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They'll Be Missed

••• The tragic deaths of Keith Krey and Brett Taylor impacted diverse groups of LHS students.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the ninth time in four years, Lowell High School has been left to mourn the death of a student(s).

"This is the most difficult thing to deal with," said Lowell acting superintendent, Jim White, standing outside the high school Thursday morning.

News came late Wednesday night, early Thursday morning of the accident. "I received a call at 2:30 a.m. Thursday," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw. "Our building has been hit hard with student deaths over the last number of years."

This phone call was for Keith Krey and Brett Taylor who perished in a head-on accident on Alden Nash Ave. north of 36th St. in Lowell Township.

Heather Kohtz, LHS biology/life science teacher, was the last school contact the young men had as they left the high school Wednesday night.

"I saw them in the parking lot as they were leaving the powder puff game. They said, 'See you tomorrow,' and then Keith asked if we're going to the Wittenbach Center. He really liked what we did over there," she explained.

Kohtz learned of the accident at an emergency staff meeting Thursday morning. "Hearing those words just gives you a sick feeling," Kohtz explained. "Then I had to tell a class of 27 students. It makes me sick to my stomach."

Renee Sisson, a second cousin to Krey and a friend of Taylor, was still trying to sort things out on Friday. "I've had reoccurring dreams throughout much of my life that I or Sidney (Snyder) would die first. I never thought it would be Brett. I would do anything to bring him back for Jill (mother) and Sydney (special friend)."

Kohtz described Krey as a very positive, happy person bound with energy.

"He was never a behavioral problem. Keith and Brett were leaders. Other students looked up to them and respected them," Kohtz said. "They will truly be missed."

Vashaw spoke of the impact the young men had made.

"I'm taken by how these boys affected such diverse groups and grades," he explained. "From athletes to non-athletes."

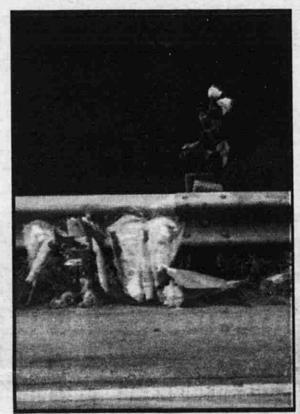
Thursday was a time for students to grieve and try to make sense of such a terrible accident. Social workers, counselors, members of the ministerium, and representatives from the Lowell Police Department were available to help students in search of support and comfort.

Taylor's mother, Jill Wenger spoke of her son's musical talents. "He was a really good drummer and had zillions of friends," Wenger said over the phone. "Brett was a non-judgmental person who was fun and friendly."

His bright personality may only have been matched by his hair. "He colored his hair all the time. He wanted to be himself... and to be different," Sisson explained.

Taylor was supposed to play at the Liquid Room this past weekend with his band, "Assailants." "He was the best drummer and he ate up playing for people," Sisson explained.

Krey had a talent for art. The junior, who at-



Flowers were placed at the site of the fatal accident Thursday morning.



Brett Taylor's drum sat beside band director, Bob Rice during halftime of Friday's game with Northview.



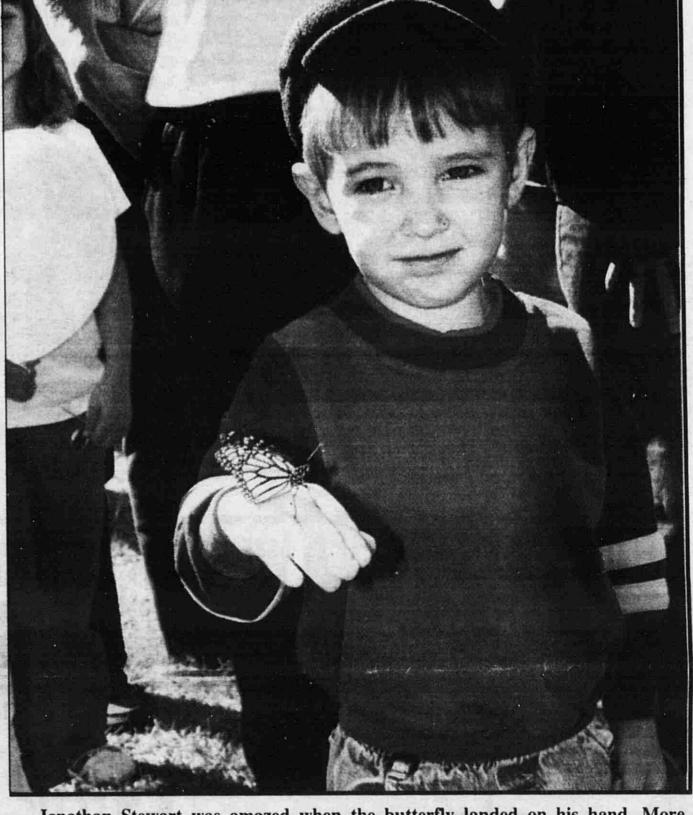
Heavy hearts wept.

tended the Kent County Technical Center, had aspirations of someday being a graphic designer.

"A group of us had decided that when we turned 18 we were going to have a piece of his art turned into a tattoo," Sisson said. "He was just a sweet guy."

The junior was described as a

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Jonathan Stewart was amazed when the butterfly landed on his hand. More Fallasburg Fall Festival pictures, page 11.

Picture Courtesy of Bruce Doll

Parents vocal about keeping school's holiday traditions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Exposing children to a more diverse scope of celebrations has been met with a broad swipe of criticism from parents.

"The idea of changing the parties other than Halloween was in name only," said Cherry Creek Elementary principal, Maureen Dorough. "The group opposing that has been very verbal, and good resolve has come out of it."

In putting forth the proposal, Dorough says she made too many assumptions and should have used more avenues to communicate the plan.

"I think the plan has evolved into a more diverse celebration. I do not believe that was the original intent," said school district parent, Cindy Kehoe.

As long-standing traditions and cultures, Kehoe believes it is important that the holiday party names remain the same.

"If the change in name is

not that significant, as they now want us to believe, why change the name at all?" asks Kehoe.

Talk of change initiated over the last year (2001-02) when Cherry Creek Elementary administrators looked at the Halloween party.

"We had over 1,000 people (850 of those were kids) in the building. We had parents coming into the building with masks on. We had neighbors picking up children," Dorough explained.

"It was a safety and security issue."

The Lowell parents speaking out against the changes understand the safety concern brought up with Halloween. "I can see the safety issue, but you will still have that issue even if you change the name," Kehoe said.

Lowell parent Ed Hawks added that security issues of checking in and out with the office need to be enforced.

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OBITUARIES

CHIPMAN (Watters) - Lucy Watters; grandchildren Jacquelyn and Robert Hiatt with his Lord September 25, Marguerite Ruth Chipman of Max III, Chandy, Michelle of Papillion, Neb.; stepdaugh- 2002. He was preceded in Church of Lowell. Grand Rapids passed away at (Mike) Truszkowski, Sarah Metropolitan Hospital Sun- (Jeremy) Cosby and Nate; Ohio, Patricia Moffit of Onan. Keith is survived by day morning, September 22, great-granddaughter Kelli. A Saginaw, Mich., Lucy Penney his loving parents Edward and 2002. She was preceded in private burial was held Sep- of Springfield, Neb.; 23 Margaret Krey; brothers Kurt death by her husband Leroy tember 24 at Oakwood Cem- grandchildren; 27 great- and Ryan; sister Kristyn; day, September 25, 2002. He L. Chipman Jr.; brothers etery in Lowell. Stanley, Raymond, Richard and Bob. Surviving are her DeWITT - Laurna C., aged Carmen Roudabush of Low- great-grandmother Jessie drummer. He was planning daughter Linda Colley; son 80, of Omaha, Neb., has ell, sister Beaulah Geldersma Herrman; great-grandfather Gary (Jeanne) Chipman; Max passed away. She is survived Colley Jr.; sister Barb by sons and daughters-in-law Evelyn Roudabush of Low- uncles and cousins. He loved

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Robert Palermo, all of Omaha, aged 17, of Lowell, went to be ters Linda Peek of Defiance, death by his grandfather Hugh grandchildren; brother and grandparents Winnie Onan, was a junior at Lowell High siter-in-law Virgil and Edward R. and Sandra Krey; School. He was an excellent of Kent City; sister-in-law Floyd Mitz; many aunts, ell. She was preceded in death his artwork and music, and by her husband Douglas valued his friends. Funeral

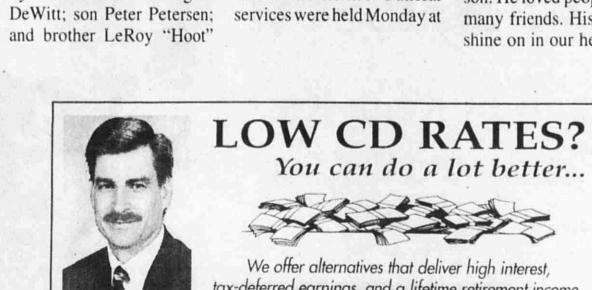
survived by his mom and Lowell, Pastor W. Lee Taystepfather Jill and John Wenger; his dad and steplor, Pastor Burland mother Bill and Liz Taylor; Margesson, Pastor Keith his best friend Sydney Snyder; McIver officiating. Interment and Tony Manna, Doris and KREY - Keith Edward Krey, Oakwood Cemetery. Memohis brother and special friend Brandon Taylor and Brenda rial contributions may be Haagensen; his brother Jerry; made to the First Baptist his sister Corrina; his stepbrother Brandon Micheal; his grandparents; plenty of aunts, TAYLOR - Brett Anthony Taylor, aged 16, died of acciuncles and cousins, and many special friends. We will miss dental injuries on Wedneshim more than words can tell A celebration of Brett's life on Saturday, September 28. on moving to California after Contributions may be made in Brett's name to the Lowell graduating to pursue his drumming career. He was an hon-Performing Arts Center, Low-

