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Chamber parking lot project should be completed next week

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Lamp post poles, curb work, brick work, paving and striping... that is what is left on the Downtown Development Authority's Chamber of Commerce parking lot project.

The entire parking lot project encompassed the public parking lots near the King Milling building, the new lot on Avery Street and the Chamber lot. All the lots were scheduled to be redesigned to meet current ordinance regulations along with adding some aesthetics to the community.

"The project, weather permitting, should be completed in a couple of weeks," said Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden, who oversaw the parking lot improvements. Following completion, DesJarden said the city will walk through with the contractors to check everything over and then the contractors will have a period of time to fix any problems.

At the planning commission's regular Monday night meeting, DesJarden, in a report on the progress, said the contractor was waiting for the lamp post poles. The Riverwalk sidewalk has been poured and the pavers need to do the brick paving for the Veteran's Memorial.

"I'd like to get the [brick] paving cleaned up before Halloween," DesJarden said.

Other work that needs to be completed includes curb work

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Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players gave five performances in four days of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Pictured above are Martha (Anne Pasquale) and Witherspoon (Dave Roush). More play pictures on page 9.



WWII PROGRAM AT LOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present a program titled "The USS Franklin - In Defense of Freedom" on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. Lowell residents' Dave Clark and King Doyle will show a video and share their WWII experience as participants in the battle of the Pacific. Refreshments will be served.

TOTS FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tots on Track for School, an early childhood program of the Lowell Area Schools, will have a family Halloween party in the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym at 300 High Street on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. especially for preschoolers. Wear your costume and join in the parade. Enjoy crafts, games, music, refreshments, a special Halloween story and a puppet show. Call 897-1232 to register; \$1 per family.

LOWELL/WYOMING PARK GAME FRIDAY

The Red Arrows will host Wyoming Park on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$4 (no passes allowed) and can be purchased in the athletic office Friday only. Ticket window and gates open at 6 p.m.; no reserved seating. Any questions call 897-4442 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

TROUT UNLIMITED JUNIOR CHAPTER WORKSHOP

The Wittenbach Center will host a Trout Unlimited junior chapter workshop for ages 12-18 on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9-2 p.m. Lunch is provided; families are welcome. Call 987-1002 to reserve your spot.

CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL MEET AT LHS

The MHSAA division 1 and 2 cross country meet will be

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Right people in the right roles makes "Arsenic and Old Lace" a hit for audience and first-time director

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Arsenic and Old Lace was Brent Alles' first opportunity at directing. He walked away Sunday from the last perfor-

mance with a pretty good formula for success.

"Cast the right people in the right roles, have great support people behind the scenes and carry a bottle of

aspirins with you," Alles explained. "I am extremely happy for the opportunity given to me. It was a great experience and the play was well received by the public."

Arsenic and Old Lace, tongue and cheek comedy about two old women who murder lonely old men and the crazy family who tries to cover up the facts from police, drew over 500 spectators over a four-day span. Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players gave five performances: Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

The biggest crowd of the weekend came to the Lowell Area Performing Arts Center on Saturday night. "All the crowds were great. They laughed when they were sup-

posed to laugh. We also drew a nice matinee crowd on Sunday."

One of the major differences in going from actor to director is "instead of concentrating on one role, as a director you must focus on all of them," Alles explained.

Sunday's matinee was the culmination of six weeks of practice and rehearsals. Practice began the day after Labor Day.

This was not Alles' first experience with LAAC plays... he had acting roles in *Harvey* and *Father Has Been To Mars*. Alles has a degree in English education from Syracuse University and is currently working on his master's degree in humanities at Central Michigan University.

Residents up in arms over enforcement tact on RV ordinance letter

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

It is amazing the power of a single word. For a group of residents who attended the Lowell Planning Commission meeting Monday night, that word was "order."

It was that word in a letter sent to the residents who were in violation of the city's zoning ordinance requiring that recreational vehicles be parked in back yards or back side yards or stored off site. For many, they didn't realize they were even in violation and didn't appreciate the harsh tone of the letter they received informing them that they were.

"It is a very, very strong letter to send to someone who is not even aware of the ordinance," said Don Schneider, of 521 Elizabeth. "I was offended. I was appalled."

And Schneider wasn't the only one. About eight residents came to the meeting to discuss the new enforcement of the ordinance and the ordinance itself. This was not the first time the city has faced questioning about the ordinance since the Imperial Municipal Services (IMS) began contacting residents of being in violation.

Last week, a resident came before the Lowell City

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OBITUARIES

BOZUNG - Harold N. Health, Wednesday, October 17, 2001. He is survived by his children Marilyn (Rob-

ert) Ficeli of West Palm Beach, Florida, Lucille Snell of Grand Rapids, Sandra (William) Forschler of Alamo, California; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Bozung was preceded in

death by his wife of 68 years Dorothy, and grandson Mark Brown. A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Lowell on Saturday, November 10 at 11 a.m., Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurses of Grand Rapids.

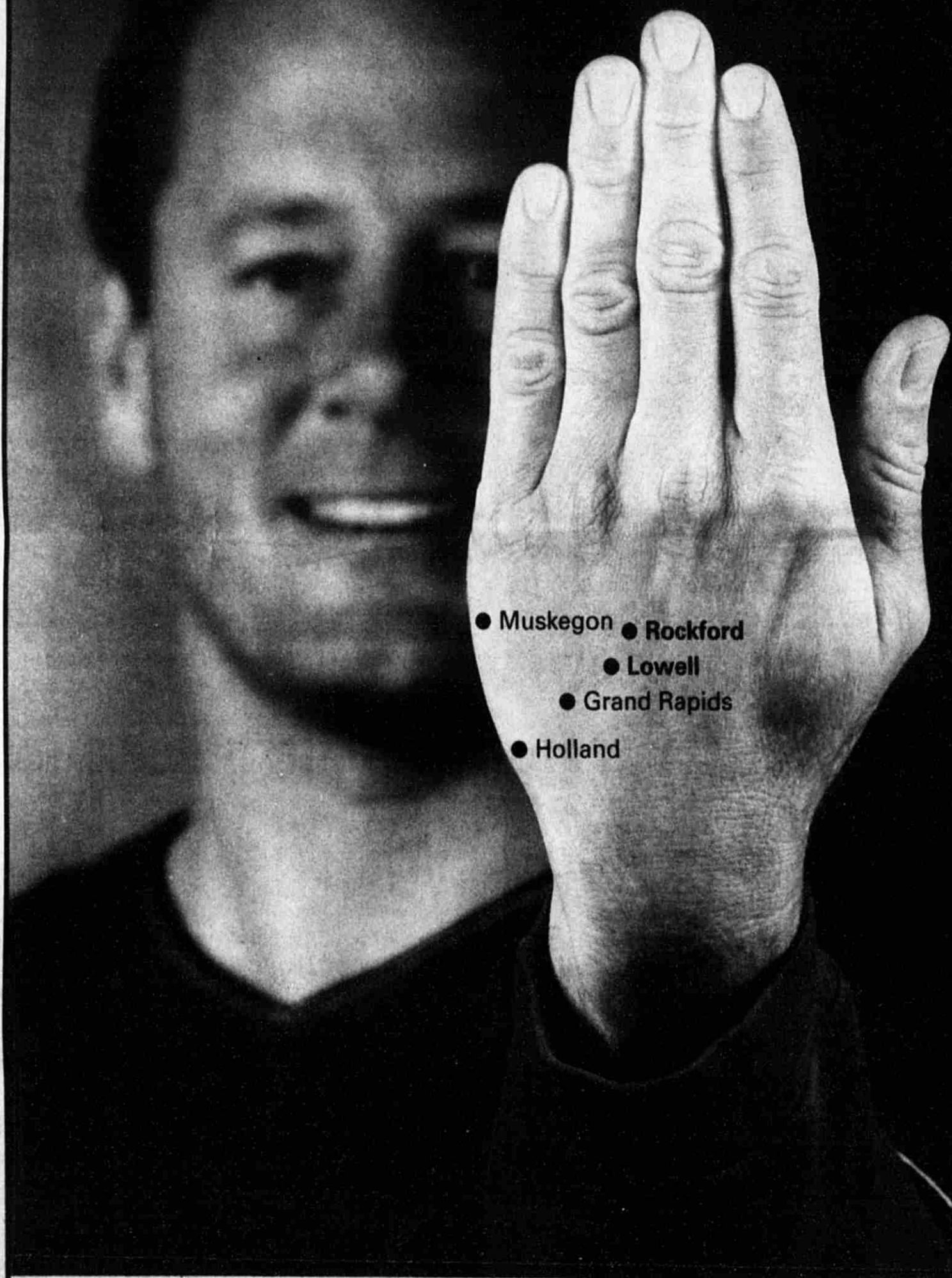
DIBBLE - Margaret E. Dibble, aged 67, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord on October 15, 2001. She is survived by her husband; four sons; one daughter; loyal pet Blossom. Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

HOLCOMB - Bettyann Holcomb, aged 76, of Farmington, formerly of Lowell, died October 18, 2001. She is survived by her husband Herbert; children Robert (Mary), William (Diane), Herbert (Joann) and Madeline (Earle) Mott; grandchildren Eric, Jennifer, Heather, Alex and Sara; three great-grandchildren. She was a sister to Dorothy, Margaret, Marion and Dick; sister-in-law to Esther. Funeral service was held on Saturday at McCabe

Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, Mich.

SIKKENGA - Megan Jem Sikkenga, aged 3 months, of Lowell, died on October 14, 2001. She was born on July 6, the second of quadruplets to Paul and Teri Sikkenga. She is survived by her parents; sister Katelynn Renee and brothers Ryan Paul and Tyler Jay; grandparents Russ and Joyce VanderVeen of Evart; maternal great-grandmother Ann Veldsma of Evart; paternal grandparents Ray & Jem Sikkenga of Battle Creek, paternal great-grandmother Helen Sikkenga of Kalamazoo; many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by twin brother and sister Paul and Renee. Funeral service was held October 18 with Rev. Meg Wilson of Evart United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery.

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Pate/Anderson



Melissa Sue Anderson and Roger Joseph Pate were united in marriage on May 19, 2001 at St. Patrick's Church in Ada.

The bride's parents are Daryl and Barb Anderson of Lowell. The groom's parents are Kathleen Pate of Sterling Heights, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pate of Metamora.

Matron of honor was Sheryl Fielbrandt. Bridesmaids were Angela Pate, Elizabeth Siwek, Megan Wall, Trista Guzy and Linda Ciuk.

Best man was Sean Stokes. Groomsmen were Patrick Pate, Anthony Pate, Joshua Pate, Jonathan Pate and Jeff Ertman. Ushers were Brian Anderson and Kevin Anderson.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Fred and Sue Rentsman.

The couple will reside in Lowell.



Byrne/ Carpenter

Karla Rebekka Carpenter and Christopher Patrick Byrne exchanged wedding vows on June 30, 2001 at St. Patrick Church in Parnell with Father Ron Hutchinson and Rev. Gordon Barry officiating.

Parents of the couple are David and Darlene Carpenter of Ludington and Bruce and Peggy Byrne of Lowell.

Chris and Karla traveled to Alaska for two weeks on their honeymoon. They now reside in Rockford.

Reflections Of Faith

Burland D. Margesson
First Baptist Church

Today, we come to the fourth and final stanza of the Second Psalm. One could title this Psalm "The Rage of the Nations," but that would really be insufficient. I think a more appropriate title serving the content of the psalm

would be, "Anticipating the Coming King."

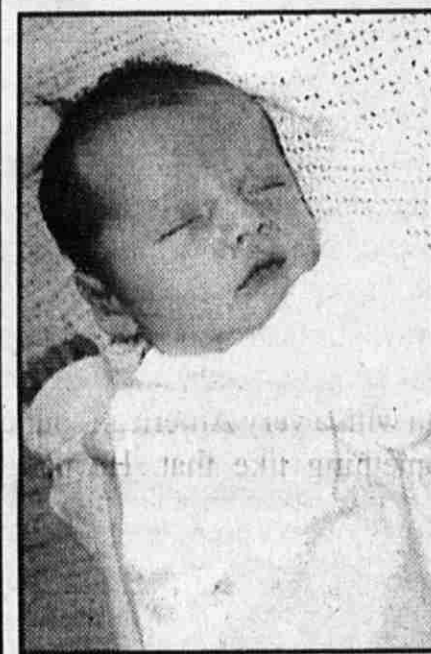
In the fourth stanza there is another voice being heard. Listen to the words: "Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the

way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."

I would like to suggest that here we have the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through the given believer. It is a voice of counsel, pleading, and urgency. It is the influence of the earnest Christian in the shop and in the school. It is the voice of the pastor, the missionary, and the Christian worker wherever he or she may be. It is a call to come to the Lord. It is the urging for repentance, faith, worship, reverence and genuine humility. There is a holy caution here. There is a joyful sound tempered by

honest realism. "Kiss the Son!" This picks up on the culture of the times as the speaker invites those of his world and our world to make Jesus Christ your own Savior and Lord. It includes one's complete trust and reliance in Him alone for salvation, forgiveness of sin and eternal life. It means full appropriation of His suffering and death on the cross for our redemption. I pray that many will heed such a loving invitation.

AREA BIRTHS

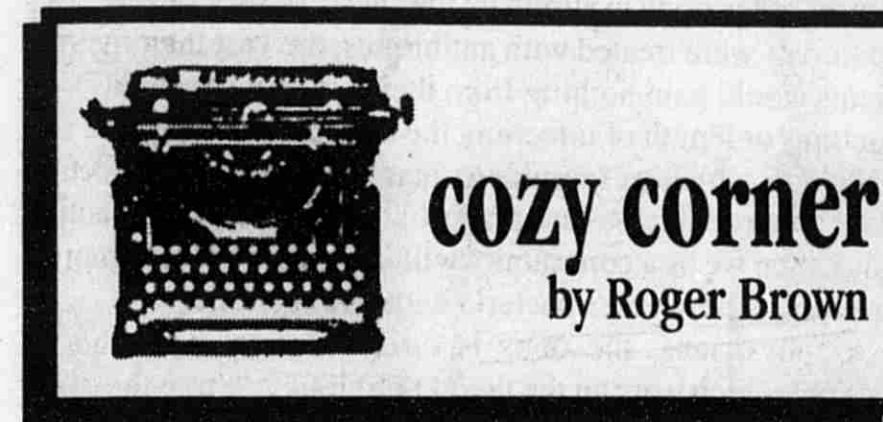


Samuel Marley Simmons

Steve and Julie Simmons are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Marley. He was born Saturday, September 15, 2001, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long.

Sammy is welcomed home by his big brother, Jackson. Proud grandparents are Peggy Idema of Lowell, Phil and Mary Siegel, and Dick and Maggie Simmons, all of Grand Rapids.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

A few days ago my wife gave me a big toothy smile as we were getting around for work. "Geez... turn that thing off! You're blinding me!" I said. She had purchased a new tooth whitening kit during a recent shopping trip to Miami. After just two nightly treatments, the results were dramatic. I was jealous. I gave myself a grin in the mirror and was determined to do something about my coffee-stained, vintage snags. Only one problem... Terese wasn't sharing and Miami is a three-hour drive. I could wait until our monthly excursion to Miami, but our fast-approaching trip to China added urgency to my quest for white teeth. I don't want Grandma getting a leg up on me with the grandkids with a dazzling smile. What, me competitive? No way!

Terese had tried a whitening process from her dentist, but the results were less than astounding. She still had, and used, the custom-fit mouthpieces that came with her kit, if I could find replacement goop to put in them. Typical of Terese, she was hoarding hers. She does the same thing with candy, Ben & Jerry's, etc. I checked area drug stores, but couldn't find the same stuff. I was bummed. Then, one night on TV, during one of those, "But wait... there's even more!!!" commercials, Terese blurted out, "That's the stuff, write down the number." Terese, in a moment of weakness, offered to let me use her goop if I had more on the way. I dialed up the number with visions of a dazzling smile in my mirror. I don't recall ever ordering anything from one of those ads on TV. I am prone to skepticism, and all of those ads, whether it's a product to fix leaky pipes, flatten your stomach or teach you to use a computer in one easy lesson, have one thing in common. They are too good to be true, and to me, "true" is the operative word. The difference in this case was my wife's product testimonial.

I dialed the number and was soon hooked up with a well scripted, fast-talking young man with a very American sounding name like Rodney or something like that. He had a

distinctive middle-eastern accent with a dash of some U.S. southern dialect. I sized him up as an Arab here on a student visa but working as a telemarketer under an assumed name. He's probably living in Alabama and thinks Crimson Tide is laundry soap for brightly colored clothes. I told him I wanted to order the teeth whitening stuff from the TV ad. He was very accommodating. He took my name, address and credit card number, then went to work on the plus-sell. Using scripted questions that assumed my answer would be positive, he began offering me products like special toothbrushes, tooth paste, mouthwash, re-fills of the goop, various combinations of the above, etc. Of course, all this was in the ridiculous combination of middle-eastern cab driver-ese and NASCAR good-ole-boy. It was hilarious. He was as persistent with his offers as I was with my, "What part of 'NO!' do you not understand?"

At one point I cut him off and told him that he could save his breath, because all I wanted was the basic kit. He politely told me that it was company policy that he explain all these wonderful offers before he could complete the order. I soon started playing games with him. I hummed over his well-rehearsed dialogue. I cut him off with "NO!" mid-sentence. I even told him a joke to test his patriotism. "What's Osama Bin Laden gonna be for Halloween?" I asked. He didn't know. "Dead," I told him. He passed the test with a laugh, but went right on with his offers. I'll probably get a load of Anthrax in my tooth whitening goop. After several minutes he came to the coup de grace... the FREE terrycloth robe. "Nope," I said. Rodney, or Abdul, or Bubba, or whatever his real identity, was incredulous. He repeated that the robe was FREE! "How much is that shipping and handling you so quickly passed over?" I asked. He told me \$6.95. I figured the robe to be worth a buck, maybe two. Add a few cents to the shipping and they're making five bucks apiece on their "FREE" robes. I'm guessing the things probably wouldn't make decent car washing rags. I could make a joke about headwear, but will bite my tongue. I finally gave in and said, "yes" to the priority shipping. Terese wanted her supply of goop replaced a.s.a.p. I appeased both her and Rodney with an extra \$4.95 added to the order.

