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City will check validity of referendum petition signatures

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

A referendum petition has been filed against the development at 751 Grindle. Before proceeding with the matter, however, the Lowell City Council has decided to first determine whether the signatures are truly valid.

Lowell City Clerk, Betty Morlock finished validating the signatures Sept. 9. This process included checking to make sure that the person who signed is a registered voter. Representatives from Sundry Corp., which has been working on developing the property, questioned whether the referendum petition even pertains to the PUD ordinance put in place in August, whether the signatures are really valid, and how the signatures were obtained.

William Bowie, attorney for Sundry, said the adoption of the PUD ordinance, which finalized the guidelines of what was expected in the Highland Hills development on Grindle, was an administrative procedure. The city

council had already approved the plan at its Nov. 18, 2002 meeting when it rezoned the property from suburban residential to PUD R-1 residential. Bowie noted the city also went on to approve a site plan for the project earlier this year.

Since receiving copies of the petitions, Bowie said Sundry officials have made contact with some of the residents who signed and learned that the certifier was not present when that person signed and that some people may have been "confused" as to what they were signing. Bowie said he felt several of the petitions needed to be thrown out because of the questionability of the certifiers; also that the city should not allow for the ordinance to be rescinded nor allow the petitioners more time to get additional signatures.

The council felt that the signatures should be reviewed. Under the city's charter, the council has 30 days to act upon a referendum. It was decided to allow Morlock three weeks, until its next

meeting, Oct. 6, to look into the allegations about the certification of signatures.

City Attorney, Richard Wendt said he did feel, according to the city charter, that a referendum could be filed on an administrative ordinance. He also pointed out that the city's charter is very specific about the procedures for a referendum petition.

According to the charter, a referendum must be filed within 40 days; in this case the cut off would have been Sept. 13. The city has 30 days to act on it by either rescinding the ordinance or putting it to a vote of the people; petitioners have indicated they are seeking the latter. Wendt said because of the allegations about the validity of the signatures, he felt the city should investigate before making a decision.

If the city finds there are not enough signatures, the council can allow an additional 10 days for more signatures to be collected, Wendt

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V.F.W. Post Commander John Vander Wilp, left, and Lowell Postmaster Gil Brown demonstrate V.F.W. flag retirement box.

"Retired" mail box recalled to duty

Did you ever have an old faded, torn, and tattered American flag that you needed to retire but just didn't know what was the respectful proper thing to do with the "battered old veteran?"

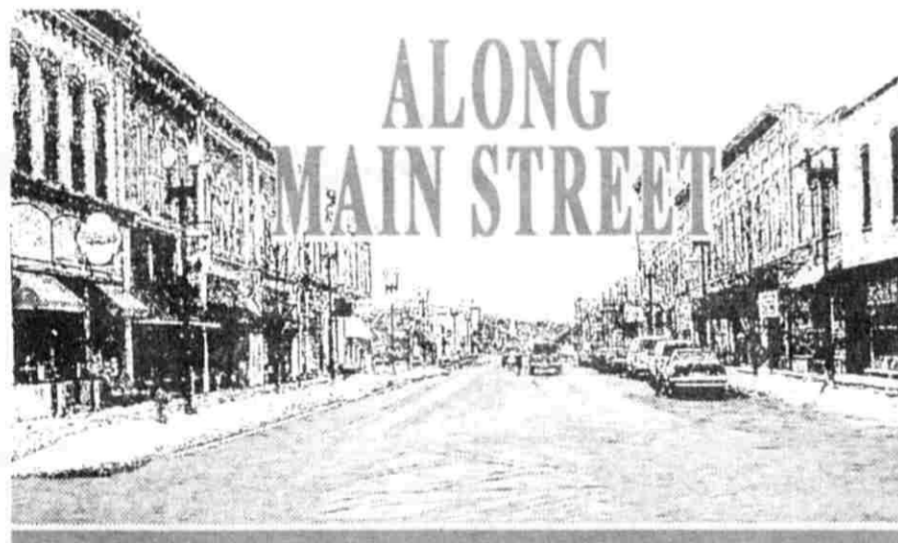
Recently, V.F.W. Post 8303 made an inquiry at the Lowell Post Office to see if they (V.F.W.) could acquire from the U.S.P.S. an "old veteran" of another type: an old retired, mail box.

After the proper paperwork was submitted, Gil Brown, Lowell postmaster, turned over to the V.F.W. one slightly battered,

series 1960, "snorkel type" curbside drop box.

Following several afternoons work of sanding, hammering and painting, some appropriate lettering and two big V.F.W. "Cross of Malta" decals, the mail box is once again ready for duty.

Located at the Lowell Veterans Hall, 3116 Alden Nash Ave., 2.5 miles south of Lowell, it has been assigned the honorable new duty of receiving those "old veteran" American flags that have been retired from their service of flying.



FALL FEST 2003

The Bluegrass Festival will be at Kent County Youth Fair this weekend, Sept. 19-21. Food vendors, activities for kids, crafts and bake sale; camping available.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

Flat River Outreach Ministries would appreciate any donations but especially needed are bar soaps and laundry detergents.

CUB SCOUT RECRUITING FUN DAY

The Lowell area Cub Scouts and Alto area Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will have a mini golf, roller skating and bowling afternoon 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.

OLD-FASHIONED BASE BALL

The Fallasburg Historical Society and the Fallasburg Cubs Base Ball Team will host the Fallas Field Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 20. Games at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Teams from the area will play by original rules of 1860. Call 897-7161 for information or directions.

CELEBRATE WITH THE VETERANS

Kent Radio Aero Modelers Club will celebrate Saturday, Sept. 20 with area veterans from 10-3 p.m. at 8001 Wingeier Rd., Alto. Open flying, demonstrations, free food; no admission charge.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT LOWELL AIRPORT

The annual fly-in at Lowell Airport will be on Sunday, Sept. 28. Breakfast served from 8-11 a.m. with airplane rides, tethered hot air balloon rides and static displays.

FALLSBURG FEST CHILDREN'S AREA NEEDS:

Scraps of wrapping / contact paper, stickers, weaving materials (yarn, fabric strips, garland, ribbon, streamers). May be dropped off at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson by Sept. 26 or call Rhonda at 897-8786 for pickup.

LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE CITIZENS ACADEMY

If you are interested in becoming aware of your police department, not in training to become a police officer, contact George at 897-9161. First session of five begins Sept. 23. Free of charge and must be at least 18 years of age; need not be a resident of the city of Lowell.

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.

WANTED: HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRIES

Any group or business interested in participating in the Homecoming parade on Oct. 10 should call Kurt Kaeb at Lowell High School (897-4125).

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.

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City moves forward on some street projects; waits on others

By J. Lodbell
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council has decided to reduce its scope on an upcoming road project and not seek a Michigan Department of Transportation bond. The council met last week during a special session and after some discussion decided not to seek a bond since it would tie up funding for future projects, said Lowell City Manager, David Pasquale.

The outcome was that the council, by consensus, would move forward with the Foreman Road project from N. Hudson to Gee Drive and then from Gee to the Creekside Park entrance since 80 percent of the project would be covered under federal funding, Pasquale explained.

The council also decided to move forward on the S. Center Street and Clarke Street project since it was developer driven with the developer planning to make major improvements to those streets. The city would only be responsible for the remaining curb and gutter to the streets and the last 90 feet of Clarke Street, which is on city-owned property. The work also would provide a new east side entrance into Stony Lakeside Park, Pasquale said. The decision did put the work on Grindle and Sibley

on hold for a future date because there would be "no bonding at this time," Pasquale said. City staff hoped to get an engineering firm online for the work at the meeting, but the council decided since the scope of the project had changed, the city needed to seek new bids from the four firms involved. City staff had recommended Williams and Works.

