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## Six vie for positions in city council election

By Dan Schneider

This year's city council election will see the largest field of candidates in eight years.

Six candidates will vie for three open positions on the council. Six candidates is the maximum number allowed in a city council election without a primary.

The ballot includes two current councilmembers, Chuck Myers and Al Mathews. Mike Blough is vacating his council seat after six years.

The last city council election with a full ballot, 1995, had 13.8 percent voter turnout with 341 voters.

In the last election, 2001, only 296 people voted. The

largest turnout of voters in recent years was 403 in 1999. That year the ballot included two city charter amendments: compensation for planning commission members and an extension of the property tax deadline.

Lowell currently has 2,665 registered voters.

It is typical of city council elections to have low turn-

outs. City clerk, Betty Morlock, whose job it is to administer elections in the city of Lowell, said it is unfortunate that people don't vote in the elections because their taxes are what pay for the elections.

This year's election will cost about \$2,170 to pay staff and print ballots and public notices. This is about the av-

erage cost for an election. Lowell residents pay it whether they vote or not.

The council is responsible for making the decisions that affect the community.

"They are the policy-making body of the city," said city manager, Dave Pasquale. "They approve all ordinances of the city. They approve major expenditures. They act ba-

sically as a conduit for the community so there is a local voice for government."

The importance of the city council is established in Lowell's City Charter. In fact, Lowell could not have incorporated as a city without the council in the charter. Under the state laws governing the

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## Signs of the times

By Dan Schneider

The marquee of the former Strand Theater next to Larkin's sparked controversy last week. Messages supporting both sides of the ongoing contract negotiations between Lowell Area Schools and the teachers union appeared in big black letters.

Last Monday the sign urged support for the administration. The following day and continuing into Thursday, the marquee proclaimed that the community supports the teachers.

"I usually don't like to put anything controversial up there and this--the people feel real strongly one way or the other and I

got comments," said Larkin's owner, Mike Larkin.

Larkin owns and maintains both the theater and the sign.

"I got a lot of calls on both of them," Larkin's employee, Deb Apol said.

She said the sign reflects the views of the people who rent it, not of Larkin's or its employees.

"Larkin's has always supported the community--everybody," Apol said. "They have free speech. If they rent the sign we're not going to tell them, 'No, we don't like your message.'"

On Friday, the marquee advertised Larkin's Restaurant's frog legs special, sparking little public outcry.



## City moves forward on date for referendum vote

By J. Lobdell  
 Contributing Writer

The state has approved Dec. 9 for a referendum vote by residents on whether the ordinance for a planned unit development (PUD) should be rescinded.

City manager, David Pasquale informed the Lowell City Council that the referendum date was approved and the city is moving forward. Little was said beyond that, however, since the developer, Sundry, has sued the city over the petitions and the referendum with the issue in litigation. City staff and council could not comment due to the litigation.

Earlier this month, city clerk, Betty Morlock certified a petition seeking the

vote. It is the contention of Sundry's attorney, William Bowie that the petition is invalid due to the way it was circulated. Bowie said he questions whether the petitions even pertain to the PUD ordinance since it was an administrative procedure that took place in August. The actual PUD, according to Bowie, was approved several months before by both the city council and the planning commission.

The Highland Hills project, on the east side of Lowell, has been under fire by neighbors for the number of homes scheduled to be constructed. The number totals to 53; this includes a current home on the property. Sundry is proposing a neo-traditional

style development, clustering the homes allowing for about 80 percent green space.

Residents have objected to the amount of traffic the project will bring to the area along with details on the development, i.e., a one-way road. Sundry has contended that it has worked with residents and the city to iron out a plan for the development that has taken about two and a half years. Two weeks ago, a representative presented materials to the Ledger that were about five inches deep detailing the proceedings that have taken place during that time period.

The only comment Pasquale would make was that the issue was now in the hands of the city, and Sundry attor-

neys and the city would continue along their present course in preparing for the vote.

There is another direction Sundry could take in applying for open space preservation. The property would have to be rezoned back to suburban residential before any consideration for such a move could be made, according to planning commission chair, Clark Jahnke.

To get the project going, Sundry had the property zoned PUD R-1 to allow for the 53 homes. During the site plan review process, the city has changed its zoning requirements to suburban residen-

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## OBITUARIES

**BROWN** - William M. Brown, Jr., aged 60, of Pierson, passed away Friday, October 17, 2003 at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents William M. Brown, Sr. and Doris M. (Gibbons) Brown; and his brother David. Bill retired in 1998 from the General Motors plant on Alpine Ave. Bill's family would like to thank Dr. Gary Marsiglia, Val Syring, and their staff for all their help during his illness. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Carol M. (Roughton) Brown; his children William M. Brown III and Kelly of Genesee, Lisa and Charlie Whetzel of Columbiaville, John and Sheila Brown of Lowell, Tim Brown of Pierson, Tina and James Jennings, Bridgett and Terry Sansote, all of Vassar, Anne and Fred Griffes of Bailey,

Kimberly Florio and Daniel of Grant, Jason and Jill Florio of Wyoming; 19 grandchildren, soon to be 20 when baby girl Alison arrives; two brothers Ronald (Fran) Brown of Tiovola, MI and Ted (Bonnie "Ugly") Brown of Columbiaville; three sisters Pat Archer of Beulah, Ruth (Jim) Ross of Waterford, Mary (Mark) Smeltzer of Thompsonville; nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Bliss-Witters Cedar Chapel in Cedar Springs. Interment at Pierson Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation have been suggested.

**TOUSIGNAUT** - Bonnie Jean Vada Tousignaut, aged 65, formerly of Belding, died October 7, 2003. Bonnie was born November 10, 1937 to Donna (Brand) and Samuel D. Richard in Sheridan Township. Bonnie started her residential care business in 1965 caring for the elderly. In 1980 she changed her focus to adult men with MRDD which continues today. Her special ability to care for the people she served was evident to anyone

who knew her. Bonnie had many interests which included traveling with her best friend, Ailene Bliss, painting, cake decorating and gardening. She was preceded in death by her parents and ex-husband Carl W. Tousignaut. She is survived by her four children Tina

Tousignaut (Dave Nuechterlein) of Longmont, CO, Sam Tousignaut (Jenny) of Vandalia, OH, Carl Tousignaut, Jr. (Cindy) of Rensselaer, IN, and Joe Tousignaut (Jeanette) of Miamisburg, OH; two sisters Betty Malfroid of Lowell and

Beverly Richard of Little Rock, AR; five grandchildren; 15 residents; many very special staff and friends. Private services were held. Memorial contributions may be made to IRIS Resident Fund, c/o Monroe Federal, PO Box 185, Vandalia, OH 45377.

## Celebrate Fall at the library

This is the third week of the Kent District Library Fall Color Tour of Libraries. This is the second year the KDL Circle of Friends has held the event throughout October.

The idea is to get locals out of their towns to see the fall colors and visit the other libraries in the KDL system. "Each community tends to use its own branch," said Jan Schuiling, chair of the Alliance. "It's really great to see the other libraries. It has been my experience that all the different library branches have their own unique flavor and it's interesting to see them."

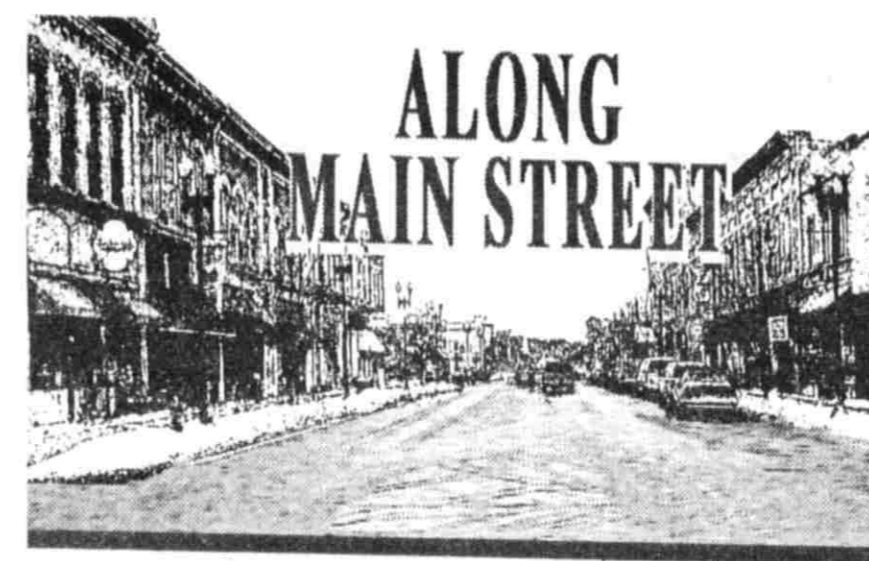
Travelers can also enter a free prize drawing to win one of several prize baskets available at the libraries. Entrants get their cards stamped at the

various libraries and can enter one ticket every time they collect four stamps. Prize baskets include books and prizes relevant to both the season and the location of the library. The tour is held in October since this month offers the best yellow and orange trees to look at while driving. "Kent County is just gorgeous this time of year, even in the middle of cities," Schuiling said. Speaking of cities, a trip

to Schuler Books and Music on 28th Street in Grand Rapids between Oct. 27 and Nov. 2 could benefit the KDL Alliance of Friends. Book buyers mentioning KDL at the time of purchase will have 20 percent of their sale go to support the Alliance.

The Alliance supports the KDL libraries by buying materials such as science carts and funding programming such as author series.

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players need the following for the upcoming show *Inspecting Carol*: an assistant director, stage manager, costumers & dressers, house manager & ushers, hairstylists & make-up artists, bookholder, help in building and painting the set. High school students and adults welcome. Call Debra Duiven, producer, at 897-6348.



**THEATER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
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**HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES**  
You can now get gift certificates at the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop - just in time for the holidays!

**TOTS FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
There will be a TOTS preschool family Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Bright Beginnings Gym, 300 High St. \$1 per family donation. Fun house, costume parade, crafts, songs and a story; older siblings and grandparents are also welcome.

**CAMPY MOVIE SHOW AT THE LAAC**  
The Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, will feature "Murder at the Observatory" and "Aliens at the Observatory" films directed and produced by Jim Marron featuring members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Assoc. Saturday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. Hours: Tues. - Fri. Noon - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 897-8545.

