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No shrinking of gap between school board & LEA

"You were entrusted by the citizens of this community not to save [money], but to spend it wisely," -

- Jim Boerma, MEA representative

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

There is a definite gap between what the unions of Lowell Area Schools want and what the Lowell Board of Education is willing to accept. And from the sounds of it, that gap doesn't seem to be closing much.

During the public comment session of the school board meeting, several teachers got up and questioned the board on who was influencing the district, stating that the teachers and support staff were being offered a raw deal. "Moral wisdom needs to be followed to resolve this unholy dispute," said teacher Jack Misner, who said he believed the board was heading down the same path as in 1993—creating a situation of distrust among the community and the teachers.

Teacher and Lowell resident, Jack Ogle said he sees a "blatant disrespect" for the teachers and staff in Lowell who have worked hard to build a strong school program

that has helped to attract people to Lowell. "I hate to see what we have all built together become a problem," Ogle said.

Teacher Laurie Summerfield said she believes there is a misconception that the teachers want to strike, which is not true. She works with people every day who are hoping a resolution is made and contract finalized. The board said it wanted to resolve the contract problems as well, but such issues as rising health care insurance and non-growing state aid grants have put the district in a financial crunch. "I've received calls from people who haven't received raises this year, or last year, in the past couple of years, and some who don't have a job anymore," said board trustee, Kate Dernocoeur. "I'm hearing those people too."

Board president, Nancy Hopkins said that it is an un-

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The LEA and the Lowell Education Support Personnel Association had an informational picket Monday night before the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meeting. Many of the staff then sat in on the meeting where a negotiations update was made.

Museum thanks city residents with free admission

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

To thank the Lowell city residents for passing a millage to cover its operational costs, the Lowell Area Historical Museum will offer a free admission day once a month.

City residents will be able to visit the museum for free on the first Thursday of every month starting in October. Museum hours are 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

"The Board of Directors has been discussing what we could do to thank the residents for their support and we came up with the idea of a free admission day," said museum executive director, Judy Straub.

The original idea was to have the day on the first Tuesday of the month, but Mayor Jeanne Shores requested it be switched to Thursday.

"I felt with the evening hours it would give more residents a chance to visit the

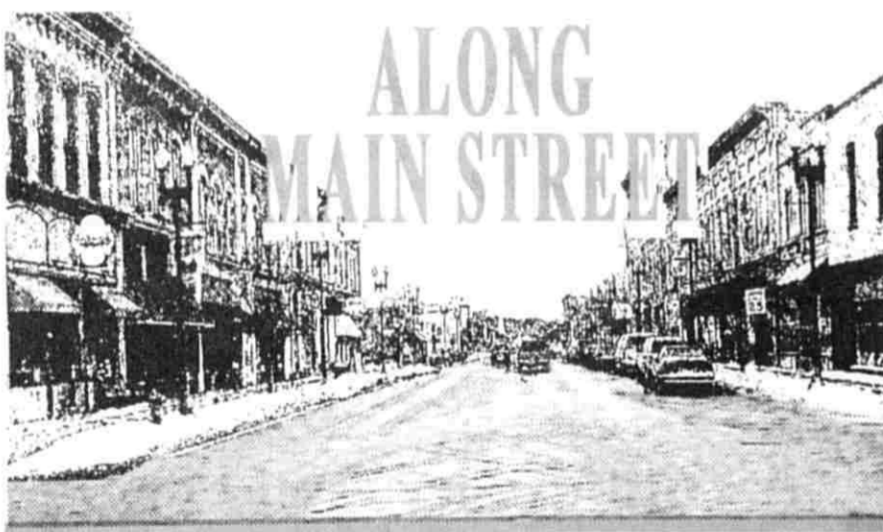
museum," Shores explained. If the day were on Tuesday with the museum closing at 4 p.m., this would eliminate those working from having a chance to visit, Shores said.

"This says, 'Come see our museum,'" Shores said, adding that city residents could get home from work and then walk to the museum for a tour.

Straub said she took the request back to her board which agreed to change the free day to Thursday.

Last year, to assure it had the proper operational funding, the museum sought and received a millage dedicated to its costs, thus relieving the city budget of financial contributions to the project. At the time, the city had considered cutting its financial contributions to help trim the budget.

In return, the city council asked if there was something the museum could do for Lowell city residents, this resulted in a free admission day.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE

The Lowell athletic office will be selling tickets to the 7 p.m. varsity football game between Lowell and East Grand Rapids on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$4.

ICELANDIC HORSES COMING TO LOWELL

The Great Icelandic Horse Fair will be conducting a riding clinic at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds Sept. 12-14 (Fri. & Sat., 9-4 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.). The riding clinic is open to Icelandic horses only and is not a public event. Anyone wanting to see the horses may stop by the barns and talk with the Icelanders and Icelandic horse owners, however, watching the clinicians in class is not permitted. For information call Kathy at 891-9734 or log on to the website at www.icelandiconsonice.com

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City Council grabbles with how to handle needed road repairs

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

When you slice up a pie, it doesn't really matter how you do it - there is only so much pie available no matter how many people you have to feed.

The Lowell City Council is faced with that same situation as it tries to slice up the pie of money to cover what seems to be an ever increasing number of road repairs.

They all agree that pointing fingers at how this started is rather pointless since some

30 years ago the powers-to-be decided to resurface all the roads in the city. Now, almost all of these roads are showing signs of needing resurfacing, repairs and improvement—the problem being that the city is starting to run out of pie.

"We do not have enough money to take care of all of our streets," said city manager, David Pasquale, "unless you bring in a new source of revenue."

Realizing it didn't have enough time to go through

everything on the street repair issue, the council decided to set a special meeting to discuss what direction to go in and build a plan of action.

That special meeting has been set for Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall offices.

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OBITUARIES

DENHERTOG - Arvena Alice DenHertog, aged 71, passed away September 2, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband John. Mrs. DenHertog is survived by her sisters Marilu Lasby, Joyce and Duane Crawford; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Saturday at Metron of Forest Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

EWING - Helen M. Ewing died on September 2, 2003 in San Antonio, Texas, at Brighton Gardens where she spent the last three years of her life. Helen will be remembered for her devotion to her family, and she will be missed

and James Baldwin, Sarah and Marie of Dallas, Martha and Gordon Smith, Helen and Graham of San Antonio; Pamela Susan Kay and her son Dillon of Playa del Rey, Calif.; Karen and David Smith and Ella of St. Charles, Ill.; Glenda Boughan of Elk Grove, Ill.; and her grandson Scott Attwood Norris of Grand Rapids. Helen is also survived by a great niece Shawn Jones and husband Christopher of Lowell and by a nephew Anton and Lynn Atkinson and family of Marathon Shores, Fla. Helen was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth and Thomas J. Whinery. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 in the Chapel at Mayflower Congregational Church, 2345 Robinson Rd., SE. Internment has taken place at Graceland Memorial Park, Grand Rapids. Memorial gifts honoring Helen's life will be received with gratitude by the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 215 Sheldon Blvd. SE 49503; The Attwood Fund at Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 209-C Waters Bldg., 161 Ottawa Ave. NW 49503; and Mayflower Congregational Church, 2345 Robinson Rd. 49506.

COLLEGE NEWS

Lauren Vashaw, a Denison University first-year student, is among those named as winners of Alumni Awards.

Vashaw, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Elaine and Scott Vashaw of Grand Rapids.

Denison's Alumni Award provides 25 percent of tuition and is renewable for four years if the student achieves and maintains a stipulated grade point average. The grant is awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding leadership both inside and outside the classroom.

Denison University, located in Granville, Ohio, is a privately supported coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with some 2,100 full-time undergraduate students.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **JAMES JAY HOEKSEMA**, who lived at 547 Cherry St. SE, Apt. #7B, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 02/13/2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to **DELORES FEENSTRA**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at KENT COUNTY PROBATE COURT, 180 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

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Building fees increase for the first time in 10 years

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Those planning building projects can expect to pay a little more on inspection fees.

At its Monday night council meeting, the Lowell City Council approved a rate increase for the building fees, the first in 10 or more years, according to Doug Hopkins, the city's building inspector who works for Imperial Municipal Services.

Hopkins said IMS took over as building inspector in 1991, when the fees were \$30 for the base rate which covered any building valued at up to \$1,000. Projects over \$1,000 up to \$10,000 paid \$30

plus a dollar for every \$100 over \$1,000. Larger projects over \$10,000 paid a fee of \$120 plus \$2 for every \$1,000 over \$10,000.

Those fees have not changed in the last 12 years. In a letter to the city, Hopkins said he served as the building inspector for the past 10 years and has enjoyed watching the city grow. During that time, wages, health care, gas, insurance, postage and continued education has continued to climb, he said.

IMS has tried to keep its costs down and it has been a challenge to do so in the past three years, he said.

IMS proposed that the

base rate go up \$20 to \$50 for the first \$1,000. Projects over \$1,000 up to \$10,000 would pay the new base rate of \$50 plus \$1 for each \$100 over a \$1,000. Buildings over \$10,000 would see an increase of \$20 to \$140 for the base rate plus a dollar increase to \$3 per every \$1,000 over \$10,000.

So a building project valued at \$12,000 would have a fee of \$51 under the new rates. A project valued at \$20,000 would be \$170.

Hopkins did provide a comparison to other local municipalities. A project valued at \$150,000 would have a fee of \$560 under the new rates. In Lowell Charter Township the fee would be \$400 while

in Courtland Township, it would be \$560. IMS currently serves as building inspector for both those communities.

"When you figure it out, it is about a 66 percent increase," said councilman Chuck

Myers. "However, I don't think the proposed rates are unreasonable."

The rest of the council agreed, especially since the rates have not increased in some time and, with that, the

council approved the rate increase 4-0. Councilman Mike Blough was absent.

Of the fee charged, the city receives five percent for administrative costs with the rest going straight to IMS.

Hazardous waste disposal Sept. 13

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

What do glues, oven cleaners, insect sprays, car batteries, pool chemicals, and lighter fluid have in common? They are all considered hazardous waste and for those looking to dispose of such items, the Kent County Department of Public Works will

be hosting a Hazardous Waste Day in Lowell this Saturday, Sept. 13.

Area residents are encouraged to call Kathy Babins at 336-3695 to set up an appointment to bring their hazardous waste to the Lowell Public Works Department, located on S. Hudson. Appointments are required to drop off any hazardous materials. If you are uncertain if what you have is hazardous, you can contact the Kent County Department of Public Works for a complete list.

Hazardous household

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A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, **JOSEPH HOWARD BROWN** at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Sept. 3, 2003

NANARUTH H. CARPENTER
Judge

LEGAL NOTICES

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ORDER FOR SERVICE
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NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE N. 03-06540-DO

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids are being accepted by the Lowell Charter Township for the Barrier-free upgrades to the Lowell Township Charter Offices located at 2910 Alden Nash Ave. S. E. Lowell, Michigan.

The Lowell Charter Township requests that general contractors submit a bid to complete the work as described in the Construction Documents. Bids shall be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, October 2, 2003, at the Lowell Charter Township Offices. Offices located at 2910 Alden Nash Ave. S.E. Lowell, Michigan. The bids will be publicly opened at that time.

This project is supported with federal funds; therefore, Davis Bacon Act (Federal Prevailing Wage) requirements and executive order 11246 (Federal Equal Opportunity Provisions) apply. Bidders are encouraged to provide opportunities to the Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) goals as explained in the M/WBE policy and guidelines enclosed.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the following places:

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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546
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Construction drawings and specifications may be obtained by General Contractors from the Lowell Charter Township Offices (616) 897-7600.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Dr. Roger LaWarre
First Congregational Church

You and I have been reading about the removal of the Ten Commandments from the front entrance of the Hall of Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. We have seen and heard the protests from members of the Christian Community and we may have even taken sides on whether the monument bearing the Ten Commandments should stay or go. Be that as it may.

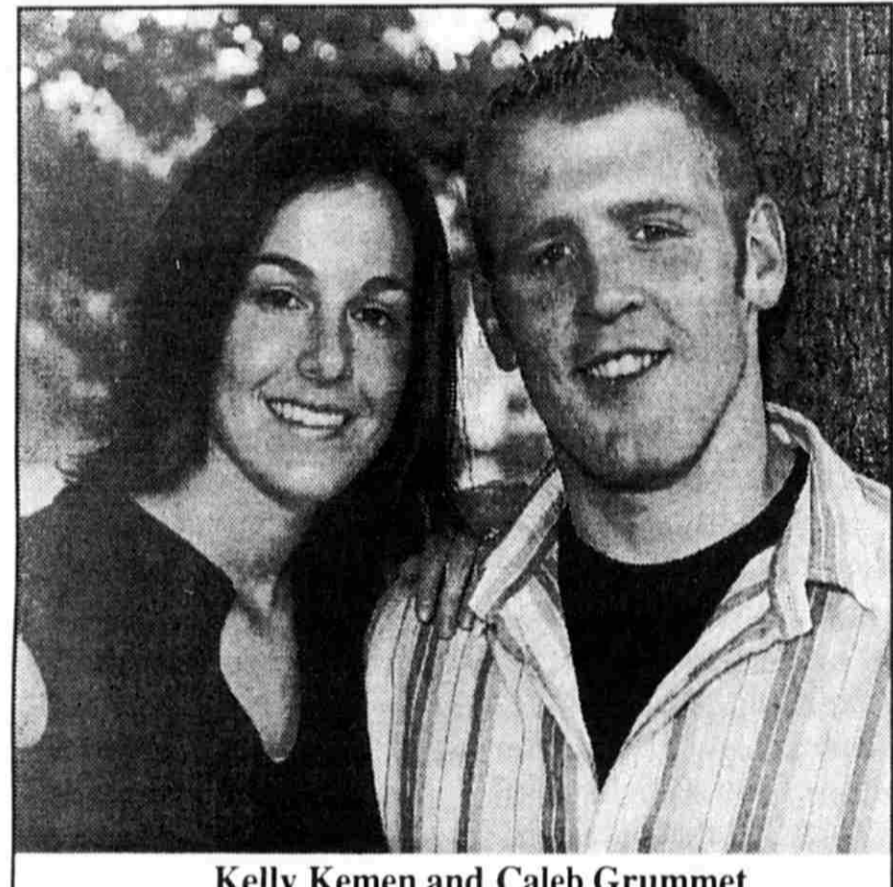
The unfortunate part of this entire debate has nothing to do with the importance of or the truth embodied in the Ten Commandments. We who follow the teachings of scripture and seek to live our life by Biblical precepts acknowledge without doubt the importance of these Commandments. We further recognize that the Ten Commandments are not greater than one's commitment to "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind." And to take this Love (Agape) one step further and to "... love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Scripture found in Matthew 22:34-40)

We know that if people live the laws of love, that which is in the Ten Commandments will also be lived. It is our faithfulness in living true love, as taught in scripture, that brings the Ten Commandments alive. Touting the Ten Commandments, however, does not bring love alive. Therein lies the issue.

Our forefathers who framed the Constitution and the Bill of Rights came from experiences where Church and State were so intermingled that boundaries were blurred, freedom to practice religion was hampered and corruption in both church and in state were the consequences. They recognized that maintaining that separation is crucial to the ability of Christian people to live and practice their faith. It is crucial to bringing our country to the practice of true justice and the living of true Peace, to recognize the saving grace and forgiveness of God - the source of which is the Love that comes only from God. Jesus recognized that Love was far greater than law, far greater than the decalogue.

We, the American religious community, on the other hand, seem to have been lulled into an unholly presumptuousness that believes that monuments and pictures in public places have the power to change people's lives and keep our country religious and wholesome. Yet, these same pictures and monuments have not prevented the Christian Church from fighting and dividing the Body of Christ. Perhaps we need to become as fervent in our building on Love as we seem to be in protecting tradition and monuments. What do you think?

