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Election numbers don't lie; Lowell got out the vote

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It may have been an area resident running for governor, or the four ballot proposals or, in some cases, the local ballot issues ... whatever the reason, large numbers of Lowell and Vergennes township voters found their way to the polls on Nov. 5.

"I think the fact that Dick Posthumus (area resident) was running for governor may have helped get people out to vote," said Vergennes Township clerk, Mari Stone.

In Vergennes Township, 66 percent (1,661 out of 2,509) of the registered voters exercised their right to vote.

Lowell Charter Township residents, along with the

Posthumus factor, were pulled in by the home-based business referendum.

Of the 2,000 registered township voters, 1,408 cast their votes (62 percent).

"It was wild and busy, but things went pretty smoothly," said Lowell Charter Township clerk, Linda Regan. "We had a steady flow of voters throughout the day. It helped make the day go quickly."

The only snafu that could be found between the two townships and the city was an address problem.

"Two city residents were on our list of voters and two Vergennes Township residents were on the city's list," explained Stone.

That issue was not as much a voting mishap as a

continuing address issue.

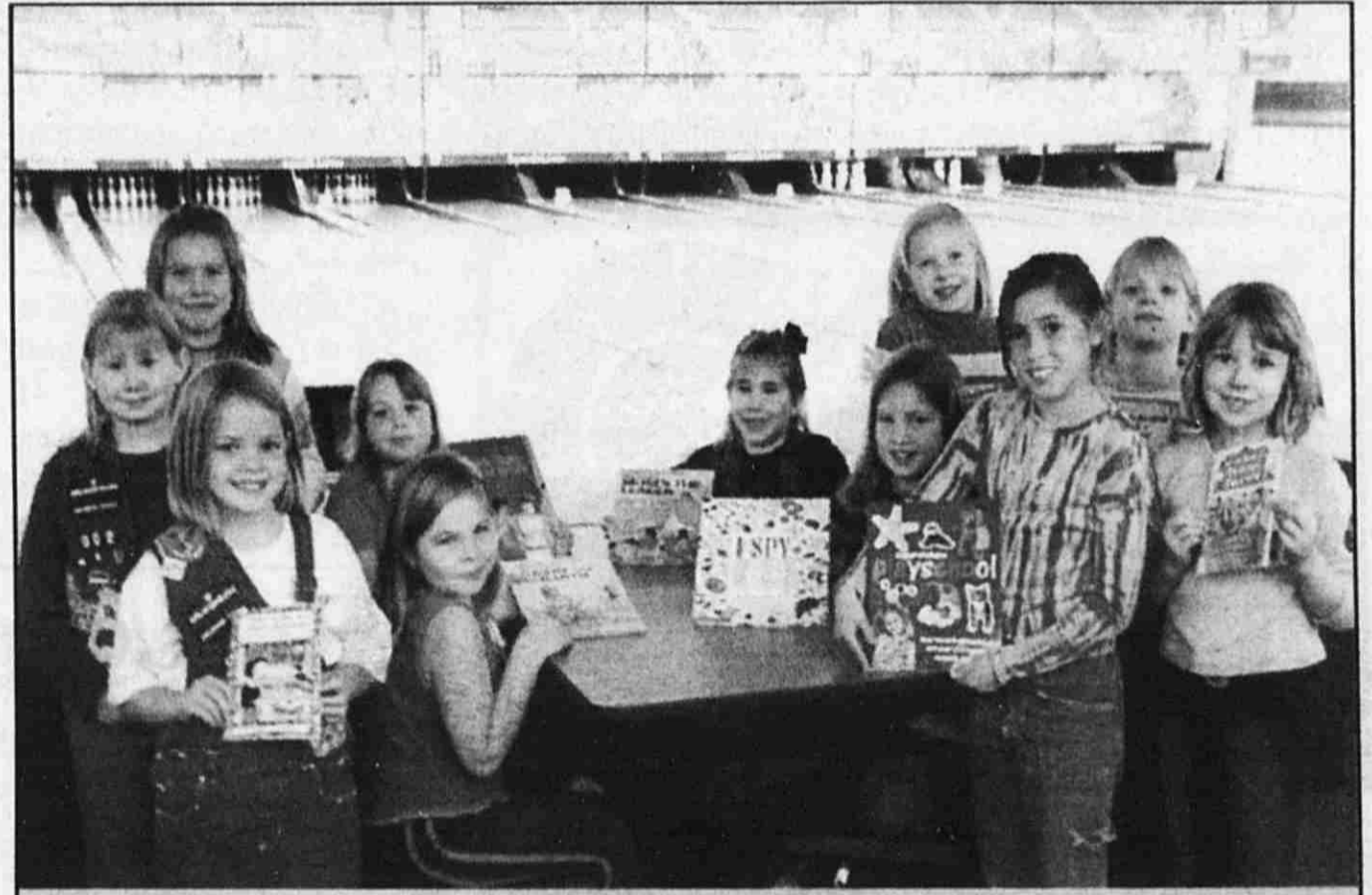
"We have two street addresses in the city and Vergennes Township that are identical," said Lowell city clerk, Betty Morlock.

The Lincoln Lake address issue has been a source of frustration for emergency personnel for a number of years.

Morlock says she believes Lincoln Lake within the city limits should be changed to Lincoln Avenue. "I think we should just drop lake off the city street address," Morlock said.

The city enjoyed a 49.8 percent (1,327 of 2,663) voter turnout on election day.

"The machines ran fine and we were kept very busy," Morlock concluded.



Scouting for Toys

Alto Girl Scouts began Christmas shopping in October for the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Six troops (2068, 1826, 1842, 002, 392 & 1101) representing the Daisy, Brownie, and Junior levels are gathering unwrapped toys to be dispersed to area families this holiday season. "This is the third year we've run this program," said school coordinator and troop leader, Susan Merriman. "Our goal is to collect 200 toys." They will collect unwrapped toys/books at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7. The toys should be for children ages five-12. "This serves as our yearly community service project," Merriman explained. The project was kicked off in October at the scouts' Global Party. Those pictured to the left, standing, are: Kendra Merriman, Samantha Moody and MacKenzie Fox. Pictured to the right, standing, are: Carissa Paiz, Kylie Jean, Kristin Reid and Cassie Rybicki. To the left, seated, are: Chloe Aalsburg and Danielle Bagin; to the right, seated, are: Laura Droog and Brianna Thomet.

Structured bike jump area has council's support

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Where do kids with BMX bikes jump when they don't have a track? Everywhere, the Lowell City Council was reminded.

A half dozen young Lowell boys identified construction sites, businesses, cemeteries and most other places where there are objects to jump.

The youth attended the council meeting with Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh looking for support from the Lowell City Council.

No hurdles were placed in front of them.

The council voted in favor of a structured area at the identified Stoney Lakeside Park location contingent on an exit point if the time comes when there is not support for the track that there is an annual evaluation and that all insurance requirements are met.

Two weeks ago the parks and recreation commission recommended that the track be located at Stoney Lakeside Park with Welsh working with interested youth to plot out the track.

"This will not be the YMCA putting in a

BMX, cont'd. pg. 8

Council scrutinizes project change orders

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A change order in the amount of a little over \$59,000 was approved by the Lowell

City Council Monday night, but not without some scrutiny.

As Lowell councilman Mike Blough noted, "change orders always cost the city money."

Change order No.3 in the City Hall/police station project did just that.

It lowered the contingency fund to \$209,000. Blough noted that he also applies \$44,000 for sewer, which would lower the fund to \$165,000. The contingency fund was set at \$333,000 before the project was started.

The changes approved by the council were for over-excavation of bad soils and replacement with engineered fill for a total of \$3,933.56.

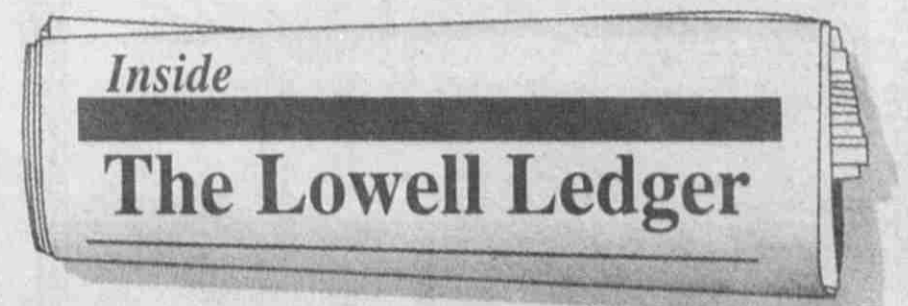
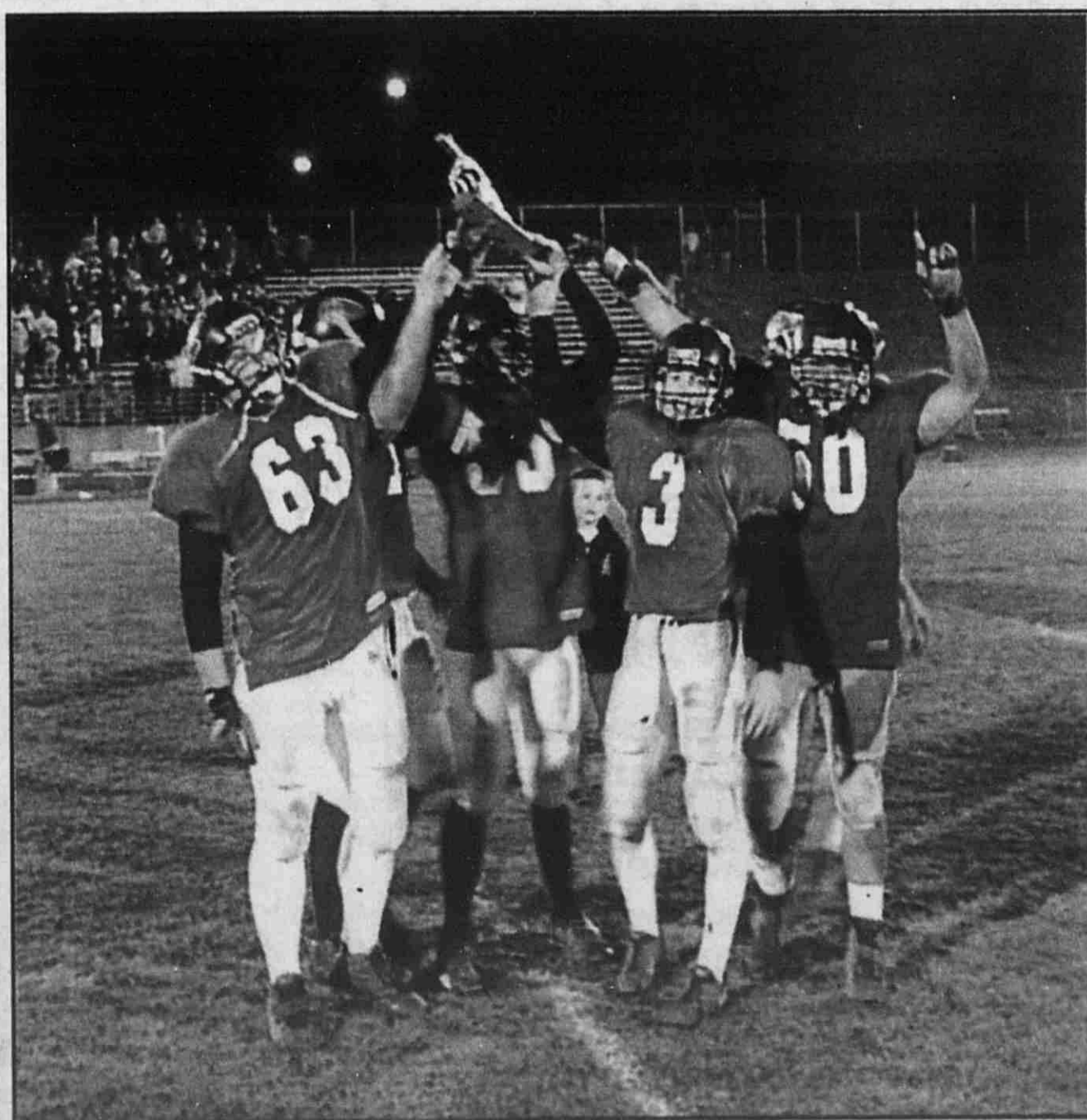
Lowell Light & Power made a decision to provide a lesser quality transformer for the project. The electrical panels had to be upgraded to increase their ability to protect the building. This resulted in an increase of \$6,068.

