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## MAGNITUDE OF MILLIONS

••• The future of Harold Englehardt's gift to the Lowell Community is mind-boggling even to those giving the money away.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Harold Englehardt's original \$12.7 million philanthropic bequest in 1997 has grown to \$17.7 million in 2000.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a donor advised fund of the

Grand Rapids Community Foundation, has approved 71 grants from its inception to 2000, totaling \$1.77 million.

The vision and purpose of the fund is to honor Englehardt's wishes by seeking community cooperation and participation in a number of areas that create and promote a healthy, dynamic community.

The Lowell Area Community Fund advisory committee and the Grand Rapids Community Foundation presented a report to the community Thursday night regarding the fund's activities over the last three years.

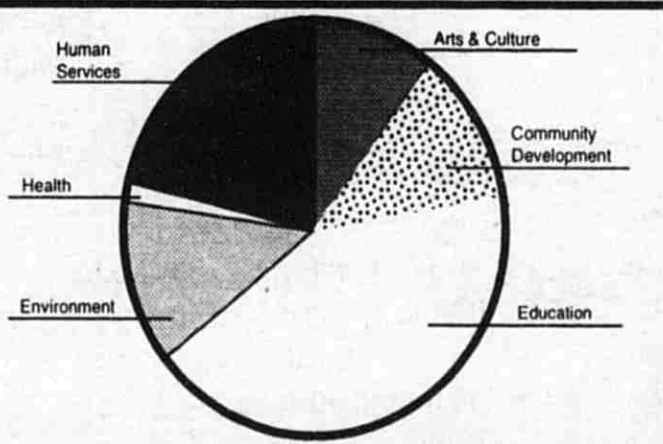
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The fund the city of Vergennes townships. tiatives un- within these clude:

- Assistance in establishing a food pantry and thrift shop through the Flat River Outreach Ministries.
- Assistance in the funding of the Wittenbach Agricultural Center.

Grants approved from inception to 2000.....	\$1,770,198
Arts & Culture.....	\$168,370
Community Development.....	202,800
Education.....	757,205
Environment.....	258,000
Health.....	24,500
Human Services.....	358,823
<b>Total net assets at year end.....</b>	<b>\$17,670,882</b>



• Support in the development of the Grand River Riverfront Park.

• Assistance in stabilizing and preserving the historic storefront buildings in the downtown Lowell area.

• Help in funding the implementation of the Lowell Area Arts Council's strategic plan and renovation of its new offices.

• Providing funding to support a technology plan for Lowell Area Schools.

• Help in creating a web site for Vergennes Township.

The intent of Englehardt's gift is stipulated in the agreement. He listed education as a definite priority.

That has been evident in the stewardship of the fund. Grants totaling \$757,705 have been approved in education.

While about 40 percent of the grants have been categorized under education, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke noted that some of the grants could cross over into a number of different areas.

"We're promoting a cooperative connection between all pieces of the pie," Bleke said. "Over the years the figures will change to reflect the needs of the community."

The committee has received more requests than it has money, according to Jim Bosserd, advisory committee member.

All the committee members agreed that while it is fun to serve on a committee which provides funding for the needs of the community, "It's not easy to give away money and to do it right," Bleke said. "To think we've given away \$1.7 million and then think where this fund will be at 10, 20, 30 years from now, you begin to realize the magnitude of Mr. Englehardt's gift."

Copies of the annual Lowell Area Community Fund Report to the Community may be picked up at Lowell's City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library and Lowell and Vergennes township halls.

*Harold saw the advantages to this sort of fund (donor advised).*

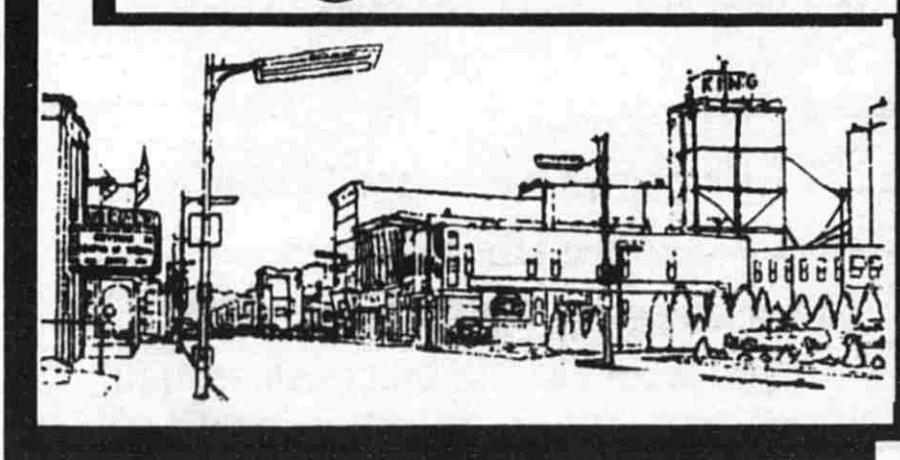
*I believe he would be pleased with the stewardship of his gift.*

**John Darling, great-nephew and advisory committee member.**

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boundaries are Lowell, and and Lowell Important undertaken boundaries include:

## Along Main Street



**CLARK ELLIS POST #152 ARMISTICE DINNER**  
A catered dinner will be held at Schneider Manor Community Room for Clark-Ellis Post #152 American Legion members and auxiliary on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. Call Doris Ellis at 897-8870 by Wednesday, Nov. 1 to make a reservation.

## SEGMENT 2 OF DRIVER'S ED PROGRAM

Lowell Area Schools will offer Segment 2 on Nov. 6, 8 and 9 at Lowell High School. You 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 with Jackie Schnackenburg, Lowell Schools' social worker. Call Ann Nichols, Family Center coordinator at 897-9257 for more information.

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# Proposal Positions Polarized

••• As the Nov. 7 election day nears, the sides on both proposals turn up the volume.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Polls have shown voters are having trouble getting excited over either of the two presidential candidates.

Michigan voters, however, are displaying plenty of fury when the subject turns to Proposal I and Proposal II.

Proposal I amends the Constitution to permit the state to provide indirect support to students attending non-public pre-elementary, elementary and secondary schools; to allow the use of tuition vouchers in certain school districts; and to require enactment of teacher testing laws.

Proposal II amends the Constitution to require a super majority vote (two-thirds vote) of the state Legislature to enact certain laws affecting local governments.

The Michigan Townships Association (MTA), representing 1,242 townships, opposes the proposal.

Many, including Vergennes and Lowell Charter townships, believe it is misleading.

"It sounds good when you hear that it will take a two-thirds majority vote to pass a proposal," said Vergennes Township clerk, Mari Stone. "What people are not being told is that it will only take 16 votes to stop a proposal."

Mayors of big cities claim it is good for local government. Alyn Fletcher, Lowell Charter Township trustee, believes what it really does is allows for big cities who are losing representation to the townships to maintain power over the townships.

"They don't want to be the minority," Stone said.

When all it takes is 16 votes to stop a proposal, that maintains power for them when the majority of representation has moved out into the townships, according to Stone.

"Proposal II would allow a one-third minority in the Michigan Legislature, to block legislation effectively allowing the will of the few to control laws in Michigan," said John Timpson, Lowell Charter Township supervisor. "Michigan counties, townships and villages can't stand idle while big city interests try to usurp our power in state government."

The MTA notes that the proposal sets a terrible precedence for minority rule and unilaterally repeals any laws impacting local government that passed the legislature prior to March 1, 2000, despite the fact they were enacted legally by majority rule.

Those in favor of the proposal explain:

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# OBITUARIES

**CLEMENS** - Brian T. Clemens, aged 23, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, October 26, 2000. He was preceded in death by his wife Vickie. Brian is survived by his parents Gary and Linda Clemens; brothers Mike and Mark; sister Megan; grandparents Margaret and Mervin Clemens; nieces Gabby and Maddie. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Pastor

Ken Ford officiating. Visitation Wed. 12-1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Project D.A.R.E.

**FEGE** - Renee E. Fege, aged 55, of Wyoming, passed away October 27, 2000 and went to be with her Lord. Renee worked at Steelcase for 14 years, enjoyed spending time with family and loved showing dogs. Her warm, unique sense of humor and sincere love for family and friends

will be greatly missed. Mrs. Fege was preceded in death by her father William Vosburg. She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Dean; children Kevin (Robin) Bohle, Keith Soudard, both of Wyoming, MI, Kelli Abbott of Watervliet, MI. Bronie Fege, also of Wyoming, MI; grandchild Taylor Abbott. Also surviving are her mother Martha Huizinga of Watervliet; one brother Bill Vosburg of Howard City; two nephews Brian Vosburg of Lowell and Billy Vosburg of Middleville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday from St. John Vianney Catholic Church

**JENSEN** - Betty Ruth Jensen, aged 79, of Grand Rapids, passed away Wednesday, October 25, 2000. Betty Ruth was a popular hair stylist in Lowell and later in Seymour Square in Grand Rapids and enjoyed her work for 56 years. She is survived by three daughters Sue Anne and John French, Donna Jean Richard, Patricia Michelle Ramos, six

grandchildren Jamie and Ryan Malcom, Love Phillips, Deanna Richard, Michael Ramos, Victoria Rivera; two great-grandchildren Kelli and Alyssa; two brothers Orville and Irma Cowell, George and Sibel Cowell; nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Breton Manor Hospice.