ENGAGEMENTS



Kelly Kemen and Caleb Grummet

Kelly Kemen and Caleb Grummet, both of Lowell, are happy to announce their engagement.

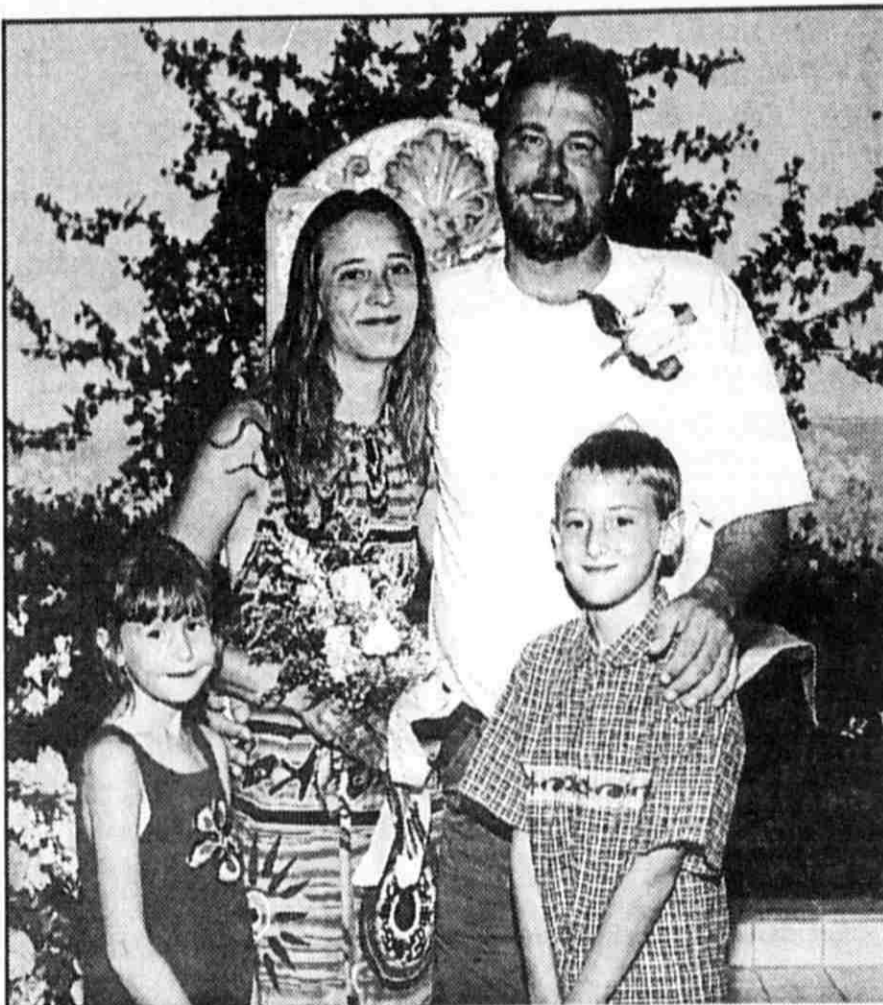
The bride to be is a Lowell High School graduate. She is currently attending Jackson Community College, studying to become an ultrasound technician. She is the

daughter of Mike and Pat Kemen of Lowell.

The future groom is a Lowell High School graduate, presently attending GRCC in their unique and refreshing style of gospel music, they travel preaching and singing the Gospel.

An October 18, 2003 wedding is planned.

VOWS SPOKEN



Logan Michael Lukasiewicz, Casey Rose Cahoon and Tess became a family when their parents, Kimberly Kasza Lukasiewicz and Roger Donald Cahoon were wed on August 17, 2003.

Gospel singers perform at Elmdale Church

A special service featuring the Linds and their gospel music will be held at the Elmdale Church on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

Russ Lind, an ordained minister and his wife Sharon are national recording artists and songwriters with BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.) in Nashville, Tenn. From the Jacksonville, Fla., area, they are in full-time ministry. With their unique and refreshing style of gospel music, they travel preaching and singing the Gospel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 4: Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle.

SEPTEMBER 5: Barb Vezino, Kohlton Scott Clouser.

SEPTEMBER 6: Brian Haan, Mitch Mercer.

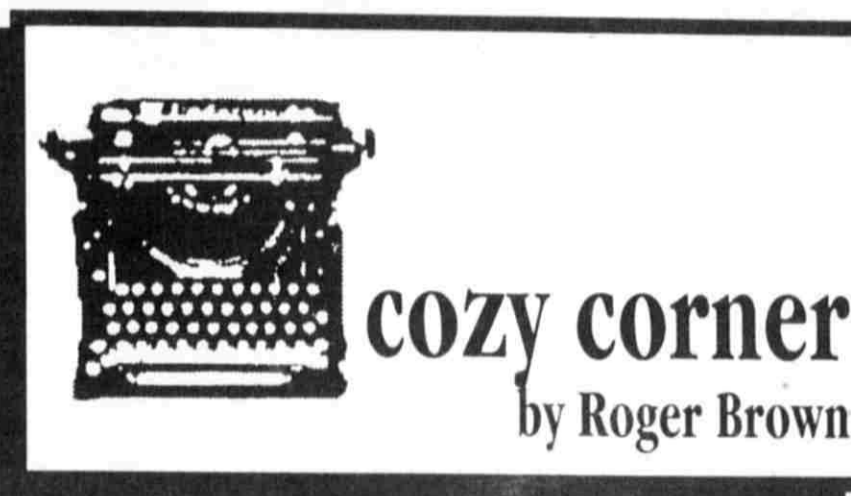
SEPTEMBER 7: Chuck Barnes, MacKenzie VanDerWarf, Gloria Morris.

SEPTEMBER 8: Wilma Fairchild, Teresa Kenney.

SEPTEMBER 9: Sarah Schalow, Amy Cook, Allison Mahalic, Linda Morrison, Charles Gee.

SEPTEMBER 10: Brecken Hendrick, Chris Gerard.

Viewpoint



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

"Camaraderie"... Webster's says it means a friendly feeling and goodwill among comrades. I'm going out on the limb of political incorrectness and suggest it's more of a "guy thing." Camaraderie is what we're looking for in bowling leagues, golf outings, fraternal organizations, sports bars and, of course, deer camp.

Over the years I have sought camaraderie in all the above... plus a few. These days my principal source of camaraderie is a group of guys who own and fly antique Stearman biplanes. There are about a dozen of us here in Michigan who try to get together a few times over the course of the summer flying season. The capper is the annual trek to Galesburg, Illinois for the National Stearman fly-in. It is held the week following Labor Day. This year there were 129 planes registered from 32 states. I counted ten from Michigan.

As I reflect on the week's activities, I've come to the conclusion that camaraderie boils down to ridicule, pranks, derision, jabs and jokes. A thick skin and ready smile are required to hang with this group. Here a few examples.

Two years ago, a couple members of our group were taking the shortest take-off competition a little too seriously. They deliberately flew until very low on fuel, so they would be extra light. While they were at the pre-competition briefing, a phantom fueller topped off their airplanes. The victims were not pleased which, needless to say, made the prank that much better. The culprits were never really identified, making the joke better still. Don't you just love this camaraderie?

One of the victims from two years ago won the competition this year. He received his trophy at the awards banquet. When he returned to our table, trophy in hand, I told him, "You probably would have won that thing two years ago if it weren't for your fuel problem."

He understood the comment to be the veiled admission of

guilt it was intended to be. "You better watch your six," he said. (Pilots refer to the area around the airplane as if it were a clock. The six o'clock position is behind you.) "Have been for two years," I said. The two-year-old prank will get more legs when they eventually get even with me.

Another example involves a stubborn propeller. A small group was chatting in the shade of one of the airplanes. One of the pilots moved the plane's propeller to the horizontal position where it is less likely someone will walk into it. Unfortunately, he moved it on a compression stroke, and the prop didn't want to stay where he put it. When it moved back to its original position, it hit the safety conscious do-gooder on top of his head. The blow wasn't severe, but it knocked him down, dazed him and left a nasty gash in his scalp.

The incident was the subject of endless jokes, but the best came over breakfast the following day. (All meals include lots of well-worn stories. "Hangar flying" is the common term for this banter.)

Someone told a story about a friend of the group, absent from the gathering. The subject of the story had prop-started an antique 65-horsepower Aeronca Chief he borrows on occasion. When he removed the chocks, the little airplane taxied into a storage shed, severely damaging the airplane and the building.

The person telling the story said the prop chopped right through two-by-sixes. At that point someone broke in with, "Too bad Bill (the pilot with a gash in his scalp) wasn't there, he could have stopped it with his head." There is no mercy in this group.

At the awards banquet they always give plaques to the youngest and the oldest pilots at the fly-in. This year, the "oldest" award went to one of our group. The recipient is young and sprightly for his age, but the calendar says he is 76 years old. He flies and maintains a beautifully restored Stearman in Army colors. He is old enough to have trained in one during WWII... quite an accomplishment. There wasn't a pilot in the room who wasn't thinking to themselves, "I hope I'm still flying when I'm his age."

Nevertheless, winning the "oldest" award is obviously a wide open opportunity for ridicule.

My airplane is always in the running for the "Stearman Most in Need of Restoration" award. Its condition is a standing joke in the group. When the "oldest pilot" returned to the table with his award, I began taking mock bets on which would last longer, the old pilot or my airplane. There was laughter all around as the brunt of the joke communicated with me digitally.

That's how camaraderie works in our group. We give meaning to the old line, "With friends like these, who needs enemies?"



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 11, 1878

Mrs. C. W. Campbell left some very nice plums at the Journal office last week.

J.C. Train's building on the bridge is being fitted up for a boot and shoe store.

The "Queen Esther" cantata given at Music Hall was "deficient" Friday night, probably owing to very hot weather. Saturday night it was cooler, and a better performance.

The editor dwells on the weaknesses of the National Greenback party here, in the state and nationally.

The state agriculture board reduces wages of students working on the agricultural college farm from 10 to eight cents an hour.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 10, 1903

The man shot last week after a saloon dustup is worse, and has been moved to a private home. Dr. McDannell thinks the bullet punctured a lung.

The Central school building has a new steel roof. Lowell evaporators have already begun to take apples.

The editor and family will take their annual vacation after this issue, to Mackinaw and Manitowish.

Council votes the village band director a small salary.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 13, 1928 (1923)

There are no microfilms of the Lowell Ledger between May 24, 1928 and November 15, 1928. We'll fill in with columns from 1998 and give you "80 Years the Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo."

The Lowell Sand & Gravel Co., begun with high hopes, petitions for dissolution after large amounts of clay make mining the 331 acres unprofitable.

Kent County rural schools show 15 percent to 50 percent increase in attendance; 25 more teachers are hired.

The Ledger's linotype machine is up and running again, so hand-set type is again a thing of the past.

Henry Bank buys a rooming house in Ann Arbor and will move there so their three younger children will have the advantage of a university education.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 10, 1953

The gypsy queen who offers to bless women's purses tried once in Lowell, was turned down, and left town. She is reported to have relieved a Grand Rapids woman of \$400.

The long Labor Day weekend results in only one disorderly conduct and five speeding tickets.

Cascade has its first parade in memory, to dedicate the new flagpole at the MacDonald-Osmer Post, American Legion.

Michigan Department of Conservation publishes the hours of daylight in seven zones across the state that migratory birds may be hunted in October and November.

The new Aero Willys (that's a car) gets 35 miles per gallon, says Sawyer Sales west of town.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 13, 1978

A shooting spree in Lowell by a Saranac man in a stolen car sends county deputy Pat McCullough to the hospital, involves a high-speed car chase and a countywide manhunt before the trigger-happy man is caught.

Cumberland Manor is now finished and ready for occupancy, filling the gap between Cherry Creek total care and Schneider Manor independent living for seniors.

The windstorm-wrecked Robert E. Lee has a grand Dixieland-style funeral with parade and marching bands.

"Salmon Fever" takes over as fishermen converge on Michigan rivers, lakes and bays for Coho and Chinook averaging 25 pounds.

Norton Louis Avery continues his "Pictures to Live With" series, analyzing techniques for making artistic photographs.

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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



PROFESSIONAL WALLEYE TRAIL

The Bays de Noc were the sixth stop on a seven event season for the Professional Walleye Trail tour. Escanaba, Mich., was headquarters for the Lowrance/Lund North Central Pro-Am tournament held on Aug. 22, 23 and 24. There were 130 professional walleye anglers and their amateur partners vying for over \$300,000 in cash and prizes.

The tournament at Escanaba presented some special challenges. The wind suddenly changed direction at the beginning of the first day of the scheduled three-day event. The strong north wind caused fish to scatter, so anglers who had located fish prior to the tournament had to look elsewhere. As a result, many boats arrived at the weigh-in with no fish or less than the five-fish limit. Andy Kuffer of Fair Haven, Mich., and his amateur partner came in with a five-fish limit that weighed 27 plus pounds, one of which tipped the scales at nine pounds.

On the second day, the north wind let up early and by afternoon had again turned back to the south. State fishing regulations in the area allow an angler to keep only one fish over 23 inches and make up the remainder of the five-fish limit with 15-23 inch fish. A good number of large fish were weighed in, but most of the fishermen who caught them had problems finding smaller 15-23 inch slot fish to make a tournament limit of five fish per boat.

The third day dawned with threatening storm clouds replete with lightning and the promise of 35-mile per hour south winds. Tournament officials wisely called off the last day of competition, so anglers in leading positions on day two became instant winners. The 20-foot walleye boats with big horsepower would handle the rough water in Little Bay, but with cash, prizes, and points at stake, you can bet these guys would run the 35 miles south to open water to catch the bigger fish there. Kuffer won first place with over 47 pounds of walleyes and drove home with \$30,000 in cash, a 20-foot Lund with a 225 h.p. Mercury attached and a bunch of other stuff.

The pros must plan on coming back to Escanaba some day because there was little talk on stage about where and how they caught their walleyes. Two lessons could be learned from this

tournament: One - never go out in dangerous weather; the other - that because all the fish were returned unharmed into the bay, there are a lot of big walleyes roaming the flats and reefs up there.

Points are awarded for placing in the first six tournaments. Anglers with enough points qualify for a spot in the \$1.6 million Mercury Championship event to be held at Houghton/Hancock on the Upper Peninsula's Keweenaw Peninsula Sept. 12-14. Only 40 pros made the cut for this contest.

Fishing the water in and around the Portage Ship Channel will be a new experience for the majority of the contestants. It will be interesting to see what they find there and where. If it turns out to be good walleye fishing, I will add The Keweenaw to my list of walleye destinations. It is a great place to spend time because the area has spectacular scenery and a rich history.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

We live in a society that chooses to invest 90 million dollars in an 18 year old to sell shoes, yet lacks the moral courage to provide nurses a living wage.

We live in a society that enjoys unlimited resources for our entertainments, yet lacks the moral wisdom to invest in all children.

In 1993, the Lowell Area Schools board of education mistakenly informed our community that a five-hour school day was necessary due to budget, when it clearly was not. Parents responded by attending board meeting after board meeting demanding facts until the board eventually rescinded their claims and our community was given back what it had already paid for through their taxes. It took years for our board to regain the trust lost by employing that unnecessary strategy. That was eventually accomplished by the moral and educational leadership of Bert Bleke and the sound financial counsel of Connie Gillette. I believe that this board is making the same mistake, driven by a strategy that originates from outside our community.

Standards and Pools rates Lowell Area Schools educationally superior while enjoying low per pupil funding. This fact of quality and efficiency demands to be considered during these current negotiations.

Our fund equity demonstrates no current financial crises and most area boards have negotiated equitable agreements.

The leadership must be found to exercise the moral wisdom and courage in resolving this unnecessary dispute.

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City cleans up language on building code

No, you won't be able to count your bathrooms, closet or hallways as living space.

