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## Township considers adding another section to ordinance dealing with parking and use of recreational vehicles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The 63rd District Court magistrate, David Barnes, ruled that Lowell Charter Township could not site David Rash with a municipal civil infraction for something which it had previously given its stamp of approval.

Barnes explained that the township gave the Rashes a permit to hook up electricity. "Consumers Power won't do that without the consent of the township," Barnes explained.

John and Susan Tomkins asked township supervisor, John Timpson what authorization was given to Rash (3305 Bewell) in overriding the township zoning ordinance that deals with parking, storage or use of major recreational equipment.

"I gave them permission for their parents to live there a short time; however, they made it continuous," Timpson explained at the November township board meeting. "I have informed them that they will have to make other arrangements this spring."

The ordinance is now being studied by the planning commission to see if any tweaking is necessary to help township enforcement.

"We think the ordinance is fairly good as related to owning property and storing recreational vehicles," said planning commission secretary, David Simmonds. "What may be needed, though, is another section to the ordinance related to visitors and where they can park, and using,

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## Thompson steps down from planning commission

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

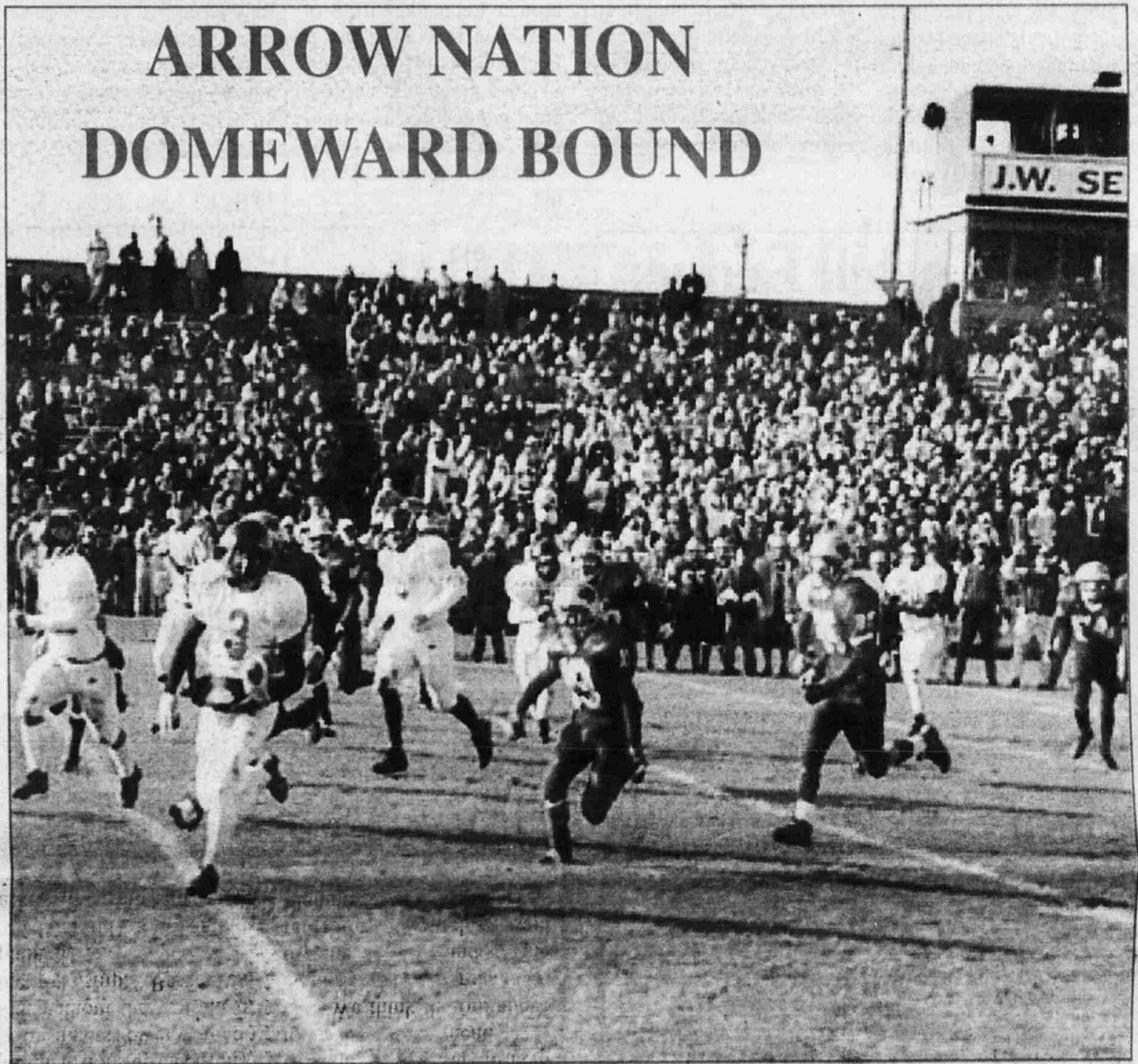
She is a familiar face on the Lowell Planning Commission with her sharp comments and wit, and has certainly given the chairman, Jim Hall a run for his money ... even if it was just playful banter.

On Monday night, Elizabeth "B.J." Thompson ended the commission meeting with her announcement that it was her last.

"I have enjoyed serving this commission," read Lowell

Thompson, cont'd. pg. 6

## ARROW NATION DOMEWARD BOUND



For the first time in school history, a Lowell football team will compete in a state championship game. The Red Arrows earned themselves an invitation with a 31-14 victory against Davison Saturday at Lansing Sexton in the Division II semifinal. Lowell will entertain Birmingham Brother Rice, a 24-7 winner against Allen Park, Friday, Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. in the Pontiac Silverdome. Story and pictures of Saturday's game can be found on pages 10 and 11. Tickets are available at Lowell High School Athletic office on Monday and Tuesday (7:30 - 3 p.m.); also Wednesday from 10 - 2 p.m. for the Lowell/Brother Rice game. Tickets are \$9 and this includes parking. Arrow Nation T-shirts are available at Field House on Wednesday evening from 5:30-7 p.m., \$7 each; 3 for \$20. "We'd like our fans to wear the shirts to the dome on Friday," Lowell football coach, Noel Dean said. "If they can't get a shirt, then we'd ask that they wear red and white." Win or lose, there will be an awards presentation for the team at the high school on Monday at 2 p.m. The community is invited.



## LHS brings Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to LPAC

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Laurie Summerfield has been involved in the Lowell High School annual play for 15 years.

This year, however, will be different - Summerfield will be directing William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"I've always wanted to do Shakespeare. It's 2002 and there are things in this Shakespearean play that still apply to today," Summerfield explained.

In the play there is a daughter who wants to marry a certain man, but her mother does not approve. The play deals with jealousy

between friends and between husband and wife.

The language used also presents an important challenge. "It's important that the actors/students know and understand what they are saying so that they can communicate the language to the audience," Summerfield said.

To assure that they do, Summerfield has quizzed students throughout their eight weeks of practice about what certain words and lines mean.

"The kids have been very resourceful. If they don't know, they've looked it up," Summerfield said. "We've also asked our

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OBITUARIES

BIGGS - Jeanne Biggs, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away November 25, 2002...

CHAMPION - Rosetta (Ellis) Champion, aged 97, of Ada, passed Wednesday, November 20, 2002...

