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Courted by air - longtime wish at last fulfilled

By Dan Schneider

Since she was a young girl reading Tailspin Tommy cartoons in the Sunday funnies, Margaret Koning has loved airplanes.

She faked her father's permission to get her first airplane ride in high school. Since then, she has flown in many aircraft. Her husband was a flight instructor in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Most his time was logged in a Boeing Stearman. Margaret always wanted a ride in the open cockpit Stearman, but never got the chance.

She was a civilian and couldn't fly in the aircraft on the naval bases. But since

1944 she's known the pitch of the Stearman's engine.

"I was courted by air," she said. "He used to fly around the hospital where I was nursing and he would rev his engines and wave the wings."

She was nursing in a Catholic hospital near the naval base in Ottumwa, Iowa. Stanley Koning, while making cross-country training flights, would circle the hospital before landing at the base.

"I went down to the nuns at the hospital and said, 'I need the weekend off,' and they would say, 'I know, we heard.'"

After the Konings mar-



Margaret Koning finally took her long awaited Stearman flight on Sunday. Pictured above is her husband Stanley Koning in the plane he flew in the 1940s.

ried, she traveled around the country with him, getting nursing jobs at hospitals near bases where her husband was stationed.

"He took me up in other planes but not the Stearman."

Stanley Koning promised to one day take her up in a Stearman but in his whole life he never got the chance. He died of bone cancer in May of 1996.

On Sunday, at the Lowell

Airport Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast, the Kentwood resident finally got her ride in a Stearman flown by *The Ledger* publisher, Roger Brown.

Brown's Stearman was built in 1941 for the Army. It was one of 10,000 Boeing-built primary trainers for the Army and Navy during the WWII era. Of those, 1,000 to 1,500 are still flying.

Ominous dark clouds threatened to keep the

Stearman on the ground, leaving Koning to wait another year.

But the white and green biplane went up, flew low along the twists of the Flat River, flew along the edge of the rain, looped the loop, flew over Lowell and brought Koning down all smiles.

"I loved it," she yelled from the front seat. "I'm glad I didn't have to wait until next year."

Fence ordinance a meeting away from planning commission approval

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

When Candice Fleszar-Smith approached the city of Lowell about installing a white fence on her front lawn, she probably wasn't betting that she would spend the next few months helping the city revise its fence ordinance.

At the end of October, Fleszar-Smith will have her questions answered on how to measure a fence and whether to include the end tops or not when the Lowell Planning Commission reviews the proposed changes

to the fence ordinance at its October 27 meeting.

The ordinance was scheduled to be approved and sent on to the Lowell City Council, but the devil was in the details as Fleszar-Smith pointed out that a sentence would eliminate the use of farm-type fences except in agricultural areas. "This would eliminate the issue of chicken wire used for fences," she said.

The planning commission agreed, requesting the change be made before its next meeting. "It is very unattractive and doesn't main-

tain its shape," said planning commission member, Barb Schmaltz.

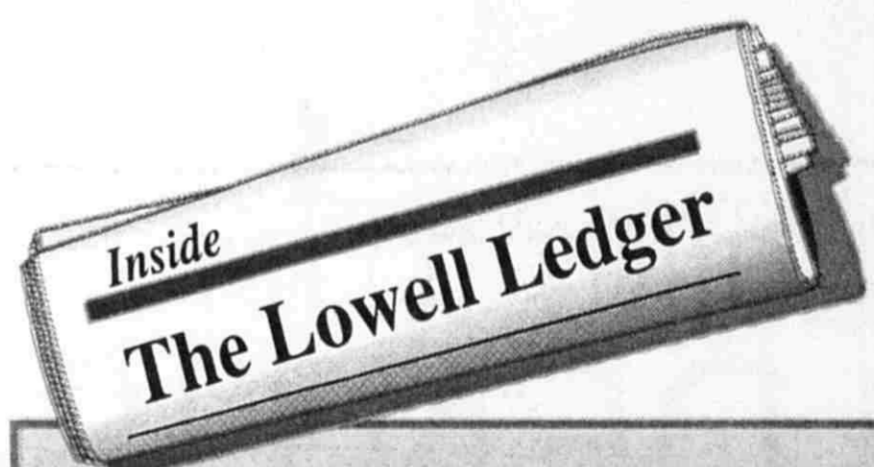
Fleszar-Smith's comment was the only one received for review. The changes in the fence ordinance are designed to spell out what is considered a fence, wall and privacy screen. Fences or walls that are greater than 50 percent solid cannot exceed a total height of 48 inches in a front yard. Measurement shall be from the finished grade to the top of the fence. Posts are not considered part of the fence unless the height is believed to be an obstruction of view

by the zoning enforcement officer.

The planning commission may also settle another ordinance change on hard surface driveways soon. Having looked into the issue for the past year, the commission is looking to require that driveways become hard surface upon the construction of a primary accessory building or the addition of bays to a primary accessory building.

Councilman Al Mathews questioned whether crushed asphalt or concrete would be

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OBITUARIES

AYARS - Donald B. Ayars, aged 81, formerly of Lowell, died Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at the Lansing nursing home where he resided. A native of Grand Rapids, Don was a car salesman for many years at Staal Buick, then general manager at Harvey Cadillac until his retirement in 1987. He was a pilot in the Air Force in W.W. II. He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Bosworth Ayars. He is survived by his children Donald Bruce (Teresa) of Selinsgrove, PA, George

(Robin) of Lansing, Karrie (Vic) Scudder of Lowell, Shelly (Gerry) Mickam of Grand Rapids; 13 grandchildren; loving companion Coilah Callahan of Okemos; sister Bonnie Ayars of Reno, NV; sister-in-law Dorothy Bosworth of Lowell; sister-in-law Virginia Ayars of Michigan City, IN; brother-in-law Gerry Vredevelt of Wyoming. Visitation will be 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Home in Grand Rapids. The memorial service will be

Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Lowell. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

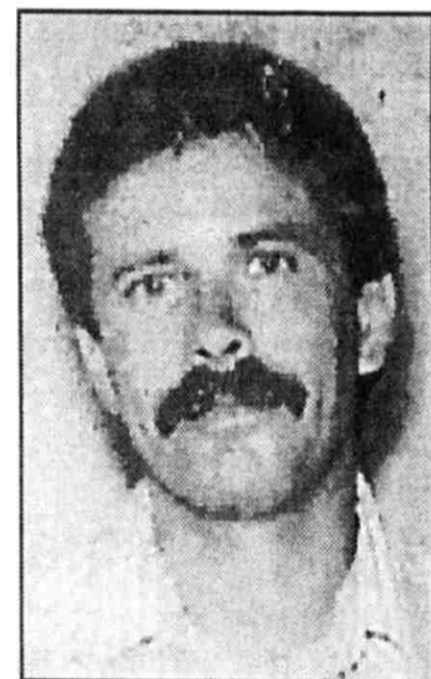
BOVEE - Janet (Haselschwerdt) Bovee, aged 83, joined our Lord Tuesday, September 23, 2003. She was preceded in her journey to Heaven by her husband Glendon of 56 years. She will be greatly missed by her children Lew and Sally Bovee of West Chicago, IL, and Steve and Arla (Bovee) Harvey of Saranac; four grandchildren Tasna (Todd) Kaminski, Lona (Dale) Carson, Chris and John Bovee; two step-grandchildren Collin and Neesa Harvey; four great-grandchildren Kaley, Kasidy, Cole and Kelden; step-brothers Bob (Carolynn) Toney and Stan Toney of Colorado; brother and sister-in-law Vercel and Marilyn Bovee of Lowell. Janet asked that her gratitude be expressed to Dr. Joan Miedema for her professionalism and love to the family. Janet will be remembered for her ability to enrich lives - she taught elementary school in Lowell and in Anderson, IN. She was a member and liturgist of the First United Methodist Church in Lowell, past president of Lowell Women's Club, senior regent of the Women of the Moose, along with other Lowell clubs. Her passions included studying the Lord's word, writing poetry, and painting. Funeral services were held on Friday at First United Methodist Church in Lowell, Dr. Michael T. Conklin and Rev. Dean Bailey, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cumberland Retirement Village, 11535 Fulton St., Lowell or First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

BROWN - John W. Brown, aged 63, of Wellston, Mich., formerly of Lowell, died Wednesday, September 25, 2003. He is survived by his wife Gerarda; children Brian and Sharon; his mother and

father-in-law George and Sharon Miles; brothers and sisters-in-law Jamie, David, Marty, Kenneth, Steve, Mary, Tanya, Sharry and Nancy; nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Monday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell.

EICKHOFF - James Le Roy Eickhoff, aged 65, of Saranac, passed away September 26, 2003 at his home. Jim would go on to marry Patricia Possehn July 16, 1982 in Ionia. He is survived by his wife Patricia of Saranac; his children Kellie and Jennie Eickhoff of Lowell, Lisa and Edward Coulier of Muskegon, Angie Eickhoff of Lowell, Peggy and Mark Brown of Lowell, John and Danielle Eickhoff of Saranac, Andy Eickhoff of Saranac; brothers Eugene and Nina Eickhoff of Maryland, Robert and Judy Eickhoff of Tennessee, Harvey and Shirley Eickhoff of Lowell, Joe Eickhoff of Charlotte, Gary and Sharon Eickhoff of Lowell; six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held Monday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Memorials to Saranac First Responders or Saranac High School Football.

FORD - Gregory Robert Ford, aged 51, passed away on September 25, 2003 following a courageous battle with cancer. Greg enjoyed spending



time outside with his family and restoring John Deere trac-

tors. Greg is preceded in death by his nephew Josh Ford. He is survived by his wife Nancy; his parents Robert and Norma Ford; daughter Brooke Ford, Tracey (Steve) Yonker, Mike Jaworowicz, Holli (Derek) Dykhouse; brothers Doug (Karen) Ford, Dave (Joy) Ford; sisters Jody (Kraig) Haybarker, Beth (Greg) Ball; grandchildren Caleb, Noah, Seth, Tyler, Jenna, Kendra and Erik; also many nieces and nephews. Services for Greg were held at Vergennes United Methodist Church on September 29, with Rev. Than Johnson officiating. Interment at Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Greg's name to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60018. Special thanks to Dr. Lynn Hedeman, Sheila and Patricia for the wonderful care and support given over the years.

GIBBS - Gregory James Gibbs, aged 50, of Lowell, died September 26, 2003. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, and lived in the Lowell area for more than 15 years, employed at Rapistan, and also in business for himself. He is survived by his parents Jim and Joan Gibbs of Lambertville, Mich.; son Chad of Jackson, Mich.; daughters Breona and Alexis of Saranac; their mother Jenny Posthumus; brothers Kevin (Elizabeth) and Jim (Carol); two nieces and a nephew. Memorial service will be held Saturday, October 4 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Highway (M-21 between Lowell and Saranac), Rev. Joe Fremer officiating. Memorial gifts may be given to Good Shepherd and will be used for an educational fund for his daughters.

MC GLAMERY - Lee Mc Glamery, aged 90 of Lowell, passed away September 26, 2003 in Lowell. He was born January 15, 1913 in Kentucky, the son of Mac and Leander (Taylor) Mc Glamery. He is

survived by his children Dorothy Sheldon of Lake Odessa, Wanda Jaynes of Kentucky, Louise Miracle of Kentucky, Ron Mc Glamery of Lowell, Clyde Mc Glamery of Kentucky, and Andy and Laura Mc Glamery of Fenwick, Christine and Bart Shilton of Lowell; one sister Grace Wilson of Kentucky; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six children and one sister. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Doug Carlson and Rev. Steve Starks officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell.

VAUGHAN - Bernice A. Vaughan, aged 98, of Clermont, FL, received her wings September 17, 2003. She was a retired switchboard operator for the city of Grand Rapids. Bernice was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. In life she found fulfillment in God's simple pleasures, nature, friends, and family. She is survived by her daughter and best friend, Jean Vaughan Porter of Clermont; grandchildren James R. Porter and family of Cedar Springs, Robert V. Porter and family of Clermont, Shellie R. Vaughn and family of Lowell; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and one great dog Molly. Bernice was predeceased by her loving son Jack Vaughan and first-born grandson Mark S. Porter. Bernice's remains will be interred during an open service on October 4 at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Gardens of Second Congregational Church of Grand Rapids. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider giving to the music fund of the Second Congregational Church, 525 Cheshire Dr. NE Grand Rapids 49505 or to Hospice of Lake and Sumter, Inc., 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

New books for first graders

by Dan Schneider

First graders at Bushnell Elementary took home books from the school library to keep last week.

Local Marine returns from Mideast

By Cliff Yankovich

Marine Corps Major Ben Richmond returned to the U.S. and to his wife and children here in Lowell recently. Major Richmond, who has been in the Marines for 10 years with the last four as a reservist, answered the call to duty on Feb. 20 of this year. In less than a week he had arrived at Kuwait. His tour of duty in the Middle East ended recently. Returning to the U.S. on Sept. 10, he arrived back in Lowell on Sunday the 14th.

"I am really glad to be

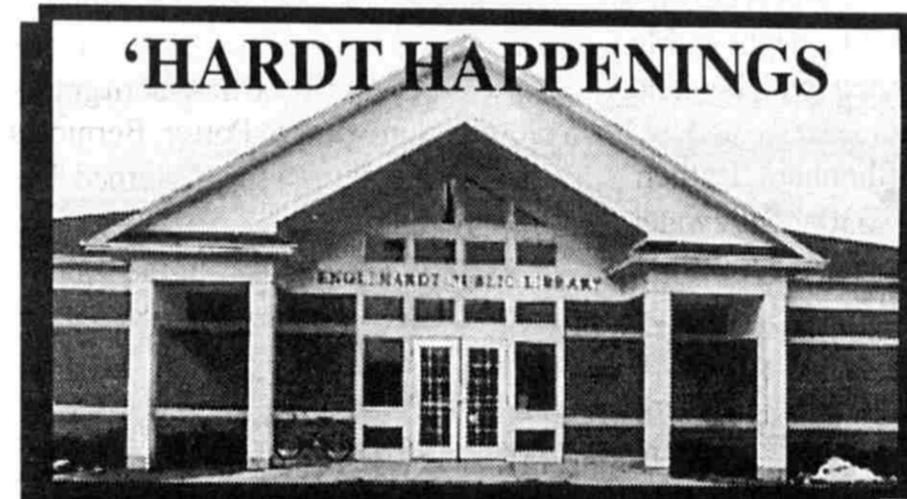
back with my wife and family," said a grateful Richmond. He went on to explain that his time in Lowell with his wife Karen and their children Olivia 5, Alex 4, and John-Luc 2, would be somewhat short. Richmond will be returning to Camp Pendleton in California this week sometime. He will remain on duty at Pendleton until the early part of 2004. His wife and children will be joining him for some of that time.