**FLU/PNEUMONIA SHOTS**  
Flu shots will be given at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. Cost: \$17 flu shot; \$28 pneumonia shot (1st time only). Medicare will cover the cost of the flu shot but your card is required.

**FALL PROGRAM AT MUSEUM**  
The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present its fall program "Arrowhead Identification and Presentation" by Kevin Finney on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Free admission, light refreshments, public welcome. Bring your arrowheads and Indian artifacts for identification and dating.

**FLU SHOTS**  
Shots will be available on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

**WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS**  
The Wittenbach Center, along with Ancient Pathways and the Lowell Area Historical Museum will be hosting a workshop for educators on Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Registration due Oct. 24; cost: \$45 to Wittenbach Center, includes lunch on Friday. This workshop will assist educators in making connections with Native American tradition, culture and technology.

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mission would have to set a public hearing on the rezoning and then approve it before considering the open space preservation act, Jahnke explained, adding that given the planning commission only has two more meetings this year (the commission does not meet in December due to the holidays), the vote on the referendum would be settled before the commission could come to a decision.

After the city council meeting, Jahnke said he was unaware of Sundry asking to present it at the next planning commission meeting which is Oct. 27. The planning com-

## COLLEGE NEWS

Playing on the Kalamazoo College football team is Andy Graham, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate.

The Kalamazoo College Hornets defeated Olivet College 35-24 on Oct. 18. Graham caught four passes for 48 yards.

On the season, Graham, wide receiver, leads the Hornets with 30 receptions for 416 yards. He ranks second in the MIAA (Michigan Inter-

collegiate Athletic Conference) in all purpose yards per game (138), third in receptions per game (6), and fourth in receiving yards per game (83).

In addition to his receiving duties Graham returns punts and kickoffs. He has six punt returns for 93 yards and six kickoff returns for 143 yards. Kalamazoo posts a 5-1 record.

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**BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK**  
June 21 - June 25, 2004  
Total Cost: \$600  
Trip includes all transportation, tickets to all included attractions, hotel accommodations & buffet breakfasts at the hotel.  
Monday & Friday will be travel days with Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday all day in New York City.

**ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:**  
Central Park & Strawberry Fields, Macy's, Ground Zero Memorial, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Apollo Theatre, Times Square, NY Public Library, Empire State Building, Liberty Boat ride to Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty, shopping on 5th Ave. (FAO Schwartz, Trump Tower, Sak's, Tiffany's), Metropolitan Museum of Art, Broadway musical "The Producers", live taping of NBC's Today Show & more!

**IF INTERESTED CONTACT CHRISTINE BEACHLER - 897-1323**  
\$200 nonrefundable deposit is required by Nov. 1 to reserve space on the bus.  
2nd payment of \$200 is due Jan. 20 & final payment of \$200 is due April 20. Trip insurance is available to purchase in the event a traveler is unable to travel.

**F.R.O.M. BENEFIT**  
Nerds on Site will be sponsoring Fill The Beetle - Feed The People campaign, a food drive for Flat River Outreach Ministries on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at or near Meijer.

**BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK**  
The trip, from June 21 - 25, includes all transportation, tickets to all included attractions (Ground Zero Memorial, Times Square, Broadway musical, Today show + lots more), hotel accommodations, buffet breakfasts at the hotel. Cost: \$600; a \$200 nonrefundable deposit is required by Nov. 1 to reserve space on bus. Call Christine Beachler at 897-1323 if interested.

## Waste Management gets price hike, but residents won't be charged extra

In turn, Waste Management is asking its customers to help with the increased cost. For the city of Lowell, this meant an additional one cent increase on top of the contractual increase in place. The price for trash bags would go up from 90 cents to 93 cents.

City manager, David Pasquale said the city currently picks up 10 cents for each bag with the city residents expected to pay 80 cents per bag; this went into effect in July. Staff recommended the city pick up the contractual increase of two cents plus the one cent increase, Pasquale said.

Based on figures provided by city treasurer, Sue Olin, about 45,000 bags are sold over a one-year period in the city. Residents paid about \$36,000 for those bags with the city paying about \$4,500.

## IN THE SERVICE

Adam Billingsley, a member of the 501 Army parachute regiment, is being deployed to Afghanistan this November in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 1999 Lowell High School graduate will be returning to the states in April 2004. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Billingsley.

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**CRAFT SHOW AT ST. PATRICK'S**  
Visit the St. Patrick - Parnell craft show on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Home baked goods, hourly raffles, lunch; at the corner of Parnell Ave. and 5 Mile Rd.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
Lowell High School parent teacher conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 6, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call 897-4125 with questions.

The new increases will put the total cost for the city at about \$5,850. City council did feel the increase was reasonable, approving the additional one cent increase and also the effective date of the increase to Nov. 1. In the contract, the increase was originally scheduled to go into effect on Oct. 15. Also increasing is the cost on yard waste which will increase by three cents to 78 cents per bag, and recyclable materials which will increase by seven cents to \$2.52 per month. This is all according to the contract the city signed with Waste Management last December. Waste Management has the waste hauling contract for the city of Lowell through 2005.

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**TUES.:** Meatball sub, tater tots, pineapple tidbits, cold milk.

**WED.:** Chicken salad pita, peaches, fresh carrots and celery, cold milk.

**THURS.:** Meat lover's lasagna, garlic toast, peas & carrots, fruit cocktail, cold milk.

**FRI.:** Ghou-ash, garlic breadstick, green beans, mandarin oranges, cold milk.

2nd choice: turkey sub sandwich.

# Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Michael T. Conklin  
1st United Methodist Church

It is an amazing thing to me that, throughout my nearly twenty-five years of ministry, people wander in week after week, year after year, and allow me to speak to them about God. It is a truly awesome thing, and sometimes I wonder at my own audacity. It is audacious because words have power—they have had power from the beginning of time. If you don't believe it, look at the long overdue concern about language that erroneously has been called "political correctness." What this really is, is a sensitivity to the concerns and identity of other people, and a sympathy for their situation in life—nothing more, nothing less. We should, perhaps, banish the phrase "politically correct" from our public and private vocabulary, perhaps replacing it with a better word—compassion.

In terms of religious faith, words are even more powerful, containing within them the power to create or destroy. In Genesis, creation came with the breathing of a Word from God: "Let there be..." God inhaled, and there was still chaos

and disorder. God spoke, and all things came into being, including us. In the first eons of creation God owned a monopoly on speech, the only One who could create something out of nothing, out of mere Word. And then in an act of shocking generosity, God endowed one of God's creature with that self-same capacity—us. "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." So we began to speak, and there has been hardly a silent moment in the world since then.

For anyone who would dare to speak for God—whether it is the preacher in the pulpit, the Sunday school teacher getting ready to lead his or her Sunday morning class, or the person of faith on the street about to tell someone of the wonders that God has done in her or his life—a moment of silence is important, even a brief inhale of a prayer.

In my own experience, that moment after the scripture is read, and the people sit down. I have time to remind myself that we human beings are just as likely to create nothing out of

something as the other way around. When we do exhale, the words will be spoken, and let out into the world for good or for ill. It is all the more important for us then to bring a brief and desperate prayer to the moment that we take our breath in, in hopes that when we do speak, our words will somehow, miraculously, contain the Word that God would have us speak in the world.

We live today in a world full of danger and challenge, and we know that a misspoken word can be the difference between life and death, hope and despair. It is vitally important for us to hesitate in prayer before we speak. But it is just as important that we not remain silent. A friend from high school some years ago took his own life. All of us who knew him looked back on our relationship with him and wondered: Was there a time, a moment, when we could have spoken a Word of hope that would have brought him back from the edge?

God always bids us speak. But let us always remember to breathe in a prayer that our words might be saving Words.

## Senior girls installed at Lowell Women's Club

Each year, the Lowell Women's Club installs a number of senior girls from Lowell High School to be a part of their club throughout the school year.



Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Ashley Kehoe, Caitie Searfoss, Lynda Horsley and Lisa Roth; middle row: Kristin Maki, Stacy Fleet, Heather Becker, Allison Bault and Helen Crimmins; back row: Leslie Koehn, Heather Becker, Melissa Liszewski and Nancy Elmer. Missing from the picture is Amy Alexander.

attended a tea to get acquainted and learn about the many fundraisers which help provide scholarship money as they pursue further education beyond high school.

Scholarships are given based on academic achievement, need, involvement in school activities and participation in club events.

There were 14 seniors who joined the Lowell Women's Club at the Sept. 24 meeting. Also installed from the Lowell community were Sue Crimmins, Lorain Smalligan and Karen Thomure. The program featured Will Welsh from the YMCA and Judy Straub from the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

The Lowell Women's Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at Schneider Manor for a luncheon and informative program.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 23: Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.  
OCT. 24: Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries.  
OCT. 25: Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.  
OCT. 26: Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings.  
OCT. 27: George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson.  
OCT. 28: Aaron Stencel, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.  
OCT. 29: Tammy Barber, Jared Spencer, Al Mulder, John Butler Jr.

Ryan Kyes, Concerned Resident

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I recently had the opportunity to attend the most recent school board meeting. I have to say, I was outraged at what I heard. The board wants to compare the teachers to the private sector, but they want to pick and choose what they compare.

I say, if you're going to compare, let's compare more than just insurance coverage. In the private sector, employees are given rewards for their results. Lowell Area Schools has produced MEAP scores among the top four in the county, yet they are only paid in the bottom half of the county.

What type of message does this send to our current staff, when they are penalized for producing great results? What type of message does this send to future applicants? I urge all community members of Lowell to call the Board of Education to show their support and to send the message that the Community of Lowell will stand by their teachers and together we will continue to build a great community.

Dear Editor:

When did we, as parents and community members, start forgetting about the importance of shaping our children? When did we start to allow "a few" to determine what is best for their future?

I am not a teacher, administrator, student or government leader. I AM, however, a parent who insists on a say in who my children become. I expect my children to enjoy a high standard of education, as many learning opportunities as possible, and examples of quality morals and values. One way to achieve these goals is to be the best mother I can be. The only other way is to make certain that the other adults that impact and influence them in their development are quality people. Those people are the great teachers we now have in Lowell.

I want to apologize initially for feeling so confused about what is really going on with our board and our teachers. If anyone could help me clarify some issues, I would be most grateful.