**SEIF** - Mr. Richard "Rich" Seif, aged 72, also known as the Mayor of Parnell, passed away on Friday morning, October 27, 2000. For 48 years he was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell. He was a dairy farmer and "mighty proud of it," and also worked at American Excelsior. Rich used his great sense of humor and was a good socializer, negotiator and peacekeeper who loved the auction sales. He also enjoyed preparing the food and was a good cook. Going out of his way to help others was his "style" as was being known as the man who preferred those "Red Tractors." When his brother, Albert Seif and his wife, Rita were killed in a car accident, he took upon himself to care for their three children, David, Michael and Albert and welcomed them to his own family. He is survived by his children Patrick and Judy Seif and David Seif all of Grand Rapids, Sally and Steven Jeltema of Charlotte, Michael and Susan Seif of Belding, Joseph and Annette Seif of Rockford, Timothy and Debra Seif of

Ada, Albert and Kathy Seif of Lowell, Richard Seif of Cedar Springs, Julie and Patrick Mooney of Rockford, Thomas Seif and special friend Betty Ward, and Paul Seif and special friend Lisa Hill all of Lowell; 24 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter Shelby Lee; brothers and sisters Mrs. Catherine Boerman of Coopersville, Herman and Jane Seif of Belding, Gertrude and Bruce Baird of Wyoming, Esther and Leonard VanderJagt of Grand Rapids, Peter and Jean Seif of Belmont and Robert and Shirley Seif of Rockford; nieces and nephews; and his faithful companion "Sassy." He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joanne Mathes, on March 2, 1998. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell with the Rev. Ronald D. Hutchinson as celebrant. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Those planning expressions of sympathy are asked to consider the American Heart Association or the Michigan Diabetes Association.



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# Ministerial Association makes \$30,000 pledge toward Y centers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It didn't take the Lowell Ministerial Association long to support a project charged with working with the youth. The idea, after all, is something the association has been talking about for a number of years.

"Within the last year Will Welsh (Lowell YMCA execu-

tive director) has become a part of the group as a Y representative," said Gordie Barry, Lowell First United Methodist Church pastor. After hearing Welsh's idea for the teen and fitness centers, the ministerial's only question was how could it be supportive.

At its October meeting, the association (made up of 11 members) decided a pledge of \$30,000 over the next three years would be a good start.

"The teen and fitness centers will provide area churches with the possibility of over-nights for teens," Barry said. "The essentials (pizza and videos) are there."

In addition, the ministerial association will provide physical labor as it did with the food pantry, supplies and equipment, and volunteer supervision.

"On a broader base we could provide tangible things like a ping-pong table, pool table, computers or a climbing wall," Barry said. "Everybody is going to do what they can with the resources they have."

There have been a lot of teen-like center efforts that have failed, Barry believes the accessible location (something other than a church) and the cooperative effort between the Y, the ministerial association, the school and the community support separate this from its predecessors.

# LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-170,299 DE  
ESTATE OF ROBERT J.  
SWIECICKI, deceased  
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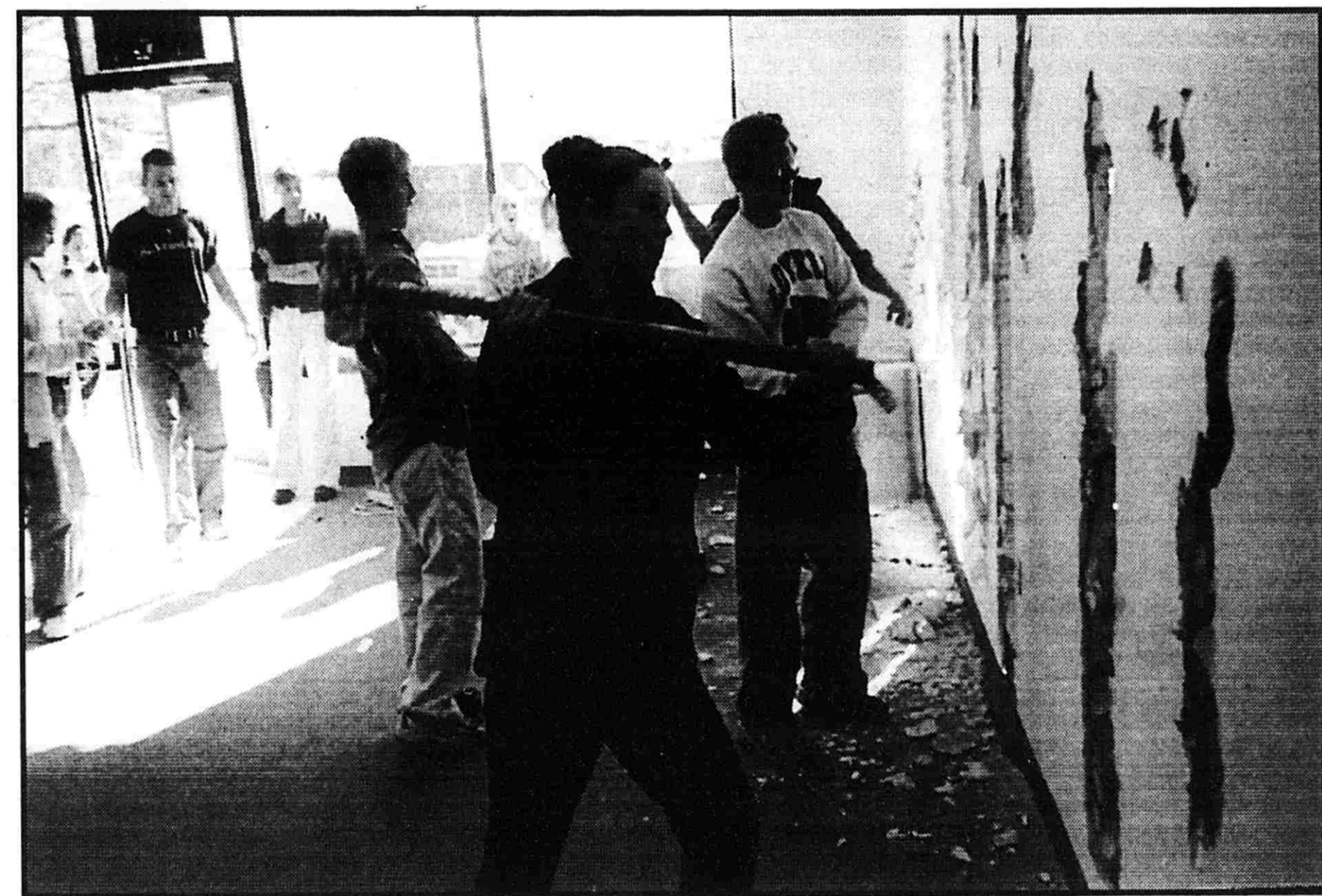
SWIECICKI-FAY c/o  
JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney-at-law, named co-personal representatives or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROBERT J. SWIECICKI, who lived at 7110 Weller Drive, Rockford, Michigan died 07/30/00.

October 19, 2000  
JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244), 410 Bridge Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 774-4001

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to FRANK C. SWIECICKI and SHARON

FRANK C. SWIECICKI and SHARON SWIECICKI-FAY 229 Olivia Ct., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504



Lowell YMCA youth volunteers begin renovation work at the new proposed Fitness Center. Pictured, front, is Shelby Tomczak; in back of her are Jeremy Goff and Matt Barry.

# NEW! HEALTH & FITNESS NEW!

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

Never before offered at the Lowell YMCA. Check out our new fitness classes! Classes begin the week of November 13.

**Cardio Kickboxing:** Kickboxing is an exhilarating workout that burns high calories, and benefits both the body and mind. This class will improve your strength, endurance, flexibility and body composition while developing balance, coordination and self-confidence which inevitably increases self-esteem. Class held at the Township Hall. Instructor: Sandra Fizer.

**Cardio Sculpt:** An innovative workout designed for total body conditioning. Combines cardiovascular, strength training and flexibility utilizing rubber tubing and free weights. A great way to get energized for your day! Class held at the Township Hall. Instructor: Dawn Tetzlaff.

**Beginner Fit:** A class designed for the beginning exerciser. Participants will enjoy the benefits of strength training using different tools from rubber tubing and free weights to your own body weight. Appropriate for most levels of fitness and great for seniors. Class held at the United Methodist Church. Instructor: Andy Retberg.

## Fitness Class Schedule - Six Week Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	6:45-7:45 a.m. Cardio Sculpt		6:45-7:45 a.m. Cardio Sculpt	
9:15-10:15 a.m. Cardio Kickboxing		9:15-10:15 a.m. Beginner Fit	9:15-10:15 a.m. Cardio Kickboxing	9:15-10:15 a.m. Beginner Fit

PUNCH CARDS: Member - \$36 (12 sessions) Non-Member - \$48 (12 sessions) Walk-In Fee: \$5


## LOWELL YMCA REGISTRATION FORM

323 W. Main, Lowell, MI 49331

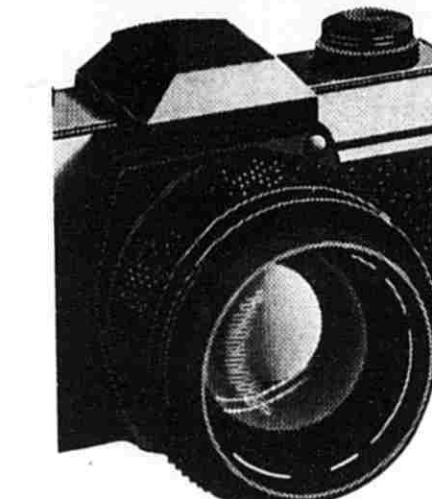
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class registering for:  Cardio Kickboxing  Cardio Sculpt  Beginner Fit  
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Assistance is available for those who qualify.

For more information, please call 897-8445.

Doris Stormzand Ellis  
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11/9/00  
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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

### ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The Township clerk will be available at the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the Township of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 7, 2000 General Election.