Because of construction sequencing, it was determined that the overall project

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Lowell Seniors raise the district trophy high in the air following a highly contested 24-21 win over Adrian Friday night. The difference in the game was Matt Foster's 51-yard field goal.



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OBITUARIES

BISHOP - Foster L. Bishop, aged 73, a lifelong resident of Cascade, passed away suddenly in Reno, Nev., on October 28, 2002, while playing racquetball. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Flora; children Beth (Karl) Kusmierski, Kristine Bishop, Brian (Dana) Bishop, Phillip Bishop and a special friend Nel Belding; his brother and sisters Robert (Betty) Bishop, Barbara (Con) Kwekel, Ardith (Jim) Post, Joan

(George) Doherty; his sisters and brother-in-law Evelyn Roudabush, Doris Canfield and Edward Myers; grandchildren Joe Kusmierski, Christopher (Chantal) Kusmierski, Foster H. Bishop, Brianna Bishop; great-granddaughter Christina Kusmierski. Mr. "B" owned and operated Bishop Distributing for 43 years and was an avid pilot. Funeral services were held November 2 at Cascade Christian Church

with Rev. Raymond Gaylord officiating. Interment in Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 125 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503.

CHADWICK - Clara L. Chadwick, aged 104, of Saranac, passed away November 11, 2002, in Lowell. She was born March 21, 1898, in Parkerburg, W. Virginia, the daughter of Francis and Louise (Walter) Geiger. She married Floyd Chadwick September 15, 1919; he preceded her in death December 7, 1931. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Altar Society at St. Anthony's and American Legion Auxiliary in Saranac. She is survived by her son Raymond Chadwick of Saranac; daughter Frances

Hauter of Saranac; daughter-in-law Rosalyn Chadwick of Saranac; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons Albert Floyd in 1921, Floyd Albert in 1926 and Warren Reed in 2001; daughter-in-law Lois Chadwick; son-in-law Harold Hauter. Funeral services will be Thursday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Saranac with Father Tom Bouffard officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until time of service. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution to St. Anthony's Church Building Fund.

CHAFFEE - Dorothy Eleanor Chaffee, aged 79, of Ada, died Thursday, Novem-

ber 7, 2002. She is survived by her daughters Pauline (Loren) Barton of Lowell, Mary (Walt) Brownell of Rockford; sister Eleanor Schaff of Lowell; grandchildren Matthew (Denise) Barton, Shawn McLernon, Amy Barton, Dustin Brownell. Funeral services were held Monday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. R. Louis Staker of St. Robert of Newminster Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Research or the Ada Historical Society.

MILLER - Lucille E. Miller, aged 86, passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, at Laurels of Kent in Lowell. She was preceded in death by her husband Arvid; brother Phillip, sister LaVonne Hall. She is survived by her daughter Cynthia and David Robinson of Coral; grandson David Gonyon of Lowell; brothers Clifford and Thelma Carlson of Bailey, Carl and Tillie Carlson of Florida; sister Hilda and Robert Rake of Newaygo; sister-in-law Dorothy Carlson of Bailey; brother-in-law Robert Hall of Newaygo; several nieces and nephews. As Lucille had wished, cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held November 11 at the Galilee Baptist Church, Saranac, with Rev. Jim Frank officiating. Interment of remains in Chubbuck Cemetery, Kent City. Those who wish may make memorial con-

tributions to Galilee Baptist Church, 291 Orchard St., Saranac, MI 48881.

MOORE - Robert Jonathan "Jon" Moore passed away to the nearer presence of God October 15, 2002. He was born May 10, 1956, in Grand Rapids. Jon was preceded in death by his father Robert Jonathan "R.J." Moore and his maternal grandparents John W. Wilson and Martha "Jane" Lewis. He is survived by his mother Virginia Moore of Ada, his wife Maria Pena and children Jimmy and Nicole Pena and Rjay Moore of San Jose, Costa Rica; brother Bradley (Tammy) of Helena Island, S.C.; paternal grandparents Thomas and June Moore of Rensselaer, Ind. (formerly of Lowell). He has numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Jon lived in Lowell, Pennsylvania, Coopersville, Ada and Traverse City. He is a graduate of Forest Hills High School. Because of health reasons, he moved to Costa Rica for six months out of the year. He met and married Maria. When in Costa Rica he was a tour guide for the rain forest and seashore. Jon was cremated and services were held in Costa Rica. A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. at Lowell First United Methodist Church with Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. In lieu of flowers, an education fund has been started for Rjay Moore at Bank One, Ada.

OSBON - Walter Osbon, aged 73, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly November 4, 2002. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Mary V. Osbon, daughters Linda (Daniel) Hunter of Grand Rapids, Deborah Johnson of Fla., Sharon Osbon of Grand Rapids; step-children Nora and Patrick Cook, James and Deana Wolfcale; sister Patricia (Jake) VanPutten; brother-in-law George Maxwell; sister-in-law Helen Osbon; 20 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mr. Osbon was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Verba Osbon, sons Wallace Christopher Osbon and Walter James Osbon, step-children David Wolfcale, Julie A. Thurlby; brothers Richard Osbon, David Osbon. He retired from the CSX Railroad in 1987 after 35 years with the railroad. He had the pleasure of being the conductor on the maiden voyage of the Amtrak train from Grand Rapids to Chicago. Funeral services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Joe Fremer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment Oaklawn Cemetery, Sturgis, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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—Oiver Wendell Holmes

Former LHS grad highlights film and video seminar

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Students from seven high schools participated in the first ever Extreme LAAC/LHS Film & Video Production seminar. The all-day event took place on Friday at Lowell High School. Speakers covered topics from editing and composition to script writing.

The seminar and group discussions centered on video production. It was organized through the combined efforts of the Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell High School and gave students a taste of the many different aspects of film and video production.

"We had many positive comments about the event," said Lowell High School video production teacher, Laurie Summerfield.

The list of speakers included Lowell High School graduate/independent filmmaker, Brad Haight.

Other speakers to participate were Dr. Jerry Henderson, Central Michigan University; Barb Roos, assistant director-school of communications at Grand Valley State University; John Douglas, Grand Rapids Press; Dan Limebaugh, WOTV; Jeff Smith, Grand Rapids Institute for Information Democracy; Andrew Jefchak, Aquinas College; Sandra Birdiet, director - journalism institute for information at Wayne State University; Mannie Gentile, Grand Rapids Community Media Center; Clayton Rye, television & digital production department, Ferris State University; Curt Bechler, Aquinas College; and Maureen Fahey Dreher, casting agent.

"We'll make this an annual thing," Summerfield said. "We have ideas to tweak it and make it better."

Topics for the day were nonlinear editing, editing and composition, Mobile Learning Lab for Information Education, production qualities, acting for the camera, news field production, story boards, film review, media/broadcasting, media ethics, script writing, media literacy, talent/modeling, multi-track audio; and video production curriculum.

"It was great to have speakers who covered such broad interests," said Lowell Area Arts Council's Deb Duiven. "They shared their enthusiasm for what they do, and the students and high school instructors found it to be very exciting. The event far and above exceeded what was originally envisioned."

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Dignity & Respect

Sixth-grader Cody Grimm was the first Lowell Middle School recipient of the Meijer "Dignity and Respect Award." Grimm was nominated by his peers for being a good, helpful and caring citizen. For the honor, Grimm received a certificate and a \$25 gift card from Meijer. Meijer will honor one Lowell Middle School student each month. Pictured from left to right, are: Rose Adams, Meijer public relations coordinator, Grimm and Lowell Middle School Principal, Linda Warren.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 18, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

A rezoning request from Sundry Development Consulting, L.L.C. to rezone 1115 East Main, parcel #41-20-01-176-001 from SR (Suburban Residential) to PUD/R-1 (Planned Unit Development/Residential Single Family).

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.

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Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on personal property (located at 1000 Foreman). The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,109,190 in machinery and equipment.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.

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Prayer and Bad Hair

Pushing 53 years old, I'm losing hair in a strange pattern. Starting from the front on top, both sides, I'm getting bald, but not in the middle of the top. Someone saw our church service on Channel 2 and said, "Who is that man in the choir with a mohawk? Oh! That's just John."

Years ago, at another church there was a man who was bald over most of his head so he let the hair on the one side grow real long, brushed it over the top, swept it back and tried to make it stay with hair treatments. My daughters were still at home then and they would talk about his funny "comb over." It was hard for them to take this man seriously. His hair is all they saw.

Unrepented sin to God gets in the way of our prayers like strange hair can get in the way of our conversations. Some sins are hidden, that we do not want to let go of, and we would be so ashamed if others found them out. And, there is the sin we are fully conscious of, and is also quite obvious to others too. It takes daily confession, repentance and renouncing of these sins to have God's ear. The Bible says, "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened (Psalm 66:18)." Unrepented sin could be a reason why some people don't have a meaningful prayer life.

Some of our sins others can see plainly but we seem to be blind to them, like a funny comb over. There are also sins that neither we nor no one else can see - only God knows. Apply the prayer of David here and ask The Lord to reveal these sins to you: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 139: 23 & 24)."

Allowing God to search and test your heart will make you aware of these hidden sins. Repent of them. Letting God lead you in the way everlasting is to be forgiven of all your sins and live in righteousness.

Eight gifts accepted into school district

Eight gifts totaling over \$3,000 were accepted into the Lowell School District at Monday night's board of education meeting.

- The gifts covered a broad spectrum of the curriculum.
- Door Hardware Service donated doors and windows valued at \$750 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
- Patrick Doyle donated an insect collection valued at \$600 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
- Warren Skip Olson donated computer equipment valued at \$400 to be used by the Lowell technology department.
- Gordon Guyer donated a black bear hide valued at \$400 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

- Jackie Deters donated a trombone valued at \$350 to be used by the middle school music program.
- Brenda Rawson donated \$250 in memory of Adam VanderPols' grandfather, Roland Rawson I, to be used by the high school football program.
- Theresa Stroosnyder donated an exercise bike valued at \$200 to be used by the middle school physical education department.
- Steve Tchozeski donated display cases valued at \$100 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

IN THE SERVICE

Air National Guard Airman Christian J. Gorgas has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organizations and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Norbert Gorgas of Alto and a 2002 graduate of Caledonia High School.

During training, Tarney received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, rifle marksmanship, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions.

Tarney is a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Dena Hofman of Lowell.

Army Pvt. Mindy K. Tarney has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.



Army Pvt. Mindy K. Tarney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 14: David Durkee, Doris Rhines.
NOV. 15: Beth Stouffer, Emily Myers, Gina Gildner, Doug Decker, Alyssa Rash.
NOV. 16: Cheryl Liley.
NOV. 17: Scott MacNaughton, Cory DuBridge, Tyler Shindorf, Mary Schuttis, Anastasia Barnes, Ali Wernet.

NOV. 18: Brent Noskey, Fran Powell, Sandy Roe, Lillian Briggs.
NOV. 19: Ken Mulder, Jamie Zoodsma, Evelyn Roudabush, Marlene Nash, Lewis Powell.
NOV. 20: Brian Brown, John Butler Sr., Michelle Wernet.

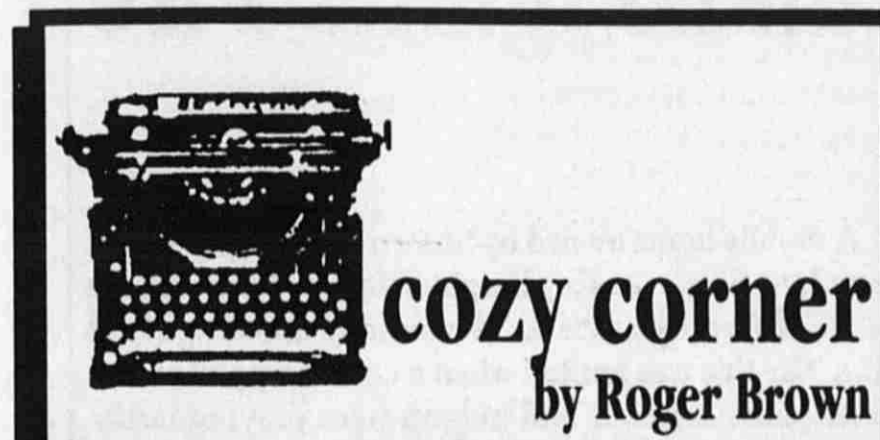
COLLEGE NEWS

Cheri Declercq, of Lowell, was one of approximately 1,800 students who graduated in August 2002 from Central Michigan University.