Of course, that's been 10 days ago and I still don't have the goods. I have used up Terese's remaining supply of goop. And yes, I have a dazzling white smile to greet my grandkids. I do have one caveat. My gums are sensitive from using this stuff, so I'm not issuing a blanket testimonial. If I were you, I'd hold off on calling that number on the TV ad. If my teeth fall out in the next few weeks, I'll definitely let you know.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 25, 1876

"Messrs. Foote and Pierce of Grand Rapids made good speeches at the Bowne pole-raising Saturday. Good time."

The news is all of Republican rallies everywhere. The word "Democrat" is occasionally mentioned, and the Green-back party is on its way out.

\$314.75 in "condemned" money has been taken at the gates of the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, either in mutilated coin or counterfeit.

Philadelphians have decided to preserve both the building and the contents of the Exposition and are raising funds to do so.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 24, 1901;

This issue is missing, as well as every issue until May, 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987.

114 YEARS OCTOBER 27, 1887

A record 963 bushels of apples were dried last week at the M.C. Barber & Co. evaporator. Minnie Klumpp sliced all of them in 10-hour days.

Six percent is the legal rate of interest this week. Lake Odessa's name is changed to "Chester," temporarily we assume.

The word "Sundayed," often used, means someone spent Sunday somewhere other than at home.

The waterworks will furnish water to Lowell schools free.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 28, 1926

Economics Professor Floyd Moore of Western Normal in Kalamazoo will teach an extension class for teachers weekly at the high school, for four hours of college credit.

Deputy Pat Bowes has the gunmen who overpowered him in prison for 10 to 20, and the town is raising a purse to reimburse him for his expenses. They were planning a series of heists in Lowell.

An ad proclaims that Queen Victoria and Lydia Pinkham were born the same year.

Four- and six-cylinder Star cars, made in Lansing, are offered by Lowell Auto Sales Co. in many variations from coupe to landau.

Constructing a dumb-waiter in the home is a good way to save steps and ice when storing perishables in the cellar.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 25, 1951

War production needs for scrap iron and steel are acute, and industries are urged to move out obsolete machinery and equipment.

Lowell police will be cracking down on parking violators by issuing tickets instead of warnings. Double parking and parking on the wrong side of the street are the big offenders.

The Board of Education purchases the Smith property at the corner of Lafayette and Avery, with help from Showboat Corp. The house will be remodeled to use as a classroom.

Dick Roth, Bob Condon and Darold Seeley are chosen as this week's football players.

The Ollie Wood Dance Studio of Grand Rapids will open dance classes for all ages at City Hall each Thursday.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 28, 1976

The "Bottle Bill" and various tax proposals are up for vote next Tuesday.

State Savings Bank employees get three holidays in November: Election Day, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving.

Keiser's Kitchen staff will be dressed for Halloween all day Friday, Oct. 29.

Oren "Jack" Frost, Ellura McPherson's brother, is the designer for bumper stickers, badges, etc. for presenting President Ford to the nation.

The first state Master Motorcycle Mechanics test will be given in November.

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OUTDOORS



YOUTH HUNT

Mid-September seems early for hunting deer, but a special season was set aside for hunters 12 to 16 years of age. On Sept. 22 and 23, 2001, youth, ages 12 to 16, could hunt whitetail if accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Twelve and 13 year olds were able to participate using archery equipment only. The young hunters were required to possess a firearm deer hunting license. The accompanying adult could not carry a firearm or bow and arrow, and didn't need a license. Baiting was not allowed during this hunt. The idea was to introduce a new generation to our hunting heritage. The hunt also provided motivation for young folks and adults to spend time together in the out-of-doors.

The youth season requires that mom, dad, an uncle, a neighbor, or other responsible adult be with the young hunter at all times. This provides an opportunity for the adult to coach the youngster under actual field conditions. Hopefully, the adult realizes the importance of his or her role in providing good advice on safety, ethics, and hunting lore.

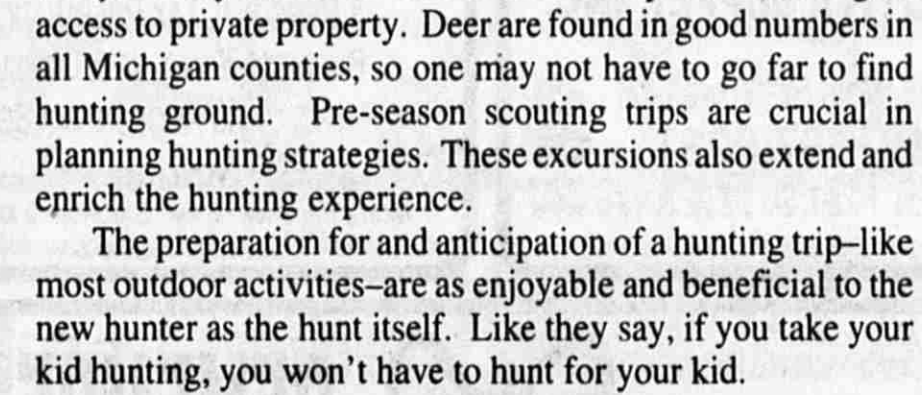
The great thing about this hunt is that the mentor and hunter can share experiences that neither will ever forget. As they say today, the pair has a chance to bond. In a very fast-moving, sometimes hectic world, these moments provide common ground where different generations can connect. The excitement of the hunt affects all age groups.

The season is expected to be repeated next year. Don't wait too long to start preparations if there is a young person in your life who would like to try hunting deer.

If the person you have in mind has not completed a hunter safety course, he or she will have to do so before buying a license. Most classes are offered in September or October. Check your local newspaper or with the Department of Natural Resources (www.michigan.gov) for the time and place.

Getting equipped properly is the next area of concern. Clothing needs are minimal because of the mild weather during the early hunt. Of course, wearing hunter orange is required during a firearm season. Firearm or bow and arrow selection should be made early enough to allow for practice time to build proficiency and instill a sense of safety and confidence.

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



ANTIBIOTICS AND THEIR APPROPRIATE ROLE

Fall is nearly half-gone and soon we will find ourselves hunched against the cold as winter blows into West Michigan for another season. Along with the holidays and the New Year we will run the perennial gauntlet of sore throats, colds, and the flu. We, both patients and doctors, will also face the continuing dilemma of how to treat these assaults on our health.

Often the decision has to be made as to whether an illness is viral in origin or caused by a bacterium. The question may seem trivial as long as the illness is defeated, but there are issues which have long lasting effects and stand to put the health of the community at risk in years to come. Namely we face the issue of antibiotic resistant bacteria.

During the early days of antibiotics, many infections caused by bacteria could be easily treated with penicillin or sulfa. Today there are bacteria which have developed the ability to survive despite these drugs. The susceptible bacteria have been eliminated leaving some resistant types to flourish - filling the void left behind. This resistance has happened for a variety of reasons, but the process can be aggravated by the use of antibiotics to treat illnesses caused by viruses. Viruses are not subject to the infection controlling power of antibiotics

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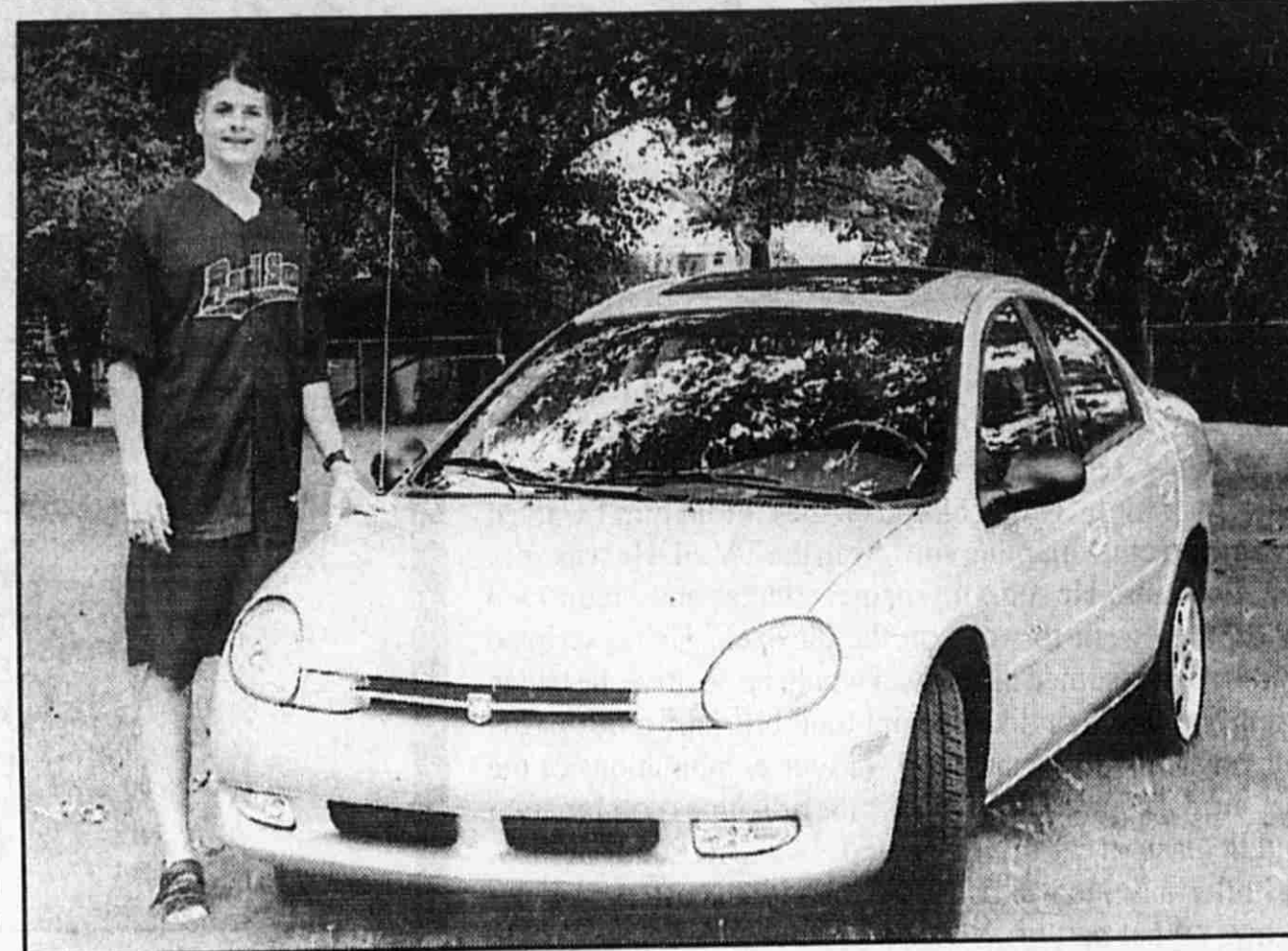
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Local teen proves he knows the right price

"Shawn Rosema, come on down ... you are the next contestant on the *Price is Right*." That was how it happened for the 18-year-old Lowell High School senior. Rosema was traveling with his parents Penny and Jerry Rosema to Los Angeles, Calif., in August when he earned an opportunity to be a contestant on the 30-year-old game show hosted by legendary Bob Barker.

He was the second participant of the show called to Contestant's Row. He gave the closest bid to a \$900 TV/stereo system and earned the opportunity to play the next game. He guessed the retail price within \$10 for two more prizes: a food processor and a shaving kit. With those prizes he held the opportunity to win a car. He picked four numbers that he guessed would reveal the letters he needed and spelled "car" and won a 2001 Dodge Neon.

The *Price Is Right* CBS game show Rosema participated in was recorded in late August. This episode is scheduled to air on Monday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.



Health, cont'd., From Page 5

and if antibiotics are used, they serve only to further empower the resistant bacteria.

A cold or the flu is caused by a virus, and most sore throats are also caused by viruses. Treatment for these illnesses is directed at controlling symptoms while allowing the natural defenses of the body to eliminate the cause. If, for example, all sore throats were treated with antibiotics, the vast majority of patients would gain nothing from their use, not in severity of symptoms or length of infection; the only benefit would be to the bacteria, which are immune to their bacteria-killing effects. If enough viral illnesses are inappropriately treated with antibiotics, then we as a community will have done nothing more than replace the weaker bacteria with stronger ones.

As physicians, the onus is on us to treat only those infections which warrant the use of antibiotics. "Strep throat," caused by the bacterium known as Streptococcus, is one of the appropriate infections for treatment with antibiotic therapy. Tests are often done to demonstrate that the sore throat is caused by Streptococcus because a viral sore throat can be indistinguishable based on the symptoms. Fever, tonsils with white spots, pain in the throat and swollen lymph nodes are no guarantee of a bacterial infection. Fortunately patients with viral sore throats recover on their own, with treatment directed at relieving the symptoms.

In short, if antibiotics are thrown at every upper respiratory infection in the hope it will lessen the symptoms, one day we as a community will have a high price to pay in the form of bacteria which cannot be treated.

Lowell Gifted and Talented students honored

The Kent County Association for Gifted and Talented (KAGT), with support from the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University, the Kent Intermediate School District, the Michigan Midwest Talent Search Advisory Committee, and the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education hosted an awards ceremony to recognize high achieving students from the Greater Kent County area.

Children scoring in the 95th percentile or higher on standardized tests in their respective schools were invited by Northwestern University to take out-of-level tests. Out

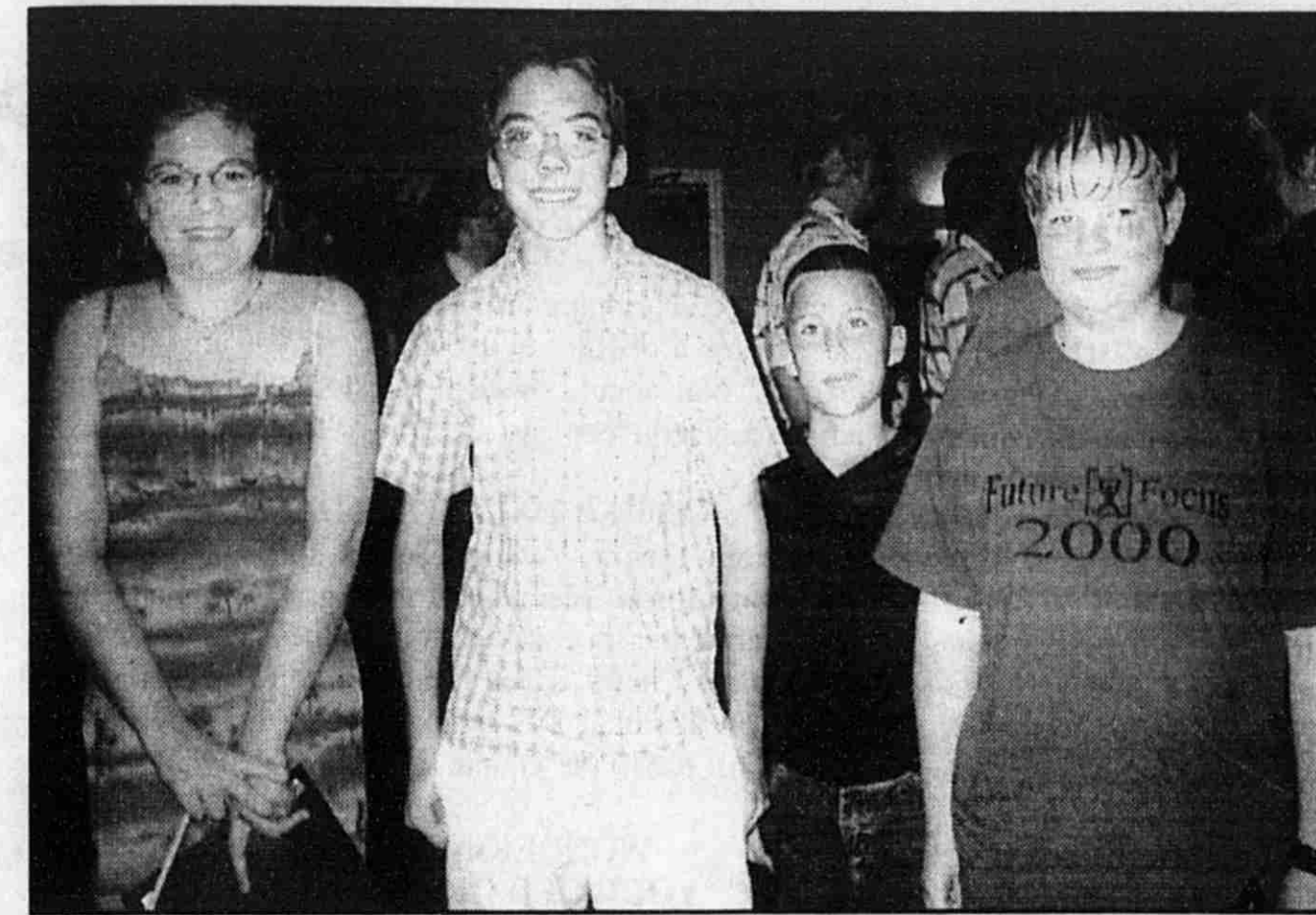
of level tests are used to determine what educational accommodations are necessary to meet the academic needs of gifted children in school.

Third through sixth graders took the Explore Test, designed for 8th graders. Those in 7th through 9th grade participated in either the SAT or ACT college admission tests usually taken by 11th graders.

Joshua Cody Herring, Scott Beatson, Anna Lane, Kara Schloop, Raymond Seese, Brandon Herring, Nicole Shepard, Eva Wilcox, and Joseph Blumm, all students in Lowell Area Schools,

were honored at the 2001 Recognition Ceremony held as part of the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education's annual conference. These students' test scores were in the top 25 percent of the approximately 600 high-achieving Kent County students who took the out of level tests last year.

Over 300 parents, educators, elected officials, and friends of the gifted gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on Sept. 30 to applaud and encourage these young people in their pursuit of academic excellence.



Students at the 2001 Kent County Association for Gifted and Talented Recognition Ceremony, from left to right, are: Anna Lane, Joe Blumm, Raymond Seese and Scott Beatson.

board members from across the state, shared in discussions with members related to our program and listened to Kelly Smith, from the state fisheries division. Lunch was served by the junior members who used this opportunity to raise funds for this new (first in the nation) chapter.