Linda Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township



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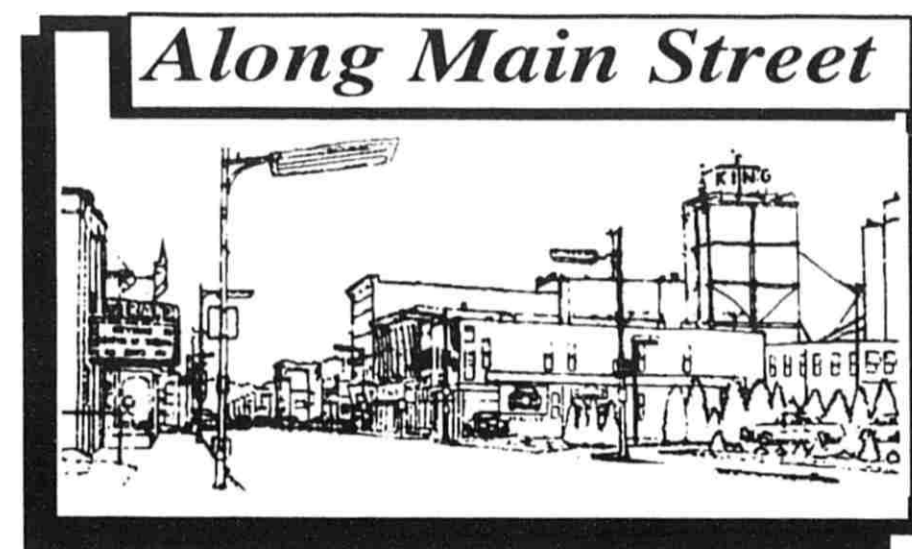
### PUBLIC NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday, November 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 7, 2000 General Election.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk







## Along Main Street

**2ND ANNUAL VEGETARIAN FOOD FAIR**  
Riverside Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists will hold a food fair on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 3-5 p.m. at the Forest Hills Aquatic & Community Center, 660 Forest Hill Ave. Door prizes and recipes given out. For more information call Linda at 676-1667.

**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.

### THANK YOU

To Our Community,

I would like to share with you the efforts and to give thanks to a family that goes above and beyond for this community. Mike and Lois Meppelink and family give so many hours of volunteerism to the Lowell Youth football league; their all-day volunteer Saturdays from dawn to dusk, football practices, endless questions, schedules for all teams, pictures, shirt sales and the list goes on and on. Thank you Mike, Lois and family.

Also a thank you for the volunteerism of Joe and Deb Karasiewicz in the concession stand and field set up and maintenance. A huge thank you to both of these families.

A thankful parent,  
Wendy Jeffrey

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL NEXT MONTH**  
The annual Christmas through Lowell will be held on Nov. 17, 9 am to 9 pm; Nov. 18, 9 am to 7 pm; and Nov. 19, 11 am to 5 pm; 23 homes involved with six businesses. Fliers/maps are available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's Hallmark, Dream Pieces, The Shorebird Gallery & Gifts, Touch of Country, Rupert's Drop and State Farm Insurance.

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR LACC**  
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for board of directors. If you would like to submit someone's name, please send to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI or fax to 897-9101.

**CARRIAGE RIDES**  
Free Carriage Rides will be given at the King Milling parking lot, Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 18 and 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. Gratuities are welcome.

**ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**  
The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering a creative and educational workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the whole family. The program is \$5 per person or \$25 per family. Many types of materials will be available to create a special Advent wreath. For more information call the center at 897-7842.

## Proposals, cont'd... From Page 1

The amendment imposes a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers on legislation that restricts or eliminates local authority options;

- It applies to laws enacted on or after March 1, 2000;
- It exempts laws that provide local options from a two-thirds vote requirement;
- Only a simple majority vote is required to enhance local authority; and
- It would cover all legislation that intervenes in municipal concerns, property or government.

Proposal II was initiated by the Michigan Municipal League, the state's association of cities and villages. The group "Let Local Votes Count" submitted approximately 400,000 signatures to place the issue on the ballot. Michigan Chamber of Commerce formed the opposing coalition called "Citizens for Common Sense Government."

The ballot by a citizen's group "Kids First! Yes!" The group submitted more than 463,000 signatures in February. The opposing coalition is "All Kids First!"

The proposal would eliminate the present constitutional restrictions on indirect aid to non-public schools and establish a voucher program for certain school districts. Vouchers would be an option of other districts, subject to school board or voter approval. If passed, this issue could be placed on the ballot for a local school district gathering signatures equal to not less than 10 percent of the votes cast in the previous school board election.

The proposal specifies that the dollar value of the voucher will be one-half of the per-pupil expenditure, or the actual tuition amount, whichever is less. The average per-pupil foundation allowance for 2000-01 will be \$6,436. The voucher amount would be \$3,646 per pupil in the first year and \$3,905 in year two.

The state aid budget provides a \$100 per student funding cut if the voucher proposal is adopted. Based on the 1998 student count (3,512), the Lowell School District would lose \$351,240.

If the amendment is approved, the Constitution requires a school district to offer a voucher, as requested by a student, if a district had a graduation rate of less than two-thirds in the 1998-99 school year.

Opponents raise concerns about the impact of this proposal on public schools, particularly noting the loss of revenue when students leave the public schools, making it more difficult to improve quality in the district.

They also question whether non-public schools would be able to accept or reject a student, even those with vouchers.

Public tax dollars would not be used to provide religious education. Vouchers would reduce the funds available for local public schools, which could result in a tax increase.

Those in favor of the proposal explain that tuition vouchers empower parents who cannot currently afford tuition to send their children to private schools. They also note that the proposal guarantees public school funding will not be reduced below the 2000-01 level.

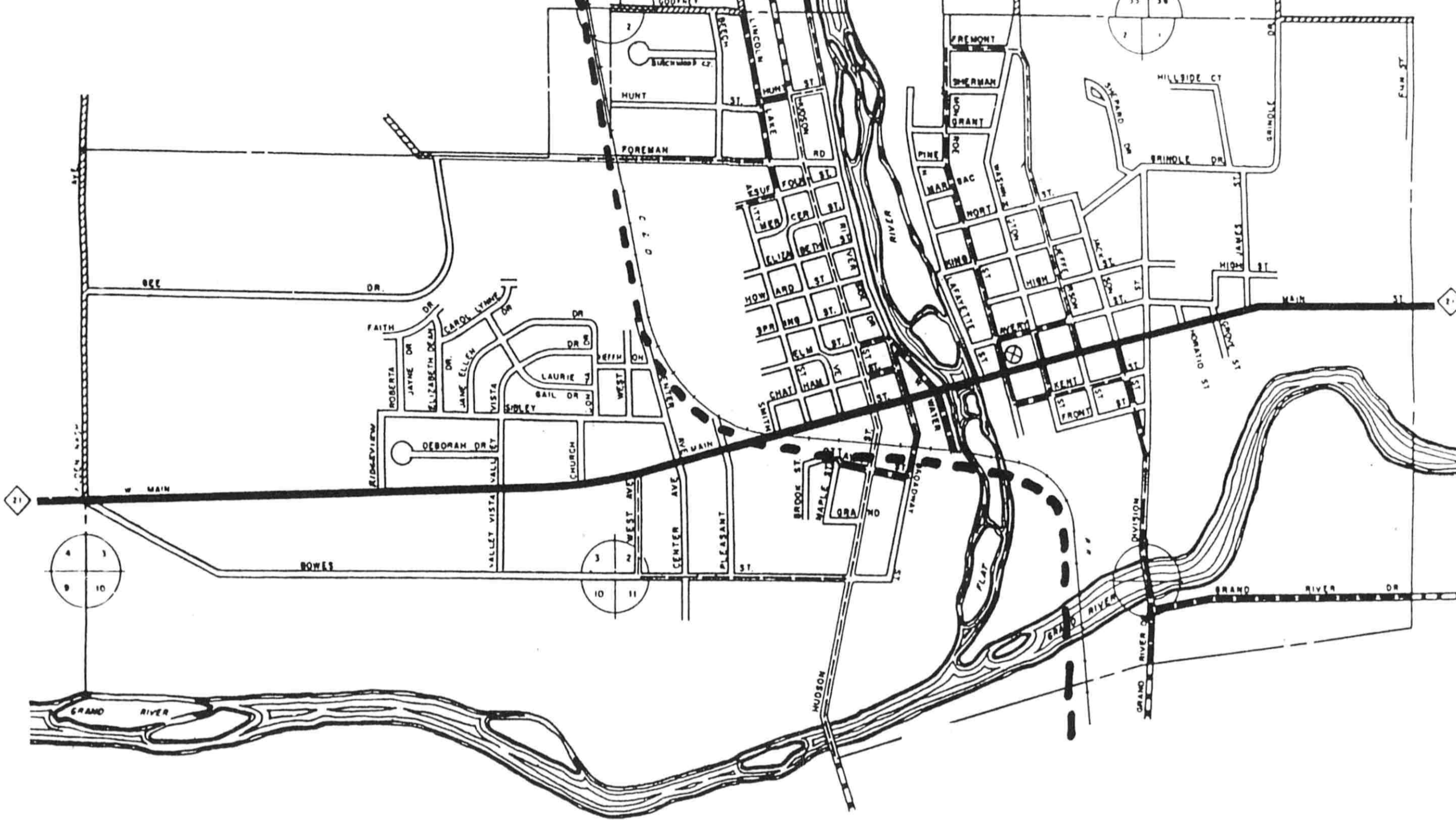
It would also require testing of teachers which they say will improve public and private education.

In Lowell Charter Township, residents north of the Grand River will vote down stairs and residents south of the Grand River will vote upstairs.