Councilman Jim Pfaller, who did point out that Williams and Works was not the low bidder on the project, said he could support the choice since Dave Austin (who works for Williams and Works) lived in one of the areas affected by the work. Councilman Mike Blough said he felt in order to be good stewards to the city,

the council needed to make sure it was getting the best price, and the only way to do that was to seek bids. Austin, who pointed out that he is a resident of the city, said he hoped the council would not just look at cost but other factors, i.e., who would be the most qualified for the work. He used the City Hall project as an example, and

said the city did not go with the lowest bid when it came to determine the engineering firm. "We don't low bid our city attorney," Austin said. "We don't low bid our waste water treatment contracts that come up from time to time."

"I would feel more comfortable if we had a couple of bids on the same scope," Blough said, with councilman Al Mathews agreeing. The council decided to seek new bids from all four firms which had participated in the process on the new scope and make a decision on engineering services at its next meeting set for Oct. 6.

Local band Ragnarok moves on to nationals



As part of the 100-city Milk Mustache Mobile Shake Stuff-Up Tour to promote milk to teenagers, the Lowell based trio, Ragnarok claimed the cash prize and now moves on to nationals, placing them in the top 100 bands in the nation.

Voters made their choice in booths that had been set up prior to competition at a local

Meijer store and at a middle school in the Lansing area, as well as at RiverTown Mall on the evening of the competition.

Battles continue through the end of October when the finalists will be voted on again and a top winner chosen in November or December 2003. For Ryder Jones, Nick Huizenga and Coletton Webber, their combined creative energies and their unique sound caught the attention of the promoters of the tour. "Even if we don't win the finals, somebody out there is hearing our music. Anything's possible now," said Jones.

Laurels of Kent residents help keep the city trash-free



Staff at the Laurels of Kent are strolling their residents along Main Street to help make their city a cleaner place in which to live.

Laurels of Kent, under the Adopt-a-Highway program, has adopted Main St. from West St. to the east city limits. Staff take their residents out three times a year to pick up trash.

After their stroll along the south side of Main St., the residents are treated to ice cream at Keiser's. They then head back west to clean the north side of Main St.

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explained. Bowie said Sundry's position is that since it is questionable as to how the first set was collected, the residents should not be allowed the additional 10 days.

Sundry also wanted the certifiers in question to not be allowed to gather more signatures on any petitions regarding this project; Wendt said,

however, the city cannot prevent people from collecting signatures.

As for the work on the project, Wendt said it can continue until the point that a permit from the city needs to be issued. Then work would have to stop until the petition issue has been determined. Bowie added that Sundry has

a soil erosion permit, which does not come through the city, and Wendt responded that a person could grade a site without developing it.

Wendt concluded that if certifiers did certify signatures without being present upon signing, it could be a misdemeanor; this is also stated on the petitions.

Smith 2003 points champion

Hillary Smith, the 19-year-old daughter of Rudy and Lori Smith, now has three reasons for the number 03 being on her race car. She was born on August third, she graduated from Lowell High School in June of this year and she is the 2003 points champion in the 4 cylinder Bomber Class at Mid-Michigan Raceway.

Smith has been flying around the race track since she was 15, even before she could legally drive a car on the road. The opportunity for her to drive competitively came when a friend of the family offered up a car that "wasn't being used." Lori, her mom, was a little nervous about Hillary's choice of a sport at first. "She and her dad snuck it in under my nose," Lori said. "At first it was a little stressful, but now I believe she is safer on the track than out on the road."

One of the main reasons Lori feels this way is due to the safety modifications that have been made to the car. Hillary drives a Mustang from the mid-'80s. She and her dad removed the interior and installed a roll cage, fire extinguisher, an eight-gallon fuel cell, and a racing seat with a five-point harness system just like the ones found in NASCAR racing. When asked why she drives a Mustang, Hillary gave a very practical reason. "There are a lot of them around in junkyards," she noted. "It makes it easy to get parts."

The availability of parts plays a very important part of racing, especially when a racer starts to do well and leads in the points standing. Hillary found that once she was on

top of the list, she liked being in first place and wanted to stay there. That put some pressure on her and her pit crew to make sure the car was good to go every week for the 10-lap heat race and the 20-lap feature race.

This championship year was the worst one for repairs and saw the Smiths replacing the radiator four times, among other things. She is grateful for the help of her local sponsors: Elite Auto Body, Modern Photographics, and A-1 Laser. Lori was quick to point out that the radiators were replaced because of the "bang and bash" driving style of some of the men who compete with Hillary. It seems they didn't appreciate being beaten by a young woman and would take extreme measures to try and get ahead of her, including bumping her car and causing her to spin around leaving the front end, i.e., the radiator, vulnerable to hits.

Hillary is much more gentle (dare we say "lady-like"?), in her driving style. She prefers to win the races on the oval tracks with speed and finesse, and leave the bashing to others. The other 15 drivers in the Bomber class, known as mini-stock at some tracks, are all men. Being the only woman, and the points winner for the season, created somewhat of a problem for the men who drove against her. Hillary said, "It is fun racing with a bunch of guys; they don't like being beaten by a girl."



Mid-Michigan Raceway champ, Hillary Smith

just started attending the culinary arts program at Grand Rapids Community College last week. Her pursuit of a career is evident in her current job as a "sandwich artist" at the Subway in Ada.

When asked about the interesting combination of auto racing and culinary arts, Hillary came up with a sensible answer. "I have seen some big name chefs on the Food channel who were preparing good food at some NASCAR races," she explained. "I could be there one day." We don't doubt that she will be there if she sets her mind to it.

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The current method of school finance has drastically affected public school districts. Districts no longer have the ability to go to their taxpayers asking for millage support. The high escalation of insurance costs further changes and complicates the economic picture districts are facing.

The Lowell Board of Education is informed and understands the realities of school finances and the economy. Our per student foundation allowance is frozen at \$6,700.00, the 2002-03 rate. Uncertainty about future foundation amounts goes into 2004 and beyond. In 2002-03 we cut \$500,000 from our budget. We maintained those cuts and cut an additional \$1 million for the 2003-04 school year.

Superintendent Shari Miller's return to work is progressing quickly. Shari is increasing the hours spent working in her office, as well as continuing to work from home. She is beginning visits to each building.

Our district's leadership remains intact. The board thanks our entire staff for their support and cooperation during Shari's absence for her initial treatments. We greatly appreciate the leadership of Jim White and Connie Gillette during that time. We value your trust, and encourage you to contact any of us with comments, questions or concerns. Please stand by us while we work together - Board of Education, teachers, support staff and community - to resolve the situation at hand on behalf of all our students.

September is Literacy Awareness Month

The Kent County Literacy Council has announced that September is Literacy Awareness month and is encouraging all parents to read to their children for 20 minutes each day. Reading to your children helps them become better readers.

And if you love to read, you can help someone else read. Volunteer tutors are always needed to teach adults to read and to speak English. If you are an adult and have trouble reading, contact the Kent County Literacy Council at 459-5151.

