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Ron Schell awoke Friday morning with two things on his mind - get a buck on opening day and be the first hunter into The Lowell Ledger office. He did both plus he did one better ... he got a second buck later that same morning.

Opening Day was Very, Very Good to Schell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron Schell has only missed deer hunting season's opening day once since the age of 12.

"The one I missed was because of basic training," he recalls.

Schell first experienced the rush of opening day as a 12-year-old growing up in New Castle, Pennsylvania. "In Pennsylvania you can shoot a gun at the age of 12, unlike Michigan where you have to be 14," he explains. "I missed my buck that day."

His first buck would not come until after relocating to Michigan in 1976. They have pretty much been routine since then ... as has been his preparation.

Schell lays out his clothes, makes his sandwiches (pasta and turkey on rye), buys a can of Pringles and a certain brand of cookies and listens to the weather report the night before.

"This is my lucky shirt (as he grabs his collar to show the years of wear)," Schell says. "I've been wearing this on opening day for 10 years. I wear it once a year, wash it and put it back in my drawer."

Three years ago, Schell was the second hunter in to the Ledger office for the annual Lowell Ledger First Buck Contest.

History did not repeat itself Friday morning, as an excited Schell was the first hunter in (7:40 a.m.). A little over two hours later he returned with his second buck of opening day. "I've been out actually hunting a total of 75 minutes and I've got two bucks," Schell said in amazement. "I was second in three years ago and that's no fun. It's a rush getting a buck and a rush getting in here first," Schell exclaims.

Schell got to the only spot he's hunted on opening day early Friday morning. "There was snow on the ground and as it started to get light out, I heard movement for about 5-6 minutes and then I saw the buck," Schell explained.

He took one shot, and "whammo" nailed the six-point, 165-pound buck in the chest. "He ran about 50 yards before falling," Schell said.

Schell finished cleaning his winning buck, and then decided to go out to the back of his property and set awhile in his blind.

"I got out there at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. two does came out, followed closely behind by a buck," Schell said.

The Lowell resident aimed, fired and dropped the eight-point, 170-pound buck with his Remington 1100, 12-gauge. By being the first hunter in with a buck, Schell won the following prizes:

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Sundry gets PUD/R-1 rezoning despite residents objecting

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The developers called it intrinsic; the neighbors called it intrusive. In the end, the developers won.

The Lowell City Council held a public hearing Monday night on Sundry's plans to develop approximately 35 acres at 751 Grindle Drive, known as the Leeman property. The group sought and got, in a 3-2 vote, an R-1 zoning with a Planned Unit Development attached. The motion clearly stated it was of the understanding that Sundry would be expected to go back to the planning commission to work out the issues of the PUD. The new zoning would allow for the 52 proposed single-family homes on the property versus about 31 under the SR zoning.

After a 45-minute presentation which included the "humanistic factors" of the project, more than a dozen residents came out to state they were in favor of keeping the property zoned SR.

"I'm going to state what I stated about a year ago - please leave it SR," said Mark Osborne, of 705 Grindle.

Many of the residents said they felt the single entrance/exit of the property that connected to High Street would increase traffic on an already unsafe road. Others raised concerns about how the company had already started developing its other property, the Phillips property located to the north, referring to it as pretty much destroyed.

But when it came down to it, councilman Mike

Blough said he could favor the development because it didn't cut into the land. "The traffic issue is something the city is going to have to deal with, since eventually this property will be developed which will mean more traffic," Blough said, adding he would like to see the city take an attractive approach in looking at ways to improve High Street and perhaps James.

Councilman Jim Pfaller was torn between dictating how a property owner can develop his property and the residents' desire to leave it SR. Councilman Dan Brubaker said while he didn't feel it was the best plan for the property, he did believe it was "workable" and that the developer has tried to address all the issues the residents have raised along with the subcommittee which worked on the project with Sundry.

Those opposing the project were Mayor Jeanne Shores and councilman Charles Myers. Myers was concerned about traffic, and Shores felt "it is simply too many houses for that area."

Sundry has proposed to create a neo-traditional home development for the property. The homes would be in a ring with the fronts facing each other and the backs, with garages, toward a one-way street that would wrap

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Baut turns 100 - "And I still feel good"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor



Alice Baut

The age-old adage observes that the mind is the first thing to go - which means Alice Baut has another 100 years of life left in her.

The alert, sharp and dexterous Baut celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday.

She arrived in Lowell in 1986. When asked what took her so long, she retorted, "I didn't want to leave Detroit."

On Thursday, Baut was finishing up another afghan at

the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center for Mel Trotter's "Warm Up America."

"I come in every Thursday morning to knit, have lunch and play euchre," she explains. "The Senior Neighbors Center keeps me going. It's a great place."

As for turning 100, "I can't believe it," she says. "And I feel good."

Sitting at the table with Baut is Marge Potter. "Her

mind is still sharp, she always has the trump for that last euchre trick, and not only that, but she has to stick around and take care of the rest us," said Potter.

Baut is also still very capable of taking care of herself. She tends to her own apartment at Schneider Manor.

Her daughter, Dee Doyle also lives in Lowell with her husband, Charlie. Baut also

has a son, Donald who lives in Baldwin.

When it was suggested tongue-in-cheek that she was a saint for being Charlie's mother-in-law, Baut smiles and adds, "I put up with him, I don't live with him."

Secrets to her longevity? "Well, I've never smoked and I will have a glass of wine once in a while," Baut concludes.

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LIMO TO LUNCH

The Alto Fall Fundraiser collected a little over \$8,000 in revenue from a two week sales event in September.

Students were asked to sell Christmas decorations and wrapping. Those students who sold a minimum of 12 items had their names placed in a drawing for a limousine ride to McDonald's for lunch on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Providing the limousine rides was Toddee Tyme Limo Service.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Jonathon Hanson, Alex Vincent, Chloe Aalsburg, Nichelle Ortowski, Cassie Rybicki, Nick Clay and Michael Underwood.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Stephanie Poelstra, Brandi Aikens, Casey Homrich, Michaela Blough, Devyn Earls, Jacob Murray, Jordan Warren and Max Forton.

COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College student David M. Barry is currently spending the fall 2002 semes-

ter in Russia as a participant in Albion College's off-campus programs.

He is studying the Russian language, history and culture in Irkutsk and St. Pe-

tersburg. The program requires a thesis, and Barry is considering a comparative analysis between marriage in the Soviet Union and marriage in the Russian Federa-

tion. "The scenery is amazing!" he reports.

Albion's off-campus programs allow students to study different cultures and work in professional environments

with internships and studies offered in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the United States.

Barry, a junior majoring in anthropology and sociology, is the son of Gordie and Susan Barry of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

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Lowell's Tomczak wins prestigious Medallion Scholarship



Shelby Tomczak

Shelby Tomczak, of Lowell, was one of 27 high school students who successfully competed against hundreds of top graduating seniors in the class of 2002 to win prestigious Medallion Scholarships to attend Western Michigan University.

Each Medallion is valued at \$32,000 over four years and bears the name of the scholarship donor or the name

of an individual in whose name the scholarship was established. Awarded in August, the prizes number among the largest merit-based awards in American higher education and are the highest honor WMU can bestow to an incoming freshman.

Recipients are selected based on their participation in a competition held each winter. The event includes essay

writing and group problem-solving for the students as well as information sessions for their parents.

To be invited to compete, students had to apply to WMU by Dec. 31 and have a high school grade point average of at least 3.8 (on a 4.0 scale) and an American College Test (ACT) score of at least 25.

This year's recipients

were among 823 seniors from 352 high schools in 13 states who participated in the 18th annual Medallion Scholarship Competition. They have a collective GPA of 4.08 and an average ACT score of 29. The 2002 competition included 392 students with perfect 4.0 GPAs and 263 students who scored 29 or higher on the ACT.

Competition participants who do not win a top Medallion award receive either a \$24,000 Board of Trustees Scholarship or a \$4,800 WMU Academic Scholarship.

Tomczak is studying chemical engineering and is the daughter of Roger and Kathy Tomczak of Lowell.

Latva, LMS band director, conducts national FFA band

When the lights were dimmed and the hush descended upon the audience of more than 51,000 at the world's largest youth convention, a local band director shared the spotlight in a musical performance that inspired

the crowd and provided memories to last a lifetime.

For the third consecutive year, Dale Latva, Lowell Middle School band director, was an assistant director for the 2002 National FFA Band.

The 93-member band from 27 different states performed at various events throughout the 75th National FFA Convention, held Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 in Louisville, Ky.

The directors and band

members arrived in Louisville four days before the convention to rehearse. The National FFA Band was directed by Joe LaJoye of Hastings and assisted by Latva. FFA band members were selected from

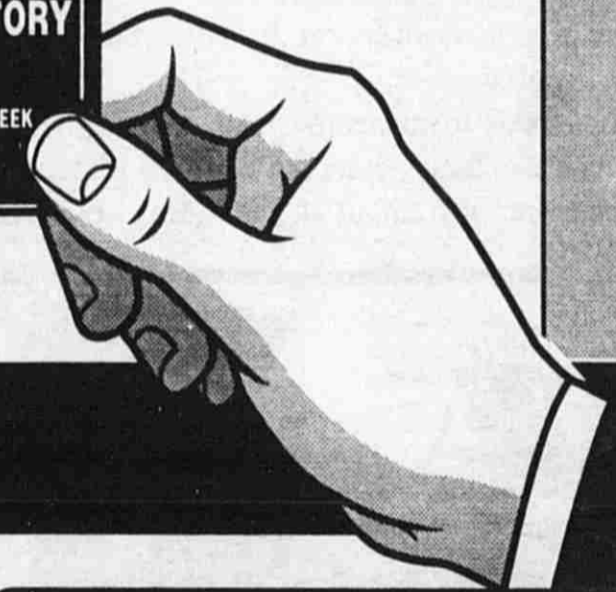
more than 150 nominations and auditions throughout the United States. The band is sponsored by the National FFA Foundation.

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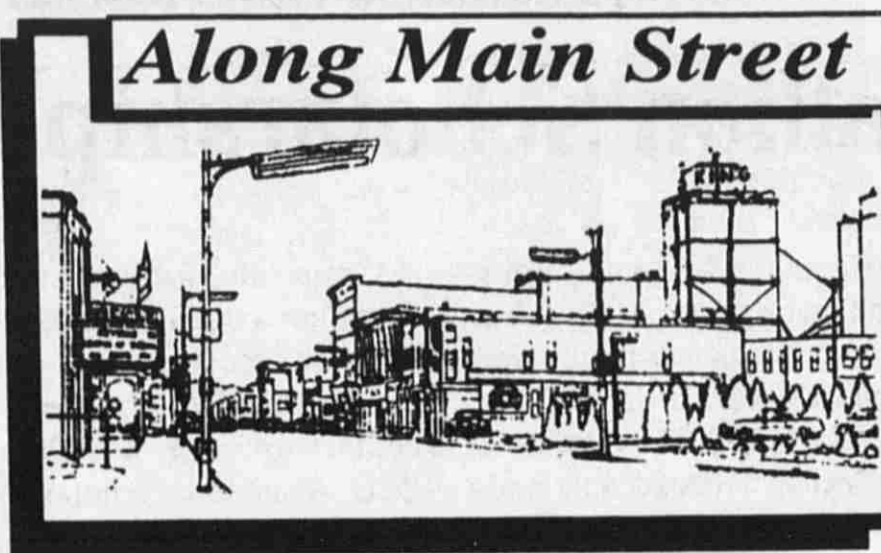
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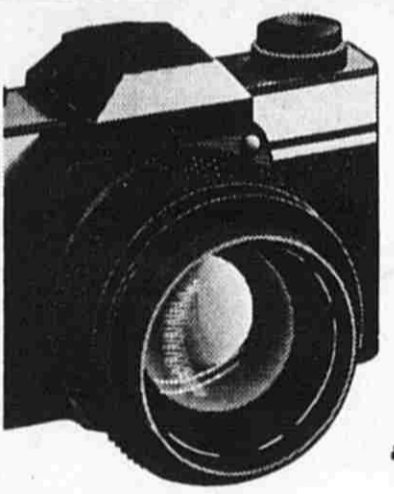
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TICKETS FOR SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL GAME

Tickets will be available at Lowell High School Athletic office on Thursday and Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) for the Saturday, Nov. 23 game against Davison at 1 p.m. If Lowell should win the semifinal game, tickets for the Silver Dome will

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be sold in the athletic office on Monday and Tuesday (7:30-3 p.m.); also Wednesday from 10-2 p.m.