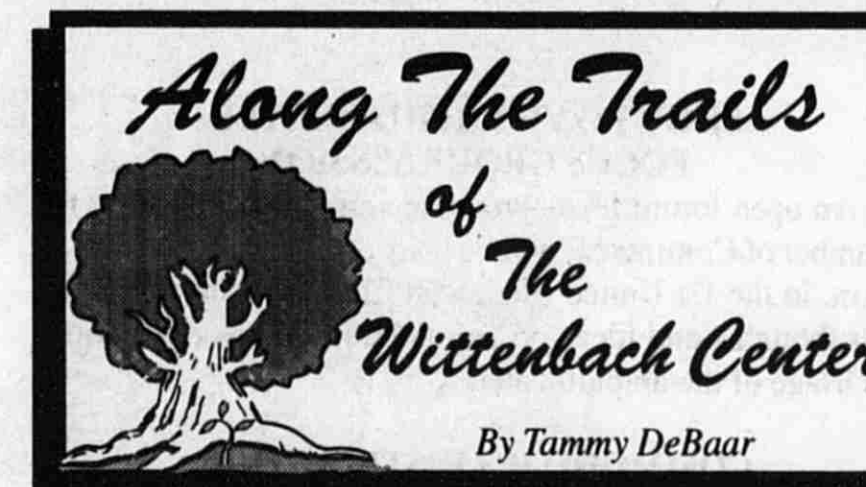
The focus of the education discussions was primarily conservation, and we also reflected on what starts us fishing as kids and keeps us fishing as adults. The opportunity for the junior members to share in the passion for the resources as well as the recreation we have all come to appreciate in fishing was very positive. Members across the state showed great support in a variety of ways for the junior members, encouraging the growth of this passion. The State Council made a \$100 donation to the chapter for the hosting of the state council meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing the chapter grow, with

communication with Belding and Rockford schools as well as the Kent County Extension office. The next chapter meeting will be on Oct. 27 from 9-2 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center. Habitat, member opportunities, angling with board members as well as the difference in fishing styles will be discussed. It is agreed that conservation of water resources is the primary goal and do not want lack of equipment or skill in any area to impede any students from appreciating this natural resource.

There will be a Christmas party on Dec. 4. Any donations of equipment will be appreciated for the use of this chapter (fly rods, reels, spinning rods, fly boxes, vices). With Christmas around the corner, perhaps you can add to your wish list and upgrade your old equipment while providing the opportunity for others to enjoy what you experienced as a kid.

If you have any questions or would like to assist on Oct. 27, please call me at 987-1002.



The Trout Unlimited Junior Chapter has started its new season at the Wittenbach Center in Lowell. Junior members

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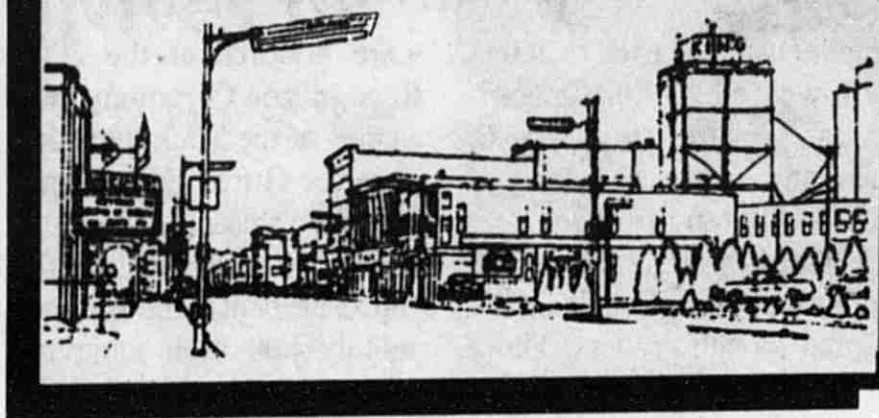
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SENIOR CLASS TRIP PARENT MEETING

There will be a 2002 Senior class trip parent meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafeteria. Please try to attend to hear options and give your ideas.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING SCHEDULE

Households wishing to participate with treats for children on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in the city of Lowell should turn on

their outside porch lights between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

WE NEED YOUR POP CANS & BOTTLES

The class of 2003 members will be visiting homes in the Lowell area on Halloween, Oct. 31 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. to pick up cans/bottles. Proceeds will go toward the cost of the prom.

ST. PATRICK - PARNELL CRAFT SHOW

A Christmas craft show will be held at the new St. Patrick -Parnell Parish Family/Activity Center located on the corner of Parnell Ave. and 5 Mile Rd. on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Home-baked goods, hourly raffles, and lunch will be served.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. will be distributing free food (mostly produce) to anyone on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m.- noon at 621 E. Main St. (1st United Methodist Church parking lot). Bring your own box or bag.

TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR ARMED FORCES DINNER

The American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 is sponsoring a catered Armed Forces dinner at Schneider Manor at 6 p.m. for members and auxiliary. Call Doris at 897-8870 for reservations.

DRIVER'S TRAINING SEGMENT 2

Driver's training, Segment 2, will be offered on Nov. 5, 6, and 7 to those students who took drivers training at Lowell

High School this past summer. Call Mrs. Phillips at the high school, 897-4125, ext. 471 to sign up.

VOLUNTEER DOCENT TRAINING FOR MUSEUM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is conducting a volunteer docent training on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the museum (corner of Hudson and Main). If you are interested in learning more about Lowell area history while providing a much needed service, please call Judy Straub at 897-7688.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

The Lady Arrow Varsity Club is sponsoring a semi-formal dance for all second and third grade girls and their father (or any other special male) on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. The evening will feature a professional DJ, snacks, beverages, flowers and pictures. Cost is \$15 per couple, payable at the door.

WONDERING ABOUT YOUR OLD CLASSMATES?

The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will be printing a Lowell High School Alumni Directory early winter 2002 for the graduating classes of 1944 to 2001. Still needed are the years 1945-1948 and 1963-2001. Please call Marsha Wilcox at 897-8949 if you have any information.

SHOWBOAT AMPHITHEATER FOCUS GROUP SESSION

An open forum focus group session, coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the 1st United Methodist Church basement. Bring your thoughts and ideas on any possible future renovations and usage of the amphitheater.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities distributed at the Moose Recreational Center on E. Main during the month of October. However, it will continue on Thursday, Nov. 29.

LET'S FILL UP THAT TRUCK

Please help support the Lowell High School girls softball team by donating your newspapers. A drop-off truck is currently available at Lowell High School.

Schuler Books to raise funds for KDL's Alliance of Friends

Get your holiday shopping done early and help raise money for Kent District Library during Book Days at Schuler Books and Music between Oct. 29 and Nov. 4.

When shoppers mention Kent District Library at the time of purchase, Schuler Books and Music will donate 20 percent of the total sale to the KDL Alliance of Friends. This includes

books, music and other merchandise. Special order books and cafe purchases are not included. Schuler Books is located at 2660 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids.

The Alliance of Friends raises funds to enhance youth and adult programming at Kent District Library. For more information, call 784-2007.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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OCT. 26: Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings.

OCT. 27: George Cook, Tim VanLaan.

OCT. 28: Aaron Stencil, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.

OCT. 29: Tammy Barber, Al Mulder, Tracey Johnson, John Butler Jr.

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OCT. 31: Bill Richter, Bob Richter, Connor Duiven.

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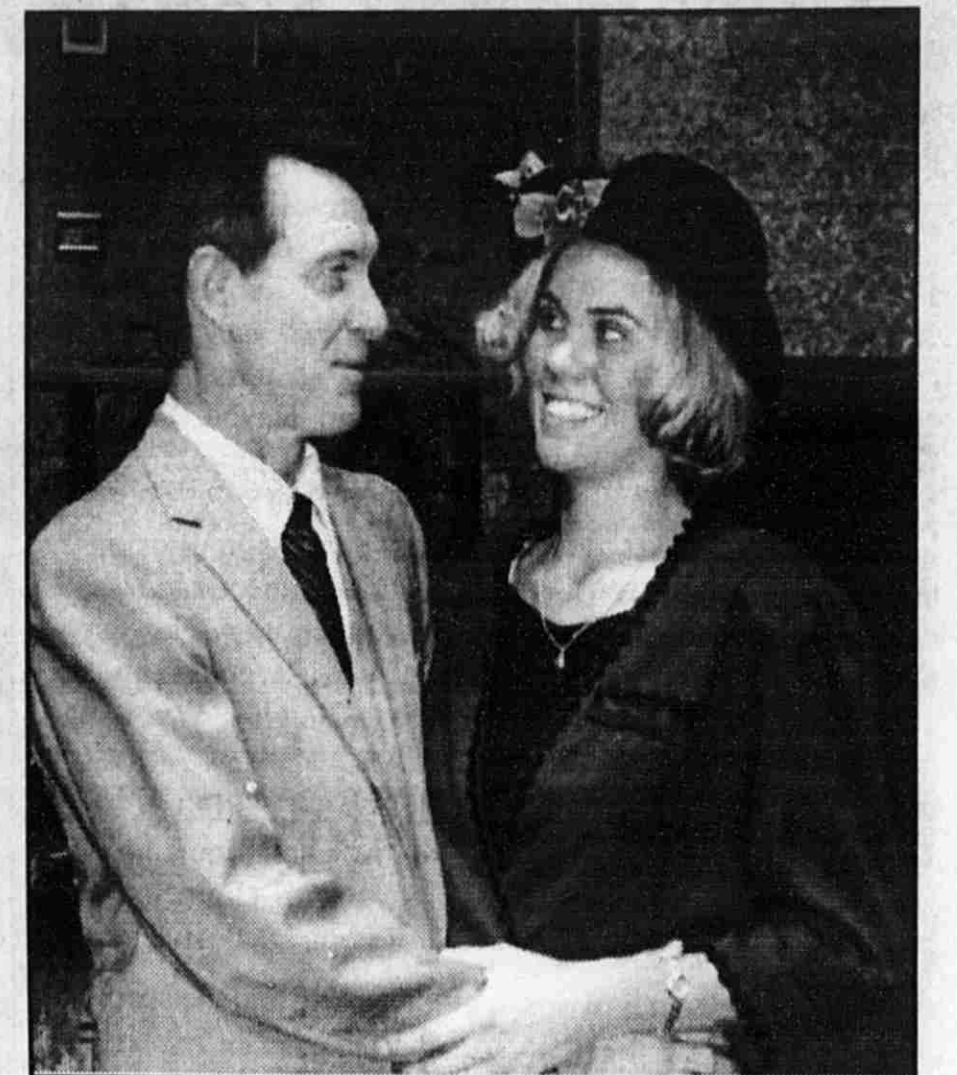
Dr. Jeff Gates, DrPH serves as the Clinical Preventative Care Specialist for the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. He specializes in Environmental and Nutritional Medicine. These specialties in health care enable healing in a progressive dimension by seeking causative relationships for disease as a basis for healing.

Dr. Bruce R. Hyde, MD serves as Medical and Lifestyle Director at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. Dr. Hyde is a 1986 graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine, emphasizing Lifestyle Medicine. Dr. Hyde conducts international consulting with a special emphasis in Diabetes prevention and reversal.

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Scenes from "Arsenic and Old Lace"



"Mortimer" (Jim Ball) and "Elaine" (Molly McGuire) have their eyes on one another.

Pictured to the left, from left to right, are: "Jonathan" (Torrey O'Haire) and "Einstein" (Jim Marron).



Pictured above are "Teddy" (Keith Johnson), "Brophy" (Glen Russell), and "Klein" (Sue Veenema).

COLLEGE NEWS

Two 1999 Lowell High School graduates, Andy Graham and TJ Thayer, are currently playing football for Kalamazoo College.

Graham, a sophomore, had six catches for 39 yards in Kalamazoo College's 29-15 loss to Hope College at Saturday's game on Oct. 13. He currently has 28 receptions for 299 yards on the season and three touchdowns. He also has six kick returns for 146 yards. The Hornets are now 4-1 overall and 0-1 in MIAA competition.

Thayer, a junior, was limited to four receptions for 26 yards in the same game. However, he currently leads the Hornet receivers with 43

catches for 494 yards and has nine punt returns for 98 yards, seven kick returns for 157 yards, and three touchdowns. He is ranked second in punt returns and first in receptions/game for overall statistics in the MIAA.

Kalamazoo College is a national liberal arts college and creator and home of the K-Plan. Its students shape elements of the K-Plan, which include rigorous academics, career internships, study abroad, and a senior individualized project, into a valuable learning experience that fits their talents and aspirations.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF TESTING OPTTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR CITY GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 6, 2001 City General Election will be conducted Thursday, October 25, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.



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City Clerk

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, November 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Comprehensive Master Plan. A summary follows:

The proposed amendments are to certain portions of the current Comprehensive Plan adopted in November 1999. The Population section is being amended to update the Plan to reflect the 2000 U.S. Census information and to project future growth in the Township. The Transportation section is being amended to reflect updated traffic counts, including the intersection of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. The Implications section is being amended detailing population growth and transportation availability affecting future growth of residential home site development along with soil types, commercial and industrial land uses, services and tax base. The Implementation section is being updated with a summary of the plan assumptions based on the new census growth projections. Additional commercial area may be appropriate to serve the new growth of residents in the local neighborhood and designed with a village scale layout. A section is being added pertaining to the Lowell City Airport according to new State legislation.

The complete text of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 1 can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennewsp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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Cross Country regional Saturday

Lowell High School will host the Michigan High School Athletic Association division 1 and division 2 Cross Country Regional meet on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The meet will be held on the campus at Lowell High School with racing beginning at 11 a. m. for division 2 boys; 11:30 a.m. division 1 boys; 12:00 p.m. division 2 girls; and 12:30 p.m. division 1 girls.

Admission is \$3 for all but infants in arms. Schools competing in division 1 include: Grand Haven, Central, Creston, Forest Hills Northern, Ottawa Hills, Union, Holland, West Ottawa, Hudsonville, Jenison, Muskegon, Reeths Puffer, Mona Shores, Rockford and Zeeland. Schools in division 2 include: Allegan, Byron Center, Caledonia, East Grand Rapids, Catholic Central, Christian, South Christian, Hastings, Holland Christian, Unity Christian, Lakewood, Lowell, Thornapple Kellogg, Wayland, Godwin Heights, Wyoming Park and Rogers.

Parking Lots, cont'd...

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at the old boat launch, work on the octagon planter that can be converted into a gazebo in the future, and some paving in the Avery parking lot along with striping.

"It will be good to have the striping," said planning commission chair, Jim Hall. "It has been interesting to watch that (Avery) parking lot. One day the people are parked the old way. The next day, someone has started parking the new way, and some days you have the new way with the old way in between."

If all goes according to plan, DesJarden said the last

of the paving and the striping of the parking lot on Avery should take place next week, wrapping up the project.

Spry juggles internship and pursuit of master's degree



Jessi Spry

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There's a stark contrast between observing a classroom setting and being its facilitator of discussion and provider of information.

Jessi Spry, a Michigan State University student intern under the guidance of Lowell Agri-science teacher John Schut and Wittenbach Center director Tammy DeBaar, is juggling that task along with pursuing credits

toward her master's degree.

"The first couple weeks of school have been hectic, but I've really enjoyed it," Spry explained.

MSU student interns are usually placed within the Lansing area, but the best opportunity in agri-science education lies outside the capital city.

"Lowell was one of my top choices," Spry explained. "Being a 1996 Greenville High School graduate, I was

familiar with their FFA and agri-science program."

Spry was also familiar with Schut and DeBaar. "Tammy was a high school teacher of mine at Greenville and I got to know John through my involvement with the FFA," she explains.

Spry will remain at Lowell throughout the school year. "If you're an MSU student intern, that means you teach for free," Spry said.

Along with assisting DeBaar at the Wittenbach Center, Spry is teaching an animal science class at the high school. "I'm getting into it. I was a little nervous - the class has 32 students in it. The students are pretty good, some pay attention and some don't want to be there. Both John and Tammy are helping me with my classroom management skills, an area in which I knew I needed help."

RV Ordinance Letter, cont'd... From Page 1

Council, and at the September planning commission meeting, David Coons, a lifelong resident, came before the commission seeking a variance to allow him to continue parking his motorhome in his front yard.

The residents at Monday night's meeting said they felt the ordinance was unreasonable, especially in regards to allowing them only one seven-day period in six months to park a recreational vehicle in their driveway.

"Part of the fun in camping is the preparation," said Dwain Scheller, of 692 Birchwood Ct. "You can't prepare Friday night when you come home."

Scheller said, like others, he usually begins preparing on Thursday, leaving Friday. When he comes home, his vehicle sits in the driveway for a couple of days so it can be cleaned out and prepared for the next trip.

"I think what has happened is that perhaps the organization that we hired to enforce this is being a little too aggressive," said planning commission member, John VanderWilp.

Doug Hopkins, of IMS, said the wording of the letters comes from the fact that most people do not want to comply. He said it is difficult to tell people there are certain rules they have to follow even though they own the property. Hopkins said he would discuss the word "order" and see if the letters

could be toned down.

Planning commission chair, Jim Hall offered a challenge to the residents who felt the ordinance should be changed. Hall said he would like to see them review the current and past ordinance and come up with recommendations for what the ordinance should say. Several of the residents agreed and plan to present that proposal at the next commission meeting Nov. 26.

At the encouragement of city manager, David Pasquale, several of the residents also plan to attend the city council meeting to let the council know that work on revising the ordinance had started. By doing this, the group hopes to get a temporary reprieve for the 30-plus residents who received letters about being in violation. Pasquale said he would not actively seek enforcement, but letters would continue to go out to those in violation.

The city hired IMS to enforce its zoning ordinances after the city council questioned the planning commission on how such policies were being taken care of. The IMS program is for a 90-day trial period and has currently run about a month and a half with 33 residents receiving letters and some having already complied. The ordinance dealing with the parking of recreational vehicles has been on the books for almost six years.

Ferrellgas offers tips to help homeowners save energy

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, home appliances account for approximately 20 percent of a household's energy consumption.

The Employee-Owners of the Lowell Ferrellgas office are offering energy-saving tips to help local homeowners further increase the energy savings provided by propane gas ranges and clothes dryers. These tips were compiled by the National Propane Gas Association, the Propane Education & Research Council, and Ferrellgas.

"We want to do everything we can to help homeowners get the most out of their energy-efficient propane-powered appliances," said district manager, Steve Drake. "By offering these simple reminders, we feel we can help local residents maximize their energy dollars."