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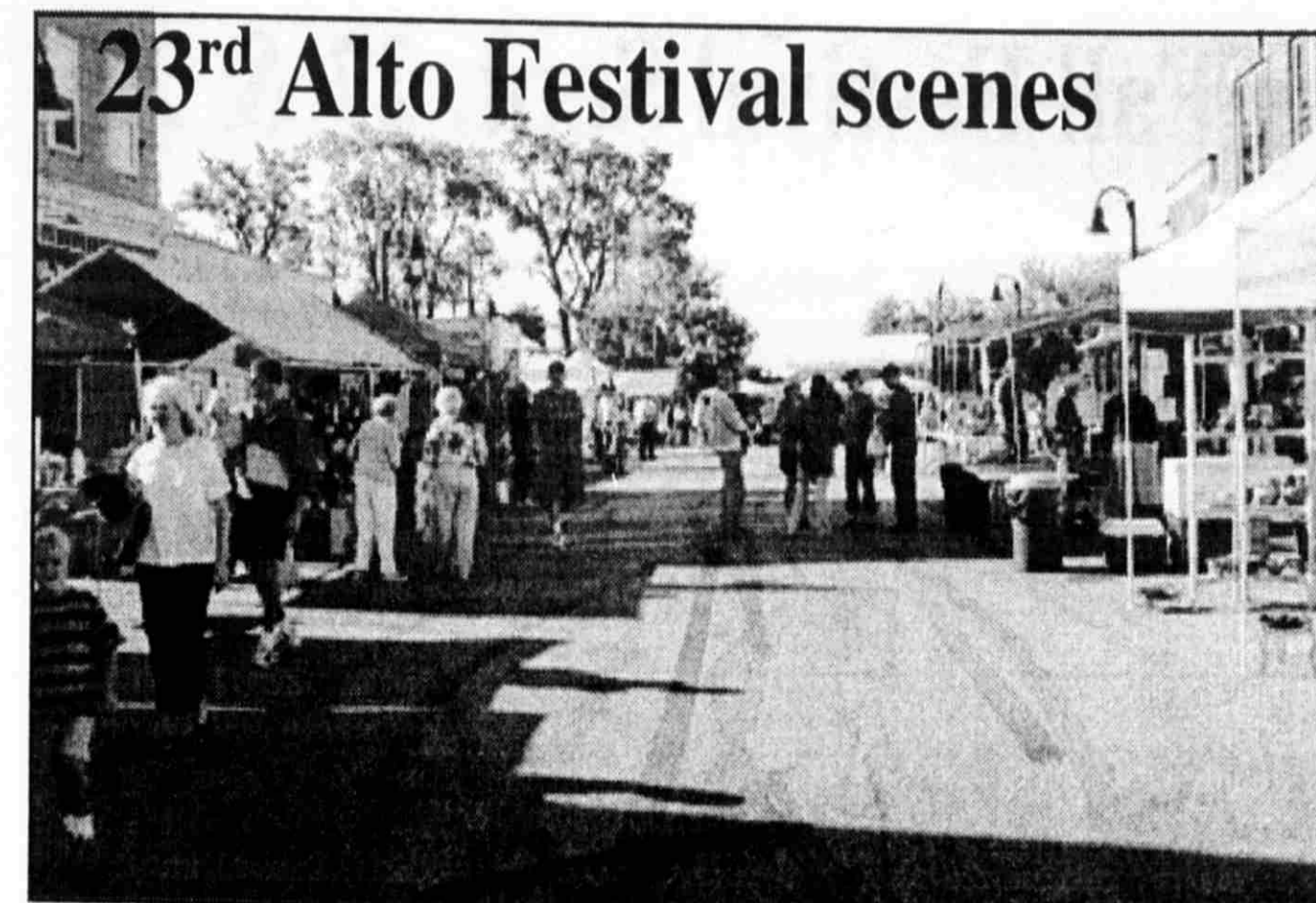
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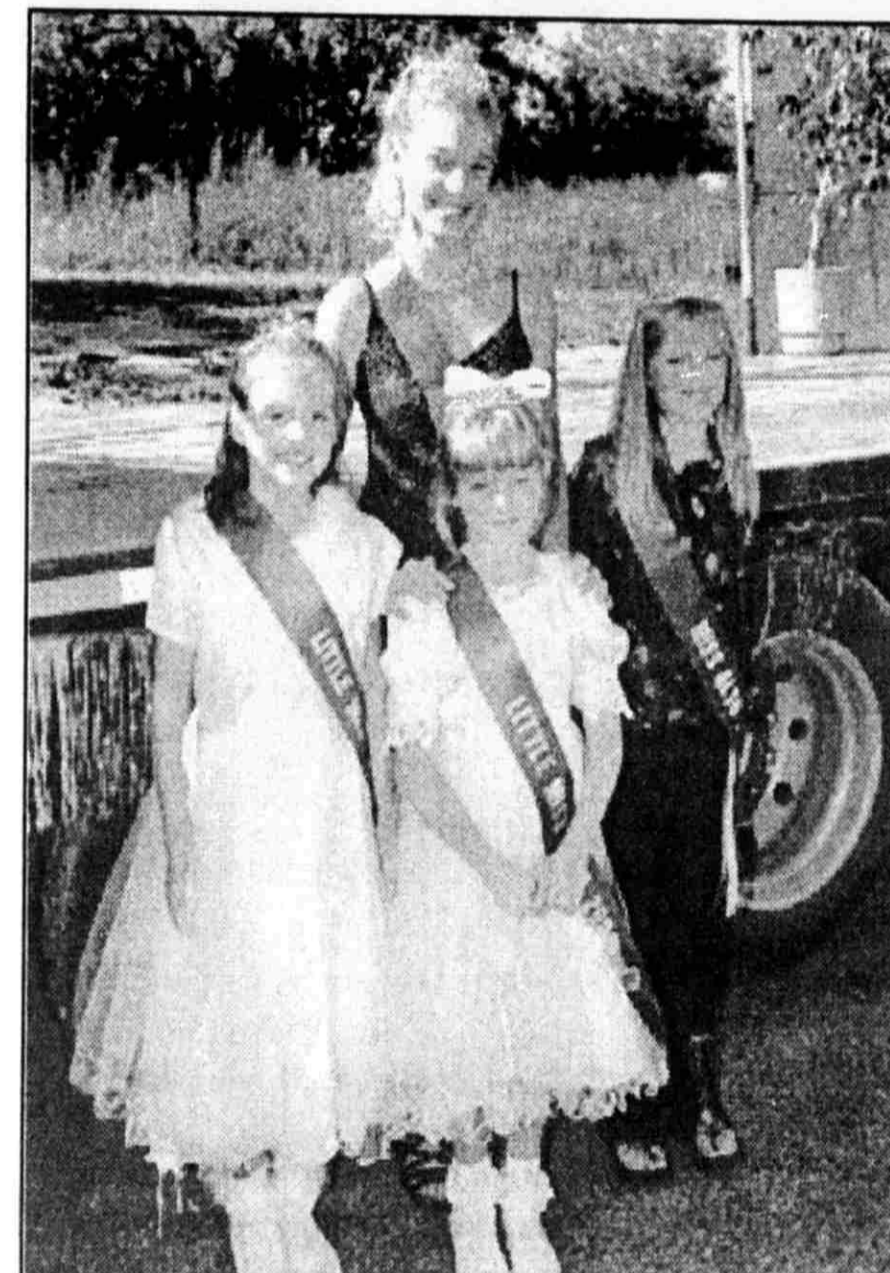
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In with the new and out with the old: the 2002 Miss Alto, Ocean Moore (back, left) crowned the new 2003 Miss Alto, Kim Andersen. Mariah Moore, Alto's Little Miss for 2002 (front, left), passed her duties on to the new 2003 Little Miss Alto, Leah Schlosser.