Vergennes Township residents will vote at Vergennes Township Hall.

Bowne Township residents will vote at the historic township hall, 8240 Alden Nash.

## PRECINCT #2 Look Memorial Fire Station



## PRECINCT #1 Englehardt Public Library

### OFFICIAL BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000 KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN CITY OF LOWELL PRECINCT 01

**TO VOTE:** Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s) with a single bold line, as shown. **IMPORTANT:** Use only a #2 pencil or the marking pen provided. **DO NOT USE RED INK!**

**PARTISAN SECTION:** To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

**Straight Ticket:** Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

**Split Ticket:** You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.

**Mixed Ticket:** Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

**THE NON-PARTISAN AND PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot must be voted separately.** Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot. Do not vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

**WRITE IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that person in the blank space provided and complete the arrow. This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a person whose name is already printed on the ballot for this office.

**When you have completed voting place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible.** Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

**NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a replacement ballot. Do not attempt to erase any marks made in error.

\*\*\* Above, the dotted line redefines the two precincts in the City of Lowell. Below is a copy of the ballot voters will be faced with when they step into the voting booth Nov. 7. The Ledger is printing a copy of the ballot so that registered voters can take time to review and research their choices at the congressional, legislative, state boards, county and judicial levels.

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# Lowell High School honors October Students of the Month

Lowell High School is pleased to announce the first students of the month for the new school year. Students are selected each month from several departments and are chosen for their dedication and expertise in a particular subject area. The October students are: Ruthie VanderHart, Katie Anderson, Kate Gunberg and Molly Debiak.

VanderHart, a senior, was chosen by the Art department. She is the daughter of Mark and Barbara VanderHart of Lowell. She is active in extracurricular activities such as art and drama club, debate team, yearbook photographer, all

school plays and musical, S.A.D.D. and track. She has been a Kendall College Scholastic Art Awards Key winner, has exhibited works at the Lowell Area Arts Council show and has helped the community by designing posters and programs for the Lowell Area Arts Council plays. Her teacher nominator says that she has been an extremely creative and talented participant in the art program all her years at LHS. Next year, she plans to attend Kendall College of Art and Design.

Anderson, a senior, was selected by both the Math and Science departments. She is the daughter of Gordy and Deb Anderson, of Ada. Her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, Model U.N., S.A.D.D., and is involved in sports as a captain of the track team and runs cross country. She also volunteers at Spectrum Health Downtown Campus. Her favorite class is chemistry. Her teacher nominators say she is just a great student and a nice person. She plans to attend MSU or WMU next year and will major in biology or chemistry.

Gunberg, a senior, was chosen by the English department. She is the daughter of Jim and Sally Gunberg of Ada. Kate's extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, FFA, Women's Club, Junior Rotary, tennis captain and golf. She has been selected for the all-conference golf and ten-

nis teams and has received the dedication award for golf. Her teacher nominator says that Kate is a joy to teach. Her favorite classes are calculus and physics. She hopes to go to U of M next year to study civil engineering.

Debiak, also a senior, was selected by the Technology department. She is the daughter of John and Cindy Debiak of Lowell. At LHS she has been involved in cheerleading, track, FFA Project Pals, Leaders Club

and the American Youth Foundation. This past summer, she biked from Lake Michigan to the coast of Maine in 24 days. Her teacher nominator says she excels in architectural design, is conscientious and a very hard worker. Her favorite classes are engineering drawing and art. Next year, she plans to attend Alaska Pacific University to major in environmental studies and outdoor planning and minor in business.

## "Between the Lions" storytime comes to Englehardt Library Nov. 9

Kent District Library invites children to have a roaring good time with Lionel and Leona and their family of library lions from the exciting new PBS television series *Between the Lions*. A special *Between the Lions* storytime, for ages three to six, comes to many KDL branches this fall. The program features wild stories, crafts and fun and includes clips from the show.

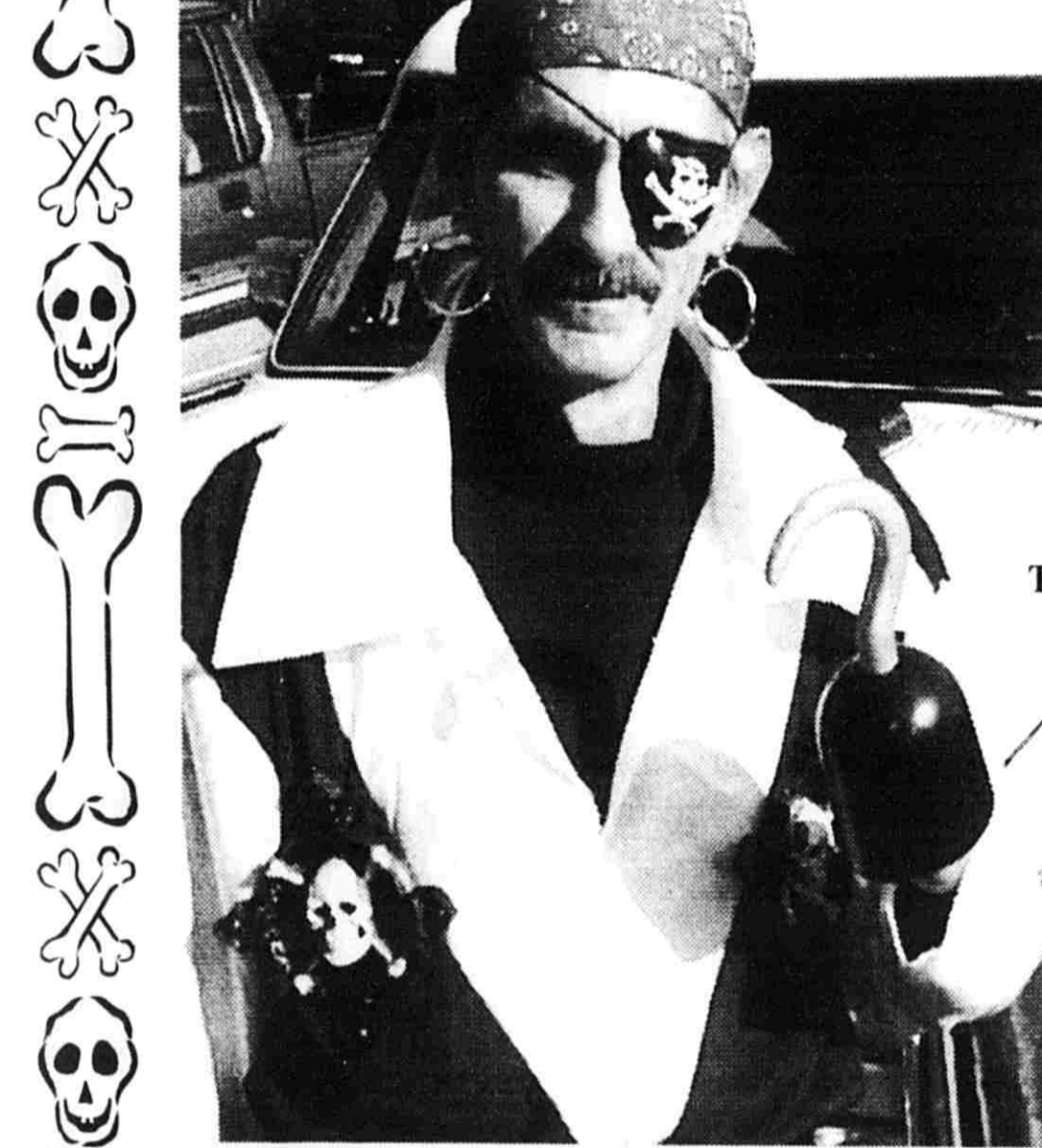
*Between the Lions* combines innovative puppetry, animation, live action and music to achieve its educational mission of helping young children learn to read. The show, which began its first season on PBS stations nationwide in April, airs weekdays at 4 p.m. on WGTV-TV channels 35 and 52.

If you have any questions about the *Between the Lions* storytime special, call the Kent District Library at 336-3250. The program is scheduled for the Englehardt branch in Lowell for Thursday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Call 897-9596 for information.



LHS October Students of the Month, left to right, are Kate Gunberg, Katie Anderson, Molly Debiak and Ruthie VanderHart.

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## Still Around

••• Jacob Billingsley was overlooked for OK White All-Conference honors, but he and four other Red Arrows earned All-District honors following their 2-0 win over FHN in the district finals.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a junior, Lowell goalie Jacob Billingsley was named to the OK White All-Conference soccer team.

Last week his name was absent from this year's list. Billingsley showed why that may have been a mistake in Lowell's 2-0 upset win over Forest Hills Northern (ranked ninth in the state) in the Division II District championship game at Ionia on Friday.

"I was disappointed that I didn't make the team but I was happy for Ryan (Phillips) and Zach (Stauffer) for getting it," Billingsley said. "In shutting out Northern, I think people realize that I'm still around."

Billingsley and his Red Arrow teammates are still around and will play Petoskey (ranked sixth in the state) in the Division II Regional tournament on Wednesday at Forest Hills Northern.

"Jacob is phenomenal," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "He has kept us in games the entire season. He's one of the best goalies I've seen. He has got to be one of the top five in the state."

Billingsley stopped all five of Northern's shots on goal. The goalie is the first keeper to shut out Northern this season. The Huskies had scored two or more goals in every game up until Friday's encounter.