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son. He loved people and had

many friends. His spirit will

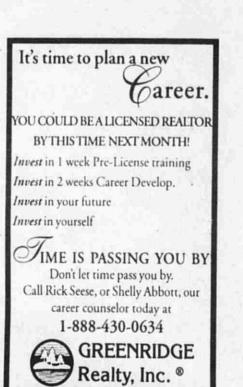
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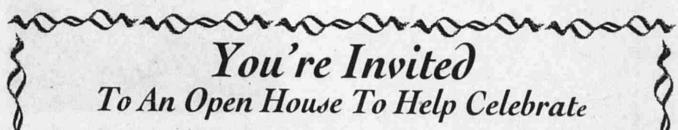
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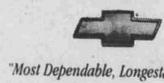
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Lowell Area Historical Museum & the Kent District Library join to present, "The Arrival of a Fur Trader", a re-enactment of the arrival of the fur traders as they arrived by canoe on the Flat River and established trading camps, at 1:00pm on October 12, all ages. Come have fun with history! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library & the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The Lowell Area Arts Council presents, "Steel Magnolias", a comedy/drama at Larkin's-The Other Place. Show dates are October 24-27 and November 1-3. Get your tickets early!		Flat River Woodcarvers Mtgs. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30rw@LAAC TOTS: "Parenting With Love & Logic" class begins (5 classes). 6:30-8:00pm. \$8 fee for the course, includes workbook. Call 897-1232.	Flat River Rug Hookers Mtgs. Wednesdays, 11-3PM@LAAC LACC: Retailer's Mtg. @ Chamber Office, 8:00AM YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, A group with an emphasis on abilities, not disability. 1- 3:00PM. \$10 fee, weekly. KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, ages 3-6. 1:30PM	KDL (Lwl): Family Storytime, ages 3-6. 10:30AM TOTS: Mommy's Night Off, call 897- 1232. 6:30-8:00PM Lowell Area Schools NO SCHOOL TODAY	4	Saturday, 12- 2:00PM, B-B-Q lunch, \$4 ea. Nature books & binoculars to use! Trout Unlimited Jr., 9:00-Noon (Please RSVP) LAAC: Patio Stones Workshop, 11-1:30PM. Call 897-8545. FHS: The School House & Misner Museum open EVERY Saturday & Sunday, from 1-6:00PM
LAAC/FLPC: Opening Reception for the joint Exhibition: "Breaking Boundaries with Pencil", at the LAAC Gallery & the Franciscan Life Center. 1:30-3:30pm FHS: The School House & Misner Museum open from 1-6:00pm	KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, ages 3-6. 10:30AM KDL (Lwl): Family Storytime, ages 3-6. 1:30PM LAS: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00PM	Flat River Woodcarvers Migs. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30rw@tAAC KDL (Lwt): Book Club, 10:00AM. The book, "Addie" by Mary Lee Settle, will be discussed. KDL (Lwt): Fall Story- time Special, "Meet Corduroy", ages 6 and under. 6:30PM TOTS: Fall Harvest Festival, call 897-1232. 6:30-7:30PM	Flat River Rug Hookers Migs. Wednesdays, 11-3pm@LAAC YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00pm. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Fall Storytime Special, "Meet Corduroy", ages 6 and under. 1:30pm	KDL (Lwl): Family Storytime, ages 3-6. 10:30AM	11	LACC: Harvest Celebration, Craft Show & Scarecrow Clinic at the Lowell Fairgrounds and on Main St. 10AM-5PM KDL (Alto): Super Science Saturday, ages 6&>. 10:00AM KDL (Alto): Homeschool Open House, 11:00AM LAAC: Beg. Fused Jewelry (1 of 2), 11-1:30PM. 897-8545. KDL (Lwt) & LAHM: "Arrival of a Fur Trader", 1:00PM, on the river outside of the Lowell library. VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if sky is clear! 8:30-11:30PM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1, 897-7065
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of Lowell. Matron of honor was Deborah Philipps. Bridesmaids were Denise Arredondo and Dericka

Andrew Milley served as best man. Groomsmen were Jonathon Milley and Mark DeJong. Flower girl and ring bearer were Courtney and Kyle Wierzbicki.

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Mailbox vandalism no longer a laughing matter

using either baseball bats or

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body was hurt by the bombs-

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rural area used technology to

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ing seven mailboxes to mail-

box bashers over a two-week

dents banging the box off its

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Arrested a short time later,

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boxes are most vulnerable to

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Rural and suburban mail-

span, he set up a video cam-

In the south, a man in a

You've seen it at the movies. For years it was considered a "rite of passage," teens leaning from their car windows, smashing mailboxes along the way. And unless their own mailbox was destroyed, most people thought it really wasn't any big deal.

That isn't true anymore. Mailbox vandalism using explosives can destroy mailboxes and people's lives. Unfortunately mailbox vandalism has increased and it is no laughing matter.

The so-called "McGuiver 16-year-old high school stu-Bomb" that explodes after several minutes when chemicals are mixed in a pop bottle is the latest act of mailbox vandalism that can result in serious injury.

If you see anything suspicious in your mailbox, call local authorities immediately.

vandalism, according to The good news is that they are usually isolated and people are taking the crimeand it is a crime-more seriously. Four members of a high Since mailboxes are considschool football team were taken into custody after con-

fessing to mailbox vandalism, against them are considered a federal offense.

more severe.

If you have information on mailbox vandalism or mail theft in your area, contact local authorities and the Inspection Service.

Parents - make an effort era that captured two to stop mailbox vandalism before it starts. If you have teenagers in your home, let them know the penalties for vandalism, and that the Postal Service is aggressive about prosecution. If you see anyone with suspicious materials such as chemicals, explosives, misplaced baseball bats, or the like, make an efpostal inspectors, because fort to stop the vandalism. A so-called "harmless prank"

can ruin lives. Then it will be

too late to get involved.

Violators can be fined up to \$10,000 and imprisoned for up to 10 years for each act of vandalism. If someone is injured, the penalties are even

Every time you get paid, you put a good portion of your check in an envelope and mail it to the person whose name appears at the top of a list. Wait a minute. That is how our Social Security system works!" I laughed myself silly. As a coincidence, on the very same day I received my personal Social Security statement. The pamphlet included my estimated benefits, lifetime earnings record, some facts about Social Security, and instructions on ordering a copy of the statement in Spanish. I'm thinking about requesting the Span-

To the Editor:

agreed with Mrs. Dorough.

the deck stacked against them.

confusing and chaotic.

us want it.

calendar each year.

cozy corner

I'm sure most of you are familiar with Dave Barry, the

hilarious columnist for the Miami Herald. His column is syndicated, he has published several books and, most impor-

tantly, selected snippets are compiled into a daily tear-off desk

tional quotes, thoughts and poems. Others get something from

scripture each day. There are daily trivia calendars. There are

"This Day In History" calendars. Still others rely only on the

plain giant number style that the bank used to give out. I need

a daily chuckle from my "Far Side" calendar and some non-

a daily dose of his stuff, it's difficult to resist the temptation to

incorporate some of his gags into my column. You know ...

plagiarism. Since I've never been much at resisting tempta-

tion, I'm going to share with you one of Dave Barry's thoughts

exactly, but a recent daily column excerpt went something like

this. "I have an idea for fixing our Social Security system.

TO THE EDITOR

I am a parent of children in the Lowell school system, and

I did not think that meeting represented the views and

I did attend the early morning meeting of the school board.

feelings of the parents and the community. I think it repre-

sented the feelings of teachers. I think the teachers had an

agenda for the meeting and hopefully the board can see that.

Not one teacher had anything to say other than that they totally

would say the teachers outnumbered the parents 8 to 1. I am

told NEWS 8 easily saw that the parents and the people of the

community (who heard about or could make the meeting) had

feeling I got from the teachers was: The Halloween party/

parade was just too tough and too stressful for them. I don't see

any reason the new fall festival will be any different. I am sure

it would be a great time for the kids, but how would this new

party be any safer?? Sounds to me like it would be even more

I would like to thank two gentlemen before all of you. Ed

To the board: Do the right thing. Keep our traditions alive.

Hawks and Peter Odland have become a voice for the parents.

I agree with them 100 percent! I have nothing but respect for

While I was at the meeting I could not help but reflect back 20

years ago when I paraded the halls of Runciman Elementary in

my Halloween costume, and had Christmas parties. Some of

the teachers who attended the meeting were there as teachers;

Mrs. Dorough was wrong to start this. We all know it.

Let's put an end to it. Let's go back to how 90 some percent of

some were there in costumes beside me.

Other than their total agreement with Mrs. Dorough, the

I didn't save the tear-off piece of paper, so I can't quote it

I have one problem with the Dave Barry calendar. Getting

sense from my Dave Barry calendar.

on our Social Security system.

Some people have tear-off calendars with daily inspira-

by Roger Brown

ish version. Who knows, that might be enough to cause confusion resulting in two checks every month. Where can you cash a government check written in Spanish?

Next to the estimated monthly benefits given for different retirement ages, the funniest thing on my statement was my lifetime earnings record. If this lifetime earnings record were a lifetime batting average, I'd certainly never be considered for

My record goes all the way back to 1969. I was just eighteen and had a mixed bag of jobs that year. I was a pizza cook at college, a factory rat in the summer and an army private the last part of the year. Total earnings ... \$1,015.00. That's correct. We didn't drop a decimal. That's one thousand and fifteen dollars for an entire year. Told you my earnings statement is laughable.

