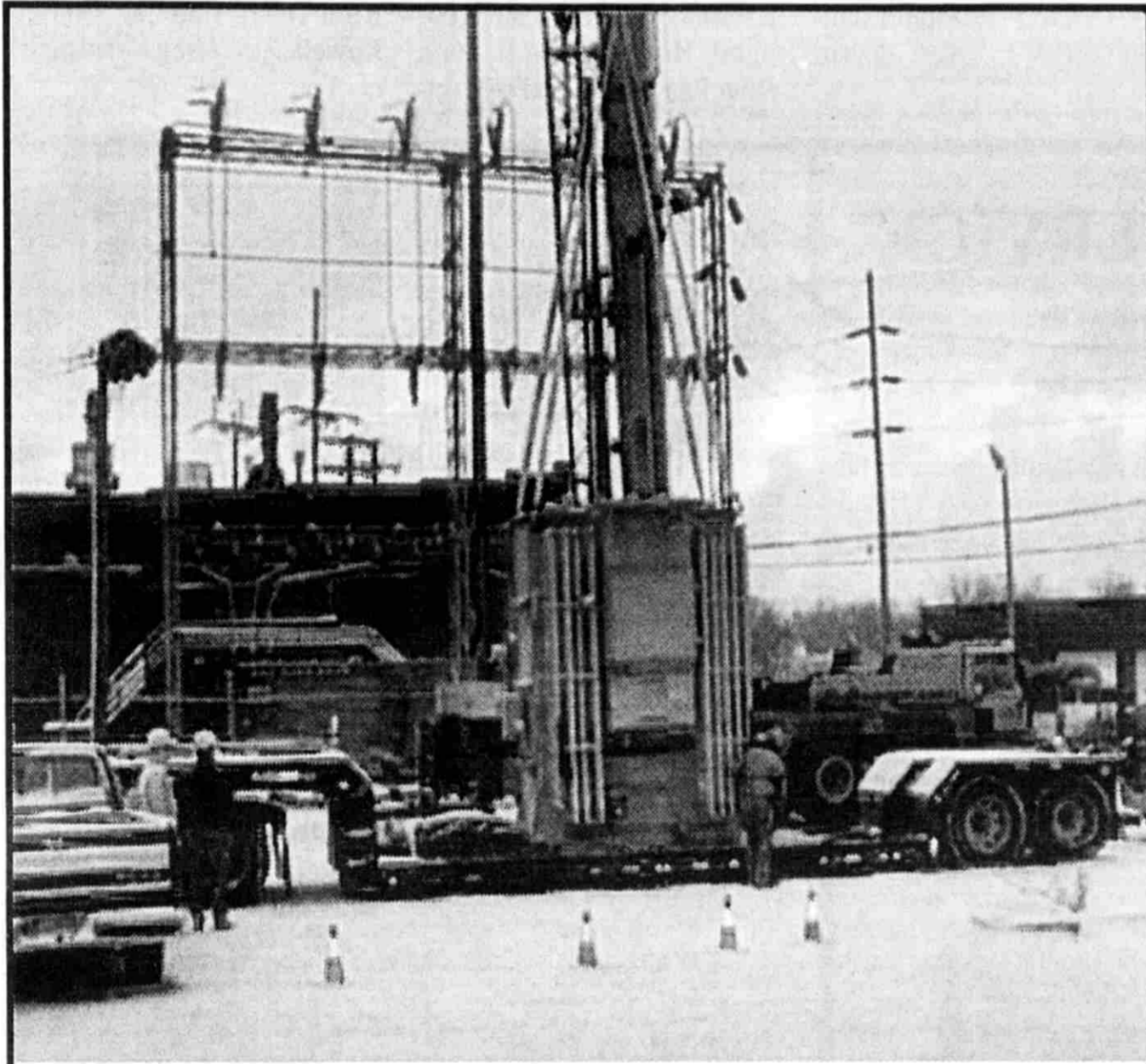


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## OUT FOR REPAIR

A Lowell Light & Power transformer was loaded onto a flatbed Friday afternoon and transported to S.D. Myer in Tallmadge, Ohio for repair. It will cost approximately \$20,000. The load carried by the transformer was shifted to another transformer. "The transformer can run at 100 percent efficiency for short periods of time," said Lowell Light & Power general manager, Tom Richards. "Repairs are done in the winter time when electrical demand is low." The transformer will be reinstalled in a few weeks.

## Federal monies directed toward Foreman Road improvements

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Good news came to the City of Lowell in the form of federal dollars for road improvements on Foreman Road.

City Manager David Pasquale told the Lowell City Council at its regular meeting last week that the city has been placed in a new classification for the Federal Surface Transportation Program. This classification is the Small Urban Program, which opens up funds for the city to make improvements on roads that fit the specifications for the Federal Urban Aid System. Currently the only qualifying road is Foreman Road.

"It is an opportunity for the city to gain additional money for street improvements," Pasquale said. "The downside is it is only for a limited number of streets."

However, the city could receive up to \$375,000 for improvements on Foreman under the new classification with the city being required to match up to 20 percent of the total cost.

During a phone interview last week, Pasquale said he has staff and the engineering firm Williams and Works looking into what improvements are needed on Foreman. This could include work on the intersection of Hudson Drive and Foreman Road, where residents have raised concerns about the truck traffic and safety issues, he said. Other work that could be done includes milling and resurfacing.

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## Arrests may be near in B&E cases

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Authorities are close to making arrests of subjects involved in the rash of breaking and entering cases which have occurred within the past several months.

There have been seven such crimes in both the residential and business areas from Alto to Greenville.

Lowell Area Police Department investigator, James Hinton, working in cooperation with the Kent County Sheriff's Department, Ionia County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police post in Ionia, said police believe all seven cases involve the same multiple subjects.

The type of items which have been stolen include automotive accessories and recreational vehicles.

"Police departments are only as good as residents allow us to be," Hinton explained. "We need people to be involved in reporting crimes. We are appreciative of the anonymous tips we've received and to those who wished to become involved."

Hinton said arrests in the cases are pending and could come as early as next week.

## Phone call will give security role a national significance for LHS employee

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's a call Jason Stoutjesdyk would prefer not to get, but it's a call he will answer with the pride, strength and love for his country like the many Americans who have preceded him.

"I don't want to leave family and friends," he said. "I've psyched myself up for the call and am ready to go if I get the call," Stoutjesdyk said.

Two weeks ago, Stoutjesdyk, a U.S. Army specialist in motor transportation, was placed on high alert.

"That means I am to have my bags packed, having taken care of things at home," Stoutjesdyk explained. "If I receive a call, I then have 72 hours to report."

The Lowell High School security officer is familiar with the routine. He has seen 18 fellow soldiers from his unit get reassigned.

"They have been sent to Africa, Germany and Iraq and a number of other places," Stoutjesdyk said.

A call would mean Stoutjesdyk would be away for nine months to two years.

As a motor transportation specialist, his job would be to transport fuel and ammunition.

What makes a young man from Lowell, who was always against the military, choose the military - in Stoutjesdyk's case - the Army?

A friend jokingly said to Stoutjesdyk that he couldn't make it in the service... that initially motivated him.

Upon further investigation he learned about the money through the GI Bill for college.

In May of 2001, he reported for nine weeks of basic training in Fort Benning, GA. From there he traveled to Ft.

Leonardwood, MO, for six weeks of advanced individual training.

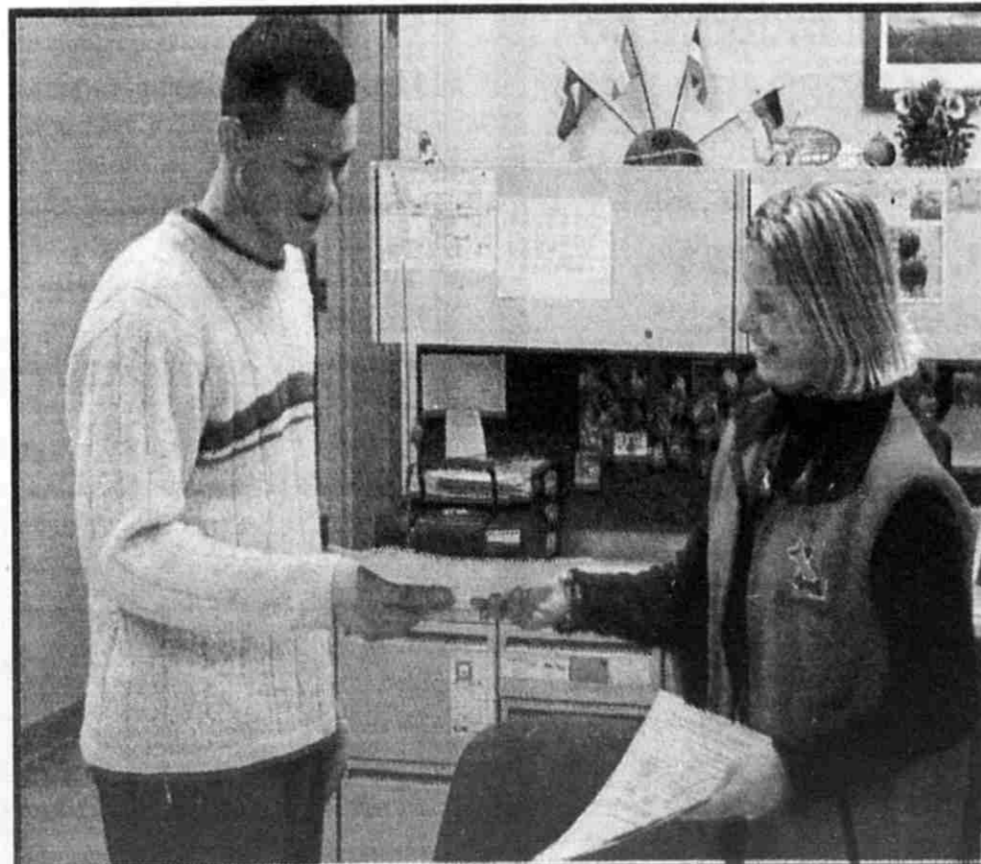
"Since joining the Army I have learned a lot, traveled and seen and done a lot. It's been a great experience," Stoutjesdyk said.