Don't you wish there were a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence? There's one marked 'Brightness' but it doesn't work.

Gallagher

Viewpoint . . .



Monday was Veteran's Day. It used to be Armistice Day, commemorating the end of WWI. The cease-fire came at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1919. WWI was billed as the war to end all wars. Even the worst history student knows that was a lousy slogan. There has been at least one biggie and a continuous series of smaller conflicts ever since. I guess that's why the change to Veteran's Day...to include all those who have served since the war to end all wars.

I'm a veteran. I'm reluctant to mention the fact in connection with Veteran's Day. I served in the army during the Vietnam War, but wasn't sent to Vietnam. I wasn't in a combat unit. I was an M.P. My time in uniform was more like a Beetle Bailey comic strip than a John Wayne movie. Despite my reluctance to lump myself in with real veterans, I did take the day off.

My wife and I were on our way home from a road trip that took us through Mobile, Alabama, on Interstate 10. Visible from the highway is the U.S.S. Alabama, a monstrous battleship that served throughout WWII and is now a floating museum. We were on a pretty tight schedule, had the dogs with us and were a little road weary. I'm sure Terese would have preferred that we blow on by, but the veteran in me couldn't resist. I took the exit.

Just walking up to the thing from the parking lot blew me away. There are other attractions at the park like a B-52 bomber, assorted tanks, airplanes and a WWII submarine in dry dock. The battleship simply dwarfs everything else. Even the B-52 seems almost like a toy in relationship to the Alabama. I couldn't wait to get on board.

I have seen cruise ships that were probably bigger than the Alabama, but they don't seem bigger. We see 300 pound people in the potato chip aisle of the grocery store all the time

and think nothing of it. But, if you bump into a 300 pound NFL lineman, you remember it. That's the difference between the Alabama and a cruise ship.

I had an info sheet on the Alabama, but can't find it right now. If memory serves me the Alabama is eight hundred and something feet long, a little over a hundred feet wide and has a displacement roughly equivalent to the population of a large city of Rosie O'Donnell clones.

From the outside it is the armament that is so unbelievable. There are nine sixteen-inch guns mounted in three huge turrets. The projectiles from these guns weigh about the same as your S.U.V. They can hit targets over twenty miles away. There are countless five-inch guns in twin mounts along with 40 millimeter, 20 millimeter and .50 caliber guns bristling everywhere. The wartime combat crew was roughly 2,500 men (real veterans). With all the guns manned, I think there was one guy left to run the engines and another to steer.

Inside, the curators have done an excellent job of giving visitors a feel for what life at sea must have been like for 2,500 men. The tour takes you past, or through, galleys, bakeries, a butcher shop, huge garbage disposals and numerous mess areas segregated by officers, chiefs, warrants and seamen. There are laundries, barbershops, cobbler shops, stores, a brig, dental office, sick bay, operating rooms, theater and sleeping

quarters. If you were a seaman you slept in a cot stacked four deep in a small area with scores of other seamen. Chiefs, warrants and officers had increasingly better quarters, but the captain was the only guy with his own room. As big as the ship is, efficient use of every space is the obvious rule.

The tour is extensive and includes several decks, but you never get close to the deep bowels of the ship where the engines are, or to the upper reaches of the superstructure. You do get to climb into one of the huge turrets housing three of the sixteen-inch guns. Here I was positively amazed by the elaborate mechanisms for handling the powder and projectiles, moving the turret and aiming the huge guns. When looking at everything there was to be done on the Alabama, you begin to wonder how they got by with only 2,500 men.

It should be obvious that the Alabama hugely impressed me. I truly enjoyed my Veteran's Day tour. I am thankful for the chance to spend a portion of the day immersed in such a stunning tribute to our nation's veterans.

Later in the car, a public radio channel was conducting interviews with sailors leaving San Diego for a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf. We didn't start making veterans at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1919. We also didn't stop making them. My hat is off to all of you, past and present.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We would like the people of our community to know that the following letter has been sent to the Kent County Commissioners: We are the Open Space Citizens Committee of Vergennes Township, and we support the proposal for the purchase of development rights now being considered. There are a number of reasons why we send this letter:

- A recent survey of Vergennes' residents indicated strong support for open space preservation.
- The concept of purchase of development rights is a relevant, useable tool for preserving agriculture and open space in Kent County.

• Once land is lost from farming, it is usually swallowed up by development—and cannot be regained.

- There is an economic need to help farmers maintain a viable agricultural industry.
- No American wants to be dependent on foreign food any more than he or she wants to be dependent on foreign oil.
- Land used for agriculture is infinitely renewable.
- Green spaces enhance an area's livability.

Please consider our comments when voting on the purchase of development right issue.

Sincerely,
Kate Dernoceur,
Acting Chair
Marsha Wilcox
Mari Stone
Marianne Menger
Daina Ward

Another editorial suggestion: fill the mudholes with gravel whenever they appear, and roads will improve.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 17, 1927

Businesses and schools close for the afternoon and a crowd packed into City Hall observes Armistice Day with a program of music and speeches.

Look's annual 1¢ sale is this Thursday through Saturday. Superior is doing a good business in reproducing foreign and antique furniture.

The Tuberculosis Society campaigns for keeping your bedroom windows open at night, plus less heat and more open windows during the day too.

"Ben Hur" will play at the Strand Theatre five nights next week, tickets at 25¢ and 50¢ instead of the usual 15¢ and 25¢.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 13, 1952

Ralph Townsend goes to Fennville to bag an eight-pound Canada goose.

Michigan had 3,612 cases of polio this year, a new record. Research gives hope that a vaccine may be found.

Armistice Eve is celebrated by a dinner served GI style and reminiscing, attended by 75 recent and not-so-recent veterans.

Successful hunters are asked to notify the Conservation Department so a game specialist can check deer for age and health.

Congressman Gerald R. Ford analyzes the election for Lowell Rotary on the day after.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 16, 1977

Jim Barber wins the buck contest with an eight-pointer, shot at 7 a.m.

The middle school log cabin is once again repaired (vandalism seems to be a problem) for pioneer studies and the spring maple sugar project.

Dean Collins, Dave Carter and Howard Clack are re-elected to City Council in a light vote, 23.5 percent.

Police Chief Barry Emmons asks motorists to winterize now so they won't stall later.

Editor Roger Brown's Cozy Corner reminisces about his past two years of Ledger ownership, including turning the office into a nursery for awhile so both Browns could get the fledgling business as well as two babies off to a good start.

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The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles. A for asymmetry: A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides. B for border: A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged. C for color: Changes in the color of a mole, including darkening, spread of color, loss of color, or the appearance of multiple colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray. D for diameter: A mole larger than 1/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser). E for elevation: A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface.

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

- A mole that bleeds
 - A mole that grows fast
 - A scaly or crusted growth on the skin
 - A sore that won't heal
 - A mole that itches
 - A place on your skin that feels rough like sandpaper
- If you notice any of the above signs or changes in your skin, visit your doctor. Skin cancer can be treated successfully if it's treated early.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 14, 1877

Lowell considers the possibility of a branch telegraph office on Main Street.

Robert Marshall is turning out quality goods in his new cooper shop (wooden barrels).

Several young ladies of Lowell are talking of starting a Ladies Cornet Band.

The big dog is back and even bigger than last winter, jumping through the holes in the woodpiles on Bridge Street.

Two women from Saranac were in town, Monday, drunk, driving recklessly in their buggy, later walking up and down the street, smoking and swearing. The editor says their behavior might not be entirely their fault, and that lots of men behave the same without being noticed.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 13, 1902

The Epworth League Course of Entertainments and Lectures will feature the Hawthorne Musical Club of Boston next Wednesday evening.

The editor suggests that organizations make sure the hall and approaches are clean and warm, and that programs start on time.

A proposition to separate the townships from the city of Grand Rapids in county government is being debated.

The year-long debate about a footbridge across the river is a topic for Lowell school children to debate and write about this fall.



Candle Ignites Fire

A mobile home owned by Shawn Goostrey of 11345 Mary Jane Street in Key Heights Mobile Home Village was destroyed by a fire on Wednesday morning (9:30 a.m.). The fire was ignited when a candle tipped onto a pile of yarn. A father and his son were playing in the home when they smelled smoke and saw flames in the living room, according to Lowell Area Fire Capt., Roger Reed. The mobile home was engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived on the scene. Both father and son escaped the fire without injury. Reed said the damage to the home (insured) and family possessions were estimated at \$30,000.

Lowell Township voters turn down referendum

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

Lowell Charter Township residents said no to the possibility of a special use permit for home based businesses. The controversial issue gathered a lot of discussion and debate in the months leading up to the November election, but in the end, township residents voted down the referendum by 95 votes, 1017-922.

The ballot issue, if passed, would have allowed for three full-time employees as well as unlimited part-time/seasonal employees of a special use permit in rural agricultural zones. The issue reached the ballot because township businessman, Jerry Persha, Optec owner, and others gathered enough signatures on a petition for a referendum. The issue of amending the zoning ordinance first surfaced

when the township reviewed a home-based sprinkler business that did not fit the definition of home occupation, since it employed people not living in the home. An existing law, home occupation, allows those living at the home to run and work a business at the residence. The breakdown of the referendum showed Precinct I voted against it 776-519 while Precinct II voted in favor of it by a tally of 403-341.

Board accepts bids on new elementary building project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

Bids were taken in the construction of the new elementary school on Oct. 30. The Lowell School Board accepted 30 bids as presented at its Monday night meeting. In all, the district received 174 bids on the \$10.023 million construction project. Groundbreaking for the new elementary school is tentatively scheduled for March of 2003 with the opening slated for the 2004-05 school year.

Lowell assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, Jim White, said because of an excellent bid climate, the district will be able to afford to build the elementary school the way it was planned. The new elementary school will have 18-19 classrooms and hold 400 students. The administration recommended that the board move

forward on construction at its September meeting. The recommendation was based on the fact that this year's total student count surpassed the highest projections put forth by DPM and Stanfred and Associates. The project had been delayed over the last couple of years due to flat enrollment.

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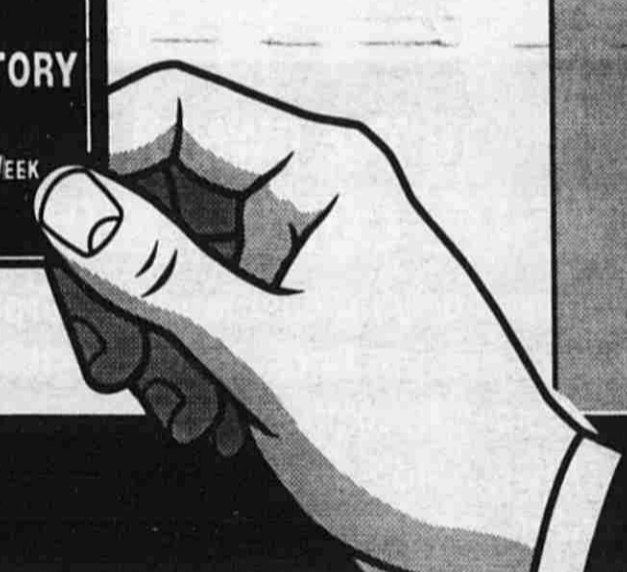
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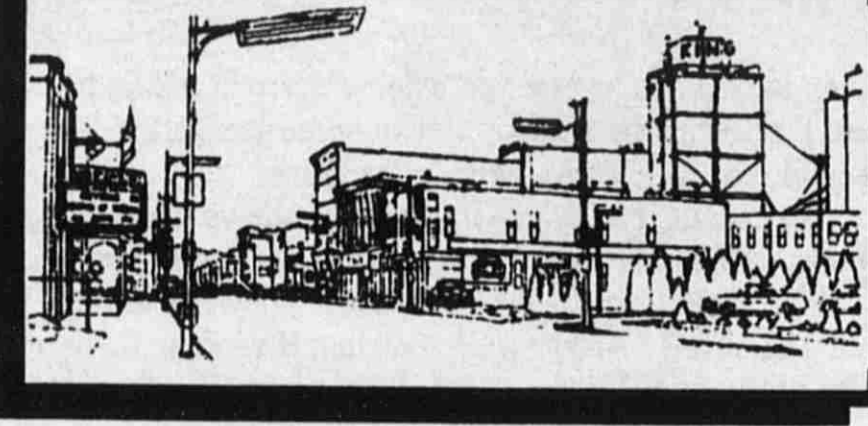
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RIVERWALK GALLERY

Artwork by local resident and multi-media artist, Todd Roy is on display at Riverwalk Gallery during November. A reception, open to the public, will be held Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m. Call 897-9161 for viewing hours.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS...