Jumping over to my estimated benefits, Social Security says if I retire in ten years at age 62, they'll send me \$1,355.00 every month for sitting on my butt. That should sound pretty good to a guy who made less than that working for an entire

Suspicious of this spectacular offer, I did a few calculations. Using the monthly benefit at age 62 times the average life expectancy for a guy like me, I came up with a number. I then took the number they say I've already paid into the system and added it to what I will likely pay in over the next ten years. Why was I not surprised when the paid-in amount was far greater than the amount I'm likely to collect. Forget earning any interest of forty-some years.

Couple my Social Security arithmetic with the backward slide of my market-based retirement fund and things don't look good. If the market turns around, soon, and Social Security doesn't collapse, I figure I can retire in my early eighties. Okay, maybe my mid-eighties. I only hope Dave Barry is in the same boat and is still writing so I have someone to plagiarize.

The only thing to do is to keep plugging away, sending a good portion of each paycheck to a name at the top of the list and hope that someday my name floats up there. I also need to hope that when I do get there all the names at the bottom of the list aren't pizza cooks and army privates. I know what they

As a parent who volunteers at the school regularly and who

reads all communications that come home from school, I was

upset to learn that parties at Cherry Creek Elementary have

been changed. Strangely enough, the first I knew of any

decision to change holiday celebrations was when Mr. Hawks

wrote to the Ledger. This action was taken with little or no

how far we need to take the idea of offending no one. A small

minority of parents took their children home from school when

parties were taking place. That is their right and I begrudge

them nothing for doing so. However, a majority of the families

in Lowell still celebrate Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's

that those parents do have the right to take their children home

and that the majority opinion rules. If we must have a consen-

continue American traditions such as wearing a costume to

school, having treats and dreaming of Santa's arrival, and

exchanging Valentines (not compassion cards, for heaven's

sake). These celebrations have been a part of our culture for

Changes of this magnitude should take place only after

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much community discussion. I encourage everyone, regard-

Second, I like that our children have the opportunity to

I oppose these changes for many reasons. First, I question

parental involvement and seems drastic to me.

sus, where will it stop? Are birthdays next?

break from classroom studies.

member to share your thoughts.

To the Editor,

I did not take a count of the parents that attended, but I Day. One of the things that makes our country so wonderful is



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCT. 3, 1877 Dentist E. F. Doty, of the Lowell Cornet Band, has re-

ceived a glockenspiel, which he is learning to play. Neighbors in the north part of Lowell complain about the Free Methodists shouting in church services.

Frank Devendorf has gone to New York where he will take the steamer Crescent City to California.

"Lowell has the best horses, best cornet band, best looking girls and meanest sidewalks of any town in this section."

The Central Pacific Railroad proposes building a tower on a mountain top which, with a telegraph, can warn of forest

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCT. 2, 1902 The Lowell Canning Company is selling all of its peaches, shipping to cities all over the country. Next will be apples (no

russets, please) and pumpkins. State troops have been called out to quell rioting by

striking coal miners in Pennsylvania. The Ledger can now be reached by Citizens telephone no.

200 and by Bell telephone no. 53. Heavy winds have caused much apple fall, keeping the dryers busy. Also, much corn was flattened.

Frank Coons is now a railway mail clerk and was called to duty Tuesday in Detroit.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCT. 6, 1927

The high school wrestles with the problem of student drivers: joyriding at noon and evenings versus rural students who must drive to school.

M-21 is being paved from Grand Rapids to Ada and should

be finished by next year. Gov. Green suggests widening of US-16 from Brighton to

Detroit from 20 feet to 40 feet and eventually across the state, in view of the growing problem of heavy traffic.

M.B. McPherson becomes state Tax Commissioner, resigning as Vergennes Township supervisor. The township board elects Mrs. M.B. McPherson to the office, making her the first woman member of the County Board of Supervisors. (Note: Nellie McPherson.)

The Dempsey-Tunney "Official Chicago Fight Pictures" are shown along with the feature for three nights at the Strand.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCT. 2, 1952

A live pig, displayed in the window of the Sanitary Market, will be auctioned off Saturday night.

generations, and to end them is silly. My children look forward Michigan voters consider two confusing proposals for to these parties each year and the harmless fun is a welcomed amending the State Constitution in November. They deal with who will do redistricting after a census. Lastly, names are important. If they aren't, why the changes?

About half of a large truck load of six tons of beans is dumped into the Grand River at Ada when the brakes fail. The truck's front wheels end up on the hood of the Roth ambulance. less of your opinion, to contact the school or a school board

Republican candidate Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower greets a large crowd from his train platform at Union Station in Grand Respectfully, Cindy Kehoe

A long list of Lowell businesses sponsors a full-page ad for the Lowell-East Grand Rapids football game coming up.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **OCTOBER 6, 1977**

Dedication and plant tours of the new \$1,376,000 water treatment plant will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m. Showboat with Pearl Bailey almost doubled the last record

ticket sales, and profits are in the \$20,000 area Nov is the time to look over the new '78 models in

Lowell's many auto dealerships. Lowell Township's request to authorize city sewer service

to Gow Ramjeet's senior housing, the bowling alley and Eastgate in the Woods fails amongst division in the council over servicing commercial property. MSU ceremoniously opens the new 440-acre Clarksville

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Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Sharing The Vision

By Jim White

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education, administration, and staff are continuing to focus the entire district's efforts around the new vision. The vision for Lowell Area Schools includes the concept or overall theme of "balanced prepared learners." This short, but important, three-word phrase is meant to capture the essence of what Lowell Area Schools is all about.

Over the past year and a half, Lowell Area Schools has begun to review and rethink the primary focus areas involving all of our students. It has become apparent after careful study and review that employers desire young people who are wellrounded and more balanced rather than just filled with academic knowledge. As a result of these reviews and study, the Lowell Area Schools' vision (as shown) is our next road map

for success. The vision is crafted around three areas: knowlthe past several years as the place for students to learn information and then be measured by MEAP tests, we have known for a long time that we need to be doing much more.

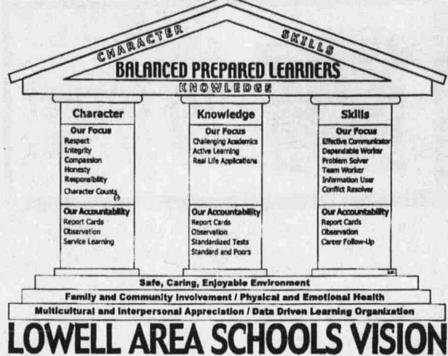
Our focus now includes the two pillars shown on either side of knowledge. Character and skills will be incorporated into current academic lessons and we will develop different ways to measure these. In addition, we have expanded the character pillar to include a program called "Character Counts" which provides our district with many organized lessons and a broader focus around character education.

In the area of skills, we selected six skills, found throughout a broad range of investigations that were done by school personnel over a two-year period. These include students being effective communicators, dependable workers, problem- solvers, team workers, information users, and conflict resolvers. As we interviewed more and more people from the private sector, we heard over and over again that they would like students coming to them who had the personal skills to become effective workers, and that on-the-job training would help prepare them with the knowledge base they would need.

The three areas of character, knowledge and skills rest on a solid foundation which includes the fact that our schools need to be safe, caring, and fun places to be, and that families and communities must be involved. The foundation components are based around the educational research that has been proven to be effective for both school and student success.

I would hope that you would join Lowell Area Schools as edge, skills, and character. While schools have been seen for we begin to implement our vision for "balanced prepared

> Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Jim White, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or jwhite@lowell.k12.mi.us (check out our Web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)



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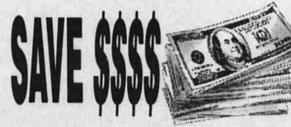
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Juniors, cont'd... From Page 1 happy kid who always smiled and loved being with friends.

The juniors were on their way home from a friend's house in Grand Rapids (helping him with his computer). They traveled I-96 to Alden Nash and were heading north towards home at the time of the accident.

The driver of the other vehicle was Paul Samoei, 21, of Grand Rapids. Samoei was transported via Aero-med to Spec-



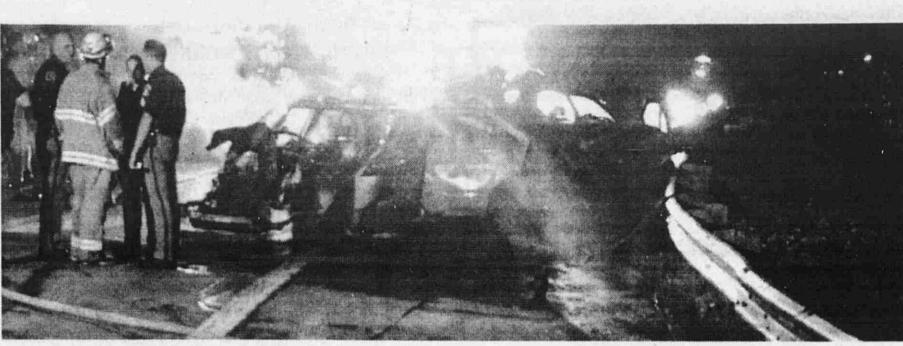
Keith Krey

trum Health Butterworth Campus. Investigators explained

that it appears the southbound vehicle driven by Samoei hit the teen's vehicle head-on in their lane. The point of impact was near the right edge of the lane in which the Lowell teens were traveling. Autopsies on Taylor and

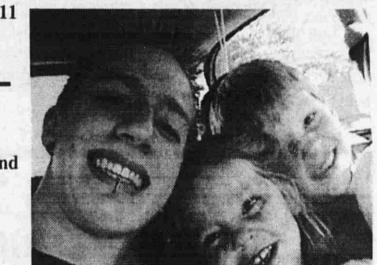
Krey came back negative to any alcohol content.

The case remains under investigation.



Rescue personnel were called to the scene Wednesday night around 11

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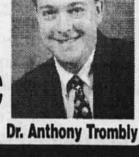
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Lowell Area Historical Museum presents: Oakwood Cemetery records, notes & stories by Don DeJong, shown Wednesday, Oct. 2, 3 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 4, 4 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.