Photos by Bruce Doll

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Kent Radio Aero Modelers sponsor Veterans Day Sept. 20

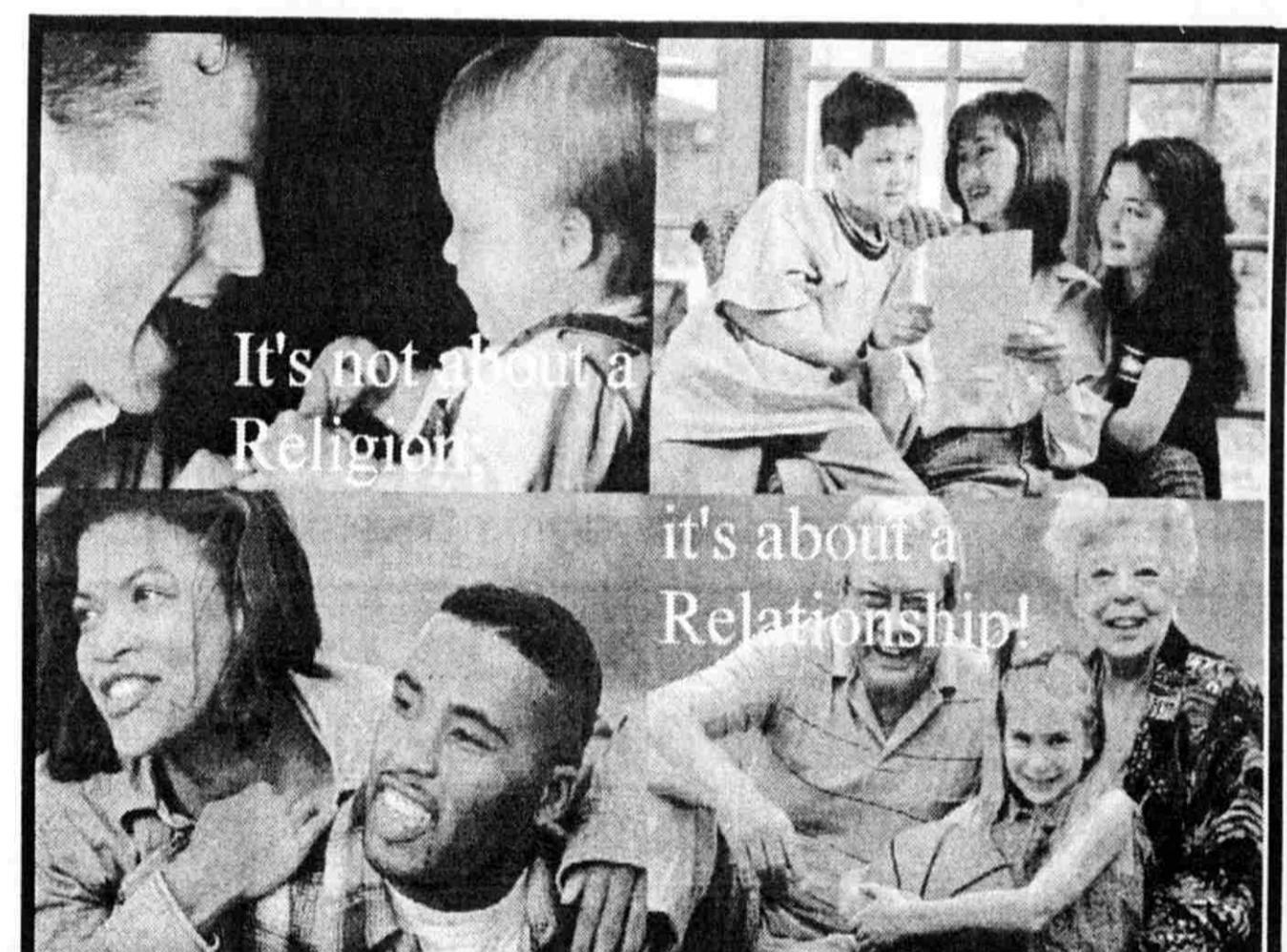
Kent Radio Aero Modelers will be sponsoring a Veterans Recognition Day on Saturday, Sept. 20. Veterans from the Grand Rapids facility will be special guests at the club flying field located at 8001 Wingeier Rd. in Alto.

The Kent Radio Aero Modelers have invited other model flying clubs in West Michigan to bring all war-bird models from WWI through the present. WWII "Big Band" music will be playing and the club will provide brats, hamburgers and hot dogs free to all visitors.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for admission or parking.

Walk to support the American Cancer Society

Women and men across West Michigan will celebrate Cancer walk on Saturday, Oct. 11 in Grand Rapids. Registration for the 3.5 mile noncompetitive walk begins at 8 a.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m. at Calder Plaza. Proceeds from this event benefit local education and support programs. Call 364-6121 or visit www.cancer.org to learn how you can help walk toward a cure.



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LAAC Sponsors 35th Fallasburg Fall Festival Sept. 27 & 28

Thousands of people are expected to attend the 35th Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival, sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28 at Fallasburg Park.

The festival's appealing combination of fine arts, traditional craft demonstrations, musical entertainment and food, all in a historical park setting, make it a unique "arts event" and one of many favorite festivals in the state of Michigan.

Each year 80 artists are selected to sell their artworks in a juried competition. Booths include jewelry, pottery, glass, leather, fiberwork, wood, painting and photography, just to name a few. The festival also includes demonstrations of rug hooking, origami, quilting, basketry, woodcarving, caning, rustic wood furniture, butter-churning, leatherwork, spinning and weaving.

Food booths representing nonprofit organizations from the Lowell community offer meals, desserts and snacks to entice diverse pallets. Musical entertainment on the outdoor stage offers a variety of musical styles including blues, folk and jazz.

Plenty of children's activities with hands-on exhibits and other fun activities will

be offered including pumpkin painting and face-painting. The Lowell Fire Department will have the Smoke-House trailer for children to learn about fire safety. Children will also receive a free balloon upon completion of the activities.

As in previous years, the once active Fallasburg Vil-

KDL presents color tour

Enjoy West Michigan's beautiful fall colors while visiting Kent District Library's 18 branches. Those who visit at least four branches during October will be eligible to win a reading gift basket. One basket will even contain diamond earrings, valued at \$625.

Many of the local Friends Groups will sponsor book sales and special events on Saturdays and Sundays in October to coincide with the Fall Color Tour. A map of the branches with fall program information is available at any of the branches.



lage Post Office will be reinstated by the U.S. Postal Service, offering postal services and featuring a cachet and cancellation designed by Lowell artist, Ginny Gustafson, created exclusively for this one weekend. Spanning the Flat River

between Fallasburg Park and historic Fallasburg Village is the 125-year old covered bridge, one of the few in Michigan.

The Lowell Area Arts Council's annual quilt, hand-

made by Lowell artist, Dawn Ysseldyke, will be raffled along with over 70 other artworks provided by exhibiting artists. These funds support arts programs provided by the arts council.

There is no charge to attend the festival. Parking is

available for a \$1 donation. One-third of the parking donations are used to support the Lowell High School Future Farmers of America.

For more information on this event and the LAAC, call Michelle, Fallasburg Festival chairperson, at 897-8545.

Class of '36 reunites for 67th



Lowell High School class of 1936 celebrated their 67th reunion with a potluck on July 11 at Schneider Manor. Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Alfred Roth, Irene Speerstra Osborne, Marian Monks Rutherford, Howard Kropf, Michael Hoover; middle: Pauline Kyser LaDue; front: Barbara Fletcher Rivette.

Classes of 1934 - 1939 were also invited. Guests attending were Pauline Christoff Eskes, Catherine Palinkas Weaver, Edwin Roth, Joan Roth, Pauline Hoover, Pearl Parsons Cunningham, Grace Denny Green, Loretta JeRue, Melvin Rogers, Clark Parsons, Eileen Onan DeWolf, Doris McCaul Canfield, John Raymor and Sam Yeiter.

Historic home tour coincides with Harvest Celebration

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

One was built in the 1880s. One was built in the 1930s. One was a group home. And one has a resident ghost.