That is, according to the revisions to the city's ordinance that redefines, in an attempt to clarify, what can be counted as dwelling floor area (DFA) and what cannot.

Doug Hopkins, building inspector, said under the new rules, spaces such as garages or closets are not areas where people would live, sleep, eat, or cook, and would therefore not be counted as dwelling floor area.

The change does not alter the residential district's square foot requirements. It states that the dwelling floor area is 1,500 square feet.

The ordinance then goes on to state that single- and two-family dwellings can

have 1,000 square feet DFA per unit with 700 square feet DFA per unit on the ground floor. Two-family dwellings would have 1,000 square feet DFA with 700 square feet DFA on the ground floor per unit. Multiple-family dwellings would have 500 square feet plus 150 square feet per bedroom DFA per unit.

Planning commission chair, Clark Jahnke told the city council at its August meeting that the main purpose of the ordinance was to clarify some issues for builders and residents, and put the city's ordinance in line with the building code.

After public hearing time in which no comments were received, the council unanimously approved the changes.

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The Lowell Music Boosters will have a meeting on Monday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School Band Room.

CUB SCOUT RECRUITING FUN DAY

The Lowell area Cub Scouts and Alto area Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will have four hours of fun - mini golf, roller skating and bowling on Sept. 20 from 2-6 p.m. at Roll-Away Family Fun Center. Free for new recruits. Call Gary Liu at 248-9603 for more information.

LOOKING FOR ARTISTS: "SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY"

Lowell Area Arts Council is looking for artists in the Greater Lowell area (15 mile radius); also members or volunteers of the LAAC, to exhibit their artwork in the holiday art show, "Sleigh Bells and Holly" (Nov. 13 - Dec. 23). Application deadline: Sept. 15. Call 897-8545.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

The shelves are empty! The Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry needs donations of nonperishable food items (especially peanut butter and spaghetti sauce).

ICELANDIC HORSES COMING TO LOWELL

The Great Icelandic Horse Fair will be conducting a riding

clinic at the Kent County Fairgrounds Sept. 12-14 (Fri. & Sat., 9-4 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.). The riding clinic is open to Icelandic horses only and is not a public event. Anyone wanting to see the horses may stop by the barns and talk with Icelandic horse owners, however, watching the clinicians in class is not permitted. For more information call Kathy at 891-9734 or log on to the website at www.icelandicsonline.com

CLASS OF 1978 REUNION

The Lowell Class of 1978 is inviting the class of 1977 to its 25th reunion on Oct. 4 at Double R Ranch. Cost: \$20 includes dinner at 6 p.m.; or \$10 if you come after 7:30. Please call Laura Dey Leasure at 897-5739 by Sept. 20 or send a note to lowellclassof1978@yahoo.com.

SCARECROW BUILDING HOEDOWN

Scarecrow Building Hoedown, Sat. Oct. 11 at Lowell Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Supplies are provided or bring your own. We are also accepting donations of very used clothing for this event.

HARVEST ARTS & CRAFT SALE

Booth space is available for the Harvest Arts and Crafts show on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Lowell Fairgrounds/ Foreman Building. Call Ron Wenger at 897-6050 for an application.

1ST ANNUAL FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE FAIR

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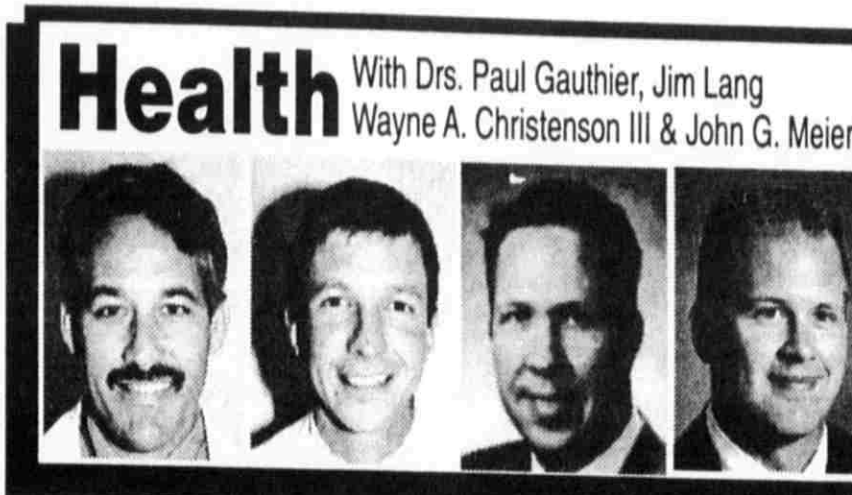
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WARTS
Warts are bumps that develop on the skin. They usually occur on the hands, feet or extremities. Warts that occur on the penis, vaginal region or perianal areas are called genital warts. Warts on the bottom of the feet are called plantar warts.

Warts are caused by an infection with the Human papilloma virus (HPV). Warts are contagious. Genital warts are spread from one person to another during sexual contact. Other warts can be spread by sharing towels, razors or walking barefoot in public places like locker rooms.

Most warts will eventually go away on their own if left alone, but it may take several years to go away. The immune system eventually kills the virus resulting in clearing of the wart. Because warts can be unsightly or painful, many will seek treatment to get rid of their warts.

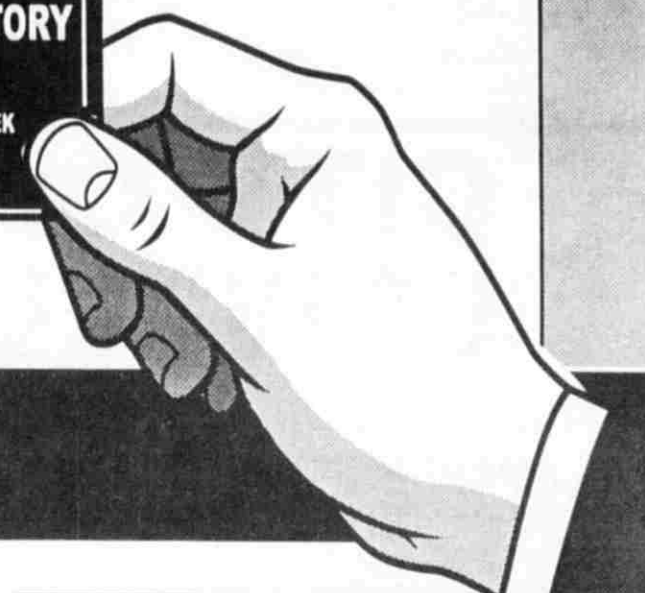
Warts on the heads, feet or extremities can be treated by applying over-the-counter acid preparations for 6-8 weeks. These medications work best if you soak the affected area for 10-15 minutes prior to application of the medication. It helps to trim the dead skin around the wart that may build up during treatment. If these warts don't resolve after 6-8 weeks, your

doctor may choose to treat the wart with prescription medication or destroy the wart by freezing, burning, surgery or laser. Genital warts should not be treated with over the counter acid medications because the surrounding skin is too sensitive. Your doctor will prescribe medication that is applied to the warts a couple of times per week which may take up to 12 weeks to completely resolve the problem. If you have genital warts, you should use condoms to prevent spread of HPV to your partner.

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Road repairs, continued...From Page 1

Councilman Jim Pfaller said he isn't ready to start looking at millages or income taxes to pay for road work, which is making him hesitant to approve a proposed Michigan Transportation Fund Bond of up to \$600,000 to upgrade S. Center, south of Bowes, Sibley from N. Center to Valley Vista, and

Grindle from Jackson to Hillside Court. Pfaller said his concern is what the city does for the next set of roads, since the bond issue will push the city close to its limit for bonding. "We need to have a solid plan before we do a bond issue," Pfaller said. Department of Public

Works director, Dan DesJarden said when deciding on streets, he tried to build off of what the city has already done, such as Bowes Road. The city also has a master street plan, which he presented to the board at its council meeting last week. In determining what can be done, DesJarden said he

can only estimate a couple of years out because variables can change the priorities of a road. An example is the project on Grindle Street, which has moved that street up the list for road work, he said. The city does get money from major and local street funds and in the case of Fore-

man Road and a portion of Gee Drive, the roads will be funded through the Federal Grant and Major Streets Fund. Pasquale said a decision on the current proposed project needs to be made soon. The council opted not to do anything on the project since it received the last engineering services proposal on Tuesday night and council members felt they needed time to review that proposal.

Gap Continues...From Page 1

comfortable time for the district and a difficult one. She knows that not everyone

shares the same opinion but that everyone is there for the children of the district.

At the request of the board, Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, presented a negotiations update in response to queries by the community at the board's Monday night meeting. The district and the Lowell Education Association and the Lowell Education Support Personnel Association have been meeting for the past two months to work out a contract agreement.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 2.07 OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 5.04 OF CHAPTER 5, SECTION 6.04 OF CHAPTER 6, SECTION 7.04 OF CHAPTER 7 AND SECTION 8.04 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL RELATED TO THE DEFINITION OF DWELLING FLOOR AREA

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 03-5 amending Section 2.07 of Chapter 2, "Definitions F," Section 5.04 of Chapter 5, "SR Suburban Residential District," Section 6.04 of Chapter 6, "R-1 Residential District," Section 7.04 of Chapter 7, "R-2 Residential District," and Section 8.04 of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District," of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on August 18, 2003. Ordinance No. 03-5 replaces the definitions of usable floor area and gross floor area with a new definition - dwelling floor area. Dwelling floor area means that area used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking as measured by the outside exterior wall surfaces. It does not include a garage, open porch, balcony, terrace, court, deck, storage space and other similar space not used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking.

Ordinance No. 03-5 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Lowell Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

fer the MESSA insurance to the food employees.) The district also is offering a 1.25 pay increase coupled with a 1.8 pay increase for those employees who receive incremental increases (step scale). Those not on the step scale would receive the money saved from the increase in the prescription card. For teachers, this would mean about a \$1,000 to \$3,000 pay increase depending on what level the teacher was at, according to Gillette. This is what was proposed to the LEA and LESPA on Aug. 27. Gillette said the two groups are scheduled to meet again Sept. 15. The only formal proposals received from the two unions that Gillette could comment on at this time are from Aug. 19. Both proposals proposed a 2.25 wage increase for both years of the contract along with increased health benefits and no employee participation on costs from employees. "You were entrusted by the citizens of this community not to save [money], but to spend it wisely," said MEA representative Jim Boerma, who encouraged the board to take a look at how much is needed for a fund balance. Currently the board has a fund balance of 13.5 percent; however Boerma said Standards & Poors recommends only 5 percent.

The district is seeking to have the teachers and support staff "chip in" on a portion of the health insurance premium, along with increase the prescription card from \$2 to \$5 and raise the deductible from \$50 to \$100 for a single person and \$100 to \$200 per family. (The options are slightly different for food workers. The district has agreed to of-

Kraus receives recognition for community service



Former Ledger Editor Thad Kraus looks over a plaque from the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education while Board President Nancy Hopkins reads it to the public. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Jim White said Kraus's dedication and accuracy in reporting the events of the community for the past 17 years were greatly appreciated by the board, staff, and community. "He will be missed," White said, adding that he won't be totally gone, since Kraus still lives in the community and is involved in a couple of different organizations. Once the proclamation was read, the board along with more than 100 staff and public gave Kraus a standing ovation.

LPD offers Citizen Academy program

A Police Citizens Academy program will be offered by the Lowell Police Department beginning Sept. 23 and running through October. The academy is free and class participation is very important to the learning process of this program. Requirements include the following:

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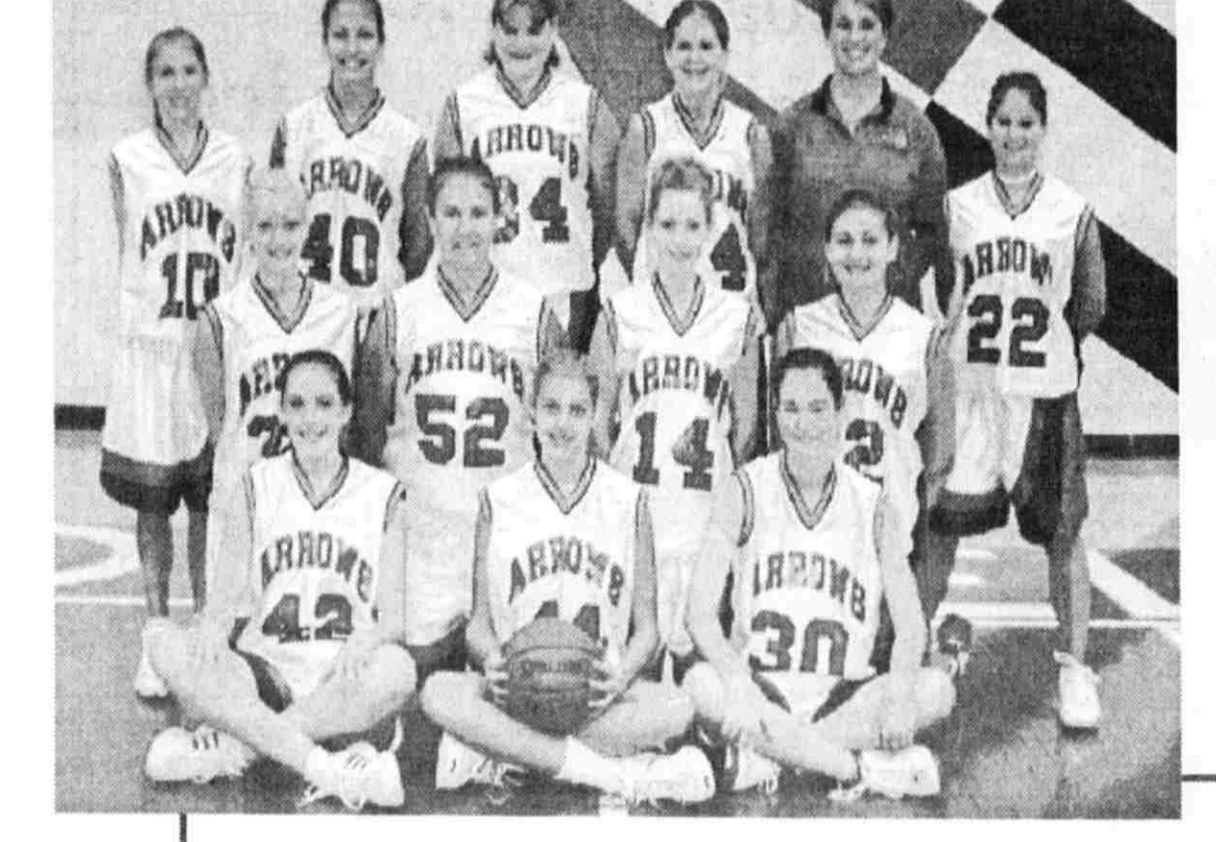
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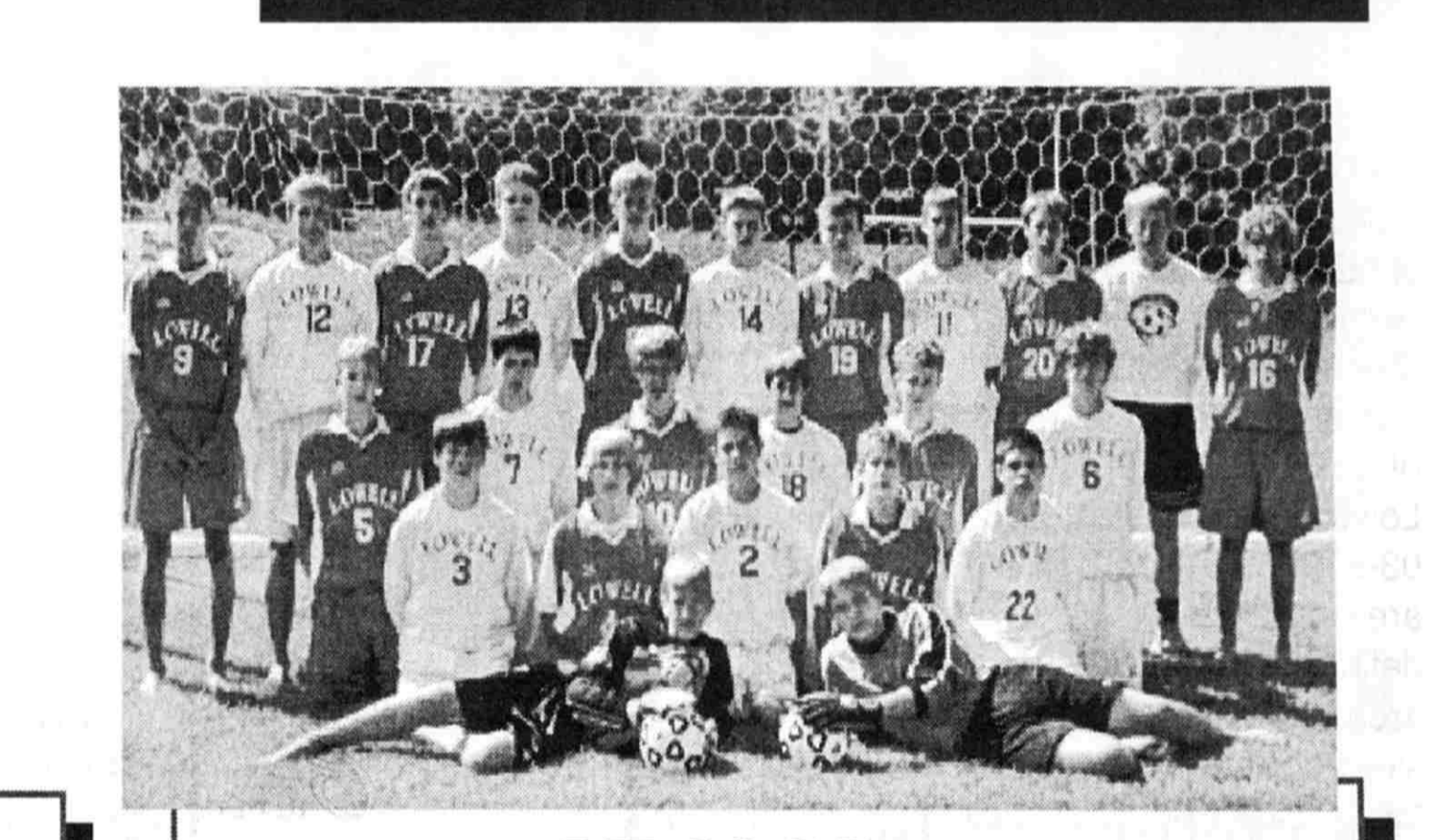
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
1st row: Brittney Shellenbarger, Amanda Geelhoed, Kelsey Koewers; 2nd row: Hayley Getzen, Sam Lambert, Jessica Nelson, Sara DeBold; 3rd row: Lisa Johnson, Chelsea Babler, Karri Ort, Lindsay Huver, Coach Griffith, Jennifer Ettinger