HOLIDAY EXHIBIT AT LAAC

Christmas items by artists and artisans from the Greater Lowell area are now being featured at the Lowell Area Arts Council. For shopping and viewing hours, call 897-8545.

PARENTS OF SENIORS ...

Sub and cookie dough sale runs thru Nov. 21; delivery Dec. 2. We also need your help with the Kohl's and VanAndel concession stand fundraisers. Call Lynn Meyers (676-3680). Remember to save your cans for the pop can drive scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30 at the high school.

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Please drop off your 2 lb. coffee cans to Ron at the fairgrounds office or at the Chamber office.

FULL MOON GUIDED WALK

Celebrate the winter solstice and enjoy some hot chocolate at the Wittenbach Center, Vergennes Ave. Make it a family event with a full moon guided walk Saturday, Nov. 23 from 7-9 p.m. It's free!

BUSINESS MATTERS



Greenridge Realty announced that Jayne Reedy received Realtor of the Month in October. This award recognizes Reedy for her outstanding success and achievement.

CREATE AN ANGEL

Take your children 8-18 to the King building - Lowell Fairgrounds on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and create an angel for the Riverwalk Gallery. Provided are basic art materials; bring your own creative stuff. 897-9161.

FREE: LEARNING LAB PRESCHOOL

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

SNOWSPORTS CLUB SIGN-UP

Lowell Area Snowsports Club sign-up now until Monday, Dec. 2. Elementary age, call Heather Kohtz 897-4125 ext. 440 or hkohtz@lowell.k12.mi.us. High school and middle school age, contact Kathy Talus at 897-4125 ext. 434 or ktalus@lowell.k12.mi.us. Students may purchase discount ski and snowboard passes for the 2003 season.

BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON!

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION REGULATIONS

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.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

If you would like an application for the annual Christmas parade Dec. 7, contact the Chamber office (897-9161).

MAKE HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS AT LAAC

Register now to design and create two types of holiday decorations for great gift-giving: two fused and one stained glass ornament. Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Lowell Area Arts Council. Call 897-8545. You must register to participate.

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TO THE EDITOR

To the Citizens of Lowell,

I am writing to report on the progress of the sewer backup issues in Lowell. Some residents have complained about the lack of response of the city council in addressing citizen issues.

When the first citizen

sewer backup complaints surfaced early this summer, the city council responded by reporting on sewer backups at every city council meeting (a good move). The sewer backup report has become a regular item on the council's agenda and has served as a contact point on this issue

between the citizens and their elected officials. Its inclusion on the agenda showed that the affected residents and their unresolved issues were not forgotten.

However, the mayor, reacting to public discussion on the issues, suggests news of sewer backups should not be a matter of public knowledge. At the Nov. 4 council meeting, the mayor requested that the city quit providing information about sewer backups to its citizens (a bad move).

Croup

Croup is a viral respiratory tract infection that typically affects young children between the ages of 1 and 5. The infection causes the trachea (windpipe) to swell. It causes a fever, hoarseness and a barking (seal-like) cough. It may also cause a crowing noise (called stridor) when the child breathes through the narrowed windpipe. Symptoms tend to be worse at night.

Children with croup should get plenty of rest and liquids. Over the counter children's cough medicine and Children's Tylenol can be used to treat the symptoms. Antibiotics are not effective against croup.

If a child develops a mild attack of stridor, having them breathe either moist air or cold air can improve their symptoms. This can be accomplished by one of two ways: (1) Run a hot shower with the bathroom door closed. Have the child sit in the bathroom with supervision and breathe the steamy air. Or, (2) take your child outside into the cold air. If your child's breathing does not improve with the above treatments, or if they develop difficulty swallowing, call your doctor immediately.

Most children with mild croup will get better with treatment at home within a week. But some may need treatment in the hospital. If you suspect your child has croup, you should monitor their symptoms closely and have them evaluated by their doctor.

The mayor reasons that, if the city acknowledges the existence of sewer backups, then the community is cast in bad light and observers would

think less of the community. It is, instead, the city's actions (or its inaction) on the matter at hand that generates negative perceptions of our community. Lowell is a small community, but we are growing. Letters, cont'd. pg. 12

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NAME THE PARK CONTEST

The Lowell City Council and the Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission are sponsoring a "Name the Park Contest" for 19.86 acres of property donated by Charles Thomas to be used for a park.

Persons of all ages from the Lowell area are invited to assist in the naming of the new park. The park is located near the northeast corner of the intersection of South Division and Grand River Drive.

The name for the park can be based on various criteria, including but not limited to the following suggestions: historical, commemorative, community character or natural character. Any name that would be appropriate for a park can be entered. A brief optional explanation of the entered name would be helpful.

The contest begins November 4, 2002 and ends December 9, 2002. Entries must be marked "NAME THE PARK CONTEST" and mailed to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 or dropped off at City Hall's temporary offices at 414 East Main Street during regular business hours. The date will be stamped when received. Entries will be opened for judging by the Parks and Recreation Commission after the contest closes.

The winning entrant will receive a framed letter of recognition from the Mayor and will have Dedication Ceremony privileges.

"NAME THE PARK CONTEST ENTRY FORM"

Suggested Park Name: _____
 Explanation (optional): _____
 Contestant Name: _____
 Full Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____

Contest rules are available at City Hall. Additional entries may be submitted on plain paper as long as all of the above information is included.

Everyone is invited to participate in this contest to name the new park. Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy this new park.

Angel Tree Donations

During the upcoming holiday season, Family Dentistry of Lowell will be helping Wood TV and the Salvation Army by collecting gifts for underprivileged children throughout the area.

Tags can be obtained at our office for boys and girls after November 1st.