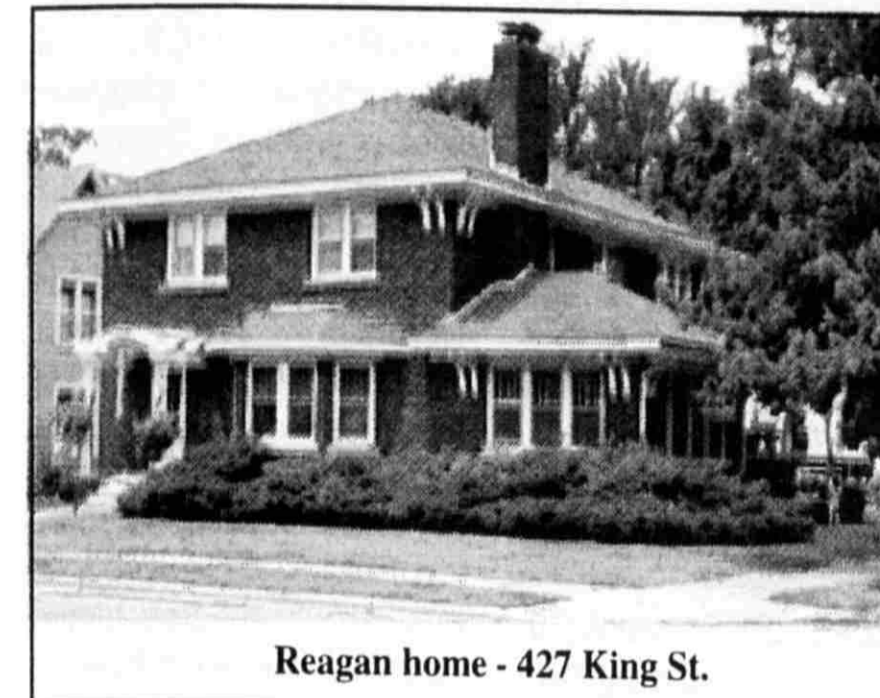
These are just a few of the tidbits of information visitors will discover at the first Lowell Historic Home Tour set to run during the Harvest Celebration Oct. 11.



Blough home - 623 N. Jefferson



Canfield home - 403 N. Washington



Reagan home - 427 King St.

Hosted by the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the tour will showcase eight historic homes in the Lowell area. These homes are currently owned by Richard and Carrie Curtis, Jeff



Hoats/VanStee home - 421 N. Jefferson

and Tina Dickerman (formerly the Hill/Homolka families), Dan and Sharon Vosovic, Greg and Deb Canfield, Dr. Bob and Carol Reagan, Margaret Hoats and Sandy VanStee, Ivan and Carolyn Jane Blough, and John Sterly.

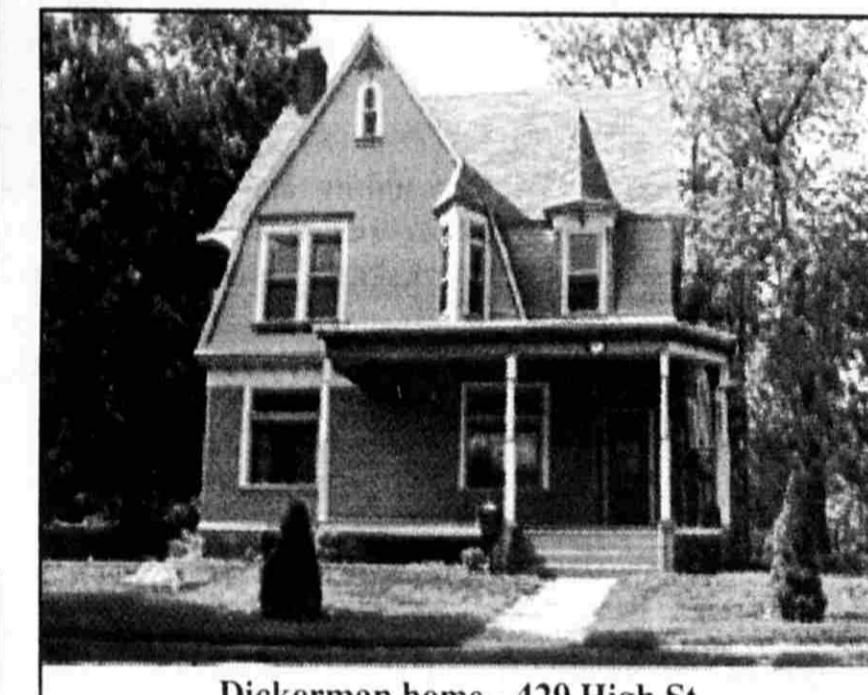
"The idea for the tour has been discussed by the board of

on the tour are between 70 and 75 years old. While exact construction dates are difficult to determine, one of the homes was able to date itself when newspapers from the 1800s were found during a remodeling project, she said.

Each home represents a different architectural style and design. Some of the homes still have the original detail while others have been modified very dramatically for today's living but still retain their original charm, she said.

"While gathering history on the homes, we found that there were very few owners of these homes, only three or four, which tells us they were indeed homes," Straub said. "This shows that people lived there and felt very connected to their home and their community."

The tickets for the tour are \$10, with proceeds going toward the museum's operational fund. The ticket price includes a brochure on the history of each home along with its architectural style, and other information—and yes, you'll be able to learn which home has the resident ghost.



Dickerman home - 429 High St.

No tickets will be sold at the homes on the day of the tour. Tickets are available at a number of locations throughout town including the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Dream Pieces, Keiser's, Springgrove Variety, Huntington Bank, Touch of Country, Chimera Design, and the Lowell Buyers Guide. For more information, contact the Lowell Area Historical Museum at 897-7688.



Vosovic home - 417 High St.

directors for a number of years," said museum executive director, Judy Straub.

"Last year we decided we were going to do it this year," Straub said. "Then the Harvest Celebration mentioned something to organizations about what they were going to be doing at that event."

The tie-in was perfect, Straub said, adding that providing a historic home tour strengthened the events that would be happening that day.

From that, a committee was formed, putting together a list of criteria on home selection. "We wanted a historic flavor that was consistent to the Lowell area," Straub said. All the homes

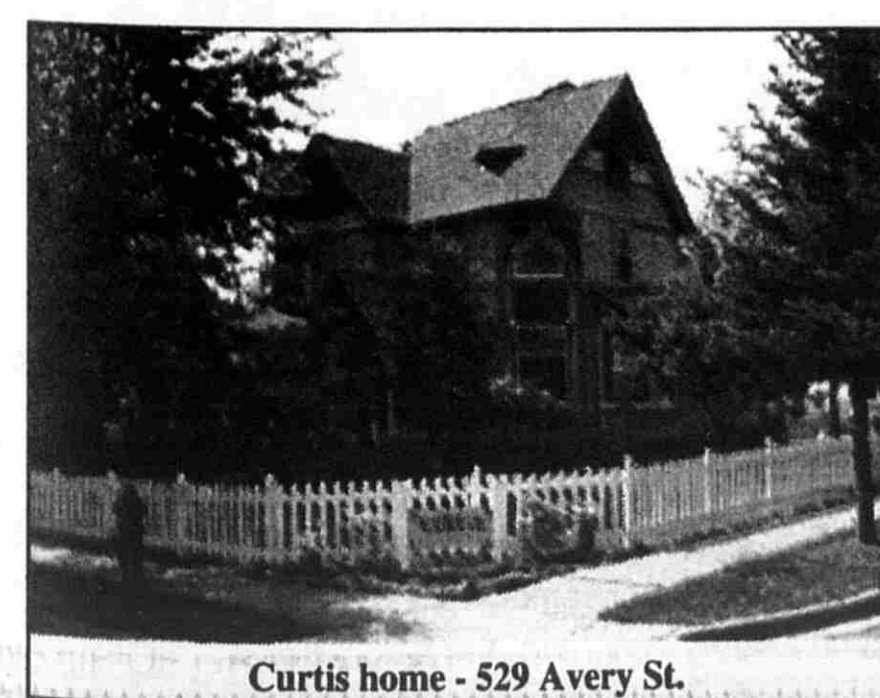
NOTICE: LOWELL PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC TO CLOSE SEPT. 24

We regret that due to budget constraints, the Lowell Public Health Clinic will be closing September 24.

