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## Township residents willing to devote time to ensure preservation of open space

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

A survey of residents conducted by Vergennes Township indicated strong support for the preservation of land.

A large contingent of residents from Vergennes, Lowell, Ada and Grattan townships as well as Belding and Allendale attended an educational open space meeting on the "How's and Why's of preserving land."

"The goal was to provide information and to educate and

assist anyone interested in preserving open space," said Vergennes Township Open Space committee member, Kate Dernocoeur.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township clerk, said the fact the meeting was so well received (84 residents) confirms what residents have been telling the township. "Preserving open space is important to them and they are willing to spend the time and effort to see that it happens," she explained.

Topics covered by the six speakers were legal considerations regarding land preservation, the role of the Land Conservancy, transfer of development rights, trends in conservation design, estate planning and land preservation.

Presentations were delivered by Richard Harlow, Michigan Department of Agriculture program manager; Tom Purdy, estate planning, MSU district farm management agent; Richard Vander Veen and Catherine Metzler, attorneys for Miller, Johnson Snell & Cumiskey PLC; Cynthia Heinbeck, Alpine Township supervisor; Kendra Gunter,

project coordinator, United Growth for Kent County/MSU Extension; and Julie Stoneman, executive director, Land Conservancy of West Michigan.

A common theme to many of the residents' questions centered around deterring development. The guest panel identified the best deterrent as having a strong and current master plan in place and following it.

"The 84 participants represented thousands of acres of open space in and around Vergennes Township. In some cases, two generations were present from farms which have been in local families for decades," said Marsha Wilcox, Vergennes Township Open Space committee member.

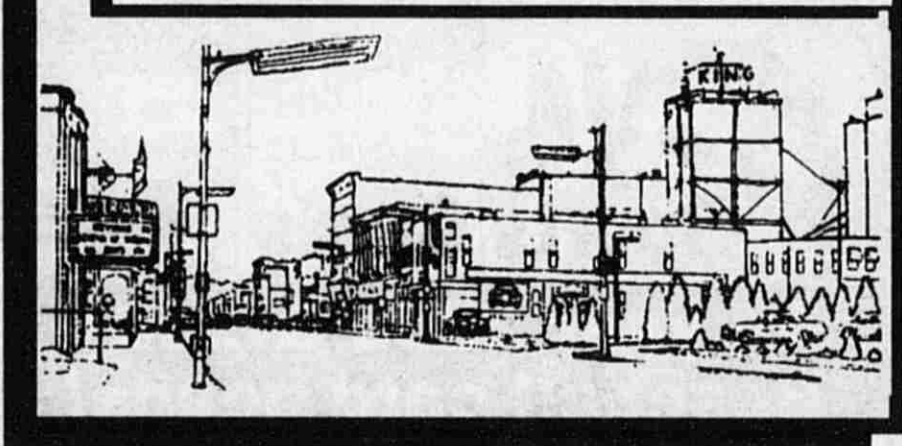
The panel also stressed that a resident doesn't have to be a landowner to play a role in the preservation of open space.

"They can help guide municipalities in how development occurs," Stone said.

Trends and conservation design are providing people look-

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### Along Main Street



#### EDUCATORS' OPEN HOUSE

The Wittenbach Agriscience Center and Wege Natural Area, located across from Lowell High School, is hosting an educators' open house on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At this time, educators will be able to see equipment available and to sign groups up for spring visits.

#### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS INVITED TO BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES

All Lowell Bushnell and Cherry Creek elementary students are invited to be the guest of the Lowell High School Athletic Dept. on Friday, Feb. 2 at the boys basketball games vs. East Grand Rapids, when accompanied by an adult. Invitations/admission passes will be sent home with all students on Friday. There will also be drawings for prizes.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

#### PARENT WORKSHOP

A parent workshop will be held on Monday, Feb. 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Lowell Board of Education meeting room at the administration offices, 300 High St. Randy Flood, a clinical psychologist from Grand Rapids, will be speaking on "Emotional Intelligence in Children: K-8th." To register, call 897-8415, ext. 214 or 216. This workshop will help parents better understand that having a high emotional quotient is a better predictor of success than having a high intelligent quotient.

#### HELP NEEDED FOR TU JUNIOR/MSU SPORT FISHING EVENTS

The Wittenbach Center is looking for adults to assist in leading a group for TU Junior/MSU sport fishing events. Next event likely in late February. Time commitment is once a month; lots of assistance and equipment are available. Call Tammy DeBaar if interested (987-1002).

#### LOWELL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SEEKING MUSICIANS

LAAC and LACC have teamed together to bring an outdoor summer concert series to the Greater Lowell Area. The concerts, beginning Thursday, May 31, will be on Riverwalk Plaza with musicians performing on the Showboat. Blues, Rapp, World Music, Country & Western, Jazz and Christian are some of the music styles the organizations are in search of. If you or your group fit the bill, forward your CD/cassette and a brief bio to Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53, Lowell 49331 or call 897-8545.

## Lowell man shared a classic love for fiancée and his '66 Mustang

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
*Lowell Ledger Editor*

Alden Richard Hamilton always had a story and a laugh to share with friends.

Oftentimes his stories included mention of his two greatest loves: his fiancée Lindsay Metternick and his 1966 Ford Mustang.

"He was a big fan of his 1966 Ford Mustang (he worked on it a lot) and he really loved his fiancée," recalled friend and neighbor, Mark MacNaughton.

Hamilton, 21, suffered fatal injuries early Friday evening in a three-car accident at MacPherson and Lincoln Lake roads in Vergennes Township.

Hamilton was following a vehicle driven by Ron Russell Jr. Both men were headed north to snowmobile on Saturday.

"He enjoyed snowmobiling and motorcycling," MacNaughton said. "I've known Alden since my sophomore year in high school; he moved to Lowell from Texas.

Hamilton was pronounced dead at the scene when his '97 Ford Escort struck a semi tractor.

The accident happened at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Hamilton was northbound on Lincoln Lake. The Lowell resident was two cars behind a pickup truck driven by Alayne Hartuniewicz, 31, of Belding.

Hartuniewicz lost control of her pickup and crossed into the northbound lane striking a semi driven by

Robert James Pratt, 46, of Hastings. Hartuniewicz's vehicle then slid into the ditch and overturned, according to the Kent County Sheriff Department.

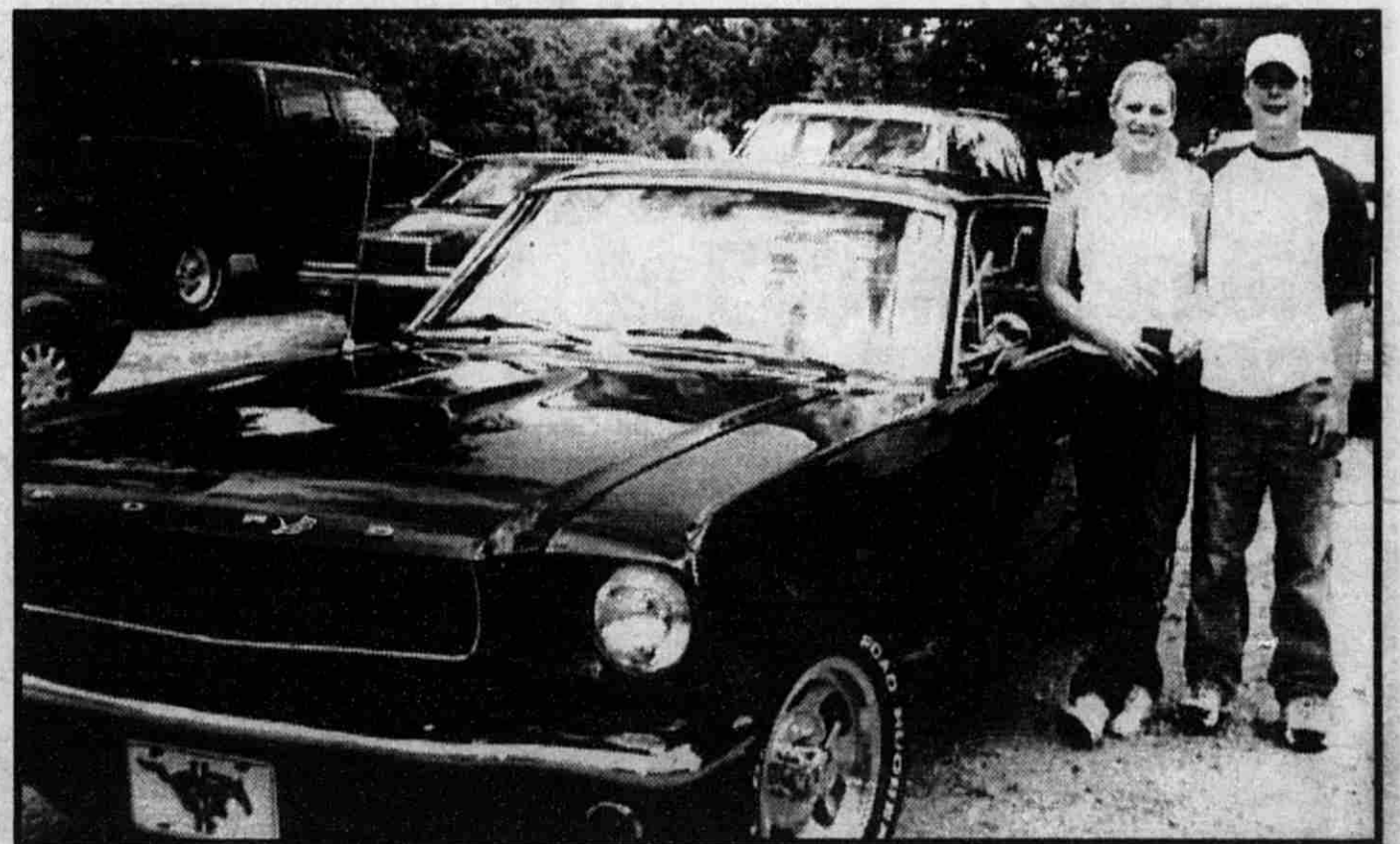
Hamilton was unable to avoid the semi. Neither Pratt nor Hartuniewicz were injured in the accident.

"I was between the pickup truck and Alden. I

He kept us laughing. He always had a good story to tell," MacNaughton said.

Hamilton is survived by his parents Callie and Duane Hamilton; missing you forever, your sister Amie Hamilton-Ward of Lowell; grandparents Alden and Mary Jane Peterson and Richard and Florence Hamilton, all of

Ludington; the love of his life, his fiancée Lindsay Metternick and her parents Darwin and Colleen LaLone and family; his best friend Jim Stoutjesdyk Jr. (the neighbor); many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Kent Skills Center Autoshop.



Alden Richard Hamilton was killed in a three-car accident early Friday evening. Above, he is pictured with his fiancée, Lindsay Metternick and his 1966 Ford Mustang.

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## OBITUARIES

**DUNN** - Freda Marie Dunn, aged 92, passed away January 23, 2001. She was the daughter of John and Barbara Seidelman. Mrs. Dunn was preceded in death by her husband Orson Slocum. She is survived by her former husband Nancy Dunn; daughters Kenneth and Jochen Ditterich of Rockford, Barbara Leaf of Battle Creek;

two grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Mrs. Dunn was an avid gardener, musician and a member of Zion United Methodist Church of Ionia. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

**HACKSTEDT** - Alfred "Dutch" William Hackstedt,

aged 82, of Lowell, passed away January 28, 2001. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Midge; children Gary Hackstedt of Smyrna, FL, Marsha (John) Groomes of St. Petersburg, FL, Merrijo (Dr. Patrick Mazier) Richard of Ada, Michelle Painter of Lowell; daughter-in-law Connie Bowman; sister Louella Averill of OH; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Gary Burdick of Ada Congregational Church officiating.

