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City plans dedication of the City Hall/police station

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

In 1908, they laid the cornerstone to the then-new Lowell City Hall. Almost 95 years later, the Masonic Order will lay a new cornerstone marking the renovation of City Hall and the addition to the police station.

At the Lowell City Council's regular Monday night meeting, councilman, Mike Blough revealed plans for a cornerstone ceremony and dedication of the facility on July 12, 2003.

"After taking a walking tour with representatives from

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, I was impressed with the status of the project and how it was coming along," Blough said, adding that the next question was when it might be completed.

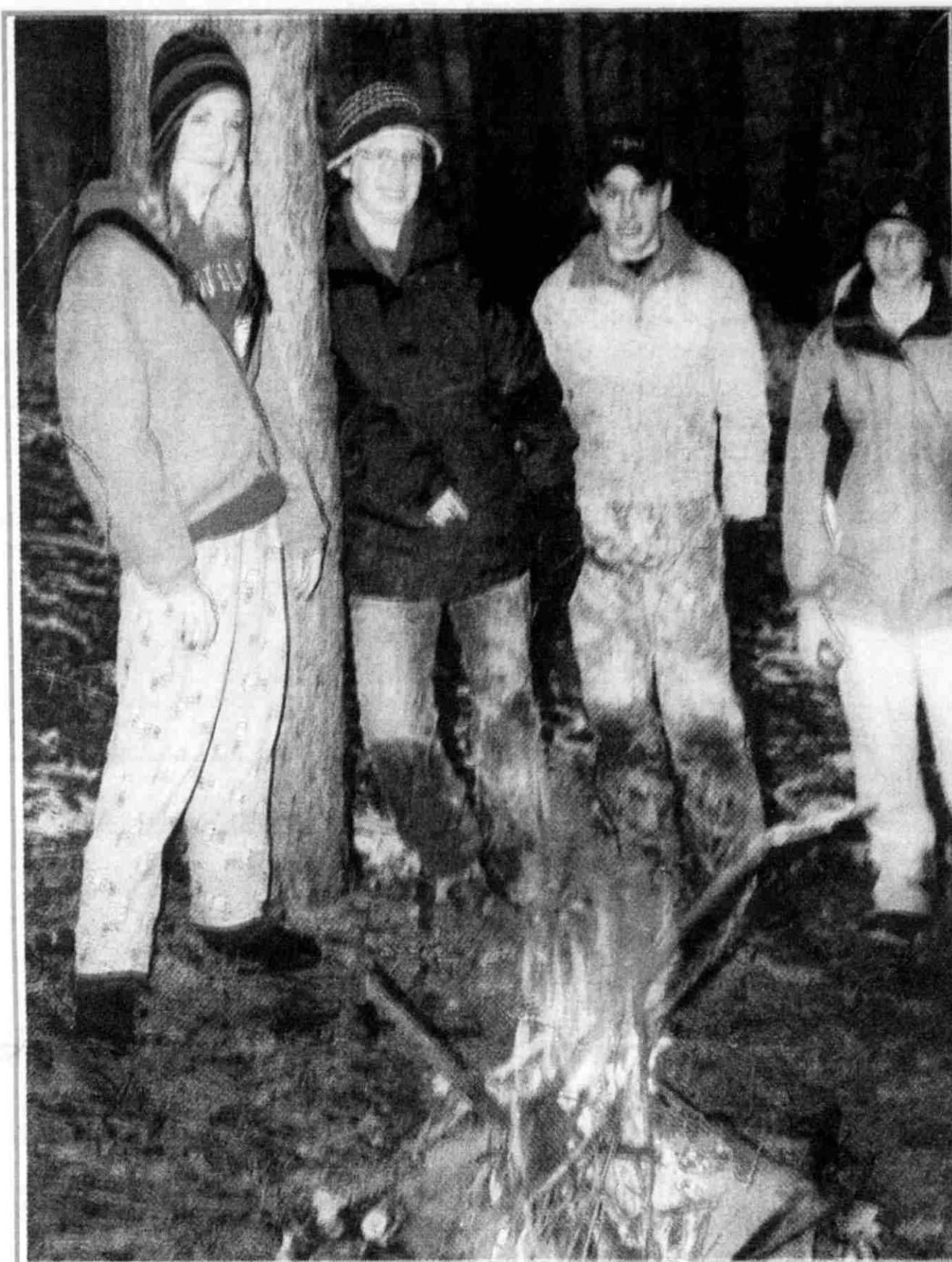
After looking over the schedule, officials from Fishbeck (the overseer of the project) said completion should be on time ... by the first/second week of July.

Blough said this prompted him and city manager, David Pasquale to look into a cornerstone and dedication of the building along

with an open house around the time the building would be completed.

In discussions with Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker, Blough said the city learned that the chamber had plans of moving its Riverwalk festival from Labor Day weekend to about the middle of July. Plans are in the works for a parade and other activities with the dedication of the City Hall being a nice fit during the activity-filled day.

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Enjoying the warmth of their work are Lowell Middle School eighth-graders, left to right: Stephanie Kempker, Megan Zinke, Mike Roth and Karen Judd.

Block grant monies will go toward transit/underdrain

By J. N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell is scheduled to receive about \$25,000 this year from the annual Community Development Block Grant program.

The federal program allows for the city to put money on a variety of city projects. This year, city manager,

David Pasquale said he would like to see \$4,000 of the expected \$24,701.78 be used toward the North Kent Transit program which provides transportation to elderly people in the area.

There was an option on what to do with the rest of the money ... depending on a report expected to be completed later this month from Will-

iams and Works. The company was asked to look at whether an underdrain is needed at Carol Lynne.

Pasquale said he expects the report to be completed about the same time the council plans to hold a public hearing on its plans for block grant monies.

"I think we will have a better idea of where we stand once we get Dave Austin's (Williams and Works) report," Pasquale said.

If it is decided an underdrain is not needed on Carol Lynne, Pasquale said he recommended the city continue with sidewalk construction on the east side of North Hudson Street and the north side of Foreman. This work would complete sidewalks in the area as part of the school route.

Both projects were listed to be discussed as part of the block grant program at the next meeting with the council choosing one for the block grant funds.

Councilman Mike Blough noted that the amount the city is receiving this year is about \$20,000 less than last year. Pasquale said that was due to the city borrowing ahead to help cover some costs on projects. The amount the city is getting this year accommodates the extra from last year, he explained.

Survival training helps clarify characters in novel for students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Chris Stacey's eighth grade honors reading class not only read "The Lord of the Flies" but brought it closer to home through a survival training night at the Wittenbach Center.

The 26-member class spent October and November reading "The Lord of the Flies." In an effort to help her students better understand the characters and the survival experience they went through on the island, Stacey coordinated the overnight activity.

"I think it also helped the students understand each other better individually and as a class," Stacey explained.

The evening included finding their campsite with nothing more than a map and compass, building and starting their own fire and shelters (trees and branches), sending out S.O.S. signals, and overcoming challenges presented to them during the activity.

"Those groups who could not get a fire started had to eat uncooked smokey links," Stacey explained.

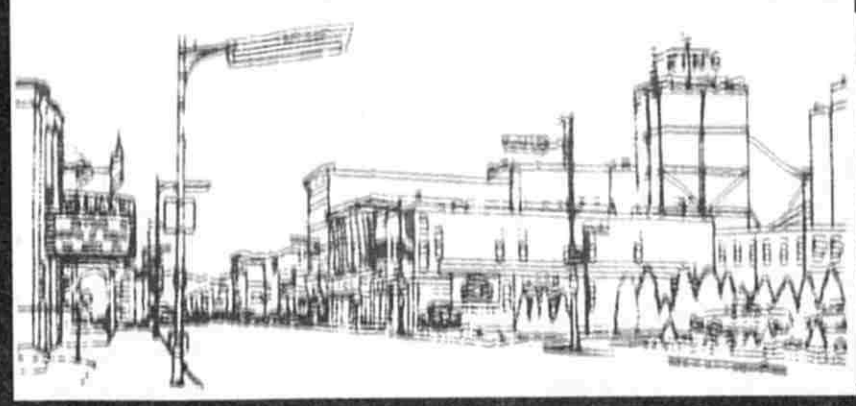
Inclement weather prevented students from sleeping outside. "The students wanted to, but we felt it was just a bit too chilly," Stacey said.

Nine parent volunteers assisted with the overnight activity.

Pasquale said the city could seek to borrow ahead again depending on results from the underdrain study, but did not want to make a recommendation until after the report was given.

The council set a public hearing on the block grants and proposed projects at its next meeting, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Englehardt Library.

Along Main Street



L.H.S. BAND CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The Lowell High School Bands Holiday Concert is rescheduled for Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Free; everyone is welcome.

WINTER FAST PITCH CLINIC

The Lowell High School softball coaches will hold a winter fast pitch pitching clinic at Riverside gym on Wednesdays: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19. 6th grade girls and under - 6 p.m.; 7-8 grade girls - 7 p.m. Clinic: \$25; applications at Lowell Middle School and elementaries. Bob Rodenhouse: 897-4125 or 245-4596.

"LIVING CONSCIOUSLY" PARENT CLASSES

On Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m., an informational meeting will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary in the Family Links/YMCA room for Living Consciously Classes for Parents. The facilitator is Jim Blodgett.

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OBITUARIES

BUMP - William George Bump Jr., aged 54, of Audubon, PA, formerly of Lowell, passed away Saturday, December 28, 2002. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, William George Bump Sr. and Helen Bump. He is survived by his wife Lillian; son Jason (Rikki) Bump of Delaware; daughter

Lisa (Kevin) Homrich of Lowell; stepson David Clark of PA; sister Donna Bump of Grand Rapids; brother Kim Chesebro of Lowell; two grandchildren Jordan and Brianna; a host of nieces and nephews. There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

LEGAL NOTICES

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DYKSTRA - Edward Dykstra Jr., aged 77, of Belding, passed away January 4, 2003. He was preceded in death by his grandson John Dykstra Jr. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth; children John (Shirley) Dykstra of Wyoming, Gerald (Linda) Dykstra of Lowell, Elaine (Dan) Bowman of Six Lakes, James Dykstra of Belding; sister Joan McQueen of Lowell; stepmother Miriam Dykstra of Zeeland; also seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Byron Davey officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan or the Kent County Humane Society.

MULLIKEN - Charles Buckley Mulliken, aged 78, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, December 29, 2002. He was preceded in death by his wives Marjorie Marie and Jeane Marie. He is survived by his children Georgia (Tom) Yurkines, Patricia (David) Twining, Samuel (Sheila) Mulliken, Rick (Pat) Wilcox, Randy (DeeAnn) Wilcox, Susan (Randy) VanSprosen, Shirley Wilcox and grandchildren. Private funeral services were held by the family. In lieu of memorial contributions, take a moment to reflect on your memories of Chuck.

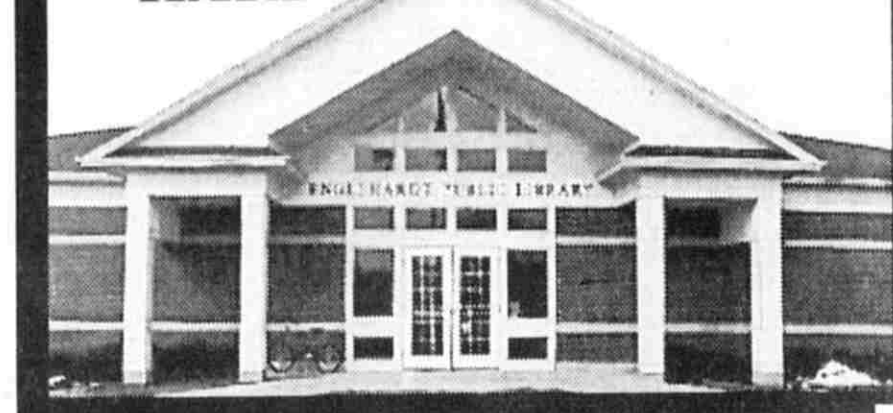
Poems sought for contest from Lowell area poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$50,000 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540. You may also enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Be sure your name and address is on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is Jan. 31. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. Poetry editor, Michael Thomas says, "Even if you have never entered a competition before, this is your opportunity to win big. Beginners are welcome."

'HARDT HAPPENINGS



A New Year's Resolution: Read more good books. One way to do this - visit the community room of the Englehardt Library (200 N. Monroe) between Jan. 23 and 25 during their "clean sweep" book sale.

Hours are Thursday from 5-8 p.m.; Friday from noon-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Englehardt branch.

The Englehardt Library, a branch of the Kent District Library, will host another mother-daughter book discussion at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Call the library for the book title at 647-3920.

On Jan. 21, mothers and their daughters will gather at the library for coffee, refreshments and a book discussion of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Maggie Smith.

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COLLEGE/SERVICE NEWS

Aaron M. Hanson, a senior at Western Michigan University, has received dean's list recognition for the fall 2002 semester with a 4.0 grade point average.