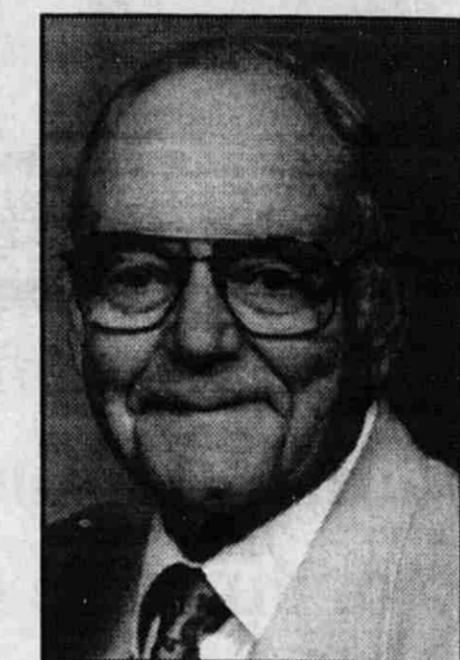
Sr., Marilyn and Morris Booker, Eugene and Lana Champion as well as nine living grandchildren...

GRIFFITH - Joseph F. Griffith, aged 79, passed away November 21, 2002, in Wabash County Hospital...

RITTERSDORF - Mark L. Rittersdorf, aged 47, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly in Las Vegas, November 17, 2002...

Queen of Peace Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Will Funeral Chapel. Burial was Monday at the Black Hills National Cemetery...

City. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary. She is survived by her son Vincent Street and wife Sylvia, Mitchell, and a brother Adolph "Sport" Litschewski, Lowell...



WERNET - Robert John (Bob) Wernet of Parnell, formerly of Jackson, aged 76, died November 23, 2002, after a lengthy battle with cancer...

STREET - Marie Street, 86, of Mitchell, formerly of Rapid City and Lowell, died November 20, 2002, at the Avera

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Unique offerings a staple of Rogue River Artisans Show and Sale

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The 20th annual Rogue River Artisans Show and Sale is slated for Saturday, Dec. 7 at Lowell High School from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

artists manning more than 80 booths.

"In fact we have added a second gymnasium," said Robin White, Rogue River Artisans coordinator, who started the event 20 years ago with the help of co-founder, Lori Ingraham.

The art sale, for the last

three years, has served as a major fundraiser for the senior class trip.

A hand selected group of artists and craft persons will be selling specialty items including crafted pottery, glass art, jewelry, wearables, santas and snowmen, carvings, wildlife art, sculptures, accesso-

ries, weaving, holiday decor, furniture and lamps, prints and paintings, wood art, soaps and fragrances, and candles.

proceeds going to class activities.

Rogue River Artisans Show and Sale started in 1982 with 15 artists and all their friends.

"I think our success comes from shopping for artists with

unique offerings such as antler baskets and log furniture. We're picky. This is a juried show," White explains.

The other thing that has helped us is art is very important to the community of Lowell."

The show averages about \$3,000 in revenue and annually attracts over 2,000 patrons.

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COLLEGE NEWS Aaron John Plattner was among more than 4,000 students at Kansas State University who received scholarships for the 2002-2003 school year.

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2002 STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Tomko, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board of Education, reported that a record was set for the recent blood drive.



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ing time (e.g., number of days) as a control."

Township trustee, Richard Huver noted that a legal spot in which visitors could park their recreational vehicles for an extended period of time would be a location like the Riverbend Campground on M-21.

## KDL News & Notes: Thompson, cont'd... From Page 1

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer won't be kept from joining in on these reindeer games. Kent District Library invites children to the Reindeer Day program, coming to many KDL branches in December.

Children ages six and under can enjoy a reindeer ring-toss, reindeer songs and rhymes, and a reindeer video. They can also create a reindeer paper bag puppet to bring home with them.

The Englehardt branch will offer the program on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. (647-3920); the Alto branch on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820).

The issue arose when Rash's neighbors, the Tomkins and Cliff and Dee Bonn complained to the township that Rash's parents were treating their motor home as a residence.

While the motor home is not parked in the front yard of the Rash residence, it does draw into question whether the motor

home can be lawfully parked in the rear yard of the residence for a purpose other than temporary loading and unloading. The existing ordinance does state that no major recreational vehicle shall be used for permanent living or housekeeping purposes on a residential lot.

City Manager, David Pasquale from Thompson's resignation letter. "I have decided to step down. Due to health issues and traveling, I don't feel I could attend the meetings."

Hall said Thompson would be missed. She has been on the commission for 15 years.

Thompson did not have much to say about her departure, which is six months short

of the end of her term - June 30, 2003. During the meeting she talked about how hard she fought to get another woman on the commission and how, for a long time, she was the only female in the group. The commission now includes two other women, Deb Hinton and Betty Schmalz.

Mayor Jeanne Shores will appoint someone to replace Thompson. Those interested should contact City Hall.

Thompson's departure is not the only change ahead for the planning commission. Hall announced that he will not seek re-election as chair and would like to see somebody else take over the reins. Hall said he planned to continue on as a commissioner and work on the park's plan.

*It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.*

Mark Twain

## LHS November Students of the Month

Lowell High School is pleased to announce the Students of the Month for November. Each month several departments choose an outstanding student in their particular subject area to be honored.

David Blair was chosen for the Science Department. He is a junior and the son of Jim and Linda Blair of Lowell. David is a member of the LHS hockey team and Model UN. He is also employed at Egypt Valley Country Club. His teacher nominator says he does outstanding work in AP Biology class and exemplifies good responsibility in always coming to class prepared.