**HAMILTON** - Alden Richard Hamilton, aged 21, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Friday, January 26, 2001. He is survived by his parents Callie and Duane Hamilton; missing you forever, your sister Amie Hamilton-Ward of Lowell; grandparents Alden and Mary Jane Peterson and Richard and Florence Hamilton, all of Ludington; the love of his life, his fiancée Lindsay Metternick and her parents Darwin and Colleen LaLone and family; his best friend Jim Stoutjesdyk Jr. (the neighbor); many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Kent Skills Center Autoshop.

**LEE** - Marian L. Lee, aged 81, passed away January 22, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert. Mrs. Lee is survived by her children Patricia (William) Ashby of Tampa, Alyce (Jay) Hirschi of Chicago, Richard (Patti) Lee of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Bonnie (Sam) Roudabush of Lowell; grandchildren Billy and Karen Ashby, Jennifer, Jamie and John Lee, Tim (fiancee Melissa Peterson) Roudabush, and Mike Roudabush. Memorial Mass was held Saturday at St. Mary Church, Rev. George J. Fekete celebrant. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331.

**MUELLER** - Rebecca J. Mueller of Rotonda West, FL and formerly of Lowell, died peacefully on January 23, 2001 at Rose Arbor Hospice, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Mueller was born January 23, 1930 in Bellevue, the daughter of Walter and Gladys (Mulvaney) O'Toole. She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert Mueller in 1996 and by a son Gregory Mueller. Surviving are two daughters Marcy (Gary) Arson of Plainwell, Valarie Manes of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren Christy and Katy Arson, Nicholas and Emily Manes; a brother Larry (Marcia) O'Toole of Cincinnati, OH. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, Fr. Mark

Vyverman, Celebrant. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo.

**OSBORNE** - Larry M. Osborne, aged 49, of Alto, passed away suddenly at his home early Tuesday morning, January 23, 2001. Larry is survived by his wife Cindy, whom he married on May 1, 1976 in Ada; father Jim (Myrtle) Osborne; sisters Christine (Ray) Krebill, Linda (Phil) DePotty, Jamie (John) Rodriguez, Sandra (Dave) Delinsky, Sharon (Rick) Richmond, Donna Osborne; brother James Osborne, Jr.;

the members of Cindy's family; and many nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends. Larry was preceded in death by his mother June Osborne; step-mother Jean Osborne; and an infant brother. The funeral service was held on Friday at Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto. Interment in Bowne Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Cheff Center Horseback Riding Program for Special Needs Children, or the donor's favorite charity.

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Our office will be open on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 9 am - 5 pm.  
This is the last day to pay winter taxes without a penalty.  
I. Jean Huver, Treasurer

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PROPOSED REZONING

Public notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday February 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331, concerning the application by Jim and Berdie Cook to amend the zoning ordinance map to rezone the following described property from Special Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C). The property consists of 3 parcels totaling 42.32 acres at the NW corner of Vergennes and Lincoln Lake, parcel #'s 41-16-27-400-051 and 052 and 053. The 3 parcels being considered are east of the railroad tracks and west and north of the two presently zoned commercial parcels at the corner of this intersection in the SE 1/4 of section 27.

The application for the proposed zoning map ordinance amendment is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be inspected during regular office hours between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Public comment will be accepted at the public hearing and written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received prior to 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 2001.  
Vergennes Township Planning Commission

## Design and website being developed for Lowell Township

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township is about to add a lane to its information highway.

Township attorney, Bob Dugan has been contracted to develop and design a web site for it.

## Sled dog program at Englehardt Library

The Iditarod comes to Kent District Library this winter, as former dogsled racer Dan Anderson brings his team of sled dogs to KDL branches for an up-close look at the world of mushing.

In this fun program for all ages, participants will learn all about the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska and get the opportunity to meet and interact with the dogs and see some actual mushing gear. The program will include an outdoor demonstration, weather permitting, showing the dogs' power, speed and desire to pull a sled.

Anderson will talk about Alaska and its history of dogsled racing, including the famous Iditarod. The annual two-week, 1150-mile race goes from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. This year's Iditarod begins on March 3.

The program is scheduled for the Alto branch on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m.

## IN THE SERVICE

Navy Airman Chad A. Carlson, son of Pamela S. Carlson of Alto and Dennis C. Carlson of Holland, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

During the deployment, Carlson's ship assisted in the recovery effort of Gulf Air Flight 072. After the plane crashed on its approach to Bahrain International Airport Aug. 23, more than 80 sailors and several boats from the aircraft carrier arrived at the scene to help. They included divers, and swimmers from SEAL Team Two, an explosive ordnance disposal team, search and rescue swimmers from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron 15 and the ship's medical team.

Carlson also visited cities in Croatia, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. During these visits sailors participated in community relations projects and had the opportunity to enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Carlson joined the Navy in Oct. 1999. While in Bahrain, USS George Washington sailors painted the Al Hytham Islamic School and the Saudi/Bahraini School for the Blind. Carriers like USS George Washington are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis.

"The web site will make access to information more readily available," explained Paula Blumm, township board trustee. "The information will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The type of information web surfers will find includes meeting schedules, fee schedules, agendas, ordinances, maps, and park hours.



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Township residents will also be able to e-mail questions and comments to township officials and volunteer board members. "These days it's unusual for a township not to have a web site or not to be working on getting one," Blumm said. Dugan, who has designed several web sites for law firms, is being paid \$750 by the township for the service.

The user frequency of a web site is often determined by how well the title page is organized. "People don't want to wade through a lot to get to the information they're interested in," Blumm said. "Being able to find what they want quickly is important."

The township is hopeful of having its web site up and running in a couple of months.

The township address for the web site is www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

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**LOWELL** - 10180 French Dr. M-21 to Lincoln Lake, E on Vergennes, N to Flat River, turns into Sayles, S on Marble, to French Dr. Newer 2-story on nearly 4 acres and at the end of cul-de-sac. Walkout lower level could be finished with 4th bedroom, and 3rd bath. Cherry trim. Main floor family room with fireplace. Large back deck. \$210,000 Joice.

**SARANAC**: Ranch style, 3-bedroom home on 1 country acre. You will be able to move in the day you close. Pole barn has cement floor, full electric. This home has much to offer. \$115,900. Michael

**BELDING**: Perfect home sits on a large lot in Belding's exclusive Tiffany Ridge. Large open floor plan is great for entertaining. Impeccable finish work and its tasteful color scheme. Features include a deck, finished garage and a glass rail around the stairs. \$155,000 Charles

**LOWELL**: This home is located just walking distance from the Lowell High School. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 full baths in private setting. No neighbors in sight. Walkout 2-story. \$244,900. Michael.

**LOWELL**: Builders home. Picture perfect. This home has everything! 3 bed., 3 bath, office, family room, game room. 3-stall garage. Beautifully landscaped to include heated in-ground pool. \$250,000. Joice.

**LOWELL**: Superior new ranch all trimmed with oak. 3 bed, lower level roughed in for 2 more bedrooms, bath and family room. Close to expressway for easy commute to Grand Rapids or Lansing. \$160,000. Joice.

**IONIA**: Great mobile near M-66 and David Hwy. Pellet stove. Excellent condition. Four season sunroom. Extra garage for workshop. 1+ acres. \$65,000 Joice

**SARANAC**: Great family home. Large enclosed porch, lots of windows. Garage with large work areas. New carpet, roof, well and furnace. 4 bedroom, fireplace and den. 2.3 acres. \$120,000. Joice

**LOWELL**: Private river frontage on Grand River. This home has two fully equipped kitchens, 3 bedrooms, walkout basement on 5 acres. The yard has a park like setting. A must see! \$189,000. Michael

**LAKE ODESSA**: Cape Cod with 2700 sq. ft. 5.5 acres and offers a 40x60 pole barn. Pergo floors and hardwood trim, wonderful kitchen and spectacular master suite. \$270,000. Charles.

**LOWELL**: Attractive brick ranch with 2 fireplaces. 2 1/2 lots makes huge back yard. Close to elementary school. All appliances included. Seller motivated. \$129,000 Joice

**SARANAC**: New home on 7 acres. Immediate occupancy. Maple hardwood, hickory cabinets, 4 bedroom. Walkout with prepared pole barn. \$190,000. Joice

**LOWELL**: Over 3,000-sq. ft., could be 2 family. Updated mechanical. Near park and schools. Original oak staircase, French doors. Great character and charm. \$155,000. Could be considered for a 2-family. Joice

**BELDING**: Beautiful Victorian home with over 2200-sq. ft. Stainless steel appliances, 3 bedroom, 2 story. This home has something for everyone. \$110,000 Charles

**SARANAC**: Vacant land. 15 lots. Between 3-75 acres. Kyser & Peck Lake Road. Close to Lowell Schools. Starting at \$35,000. Joice

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# Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. Dominic A. Tommy  
Alto/Bowne Center  
United Methodist Churches

Thirty-one years ago, I became a Christian through Western Missionaries who were in my country, Nigeria. One year after my salvation, I accepted the call to Christian ministry and served churches in Nigeria, and later as a missionary to many countries in West Africa. Little did I know that God had plans for me and that my Christian work would

we fulfill his mission, we can have boundless hope. This does not mean that we will be spared pain, suffering or hardship, but that God will see through glorious conclusion" (Life Application Bible Commentary).

Back to my Christian experience 31 years ago: How can I give praise to God for all his leadership? How can I forget those missionaries who showed me the way to Christian life and taught me how to serve Christ and his church? I am grateful to them and the sending churches! I am thankful to the Christian commu-

take me beyond the coast of West Africa to the United States of America. Let alone thinking of serving as parish pastor in the present appointment in this part of the country.

Our life, from the cradle to whatever point we are in our journey, is a life of faith, faith that is hopeful, but does not tell us where we will be or what we'll do next. To the people of God, our faith and hope is based on the facts we know about God and His promises in the Holy Scripture. And speaking about God's promises and leadership in our lives, prophet Jeremiah writes, "Thus says the Lord: when 70 years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you and will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11).