I did attend the board meeting Monday night. I understand the board wants to attract more quality teachers. What I do not understand is how that will happen when most teachers in the state do not pay an insurance CO-pay. Why wouldn't they look for a position in a school district that offers better benefits? Does that mean Lowell ends up with teachers who can't find a job anywhere else? Now that Lowell is finally getting the recognition it so richly deserves as a leading educational district, why does the Lowell administration feel they have to initiate CO-pays now?

I understand the board wants to "work with" the teachers. However, at the beginning of the meeting they said this was an "all or nothing" package deal.

I understand the superintendent and assistant superintendents (administrators??) will be putting a freeze on their salary increases this year and will pay an insurance CO-pay. Easy to do when you are making two to four times more than a teacher. Why not increase teacher salaries more than 5 percent?

I thought these were pretty funny, and the short list left me wishing there were more. So, I decided to try my hand at alternate definitions. Let's see how I stack up. 1. Incontinent (n.), a very large geographical area related to another large geographical area through marriage. 2. Forklift (v.), the spontaneous phenomenon that forces you to complete the cycle of bringing the eating utensil to your mouth, even if the peas roll off. 3. Pasteurize (v.), the use of cow manure to fertilize your lawn. 4. Shortbread (adj.), the condition of finding oneself at the grocery checkout with insufficient cash to cover your purchases. 5. Dyspepsia (v.), Italian for, "Say Pepsi Please." 6. Ecosystem (n.), equipment used to create reverberation advertisements on the radio. 7. Fauna (n.), hot, dry cubicle where occupants stare longingly at each other. 8. Grizzled (v.), to be eaten by a bear. 9. Mainframe (n.), reference to the human upper body, or torso. 10. Pathology (n.), the study of hiking trails. 11. Arsenic (n.), a cut or wound to the buttocks. 12. Arteriochoke (v.), a heart condition arising from high cholesterol levels. 13. Extension (v.), the result of continued contact with a divorced spouse. 14. Doctrinal (n.), a ceramic fixture in the "physician's only" men's room at a hospital. 15. Vertebra (n.), similar to the more common horizontal bra worn by most women.

Whew!!! That's much more difficult than you might think. After reading back over my submissions, I'm thinking I should have stopped at two or three. If any readers want to give this a try, we'd be glad to hear from you. Send your "alternate definitions" to The Lowell Ledger, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

I understand we need our board and administrators to coordinate and lead our educational efforts. But why, when our teachers are the core of this process, aren't they compensated accordingly?

I understand the board believes this isn't an issue of money at this time, but are looking at the long-term picture. What about my children now?

In the course of one week during the school year, a teacher is with my child more than 20 percent of his waking time. Why wouldn't I want the best?

The fact that our teachers are still teaching without a contract shows me their high level of character. It proves that our children are their priority. I consider these teachers the best.

The business community does not raise my children. Most of them (including my family) pay insurance CO-pays. They are also for-profit organizations. Our teachers do help raise my children. Schools are not-for-profit and should not be expected to follow business guidelines. A teacher does not get the same opportunities for job advancement, raises, perks, etc., as a business person. And guess what—not one teacher I know is there because they want power, money or position. They want to help shape my children so when they become adults they are fair, moral and just in creating the next generation and community. How can anyone put a value on that? Why wouldn't you want to give them as much as possible and stop taking things away? I do.

If our teachers are pushed into striking, I will not, in good conscience, send my children to be taught by substitute teachers who do not know the curriculum or my kids. I would have to home school. None of us get paid enough for that.

Dawn Crook

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter to support the Lowell teachers in the current contract negotiations. As Americans, we have collectively chosen to assign a high value to public education and yet we are consistently unwilling to provide sufficient material support to those who are employed in this honorable profession. When these individuals decided to become teachers, they were well aware that the financial rewards would not be great and, as a community, the implicit promise we made to them for their sacrifice was that we would at least provide them with decent health care and retirement benefits.

In light of how we value education, we should not be making comparisons to the private market and, if we do allow such comparisons, we should question the depth of our commitment to public education.

The health care crisis in this country is a national problem which requires immediate legislative solutions; it cannot be solved on the backs of our educators. This community needs to attract new talent to continue the tradition of excellence in teaching we have achieved and this will not be accomplished with high co-pays for benefits.

I'm proud of the education that my daughter received and I hope we can continue to provide the children of this community with the kind of teaching staff she was fortunate to have during her 13 years in Lowell.

Noreen K. Myers

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By Priscilla Lussmeyer

## Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCT. 23, 1878

Teacher exams for Vergennes Township will be held at the McGee schoolhouse; James McGee, Supt.

M.A. Holcomb of Bowne has the largest and best apples seen this fall at the Journal office.

Village treasurer Pullen is ordered by the Michigan Supreme Court to pay for work ordered by Common Council. No details given.

The first dance of this season will be held by the Young Men's Quadrille Club at Train's Hall Friday evening. Balcom's orchestra, admission 75 cents.

Lowell Woolen Mills is having a big sale. They manufacture many kinds of cloth as well as machine knit socks and gloves.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCT. 22, 1903  
"ELECTRIC R.R. A SURE THING" says the headline.

E.M. Hopkins of New York, financier and railroad promoter, says franchises are now in place and construction can begin between Grand Rapids, connecting to rail lines at Reeds Lake, to Ionia via Ada, Lowell and Saranac.

The full text of the ordinance for Lowell is included in the article. Minutes also list inquiries from Grand Rapids and Cincinnati about locating industries here.

Meanwhile, Lowell needs to do something about the housing shortage. Neither the new Methodist minister nor newlyweds have been able to find housing in town.

The editor is against throwing rice at weddings, especially since the two in Port Huron, where brides were injured by rice and one needed surgery to remove it from her ear.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 25, 1928

Substitute with columns from 1998: "80 Years The Lowell Ledger & Alto Solo."

Lowell citizens join with Ionia in supporting M-16 through the towns, not running through open country as the state would have it. Still to be heard from, according to Michigan Commerce Secretary Bierce: the Association of Commerce and Wholesalers of Grand Rapids.

Lowell Specialty Co. has orders for 11,200 hand sprayers. It manufactures other sprayer types too.

A six-man team from Hope College, including a (singing) quartet, will spend the weekend in Lowell for the football game, hiking, a weenie roast and meetings with Lowell men and boys. They will lead services at Lowell churches on Sunday.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCT. 22, 1953

There were 6,000 pine trees planted in one day by hard-working friends at the Cook-Thomas farm.

Ada needs a new bridge; a fender-bender there on Sunday created a first-class traffic jam for an hour.

Fall colors this year are especially beautiful, as is the weather.

Otis Bibbler, riding on rubber tractor tires, is unhurt when lightning strikes his garage while he is driving in. It kills his dog, three feet away.

Godwin's 20-game winning streak was ended by the Red Arrows last Friday night, 9-7.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 25, 1978

A study of Lowell's flood plains and problems is to be funded by the Federal Insurance Administration.

Larkin's Saloon will open for the first time this Saturday. About two-thirds of the Refloat the Showboat goal of \$50,000 has been achieved.

Amway sales broke the half-billion mark in 1977-78.

Framework for the Methodist church steeple is in place, replacing the one demolished in the windstorm (along with the showboat).

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# To the Editor, continued...From Page 5

Dear Editor:

I am very proud to be part of the Lowell community. One of the reasons we choose to continue to live in this community is the quality of education available. According to the city of Lowell's website, "our school is considered to be one of the best school districts in West Michigan, and it focuses on achievement, parent and family involvement, and the individual needs of students from birth to graduation."

I am confused as to why the contract with the Lowell teaching staff has not yet been settled. Frankly, I find the financial reports as presented by the administration misleading. It is not necessarily what they report, it's what they do not report or do not want to admit. Therefore, I do not see how negotiations can be conducted in good faith.

For example, our schools consistently rank in the top 10 percent in measurable tests in the county, yet our teachers' salaries rank in the bottom 25 percent in the county. However, our administrative staffs' salaries rank in the top 10 percent. When the president of the school board was questioned about these healthy salaries, she justified the board's actions by stating it was based on their past job performances. Applying the same criteria toward our teaching staff, it would seem that the contract would have been settled long ago.

Another example is the recent report of this year's contract agreement between the board of education and the administration. The administrators will take a pay freeze and pay monthly premiums between \$50 and \$60 toward their health insurance. What they neglected to report is that they will also receive a \$500 stipend to offset these costs.

One of the school board's stated goals is to attract and retain the best teachers possible. I have to ask: How do they plan to achieve this goal? If our teachers are continually paid less than those at comparable school districts, what incentive will the best teachers have to come to Lowell? We need to do what is necessary for our school district to remain one of the best in West Michigan.

Sincerely,  
Kim Fosburg

To the Editor:

As a concerned parent in the Lowell School District, and in the best interest of my child and other students who attend Lowell Schools, I would like to offer my understanding of the current disagreement between the administration and the teach-

ing staff.

It appears that at least three school board members and administrators have taken a firm stance, publicly stating that "teachers MUST pay for their health insurance" in an attempt to justify their position. This sounds like "it's our way or the highway." This tactic would not be considered an exercise of standard negotiation practices which are necessary to bring the two sides together. Has the board even offered a counter-offer yet? It is my understanding that the current proposal is a package deal; accept all of it or none of it. I thought that the major part of negotiations is compromise.

Remember, teachers are also fighting to protect proven valuable programs along with their request for a modest pay increase. I am afraid this attitude of making the business of education 100 percent equivalent to the practices of the private sector will result in our teachers turning into "contractual" teachers. That basically means that teachers will only do what is in their contracts and nothing beyond that. As I understand

it, teachers in Lowell are paid to work 30 hours per week. In reality, though, most of them work between 45 and 55 hours per week (some even more). If teachers worked just the 30 hours they are paid for, there would be no time for correcting papers, doing lesson plans or the many other things they do to help enrich the education they provide to our children.

Presently, teachers all over this state give far beyond what the contract states. For example, many after-school clubs and activities only exist because of teachers donating personal time to lead, organize, write for grants, fundraise, and then often donate their own money to support these after school activities.

The prolonged period of time that the teachers are working without a contract cannot be perceived as a healthy situation for our community, and especially our students. I encourage the school board to support our teachers and settle the contract soon.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Grimm



By Dave Stegehuis

## OPEN SPACES

Michigan's Natural Rivers Act was signed in 1970. This act provides for the protection of designated rivers from harmful development. The law allows restricting construction projects as well as tree and brush cutting close to the water. The objective of the law is to maintain water quality for the benefit of fish and wildlife and provide natural areas for people to enjoy.