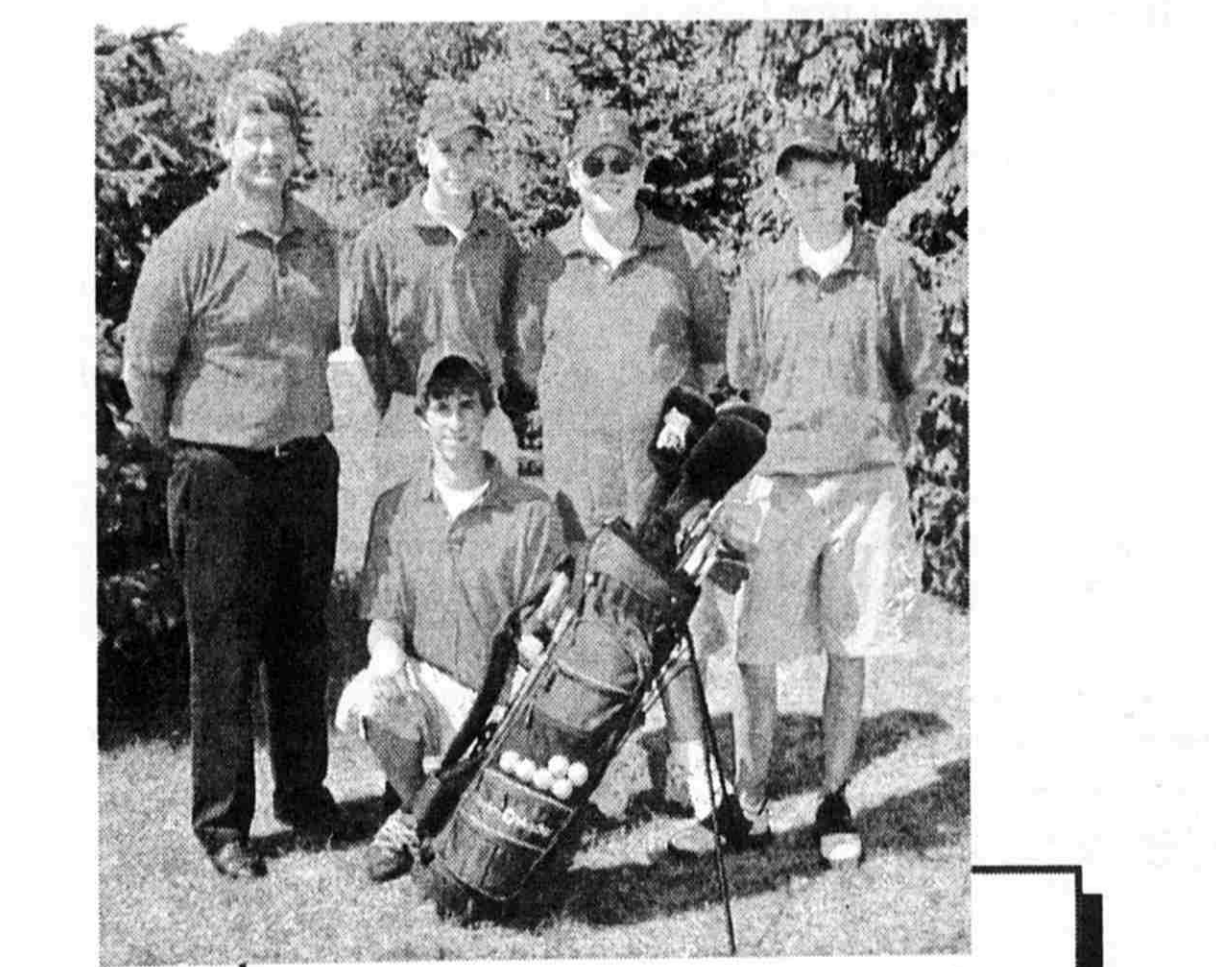
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1st row: Kaylyn Koza, Lindsey Jousma, Amanda Vezino, Kassi Hanrahan; 2nd row: Samantha Rinke, Marissa Garza, Stephanie Kempker, Tiffany Whittington, Kristen Wolfe; 3rd row: Coach Jill Pulcifer, Stacey Janeschek, Jamie Phillips, Jesi Hook, Tori Ruesink, Kaylee Yonker



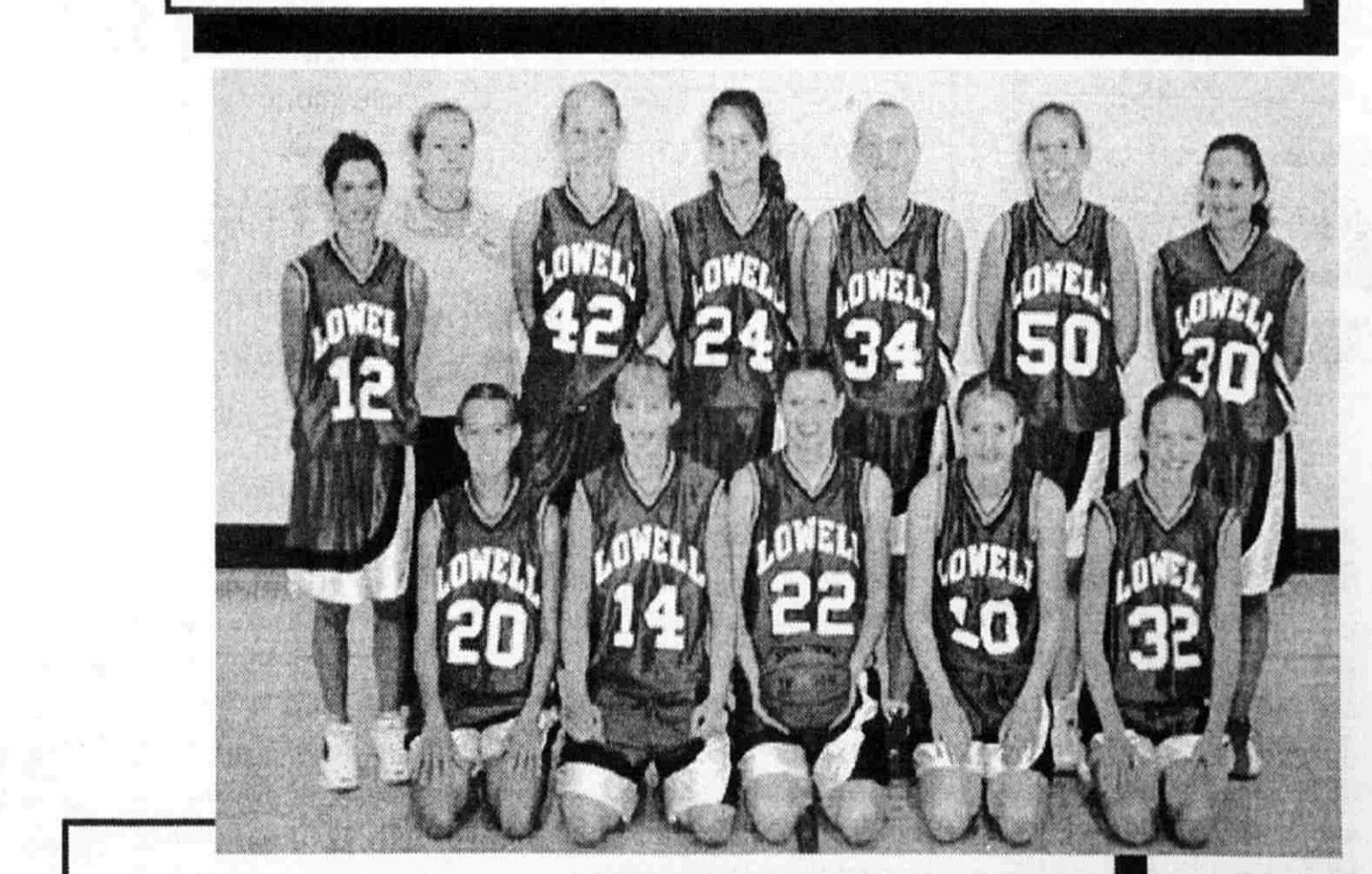
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J.V. SOCCER
1st row: James VanderLaan, Ken Bieri; 2nd row: Robby Carpenter, Louis Glinzak, Austin DeClercq, Matt Gurd, Lee Dickerman; 3rd row: Chris Barlow, Tom Doll, Mike Nichols, Kelly Bishop, Marek Mikesell, Kory Anderson; 4th row: Adam Bowers, Austin Lancaster, Tim Oberlin, Seth Mayhew, Drew Happie, Ryan Converse, Ryan Szarowicz, Andrew Hopkins, Austin Blough, Coach Mike Lincolnhol



J.V. GOLF
1st row: Vinney Larkin; 2nd row: Coach Gary Fredline, Eric Mundt, Gary Kilgore, Brian Scheider



J.V. BASKETBALL
1st row: Kelly Malling, Brittany Bueche, Lindsey Trierweiler, Megan Murphy, Kelsey Crowley; 2nd row: Austyn Foster, Coach Roxanne Gallert, Mary Calvi, Christine Haynes, Audrey Grummet, Hannah Kinney, Rebecca Duley

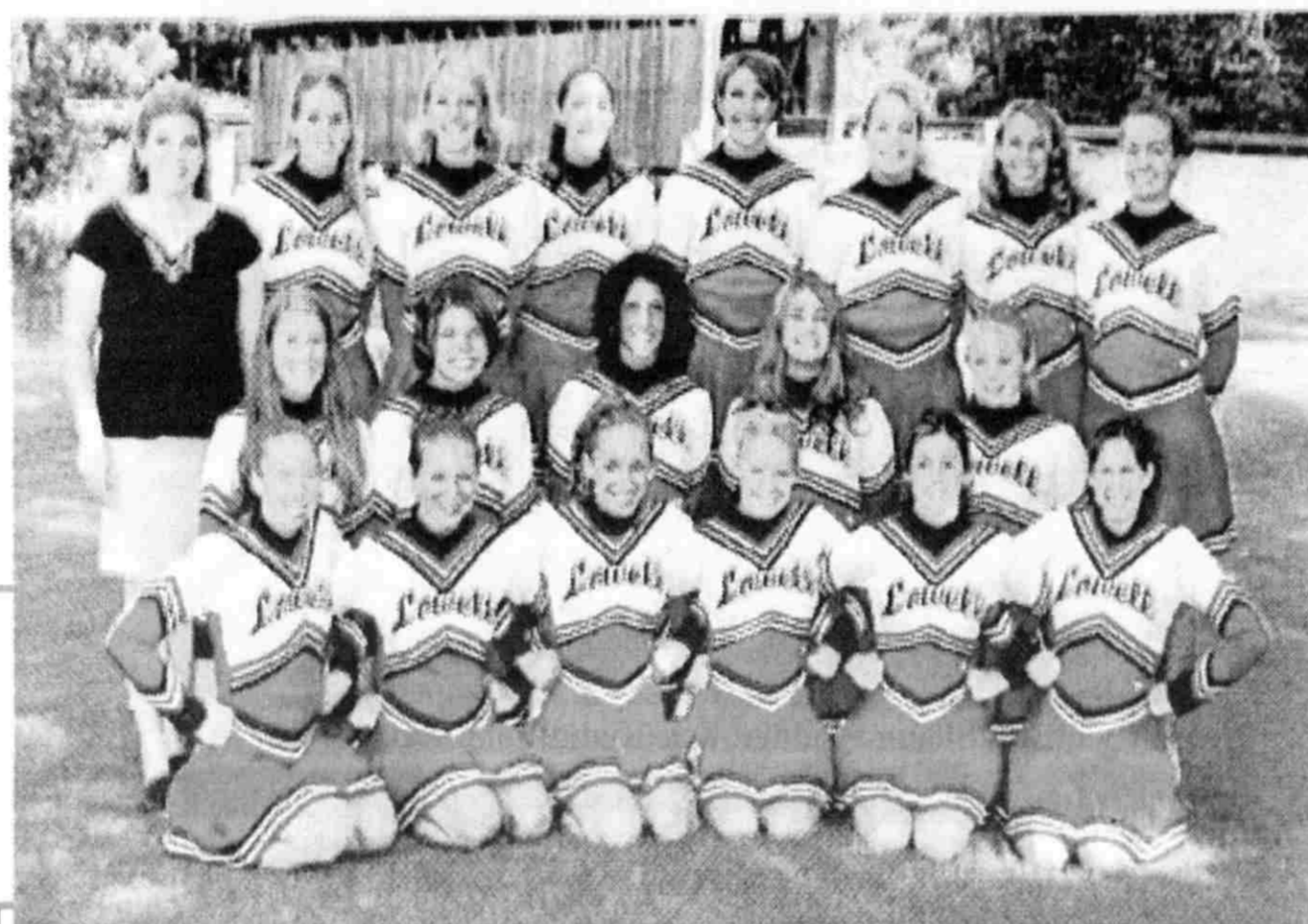
Go Red Arrows!