One Bible commentary comments on the above verse in this way, "We are all encouraged by a leader who stirs us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task he has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. He knows the future, and his plans for us are good and full of hope. As long as God, who knows the future, provides agenda and goes with us as

nities that God is placing presently. Your love and reception wherever I go in Lowell, Alto, and Bowne Center is very much appreciated. Let me invite you to worship with us at Alto, or Bowne Center United Methodist churches whenever you can. If your church is interested in seeing "a live product" of their mission efforts over the years, they can invite me to speak to their mission or youth groups. May the Lord watch between you and me while we are absent from one another.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

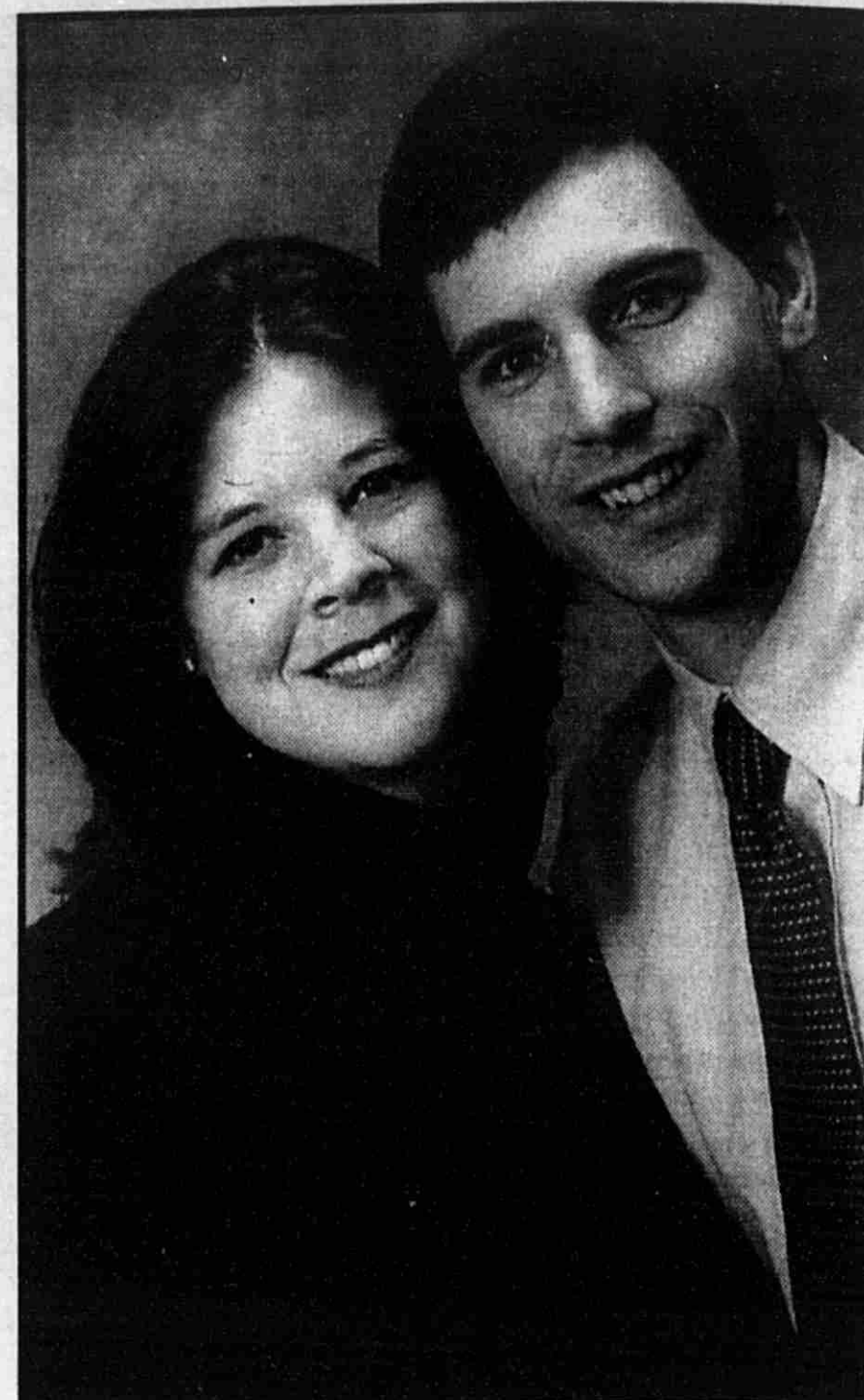
**FEBRUARY 1:** Ivan Blough, Lila Grummet, Chris Vezino, Ryan Teelander, Sommer Mercer, J. Johnson, Monica Burt.  
**FEBRUARY 2:** Marie Wade.  
**FEBRUARY 3:** Dale Phillips, Clarice Poisson, Sana Bryant.  
**FEBRUARY 4:** Jo Hill, Kelsey Scheider.

**FEBRUARY 5:** Ann Mulder, Kenneth Gregersen Sr., Colleen Myers, Mandy Schneider, Joe Barnes.  
**FEBRUARY 6:** Donna Oesch, Reed Stormzand, Norm Johnson, Angie Blough.  
**FEBRUARY 7:** Margaret Peckham, Gordie Barry.

## AREA BIRTHS

Mark and Misty Anderson would like to announce the birth of their son, Chase Harold Anderson, born Wednesday, January 10, 2001. He weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 21 1/4 inches. He is welcomed home by

big brother, Louie. Grandparents are Bernard and Laura Anderson of Newaygo and Greg and Marilyn McClure of Lowell. Great-grandmother is Lorna McClure of Clarksville and special aunt is April McClure of Alto.



Denise Ann Cowie and Travis Heath Briggs

## Cowie/Briggs

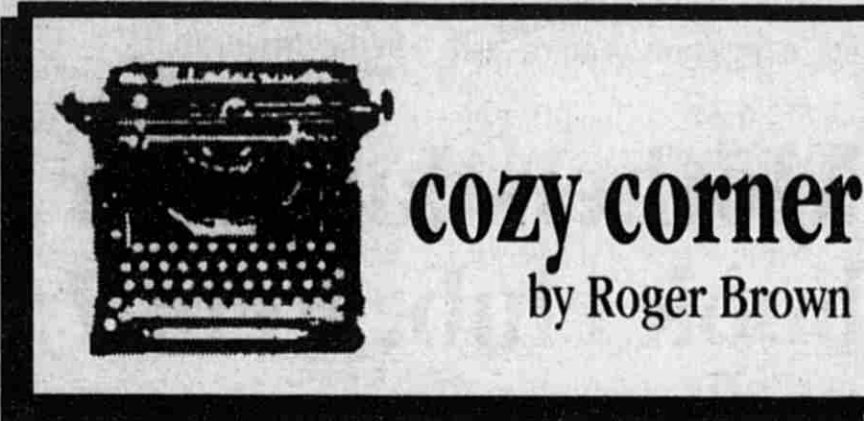
Denise and Ann Cowie, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Ann to Travis Heath Briggs.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Oakland University's School of Nursing, works for St. Joseph's Hospital in Clinton Township.

The future groom is the son of Rick and Carol Briggs of Lowell. He graduated from Michigan Technological University in Houghton with a mechanical engineering degree and works for Brose of Auburn Hills, in the automotive testing field.

An April 28, 2001 wedding at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell is planned.

# Viewpoint



You've perhaps noticed the absence of this column over the past two issues. Yes, I'm still with the living. Life has been hectic, but there haven't been any of those standout incidents, like gashing my hand, that I can quickly crank out a column about. Also when things are busy, it's the worst time to try creating something out of nothing. I've exhausted my excuses and I'm still in the first paragraph. Now what?

Here is a quick footnote to the wounded hand. A friend of mine from Michigan is renting a house down the street. One morning over coffee we took toenail clippers and tweezers to the stitches. They were out in no time, but not before we grossed out the women present. That was fun. The big news of late was a ten-day visit from the grandkids. Oh yeah, my daughter was here as well. Boog (Zach) just turned two. Jim (Maddie) is still a few months from turning four. Let me assure you that living with kids that age is not like anything else in terms of being busy. Pandemonium is the only word that seems to describe that lifestyle. The kids never stop moving. They are never quiet. There is always a diaper to change, a mess to clean up, food to prepare, a fight to break up, a search to conduct, etc. It's a good thing Mother Nature fixed things so people my age aren't responsible for people that age. I'd be institutionalized for sure!

There are rewards for putting up with the demands of kids that age. Jim, my little granddaughter, went everywhere with me. Most often we ran our errands on my scooter. She stands on the footboards in the step-thru frame and holds onto the handlebars. We cruise to the hardware, post office, grocery, video store, and wherever with the wind in our hair and bugs in our teeth. We're just like "Easy Rider" . . . only different.

We were stopped by a county deputy and given a puffed-up stern lecture about her not wearing a helmet. I pled ignorance (easy for me) and got off with a warning. After that we made sure Jim wore her bicycle helmet that looks like a turtle.

We didn't get stopped again, so I'm not sure if her turtle would have passed muster with the cops.

Little things amaze me about hangin' out with grandkids. One day the women took Boog and went to the Saturday morning flea market. I piddled around outside with a project and watched Jim. For nearly three hours she marched around with a broomstick like she was a drum major. The entire time she was humming a tune that seemed somewhat familiar to my tin ear. (I'm like U.S. Grant in that respect. He once said he could recognize only two tunes. One was "Yankee Doodle" and the other wasn't.) I finally recognized the tune as "Oh Susannah" set to a march tempo. Where do kids come up with this stuff? Boog got in on the action with grandpa too. He rode the motor scooter with me. We wrestled on the floor. We went fishing. He learned about pulling my finger. We had lots of fun.

For some reason we ended up in Key West, with the kids, on a Saturday night on Duval Street. The women were shopping for cheap jewelry, so Boog and I wandered. We went into the Bull and Whistle and listened to a couple of tunes that were ribald renditions of some popular songs. Boog thought they were good. We found a street person with some big snakes and iguanas. Boog was impressed and I gave him a dollar to give to the guy. We listened to more bands, checked out the drunks and freaks, and just absorbed the sideshow atmosphere that is Duval Street on a Saturday night. It's something to see at any age, but at two it must be especially interesting!

Our meandering brought us to a small throng of people. At the center was a rather seedy looking character with a mutt of a dog on which rode a housecat. As if that weren't odd enough, two white mice seemed right at home riding around on the back of the cat. Boog went nuts. The guy let him hold the mice and Boog would pet one of the mice and yell, "Stuart Little, Stuart Little." Of course "Stuart Little" is a kid's movie that Boog owns on tape and watches frequently. Stuart Little is a white mouse who is adopted by a human family and Boog was sure he'd found Stuart. He's still talking about it when we're on the phone. All he wants to say when he recognizes my voice is, "Stuart Little, Stuart Little." I think he wants to go back to Key West.

I could go on with these little grandkid vignettes forever, but fortunately for you it's time to end this week's offering and get to work. Maybe by next week I'll have another mangled hand or something good to write about.



## 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEBRUARY 2, 1876; THIS ISSUE IS MISSING: WE SUBSTITUTE JANUARY 25, 1871

The Cascade Mineral Spring is doing miraculously for patients visiting there.

Bennett's cigar factory has an Indian to stand in front, and Wm. H. Hall has a big cigar hanging in the Union Block.

The sidewalks are almost impassable and the editor asks for village ordinances to enforce keeping them open.

The smoky chimney of the M.E. Church has been repaired so they can have services as usual.

The Lowell Amateur Dramatic Club will present two comedies in Saranac next Tuesday evening, "Serious Family" and "More Blunders Than One."

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JAN. 31, 1901

The list of the "most popular Ledger reader" contest is published, with names and number of votes for each on the front page. Mrs. F. Flanigan has the high, 130 votes; lows are Mrs. Eugene Lee and Jud Tinkler, two each. The contest will run four weeks yet. Please place ballots in the box at the foot of the stairs, not in the Items box.

The famous Italian composer of operas, Giuseppe Verdi, dies.

The "It's All Off" phrases all over the paper for weeks are for Marks' big three-week clothing sale.

G.W.Crosby and wife drive home from Lowell Center to Vergennes, a distance of eight miles, in only 55 minutes, stopping once to let the horse drink.