The Rogue is a designated river. The Pine and upper Manistee were recently added to the list. It would seem that everyone would agree that this is good news. But there is a movement in the state legislature to introduce bills that would severely limit the state's ability to manage river front development. When it comes to land use issues, there seems to always be disagreement between affected parties.

We face this dilemma everyday in our own communities. Commercial and residential development have been steadily consuming our open spaces. At some point the quality of life that we came here to find may disappear under asphalt and manicured lawns.

Laws and rules that regulate such things as taxes, speed limits, and daylight savings time can be changed at any time to reflect current needs. Decisions that affect land use cause changes in our lives that we and future generations will have to live with forever. We must, therefore, make these decisions very carefully!

With an expanding population, development is inevitable. How we control that development is up to us. Because of the importance of these decisions it is necessary for each of us to examine our own sense of fairness to others and our responsibility for the stewardship of the land.

Step up and become involved in the decision making process. Keep informed of local development plans and become familiar with land management options. Question political candidates about their position on environmental issues. Join organizations that reflect your philosophy on resource management. Do it now. Time is not on our side. If we act together as concerned and knowledgeable citizens we can make a difference.

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TO DEFENDANT,  
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You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before December 3, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

October 10, 2003

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# Traditional Halloween hours remain despite conflicting game time

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 31, residents and drivers will need to be extra careful as the little goblins, princesses and pumpkins make their way from house to house gathering treats.

In a consensus vote at its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council decided it would keep its traditional Halloween hours of 5:30 to 8 p.m. for the annual event despite the fact that this year it falls on a Friday with the times

conflicting with a Lowell High School football game.

The issue of the game was raised by athletic director, Barry Hobla who contacted city manager, David Pasquale about his concerns that the trick or treat time and the

planned football game would be in conflict.

A proposal was presented to the city to restrict the hours to 5 to 7 p.m. and the school would look at changing the game to 7:30 p.m.

"My concern, and having not talked to anyone at the school, is that with families with two working parents who don't get home until 6-6:30-7 p.m., well, I would hate to take away from the enjoyment their kids would have by cutting back the hours to less than 8 p.m.," said chief of police, Jim Valentine, who stated earlier that the city's trick or treating times have historically been from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for as long as he has worked for the city.

And recognizing it would be hard to break from tradition for one year, the council agreed that the hours should remain the same. "I believe our allegiance should be with the children so that everyone has enough time to enjoy the evening," said councilman, Charles Myers.

"Those wanting to go to the game can go early and still continue on with their evening plans," said mayor, Jeanne Shores.

Valentine said during trick or treating hours he couldn't stress enough of safety to parents and drivers. Drivers should drive below the speed limit, keeping in mind children are out in the neighborhoods, he said.

"Parents should make sure children don't dart between cars, but cross at corners. Also children should wear make-up and if a mask is used, make sure the eyeholes are large enough for the children to see," Valentine said. "Light-colored costumes along with reflective tape is also a good measure to make children more visible at night."

## Grant to benefit Steps to Respect program

By Dan Schneider

The director of student development for Lowell Area Schools, Kathy Cole, is using a \$2,000 grant to implement the curriculum for the Steps to Respect program.

The program addresses issues of respect and acceptance among students. It will be used in the Lowell Area Schools, grades K-6, to develop more accepting attitudes and combat mindsets leading to bullying.

"Our survey data indicated that we needed to address these issues in our district," Cole said.

Lowell Area Schools recently completed a survey of students in second grade through high school. Students were asked to describe "how often you see the behavior in your school" with choices ranked from "never" to "always."

Survey responses to items such as "students pick on each other" and "students make fun of people who are different" were cause for concern to the district. The district hopes that adopting the Steps to Respect program will help reverse these trends.

Steps to Respect was developed in 1997 by the non-profit organization "Committee for Children" in Seattle.

"We conduct research and develop curriculum in the areas of violence prevention, bullying prevention and child abuse prevention," said Joan Duffell, director of community education at Committee for Children.

Steps to Respect was created out of concern for growing evidence of violence in

schools. This included violence like the Columbine High School shootings, which occurred shortly after Steps to Respect was developed. It also included less extreme but more pervasive problems linked to bullying.

"More common in schools, bullying is linked to kids not wanting to go to school," Duffell said. She added that kids who bully are four times more likely to end up in jail later in life.

Steps to Respect is intended to create a more accepting atmosphere in classrooms.

"Social and emotional research shows us that if kids feel comfortable with themselves in the classroom, their minds open to learning," Cole said.

Money from the grant also paid for three sets of multicultural books for the district's

elementary schools. Of the 3,960 students in Lowell Area Schools, 96 percent are Caucasian.

"I think in this community there is very little diversity besides between the haves and the have-nots," Cole said. This affords students little exposure to cultural diversity. Cole hopes the books will help expose students to a more diverse cultural perspective.

"We're just trying to prepare the children for the world of work or further education," Cole said.

The grant money came from Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Montgomery, Ala.

"In 1997, the center started funding grants to school teachers because it noticed the rise of violence in schools," said Annie Bolling, grants administrator for the

SPLC. "It wanted to give teachers tools to promote tolerance and acceptance in their schools and communities."

In 1976, attorneys Morris Dees and Joe Levin Jr. founded the SPLC as a law firm handling strictly civil rights cases.

## CITY OF LOWELL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting September 30th, leaves will be picked up weekly. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

City Hall • Hahn Hardware • Springgrove Variety • Meijers  
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## 2003 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tuesday Pickup

October 14, October 21, October 28, November 4,  
November 11, November 18, November 25.

Thursday Pickup

October 9, October 16, October 23, October 30,  
November 6, November 13, November 20,  
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| House #3 | Jim and Ann Sowle<br>770 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell<br>"Cowboy Steak Dinner" | House #4 | Vern and Gay Nauta<br>2821 Parnell Ave., Lowell<br>"Irish Country Dinner" |
| House #5 | Jim and Mari Stone<br>14024 Thompson Dr., Lowell<br>"Creole/Cajun Dinner"   | House #6 | Jim and Sally Gunberg<br>7616 Knapp NE, Ada<br>"Hawaiian Dinner"          |
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**SYNOPSIS  
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THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 6, 2003, 7:30 P.M.**

Minutes of the September 15, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to accept the bid from Williams and Works for design and construction engineering of Foreman - Gee and South Center road reconstruction projects for a total of \$59,974.
- Motion to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 10, "Fire Prevention and Protection" of the Code of Ordinances.
- Motion to establish a special election in consideration of Referendum Petition regarding Ordinance 03-4 for Tuesday, December 9, 2003 as a first selection or December 16, 2003 as second.
- Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.
- Motion to return to open session at 8:02 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2003.

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

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk  
City of Lowell

## YMCA Leaders Club offers prank protection

The Leaders Club at the Lowell YMCA will once again offer Halloween prank protection. Home and business owners can purchase policies at costs ranging from \$8 for a residence to \$20 for a large business.

The policies guarantee that members of the leaders' club will clean up the policyholder's property in the event

its trees are TP'd, its pumpkins smashed, its windows soaped or its premises egged.

"We've done it for probably 15 years," said YMCA executive director, Will Welsh. "It helps fund their program for leadership training."

Dale Triplett has purchased the insurance for "as long as I can remember"

though he hasn't had his business vandalized.

"I'm glad we pay the ten bucks every year to not have to use it," Triplett said. "Obviously the other reason is to benefit the youth and to support the community."

Rick Seese has had to use the insurance he buys for his business.

"One year we did get

nailed pretty good," he said. "But all the other years we just support the group. It gets them out in the community if they do have to clean things up and people can see who they are."

The Youth Leaders Club is a group of high school and middle school students. They receive leadership training, traveling to conferences to

YMCA's in the tri-state area. They get certified in first aid and CPR as well as learn community leadership roles such as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary of an organization.

In exchange for the training, the Youth Leaders Club

does volunteer work in the community, such as at Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Prank protection policies are available at the Lowell YMCA, from Leaders Club members, or by calling the YMCA.

## Survey will determine parental preference for new elementary

By Dan Schneider

The Demographics Committee of the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education sent out surveys last week. The purpose of the surveys is to assess the preferences of parents in the areas the new Murray Lake Elementary will serve.

"It's time to start determining which kids are going to the new building and which

are going to stay at Cherry Creek and Bushnell," said Demographics Committee chairman, Jim White.

Murray Lake Elementary will open next fall serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

"The purpose of this school is to help relieve the overcrowding at Cherry Creek and at our middle school," White said.

The survey will help LAS officials make decisions about where those students will come from. It will also help them address issues concerning the new school's impact on bus transportation routes, which will be considerable.

In the longer term, the school board is anticipating the need for another new school. Murray Lake Elementary will draw about 300 stu-

dents, mostly from Bushnell and Cherry Creek. Its capacity will be 400.

Enrollment remained static this year but the committee expects that to change.

"We were obviously disappointed that we didn't see the growth coming that we anticipated," Larry Mikulski said.

Mikulski is head of transportation for LAS and a mem-

ber of the Demographics Committee.

"We didn't have a bunch of new kids this year," White said. "But it's going to happen."

The rate and location of that growth will determine where the next new school will be built. The second new school will allow a new configuration of the grade levels at the elementarys.

"Our goal for the future for all our elementary schools is for them to be K-4," White explained. "The first priority, right now, is to open (Murray Lake Elementary) up as a K-5."

As a K-5, Murray Lake Elementary will ease the transition into the K-4 model of the future. The challenge now is to determine where the Murray Lake students will come from.

Murray Lake will draw students primarily from the area called Cell 10. Cell 10 is bound to the north and west by the boundaries of the LAS district. It includes both sides of Bailey Drive and Burroughs Drive to the south and extends east to the Flat River and Montcalm Ave. The survey is intended to help determine which parents in Cell 10 want their students to remain at

Bushnell or Cherry Creek. It will also help determine how many parents outside Cell 10 want their children to attend the new school.