Ranges

- Gas ranges with electronic-ignition systems use 40 percent less energy than ranges with standing pilot systems.

- Be sure all burners have a blue, cone-shaped flame. A yellow flame indicates clogged air inlets or burners that need adjustment.

- Check the seal on your oven door. Gaps or tears in the seal will let heat escape and waste energy.

Clothes Dryers

- Keep your dryer in a heated space. Placing it in a cold or damp basement will make the dryer work harder and less efficiently.

- Make sure your dryer is vented properly. If you vent the exhaust outside, use the straightest and shortest metal duct available. Do not use a flexible vinyl duct because it restricts the airflow, can be crushed, and may not withstand high temperatures from the dryer.

- Check the outside dryer exhaust periodically. Make sure it closes tightly to keep the outside air from leaking in. This can help reduce heating and cooling bills.

- Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load to improve air circulation.

- Dry only full loads (smaller loads are less economical) and dry two or more loads in a row to take advantage of the dryer's retained heat.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN WATER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. W-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has had prepared by its Supervisor and filed with its Clerk a special assessment roll for the special assessment of the entire estimated cost to acquire and construct certain water main improvements. These water main improvements will include valves, fire hydrants, fittings, water services, restoration, and all appurtenant work and are specifically described as follows: approximately 2,810 feet of 12" water main on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Bowes Road to approximately 100 feet west of Birmingham Drive extended; also approximately 700 feet of 12" water main in Alden Nash Avenue from M-21 (Fulton Street) to an existing water main approximately 650 feet north of M-21 (Fulton Street); also approximately 700 feet of 12" water main on the north side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Birmingham Drive to approximately 700 feet west.

2. That the above-referenced special assessment roll is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. The roll may be examined at the Township office during regular business hours and also at the hearing referenced in paragraph 4 below.

3. That the Township Board has determined that the special assessment district against which the entire estimated cost of said improvement is to be assessed shall be the parcels of land located in the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, described specifically as follows: All property fronting on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Bowes Road west to approximately 400 feet west of Birmingham Drive extended and also all property fronting on the north side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Alden Nash Avenue to approximately 290 feet west thereof and from Birmingham Drive to approximately 815 feet west, all to the depth of the 100 year floodplain line of the Grand River (as shown on maps on file with the Township) or to the actual depth of the parcel, whichever is lesser. The lands described in the immediately preceding sentence are covered and included in the following Lowell Charter Township permanent tax parcel numbers:

20-04-426-018	20-04-401-025
20-04-300-012	20-04-401-026
20-04-300-027	20-04-401-020
20-04-300-031	20-04-401-022
20-04-300-032	20-04-476-001
20-04-300-037	20-09-200-002
20-04-300-034	20-04-476-002
20-04-401-011	20-09-200-003
20-04-401-012	20-04-476-003

4. That the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan, on the 5th day of November, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., local time, to review the above-referenced special assessment roll and hear any objections and other matters related to that special assessment roll.

5. That as is provided in Michigan Act 186 of 1973 and Michigan Act 64 of 1989, both as amended, appearance and protest at the hearing (the "Hearing") referenced in paragraph 4 above is required in order to appeal the amount of any special assessment included in the above-referenced special assessment roll to the State Tax Tribunal, if an appeal should be desired. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the Hearing to protest a special assessment or may file his or her appearance or protest by letter delivered to the Township Clerk by the close of the Hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

6. The Charter Township of Lowell will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this hearing, such as signers for hearing-impaired persons and audio tapes of printed materials for visually-impaired persons, upon receipt of five days prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the Charter Township of Lowell by contacting Linda S. Regan, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331, Telephone (616) 897-7600.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.
Dated: October 2, 2001.

Linda S. Regan, Township Clerk

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the following
Boards/Commissions:
Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals
Construction Board of Appeals

The Planning Commission normally meets on the first Monday evening of every month. The zoning and construction boards meet as needed. Applicants should be willing to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of the position. These positions are compensated per diem. A job description is available upon request.

Applications should be received by Friday, November 30, 2001, and will be considered at the December 17, 2001 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.vergennestwp.org"](http://www.vergennestwp.org) under forms.

The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, kindly send a stamped self-addressed envelope to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-0208, and a form and job description will be sent. For further information, call 897-5671 during office hours.

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St. Mary's gets blessing from planning commission for addition

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

After some discussion on landscaping, St. Mary's Catholic Church received the Lowell Planning Commission's blessing to move forward on plans to construct a 10,776-square-foot Family Life Center.

The new center would be an addition to the church's existing facility and would include a lobby, drive up canopy, nursery, meeting room, restrooms, gym, kitchen, and storage. Seeing no problems with the site plan, the commission unanimously approved it with commission member, Jim Pfaller abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Before the vote, planning commission chair Jim Hall asked the commission whether it wanted to enforce the current parking lot codes that require islands to help beautify the area.

"Requiring this may create some undue hardship," said commission member, John VanderWilp, who favored asking

the church building committee to review the city's parking lot requirements and see if they could do it.

In the process of developing the center, three trees would have to be removed, but would be replaced on the property, said Roy Hight, from Overbeck Construction, which is overseeing the project for the church. Hight said he has checked with utilities, and the facility would be able to use existing lines without having to rip up the streets to connect.

A question was raised about the parking at the facility. City manager, David Pasquale said based on the church seating of 175 and the Family Life Center of 300, he estimated the facility would need about 133 parking spaces. The project proposed 163, which was 30 more than what was recommended.

"There is also a lot of off-site parking that can be used," Hight said.

However, at the end of the planning commission meeting, after the project had been approved, Pfaller asked building

inspector, Doug Hopkins to keep an eye out on the number of parking spaces. Pfaller said the church seats about 350 and when he last counted, it only had about 126 parking spaces. Pfaller also asked that Hopkins make sure the curb cuts for the handicap parking were done, since it was not shown on the plan.

As for other issues, the church is required to have at least a 50-foot yard setback in all directions. It has well over 100 feet in all directions.

Lowell students recognized for achievement on college-level AP exams

The College Board has recognized eight Lowell graduates and one Lowell senior for their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams.

In recognition of their achievement, Michael Gustafson, Kyle Hines, Emily Myers and Matt Trierweiler qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of these exams.

James Bosserd, Jessica DenHouter, Kimberly Drougal, Daniel Huffman and Melissa Schloop (LHS senior) qualified for the AP Scholar award by completing three or more AP examinations, with grades of 3.0 or higher.

Only about 13 percent of the more than 840,000 students in 13,680 schools who took the AP exams in May of 2001 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades.

There are 35 AP exams offered in 19 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free response (essay or problem-solving) questions except for the studio art exam which evaluates the students' original artwork.

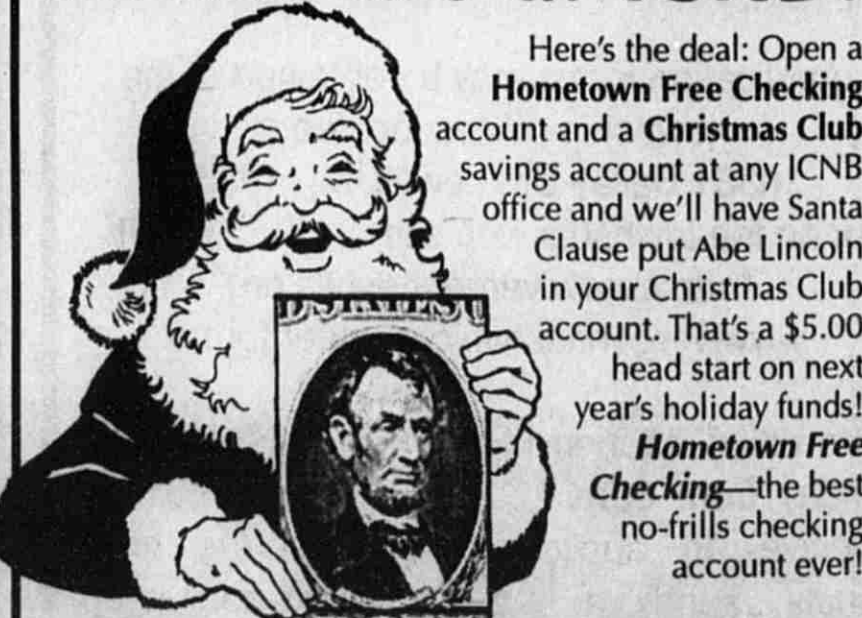
Founded in 1900, the College Board Association is composed of more than 3,900 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday, November 3rd 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 6, 2001 City General Election.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. For meeting dates and times call 897-5015. Guests are welcome.

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

EVERY 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.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

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

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

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.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in seasonal activities. 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 FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

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 5:30 and 7 p.m. Registration begins 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.

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

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EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's

Christmas Concert Dec. 1, 2. New members invited. Call Kathy at 642-6316/897-5981 for info.

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-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for 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. Located at a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 1 p.m.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH: James C. Veen Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 children to 18. For info, call Starwatch at 897-7065.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$5; adults: \$3; 5-17: \$1.50; free/members & under 5.

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EVERY THURS.: Saranac Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed., 12 - 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 the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon-5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon-7 p.m.; Sat.: 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

THURS., OCT. 25: TOTS will hold a family Halloween party from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. Call 897-1232 to register. Wear your costume. \$1 per family.

FRI., OCT. 26: Lowell Red Arrow football team hosts Wyoming Park at 7:30 p.m. \$4 admission - no passes. Gate opens at 6 p.m. ?'s call 897-4442.

SAT., OCT. 27: Trout Unlimited Junior chapter workshop, ages 12-18, 9-2 p.m. Lunch provided. Bring fishing gear if you have it. RSVP to 987-1002 Wittenbach Center.

SAT., OCT. 27: Cyclamen chapter #94 OES invites family and friends to Open Installation of officers at 2 p.m. in Lowell Masonic Center.

WED., OCT. 31: Trick or treating in the city from 5:30-8 p.m. Turn on porch lights if you wish to participate. Make this a safe night for the trick or treaters.

MON., NOV. 5: The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the Lowell High School staff lounge at 7 p.m.

MON., NOV. 5: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 is sponsoring a catered Armed Forces dinner at 6 p.m. at Schneider Manor for members and auxiliary. Call 897-8870 (Doris) for reservations.

TUES., NOV. 6: The Lowell Area Historical Museum is conducting a volunteer docent training at 7 p.m. at the museum (corner of Hudson and Main). Call Judy Straub at 897-7688 if you would be interested in helping out.

MON., OCT. 29: Noon Lunch w/Lowell business people, group #2 as guests.

TUES., OCT. 30: 12:40 p.m. Shop Grand Rapids Meijer's and Aldi's.

WED., OCT. 31: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast. Happy Halloween!!!

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. S-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

- That the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has had prepared by its Supervisor and filed with its Clerk a special assessment roll for the special assessment of the entire estimated cost to acquire and construct certain sanitary sewer improvements. These sanitary sewer improvements shall consist of the sewer lines themselves plus manholes, tees, sewer laterals, restoration, and all appurtenant work and are specifically described as follows: approximately 2,320 feet of 8" sanitary sewer on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street), in a public utility easement to be acquired, from Bowes Road to an existing sanitary sewer approximately 2,220 feet west of Bowes Road.
- That the above-referenced special assessment roll is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. The roll may be examined at the Township office during regular business hours and also at the hearing referenced in paragraph 4 below.
- That the Township Board has determined that the special assessment district against which the entire estimated cost of said improvement is to be assessed shall be the parcels of land located in the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, described specifically as follows: All property fronting on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Bowes Road west approximately 2,210 feet to the depth of the 100 year floodplain line of the Grand River (as shown on maps on file with the Township) or to the actual depth of the parcel, whichever is lesser. The lands described in the immediately preceding sentence are covered and included in the following Lowell Charter Township permanent parcel numbers:

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Dated: October 2, 2001.

Linda S. Regan, Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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Take Steps to Avoid Costly Credit Card Debt

It's a good idea to limit your credit card debt as much as possible. This type of debt typically carries a high interest rate and is not tax-deductible. There can be advantages, however, to using plastic, particularly in those instances when it's best not to carry much cash. But now, more than ever, you need to use credit responsibly.

Why? Because credit card issuers are bumping up their late fees and becoming more aggressive about imposing penalty interest rates. With some cards, only one late payment can trigger the late fee and then a new, higher rate. Plus, credit card companies are shortening or eliminating their grace periods, which previously allowed you a few days past the due date for a payment to arrive before you'd incur a fee.

In short, it's clear that you should minimize credit card balances when possible. Your best bet is to keep just one card, use it only in cases of emergency and pay it off each month, so that you'll avoid interest or finance charges. In fact, paying off your high-interest credit card debt may be one of the smartest financial moves you can make. After all, you could be paying interest rates of 18 percent—or more—on some credit card debt. Unless you can find an investment that returns more than that—which is unlikely—you'll make better use of your money by paying down that debt.

Of course, your best credit card debt-reduction strategy is to avoid getting into debt in the first place. And one of the best ways of doing that is to build a "cash cushion" over time. By setting up monthly automatic payments into a liquid vehicle, such as a money market account, you'll be able to accumulate funds you can draw on to make major purchases—the type of purchases that might otherwise send you reeling into the "plastic trap."

Still, because your money market account is so liquid, you'll have to fight the temptation to constantly dip into it for every day or "impulse" purchases. Remember what this account is there for: to help you stay out of debt.

You also can find other options to racking up credit card debt. One popular choice is a home equity loan. This type of loan typically carries a much lower interest rate than those of credit cards, and your interest payments are usually tax-deductible. Plus, you can use the money for whatever you

want: home improvements, college payments, whatever.

Before you take out a home equity loan, however, there are a couple of things you must keep in mind. First, you're using your home as collateral for a loan. If you default, you could lose your house—so make absolutely sure you can handle the payments before you sign on the dotted line. Second, taking out a home equity loan is a major decision—so consult your tax and investment professionals for guidance.

By taking the appropriate steps, and by disciplining your spending habits, you can avoid falling into expensive credit card debt. And that's a tumble you never want to take.

Planning commission sets aside Dec. 10 for work session on ordinance changes

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Still not seeing a good solution to the front yard issue on corner lots, the Lowell Planning Commission has opted for a work session to try and iron out the problems.

At its Monday night meeting, the planning commission was scheduled to review the proposed ordinance change that would make the narrowest side of the lot facing the street become the front

yard for a corner lot.

Commission member, Jim Pfaller said, as pointed out at the last meeting, several other issues come into play including fencing and parking of vehicles. At the September meeting, Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJardens said he had a concern about keeping the address side clear of vehicles. The address side may not always be on the narrowest side, he said.

"This is very unfair," said Elizabeth "B.J." Thompson about the current ordinance that makes corner lots have two front yards. City manager, David Pasquale said it has created some hardships for residents who want to spruce up a home on a corner lot with an addition.

"I am not saying it shouldn't be changed," Pfaller said. "I just don't feel this is the answer."

Commission member, Clark Jahnke said it sounded to him like the commission needed to develop a primary front yard and secondary front yard ordinance for corner lots with each having specific rules and setbacks. In fact, building inspector, Doug Hopkins presented the planning commission with such a proposal based on the city of Belding's ordinance.

In that ordinance, there is a principal and secondary front lot line with the principal being the shorter of the two front yards.

The commission decided to discuss the front yard issue along with fencing heights and proposed changes to the recreational vehicle code (to be prepared by residents and presented Nov. 26) at a work session set for Dec. 10.

Red Arrow girls gain control of O-K White with big come-from-behind win against EGR

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell point guard, Kendra Gallert played like she practiced in Lowell's 33-30 win over East Grand Rapids.

The freshman stepped to the foul line Tuesday night with 18 ticks on the scoreboard clock and Lowell leading 31-30. Gallert shooting one-and-one, after having 60 seconds to think about it during a Pioneer time-out, calmly netted two foul shots to give Lowell a 33-30 win.

"We have a drill in practice, called 'win the game.' The score is tied at 40-40 and the girls have to make both shots to win," explained Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "Kendra hit both shots in practice."

The two she hit Tuesday night put Lowell in the driver's seat to win its first O-K White championship in nine years.

"Unless Lowell loses two games, tonight's game was for the championship," concurred East Grand Rapids' coach, Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate.

Following Gallert's two free throws, the Red Arrow defense held East to a heave from just outside the arc which bounced away and into Leslie Crowley's outstretched hands.

"This win is just as gratifying as our first against East. Considering where we began tonight, and the way the girls showed some grit and came back, it might be more gratifying," Crowley said.

A somewhat tight group of Red Arrows managed to net just one of 11 shots in the opening quarter, falling behind the host Pioneers 9-2.

Lowell began its battle back by outscoring East 7-5 in the second quarter, and trailed 14-9 at halftime, thanks to a short jumper by Vallen VanZyll at the buzzer.

"Considering how poorly we played in the first half, we were right where we wanted to be at halftime, down just five," Crowley said.

Lowell shot an abysmal 4-of-22 (18 percent) in the opening half. The Red Arrows improved on that in the second half, hitting 8-of-21 (38 percent) from the floor.