Our sub and cookie dough sale runs thru Nov. 21 with delivery on Dec. 2. Call Lynn Meyers (676-3680) to place your order or to sell. Sign up to work at Kohl's Dec. 4, 8, 11 and 14 and save your cans for the upcoming pop can drive.

TO THE OWNER OF A WHITE CONVERSION VAN

who was driving eastbound on Grand River Dr. near Kissing Rock, in the westbound lane on Monday, November 4 at approximately 4:45.

How could you run my 19-year-old son Brandon, off the road into a guardrail? How could you NOT stop and see if he was okay? The car that you were in such a hurry to pass stopped and checked. The car behind that one stopped and checked on my child.

Did you know that his 16-year-old brother Brett was killed in a similar accident on September 25th 6 weeks ago? You could at least pay for the damage to his car that he purchased 5 days ago.

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NEEDED: 2 LB. COFFEE CANS
If you would like to donate any old two-pound coffee cans, please drop them off with Ron at the fairgrounds office or Chamber office.

CHRISTMAS THRU LOWELL THIS WEEKEND
The 11th annual Christmas through Lowell is Nov. 15, 16 and 17. Maps at Cousins', River Hollow, Michael's Farm Market, Dream Pieces and Touch of Country.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
First United Methodist Church's annual holiday craft show, Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Over 30 booths, bake sale, and luncheon from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FULL MOON GUIDED WALK
Stop by the Wittenbach Center (across from the high school) for some family fun with a full moon guided walk on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 7-9 p.m. Celebrate the winter solstice and enjoy some hot chocolate.

ANGEL WORKSHOP
Children 8-18 can create an angel for Riverwalk Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the King building - Lowell Fairgrounds. Basic art materials are provided; bring your own creative stuff. Call Liz at 897-9161.

LEARNING LAB PRESCHOOL - FREE
The Child Psychology classes at Lowell High School will conduct a free learning lab preschool from Dec. 2 thru Dec. 19 from 9:50 - 11:15 a.m. Contact Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125 for more information or by email at mlahaye@lowell.k12.mi.us.

RULES FOR COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION
Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Moose Lodge Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Fulton. Everyone must have last 3 pay stubs from wages, proof of medicare, food stamps, SSI, and other income, proof of address for self and all dependents; all social security #'s for everyone in the household. Without this info. you may not qualify.

SANTA PARADE
The annual Christmas parade is Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Contact Chamber office for an application (897-9161).

HOMEMADE GOODIES NEEDED
If you would like to bake your favorite homemade goodie for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas bake sale on Dec. 7, call Linda or Darlene at 897-1140.

MAKE HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS AT LAAC
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BMX, cont'd... From Page 1

track. This will be the Y showing kids what's involved in the process and working with youth on the weekends to build the track. It will be built on a volunteer basis," Welsh said.

He believes that approach will give kids a stronger sense of ownership.

When asked about the track falling into disrepair, Welsh said part of the process includes program planning and community outreach.

As proposed, the track will be covered under the city's umbrella policy as long as it remains in the park.

It will not be a sanctioned track, therefore it will not hold meets. Youth will not be able to compete for point standings in age groups.

The track's highest hill will be around 8-10 feet while the length will be a couple hundred yards.

Construction for the new BMX track, weather permitting, could start before snowfall; otherwise it will begin in the spring.

"We would like to get a weekend of work in before the snow falls," Welsh said.

Change Order... From Page 1

and the project's schedule would be better served by replacing some bearing walls with new steel framing. The change resulted in an increase of \$2,910.

The repairing of cracks above the arch windows on the second floor will cost the city an extra \$4,745.

There will be a \$31,042 increase attached to an easement issue dealing with the construction of two new dumpster enclosures.

As a result of the project's easement issues, some of the electrical equipment was moved from behind the former VFW building into one consolidated location, resulting in an increased cost of \$4,453.

There were some reductions due to changes made. An adjustment for curbing will result due to adding the dumpsters. This will actually result in a \$2,064 reduction.

Another reduction will take place due to changing two pole-mounted light fixtures to wall-mounted light fixtures. The savings will total \$1,059.

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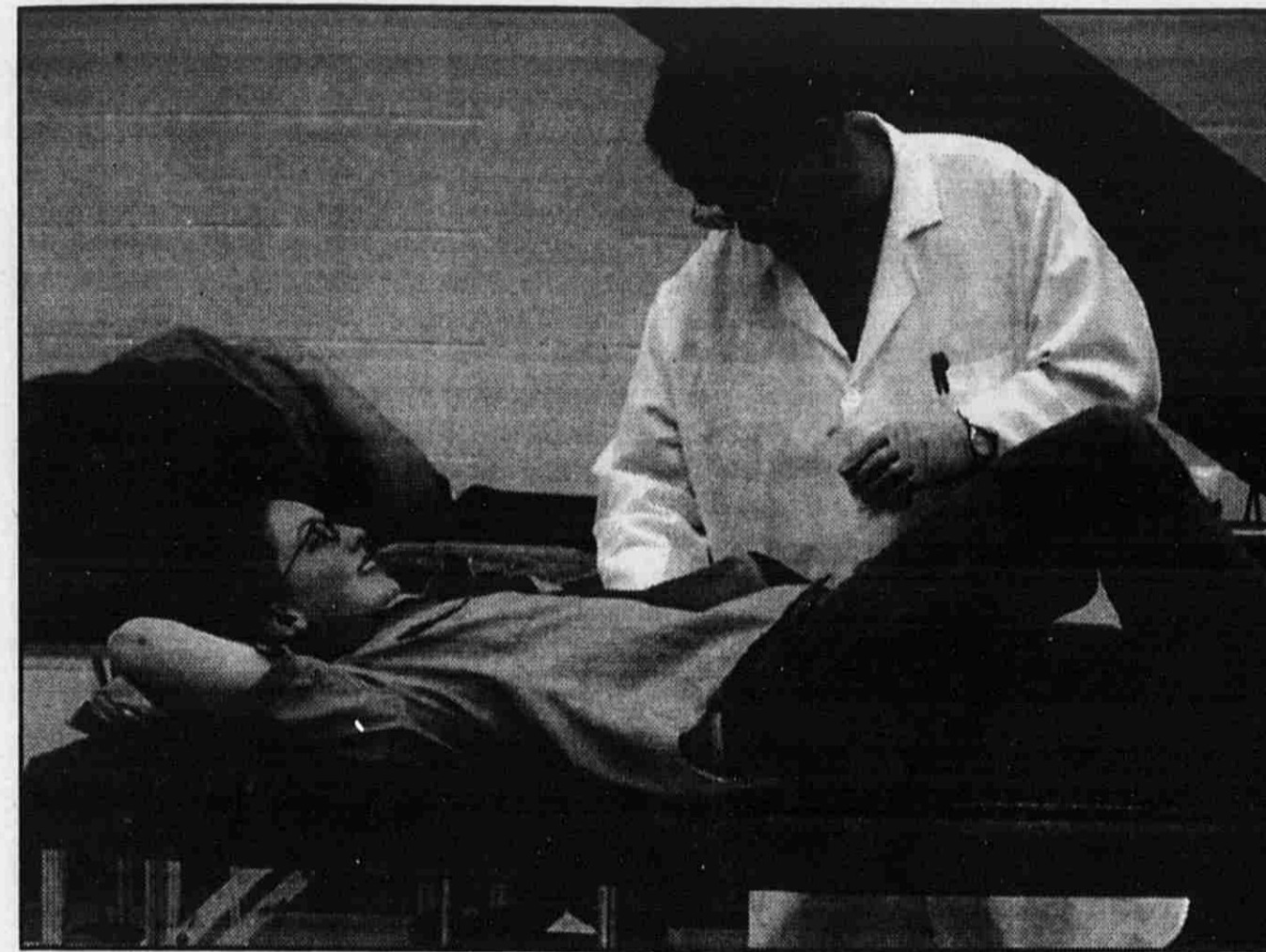
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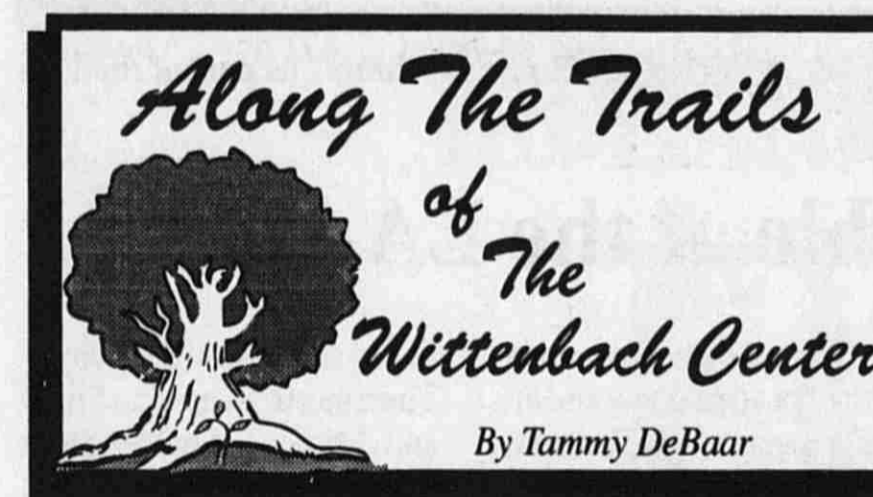
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Pint for Pint

Pint for pint it was the best ever fall blood drive held at Lowell High School. There were 120 students who signed up to give a pint of blood ... 86 had a pint of blood drawn and 50 of those were new donors. The blood drive, sponsored by the Lowell High School student council, was held for the Grand Valley Blood program. Pictured to the left is

Grand Valley's Boyd Newman drawing blood from Lowell High School student, Hannah Stout. Pictured to the right are: Kim Hoogewind and Ruthann Oesch enjoying their pint of ice cream.



A "gaggle of geese, a clutch" of chicks, a "rookery" of heron ... we spotted a large "brood" of turkeys at the Wittenbach Center. We are happy to have these birds around throughout the winter, and as we start thinking about turkeys and Thanksgiving, we should reflect on some

of the Michigan turkey facts:

- President Abraham Lincoln started the tradition of pardoning a turkey on Thanksgiving after his eight-year-old son Tad, made friends with a turkey given to the first family as a Thanksgiving meal. Tad later named the bird Jack.

- During the spring, a male (gobblers and jakes) wild turkey's physical appearance changes: his head turns a brilliant red, white and blue. He can often be seen puffed up, tail out and his wings drag-

ging on the ground to attract hens for breeding.

- Benjamin Franklin suggested that our national bird be the turkey rather than the bald eagle because of its red, white and blue colors and the fact that it does not migrate out of North America.

- Wild turkey populations were almost eliminated in the 1930s due to habitat destruction and unregulated shooting. Today, due to management practices (and tax dollars from turkey permits) there are over five million wild turkeys in the U.S.

- These slow looking birds can run up to 12 miles per hour and although they usually fly 100-200 yards at a time, they can fly up to several miles.

- Gobblers and jakes (M) grow beards, which are actually hair-like feathers from their breasts. Hens (F) actually can grow beards as well. As a matter of fact, up to 15 percent of the populations may contain bearded hens.

- Turkeys were extirpated in Michigan by 1900. Due to management techniques, by

1964, there were approximately 2,000 free ranging turkeys in Michigan. Today, there are over 140,000 and can be found in 76 of the 83 counties in Michigan. Turkey hunting returned to Michigan in the fall of 1965.

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Mesler's touch a favorite along the many stops of Christmas Through Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Marla Mesler will paint on anything she can find. That's okay, because for nine years Christmas Through Lowell patrons buy whatever she paints or draws on.

"Christmas items sell. They are a lot of work but a lot of fun," Mesler explained. They also help Mesler cover her Christmas expenses.

Mesler's items are unusual in that they are not on your everyday canvases. Many of her paintings will be found on barrel slats and old window screens.

The small pen and ink drawings are more conventionally displayed in small picture frames.