He is majoring in Aviation Flight Science and is a senior airman as an armament specialist. His military service includes Air National Guard, 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek, and he is currently on a training mission in Kuwait, expected to return on Jan. 4.

Hanson, a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Kris and Peggy Kropf of Lowell.



Aaron M. Hanson

Professional development and school improvement an ongoing focus

By **Thaddeus J. Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's a continuous process which requires the constant attention of school administrators and staff.

It is school improvement and professional development.

Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw, along with school improvement co-chairs Heather Kohtz and Gary Fredline, shared their plans for the year with the Lowell School Board.

Two standard vehicles by which schools have been measured are the North Central Accreditation Agency and the state.

"Education Yes" is the newest means now being used. It is aligned with the federal initiative "No Child Left Behind."

School improvement targets desired outcomes in the areas of communication, career pathways, character and technology.

In communication, the goal is that all students be proficient in reading and writing about factual and conceptual information as it applies to each content area.

The charge in the area of character is that all students demonstrate improved character and behavior in all five areas of the community traits - Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Respect.

Assuring that students gain exposure to various careers and are able to identify and participate in a career pathway is the focus of the career pathway outcome.

The high school will work to improve the use of technology in all content areas - one way is to require that all ninth-grade students take a Computer One class. "Computers are now being used by students for application as opposed to just instructional purposes," Vashaw concluded.

Fruit flies in winter? Could be fungus gnats

Fruit flies are common around the house during late summer and early fall. All it takes is an overripe banana, tomatoes ripening on the counter or melon rinds in the wastebasket - and like magic, fruit flies appear. But in the winter?

Winter fruit flies often are not fruit flies at all, but rather fungus gnats, which look enough like fruit flies to a casual observer to be confused with them.

Both fruit flies and fungus gnats speed the process of decay of plant matter. Adult fruit flies home in on potential food sources such as overripe

fruit or winter squash past its prime, and lay their eggs on it. Maggots hatch in a day or two and commence feeding. As the plant matter breaks down, various fungi start to grow in it. These fungi - and others growing in houseplant pots, drains and other damp places - are attractive to fungus gnats. Numbers increase quickly.

During warm months, both of these insects can enter homes from outdoors. In winter, management can be more successful because you don't have a continuous supply of new recruits to deal with.

Leave out on the counter only as much fruit as you will

consume in a day or two. Wash containers frequently in hot, soapy water to dislodge and kill any eggs they might contain. Line trash containers with disposable plastic bags.

If you suspect houseplant pots of harboring fungus gnats or fruit flies, you can treat the soil with insecticidal soap or incorporate diatomaceous earth in the soil to kill the maggots.

Basements can get extremely damp during the summer. Fabric and paper will absorb moisture and can become home to populations of fungus gnats. Use a dehumidifier in the summer to reduce the dampness.

Drains should be cleaned once a month year round. Household insecticides for flying insects will control fruit flies and gnats, but this is like treating the symptoms rather than the cause of an infestation; eliminate potential breeding habitat instead.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Dean Bailey, pastor
Alto/Bowne Center
United Methodist Churches

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us ..."
John 1:14 (NRSV)

We've just come through Christmas - a time of joy, gladness and light; the celebration of the birth of God's son, Jesus. Shepherds, wise men, angels adorn the stories of Luke and Matthew. At the threshold of a new year 2003, we hear John's plain message: God's creative and redemptive Word, existing since the beginnings of all time and space, comes to live among us to become the redemptive presence in our midst. The NIV version puts it: "the Word makes his dwelling among us."

The Christian faith affirms the presence of God with us in Jesus the Christ and God continues to be with us in the Holy Spirit to this day. Or as a child expressed it: "Jesus is the best picture God ever had taken!" Desire to know God's intentions and purpose and hopes for us and for our world, look to Jesus. A better picture has never been taken.

Let us know we are not entirely on our own, nor are we alone in our existence. We are companioned in our journey through 2003 by none other than "the Word made flesh." What a difference that presence makes to our significance as persons and to how we live out our daily lives.

Rice/Bliss plan spring wedding



Rachel Ann Rice of Lowell and Jeffrey David Bliss of Grand Rapids are announcing their engagement.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School in 2000, graduated from Grand Rapids Community College and is currently attending Grand Valley State University. She is the daughter of Robin Rice of Lowell and Robert Rice of Hubbardston.

The future groom is a 1999 graduate of East Grand Rapids High School and is attending the United States Air Force Academy. He is the son of Gary and Barb Bliss.

A May 29, 2003, wedding is being planned.

Alto branch presents slideshow of lighthouses

A 90-minute slideshow of "Lighthouses of Lake Michigan" will be offered at the Alto branch library on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The travelogue-style program will offer an overview of Lake Michigan's historic beacons, its keepers and their ghosts. All audience members will receive a copy of the 15th annual Lake Michigan Circle Tour & Lighthouse Guide.

"The slideshow program is great for all ages," said Dianna Stampfer, of West Michigan Tourist Association, providing the program.

For more information, contact the Alto branch at 647-3820.

AREA BIRTHS

Kris and Anne Brandt of Ada are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Soleil Marie, born December 13, 2002. Proud grandparents are Ray and Gail Brandt of Lowell and John and Joan Hoelsuma of Grandville.

Christopher and Melissa Freeman are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Soleil Marie, born December 12, 2002. She weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. She is welcomed home by brothers Kieran and Lochlainn, and sister Acacia.

Grandparents are Cary and Gwen Freeman of Lowell and Daisy and Arden Williams of Grand Rapids.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JAN. 9: Jordan Potter, Helena Guastavino.

JAN. 10: Mike Barnes, Mary Jo Vezino, Alvin D. Brenk I, Jared Felling.

JAN. 11: Katie Plutschow, Ian Blodger, Marian Guastavino.

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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

There is a television commercial I've seen a couple times while watching football this fall. It's a beer ad. The particular brand of brew did not log into my memory banks. When you are blessed with minimal brains you learn to be selective about what you store up there. Trust me.

The ad is a short spot ... maybe fifteen seconds. It begins with a young guy and a dog, an Aussie I think, standing on the front lawn of an average looking home. Another young guy with an apprehensive look on his face is in the foreground. The guy with the dog is hollering something like, "Go ahead ... just do it." The scene ends with the hollering guy grimacing as his dog whines and covers his eyes with a paw. The viewer is left hanging.

The ad breaks to the two young guys in a bar drinking beers with an attractive young woman. She is asking questions about their death-defying feat. They explain while trying to fit her with the electronic dog collar they used in their stunt. Now the viewer knows what was going on in the beginning of the ad. Apparently the message is ... do stupid stuff, drink beer and you too can associate with good-looking women in bars. I love this country!

As I said, I've only seen this commercial maybe twice. Also, I haven't seen it in quite some time. I'm wondering if the

same up-tight people who got "Jackass" taken off MTV also went after this commercial. I also wonder what those censors thought when "Jackass, the Movie" was the top box office grossing film its opening weekend? I repeat ... I love this country!

All this brings me to my son, some of his friends, some beer and a party in his backyard. I'm told there is a video of what I'm about to describe. I haven't seen it, but I'm thinking that the "Jackass" people or an ad agency doing beer ads might be interested.

My son has a big yellow Lab. To contain the dog, he has an underground electronic perimeter wire installed. The dog wears a collar that gives him an electrical shock if he tries to cross over the wire. The dog wore the collar for a week, got zapped a few times and now knows where his limits are. He hasn't worn the collar for two years. If you're thinking that a sober dog is smarter than an owner and his friends with a few brews in them, you're pretty much right.

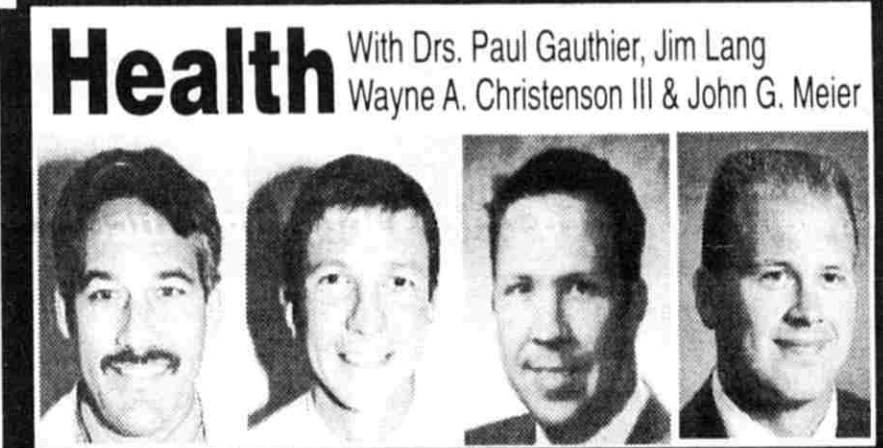
As I already mentioned, I wasn't there, and I haven't seen the video. I do know all the principles, so getting a mental picture is not a big problem. Also, I know all too well how the immature male brain works when lubricated with a little alcohol. As they say, "Been there ... done that."

These partygoers didn't stop with the dog collar. They expanded on the stunt by including the neighbor kid's go-kart stored in my son's barn. Throw in some undersized kids' crash helmets, a beach towel cape, safety goggles, lots of fanfare, cheering, etc., and you have the makin' of a pretty good video!

As the party progressed, these "Jackass" wannabes took turns driving over the wire while wearing the collar on its maximum setting. When over the wire, the collar-clad driver would be jolted into contortions that resulted in various crashes. Funny stuff.

Going by the philosophy that dictates, "If one is good, two is better," the spare shock collar was brought out. The go-kart is a two-seater ... if kids occupy the seats. Now you have to imagine two helmeted, capped, collared, goggled, full-sized "adult" males squeezed into the go-kart and being jolted silly as they drive over the wire. I have to see this video!

I guess that's about it. Nobody got hurt. A good time was had by all and the episode will make for great reminiscing when the participants are all old poops like me. Also, if you buy into the beer commercial concept, describing the party over a beer should attract beautiful women. One last time ... "I love this country!"



Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang
Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

DEPRESSION

Everyone feels sad or down at times and this is a perfectly normal reaction to life's daily trials. Most of us will feel better after a couple of days. People who suffer from true depression will experience several of the symptoms listed below, daily, for two weeks or longer:

- feeling sad or disinterested
- crying for no reason
- feeling restless or irritable and moody
- feeling worthless
- feeling guilty
- a change in appetite
- lack of interest in activities you used to enjoy
- trouble concentrating
- difficulty sleeping or wanting to sleep all the time
- feeling tired all the time
- frequent thoughts of death or suicide

Depression can have many causes. Certain chemicals in the brain help control our moods. When these neurotransmitters are out of balance, you can become depressed. Depression can run in families. Depression can be triggered by major events in your life like the loss of a loved one, job loss or divorce. Chronic medical conditions are often associated with depression. Abusing drugs or alcohol can be a cause or sign of depression.

Depression is not a sign of personal weakness. You cannot "just pull yourself together" to get rid of major depression. Diagnosis of depression is made by reviewing your symptoms and performing a brief exam. There is no blood test to help diagnose depression.

Depression is usually treated with counseling or medication. Often, counseling and medication may be tried in combination. Antidepressant medications are very helpful for the treatment of major depression. They help correct the chemical balance in your brain. It may take four-six weeks before antidepressant medication becomes effective. Side effects are common with this type of medication but they are usually minor and will resolve in a week or so. Sometimes a trial of several different medications is needed. Once an effective medication is found you will usually continue it for at least six - 12 months. Never stop your medication without checking with your doctor first.

Depression is a common disabling medical disorder that can be effectively treated with medication and/or counseling. If you are experiencing the symptoms listed above, see your health professional.

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If you're a small-business owner looking back on your financial situation for 2002, you may be wondering if you could have found more ways to reduce your taxes. Here's one possibility to consider for 2003: Start a retirement plan. You can now receive a tax credit for establishing a new retirement plan, provided you have less than 100 employees. Your credit is worth \$500 - 50 percent of the first \$1000 of qualified start-up costs - in the first year of your new plan and in each of the two following years. While the tax credit is certainly nice, it only extends for a few years. But once you establish a retirement plan, it can provide you with other tax benefits indefinitely.

The contributions you make to your employees' plans are deductible to your business. And, since you'll be participating in the plan, you'll also be making deductible contributions on your own behalf. Plus, your earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your retirement savings will accumulate faster than they would if placed in a vehicle on which you paid taxes every year.

So, there you have it: A tax credit for opening your retirement plan, tax-deductible contributions and tax-deferred earnings. All in all, it's clear that, from a tax standpoint, a retirement plan can help you significantly.

Which type of plan should you choose? There's no one right answer for every business owner. However, here are a few of the most popular plans out there:

• **Simple IRA** - As the name suggests, a SIMPLE IRA is quite easy to set up and inexpensive to administer. In 2003, employees can contribute up to \$8,000 to their Simple IRA, which can be funded with virtually any type of investment.

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By
Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JAN. 9, 1878

The editor warns all to be watchful, as this is the fire season of the year.