That doesn't mean it's been easy. "The first three weeks are the toughest - the transition of being away from home and the physical and mental challenges one faces," Stoutjesdyk said.

The Lowell High School graduate was prepared for the physical grind. He proved it as he was eighth of 239 fellow soldiers, scoring a 280 of a possible 300 on the physical fitness test.

His initial sign-up committed him to four years on report and two on call. However, Stoutjesdyk now says he plans on

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Jason Stoutjesdyk has been working day-time security at LHS for the past three-and-a-half years. Stoutjesdyk (left) is pictured conferring with Lisa Nauta of the student service center.

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## OBITUARIES

**CAREY** - Richard "Dick" David Carey, aged 62, of Lowell, passed away January 10, 2003. He is survived by his wife Barbara; children Ernest (Gail) Blanchard of Lowell, David (Rhonda) Carey of Lowell, Melissa Carey of Lowell; brother Michael (Mary) Carey of MS; grandchildren Tiffany, Jordan, Courtney and Levi Blanchard; also nieces and nephews. Mr. Carey was a lifetime member and past Commander of Lowell VFW Post #8803. He loved bowling, and was a faithful and loving husband, father,

and grandfather. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Pastor Burland Margesson and Pastor W. Lee Taylor of the First Baptist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

**FONGER** - Richard Fonger, aged 75, of Spring Lake, passed away Friday, January 10, 2003. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and MaryJoy Fonger; also by his three brothers, M. Jack, Mac and James. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy;

three daughters; one son; three sisters, Marjean (Hollis) Brillhart, Marcia (Lawrence) Bentley and Sandra Fonger. He was former superintendent of Spring Lake Schools and later building director for the skill center in Grand Rapids. The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, visitation will be held one hour prior at the church. Friends are asked to remember the Alzheimer's Association or the Church Memorial Fund.

**STANARD** - Elizabeth Stanard, aged 70, of Ada, went to

be with her Lord, January 7, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert. Mrs. Stanard is survived by her sons Randy (Doreen) of Comstock Park, Rodney (Sue) of Ada, Scott (Cheri) of Grand Rapids; daughters Tracie Short of Ada, Susan Stanard of Grand Rapids; 18 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers Junior DeLoof, Arthur (Sue) DeLoof, Arnie (Noranne) DeLoof; loving sisters Lorema (Martin) DeYoung, Rosalie Kroes; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Paul Krupinski of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

**WARREN** - Betty Ann Warren, aged 56, of Wyoming, formerly of Lowell, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2003. She is survived by her best friend, Robert R. Howard; children Bill (Marie) Warren, Dave (Donna) Warren, Mike Warren and Doug (Lori) Warren and eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held January 15 at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Rev. Greg Freed officiating.

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## IN THE SERVICE

Cadet **Aaron Stuart Ritzema** was named to the dean's list at West Point. Ritzema also received the Silver Star which is awarded to

of five academic courses per term, and have had no failing grades.

To qualify for dean's list, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Ritzema graduated from Seckman High School in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2001. He is studying electrical engineering and plans to graduate in 2005 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He is the son of Dion and Catherine Ritzema of Alto and the grandson of Lloyd and Josephine Ritzema and Richard and Marion Stuart, all of Lowell.



Cadet Aaron Stuart Ritzema

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# City to consider sewer backup and overflow ordinance at Jan. 21 meeting

By J.N. Boersma Contributing Writer

In an effort to put itself in line with the state, the Lowell City Council will consider a new ordinance following the state's sewer backup and overflow claim reporting procedures.

A public hearing for the new ordinance has been set for the council's next meeting, Jan. 21, which is a Tuesday. The council does not meet on President's Day, (Jan. 20). After the

public hearing, the council is expected to review the ordinance which was drafted by councilman Dan Brubaker to decide whether it should be accepted.

At last week's meeting, Brubaker said the ordinance basically follows what the state already has in place for sewer backup and overflow claim reporting procedures.

"This is really a confirmation of what the state law says," Brubaker said. The state law it follows is Act 222 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001.

The ordinance basically outlines how sewer backup and overflow complaints will be taken care of. A property owner, according to the ordinance, must, in writing, notify the city clerk within 45 days of the damage or discovery of the damage. The city clerk will respond with how the report needs to be done, and the city has the right to inspect the damaged property.

It follows Act 222 specifically on when the city can be held responsible for damage due to backups or overflows. Those include if the system had a defect, whether the city

directly or indirectly discharged disposal that damaged the system, if the city failed in reasonable steps to repair a defect, and whether the defect of the backup or overflow was 50 percent or more.

The city, however, cannot be held responsible if the obstruction was not caused by the city, if a connection added more water to the system, or if it was an act of war/terrorism.

Brubaker recommended the addition of the city ordinance when last fall several residents were surprised to learn their claims were not covered under the new Act 222 and, in fact, were not aware of the regulations that spelled out when the city had to offer restitution for damages. Since that time, the city has had sewer backup reports at its meetings along with having one-third of the city's sewer lines tested and televised to help assure that all of the lines are in proper working order.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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 COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-174,881-DE

Estate of MARGARET  
 HELEN ZYLSTRA

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
 The decedent, MARGARET HELEN ZYLSTRA, who lived at 9601 Alaska Ave., Caledonia, Michigan died 12/23/02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to DAVID ZYLSTRA, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

# CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 2003-2004 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on **TUESDAY**, January 21, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

- Carol Lynne Drive Underdrain North Hudson Street (East Side) And Foreman Road (North Side)  
 CDGE.....\$20,701.78
- North Kent Transit Assistance For Senior Citizen And Handicapped Riders.  
 CDBG.....\$4,000.00

The County of Kent has allocated approximately \$24,701.78 of its 2003-2004 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG entitlement program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following national objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

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



Betty R. Morlock  
 City Clerk  
 616-897-8457

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: January 15, 2003  
 Permit No. M10048828  
 Oxy-USA Inc.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: Miller Springs Remediation Management, Inc. for the Former Lowell Terminal, located at 2091 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The applicant is involved in a groundwater cleanup. The applicant discharges purged groundwater through high velocity diffusers to the Grand River, in the NW1/4, NW1/4, Section 12, Town 6 N, Ranger 9 W, Kent County.

The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit: the daily maximum authorized flow volume for outfall 002 has been increased from 576,000 to 1,152,000 gallons per day; however, the combined daily maximum loading limit and daily maximum concentration limit for total dissolved solids have not changed. The daily maximum limit for acute toxicity at outfall 002 has been deleted because the discharge has been in substantial compliance and there are no further concerns.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by February 14, 2003 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing, should contact: Alvin Lam, Surface Water Permits Section, Water Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-4132, e-mail: lama@michigan.gov.

Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, and draft permit may be obtained via the internet (<http://www.michigan.gov/deq>) and on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on "Permits on Public Notice" which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Division Grand Rapids District Office located at Unit 10, 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2341, telephone: 616-356-0500.

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# Reflections Of Faith

Dean Bailey, pastor  
Alto/Bowne Center Churches

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem..." Matthew 2:1 (NRSV)

Monday, Jan. 6, came and went without much notice and nonexistent fanfare. It was lost in post Christmas sales and the barrage of New Year's resolutions. Yet it came, recognized by the Western Church as the Epiphany of our Lord.

An epiphany is an appearance, a manifestation, an "aha" or "yes, I see" experience, especially of the divine or of a spiritual nature.

The Christian church recognized the arrival of the magi, the wise men as an epiphany, the manifestation of a divine origin that the Christ child revealed God's love to everyone, and was not limited to the Jews. Since the wise men were from a different place, a different culture (probably from the priestly class in Persia or Babylonia who studied the stars for clues of human and divine events), they represent all of us who are non-Jews, Gentiles.

That Christ is meant for

## Lowell students of the month recognized

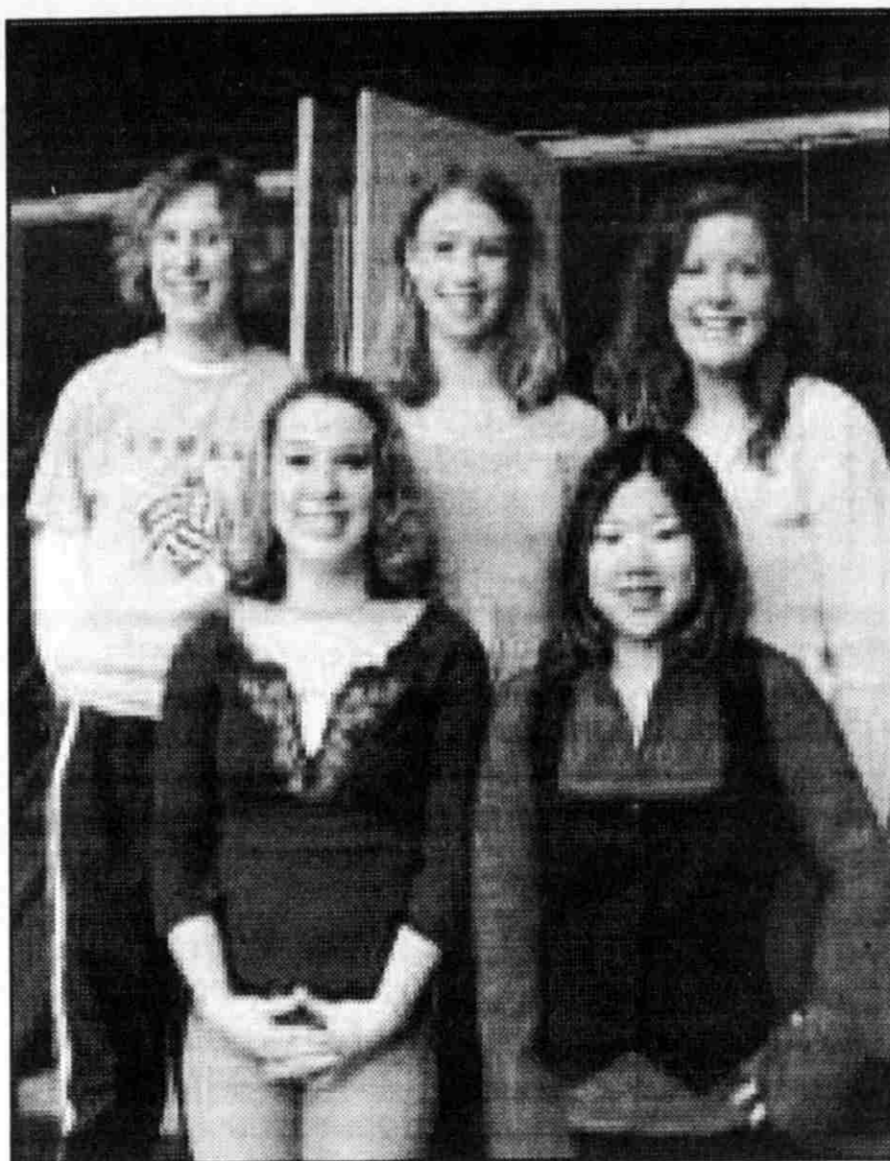
The first Students of the Month to be honored at Lowell High School in 2003 have been chosen. Each of these students has shown extraordinary interest and ability in a particular area.

