscribers only. Call 1-800-459-7357, K-20.

SEASONAL FIREPLACE WOOD - available by cord, rick or 1/2 rick. Delivered. 676-1941.

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HOUSE FOR SALE - Brand new, 2-story w/walkout & attached garage on 2+ acres, w/additional 7 acre conservancy area. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths & master w/whirlpool. Breakfast nook, fireplace, media room, custom oak cabinets, central air & terrific covered porch are just a few of the amenities. Paved, private road, great location, Lowell Schools. \$224,900. 897-6615 or 897-6820.

WANTED - Home for goat, 1 year Neubian, neutered, dehorned. Call 897-3059.

LOWELL AREA - Secluded 12 acres with creek. 2 or 3 bedroom home, separate garages. \$129,900. Land contract possible with 10% down payment. Phone: 897-9174. 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

EVENTS

The St. Mary Girls' Club will be hosting a "Taste of Italy" dinner on Sunday, October 29th at St. Mary School, 322 Amity, Lowell. Come and join us any time between 5-7:30p.m. and enjoy the pasta and music performed by a local string instrument group. Ticket prices: Adult: ages 12 & up \$7.00, children ages 5-11, \$3.50, children 4 & under free. For tickets contact Helen Thompson 897-7114. All proceeds go to the St. Mary Girls Club Rome pilgrimage.

FOR SALE

BARN SALE - Household items, swimming pool, pumps, ladders, brushes & other things. Truck tool boxes 2 sets, Foley Bellsaw Sharp-All tables, spa, too many things to list. Come take a look and see. Oct. 26, 27, & 28. Will bring out other things Nov. 3 & 4, 8:00 to 6:00p.m. each day. 13581 28th St. corner of 28th & Pratt Lake Rd.

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU
I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my friends and family who helped me during the loss of my best friend, the woman I loved and the mother of Amanda Smit, Kim Weeks. For the many acts of kindness, prayers, cards and food. They will never be forgotten. Also a special thanks to my friends at Crystal Raceway; Hunter Stafford for his words of kindness and especially to Chad Erridge and Scott Dye for their unwavering strength and support. You all have shown the true meaning of friendship.

WANTED

NEED SOMEONE TO HOUSEBREAK A PUPPY - Call 897-7380.

SERVICES

TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker. Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 897-9040.

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FALL CLEANUP - Removal of leaves, sticks, walnuts, etc. Call 897-0276.

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 00-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12A.03 AND SECTION 13.02 OF CHAPTER 12 AND CHAPTER 13 OF APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

Councilmember Green, supported by Councilmember Brubaker moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Appendix A, Chapter 12A, Section 12A.03. Section 12A.03 of Chapter 12 of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to read as follows:

Section 12A.03. Special land uses.

Land and/or building in the I-L District may be used for the following purposes following review by the Planning Commission as a special land use as regulated by Chapter 17:

- A. Radio and television transmitting buildings and towers.
- B. Retail building supplies, including outside storage yards.
- C. Dismantling or disassembling of used motor vehicles or parts thereof.
- D. Machine shops.
- E. Other light industrial uses not included in section 12A.02 that involved the compounding, assembly, treatment of goods, articles, or materials, but which do not involve heavy manufacturing or the processing of raw materials, provided any environmental effects such as noise, smoke, dust, vibration, odor or other similar effects shall not be substantially greater than that from the uses permitted in this district.
- F. Vehicle repair facilities, excluding body shops.
- G. Vehicle service stations, excluding body shops.

Section 2. Amendment of Appendix A, Chapter 13, Section 13.02. Section 13.02 of Chapter 13 of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code Ordinance of the City of Lowell is amended to read as follows:

Section 13.02. Uses permitted by right.

Land and/or buildings in the I District may be used for the following purposes as uses permitted by right, subject to the approval of a site plan, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 18:

- A. Office buildings for any of the following occupations:
 - 1. Executive, administrative, professional, accounting, drafting, and other similar professional activities, as determined by the zoning enforcement officer.
 - 2. Medical and dental offices and clinics.
- B. Banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and other similar uses as determined by the zoning enforcement officer, including those with drive-through facilities.
- C. The manufacture, compounding, processing, packing of treatment of such products as candy, cosmetics, drugs, perfumes, pharmaceuticals, toiletries and food products except the rendering or refining of fats and oils.