PATIO STONES WORKSHOP AT LAAC

Create your own glass mosaic patio stones! Attend a workshop with artist Susan Molnar on Sat., Oct. 5 from 11:30 1 p.m. Call 897-8545. Registration is required.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Lowell Women's Club is now selling Entertainment books. Available at Hahn Hardware or S.O.S. Salon. Make great gifts!

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN UP F.R.O.M. Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc., corner of Main/

Jackson, needs volunteers for Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. to do clean-up, fix-up and painting on the property. Bring garden rakes, paint brushes, and lawn and garden tools!

NEW LOCATION FOR PAPER DRIVE TRUCK

The Lowell varsity softball team, which had a trailer located at Family Fare for an ongoing paper drive, has moved the trailer to Curtis Cleaners parking lot as of Oct. 1.

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The Kent County Lit-

eracy Council has scheduled

an information session for

Wednesday, Oct. 9 for pro-

spective volunteer tutors. This

session is held at 6:30 p.m.

and lasts one hour. It allows

persons interested in becom-

ing volunteer tutors to find

out more about the council

and its literacy programs. At

the end of the session, there

will be an opportunity to sign

eracy Council is a nonprofit,

United Way agency devoted

to reducing illiteracy in our

community. Based on 1990

census figures, at least 19,000

adults in Kent County cannot

read at a functional level. At

least 6,000 adults cannot

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well. By training people to be

tutors, the council can offer

one-on-one reading help to

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will be held at the Grand Rap-

ids Public Library - Main

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up for tutor training.

Volunteer **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** tutors

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday October 7 2002 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Article III Zoning Districts and Article IV General and Special Regulations:

Section 201.425 (C), (D) (E) (G) (I), Site Condominium Section

The proposed amendments are to update procedures, other ordinance section referrals, allow for an approval construction permit, and review and approval language for minor revisions to a site plan.

Section 201.429 Planned Unit Development (PUD)

The proposed amendments include housekeeping for clarification of procedures and setbacks and lot areas, to allow for mixed uses, use of common space, be permitted by special use permit, parking requirements, and public hearing requirements. Sections 201.304 (C) 201.305 (C), 201.306 (C), 201.306A (C), 201.3075 (C), 201.308 (C) 201.309 (C), will list PUD's as special use permits in each of the districts listed.

Section 201.435 Open Space Preservation Communities

The proposed amendments are to add a new development option for clustered home sites with open space permanently preserved. Application, review, site plan, and approval procedures are included, list of permitted uses, lot sizes and setbacks, open space minimum area, cluster sizes and location, formula for density and bonus density, rural and scenic easement, natural feature inventory procedure, and development standards are specified. Sections 201.304 (B), 201.305 (B) list this option as a permitted use. Sections 201.306 (C), 201.306A (C) list this option as a special use. Section 201.306A (E) is rewritten to clarify multiple family dwellings not in an Open Space Development. Section 201.311 (bulk table) will be updated.

Article II Definitions:

Section 201.202 Specific Terms will be amended to add new definitions concerning Open Space Preservation Communities.

Article IV General and Special Regulations:

Section 201.430 (A) (3), (B) (3), and 201.431 (A) (5) Home **Occupation and Home Based Business**

The proposed amendments are to coordinate sign setback requirements with the sign regulation section.

The Entire Zoning Ordinance Article I through X All sections

The proposed amendments are to convert Roman Numerals and Article names to Chapters and numbers.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO 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 Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

Scholastic's Book Fairs comes to the Lowell Middle School Media Center the week of Oct. 7-11 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Also open during Parent-Teacher conferences on Mon., Oct. 7 and Wed., Oct. 9 from 4-7:30 p.m. For more informa-

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Regular business meeting will be in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

HARVEST CRAFT SALE

The Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Building will have a Harvest Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Oct. 12. Call Ron Wenger (897-6050) to sign up or for more info.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will offer free admission on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 1-4 p.m. Stop by and get

CHILI COOK-OFF AT LARKIN'S

The 1st annual Chili Cook-off at Larkin's will be Saturday, Oct. 12. Entry fee: \$25. To get an application, call

Scarecrow Building Clinic and Contest: Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds. Supplies are provided or bring your own.

REGISTER FOR UMW HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

holiday craft sale are due by Wednesday, Oct. 16. Send them ASAP to Ann Dimmick, 944 Grindle, Lowell.

DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTION

The Lowell Area Arts Council Thebes Players will present Steel Magnolias at Larkin's - The Other Place on Oct. 24-27 and Nov. 1-2. Tickets are \$23 dinner and show/\$8 show only. Discounts for seniors, students and LAAC members. Call 897-8545 to make your reservations.

THEBES PLAYERS - CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown to be held at Larkin's - The Other Place from March 6-15. Auditions are Jan. 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. For a script or more information, call 897-8545.

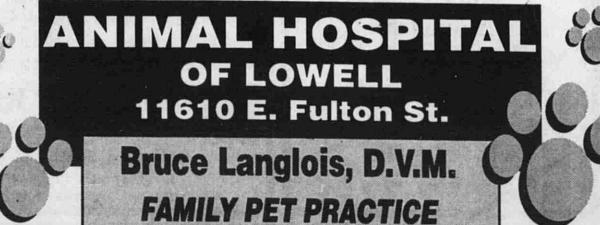
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pany; the next day, another

firm declares a poor earnings

report. Isn't there any com-

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to follow as you pursue a com-

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key objectives? Actually,

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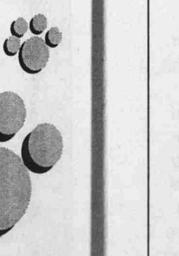
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market is "hot," it's easy for people to keep on investing. After all, everyone else is doing it, with apparent good results. but it takes far more during a long bear market, when so many people head to of the road." Here are a few to the "sidelines." And yet, it's essential that you do stay invested, through good times and bad. Ultimately, the long-term performance of the investments you have chosen will have far more impact on your portfolio's success than the daily price fluctuations that are an inevitable part of investing.

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you'll greatly increase your

prospects for success. Diversify your holdings - During any given market environment, some investments will be doing well, while others will not. You could try to pick the winners, but that's almost impossible to do with any degree of a wide range of high-quality stocks, bonds, mutual funds,

other vehicles. By staying diversified, you'll help cushion yourself against downturns affecting just one type multiply your opportunities of benefiting from assets

that are performing well. Review your plan - You should review your financial plans and investment strategies at least once a year. Your life will constantly be evolving - new job, new house, new children, etc. and you may need to adjust your plans to accommodate these changes. If some of

your investments no longer suit your needs, you'll need to find other opportunities. A qualified financial professional can help evaluate your situation and make appropriate recommendations on rebalancing your portfolio.

As you can see, there's tience and perseverance. If you have these traits, then you're well prepared for a fulfilling investment journey.

Rotary measures self through service

The Lowell Rotary Club meets every Wednesday from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Masonic Look for quality - Per- Lodge, 112 Lincoln Lake Rd.

> Lowell Rotary is involved in local, national and international projects. The international club's most aggressive project is the Polio Plus Program which has eliminated polio from the U.S. and expects to eradicate it from the entire globe by 2005.

> In 2001, the Lowell Rotary successfully completed building a house benefitting Habitat for Humanity. Money was raised from individual contributions and an auction, and material

The Rotarian mission statement is "Service above self - He profits most who serves best."

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TUES: Hot dog on bun or hot pret-

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applesauce, baby carrots & dip.

WED: French toast sticks or as

sorted cereal, scambled eggs

THURS: Beefy soft shell taco w

lettuce & cheese or pork Rib BC

FRI: Pepperoni pizza or ham 8

cheese on bun, pasta salad, pine apple tidbits, California blend ved

juice, hash brown wedge.

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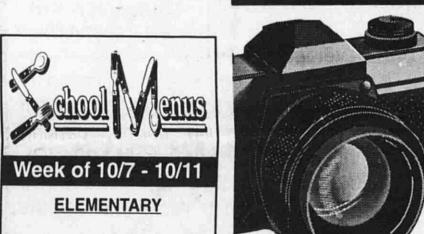
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to the 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron. He is the son of Brian K. and Pamela J. Cook

The airman is a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School. Air Force Airman Christopher B. Cook has arrived

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bly complex, about any of these "rules for the road." However, to follow these guidelines, you'll need pa-

Robinson descendents donate artifacts to museum

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The children of Hazel K. Stocking Kropf made a donation to the Lowell Area Historical Museum just as their Judy Straub, in reference to

mother had inscribed on the the memo which was written years. These items were box on May 15, 1975.

"She had a lot of faith." said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director.

the first white man to settle Charles. (1821) in West Michigan.

dame LaFromboise as an Inbusiness until 1834.

children all of the pictures and momentos she had collected and preserved over the

CARD OF

26 years before Lowell be- handed down to Kropf from came home to its own mu- her mother.