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 28, 1926

The annual Board of Trade banquet draws 206, the excellent food as usual by the Methodist Ladies' Aid. The lengthy program is also attended by a large contingent of railroad representatives.

Higher taxes are due to "splendid schools with extended curriculum, expensive highways, prison population increased by Prohibition and insanity caused by poison whiskey."

No electric power for the east side of town this Sunday afternoon (and perhaps the next Sundays) due to running new line to Superior Furniture Co., says Supt. Frank McMahon. The company will move from Grand Rapids into its Lowell home next week.

Under the heading, "Population and Food: What will happen when we have 200 million people?" a huge cartoon shows a puzzled Uncle Sam going over problems. The top ones seem to be Reclamation, Forest Policy, Swamp Lands and Crop Reports.

## 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEB. 1, 1951

Fifteen below on Monday. Michigan workers average nearly \$75 a week, while the national average is \$62.

Bits and pieces of the White House, removed during renovation (Pres. Truman is living across the street in Blair House), can be had for a price. Order soon.

A 10-lesson safe driving course starts in this issue of the Ledger.

Lowell Board of Trade sponsors free ski lessons on Saturday mornings at Schussaway by former mountain troopers Carl and Paul Kerekes.

## 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JAN. 29, 1976

Newell Mfg. Co. applies for a "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit" with the Michigan Water Resources Commission concerning its discharge of effluent to the Flat River.

The Lowell Senior Center plans a trip to Hawaii in late March.

Harold Ball looks in vain for increased parking space for his Softee Creme business.

Lowell City and Ada Township will begin negotiations for a township water purchase agreement this week.

Vandals have been amusing themselves at the expense of city and rural mailboxes again. Warning: Federal offense.

## TO THE EDITOR

### Letter to the Editor and Lowell Cable TV subscribers,

In a recent letter to the Ledger, the Cable Television Board and Lowell Cable Subscribers, some very appropriate questions were raised regarding the decision to add new channels to the basic cable service.

As a community owned utility, Lowell Cable TV operates under the direction of a board of Lowell citizens, with the help of a citizens advisory committee that provides additional public input on programming and marketing decisions. Together these groups help ensure that we're fulfilling the mission of Lowell Cable TV . . . to provide the most desired cable programming and services at the most affordable rates possible.

If you compare Lowell's service to other cable systems in the area, you'll see that Lowell provides a very competitive programming lineup and our customers pay about 40 percent less than the going rates.

With the opportunity to offer a new cable network, the citizen's advisory committee participated in the selection of several options from a list of the most popular cable networks that weren't already offered on our system. They narrowed the list down to three choices. The committee agreed that adding

a (revenue generating) home-shopping channel to offset the added cost of a new entertainment channel was an acceptable trade-off to help keep the basic cable cost low.

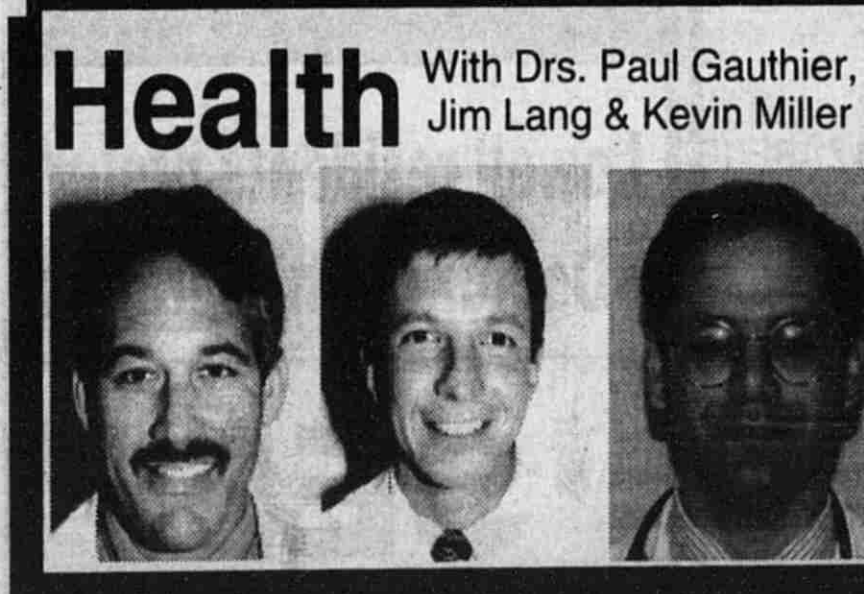
Next, our subscribers were surveyed to determine their interest level among the options suggested. The subscribers' overwhelming choice, "Animal Planet" adds value to Lowell Cable's basic service and now can be seen on channel 10. Lowell Cable's addition of the QVC network, another popular request on the survey, is one small compromise that will help to keep subscriber's rates low.

Classic Arts Showcase has recently been seen on channel 50 on a trial basis, to help access the interest level in its performing arts programs. While very little feedback was received from the community, there is still an opportunity to have some of "Classic Arts" programs offered on our local channel 20. Any interested subscribers should inquire about how they could sponsor the cablecast of its free programming.

For those who have an interest in quality films and performing arts, the Bravo and Trio networks are carried on Lowell's "Choices Plus" digital service, offering over 80 additional programming choices.

The Lowell Cable staff and its board of directors serve you, the subscriber. We always welcome your questions, suggestions and concerns.

Norman Borgerson, Charles Doyle, David Austin  
Lowell Cable TV Board of Directors



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

There are generally two different types of acne. Pustular acne is the type that people usually associate with the condition, small reddened spots that can be broken open, and are scattered over the face, chest, or back. The other type is cystic acne which is characterized by "black heads" or less specifically solid bumps in the skin.

Cystic acne is as common as the pustular type, and while it may be less noticeable, it is also the type of acne which produces the deep scarring if severe and untreated. Cystic acne invades the deep layers of the skin via the clogged sweat glands and if left unchecked can alter the appearance of the skin permanently by disrupting the skin foundation. If cystic acne is minimal and scattered, the scarring is not noticeable, but if the problem is concentrated anywhere on the body, there is a greater potential for conglomerated scars which are noticeable.

Treatment is directed at reducing the number and concentration of cysts, therefore reducing the scar concentration. Creams and pills are available to confront the problem of cystic acne. A physician may use a variety of products to treat the acne, some of which are simply applied directly to the affected area and others taken by mouth to impact a larger distribution. Some medicines are easy to use, but for more involved cases, the treatment is much more complicated both in terms of use and side effects. Minimizing the side effects of treatment while achieving the desired result should be handled by a physician in order to avoid ineffective treatment and to prevent permanent scars.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6*

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# OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



During the long Michigan winter, there are a number of exciting and fun activities to keep us outside and active. However, no matter how great a time we are having this winter, as the days get longer, we can't help thinking about warm sunny days and the recreational opportunities that abound in our state during spring and summer. One sure way to stamp out the wintertime doldrums is to attend several of the many outdoor shows scheduled locally and around the state.

Anticipating and preparing for a new season is almost as much fun as being there. The shows feature boating, fishing, hunting, camping, and sometimes a combination of interests. I look forward to attending these shows every year.

The shows provide an opportunity for manufacturers and dealers to introduce their products and services to large numbers of potential customers. If you happen to be in the market for a boat, camper, or other outdoor recreation prod-

uct, these shows provide an opportunity to research and compare many different brands and models, all under one roof. Company reps are available to answer questions and have brochures that you can take home and study. Even if a person is not in the market for new gear, it's still fun to see what is new and interesting out there.

Many of the larger shows present seminars on outdoor related topics which are hosted by experts in a particular field. The seminars can provide valuable information to help increase your enjoyment of a favorite outdoor pursuit. Even if you have only been thinking about getting into a new activity, or wondered what it's all about, the shows can provide information and exposure that could help you decide if you really want to become in-

involved in something new and different.

Some shows are attended by outfitters who can book hunts for anything from pheasants in South Dakota to moose in Alaska. Camp operators and charter captains offer fishing trips near and far for your favorite species. Campgrounds and resorts are also competing for your attention.

A few shows offer stage entertainment that relates to the particular theme of the event. The stage show is usually optional, so if you're not interested in seeing it, skip it and continue to explore the exhibits.

The outdoor shows provide a good family activity and usually charge reduced admission prices for younger people. You may want to pack a stroller for small children because, at popular

times, the crowds at the big shows can be large. Also, keep in mind that most of the exhibitors are selling something, so you must be a wary consumer. The shows are held in arenas, exposition centers, and malls. Watch the TV and newspapers for dates and locations for the various events. Take some time this winter to sit in a shiny new boat or buy a fishing lure and you will forget all about the snow in the driveway.

## Mother-daughter book club, Feb. 7

Kent District Library invites mothers and their daughters, ages 12 and older, to read a book together for the Mother-Daughter Book Club at several KDL branches this winter. Mothers and daughters will gather at the library for coffee, refreshments and lots of good book talking. Copies of the featured title for each branch are available at the library's checkout desk. The club will be held at the Englehardt branch on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The featured title will be *Skellig* by David Almond. For more information, call the Englehardt branch at 897-9596.

# 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.

**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."

**EVERY MON.:** Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallsburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

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

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end

of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY 1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 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.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

**EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURS.:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY SECOND THURS.:** Lowell V.F.W.

Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Laleche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

**SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

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

**FOURTH THURS. OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers' dining room for light breakfast. For information, call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

**THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. - Wed., Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting held third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues.,

Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

**NOW THRU FEB. 15:** Used phone book drop-off center at 1st United Methodist Church; trailer in parking lot at Division & E. Main. Please phone books only; for Habitat for Humanity.

**THURS., FEB. 1 AND FRI., FEB. 2:** Educators' open house at Wittenbach Agriscience Center & Wege Natural Area to see equipment available & to sign groups up for spring

visits. Hrs: 10-6 p.m. (2/1) and 7:30 - 3:30 p.m. (2/2)

**SAT., FEB. 3 -** Franciscan Life Process Center's Winter Day Camp (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) for ages 7-12. Call 897-7842 to register.

**MON., FEB. 5:** Lowell Athletic Boosters meeting - high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

**BEGINNING FEB. 14 & 15:** Franciscan Life Process Center will offer Kindermusik classes for children 4 mos. - 1st grade. For info. or to register, call Judith Madden at the center at 897-7842.

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If it be knowledge or wisdom one is seeking, then one had better go direct to the source. And the source is not the scholar or philosopher, not the master, saint, or teacher, but life itself - direct experience of life.  
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-Henry Miller

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949**

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 a.m. Armchair Exercise.

**WED.:** 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

**THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/shop at the malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**WED., FEB. 14:** 9-noon, Tax assistance; noon Movie, "Coney Island".  
**THURS., FEB. 15:** Noon, Dance, West Side Complex.  
**FRI., FEB. 16:** 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Meijer.  
**TUES., FEB. 20:** 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Sears or Penney's.  
**WED., FEB. 21:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:40 p.m. RSVP program.  
**THURS., FEB. 22:** 12:40 p.m. Shopping at K-Mart.  
**FRI., FEB. 23:** 12:40 p.m. Bingo.  
**WED., FEB. 28:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 9-noon: Tax assistance; 10:30 a.m. Tour YMCA Wellness Center.