The Social Studies Department is honoring Melody Dernocoeur. She is the

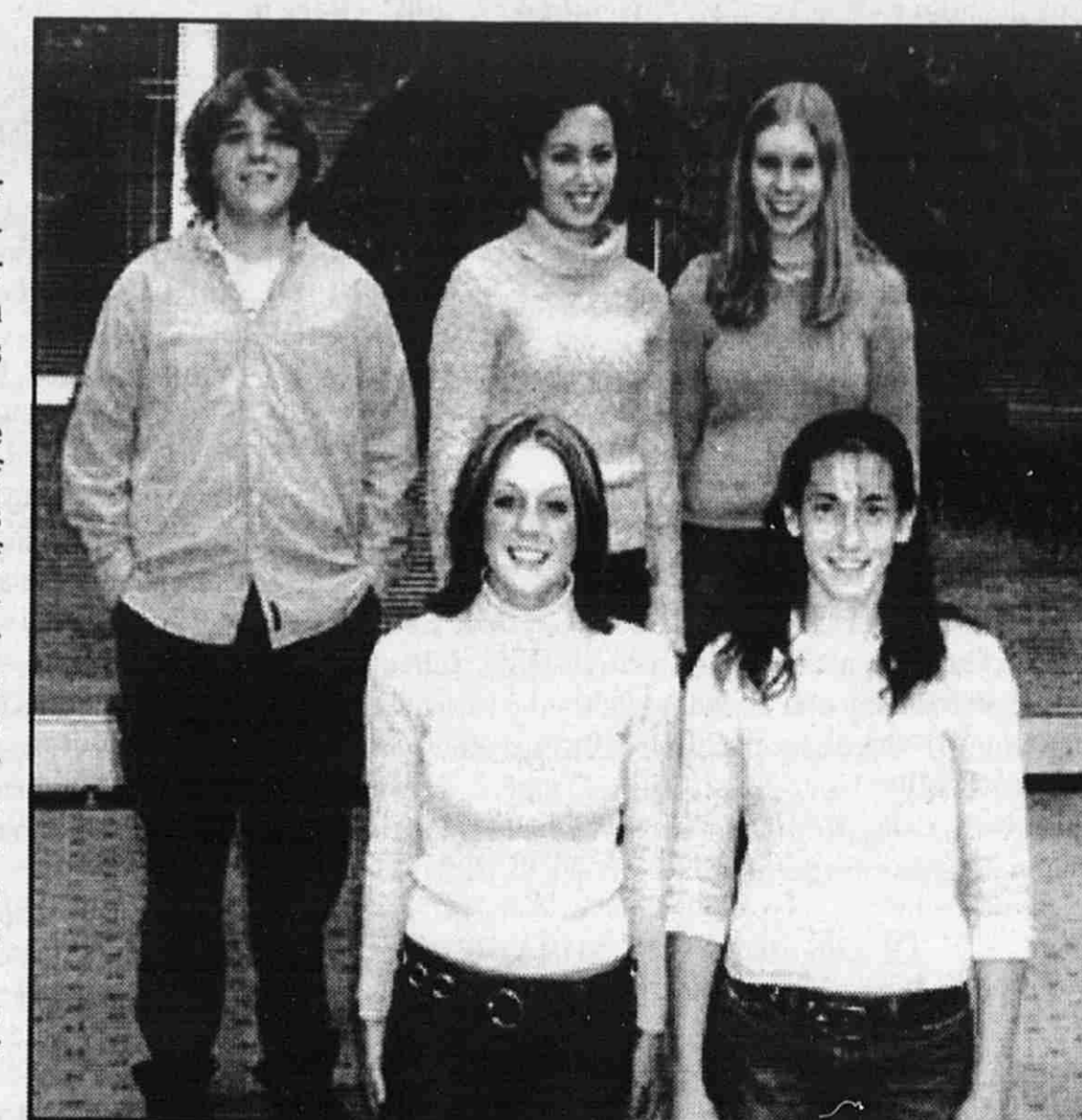
daughter of Kate Dernocoeur of Lowell and Jim Dernocoeur of Ada. Melody plays soccer and volleyball for LHS and is a member of FFA and Model UN. In addition, she spent a month in Bangkok, Thailand, volunteering to teach English as well as help AIDS patients and orphans. Her teacher nominator says she achieved the highest grade in AP History and was an award winner at last spring's Model UN at Hope College.

The Life Management Department selected Sara Schoen. She is a senior and the daughter of Dale and Nancy Triplett. Sara has been involved in varsity competitive cheerleading for four years and is also in Junior Rotary. In addition, she is em-

ployed at Quail Ridge Golf Club. Next year she plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study nursing. Her teacher nominator says she shows great respect for everyone in the classroom and is a very conscientious student.

The English Department is honoring Anne Beenen. She is a senior and the daughter of Don and Lin Beenen of Lowell. Her activities at LHS include Junior Rotary, secretary of Business Professionals of America, International Club, LAS Outreach and National Honor Society. She is employed at Amway. Anne's plans for next year are to attend the honors college at Grand Valley State University. Her teacher nominator says she continues to receive excellent grades in AP English Literature and Composition and adds that Anne is also one of the most respectful students at LHS.

The Agriscience Department's choice is Becky Bossard. The senior is the daughter of

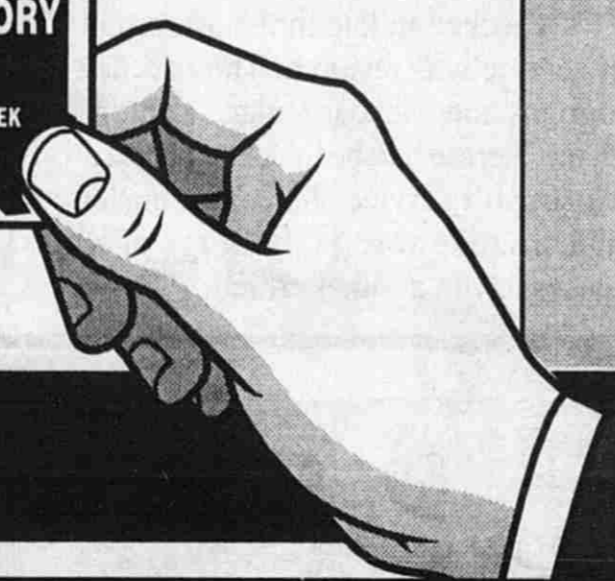


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LHS November Students of the Month, front row, left to right, are: Sara Schoen and Becky Bossard; back row are: David Blair, Melody Dernocoeur and Anne Beenen.

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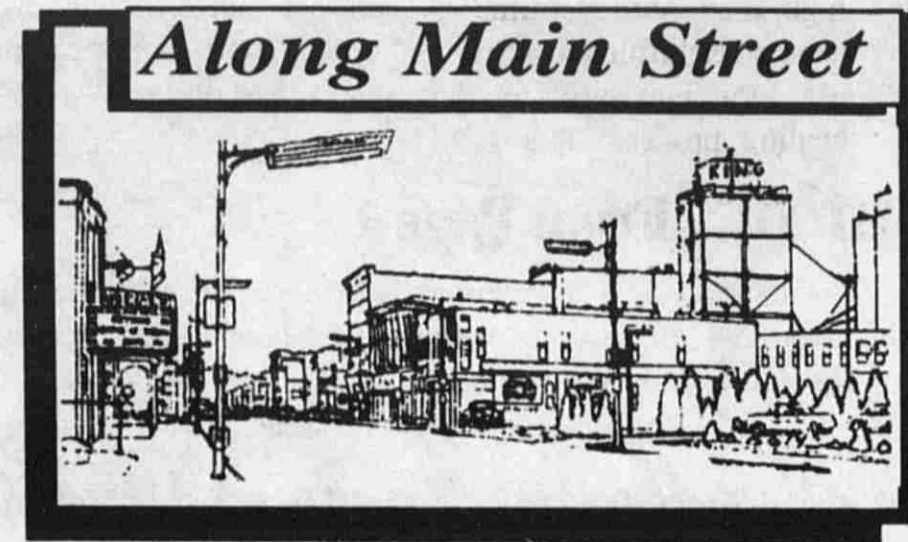
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**CLASS OF 2003 FUNDRAISERS**  
Lowell Senior Parents will be picking up pop cans on

Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to raise money for the senior trip. Help is still needed at Kohl's (Dec. 4, 8, 11 & 14) and at VanAndel Arena (Dec. 13 & 28, also Jan. 3, 11, 25). Call Lynn (676-3680). Pick up cookie dough and sub orders Dec. 2 at the high school bet. 2:30 & 7 p.m. Meijer certificates may be picked up at the high school every Monday, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Call Pam 676-1396.

**MEET THE HOCKEY TEAM/OPEN SKATE**  
The first home Red Arrow varsity hockey game vs. Holt will be played at Standard Federal Ice Center, 2550 Patterson Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. Meet the team and open skate immediately following the game until 10:30 p.m. Students will be admitted free with Lowell or Caledonia school I.D. Students with I.D. get in free to every home varsity game.

**SIGN UP FOR SNOWSPORTS CLUB**  
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.

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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**  
Commodities distributed on Dec. 5 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at Moose Lodge Rec. Bldg., 1320 E. Fulton. Commodities include beef stew, cranberry sauce/juice, pineapple, peanut butter, egg noodles, potato flakes, 10 lb. frozen turkey roast, walnuts.