Malley Cahoon, a freshman, was chosen by the Physical Education Department. She is the daughter of Blair and Trudi Cahoon of Lowell. Malley is a member of the volleyball team at LHS and also participates in the Linda Moon Competition Dance Teams. In addition, she is employed at Keiser's. Her teacher nominator says Malley is a good athlete in class and works hard. She also displays good character by trying hard to do what is right and treating others with respect.

Jodi Lynne Laux, a senior, was selected by the Business Department. She is the daughter of Gary and Donna Laux of Lowell. Her extracurricular activities include basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis. She is also employed at Gary's Country Meats. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University and study Health Sciences next fall. Her teacher nominator says she is a hard worker who takes on additional responsibilities. She also shows daily responsibility and integrity.

Kelsay Myers, a senior, is being honored by the English Department. She is the daughter of Charles and Noreen Myers of Lowell. She is active in extracurricular activities as Press Secretary of Destination Imagination, treasurer and representative of International Club and the school newspaper. Kelsay plans to go to college and graduate school. Her teacher nominator says she is one of the best read students at LHS and along with her good friends, composes an ongoing novel about a superhero.

Katie Hettinga, a senior, is the Math Department's nominee. She is the daughter of Brian and Kim Hettinga of Lowell. Cheerleading captain, National Honor Society, Model UN and Project Pals keep Katie busy at LHS. She is also active in her church youth group and teaches Sunday school. Next year Hettinga plans to attend Taylor University or Hope College. Her teacher nominator says she has worked hard in AP Calculus. Her ever-present smile and excellent outlook on life make her a wonderful role model for her peers to emulate. Katie is genuinely kind and courteous.



Bottom row (l-r): Katie Hettinga and Kelsay Myers; top row (l-r): Cori Drenth, Malley Cahoon and Jodi Laux.

Cori Drenth, a senior, is the Social Studies Department's choice. She is the daughter of Tom and Carol Drenth of Lowell. Her many extracurricular activities include varsity volleyball captain, Model UN, LAS Outreach co-chair, National Honor Society, Varsity Club, powderpuff football team and Junior Rotary. She is also employed at the Pottery Palace in Lowell. Drenth plans to attend college next year but has made no definite decisions. Her teacher nominator says she has been an outstanding student in the AP program.

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Forget injuries, never forget kindness.  
—Confucius  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 16: Alex Stuckey.

JANUARY 17: Kevin Rasch, Joe Potter.

JANUARY 18: Margie Potter Sullivan.

JANUARY 19: Tim Stencil, Susan Korte, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney, Evelyn Powell.

JANUARY 20: Shelby Baird.

JANUARY 21: James Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Eunice VanderVeen, Krysta Jankowski.

JANUARY 22: Cheryl DeYoung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, Jenni Magner, Frances Walling, Glenn Vanbuskirk, Shane Gildner, Reece Vander Warf, Frances DeVries.

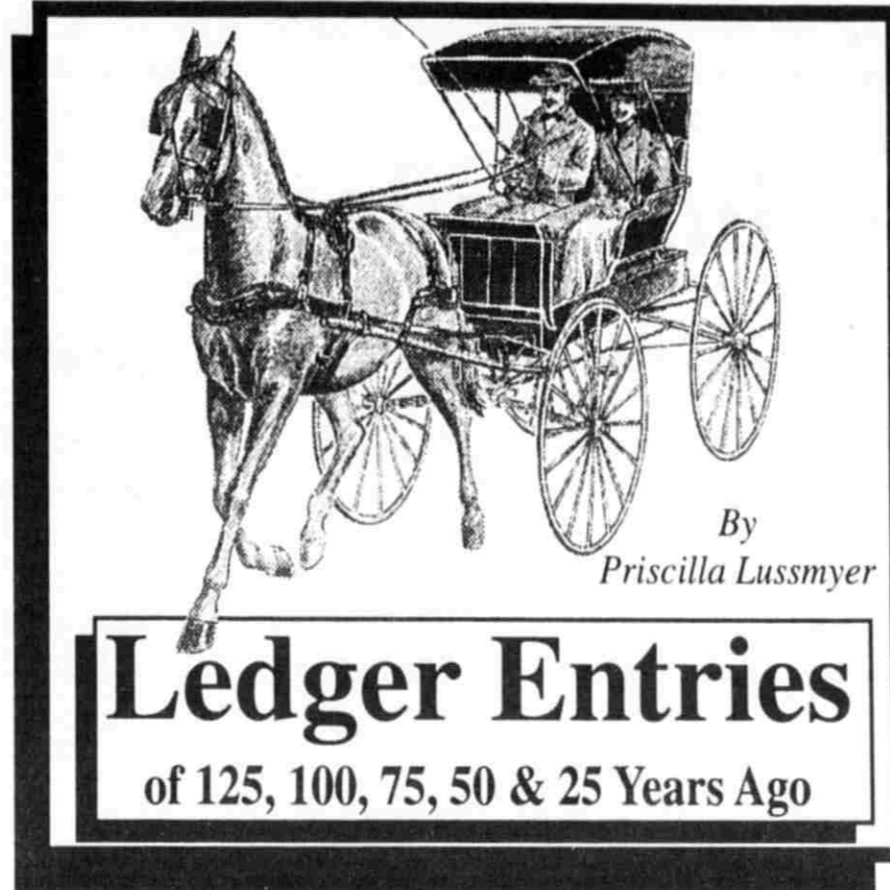
## Western Michigan Teen Challenge, Jan. 19

Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Drive, will be presenting Western Michigan Teen Challenge on Sunday, Jan. 19, beginning at 6 p.m.

Teen Challenge is a Christian growth and development program that works primarily with drug abusers, alcoholics and others with life-controlling problems.

The students will be sharing their life stories and how they experienced a total life change by acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. This presentation is a timely, God-inspired message that will challenge old and young alike. Don't miss this special meeting. Invite your friends.

# Viewpoint . . .



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 16, 1878

Prof. Hill of the Alton singing school will be at the Vergennes Bailey church this weekend to organize a choir.

C.R. Hine and son Fred launch a hardware store on the west side.

The Red Ribbon Club #5 of the Waters school district in Vergennes is a newer club, smaller but very active.

In 1877, 43,200 paupers were cared for by various counties in the state.

A huge nitroglycerine explosion at Negaunee is apparently caused when two workers, tossing cans of nitro to one

another to place on a mining car, somehow dropped or missed a can, which hit a hard surface.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 15, 1903

H.W. Hakes' new house furnishings store has over 7,500 feet of floor space, an electric elevator and brilliant lighting.

Detroit is going in to the coal business to serve residents in the current coal strike crisis.

A Chicago department store designates both male and female clerks as "salespersons."

The first section of the Pacific cable reaches Molokai, Hawaii.

Lowell is well off in the coal crisis because firewood is plentiful here. Other not-so-lucky places across the country are burning fuel like fruit trees, fences, beans or freezing.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 19, 1928

Charles Fallas, son of one of Fallsburg's founders, John Wesley Fallas, promises that the family will build a suitable memorial to the founders if the park is named Fallsburg instead of Flat River.

A clouded title and issues of flowage rights are also complications of the Fallsburg Park proposal.

The American Legion will present "Betty Lou," a home-land comedy, at City Hall next week.

Two letters telling what the writers like best about the Ledger/Solo are published. The editor asked for letters last week.

County Ag Agent K.K. Vining has lantern slides to illustrate his lectures at farm meetings.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 15, 1953

"Rem" Jefferies, editor of the Lowell Ledger since 1930 in spite of blindness, dies after a long illness.

The new ice rink in the 4-H building is averaging 150 skaters each evening, with music and refreshments adding to the fun.

A nice little office at the 4-H fairgrounds is now ready for the Ground Observer Corps, but many more volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts once a week.

Two pictures on the front page show C.H. Runciman making, and Police Chief Frank Stephens receiving, the first dial phone call last week.

Reminder: Don't park on the street between midnight and 6 a.m., while snow removal goes on.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANUARY 18, 1978

Ten below Sunday morning, with wind chill sending the temp nearly out of sight.

A proposed state law to give power of licensing teachers to a commission with a majority of members of the Michigan Education Association (teachers union) is fought by the school board.

The telephone survey about local education indicates voters are satisfied with the school system, but against paying more for it.

The Campbell Soup Labels for Education program is getting a slide projector and math kit for the Saranac fourth graders.