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VARSDITY BASKETBALL

1st row: Brook VanEck, Valen VanZyll, Nicole Shepard; 2nd row: Devon Collins, Kelsey Graham, Brittany Lyman, Kendra Gallert; 3rd row: Coach Dee Crowley, Meghan Beachum, Krashawn McElveen, Amy Oberlin, Asst. Coach Danielle Gallert



VARSDITY CHEER

1st row: Nichole Swift, Chelsea Karas, Lisa Roth, Amanda Craig, Heather Essich, Amanda Roberts; 2nd row: Julie Dunn, Karis Prill, Britney Batchelor, Alyssa Rash, Tiffany Wilkins; 3rd row: Coach Kari Dawson, Kaitlyn Hanrahan, Renee Catlin, Nancy Elmer, Heather Becker, Kyleigh Gilliard, Katie Callihan, Amber VanSpronsen



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

1st row: Onwon Griner, Sean Fitzpatrick, Jon Riddle, Ben Ritzema, Raymond Seese, Nick Huizenga; 2nd row: Ryder Jones, Steve Nugent, Brett Ostrander, Chris Gallagher, Adam Baker, Steve LaFave, Eric Schumm, Marc Wernet; 3rd row: Manager Megan Shellenbarger, Scott Riddle, Justin Krouse, Steve Ellison, Jake Baker, Chad Drenth, Alex Getz, Mitch Solon, Andy Mark

Red Arrow harriers race to victory in league openers

Both the Red Arrow boys and girls cross country teams opened their OK White seasons with victories over Cedar Springs at Manhattan Park.

"I was most impressed by how all our runners were able to finish strongly," said Red Arrow cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "None of the runners were overly tired and with each race we're getting stronger."

On the two-and-a-half loop course the red Arrow girls claimed three of the top five places en route to a 24-32 win over Cedar Springs.

Sarah Swab led all Lowell runners, finishing second overall with a time of 22:10. Brittany Dietz came home in fourth place, stopping the clock in 22:30.

Abbie Debiak and Erin Beddows came off the course in fifth and sixth place respectively. Debiak was timed in 22:44 and Beddows came home in 23:24.

Erica Huizenga, seventh overall, finished in a time of 23:27.

Still missing from the running lineup are harriers Becca Underwood and Rebekah Woods, both out with ankle injuries.

"I expect that both of the girls will be back within the next week," VanderWarf said.

Lowell runs at Cedar Springs against Sparta on Wednesday and travels to Sparta on Saturday for the Spartan Invitational.

The Red Arrow boys garnered five of the top seven positions in defeatig Cedar Springs 22-36.

Scott Riddle and Mitch Solon, in one of their better early season performances, took second and third placed respectively. Riddle stopped the clock in 17:29 while Solon finished in 17:56.

Steve Ellison also came off the course in 17:56 place-

ing fourth. Jon Riddle, came home in 18:36 and finished sixth overall.

Eric Schumm was 21 seconds in back of Riddle, posting a time of 18:57.

"Times are where I expect for this time of year. Themid 18 times need to come down, but as the seson progresses that will happen," VanderWarf said. "Scott Riddle and Solon had grat ays. There times were really good."



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

1st row: Jenna Church, Becca Underwood, Emily Timpson, Brittany Dietz; 2nd row: Abbie Debiak, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Monica Fitzpatrick, Autumn Nethercott, Erica Huizenga, Rebekkah Woods; 3rd row: Manager Megan Shellenbarger, Emily Gerard, Elly Drain, Erin Beddows, Becky DeLiefde, Sarah Swab, Coach Clay VanderWarf

Frosh football starts season with 2 wins

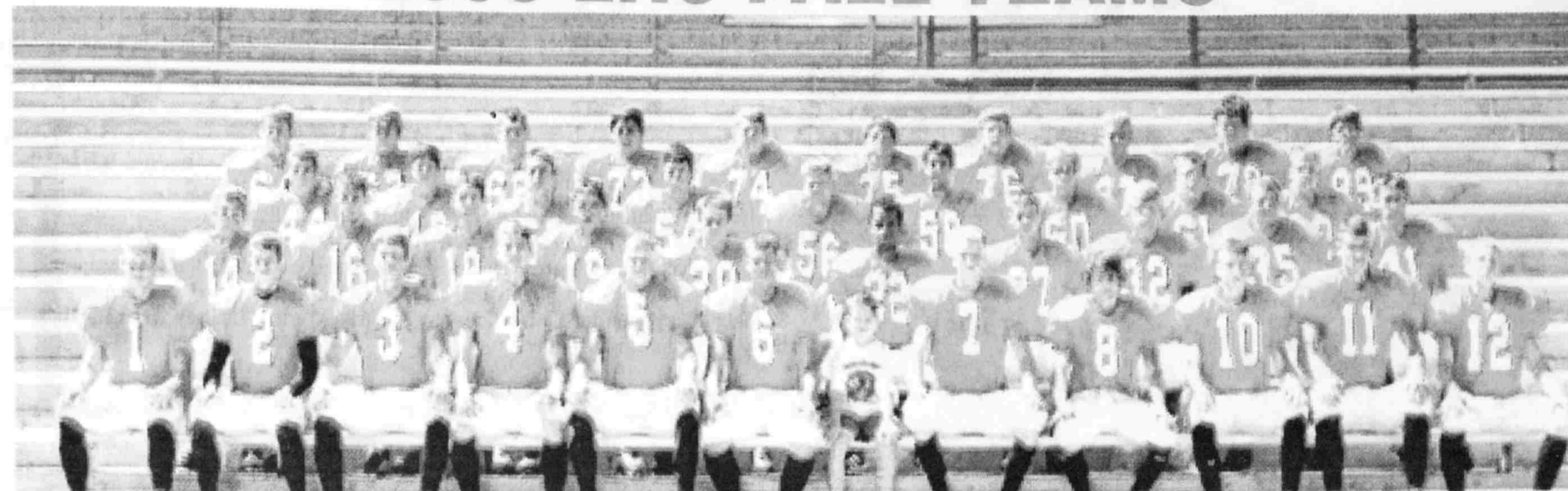
Packed with plenty of punch, the Lowell Red Arrow freshman football team started its season with two impressive wins, beating the Grandville Bulldogs 14-6 and the Sparta Spartans 32-0.

An offensive front line averaging over 200 pounds gives this team the backbone for the running and passing game, scoring seven touchdowns so far this season. The defensive pursuit keeps the offense on the field, allowing only one opposing touchdown thus far.

The necessary fundamentals and discipline to play together as a team started early. Many started in the Rocket football league and continued through the 78'er program. This freshman team has the Red Arrow spirit, drive and ambition to do what it takes to win and more.

The freshman and JV teams host East Grand Rapids this Thursday at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

2003 LHS FALL TEAMS



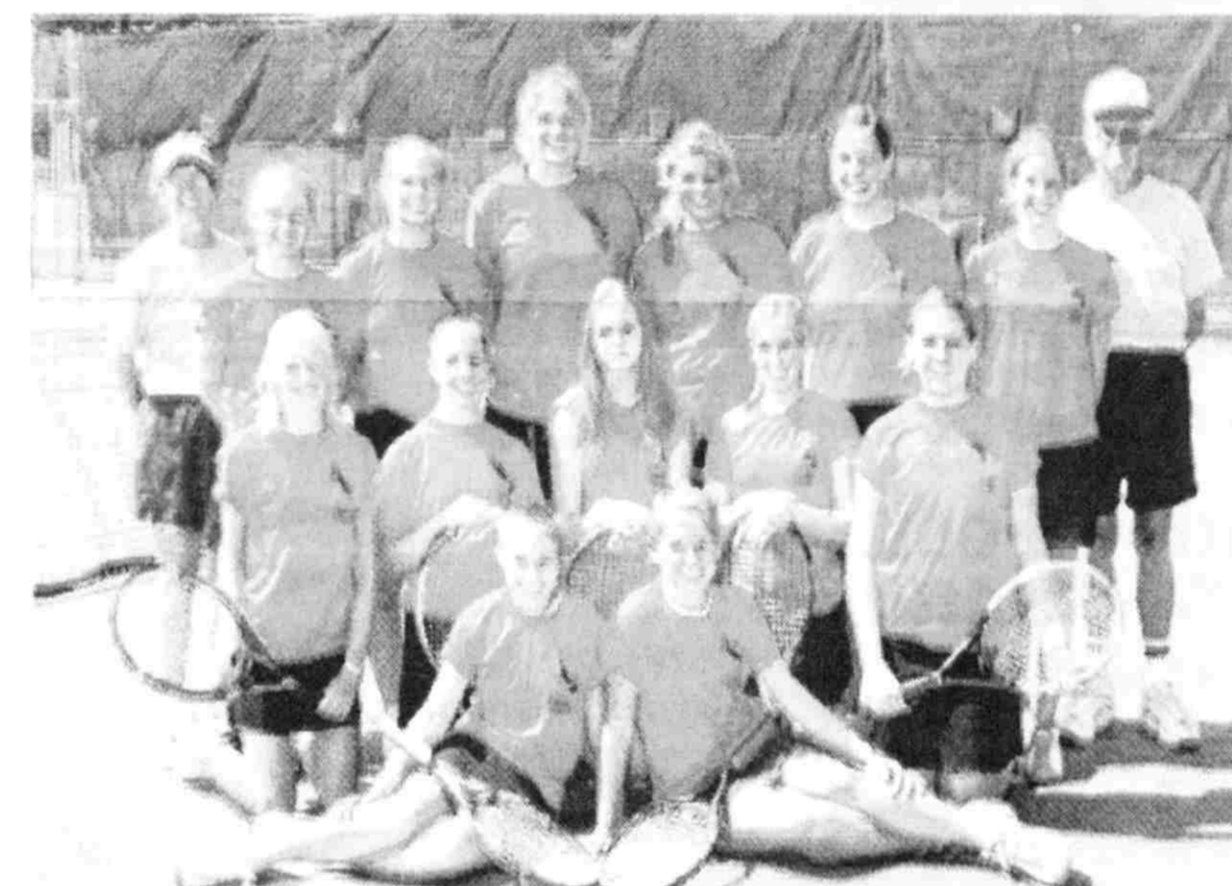
VARSDITY FOOTBALL

1st row: Chris Curtis, Sean Myers, Brock Graham, Frank Mulder, Jeff McPherson, Ryan Esbaugh, Manager Canon Dean, Kyle Rozema, Matt D'Agostino, Dustin Osborne, Mike Koster, Jason Welsch; 2nd row: Brian Janeschek, Ryan Dykhouse, Ryan Churches, Andrew Min, Tim Droese, Jeremy Holliman, Patrick Doyle, Michael Gruber, Chris Meeuwen, Josh Vaught; 3rd row: Jake Cosgrove, Bruce Langlois, Kyle Kaminski, Brendon Harden, Kenneth Kline, Jay MacDougall, Justin Craig, Scott Perdaris, Tom Eldridge; 4th row: Ryan Christensen, Matt Meppelink, Bryan Hoekstra, Ed Zigmont, Michael Wildey, Matt VanEns, Shaun Scudder, Eric Klahn, John Rasch, Kurt Wernet



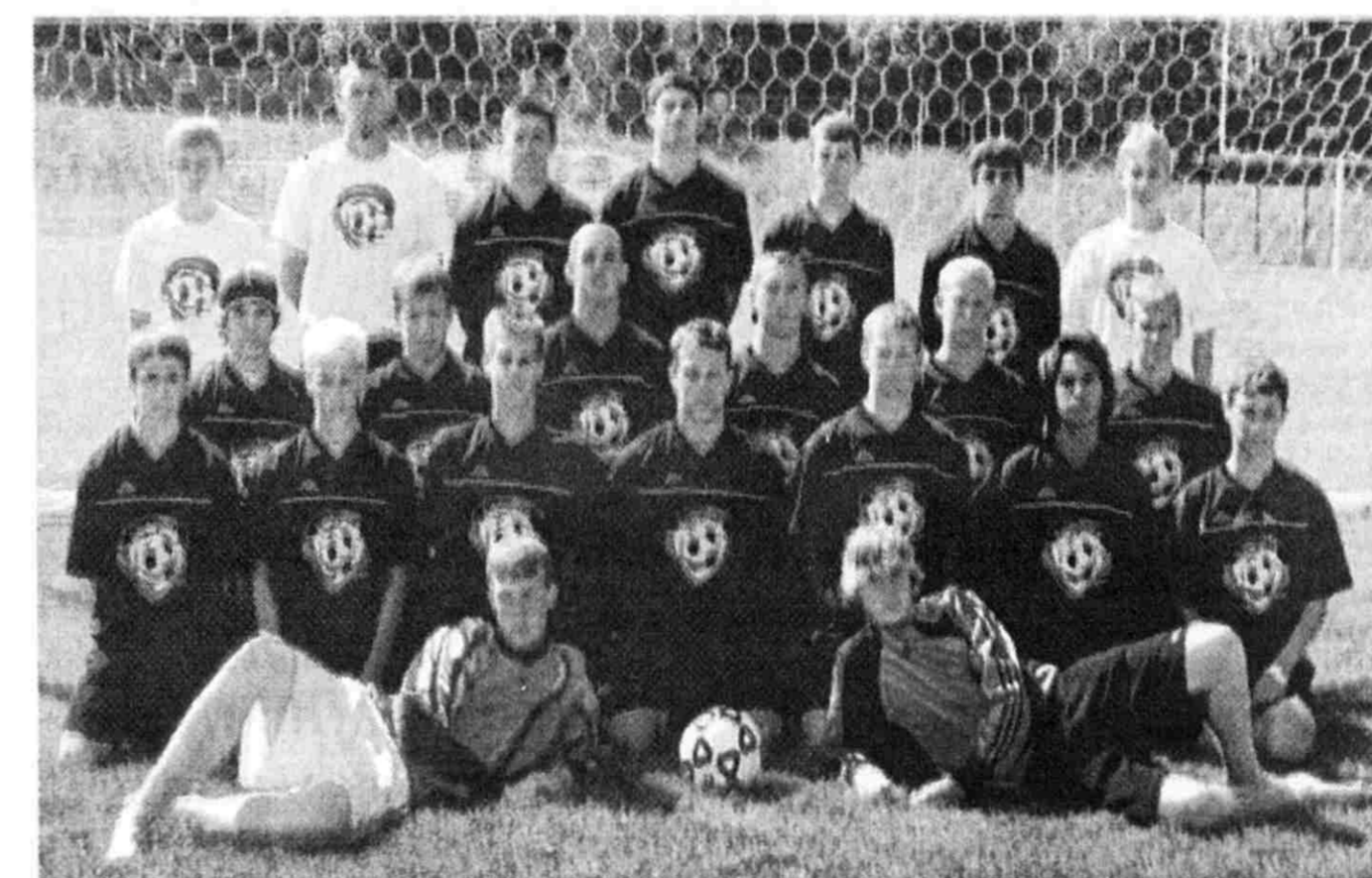
VARSDITY GOLF

1st row: Chris Lechner, David Maylone, Nick DuBois; 2nd row: Coach Jack Ogle, Kyle Wittenbach, Dan Harrison, Luke Tomczak, Matt Scheider



VARSDITY TENNIS

1st row: Mandy Gunberg, Stephani Thompson; 2nd row: Heather Spratt, Amanda Grochowalski, Hayley Irwin, Cara Mooney, Katie Huver; 3rd row: Coach Bonnie Wall, Jean Kimberlin, Becky Plummer, Julie Geelhoed, Kelly Koning, Stacy Fleet, Rachelle Levingston, Asst. Coach Roger Wall



VARSDITY SOCCER

1st row: Mike Bushell, Josh Anderson; 2nd row: Brandon Grochowalski, Andy Jousma, Andy Vogel, Zach Horan, Kevin Gillman, Josh Tapia, Josh Abdo; 3rd row: Matt D'Agostino, Zach Ligan, Sam Oberlin, Jayme DeLiefde, Ben Hanson, David Kropf; 4th row: Alex Carpenter, Coach Paul Legge, Shane Stokes, Ramsey Charrouf, Alden Nyson, Brandon Lawrence, Chris Barlow

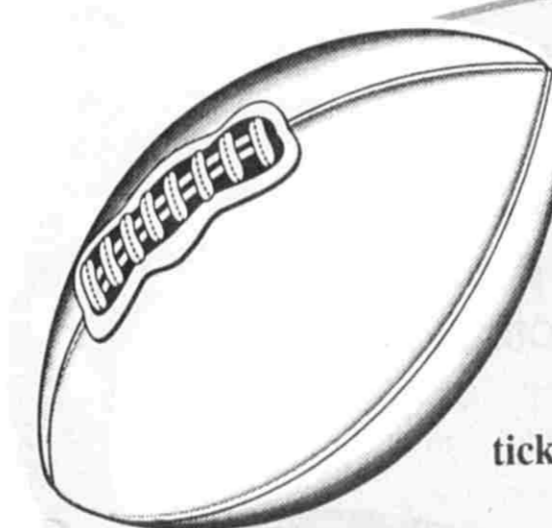
LHS linksters among area golf's best

Great golf earned Lowell a 156-195 OK White Conference win over Sparta.