In preparation for

Richmond's return, his in-laws came up from Columbus, Ohio. The people of Lowell made quite an impression on his father-in-law, John Ollinger. Ollinger related that he wanted to surprise Richmond with a red maple tree as a coming home present.

"An ex-Marine owns the nursery," Ollinger explained. "When his crew dropped off the tree, he had them spruce up the yard for Ben's return." He went on to relate how helpful and polite people in Lowell were during his visit here.

"People have just been wonderful," Ollinger concluded. "You have something to be proud of here."



KIDS GO ON ADVENTURE WITH DORA

Kids six and under are invited to go on an adventure with Dora, the Explorer and Boots. Dora, a seven-year-old Latino girl, is a favorite television star for children. She teaches her viewers a Spanish word or phrase in each episode.

The Alto branch will offer the program on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Children will hear Dora stories, sing songs, play games and make crafts. Call 647-3820 to register.

The program will also be offered on Nov. 6 at the Englehardt branch at 10:30 a.m.

OCTOBER BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Kent District Library invites adult readers to get together at the library for friendly, informal discussions about some great books. Copies of the featured title are available at each library's checkout desk.

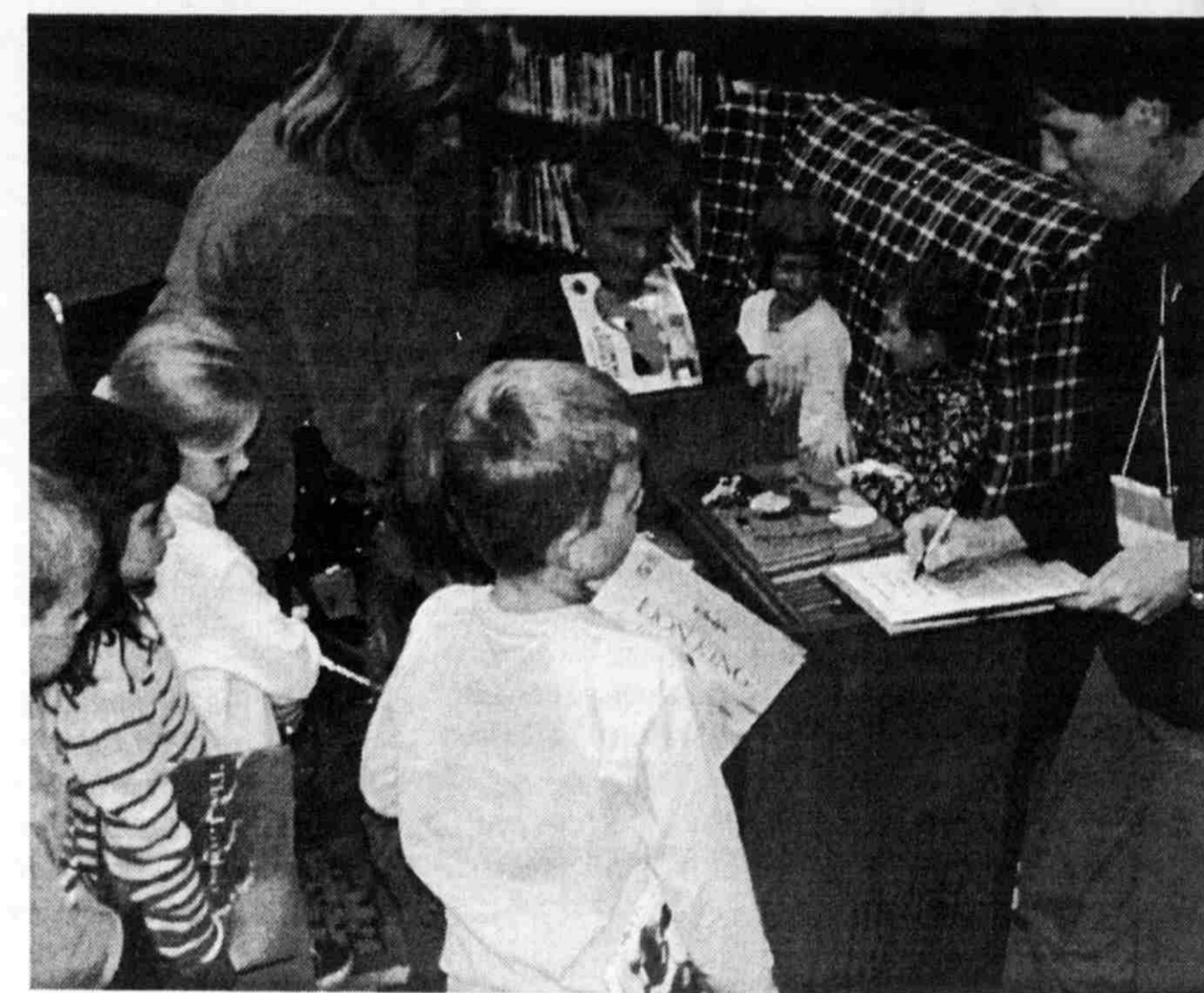
For more information, call the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

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considered a hard surface material. Mathews said he recently installed a hard surface driveway using such materials and has found it to be a good material for his driveway. Crushed asphalt or concrete is a cheaper option since

it does recycle old material, Mathews said.

The planning commission decided to table hard surface ordinance changes until its next meeting so that drive width, crushed asphalt and concrete could be considered.



Bushnell Elementary librarian Bonnie Meiste helps Mrs. Brenker distribute new books to her first grade class. Harold Zeigler Ford provided the books.

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THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2003

Registrations will be taken at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the City General Election for the purpose of electing three (3) seats on the City Council.

Only registrations received on or before October 6, 2003 will qualify persons to vote in the City's General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational Church

A story to get your attention: There was this very shy and withdrawn young man who had his first date with a young woman who seemed to take things a little faster than he did. After taking her to a movie, he walked her up to her door. She was obviously expecting a goodnight kiss. As the young man shyly turned to leave, she closed her eyes and pursed her lips. He said, "Good night, Brenda" and leaned down and kissed her on the forehead.

"A little lower, please," she responded.

So the young man said (with a deeper pitch to his voice), "Good night, Brenda."

Some people are just not ready to move into action. They can't bring themselves to take the plunge. They may touch the water with their toe, or wade in up to their ankle - but hold on, let's not be too hasty. Change is not near as attractive as that

which is familiar, woven when the familiar is not good for us and may be holding us back or even destroying us.

It is a crazy story. I didn't say it was good ... only an attention grabber. Yet, most people fall into the category of those who resist change, even positive change.

Read the story of Acts 2: 1-13 - the story depicting God's giving of power and energizing the human spirit. It is an amazing story of people being transformed and renewed in the Spirit of God's love and grace. It is a story of real life transformation that comes from people accepting and embracing the presence of God as taught by Jesus Christ. It is a story of wonder and power so dramatic that even those present were awestruck. "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." (Acts 2:12-13)

Yet, even then there were those who saw the joy and excitement of the many disciples of Jesus as fanatics ... and who wants to be a fanatic. I am told that the root word for fanatic is the Latin "fanuum" - meaning "temple." A fanatic was originally someone so devoted that they lived in the temple - temple dwellers.

So out of our desire not to be labeled by others, we avoid going to church. We don't allow ourselves to consider the way of Jesus and to recognize that Jesus did not spend the majority of his time in church. Jesus spent his time and energy in the streets and in the homes, talking with people and being in service to those in need. Jesus worshiped. Yes!

You and I need worship to strengthen our faith, just as

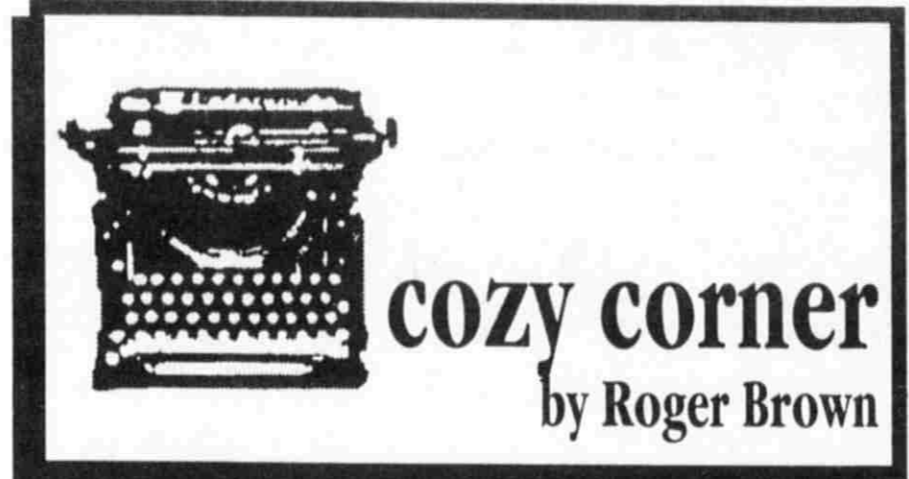
Jesus needed worship. From all we can understand, prayer and study of God's word was important to Jesus. But, Jesus lived his life in the towns, the countryside, the market places, the homes and the places of work just as you and I are to do. The only difference is that Jesus was involved in loving and caring for people. He was not shy about embracing every opportunity to show God's mercy and love.

You and I, on the other hand, tend to remain at a distance, wishing people well but not anxious to express our Lord's love and care. Jesus does not ask us to be a fanatic. Jesus just asks that we stop being spectators and act from faith in those places where we live, and work, and have our being.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 2: Doris Ticombe.
OCTOBER 3: Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.
OCTOBER 4: Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde.
OCTOBER 5: Bradley Kiczynski, Allen Reynolds.
OCTOBER 6: Steven J. Ayres, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser.
OCTOBER 7: Fred Ray, Jennifer Idema.
OCTOBER 8: Maxwell Stormzand, Jeremy Darby, Abigail Kastanek, Kelsay Myers.

Viewpoint . . .



Last week's column featured my almost five-year-old grandson and some trouble he has been getting into at school. Two incidents in the column specifically involved the use of cuss words. He's finding out early that those bad words can get you into trouble. His grandpa is still learning.

Last Friday I was out to dinner with my son. He got me all stirred up by inquiring about the progress of my dock project. I am trying to build a dock at my house in Florida. The operative word here is, "trying."

This project has been in the permitting process for over a year and a half. In getting to this point we have been forced to hire consultants, engineers, surveyors and lawyers. About fifteen federal, state and county agencies have had a chance to make us bend to their whims. We have paid professional fees, permit fees and a sizeable mitigation settlement. We recently received the actual permit and are now in a mandatory waiting period while one final government agency reviews everything to date. The review period ends November 7. I could write a book.

If I've given the impression that this has been a frustrating and maddening experience ... good ... that was the intent. This ordeal has me steamed up. When someone like my son gives me a chance to vent, I take advantage and let off some of that steam. This takes us back to Friday night, and dinner.

When I let off steam, I tend to color my language with a few words I keep around for just such occasions. Friday night's

conversation was no exception. In fact, I'm sure the tirade about my dock permit was heavily laced with words I don't normally use. I suppose I could try to put the blame with all these government agencies I've been dealing with, but we won't go there.

Our meals arrived, my tirade died down and we began feeding our faces. About this time the young couple at a booth across from us began to gather their things and leave. They had two small children. As they passed our table they introduced themselves. The young lady was a friend and classmate of my daughter. The couple said they read my column each week and keep up with my daughter from my frequent "grandkid" stories. We had a nice, but short conversation.

After they had gone, I immediately felt bad about two things. The first was that I hadn't recognized my daughter's friend. The second, and by far the worst feeling, was the fear that they may have overheard my tirade. Specifically, I was afraid they had been subjected to a few words I don't normally use. Honestly, I don't talk like that unless the subject is bureaucrats.

I think, and hope, my voice was at a level which wouldn't carry beyond our table. But, as I said, I was letting off steam. The incident has bothered me for days.

The young couple said they read my column. So, if you two are reading this, I'm apologizing for any offensive language you may have been subjected to. I will make an honest effort to keep my self under control in the future... bureaucrats, or no bureaucrats. (Now I have to hope neither of these nice young people I'm apologizing to happen to work for the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Environmental Protection Agency, County Building Department, etc.)

Being caught using cuss words takes me back ... way, way back to my early childhood. We're talkin' so far back I don't even remember the incident. The story has been told so many times over the years, it has become a family heirloom.

in Grand Rapids (Lowell MD says no) and who pays for all his care (probably Ionia County—he's from Belding).

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO
OCTOBER 4, 1928

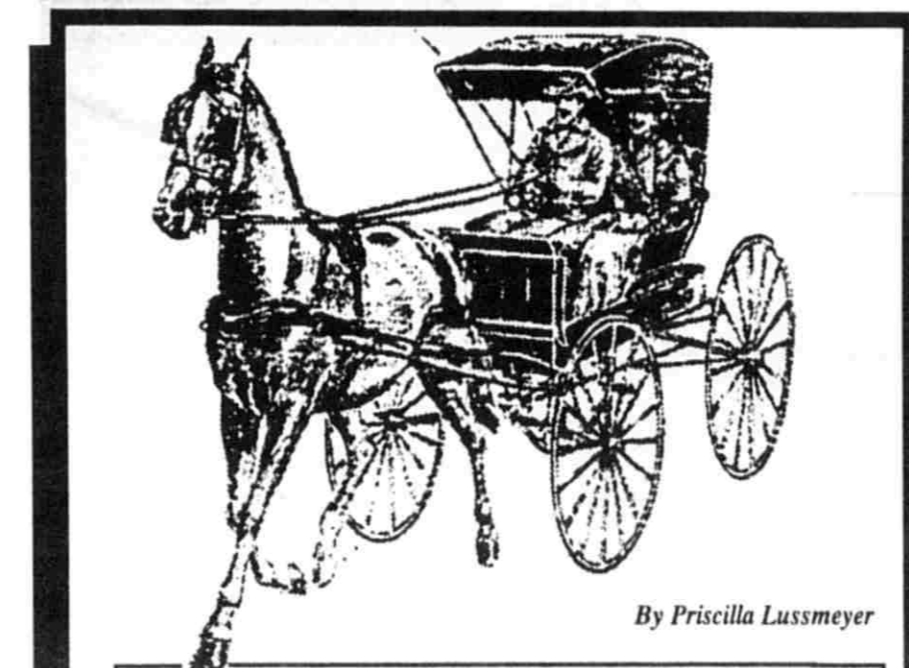
Substitute with columns from 1998:80 years The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo.

F. M. Johnson, founder and publisher of the Lowell Ledger for 30 years, sells it to George H. McMillan, founder of the Lake Odessa Times and publisher of the Athens Times. Poor health is the reason.