The ninth annual fishing derby on Wabasis Lake will take place Saturday.

## Sharing The Vision

NANCY HOPKINS  
Board of Education President

How many of us find a change in routine or new expectations challenging and perhaps even intimidating? I suspect the answer is "probably most of us." And so it is in public education.

In the face of public education's many changes and challenges, one thing remains the same. All parents want their children to be successful. Getting children prepared and ready to take their place in the world is public education's foremost responsibility. It falls to public school educators to focus on teaching what students need to know and then making sure students can use what they learn.

New state and federal standards (*Education Yes and the No Child Left Behind Act*) are at the forefront of public education's continuing challenge. (Superintendent Shari Miller will be sharing more information regarding these two initiatives in the near future.) But simply stated, they certainly represent a change in routine, new expectations, and are perhaps intimidating.

Our Lowell Area Schools educators understand the relationship between high academic standards and the future success of our students. We can be confident that our district will be prepared to meet the even higher demands of *Education Yes and No Child Left Behind*. We will not—just because data shows us that high standards increase student achievement. We will because we believe higher expectations and standards ensure that all our students will be equally prepared for success.

In these challenging times our Lowell school community remains prepared to fulfill its responsibility for the successful future of our students.

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### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: SEEK QUALITY FINANCIAL ADVICE

It's a new year, and if you're like many people, you've made some New Year's resolutions. Maybe you've decided to visit the gym more often. Maybe you're going to become better informed on current events. Or maybe you're just going to take more time to enjoy life. All of these are admirable and worthwhile objectives, but they probably won't help you achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. And that's why you might want to add one more resolution: Get quality financial advice in 2003.

Of course, if you already rely on a qualified financial professional, and you're satisfied with the help you're receiving, then you probably won't need to make any changes this year. But if you're not working with someone, then now is the time to start.

In an age of financial Web sites, financial news programs and financial publications, why is it so important to seek face-to-face assistance from an investment professional? Can't you get all the information and recommendations you need from a variety of media?

To understand why these other sources are no substitute for personal interaction with an experienced financial professional, you need only consider two events of the past couple of years: the series of corporate accounting scandals and the long bear market.

## Health

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

### BPH - A COMMON PROSTATE PROBLEM

BPH or benign prostate hyperplasia is the medical term for gradual enlargement of the prostate gland. This condition begins to affect men in their 50's. The prostate gland is located below the bladder and completely surrounds the urethra. As the gland enlarges it can constrict the urethra, restricting urine flow from the bladder.

Common symptoms of BPH include trouble starting your stream, urinating more frequently, a smaller urine stream, dribbling after completing urination, and getting up frequently at night to urinate. Occasionally a prostate infection can cause similar symptoms.

If you are experiencing BPH symptoms, you should see

### Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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confidence in the financial sector. And yet, people did not lose faith in their individual advisers. In fact, 85 percent of respondents were "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with the services of their own financial professionals, according to a 2002 survey documented by the Securities Industry Association, an organization representing more than 600 securities firms.

Why do people maintain faith in their investment representatives in good times and bad? Just consider what financial professionals offer:

• **Appropriate recommendations** - You can find "hot investment tips" on the internet, on television and in magazines. But what good are these tips if they aren't right for you? A qualified investment professional will only make recommendations based on your tolerance for risk, investment preferences and long-term goals.

• **Diversification strategies** - Diversification is one of the

most important factors in effective investing. By spreading your investment dollars among a variety of asset classes - stocks, mutual funds, bonds, government securities and money market accounts - you help to reduce your overall risk level and increase your chances for success.

• **Portfolio reviews** - Over time, your life will change in many ways. When you're first starting out, you might just want to save enough money to make a down payment on a house. Later on, you'll want to send your kids to college. Still later, you'll want to manage your assets in retirement. And at each of these stages, your investment needs will be different. A financial professional can help you review your portfolio at

regular intervals to make sure you're on track toward meeting your goals.

As you can see, a qualified financial professional can help you in many ways. How do you find one that's right for you? Start by asking your friends and relatives who they use. Then interview a number of professionals to see if their style and investment philosophy suits your needs. Don't be afraid to ask as many questions as you want - and make sure you know how a prospective financial professional gets paid.

Start 2003 off right by committing yourself to finding a suitable, capable investment representative. By fulfilling this one New Year's resolution, you can reap the rewards for decades to come.

## Indoor topiary uses houseplants

Topiary, the art of creating fantastic shapes by clipping and trimming and directing the growth of woody plants outdoors, can become an indoor hobby as well. All you need are a few simple materials and a vining houseplant.

Mary McLellan, extension master gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University, says the process is basically one of making and providing a wire form for the plant to grow on.

For stability, start with a heavy pot, she suggests, or maybe two—a 6-inch clay pot and a decorative container to set it in.

Use heavy coathanger wire to make the frame for the plant to grow on.

Start with the base of the frame. Bend a 36-inch piece of wire into the shape of a small letter "e" beginning with the open part at the bottom and ending with the horizontal line that makes it an "e" rather than a "c". The circular part of the "e" should be almost as large as the bottom of the pot; the straight section should bend at a 90 degree angle to form the vertical

Topiary, cont'd. pg. 7

## Products in pantry may be bugged!

Your home or apartment may be "bugged" but chances are the bugs are the six-legged kind ... not the electronic snooping sort.

These insects or "pantry pests" often come into homes with food. Stopping them is mostly a matter of sanitation and prevention.

One of the most common pantry pests is the Indian meal moth. It doesn't do any direct damage to stored foods, but it lays eggs that hatch into caterpillars which feed on flour, cereals, dry pet food, spices, dried milk, dried fruit, crackers, to name a few.

The moth lays between 100 and 300 eggs, so it doesn't

take long for an infestation to develop. The worms contaminate the foods they feed on with their excrement, webbing, cocoons, cast skins and bacteria.

The first step in dealing with the moth is to eliminate all infested products, and clean up any spills. Once infested products have been removed from the home and all areas where food is stored, prepared or eaten are clean, the next step is to repackage foods in tightly sealed glass, metal or plastic containers.

If you repackage products as soon as you bring them home from the store, any insects coming in on those products will

either be discarded with the original packages or contained so they can't spread. The final step is to remove the fluttering moths from the house by purchasing pantry traps ... small open-ended rectangular boxes about four inches long. A strong odor lures them into the box, where they get stuck in the sticky coating on the inner surface.

The entire Indian meal moth life cycle, from egg to larva to pupa to moth, may take only 6-8 weeks in warm weather or in winter, when your home is heated.

Sooner or later everyone has a problem with pantry pests. If you haven't, you've either been practicing good preventive maintenance or you just haven't found them yet!

## Topiary, cont'd... From Page 6

upright of the form. If you need to extend the upright section, you can use wire twist ties or waterproof tape to attach more wire or a bamboo stake to it.

"It's a good idea to keep the shape on which the plant will grow simple," McLellan said. "A circle or other geometric

shape, the outline of a fish or other creature, or a large spiral—like a spring—will work better than a more complex design."

Bend more wire into the desired shape and use light wire or tape to fasten it to the stem. Set the frame in the pot and consider the size relationship between the pot and the frame.

The proportions should be pleasing. When plants cover the frame, it shouldn't be too small or overlarge - two parts top to one part pot is about right, McLellan suggests.

Make adjustments to the frame as needed, making sure all parts are fastened securely, then set the frame in the pot and fill the container with potting soil.

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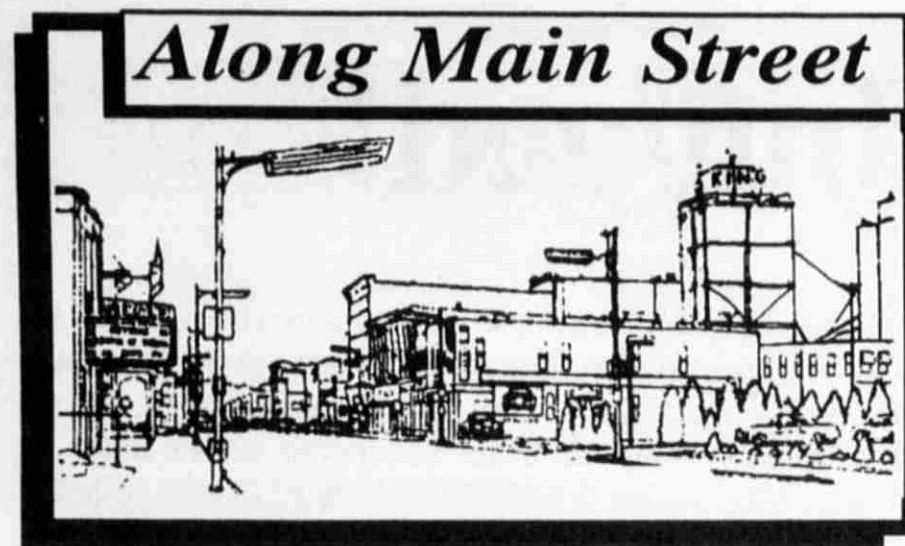
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If you are looking for some positive parenting strategies, TOTS is offering a shortened version of the Love & Logic series (Jim Fay) on Friday, Feb. 7 from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Cost: \$6; includes handouts, childcare and refreshments. Registration is limited;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

**ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:**

Funds still need to be raised for the class trip. Please call Lynn Myers at 676-3680 to sign up for Jan. and Feb. Van Andel Arena dates; also call Pam at 676-1398 to get your Meijer certificates.

**THEBES PLAYERS - CALL FOR AUDITIONS**

The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* by Clark Gensler, scheduled for May 8-10. Auditions are Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. Ages 18 plus. To borrow a script or for more info., call 897-8545.

**LOWELL FREESTYLE SIGN-UPS**

Students may sign up for freestyle wrestling at Cherry Creek Elementary on Jan. 21 and Feb. 13 from 6-8 p.m. A photocopy of the student's birth certificate is needed. Cost: \$65.