The Red Arrows will need a like performance Wednesday when they tee it up against conference favorite, East Grand Rapids.

"We will need the same thing or even a little better against EGR," admitted Lowell golf coach, Jack Ogle. "Right now we're getting great balanced scoring from five-six players."

Luke Tomczak led all Lowell golfers with a one over par 37 at the par 36 Deer Run Golf Course. Matt Scheider and Kyle Wittenbach were two shots back with rounds of 39. Chris Lechner carded a



FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE

The Lowell athletic office will be selling tickets to the 7 p.m. varsity football game between Lowell and East Grand Rapids on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$4.

2003 LHS FALL TEAMS

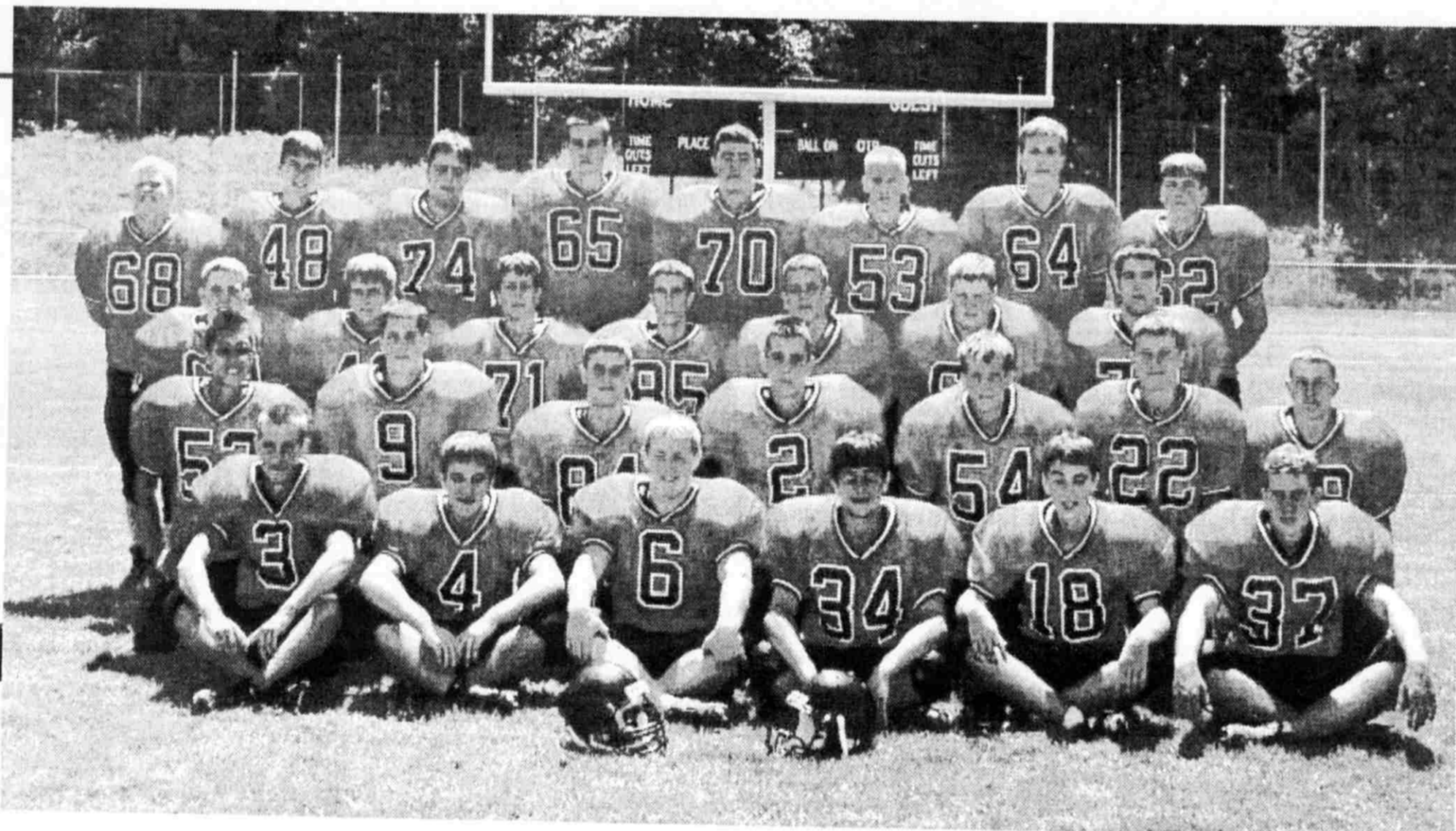


J.V. TENNIS

1st row: Ashley Stebbins, Hannah Knudstrup, Mallory Hines, Hannah Stewart, Katie Barnes, Leannah Seese; 2nd row: Whitney Jernigan, Megan Vaught, Nicole Baker, Lauren Thomas, Paula Lawrence, Annie Didion, Melissa Blough; 3rd row: Coach Sue Beute, Lindsey Aiken, Ashley Spicer, Sandrine Shanghai, Kayla Irwin, Terrah Tawney, Rachelle Wernet, Lindsey Kremer, Holly Borth, Sarah Fitzpatrick

J.V. FOOTBALL

1st row: Cory Jones, Zach Burger, Gabe Delnick, Bradd Corlett, Gary Osborne, Kameron Blake; 2nd row: Adam Ingraham, Matt Batchelor, Adam VanderPols, Matt Rozema, Jay Eldridge, Mike McElroy, Bill Gill; 3rd row: Jon Gregaitis, Stephen Kerr, Josh Hoppough, Chris Jones, Phil Burton, Matt Francisco, Jordan Hill; 4th row: Ken Bailey, Cory Ruesink, Joe Woodhead, Kyle Estes, Greg Stevens, Andy Schultz, David VanKeulen, Tony Adriane



COMING EVENTS

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2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ...because mothering matters. 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

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 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, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

EVERY 3RD 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 3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother-mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

EVERY 4TH 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 4TH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Rapids. 897-9794. Special date this month. Sat., Sept. 27, 1-3 p.m.

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.

THURS.: Join the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H.S. Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8 p.m. Call Kathy Maatman 897-5981 w/ questions.

EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1-4 p.m. or 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. Summer sales are in full swing!

ENGLHARDT 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.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm. starting Sept. 16.

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

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.

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

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

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave : 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 meets at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

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.

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 the Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaider's on South Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

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.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30 - 5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs.: 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

WED., SEPT. 10: Lowell Rotary Club community blood drive from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

WED., SEPT. 10: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family style Swiss Steak dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$8; 5-12 are \$2.

FRI., SEPT. 12: Football tickets for Lowell/EGR game at Lowell athletic office from 7:30 - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$4.

SUN., SEPT. 14: Adult Catholic Ed. classes begin from 10:45 - noon at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Call Brenda 897-7915 for more information.

MON., SEPT. 15: Lowell Music Boosters meeting 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School band room.

SEPT. 27 - 28: Fallsburg Fall Festival 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Fallsburg Park. Arts and crafts, food booths, entertainment all day.

FRI., OCT. 10: Homecoming Parade - Any group or business interested in participating call Kurt Kaeb 897-4125.

SAT., OCT. 11: Scarecrow Bldg. Hoedown at Lowell fairgrounds 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Supplies provided or bring your own. Also accepting donations of very used clothing.

SAT., OCT. 11: Harvest Arts and Craft sale at Foreman Bldg. (fairgrounds). Call Ron at 897-6050 to reserve a booth.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., SEPT. 10: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 9 a.m. Podiatrist; 12:45 p.m. Movie at Center. **WED., SEPT. 17:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijers.

THURS., SEPT. 18: Noon Dance Westside Complex. **THURS., SEPT. 11:** 11 a.m. Metro Hospital "Preventing Falls."

FRI., SEPT. 12: No Mall Walking. 8:30 a.m. Frankenmuth & Michigan Vets Museum. **MON., SEPT. 22:** 12:45 p.m. Movie: Willard Scott.

MON., SEPT. 15: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart, Family Dollar & Save-A-Lot. **TUES., SEPT. 23:** 12:15 p.m. Alto School Senior Luncheon.

WED., SEPT. 24: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. "How Is Your Humor Holding Up?"

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Resident seeks costs for damage from tree removal program

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

One of the greatest highlights for Ivan Blough this year was being invited to showcase his home in the first Lowell Historical Homes Tour. His greatest horror came on Aug. 26 when, upon returning from a vacation, he discovered that two trees in his front yard had been chopped down to sawdust, hedges had been damaged, sidewalk and driveway broken, and 21 dents put in his lawn. He turned to the city, with which he has helped carry out projects such as the Lowell Showboat, to cover the costs to repair the damage before the Oct. 11 Lowell Historical Homes Tour. The Lowell City Council responded that it

would take time to contact insurance companies and determine what could be covered. Blough was asking for \$3,244 to cover the replacement of a tree and hedges, repair work of the sidewalk and driveway, and resodding of his front lawn. Blough said he was aware that the city was planning to remove one of the four trees located in the city-owned right-of-way in front of his home. He agreed with Public Works director, Dan DesJarden that the tree needed to be removed. He did not expect a second tree, a maple that was 39 inches around, 60 feet tall, and about 110 years old, to also be removed. The tree provided shade to the Blough's home as well as protection from wind damage.

The tree, according to Blough, was in good health and there had been no discussion about removing it. DesJarden said, however, after talking to two different tree removal companies, it was determined the tree was not in good health and the base was hollow. Knowing that information, he felt the city could become liable if the tree came down on its own so he ordered that the tree be cut down, DesJarden said.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said this was a responsibility that the city council gave to staff, especially when trees became a safety concern. DesJarden explained he did visit Blough's property

with representatives from West Michigan Tree Service. The company was planning to contact Blough and see what they could do to take care of the problem, DesJarden said. Blough said he received a call from West Michigan Tree Service and does not feel he should have to deal with them, nor is he willing to accept the company's offer to replace the hedges, fix only the sidewalk, and reseed the front lawn. As a customer of the city of Lowell, he believes it is the city's responsibility to take care of this problem.

"I was in the contracting business," Blough said. "If I cracked someone's driveway, I paid for it."

The issue for the council came down to the expense of resodding the front lawn versus reseeding it. Councilman Jim Pfaller said he had no problem replacing the tree at the city's expense, adding that the tree could not be placed in the city's right-of-way. Pfaller also questioned whether Blough would have asked for resodding if it hadn't been for the upcoming home tour.

Mayor Shores said the city needs to get in contact with its insurance company and the tree removal service's insurance company with the council directing city staff to contact both and bring a report back to its next meeting on Sept. 15.

"It's amazing that a decision for a \$120,000 tree can be made in five seconds . . . five minutes, but that \$3,244 in actual damages takes over a week," Blough said.

Blough added he wasn't expecting payment that night for the damages or even next week - just a guarantee that the city would cover the repair expenses.

In the end, Blough said he plans to move forward to have the repair work done so that the house is presentable for the tour.

All he could say to the council is, "I'm very displeased."

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Two local bands "battle" it out Sept. 10

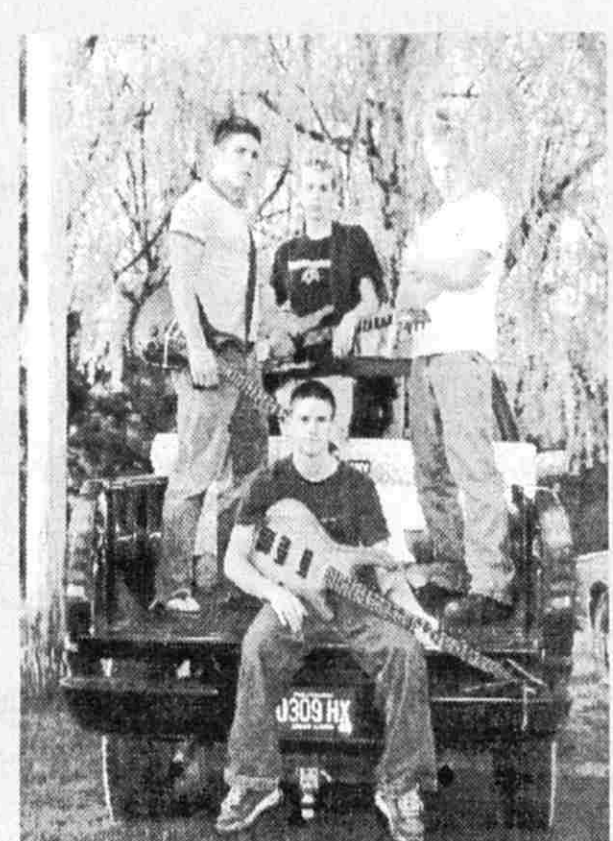


Two local bands will have a chance to battle for a cash prize and a possible recording contract at RiverTown Crossings mall this Wednesday from 5-9 p.m.

According to spokeswoman Colleen Cone, 22 local bands submitted CDs for a Battle of the Bands competition. She chose Ragnarok and The Vanishing Point, both from the Lowell area.

The winning band will be featured on the Web site of radio station WGRD-FM (97.9) which helped solicit entries.

The Wednesday evening of music is part of a 100-city Milk Mustache Mobile Shake-Stuff-Up Tour to promote milk. For more information on the tour, log onto www.whymilk.com.



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Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Food distribution will be Oct. 15, 2003, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

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Food Distribution will be Oct. 15, 2003, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

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For more information on this program or other distribution locations, please call:
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This program is provided by Area Community Services Employment & Training Council Community Action Program (ACSET-CAP)

Hazardous waste, cont'd., From Page 3

waxes, cleaners, auto paints, additives, gasoline, transmission fluid, and unrecyclable oil are on the list.