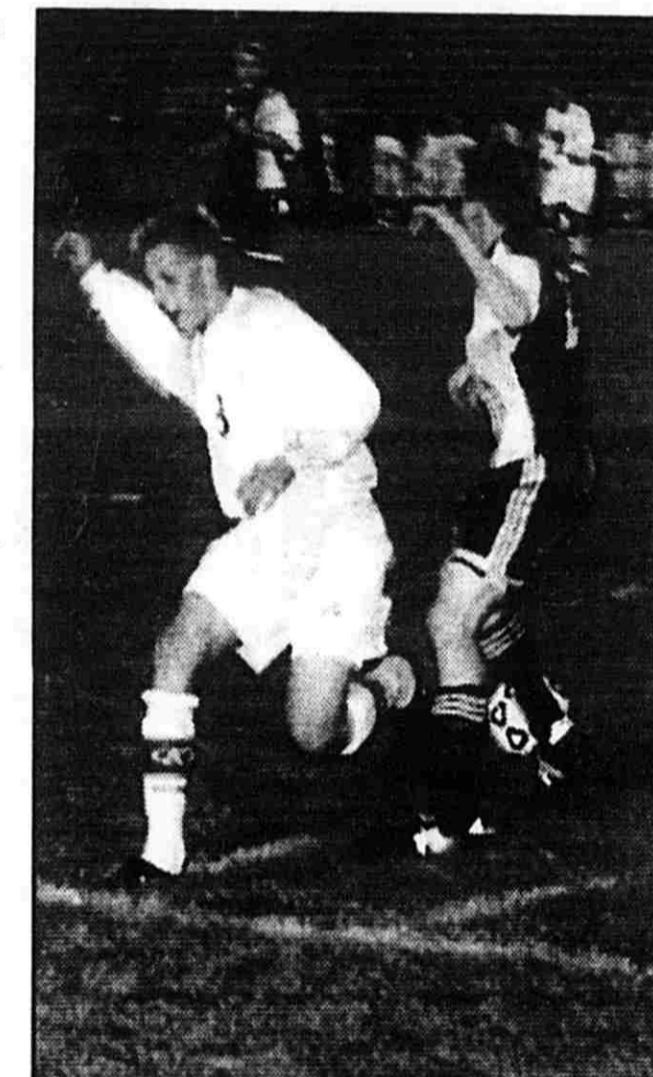
Billingsley's stellar play in the net was met offensively by the work of Sam Oberlin.

The freshman netted two first-half goals in helping to lift the Red Arrows to victory.

Oberlin, who did not play the first half of the season because of a broken right foot, has scored seven goals and assisted three others in his last five games.

Oberlin scored the game's first goal when he zipped one past a diving Northern's Michael Hufstader.

His second goal came with 4:41 left in the first half on an assist by Jonathan TenWalde.



Matt Foster battles for possession against Big Rapids. Lowell won the game 3-0.



Lowell boys soccer team opened a few eyes Friday when it upset Forest Hills Northern 2-0 in the District #28 Soccer Finals at Ionia. The Red Arrows face Petoskey, Wednesday (Nov. 1) at 5:15 p.m. at Forest Hills Northern High School.

Oberlin's first goal gave the Red Arrows momentum which they would never relinquish.

"It gave us a lot of momentum and I think we played better after that," Billingsley explained. "I think that was the strongest first half we've played all season. We knew we couldn't get behind early against them."

Huskie coach Erwin VanEls said his club was unable to make the necessary adjustments defensively against the Red Arrows.

"They are a much improved disciplined team this year. They did what they wanted against us today. Defensively they are strong and brought it to us," VanEls said.

Defensively Lowell got inspired play from Matt Foster and Tom Hobbs. "They did super jobs in marking up two of Northern's better players. We also got some inspired play from James Bosserd and Troy Gillan," Legge said.

The Huskies beat the Red Arrows twice during the season, 1-0 in overtime and 6-1.

Northern, who shared the OK White Conference crown with East Grand Rapids, ends its season at 18-3. Huskies advanced to the district final with a 4-1 win over Greenville.

Lowell enters Wednesday's regional at 12-8-1.

"All of the team-building activities and all of the running and conditioning have finally paid off," Legge said. "I don't care how good you are, there has to be cohesiveness among the kids. If not, some-

thing is going to be missing on the field."

Legge's Red Arrows have participated in a number of team-building activities this season. When it became too dark to continue their light practice Sunday night, the Lowell coach asked the players to pull up their cars and turn on their headlights. "Then the kids continued to play in the dark," Legge explains. Other activities have included going to the beach (during the pre-season), going to get ice cream and recently attending the movie "Remember the Titans."

"That movie was extremely good and I think it made a difference," Legge said. "Team cohesiveness goes a long way in making a team better."

Lowell advanced to the district final with a 3-0 win over Big Rapids on Wednesday.

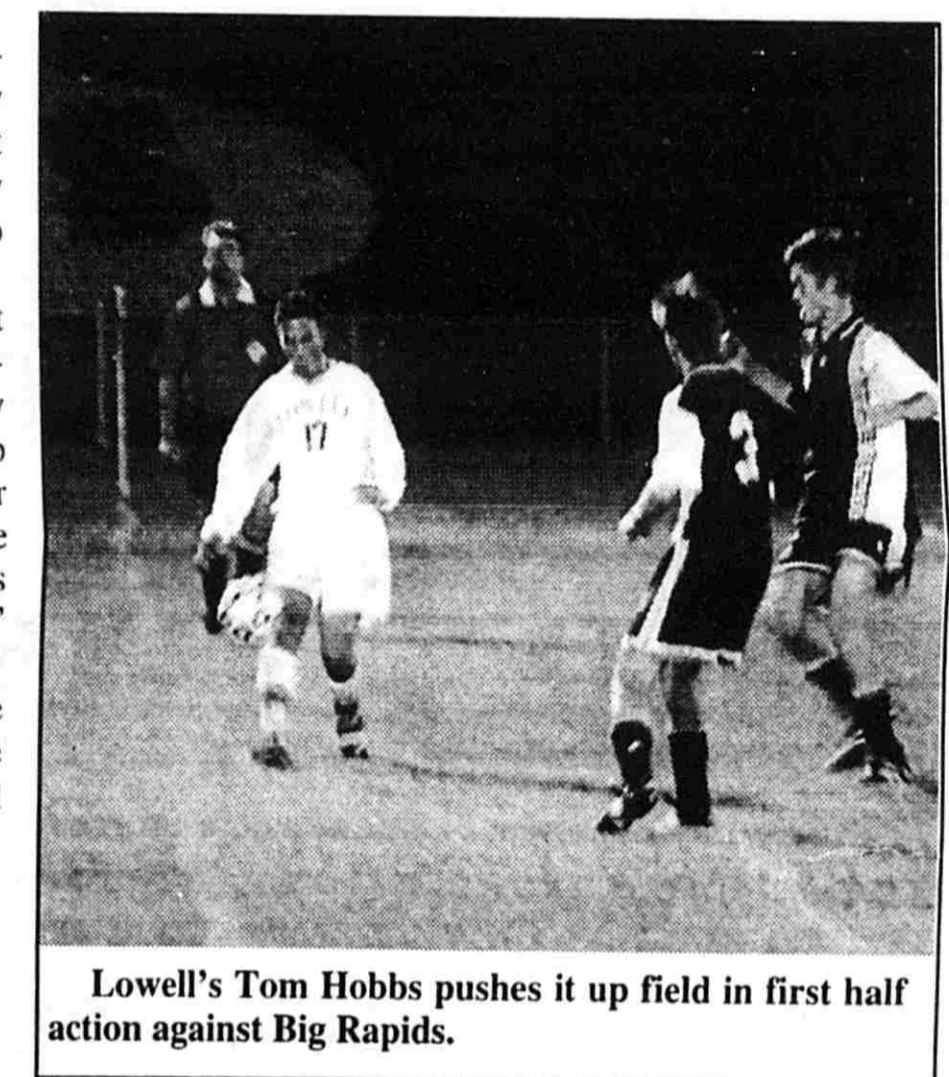
The Red Arrows outshot the Cardinals 19-6.

Matt Tomko gave Lowell an

early lead with a goal in the first half. He was assisted by Matt Foster.

Lowell's second and third goals came in the second half. Creating the Big Rapids' net were Sam Oberlin (assist Ryan Phillips) and Phillips (assist Foster).

Earning All-District honors for Lowell were Billingsley, Phillips, Stauffer, Hobbs and Oberlin.



Lowell's Tom Hobbs pushes it up field in first half action against Big Rapids.

## Lowell girls keep hunt for league title alive with wins over FHN & Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Northern played taller than its 5-10 record would indicate.

It took Lowell's tallest player, 6'2" center Amanda Stoutjesdyk, to turn away the Huskies' bid of an upset over one of the top teams in the OK White. The Red Arrows defeated the Huskies 53-42.

"We were a considerable underdog, but the girls are maturing and gave a great effort tonight," said FHN coach Bob Vandenberg.

The Huskies trailed 30-17 at halftime, rallied behind an 18-6 third quarter, cutting Lowell's lead to one at 36-35.

"That's a much improved team from the one we beat earlier in the year," said Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley. "Northern played with a lot of heart and intensity."

The Red Arrows struggled with intensity in their last two starts against Hastings and East Grand Rapids, but came out strong against the Huskies.

"It didn't seem like Lowell missed any three-point shots in that first half," Vandenberg said.

Crowley felt her club was missing intensity after the

first quarter. "We had it early, but then shut down until the fourth quarter," Crowley said. "I was disappointed in our third-quarter effort. It was the worst third quarter we've played all year. We've been having problems with first quarters; tonight we fixed that and now we have to fix another thing."

In the fourth quarter, Lowell went to Stoutjesdyk. The senior responded with 13 of her 15 points.

"Stoutjesdyk is a great player. She and Braseth (EGR) are probably the two best players in the league," Vandenberg said.