**LAAC/THEBES PLAY AT LPAC**

The play, *The Glass Menagerie* will be shown on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1 at 3 and 8 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson or by calling 897-8545. \$8 general admission; \$6.50 LAAC members/students/seniors.

**FAMILY FLY TYING**

Wittenbach Center will offer a family fly tying workshop on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. RSVP to Tammy at 987-1002.

**SNOWMOBILER TRAIL MAPS**

The West Michigan Trail System is marked and ready to ride. The Trailhead is Deer Run Golf Course with maps available there and at other sites along the trail. Call Flat River Snowmobile Club at 897-5015 for more info.

# Federal monies, cont'd... From Page 1

Before the new classification, the city of Lowell was under the rural program which meant the city had to compete for the same dollars with such groups as the city of Rockford and the Kent County Road Commission. However, the new classification of small urban opens up more potential dollars for the city, Pasquale said.

And there could be even better news for the city of Lowell. The state has announced it plans to review the current Federal Urban Aid Roads program and see if any changes need to be

made. Pasquale said this could provide a chance for the city to get Gee Drive and Bowes Road moved to that program. The needed repairs of Gee Drive have been a hot topic of discussion for the city, especially with the construction of the Meijers store.

"We are going to see if we can get those roads considered," Pasquale said. The city has been trying to get Gee Drive's status changed to a major street to seek assistance for

road improvements on the state and federal level. However, a recent study showed that the car count was below what was needed to change its status.

Road improvements have been a top priority for the city for awhile as many of the city streets are in need of resurfacing. The city has a master streets plan and sidewalks plan to help determine what streets need to be done first while seeking funding for various sources to help with improvements.

# Stoutjesdyk, cont'd...

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staying in the Army for 20 years.

"I love being around the guys. They are like a family to me. I also like the respect the uniform is given and how people look up to it," he says.

Stoutjesdyk has worked the past three years as a full-time, day-time security officer at Lowell High School. Before that he worked two-and-a-half years as a night-time security officer at LHS.

His plans for the future are to finish college (criminal justice) and to return to Lowell as a part-time police officer and as Lowell High School's security/safety director.

# COLLEGE NEWS

**James Platte** of Ada received his master of science and engineering degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Michigan College of Engineering at the winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 15, 2002.

He is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Dana and Gayle Platte of Ada.

# Lowell agricultural program receives outstanding program award

Lowell Area Schools is one of six schools that received the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Outstanding Agricultural Education Program Award on Dec. 11 at the NAAE annual conference held in Las Vegas, Nev. The teachers are John H. Schut and Tammy DeBaar.

Creating opportunities for all students is a key principle for Schut and DeBaar. Their primary focus as educators is empowering young people to achieve and become productive members of their community. Since last year, the enrollment grew to an amazing 210 students at the high school level where Schut teaches. A new agriscience class will be started at the

middle school this spring. Over 10,000 students benefited from their visits to the Wittenbach Agriscience Center where DeBaar serves as director.

Students in the Lowell FFA Chapter participate in many projects including adopt-a-stream, adopt-a-road and adopt-a-family, along with partnering with PALS and other projects. In order to fund and support these programs, the FFA Alumni Association and the local agriculture community help with money, volunteers, and places for students to complete their supervised agriculture experience projects.

The Outstanding Agricultural Education Program Award recognizes the nation's

most successful agricultural education programs. It highlights the local programs and teachers that incorporate the basics - English, mathematics and science - into their courses, and the use of new age technology to teach students. Each of the six regional winners received a plaque and expenses paid to attend the annual conference in Las Vegas. Case IH - New Holland sponsors the Outstanding Agricultural Education Program Award.

NAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators. The mission of NAAE is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy, and service." The



Sarah Welty-Osborne, NAAE president, left, presents the outstanding agricultural program award to Lowell's Tammy DeBaar and John Schutt.

NAAE office is located at the Agricultural Education National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., near the Capitol.

# Student exchange program available for summer of '03

High school students in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades are invited to apply to a state-wide student exchange program which would take them to Shiga, Japan, our Sister State, for two weeks the summer of 2003.

The program is the Michigan-Shiga Exchange Program, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education. A designated number of Michigan students are selected to participate each year, and then paired with Japanese students with similar interests.

The Michigan students will live with host families and attend school with the Shiga exchange students from

July 4 - July 19. Then from Sept. 4-21, the Japanese students will spend two weeks with the Michigan families, attending school with their Michigan partners.

The cost for each student is \$1,700. Additional costs for the administration of the program and related activities are covered by the use of grant monies.

Any student who is adventurous, likes to meet new people and is open-minded qualifies for the program. Knowledge of the Japanese language is helpful, but not necessary. There is an orientation April 25-26 to acquaint selected students and parents

with Japanese customs and basic language.

Students interested in applying can receive an application and descriptive brochure from their high school counselor or online at

www.mde.state.mi.us/off/japan. If you have further questions, please call Linda Shepard at 989-224-6831; fax 989-224-9574 or email at lshepard@edzone.net.

# CORRECTION...

Typical monthly expenses for the Lowell School District run from \$2.2-\$2.5 million. A school budget story in the Lowell Ledger incorrectly stated \$2.2-\$2.5.

# NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Public Hearing for a proposed Special Exception Use Permit will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on January 20, 2003, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Terry Horrigan, of 5085 Waterside Drive, Hudsonville, MI, is requesting a Special Use Permit to run a home based nursery, greenhouse and landscaping business from the home and property located at 13500 Downes Street, in the Southeast quarter of Section 14 of Vergennes Township. Mr. Horrigan plans to reside at the residence in the event the permit is granted. The use is allowed as a Special Use under Section 201.431, Home Based Businesses, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the township office prior to 7:00 pm on January 20, 2003.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

December 16, 2002 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the November 18, 2002 Regular Meeting approved, and list of invoices approved. Other motions approved:

- Motion to approve site plan review for Reitsma Electric
- Motion to approve expenditure of \$2,000 for repair to Lowell Fire Department fire station roof
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-16, adding language to the RL District pertaining to lots not served by sewer
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-17, adding lighting standards to the Industrial ordinance that mirror the Commercial District standards
- Motion to table Multi-tenant language for the Industrial District for further review
- Motion to reappoint Roger Odell to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Motions to reappoint Jerry Richmond, Christopher Kropf, and Tom Medendorp to the Planning Commission
- Motions to appoint Gordon Edwards, Dave Pedley, and Bill Johnson to the Board of Review
- Motion to adopt Federal Income Poverty Standards for 2003 property assessments
- Motion to approve meeting schedule for 2003
- Motion to approve 2003 MTA Conference attendance
- Motions to approve collection of summer taxes for LAS, GRCC and KISD, and to authorize the Treasurer to use computerized data base
- Motion to approve Kent County Road Commission work orders for engineering on 1.) 3 Mile Road, and 2.) Fallsburg Park Drive
- Motion to approve Holiday Hours
- Motion to apply to Lowell Area Community Fund for software and equipment
- Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting January 20, 2003

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

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# Highland Hill developers present initial plan for PUD

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Developers of a planned unit development (PUD) on the Leeman property are hoping to move along with its project, but

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that there will be a budget hearing on Monday, January 20, 2003 followed by a Regular Meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting on **TUESDAY**, January 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings would be to receive comments on the following:

- An Ordinance to Add Article VII, "Sewer Backup and Overflow Claim Reporting Procedures" to Chapter 25, "Water and Sewer Disposal Service", of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall (414 East Main Street - Huntington Bank Building) and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk  
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questions still linger over traffic and parking.

At a special work session Monday night, Sundry representatives met with the Lowell Planning Commission for an initial review of the proposal that would place 52 single family homes on the property located east of the James/ High street intersection.

After an hour and 45 minute discussion however, commission members felt that several issues including overflow parking, water run-off, and traffic needed to be answered.

Les Cole, of Sundry, said the company's engineers, of Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc., had gone over the property coming up with what they felt was an excellent way to help move stormwater off the property and elevate some existing problems.

That proposal included intercepting the stormwater from the north and redirecting it over to the east side of the property through a drainage across to M-21. A retention pond would be set up to help with run-off.

Those residents currently seeing problems now should expect the water issues to pretty much disappear since most of the water would be directed away from their properties through this plan, Cole explained. Because of the technicality of the engineering report, the planning commission agreed with Sundry representatives that the city's engineering firm would need to take a look at it. Pending the final engineering report and review, this could postpone the review of the plan at the commission's regular meeting on Jan. 27.

Another issue with the planning commission is the one-

way road which would wrap around the development. The road would be 15 feet with two-foot valley gutters; according to Kevin Roos, of Sundry, this would provide additional parking for residents as well as 10 feet of grass on either side of the road. City councilman, Jim Pfaller, who attended the meeting, said he still had an issue with parking and was not sure it was adequate.

Commission member, Al Mathews said he wasn't sure the theory that a car could get around a parked truck on that width of the road really is true. He estimated that trucks are usually about eight feet and "most truck drivers don't park straight."

Commission member, Clark Jahnke was concerned about only having one entrance into the area ... which was done to meet residents' concerns about a second entrance on Grindle. (The second entrance was eliminated due to traffic issues.)

Mathews said he also wasn't sure whether the developer had met the concerns of traffic on James and High streets. Sundry hired Progressive AE. From that report, a certified traffic engineer determined from the development 284 trips entering and 284 trips exiting could be expected on an average day. Peak hours, between 7 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m., never exceeded 40 trips entering or exiting.

This was only the first review of the site plan for the project which has to go through several steps, according to city officials. The planning commission must first approve the site plan followed by the city council.

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS DURING FEBRUARY AT KDL BRANCHES

Kent District Library invites adult readers to get together at local libraries for

friendly, informal discussions about some great books.

The Englehardt branch will discuss "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. Copies are available at the checkout desk.

For more information call 647-3920 or for other branches and dates, call 784-2007.