**ALL-SCHOOL PLAY IN LPAC**  
Lowell High School will present the Shakespearean play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Thursday, Dec. 5, Friday, Dec. 6 and Sat., Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Adults \$7; students and senior citizens \$6. Call 897-4125 for more information.

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Create holiday ornaments for great gift-giving: two fused and one stained glass, Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21 (11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) at Lowell Area Arts Council 897-8545.

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language transfer expert, Laurie Kuna to help us out." Summerfield, during her 17-year teaching tenure, has taught speech/dramatic arts and physical education. "They seem to always be in conflict, but I love them both. I was exposed to both the arts and athletics as a kid growing up."

Which may explain why she uses some football jargon when discussing the all-school play. "Lowell is a football town and with the success of the team this year, how do you top that?" Summerfield exclaims. "I'll tell you how! While Coach Dean has Catlin (Mark) as his quarterback, I have seven quarterbacks (drama translation - leads) in this play." They are spread throughout the play with several dimensions - lovers, king and queen of fairies, fairies, a duke, a court, and even a dog. "Ideally I would like people to walk out of the play with different impressions of who was the lead character," Summerfield explains. The 90-minute, five-act Shakespearean play will be per-

formed Dec. 5-7 at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. All evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for students and senior citizens. It is not only the first Shakespearean play at Lowell High School, but it is also the largest cast (45-plus) that Summerfield has had to direct. "The play is for seventh- and eighth-grade students and

older. Because of its content it would be difficult for younger children to understand," Summerfield explained. "This is the largest and most exceptional cast that I've worked with - from freshman actress, Alice Blumm to senior stage manager, Megan Thompson; they've all been a joy to work with. Arts and culture are alive and kicking at LHS."

**Along The Trails of The Wittenbach Center**  
By Tammy DeBaar

When Thanksgiving rolls around, I conjure up images of my family, mostly farmers and carpenters gathered around a huge table filled with canned or fresh delicacies from the field. Fresh milk, corn, potatoes, pumpkin pie and an unbelievable turkey. Of course, I forget about the dirty dishes and the bickering going on amongst family members ... but that food! These images allow me to reflect on a few things. Please join me. I am blessed to work at a facility that works toward the continuation of these traditions ... by educating about where that food comes from and the local farmers who worked hard

to bring it to our tables. I work with a group who focuses on eliminating travel costs, bringing fresh, safely grown food from local farmers to local buyers, allowing a relationship to develop in which we all know what is in our food and where it is grown, also assisting the local farmer to keep growing on his land, rather than having to sell it out to development. Aldo Leopold summarizes this with his quote from *A Sand County Almanac*. "There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm: one is supposing that heat comes from the furnace, and the other is supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery." (1949) My dearest friend will be spending yet another Thanksgiving with her husband and two small children in Central America, fighting the battle of hunger ... which is more than just a physical hunger. My family has one less member this year, but I am thankful for all the rest. I challenge you to take a moment to be thankful too. Sometimes we have so much we forget.

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Good company in a journey makes the way seem the shorter.  
—Izaak Walton

**Lowell Area Character In Action Award**

**BETTY YEITER**  
Nominated by: Liz Webber  
Character Traits Exhibited: Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty, Responsibility

Betty shows respect to others with whom she works in our community. She shows honesty and integrity in all situations. She is very compassionate and forgiving of errors made and concern for others' situations and circumstances. She is extremely responsible and has worked on Community Fund, church groups, school groups, Women's Club, etc. She has also worked on junior achievement and as a volunteer tutor.

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Nominated by: Shirley Peckham  
Character Traits Exhibited: Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty, Responsibility

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The Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 02-1118A amending the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 5.6 and amending Sections 4.1.1 and Article 2. The amendments provide regulations for Open Space Preservation Projects. The regulations will: require that a minimum of 50% of land be preserved permanently as open space; require standards for open space; base the density on an existing zoning plan; allow the Planning Commission to modify lot sizes; and provide procedures and standards for review.

The Ordinance amendments shall become effective seven (7) days from the date of publication.

A complete copy of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments is available at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331 during normal office hours or by calling 897-7600.

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tivities which cause pain. Ice and anti-inflammatory medicines may help. Return to full casual or sporting activity varies greatly from person to person, but generally is predicted on the individual's pain threshold. If the pain remains high, then more rest time is needed. Returning to activity too soon may prolong the healing process. The good news is that all patients eventually improve as they "out-grow" the disease.

## Students of the Month, cont'd... From Page 7

Jim and Jane Bossard of Lowell. At LHS Becky is a member of the Lady Arrows Varsity Club and Junior Rotary, and has served as captain of both the basketball and soccer teams. She is employed at Grand River Veterinary Hospital. Becky plans

to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Her teacher nominator says she exhibits exemplary leadership and academic skills, a positive attitude and is an excellent role model.

## Billingsley finishes first year of soccer at Eastern Illinois

The Eastern Illinois University men's soccer team finished the 2002 season at the IronKids Bread/Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. Eastern dropped a 6-0 decision in the quarterfinal round to No. 12 ranked Creighton, ending its season at 8-11-1. Jacob Billingsley, a sophomore goalie, played in two games, 49 minutes in all, making two saves. He shared in the shutout of Illinois-Chicago. He played in the tournament game

at Creighton, allowing four goals. Picked to finish last in the MVC preseason poll, Eastern joined Drake in making the biggest jump of three places. The Panthers finished in seventh place, 3-5-1, in Valley play and won three of their four road conference games. The Panthers went 0-4-1 against nationally ranked teams, tying No. 10 Bradley 0-0 at home. However, Eastern went unbeaten against schools from Illinois at 3-0-1.

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# LOWELL 31 • DAVISON 14

## Next Stop • Pontiac's Silverdome

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a young, wide-eyed youth, Noel Dean made his first trip to the Pontiac Silverdome.

Following Lowell's 31-14 semifinal Division II win over Davison Saturday, Dean's thoughts were many, as he turned back the clock 28 years. "My dad took me in 1976. I was seven years old. That was my first trip to the Dome.

"To finally say I'm going as a coach is great. I've been buying tickets to go for 20 years. It's been something

I've been waiting for. I can't wait to walk out of that tunnel on Friday," he said.

The Red Arrow coach made it clear as to why it is that he will be coaching in the title game against Birmingham Brother Rice, a 24-7 winner over Allen Park.

"It's pretty straight forward. We've saddled up and rode Mark Catlin. I changed my whole offensive philosophy so we could use his great potential to its fullest," Dean said. "He is one of the great high school quarterbacks. There is not a player in the state that impacts a game more

than he does." Davison was the latest Lowell opponent to learn that truth.