Since there is a shortage of gifts every year for the older children and teenagers, we would like to focus our efforts on these children. However, Angel Tree tags will be available for all ages. In these troubled times it is especially hard on those less fortunate. Please help us to make their holiday season a little brighter.

Donations can be left at our office between November 15 and December 14. All gifts should be unwrapped and clearly labeled by gender and age group.

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- A \$25 gift certificate from Meijer.

Jon Vezino knows how Schell felt three years ago... the Grandville resident, for a second straight year, was the second hunter in with a buck.

Hunting south of Lowell, he dropped his four-point, 120-pound buck at 7:45 a.m. on Friday.

"I shot him right through the lungs at about 40 yards with my 50 caliber muzzle loader," Vezino explained. "The buck ran for about 100 yards before falling."

Vezino started opening day with his annual Texas hash and ham at 5:30 a.m. with friends at Keiser's.

He did win Keiser's first-ever first buck contest, a \$50 gift certificate. To be eligible, a hunter must have breakfast at the local restaurant prior to going out on opening day.

Mike Heiman, Lowell Charter Township, has been hunting 36 years and has never shot a buck on opening day.

That all changed Friday when Heiman, hunting west of town on family property, dropped a seven-point, 150-pound buck from roughly 75 yards out.

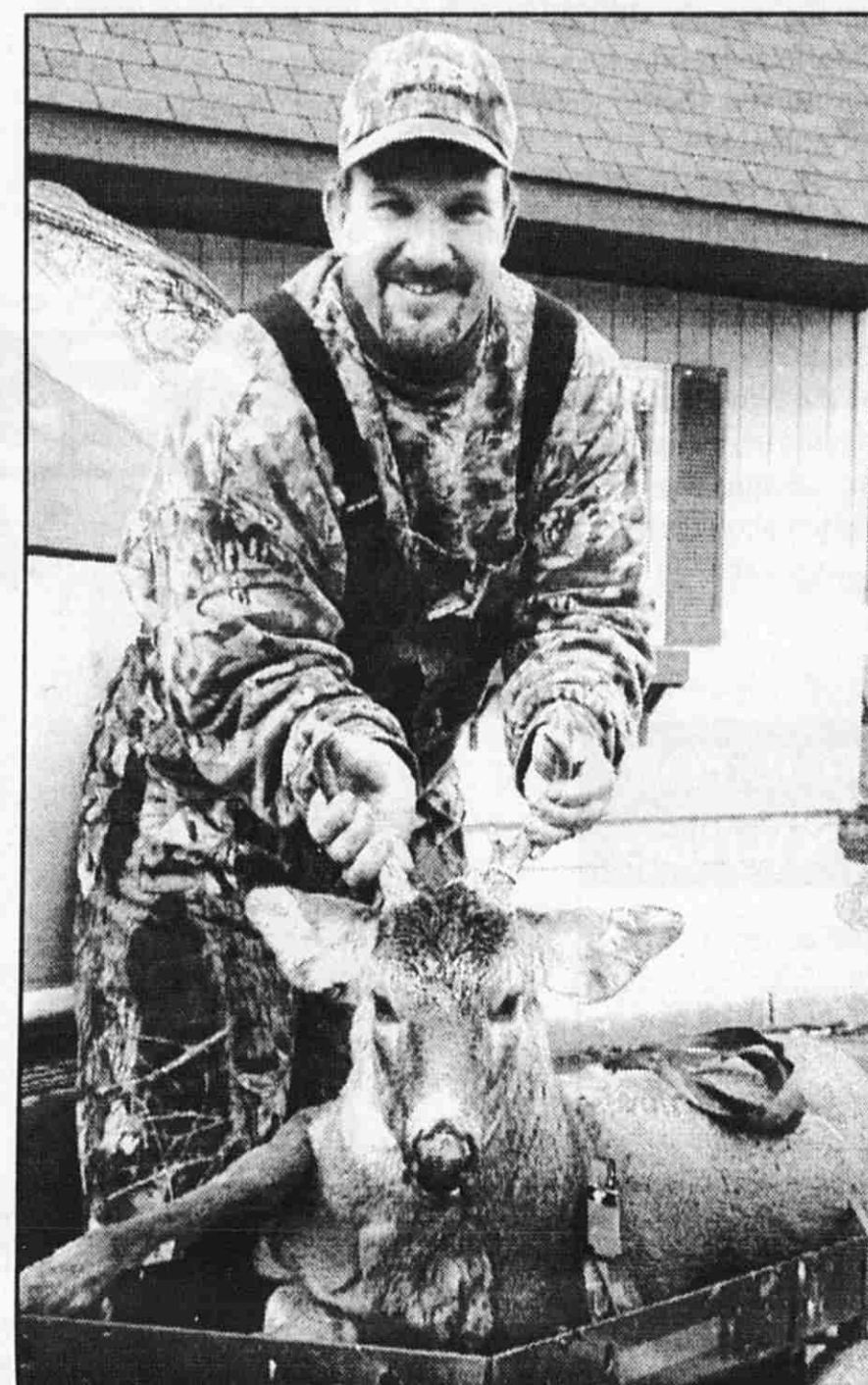
"I used a 12 gauge, single shot, rifle barrel with a scope," Heiman shared.

The township resident took the buck at approximately 8:55 a.m.



FIRST BUCK!

His first opening day will be one Matt Dood, of Lowell, doesn't soon forget. The 15 year old shot a 150-pound, 10-point buck Friday morning in the Grattan area at 7:55 a.m. with his 12 gauge. Dood was hunting with his uncle, Dave Panches.



Jon Vezino's four-point buck.



Mike Heiman's seven-point buck.

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around the entire development. In the center, where the homes faced, there would be a recreational area complete with sports fields, picnic area, play sets, and a possible paved area for basketball or tennis. The company is also proposing a recreational vehicle storage area in the northern portion of the property.

Sundry contends the plan provides 70 percent open space, creating a nice buffer for the homes in the SR district. Sundry representatives said they also feel the design fits the land, making some of the property's limitations more of an added value.

The project will go back to the planning commission for fine tuning the PUD proposal, which will once again come before the city council for final approval.