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**TUES:** Spaghetti with meat sauce & garlic toast or submarine sandwich, pears, sweet peas.

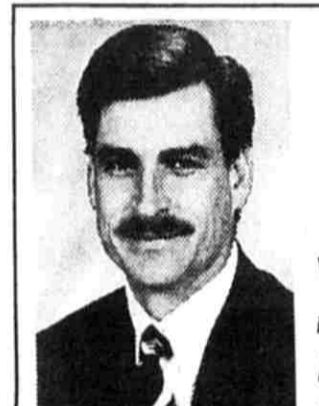
**WED:** Hot dog on bun or hot pretzel & cheese with ham slice, berry applesauce, baby carrots & dip, chocolate pudding.

**THURS:** Chicken sticks & biscuit or beefy burrito with nacho pieces, blueberries with whipped cream, baked beans.

**FRI:** Grilled cheese sandwich with Campbell's mega noodle chicken soup or pork ribBQ on bun, peaches, mixed vegetables.



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**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.

**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 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 meets at a new location: Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

**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, Lowell. 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 time; 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. 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.

**SAT., JAN. 18:** Test for Snowmobile Safety Training, 9 - 12 p.m. at Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd. Questions, call 897-7398.

**TUES., JAN. 21:** Lowell Freestyle sign-ups at Cherry Creek Elementary from 6-8 p.m. Need a photocopy of your birth certificate. Cost: \$65.

**JAN. 23-25:** Friends of the Library "Clean Sweep" Used book sale at Englehardt Library for all ages; great selection. Thurs. 5-8; Fri. 1-5; Sat. 9:30 - 2:30.

**JAN. 30 - FEB. 1:** LAAC/Thebes Players will present "The Glass Menagerie" at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. \$8 general admission; \$6.50 for LAAC members / seniors/ students. Call 897-8545 for times and tickets.

**SAT., FEB. 8:** Family Fly Tying Workshop, 9-noon. Contact Tammy at the Wittenbach Center at 987-1002 to RSVP.

**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

<b>MON.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	<b>THURS.:</b> 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
<b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Bible Study.	<b>FRI.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	
<b>WED., JAN. 15:</b> 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop at Lowell Meijer.	<b>WED., JAN. 22:</b> 12:40 Crispy Creme w/ Bingo.
<b>THURS., JAN. 16:</b> 12:00 p.m. Dance.	<b>FRI., JAN. 24:</b> 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
<b>FRI., JAN. 17:</b> 12:00 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; 12:45 Bingo.	<b>TUES., JAN. 28:</b> 12:45 p.m. Greenville K-Mart & Dollar Store.
<b>MON., JAN. 20:</b> 12:45 p.m. Syl Mosier discussion.	<b>WED., JAN. 29:</b> 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 Shop G.R. Meijer.
<b>TUES., JAN. 21:</b> 7:15 a.m. Breakfast and Music; 12:45 p.m. Malted at the Center.	<b>THURS., JAN. 30:</b> 12:00 p.m. Dance.
	<b>FRI., JAN. 31:</b> 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

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## Active hands, quick feet & Oberlin's touch pace Lowell in wins over Hudsonville and Zeeland

••• Red Arrows improve league record to 3-2 with pair of O-K White victories.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Patience, discipline and defense enabled Lowell to triumph over Hudsonville Friday night in its 54-44 O-K White win over the visiting Eagles.

A game that was more disjointed than fluid saw Red Arrows' patience on offense and footwork on defense send Hudsonville to its sixth loss of the season and fifth straight league defeat.

"We were patient and disciplined with our shot selection," said Lowell boys basketball coach, Jeff McDonald. The result was 19-of-34 from the floor for 55 percent.

The second-year coach was most pleased with his club's defensive effort. "We had good footwork and hands tonight. The boys also moved well laterally. That was missing in our losses to Middleville and Northview," said McDonald.

Lowell, which streaked out to three straight wins before losing three straight, has strung together back-to-back conference wins.

The Red Arrows are now 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the O-K White. With a lucky bounce here or there, McDonald knows his club could be 4-1 or 5-0.

"I knew we would be competitive this year. We were last year, too, but couldn't make any shots," McDonald said. "I think we've been helped by having a number of soccer and football players on the roster. They are both coming off successful seasons and come into the basketball season with expectations. Early wins against Creston and Northern have helped to get the club to believe."

Hudsonville led throughout much of the opening eight minutes, before Lowell closed the gap with a 6-2 run to end the quarter, trailing 13-10.

Lowell's defense held Hudsonville to five second-quarter points as it erased the three-point deficit and built a 24-18 halftime lead.

A similar formula worked in the third quarter as Lowell held the Eagles to seven points while it netted 13, extending its lead to 12 at 37-25.

"We missed a lot of shots that we've been making," said Hudsonville coach, Kevin Wolma. "We've been averaging over 60 points a game. Tonight, we just couldn't get the roll. We also had no one around the glass at the offensive end."

Sam Oberlin led Lowell in scoring with 19 points. "Defensively I thought we did a pretty good job. We made Oberlin work for his points," Wolma explained.

Mike Koster netted 15 for Lowell and Andy McQueen added eight. Brek Trevino led Hudsonville with 11 and Travis Ghent tallied 10.

Lowell 66  
Zeeland 62

Sam Oberlin poured in 38 points on the road in Lowell's final visit to Zeeland as the Red Arrows snapped a three-game losing streak.

Lowell built leads as high as 13 points in the second quarter against the Chix. "We got the lead by giving the ball to Sam. He got on a roll," said Lowell coach, Jeff McDonald.

The junior sank 13 shots from the floor, including four-of-five shooting from the three-point range.

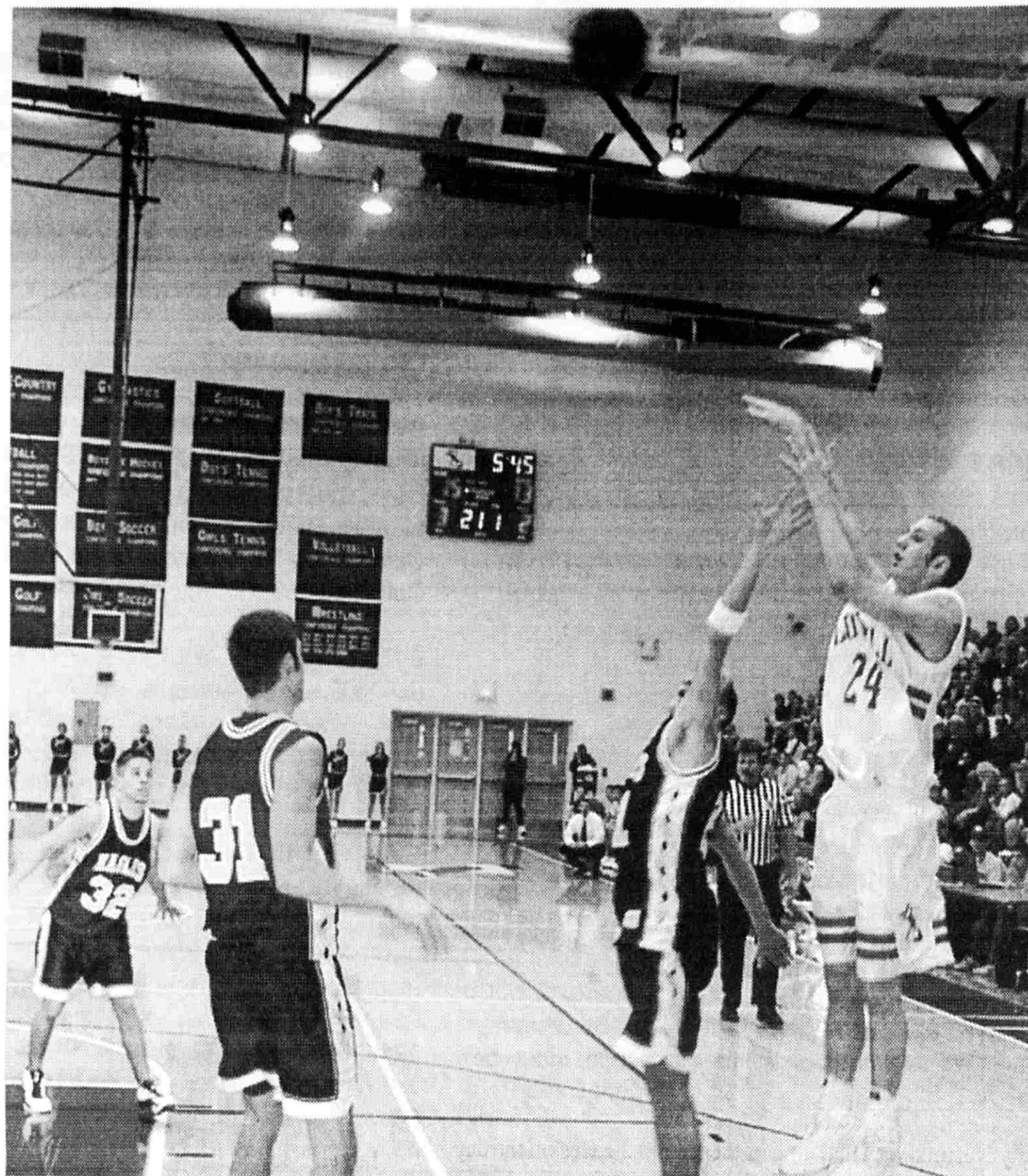
Oberlin fell five points shy of the high school record for most points in a game, held by Chad Dunn - 43 in 1993.

Zeeland made two furious runs at Lowell in the second half.

"We were up 12 and they cut the lead to four (59-55) with less than two minutes to play.

"We were able to hold them off by making our foul shots," McDonald said. "Our defense was not very good. We were heavy foot, not moving well laterally."

Mike Koster tossed in 17 for Lowell while Mark Catlin added 10.



Sam Oberlin, above, scored a game-high 19 points in Lowell's 10-point win over Hudsonville. Oberlin poured in 38 against Zeeland three nights earlier.