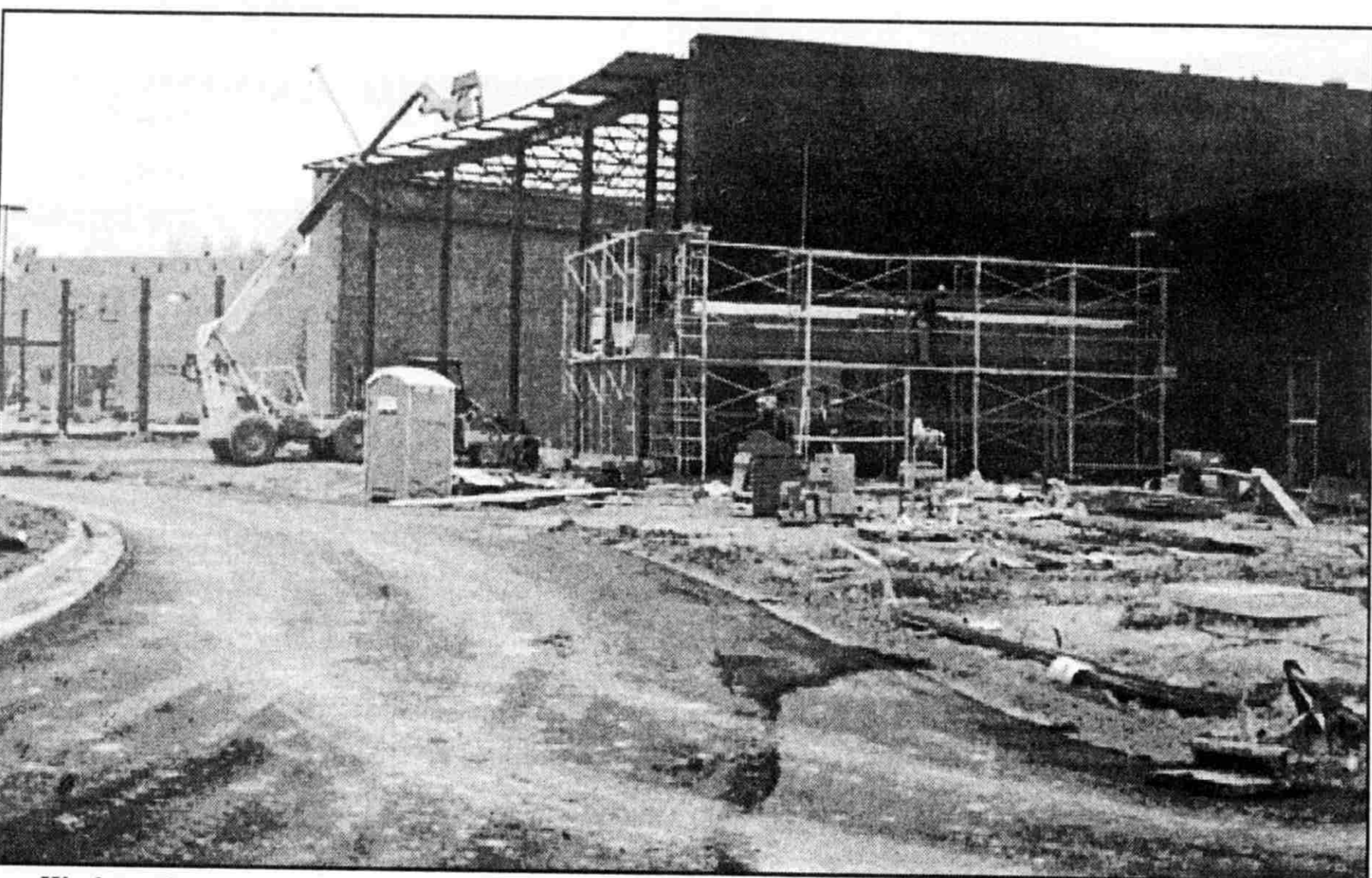
"Number one is to find out from parents whether they are interested in having their children attend the school if they don't live in that area," White said. "Number two is to find out from the parents of first graders and fifth graders if they would like to see their kids stay where they are at."

This information could have important ramifications for bus transportation. Large pockets of students living in areas outside Cell 10 will require the appropriate adjustment of bus routes.

Regardless of the results of the survey, transportation plans involving Murray Lake Elementary will result in shorter bus rides. LAS transportation will park buses overnight there to create more efficient routes.

"Our goal is to cut 15 to 20 minutes off every bus ride," Mikulski said.

The Demographics Committee expects to get the completed surveys by Friday. It will take them about a week to analyze them with the help of Kent Intermediate School District.



Work continues on the new Murray Lake Elementary School. Block work is nearly completed. The building process is almost back on schedule following delays resulting from heavy rains and the site's clay soil. The building should be entirely enclosed by Nov. 14.

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## Golf course sponsors charity spaghetti dinners

Deer Run Golf Course will host charity spaghetti dinners every Tuesday evening beginning Oct. 28.

One dollar from each dinner will be donated equally to the following charities: Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Senior Center, Lowell Area Historical Museum and St. Mary's Pregnancy Center.

Todd Gerhart, owner of Deer Run, stated that "this is our way of giving back to the community through some very worthwhile charities and giving the citizens a good meal at a great price."

The charity spaghetti dinners, served from 4 until 9

p.m., run through March 30.

George Mickel, Lowell Chamber of Commerce volunteer, said, "Since Todd Gerhart has taken over at Deer Run, he has done a lot for the community. He has also done a great deal for the chamber and for the YMCA through their golf outings. He is a great community team player."

Linda Barnes, of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, adds, "I think it's a nice gesture for Deer Run Golf Course to help four local community organizations through their Tuesday night spaghetti dinners."



The staff at Deer Run Golf Course serves up a dinner of spaghetti and meatballs to the beneficiaries of their charity spaghetti dinner which will be held every Tuesday evening. Seated left to right are: Marcia Roth, Lowell Senior Neighbors; Ruth Collar, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center; George Mickel, Lowell Chamber of Commerce; Linda Barnes, Lowell Area Historical Museum; and Todd Gerhart, owner of Deer Run Golf Course. Missing from the picture is Roger La Warre, Flat River Outreach Ministries.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Emily Louise Myers, a junior at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., recently presented the findings of a summer-long independent research project as part of the national McNair Scholars program. Myers presented her research, titled "Correlates of Student Activism: Family, Peer Group, Independent Thinking, and Knowledge" on Oct. 9 on the Knox campus.

The Ronald McNair Fellowship program, named in memory of the first black U.S. astronaut, is designed to encourage low income, first-generation and minority students to prepare for research-oriented careers in higher education.

Myers, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School, is studying Philosophy and Integrated Intl Studies. She is the daughter of Karen and William Myers of Lowell.

Audrey Converse, a Hope College freshman, participated in the college's fourth annual "Time to Serve" volunteer program on Aug. 30. Hundreds of students participated in the service projects throughout the Holland area.

Converse, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Gregg and Marsha Converse of Lowell.

## Curves supports breast cancer awareness

Curves weight loss centers has announced plans to actively support Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Curves locations across the country will be participating in a promotion designed to encourage early detection.

Carol Matthews, a Curves franchisee in Lowell, said the club will waive the initial service fee for women who join during the week of Oct. 20 and show evidence of having a recent mammogram.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women

aside from skin cancer," Matthews said. "As an organization committed to improving the health of women, all of us at Curves feel strongly about helping get the word out about Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

Women who are interested in getting more information about breast cancer and breast cancer risk factors should visit the official National Breast Cancer Awareness Month website at [www.nbcam.com](http://www.nbcam.com).

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## Tips & treats for Halloween

As witches, goblins and super heroes prepare to descend on neighborhoods throughout the area, the Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Most Halloween injuries are preventable if parents and children take some precautions:

- Plan your route and share it with your family.
- If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing to be more visible.
- Use face paint rather than masks.

- Cross the street only at corners.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for vehicles.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Walk on sidewalks - not in the street.

- Carry a flashlight.
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Keep away from open fires and candles.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a

- stranger's house.
- Be cautious of strangers and animals.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating.
- And don't eat candy if the package is already opened.

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## PRESCHOOL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

### LITTLE TUMBLERS

6 months - 18 months  
Our Little Tumblers program is designed to give parent and child a chance to become acquainted with experimental learning. Classes will last 30 minutes and will consist of warm-up exercises, muscle strengthening exercises, and exploratory movement.  
**Monday/Wednesday • 9:45-10:15 a.m.**  
7 weeks, 14 classes  
Classes begin October 27 \* Registration Deadline: October 20  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50



### TUMBLING TODDLERS

18 months - 36 months  
This 45-minute class is designed for parent and child to have an enjoyable experience with each other. Basic motor skills are encouraged throughout this program including jumping, balancing, hand-eye coordination, ball handling, rolling, and kicking.  
**Monday/Wednesday • 10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
7 weeks, 14 classes  
Classes begin October 27 \* Registration Deadline: October 20  
Facility Member: \$25 \* Program Member: \$50 \* Non-Member: \$62



### KINESTHETIC KIDS

Age 3  
This is a 45-minute class designed specifically for 3 year olds. Kids will work on developing basic skills such as hand-eye coordination, ball handling, kicking, agility, and balance. This class will also help kids to develop their social skills such as teamwork, following directions, and sharing.  
**Monday/Wednesday • 11:30-12:15 p.m.**  
7 weeks, 14 classes  
Classes begin October 27 \* Registration Deadline: October 20  
Facility Member: \$25 \* Program Member: \$50 \* Non-Member: \$62



### PRESCHOOL KARATE

Age 3-6  
If your child has a lot of energy, let Sempai Susan give them a kiddy workout that is guaranteed to give mom a break and burn off that morning's breakfast!  
**Saturday: 9:00-9:45 a.m.**  
7 weeks, 7 classes  
Classes begin October 25  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50

### PRESCHOOL KARATE ADVANCED BEGINNER

Age 3-6  
This program is a continuation of skills learned in Preschool Karate. Students learn Japanese terminology, improve skills, and develop new skills. sponsorship by Sempai Susan required  
**Saturday • 10:00-10:45 a.m.**  
7 weeks, 7 classes  
Classes begin October 25  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50



### CREATIVE CRAFTS, GIGGLES, AND GAMES

Age 3-6  
Allow your preschooler 45 minutes to be creative, release energy, and show their enthusiasm through art and play. Every week children will make and take a thematic arts and crafts project, hear stories, and play games based on the weekly theme.  
**Saturday • 1:00-1:45 p.m.**  
at the Lowell Teen Center  
7 weeks, 7 classes  
Classes begin October 25  
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## KIDS NIGHT OUT HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, Oct. 24  
6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Cherry Creek Elementary  
YMCA Member \$10  
Non-Members: \$15