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Big Buck for Stoffers

Russ Stoffers wasn't the quickest in landing a buck on opening day, but there's not a hunter in West Michigan who wouldn't trade places with him. Stoffers was hunting south of Lowell Friday afternoon when he shot an 18-point, 150-pound (dressed) buck. From 125 yards out, Stoffers dropped the buck with his 12-gauge.

Council wraps up road projects, except for barricade patrol

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

In the scheme of the overall project, \$950 isn't a large amount, but for the Lowell City Council, the question becomes who is really responsible for it.

The amount in question comes from the summer road projects that improved several city streets including Bowes, Valley Vista, North Division, and High as well as watermain improvements on Hunt Street. The overall project came in at

\$459,255.34, which was about \$40,000 from the estimated cost.

Most of that estimated cost came from additions the council made to the project. The \$950 was the result of extended rental of the barricades and signage put on North Division. Shaler Excavating, Inc. rented the signs while waiting for Ameritech to vacate existing power poles so the work could be completed.

"The vendor may have had the additional cost, but the residents in that area had to put up with the barriers for an extra month," said councilman Mike Blough, who felt strongly that it was not the responsibility of the city to pay for the extra rental since he felt the contractor did not coordinate with Ameritech.

But Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, the engineering firm that oversaw the project, said everything was

ready to go and on schedule as to when Ameritech said it would be able to work on the lines. Once the contractor reached that point, Ameritech informed Shaler Excavating and Williams and Works that it would not be able to get the work done when scheduled, due to a large number of early retirements.

"The alternative would have been for the contractor to move ahead, with the result being a number of residents

in that area without phone service," Austin said.

Still the council felt that before coming to the city for the \$950 in rental costs, the contractor and Williams and Works should first make an effort to have Ameritech pay for the rentals, since it was the reason for the delay. Austin said from his past experience it could be difficult to do that.

"Unless you're one of their contractors, you're pretty much at their mercy"

Austin said. The council moved forward to close out the project, making the last payment of \$14,039.04, less the \$950 for the barricade rentals.

"It is a difficult dilemma in that you have to punish the innocent party to give them the motivation to go after the guilty one," said councilman Dan Brubaker.

Austin said he would contact Ameritech and get an answer for the city as soon as possible.

Root-Lowell adds machinery; gets abatement

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

While the future of many manufacturing companies is still hanging in the balance, one Lowell company is adding more than a million dollars worth of machinery.

Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, 100 Foreman Road, sought a tax abatement from the city on 1.1 million dollars worth of equipment, most of which has been installed in the factory. Earlier the company had gotten an abatement for about a 7,000-square-foot addition to its building. The company currently employs about 130 people and with the addition of the equipment will be able to maintain three of those jobs.

Over the course of the 12-year abatement, the loss of city taxes would be about

\$27,215, provided the city millage stays at 15.83 mills, according to city assessor, James Marfia.

"In this economy, when many manufacturers are not fairing well, it is nice to see one local manufacturer adding more than a million dol-

lars worth of equipment," said councilman Charles Myers who, with that, made the motion to approve the tax abatement, which the council did unanimously.

"The abatement goes before the state tax commission for final approval," said city

manager, David Pasquale, adding that schools and other groups which collect taxes, such as the Downtown Development Authority, are also affected by the abatement.

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The City of Lowell residents who use the yellow refuse bags and pick up day is Thursday will have their refuse and recycle picked up on Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday December 2, 2002 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a private road application.

Property known as 1550 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell, owned by Patricia Fuhr, has requested an application review to construct a private road to serve four lots. The private road will serve the applicant's lots and adjoining lots. The property is located in the SW quarter of section 14.

The complete application 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

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC 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 **Tuesday, November 26, 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 41-12-10-255-002 & 007 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 4.04A.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

Catlin to Wilder pass throws Lowell into state semifinals

••• Lowell's 22-13 win over Hudsonville in the Regional finals advances Lowell to a semifinal date with Davison on Saturday at Lansing Sexton.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It will be remembered as the double pass sequence that

shuffled Lowell into the Division II state football semifinals for the first time in school history.

Lowell, on the shoulders of all-state performer Mark Catlin and a stellar big play performance by its defensive

unit, defeated Hudsonville in the Region II regional championship 22-13 Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium.

"Great athletes make great plays. Can't take anything away from that kid (Catlin). We made a great play. It was fourth down and our kids did everything they could and they made a great play to score a touchdown," said Hudsonville coach, Dave Duram.

On fourth and five from the Hudsonville eight yard line on a play action pass, Lowell quarterback Mark Catlin rolled to his left and threw a pass that was deflected. The crafty senior caught the deflected ball and then had the presence of mind to avoid a tackler and find the fourth option (J.J. Wilder) in the front corner of the end zone.

"It was play action and they didn't really have much of a rush. I stepped up and actually went to the fourth receiver on that play, which is not something you really practice," Catlin said. "I was going to take off running but then the guy looked like he was going to get me, so I tried to gun it in there, and he tipped it in the air. I was in a good position to catch it - then I thought they were going to get me again so my natural reaction was to throw it again."

The touchdown gave Lowell a 20-13 lead, or just one possession. So Lowell lined up for the attempted extra point but, instead, had place-holder,

Wilder take the snap and run it over the left side of the line for two points giving Lowell a 22-13 advantage.