Shane Stokes, left, goes inside for two against Hudsonville's big boys.

## Red Arrow girls struggle against Falcons; 5th at Holt

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Holt Invitational offered high school gymnastics' best while authoring happenings of a strange variety.

The athletes which hold the uneven bars to the floor began pulling out, causing tournament officials to cancel the exercise and awarding each team 28 points in the event.

In the floor exercise, Melissa Neubecker's feet were pricked by a nail coming up out of the floor and through the mat.

"It was just a long, strange day," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan.

Lowell left Holt with a fifth-place finish in the 14-team division.

Defending Division I state champions Rochester Adams won the tourney with 141.225 points. The remainder of the top five were Grand Ledge 138.075, Ann Arbor 130.65, Hillsdale 129.65, and Lowell 129.5.

"The girls had a much better day than earlier in the week against East Kentwood," DeHaan said. "With Rochester Adams

competing, the rest of the scores get pushed down because they throw such high caliber tricks and are scoring in the mid to upper nines."

On the vault, Holly Plattner placed fourth overall with a score of 9.3. Krystal White finished with an 8.6 followed by Carmen Datema 8.25 and Jenna Dickerman 8.1.

Neubecker and Rebecca Underwood were the team leaders on the balance beam with scores of 8.55. White finished with a mark of 7.7 and Plattner came off the beam with a score of 7.65.

White's 9.0 was the Red Arrows' top mark in the floor exercise. Plattner scored an 8.9 followed by Neubecker 8.65 and Nicole Gillikin 8.3.

Lowell 128.225  
East Kentwood 98.7

It was far from Lowell's best effort, but it was a winning

effort as the Red Arrows upended the Falcons.

"It just wasn't that good of a night. The girls made numerous mistakes they shouldn't be making. Our routines on the beam (seven falls) were hideous," Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan said. "I told the girls we need to compete at a high level no matter the competition. We did not do that tonight."

Lowell's top four scores on the vault were handed in by Holly Plattner 8.9, Krystal White 8.25, Rebecca Underwood 7.8 and Amanda Rau 7.5.

On the uneven bars, it was White 7.95 and Melissa Neubecker 7.75; Jenna Dickerman, Lynnann Bell and Plattner all scored a 7.55.

On the beam it was Dickerman 8.25, Plattner 7.8, White 7.65 and Nicole Gillikin 6.8.

Plattner was the top gymnast in the floor exercise with a mark of 8.875, followed by White 8.7, Underwood 8.25 and Neubecker and Carmen Datema 8.2.

## Lowell spikers fall in three sets at Portland Invt'l

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It wasn't the result Lowell's volleyball team was looking for, but its caliber of play brought a smile to the face of Red Arrow volleyball coach, Connie Black.

"The girls played extremely well. They played as a team, like they understood the game and what we wanted to accomplish," Black explained. "We won our pool and then played wonderful volleyball in defeating Fowlerville."

Lowell straight set Fowlerville 15-8, 15-8 in the semifinals, advancing to play Ithaca in the finals.

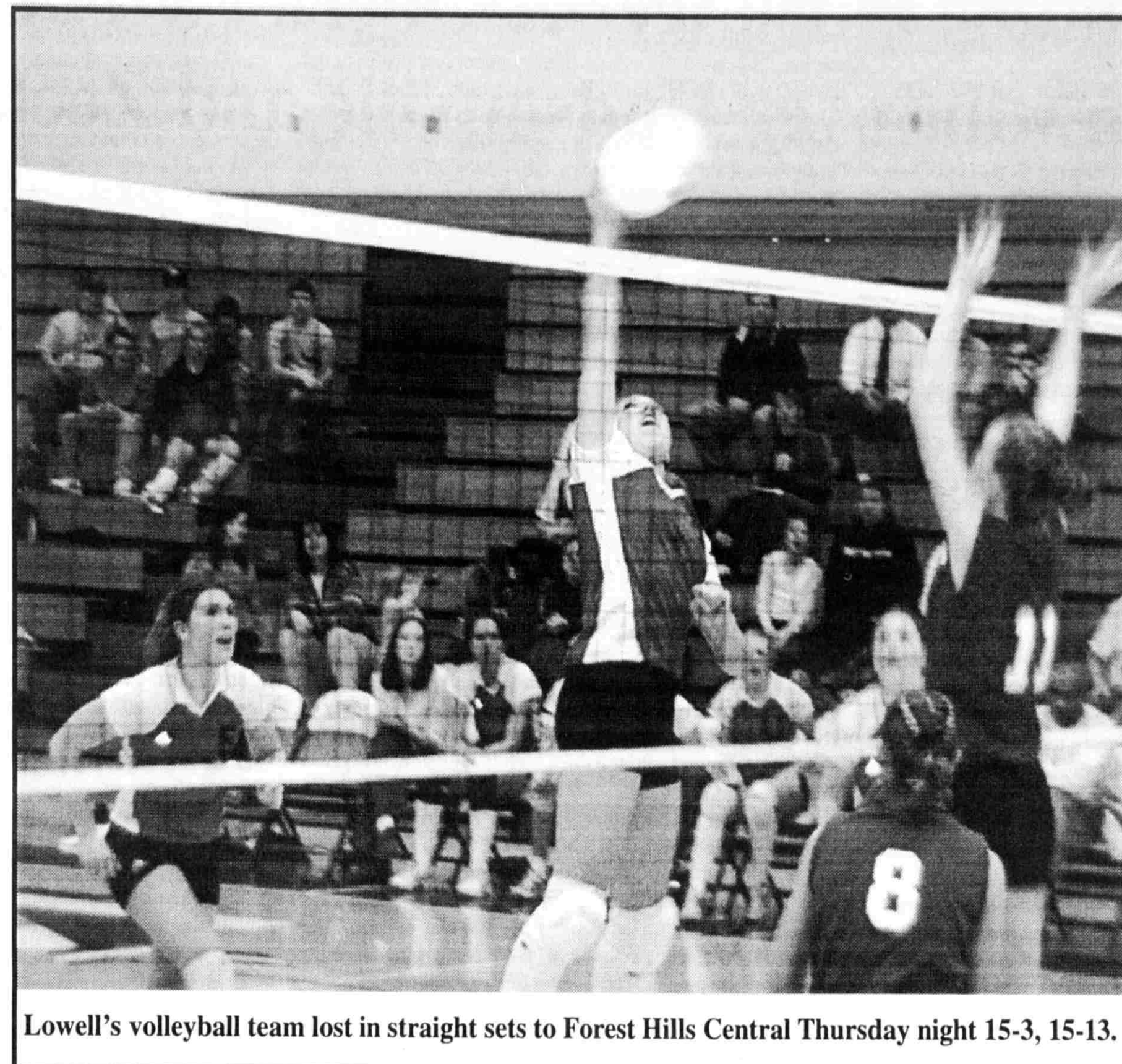
Lowell opened the title game at the Portland Invitational with a 15-3 win but then dropped the second and third games 9-15 and 10-15.

"I don't know if the girls got tired or if they began to look too far ahead after winning the opening game," Black said.

In pool play, Lowell split its six games against Bath (7-15, 15-1), Ionia (12-15, 15-9), and Saranac (9-15, 15-3). The Red Arrows won the pool based on points scored.

"It was a great day. This program is still in the learning stage as far as skills and execution. We need more consistency and to just be more sure of ourselves," said Black.

Katelynn Bush recorded 77 of Lowell's 83 assists while Emily Nurmikko tallied nine of the team's 20 aces on the day. Heather Becker led all Red Arrows with 24 kills. Janelle Gemmell and Courtney Phillips each added 19 on the afternoon.



Lowell's volleyball team lost in straight sets to Forest Hills Central Thursday night 15-3, 15-13.

Lowell's defensive play effort was responsible for 33 blocks.

Forest Hills Central 15-15  
Lowell 3-13

Lowell's volleyball team went from a sure thing to a test

for Forest Hills Central Thursday night.

The Rangers, rated third among area volleyball teams, trailed 3-0 in game one before running off 15 unanswered points.

"The girls came out really pumped," said Lowell volleyball coach, Connie Black. "I think that may have gotten in the way of keeping their composure."

They found it in time for game two, as the Red Arrows battled back from a 12-8 deficit to pull within one at 14-13. Lowell had four serving opportunities to tie the game but was turned away by the Rangers.

"In the past, if we got beat 15-3 in game one, we were beat," Black said. "The girls played with some self-confidence tonight and stood up to the challenge of Forest Hills in game two."

Katelynn Bush led all Red Arrows in assists with 24 while Heather Becker and Janelle Gemmell led the club in kills with five and three respectively.

Becker and Cori Drenth on also had a team-leading four-and-a-half blocks. Gemmell recorded two aces to lead Lowell.

Central coach, Kris Schrottenboer was pleased with the way her young club kept things together in game two.

"I tell them everyday that every team is beatable. If you have a weak moment and the other team plays well, you're going to be tested," Schrottenboer explained. "That's what happened in game two, but we were able to keep things together."

## Division II defending state champions begin to show their stripes at Clinton

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Clinton's individual wrestling tournament has served as a benchmark in Lowell's schedule over recent years.

Saturday was different as the Red Arrows, ranked number one in Division II, won the tournament with 225 points.

Lowell's closest competitor was Carson City-Crystal with 177 points. Tecumseh was third at 135.5, followed by Ida 123.5, Addison 116.5, Clinton 110, Allen Park and Onsted 83.5, Napoleon 78.5, Springport 71, Manchester 53, Michigan Center 51, Quincy 38 and Madison/Sand Creek 26.

"Clinton has been a coming out tourney for us over the years. This is the tournament where we always seem to erupt and begin putting the pieces together," said Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc.

It happened again - Lowell's young wrestlers and those wrestlers who arrived late on the wrestling scene (due to football) had a coming out party of sorts.

Lowell garnered three firsts, three second-place finishes and four thirds.