C.F. VanDusen will open a variety store and bazaar in the King Block soon.

Clocks have been turned back one hour, so one must mail early or miss the train.

Somebody has been shooting at farmers' turkeys in North Vergennes.



of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
OCTOBER 2, 1878

The new Baptist church in Bowne was dedicated last Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Watters took prizes at the Ionia and Kent County fairs with her handsome carriage horse.

The Grand Rapids Saturday Evening Post is an up-and-coming newspaper in that city, says the editor.

The school numbers for the month (93 percent attendance, etc.) includes "No. of cases corp. punishment: 3".

There were 70,000 bushels of wheat purchased here in September.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
OCTOBER 1, 1903

A number of businessmen, including ex-governor Rich, comes to Lowell, talking up a proposed electric rail line from Owosso to Grand Rapids (and through Lowell). A surveyor is expected next Monday.

The new county mail delivery routes have been reorganized and go into effect today. Every farmer in Kent County will be on a route.

Lowell Specialty Co. has expanded beyond the owners' time available, so C.R. Marsh of Detroit has been hired as general manager.

A horse rented at McQueen's is found a week later at a stable in Buchanan in a "knocked out" condition, after an extensive hunt.

Earl Johnson, the man shot by Lowell police a few weeks ago, is the center of argument over whether he needs surgery

The story goes like this. A couple of friends and I were playing in my sandbox. The sandbox was strategically located under the kitchen window so my mother could keep an eye on things as she slaved over a hot stove. (Back in those days, housewives really did slave over a hot stove.)

One of my playmates began using some cuss words he'd picked up. The more we played in the sand, the more he cussed. Finally, my mother leaned out of the window and scolded, "Bobby, we don't talk like that around here!" Startled, Bobby hesitated a moment, then said, "We don't talk like that at my house either, Mrs. Brown."

My dad typed the incident up and mailed it off to Reader's Digest. It was published on the humor page and the magazine sent him five bucks for the effort. This further served to etch the story into our family history.

You would think the continued telling of this tale would have taught me a lesson about cussing. But here I am, fifty years later, still making the same old mistakes. Guess my grandson doesn't take after strangers.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. conducts two essay contests for middle and high school students - one written and one audio essay. Each year the VFW presents the information about the contests to the Lowell School District in an attempt to get teachers interested, and to get them to encourage their students to take part. Sad to say, this mostly doesn't happen. In only two years, out of the last 18, have we even had entries, and those came from students in an after-school creative writing class conducted by a caring middle school teacher who left the Lowell system.

These programs are for the children. The essays enable students to write down or vocally express their own thoughts on the chosen essay subject matter and also give them a chance to win some much needed scholarship money - maybe even a

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Sharing The Vision

Shari Miller, Superintendent

Thanks to all of our staff, students, and parents for a great start to the school year. I'd also like to thank the Lowell community for all your support during my illness. Your cards, thoughts, and prayers were greatly appreciated. I really enjoy being back at work.

I have had the opportunity to visit each of our schools, and I have regularly seen outstanding effort on the part of teachers, administrators, and staff members. Students continue to be our top priority in the Lowell Area Schools.

One group in the District has been looking to the future. Our Demographics committee has been hard at work planning for next year and the opening of the Murray Lake Elementary School. The committee, led by Chairperson Jim White, has been reviewing boundary lines and student enrollment numbers. The Murray Lake Elementary is funded through bond dollars and was generously approved by this community in 2000. White will be making a preliminary report to the Board of Education on Oct. 13 at the board meeting regarding the committee's recommendations. We look forward to hearing these recommendations and appreciate the work of the Demographics committee and their assistance in planning for the newest addition to the Lowell Area Schools.

In a look at academics, Unity High School has incorporated several new programs this year. Math students are utilizing a variety of strategies that assist students in improving math skills. Students will be working with concrete objects and shapes such as house plans to see how math is used

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Alligator a big hit with students and Wittenbach staff

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

While the newest member at the Wittenbach Center may not be a native of Michigan, he has certainly found a home and a purpose. Dante is a two and a half foot alligator that was recently donated to the center by Lindsay Gustafson.

According to Wittenbach staff, Gustafson, who purchased the reptile as a pet several years ago, moved to California where it was illegal to keep an alligator. "Her father Pete Gustafson (former school board member) asked if the center would be interested in having it," said Tammy DeBaar, executive director of the Wittenbach Center.

Among the many duties of the center is to provide various biology and ecology-type programs for Lowell students. This has included collecting a number of animals such as a three-toed box turtle, a dart frog, and a bald python, mostly animals native to Michigan. "At first, I was like, no, he's not native to Michigan," DeBaar said, adding that Dante is an American alligator native to the southeastern region of the United States, i.e., Florida and Louisiana. "However, when our student aide who helps take care of the animals got so excited about him, I thought he could

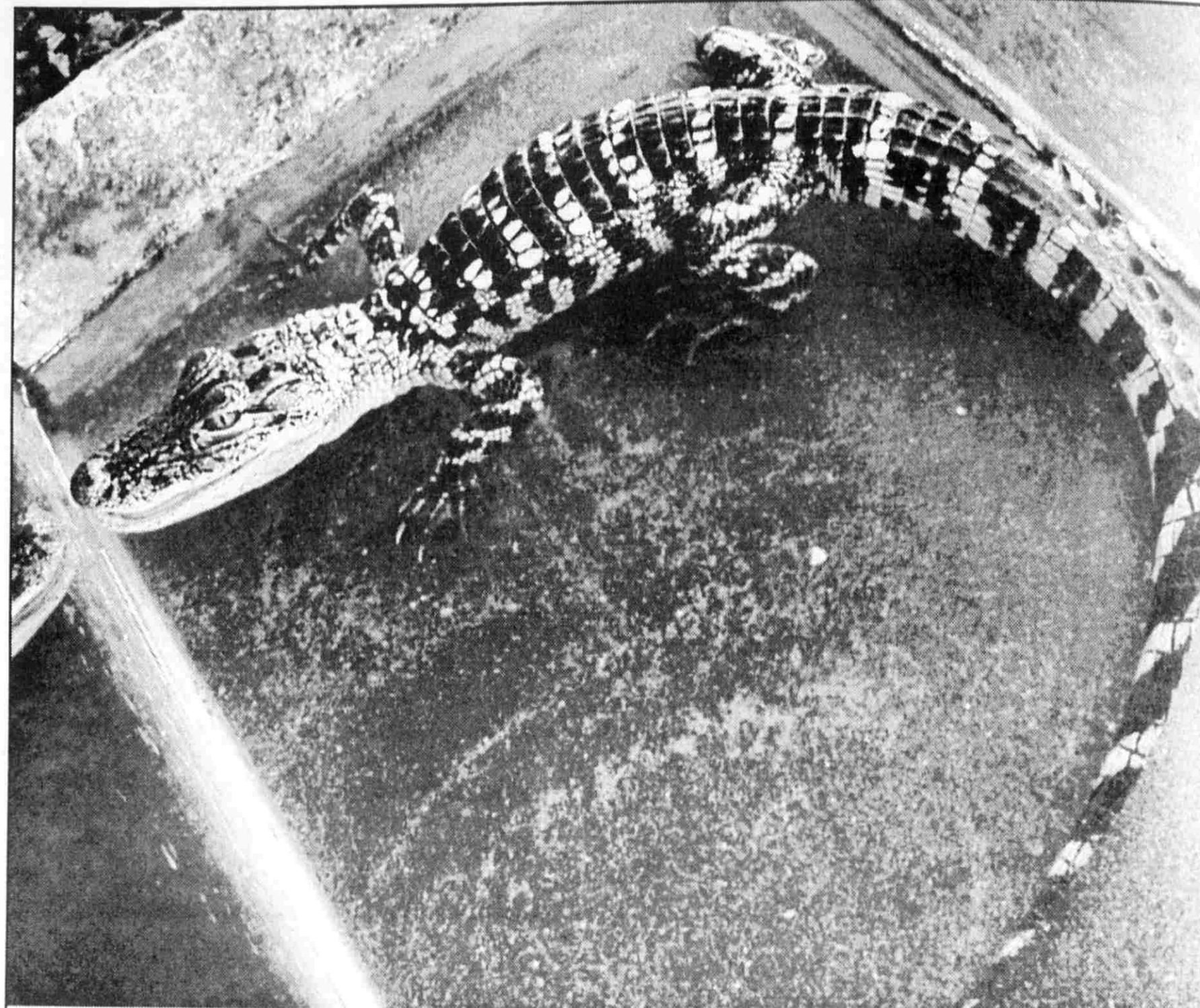
be a good animal to have here."

DeBaar hasn't regretted her decision since. The Wittenbach Center provides a program for second graders on reptiles, of which Dante serves as an excellent example, but he also provides other educational opportunities such as the study of habitats. Normally Dante would live in fresh water or brackish water areas. Alligators are not usually found in salt water.

Only two countries in the world have alligators: the United States and China. With this in mind, Dante provides a lesson in the circle of life. Alligators are not considered man-eaters. Small alligators such as Dante eat snails, frogs, insects and small fish. Larger alligators eat fish, turtles, snakes, waterfowl, small mammals and even small alligators. Dante tends to dine on goldfish and mice.

Besides the educational opportunities, Dante also gives anyone who visits the center a rare opportunity to view an alligator up close through a glass cage assuring it's not too personal. "He came with a leash," DeBaar said. "You can pick him up and take him for a walk."

Although Dante is a cold blooded creature, he tends to like warm climates, so don't expect to see him out for a



Dante the alligator should remain a manageable size in his cage at the center

walk during Michigan's winter months. The school children have flocked to see Dante in his cage, whether their program involves him or not. "They love watching him get fed," DeBaar said. Dante has been a pet since he was about two months old

and is somewhat used to being around people, DeBaar said. He is currently between six and eight years old with the average life expectancy of an American alligator 80 years. "I don't know if he will live that long," DeBaar said. "Animals in captivity don't

always live out their full life expectancy. He isn't able to roam like he would in the wild, but then again he also doesn't have predators coming after him either."

American alligators also grow to the size of their habitat, the length being around

13 feet. Dante's habitat will remain small, so he won't be growing any larger than his current two and a half feet. "He has been pretty well received so far," DeBaar said. "I guess you can say he has definitely been a big hit."

Member moves out of city leaving planning commission one short

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

The move of a commission member has left the Lowell

Planning Commission with a seat to fill. David Rapp tendered his resignation from the group at its September regular meeting.

In his letter, Rapp said that he had moved out of the city limits. As in most municipalities, a person must live within the city limits to serve

on any of the city's boards and commissions. City staff, while noting Rapp would be missed, said they were uncertain where he had moved but knew that his house had been up for sale.

Rapp joined the planning commission about a year and a half ago at the same time commission member, Barb

Schmaltz joined. His appointment had just been renewed to 2005 by the city council.

Anyone interested in serving on the planning commission should contact City Hall or the mayor, Jeanne Shores who makes the appointments. All appointments are approved by the city council.

The news came just as Shores appeared to be close to filling all the vacancies on the city's various boards. Shores, at the last council meeting, said she was working on a vacancy for the Lowell Airport Board and was close to completing that task.

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in the world of work. Students will also utilize Excel and other software applications. A digital photography class has been added to the curriculum; the Lowell Education Foundation supported the purchase of equipment for this class. Additionally, Unity journalism students will be working with Publisher, a software application that will assist them with layout and design. We salute the Unity administration, staff, and students for their continued efforts to improve student achievement. We will be featuring other schools and their academic programs in future Sharing the Vision articles.

Our students and staff continue to focus not only on academics, but also on community. This past Saturday, lady basketball players, Coach Crowley and parents walked in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure at Grandville. These 26 individuals raised funds for cancer research and supported breast cancer survivors. Thank you to all those who participated on behalf of Lowell Area Schools.

We continue to work toward a contract settlement with our employee groups. Two mediation sessions have been scheduled for early October for teachers and support staff contracts.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowell.k12.mi.us (check out our Web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us).

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chance to advance to the National level and a trip to Washington with a visit to Congress, the White House and meet the President ... and the top prize of \$25,000.

Is it not doing a disservice to the students and their parents by "not" making the opportunity available to them and encouraging them to participate?

We asked a retired principal of the Lowell School District to be the Youth Activities director, hoping the Lowell school system might give more attention to the programs if they were presented by "one of their own." To no apparent avail. Now we are turning to direct contact with public school parents, those who "home school" and everyone reading this to get the message out. If any parent is interested in getting their child involved, please contact the Youth Activities director, Louis Dudeck, 3081 Kissing Rock SE, Lowell 49331.

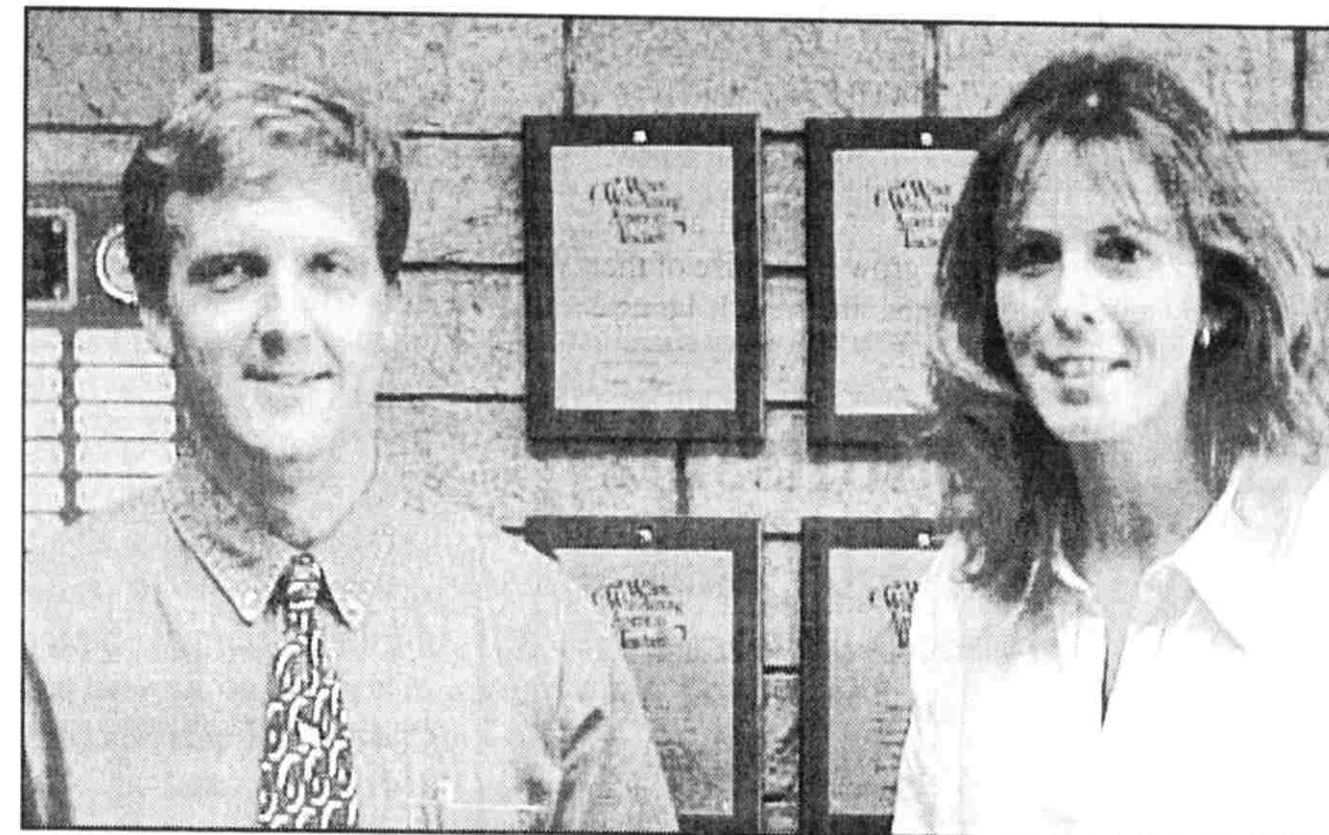
The written essay, "The Patriot's Pen" is open to 7th and 8th grade students, 300-400 words on "My Dream for America."