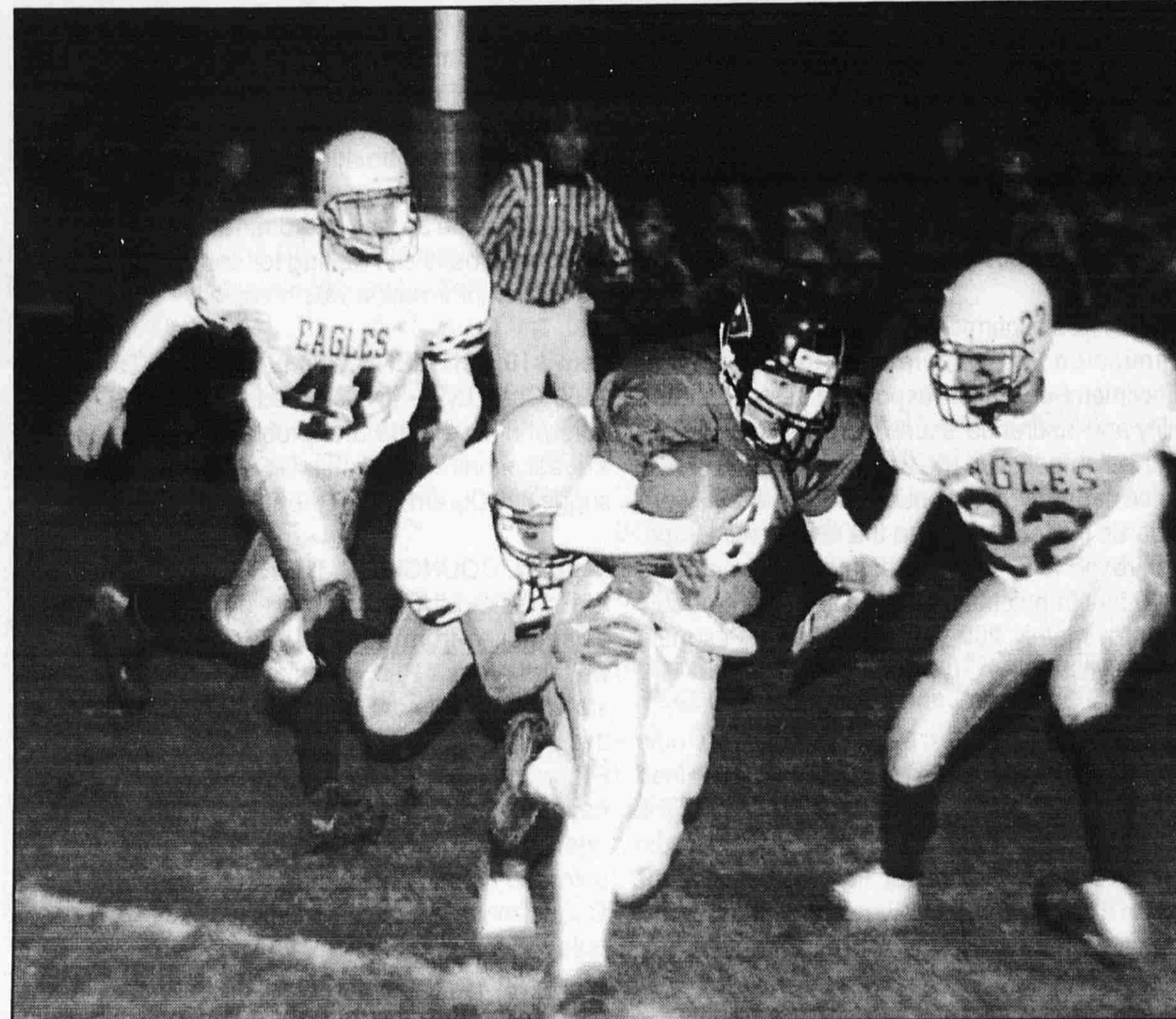
Referee Randy Johnson said both of Catlin's passes were thrown from behind the line of scrimmage, making the play legal.

Lowell vs Davison GETTING TO THE GAME

From I 96 take Saginaw Street east (M 43 and business I 69) to Waverly Road. Turn right (south) on Waverly Road. A golf course will be on your left. Turn left (east) on Michigan Avenue. Go about 12 blocks - the stadium will be on your right. Stadium parking is just over the railroad tracks, west of the stadium and at the school, east of the stadium.

"We've been practicing that play for four years. I was wondering when that would come in handy. In practice we set up cones all over the place ... and we have defenders ...

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Matt D'Agostino converts this Mark Catlin two-point conversion pass in the first half against Hudsonville.

Pioneers barely prevail against Red Arrows, 50-47

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Amy Oberlin's last-second, three-point shot bounded off the back of the rim and with it went Lowell's quest for a third straight O-K White girls' basketball title.

A short-handed Red Arrow club, came up just shy of league champion East Grand Rapids for a second time this year. It lost a regular season-ending 50-47 contest to the Pioneers in front of a crowd of 1,400 at Lowell High School Thursday night.

In the clubs' first meeting

of the year, it was missed foul shots which proved to be Lowell's undoing. The Red Arrows were left to contemplate missed layups following game two.

"We probably missed seven layups in the first half," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "East was also able to force our young guards into some turnovers and their physical strength inside wore on us late in the game."

None of those, however, prevented Lowell from making a game of it.

"East gains a starter and we lose a starter, yet we're still in the game at the end," Crowley said. "That's all you want for your team."

EGR's Julie Braseth, held to 12 points in the first meeting, scored eight of her game-high 22 points in the final eight minutes.

"East was more successful getting the ball inside to Julie (Braseth), although I didn't think we did as good a job applying ball pressure and denying the entry pass to her," Crowley said.