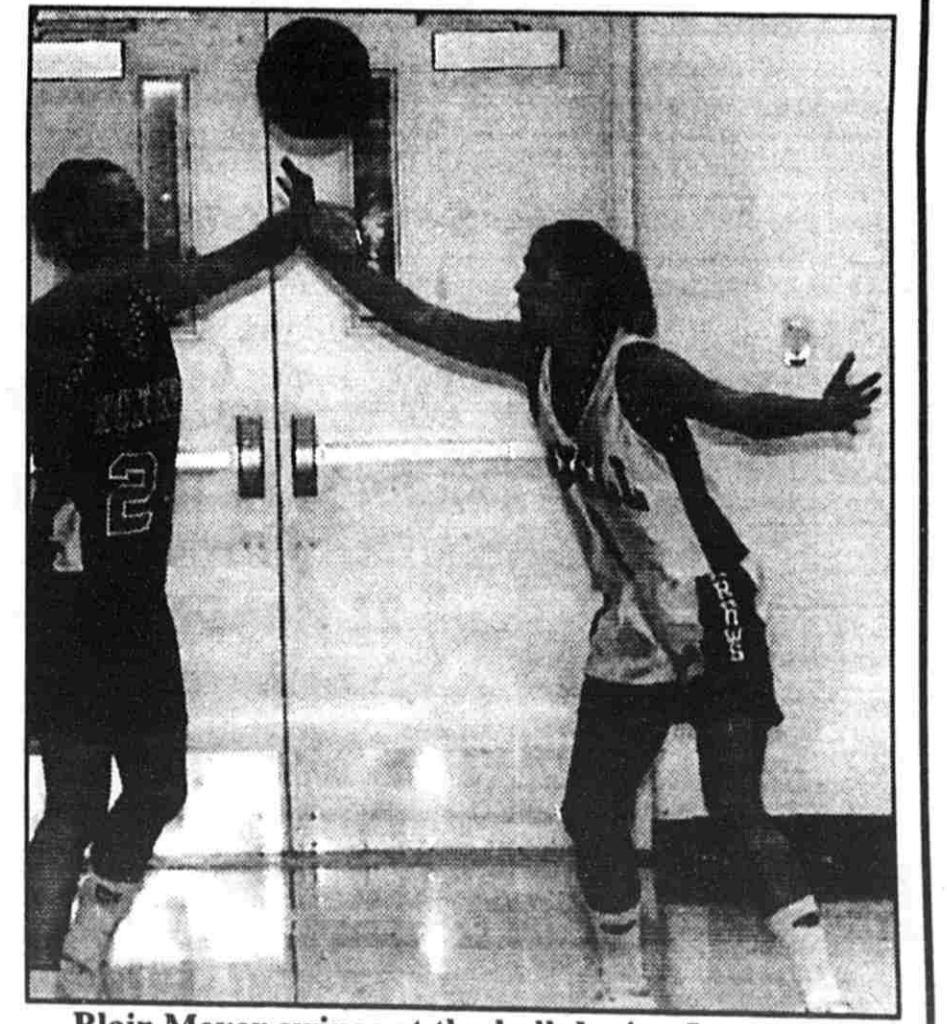
The win improved Lowell's record to 12-4 overall and 8-2 in the OK White.

Lowell 44  
Northview 34

A balanced scoring attack lifted the Red Arrow girls to a road win against Northview.

Lauren Vashaw and Becky Bosserd led the way with 12 points apiece.

Leslie Crowley and Amanda Stoutjesdyk both contributed with nine points.



Blair Meyer swipes at the ball during Lowell's 53-42 win over Forest Hills Northern.

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# Red Arrow girl harriers qualify for state meet

••• Lowell placed third at the regional on Saturday and travels to Brooklyn for the state cross country meet this weekend.

For a second straight year, Lowell girls cross country team will participate in the Division II Cross Country State Finals on Saturday at the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn. The top three teams from each regional qualified for the state tournament. The Red Arrows finished third at the Christian Reform Recreation Center. Lowell tied Holland Christian for second, with the Maroons winning the tiebreaker - their sixth runner finished ahead of the Red Arrows' sixth harrier.

Middleville won the regional with 56 points followed by Holland Christian 106, Lowell 106, Grand Rapids Christian 131, South Christian 135, Caledonia 169, East Grand Rapids 194, Catholic Central 213, Allegan 223, Hastings 260, Unity Christian 271, Wyoming Park 314, Lakewood 324 and Wayland 366.

Lisa Wojciakowski led all Lowell runners, finishing 12th in a time of 20 minutes.

Holly Plattner was 15th, coming home in 20:12. Sarah Swab stopped the clock in 20:34 finishing 22nd while Molly Kirsch was 28th in 20:55 and Abby Vos was 29th with a time of 20:57.

Other Lowell times included Katie Anderson, 52nd, 21:48 and Abbie Blanding, 56th, 22:04.

"I knew Middleville would win it, but I thought we had a chance at second or third," said Lowell cross country coach Harrison.

Clay VanderWarf. "The girls ran a super race on a fairly flat rolling hills course. The tougher the competition, the more focused the girls seem to be. They all ran personal bests today."

Lowell runs at 1:30 on Saturday. The Red Arrows will try to beat last year's 18th place finish.

"I think we have a shot at the top 10-15," VanderWarf said.

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The win improved Lowell's league record to 9-2 and overall record to 13-4.

Lowell led 11-8 after one quarter and 27-18 at halftime. The Wildcats cut the lead to six at 33-27 at three quarters of play. Lowell outscored Northview (4-7, 7-10) 11-7 over the final eight minutes.

Emily Matilla led the Wildcats with a team-high 10 points.



••• Tickets for the district football game on Saturday, Nov. 4, will once again be on sale in the Lowell High School athletic office on Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. All tickets (student and adult) will be \$4. The gates will open at 11 a.m. on Saturday for the 1 p.m. game.

a 22-12 win before a crowd of roughly 100 fans. Lowell led 14-2 at halftime.

Lowell freshman girls basketball team defeated Northview 41-30.

Larinda Marker led Lowell with nine points while Amanda Grochowalski and Stephanie Wagner each tallied eight points.

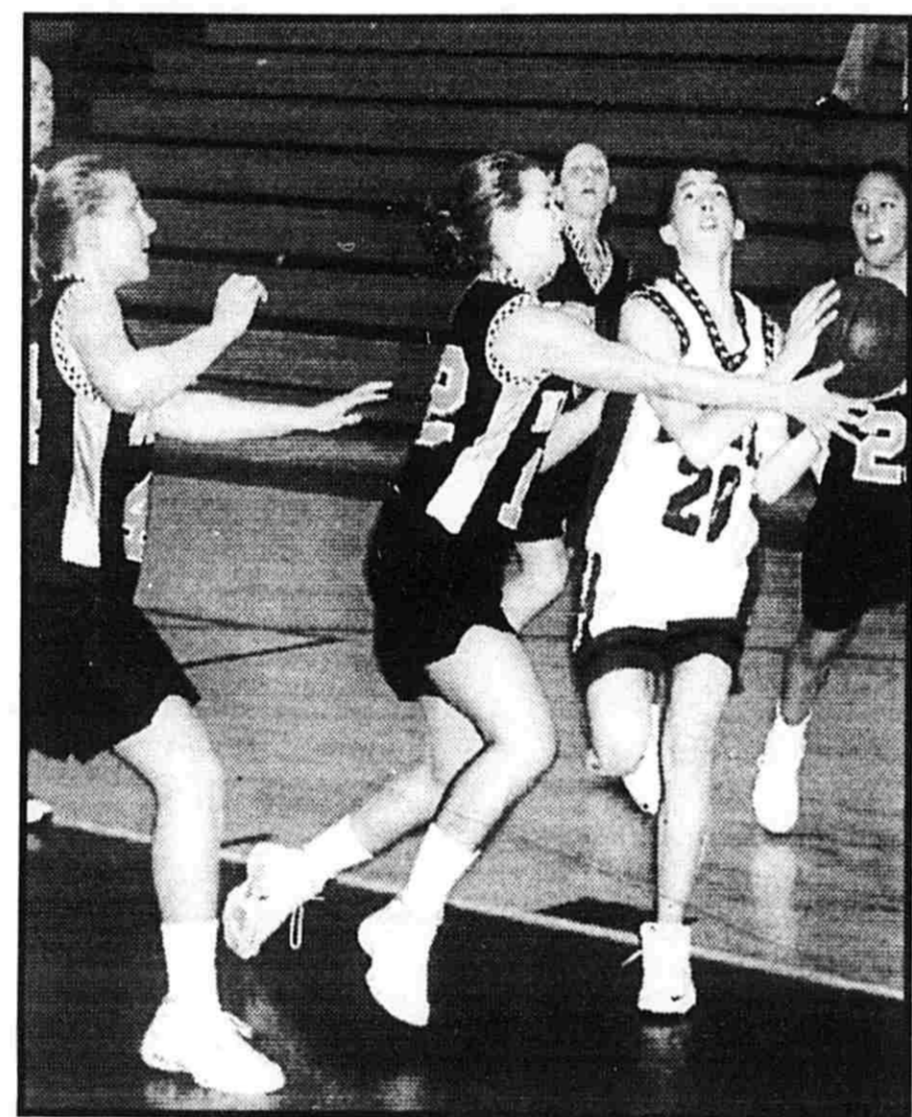
Kristin Lee grabbed a team-leading six rebounds.

The Red Arrows take on Forest Hills Central Friday at home.

Lowell's seventh-grade girls basketball team gave a strong performance in defeating East Grand Rapids 20-12.

Nicole Shepard led the Red Arrows in scoring with 14 points and three rebounds. Audrey Grummet tallied four points and Brook VanEck contributed with a bucket.