## FALL BASKETBALL - Nov. 3-Dec. 15

**INSTRUCTIONAL**  
Ages 3-4  
This program will introduce your child to this exciting sport. We will work on familiarity with game (shooting, dribbling, passing, etc.) The focus will be on peer to peer interaction and the development of motor skills. Playing various games and having fun will be our focus.  
**Saturdays • 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. • 6 classes • Nov. 3 - Dec. 15**  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50

## KINDERGARTEN - 1ST GRADE PROGRAM

Ages 5-6  
This program will develop skills to improve the fundamentals of the game. Youth will learn proper shooting, passing dribbling, and defense techniques; beginning to apply them to game situations. We will work through 3 on 3 scrimmaging to teach spacing and strategy. Our main goal will be to have fun and enjoy the game!  
**Saturdays or Monday evenings • 6 classes**  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50

## 2ND GRADE PROGRAM

Ages 6-7  
This program will continue to build on skills and techniques learned in the previous program. We will learn techniques in greater depth and challenge youth to implement techniques during game scenarios. We will have a blast and teach each youth on their own level.  
**Saturdays or Monday evenings • 6 classes**  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50

## 3RD-6TH GRADE PROGRAM: LEAGUE PLAY

Grades 3-6  
This league will give youth the chance to practice and compete with their own team and coach. It is designed with participation and enjoyment as the priority. Each youth will receive equal playing time, so everyone is a winner! Teams will practice once during the week and have a game each Saturday. They will learn team play in 5 on 5 setting, and be instructed in the rules of an actual game.  
**Saturday games, weekly practice • 6 weeks**  
Facility Member: \$20 \* Program Member: \$40 \* Non-Member: \$50

## 5TH-6TH GRADE GIRLS: SPIRIT LEAGUE

Girls in grades 5-6  
This is a competitive league where playing time is based on ability and may not be equal. Each participant MUST have prior basketball team experience. This league will have traveling games to other area YMCAs and is a great way to experience the game on a different, more competitive level.



## ROKEN KARATE

### BEGINNERS

Age 6+  
Students learn basic karate punches, kicks, blocks, and moves. Students work at their own pace to graduate from white belt to white belt/black stripe after mastering basic skills.  
**Monday & Friday • 6:15-7:30 p.m. - 7 weeks, 14 classes • Classes begin October 27**  
Facility Member: \$45 \* Program Member: \$90 \* Non-Member: \$112 - DROP-IN PRICES - Facility Member: \$5 \* Program Member: \$10 \* Non-Member: \$12

### ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Age 6+  
Upon earning a white belt/black stripe and with sponsorship from Sensei Aaron, students are introduced to new skills and progressively more difficult routines, building self-esteem, strength, endurance, and respect.  
**Tuesday & Thursday • 7:00-8:15 p.m. - 7 weeks, 14 classes • Classes begin October 28**  
Facility Member: \$45 \* Program Member: \$90 \* Non-Member: \$112 - DROP-IN PRICES - Facility Member: \$5 \* Program Member: \$10 \* Non-Member: \$12

### KARATE SKILLS SPECIFIC TRAINING

Age 6+  
Sign up for any or all classes to focus intense training on a specific skill related to becoming a better Karate student. Kicks, punches, blocks, kata, sparring stances, bonki, analyzing kata.  
**Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - Noon - 7 weeks, 7 classes • Classes begin October 25**  
Facility Member: \$30 \* Program Member: \$60 \* Non-Member: \$75 - DROP-IN PRICES - Facility Member: \$5 \* Program Member: \$10 \* Non-Member: \$12



# 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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, 32156 4 Mile NE (E. Beltline) 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.

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

**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 FOURTH WED.:** Elderly volunteers needed for intergenerational program w/school children from Lowell in activities. 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. at Franciscan Child Development Center. 897-7842.

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

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

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

**EVERY THURS.:** Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

**EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.**

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

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

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

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping group at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**SECOND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell City Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 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 OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:** Wed. - Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037. 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.

**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.

**WED., OCT. 22:** Lowell Area Community Fund Annual Report to the Community is at 5:30 p.m. at Lowell City Hall council chambers.

**FRI., OCT. 24:** 4 Health Wellness Center, 77 Bridge St., Saranac, Halloween party, 7-9 p.m. RSVP to Bev or Melissa 642-6466

**SAT., OCT. 25:** Flu shots are \$17; pneumonia shots are \$28. Available at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Bring Medicare card to cover cost of flu shot.

**TUES., OCT. 28:** TOTS preschool family Halloween party, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bright Beginnings gym,

300 High St. \$1 donation. Bring the entire family! Call 897-1232 to register.

**WED., OCT. 29:** Lowell Area Historical Museum program: Arrowhead Identification at Lowell Twp. Hall, 7 p.m. Free to public.

**THURS., OCT. 30:** Flu shots available from 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

**SAT., NOV. 1:** Craft show at St. Patrick-Parnell, corner of Parnell and 5 Mile. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch served all day, raffles, baked goods.

**SAT., NOV. 1:** Food drive at Meijer from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries, sponsored by Nerds on Site.

**MON., NOV. 3:** Lowell athletic booster club regular business meeting in high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

**THURS., NOV. 6:** Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Jewelry Design by Julie. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickert and Shirley Weeks. Sponsor: Marie Rickert. Bring items for F.R.O.M.

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR**  
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**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

**WED., OCT. 29:** 8 a.m. Travel Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. A Good Night Sleep; Shop Meijer.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**TUES., OCT. 28:** No Mall Walking. 7:15 a.m. Rockford McDonald's.

**THURS., OCT. 23:** 12 p.m. Dance Westside Complex.

**WED., OCT. 29:** 8 a.m. Travel Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. A Good Night Sleep; Shop Meijer.

**FRI., OCT. 24:** No Mall Walking. 8:30 WZZM Weather Ball Garden Tour; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

**THURS., OCT. 30:** 10:30-12:30 p.m. Flu Shots; 12:45 p.m. John Ball Park Zoo.

**MON., OCT. 27:** 4:50 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

**FRI., OCT. 31:** Noon - Halloween Party.



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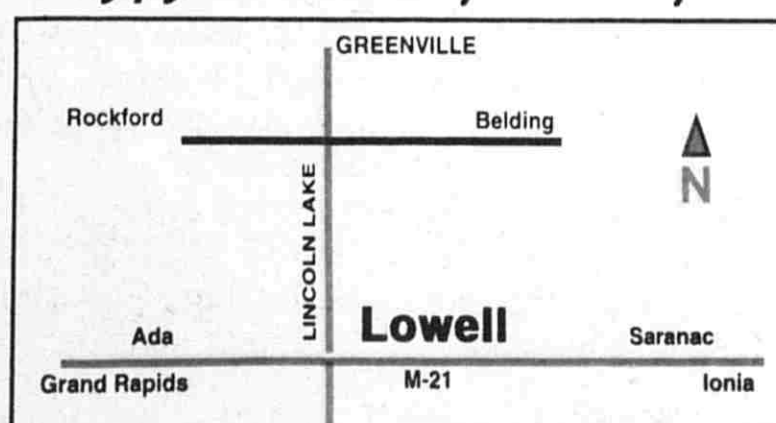
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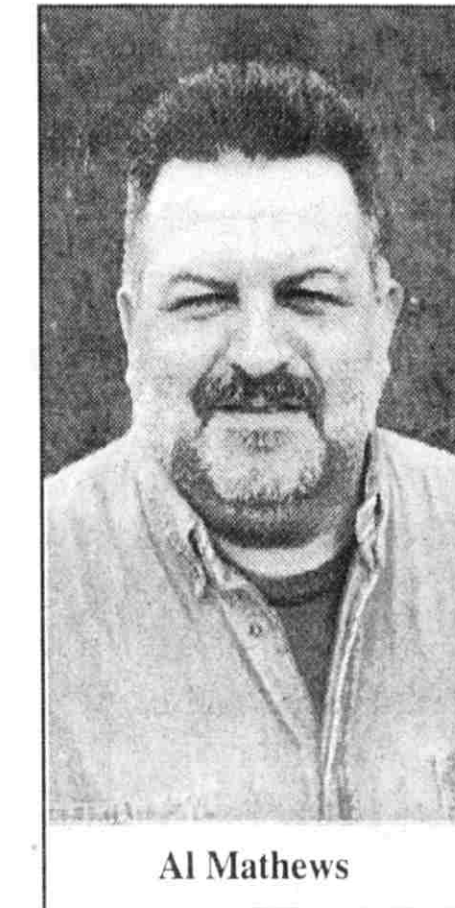
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the state laws governing the establishments of cities, areas wishing to incorporate must specify a means of government in their city charters.

This year's city council elects will face challenges ranging from budget constraints to managing growth within Lowell's limited four-square-mile city limits.

The two highest vote-getters will receive four-year terms. The third-highest will win a two-year term.

**A**l Mathews was born in Lowell in 1957. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1976. He has lived in Lowell all his life and in the city of Lowell for 21 years.



Al Mathews

After high school, Mathews went to work full time at Tip Top Gravel. His father had started that company ten years earlier, in 1966.

Mathews made an unsuccessful bid for a city council seat in 2001. He has served on city council since April of this year when he was appointed to finish Dan Brubaker's term following Brubaker's resignation. Mathews has also served on the Lowell Planning Commission.

"I'm running because, well, there are several reasons," Mathews said. "One of them being I felt as though the people weren't being heard—the regular people, the taxpayers. I'm a regular guy, what you see is what you get. I'm concerned the regular people aren't being heard and I want to hear what they have to say."

Among the important challenges facing the city council in the coming years, Mathews said, is the continued growth of the Lowell community.

"Controlled growth, put it that way," Mathews said. "All the open land is getting eaten up right now."

Infrastructure is also a concern. "The streets, we need to set up funding to repair the streets," he said. "We've discussed this and the streets are just going to pieces."

Mathews wants people in Lowell to have the means to invest in the community.

"I like to see people make their money here and keep it here whether it be Meijer or Hahn Hardware or Flat River

Grill or even Tip Top," Mathews said.