Miss Fanny Hollister gave readings at Saranac last Saturday night. She is regarded as the best reader in the state.

Journal editor Hine has a lecture he gives to groups, titled "Shoddy."

The Lowell Union School reopened Monday, with a new east wing to the central building.

Prof. Hill of Big Rapids is giving a series of singing schools at the Alton Church.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JAN. 8, 1903

Congressman Wm. Alden Smith requests P. J. Smith of Rural Free Delivery, to spend the next few months headquartered in Lowell to plan Kent County's rural mail delivery routes. Kent County will be one of the very few counties to have the service.

The review of 1902 includes coal strikes, ending the Boer War and a list of lynchings, among other items.

An account can be opened at Lowell State Bank for one dollar.

N.B. Blaine is assisting at Weekes' store while Senator A.W. Weekes attends a legislative session at Lansing.

Village treasurer Clyde Collar says that those owning Broadway sewer tax must pay it at once.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JAN. 12, 1928

Readers are asked to jot down the features of the Ledger/Solo they like best, and bring or send them in.

Stocking's has the new Atwater Kent A.C. set, a radio that works by plugging it in; no batteries.

The Women's Page has Article #17 in "Easy Lessons in Auction Bridge" (the card game).

Chevrolet trucks are \$375 and \$495, chassis only.

The Ionia Road Commission has a new garage and headquarters and has been able to keep up with the heavy snows of this season.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JAN. 8, 1953

Light snow on Monday and zero temperature at night and Tuesday are the season's first real winter weather.

Don McPherson breaks the records for Rotary's annual Son and Daughter Day by bringing all eight of his progeny along.

The half-mill tax that used to support a village band is still levied and goes to the high school band, which plays at village functions and summer concerts.

Local entertainment at the Michigan Bell-sponsored program at the high school tonight will also include instructions on dialing and Mayor Peter Speerstra pushing a button to switch from manual to dial at 9 p.m.

Ice skating at the new 4-H building was officially inaugurated with a party Wednesday evening.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JAN. 11, 1978

The Ledger office has a limited number of the new Michigan highway maps available.

Fallsburg Park already has more than 40 reservations for picnic areas for next summer. It is one of the most popular county parks.

Dean Collins is chosen as the new mayor by the city council.

The school board turns down any suggestions that the state of Michigan do centralized purchasing for all schools.

Congressman Hal Sawyer lists the 800 number for asking whether your car model has been recalled, a growing problem; Chrysler and Honda are the latest recalls.

New wing will add personal touch to freshmen's first year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The system used for educating ninth-graders at Lowell High School will change with the completion of the new wing at Lowell High School.

The freshman wing, part of the \$22.7 million bond issue approved by voters in September of 2000, will allow Lowell High School to create smaller learning communities from which to instruct ninth-grade students.

"We have the benefit of having been able to watch how others have dealt and reacted to dealing with big schools," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw. "With big schools has come the concern of how intimidating emotionally big buildings are for

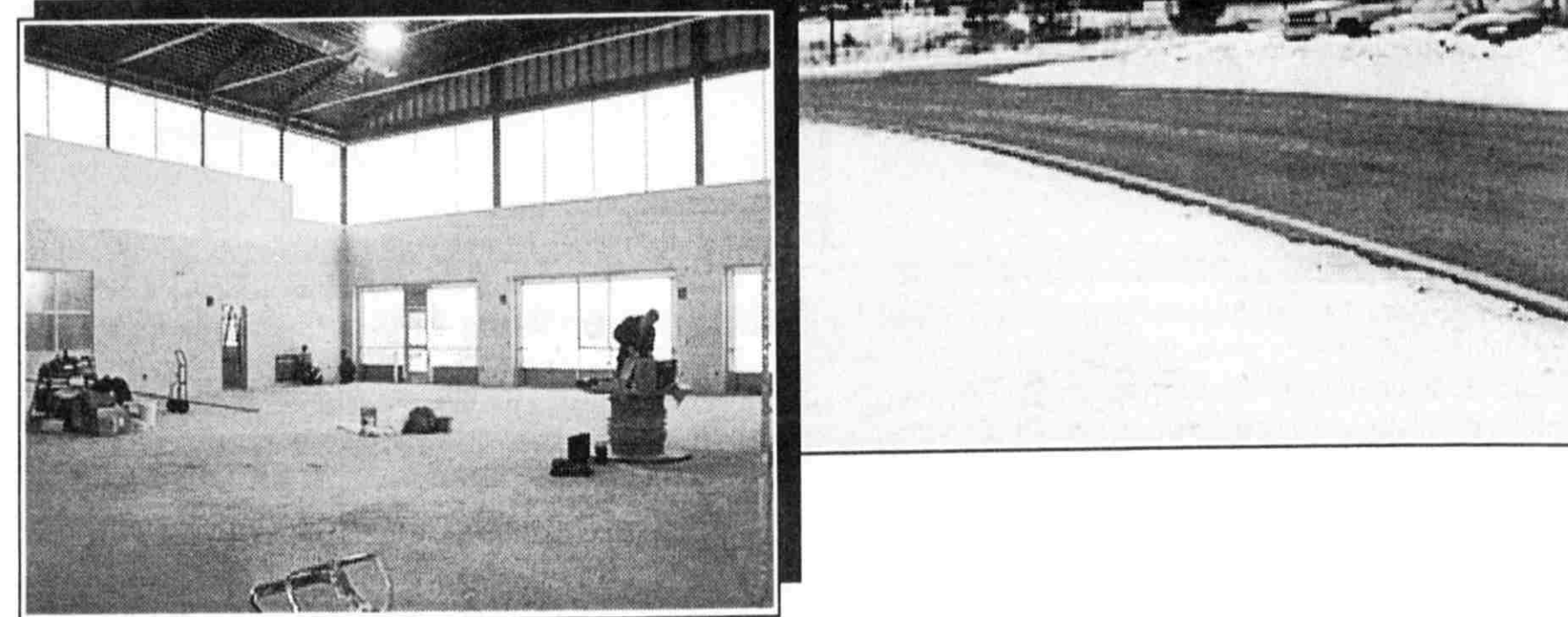
freshmen."

The capacity of the new wing is not enough to house all of the freshmen at one time. Vashaw said this was done intentionally. "We do not want to isolate the students from the rest of the student body. Physical education, band, choir and other classes will allow freshmen to integrate with upperclassmen."

Vashaw, staff and administrators have used construction time to research and conduct visits of other schools and districts to help in their implementation of a freshman wing.

The freshman class will be broken up into two teams of approximately 150 students each. Each team will share a

common set of teachers. The goal is to provide a personal touch within a large setting. "We can do that by breaking up a large school into a smaller setting so that it is not intimidating for freshmen coming into the building."



Strong family ties

Thanksgiving Day 2002 brought five generations of Dawsons together. Standing, left to right, are: Rhonda Reed (grandma) and Virginia Fuller (great-grandma) of Ionia; and Agnes Dawson (great-great-grandma) of Clarksville; kneeling is Renee Reed (mom) of Ionia; seated are Lester Dawson (great-great-grandpa) and Dawson Daniel, born June 9, 2002.



Business meeting for Friends of Englehardt Library

All members, old and new, are invited to attend the business meeting of the Friends of the Englehardt Library. It will be held in the library community room at 200 N. Monroe St. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. At this time activities will be discussed.

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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: Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg 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.

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 7:00 p.m. (at Schneider Manor until further notice.)

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

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m. ?'s call 897-2760.

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. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

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) 7 p.m. Linda 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children 4-7th grade. 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) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 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 w/school children from Lowell in activities. 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen 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, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. 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 THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

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.

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

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 at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor (until further notice).

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 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 OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 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. 200 N. Monroe St. 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., JAN. 8: LHS bands holiday concert at 7 p.m. in Performing Arts Center. Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert.

THURS., JAN. 9: Financial Aid night at 7 p.m. in the LPAC for students planning to attend college next fall. Juniors, seniors and their parents are welcome. Put on by Lowell High School counseling staff.

SAT., JAN. 18: Test for Snowmobile Safety Training, 9 - 12 p.m. at Flat River

Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd. Call 897-7398. For study materials, call 269-685-6851.

JAN. 30-FEB. 1: LAAC/Thebes Players presents "The Glass Menagerie" at Lowell Performing Arts Center. \$8 gen. adm.; \$6.50 LAAC members/seniors/students. Call 897-8545 for times and tickets.

COMING EVENT - Lowell Seniors Travel (all ages). Norwegian Sky Caribbean cruise Jan. 26-Feb. '03. Call 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. 1 p.m. Bible Study.

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.

WED., JAN. 8: 8:30 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure; 10 a.m. Movie.

THURS., JAN. 9: 1 p.m. Lunch at Cafe in the Woods.

FRI., JAN. 10: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JAN. 13: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue "Canada"; 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

TUES., JAN. 14: 12:40 p.m. Lunch at Alto School.

WED., JAN. 15: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop at Lowell Meijer.

THURS., JAN. 16: 12:00 p.m. Dance.

FRI., JAN. 17: 12:00 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; 12:45 Bingo.

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.

MON., JAN. 20: 12:45 p.m. Syl Mosier discussion.

TUES., JAN. 21: 7:15 a.m. Breakfast and Music.; 12:45 p.m. Malted at the Center.

WED., JAN. 22: 12:40 p.m. Crispy Creme with Bingo.

FRI., JAN. 24: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

TUES., JAN. 28: 12:45 p.m. Greenville K-Mart & Dollar Store.

WED., JAN. 29: 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop at G.R. Meijer.

THURS., JAN. 30: 12:00 p.m. Dance.

FRI., JAN. 31: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

LHS WINTER TEAM SPORTS PICTURES



Red Arrow Freshman Volleyball

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell freshman volleyball team, front row, left to row, are: Ashley Spencer, Jenny Zoodsma; second row: Rose Chambers, Malley Cahoon, Jenny Gillan, Laura Maki, Kaitlin Brower, Megan Vaught, Amanda Schneider; back row: Manager Amy Junewick, Chelsea Wolbers, Sarah Lessens, Erin Beddows, Eva Wilcox, Chelsea Smit and manager Kelly Koning.



Red Arrow JV Volleyball

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell junior varsity volleyball team, front row, left to right, are: Andrea DeVoid, Emily Gerard, Taylor Verdon, Sam Mol; middle row: Katie Baker, Rachel Goeman, Krashawn McElveen, Kristin Johnson, manager Rachel White; back row: Coach Gigi Peal, Devon Collins, Megan Stubbs, Abbie Debiak, Nicole Glover, manager Cassie Vredevoogd.

Red Arrow gymnasts 2nd at East Lansing

•• Plattner records career best mark on balance beam

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

East Lansing, the first gymnastics competition of the year for Lowell, annually provides a wake-up call of the hard work that lies ahead.

This year, however, Saturday's Invitational showcased the splendid talents of four-year varsity gymnasts, Holly Plattner, Krystal White and Melissa Neubecker as well as provided a glimpse of the program's future.

Lowell finished second to Grand Ledge (144.65) with 136.9 points in the nine-team field. Finishing out the top five were Haslett, 132.05; Mason 123 and East Lansing 117.65.

"It's a definite plus taking a second at the East Lansing Invitational," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan. "Usually this invitational is a wake-up call for the girls in terms of what they need to do. Having done so well, the challenge for them is to continue to work hard and not become complacent." Lowell's top three gymnasts, Plattner, White and Neubecker, picked up from where they left off at the end of last year.

Plattner, a returning Division II individual state champion on the vault, placed in all four events, including a first in the floor exercise. Her floor routine tallied a 9.75. White was third with a 9.55.

"They were both on the money with their routines," DeHaan explained. "Floor continues to be our best event."

Neubecker and Carmen Datema tied for seventh with marks of 8.9.

Plattner, in placing fifth on the balance beam, recorded her best ever score in the event. The senior came off the beam with a mark of 8.95 which included the successful execution of an

aerial cartwheel (her first ever in competition).

Neubecker finished sixth with an 8.8 and White tallied an 8.55; freshman Rebecca Underwood recorded an 8.05.

"Both Krystal (White) and Melissa (Neubecker) had good scores which included one fall," DeHaan said. "Melissa was our most consistent gymnast on the beam last year."

White, who injured her ankle in the second meet of the season last year, showed Saturday that she is not only healthy but ready to return to the status as one of the area's top gymnasts.

Plattner led the Red Arrows on the vault with a score of 9.1, placing her second overall. White was ninth at 8.5 followed by Lynne Anne Bell with an 8.15 and Jenna Dickerman's mark of 7.95.

On the uneven bars, White placed eighth with a score of 8.15 while Plattner and Neubecker each recorded an 8.05 and Bell came off the apparatus with a score of 7.5.

While seniors were key to Saturday's success, DeHaan liked what she saw from her freshmen.

"We're going to see good things from both Bell and Underwood," DeHaan explained. Also on this year's roster are freshmen Leannah Seese and Alicia Weeber.

"As the year progresses, I think you will see more of Seese," said DeHaan. "Weeber had surgery on her hand before the season. We'll focus on getting her healthy."