Kropf's children, who do The Kropf family are not live in the Lowell area, descendents of Rix Robinson, are Rodney, Walter, Carol and "If the museum was not

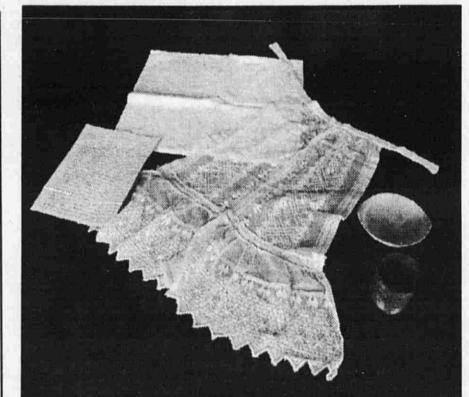
Robinson succeeded Ma- here, the artifacts would have gone to another community, dian trader. He continued the even though the family's roots are in Lowell," said Straub. Kropf handed down to her "The museum is a repository for the community's history.

his nephew, Samuel D. Robinson about the death of The gifts included an In-

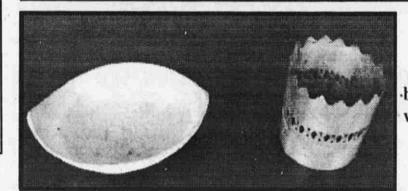
dian bowl, carved out of a "These are gifts for toknot of a tree, which belonged day and future generations," Straub explained. "A donato Ruby Robinson Sherman, Rix's sister. tion like this is one of the The bowl and an Indian reasons why the millage vote armband were given to on Nov. 7 is so important. It Clarinda Robinson from the will allow the museum to remain active and accessible There was also an apron to the community and past

given to the museum includ-

and a home spun linen (1810) residents." City residents will vote ing a letter dated Aug. 31. on whether to levy one-quar-1849 from Rix Robinson to ter of a mill for the next 10 years toward the operation of the museum.



The home-spun linen pictured to the left is nearly 200 years old



This Indian bowl and armband belonged to Rix Robinson. The bowl was carved out of a knot of a tree.

NOTICE

OF LAST DAY FOR **RECEIVING REGISTRATION** FOR GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

THE NOVEMBER 5[™] 2002 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE:

OCTOBER 7, 2002 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Grattan Township, who is not already registered to vote for the November Election may register at any Secretary of State Offices: County Clerk or local Clerks office on or before Monday, October 7, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

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Lana Green, Clerk

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friends. God Bless all of You! Ken & Sharon Phenix

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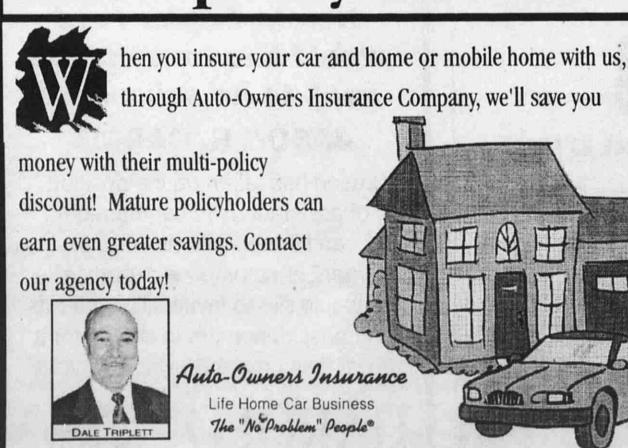
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The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider adding Section 5.6 to the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township and amending Sections 4.1.1 and Article 2. The proposed amendments would provide regulations for Open Space Preservation Projects. The proposed regulations will: require that a minimum of 50% of land be preserved permanently as open space; require standards for open space; base the density on an existing zoning plan; allow the Planning Commission to modify lot sizes; and provide procedures and standards for review. These zoning regulations are being considered in response to Act 177 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001.

The hearing will be held as follows: MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002

7:00 P.M.

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The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Lowell Charter Township Planning



was designated the national anthem by an Act of Congress in 1931, 117 years after

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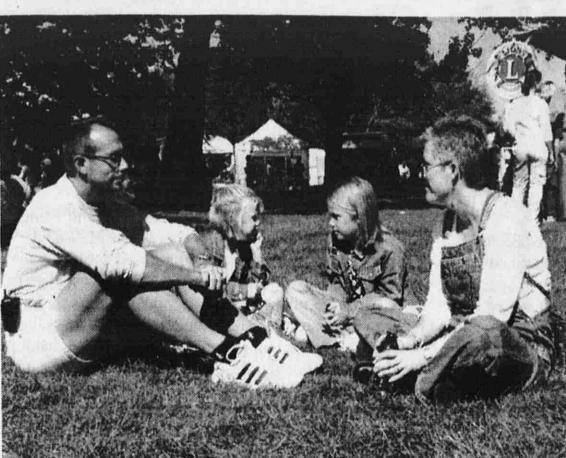
in triplicate, for the Murray Lake Elementary School, will be received at Lowell Area Schools, Administration Offices,

300 High Street, Lowell MI 49331 in the Boardroom on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

All proposals (mailed and delivered) will be opened and read publicly at 1:30 p.m. local time. A construction pre-bid meeting will be held at the Lowell Area Schools Administration

Offices Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. All bidders are encouraged to attend. Detailed information and bidding documents may be obtained at Owen-Ames-Kimball Co., 300 Ionia NW, Grand Rapids, MI

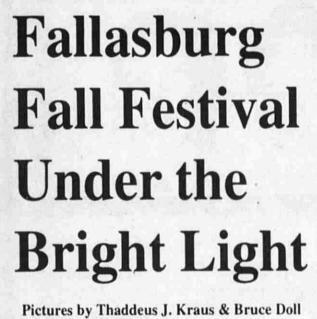




A family sit-in at Fallasburg. Pictured from left to right is the Koehler Family ... Ron, Anna, Abby and Sherrie.









Nine-yearold Lindsey Quiggle took in many of the children's activities at the festival, including the face painting ...



Learning the art of origami from Hito Akehi, from left to right, are: Casey Yonker, Rachel McIntyre, Angie Thode and Anna Stoloker.



Spending a few minutes at the

Lowell's mayor, Jeanne Shores

prepares a corn-on-the-cob for

some lucky person attending the

Paper Shells booth, from left to

right, are: Olivia, Lee and

Rachael Reidt.



Chuck and Pink Gass admire this mirror designed by Cary Stage.

Unlike stock market, Lowell enrollment is on the rise

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell ledger Editor

Lowell incurred the fourth highest gain in student enrollment among West Michigan area schools.

The fourth Wednesday school counts were released on Sept. 25. Lowell student enrollment jumped 119 students from

3826 to 3945. There was no single building which took the brunt of the

increase. They were spread all over the board. Alto Elementary jumped from 352 to 396 students, an increase of 44.

Bushnell Elementary went from 468 to 458.

Cherry Creek Elementary saw its student enrollment shoot up to 858 from 840 while the Lowell Middle School only saw an increase of five students - from 912 to 917.

Because a large number of eighth-graders left the middle school for the high school and a small fifth-grade class entered the middle school, the district was expecting reduced numbers at the middle school; instead it has experienced flat growth.

"Both the middle school and Cherry Creek Elementary schools are bursting at the seams; adding teachers at either

school would be difficult," said Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, Connie Gillette. The high school increased to 1253 from 1187 (66 stu-

The additional space at the high school is scheduled to be ready for use in the fall of 2003; however, school officials are keeping their options open as to how that space will be used. Eventually it is scheduled to serve as a freshman center, but bulging numbers at the lower grade levels may delay that.

"We haven't committed ourselves yet," Gillette explained. This year there are 188 non-resident students enrolled in the Lowell School District. That's up from 169 of a year ago.

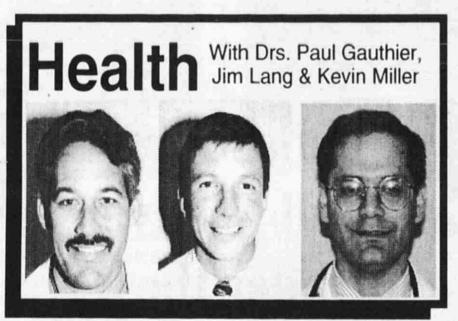
"They are spread all over the board. They are not making a significant impact at any one school," Gillette said. "We are not taking in non-resident students where we don't have room

Non-resident students who had an excused absent on student count day have 10 days to enroll; unexcused absences have 30 days to enroll. Gillette said the increase in students should bring the

district additional revenues ranging between \$350-\$370,000. "That will definitely help our proposed deficit budget of \$200,000," Gillette said. "We must also be aware and prepare for the opening of the new high school wing and for the opening of the new elementary building in two years."

Gillette said she will recommend to the board that it put some of the additional revenues aside for the opening of the

The assistant superintendent added that next year school districts will incur a freeze on their student grant allowance



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About 50 percent of people will develop a mild area of redness at the injec-

pneumonia from this vaccination.

The pneumonia vaccination should only be given again 10 years after the first immunization. This is quite. different from the yearly flu vaccination. Special popula-

tions of patients may require tion site. One cannot develop re-vaccination prior to the 10year period.

This vaccine is still vastly underutilized. Make sure to ask your physician if you should receive this vaccine the next time you are in the office.

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Open Letter To The Com-

Your Board of Education would like to clarify the events surrounding the changes that were announced regarding holiday activities at Cherry Creek Elementary. What began last winter in an honest attempt to address concerns by the central administration about holiday parties has evolved into a broader

the scope of reaction by some members of the community we offer a two-part response: community issue than antici-The short-term: We realize the need for resolution to the current sentiments. We are actively listening and re-There are a lot of positives to working for yourself or for a small company. But a big negative is having to pay more for health insurance coverage because you're not in a large corporation. Today that can change! Join ogether with others who need health insurance and enjoy Affordable rates! To find out if you are eligible for the health insurance endorsed by the National Association for the Self-Employed

> our holiday celebrations evolve. Everyone will have the opportunity to have a

best way possible to accomplish this while doing what is best for Lowell Area Schools

> Signed: Lowell Board of Education (Nancy Hopkins, Mark Lessens, Pat Nugent, Jim Reagan, Mark Blanding, Kate Dernocoeur, Peter Haefner)

pated. Although there is widespread excitement about the upcoming Fall Harvest

Festival on Oct. 24, some citi-**EVERY OTHER SUN:** zens have asked for a deci-Single adults, ages 25-50 sion about the cancellation years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m of the 2nd-3rd grade Hallowat First United Methodist een costume parade on Oct. Church of Lowell. Social 31. This cancellation came time/ It. Bible study. Call about as a response to legiti-Mark 897-8642 or Tammy mate safety concerns and the 897-0872. chance for all children to participate happily. Because of

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

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SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

SECONDMON. OF EACH meetings/odd months; MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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

SECOND MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave: 897-2533.