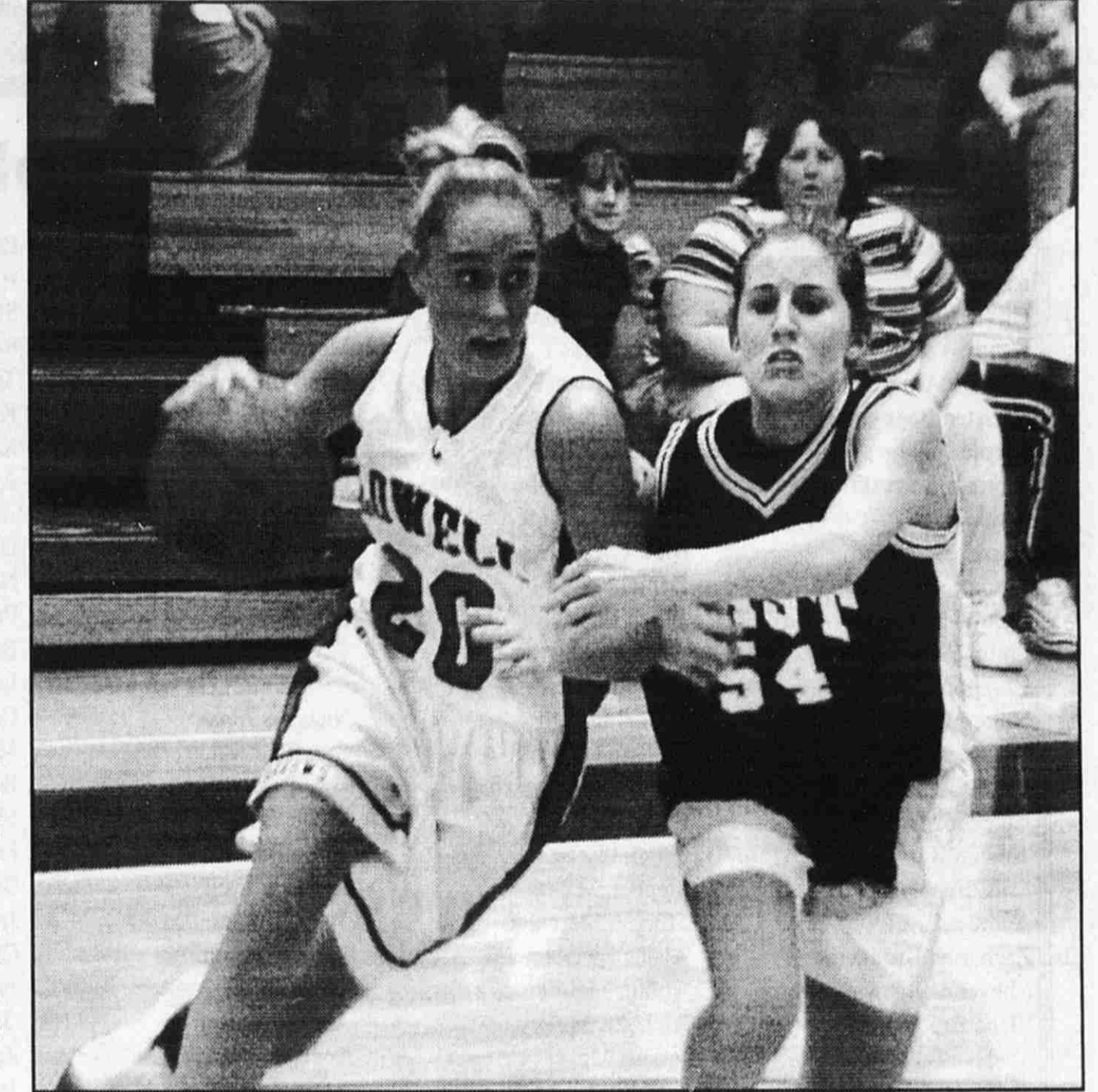
The Red Arrows made a statement midway through the second quarter that even without its two star players, they weren't going away.

Trailing 20-10 coming out of a time-out, Lowell rallied to outscore EGR 8-1 going into halftime, cutting the deficit to three at 21-18.

East basketball coach, Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate reconfirmed what she had already stated. "I knew Lowell's other players would step up. They are a very balanced basketball team. That makes them tough to beat."

The Pioneer coach noted her club's seven -of-19 from the foul line made her club's task even tougher. "We kept giving them opportunities," she said.

Lamoreaux-Tate pointed to the success her club had pressing Lowell's guards. "They were a little less able to



Valen VanZyll turns the corner on her Pioneer defender.

deal with the pressure than say a Gallert (Kendra) is."

Lowell, which trailed 37-34 entering the fourth quarter, saw the deficit grow to as many as eight points.

An Oberlin foul shot and a bucket off an East turnover cut the deficit to five (47-42) with 1:09 to play.

A Becky Bosserd bucket and two foul shots cut East's lead to three at 49-46.

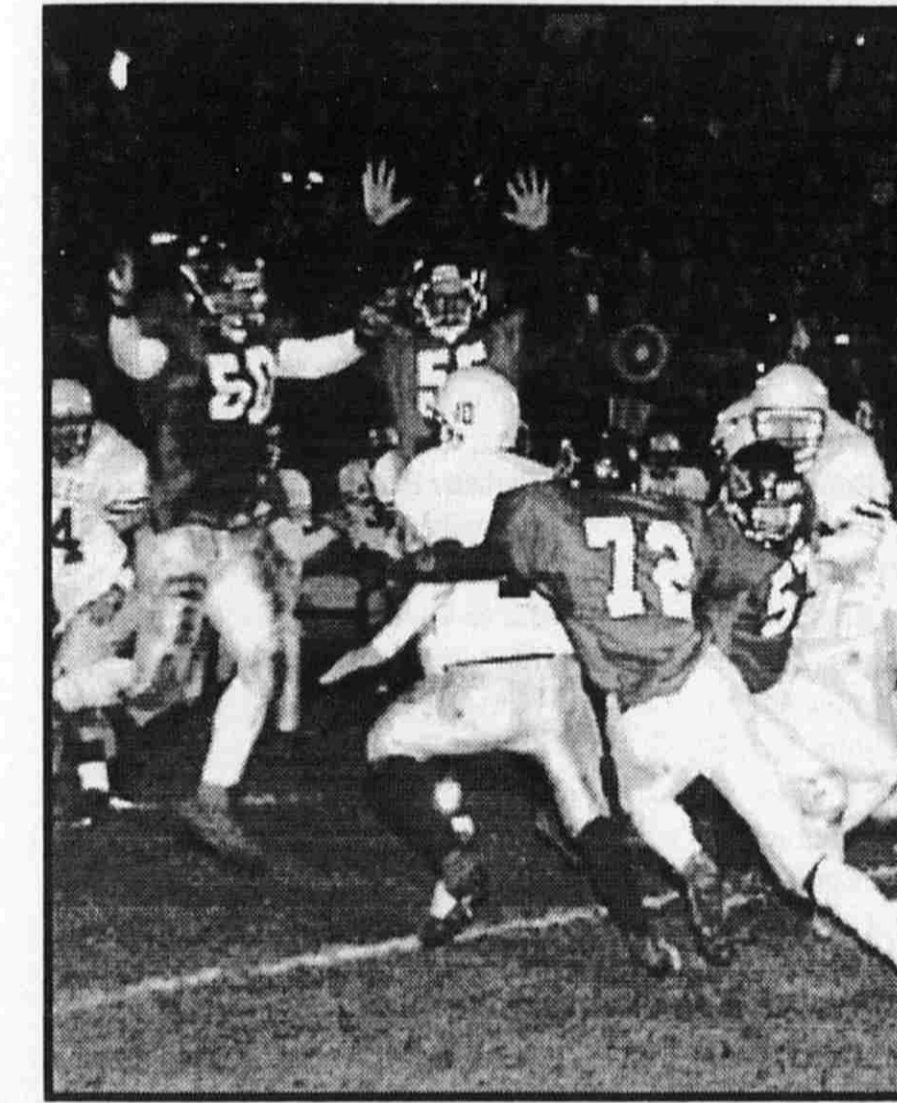
Another East turnover and an Oberlin foul shot cut the deficit to two (49-47) with 24 seconds to play.