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# Open space, continued ... From Page 1

ing to retire and sell their land ways to assure more of it is left as open space. "Many townships have ordinances in place where developers leave 40-60 percent of the property open space," Democoeur said.

PUD's (planned unit developments) also offer townships more of an opportunity to work with developers.

While the monies are limited, funds are available for

governmental units to purchase property development rights. The open space meeting was funded by the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund. Mailings were sent out to 400 property owners with 10 acres or more.

The Vergennes Township Open Space committee has emerged as a leader in facilitating discussion on the topic of

open space and land preservation. "We're hoping to put together a developer's tool box which will identify a variety of ways open space can be preserved," Democoeur explained.

In the spring, through the MSU Extension office, a 13-week, educational program series dealing with a Lowell Area Citizen Leadership Development Project is being planned.

## Lowell's Phillips recipient of Teen Spirit, Mind and Body Award

The Grand Rapids Metropolitan YMCA honored seven West Michigan teenagers with the Teen Spirit, Mind and Body award.

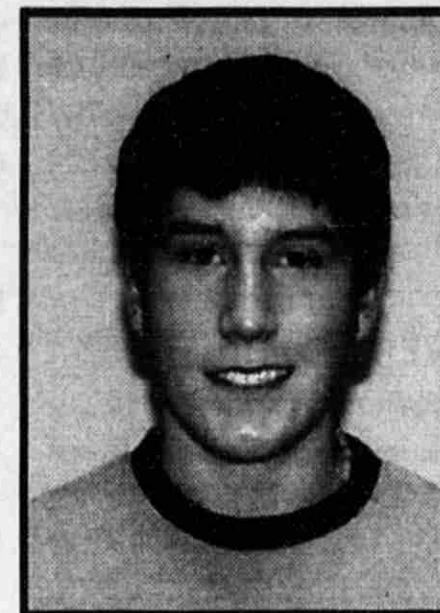
Lowell's Ryan Phillips was among those seven. The award honors a teenager from each local YMCA branch. The recipients are community-minded citizens who exemplify the mission and core values of the YMCA.

The criteria used in selecting the recipients for the award include a level of community service, giving and involvement; involvement in extra-curricular school activities; displaying the core values of the YMCA; and exemplifying the YMCA mission. "We sought teens who gave of their time and talents to help make their community a better place," said

Harvey Gainey, chairman and president of the Gainey Corporation. "We were overwhelmed with the number of potential candidates for these awards."

Phillips is the son of Dale and Mary Phillips.

The Lowell High School senior has been active in Lowell YMCA Leaders Club for three-and-a-half years. He is the lead official in the Lowell youth soccer program, is a basketball instructor for K-2,



Ryan Phillips

and coaches third- and fourth-grade basketball players.

At LHS, he is active in National Honor Society and Junior Rotary. The high school scholar athlete plays soccer and tennis.

"Ryan is recognized for living the YMCA values every day," explained Andy Retburg, community development director at the Lowell YMCA. "He represents us well, whether it's on the field, with the kids or leading a ser-

vice project for the Leaders' Club."

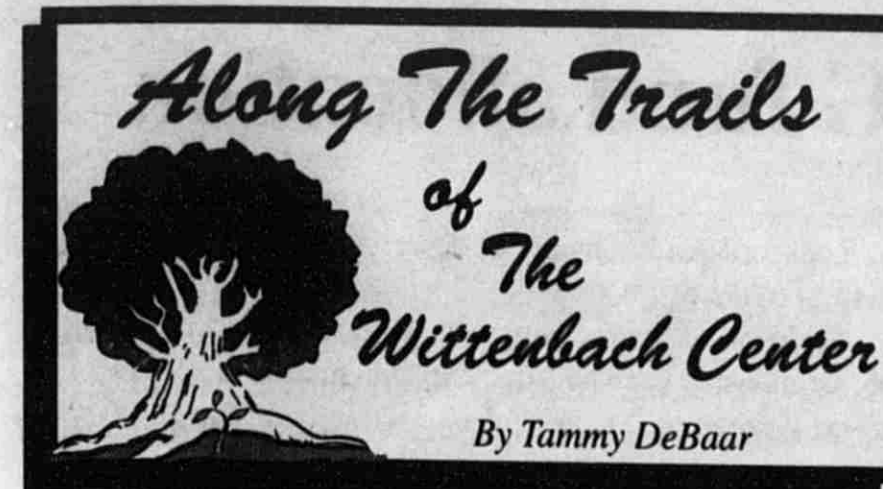
Phillips was selected because of his strong commitment to helping the community be a better place, accord-

### AREA BIRTHS

Dale and Kris Bibbler of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Kyle David Bibbler, born Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 2:38 p.m. at Metropolitan Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and

measured 17 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Ray and Kathy Batchelor of Saranac and Ed and Becky Bibbler of Saranac.

Also proud aunts and uncles are Matt and Jenni Batchelor and Wes Bibbler.



Wow! Our fly-tying workshop on Jan. 25 was a huge success! We had a full house with thousands of dollars of fly-tying supplies donated from Gander Mountain, MSU and Great Lakes Fly Fishing. We also had some big name tyers and speakers from Trout Unlimited and Orvis such as Kevin Feenstra and Jeff Bacon. It was a great kickoff for our Junior sport-fishing group (ages 9-16). We are still looking for adult volunteers to assist with our work on Tyler Creek and some of our outings!

I am often asked the question, "How can you run a nature center and condone fishing?" I ask you to come out and see for yourself ... The Wittenbach Agriscience Center and Wege Natural Area is a perfect marriage of both Agriculture and

## COLLEGE NEWS

Aquinas College is pleased to name the following students to the fall 2000 dean's list: **Brett West, Christopher Hekman, Debra Duiven, John Wojciakowski and Lara Robertson.**

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Ecology. Tom Nederveld, from the Conservation District and the Land Conservancy, is working with us to develop a management plan that allows for wise stewardship of the land around us. If you have not walked our trails or watched the trout swim in the creek or in the 650 gallon tank in the animal science building, you have not seen this stewardship in action. We sit on many acres that were planted with pines 30 years ago ... for lumber. Now we are faced with decisions about how to properly manage that area, allowing for proper exposure of the trees to natural light, nutrition and space.

I ask you to consider: How do these factors affect the growth of the tree? How do these factors affect the amount of renewable resources they provide? I ask you to compare stewardship, conservation, preservation and management in the dictionary. How do they fit together and how are they different?

This brings me to discuss the northern whitetail at this time of year. Because of our early snowfall, whitetails were unable to thoroughly stock up for the winter. They typically lose up to 30 percent of their body fat over the winter and often sacrifice body growth over the season in order to maintain some of the weight loss. The deer enter a semi-hibernation state in which their metabolism decreases, and their thyroid function is reduced. Therefore, an animal entering the winter

without stocking up fat reserves is at risk of starvation. When available, the deer eat corn, apples, winter wheat, soybeans, alfalfa and seek acorns, beechnuts, and some herbaceous plants from ground covering.

This winter poses especially difficult problems for the deer. The early, heavy snow prevented the whitetail from stocking up and now there is a thick, ice covering, preventing deer from getting any nutrition from ground covering at this time. During March, when the amount of daylight, or the "photoperiod" changes (not temperature), the deer find their metabolism speeding up, accelerating their need for food, while zapping their remaining energy reserves. This takes an even greater toll on deer who have had a rough winter. How do stewardship, management, conservation, etc. play a part in our whitetail population?

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**8240 ALDEN NASH SE**

At which time and place the following request will be heard:

James Ken Jones of 9610 Bergy Avenue has made application for variance of Article 3.02 (B) to construct an addition to an accessory structure in front of the front line of the home.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and address to: Gloria King, Bowne Township ZBA, P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302

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- FINDING FORRESTER (PG-13) 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:30
- SAVE THE LAST DANCE (PG-13)
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# Lowell Township approves \$24,000 in CDBG fund allocation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township Board approved the allocation of \$24,000 from its Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2001 year.

The funds will be distributed to the Lowell Area Historical Museum, North Kent Transit and Rockford Ambulance.

An allocation of \$13,000 made toward the museum enables the committee to use the money for general improvements to the Graham Building, the future location of the museum.

Between the two townships (Lowell and Vergennes) and the city, the museum has received \$36,000 in funds.

"The intent was to receive enough money to pay for the handicap ramp and handicap accessibility for the restrooms," Lowell Area Historical Museum committee president, Jim Doyle said. "The townships and city have exceeded our expectations. We are grateful that the funds are coming along at the right time."

The Graham Building is in need of many general repairs. "It needs new roof, repair to the tuck points, chimney repair, water sealing and paint and work on the eaves troughs," Doyle

confirmed. "The support of townships and the city shows that they believe in the concept of a Lowell area museum and the benefits their residents will receive from it."

North Kent Transit received an additional \$3,000 in funds so that it could get through its fiscal year which ends in June. The township also approved \$3,000 in funding for the 2001 year.

## Maximizing heating efficiency of furnace

Since the cost of heating keeps rising, it is a good idea to have your furnace checked to get the maximum efficiency out of your furnace.

Clean burners will ensure good combustion and burn all the fuel without waste. Also the furnace blower wheel should be clean and the motor oiled, if needed. Many of the older motors have oil tubes for the bearings; newer motors are often permanently lubricated.

The air-filter should be checked and/or replaced once a

month. You should hold the filter up to the light and be able to see through it.

The operation of the thermostat is also important, properly calibrated and adjusted. It will prevent the furnace from short cycling and wasting costly fuel.

If your furnace or boiler is older and not at least 80 percent efficient, it might be wise to replace it with a higher efficiency model.

For questions, contact local dealer Arctic Inc. Heating & Air Conditioning at www.heatingcoolingonline.com.

Rockford Ambulance was designated \$5,000 for the purchase of two stretchers.

A portion of the funds used this year were monies carried over from last year. The township will carry over \$23,483 of unused funds into 2002.

# Secure your child passenger safely in vehicle

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), child fatalities nationwide have dropped 16 percent since 1996, at least partly due to increased awareness of the proper use of child safety seats. That's the good news. The bad news: many parents still don't make use of the full range of child safety seats, especially booster seats.

"Booster seat use for children ages four to eight is less than 10 percent," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "Most caregivers don't understand the importance of changing child safety seats as their children grow to avoid serious, or even fatal, injuries."

Parents, said Miller, also need to understand the importance of having their child safety seats inspected by a certified child passenger safety technician. During summer 2000, AAA Michigan offered free child safety seat inspections using NHTSA-certified volunteers at 48 locations throughout Michigan. The Auto Club expects to repeat this program during 2001.

AAA Michigan is joining with other safety-minded organizations during National Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb.

11-17) to encourage parents and caregivers to have their child safety seats inspected and to follow the four essential steps necessary to protect children in motor vehicles:

1. Use rear-facing child seats for children from birth to at least 20 pounds and at least one year of age. It is recommended that toddlers over one year of age stay in the safer rear-facing position of a convertible child safety seat as long as the top of the head is about an inch below the top of the child seat and they weigh less than the maximum rear-facing recommendation for that seat.

2. Use forward-facing child seats for children over 20 pounds and at least one year old to about 40 pounds and about age four. Some forward-facing seats can be used as belt-positioning booster seats after the child reaches about 40 pounds. Remove the internal harness from the seat and always use with a lap and shoulder belt over the child in the seat.