The Red Arrows traveled to Sparta and came away with



Becky Bosserd drives to the bucket while a FHN defender reaches in to slap the ball away.

1. Lowell (10-0) - The Red Arrows followed up an emotional 24-7 win over Hudsonville with a 30-12 playoff victory over City League foe, Catholic Central.

2. Creston (9-1) - The Polar Bears followed up a loss to Muskegon with a dramatic 42-31 win over a good Jenison ballclub.

3. South Christian (10-0) - South Christian sailed past Allegan 38-0. A most anticipated showdown with Coopersville is next.

4. Coopersville (10-0) - The Broncos finished the regular season with a 43-14 win over Middleville. Coopersville followed that up with a 48-14 victory over Coonstock The Sailors from South Christian are next.

5. Hudsonville (9-1) - The Eagles and their quest for an OK White crown were clipped by a stronger, more physical Red Arrow team, but they found a way to win a wild one against Forest Hills Northern in overtime (35-34) to advance into the second week of the playoffs.

6. Rockford (8-2) - A fantastic finish enabled the Rams to stay alive for another week. Rockford rallied in the final seconds for a 32-30 win over East Kentwood.

7. Byron Center (9-1) - After a disappointing performance against Coopersville, the Bulldogs beat up on Kelloggsville 41-6. Delton is next.

8. Cedar Springs (9-1) - The Red Hawks shut out Chippewa Hills 27-0 and live for another game.

9. Jenison (8-2) - The Wildcats' season ends after a tough loss to Creston.

10. Hopkins (7-3) - A Jake Klunder field goal as time expired gave Hopkins an upset win over Vermontville Maple Valley.



# First-half explosion blasts Red Arrows past Cougars, 30-12

••• Lowell's first ever playoff win will earn it another home game Saturday against Greenville.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was clear from the outset that Catholic Central was not going to let Josh Brown's legs beat the Cougars in their pre-district football clash with Lowell Friday night. They didn't, however.

Brown's arm. Mark Catlin's pass receptions and Lowell's defense did.

The Lowell quarterback was held to a season-low 27 yards rushing, but Brown threw for 119 yards (all in the first half) as Lowell bounced the Cougars from the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs 30-12.

"We wanted to make someone else beat us," Central coach Tom Passinault explained afterwards. "They did."

"This just in - "That Catlin is a pretty good ballplayer," Passinault said.

Central used eight guys up

front to stop Brown from running, inviting him to pass. He did and with much success.

"When a team lines eight guys up in the box, you have to throw the football, show them your weapons and score other ways," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

Brown connected with Catlin three times for 94 yards and a touchdown. The scoring strike came on a 68-yard pass on third and three from the Red Arrow 32. That was the sophomore's first of two touchdowns. The latter one came with 7:46 to play

in the second quarter. Catlin snared a deflected Cougar pass out of the air and raced 32 yards down the visitor's sidelines, giving Lowell a 30-6 advantage.

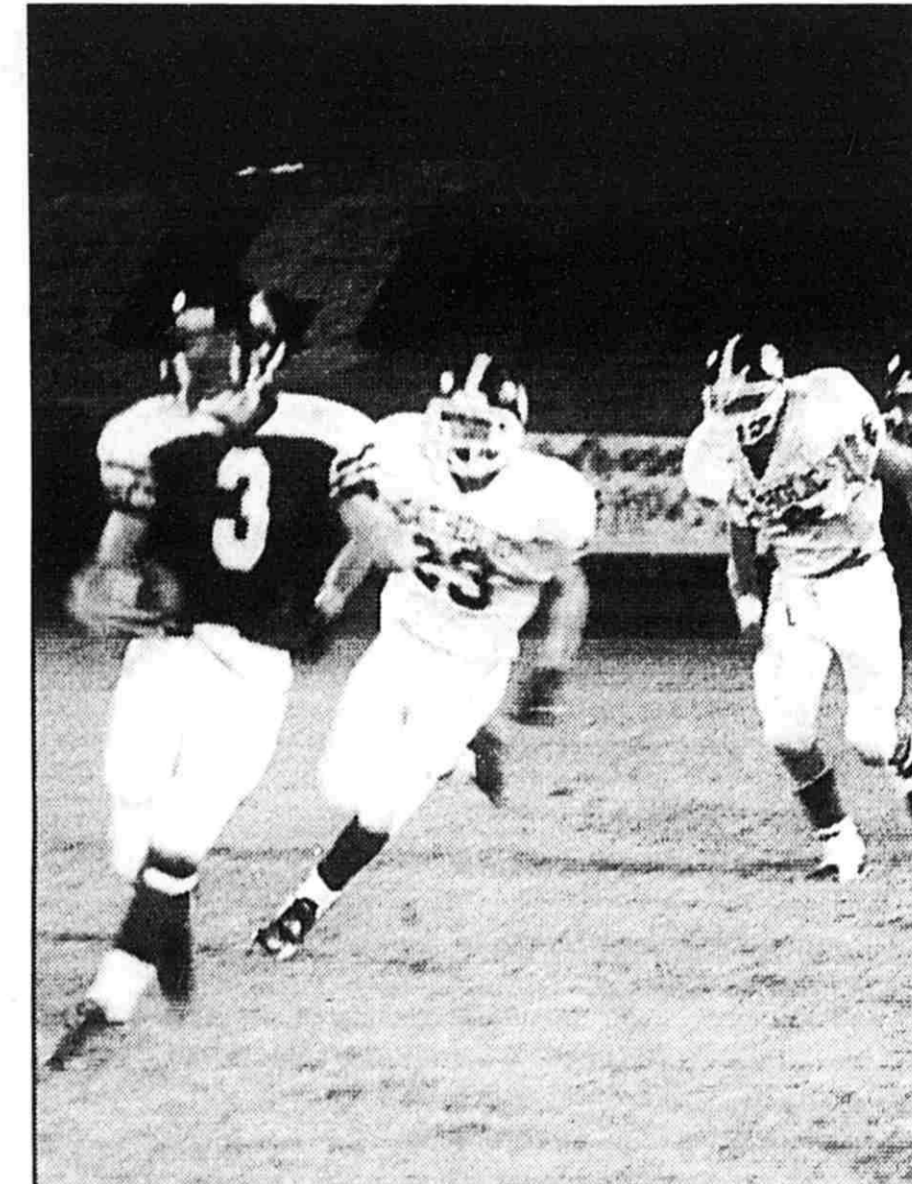
"We got spooked a little when Lowell scored early," Passinault said. "We had to play a near perfect game to win against an excellent team. We didn't."

Critical penalties and difficulties finishing off drives were costly to the Cougars. "We ran the ball well against them until we got near the goal line," said Passinault. "I don't think Lowell's defense gets enough credit. They are quick and they have physical bodies up on that line."

Trailing by 18 at half-time, Central controlled second half play. The Cougars were inside the Lowell 25 six times over the final 24 minutes. Miscues and a Red Arrow defense halted Cougar drives at the Lowell 21, 6, 14, 1 and 9-yard lines.

"I was guilty of trying to shorten the game in the second half," Dean explained. "We're up three scores and our defense hasn't given up more than two scores to anybody this year. Defense is why we win games."

Lowell opened the game with a 10-play, 55 yard drive with Tom Dawson scoring on a fake field goal attempt from the four yard line. Bill



Mark Catlin finds some running room against Catholic Central.

Harrison (the holder) shuttled the ball to Dawson who ran around the right end for the touchdown.

The Red Arrows' longest drive of the night came late in the first quarter. Lowell marched the ball 75 yards in 16 plays to open a 22-6 lead.

Central's two touchdowns came on a 75-yard kickoff return by Kyle Lowery and a Clay Duba one-yard burst 30 seconds before halftime.

"Coming off a game (Hudsonville) like we did last week and having to get up for a team we barely beat earlier in the season is a difficult thing for high school kids," Dean said.

The 10-0 Red Arrows now prepare for a 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon game with the 8-2 Yellowjackets from Greenville, 28-14 winners over Fruitport.



Tom Dawson finds the end zone on a four yard touchdown run. The score came on a fake field goal attempt. Bill Harrison, holder, shuttled the pass to Dawson.