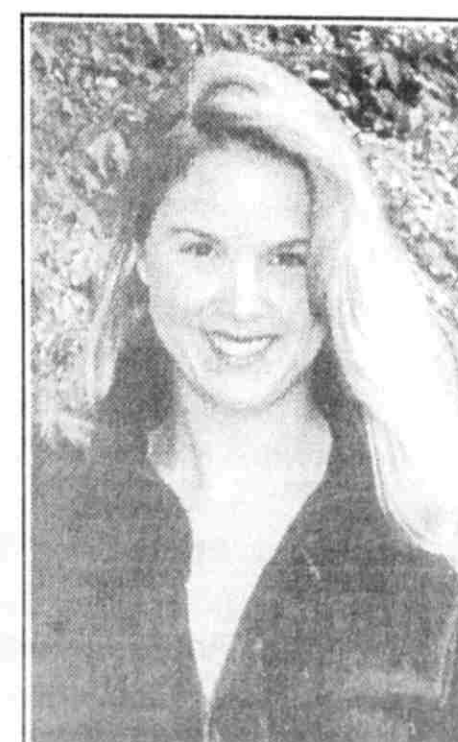
Those with hobbies may want to consider artist paints and media, photochemicals, glues, cements, inks, dyes, glazes, chemistry sets, and batteries. One item not on the list is Latex (water base) paint which can be allowed to dry and then disposed through regular trash hauler services. Used motor oil can be taken to an oil change service center for recycling. Also smoke detectors and radioactive materials will not be accepted.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality should be called for any asbestos items. (356-0500.) The Lowell Police Department, Kent County Sheriff's Department, or the Michigan State Police Firearms and Explosives Unit should be contacted for any explosives, ammunition, fireworks, or flares.

All hazardous waste should be placed in a non-leaking container and should be labeled especially if not in its original container. Chemicals should not be mixed. Items should be upright in a box placed on the floor or in the trunk of your vehicle. Children and pets should be kept away from all hazardous waste. A county staff person will remove the materials from your car.

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Lowell luckily escapes with one-point win over Sparta

All that talk of a less competitive OK White ... All that talk that it's East Grand Rapids and Lowell ... and then everybody else. Believing all that talk taught Lowell an age-old lesson Friday night: You still have to show up and play the game. The Red Arrows inability to do so nearly came back to bite them, as Lowell escaped Sparta with a 14-13 win.

It took a game-winning two-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Dykhouse to Mike Koster with 7:20 to play to give Lowell its only lead of the game. "A team's play is a reflection of the person in charge," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean. "Right now, I don't like what I'm looking at. Give Sparta and Coach Cashen all the credit. His kids were well coached and played a great game."

Lowell's uninspired and emotionless performance was met by a driven, well prepared Spartan football team which deserved a better fate. "I can't question our kids' effort tonight. Last week against Coopersville we were a little timid - tonight the boys didn't play scared," said Sparta coach, Dave Cashen. Had Sparta's play inside the red zone been a little more fruitful, the Spartans would

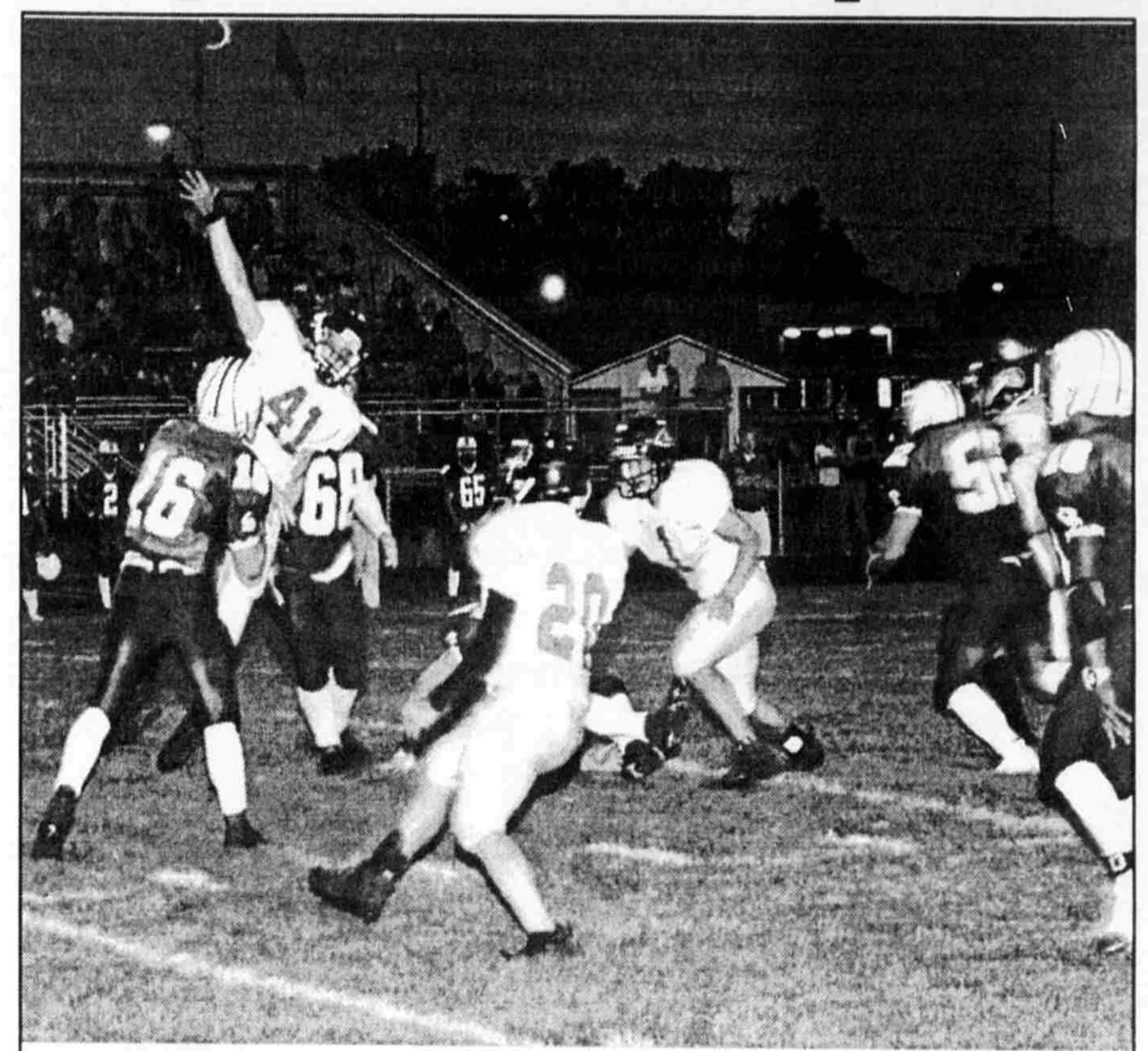
still be celebrating one of the area's biggest upsets in recent years. Twice in the first half, Sparta had the ball inside Lowell's 10 yard line and came away without any points. Instead, it rendered a game-tying touchdown.

It was third and five from the five when Lowell's Frank Mulder stepped in front of Spartan QB Sean Moody's pass, a yard deep in the end zone, and raced 101 yards for a game-tying touchdown.

"Scoring in the red zone has been a problem for us. We have to work to correct that," said Cashen. "When you're outmanned and outsized, you have to find a way to get it done. We're not going to line up and knock Lowell off the ball. They are too big and too strong."

When the game's outcome was reduced to crunch time, Lowell went to Koster, who proved too big and too much for Sparta. "Big kids make big plays and step up when it counts," Cashen said of Koster's seven receptions over the final eight minutes of play. "Koster dropped a few in the first half, but when it counted he caught everything."

Dean said the strategy late in the game was simple. "Go to your horse when you're in trouble."



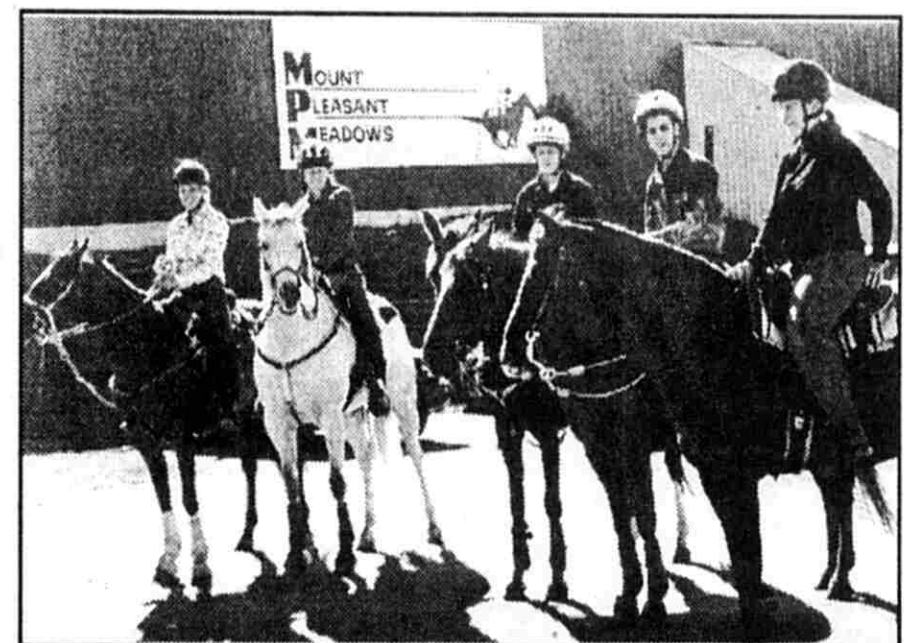
Red Arrow Josh Vaught leaps high in an effort to deflect the pass of Sparta quarterback, Sean Moody.

"East is the third game on our schedule. They won't let us not play the game," said Dean of the matchup between two defending state champions. "Playing East is a giant task. Our seniors played their

seniors a couple of years ago and lost 49-6." Kickoff for Friday night's game is 7 p.m. at East Grand Rapids.

And They're Off ...

Taking on a new challenge Aug. 30 were Christian Koning, Steven Koning, Ashley Waldron, Michelle Wolf and Kim VandenBerg of the Lowell Equestrian Team. These fast five were invited to Mount Pleasant Meadows Race Track where they



Pictured at the Mount Pleasant Meadows Race Track, left to right, are: Kim VandenBerg, Michelle Wolf, Christian Koning, Steven Koning and Ashley Waldron.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-176, 197-DE

Estate of **HELENE RIEWALD**
SSN: 372-32-1427

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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08/29/2003

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FILE NO. 03-176, 176-DE

Estate of **JAMES JOHN FUNK, deceased**
Date of Birth: 02/11/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES JOHN FUNK, who lived at 3261 Coach Lane, Apt. A-1, Kentwood, Michigan died 08/06/03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to NANCY FUNK, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD
August 18, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the July 21, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved. A list of invoices was also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to approve Wireless Communications Ordinance, 2003-4
- Motion to approve Technical Correction to Chapter 3 Zoning Districts, Ordinance 2003-5
- Motion to rescind Special Use Permit for Terry Horrigan Landscape Business on Downes
- Motion to approve Natural Features Inventory project and match grant funding in amount of \$1250.00
- Motion to approve special request for accessory building for Thomas Rieger with conditions
- Motion to change policy for receiving complaints to require a signature from the complaining party, or the Supervisor, or the Zoning Administrator

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is September 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

Second half intensity lifts Lowell past Caledonia 4-1

It took the Lowell soccer team a whole half to get up to speed against a motivated and ready to play Caledonia squad.

"Our boys thought it was going to be an easy, just walk out onto the field and win type of game," said Lowell coach, Paul Legge. "We struggled that first half and Caledonia played well."

Legge, displeased with the effort, pulled his starters late in the first half. "I told them if they didn't feel like playing that there were guys on the bench who did."

Caledonia coach, Brian

Broekhuizen called his club's first-half performance the best of the season so far. "We played at a nice rhythm and with some confidence."

Lowell's fast second-half start was just more than the Fighting Scots could withstand as the Red Arrows raced to a 4-1 win after being tied 1-1 at halftime.

"Lowell is just too fast and skilled. We did what we could," Broekhuizen said. "Oberlin is just very good. He's tough, fast and smart." Lowell got on the board first on a Jayme DeLiefde goal.

It took Lowell 12 seconds into the second half to break up the 1-1 tie as Kevin Gillman, on an assist from Shane Stokes, pushed one past the Caledonia keeper.

Sam Oberlin scored his only goal of the night at the 15:25 mark with an assist from Matt D'Agostino.

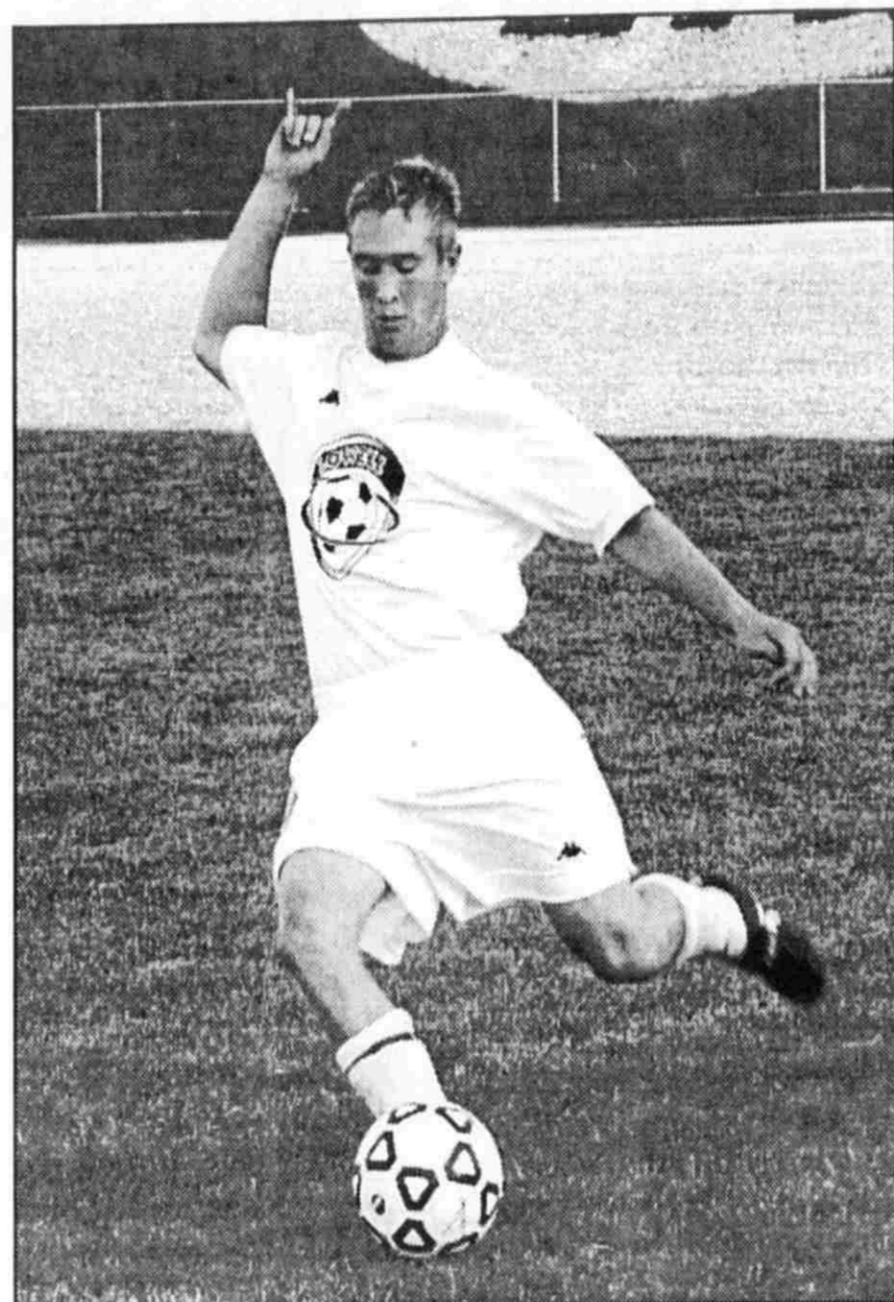
Oberlin then recorded the assist on a goal by Zach Ligman with 11:56 to play.

Lowell opened the season with a 2-2 tie against Traverse City and then defeated Grandville 4-1.

In the game against the Bulldogs, Brandon Grochowalski netted two goals and Stokes and Oberlin both creased the net once.