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 6588. at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8

1ST & 3RD MON.: Dia-College Rm. 206 of the betic Support group at 7 Commons bldg. Call p.m. at 1st United Method-Connie 942-6887.

THIRD MONDAY OF Girls Club - Calvary Chris-EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post #8303 (men only) meets at 7:00 p.m.

ist Church dining room.

Call 897-2760 w/???'s.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, 1ST SUN. OF EACH meets 7-8:30 p.m. during MON .: Family Council of school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call group meets at 3 p.m. to Terry Cavanaugh, 868discuss enhancing the 6481

> 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 10 a.m. Call 897-2760 with any questions.

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

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

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

1ST TUES .: WINGS Parent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business program meetings/even months. All are welcome.

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look S. Hudson St.

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

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EACH MONTH: Geneal-

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

> meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

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

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

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

Kent County Youth Fair 7842. Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED .: ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, required.) G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Club meets noon in com-**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** munity room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: p.m. for socializing; meet-Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational pro- support for pregnant & gram with school children breastfeeding women. from Lowell in activi- Nursing children welcome. ties.9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, THIRD FRI .: All players & F.S.E. at Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

Memorial Fire Station, 315 THURS .: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

> EVERY THURS .: Saranac Amateur Radio Club at Area Musicians and Singers meet at Saranac High School, Choir - 6:30 p.m./ band-7:30. Call Kathy 897-5981 for info.

EVERY THURS. - St. EVERY FRI. & SAT .: Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Averill Historical Museum Center, 402 Amity St., non- of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 denominational help for p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

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THURS., OCT. 3: **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Vergennes Cooperative Parents Supporting Par- Club meets at 1 p.m. at ents-support group at Schneider Manor. Bring Franciscan Life Process items for Flat River Out-Center offers topics/dis- reach Ministries. Program: cussion for parents of Crafts by Donna. Host-EVERY SECOND WED .: children all ages. 897- esses: Donna Ford & Betty SAT., OCT. 26: Flu (\$17)

> Royal Arch Masons regu- SAT., OCT. 5: Trout Unlar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at limited Junior, 9-noon; the Lowell Masonic Cen- (lunch: noon-2 p.m. RSVP

SAT., OCT. 5: Clean-up at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 9 a.m. Bring rakes, paint brushes & lawn/garden tools.

SAT., OCT. 5: Family Day 9-2 p.m. BBQ \$4/person. (Binoculars & Nature ID guides available).

MON., OCT. 7: Lowell Ath-FLAT RIVER OUTREACH letic Booster Club regular business meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

> WED., OCT. 9: Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. Roast beef & pork dinner beginning 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$7; 5-12: \$2.

SAT., OCT. 12: Harvest Arts & Crafts show, Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Bldg. (Ron) 897-6050.

SAT., OCT. 12: Larkin's Chili-Cook-off, \$25 entry fee. Call 897-5977 for application.

SAT., OCT. 12: Scarecrow Building Clinic at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Heaston. Sponsor: Phyllis & pneumonia (\$25) shots from 9-11 a.m. at Grattan Township, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Call 691-8450.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

SPECIAL EVENTS

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall

TUES .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Noodland Mall.

listeners: Join Nick & Patti WED., OCT. 2: 9:30 a.m. 21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Blood Pressure, 12:30 Shopping Assistance. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or THURS., OCT. 3: Noon

> plex; 1 p.m. Euchre. FRI., OCT. 4: 9:45 a.m. Turkeyville dinner theater

> Dance, West Side Com-

"South Pacific" \$31. MON., OCT. 7: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue "Our Na-

tional Parks." TUES., OCT. 8: 12:45

p.m. Mel's Annual Kent Co. Color Tour.

WED., OCT. 9: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast: Noon Movie "Pat & Mike."

THURS., OCT. 10: 1 p.m. Lunch. Cafe in the Woods, Woodland; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI., OCT. 11: 9 a.m. Grand Ledge Color Cruise, \$9+ Bus; Lunch on your Own.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at

Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

Woodland Mall.

MON., OCT. 14: 12:45 Treasured Memories.

TUES., OCT. 15: 9 a.m. Tour of Felt Mansion in Saugatuck \$2, Bus \$5: Lunch on your Own.

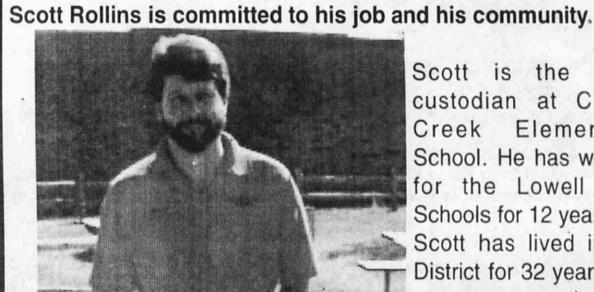
WED., OCT. 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:30 Shopping Assistance.

THURS., OCT. 17: Noon Dance West Side Complex, 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI., OCT. 18: Noon Birthday Celebration, Bingo.

MON., OCT. 21: 12:45 Syl Mosier "Holiday Preparation.'

LET'S RETURN THE COMMITMENT!



Scott is the head custodian at Cherry Creek Elementary School. He has worked for the Lowell Area Schools for 12 years.

Scott has lived in the District for 32 years. His parents, one brother and two sisters live here as well. Scott and his children, Lisa and Kyle. Lisa is a Lowell college, and Kyle is in

12th grade. Scott likes his job and is proud of his work. His knowledge of the schools, our children and the community are irreplaceable. If the

district fires Scott and the other custodians, who will replace them? Are cheaper unknown outside employees what we need? Is our District going to break its commitment to its employees and the community? Will the schools add to the layoffs at Family Fare, Attwood and Newell? There is a difference - these are our schools

Let's keep our commitment to Scott and his co-workers and to ourselves.



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& Thankfulness 12:00 Meal 12:30 Music by Midnight Curfew

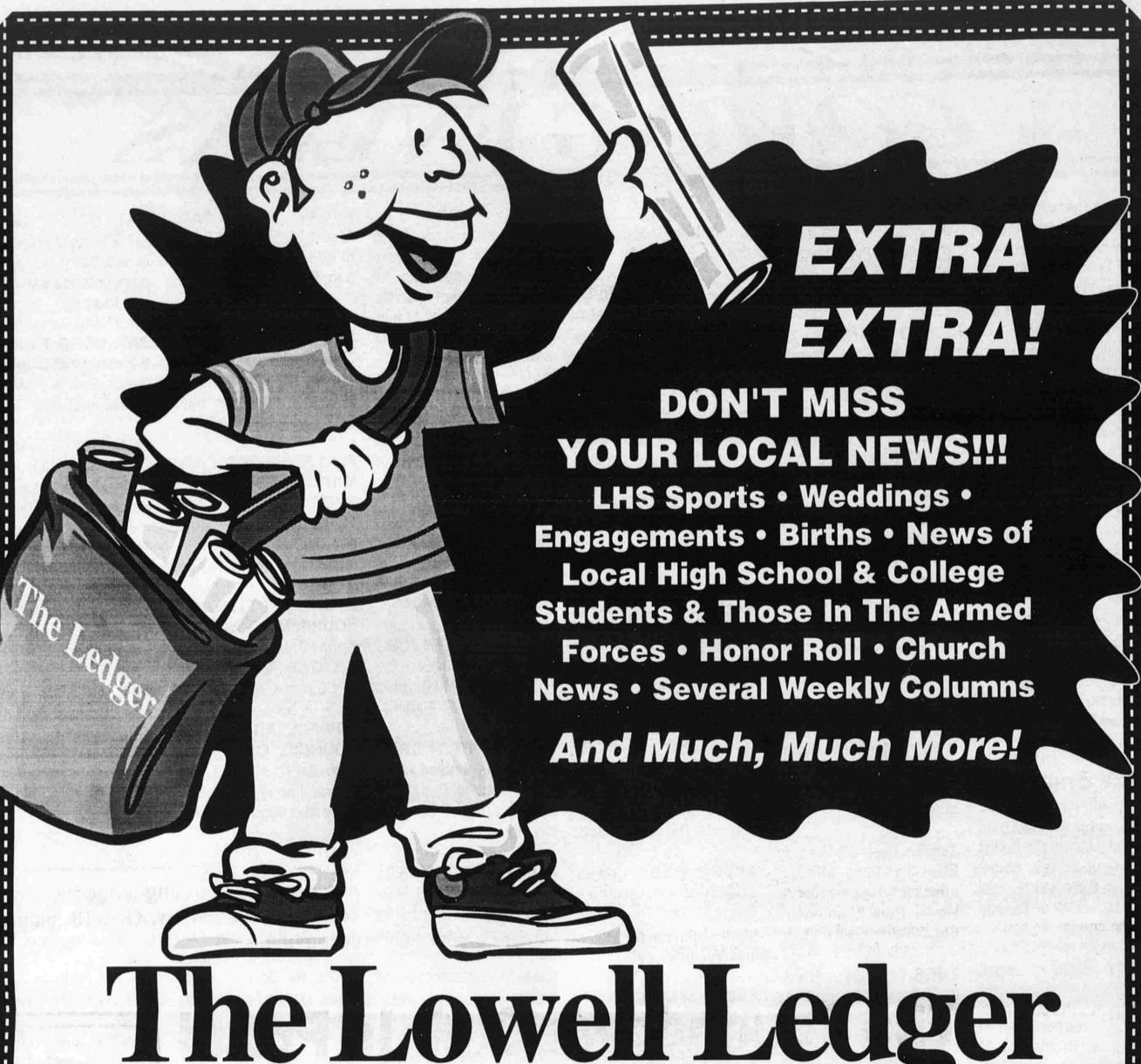
Southern Gospel

12:30 Pumpkin Carving Contest (bring your own carving set) Remember dress warm.