The audio essay "Voice of America" is open to 9th-12th grade students. The subject is "My Commitment to America's Future" and should be a three-five minute speech, recorded on a cassette tape.

The student does not have to be the relative of a V.F.W. or V.F.W. auxiliary member.

Deadline for submissions to the post is Nov. 1. Contact VFW Post 8303 Youth Activities chairman for more information or for forms.

Jacobus and Young recognized for their educational involvement



A recognition ceremony was held on Sept. 20 at the Van Andel Institute, hosted by the Kent County Association for Gifted and Talented.

At this ceremony, two Cherry Creek fifth grade teachers, Paul Jacobus and Cindy Young were recognized for the important role they have played in the education of children. They were nominated by former students, Samantha Hagerman and Megan Eaton, as teachers who have been especially supportive of their abilities.

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Who should receive the vaccination? Persons older than 50 years of age, nursing home residents, adults and children who have chronic heart and lung conditions (including asthma) or any other chronic medical condition, and pregnant women beyond 3 months gestation. These individuals and anyone else who wishes to avoid the flu should be immunized.

The flu changes year to year, so a new immunization is needed annually. This is unlike the pneumonia immunization, which is needed only every 10 years. Many patients are afraid the flu immunization will give them the flu. This is untrue, as the immunization contains killed virus and is incapable of causing active disease.

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Academy seeks to familiarize public with police department

by Dan Schneider

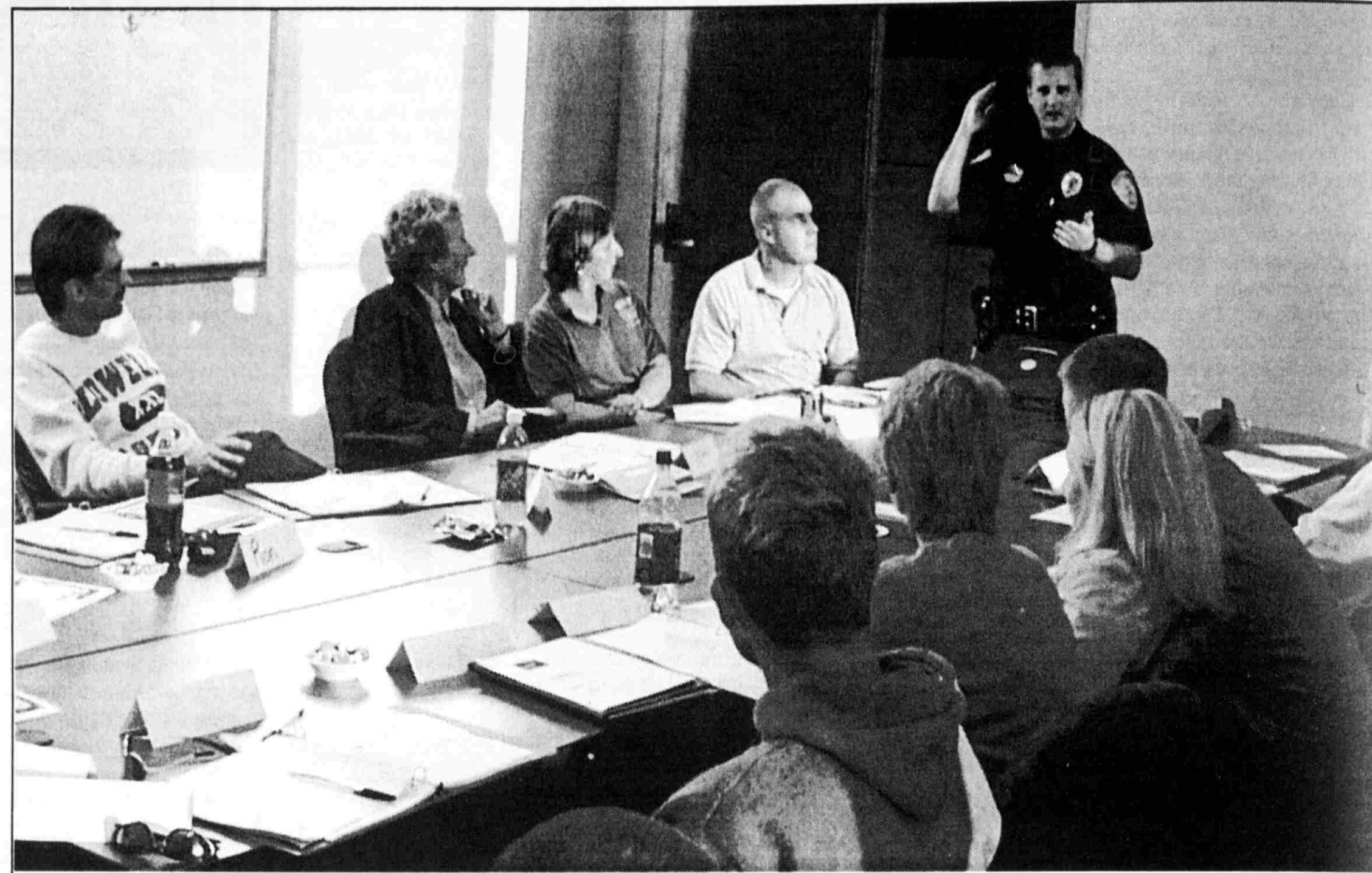
Members of the Lowell Police Department met with people from the Lowell community last Tuesday night for the Citizens Police Academy. The point of the academy is to inform people about the nature of police work in general and about the Lowell Police Department in particular.

"I think the people appreciate what we do but in general they don't understand the makeup of the department, what we do and what we have to offer," Police Chief Jim Valentine said. "The Citizens Police Academy is a way for people to learn more in depth exactly what they have in their police department."

Fourteen people attended the first of five meetings at City Hall.

Valentine opened the first meeting, giving an overview of the department: its staff, its equipment, what services it offers. Following was a presentation by officer Steve Bukala who put attendees, all adults, through a simulation of a fifth and ninth grade D.A.R.E. class. Lastly, Sgt. Steve Junewick gave a presentation about community policing.

Encouraging community



Officer Steve Bukala talks to attendees of the Citizens Police Academy.

policing is what prompted George Mickel to organize the academy program. It is a concept, Mickel said, that departs from the traditional cops and robbers approach to police work; a philosophy of polic-

ing that involves officers interacting more freely and openly with the public.

"We look at 'community policing' as kind of a buzzword that larger departments use to describe what we

are already doing here," Valentine said, pointing out that in a smaller city such as Lowell it is natural for the police force to be part of the community.

Valentine and Mickel hope that the academy, by informing the public about police work, will make it easier for citizens to contribute. They

plan to offer another academy in the spring.

"I'd like to see this be a springboard to get some community involvement," Valentine said. "Perhaps to get a neighborhood watch program started."

The academy will continue on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9. This week's session will feature Lt. Paul Warick and Detective Phil Betz of the Grand Rapids Police Detective Bureau.

For information and to sign up for the spring session of the academy, contact Mickel at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (897-9161).

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Splendors in the sky showing through October

The "Splendors in the Sky" show opened Sept. 30: photographs of stars by artists in the West Michigan area.

The show includes the work of 14 astrophotographers from the Grand Rapids Amateur As-

tronomical Association and Ann Haven, who created stellar-inspired stained-glass work that catches light in the gallery's windows along South Hudson.

The images are sometimes striking compositions put to-

gether from the night sky.

The work of Thomas L. Haynes, M.D. includes particularly crisp, deep images of galaxies and nebulae. He achieved the depth through painstaking digital imagery: three hour exposures, shots

with multiple filters. The digital, charge-coupled device cameras used for modern astrophotography detect only light and not color.

"For color images, I shoot through color filters and com-

bine colors on the computer," Dr. Haynes said. "Sometimes dozens of images will go into a picture."

In creating their images, astrophotographers are victims of celestial circumstances occurring many millions of miles away. Creating a composition from these elements requires knowledge of the sky.

"You need to know when the moon is going to be close to this comet," said Mark Hansen, an astrophotographer in the show.

The show is a cooperative effort of the Lowell Area Arts Council and the James C. Veen Observatory in Lowell.

In addition to being a collection of graphic interest, the show also includes documentation of important astronomical events of the last three decades: comets, solar eclipses, lunar eclipses—the 1960s were a heyday for lunar eclipses.

And the show is a graphic history of astronomy in the area. It includes works by

Mark Christensen, Gerald Persha, and G.M. Ross who have been working with the Veen Observatory since its early days.

The work of G.M. Ross is particularly compelling in telling the story of astrophotography. His far-out and colorful images, many shot back at himself through a round mirror in the 1960s, document the sky and the astronomer—a kind of meta-astronomy.

A public reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 3 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council Center Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. A multimedia film production "The Sky is Not Burning" will be presented at the conclusion of the reception, followed by a visit to the Veen Observatory located at 3308 Kissing Rock Ave.

The exhibition runs from Sept. 30 – Nov. 1. For more information call the LAAC at 897-8545.

State aeronautics commission approves more than \$6 million for airport improvements statewide

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission has approved more than \$16 million in grants to improve the state's system of public-use airports. The purchase security of enhancements, runway restoration projects and snow removal equipment will now be possible at various airports across the state. "Investing in our system of airports is vital to the state and national economy, and central to our transportation mission," said Rob Abent, director of multi-modal transportation services bureau. "Keeping airports open and regularly maintained is our highest priority. These projects are key to continuing the flow of goods and people in a safe and reliable manner."

In the West Michigan area, the commission approved funds for the following projects: \$562,000 to Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids for security system improvement reimbursements and \$27,000 to Ionia County Airport in Ionia for wetland mitigation for the construction of a taxiway.

The commission's decision clears the way for issuance of the federal portion of the funds. Federal and state dollars for airport development come primarily from restricted, user-generated funds. The primary sources of revenue are aviation fuel, passenger taxes and aircraft registration fees.

Create, enlarge garden before snow flies

Whether you want to start a new garden or enlarge a current one, the best time to break new ground is autumn.

"If the first step is to eliminate grass, tilling it under isn't enough—you must remove the sod or kill it first," advises Mary McLellan, Extension master gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. "Grass that you till under will keep coming back. Kill it with a herbicide or cover it with plastic, old carpet, broken down cardboard boxes, tarpaper or some similar material. Then till after the grass is dead."

Tilling or spading up the

new garden spot will bring up dormant weed seeds. Any that germinate now will be killed by subsequent tilling or winter cold and so won't be around to plague your garden next year.

"Though it seems that the supply of weed seeds is never ending, you can improve the situation by eliminating some before you plant your crops," McLellan observes.

Removing the sod and working the soil now will also reduce potential problems from white grubs, those plump, C-shaped larvae that grow up to be large beetles such as June Beetles. They

ordinarily live beneath sod and feed on grass roots, but if the sod is converted to garden in the spring, they'll make do with vegetable or flower roots. Preparing the garden site in the fall kills some grubs and leaves others vulnerable to predation by birds and to killing cold temperatures.

As long as you're working the soil, you might as well take a sample for a soil test, McLellan suggests. Your county MSU Extension office can provide information on how to take the sample, a container to send it in and information on interpreting the results. If the test shows your

soil is too acid and needs liming, you can do that now, also.

Yet another benefit of fall preparation is the possibility of an earlier start next year, she notes.

"Especially if your soil is heavy and slow to dry out in the spring, getting it ready to plant in the fall may mean you'll be able to take advantage of decent planting weather in the spring to plant cool-weather crops or flowers that tolerate cool temperatures," she explains. "If, on the other hand, you have to wait for the soil to dry enough to till it in the spring, you may miss the window of opportunity to plant early crops."

Everything has been thought of before, but the problem is to think of it again.
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New ID for teens should equal safety

Sending teens back to school with the new vertical driver's license or ID card is a good lesson in safety, said Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State.

Land said that parents should encourage their kids to take advantage of Michigan's free exchange program which ends Oct. 1. Residents under age 21 can turn in their current horizontal-style licenses or ID cards at any branch office and receive the new vertically formatted card free of charge. The state will still replace the licenses upon request after Oct. 1 but the standard \$9 duplicate license fee will be charged.

Michigan's Vertical Identification program began July 1. Its goal is to keep minors from buying alcohol, tobacco and other age-restricted products. More than 83,000 of the new licenses and ID cards were issued in July and August alone.

Land and a broad coalition of safety advocates have launched the "We Check to

Protect!" campaign to heighten public awareness of the new law. The alliance is comprised of government, retail, safety, law-enforcement, and broadcasting organizations.

The redesigned licenses are being issued to residents under 21 who receive new licenses or IDs, as well as renewals or replacements. Li-

censes with the standard horizontal design are still valid for minors who already possess them. It will take about five years to fully integrate the new licenses within the young driving population.

The vertical format gives restaurants, bars, convenience stores, casinos and law enforcement an instant visual cue to correctly determine a li-

cense-holder's age as well as thwart attempted alterations or forgeries.

About 20 states use the vertical license system and many report declines in the number of illegal sales to minors.