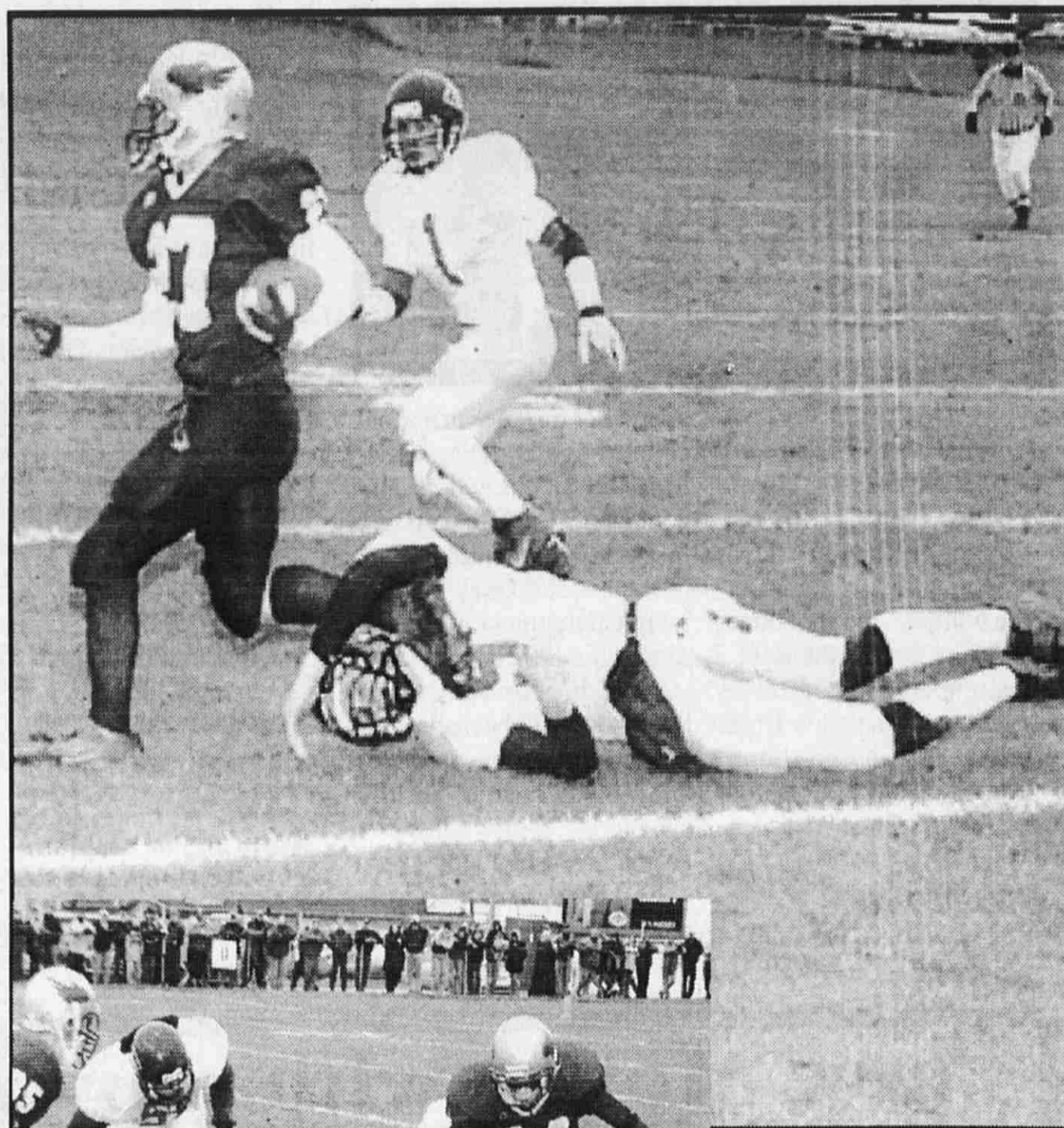
The Cardinals' 69-yard touchdown drive before the half narrowed Lowell's lead to six at 13-7.

Lowell took the opening kick in the second half and marched 56 yards in four plays. Ryan Esbaugh started the drive with a 14-yard burst and then it was vintage Catlin. A 19-yard run was followed by a 16-yard run and then he drilled a seven-yard touchdown pass to Mike Koster (his second of the day).

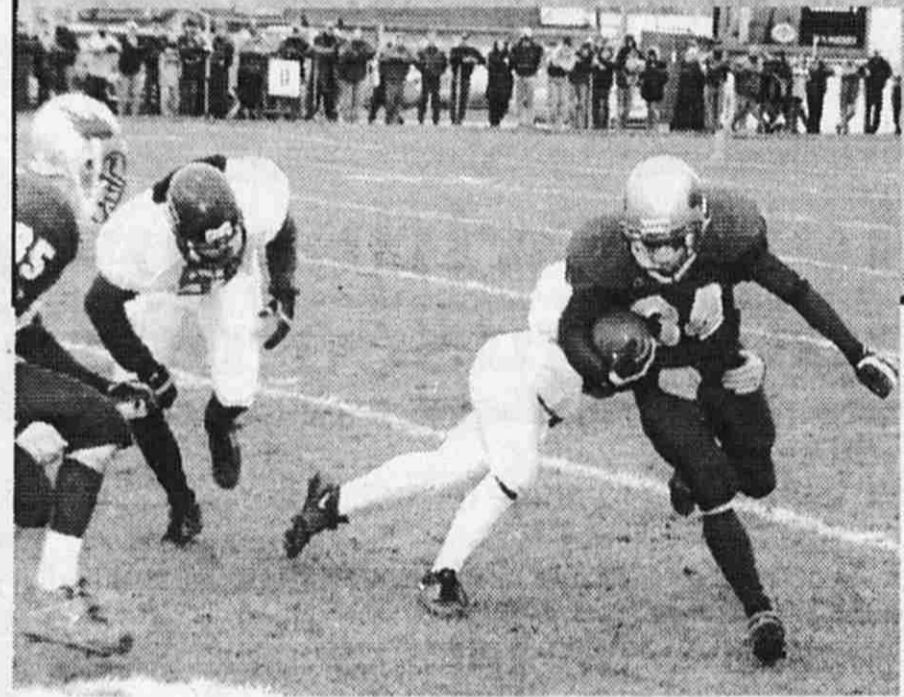
Davison opened the fourth quarter with a 24-yard touchdown pass and catch from Mike Fuller to Robert Hatten, cutting Lowell's lead to five at 19-14.

As has been the case countless times this year, the Red Arrows, led by Catlin, answered swiftly and with precision. Lowell started its scoring drive with a 16-yard pass to Sean Myers and then a 10-yard pass to J.J. Wilder. Catlin finished the drive with runs of 12 and 23 yards. The latter gave Lowell a 25-14 advantage.

"He (Catlin) is a very Mike Koster goes into the air to bring in a seven-yard touchdown reception.



J.J. Wilder, above, trips up Davison runningback, Brent Scott. Left, a Red Arrow defender brings down Cardinals' Brandon Freeman.