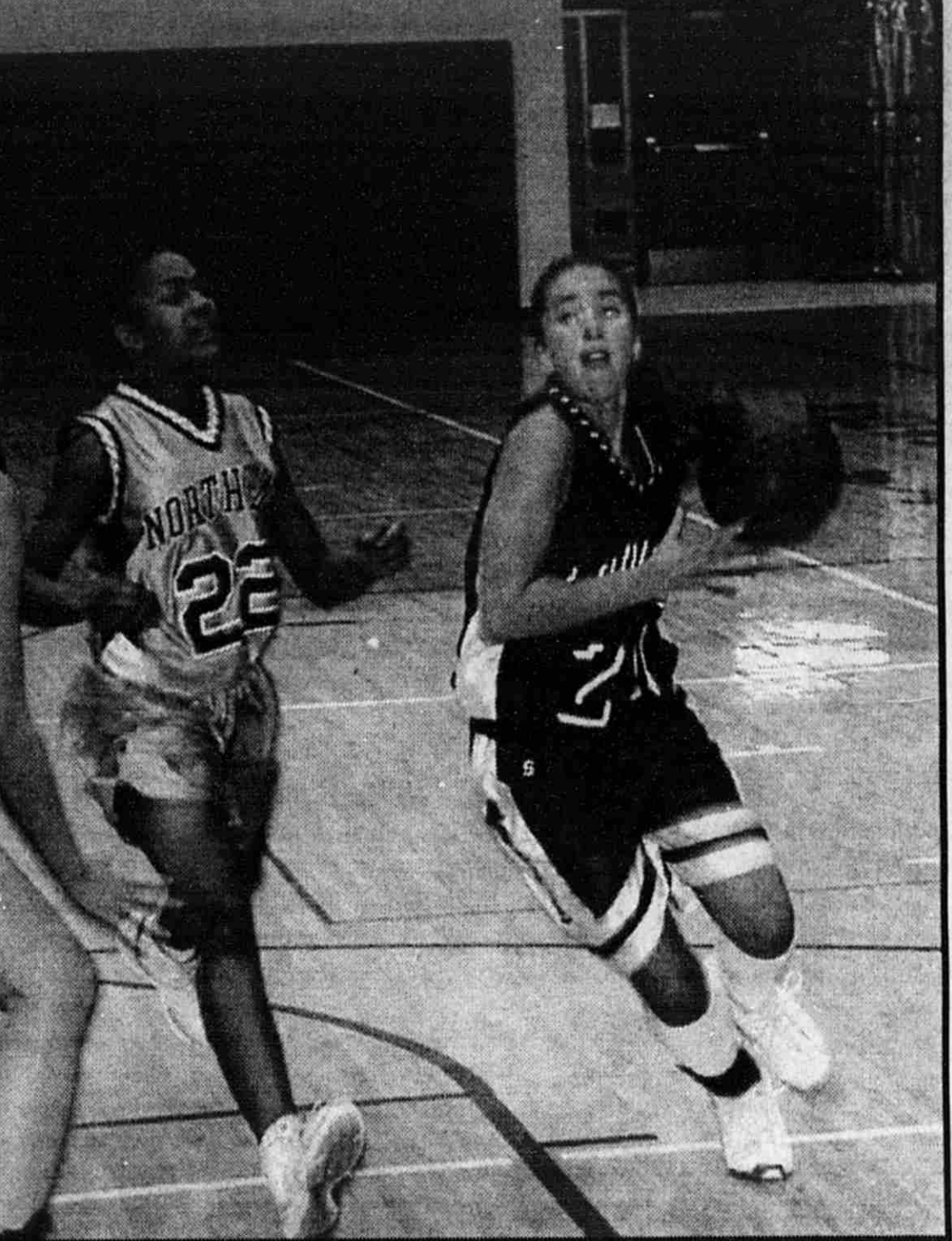
The Red Arrows outscored East 16-6 in the third quarter, thanks to aggressive defensive play, improved offensive movement, more pressure on the ball and some easy buckets off turnovers. Lowell also got a big three-point basket by VanZyll as time ran out on the third-quarter clock.

"We told the girls at halftime they have to catch the ball ready to shoot, instead of putting the ball on the floor," Crowley explained. "Our rebounding and defense were the strongest parts of our game tonight."

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Following Lowell's three-point win over the Pioneers, the Red Arrows traveled to Forest Hills Northern where they dismantled the Huskies 50-33 on Thursday.


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Wed., Oct. 31

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dave and Donna Warren are proud to announce the arrival of their "smallest" son, Jeremy Christopher.



He arrived on October 11, 2001 weighing just 3 lbs. 7 oz. & measuring 15" long.

Also to welcome Jeremy is big sister, Jessie King, big brothers Justin and Jordan Warren and a very special big sister, Jenna Rose who is smiling from Heaven; Grandparents Louis and Louise King of Lowell, William and Kathy Warren of Grand Rapids and Betty Warren of Grand Rapids. Many others welcome our very small gift.

School News

Week of 10/29 - 11/2

ELEMENTARY

Lunch: \$1.45
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Peanut butter & jelly sandwich & chef's salad are also available daily as lunch options.

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WED: Pepperoni pizza or ravioli w/cheese & bread & butter, whole kernel corn, apricots & cherries.

THURS: Pizza pocket or corn dog on stick, pineapple tidbits, fresh vegetables, pasta salad, harvest cookie.

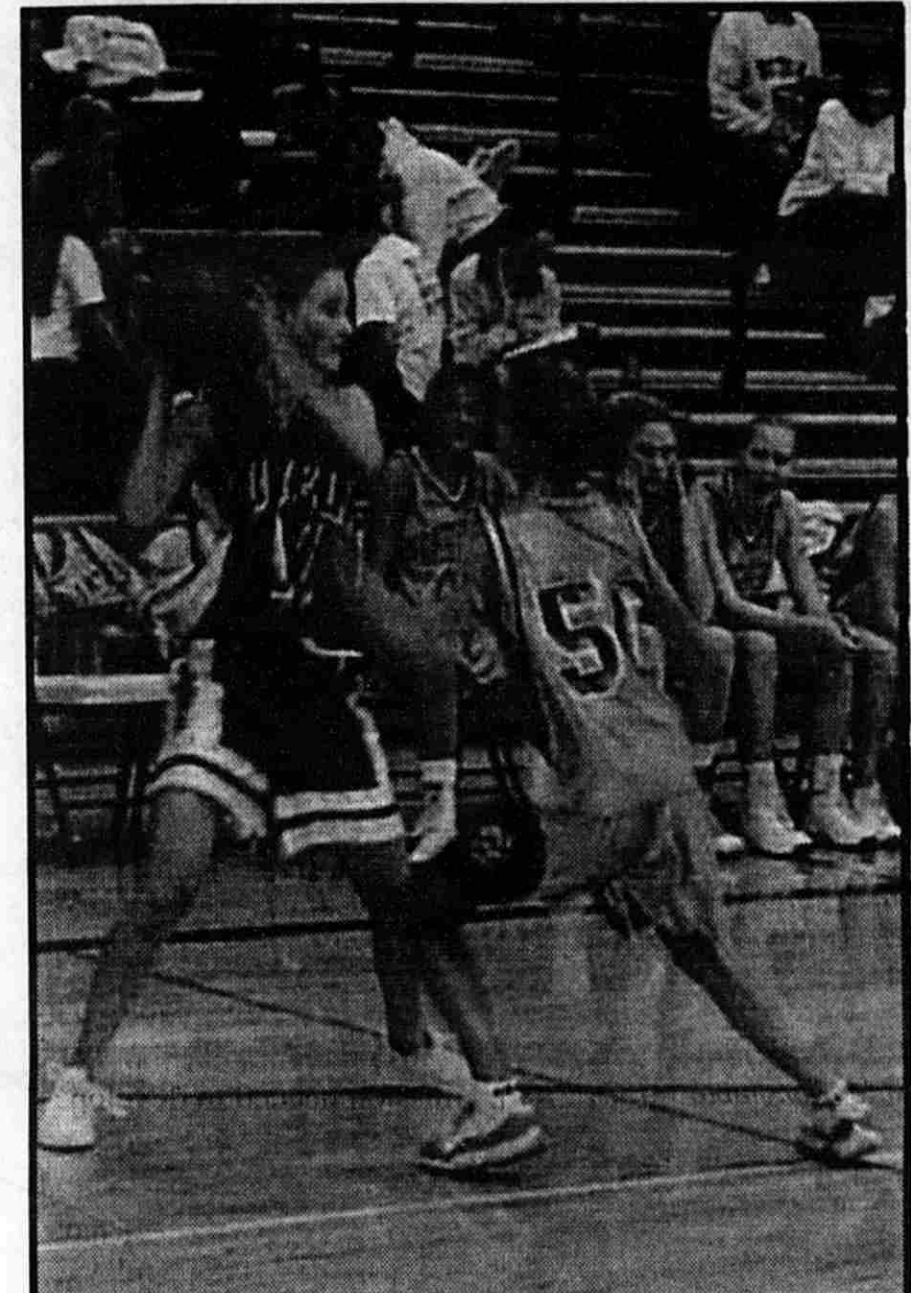
FRI: Chicken sticks or beefy burrito, French bread, pears, carrot coins.

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Courtney Phillips, Lowell, deals with the Pioneer pressure as she looks to pass the ball downcourt.

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education (Special meeting location: Alto Elementary School)

- Al and Linda Halbeisen donation of children's books valued at \$50 to the Cherry Creek Elementary library.
- CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:
 - The minutes for the September 10, 2001 Workshop Session, the September 10, 2001 Regular Meeting, the September 24, 2001 Workshop Session and the October 1, 2001 Special Meeting.
 - The following payment of bills for August 2001:

GENERAL FUND	\$607,185.88
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$53,646.30
B. Athletic Fund	\$15,601.44
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$203,504.25
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$13,867.92
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,200.00
 - New Hires: Marilyn McGraw Bushnell Young 5's Kindergarten Teacher (1/2 time)
 - Leave:
 - One year unpaid leave from Cathy Kulhawik for the 2001-2002 school year.
 - Overnight student trip for the FFA to attend the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky from October 22-27, 2001.
 - BOND FOLLOW-UP - Bert Bleke reported that due to the state and national economy, flat enrollments, no penalties, and world conditions, the district will delay construction of a new facility at the current time.
 - MEAP UPDATE - Jim White shared MEAP test results emphasizing the scores at the high school level. Overall the test scores were quite good yet room always remains
- ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gift:

for improvement particularly in the area of social studies.

TEACHER TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE UPDATE - Jim White gave an update on how the teachers are utilizing the State offered Teacher Technology Initiative. Most teachers elected to receive a lap top and while the computers did not cost the teachers or school district nay money, there has been added expense for the district in providing training and tech support.

YOUNG 5's KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM - Jim White reported on the newly established Young 5's kindergarten program being housed at Bushnell.

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that the foundation allowance for this year has been reinstated but the district is anticipating cuts this year and/or next year. The funding may be cut from 5 to 10%.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Vicki Fredline asked the Board to consider fact finding to aid with negotiations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke thanked the high school staff for their professionalism and caring during a very stressful and painful month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2001 • 7:00 p.m.
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Red Arrows open soccer district with win over Caledonia

••• For the second time this year, Lowell shutout Caledonia. The victory advances the Red Arrows into the next round where they will play Greenville.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a good start to the second season for the Red Arrow boys soccer team as they shutout Caledonia 2-0 in the opening round of the Division II district soccer tournament Monday night.

"It was a big win for us. Hopefully now we can carry the intensity through the rest of the district," said Lowell coach, Mike Lincoln.

It was the Red Arrows' second win of the year against the Fight'n Scots. During the regular season Lowell clipped Caledonia 1-0.

"The boys put a whole game together tonight. They played two good halves of soccer. They needed to step up and they did," Lincoln explained.

The Red Arrows scored a goal in each half. Zach Horan tallied the first goal on an assist from Chris Cress.

The game remained 1-0 Lowell until the 6:23 mark of the second half when a Mike Kinney cross was netted by Shane Stokes. On the play, the Caledonia goalie went up for the ball,

came down and then lost it after landing. Kinney was there to boot into the back of the net.

"Players other than Sam Oberlin finish some of our scoring opportunities," Lincoln said. "We were hoping Sam would set the single season scoring record, but it's good to have other people finishing."

Oberlin, coming off a three-goal performance against Zeeland on Saturday in a Lowell 3-1 win, tied Jim Jastifer's mark of 23 goals in a season.

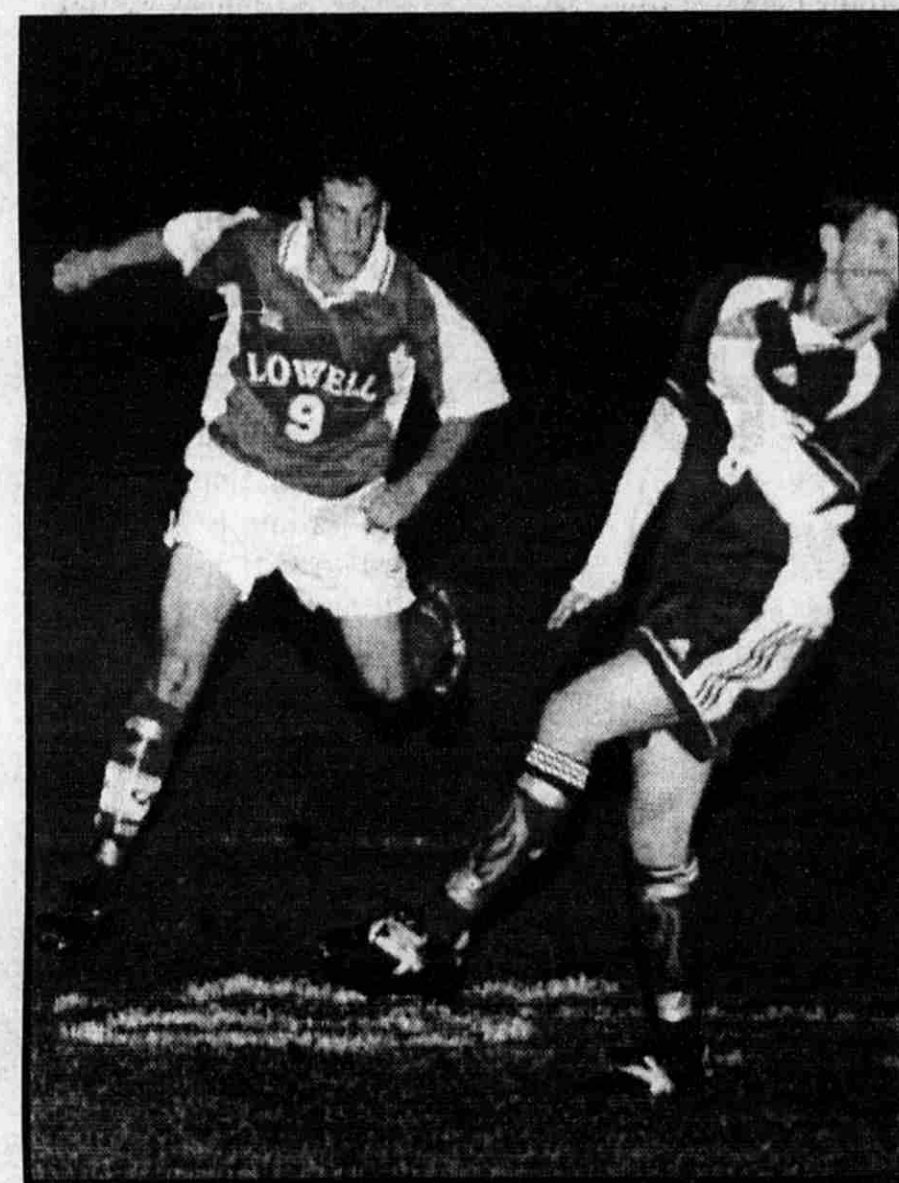
In its win over the Scots, Lowell benefited from strong performances by Cress, Zach Stauffer and goalie Josh Anderson.

"Cress (center midfielder) got a lot of shots for us and got an assist," Lincoln said.

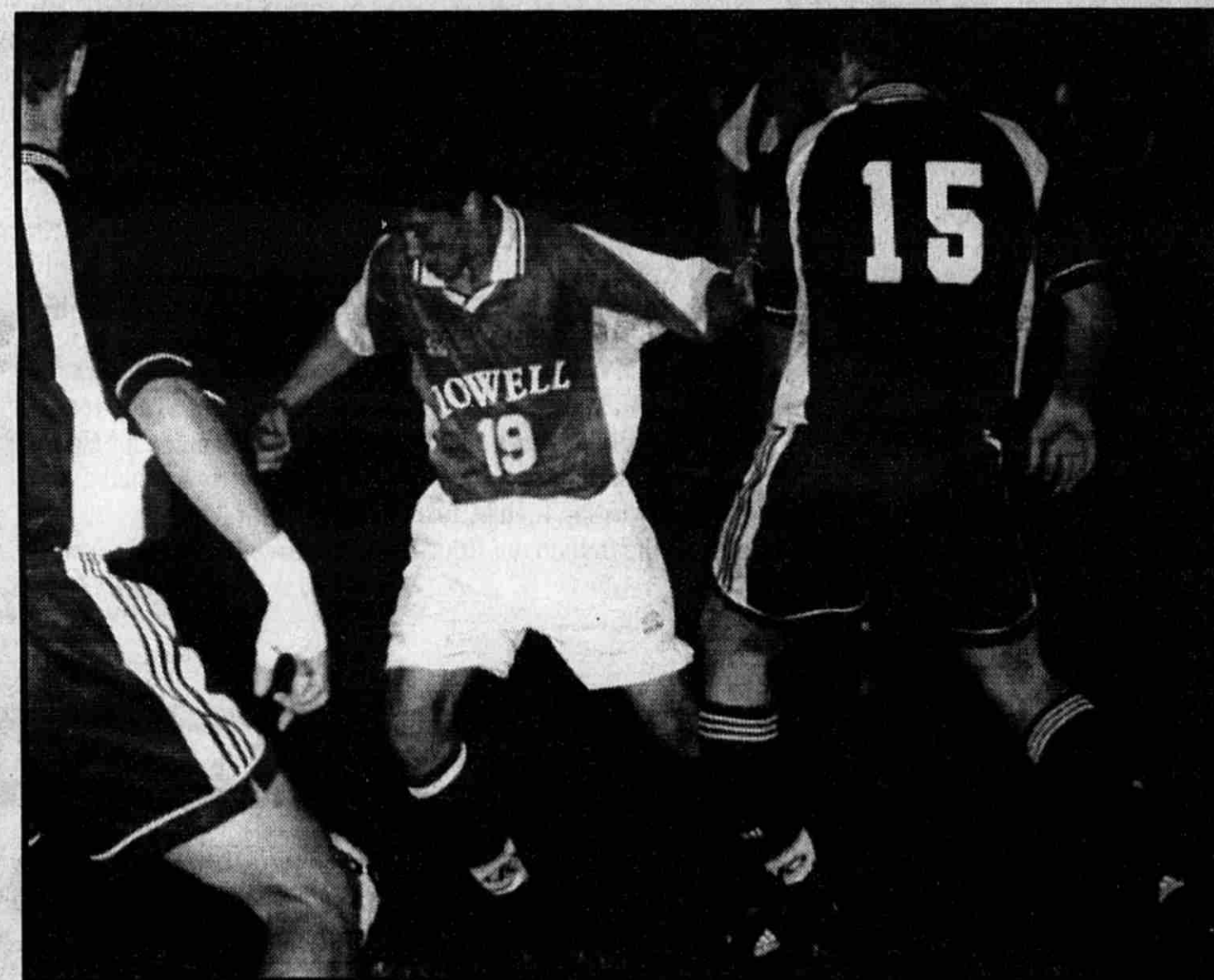
With the win, Lowell advances to play Greenville on Thursday.