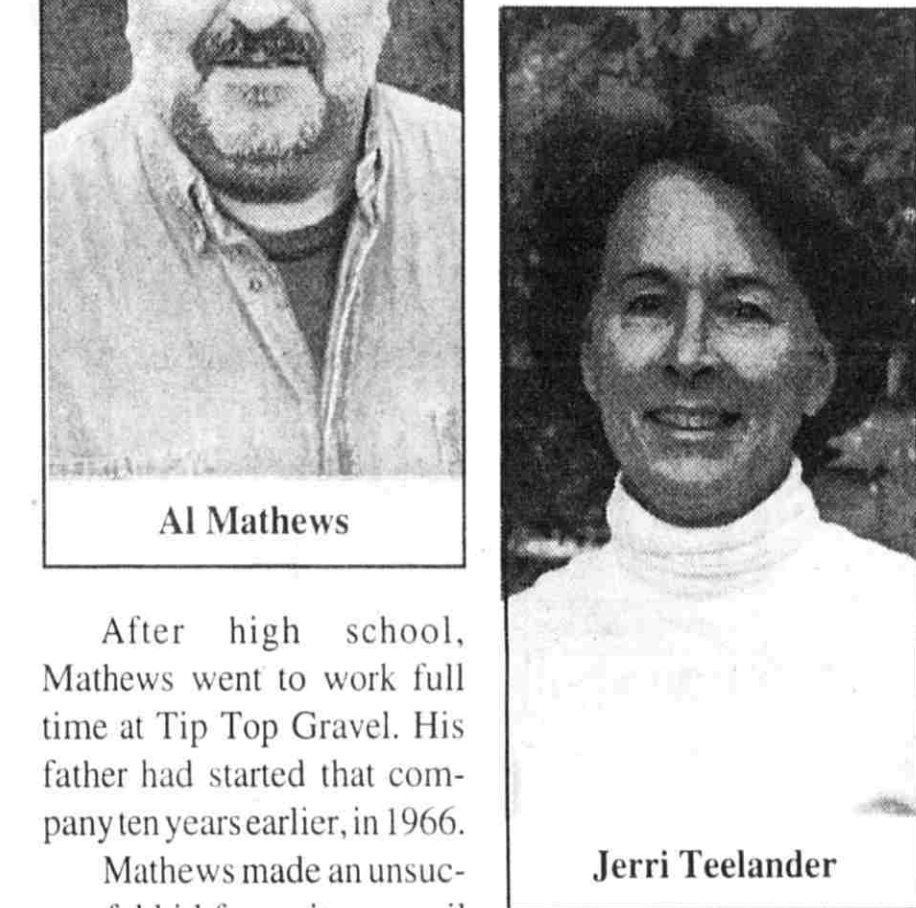
Mathews said the council has learned about its role in the community through dealing with the issues surrounding the Sundry development.

"The main thing right now, as we've seen through the Sundry development, is to listen to what the people have to say," Mathews said.

"They're the ones who put you in office, listen to them. This is an elected position. The people put us in, they can take us out."

**J**erri Teelander has lived in Lowell for 23 years. A graduate of Lowell High School, she was born and raised in Elmdale and Clarksville. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University.

Teelander has participated in the arts in Lowell



Jerri Teelander

through classes at the Lowell Area Arts Council. She has also worked in their information booth at the Fallasburg Festival and helped out at school events.

Teelander recently retired from her job as a claims examiner for the State of Michigan Unemployment Agency in Grand Rapids. She has never run for public office before, but sees her retirement as an opportunity for more involvement in community life.

"I'm recently retired and I have the time now," Teelander said. "I haven't done anything like this before, giving back to the community, and if I could I'd like to serve the community in this way."

Maintaining infrastructure and managing growth, Teelander said, will be important responsibilities for the city.

"Repair of the roads is a big deal," Teelander said. "I don't know how much land there is to develop. I don't think there's that much."

"We need more jobs here," she added. "Bringing in new businesses to increase tax revenue and employment would always be encouraged."

Another priority is "continuing to improve our downtown area," she said. "It's

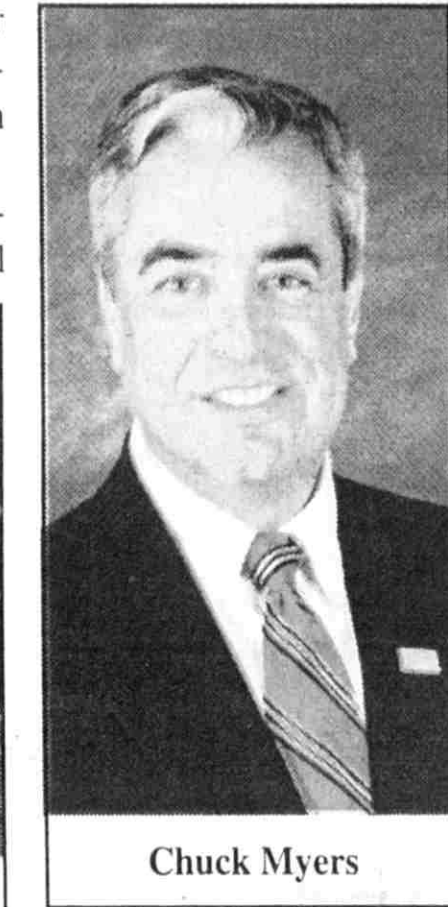
looking great right now."

The city's growth, she said, is also bolstering civic activity, particularly in the arts.

"We've got several areas to exhibit and they're open to the local artists," Teelander said. "Between the city and the Arts Council, we have a lot of events going on, a lot more than we've ever had."

Teelander said the role of the city council in the community is "to govern the city fairly and to meet the reasonable needs of the citizens."

**C**huck Myers was born in Ohio. He has lived in Lowell for the past 20 years after getting a job at what was then State Savings



Chuck Myers

Bank. He still works there now as vice president of Huntington Bank.

Myers attended Michigan State University and graduate school at the University of Michigan. He earned degrees in business administration and bank management.

This year is the end of his third term on city council. He has served on the council a total of eight years. He was first elected in 1995.

"I'm involved a lot in other organizations, other community projects, and I enjoy being involved, being a decision-maker," Myers said. "And primarily I have a 20-year stake in the community. I've been here 20 years and I feel it's my community as well as everyone else's, and I have ownership, a sense of pride."

That is why he is running for a fourth term on city council.

"In my mind there are two challenges," Myers said. "One is ongoing: trying to maintain our small-community feel in the face of inevitable change. The other is to maintain our infrastructure."

Myers says growth puts a strain on city services and infrastructure, but is also beneficial to the city.

"The challenge is having two distinct areas in our community and maintaining two retail districts with different characters," Myers said. "Contrasting the historic downtown with the newer businesses to the west."

To Myers, the city councilmembers are "the decision-makers who mold the

shape of the community, who keep our history in mind along with managing growth."

**J**im Hodges was born in 1950 and raised in Lansing, Mich. He has lived in Lowell for the last 22 years.

In 1973 he received his bachelor's degree from



Jim Hodges

George Williams College in Downers Grove, Ill. He completed a master's degree in public administration at Grand Valley State University in 2000. He currently works at Alticon in Ada.

He has served nine years on the city council, 1988-1997. The nine years consisted of one year appointed to finish Dean Collins' term when Collins took a job in New York state and two elected four-year terms.

He is running again this year, he said, at the encouragement of friends and of mayor, Jeanne Shores.

"I enjoyed the nine years that I served and I would very much like to do it again," Hodges said. "I don't have any burning issues or angry things to rectify. I think public service is one of the best things a person can do."

Development is a key issue for the city.

"I think that housing, this PUD issue is probably the most critical at this moment—how it is interpreted and how it is developed," Hodges said. "Long range, it is going to be traffic and congestion."

He said the planning commission "is doing and has done an excellent job" handling growth. As the city grows, Hodges would like to find a way to make people living in the townships a part of city life.

"I think we should encourage township people to come to the city and take advantage of the businesses and the parks," Hodges said. "I think the city is the focal point for the area that is better defined by the school district."

Hodges said the city council is important in determining how life is important on several levels of community life.

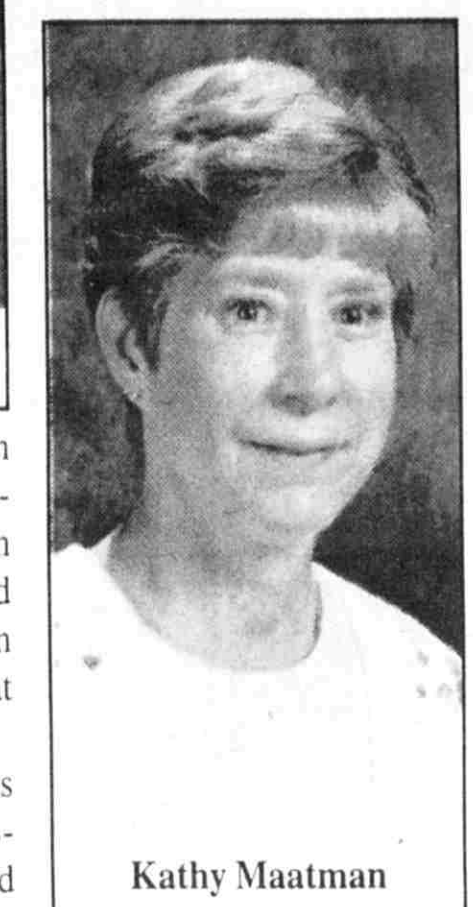
"The city council is the governing body that has the final decision in how the community decides its character," Hodges said. "By its decision

process and leadership, it sets the tone for the quality of life in the community."

**K**athy Maatman was born in Brooklyn, Ohio. She earned a bachelor's degree at Hope College and a master's in elementary teaching at Western Michigan University.