Services provided at the Lowell Clinic will now be available full time at the Fuller Public Health Clinic, 700 Fuller N.E., in Grand Rapids. The Fuller Clinic is located, just north of the I-196 expressway and its expanded hours offer more convenience in scheduling appointments and services.

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Curtis home - 529 Avery St.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: Including RICHARD RUSNAK, BRUNO RUSNAK, VIRGINIA RUSNAK, LUCILLE RUSNAK, whose addresses and whereabouts are unknown.

The decedent, who lived at 422 Marsh Ridge N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 died 09/03/03.

An application for informal probate of decedent's will was filed by KRISTEN OTTENWESS 0-12547 - 8th Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49544. On 9-5-03 the Kent County Probate Court, 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 informally admitted the will.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARING

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

Monday, October 13, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

The following changes of zoning will be considered:

Whispering Hills Associates has requested rezoning of property located at 11627 and 11729 Fulton Street (PP# 41-20-04-401-035 and 41-20-04-401-036) Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of PUD to Commercial.

The original application and the Township zoning map may be examined at the Township hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRATTA TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., the Township of Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") will hold a special meeting at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township.

At the special meeting, the ZBA will consider the application submitted by Grattan Township for an appeal seeking clarification of the ZBA's prior decision denying Landon Holding, Inc.'s application for a use variance from Section 6.02 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, which, if it had been granted, would have permitted the construction of a manufactured housing community on lands zoned in the A-Agricultural District.

Proposed minutes of the special meeting will be available at the office of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, eight business days after the meeting. Approved minutes of the meeting will be available at the same address five days after the meeting at which such minutes are approved. The telephone number of the Township office is 691-8450.

This notice is given in accordance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

Dated: September 15, 2003

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA



Jeremy Holliman caught this pass in the flat Friday night at East Grand Rapids. The play went for eight yards. Lowell lost the game 38-9.

Pioneers demolish Red Arrows

It was a date both teams circled on their calendars.

East Grand Rapids' 38-9 win against Lowell on Friday left the Red Arrows circling their wagons.

"My father always told me that it's during adverse times when you find out who your friends are," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

Big plays were not a friend to Lowell in the battle of defending state champions.

Neither was the second quarter - that's where all the big plays occurred.

With the score tied at 7-7, the Pioneers took their first lead of the evening, with 4:05

to play in the half, on a 68-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Cunningham to Kevin Grady Jr. ... after its defense held Lowell to three plays and a punt.

Not so fast! What everyone in the stadium thought would be a punt from the Lowell 20 yard line, played out as a fake punt with disastrous consequences.

East snuffed it out, and took possession at the Lowell 26 yard line. A 25-yard pass to Matt Krueger, followed by a one-yard scoring run by the Michigan bound halfback (Grady), and East had itself a 21-7 lead.

"I was as surprised as you were by the play," said Dean. "I am not sure how that call got made. It was a miscommunication. That should not have happened. It was a huge part of the game, but not the only part. How and why it happened I don't have an answer, but we'll find out when we watch the film. I'm disappointed that it occurred."

It had a steamroll effect. On the Red Arrows' next possession, the ball rolled all the way inside the Lowell five, following a missed snap where Ryan Dykhous's attempt to recover, resulted in East falling on the ball at the one yard line.

One play later, it was Grady scoring his third touchdown in a two-minute span of the second quarter, giving the homestanding Pioneers a 28-7 advantage.

Grady rushed the ball 25 times for 139 yards while catching two passes for 83 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

East wasn't through, as it drove 44 yards in the final 1:25 of the first half before converting on a 35-yard field goal, taking a 31-7 lead into the locker room.

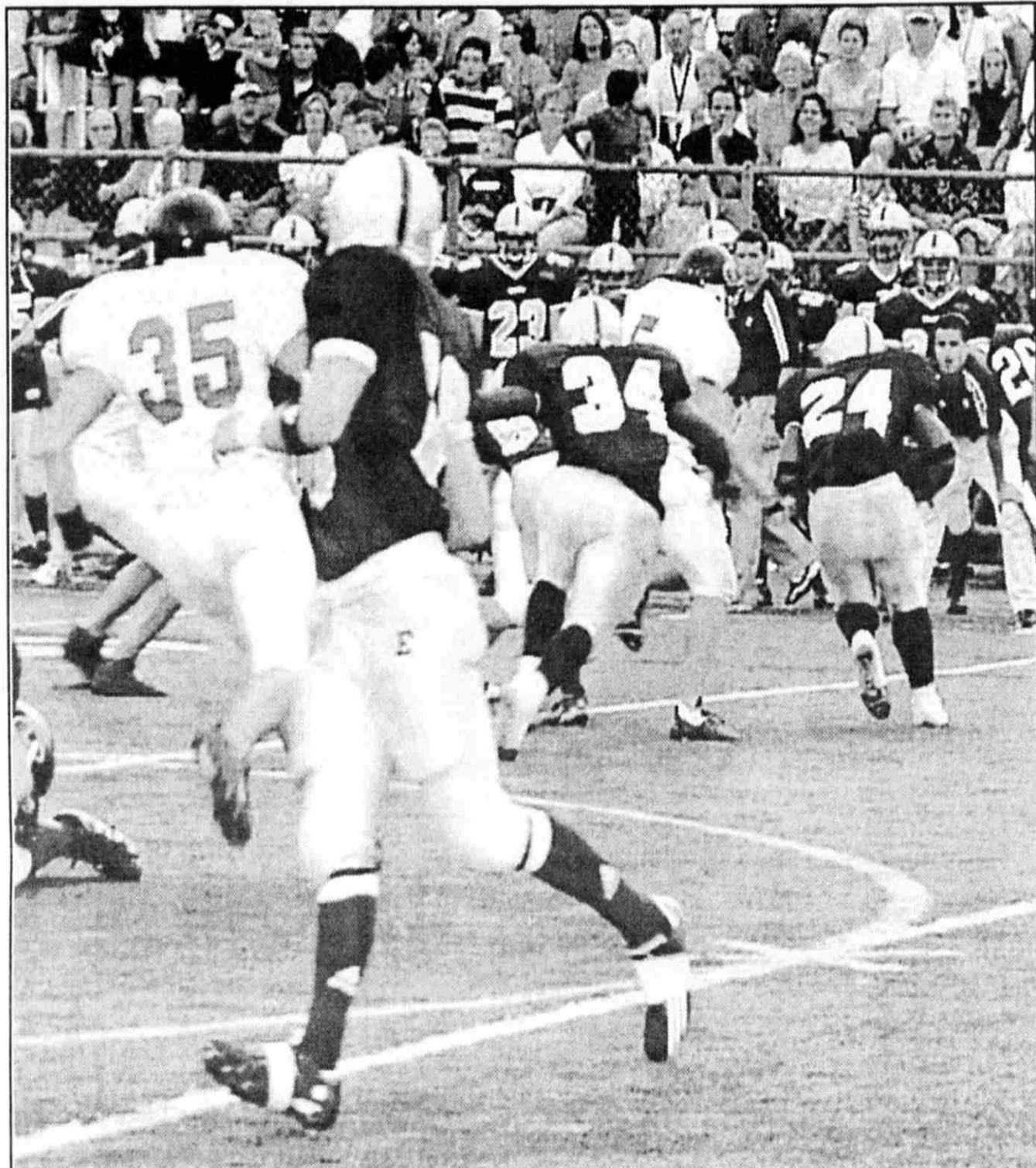
"They are a very nice club. Kevin (Grady) puts so much pressure on you to stop him that it allows so many other things to happen," Dean explained. "He applies pressure on both your offense and defense to do certain things because of what he can do. They have a quality group of players over there who have gone undefeated since the eighth grade."