Pioneer Sarah Fenton connected on one of two from the line, extending the

lead to three at 50-47.

Lowell finishes its regular season at 17-3 and 10-2 in the O-K White.

Lowell played Forest Hills Northern Monday at Rockford in a first-round district game, with the winner playing Creston on Wednesday.



Lowell defenders close in on Hudsonville's quarterback, Brent Trevino.

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we throw it off the backs of these guys and get the ball back and throw into the corner of the end zone," said Lowell coach/storyteller Noel Dean. "It finally worked. We call it the double defender pass."

Hudsonville's Brent Trevino played into the thinking of the Lowell coach on the two-point conversion call that followed.

"They spent a lot of time worrying about the play and not the next play," Dean said. "I thought defending that Brent Trevino show might be a little easier if we got up two possessions. We thought, 'What the heck - if we don't, we're still up seven and defending one possession.'"

Four times in the second half, Hudsonville drove inside the Lowell 30; three times the Red Arrow defense turned the Eagles away.

Senior defensive lineman Chad Rau played a significant role in the Arrows' defensive effort. He had a couple of sacks and a pass-altering hit on Trevino.

"Chad's an athletic boy. He does great things. It's good to have him healthy. He didn't play until the middle games because of an ankle problem," Dean said.

Lowell's secondary also came up with three picks - one by Catlin in the first half and one each by corners Chris Curtis and Sean Myers in the fourth quarter.

"Those two corners - Chris Curtis and Sean Myers have really stepped up for us. They have done a nice job of getting better and better," Dean explained.

Hudsonville opened the game with a 77-yard touchdown drive, capped by Trevino's one-yard sneak.

Lowell also scored on its first possession when Catlin hit Mike Koster on an 11-yard slant for a touchdown. The point after was missed and the Red Arrows trailed 7-6.

Catlin's 11-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter gave Lowell a 12-7 advantage. The two-point conversion was successful when Catlin connected with Matt D'Agostino, giving Lowell a 14-7 advantage.

Hudsonville pulled to within one when Trevino raced 11 yards on the right side, the extra point was missed and Hudsonville trailed 14-13.

Trevino passed for 100 yards and rushed for 153 of Hudsonville's 203 yards.

Catlin ran for 90 and was 10-of-24 for 118 yards and two touchdowns.

The victory carries Lowell into the state semifinals against Davison (11-1), a 34-22 winner against Bay City Western on Friday.

Lowell girls win district opener, 50-41

The Huskies from Forest Hills Northern pushed the Red Arrows, but in the end it was Lowell's defense and balanced scoring which proved to be the difference in Monday night's 50-41 Class A district win.

"Northern made a couple of runs at us in the third quarter ... and even grabbed the lead, but our girls fought back and ended up outscoring them by three in the third quarter," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

Lowell led 24-21 at halftime as a 1-3-1 half court press by the Huskies created problems for the Red Arrows. Lowell committed 14 first-half turnovers. "We did a better job of

attacking the press in the second half and committed half as many turnovers," Crowley explained.

Defensively, the Red Arrows held FHN's top two scorers under double digits in scoring. Amber Cleypool netted eight while Lindsey Nyenhouse tallied six.

Lowell had three players in double figures. Becky Bosserd led the way with 13, Amy Oberlin netted 12, and Blair Meyer added 11.

Lowell led 16-12 after one, 39-33 after three, and outscored the Huskies 11-8 over the final eight minutes.

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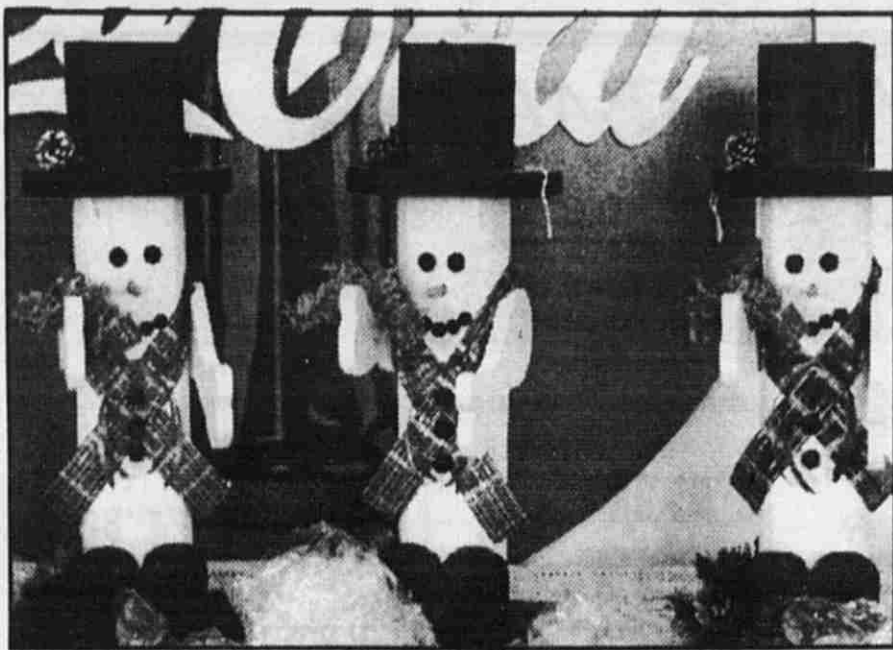
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