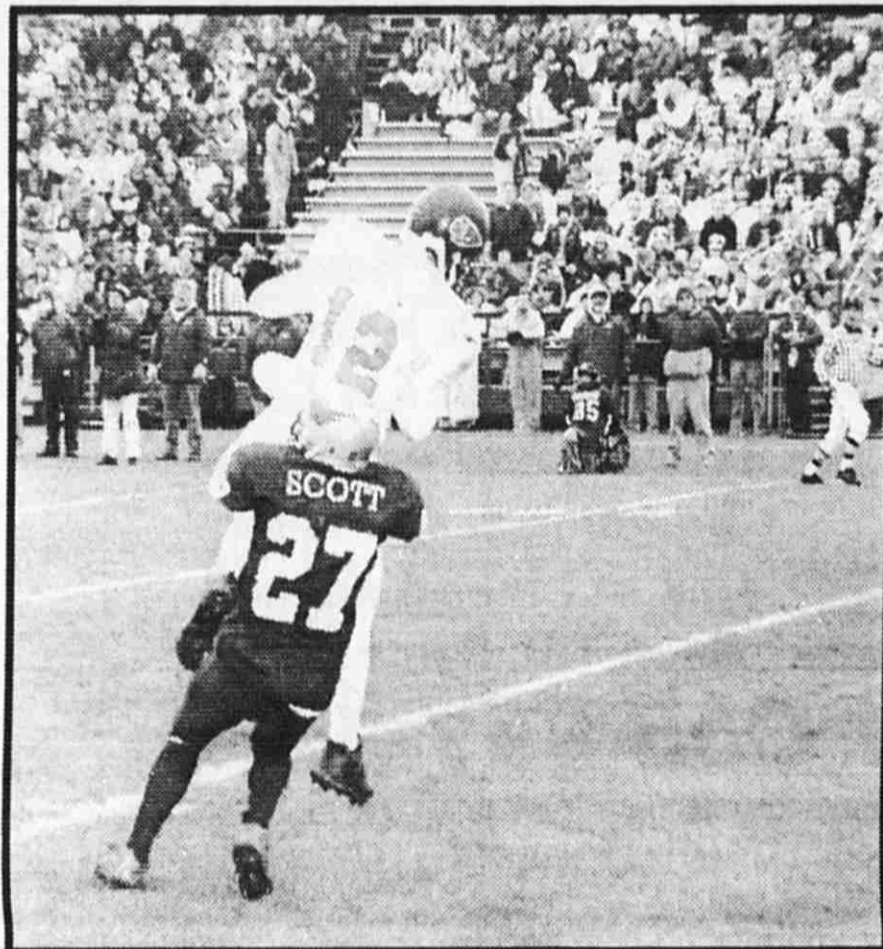
good player and an excellent passer. He threw the ball well and held up well under pressure," said Davison football coach, Jeff Putnam. "Lowell runs excellent timing routes and they converted on some

crucial third and long plays." With the exception of their two scoring drives, Davison found real estate difficult to come by against the Red Arrow defense. Much of the Cardinals'

struggles began and ended with Lowell middle linebacker, Jordan Moore.

When he wasn't pressuring the quarterback, or running

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## These Red Arrow girls not short-handed on confidence in 8-point win over Rangers

••• The victory gave Lowell its second district title in three years, advancing the Red Arrows into the Class A regional at Forest Hills Northern.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

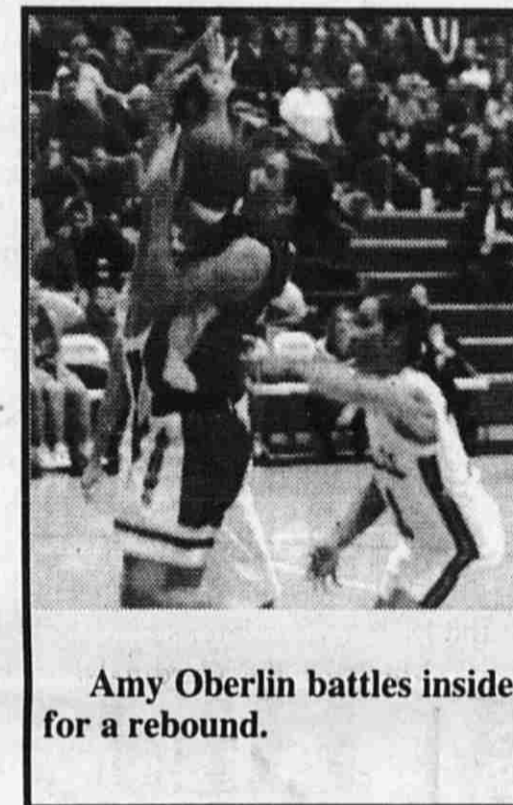
A tough, balanced, good defensive basketball team won a Class A district championship at Rockford Friday night.

"This district championship is most rewarding because it represents and emphasizes team basketball," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "There were a ton of doubters out there when we lost Leslie (Crowley) and then Kendra (Gallert), but these girls showed tonight that they are tough and they are going to compete."

It wasn't just one or two players who stepped up big for Lowell - it was a team of players who lifted Lowell to a 48-40 district championship victory.

"Every time Central made a run and got to within six points, we had a different player step up and make a play," Crowley explained.

Central seemed to be building momentum when it cut Lowell's lead to eight with 6:30 to play. Lowell's Vallen



Amy Oberlin battles inside for a rebound.



2002 Class A District Champions

VanZyll answered with a three.

The Rangers cut the lead to six, but a Becky Bosserd pass into the post was rewarded with a bucket by Amy Oberlin.

At another crucial point, the Rangers got the lead to under eight and senior, Blair Meyer netted a jump shot from right of the foul line.

Lauren Vashaw, asked to defend Central's top offensive player, held Jordyn Boles under her district average 20-plus points a game.

"A lot of people doubted us, but we've proven everybody wrong. We've never lost our confidence," Vashaw explained.

Meyer reflected on the club's near misses against East. "We didn't get the top wins in our conference, which made winning the district important," she said. "After Kendra went

down, coach got together with us seniors and told us it was our team, and it was up to us to bring it back together."

Lowell jumped out quickly on Central as it outscored the Rangers 16-8 in the opening eight minutes.

"Our girls started a little tight," said Central coach, Bill VanderWoude. "Lowell got off too quickly to start the game and the third quarter. We were unable to come back from that."

Lowell took a 24-18 halftime lead and increased that to eight at 34-26 through three periods of play.

"We didn't play as well as we have in the four-five games leading up to this, but Lowell's defense had something to do with that. We didn't respond as well as I would have hoped," VanderWoude said.

Oberlin led Lowell in scoring with 13 points. Bosserd added 12, Meyer netted nine and VanZyll scored seven.

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## Red Arrows eliminate Tigers from regional fray

••• The five-point win advances Lowell to the regional final against Muskegon, a nine-point winner over Grand Rapids Christian.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dee Crowley doesn't look at her Red Arrows and see a short-handed squad. Following Lowell's 43-38 regional victory over Benton Harbor Monday night, opponents would do well to do the same.

"I believe in these girls. That's a must if a coach wants the team to believe in themselves," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "If you play defense and execute the fundamentals, you will win games."

With the exception of a couple of minutes in the second quarter, Lowell girls basketball team led throughout as it continued its improbable journey into the Class A regional final.

The Tigers (20-4) were the latest victims to the Red Arrows' fundamentally sound play.

"I was extremely pleased with the girls' good fundamental play in the fourth quarter," Crowley said. "I thought we boxed out, got some big rebounds and made some key defensive stops."

Benton Harbor made a few runs at Lowell in the second half, but the gritty Red Arrows always had an answer.