Along with Dickerman are sophomores Brianna Kinney, Amanda Rau and junior Amber VanSpronsen who will be looked to for depth. Kinney, though, will have to first recover from a broken hand.

DeHaan calls Forest Hills the league favorite. Lowell hosts its first home meet Wednesday (Jan. 8).

Red Arrows extend mighty Rangers to 2 overtimes

••• Sam Oberlin's jumper bounces out as Lowell's bid for an upset fails.

After coming off two so-so performances which resulted in losses, Lowell took its two-game losing streak on the road Friday to face arguably the best team in West Michigan - Forest Hills Central.

The Red Arrows' play stood up to the tall challenge before falling in double overtime 62-56.

With just a little more luck, Lowell could have won the game in regulation at the buzzer. A Sam Oberlin shot in the waning seconds went in, came out, rolled around the rim and then off, sending the two teams into overtime tied at 48-48.

Oberlin led Lowell with 20 points. Mark Catlin added 14 and Mike Koster finished with 11.

Rangers' 6' 10" Kyle Visser led all scorers with 26 points, as he controlled play underneath. James Telman tallied 19 points including six made from free throws in the second overtime.

"Lowell outplayed us in a lot of ways. They just outplayed

us and probably should have won the game," said Forest Hills Central coach, Ken George. "We escaped with a win tonight."

Central, which connected on just one of 15 three-point shots, netted 19-of-21 from the foul line.

The Red Arrows led 13-11 after one quarter of play. Central rallied to outscore Lowell 18-7 in the second quarter to grab a 29-20 halftime lead. The Red Arrows outscored the Rangers 15-10 in the third quarter, cutting the deficit to five at 39-35.

A 13-9 Lowell fourth-quarter scoring advantage tied the game at 48-48.

Both clubs scored four points in the first overtime before Central outscored Lowell 10-4 in the second.

The loss drops Lowell to 3-3 with a game against Zealand this week before hosting Hudsonville on Friday.



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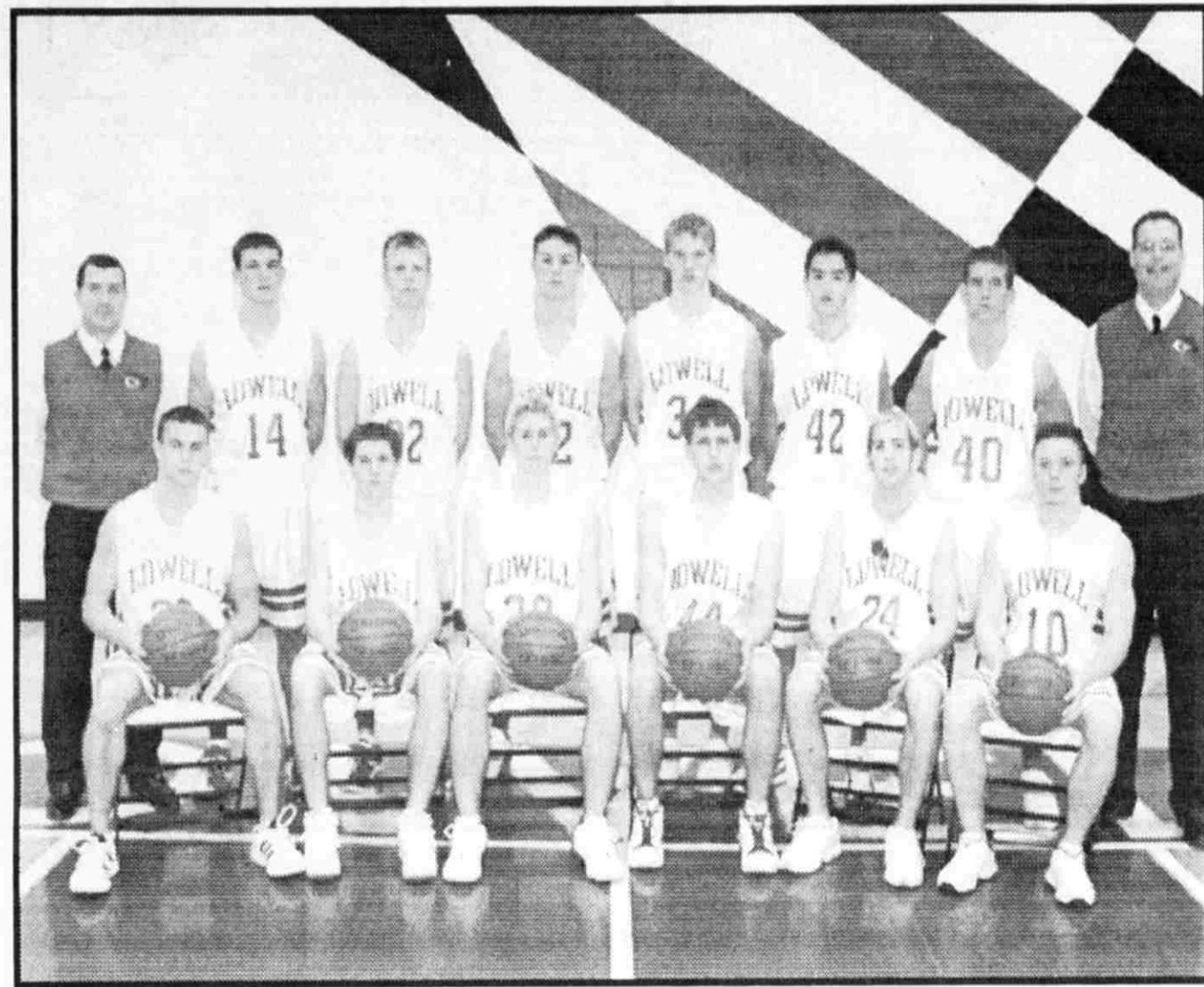
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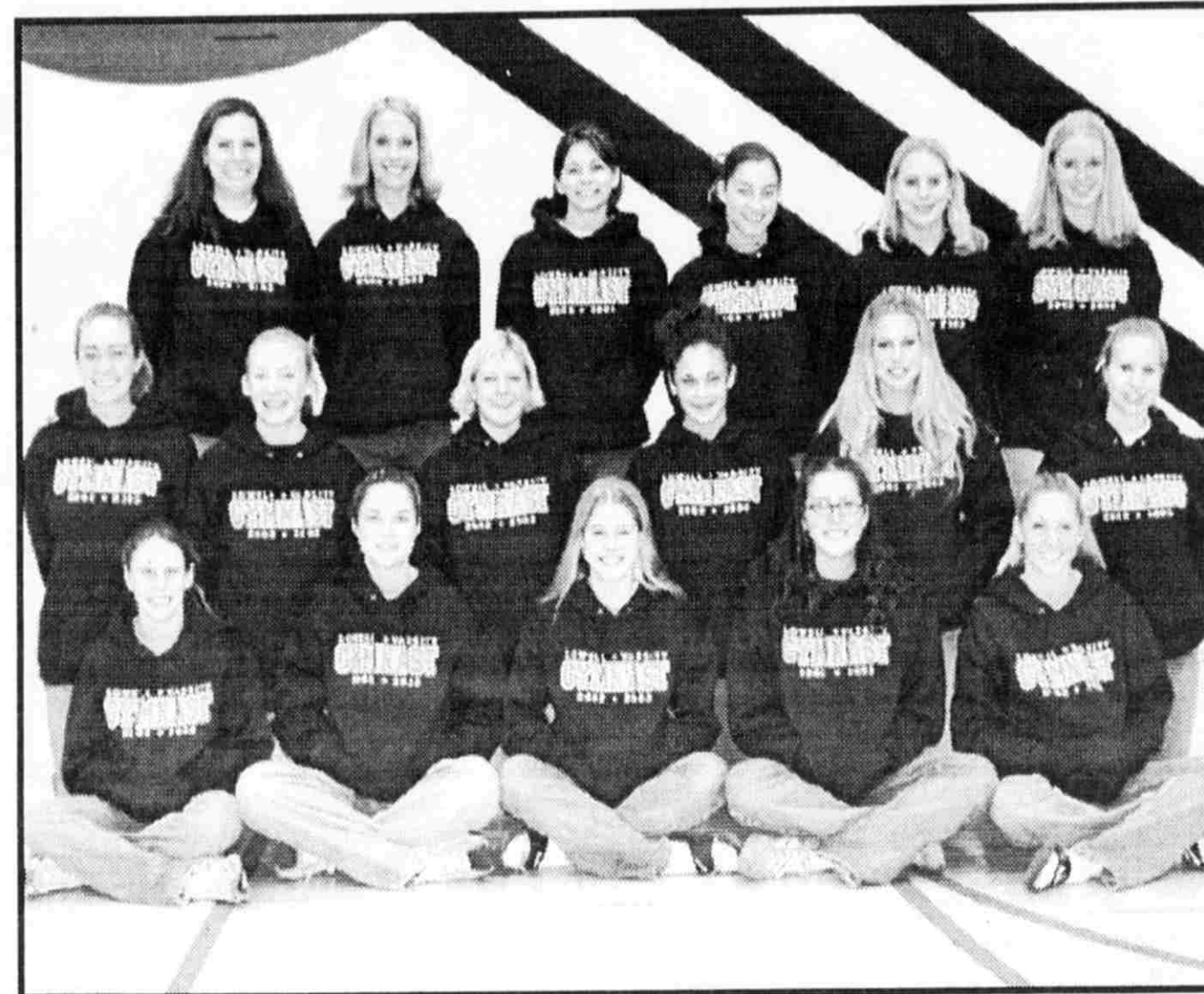
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Lowell Varsity Basketball

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell varsity basketball team, front row, left to right, are: Dan Vegter, Shane Stokes, Craig Carpenter, Shaun Koning, Sam Oberlin, Mark Catlin; back row are: Coach Jeff McDonald, Ben Lemke, Mark Biener, Mike Koster, Landon Trierweiler, Andrew Min, Andy McQueen, J.V. coach Dave VanKeulen.



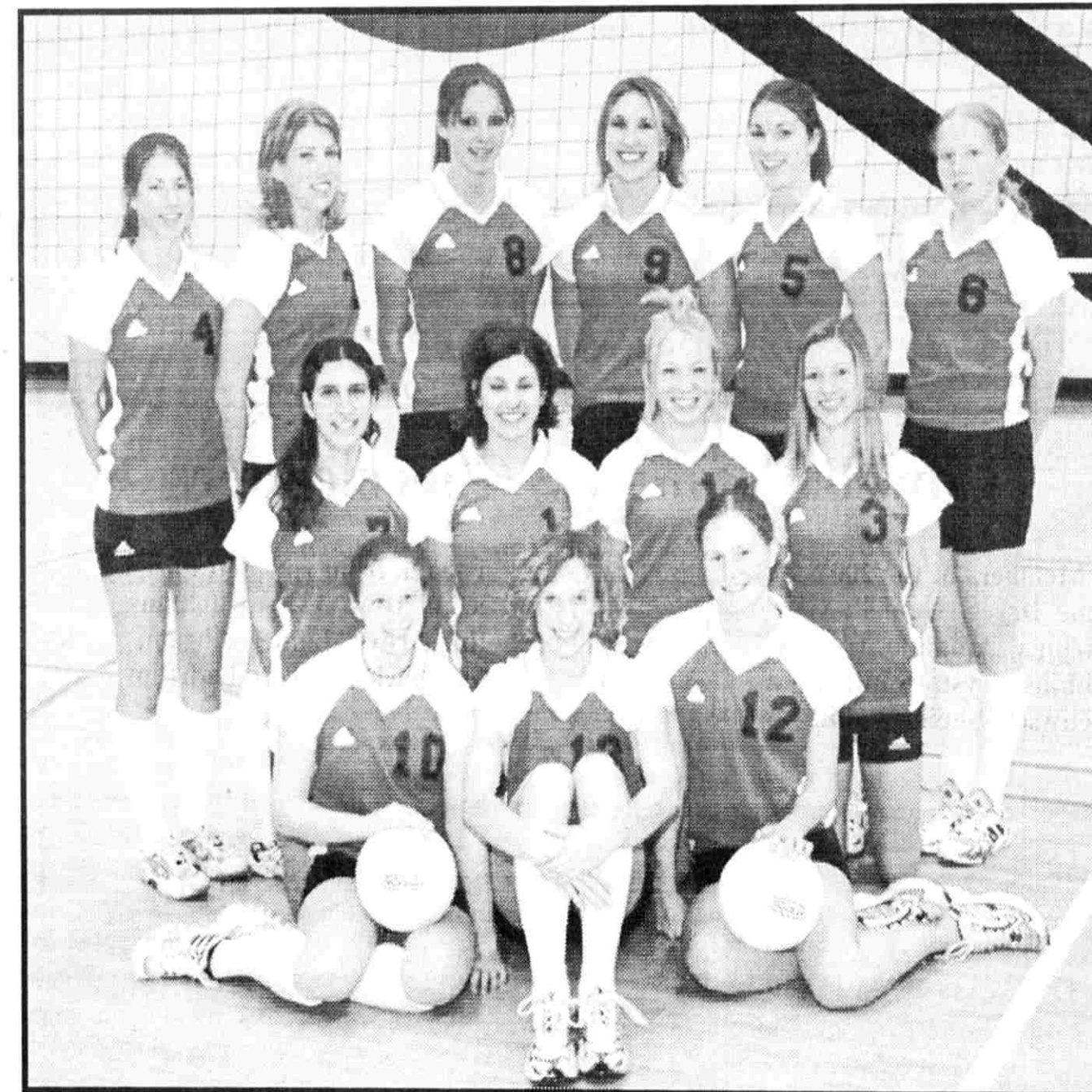
Lowell Gymnastics

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell gymnastics team, front row, left to right, are: Rebecca Underwood, Nicole Gillikin, Krystal White, Carisa Sayer, Brianna Kinney; middle row: Amber VanSpronsen, Leannah Seese, Holly Plattner, Jenna Dickerman, Amanda Rau, Kim Seaman; back row: Coach Michele DeHaan, Kim Hoogewind, Carmen Datema, Melissa Neubecker, Lynne Anne Bell and Alicia Weeber.