Lincoln, junior varsity soccer coach, is coaching the varsity squad during its state tournament run. Head soccer coach, Paul Legge received a red card in Lowell's 1-0 loss to Hudsonville in the O-K White league tournament. Because it was his second one of the season, Legge is suspended from coaching in the state soccer tournament.

Shane Stokes holds back this Fight'n Scot. Stokes tallied Lowell's second goal at 6:23 in the second half.



Jeffrey Harrel (9) pressures his Caledonia counterpart.



Lowell's Shane Stokes battles for possession in first half high school district soccer action against Caledonia.

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Lowell bursts into playoffs on heels of 38-7 win over Harper Woods Notre Dame

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell closed the regular season portion of its 2001 football campaign with a nonconference 37-8 win over the visiting Fightin' Irish of Harper Woods Notre Dame.

With the victory, Lowell finished with an 8-1 record overall and a 5-1 (2nd) record in the O-K White. East Grand Rapids earned the championship outright Friday night with a 41-14 win over Zeeland.

The Red Arrows, despite being playoff-bound for a third consecutive year, were a bubble team heading into Sunday's pairing announcements. Lowell could have found itself in the Division II or III bracket.

"I think we'll end up Division III. If I could pick, it would probably be Division II," Lowell football coach, Noel Dean said following Friday night's win. "Division III has a larger number of better teams."

In fact, Division III has 12 teams who enter the playoffs without a loss. Lowell will square off against Wyoming Park. Both teams share identical records of 8-1. The Vikings share the

O-K Gold conference crown with Hastings. Both schools are former members of the O-K White.

Harper Woods' head football coach, Ed Belcrest had nothing but praise for Lowell and its football program.

"We scouted these guys a couple weeks ago, we knew they were a very tough football team," Belcrest explained. "In the last three weeks we've played Detroit Deppores, University of Detroit Jesuit and now Lowell. Those are three pretty good football teams. Lowell is a class act football program. The hospitality we've received has been second to none. I'd love to come back. This has been a great experience for my players."

The Red Arrows' hospitality wasn't as gracious on the field. Lowell rolled up 355 yards rushing on 36 carries or an average of just under 10 yards a carry.

Lowell found the end zone twice in the first half and added a 29-yard field goal by Matt Foster to take a 16-0 halftime lead.

The Red Arrows scored on their opening drive, march-

ing 44 yards in five plays with Nick Onan powering it in from six yards out.

Senior Travis DeVoid burrowed in from six yards in the opening minute of the second quarter to give Lowell a 13-0 advantage.

Foster split the uprights with his field goal in the final 90 seconds of the first half.

Harper Woods' Jonathan Johnson broke through the Lowell defensive front and raced 34 yards for HW Notre Dame's first and only score of the game. With a successful two-point conversion, the Irish were within eight at 16-8.

As it has done throughout much of the season, the Red Arrows responded and did so quickly. Mark Catlin, on a second down from the Red Arrow 40, broke through the line and raced 60 yards for a touchdown, giving Lowell a 23-8 lead.

On its next series, Lowell marched 66 yards in six plays with Catlin throwing a 14-yard touchdown pass to Bill Harrison, giving Lowell a 30-8 advantage.

The Red Arrows weren't finished, for on their next series they drove 92 yards in



Lowell's Travis DeVoid battles his way toward the end zone in Lowell's 38-7 win against Harper Woods Notre Dame.

seven plays with Catlin capping it off with a 29 yard touchdown run. He also had runs of 30 and 13 during the drive.

Catlin finished with 185 yards rushing and was 5-of-10 through the air for 61 yards,

one touchdown and two interceptions.

DeVoid ran for 55 yards and a touchdown. "Many people may not know this, but Travis has had to come back from some injuries they didn't hear about. He's finally getting healthier," Dean said.

Just in time for the playoffs which begin this weekend.

"This is the third dance in a row for some of these guys," Dean concluded.

Red Arrow/Viking game tickets go on sale Friday

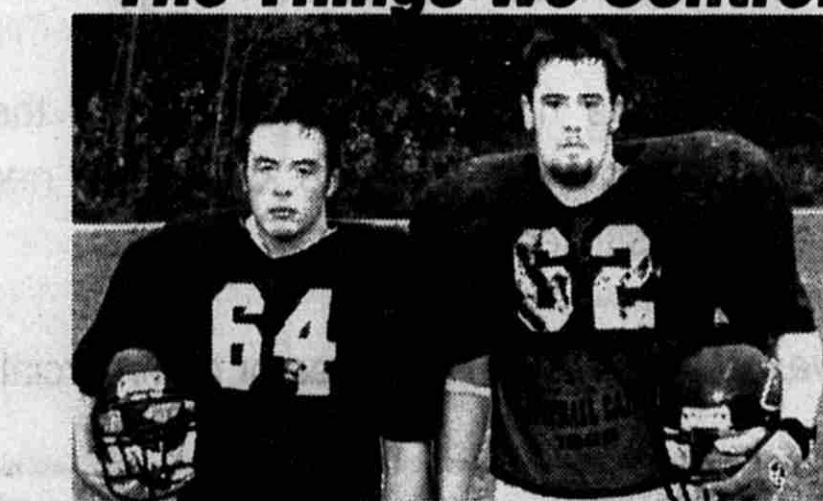
Lowell High School will host a first round playoff game in the Michigan High School Athletic Association football tournament.

The Red Arrows will host Wyoming Park on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets will be \$4 (no passes are accepted for state tournament games) and can be purchased in advance in the athletic office at the high school from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday only. The ticket window and gates will open at 6 p.m. and there is no reserved seating.

If you have any questions you can contact the athletic office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at 897-4442.

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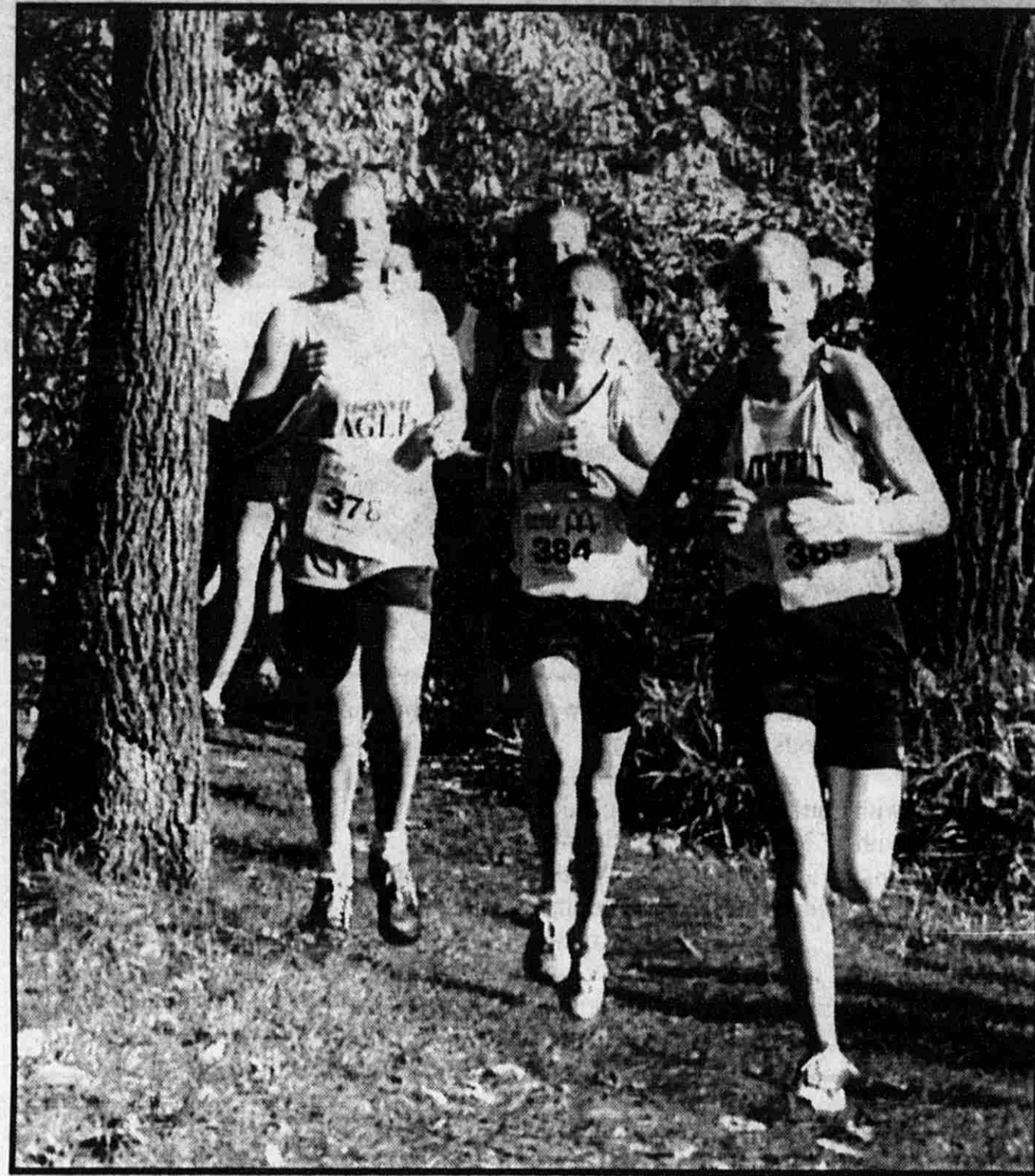
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Seniors who have played on the offensive line during the 2001 football season, front row, left to right, are: Jason Murray, offensive tackle; Ben Fleet, center; Jason Craig, center; back row, left to right, are: Jason Hill, guard; Logan Dykstra, tight end; Ben Vaught, offensive tackle; Pete DeBoer, tight end; and Kevin Klahn, offensive tackle.

Lowell's strong effort not enough as Huskies win cross country league title



Lowell's Holly Plattner and Sarah Swab get off to a quick start at Johnson Park on Saturday. Swab finished third and Plattner was 15th.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow girls cross country team saved its best performance of the year at Johnson Park for the O-K White conference meet on Saturday.

It wasn't enough, however, as Forest Hills Northern added a conference meet championship to its dual season championship as it edged the Red Arrows 38-43.

"It came down to their pack being a little tighter than ours," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "Our girls did a great job. It's the first time all year we've had all five runners finish under 22 minutes at Johnson Park."

The Red Arrows claimed three of the top five spots and led 10-15 with the fourth and fifth runners for both teams still out on the course.

Northern's Nicole Chambers was the meet's top runner, finishing the 3.1 mile course in 20:52.

Lowell's Lisa Wojciakowski was second, eight seconds in back of Chambers with a time of 21:00.

Red Arrow Sarah Swab finished third with a time of 21:05.

"Sarah, like all of the girls, ran her heart out," VanderWarf said.

Abbie Blanding was four seconds behind Swab as she stopped the clock in 21:09 and finished fifth overall.

Northern, however, bunched its two through five runners all within 18 seconds of one another and that proved to be the difference.

Danielle Underwood finished seventh overall, coming home in 21:14. Katie Closek came home in 21:15 and placed eighth.

Northern's fourth and fifth runners finished 10th and 11th respectively. Amanda Mason stopped the clock in 21:25 and Elissa Vermerris came off the course in 21:32.

"We have a lot of talented freshman runners but today it was our juniors that won it for us," said FHN cross country coach, Joe Curcuro. "We're ecstatic about the win. We've worked all year toward this goal and are thrilled to achieve it."

Lowell's fourth and fifth runners placed 15th and 18th respectively.

Holly Plattner came home in 21:46 and Natalie Kent finished in 21:52.

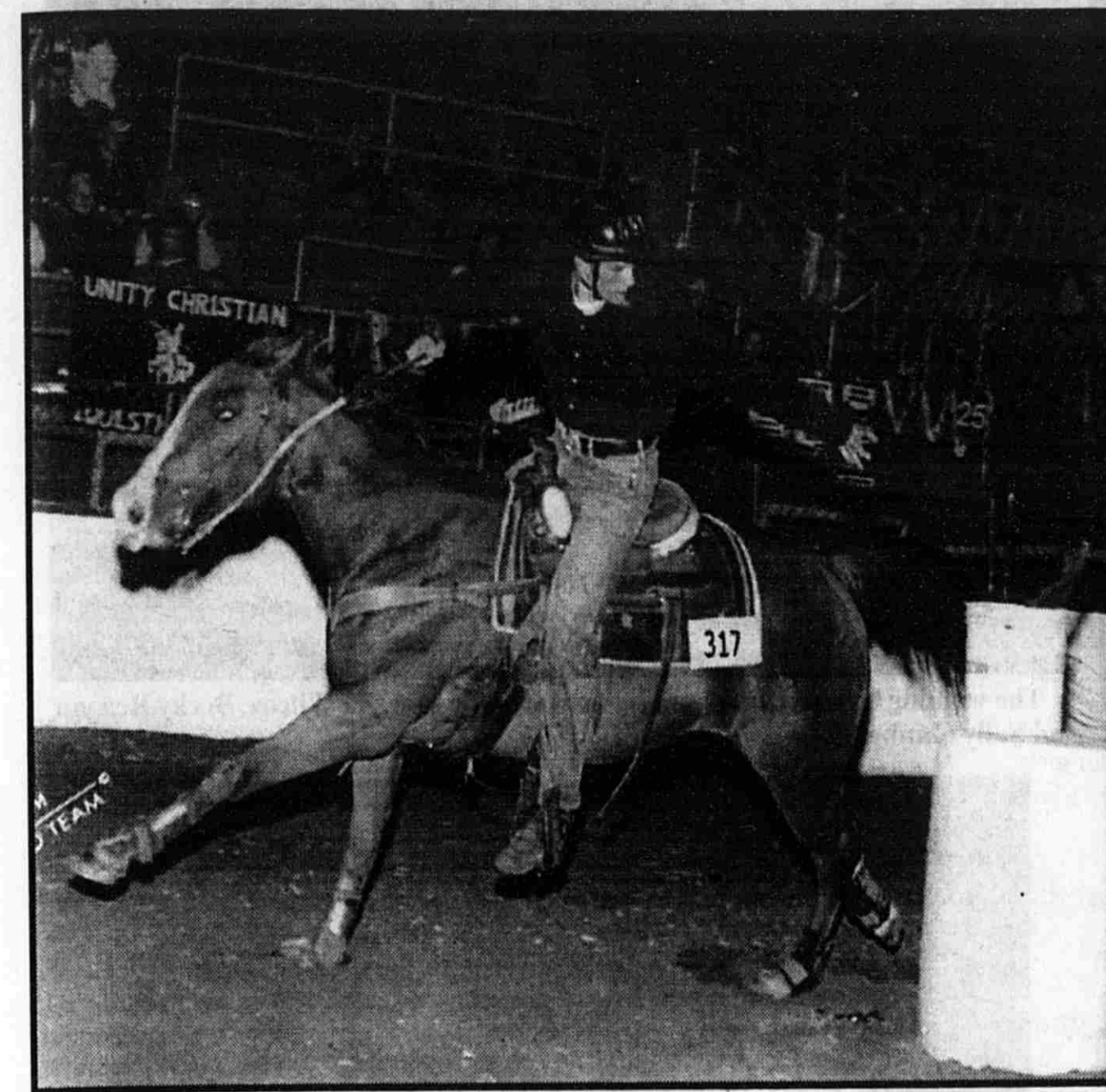
Lowell hosts the Division II regional on Saturday. The field will include defending state champion Middleville along with Holland Christian, East Grand Rapids, Caledonia and Grand Rapids Christian.

In the O-K White boys league meet, Zeeland edged East Grand Rapids 47-48.

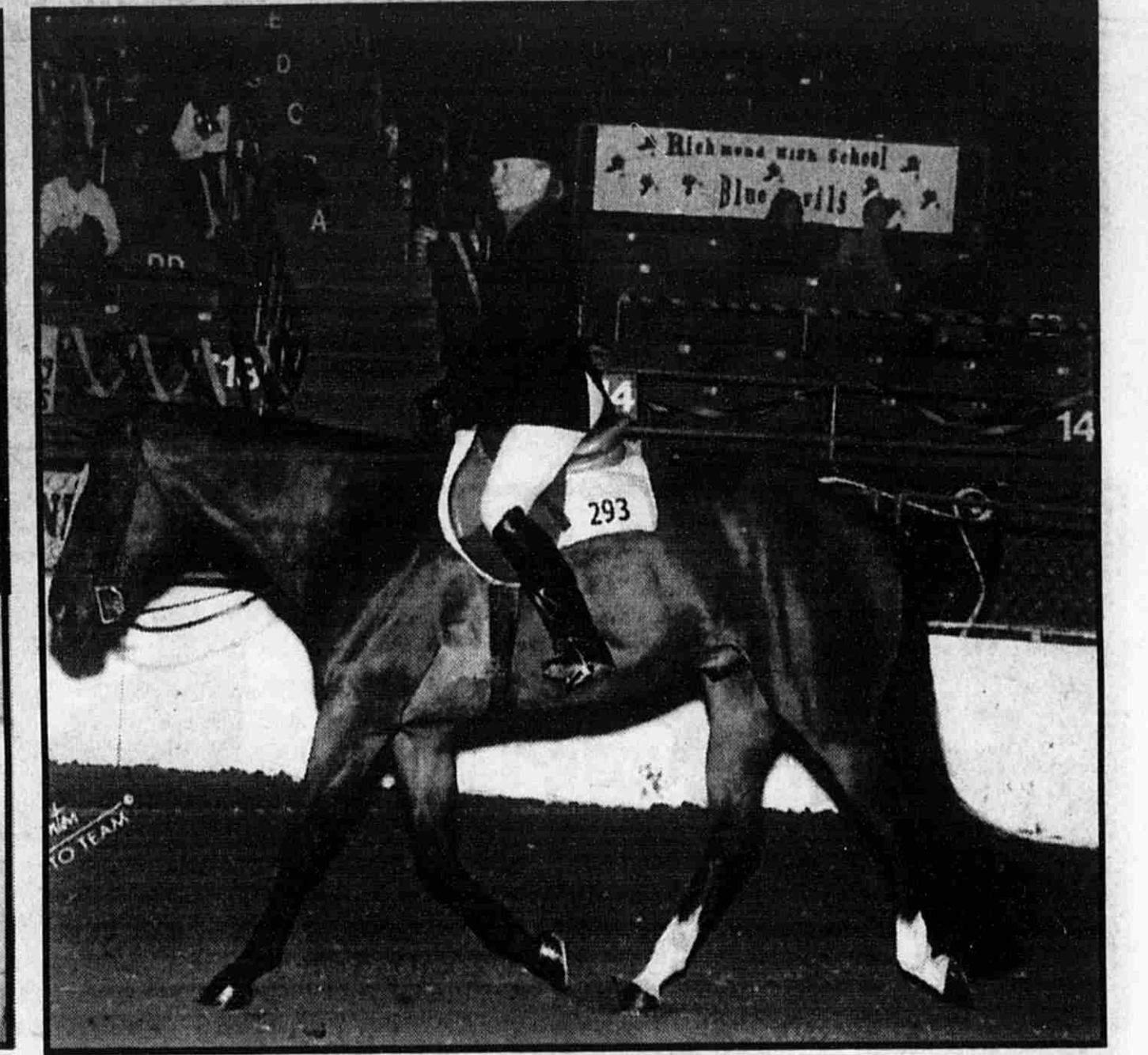
They were followed by Forest Hills Central 61, Forest Hills Northern 95, Northview 136, Hudsonville 137 and Lowell 161.