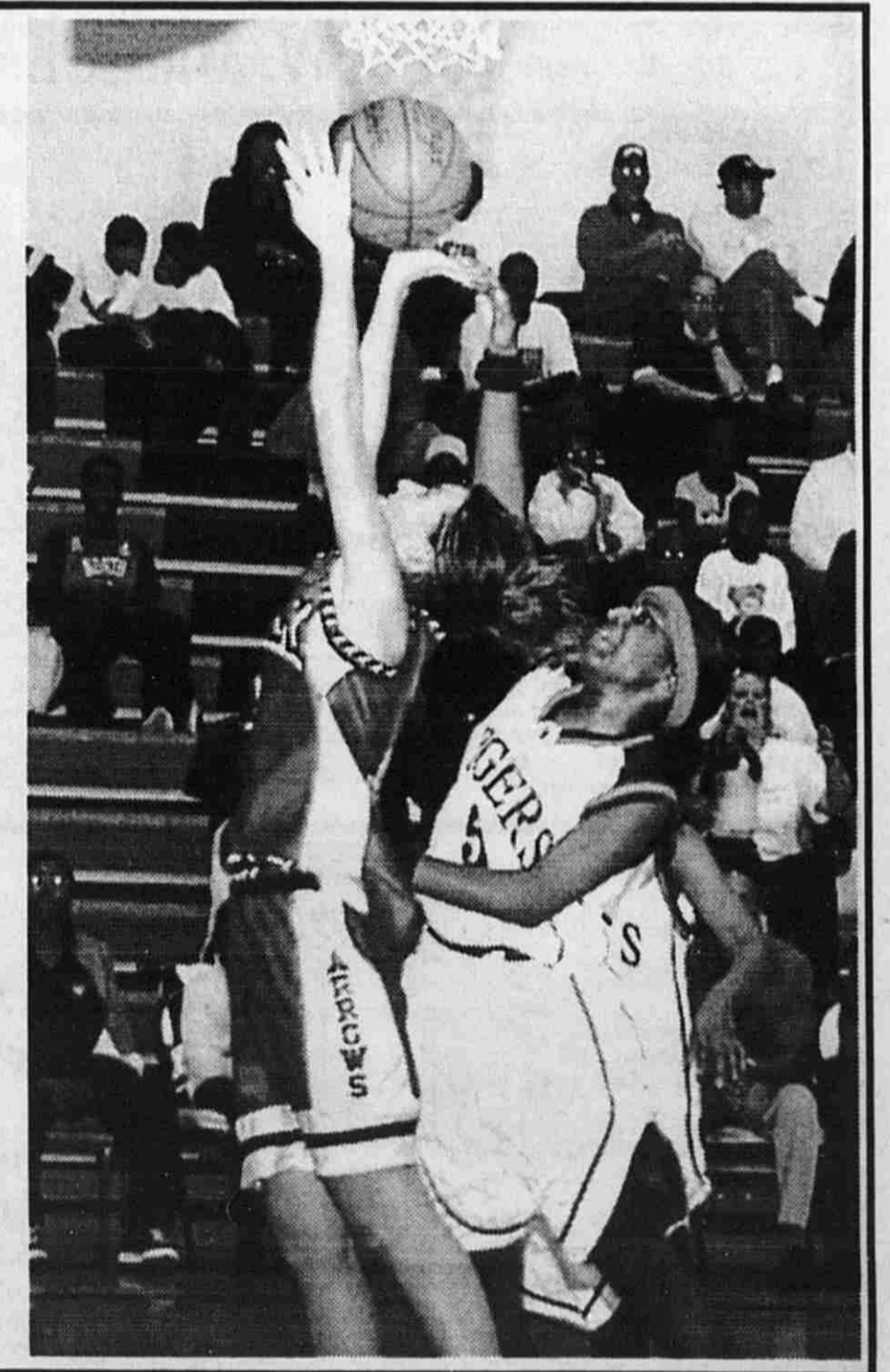
The Tigers trailed 29-23 when they ran off five straight points to pull within one of Lowell, but Amy Oberlin and Becky Bosserd answered with buckets in the last 20 seconds of the third quarter to build the lead to five at 33-28.

"Yes, we're minus two starters, but that's an opportunity for the girls on the floor to step up," Crowley said. "All we can do is put our five best players on the floor."

Oberlin and Bosserd led all Lowell scorers with 13 points each. Lauren Vashaw added nine and Blair Meyer netted eight.

The win advanced Lowell into the regional final against Muskegon.

Lauren Vashaw goes up strong in traffic in the opening half of Lowell's game with Benton Harbor Monday night. The Red Arrows won the regional contest 43-38.



## Football, cont'd. ... From Page 10

ning down a Davison back, he was delivering jarring hits and blocks.

Davison's swift tandem runningbacks' Tony Prieur and Brandon Freeman were held to 106 yards with Freeman amassing 83 of those rushing yards.

Through the air, Fuller was eight-of-24 for 142 yards with two touchdowns and a Chris Curtis interception.

Lowell's first score of the game came in its second possession on a 15-yard pass from Catlin to Koster. The Red Arrows made it 13-0 in the second quarter when Catlin raced 26 yards for a touchdown.

Catlin led all rushers with 134 yards on 17 carries while completing 21-of-34 for 198 yards, two touchdowns, two interceptions, and he ran for two scores.

Lowell needed all of that to play through four turnovers, three of which came inside the Davison 20-yard line.

"Anytime you have four turnovers and still have an opportunity to win, it says a lot about your team," Dean concluded.

Lowell's next opportunity for victory will come Friday at 1 p.m. at the Silverdome in a title clash with Birmingham Brother Rice.

# Crowley signs letter of intent, though it's surgery that will decide senior's basketball future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In September, Leslie Crowley will venture away from home, embarking on one of life's most exciting experiences - college.

She is hopeful that her time at the University of Michigan will also include participating in a lifelong love - basketball. Crowley, with her teammates and family watching, signed a letter of intent to play college basketball at Michigan. She will do so through the aid of a four-year basketball scholarship

from the Big Ten school.

How much a part basketball plays in Crowley's college future will depend on the success of an experimental surgery she will undergo on Dec. 31.

The surgery is to replace cartilage tissue in her knee which didn't grow back following surgery in June of 2001.

In December of 2001, Crowley underwent a second surgery so a cartilage sample could be taken from the knee. The sample was sent to a lab out east so that cartilage cells could be grown from it.

With that completed and insurance approval in place, doctors will now use those cartilage cells to close up the hole which currently exists.

"The doctor performing the surgery has an 85 percent success rate. He has done 400 of these type surgeries," Crowley explained. "I'm just hoping the surgery goes well."

As does Michigan's head girls' basketball coach, Sue Guevera, but not for the obvious reasons.

"She has been very supportive. Coach told me college should be one of the most exciting experiences of my lifetime - with or without basketball," Crowley said.

When Crowley first heard the news about her knee, she considered playing her senior year at 60 percent. It was Guevera who told her she shouldn't and to look beyond the present.

"She told me that I would want to be able to walk without pain and play with my kids when I'm 30, and playing basketball my senior year could jeopardize that," Crowley said.

Guevera's advice means something because despite knowing Crowley's injury could prevent her from ever playing basketball again, Guevera and Michigan did not withdraw the scholarship offer which was extended before news of her knee problem.

Thinking about not being able to do what she loves and how it has limited what she's been able to do her senior year has been an emotional roller coaster for Crowley.