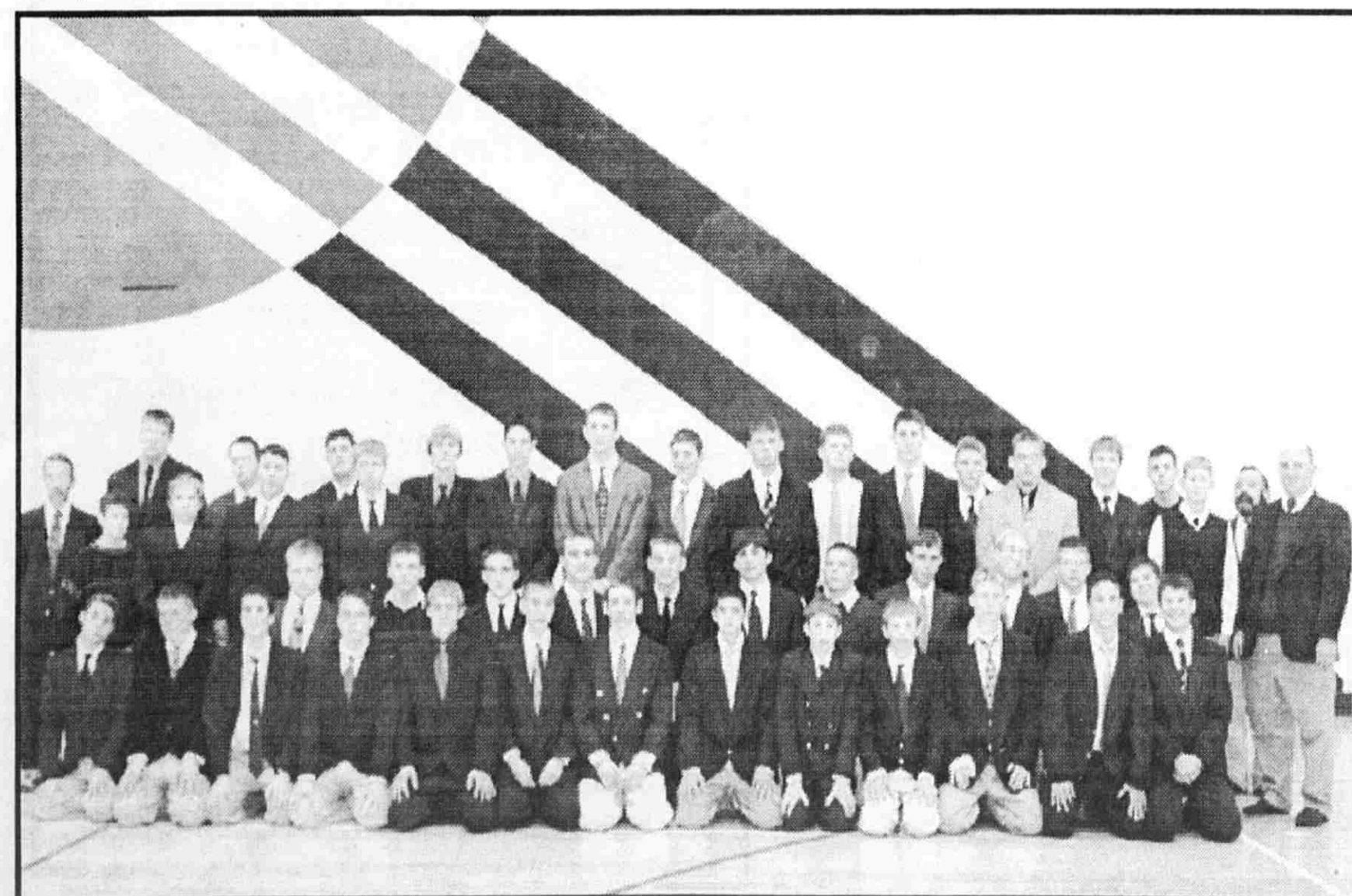
Red Arrow Hockey

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell varsity hockey team, front row, is Dave Maylone; second row, left to right, are: Jeff Moore, Dustin Hofert, David Blair, Joshua John, Brandon John, Pat McMahon; back row, are: Coach Jeremy Stein, coach Travis Joynt, Brandon Gillikin, Eric Austin, Jordan Schaefer, Chad Rau, Ted McCoy, Danny Woods, Corey Kelly and coach Mike Ballard.



Lowell Volleyball

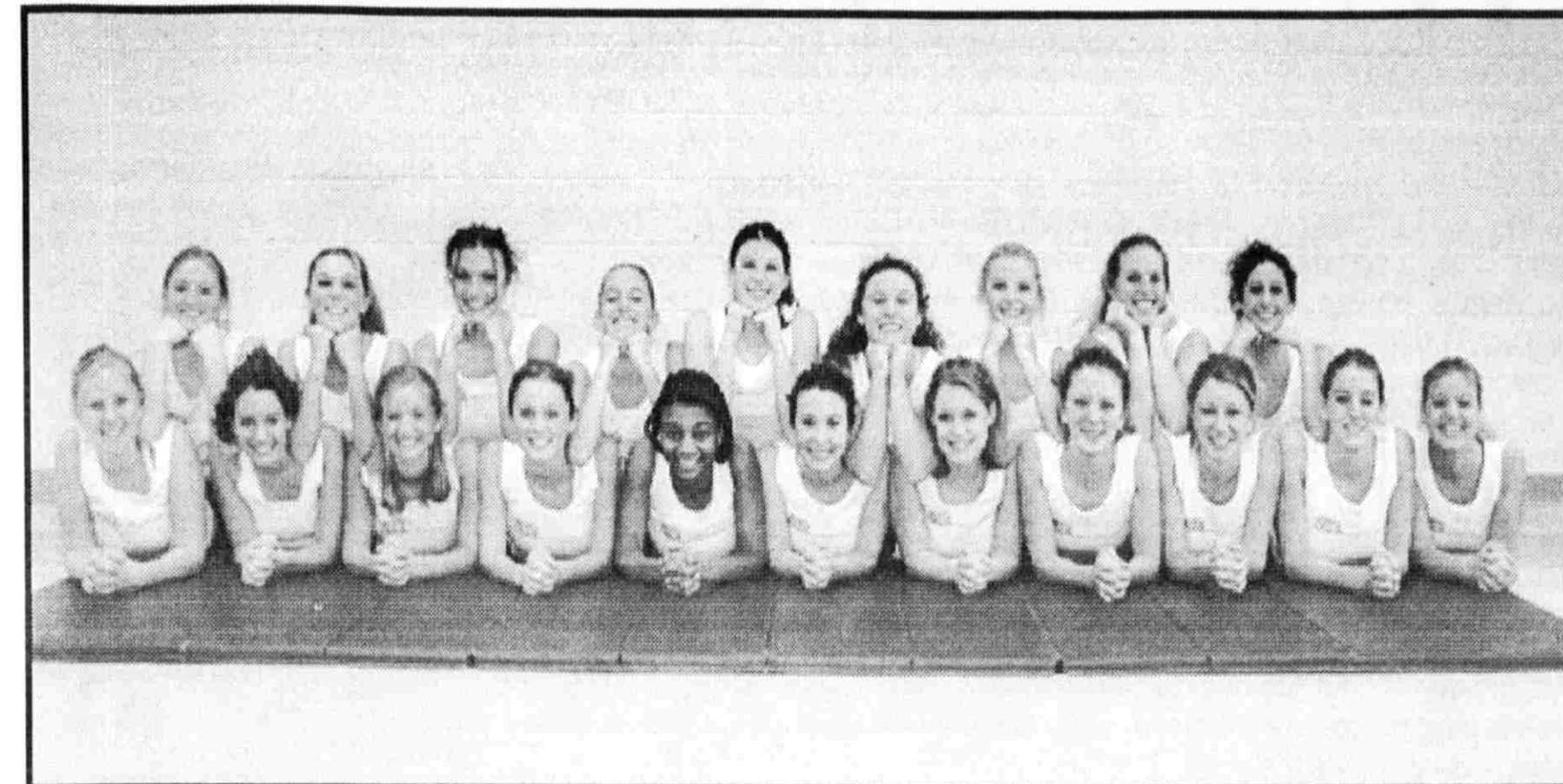
Members of the 2002-03 Lowell varsity volleyball team, front row, left to right, are: Kim Huyser, Cori Drenth, Courtney Phillips; middle row: Raquel Piere, Emily Nurmikko, Sarah Swab, Julie Halbeisen; back row: Stephanie Wagner, Katelyn Bush, Wendy Seif, Heather Becker, Jenell Gemmill and Jessica Hamp.



Lowell Wrestling

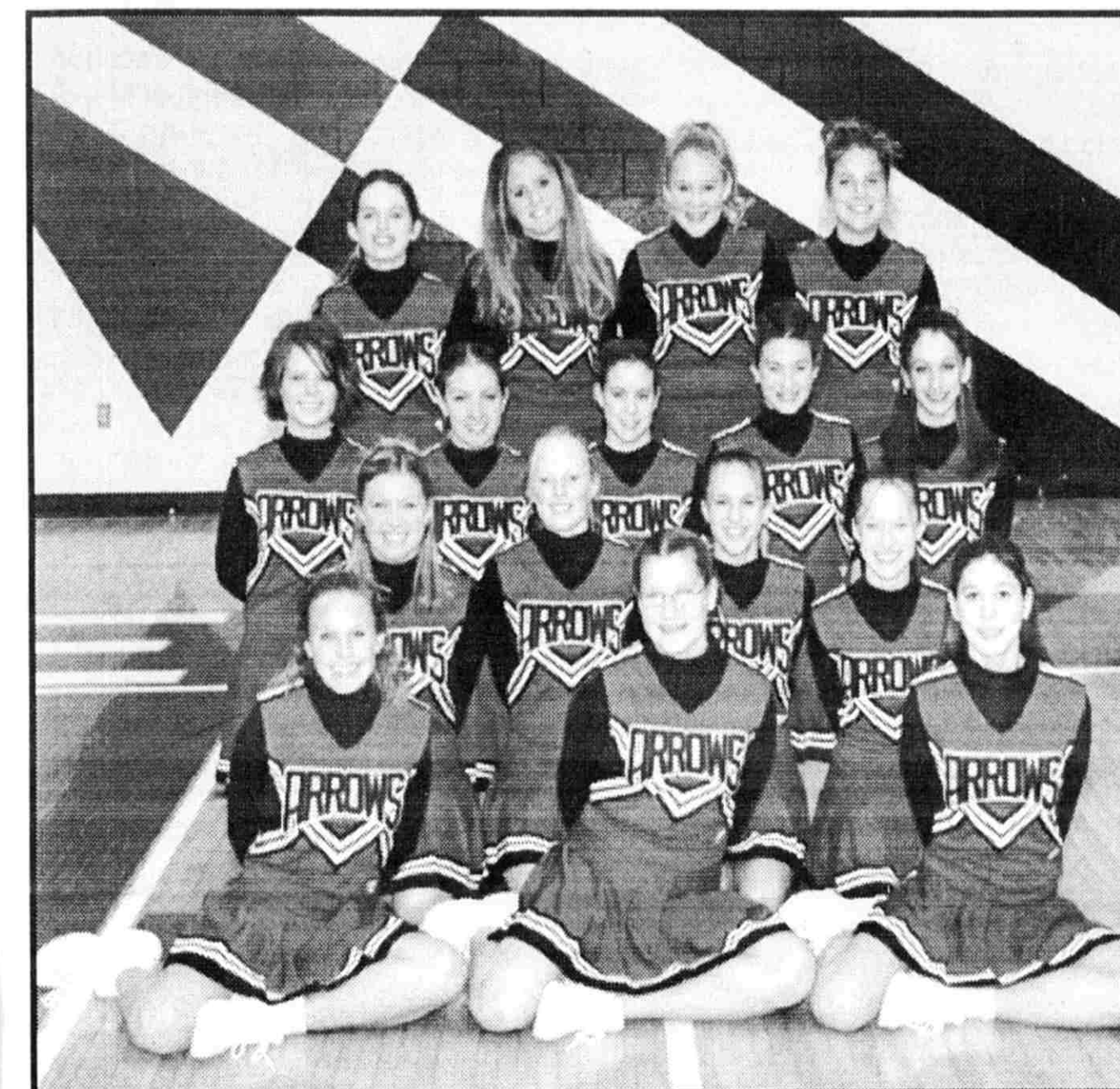
Members of the 2002-03 Lowell wrestling team, front row, left to right, are: Brandon Kinney, Ryan Karasiewicz, Christopher Jones, Mark Schmidt, David Kropp, Patrick Schneider, Mike Thomas, Joseph Mendez, Sean Donahue, Alex Carpenter, Michael Nearing, Matthew Kilmartin, Bobby Gingerich; second row: Kenneth Bailey, Christopher Roelofs, Zach Burger, Jason Nearing, Kevin Frazier, Braton Fredline, Beau Wilder, Eric Schumm, James DeLiefde, Bobby Peterson; third row: assistant coach Steve Spicer, manager Timmy Gingerich, Troy Abel, Matthew Dood, Ken Walsh, Ryan Churches, J.J. Wilder, John Fleet, Ryan Dykhouse, Josh Vaught, Phil Burton, manager Nathan Vaught, coach Dave Strejc; back row: Patrick Persons, Joe Woodhead, Trevor Foss, Corey Beimers, Michael Wildey, Matt Francisco, Josiah Hull, Dan Lyman, assistant coach Tom Mendez.