The game's beginning gave no indication of what would transpire. Lowell forced East to punt from its own 37. The Red Arrows began what would be their only scoring drive of the game, from its own 28. An 11-yard completion from Dykhous to Mike Koster, followed by a 59-yard connection with Koster and a Pioneer facemasking penalty, put the ball on the East four-yard line. Two plays later, Dykhous hit Andrew Min on a touchdown pass.

East Grand Rapids ran the ball for 165 yards.

"Lowell had eight-nine guys in the box to stop the run - that opened up our play action pass," said Pioneer coach, Pete Stuursma. "Kevin draws the attention, but Kyle (Cunningham) had an outstanding night. What a

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Kevin Grady (#24) was running away from "would be" Lowell tacklers all night in EGR's win over Lowell. Grady rushed for 139 yards.

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By DAVID STOWERS

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Varsity football, continued...From Page 16

playmaker. He came back after that interception in the first quarter and made great throws and plays."

Cunningham threw for 297 yards connecting on 15-of-26 attempts including three

touchdowns and one interception.

"He had a quality game," Dean confirmed. "I was holding my breath that he didn't get hurt in that fourth quarter."

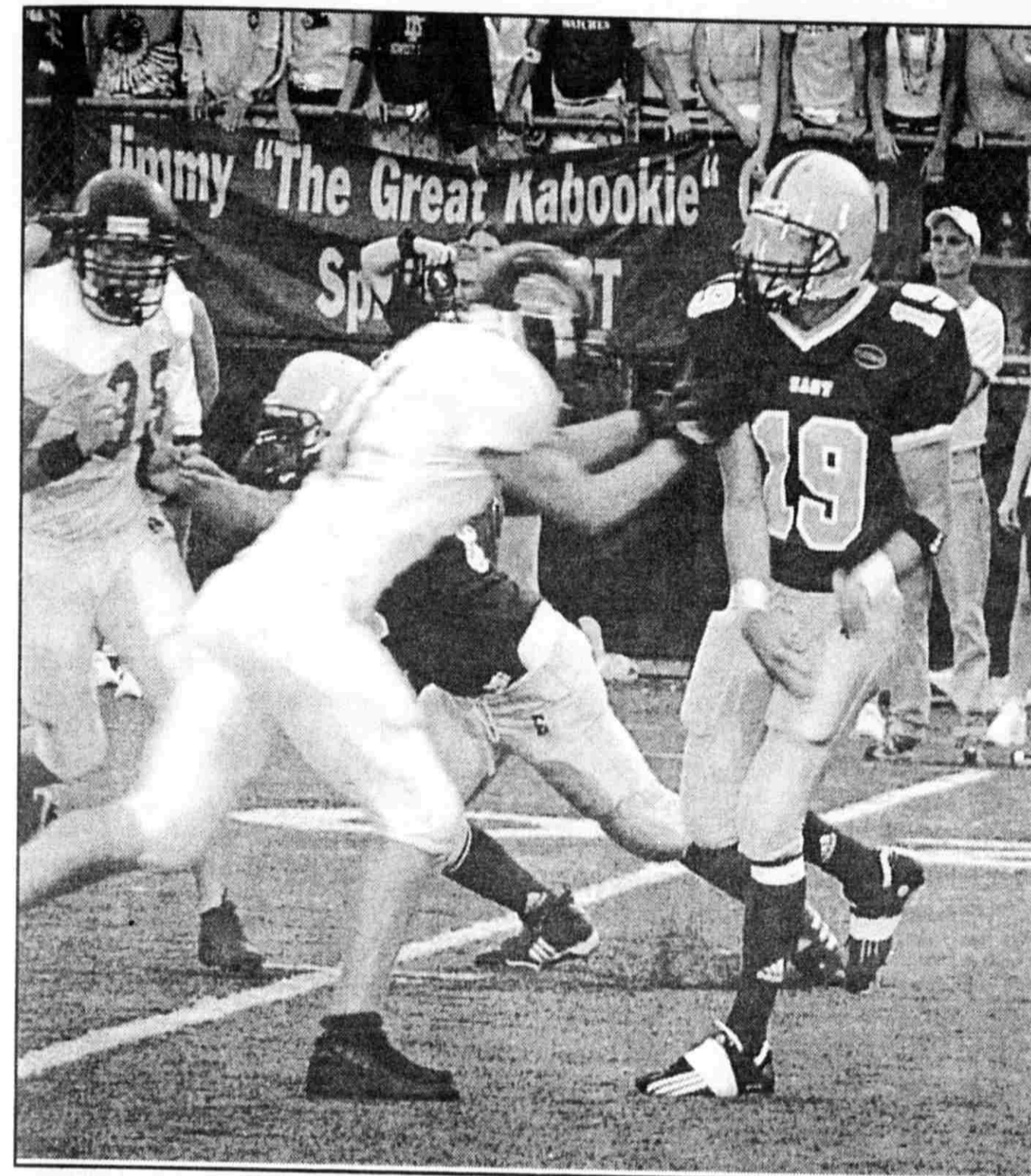
The Pioneers' last score came with 5:59 to play in the third quarter when Cunningham hooked up with Krueger for a 33-yard touchdown strike.

The tandem was also responsible for EGR's first score of the game; that touchdown pass covered 47 yards.

The game's final two points came when East took a safety instead of punting from the back of its end zone with less than three minutes to play.

Lowell's ground game could only muster 71 yards while through the air, the Red Arrows were 10-of-27 for 133 yards.

Lowell, 2-1, now prepares for its first home game of the season against Kenowa Hills Friday night.



Pioneer quarterback Kyle Cunningham not only got the ball away just in time but his throws were also on the money.

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Red Arrow girls earn season's first win at Rockford

Lowell girls basketball team, losers of opening games to Belding and Byron Center, elected to pass that frustration onto Rockford.

The Red Arrows, behind a full court press, frustrated the Rams into turnovers and mistakes as Lowell came away with a 45-39 nonconference win.

"The turnovers just killed us," said Rockford coach, Vince Vogg. "Our turnovers turned into points for Lowell."

The Rams never executed comfortably against the Lowell press. "We haven't seen a pressing team yet this year," Vogg said. "However, this is only our second game of the year."