To say the right thing at the right time, keep still most of the time. -John W. Roper

searching the issue, and trust the community will be patient while we do our work. We will conduct a Board Workshop on Monday, Oct. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom to further discuss this The long-term: Once our new superintendent has a chance to get her feet on the ground, the entire community will be invited to help

The need to make changes is being carefully balanced with respect for tradition. Change is something everyone in our community has to work on together. As your Board of Education, we are dedicated to finding the



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Lowell powers past Northview, 42-7

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The cheers weren't as loud, the marching band's hearts were as blue as their hair, and the focus of the Red Arrow football team was not what it's been.

"These are kids. With everything that has gone on over the last two days, there was going to be a lack of focus," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said of his Red Arrows following their 42-7 win over Northview at Red Arrow Stadium Friday night.

"This has been hard on everybody. The band was hurting, the cheerleaders didn't cheer, but the kids got it done tonight and will now try to move on," Dean said in reference to the tragic car accident that claimed the lives of Lowell juniors, Brett Taylor and Keith Krey.

Lowell football players played Friday's game in black helmets. They removed the Red Arrow logos in tribute to their fallen classmates.

Two Lowell touchdowns within the opening two minutes of the game put Mark Catlin drove Low-

ell 70 yards in four plays, capping the drive on a 33vard touchdown pass to Mike



Lowell's Dustin Van Loon rumbles through a few would-be Northview tackles Friday night in Lowell's 42-7 win over

kick and Jordan Moore picked up the loose ball, racing 20 yards for the touchdown and a 14-0 advantage.

"We dug ourselves a hole early and you just can't do that against a good football team," said Northview coach. Scott Robertson.

The coach and his Wildcats have learned a thing or two from good football teams over the last two weeks, losing to Lowell and last week to EGR 33-13. "We knew this part of our

schedule was going to be hell On the ensuing kickoff, for us," Robertson said. "Dethe Wildcats mishandled the spite the early hole we dug



Mark Catlin ran for 33 yards and threw for 207 yards against Northview.

ourselves into, I thought the boys came out ready to play. I was proud of their effort and

enthusiasm."

Northview cut the deficit to seven (14-7) when Jake Hogeboom connected with Sean Norman on a 28-yard scoring strike.

Lowell broke it open late in the second quarter when Catlin threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Matt

D'Agostino and a 36-yard scoring pass to Koster with 29 seconds left in the half, giving Lowell a 28-7 lead.

"Catlin just messes everything up," said Robertson, when asked about defending the Lowell quarterback. "He makes your good defensive players look average."

Lowell's two second half touchdowns came on an 18yard pass from Catlin to D'Agostino and on a sevenyard run by Dan Vegter.

Catlin, playing for roughly three quarters, connected on 13-of-20 passes for 207 yards and three touchdowns and one interception. The Lowell senior surpassed the 1,000 yard passing mark.

His favorite target continues to be Koster. The sophomore caught seven passes for 112 yards.

Lowell rushed for 211 yards. Ryan Dykhouse led all rushers with 70 yards. Chris Curtis ran for 40.

Lowell is now 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the O-K White.

The Red Arrows travel to Forest Hills Central Friday for the final battle with the Rangers as O-K White conference foes.

Lowell's Homecoming game has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 18 against Hudsonville.



Young Red Arrow harriers finding their stride; edged out by Zeeland

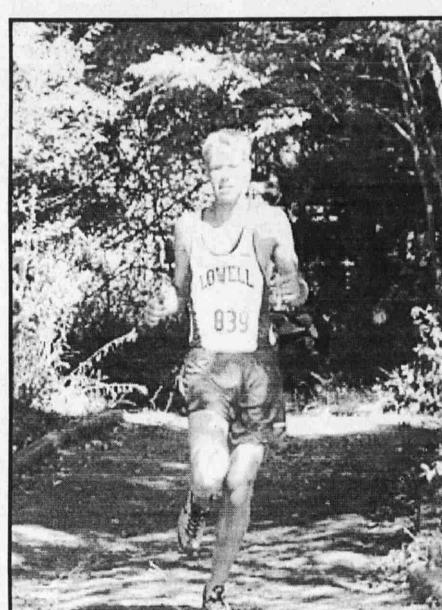
By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's boys cross country team is starting to get that look of a competitor - from its opponents.

"Teams are starting to look at us. They are no longer shrugging us off," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "I think the boys like that."

The Red Arrows ran a great race, in their 27-30 loss to Zeeland

The Chix just had too many top guns. Zeeland claimed the top three spots, assuring itself a victory. What it didn't know was without those top three spots, the "W" would turn to an



Steve Ellison led all Lowell runners against Zeeland as he came home in 17:13.

5. Lowell - Red Arrows

Lowell, 4-1, plays rival

Forest Hills Central one

last time in O-K White on

6. Jenison - Wildcats (4-1)

follow up win over

Holland with a 57-12

thumping over Grand

7. Hudsonville - The

Eagles are 4-1 after

shutting out Forest Hills

Central 35-0. Eagles find

out what they are made of

when they travel to East

Grand Rapids Friday.

8. Rockford - Mighty

Rams (3-2) blasted by

Falcons 60-36. Rockford

skid Friday at Grandville

9. Union - The Red Hawks

League with 23-6 win over

Union hosts West Catholic

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League tussle with Union

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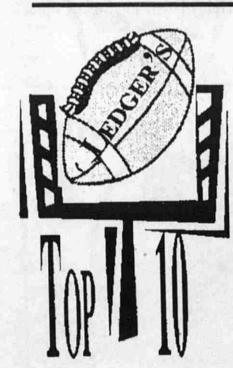
will try to stop a two-game

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(3-2).

Friday.

roll past Northview 42-6.



1. East Grand Rapids Pioneers pull away from Forest Hills Northern in second half for a 35-16 win and a 5-0 record. East now prepares for showdown with Hudsonville on Friday. 2. East Kentwood - The Falcons (5-0) laid a big hurt on Rockford 60-36 East Kentwood travels to Ottawa Hills Friday for a big O-K Red showdown. 3. West Ottawa - (4-1) Panthers lose in overtime to Grandville 35-29. West Ottawa hosts East Kentwood Friday. 4. Coopersville - Broncos (5-0) avenge last year's loss to Belding with a 41-6

drubbing of the Redskins.

Coopersville travels to

Middleville Friday.

Lowell took spots four through eight. "Our guys ran a great race. Zeeland just has three guys who can run really fast," VanderWarf said after-

Steve Ellison handed in his personal best time of 17:13 on Lowell's home course.

Teammates following him home were Mitch Solon 18:08; Chris Gallagher and Nick Huizenga 18:18; and Scott Riddle 18:22.

"The guys really wanted this one. They are starting to come together." VanderWarf concluded.

Carson City-Crystal Invitational

A flat course conducive to faster times did not yield that for Lowell boys' cross country team.

"I thought we had a legitimate shot at the top 10, but it just didn't happen," Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf said. "The bus ride over was quiet and with all that happened earlier (accident claiming the lives of Brett Taylor and Keith Krey) in the week, I'm not sure they felt like run-

Lowell finished 16th with 397 points. Winning the Division A portion of the invitational was Richland Lake with 142 points. East Grand Rapids was second with 166 and Catholic Central was third at 180. Forest Hills Central placed fourth with 183 and Rockford was fifth at 187.

Steve Ellison, 45th, led the way for Lowell in a time of 17:33 followed by Nick Huizenga, 85th, 18:07; Chris Gallagher, 86th, 18:08; Mitch Solon, 88th, 18:10; and Eric Schumm, 93rd, 18:14.

The challenge has been set before them.

Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf believes his girls cross country team will need to work a little if it plans on returning to the state meet for a fourth consecutive year.

"Many of the teams in this area have improved," VanderWarf stated. "I think we will have to improve a little. The girls are going to have to fight to get a spot this year." Saturday, at the Carson-City Crystal Invitational, that fight seemed a little subdued. "It was the same feeling I got from the boys," VanderWarf explained. "They ran okay, but I was expecting faster times."

Lowell placed ninth with 227 points. Rockford won the event with 24. Grandville was second at 151, followed by Grand Rapids Christian 183 and Middleville 211. Traverse City Central rounded out the top five at 213.

Lisa Wojciakowski, 12th, led all Red Arrows, stopping the clock at 19:52. Sarah Swab, 33rd, finished in 20:34, followed by Holly Plattner, 56th, 21:09, Natalie Kent, 61st, 21:14; and Abbie Blanding, 64th, 21:22.

Against Zeeland on Wednesday, Lowell ran past the Chix 23-34.

Lisa Wojciakowski was the top Red Arrow harrier in a time of 19:59. Sarah Swab was second overall, stopping the clock in 20:40.

Holly Plattner finished sixth, coming home in 21:44 while Abbie Blanding came in on her heels in 21:45.

Natalie Kent was eighth at a time of 22:05.

THANK YOU

The Pantoja Family: C.J., Destinie, Alicia, Stacey & Junior, would like to thank the Lowell Fire Department, Kent County Red Cross, Key Heights Village, Lowell Schools, McDonald's and the Lowell Community for coming to our aid when a fire took our home on September 22. Words can't

express what we feel in our hearts. Thank you!