"I think Christmas Through Lowell works because people like to collect items. Whether it's recipes, Santas or snowmen, people come every year to my house to buy a Santa or a snowman," said Mesler.

Her passion for her art was fostered through a country painting class she took in Grand Rapids 26 years ago.

Mesler begins preparing for Christmas Through Lowell in the summer and keeps at a busy pace through Nov. 6.

By Friday (Nov. 15), Mesler will have transformed her living room into her own craft shop.

"Just about everything is moved out and replaced with her artwork on a few walls and tables," she says.

She calls her shop "From My House to Yours." It's located at 426 Avery and will be open all three days - Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Mesler will be one of 24 homes open to shoppers during the 11th Annual Christmas Through Lowell weekend.



Marla Mesler exhibits one of many screens which will be for sale at "From My House To Yours" as part of the 11th Annual Christmas Through Lowell.

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This exhibition opens with a sneak preview and artists' reception on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. Extended gallery hours during this holiday exhibit are Tuesday - Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. and Friday - Sunday from noon - 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Dec. 22.

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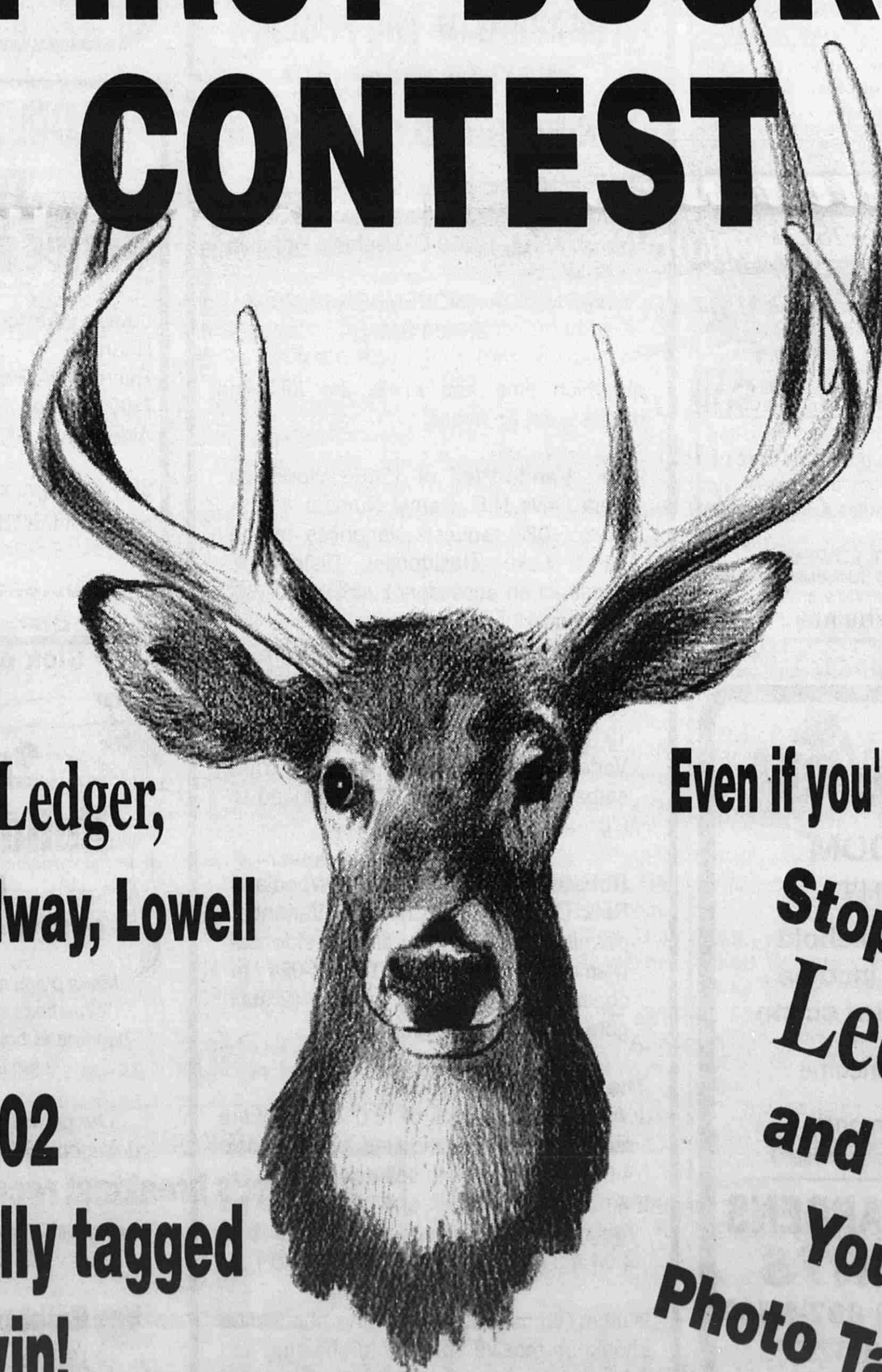
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WED: Chicken sticks and biscuit or beef burrito with nacho pieces, orange wedges, broccoli and cheese sauce.

THURS: Turkey or baked ham, whipped potatoes & gravy, homemade dinner roll, jello, holiday cookie.

FRI: Soft shell beef taco with cheese and lettuce or mini corn dogs, peaches & pears, fresh veggies & dip.

You may have cast your ballot last week for a new governor or senator. You may also want to participate in a different type of election—the choice of investments for your 401(k).

Depending on where you work, your company may have offered an "official" window of time for you to increase contributions to your 401(k) plan. But you can generally change your 401(k)'s investment mix at any time of the year. And now might be a particularly good time to act. Why? Because your 401(k) holdings may be out of balance with your desired asset allocation — the mix of investments that reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And your 401(k) may have gotten "unbalanced" without you having done anything.

To understand why this is the case, you need to examine how the different invest-

ments in your 401(k) portfolio have slumped. At the same time, your fixed-income investments, such as bonds, have probably done relatively well. In fact, they may have done so well that they now make up a much greater percentage of the total value of your 401(k). And that could be a problem you'll have to address.

When you first set up your 401(k), you decided on a suitable asset allocation, with different percentages of your total portfolio going to stocks, bonds, money market accounts, government securities, etc. During periods of significant market fluctuation, these percentages can change — a lot. For example, during the long bull market of the 1990's, the equity portion of your 401(k) may have grown to such levels that your portfolio was taking on a higher level of risk that you were comfortable with. You

may well have recognized this; if so, you may have rebalanced your portfolio by shifting some assets out of equities and into other areas.

Now, though, the situation is reversed. Within your overall portfolio, the value of stocks may be down, while the value of bonds may be up. Over the short term, you might not mind having a greater exposure to bonds while the market is so turbulent. But over the long term, stocks have historically outperformed bonds — and every other financial asset, too. Remember: past performance is no guarantee of future results. So, if your 401(k) is heavy with bonds or other fixed-income investments, your progress toward your retirement goals could be slowed.

Consequently, you may want to consider adjusting the percentages of your stock and bond investments within your 401(k). You may find it hard

to put more money into stocks when the market is volatile. But when you invest in a 401(k), you are dollar-cost averaging — putting the same amount of money into the same investments, at regular intervals.

While this strategy can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss, you buy more shares when the price is low, and fewer shares when the price is high. Over time, this technique can reduce your overall cost of investing. And when the market turns around, all those low-priced shares you bought can be worth more.

Take a close look at your 401(k). If it needs rebalancing, you may want to meet with your investment professional and take action soon. Remember, you can hardly find a better retirement vehicle than your 401(k) plan — so make sure you get the most out of it.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road on:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Jon VanderWiel of 12466 Woodland Park Drive N.E. Parcel Number 41-12-10-255-022 requests variances in the "R-L" Lake Residential District to construct an accessory building (30'x50' pole barn):

Variance from Article 7.03A Front Yard setback from required 30'-0" reduced to 18'-0"

Variance from Article 7.03C Side Yard setback from required 10'0" reduced to 5'0"

Ronald Goodyke of 12499 Woodland Park Drive N.E. requests a "Variance" permit in the "R-L" Lake Residential District, Parcel #41-12-10-257-021 to construct an accessory building (2 stall garage) on a non-conforming lot.

The application requests:

1. A front yard setback of 18'0" in lieu of the required 30'0" as required under Article 4.04 A.2 (reduction in setback of 12'0")
2. A rear yard setback of 3'0" in lieu of the required 20'0" as required under Article 4.04 A.3 (reduction in setback of 17'0")

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to Terry Kropf, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809

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Lowell Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing to review the Lowell Township Recreation Plan on **November 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Michigan.

A copy of the Recreation Plan is available for review at the Township Hall.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & 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 (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates and times call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

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.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

THIRD 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 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. All Masons are welcome.

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

United Methodist Church dining room. Call 897-2760 with questions.

THIRD MONDAY OF 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.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 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 meetings/odd months; 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 Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

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

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

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir - 6:30 p.m./ band - 7:30. Kathy 897-5981.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 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.

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

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school children from Lowell in activities. 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at 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. Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

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EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10 per hour/ \$15 for two. Call 897-7842 for info. or to register.

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

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

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FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

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

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group meets at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841 for information.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics/discussion for parents of children all ages. 897-7842.

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 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

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

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

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at 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, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037.

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. Call 647-3920.

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. Call 897-8545.

WED., NOV. 13: Snow United Methodist Church family style turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$7; 5-12, \$2.

SAT., NOV. 16: Holiday craftshow, 1st United Methodist Church 9-3; lunch & dessert 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

COMING EVENT - Lowell Senior Neighbors (Travel) all ages. Italian (Tuscany Area) March 29-April 6 all inclusive. Mary 897-7092.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

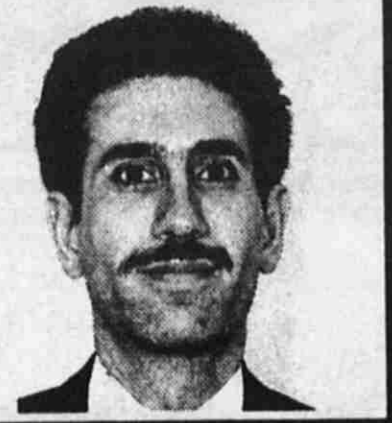
SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., NOV. 13: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; noon Movie "Roman Holiday".
THURS., NOV. 14: 1 p.m. Lunch at Cafe in the Woods.
FRI., NOV. 15: 9 a.m. Turkeyville dinner theater, \$35/bus \$5.
MON., NOV. 18: 12:45 Sly Moser "Dealing W/Difficult People."
TUES., NOV. 19: 12:40 p.m. Alto Seniors Lunch.
WED., NOV. 20: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., NOV. 21: Noon, Dance at West Side Complex.
FRI., NOV. 22: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
MON., NOV. 25: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Sav-A-Lot.
TUES., NOV. 26: 12:45 p.m. Shop Sam's Club & Wal-Mart.
WED., NOV. 27: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Lowell Meijer.
FRI., NOV. 29: Center Closed.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



probate assets and non-probate assets. Probate assets are those assets which are titled in a person's name alone at death. These assets are required to be probated prior to passing to the named beneficiaries in a will or to those individuals entitled to take by state law if there is no will.

there is no need to make a will. Is this true? What happens when a person dies without a will?

DEAR JONATHAN: First of all, it is important that we make a distinction between

Non-probate assets are assets that bypass probate because they were not in the decedent's name alone at death; these assets pass by operation of law. These types of assets include assets in joint names where there are survivorship rights, assets that pass by contract when there is a named beneficiary other than the decedent's estate, such as life insurance proceeds and retirement plan proceeds, and assets owned by trusts.

The distinction between probate and non-probate assets is important in answering your question because if there are no probate assets, i.e., all your parents' assets are held jointly between them, then upon one parent's death, there

will be no probate estate and those assets will automatically pass to your surviving parent. So, in that example, having a will would not have been necessary. However, at your surviving parent's death, or in the event your parents die in a common accident, not only would those assets need to go through probate but your parents will have no say as to how those assets are to be distributed—this would be controlled by state law. This is where having a will becomes important. Further, even if your parents currently own everything in joint names, I still recommend they have wills because they might at some point end up having assets titled in just one name, i.e., bank accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, etc., and without a will they will not be able to control what happens to those assets upon death.