3. Use belt-positioning booster seats for children from about 40 pounds to about 80 pounds and 4'9".

4. Use safety belts for older children large enough for the belt to fit correctly: at least 4'9" tall and about 80 pounds.

## GIVE YOUR CHILD A BOOSTER

Booster seats are better than belts because children who are not large enough to correctly fit an adult-sized safety belt remain at risk from shoulder straps that cut across the neck and lap belts that ride up into the abdomen.

The easiest way, said AAA, to evaluate a child's readiness for safety belts is to determine whether the child can sit with his or her back straight against the seat cushion (without slouching) while their knees bend over the seat edge.

Booster seats can be obtained at major retailers usually for less than \$60. All booster seats are required to meet federal safety standards, regardless of price. Proper installation is key to maximum protection.

## FREE INSPECTIONS

The results of a survey of child safety seat use for children under the age of 4 conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) in 1997 indicate that 74.5 percent of the children observed were restrained in child safety seats. However, almost 90 percent of those seats were installed incorrectly. Common errors include the safety seat not tightly secured in vehicle; harness improperly used; wrong seat used; and improper use or lack of use of the locking clip.

To help educate Michigan residents on the proper use and installation of child safety seats, AAA Michigan established its Child Safety Seat Fitting Stations in 2000. As part of this free community service, volunteer trainees certified by NHTSA check:

- Location and angle of seat.
- Installation of seat, harness and other components.
- Security/safety of children in seat.
- Recall status by make and model year.
- Confirmation that seat has not been involved in a crash.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate  
Estate of EDMUND P. KURDELSKI  
SSN: 386-10-1835  
January 26, 2001

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244)  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, EDMUND P. KURDELSKI, who lived at 1762 Widdicomb, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 01/07/01. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred

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Part of the South 1/2 of the N.E. 1/4 of Section 22, Town 9 North, Range 9 West, Oakfield Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East Section line distant 166.50 feet N.00°18'04"W from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 22 and extending thence N.81°50'W. 675.06 feet and N.64°46'W. 300.00 feet and N.28°54'W. 285.00 feet and N.53°07'20"W. 172.00 feet and N.80°43'20"W. 142.33 feet along the centerline of an existing roadway and easement to parcels to the West, thence N.29°32'45"E. 510.19 feet, thence S.42°30'30"E. 282.76 feet and 241.41 feet along a curve to the left (Radius = 424.40 feet) whose long chord bears S.58°48'35"E. 238.17 feet and S.75°06'E. 730.83 feet along the centerline of Podunk Road, thence S.00°18'04"E. along said East Section line (Lincoln Lake Road) to the point of beginning and containing 16.03 acres of land.

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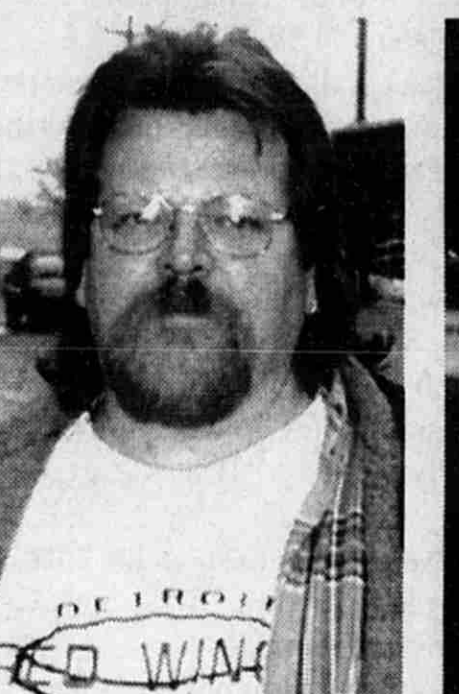
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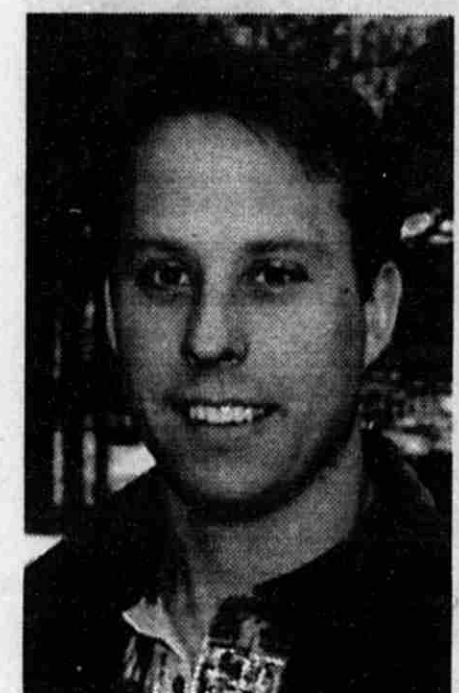
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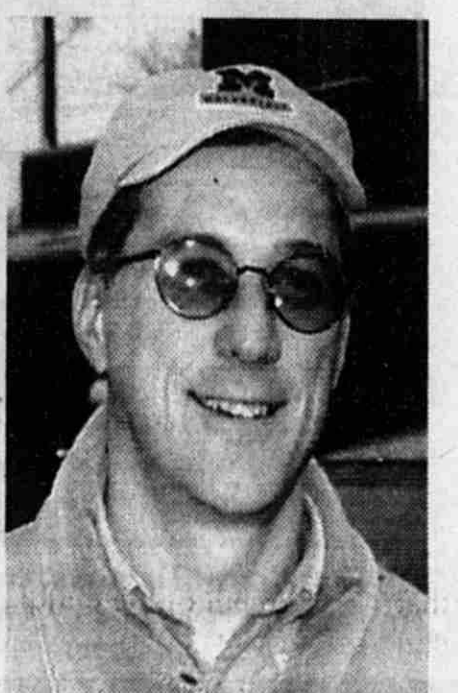
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## Gillan and Schulte honored in regional art competition

More than 160 middle, junior high and senior high school students from 37 West Michigan schools were honored at the 2001 Scholastic Art Awards ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 21 at Kendall College of Art and Design.

Student award winners from Lowell High School were Travis Gillan for mixed media and Jake Schulte for drawing. Both received honorable mention.

The Scholastic Art Awards are an annual juried competition open to students from grades seven through twelve in the U.S., Canada and the U.S. Territories. The awards provide recognition for young artists in their own communities at regional competitions.

"We are thrilled to once again sponsor the regional

Scholastic Art Awards competition and are very impressed with the quality of work submitted by these many talented students," said Oliver Evans, president of Kendall College of Art and Design. "The level of talent and skill demonstrated over these past 10 years certainly speaks well for the students and their teachers."

More than 800 entries were submitted to this year's competition.

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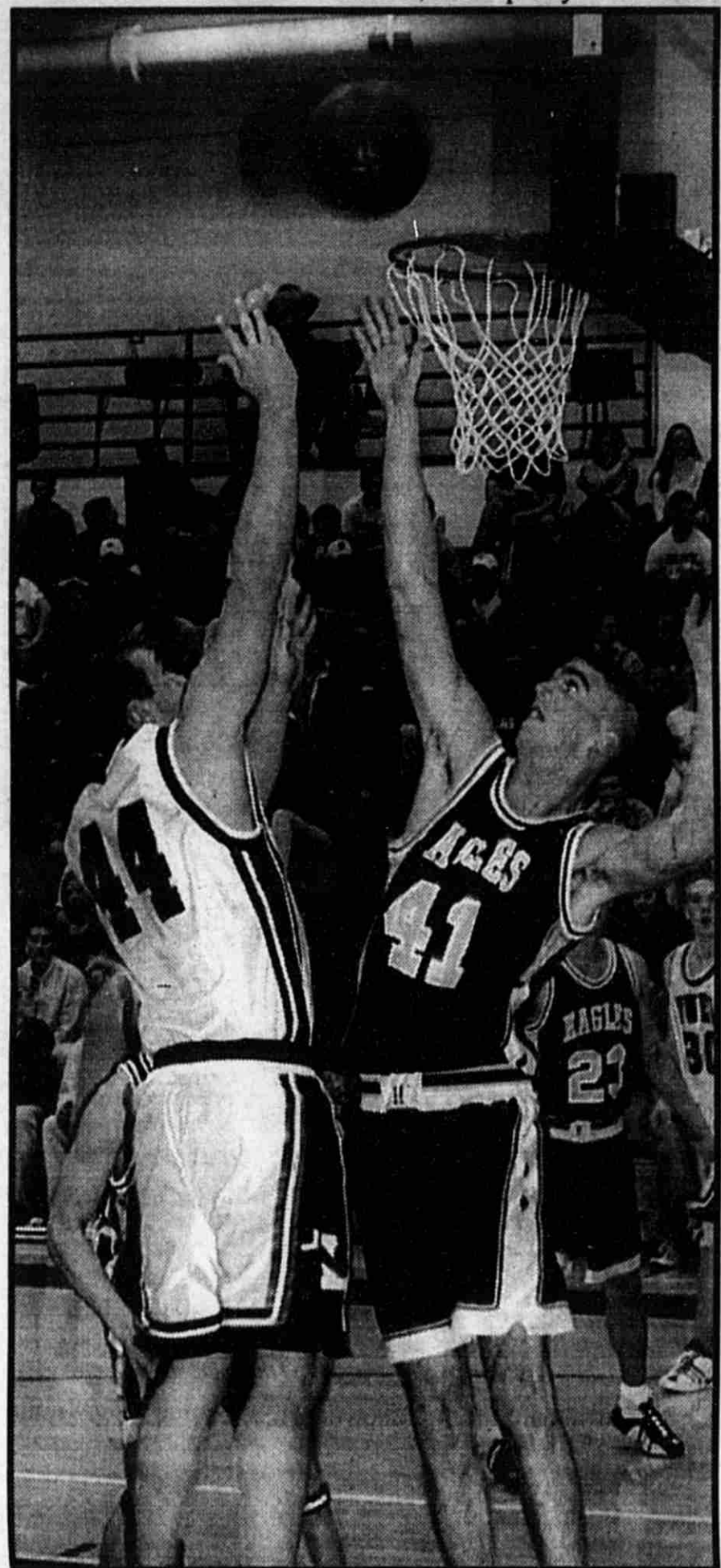
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# Hudsonville loses Lowell in 2nd half

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell matched Hudsonville, the top boys basketball



Lowell's Andy Curtis works underneath against the Eagles for two of his eight points.

team in the O-K White, point for point for two-and-a-half quarters.

Aided by Red Arrow turnovers, missed shots and poor decisions with the basketball, the Eagles broke a 35-35 deadlock, outscoring Lowell 12-3 to end the third quarter and take a 47-38 advantage into the final quarter.

"Against good teams, you just can't make mistakes," said Lowell basketball coach, Pete Bush. "You've got to be able to protect the basketball."

Lowell was unable to get closer than eight points in the fourth quarter as it fell to Hudsonville 69-55.

"I thought our defense did a good job in the third quarter of getting into the passing lanes. It created some nice scoring opportunities for us," said Hudsonville first-year coach, Kevin Wolma.

Lowell was able to take advantage of a less aggressive Eagle defense in the first half with good shooting and penetration by freshman point guard, Sam Oberlin.

"Oberlin did a fantastic job of breaking our pressure and creating easy scoring opportunities for Lowell in the first half," Wolma said. "I was really impressed. He has great court savvy for a freshman."