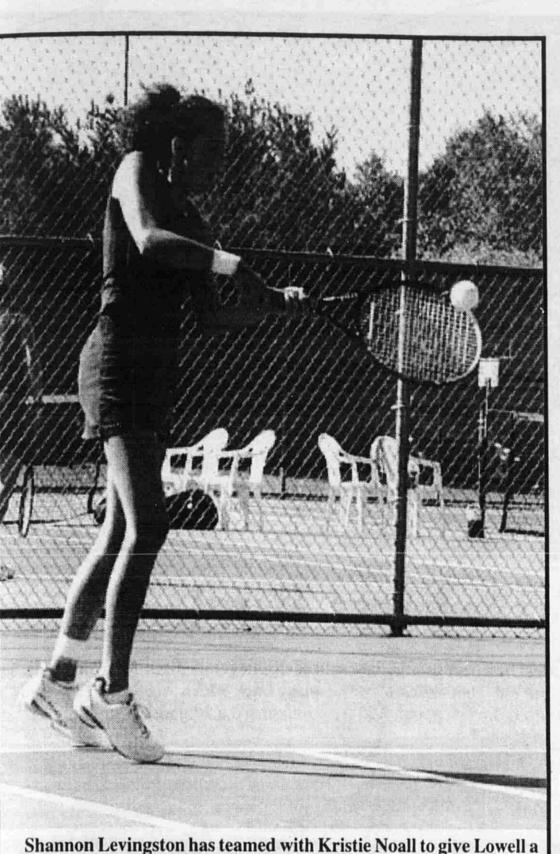
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Sarah Swab was second to teammate, Lisa Wojciakowski against Zeeland on Wednesday.

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Lowell rides big first

ough and successful number one doubles team in 2002.

half to victory over **Forest Hills Central**

Amy Oberlin each chipped in

with seven while Lauren

Vashaw and Vallen VanZyll

for us in the second half, and

Bosserd got some key steals

and turned them into points,"

struggles at the foul line as

the Red Arrows connected

from the charity stripe as it

connected on just 3-of-9.

"Van Zyll hit a big three

Lowell continued its

Central also struggled

contributed with five.

Crowley said.

on just 7-of-18.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

An intense first-half of basketball enabled the undefeated Lowell girls basketball team to build a 17-point lead (26-9) against Forest Hills Central.

"The girls played well in that first half. They jumped to the ball and scored well," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

In the second half, the Red Arrows played with less aggression while playing to hold onto their lead. A good

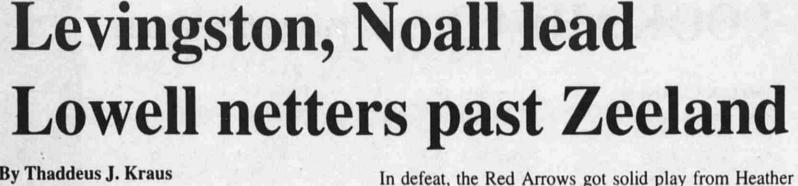
Ranger club (1-1, 1 5-2) took advantage as it outscored Lowell 24-14 over the final 16 minutes, pulling as close as six points before falling to Lowell (3-0, 9-0) 40-33.

"We started the second half by missing a layup and two foul shots. If we make those shots, that sets a different tone for the second half," Crowley ex-

The Red Arrows did maintain their offensive balance throughout the entire 32 minutes.

BlairMeyerand Becky Bosserd led the way with eight points apiece. Kendra Gallert and

Becky Bosserd turned steals into layups against the Rangers.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's tennis week started on a sweet note and ended on a sour note.

The Red Arrows won five of eight matches against the Chix to post their first league win of

Lowell split their singles matches and claimed three of four doubles matches.

Posting victories in singles play were Mandy Gunberg and Stevi Thompson. Gunberg, playing second

singles, made quick work of

Alison Fineout 6-0, 6-0. "Mandy was incredible. She mixed her shots well and played good tennis," said Lowell tennis

coach, Bonnie Wall. Thompson, fourth singles, used a strong serve to set up winning shots in defeating Jenny Schwartz 6-1, 6-3. "Stevi really played very well," Wall said.

In first doubles, Kristie Noall and Shannon Levingston were 6-3, 6-3 winners against Zeeland's Leslie Glupker and Junny Ung.

the net and put shots away. Shannon had good ground strokes which helped set up Kristie.

"Kristie was aggressive at

Rachelle Levingston and Katie Huver, playing second doubles, upended Martha DenHarder and Jenn Kleinjar 3-6,

"This match was crucial. The girls did a good job of battling back to get the win," Wall said.

Amanda Grochowalski and Jenny Geelhoed straight set Kara Alferink and Kristen Depree at third doubles 6-1, 6-3.

FHC 7, Lowell 1

Lowell's only win came in second singles, as Mandy Gunberg defeated Lauren Field 6-0, 6-2

In defeat, the Red Arrows got solid play from Heather Geelhoed at third singles. The senior lost in three sets 6-4, 3-

Rachelle Levingston and Katie Huver, playing second doubles, also lost in

three sets 6-3, 4-6, 3-

Hudsonville 5 Lowell 3

Opportunity for a second conference win within three days was there for the taking; the Red Arrows. however, were unable to capitalize.

"I usually keep things pretty positive, but I told the girls afterwards that this is a match we should have won,' said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall "They just didn't dig in as much as they needed to in critical situations."

The good news . a year ago Lowell won just five games against Hudsonville;

this year, the Red Arrows were right there with an opportunity Lowell's only win, in third singles, came from Heather

Kristie Noall's ferocious play at the net has

been a key to the Red Arrow doubles team's

Geelhoed. She won 6-3, 6-3.

Stevi Thompson, fourth singles, lost a close match in three sets 7-6(5), 4-6, 3-6. Lowell's two wins in doubles play were handed in by

Rachelle Levingston and Katie Huver, second doubles, 7-6 Amanda Grochowalski and Jenny Geelhoed won their

third doubles match in three sets 7-6 (2), 1-6, 6-2. The fourth doubles team of Haley Irwin and Stacey Fleet

lost in three sets 5-7, 6-2, 2-6.

Red Arrows struggle in 3-2 win over Reeths-Puffer

••• The win pushed Lowell soccer team's record to 10-0-1.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Reeths-Puffer wasn't supposed to be strong Lowell's lack of intensity, and possibly getting caught looking ahead to its soccer match against Forest Hills Central, nearly cost the number sixth ranked team in the state its first loss of the season.

Lowell trailed 1-0 with approximately 15 minutes to play in the game, before a flurry of goals in a three-minute span propelled the Red Arrows to a 3-1 lead and eventually tral a 3-2 nonconference win.

"It was kind of a sloppy game, but the boys got things sorted out and took care of business," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge. "We were not as intense and as focused as we should have been."

Sam Oberlin netted two of the three goals for the Red Arrows on assists from Kevin Gillman and Shane Stokes. Lowell's other goal was booted in by Stokes on an assist from Oberlin.

Reeths-Puffer scored its second goal of the game in the latter minutes of the contest. "We didn't do a good job of finishing/putting the ball

away," Legge said. "David Cross and Ramsey Charrouf, off the bench, did a good job of lifting our play." The win improved Lowell to 10-0-1.

"There are a lot of people out there that think we're overrated and have played a weak schedule, but these boys are eager to prove they are the best in West Michigan."

That chance comes this week against Forest Hills Cen-"We'll have to come out early and match their inten-

sity," Legge said. "A key will be for us to score early, putting pressure on them and giving us some momentum.

Lowell's scheduled game with Rockford was cancelled because of the tragic accident which claimed the lives of Keith Krey and Brett Taylor. The game will not be resched-

Red Arrow golfers split meet with Northview and Forest Hills Northern

Lowell's golf team split its triangular meet with Northview Dan Harrison and Dave Maylone both carded nine-hole scores and Forest Hills Northern at Thousand Oaks on Tuesday of 44. (Sept. 24).

The Red Arrows shot a 174, leaving them 10 strokes behind Northview. Forest Hills Northern finished with a round of 177.

White and 7-5 overall. "We didn't play real well," said Lowell golf coach, Jack

Leading Lowell was Luke Tomczak with a round of 41

Chris Lechner and Matt Scheider came home in 45. The match medalist was Northview's Rick Kelbel with a 37. Northern's Alex Troger was three shots behind at 40.

The other three Wildcats all came in under 44. Justin Bott The split pushed the Red Arrow record to 4-5 in the O-K and Jeremy Schumaker fired 42s while Jack Edin finished

> Northern's other three scores were handed in by Brandon Sprotte 45, Tim Ellis 46, and Tim Jang 46.

LOOK AHEAD: 2003 Football Schedule

2003 O-K Conference White Division

Aug. 28 or Aug. 29

Friday, Sept. 5

Lowell @ Sparta

Nonconference Game

Friday, Sept. 19 Kenowa Hills @ Lowell

Friday, Sept. 26 Northview @ Lowell

Friday, Oct. 3 Lowell @ Greenville

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Friday, Oct. 10 Unity Christian @ Lowell

Friday, Oct. 17 Cedar Springs @ Lowell

Friday, Oct. 24 O-K White crossover game

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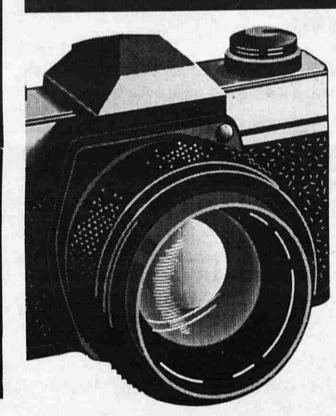
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First Buck

Mike Jones' first deer hunting trip will be one he remembers for a long time. The Lowell 16-year old shot himself a five-point buck which weighed 125 pounds on Saturday south of Lowell about 6:50 p.m. Jones used a 20-gauge.

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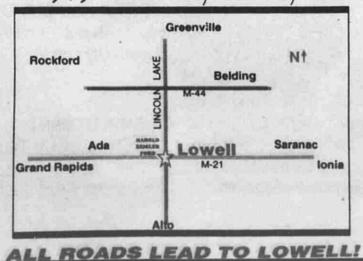
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