Pursuant to the Michigan Estates and Protected Individuals Code, if a married person dies without a will, which means dying intestate, depending upon the size of the probate estate, the surviving spouse may only receive a portion of the decedent's probate estate, Michigan law reads as follows:

Sec. 2102. (1) The intestate share of a decedent's surviving spouse is one of the following:

(a) The entire intestate estate if no descendant or parent of the decedent survives the decedent.

(b) The first \$150,000.00, plus 1/2 of any balance of the intestate estate, if all of the decedent's surviving descendants are also descendants of the surviving spouse and there is no other descendant of the surviving spouse who survives the decedent.

(c) The first \$150,000.00, plus 3/4 of any balance of the intestate estate, if no descendant of the decedent survives the decedent, but a parent of the decedent survives the decedent.

(d) The first \$150,000.00, plus 1/2 of any balance of the intestate estate, if all of the decedent's surviving descendants are also descendants of the surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has one or more surviving descendants

who are not descendants of the decedent.

(e) The first \$150,000.00, plus 1/2 of any balance of the intestate estate, if one or more, but not all, of the decedent's surviving descendants are not descendants of the surviving spouse.

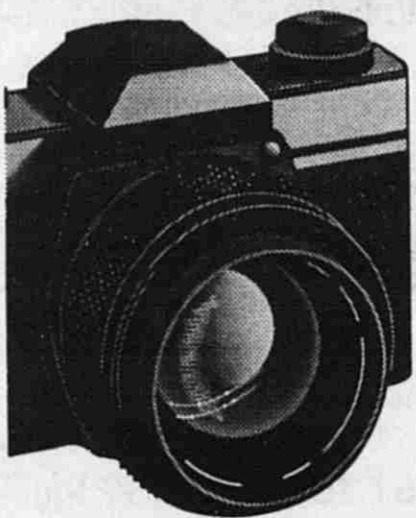
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Since I recommend that everyone have a last will and testament, as well as other estate planning documents, such as durable powers of attorney for financial matters and health care matters, my suggestion is that you steer your parents to an estate planning lawyer so they can at least have a discussion regarding these issues. At least they will have the benefit of hearing how engaging in estate planning can benefit them and their family.

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

—Thomas Jefferson

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-174-540-DE

Estate of BETTY A. VANDEN BOSCH, a/k/a ELIZABETH ANNE VANDEN BOSCH SSN# 368-09-1026

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BETTY A. VANDEN BOSCH, a/k/a Elizabeth Anne Vanden Bosch, who lived at 1450 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 10-06-02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to GERALD VANDEN BOSCH, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF BIDDERS

Sealed bids for a three-year contract to mow and trim various City properties can be mailed to Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or drop off at 414 E Main until Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Mark envelopes "MOWING BIDS".

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Foster's 51-yard field goal the defining moment in Red Arrows' district championship win

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A defining drive before half and a defining third-quarter kick enabled Lowell to capture a district football title Friday night with a 24-21 win over Adrian at Red Arrow Stadium.

The Red Arrows built a 17-point lead early in the fourth quarter, but their inability to secure the football down the stretch nearly fueled a dramatic Adrian comeback.

"We never quit. We were a play or two short - that was the difference in the ball game," said Adrian head football coach, Bill Kohn.

The defining drive unfolded over the final 1:45 of the first half. Lowell trailed 7-6 when it got the ball at its own 13-yard line. The Red Arrows marched 87 yards in seven plays, scoring on a 16-yard pass from Mark Catlin to Mike Koster.

"We got to third and three and almost pulled the plug on the drive, but we had a pass we thought we could hit and did," Lowell football coach, Noel Dean explained. "J.J. (Wilder) got it up over

midfield. Then a run got us a first down, and two passes to Koster got us in the end zone."

The defining kick came midway through the third quarter.

Lowell's second possession started at its 29 and stalled at the Maples' 34. On fourth and eight, Dean, instead of going for a first down or punting, turned to the leg of Matt Foster. The Red Arrow kicker, who had missed to the right on a 45-yard attempt earlier, powdered one 51 yards through the uprights, setting a new school record and giving Lowell a 17-7 advantage.

"We knew the kid had it in him. He's a college kicker. He puts them in the end zone. He can put them anywhere he wants to. He knuckle balls them. He just does a nice job. I certainly have admiration for our soccer program and what the kids can bring to us and what we can bring to them," Dean explained. "It's good for our school, good for our kids to be able to do both. Their coach has been flexible in helping us out. It's been a pretty good marriage thus far."

Lowell expanded their

lead to 24-7 early in the fourth quarter on Chris Curtis' one-yard touchdown run.

Adrian responded with a 10-play, 68 touchdown drive, pulling to within 10 at 24-14.

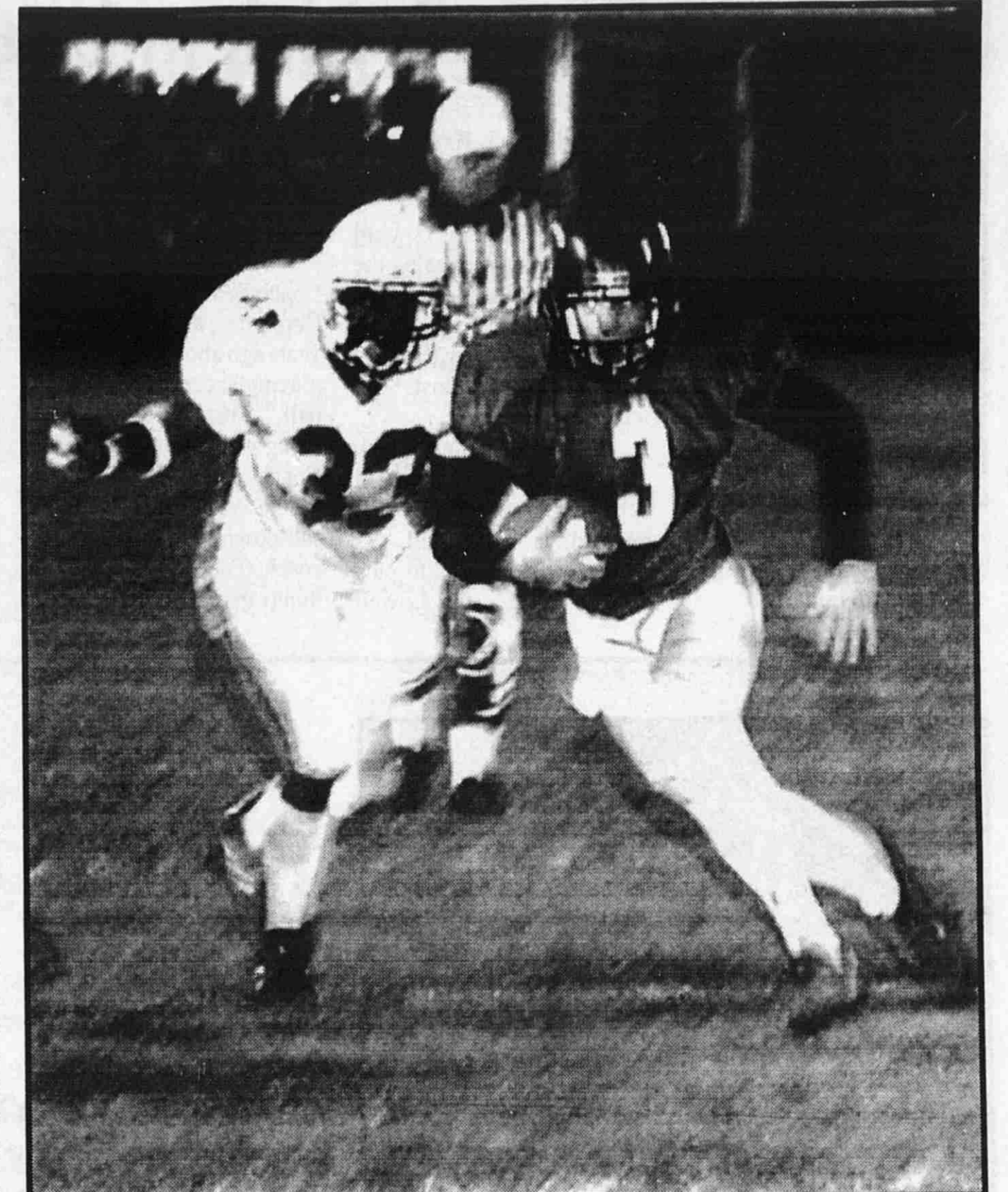
If that didn't switch the game's momentum to the blue and white, the two turnovers (interception and fumble) on Lowell's next two possessions certainly did.

"Their score before half, and us not getting something out of one of those two turnovers in the fourth quarter were the big series in the game. They were defining moments," Kohn said.

After Adrian's defense forced Lowell to punt from its 20, Nick Gurica grabbed the Koster punt at the 50 and returned it all the way to the Lowell three-yard line. Three plays later Dylan McAfee rumbled in and Lowell's lead was by three, 24-21, with 2:45 to play.

Lowell ran all but 18 seconds off the clock. The defense allowed one Adrian completion in four attempts before time ran out.

Adrian drew the game's first blood when Tom Molter connected with Brandon



Mark Catlin rushed for a game-high 137 yards against Adrian Friday night.

Hubbard on a 21-yard, first-quarter touchdown pass.

Lowell answered that drive with an 86-yard scoring drive, capped off by a Catlin one-yard burst.

"Adrian is a very, very good football team. People have got to understand we just played two great teams - East Lansing and Adrian," Dean said. "We have to work

to get better and understand that ball security, when you have the lead late in the game, is important."

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Each bid must be received by the City Manager at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331, not later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at which time each bid will be opened and read aloud.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to award the sale to someone other than the person making the highest monetary offer. The City may also waive any formal defect in any bid as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. For more information concerning this property or this procedure, please call the City at (616) 897-8457.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk



Matt Foster blasted a 51-yard field goal Friday night against Adrian.

Foster's kick ... One for the school record books

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Matt Foster's 51-yard field goal ended up being the difference in Lowell's 24-21 win over Adrian Friday night.

It may also play a difference in Foster's post high school career.

"If an opportunity to kick at the college level is there I'll definitely listen and do the right thing," Foster said.

Foster's decision to pursue kicking for the Lowell

football team two years ago is not one he or Lowell football coach, Noel Dean regrets.

"It's been a great time. Coach Dean joked with Craig Carpenter and myself two years ago about why we were playing soccer and not football," Foster explained.

"I thought about it and talked to Coach Dean about kicking for the football team. We then sat down with our soccer coach (Paul Legge) and got things going."

Foster said his and Carpenter's decision has helped to bring the two programs together.

Foster's kick Friday night will bring Lowell and Hudsonville together for a second time on Friday, this time with a regional title on the line.

It was also the longest field goal in Lowell history and the second longest in area history.

Union's Mike Prindle

holds the area record with a 55-yard boot against Muskegon in October of 1980.

Warren Woods' Doug Kochanski's 1994, 59-yard field goal is the state record.

Earlier in the year, Foster connected kicks of 46 and 43 yards. "I've made 53-54-yard field goals in pre-game warmups. Kicking that 51-yard field goal in a game was a real rush," Foster said.