Leading the way for the Red Arrows was Steve Ellison. He placed 20th and came home in 18:45. Following Ellison were Scott Riddle (27th) 19:00; Nick Huizenga (36th) 19:36; Mitch Solon (38th) 19:55 and Dave Anderson (40th) 20:19.

"We got some good runs from Steve, Nick and Scott," said VanderWarf. "We're a young team and we're going to get better over the next two years."



Kirk Johnson claimed top honors in the flag race event at the state equestrian meet over the weekend. Johnson was riding his horse "Zip."



Jessica Hamp competes in the hunt seat equitation.

Slow start hampers Lowell's quest for second consecutive state crown

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell, the defending Class A state equestrian champion, recovered from a disappointing start to finish fifth in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association state meet.

Lowell was one of 18 teams competing in the Class A field.

"The team fought back all the way from 16th place to finish fifth," said Lowell equestrian coach, Gail Parker. Howell won the state title and Caledonia placed second.

It was the 16th time in 20 years that Lowell has competed at the state level.

"We really found some deeper competition this year in some events," Parker explained. "Some classes had from 50-68 entries."

The team of Lowell seniors, Jasmine Steele, Jessica Richardson and Molly Balaam, along with sophomore Jessica Hamp placed in each of the western, hunt, and saddle seat showmanship classes with a total of 34 points.

In the equitation over fences, Lowell senior Jeanie Dunn and sophomore Lisa Roth posted 17 points. Richardson also tallied 17 points for Lowell in the hunt seat equitation class. Dunn scored nine points in the hunt seat bareback finals.

Freshman Julie Dunn also qualified for the finals.

Jessica Hamp, western bareback rider, placed under both judges as she brought in 11 points and scored again in trail class along with team rider Katelyn Bush.

Senior Kelsey Scheider made the finals in saddle seat, hunt seat and western bareback.

Lowell placed in all four state speed events. Answering the need for speed were seniors Kirk Johnson, Michelle Strzyzewski, and Balaam, and freshman Kim Vandenberg. "We fought back all the way from 16th place to seventh going into the final event," Parker explained.

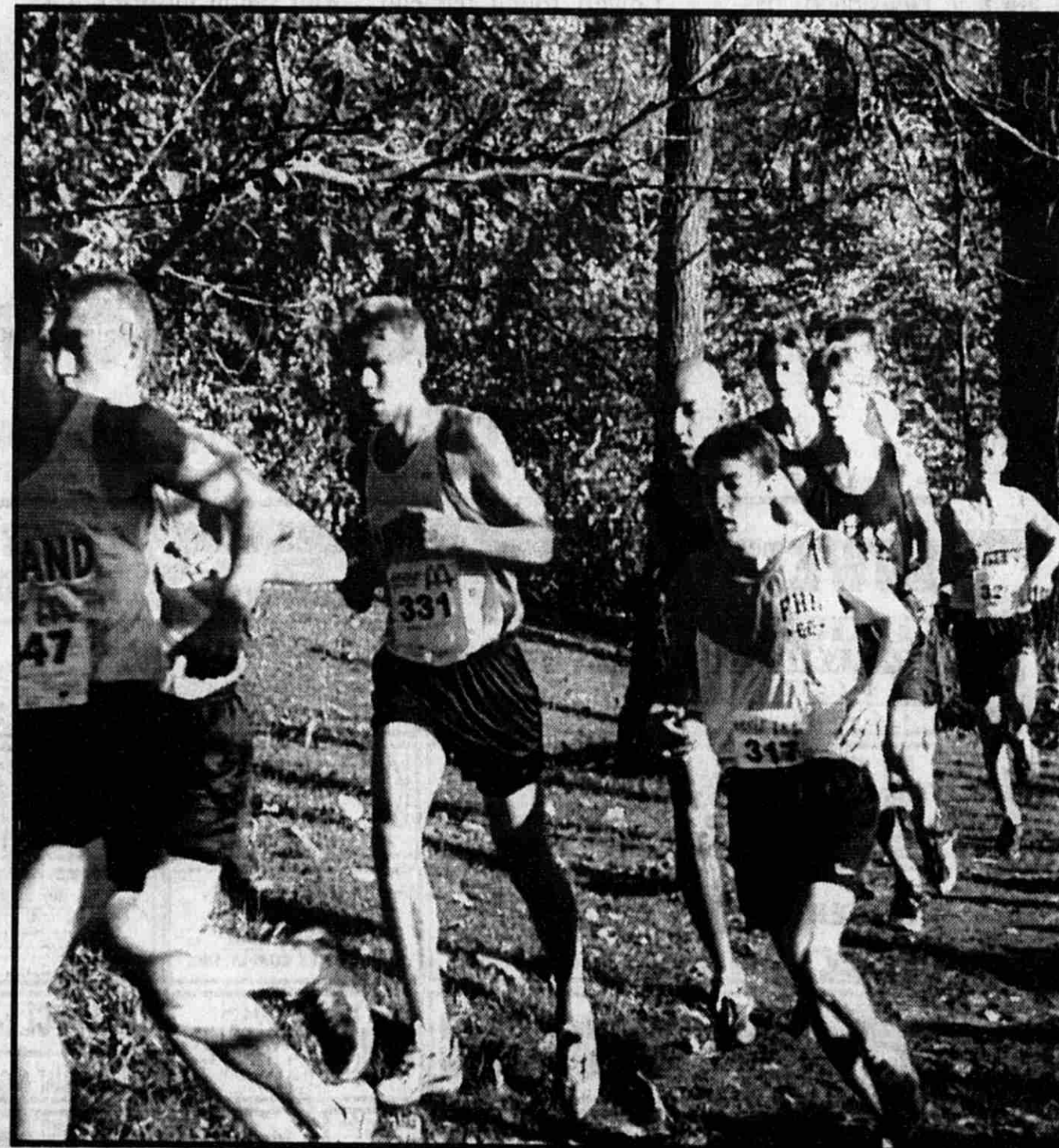
The senior team of Strzyzewski and Balaam made the second round and placed sixth overall.

Johnson and Vandenberg ran a pair of outstanding runs, scoring a third in the semifinals and an 11.806 time to place second in the finals.

Johnson also scored a first out of 61 riders in the flag race with a time of 11.81 seconds, repeating his win from last year in the same event.

High point riders for Lowell were Hamp and Johnson with 39 points each.

"It has been a pleasure and an honor working with these young riders and their families," said Parker. "They represent Lowell proudly and with their talent and their sportsmanship."



Steve Ellison runs with the front of the pack early on during the O-K White league meet.

STARTING TIMES

In the cross country regional meet on Saturday at Lowell High School, the Red Arrow boys will run at 11:30 a.m. and the Lowell girls' race begins at 12:30. The regional begins at 11 a.m.

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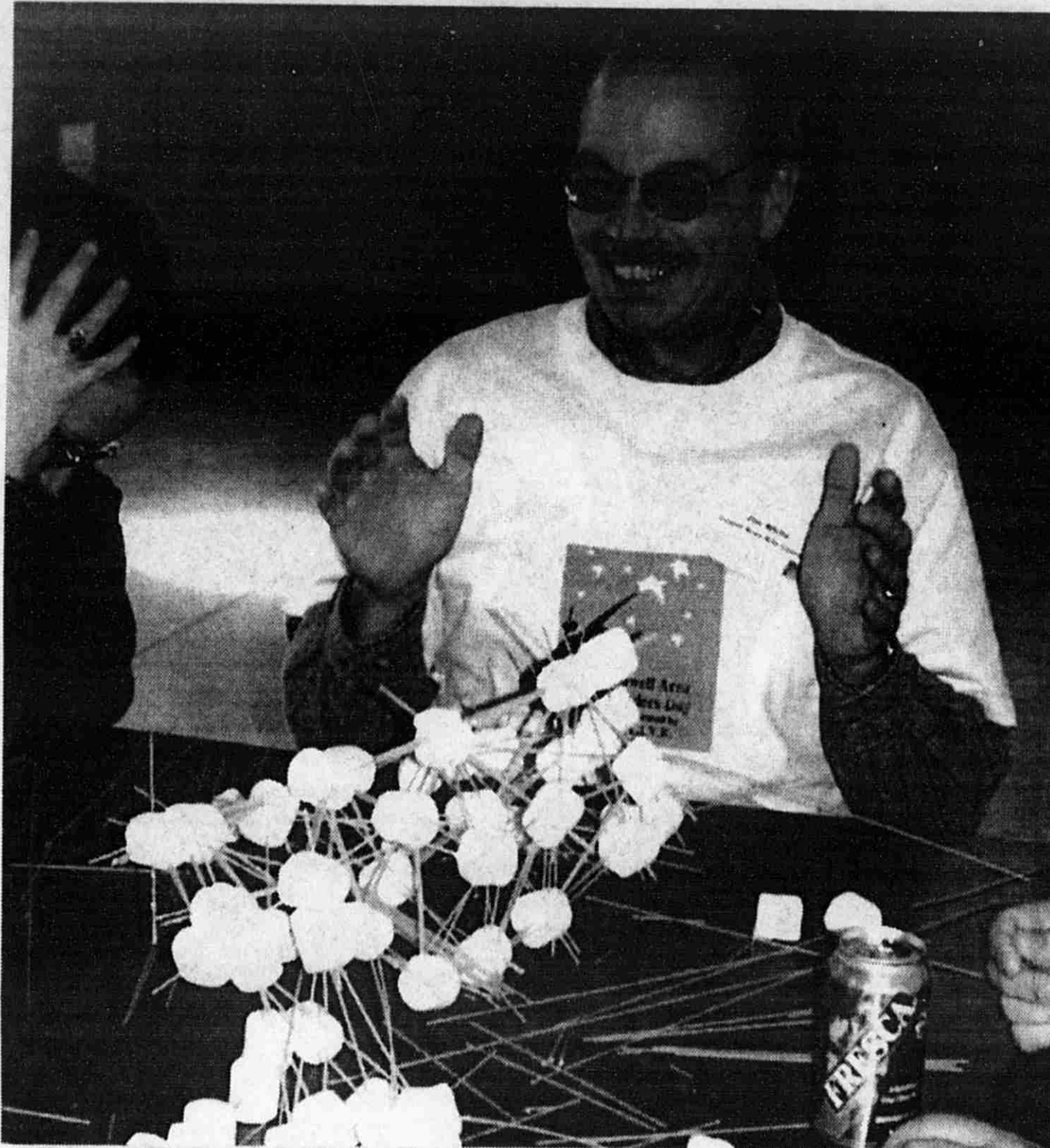
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October 9	October 10
October 16	October 17
October 23	October 24
October 30	October 31
November 6	November 7
November 13	November 14
November 20	November 21
November 27	November 28

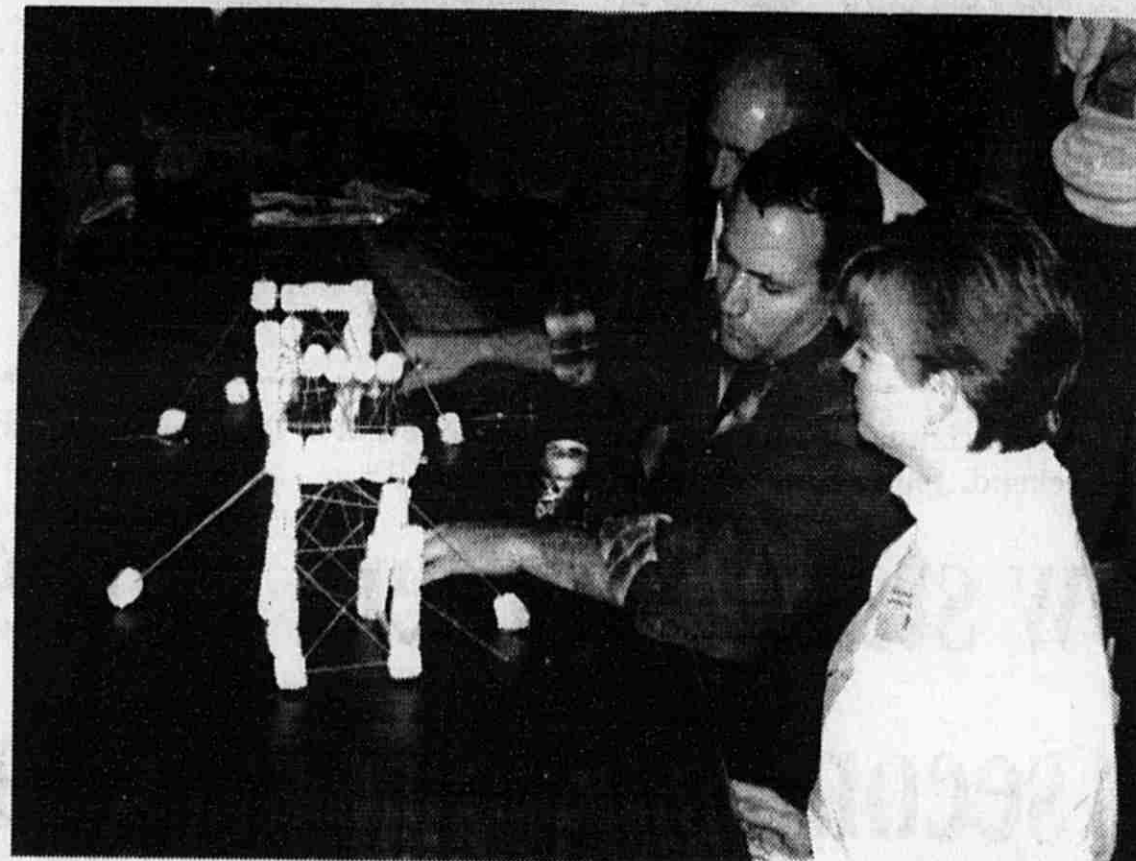




White's (Jim) bridge collapsed long before final inspection.



The winning bridge, in part, was constructed by Marsha Wilcox, Becky Reagan and Sally Gunberg.



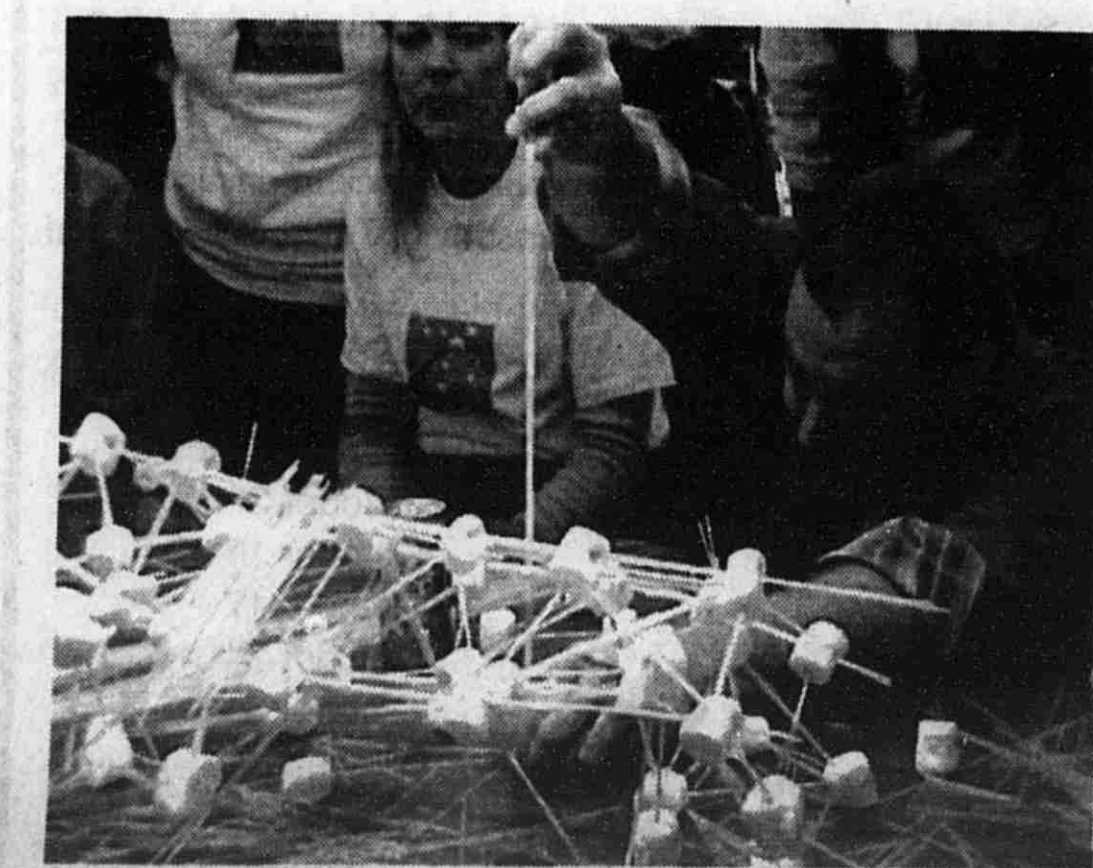
Jimmy Nelson checks to see that bridge; specifications were met.