For more information visit the web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Lowell McDonald's participates in customer survey

McDonald's customers will be eligible for a free meal for four at the McDonald's restaurant at 1300 Main St., Lowell, by participating in a survey that asks them to vote on what they love most about Michigan and McDonald's. The survey is being conducted in seven McDonald's restaurants across Michigan.

The survey asks customers to select among five options on "What are you lovin' most about Michigan?" the Great Lakes, fall color tours, cultural centers/events, the state parks and festivals and fairs. The survey also asks customers to select among six options on "What are you

lovin' most about McDonald's": premium salads, triple thick shakes, Big Macs, golden fries, McGriddles or Happy Meals." The restaurant with the best participation among the seven will win a dinner party for the entire crew. Results will be released in mid-October.



Pictured, left to right, are: Chris Gerard, Will Moore, Dan Brinks and Drew Morrison.

A.R.G.Y.L. appoints new officers

The Amateur Radio Youth Club, now known as A.R.G.Y.L. (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell) recently elected officers for the 2003-04 school year. They are Chris Gerard, treasurer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gerard of Lowell; Will Moore, vice president, son of Brad Moore and Renae Colburn of Lowell; Dan Brinks, president, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brinks of Alto; and Drew Morrison, secretary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Morrison of Lowell.

The A.R.G.Y.L. club is a school sponsored club consisting of licensed radio operators sometimes referred to as 'hams'. Presently there are 13 licensed members in the club. Amateur radio offers a lot of variety, most importantly, giving members the chance to meet other people who like to communicate. This is accomplished by using a simple hand-held radio, using repeater stations, or using HF (high frequency) transceivers to talk to ama-

teur radio operators in other states or countries.

In addition to using voice as a means to talk with others, members can converse using computer-to-computer technology without a phone line, send photographs, slides, and artwork to 'hams' thousands of miles away, and use exclusive ham frequencies to fly radio-controlled gliders, powered planes, and boats.

At the present time, the club is awaiting confirmation of a scheduled contact with astronauts on the International Space Station. Also, once licensed, amateur radio operators become an important emergency communications resource for the community.

Any student interested in taking a free class to get licensed should contact Al Eckman at Lowell High School at 897-4125. Students do not have to attend Lowell Area Schools to take this class.

New Bank Building Under Construction

by Dan Schneider

The torn-up ground on M-21 in front of the Meijer store is the site for a new Fifth Third banking center.

The new building will replace the current location at 2230 W. Main as space there is no longer adequate to suit the operation.

"We've outgrown that banking center," said Madeline Erickson, Fifth Third's vice president of retail banking for the Grand Rapids East region. "Growth has been overwhelming in Lowell."

Rockford Construction will build the new bank center which was designed by Progressive Architects of Grand Rapids. The building will be in the same style as the Fifth Third banking center at 44th and Patterson, near the airport, in Grand Rapids.

Opening this winter, the new building will increase floor space from 15,000 to 42,000 square feet with more teller machines, offices and drive-up lanes.



Enjoy Michigan fall color tours

It starts as soon as Labor Day, and in some isolated tree limbs, even sooner. The first tinges of what many call the state's most beautiful season, showcasing Michigan's fall finery, will soon come to a forest near you, and early indications point to an award-winner, says AAA Michigan.

The trend of vacationers staying closer to home and taking more frequent driving vacations - along with a cool summer with good rainfall over much of the state - point to a promising season statewide between mid-September and late October.

The Auto Club's survey of 400 state residents found that an estimated 1.4 million Michigan residents plan a fall color tour this season. The average trip will last three to four days.

Leaf-peepers will spend approximately \$425 per trip this season, driving, dining and staying around the state, down slightly from nearly \$500 last year.

During a good 45-day color season, travelers in Michigan generate an estimated \$2 billion on food, lodging, fuel and other items.

Barring a warm fall, which put a damper on last year's show, this season should be a good one, says Michigan State University Forestry professor, Mel Koelling. Temperature is the deciding factor determining the brilliance of fall color, especially from Labor Day onward.

Check Out These Web Sites:
The Steel Recycling Institute at www.recycle-steel.org.
Hanes Hosiery at www.haneshosiery.com.
Volunteers of America at www.VolunteersofAmerica.org.
Yezbak Law Offices at www.yezbaklaw.com.
Woodley & McGillivray at www.wmlaborlaw.com.
The Gemological Institute of America at www.gia.edu.

"We have the potential for a good season and the trees are as healthy as they have been in any of the last several years and that's a good beginning," Koelling said. "Moisture in some parts of the state has been particularly plentiful and the northern part has had a pretty good growing season."

Michigan is blessed with vibrant natural color, and plenty of ways to see it. There are more than 18.6 million acres of forested land, two national shorelines, nearly 100 state parks and recreation areas, hundreds of local and regional parks, three national forests and state forests in both peninsulas.

Enjoy Michigan's colors and fall festivities by taking a canoe ride down a river, bicycling, or horseback riding.

When planning trips, remember that the Great Lakes tend to delay peak color compared to inland forests because of lake-effect warmth. Valleys, hilltops and roadways often turn earlier because they are more likely to see cooler temperatures.

Fall color watchers can call 888-784-7328 for color updates provided by AAA Michigan each Wednesday through October or visit www.michigan.org.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 6, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.


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

- An Ordinance to amend Section 10-1, 10-2, 10-3 and 10-4 of Article 1 of Chapter 10, "Fire Prevention and Protection," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457



LAS Education Foundation to hold 2nd Annual "Dinner With Friends"

by Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will hold its second annual "Dinner With Friends" benefit on Saturday, Nov. 8.

"It is a wonderful time," said Jan Thompson, one of last year's hosts who will be serving "Dinner With Mom" this year.

"We had a wonderful time here last year with people who have now become friends."

The event includes a gourmet-style dinner served at any of eight participating homes in the Lowell area. Each will serve a specialty menu. Dessert and live jazz by Steve VandenBrink's jazz duo will follow at the newly remodeled City Hall. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

"We love to cook and we love to have people come over and try some of the things we do," said Doug Lindhout. He will be serving a "Wildlife

Dinner" at this year's event.

Tickets for the dinner and dessert with jazz are \$50 per person, all of which goes to help the Education Foundation enhance education through grants. In the seven years since its inception, the foundation has raised more than \$100,000 for education in Lowell Area Schools.

Tickets are available by calling (616) 752-8375. This is a local voicemail number. The following is a list of what is available at the various homes; please specify your preference when calling by stating the appropriate house.

House #1: Doug and Sandy Lindhout, serving "Wildlife Dinner" 13315 Beckwith Dr. NE

House #2: Floyd and Kathy Chase, serving "Mediterranean Ports of Call" 13400 Beckwith Dr. NE

House #3: Jim and Ann Sowe, serving "Steak Dinner" 770 Lincoln Lake Ave.

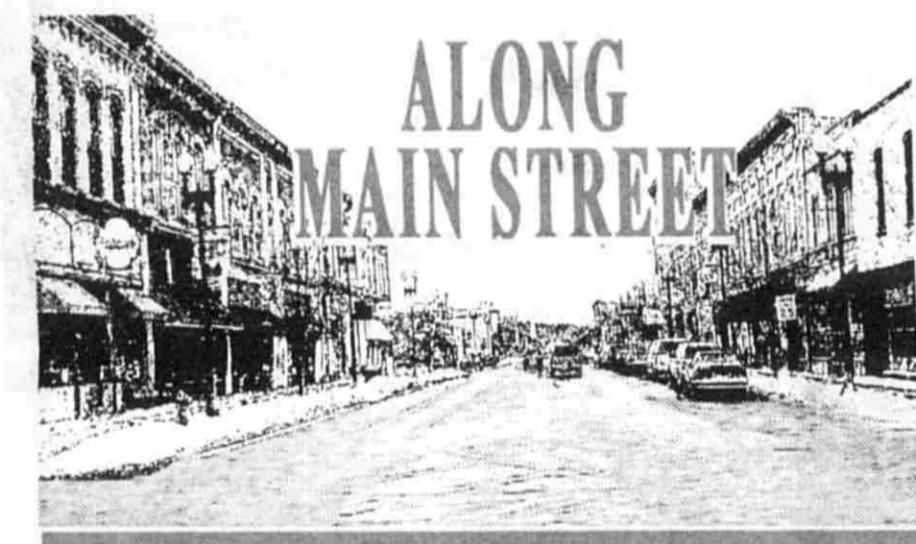
House #4: Vern and Gay Nauta, serving "Irish Country Buffet Dinner" 2821 Parnell Ave., Ada

House #5: Jim and Mari Stone, serving "Creole/Cajun Dinner" 14024 Thompson Dr.

House #6: Jim and Sally Gunberg, serving "Hawaiian Dinner" 7616 Knapp NE, Ada

House #7: Gordon and Marsha Wilcox, serving "Harvesters' Dinner" 9654 Bailey Dr. NE

House #8: Dave and Jan Thompson, serving "Dinner With Mom" 14100 Thompson Dr.



NEEDED: STRING INSTRUMENTS
The String Orchestra program at Lowell Middle School needs string instruments. If you have a violin, viola, cello or string bass to donate, call Linda Warren at 897-9222.

SPLendor IN THE SKY
Lowell Area Arts Council/Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association are co-sponsoring an exhibit from Sept. 30 - Nov. 1 at the arts council gallery. A public reception will be held on Oct. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. followed by a tour of the Veen Observatory. Also free ed. workshops (telescopes, film astrophotography basics and outdoor lighting) offered Oct. 25. To register, call 897-8545.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS
The LHS Academic Boosters will meet on Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at the high school. Call Julie Quist at 897-6353 with questions.

NEEDED: PARADE ENTRIES FOR HOMECOMING
Call Curt Kaeb at Lowell High School (897-4125) to participate in the Homecoming parade on Oct. 10. Grand Marshals: Ivan and Carolyn Jane Blough.

LOWELL HISTORIC HOME TOUR
Eight homes in Lowell will be featured in the Lowell Historic Home Tour, sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets (\$10) available at the museum at 897-7688. No tickets will be sold at individual homes.

MUSEUM OFFERS ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP
Lowell Area Historical Museum will be hosting a workshop for ages 8-12 years at the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center on Vergennes St. The Oct. 18 event (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) will feature Native American activities. Cost (\$7) includes lunch. Call Judy at 897-7688 to register or pick up form at school. Deadline is Oct. 14.

Chamber presents a harvest celebration

The Harvest Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, is sure to be a fun time in Lowell. Bring the entire family and spend the day!

The Kent County Youth Fair is sponsoring the Harvest Arts and Crafts show at the fairgrounds in the Foreman building with over 70 booths on display from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. While at the fair-

grounds, don't forget to join in the Scarecrow-Building Hoedown from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everything is supplied to stuff the scarecrows - just bring your creative juices. They will be displayed in downtown Lowell through Oct. 30.

Larkin's restaurant is hosting its 2nd annual Chili Madness Chili Cook-off.

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The chamber of commerce will present the 1st Annual Flat River Antique Fair on Riverwalk Plaza from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Selected merchants will have a harvest of sales and open houses. Jumpstart your Christmas shopping!

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Jay should deliver popcorn to all advertisers at least once a week.

We miss Family Fare.

Alumni, Check out www.lowellmi.net

I think Mike Blough is doing a fantastic job for our city and I am sorry that he will no longer be on the council come 2004. He has been fair and precise.

Whatever happened to those cute yellow duck feet that were all over the downtown area? They were a hoot and we enjoyed them. Sure do miss them.

I can't believe a farm tractor store is going in. Give us a break. We've got one hardware already. Give us something we can use - maybe a theatre or another grocery store.

Well, I must comment on the look of the Lowell Ledger - the color pictures are a great added bonus!

"Weather" or not 35th annual Fallasburg Festival goes on

This past weekend the Fallasburg Fall Festival happened. It was the 35th anniversary of the art fair at Fallasburg Park.

Jochen Ditterich was at the first festival 35 years ago. Ditterich is a weaver, a trade he took up instead of starving when he moved from his native Germany to Varkaa, Finland in 1957.

"I had a choice to eat or not to eat," he said. So, in order to eat, he learned how to weave from a local weaver woman.

He has three looms. He uses one of them to weave scarves which mostly filled up the front of his tent, striped and decorated with every subtle color of fall. In fact, the blue looked like the gray-blue marble of the sky overhead on Saturday, though it didn't rain until Sunday.

There were 81 booths at this year's festival. In the 8th was George Blair, a blacksmith who, on Sunday afternoon, was hammering the red end of a black iron rod into the visage of a bearded old man. This is called a windman, or as some smithies call it, a wizard. The image is a popular theme in blacksmithing.

Mary Kuilema, a Lowell artist, displayed decorative tiles in her booth. A functional potter for 25 years, she

ter speeds needed for shooting sheet film, the photographs are mostly of nature.

"You don't see a lot of people pictures because people move," Morris said. "Rocks and trees are more patient."