His approach on all of his kicks is the same - two steps

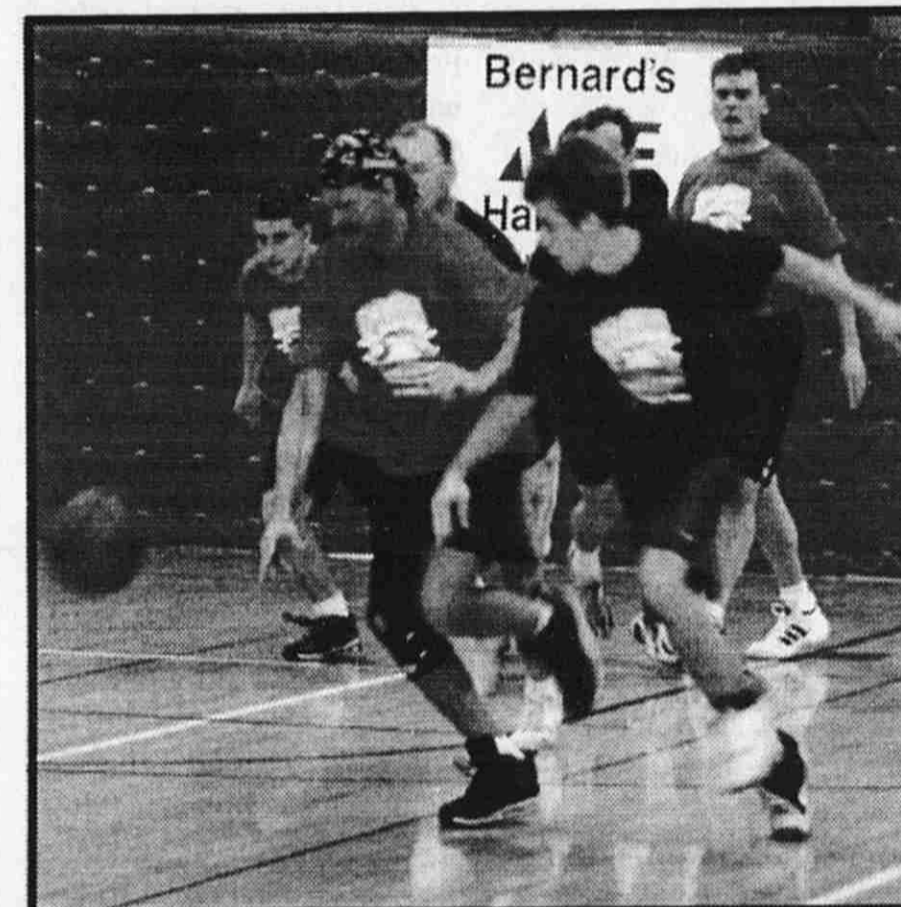
back, three steps to the left and hit the middle part of the ball with your laces.

"I have a lot of admiration for our soccer program and what they can bring to us and what we can bring to them," Dean said. "It's good for our kids to be able to do a little bit of both. I had never seen a 51-yarder in high school before. That was a first for me. We thought, 'What the heck, let's give it a try.'"



Guns & Hoses

The Lowell Area Police Department won the second annual Lowell YMCA Guns and Hoses basketball game 35-32. The event raised \$1,900 for the YMCA youth programs. The sponsor of this year's event was Bernard's ACE Hardware.



Valen VanZyll drives past her Zeeland defender in Lowell's 57-41 win over the Chix.

Clinic drills youth on basketball skills

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A high school basketball program's excitement and continuity isn't built on game day.

No - that nurturing starts with early morning skills and drills clinics.

That is where 88 Lowell youths have been for the last two Saturdays. Two weeks ago 48 seventh- and eighth-grade future Red Arrows with basketball dreams attended a Saturday clinic (8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.) working on shooting and offensive move drills.

Saturday, 40 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders took their turn.

"We want them to understand the proper shooting form. The elbow lined up with the knee, the proper mechanics of a shot," said Lowell

varsity basketball coach, Jeff McDonald. "You don't always need a ball and rim to get better."

The fall shooting and offensive moves clinic, organized and directed by McDonald, also included the help of coaches from the different levels and of varsity basketball players.

"It's great for the kids to come and see and meet the coaches and varsity players," McDonald said. "This way they are not just high-fiving us on the gym floor, but also in the grocery stores."

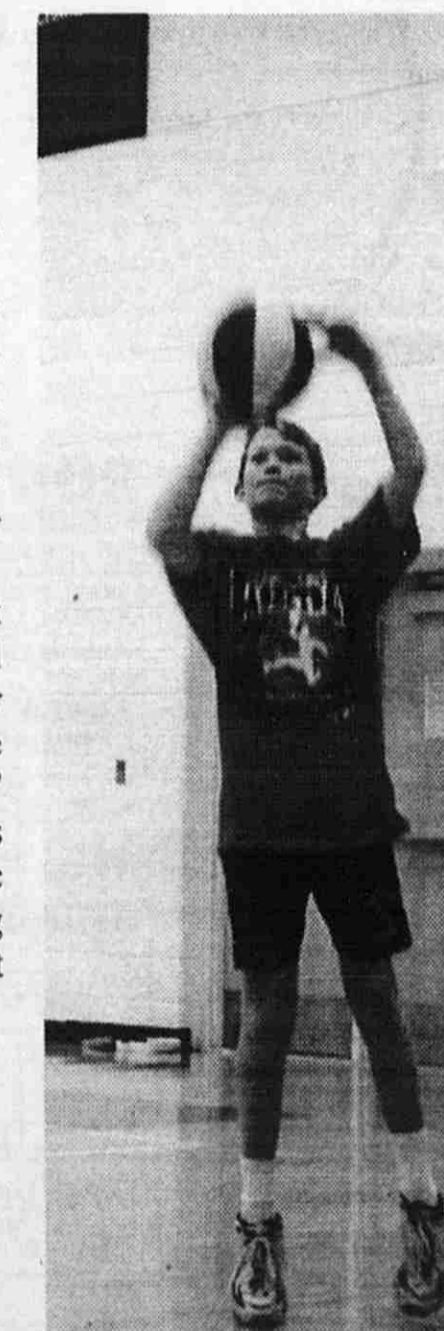
It was evident in the youths' participation that it also generates excitement for basketball.

"This creates continuity. Building a program is three-five process," McDonald said.

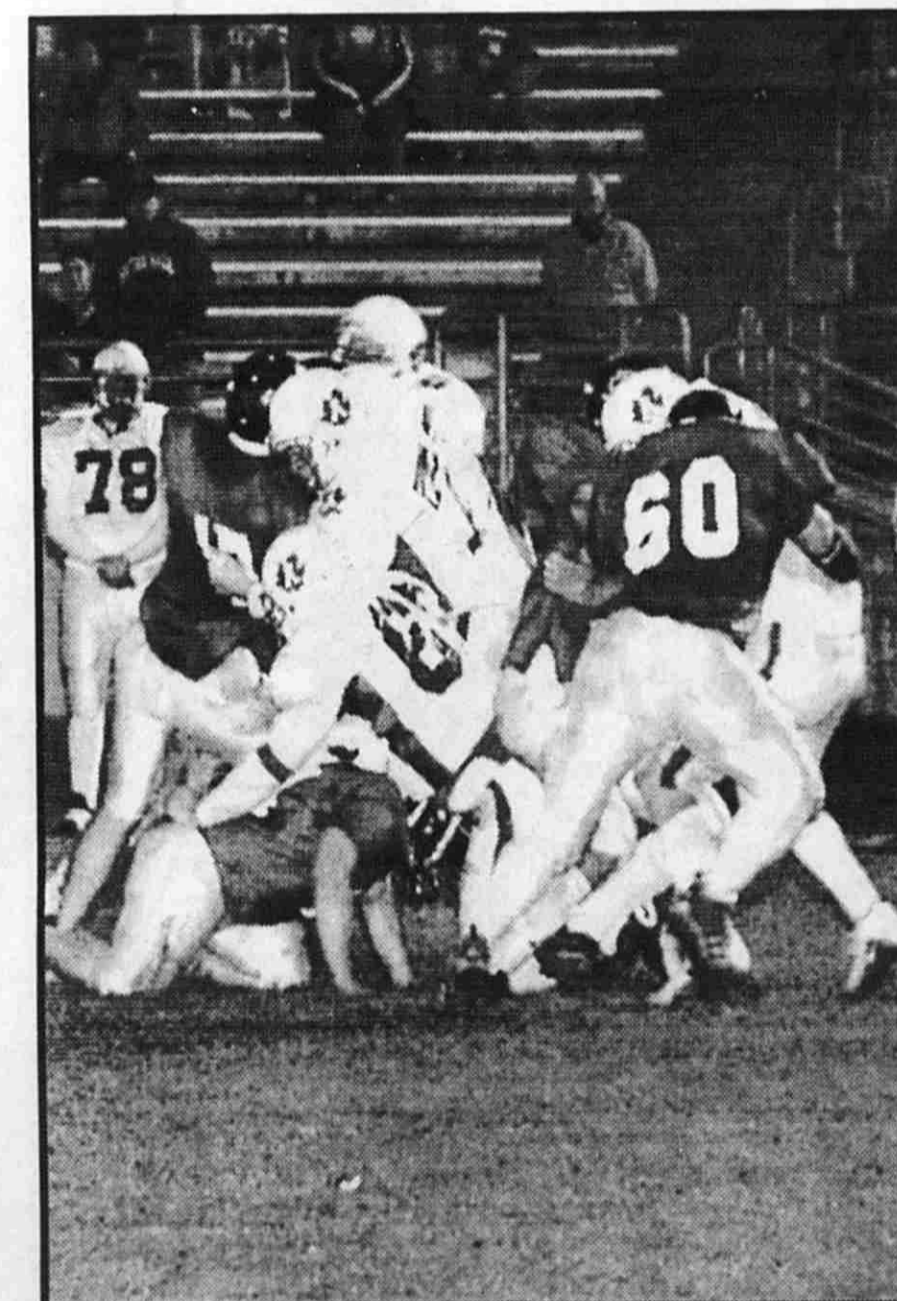
The excitement is not just found in the young players, but in the coaches as well. McDonald says patience is another virtue of building a program's foundation.

The clinic is a prelude to the start of the Future Red Arrow League - a 10-week program which has fifth- and sixth-grade kids joining varsity players and coaches for games, skills, and drills.

"I am really pleased that so many young boys wanted to get better and work on their basketball game enough to be here at 8 a.m. on a Saturday," McDonald said. "The key is that they leave this clinic knowing and understanding what they have to do to get better."



Football, cont'd... From Page 15



Jordan Moore (#60) wraps up this Maple runningback.

Lowell advances to the regional where it will host O-K White foe Hudsonville, a 35-7 winner over Grand Rapids Christian.

Lowell's Leaders:

RUSHING: Mark Catlin 137 yards; Frank Mulder 39 yards.

PASSING: Catlin 11-28-189 yards; one touchdown and two interceptions.

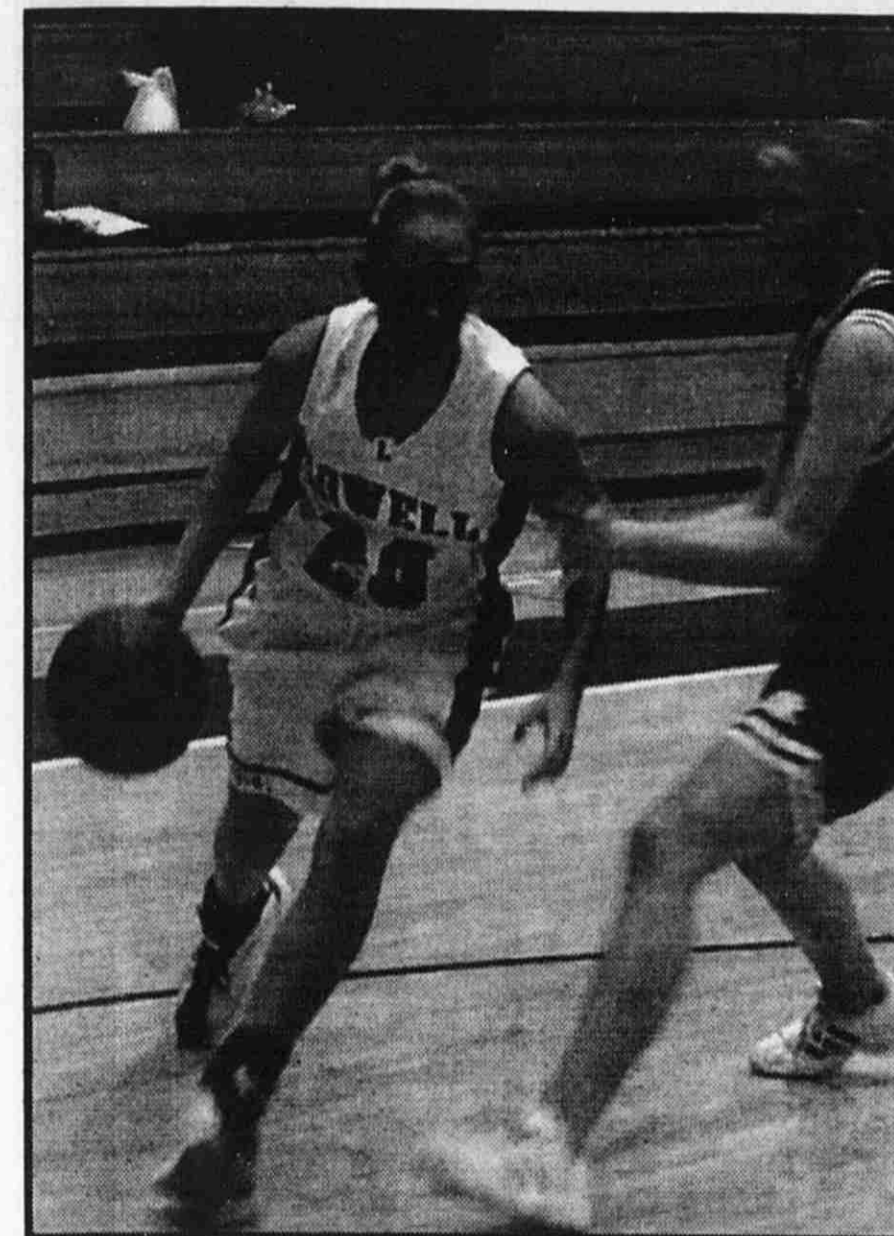
RECEIVING: Mike Koster 6-112 yards and one touchdown; J.J. Wilder 3-47 yards.