John Rash, his first wrestling match of the season because of a broken hand he suffered in football, was 3-1 and finished second. Rash entered the tournament unseeded.

The Red Arrow, on his way to the finals, pinned the eighth seed, and decisioned the first and fourth seeds in overtime, before getting pinned in the finals.

"John had a great day and was fun to watch," Strejc explained.

Ryan Esbaugh was 2-2 and placed fourth. "He looked real good and you can see he's beginning to take on that conditioning needed for wrestling. Like many of the others, Ryan is not through improving," Strejc said.

Jason Nearing, 152 pounds, placed third and was 3-1 for the day. "Jason also had an excellent outing. He's really beginning to take shape, and wrestling well," Strejc said.

Finishing the day undefeated and placing first in their weight class were:

Joe Mendez, 112 pounds, as he major decisioned the defending Division IV state champion, Tim Brown from Carson City-Crystal.

Brandon Kinney, 125, 4-0, decisioned Napoleon's Josh Moulton 14-8.

Bobby Gingerich, 145, 4-0, pinned Carson City's Adam Monroe in 3:54 of the second period.

Finishing second were Ryan Dykhouse (171) and David Kropf (119).

Kropf was 3-1 with his only loss coming in the finals to Ida's Clint Frutiger. The Red Arrow was pinned in 3:27 of the second period.

Dykhouse, 2-1, was pinned by Division II state runner-up Christian Sinnott of Allen Park in 2:19 of the finals.

Beau Wilder (130), Kevin Frazier (140), and J.J. Wilder (160) all took third in their respective weight classes.

Pieter Serne, 189, finished sixth.

"We're starting to get our groove and finding our style," Strejc explained. "We have a huge mile marker coming up on Saturday (Gary Rivers Invitational). It may be the toughest we've ever had."

Lowell will be joined by Davison, ranked number one in Division I, and Stevensville-Lakeshore, ranked number three in Division II.

"The dance begins Saturday. Both of those teams are really talented. It should be a dandy," Strejc concluded.

## Lowell boys roll past field at Hudsonville

Minus one of its senior anchors, Lowell boys bowling team rolled on as the Red Arrows rolled past Hudsonville in the Hudsonville Invitational Saturday at Hudsonville Lanes.

Lowell defeated the Eagles in the Baker format finals 361-303.

"They were a little nervous at the start, but settled down and found their shot," said Lowell interim coach, Rocky Eickhoff, filling in for head coach, Dennis Porter.

The Red Arrows ability to settle in after an opening game loss was evident in game two when they ran off five straight strikes to win the game easily 205-134.

Lowell's total pins tournament team score was 4280, followed closely by Hudsonville (maize) 4204 and

honor for the Red Arrows were Eva Geldersma (545), Rachel Nawrocki (542) and

Amanda Eickhoff (541). Lowell's girls finished the week at 1-4 in league play.

## JV spikers continue their winning ways

Lowell's junior varsity volleyball team continued its winning ways as it defeated Forest Hills Central 15-8, 15-10.

Rachel Goeman led the Red Arrows with seven kills while Krista Johnson added six. Katie Baker was the team leader in service points with 12 and in aces with four.

In the East Grand Rapids Invitational, Lowell took first with a 15-7, 15-6 win over FHC in the finals.

Tournament highlights included Devon Collins with 24 saves; Goeman, 21 kills, Johnson 20 kills; Sam Mol 18 kills; and Baker with 16 kills.

Taylor Verdon recorded 76 assists during tournament play.

The team, coached by Gigi Peal, has posted wins this year against Comstock Park, Belding and Northview and claimed championship honors at the Saranac Invitational.

# Increasing number of students brightens focus on development and improvement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With increasing numbers, now more than ever before, school improvement and staff development at Lowell's Unity High School are imperative.

"We have six students on a waiting list for second semester," said Unity High School principal, Marlene Heemstra. Currently there are 75 students enrolled during the day and 20 night class residents.

"We are also finding 20-21 year olds and former Unity High students who did not get their diplomas earlier, coming back for night school so that they can attain their diploma," Heemstra said. "Most are tired of dead-end jobs."

Half of the Unity High School graduates (25) last year went on to college, according to Heemstra.

The school principal, along with Tonya Sandborn, science/life skills instructor, and Darla Palmer, language arts teacher, presented the school improvement and professional development plans to the board of education Monday night.

School improvement objectives include aligning curriculum with state benchmarks, joining the high school staff for its "bully" presentation in February, requiring staff to take part in the 12 hours of Kansas Learning Strategies, and technology.

The goals outlined in the presentation were:

- All students and teachers will increase their skills and usage of technology in their classes.
- Promote a more positive culture and integrate district-wide character/diversity education into the curriculum.
- All students will participate in School-to-Career/ school activities.

- Increase experimental activities.

- Review, develop, align, and implement curriculum to meet MEAP objectives and state standards.
- Development strategies to promote success for all students in school, on the MEAP and in the workplace.

"Our biggest challenge is to obtain the right material for our students so that they can be successful," Heemstra said. As an example, the principal pointed to obtain the school's very successful accelerated math program which addresses each student's individual needs.

"Our students are very much right brained kids - math is difficult for them. We had a student enter Unity High with his math skills at the fourth-grade level. He was only with us for a little over a year, but when he left he had an eighth-grade math skill level," Heemstra concluded. "This is an example of how the right learning materials can make a difference."

# Lowell skates past Ottawa; falls short against Northern

There is a popular saying, "What a difference a day makes." For the Lowell/Caledonia hockey team it was "what a difference a period makes."

In a fast-paced hard hitting first period, the Lowell icers found themselves on the short end of a 3-0 score against the West Ottawa Panthers before rallying to a 6-4 win.

The Panthers jumped out to an early lead when a hard slap shot took a tricky bounce and handcuffed Red Arrow goalie, Dave Maylone, at just 4 minutes into the first period. The home team then got into penalty trouble and the Panthers wasted little time in adding two power-play goals to their side of the ledger.

They got new life when Josh John found a loose puck in front of the Panthers' net and banged it home. Assists went to brother Brandon and Chad Rau.

The home team again got into penalty trouble but the outcome was a bit different this time as the hustle of winger, Kraig Brown paid big dividends. Brown scored his first shorthanded goal when he stole a Panther pass at mid-ice, skated in on the goal and beat the goalie with a high wrist shot. Just three minutes later, Lowell's Ted McCoy scored on a feed across the goal mouth by Corey Kelly to tie the score at 3-3.

Defenseman Brandon Gillikin was also credited with an assist on the play. The arena really started rocking when Brown, killing off another Lowell penalty, picked up a stray Panther pass, skated over the blue line and ripped a low slap shot past a dazed Panther goalie. The second period came to an end with Lowell on top, and a vocal student cheering section still standing and whooping it up. West Ottawa tied the game 4-4, at three minutes into the third period while on a five-on-three power play.

It was after this Panther goal that Red Arrow goalie, Maylone slammed the door shut on the visitors, while the offense again came to life. With eight minutes to go in the game, the "Caledonia Connection" did it again. Kelly controlled the puck behind the Panther net and was able to find McCoy out in front. With two Panthers hanging on him McCoy was still able to get off a shot that found the back of the net.

Lowell added an insurance goal with two minutes to go in the game. Kelly hit Brown, who was streaking up the middle. Brown split the defenders, skated in, and beat the goalie with a low snap shot for the "hat trick", his third goal of the game. Lowell's next action will be on Jan. 17 when it hosts the Kalamazoo Blades.

The visiting Lowell hockey team lost a hard-fought game to Forest Hills Northern by a score of 5-4 Friday night at Standard Federal Ice Arena.

The Huskies scored first just five minutes into the opening

period. The Lowell icers had some good opportunities but couldn't find the mark.

The end-to-end action heated up with the Red Arrows throwing their weight around and getting the better of their opponents in the checking aspect of the game. The roof fell in mid-way through the first period when the Huskies scored twice, just 50 seconds apart to jump out to a 3-0 lead.

The "Caledonia Connection" got things going. Ted McCoy passed the puck out in front of the Husky goal; an airborne Corey Kelly got enough of his stick on the puck to deflect it into the goal.

With the first period coming to a close, Lowell struck again. Red Arrow player, Josh John scored on a nice passing combination from McCoy and Eric Austin. The first period came to an end with the Red Arrows on the short end of a 3-2 score.

Forest Hills Northern struck first in the second period when net minder, Dave Maylone lost sight of the puck in a mad scramble in front of the net. Josh John got his second goal of the night when a Husky player was whistled off for a roughing infraction.

With the Lowell icers on the power play, McCoy passed to Pat McMahon, who found Josh John breaking to the net. John quickly one-timed the pass past the outstretched Husky goaltender. Lowell kept the pressure up but could not find the equalizer. Northern struck next to go out in front 5-3.

Things got real interesting when Lowell closed the gap to one with just two minutes to go in the game. Brandon John teamed up with his brother Josh and McCoy to score a power play goal. The Red Arrows pulled goaltender Maylone for the extra attacker but were unable to find the elusive tying goal. Maylone turned in a strong game turning away 32 Huskie shots, while the Northern goaltender made 17 saves.

## NOTICE OF MEETING FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SMALL URBAN PROGRAM LOWELL AREA

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Englehardt Public Library Community Room (200 North Monroe Street) to receive comments on eligible street improvement projects in the Lowell area for the Federal Surface Transportation Program allocated to the Small Urban Program.

Road and transit projects are eligible for funding under the Small Urban Program. All road projects must be located on the Federal-aid highway system, and within the federal urban area boundaries of cities within 5,000 to 50,000 populations. Projects must be consistent with regional land use and development plans.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is accepting Small Urban Program project applications for the years 2004 and 2005. An application from the Lowell area will be submitted after the public meeting and in consultation with transportation agencies.

If there are any questions, please contact David M. Pasquale, City Manager at 897-8457 or write to 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Written comments prior to the meeting will be accepted.



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