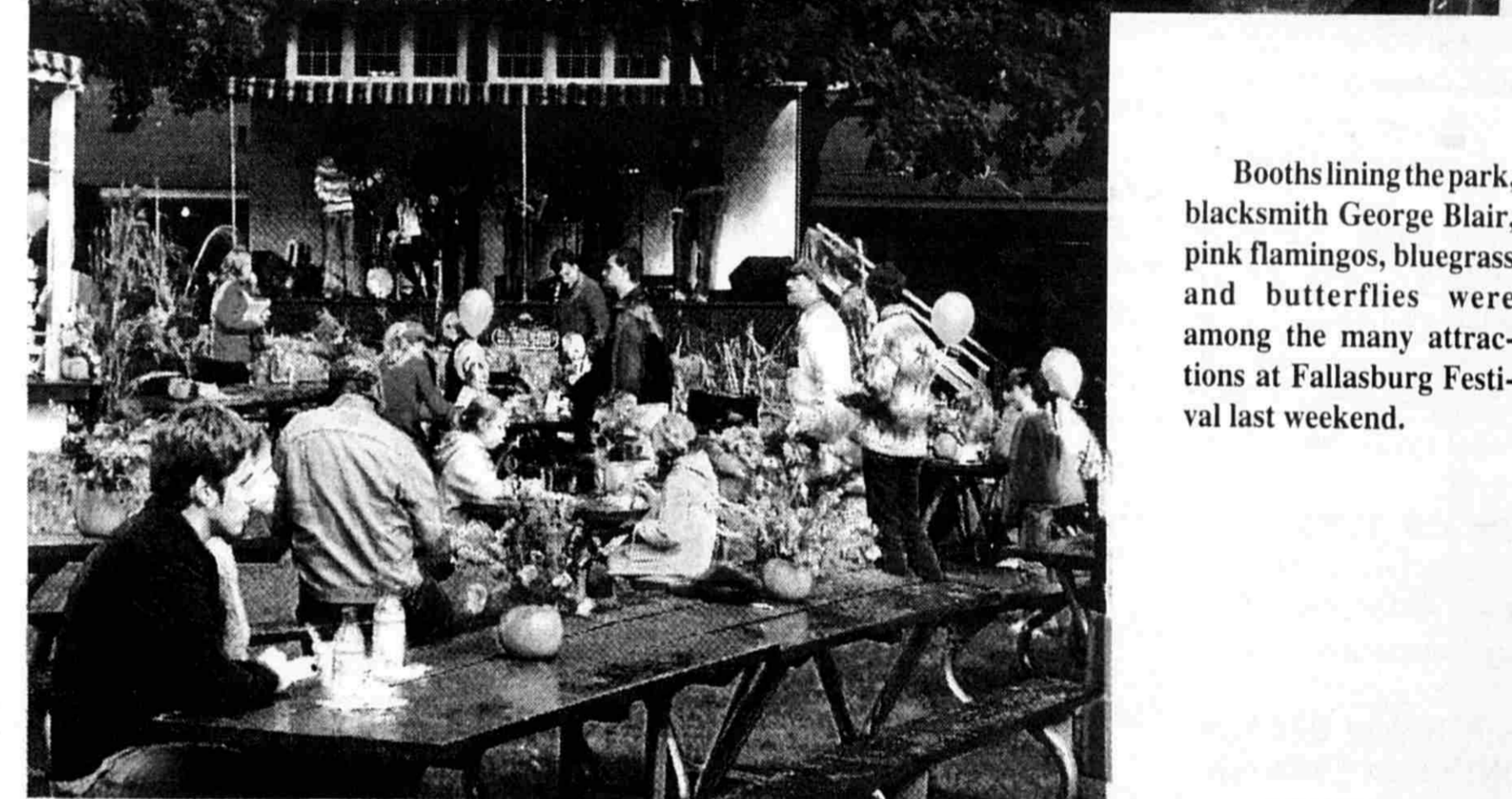
Other art included Chere McCloskey's papier mache work: snow men and pink flamingoes and roosters with wild facial expressions, bright colors.

Krystyna Rosas of Grand Rapids created art in the tradition of Polish paper cutting; much of it following traditional themes of that art.

"A lot of the Polish designs are animals and folk life," Rosas said.

Cheryl and Donald Benson of Grant have been selling their jewelry at the festival for several years. "This is a wonderful, little cozy festival that has some wonderful art from mostly Michigan people," Donald Benson said. "It seems to me after doing this show for so many years, regardless of what the weather is, people attend this show."

In the middle of the tents—the tents were set up in a kind of a horseshoe—was a stage where bands were playing. Bands played just about all day, both days, a slow kind of country music. The blue-



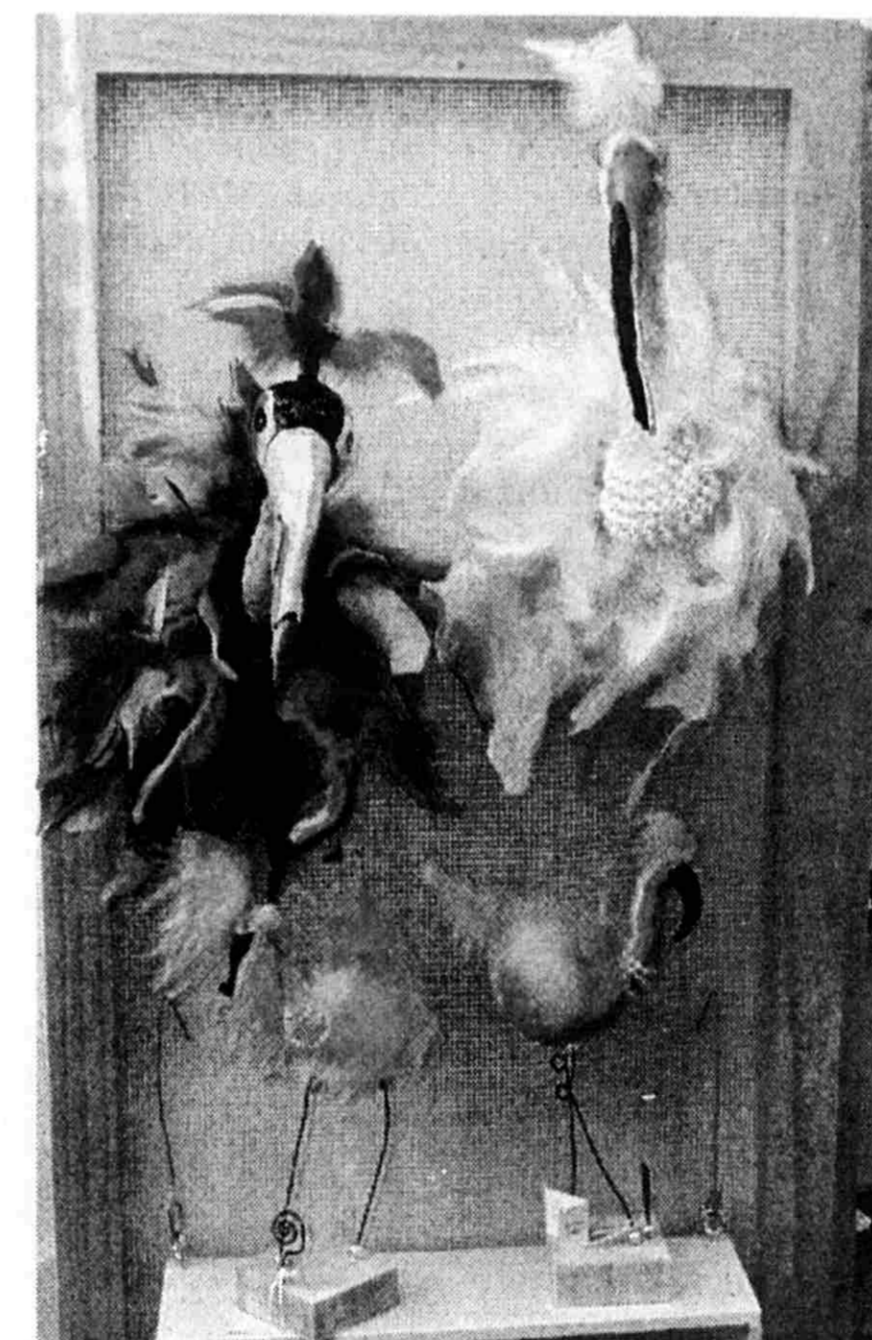
Booths lining the park, blacksmith George Blair, pink flamingos, bluegrass and butterflies were among the many attractions at Fallasburg Festival last weekend.

The Lowell Rotary sold rotary dogs which are something like polish sausage.

Hito Akehi taught origami in the shelter building at the park. The Lowell Fire Department taught fire safety near the playground.

Paul Geer of Frozen Creek Floral and Butterfly Hatchery in Cannon Twp. released 200 monarch butterflies from the top of the playground slide over the course of the weekend.

The monarchs were labeled with lightweight stickers used to track how far the butterflies make it in their migration to Mexico. Somewhere along the way the butterflies will stop to lay eggs on milkweed and then die. The third generation will make it to Mexico.



turned to making tiles a few years ago for the opportunity to produce more figurative work. The images were mostly of animals and plants.

"I live out in the woods and that's what's out there," she said.

Most of the artists at the Fallasburg Festival were from Michigan. But not Richard Morris. He brought his photographs, shot in black and white on four-by-five sheet film, up from Goshen, Indiana. Because of the slow shut-

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Call Sandy at 285-0621.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3215 E. 4 Mile NE (E. Bellline) 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children 4-7th grade. 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at the Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 897-7842.

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. Will resume in September.

EVERY SECOND 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.

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EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton. 897-8545.

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. 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.

THURS., OCT. 2: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Barb Briggs will talk on China trip. Hostesses are Betty Heaston, Donna Ford, Jean Caldwell. Sponsor is Phyllis Bieri. Remember to bring food items for Flat River Outreach Ministries.

MON., OCT. 6: Lowell Athletic Boosters Club regular meeting at 7 p.m. in Lowell High School staff lounge.

TUES., OCT. 7: Annual Blytheheld Arts & Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI., SAT. & 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 OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037. Watch for our weekly specials.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe St. 647-3920.

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.

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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.

WED., OCT. 8: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style roast pork and dressing dinner from 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; ages 5-12: \$2.

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p.m. at Blytheheld Country Club, 5801 Northland Dr., Belmont. No admission charge; please no strollers.

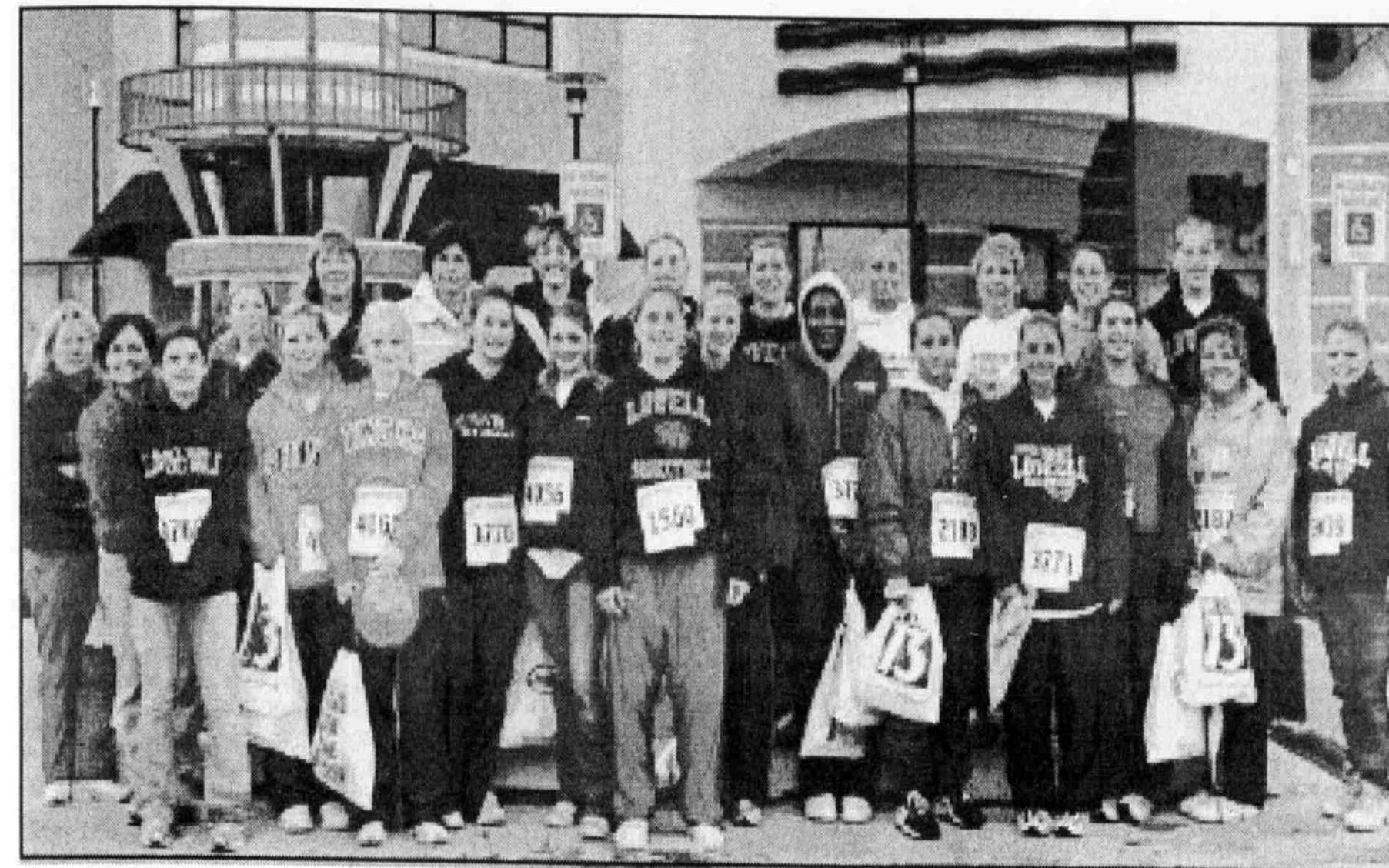
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Girls basketball players and parents walk to help fight breast cancer



There were 26 Lowell girls' basketball players and parents who walked in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure at RiverTown Crossings Mall in Grandville on Sept. 27.

Each one completed the 5K walk near Grandville High School on the cool, partly sunny morning. They walked in the event to help raise funds to fight breast cancer as well as honor those in our community who have survived the disease and those who have lost their battle. This is the fourth year that members of the girls' basketball program have walked in this event.

All the varsity girls' basketball players and coaches participated in the event, including Vallen VanZyll, Kendra Gallert, Amy Oberlin, Devon Collins, Krashawn McElveen, Meghan Beachum, Nicole Shepard, Kelsey Graham, Brook VanEck and Brittany Lyman, and coaches Dee Crowley and Danielle Gallert.

JV players participating in the event were Austyn Foster and Kelsey Crowley. Freshmen players included Kelsey Koewers, Jessica Nelson, Lisa Johnson, Lindsay Huver and Hayley Getzen.

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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., OCT. 1: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure; 10 a.m. Eye Glass Adjustments; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., OCT. 2: 12:45 p.m. Millennium Park Tour.

FRI., OCT. 3: 12:45 p.m. Mel's Color Tour.

MON., OCT. 6: 12:45 p.m. Treasured Memories.

TUES., OCT. 7: 12:15 p.m. Alto School Senior Luncheon.

WED., OCT. 8: 8 a.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie at the Center.

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MON., OCT. 13: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue "Aurora, Alaska, Northern Lights."

TUES., OCT. 14: No Mall Walking. 8:15 a.m. Turner Dodge House and MSU Daisy.

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

THURS., OCT. 16: 8:30 a.m. Walking; 11 a.m. St. Ann's Lunch.

FRI., OCT. 17: 12 p.m. Birthday & Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., OCT. 20: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart, Save-A-Lot, McCords.

TUES., OCT. 21: 12:15 p.m. Alto School Senior Luncheon.

WED., OCT. 22: 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Panera Bread.

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Lowell duo performs martial arts

Lowell YMCA martial artists, Keith Williams, 11, and Mariah Moore, 9, gave an energizing performance of the disciplined art of Ro-Ken karate on Sept. 6 at the Alto Fall Festival.

The duo practiced for weeks in preparation for this event in addition to their regular 3-5 day per week Ro-Ken schedule.

"Keith Williams and Mariah Moore are two great students. They remind me so much of myself when I was growing up in the art. Every week I see them growing more and more in Roken. Their hearts, minds and spirits are very dedicated," said Sensei Aaron Bailey.