Becky Reagan and Mary Stone busy themselves building the winning bridge.

Building Leaders

Bridge by Bridge



Standing on a beam, the group's charge was to arrange themselves in alphabetical order without stepping off the beam.

Lowell leaders spend day involved in team-building exercises

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A diverse group of Lowell business leaders, educators and volunteers gathered at Camp Manitou-Lin Friday to participate in leadership activities to enhance communication and listening

skills as well as improve working together in group settings.

"For a community to come together and work together is unique," said group facilitator, Jimmy Nelson. "Normally we get educational and corporate staffs."

There were 37 Lowell

residents who participated in the all-day event. They broke up into three groups. The activities included high-low rope courses, Tee-pees shuffle, human Bingo and a bridge-building exercise involving spaghetti and marshmallows. "The activities require groups to work together to get a result. They require creativity and that everyone get involved and offer ideas," Nelson said. "They also break

down personal barriers and get people to think out of the box and to talk to one another."

The different activities garnered a variety of different emotions.

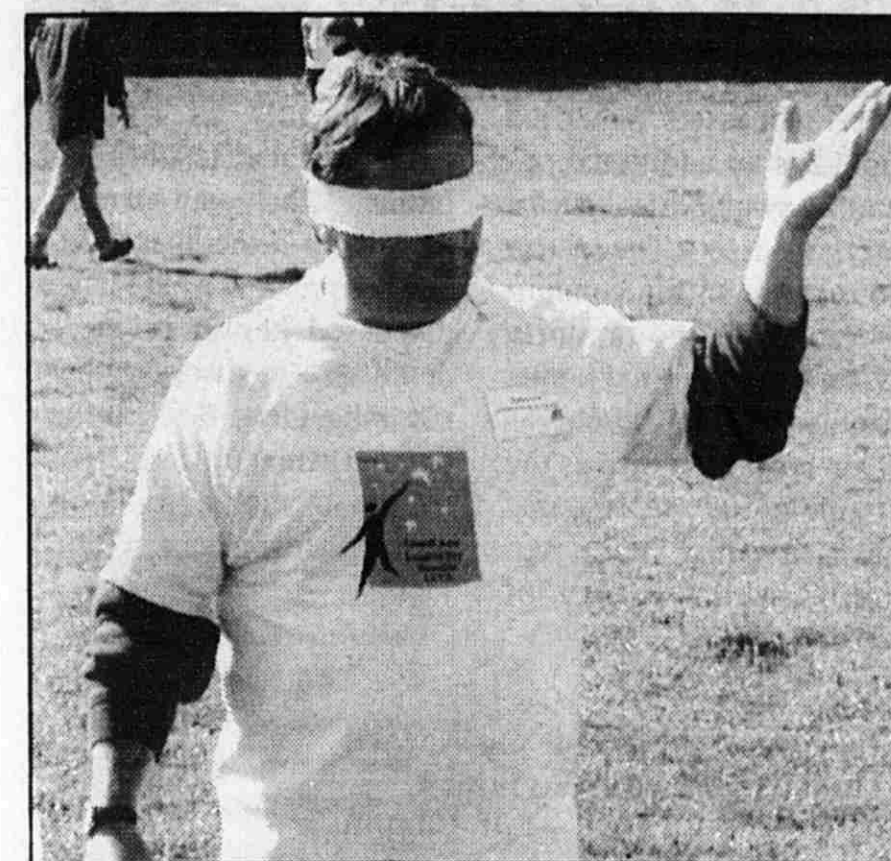
Mark Blanding, school board vice president, said the activities showed him that support of others is important and that good directions are vital.

Jim Hall, Lowell Planning Commission chairperson, said the activities showed that in a group no one person is more important than the other. The whole is more important than its parts.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker called the Leaders Day event a great experience and opportunity for the community. "The participants learned the importance of listening, communication, being creative, stepping outside your comfort zone, and working together as a team to achieve what sometimes is perceived as being an impossible chal-

lenge. It is our hope that we will be able to continue offering these kinds of programs in the future," said Nelson.

Lowell Leaders Day was sponsored by the Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence and funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund.



Unable to pickup his instructions, Jack Lane, without a white flag, raises his hand instead.

CITY OF LOWELL GENERAL ELECTION

TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City General Election will be held in the

CITY OF LOWELL
County of Kent, State of Michigan
On
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001

At the Following locations:

Precinct #1: Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe
Precinct #2: Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson

If you are unsure of your precinct, please call Lowell City Hall, 897-8457 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT - CITY GENERAL ELECTION

COUNCILMEMBERS
(Vote for not more than three)

CANDIDATES
Alan J. Mathews
Charles R. Myers
James L. Pfaller
C. Jeanne Shores

AND

COUNCILMEMBER
TO FILL A VACANCY ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2003
(Vote for not more than one)

CANDIDATE
Daniel C. Brubaker

On the City General Election, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will receive four (4) year terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will receive the two (2) year term.

Notice to Persons with special needs (as defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act). The City of Lowell has made every effort to make every voting site accessible. If for any reason you are still prevented from voting in your precinct due to physical barriers, please contact Betty Morlock, City Clerk at 897-8457 for assistance or call the Michigan Relay Center TDD #1-800-649-3777.

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8:00 P.M. ON SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

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LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Lowell Area Fire Department will be accepting sealed bids until Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the purchase of a 1250 gallon Pumper Fire Apparatus in accordance with the Lowell Area Fire Dept. specifications. Send to Lowell Area Fire Department, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 and marked "PUMPER FIRE APPARATUS BID" on outside of envelope. All bids are to remain firm and shall not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from date of bid opening. Contact Fire Chief Frank Martin at 616-897-8135 for specifications and details on bidding.

The Lowell Area Fire Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the Department. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the Department's interest will be better served.



Frank W. Martin
Lowell Area Fire Chief

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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: My father was diagnosed a couple of years ago with Alzheimers Disease. I am quite concerned about what will happen with my parents' finances because my mother will soon need to find help for my father and he will probably end up in a nursing home some day. My mother is afraid of losing their whole life savings and I wondered if you might have any suggestions for their CD's and IRA's. She works with several banks in the area and none of them have been very helpful.

JONATHAN SAYS: I assume from your question that

your parents did not purchase long term care insurance and as a result in the event your father needs to be placed in a care facility, they will need to pay for that out of their own pocket. As you probably already know, the cost of that care can be very costly and devastating to a couple's finances. There are certain steps your parents can take now to try to minimize their exposure to these costs, and I would encourage them to meet with an attorney who specializes in Medicaid and asset protection.

Generally speaking, in order to qualify for Medicaid, an applicant must meet several eligibility requirements.

Since every state has its own eligibility requirements, this answer will focus on Michigan's requirements only. Also, in this answer I will focus on only one of those categories of eligibility, i.e., financial eligibility.

In Michigan, for a single person to satisfy the asset eligibility requirement, his or her assets can be no more than \$2,000. For a married couple, their combined assets can be no more than \$3,000.

When determining the amount of assets a couple has for the purpose of qualifying one of the individuals for Medicaid, only countable assets are not included, i.e., exempt assets, when making this determination. Assets which are determined to be exempt assets include the following:

1. A home.
2. One vehicle.

3. Household goods and personal effects regardless of value.

4. Certain prepaid funeral contracts and burial space.

One of the planning opportunities is to spend or convert excess countable assets into exempt assets, a married couple has an additional opportunity available to them for preserving assets. The spouse who remains in the community, i.e., the community spouse, can retain the home, the other exempt assets, as well as what is known as the community spouse resource allowance, which in the year 2000 was the greater of

\$16,824 or one-half of the couple's total countable assets, up to a maximum of \$84,120. The spouse who is in a nursing home may retain up to \$2,000 of countable assets.

As you can see, based on the discussion above, there are certain planning opportunities available to your parents that can help protect their assets to a certain extent. Depending upon their needs, there are other planning opportunities in which they may engage that I have not discussed in this answer. Consequently, as I previously indicated, I highly recommend that your parents meet with a Medicaid specialist to review what I have discussed herein in more detail and to discuss other planning ideas that can be utilized to maximize the protection available for your parents' resources. Good luck.

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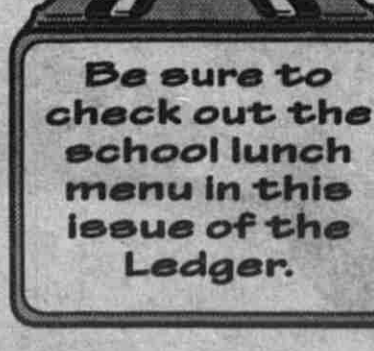
SKI PATROL SKI SWAP - Nov. 8-10, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Nov. 11, noon-5 p.m. Cannonsburg Ski area.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMAN'S CLUB SIGHT-IN - Nov. 3, 4 & 10 & 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Supervised & assisted. \$5 per gun. 11400 Foreman Rd, Lowell. For info call Herm Westrate, 897-9479.

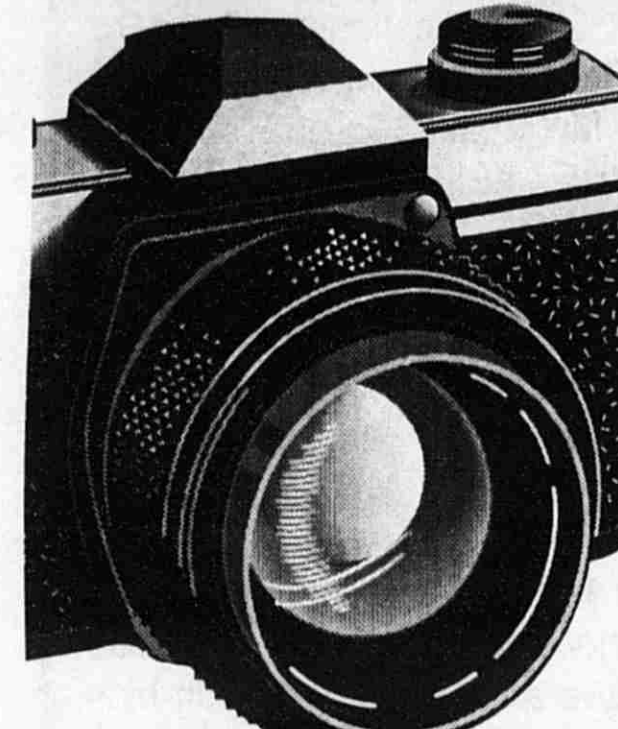
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Wed., Oct. 31

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CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 01 - 4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.13 NON-CONFORMING USES OF CHAPTER 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS - ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

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

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:
Section 1. Amendment of Appendix A, Chapter 4, Section 4.13. Requirement I of Section 4.13 of Chapter 4 of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

I. Non Conforming Residential Structures
1. A non-conforming residential structure may be increased as long as the parallel line of the structure does not encroach any closer than conditions that presently exist. By doing so, they may not create any new non-conformities on any other setback requirements.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after notice of its adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

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

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: October 15, 2001
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Lowell, Michigan, certify that the above ordinance is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Lowell City Council held on October 15, 2001, pursuant to notice given in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and notice of its adoption, including a summary of its contents, was published in the Lowell Ledger on October 24, 2001. I further certify that the above ordinance was entered into the Ordinance Book of the City on October 15, 2001, and was effective November 3, 2001, ten (10) days after its publication.

Dated: October 15, 2001
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

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No "Heiding" biker's enjoyment of chili run

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

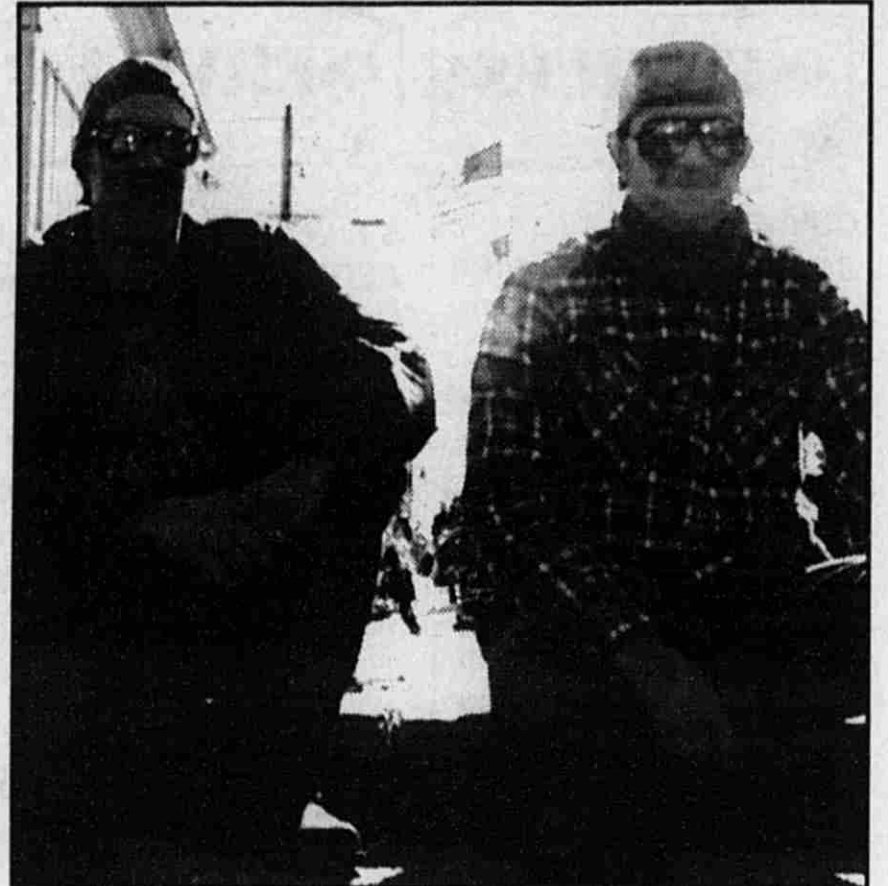
Riding his Harley Road King with his vintage 35-year-old chipped mustard-colored helmet, Tommy Heid and an entourage of approximately 370 other bikers descended upon Alto Saturday afternoon as part of the annual Tommy Heid Chili Run.

"The helmet is older than some of the bikers," Heid said. "This chili run has been going on for 25 years. We missed a couple of years in there."

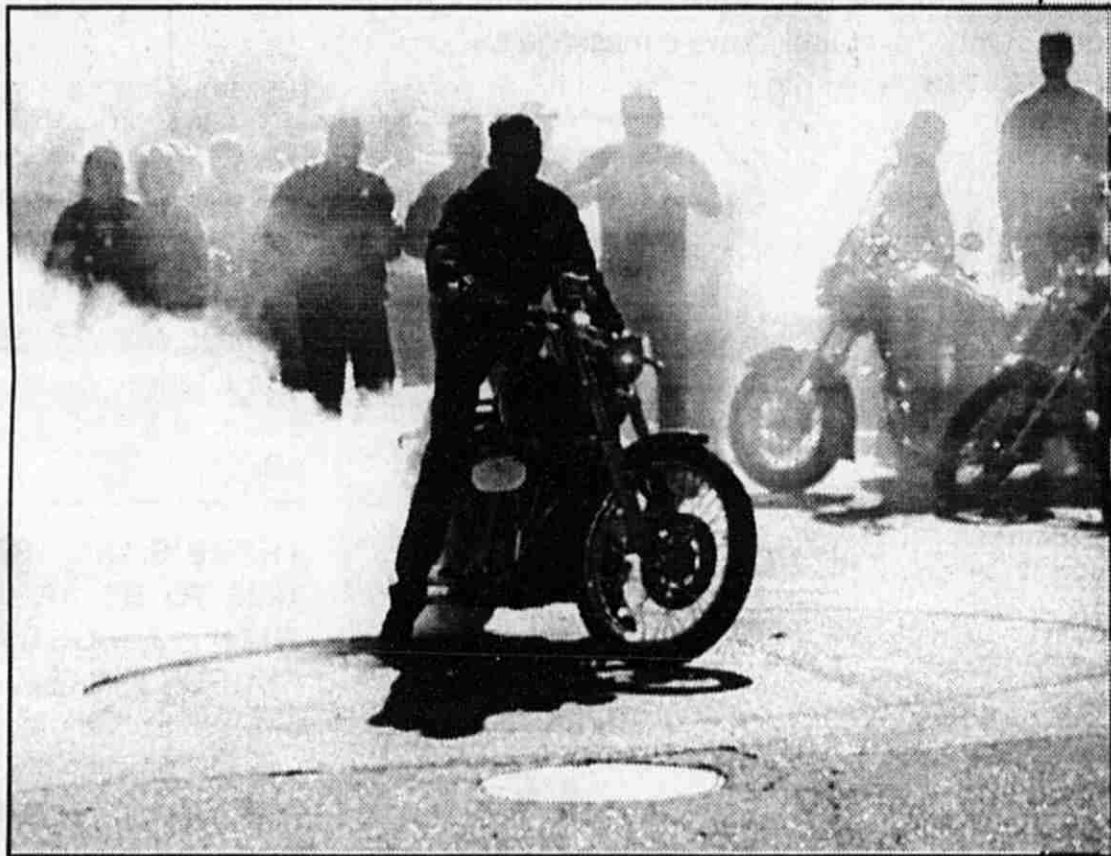
Alto was one of a handful of stops along the way to Heid's house on Gun Lake, known affectionately by the participants as Heid's Beach. Awaiting their arrival were vats of chili.

This year's ride raised money for the relief fund for New York City firefighters and policemen.

Every biker was asked to donate \$5; 50-50 raffles were held throughout the day and flags and T-shirts were sold.



Mark Holtzma, left, of South Haven and Bill Caine of Plainwell. This was Caine's first year participating in the chili run.



Tommy Heid

"Our biggest number of bikers was 500 (when it was held in Cassopolis years ago)," Heid explained. "Riding provides us an opportunity to help somebody out."

Heid said he first started riding in 1952 at the age of 19. The Gun Lake resident still races. "I take part in the Vintage Road Race in Daytona Beach."

It is 20 miles in length. Heid says during the races he reaches speeds of 150 miles an hour.

"This year I started in row 19, six rows wide and finished 5th overall," Heid said. "Riding and racing bikes is a thrill and a lot of fun."