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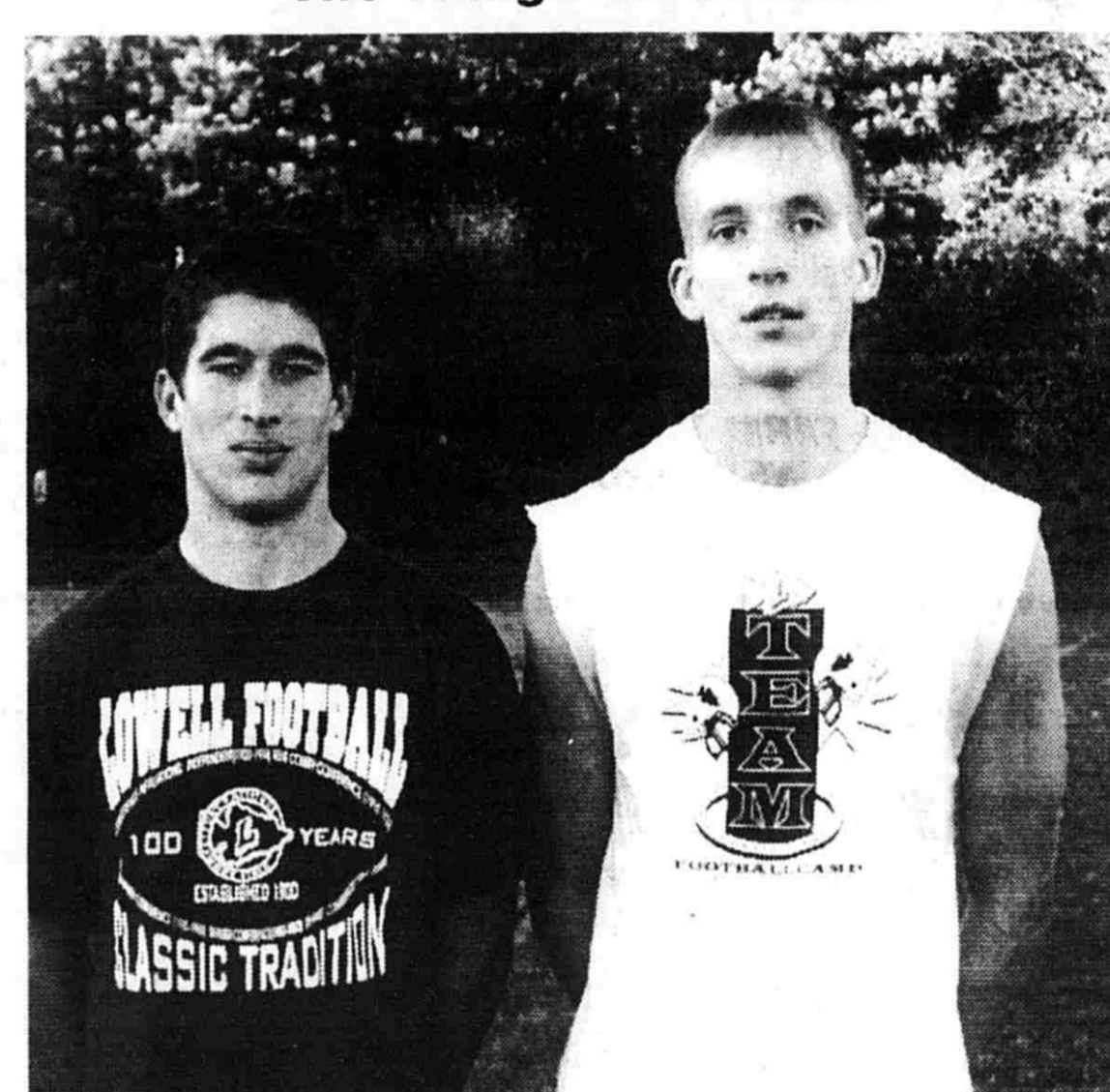
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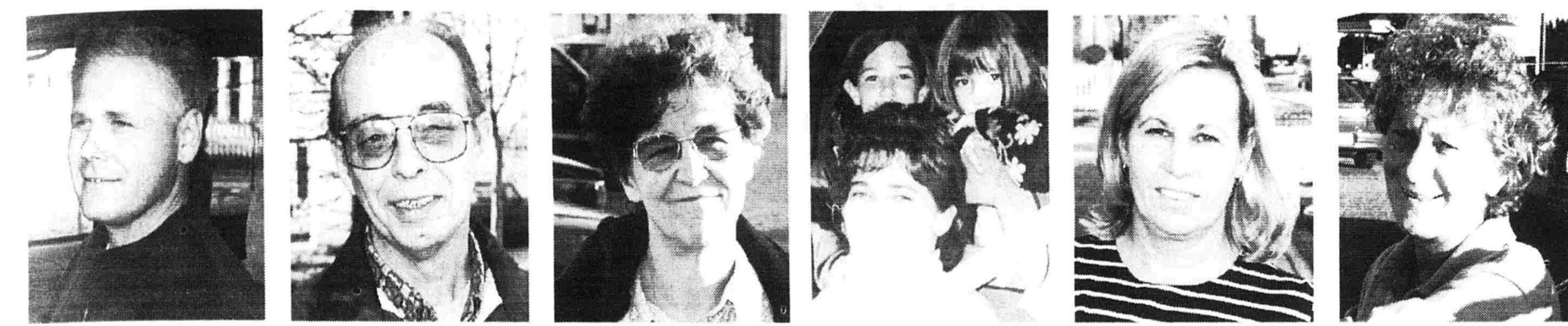
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Have you decided on who you will vote for in the presidential election Nov. 7? And how will you vote on Proposal I and Proposal II?



**Mike Lezan** - I'm probably going to vote for Al Gore; no on Proposal I and I'm not sure on Proposal II.  
**Ron Berghage** - I haven't decided on the presidential election. I will vote no on both Proposals.  
**Rosemarie Benson** - Yes, I have decided, but I don't want to share that with you.  
**Rhonda Kropf (Diana & Jenna)** - I will vote for George W. Bush. No on Proposal I, and I don't know what Proposal II is about.  
**Cheryle Murphy** - I have decided on who I will vote for in the presidential election and how I will vote on Proposal I, but I don't want to tell you. I haven't made a decision on Proposal II yet.  
**Helen Grant** - I think I will vote for Gore. I am not crazy about either one of the candidates. I will vote no on Proposal I and I am undecided on Proposal II.

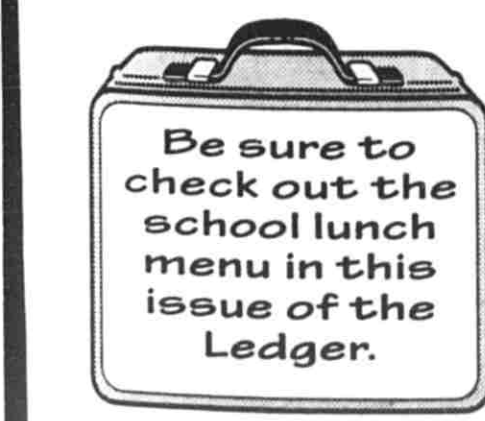
**Marjorie Zimmerman**  
I will vote for Bush. I will vote yes on Proposal I and I will have to read up on Proposal II.

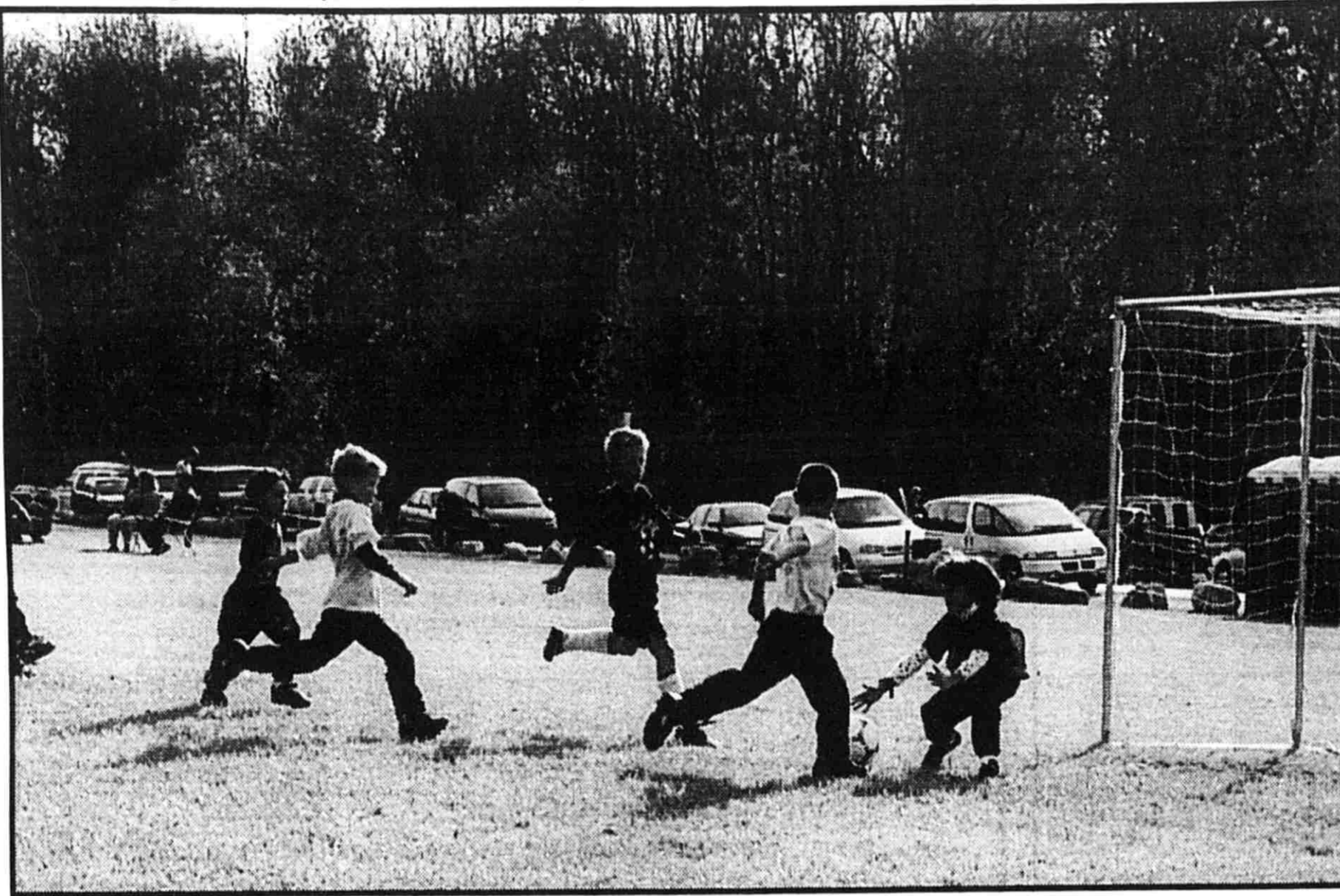
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This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation can not accept leaves in plastic bags.

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

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