Hudsonville and Lowell were nearly even on the boards. The Eagles outrebounded the Red Arrows 28-27; however, Hudsonville grabbed 14 offensive rebounds.

"Hudsonville was more physical than us on their offensive end," Bush said.

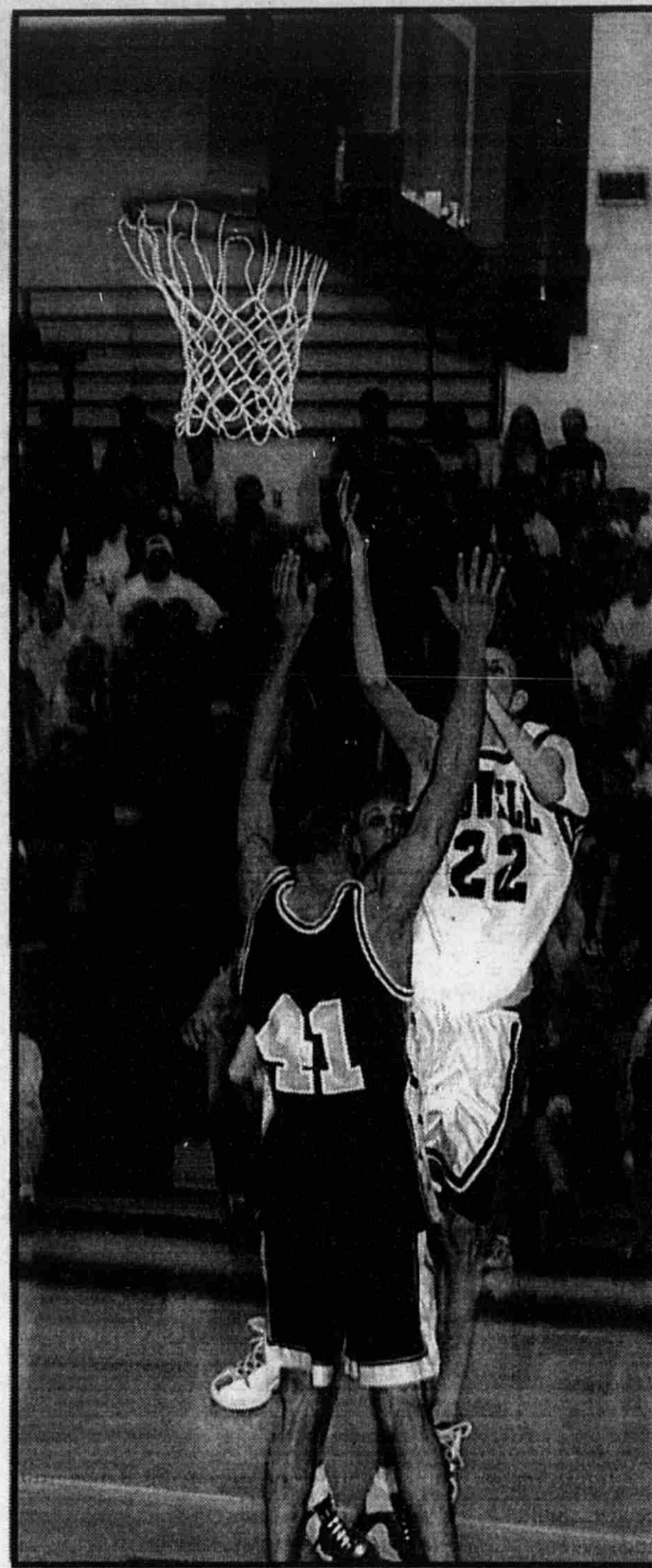
The teams played to a 16-16 tie through one quarter. Hudsonville outscored Lowell 14-12 in the second quarter to take a 30-28 halftime lead.

Senior guard, Greg Immink led Hudsonville (5-1, 7-4) with 17 points. Jeff Pasma contributed with 15. "Immink is a tough play. He hit some tough shots in key situations for them," Bush said.

David Rozema and Brad Koetsier led Lowell (0-6, 1-9) with 14 points each. Landon Trierweiler contributed with 10. Lowell entertains East Grand Rapids on Friday.

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**Kevin Wolma**  
Hudsonville Boys Basketball Coach



Red Arrow Dave Rozema drives to the basket against Hudsonville. Rozema finished the game with 14 points.

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•• LOWELL 23.5 • E. KENTWOOD 6.5 ••

PLAYER (BOYS)	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	TOTAL
Jason Roth	210	141	136	351
Jim DeWit	196	202	195	593
D.J. Armstrong	213	179	159	551
John Stuckey	246	233	244	723
Nate Clark	168	X	152	320
Nate Sloan	X	194	222	416
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>2954</b>

•• LOWELL 28 • E. KENTWOOD 2 ••

PLAYER (GIRLS)	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	TOTAL
Amanda Eickhoff	132	148	164	444
Shawna Austin	X	117	X	117
Tara Kuipers	165	153	153	471
Eva Geldersma	137	176	148	461
Jamie Roth	188	172	151	511
Rachel Nawrocki	129	X	118	247
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>2252</b>



## Southeast Division Champions

Members of the Lowell boys Greater Grand Rapids High School Bowling conference championship team, left to right, are: Nate Sloan, Nate Clark, Jim DeWit, Jason Roth, John Stuckey Jr. and D.J. Armstrong.

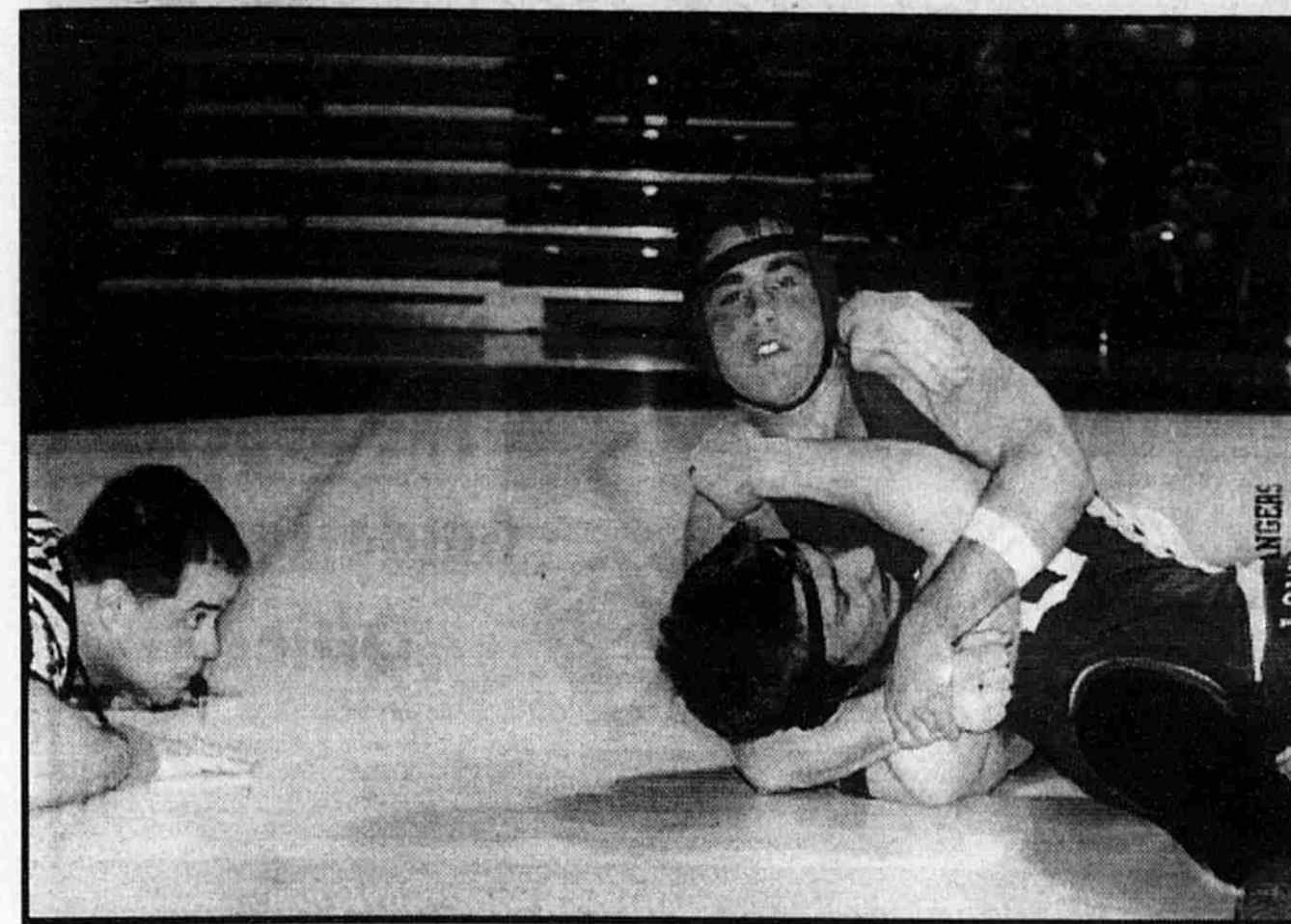


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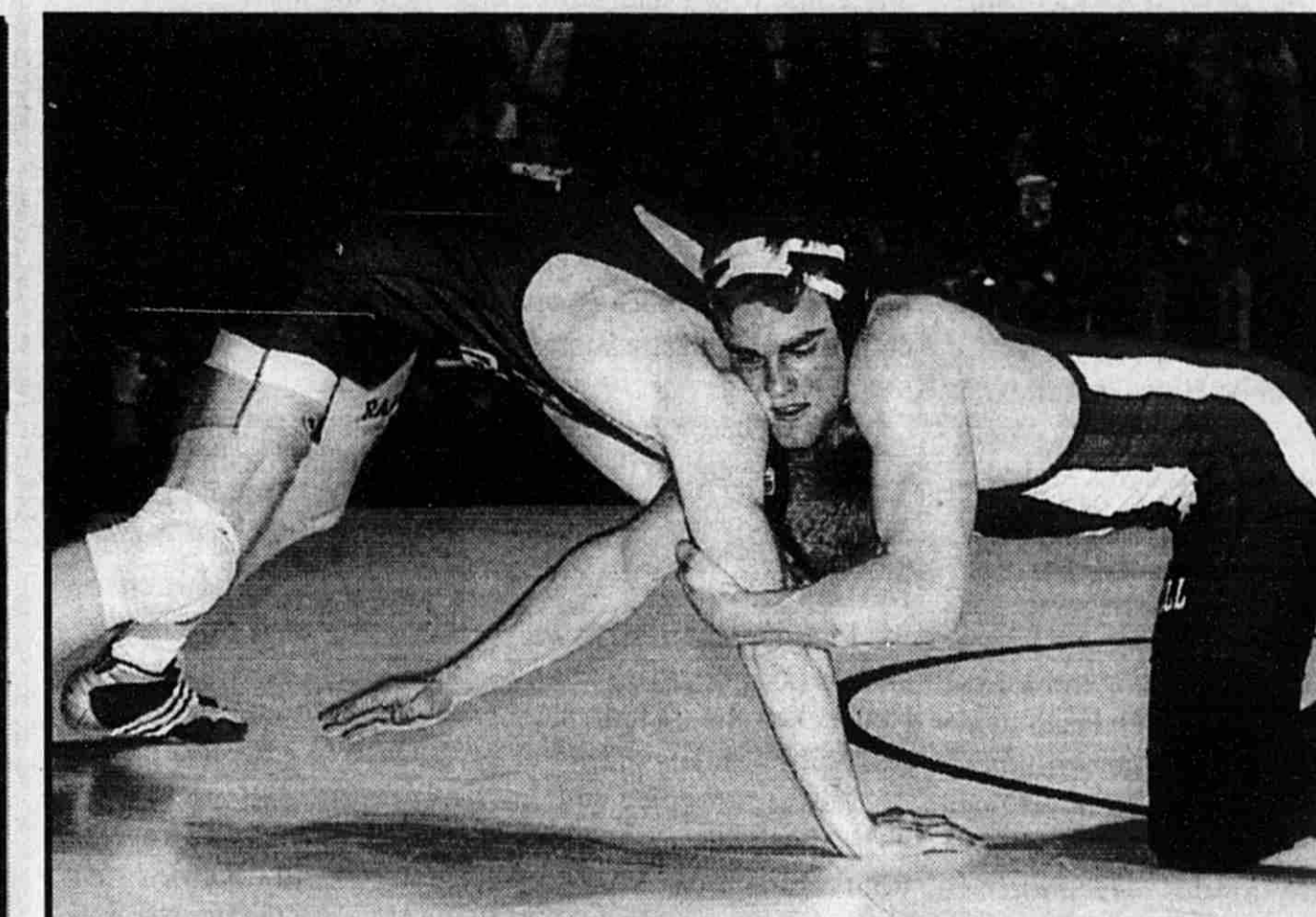
Members of the Lowell girls Greater Grand Rapids High School Bowling conference championship team, left to right, are: Jamie Roth, Rachel Nawrocki, Eva Geldersma, Shawna Austin, Tara Kuipers, Amanda Eickhoff.