D. The manufacture, compounding, assembly or treatment of articles from the following previously prepared materials: aluminum, bone cellophane, canvas, cloth, cork, feathers, felt, fibers, fur, glass, hair, horn, leather, paint, paper, plastics, precious or semi-precious metals or stones, shell, rubber, tin, iron, steel, tobacco, wood and yarn.

- E. Vehicle repair facilities, excluding body shops.
- F. Vehicle service stations.
- G. Bulk printing shops without retail outlets.
- H. Warehouses and storage, including commercial storage warehouses.
- I. Wholesales sales outlets.
- J. Off-street parking lots.
- K. Utility and public service buildings, including storage yards, but not including essential public services such as poles, wires and underground utility systems.
- L. Accessory buildings, structures and uses customarily incidental to any of the above uses permitted by right, or special land uses.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after notice of its adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

YEAS: Councilmembers: Brubaker Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.
 NAYS: None.
 ABSENT: None.
 ABSTAIN: None.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: October 16, 2000
 Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Lowell, Michigan, certify that the above ordinance is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Lowell City Council held on October 16, 2000, pursuant to notice given in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and notice of its adoption, including a summary of its contents, was published in the Lowell Ledger on October 25, 2000. I further certify that the above ordinance was entered into the Ordinance Book of the City on October 16, 2000, and was effective November 4, 2000, ten (10) days after its publication.

Dated: October 16, 2000
 Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

Pfaller joins Lowell Planning Commission

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

The Lowell Planning Commission has added a new face to its group.

Jim Pfaller was sworn in as the newest member of the planning commission on Monday night. Pfaller replaces Dan Brubaker who was recently appointed to the Lowell City Council taking former councilmember Ray Quada's place. Pfaller will finish out Brubaker's appointment which ends in 2002.

"Mayor Mike Blough asked me to serve," Pfaller said as to his reason for wanting to join the commission. He also cited an interest in community service which he has demonstrated in the past by serving on the Lowell Airport Board.

Pfaller is a 1977 graduate of Lowell High School and a longtime resident of Lowell. He attended Grand Rapids Junior College (now Grand Rapids Community College) and has been with SYSCO Food Services of Grand Rapids as an account manager for the past four and a half years.

Pfaller and his wife Elizabeth have four children: Rebecca, George, Thomas and Andrew.

There is one opening left on the planning commission. This vacancy was created when Mike Harding resigned from the commission. His term ends in 2003.

Playoff tickets on sale

The playoff football game on Friday night between Lowell and Catholic Central will be played at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$4 apiece and all must have a ticket (No superfan, season passes, coaching passes, renaissance passes, senior citizen passes accepted).

Tickets go on sale in the Athletic office on Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. This is an MHSAA playoff game and therefore no reserved seating will be observed. The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. at Lowell Red Arrow stadium. Noisemakers are not allowed at state tournaments.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 PROBATE COURT
 COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-170,385 DE
 ESTATE OF SOPHIE
 WARSIEWICZ -Deceased
 S.S. #380-01-5913

October 20, 2000

TO ALL CREDITORS:
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, SOPHIE WARSIEWICZ, who lived at 1100 Park, S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 04/19/00. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all

claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to LORRAINE T. GLEASON, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids and the named within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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 (P-31244)
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 Grand Rapids, MI 49504
 (616) 774-4001

LORRAINE T. GLEASON
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 Grand Rapids, MI 49505
 (616) 361-1880

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 PROBATE COURT
 COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-170,300 DE
 ESTATE OF CECELIA
 C. STORA
 S.S. #370-14-7871

October 19, 2000

TO ALL CREDITORS:
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CECELIA C. STORA, who lived at 411 Bradford St., N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 04/18/00. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate

will be forever barred unless presented to LUCILLE DAVIS and NORMA KALINKA c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney-at-law, named co-personal representatives or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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