Lowell's offense displayed sharper movement off

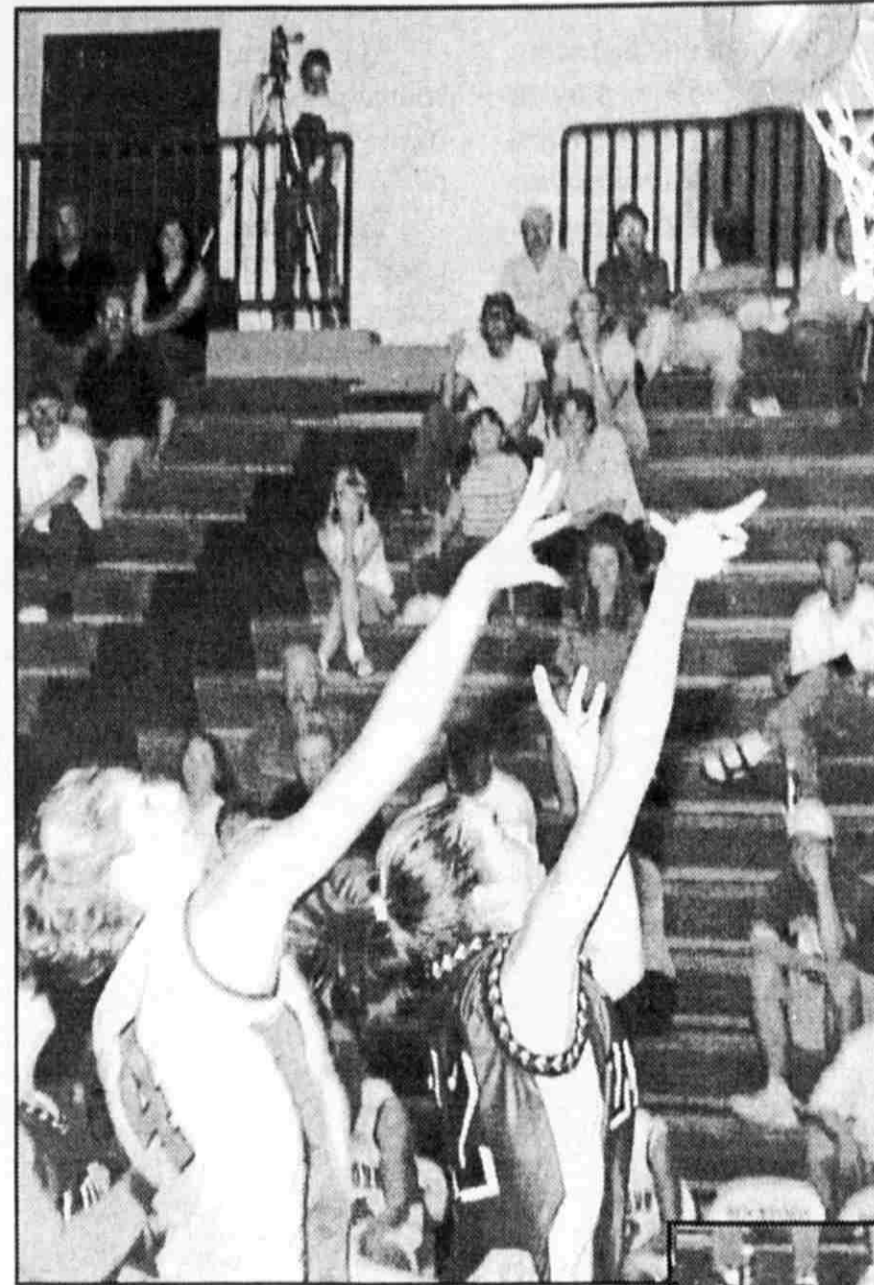
the ball, better penetration and better interior passing.

"Offensively this was our best night," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "We got some penetration and that opened up some shots on the perimeter. The girls also rotated the ball well."

A Crowley-coached Lowell team has never lost three in a row—that was in jeopardy Tuesday night. "I never really thought about it and it was never discussed with the girls," Crowley noted.

What was discussed was their six-for-16 shooting from the line against Byron Center. The Red Arrows improved upon that against the Rams, netting 50 percent (seven-for-14) of its foul shots.

After a slow start, which



saw Lowell fall behind by as many as six, the Red Arrows rallied to within one (13-12) after one period of play.

Devon Collins sparked Lowell on the offensive end in the opening 16 minutes. The junior scored 8 of her 11 points. Collins has been Lowell's most consistent offensive threat in the opening three games.

"Devon has played well. She has a huge advantage because other teams key on Keni

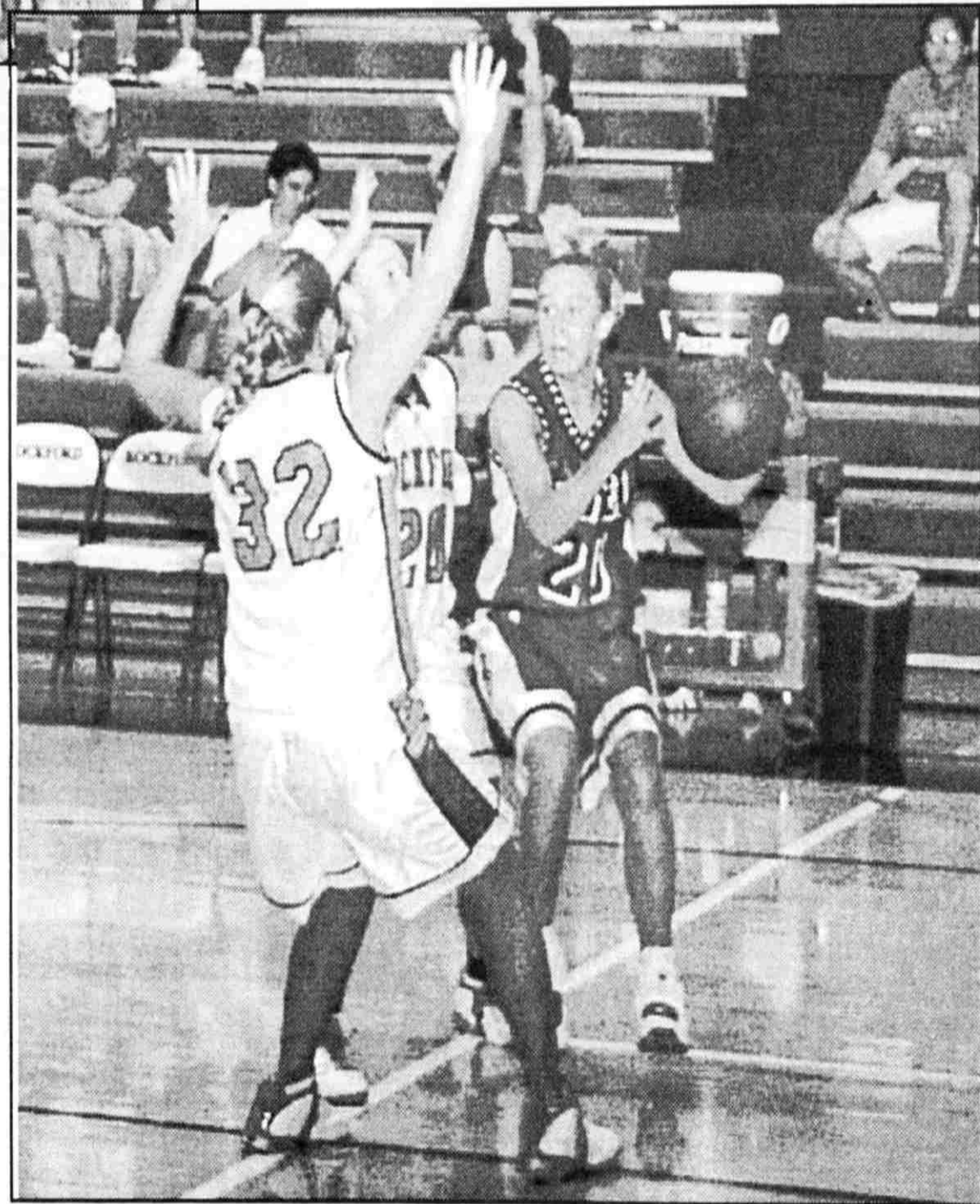
Gallert, Vallen Van Zyll and Amy Oberlin because they played significant minutes last year," Crowley said.

Gallert finished with 10, including a huge three-point shot in the second half after Rockford had pulled to within two at 33-31.

Oberlin tallied seven points.

Lowell, 1-2, plays Cedar Springs and Kenowa Hills this week.

At left, Lowell's Amy Oberlin works inside her Rockford defender for an easy bucket.



Vallen Van Zyll looks to make a bounce pass to cutting Red Arrow.



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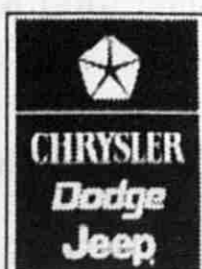
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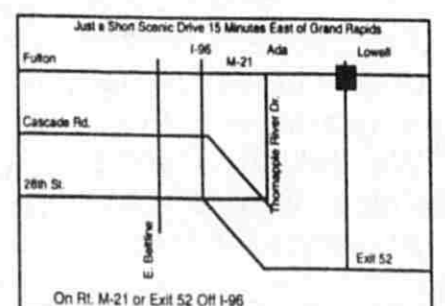


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