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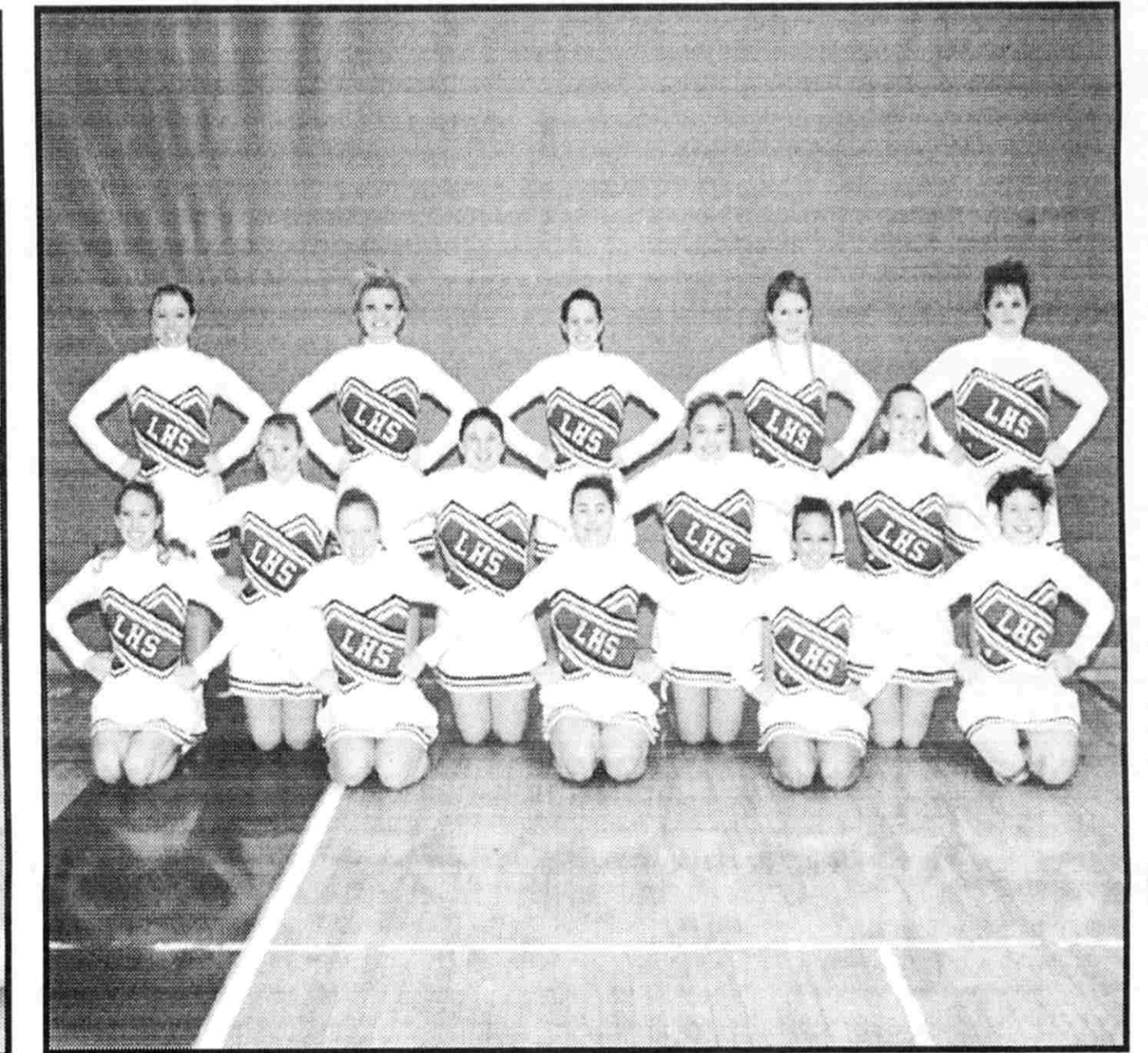
Lowell Varsity Cheerleaders

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell varsity cheer team, front row, left to right, are: Jamie Zoodsma, Sophia D'Agostino, Jenny Stewart, Sarah Schoen, Reshanna Burr, Katie Hettinga, Christine LaFave, Amy Catlin, Renee Catlin, Leslie Koehn, Katie Sullivan; back row: Lynda Horsley, Stephanie Blanchard, Kati Capps, Lisa Roth, Amanda Bouwkamp, Caitie Searfoss, Amanda Craig, Kaitlin Hanrahan and Heather Essich.



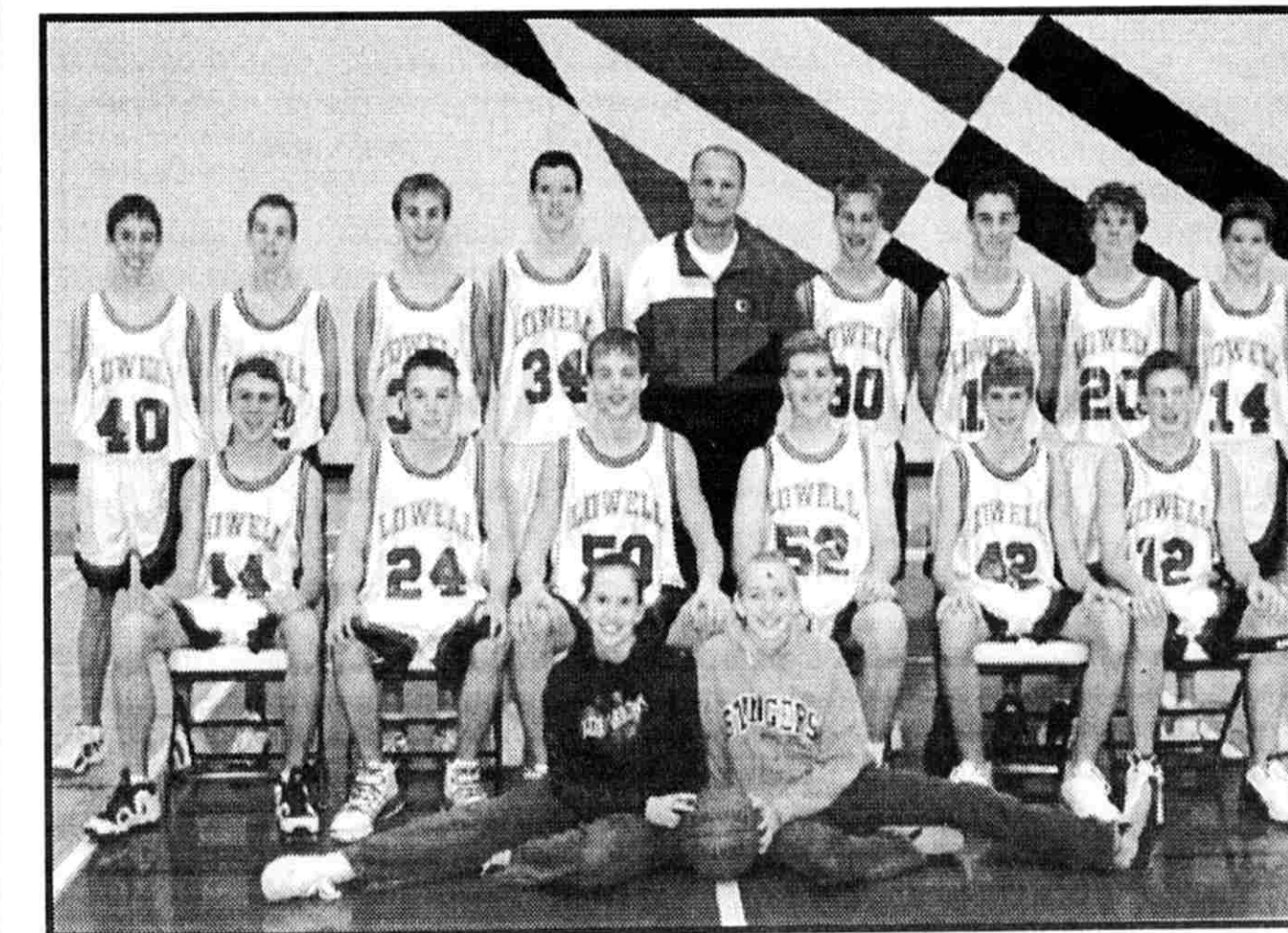
Lowell Freshman Cheerleaders

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell freshman cheer team, front row, left to right, are: Jamie Dryer, Danielle Anchors, Nicole Smith; second row: Alyssa Stebbins, Erica Huizinga, Amanda Weaver, Angelica Williams; third row: Jaimee Abram, Ashley Stebbins, Crystal Smith, Lindsey Skinner, Emily Lemke; back row: Elizabeth Lloyd, Kim Meeuwsen, Sheila Walling and Nikita Miles.



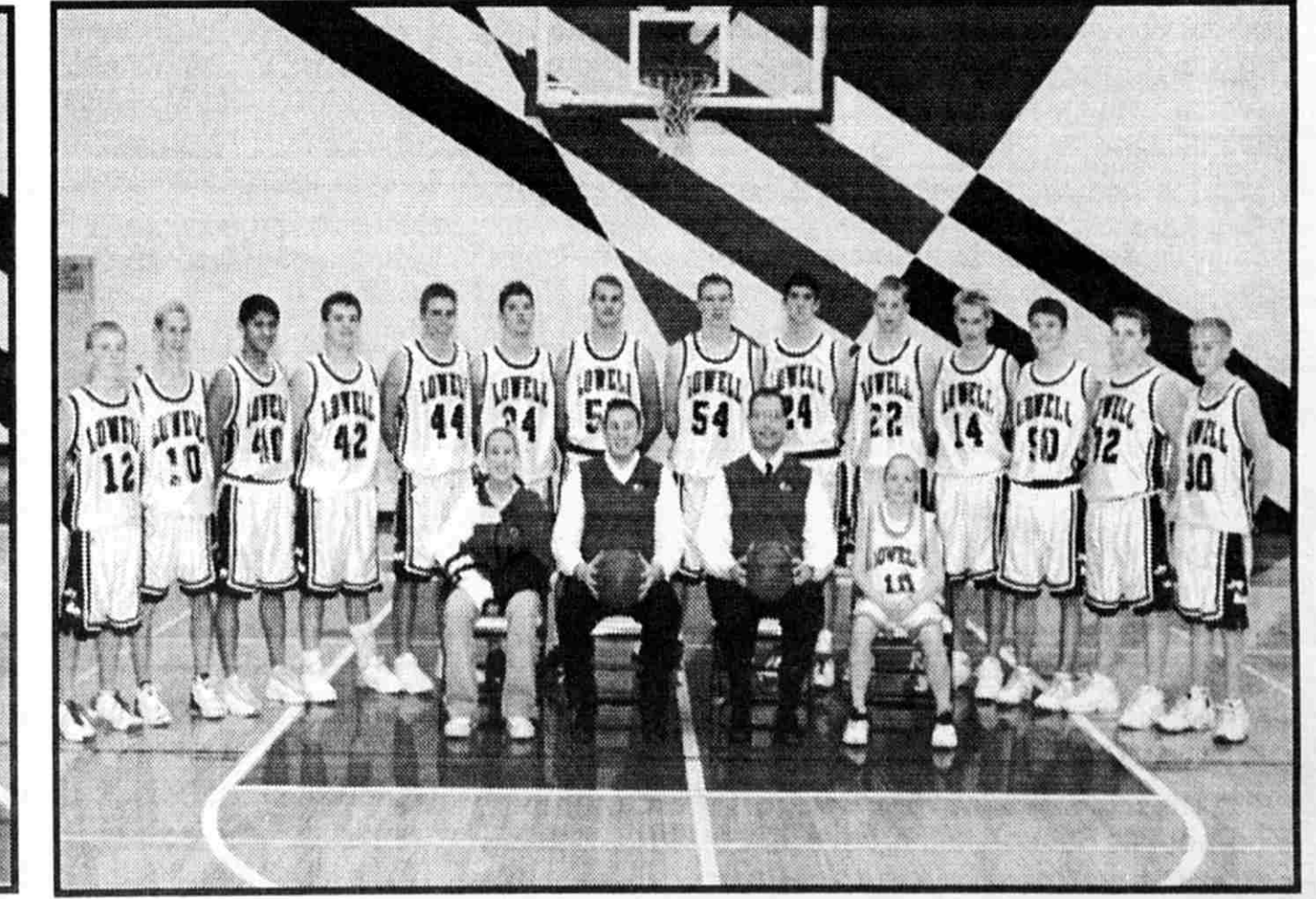
Lowell J.V. Cheerleaders

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell junior varsity cheer team, front row, left to right, are: Kaitie Callihan, Nichole Swift, Alyssa Rash, Sarah McCarrick, Karis Prill; second row: Tiffany Wilkins, Tracy Warren, Kyleigh Gilliard, Jenna White; back row: Jessica Stephens, Erin Craig, Amanda Roberts, Julie Dunn and Jessica Stinchcomb.