# Romp Through Ranger Land

••• Caleb O'Boyle's late third-period takedown against Justin Sinclair helped fuel Lowell's emotional win over Forest Hills Central.



Lowell's Matt Oesch pinned Central's Alex Cochrane in the third period.



Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle fell behind 5-2, then battled back to decision Justin Sinclair 7-5.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Shuffling the order of the weight classes added one more wild card to an already dynamic wrestling environment.

It also increased the emotion and intrigue of a match-up between defending Division I state champion Justin Sinclair and Caleb O'Boyle, a third-place state finisher in Division II.

"It was the emotional match that everybody wanted to see," said Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc.

Wrestling fourth instead of seventh, the 140-pounders battled for nearly three periods before an O'Boyle takedown in the final 10 seconds gave the Red Arrow a 7-5 decision and sparked Lowell to a 52-15 rout over the Rangers at Forest Hills Thursday night.

"It is one of my bigger matches and a big win for me," said O'Boyle who has defeated Sinclair three times in four meetings. "We're familiar with the way one another wrestles. I focused on keeping good position and sticking to the basics. Big moves don't work against Justin."

A little surprised that Lowell's coach matched O'Boyle against Sinclair, Ranger coach, Rick Kacher said he wasn't surprised that's what O'Boyle wanted. "Caleb's a tough wrestler and a good kid. Win or lose - this was a good match for both wrestlers."

The win also came with the Red Arrows trailing 9-6 after losing two of the first three matches (125-130-135 pounds).

"I understand why they're allowing for the weight classes to be shuffled, but I'm a traditionalist... I like starting small and going to the top," Strejc said.

Lowell's win over Central was its first win against the Rangers since 1995. "It's the first time our seniors have beaten Central," Strejc said. "It's been a long time coming."

After O'Boyle's decision, Lowell won five of the next six matches to build a 36-12 advantage.

Victories recorded: J.J. Wilder (145) pinned P.J. Grealish at 5:34 of the third period; Matt Oesch (160) pinned Alex Cochrane at 5:35 of the third period; Mike Forward (171) decided Paul Hoban 4-2; P.J. Frazier (189) pinned Kevin Bustrum at 4:29 of the third period; and Ben Fleet (215) pinned Chris Link at 3:58 of the second period.

Lowell finished the match with three consecutive wins. David Kropf (103) pinned Max Doering at 1:08 of the first period; Brandon Kinney (112) major decided Ben Blowers 14-5; and freshman Jayme DeLiefde (119) pinned Ben Lunden at 1:27 of the first period.

John McKay, 125 pounds, opened the dual meet for Lowell with a pin against Mike Thomas at 2:13 of the second period.

Central had four victories: Mike Tomanek, 130, decided John Mendez 11-6; Leigh Johnson, 135, pinned Jim Kelly at 4:21 of the third period; Adam Grealish, 152, decided Pete VanLaan 4-2; and Joe Barron, HWT, decided Ben Vaught 8-2.

"The difference tonight was Lowell got pins (7)," Kacher said.

The win improved Lowell's record to 5-0 in the O-K White. Central falls to 4-1.

## Lakewood Invitational

To participate in the Lakewood Invitational at anything less than 100 percent is an invitation for a whoopin'.

With six wrestlers out of its lineup, due to illness or injury, Lowell finished 3-2 Saturday at Lake Odessa.

"The whoopin' wasn't as bad as I expected," said Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc.

Lowell opened the team tournament with a 29-25 loss to Middleville, a club it may meet again in the regionals if both clubs win their district.

"We had a chance at heavyweight. We bumped up Phillip Moerdyke and he almost beat the guy," Strejc said. Lowell trailed 26-25 entering the heavyweight match.

In their second match of the day, the Red Arrows were defeated 43-33 by Lakewood. A turning point in the match was at 189 pounds. "B.J. (Fraser) was one point from teching (technical fall) his opponent when he got taken to his back and pinned," Strejc said.

The Lowell coach was not pleased with his team's execution of the basic nuts and bolts. "We will be emphasizing executing the basics over the next two weeks. A team can't advance far in the state tournament unless it is able to do that."

Lowell's wins came against Fowlerville (36-30), Saginaw Heritage (64-10) and the Lakewood "B" team (63-12).

Red Arrow wrestlers' Caleb O'Boyle (5-0) and John McKay (5-0) were the only Lowell wrestlers to go undefeated at the tournament.

## Red Arrow gymnasts topple Mona Shores

••• Lowell's Krystal White was the meet's all around medalist.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It was as clear as "Krystal" who the best gymnast was on the floor Wednesday night in Lowell's 129.25-120.80 win over Mona Shores.

Red Arrow sophomore Krystal White tied a school record in the floor exercise.

"Krystal has come such a long way just within the last couple of weeks," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan.

The proof is in the pudding. White tallied a 9.0 against Kenowa Hills, an 8.9

Lowell's Krystal White was the top Division II gymnast in the floor exercise Saturday at Mona Shores.

fall also helped a lot," White said. "I've worked hard on my dance and have cleaned things up."

The sophomore also garnered top honors on the vault (8.2) and the uneven bars (8.15). White was fifth overall on the balance beam (7.5) against the Sailors.

Her individual total of 33.15 earned her medalist honors.

The win improved Lowell's O-K Rainbow league record to 3-1.

Lowell outscored Mona Shores in three of four events, the balance beam being the lone exception.

Plattner's 8.85, Carmen Datema's 8.65 and Katie Blough's 8.5 combined with White's school record-tying performance earned Lowell

the top four spots in the floor exercise, attaining a team total of 35.30.

The Red Arrows outscored Mona Shore 32.20-30 on the vault. Plattner was second behind White's 8.2 with an 8.15. April Telman finished with a 7.95 and Blough tallied a 7.9.

On the uneven bars, Carisa Sayer scored an 8.1. Plattner a 7.95 and Blough finished with a 7.55. The Red Arrows finished with a team total 31.75. Mona Shores managed just 26.70.

Melissa Neubecker led Lowell on the beam with a 7.9. Sayer came off the beam with a 7.4 and Telman scored 7.2. Lowell was outscored on the beam 31.20-30 by Mona Shores.



# Lowell icers fall to Wayland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three-quarters of the ice hockey game between Lowell and Wayland was played in the Wildcats' defensive end.

However, 83 percent of the scoring took place in Lowell's defensive end.

The Wildcats beat the Red Arrows 5-1. "It was a disappointing loss. We beat Wayland twice before," said

Lowell hockey coach, Paul Jacobus.

It was also frustrating. Lowell took 40 shots on goal and only one found the Wayland net. The Wildcats took 21 shots and scored five times.

"The game was played mostly at their end, but every so often they would break out and come down and score,"

Jacobus explained. "Our kids played hard and hustled, but things just didn't happen for us."

Lowell's only goal came in the third period. Erik Hays creased the Wayland net on an unassisted goal.

Wayland tallied two goals in the first period, two more in the second and a single goal in the third.

# Gymnastics, cont'd... From Page 13

at the Mona Shores Invitational on Saturday.

Forest Hills Central won the event with 139.65. Grand Ledge was second at 137.2 and Rockford finished third with 132.45. Lowell, fourth, tallied 130.2 points.

"It was an awesome meet for us," Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan said.

Krystal White continued her surge in the floor routine as she recorded a 9.0, the top score among Division II schools.

Other Red Arrows to place in the floor exercise were Holly Plattner, sixth,

8.6; Melissa Neubecker, seventh, 8.55; and Katie Blough, ninth, 8.45.

Lowell had one of its best days of the year on the vault. "Our vault scores have been higher since we added a twist," DeHaan said.

Plattner placed sixth with an 8.65 followed by Neubecker, 8.4; White, 8.35; and April Telman, 8.2.

Lowell struggled with its dismounts on the uneven bars. "Our timing is off. We're going to have to take a day and practice. We've added twists to our dismounts, but if we're

not executing the basics, then they offset one another," said the coach.

Blough, seventh overall on the balance beam, recorded a personal best with a score of 8.45. "All of a sudden Katie has come out of nowhere on the beam," said DeHaan.

Plattner was ninth with an 8.2, followed by Heather McQueen's 7.8 and Telman's 7.4.

The Red Arrows travel to East Grand Rapids on Wednesday and to Kenowa Hills Saturday for the Kenowa Hills Invitational.

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Keene Township Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and accepting comments from the public for the following summary of zoning ordinance amendments.

Article 20, sections 20.06 and 20.07, Administration and Enforcement, are proposed to allow for greater flexibility in dealing with violations and technical corrections to match the Township Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance.

Article 2, section 2.02 Definitions, Article 9, sections 9.02 Low Density Residential District and Article 12, section 12.09 and 12.11 Special Uses. The proposed amendments are to add definitions for Manufactured Home Developments and to change these developments from special uses to permitted uses in the LDR District. The amendments are in response to recent court decisions for these developments.

Article 2, section 2.02 Definitions, Article 15 Supplemental Regulations section 15.35. The proposed definitions are to add small domestic animal and domestic livestock animal. The proposed amendments to section 15.35 are to allow farm type of animals to the residential district of LDR, RD, RR and NR with a formula ratio of animals per acre. These types of animals are currently not permitted unless existing farms when zoning was adopted in 1989.

Article 9, section 9.02 Permitted Uses and 9.06 A, Lot Area. The proposed change is to remove the allowance for 20,000 square foot lots when public or community water and sewer are available.

Copies of the ordinance amendments are available for viewing at the Township Hall or by calling the Zoning Administrator. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the ordinance amendments. Written comments will be considered if mailed and received at the Keene Township Hall before February 6, 2001.

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