In a refreshing display of discipline and athleticism, they performed a perfectly

synchronized Kata (series of blocks, kicks and punches performed on an imaginary opponent) and gave an impressive round of points sparring, followed by a cheering crowd. They received a third in the youth division of the talent show. Both Williams and Moore, with other students from the Dojo (karate school) will compete in the Great Lakes Karate Championships on Oct. 18.

Ro-Ken karate students of

Pictured from left to right: Mariah Moore, Sumpai Susan Hoag, Sensei Aaron Bailey and Keith Williams



the Lowell YMCA are required to participate in what is called a Passport to Character Development focusing on four values: caring, responsibility, respect and honesty. This program is designed to help Ro-Ken students become more aware of their actions by participating in community service hours.

For assistance with a community service project, contact Sensei Aaron or Sempai Susan at the Lowell YMCA.

Cross country teams run to top 10 finishes at Carson City

It was billed by many of the participating coaches as a "mini" state meet.

The teams were that good and the course rendered times that fast.

"There were so many quality teams which competed at the Carson City Invitational on Saturday," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

Both the Lowell boys and girls teams managed top 10 finishes as they placed eighth overall.

"With so many quality schools, eighth place is very good," VanderWarf said. "The kids enjoy this course because it is flat and many are able to run personal bests."

All the Lowell boy harriers handed in personal bests. Both Steve Ellison (16:53.2) and Scott Riddle (16:54.9) stopped the clock in under 17 minutes.

Ellison and Riddle were 23rd and 24th overall.

Teammate Mitch Solon, 48th, posted a time of 17:16.3 followed by Eric Schumm, 73rd, 17:39.6 and Chris Gallagher, 95th, 17:57.5.

The Red Arrow boys finished with 263 points. They were behind Grand Ledge 72, G.R. Christian 98, Grandville

150, Petoskey 174, Rockford 201, East Grand Rapids 204 and Catholic Central 244.

Leading the Red Arrow girl harriers was Sarah Swab, 27th, 20:22.2. Following her were Abbie Debiak, 34th, 20:38.4; Brittany Dietz, 38th, 20:54.2; Monica Fitzpatrick, 81st, 21:49.5; and Rebekkah Woods, 83rd, 21:54.1.

They also finished with 263 points. They followed Rockford 53, Traverse City Central 61, East Grand Rapids 106, Grand Rapids Christian 104, Forest Hills Northern 194, Catholic Central 201 and Richland Gull Lake 221.

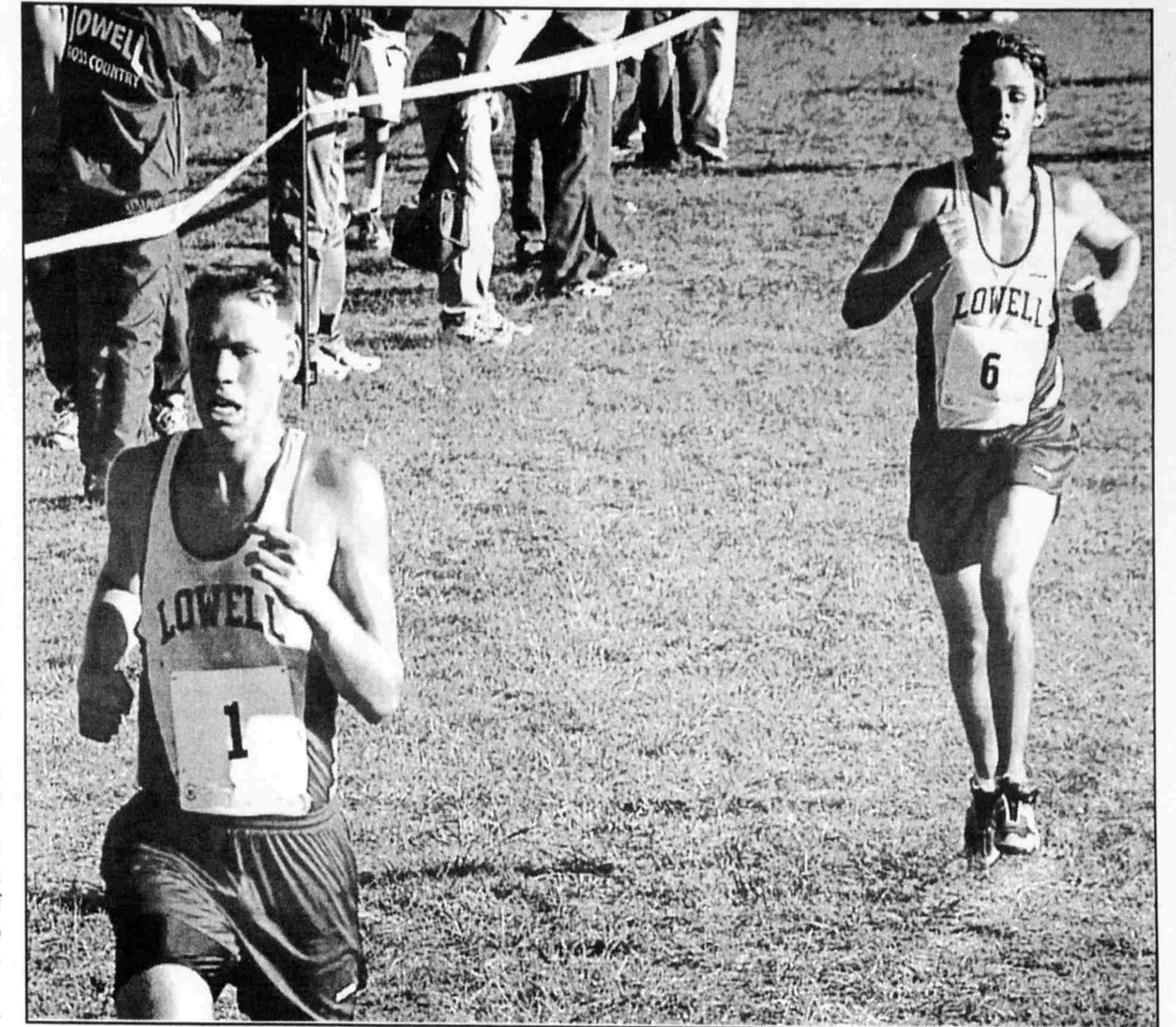
"The girls ran a great race. Freshman Monica Fitzpatrick is really beginning to pick it up. She looked very good today," VanderWarf said.

Earlier in the week both the Lowell girls and boys defeated Kenowa Hills.

The Red Arrow girls won 15-55 while the boys earned a 25-30 victory.

"The boys' score really wasn't indicative of what the race was like," VanderWarf said. "They took the top two spots while we claimed positions three through seven."

Both Lowell squads finished the week at 3-1 in the OK White.



Lowell's boys cross country team placed eighth at the Carson City Invitational as did the Red Arrow girls. Steve Ellison recorded a season's best time of 16:53.2.

Lowell netters shaky in loss to Northview

To play to your capability and lose is one thing, but Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall had a tough time accepting her club's 6-2 defeat to Northview.

"The girls under-achieved," Wall said. "Northview played well and we didn't."

Well, some did, and they won. Kelly Koning and Becky Plummer, second doubles,

earned a tight, three-set win 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

"Kelly and Becky were playing a good aggressive team. They wanted the win and thus prevailed," wall explained.

The victory included Plummer picking a few balls off h show strings for winning returns.

"Becky and Kelly were

spectacular in finishign out the third set," Wall said.

Lowell's only other win came at fourth singles, where Haley Irwin won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 against a girl she lost to at the Northview tournament.

The loss dropped Lowell to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the Ok White.

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—Vaclav Havel

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Lowell girls begin to gel posting wins over EGR & Kenowa Hills

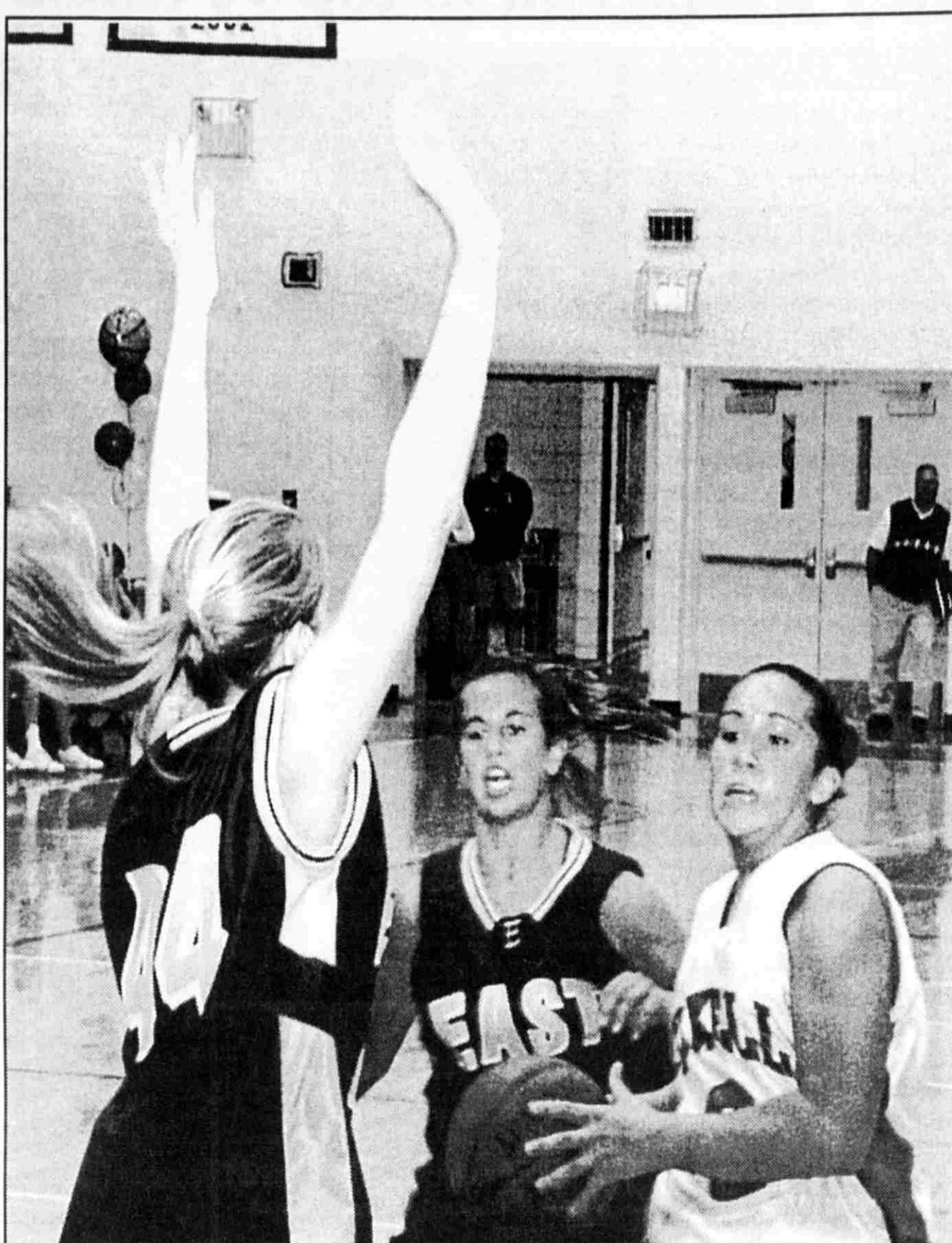
It was the good physical contest fans have grown to expect when East Grand Rapids and Lowell lace it up for a high school girls basketball game.

What it wasn't was the two top teams in the O-K White battling for supremacy.

The Pioneers, 2-5, in the midst of rebuilding their season, continued to suffer from poor shooting.

"You can't rim shots. You've got to put the ball in the basket," said EGR's girls basketball coach, Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate. "We're rebuilding. The girls did a better job of taking care of the basketball tonight. We just need to score more and need more scoring from our leader, Sarah Fenton."

Lowell, meanwhile, had been missing the offensive punch it has come to expect from Keni Gallert, but did see signs against the Pioneers that the junior may be regaining her touch.



Devon Collins controls the action as Lowell sets up its offense against the Pioneer defense.

Below, Amy Oberlin works in traffic underneath the boards against East Grand Rapids.

13 at halftime, 41-26 after three and outscored the Pioneers 7-6 over the final eight minutes.

Lowell 54 Kenowa Hills 29

The Red Arrow offense did not begin to make its charge until the Lowell defense took a stand.

"We weren't thinking defensively, and defense and rebounding get us into our game," said Dee Crowley in discussing Lowell's slow start.

The Red Arrows fell behind, 7-0, before Crowley called a timeout to share a two-word command with her club - "Play Defense!" It worked... as the Red Arrows outscored the Knights 17-3 to finish the first quarter and never looked back in improving their record to 4-0 in the O-K White and 6-2 overall.

The victory places Lowell in a first-place tie with Unity Christian (4-0, 7-2).

"Lowell was cutting the lanes well and we weren't running our press break very well," said Kenowa Hills coach, Dick Chlebek. "We came out and played with emotion and took it to them, but then they took it away from us."

Lowell led 30-15 at halftime and outscored the Knights 24-14 in the second half.

Amy Oberlin led Lowell in scoring with 12 points and Devon Collins netted 11. Britany Lyman added seven.

Lowell 'rushes' to regain prominence in shutout over Northview



Red Arrow runningback, Jeremy Holliman scoots around the right side during second half action Friday night against Northview.

Everyone rushed to the conclusion that Lowell is suffering through a down year after a less than inspiring performance against Sparta and a lopsided loss at East Grand Rapids.

Everyone, that is, except the Red Arrows and their head coach, Noel Dean.

Behind the power running of Ryan Esbaugh, and the quickness and speed of Sean Myers and Jeremy Holliman, Lowell rushed to its own defense Friday night as it shutout Northview 28-0.

Lowell ran the ball for 144 yards, the most in any game this year.

Esbaugh led the way with 55 yards in 13 carries while Holliman and Myers ran for 36 and 32 yards respectively.

"We're getting better. Our offensive line is improving rapidly," Dean said. "We're excited about where we're going and what we're doing."

The Wildcats did absolutely nothing against the Red Arrow defense. Northview garnered just 50 total yards (44 running and six passing).

"Any time your defense puts goose eggs on the board, that's a good deal," Dean said. "Our defense is improving also."

Lowell scored the game's first touchdown late in the first

quarter on a 36-yard slant pass from Ryan Dykhouse to Andrew Min.

Early in the second quarter, Lowell increased the lead to 14 when Frank Mulder returned a Northview punt 45 yards for a touchdown. In game one, Mulder returned a kickoff for a touchdown against Grandville.