FIELD GOALS: Matt Foster 51 yards.



Lowell victories set up showdown with Pioneers for league title

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



Lauren Vashaw's trademark on the basketball floor has always been her tenacious defense and rebounding.

Season-ending injuries to Leslie Crowley and, more recently, to Kendra Gallert have put the onus on the senior to play more aggressively on the offensive end.

Vashaw unleashed her biggest offensive output of the season Thursday night in Lowell's 57-41 win over Zeeland.

Vashaw pumped in a team-leading 15 points - six over the final eight minutes - in leading Lowell to its 16th win of the year.

"Lauren has to play bigger than her size because of who we ask her to guard," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "She defends well and boxes out real well."

It was Vashaw's defense and some clutch fourth-quarter buckets that helped Lowell stave off Zeeland.

Vashaw opened the fourth quarter with a driving layup, extending Lowell's lead to eight at 40-32.

Zeeland got the lead back to seven at 44-37 with 2:56 to play with the help of a technical on Crowley.

Vashaw stemmed the tide with a three from the wing, extending the lead to 10 at 47-37.

The Red Arrows outscored the Chix 10-4 over the last three minutes of play. Lowell was 5-of-6 from the line in the fourth quarter and 9-of-11 for the game.

"Things got a little hectic in the third quarter, but I always felt we were in control," said Crowley.

Along with Vashaw's 15 points, Amy Oberlin tallied 13, Blair Meyer added eight and Becky Bossard and Devon Collins each netted five points.

"It was Devon's first varsity game. She had a three, another bucket and a couple of nice feeds," Crowley said. "She looked confident out there."

"Lowell's a quality team. I know they have lost some key players, but their defensive system is solid," said Zeeland coach, Bob Riley. "You have to work to get a shot. It also took us a long time to become comfortable breaking their pressure."

The loss dropped Zeeland's overall record to 10-7 and 4-5 in the O-K White.

Lowell 62 Hudsonville 31

For a second consecutive game, the Red Arrows were led by a game-high 15 points from senior Lauren Vashaw.

A hot shooting Lowell squad pumped in 24 points during the second quarter to take a 39-19 halftime lead as it ran away from the Eagles.

The Red Arrows outscored Hudsonville 28-12 in the second half.

Lowell netted eight three-point attempts. Lowell is now 10-1 in the league and 17-2 overall.

Gunberg's tennis tenure has helped transform a program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jenny Gunberg's game face is camouflaged in plain sight. The diminutive Lowell senior athlete's everyday face is her game face.

Don't mistake that for a lack of competitive fire ... her abilities belie that.

She is one of the top tennis and golf players in the O-K White.

Gunberg, the golfer, placed second in the league meet last year.

Gunberg, the tennis player, has helped transform the Red Arrow girls tennis program from a struggling team to an ascending one.

"Oh, I think I'm probably better at golf. It has come more naturally to me," Gunberg said. "My passion, though, is for tennis. I've been playing tennis since I was five."

The senior says while she enjoys both, "tennis is probably the more competitive of the two because you're actually out there competing against someone."

Gunberg just completed her fourth year at the varsity tennis level. Her record, though, doesn't reflect her ability.

"She has as pretty a stroke and as great footwork as anyone I've coached at Lowell," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "Jenny has been instrumental in showing the younger girls what can be done on the tennis court. She's fortunate to have a lot of natural ability, but she also works hard at the game."

Gunberg competes against some of the best players in the state as a member of the O-K White. On Saturday, both Forest Hills Northern (Division 2) and East Grand Rapids (Division 3) won state team tennis titles.

"It makes things kind of hard. When people see the scores in the paper, they may not realize I'm still up there," Gunberg explained.

Lowell's four invitational victories this year on the tennis court have area teams taking notice.

"By far, this has been our best year. Everybody has taken more of an interest in playing tennis. They are playing through the summer," Gunberg said.

She attributes the elevated interest in tennis to her coaches Bonnie and Roger Wall.

Gunberg, the golfer, has an opportunity for a superb senior year.

"Jenny has a lot of ability. If she can take 1-2 strokes off her score, I think she has a shot at all-state honors," said Lowell golf coach, Rick White. "Jenny is enjoyable to coach. She's driven and always wants to do better."

What You May Not Know About Jenny Gunberg:

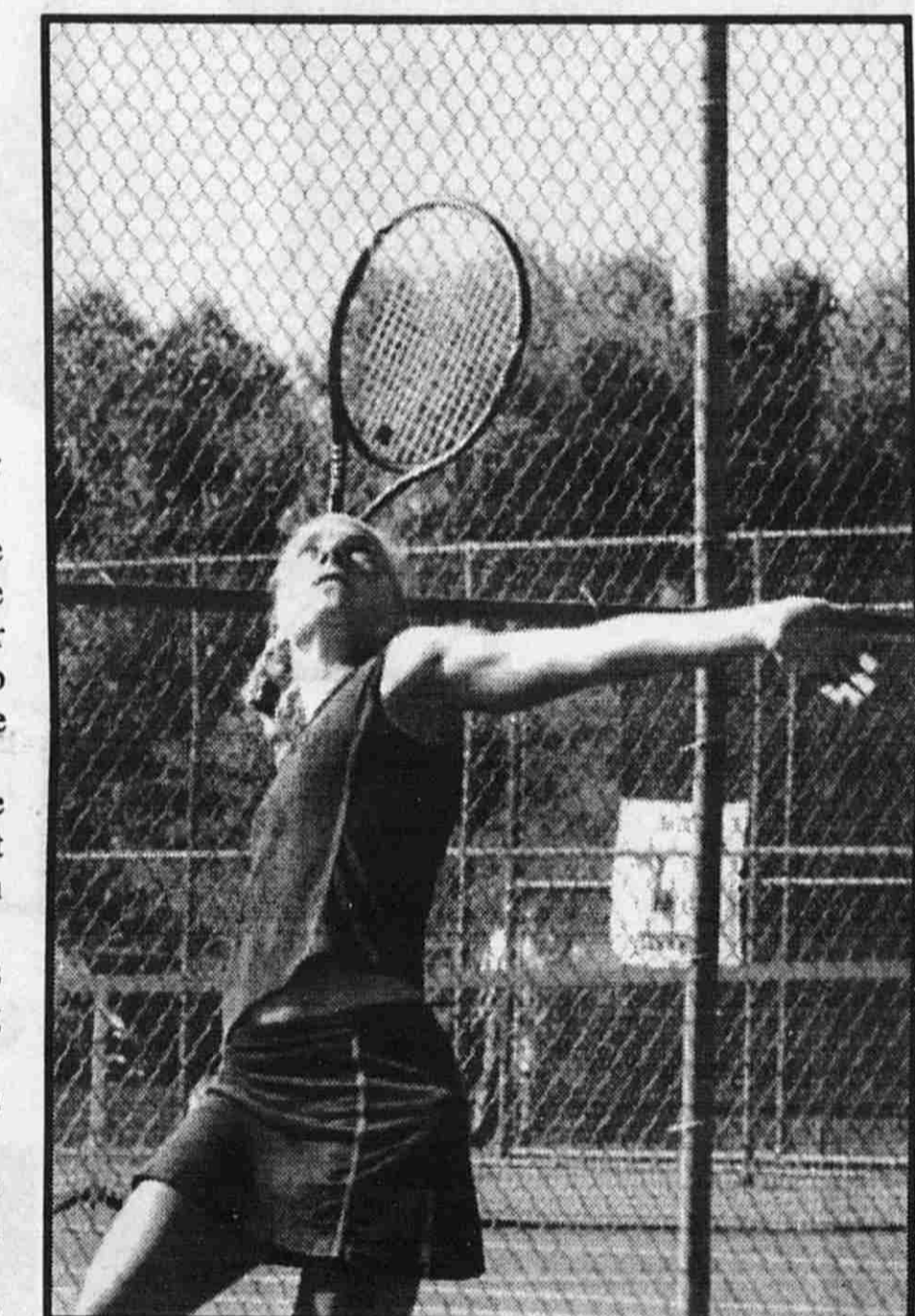
Favorite Class: French

Favorite Movie Within the Last Six Months: Sweet Home Alabama

Who Makes You Laugh: My friends.

LHS Athlete You Respect and Enjoy Watching Play: Becky Bossard (soccer and basketball).

Professional Athlete(s) You Respect and Like to Watch Play: The Williams (Venus and Serena) sisters.



Jenny Gunberg has served up four stellar years on the Lowell tennis courts.

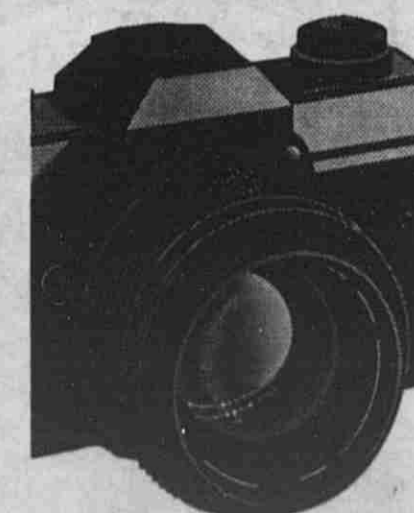
Other Than Golf or Tennis, Another Sport You'd Like to be Good at: Snowboarding.

Favorite Snack: Cheerios.

Favorite Teacher(s): Mrs. (Ingrid) Baird and Mr. (Steve) Kampfschulte.

"What separates her from being at the level with the players at East and Forest Hills is Jenny chooses not to play in summer-sponsored tournaments," Wall said. "Jenny loves the game of tennis ... but tennis is not her life. That's okay with me."

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LOST - Tiny blond Chihuahua, pink collar, blue sweater, Eastgate area. Reward. Call 897-8778.

LOST DOG - Female, yellow lab, no collar. Last seen on Bailey. Call 897-9464.

SALES - 210 Marsac, Lowell. Cast iron stuff, marbles, antiques, tools, Nov. 16 & 17, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CRAFT SALE - Xmas items, November 14, 15, & 16, 10-4 pm. 11130 36th St. SE, Lowell, 897-8808. Music boxes, bird houses, home made candy, Beanie Babies, etc.

BASEMENT SALE - Garage sale items held inside! Many items to choose from. Held Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Many big items including bikes, headboards, dresser and end table, couch, piano, pottery wheel. Something for everyone. 10127 Bennett St., Lowell, between Parnell and M-21 (Fulton).

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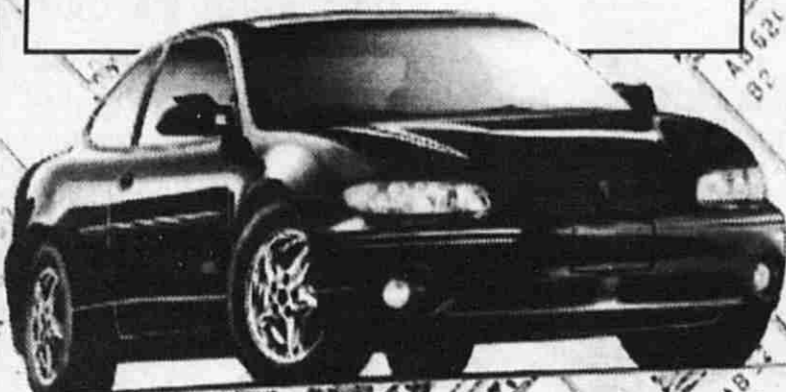
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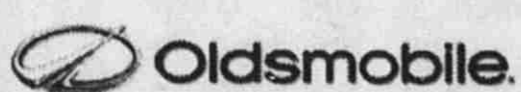
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