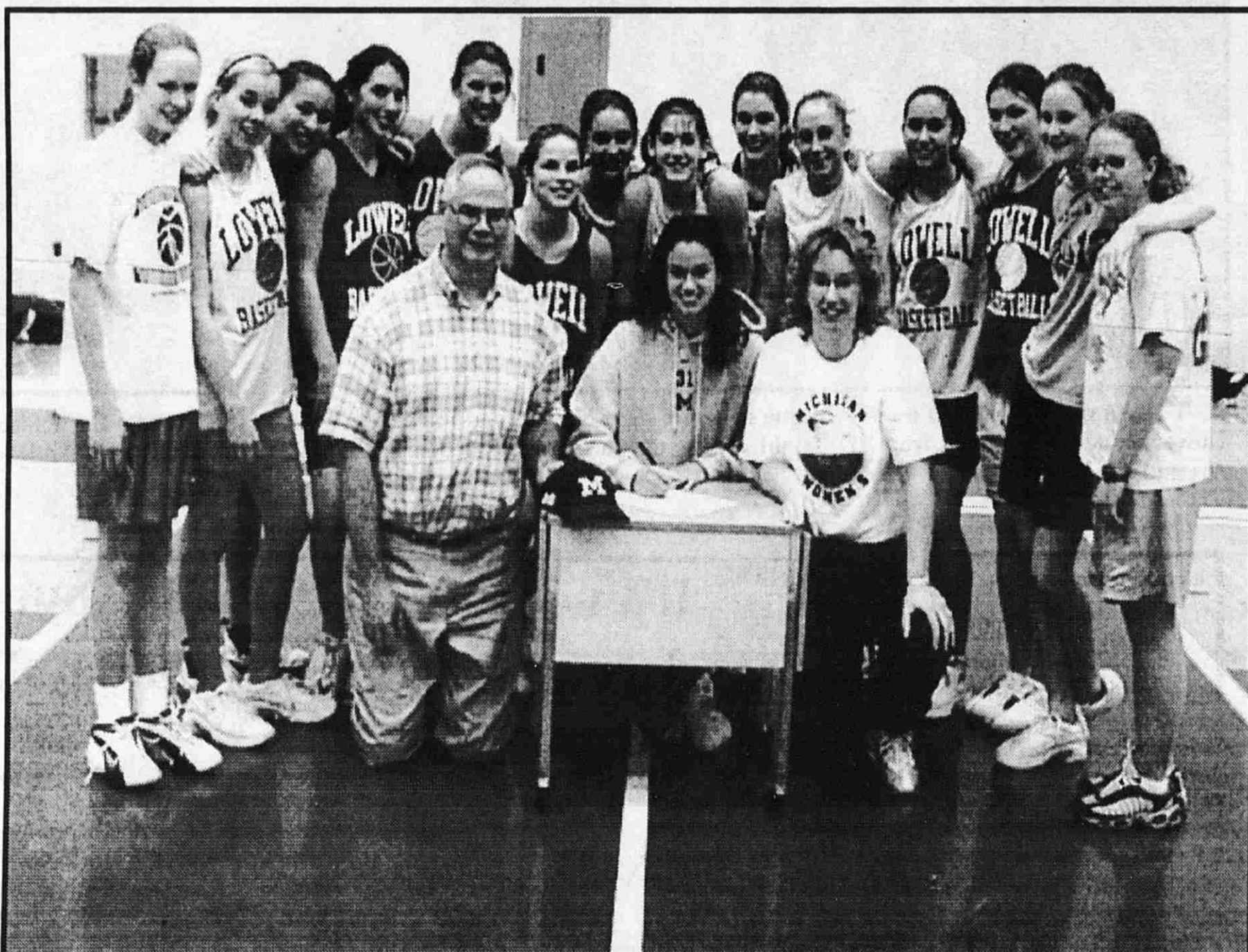
"That makes me cry," Crowley says. "I'd do anything to be able to run now. When this first happened, watching the girls practice made me mad."

She has been able to calm her emotions through the help of her boyfriend, Chad, family and by writing letters to her teammates in an effort to motivate them.

"It started off being really difficult coping with the injury, but I've grown accustomed to it," Crowley said. "The team has responded well and is playing well."

Doctors tell Crowley recovery from the December surgery will take from a year to 18 months.

Crowley remains hopeful despite the fact there are no guarantees that come with surgery. In fact she has gathered strength from a story of a figure skater who had the same surgery and upon a full recovery was able to try out for the Olympics.



Leslie Crowley signs her letter of intent to play college basketball at the University of Michigan among family and teammates.

# Benedict to carry on softball career at Central Michigan

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Jacque Benedict knew from the moment she arrived in Mt. Pleasant for her visit that Central Michigan was the right fit.

"I felt comfortable with the coach and players. I liked them immediately. I just knew it was right," said the Lowell senior shortstop.

Last week, Benedict signed a letter of intent to play softball for coach, Margo Jonker and the Central Michigan Chippewas.

Benedict has always enjoyed her time around the softball diamond. "I grew up at the park watching my dad (Ray) and my grandfather (Art) play," Benedict explains.

The Red Arrow has been tentatively penciled in as a utility player, filling roles in the outfield and at second base.

Benedict's charge between now and September is to begin acclimating herself to Central's fitness program. "I am going to start working

on their lifting program and running," she explains.

The Red Arrow shortstop enters her senior year as the season record-holder for batting average (.511), slugging percentage (.766), and on-base percentage (.657).

She also shares single season records with Andrea Rickert for hits (48) and assists with Tammy Stauffer (98).

"Jacque is the best softball player that I have ever coached. She has a great instinct for the game," said Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse.

In selecting a college, Benedict also considered Grand Valley State, Northwood and Morehead State (Ky.). "Jacque is a great hitter and a great all-around player. She also has great instincts for the game," said Rodenhouse. "Jacque is a good kid who has dedicated herself to the game of softball and works very hard at it."



With family watching, Lowell's Jacque Benedict signs her letter of intent to play softball for Central Michigan University next fall. Seated, from left to right, are Ronda, Jacque and Ray Benedict; standing, left to right, are Andrew, Art and Gladys Benedict.

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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.

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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 proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance and a private road application. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments and private road:

**Chapter 3/Article III Zoning Districts:**

**Section 201.3075 (E) Lake Residential District**  
 The proposed amendments are to add clarification provisions for lots not served by public sewer to meet lot size, width and setbacks equivalent to the R-1 District (1 acre, 165' lot width).

**Section 201.309 (B) (C) (F) Industrial District**  
 The proposed amendments are to add language for permitting multi-tenant buildings under 10,000 square feet as permitted uses and above 10,000 square feet as special uses. The lighting standards in the Commercial District are proposed to be added to the Industrial District to keep lighting at a minimum and within each development site.

**Private Road**  
 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 text of the proposed ordinance amendments and the private road 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.

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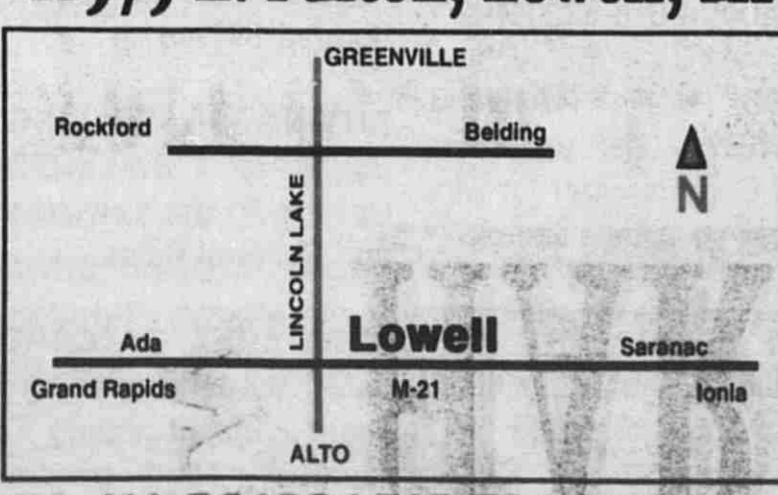
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