"We played okay. We did some nice things, specifically I thought we did a better job of possessing the ball," Legge said.

The Lowell coach praised the play of Josh Tapia. "He's logged quite a few minutes. Josh wins balls in the middle and he defends well. He's just getting the job done," Legge said.



Jayme DeLiefde netted the game's first goal in Lowell's win over the Fighting Scots.



At left, Matt D'Agostino plays the ball upfield in Lowell's 4-1 win over Caledonia.

Bulldogs net last-second win over Red Arrows

A change in direction of attack helped turn a double digit deficit into a one-point nail-biter as two of the area's top girls basketball programs met in a nonconference battle.

In the end, with three-tenths of a second remaining on the clock, Byron Center's all everything guard, Crystal Zick hit one of two foul shots

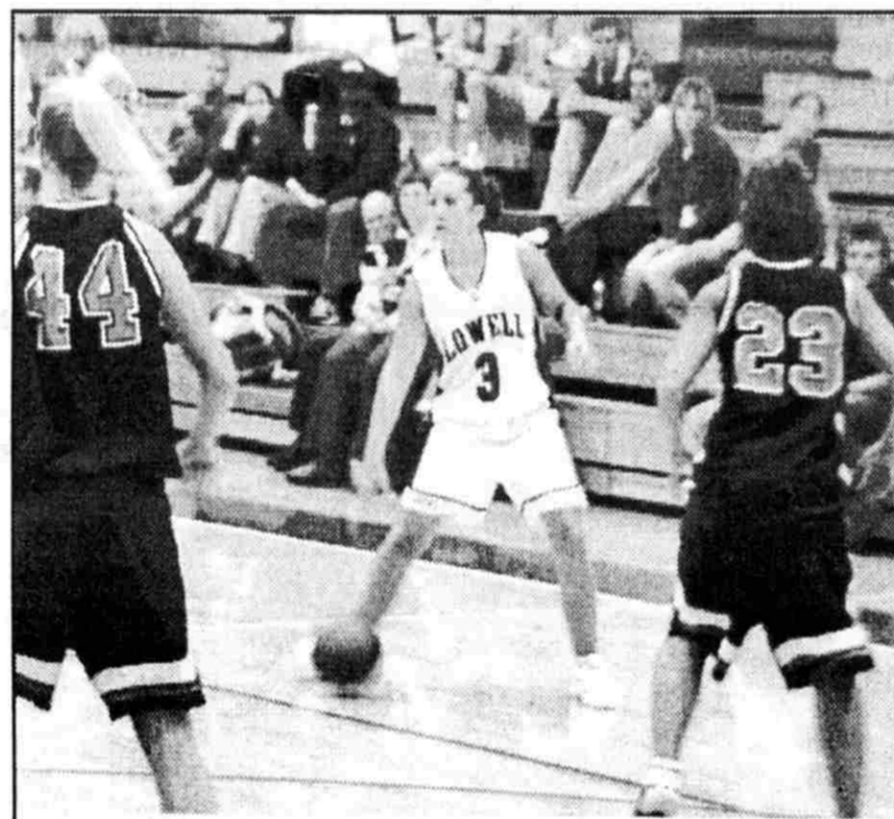
to give the Bulldogs a 44-43 win over Lowell.

Byron Center's last possession came with 14 seconds on the clock and the game tied at 43-43.

"We wanted our best player (Zick) to have the ball and go at them toward the basket and force contact," said Byron Center coach, Glenn Davis. "You hate to see a game end that way, but if it's a foul in the beginning of the game, it has to be a foul at the end of the game. Crystal said she got hit in the forearm."

Lowell's Amy Oberlin, who was called for the foul on Zick, said she got all ball.

"Ideally, you'd like to see the girls decide the game," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "I can't fault



Two three-point shots and a driving bucket in the lane by Devon Collins (#3) helped Lowell rally from a 12-point deficit before losing to the Bulldogs 44-43.

the girls - they defended it perfectly. Our girls showed a

lot of heart tonight battling back from 10-12 points on a couple of occasions."

Lowell's coach credited her club's fourth quarter success with attacking the basket better. "In the first half we were going east and west (side to side) too much. We were more aggressive going to the bucket and then if there was nothing there, we kicked it out and made a few open shots. We changed the direction of our penetration."

The Red Arrows trailed 10-4 after one quarter of play and 24-14 at halftime. Lowell cut the deficit to 34-26 after three quarters of play.

"I told the girls at half that we'd have to sustain a run from Lowell to win the game," Davis said. "Nobody outworks Lowell. Dee's clubs always play hard."

Byron Center built leads to as many as 12 points but could not put the Red Arrows away. "We had some opportunities to put distance between us but couldn't. Lowell does that to you. We just don't see that type of pressure.

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Radio station's "Roof Sit" inspires local elementary students

The students from Cherry Creek Elementary School truly lived up to their character word "Compassion" last week when they came together to raise money for radio station B93's Roof Sit. The students from Cherry Creek and their parents brought in their loose change and bills, and raised \$1,218.64 for this charitable cause.

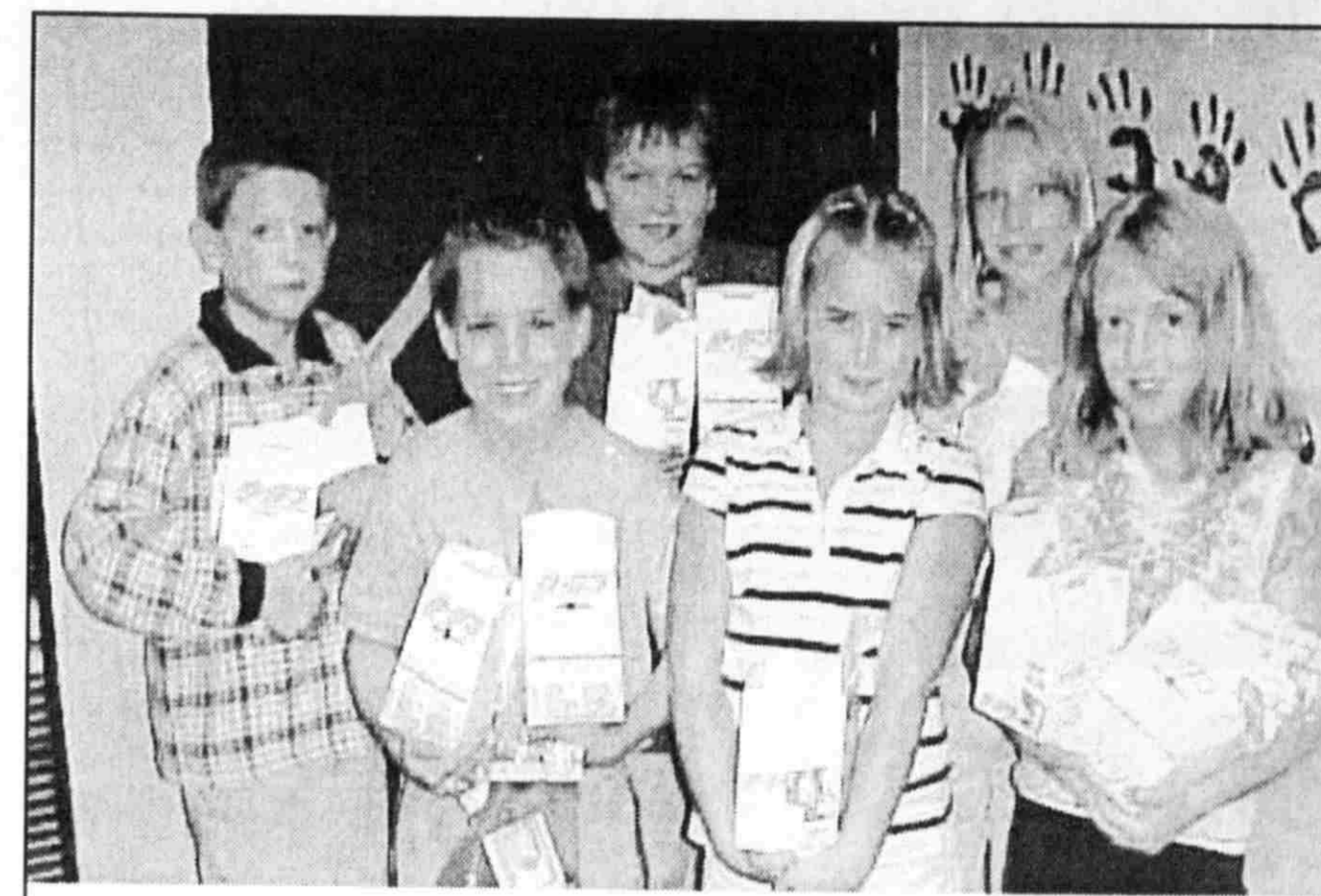
Roof Sit raises awareness and funding for child abuse,

neglect prevention and counseling programs in the West Michigan area. One of B93's DJ's, Neal Dionne, sits on top of local business, Millbrook Tack and Trailer for four days to gain attention to this worthy cause.

The idea for Cherry Creek to become involved came from the family of fourth grader, Robby Coffey. A student in Mrs. Decator's class, he and fellow classmates used

B93 collection boxes to collect donations from Cherry Creek students and staff.

There was enormous support for the cause, which will bring money right back to the Lowell community to help children dealing with abuse and neglect. Cherry Creek hopes to participate in the cause next year and try to surpass the donation amount received this year.



Pictured are some of the students from Mrs. Decator's fourth grade class, who collected all of Cherry Creek's donations. From left to right: Jeff Onan, Robby Coffey, Drew Mayhew, Lindsay Anderson, Kyra Marks and Kelsey Mankel.

Santa rumbles into Lowell for Toy Run



The Kent County Fairgrounds was the perfect location for "Tony's 9th annual Toy Run." Santa Dave Stevens and his wife/elf, Sherri were at the head of a long line of over 1,100 motorcycles that descended on the Fairgrounds for the Toy Run. Although the Stevens three-and-a-half year-old son, Tony had passed away from cancer late that November, they decided to bring his presents to the hospital on Christmas Day to brighten up other children's day. Friends heard about it and it became an annual event. A couple of years later, the first Toy Run was organized with about 30 bikes. This year, hundreds of children all over West Michigan will enjoy presents on Christmas Day, thanks to the Stevens and their friends.

Photo by Bruce Doll

Bluegrass Festival Sept. 19-21

Bluegrass music is becoming more and more popular. If you love the music put the weekend of Sept. 19-21 on your calendar. It's FALLFEST 2003 at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds, sponsored by the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association.

This is one of Michigan's premier bluegrass festivals. The air will be filled with the sounds of the banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro, guitar, and bass along with some mighty fine harmony singing. Bring the whole family along to enjoy all the activities: great bluegrass music on stage and throughout the campgrounds,

food vendors, activities for the kids, a clogging performance and workshop, and craft and bake sales.

The festival starts Friday from 6-11 p.m. (\$6 for the night). Saturday's music runs from noon - 11 p.m. (\$10 for whole day) and Sunday's schedule runs from 11 a.m. -

2:30 p.m. (\$6 for the day). A weekend pass can be purchased for \$18 and children under 16 get in for free with a parent's admission. Camping is available. For great family fun, you won't want to miss FALLFEST 2003. Bring your blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy.

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 18, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the August 4, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding definition of dwelling floor area as written.
- Motion to adopt the resolution to authorize the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds and authorize the execution of certain documents regarding the Litehouse, Inc. project.
- Motion to approve the request from Larkin's Restaurant to close North Broadway from Main Street to the parking lot on Saturday, October 11, 2003 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of a chili cook off.
- Motion to grant the request from Lloyd and Betty Powell of 516 North Street to waive of sidewalk requirement on the south side of North Street per the recommendations of City staff and the Master Plan as represented since this is a high density area street which will have sidewalk on one side only.
- Motion to accept the bid for the 2003 Sidewalk Improvements project from Cascade Cement Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$41,490.00 as allocated from the Federal Community Development Block Grant program.
- Motion to support and authorize the 2003 Toy Run for Sunday, September 7, 2003.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2003.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



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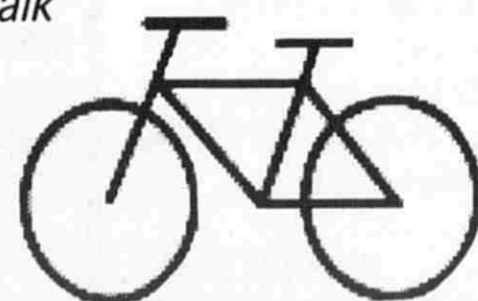
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City ducks maintain their silence as to the culprits of the painted feet

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

'Tis quite a mystery as to where those yellow duck feet came from.

Perhaps a duck running amuck to help set the mood for the city's annual Riverwalk Festival? Possibly... although city officials suspect a two-legged creature not of the web-footed kind and probably a lot more human.

One thing is for sure: the ducks aren't quacking up any information on how the feet got there as they snacked on the debris being power washed into the river. That was fine until the Lowell City Council discovered how much it cost (about \$1,000) to have the painted imprints removed.

Councilman Jim Pfaller said in light of other issues involving residents' requests to be reimbursed for property damages for city projects, perhaps the city should pursue determining who was responsible for the feet and seeing if some of the cost for clean up could be recovered.

Concern over the feet started in August when a couple of councilmen said they thought the addition of the yellow imprints was cute for the Riverwalk Festival, but now that the event was over, they should be removed. Un-

certain who placed them, the council directed city staff to remove the feet.

Public Works director, Dan DesJardens said removing the feet was not an easy task, taking about 21 hours for city staff to remove most of the paint plus an additional five hours. For those along the Riverwalk a couple of weeks ago, they would have seen staff using power washers and a combination of paint thinner and scrub brushes, removing the feet which were painted from Main Street past the Englehardt Library.

"The moral of this is to use paint that is easier to remove," said Lowell mayor, Jeanne Shores during the council's Monday night meeting. Council members and city staff indicated they understood that the paint was supposed to have washed away in time, but after several days, Chuck Myers said it didn't appear to be happening.

City manager, David Pasquale said he knew city staff did not place the feet on the Riverwalk, but it was a mystery as to who did. He asked officials from the Lowell Area Chamber of Com-

merce, which sponsored the Riverwalk Festival, and they were uncertain how or who came up with the idea for the feet.

Last year, no duck prints were painted along the Riverwalk for the festival but the comment came up during this year's event. One city staff member cleaning the feet off suggested next year using something that was a little easier to remove... like chalk.

No matter whether people liked the feet or not, they all agreed that the painted version definitely laid an egg.

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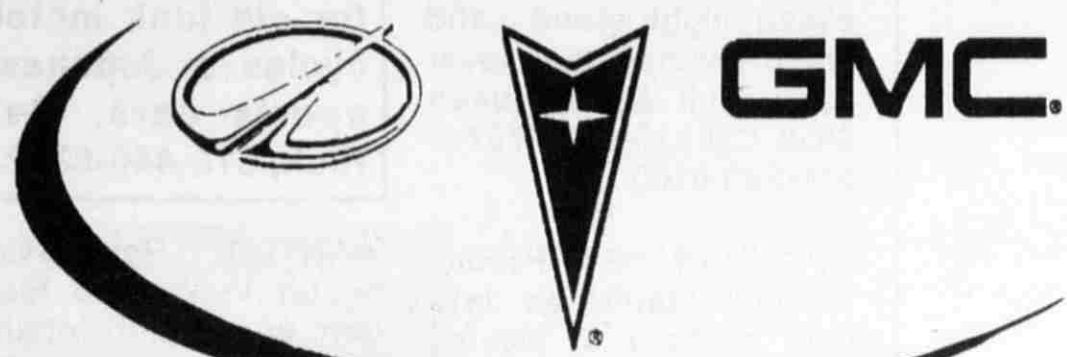
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