Right before halftime, the Red Arrows tallied their third score when Dykhouse found Min on a 49-yard scoring strike.

"They were overloading on Mike Koster and that

opened things up for Andrew (Min)," Dean said. "With the exception of a few first-half turnovers, we played pretty well in this weather."

Lowell's only second-half touchdown came early in the fourth quarter when Dykhouse found Koster over the middle for a six-yard touchdown pass.

Dykhouse threw for 140 yards, completing 8-of-17 passes for three touchdowns.

The win improves Lowell's record to 4-1. The Red Arrows travel to Greenville on Friday.

JV Red Arrows victorious over Wildcats

The JV team advanced its record to 3-2 last Thursday at Northview.

The Arrows first struck with a touchdown run by Kam Blake, but the extra point was no good. Good offensive blocking early in the second quarter allowed Blake to score on a long run from scrimmage.

A two-point conversion to Brad Shea brought the score to 14-0. A quarterback sneak

by Mike McElroy resulted in the next Arrow touchdown. Another two-point conversion made the score 22-0.

A third quarter run by Gabe Delnick, with a successful extra point by Gary Osborne, put the score at 29-0. Northview scored twice in the second half but came up short as the JV Arrows held on for a 29-15 win.

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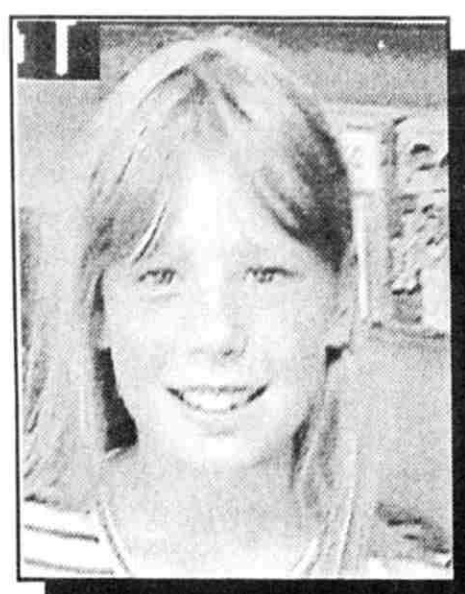
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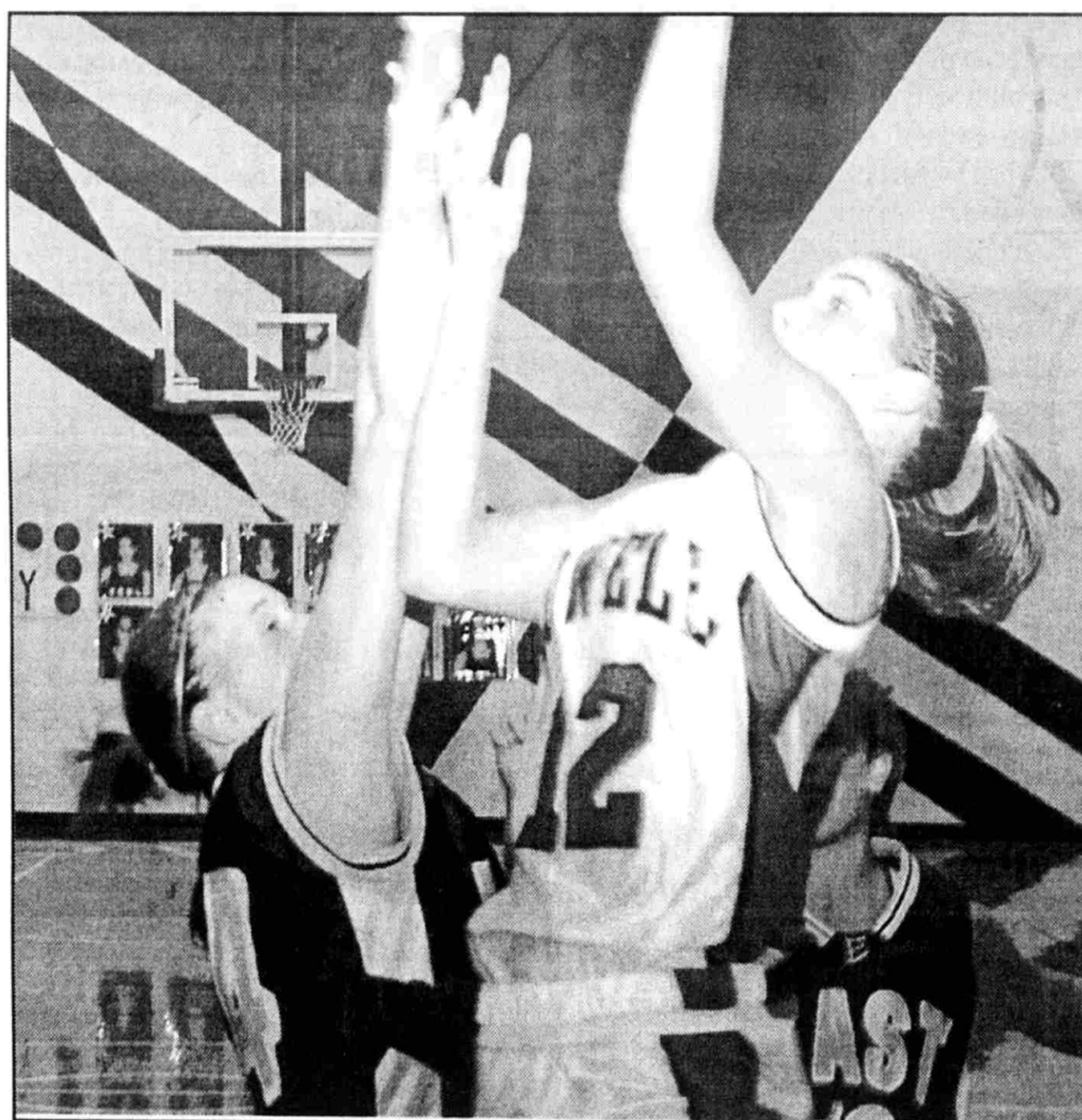
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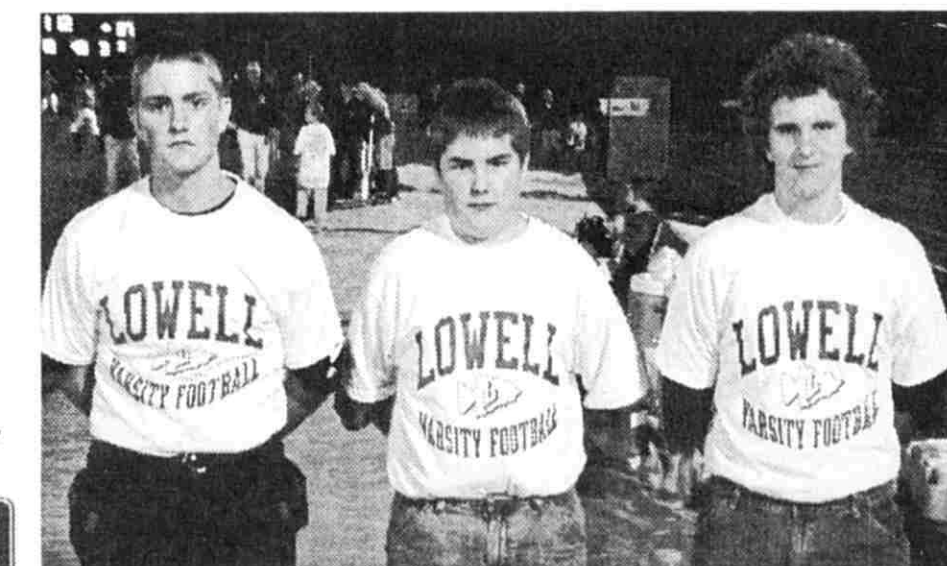
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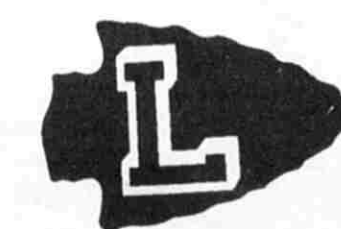
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Tomczak supreme in win over Greenville

Luke Tomczak played as fine a round of golf as he could possibly play in leading Lowell to an OK White win over Greenville.

The Red Arrows carded a 155-179 win, at the par 36 Glen Kerry Course, over the Yellowjackets in improving their league record to 5-1.

"You don't have rounds very often like Luke did today," said Lowell golf coach, Jack Ogle. "He played as good as he can play. I saw him on the course and asked him how he was shooting. He said, 'One under.'"

When the Lowell coach

saw him after his match, he asked Tomczak if he shot a one under. Tomczak replied, "No, I shot two under."

Tomczak finished with a round of 34, his best golf so far this year.

Teammates Dan Harrison

and Calen DeCenzo carded nine-hole scores of 40 while Matt Scheider came home in 41.

Lowell completes its dual portion of the regular season this week against a good Unity Christian squad.

FLPC announces appointment of Advisory Board members

The Advisory Board of the Franciscan Life Process Center of Lowell has appointed two new members: John Varineau, assistant conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony, and Paulette Komor, supervisor of the Grand Rapids Public Schools' autism program.

Each will serve a term of three years and will work to enhance the programmatic and financial standing of the nonprofit organization.

FLPC offers music therapy for the developmentally challenged; learning experiences of nature and science for public school children; art, music and religious education; counseling services; volunteer opportunities; and a preschool. FLPC was established in 1972.

BUSINESS MATTERS

The Grand Rapids Chapter of APICS (Educating Resource Management Professionals for the Future) has appointed Anthony Stencil, of Lowell, as the 2003-04 assistant vice president of Region XIV (encompasses Michigan and Wisconsin).

Stencil is employed by Siemens Dematic in Grand

Rapids and is also serving as past president on the Board of Directors for the APICS Grand Rapids Chapter 2003-04 Program Year. Stencil is responsible for the Region's Student Chapters' development and the Region's Annual Student Case Competition. He has been an active member for 10 years.

Trail association welcomes new members

The Western Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, located at 229 E. Main St., has recently announced its new members for 2003.

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Poetry slam, Oct. 24

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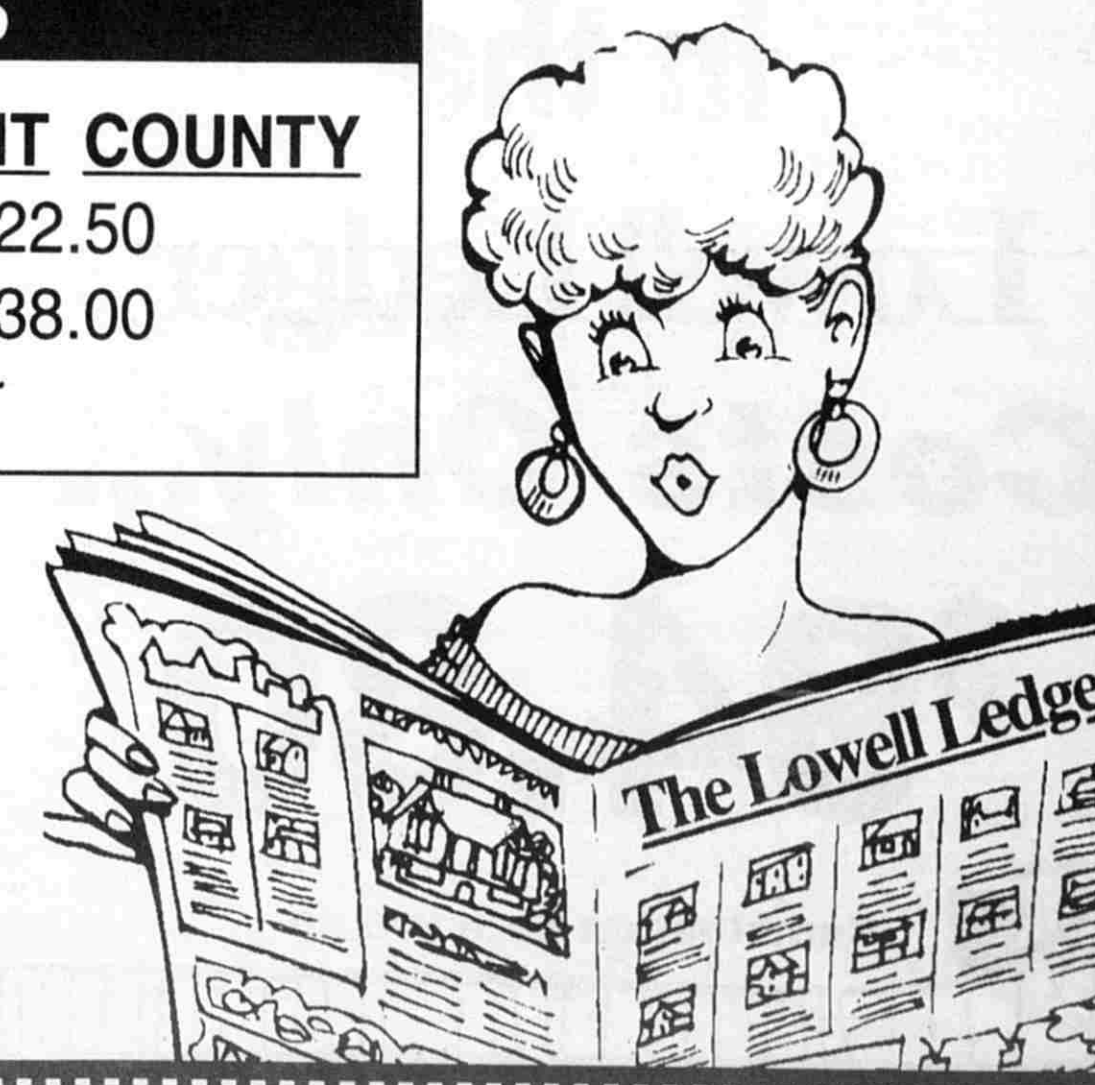
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SALES

MOVING SALE - Household & garage items. Sat., Oct. 4, 9-3 p.m. 200 N. Center, Lowell.

ADA CHRISTIAN FALL RUMMAGE SALE - Sat., Oct. 4, 9-3. Furniture, toys, household items, baby stuff, clothing for all ages, baked goods and much more. 6206 Ada Dr. SE (between Colner and Spaulding)

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE - October 3 & 4, 8am - 6pm. 6244 Pratt Lake, Alto between 60th & 64th Streets. Don't miss this one - everything priced to sell. Children & adult clothing, lots of other "stuff", some furniture.

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EVENTS

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SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family style Roast Pork & Dressing Dinner on Wednesday, October 8, starting at 5:30pm. Adults \$8, ages 5-12 \$2.

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