Lowell Freshman Basketball

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell freshman basketball team, front row, left to right, are: Manager Hannah Kinney, manager Audrey Grummet; second row: Devin Kyllonen, Josh Hettinga, Brad Shea, David VanKeulen, Andrew Happie, Austin Lancaster; back row: Brandon Grochowalski, Andrew Hopkins, Chad Drenth, Casey Randolph, coach Bill McElroy, Kyle Wittenbach, Cory Jones, Kory Anderson and Ryan Converse.



Lowell J.V. Basketball

Members of the 2002-03 Lowell junior varsity basketball team, front row, left to right, are: Manager Becky DeLiefde, assistant coach Scott Pullen, coach Dave VanKeulen, manager Kayleigh VanKeulen; back row are: Jason Welsch, Ben Hanson, Alvin Aquino, Michael Straub, Dennis Smith, Frank Mulder, Chris Meeuwsen, Ryan Lane, Tyler Hoard, Kevin Gillman, Steve Ellison, Tyler Krieg, Jeffrey Braden and Devon Huisman.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2002.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the December 2, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by BLOUGH that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/16/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$162,810.04
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,932.69
LOCAL STREET FUND	2,646.57
DDA FUND	11,935.83
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	273,670.03
AIRPORT FUND	3,543.81
WASTEWATER FUND	8,406.79
WATER FUND	5,673.97
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,124.26
CURRENT TAX FUND	2,390.21

Item #1. ASSESSOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Jim Marfia has served as City Assessor since January, 1988 under an employment agreement. Pasquale proposed such an agreement be extended two years with a change in the compensation schedule. In 2003, Marfia's salary would be \$30,850 per year (from the present \$29,952). This will increase to \$31,775 per year in 2004. The raises amount to approximately 3% per year. Mileage for business travel will be provided at the current IRS rate.

The remainder of the contract stays the same. Marfia will continue to have office hours all day on Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

City Manager Pasquale was pleased with Marfia's performance and recommended the Council approve the agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to accept the proposed contract regarding the employment of City Assessor Jim Marfia for the years 2003 and 2004.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS AND KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2003.

As in previous years, the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent Intermediate School District have requested that the City collect the summer property taxes for the districts. As part of continuing resolutions, the City collects LAS and KISD property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.
Thus, City Manager Pasquale recommended the current policies for collecting summer taxes are maintained and resolutions passed.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to pass the resolutions concerning the collection of summer property taxes for 2003 for the Lowell Area Schools and Kent Intermediate School District.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ASSIGNMENT OF SOLID WASTE - YARD WASTE - RECYCLING SERVICES FROM PITSCH COMPANIES TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN, INC.

Pitsch Companies has provided solid waste services which included both recycling and yard waste for a three-year period. The Council recently awarded an additional three-year contract as of October, 2002.

Steve Pitsch of Pitsch Companies and Mike Zudycki of Waste Management met with City Manager Pasquale and explained Pitsch has sold its solid waste hauling business to Waste Management. Waste Management has requested an assignment of the contract, which would keep with all the provisions of the current contract, including cost and schedule. Those employees of Pitsch assigned to waste hauling will become Waste Management employees.

Mayor Shores inquired if Waste Management currently services areas in Lowell. Zudycki responded yes. He noted their business office is located in Wyoming.

Councilmember Myers asked if Waste Management would be using the same disposal site as Pitsch. Zudycki explained the company would be utilizing their own landfill in Hastings.

Myers questioned when the company was formed. Zudycki believed the company was incorporated in 1972. He explained Waste Management is the largest waste hauler in the country.

Myers asked what percentage of their business was residential versus commercial. Zudycki stated one third each is residential, commercial and industrial.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired if the roll off service for the larger dumpsters would be provided. Zudycki responded yes.

Councilmember Brubaker asked if Waste Management would pick up additional larger items upon request. Zudycki responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to approve the assignment of solid waste - yard waste - recycling services contract from Pitsch Companies to Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. covering until October, 2005.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. MOWING BIDS.

Bids were received on December 10 for mowing of parks and public areas from Horizon Lawn Maintenance and Luscious Landscape. The low bid was from Horizons Lawn Maintenance of Freeport in the amount of \$20,520 per year for the three years (2003-2005). This included mowing the parks and public areas which include Creekside Park, the northwest water storage tank, Richards Park, Recreation Ballfield, Birch Football Field, McMann Park, and the north east booster station.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated Horizons Lawn Maintenance has been providing the service to the City for the last nine years and has been doing an excellent job. DesJarden noted the playing areas with irrigation would be mowed twice a week.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired why only \$15,000 was budgeted for the service. City Manager Pasquale explained the amount is budgeted for the parks only. Other monies would be allocated from the appropriate funds.

Councilmember Blough asked if the invoicing for this was spread across fiscal years. Pasquale responded yes. The season begins in the Spring and ends in the Fall while the City fiscal year begins July 1.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the bid from Horizon Lawn Maintenance in the amount of \$20,520 annually, which includes a three-year contract extending from 2003 to 2005.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. APPROVAL OF 2003 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES.

The following Council meeting dates were

January 6	July 7
21 (Tuesday)	21
February 3	August 4
18 (Tuesday)	18
March 3	September 2 (Tuesday)
17	15
31 (Spring Break)	October 6
	20
April 21	
May 5	November 3
19	17
June 2	December 1
16	15

Councilmember Pfaller wanted the second meeting in January to remain on a Monday. Councilmember Myers wished to honor the Martin Luther King Day. Councilmember Brubaker also desired to have the meeting held on Tuesday. By consensus, the Council decided to have the second meeting of January on the 21st.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to accept the dates as presented.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden updated the Council concerning the sewer maintenance program.

The program was implemented in the Valley Vista subdivision:
• 13,383.3 ft. was cleaned and televised
• 1,482 ft. of root cutting took place throughout the subdivision
• 425 joints pressure tested
• 288 joints were grouted
• total cost was \$22,965

DesJarden reviewed the next phase and stated dependent upon funds, all areas west of the railroad track would be cleaned and televised next year. The east side of the river would follow the next year and east of the river to the east City limits.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned what happens when there is a joint which is not sealed. DesJarden explained ground water seeps in, which eventually goes to the treatment plant. This uses some of the available capacity.

DesJarden said one sewer complaint was received at 157 S. Center Street since the last memo. After investigation, it was found to be the sewer lateral.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired about the status of the information packet. DesJarden stated he has this almost completed.

Brubaker also wanted to see information concerning rates to ensure the City could go through with this program by either raising the rates or not. Pasquale stated the issue could be presented within the next few months.

Brubaker also questioned the idea of revising the sewer use ordinance. Pasquale stated this could be pursued at any time. It should be reviewed by the City Attorney.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS.

No comments were received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne commented it was very helpful when City staff informed residents the hydrants would be flushed or when working on the drains.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Councilmember Brubaker commented on the Lowell Rotary Club mentioned on the front page of the Grand Rapids Press. It seems every time someone from Lowell is quoted in the paper they talk about what a great place it is.

Mayor Shores wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council Proceedings, cont'd.

Rough week on the ice for varsity hockey

The Red Arrow varsity hockey team played three games in three nights this past week culminating in a disappointing conference loss to West Ottawa.

The Lowell/Caledonia cooperative team faced off against Union/Ottawa Hills on Thursday at Griff's Ice House and skated past the city league team 7-3. Brandon John (2 goals, 1 assist), Chad Rau (3 assists) and Josh John (1 goal, 2 assists) led the Red Arrows to the win. Other scorers included Ted McCoy (2), Pat McMahon (1) and Bryan Posthumus (1); Eric Austin added an assist to the winning effort. Goaltenders David Maylone and Rob Latva shared goaltending duties to lead the Red Arrow defense.

A nonconference game against the OK Conference Tier II Jenison Wildcats at Southside Arena on Friday night handed the Red Arrows an 8-3 loss. Jenison controlled the game from the initial drop of the puck. The Tier III Red Arrows struggled defensively and could not contain the Wildcat offense. J. John contributed a goal and an assist and B. John assisted on two of the Red Arrow goals. McCoy and Dustin Hofert rounded out the goal scoring with Austin and Brandon Gillikin both adding assists in the Lowell offensive effort.

Lowell's second conference match-up of the season took place on Saturday night as the Red Arrows faced league foe, West Ottawa in Holland. West Ottawa jumped out to an early lead only 1:04 into the game, then scored a goal late in the second and another early in the third to take a 3-0 lead in the final minutes of the game. It was in those final minutes that the Red Arrows came to life. With only 1:30 remaining, B. John and Hofert combined to put Lowell on the board. Only eight seconds later McCoy pulled the Red Arrows to within one goal of the tie with assistance from B. John and Austin. With six skaters on the ice, Lowell put it all on the line but were not able to put the tying goal in the net before the clock ran down.

The Red Arrow icers will be in action again this weekend against Forest Hills Northern on Friday and West Ottawa on Saturday. Both games are at Standard Federal Ice Center with game time at 9 p.m.



Financial Focus, continued...From page 5

Your business is generally required to match your employees' contributions up to three percent of their salary, unless you decide to put in two percent of each eligible employee's compensation. If you choose the matching option, you can reduce the match to between one and three percent in two of every five years.

• **SEP-IRA** - Like the Simple plan, a SEP-IRA is inexpensive to set up and easy to administer. Your company's contributions can be up to 25 percent of an employee's annual compensation, subject to maximum dollar amounts permitted by the IRS. And you have the flexibility to reduce, increase or stop contributions at any time.

• **Profit-sharing plan** - With a profit-sharing plan, you can provide an incentive to employees by linking their contribu-

tions to your business' performance. You can contribute up to 25 percent of the annual compensation of eligible employees, but you're free to determine the contribution amount every year.

You may be wondering about opening a 401(k) plan. While small businesses are certainly eligible to set up a 401(k), the expense and administrative details have led most owners to consider one of the plans listed above. But in recent years, some financial institutions have begun offering small businesses a less costly and less complex 401(k) - so it could be an option for you.

See your tax advisor before you decide on a retirement plan. Once you find a plan that's right for your needs, put it to work. Your employees will be happy, and when tax time rolls around, so will you.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following board and commission meetings minutes are provided for your information:

- Airport Board meeting of November 5, 2002
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of November 14, 2002

2. The Year 2002 has been busy, full of accomplishments. The following are the major projects:

- The initiation of construction for the renovation of the City Hall and an addition of a new Police Station.
- The reconstruction of North Valley Vista Drive as well as North Division Street.
- Extension of curb on the south side of Boves Road from West Street to Valley Vista Drive.
- Through a federal grant, drainage and curb work construction on M-21 from near Valley Vista Drive to West Street.
- Construction of an eight-inch water main on Hunt Street from Lincoln Lake to Beech.
- The reroofing of the Foreman Building and Look Memorial Fire Station, primarily through the assistance of the Look Memorial Fund and the Lowell Area Community Fund.
- Through Light and Power, the construction of a new electrical substation and related improvements is being completed.
- Purchase of a new fire pumper truck (Lowell Area Community Fund grant and assistance from Lowell and Vergennes Townships).
- Through the Downtown Development Authority, the purchase of .8 acres of property on the south side of Kent Street between Washington and Monroe from the Mid Michigan Railroad to build a parking lot for the eventual expansion of Superior Furniture Company.
- Construction of a dumpster enclosure in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

3. Recently the following have been hired:

- Beth Penning
- Amy Gunderson - Permanent Part-Time Police Officers
- Carol Blundy
- Brenda Angelo - Part-Time Receptionists

With Char McNab's retirement this Spring, Lori Gerard and Vicki Vidian will receive promotions within the Finance Department.

4. The City offices will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 (same as Light and Power/Cable TV). Also, the offices will be closed Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day (Light and Power/Cable TV will be closed Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1).
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS.

By general consensus, the Council appointed Tom Grimm (316 Spring Street) to the Airport Board with a term expiring January 1, 2005.

Mayor Shores noted there is still an opening to serve on the Planning Commission. Interested parties should submit a letter.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: Monday, January 6, 2003
C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

City's newest park receives befitting name

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

What's in a name? Apparently quite a lot.

About 20 entries were received by the city's Parks and Recreation Commission to name its newest park located near South Division and Grand River Ave. The property, about 19.86 acres, was donated by Charles Thomas for the purpose of establishing a park in that area.

The Parks and Recreation Commission decided to leave the naming of the area to its residents by hosting a "Name the Park" contest which ran for a month ending in early December. The number-one suggestion was naming it after the donor with such titles as Charles Thomas Memorial Park, Charles Thomas Park, and even Charmas Park, a combination of the words Charles and Thomas.

In fact, naming the park after someone seemed to be what most wanted to do ... with such names as Ray Quada (community leader), Charles Jakeway (1900's businessman credited with starting Runciman) and Timothy

White (first tavern owner).

"We didn't want to set a precedent of naming parks after people since it is something we haven't done before," said councilman James Pfaller, who sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Instead, the committee opted for a name that referenced the landmarks of the surrounding area. And there were a number from which to choose: Tree Tops Park, East River Park, Waters Edge Park, Winding Rivers Park, all, according to those who thought of them, which gave some

importance to the character of the area.

The commission, however, decided on Upper Bridge Park since the bridge on Division Street was once called the Upper Bridge and the bridge on Hudson Street was called the Lower Bridge.

The council agreed with the new name, unanimously approving Upper Bridge Park at its Monday night regular city council meeting. Now, with its official name, the park will be dedicated and ready for the public.

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT JAN. 9 IN LPAC

The counseling staff at Lowell High School will have a financial aid night Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center for students planning to attend college next fall. Juniors, seniors and their parents are welcome.

TOTS "PARENTING" STRATEGIES

If you are looking for some positive parenting strategies, TOTS is offering a shortened version of the Love & Logic series (Jim Fay) on Friday, Jan. 10 and Feb. 7 from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Cost: \$6 (2) 1 1/2 hour sessions - includes handouts, childcare and refreshments. Registration is limited; call 897-1232.

Dedication, cont'd...From Page 1

Blough also contacted the Masonic Order, targeting July 12 at 10 a.m. for the laying of the cornerstone. The group also did the cornerstone ceremony at the Englehardt Library in 1996.

"I have wonderful memories of the library ceremony," said councilman Charles Myers. "If we are able to duplicate that, then I am in favor of it."

Pasquale echoed Myers' sentiments, adding that the cornerstone itself would be a "very nice touch to the building."

Blough explained there were some details to work out - one being the Lowell Area Historical Association's help

in putting together a time capsule to be placed in the cornerstone.

Pasquale and Blough did receive the council's blessing for the dedication with an official vote setting Saturday, July 12 as the date.

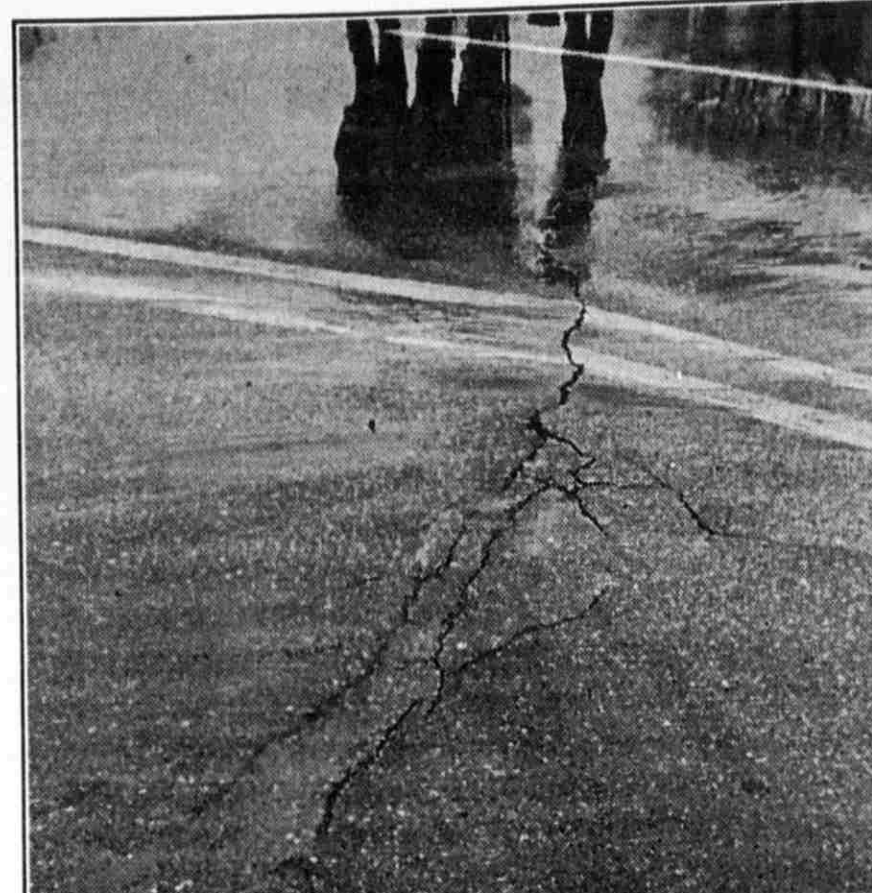
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A four-inch water main sprung a leak Friday afternoon at the intersection of M-21 and Center Street. The leak was caused by a large rock which was sitting on the pipe. Lowell water distribution superintendent, Bob Robinson said the rock, over the years, rubbed a hole in the water main the size of a baseball. The water main was put in during the late 1960s. The break in the main closed M-21 from 4:05 until 10 p.m. The water buckled the asphalt on M-21 and then came up through the street. Traffic had to be rerouted to Bowes Road. Roughly 30 city residents were without water for the six-hour period. The buckle in the road was first spotted by Lowell Area Fire Department's Ron OverBeek. The break marked the third water main break this winter, according to Robinson.

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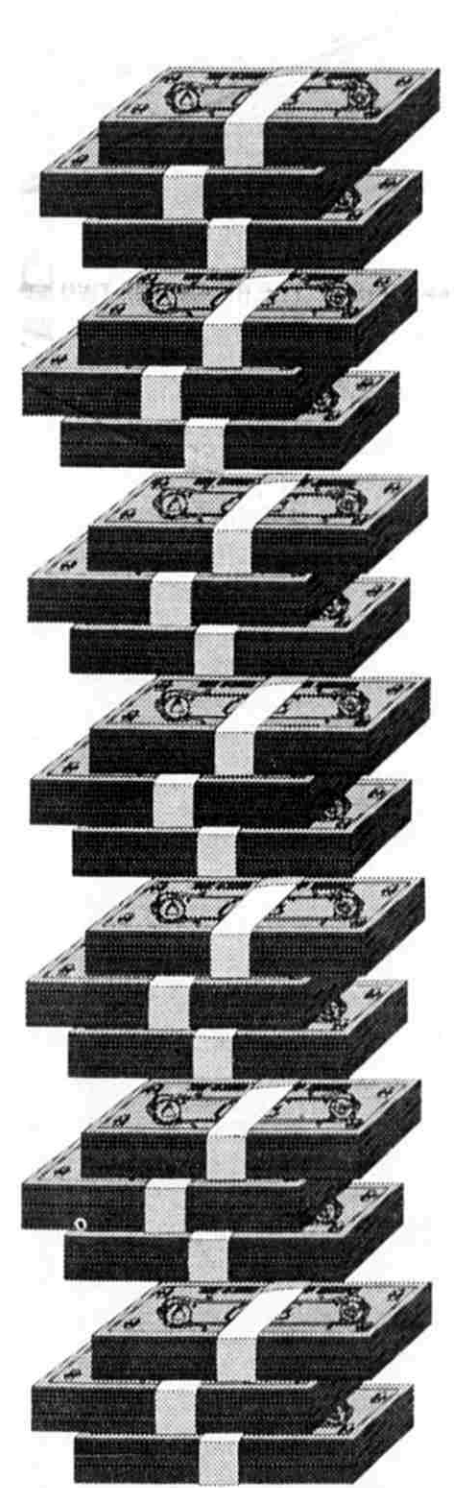
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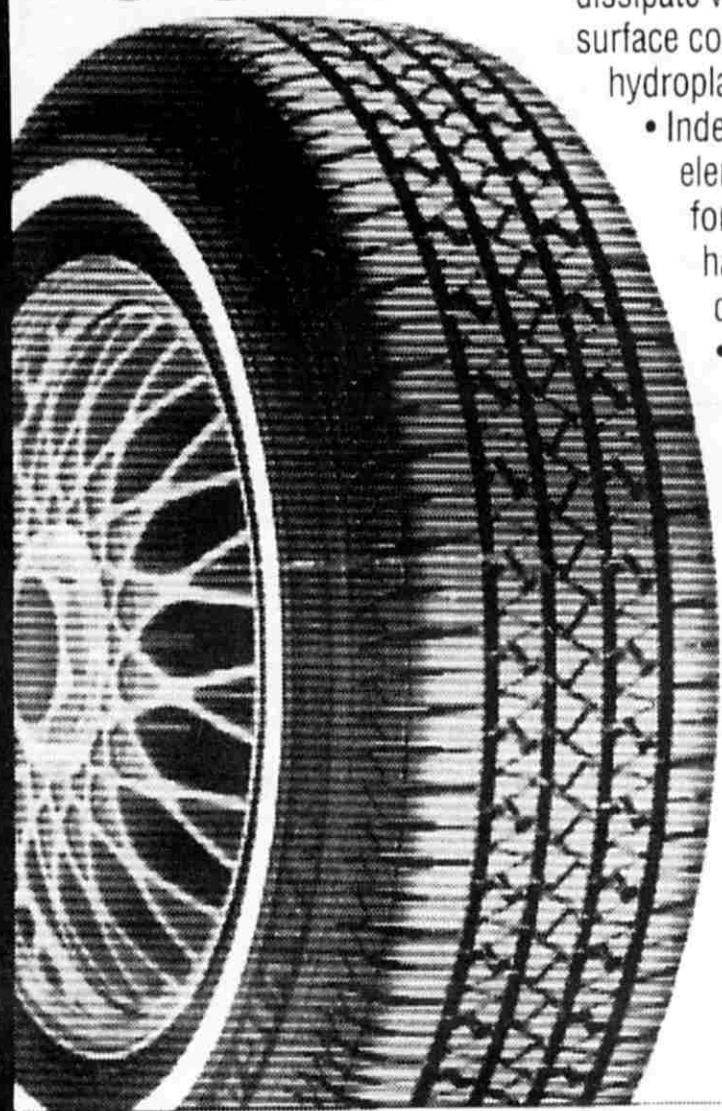
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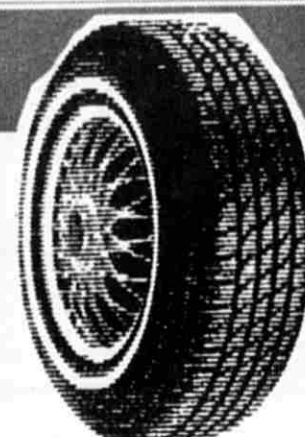
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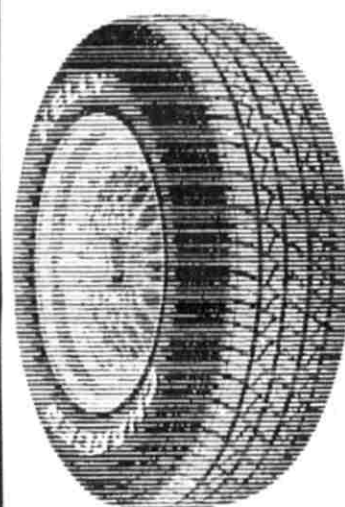
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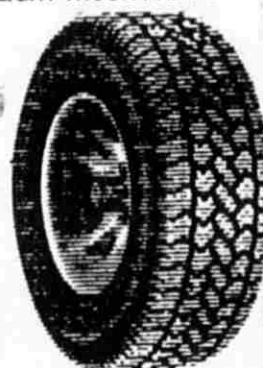
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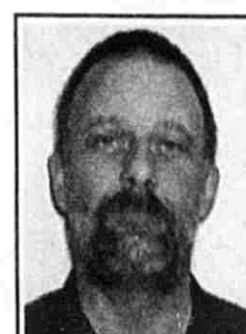
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