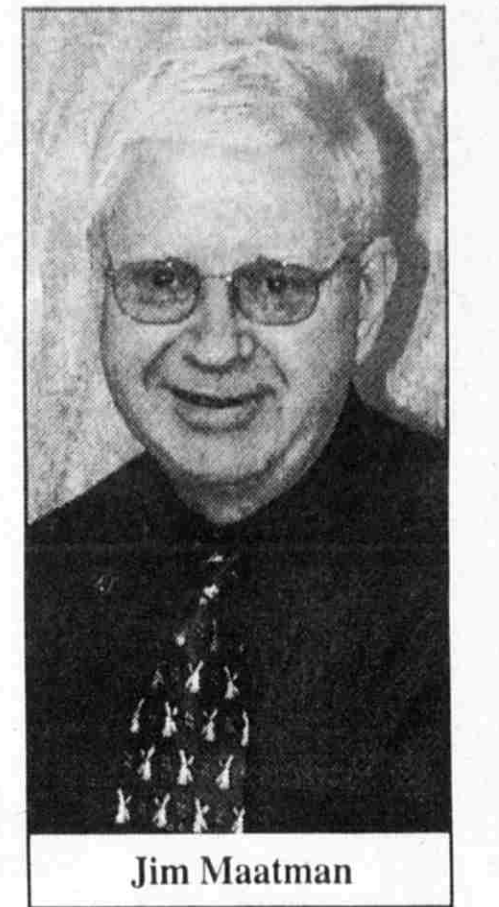
She moved to Lowell 26 years ago after getting a teaching job in Saranac. She still teaches there.

Maatman belongs to the Lowell Area Arts Council and is involved in the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers, and the Destination Imagination program.



Kathy Maatman

**J**im Maatman was born in Grand Rapids, Mich. He attended Creston High School, then majored in English literature at Hope Col-



Jim Maatman

lege where he also minored in science and math education.

He studied audio-visual media production at Western Michigan University and business at Grand Valley State University.

He taught in Saranac and then opened a business, Modern Photographics, in Lowell. He has been president of Michigan Instruments in Grand Rapids since 1996.

He has served 16 years on city council in the past, 12 of them as mayor. His first term started in 1980.

He said the city contacted him early on in the planning process for this election. The city was worried because few applications for candidacy had been filed.

"I'm still interested in the issues and what it is that goes on, and so I began thinking that maybe this was the time to go back into it," Maatman said.

A tight budget, Maatman said, will be a challenge for the city in the foreseeable future.

"Trying to get money to maintain good city services is difficult right now and I think it is going to get more difficult," Maatman said. "And we're in debt right now with the City Hall, though certainly we needed it; we've been talking about it for 11 years."

Managing the growth of Lowell is a priority for Maatman.

"I'm all in favor of maintaining as much as possible the small-town character that Lowell has," Maatman said. "At the same time it is very advantageous to increase the tax base by adding some industry and retail."

He also said Lowell must use its limited space wisely. According to Maatman, it is the responsibility of the city council to "set the direction for the community."

"It has to do what is best for the city through policy," Maatman said. "It has to listen to what the people want."

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

# Speaker urges high school seniors to act now

By Dan Schneider

Talk show host and motivational speaker Jon Covington addressed Lowell High School seniors Tuesday at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

His speech, titled "No Excuses" opened with footage from Covington's talk

show. "The Jon Show" is broadcast in several markets nationwide but not in West Michigan.

Covington was born in Muskegon. His mother was poor, divorced, and the family moved around a lot. Covington told his story of overcoming these obstacles and doing a lot of things people

told him he couldn't, for no better reason than because he decided to and he's fiercely persistent.

A major theme of the presentation was that, to achieve their goals, people must define themselves on their own terms.

"Who I am and what I would become was up to no

one but me," Covington said. People always told him he couldn't produce television in Michigan. He now has a production company and a studio in Cascade.

He emphasized repeatedly the importance of acting on ideas.

"I would rather try and fail than have 25 years pass by

and be thinking, 'you know, I should have tried that,'" he said.

And finally he emphasized that to start is more important than to have a destination in mind.

"I knew I had to take the first step, the second step and the third step, even if I didn't really have a direction," he concluded.

# Students of the Month for October

Lowell High School is proud to announce the first Students of the Month for the 2003-2004 school year. These students were selected for this honor because of their high academic standards and their outstanding work in a particular area.

Nick Duley, a senior, is

the son of Andrew and Catherine Duley of Ada. He was selected by the Technology Department. Duley is a member of the track team and National Honor Society as well as a member of St. Patrick's peer ministry staff. Duley would like to study computer engineering in college and hopes to own his own company in Grand Rapids in the future.

Aaron Benmark, a senior, is the son of Rusty and Teresa Benmark, both of Lowell. He was selected by the English Department. His extracurricular activities include hockey, National Honor Society and jazz band. Benmark plans to attend Michigan State University next year. His teacher nominator says, "He has excellent critical thinking skills and an ability to thoroughly understand what he reads."

Kristen McAlpine, a sophomore, is the daughter of Paul and Sally McAlpine of Lowell. She was chosen by the Math Department. She is active in Student Council and F.F.A. Her teacher nominator says, "Kristen's ability to understand calculus has earned her one of the best grades in the class."

Rachel Nawrocki, a senior, is the daughter of Steve and Cheryl Nawrocki of Lowell. She was nominated by the Art Department. Nawrocki's extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, softball, bowling and powderpuff football. In addition, she is a member of the youth group of St. Patrick's Parish in Parnell. Nawrocki plans to attend college next year. Her teacher nominator says, "She has a great work ethic and a cooperative attitude. She also produces quality art work."

Chuck Roelofs, a senior, is the son of Steve and Anita Roelofs of Ada. He was chosen by the Science Department. He is a member of the L.H.S. debate team. Next year he plans to enroll at Hillsdale College. His teacher nominator says, "Chuck is an excellent student who grasps chemistry with ease. He is also very attentive and responsible."



Pictured, top row, left to right, are Aaron Benmark and Chuck Roelofs; front row are Rachel Nawrocki, Kristen McAlpine. Not pictured is Nick Duley.

# Kissinger named staff member of the month



Maureen Kissinger

Fellow employees say that Kissinger "always has a smile on her face. She is a very compassionate person and treats everyone around her with dignity and respect. Besides spending many hours doing volunteer work for several committees, she is knowledgeable and dependable."

Kissinger has been a Lowell resident since she was eight years old. She has three daughters (Kerri, Alison and Courtney) who graduated from Lowell Schools, and a new granddaughter Bailey Anne. "Lowell is a warm and friendly community, and it's a wonderful place to live and raise a family," said Kissinger. Cherry Creek started their Staff Member of the Month as a way to recognize staff members who truly model Lowell's Character Traits.

# G.R. Barbershop Chapter guest night

By Dan Schneider

Men interested in learning to sing four-part harmonies should attend the Grand Rapids Barbershop Chapter guest night.

"If you like harmonizing and singing, then you should come down," said program vice president, Dan Casamatta.

The event will take place Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church at 36th Street and Cascade Road.

Quartets from the chapter will perform. Nationally-known special guest Bill Rashleigh of the International Harmony Society will lead the chapter chorus and guests in singing.

The guest night happens in time to recruit new members for the Grand Rapids Barbershop Chapter's Christmas performance. The Christmas show takes place at the St. Cecilia Music Society in

downtown Grand Rapids.

"If people come and join us at the guest night, we hope they will be able to perform with us in the Christmas program," Casamatta said.

The chapter will practice

its Christmas tunes from now until the Dec. 5 and 7 performances.

There will be refreshments served at the guest night. No prior musical experience is necessary.

# Cumberland Retirement Village seeks community involvement

Administrator Melissa Chambers began work last week Monday at Cumberland Retirement Village. Among her priorities is to integrate the Lowell community into the daily scene there.

"There is a volunteer base but I'd like to get more of the community involved," Chambers said. "They can help with bingo or crafts. They can come in and do one on one. If they have a hobby or a craft, bring it in."

Chambers has a nursing home administration license, 12 years of experience with geriatric care, and is two classes away from a business management degree from the University of Phoenix.

"I truly believe that my being in health care is not a job, it's a passion and I'll do it for the rest of my life," she said.

She currently lives in Rockford with her husband and two children.



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# Middle school x-country finishes out season in mud, cold and rain

By Dan Schneider

The boys and girls of the middle school cross country teams ran last Tuesday in the cold and mud at their conference meet at Manhattan Park in East Grand Rapids.

"Times weren't great for everyone but position-wise, we finished well," coach Robin Briggs said. "They had a good season."

The boys team finished ninth in a field of 12 teams. Kyle Ingerbretson was the highest finisher, taking 23rd place in a time of 11:05.

Other medalists for the boys were Nate Stoliker (28th, 11:18), Nick Abdo (36th, 11:34) and Jonathon Woods (49th, 12:21).

Caledonia finished first as a team in the boys conference race.

Middle school cross country races are 1.6 miles long.

Practices usually involve about three miles a day. The teams include seventh and eighth graders.

The Lowell girls team was unable to score as a team at the conference meet or during regular. Five runners is the minimum to score and they only have four.

Emily Hauschild (eighth), Katie Riddle (11th) and Frances Maycroft (41st) won medals, however.

This was typical of both teams throughout the season.

"There has been a lot of medals, just not a lot of team trophies," Briggs said.

Forest Hills Northern won the girls conference meet.

"We had a phenomenal season," Forest Hills Northern coach, Joli Winchester said. "It's the first time in our school history that we took first place in conference."



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# League meet much like dual season: East first, Lowell second

The Pioneers cleared the trails at Johnson Park Saturday for those who followed.

East Grand Rapids' boys and girls were clearly class of the league as they blazed their own trail en route to OK White conference meet championships and overall league championships.

"East has two tremendous teams. They both ran great races today," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

The Red Arrow coach was

also impressed with the performance of his Lowell clubs.

"We finished second to East. That's a huge accomplishment. Both the girls and boys were second in the dual meet season and in the league meet," VanderWarf said.

"Our packs were close throughout the majority of the race. They faded a little toward the middle."

Lowell will face a tremendously tough challenge at the Division I Regional which it will host.

The Red Arrow girls have qualified for the state tournament in each of the last four years in Division II. VanderWarf knows Division I will test that streak.

"It's a tough, tough regional with Rockford, Grandville and Mona Shores competing in it. I believe we can battle Mona Shores for that third spot," VanderWarf said. "Last year, running the regional on our home course was to our advantage. I hope the same holds true this year."

The Lowell coach believes both of his squads are where they need to be at this time of year.

In the OK White boys conference meet, it was East with 40 points followed by Lowell 75; Cedar Springs 77; Sparta 83; Kenowa Hills 105;

Northview 132; Greenville 172; and Unity Christian 213.

Lowell's top five times were run home by Steve Ellison, 10th, 17:23; Scott Riddle, 12th, 17:37; Mitch Solon, 15th, 17:51; Eric Schumm, 16th, 18:08; and Jon Riddle, 22nd, 18:21.

In the girls' race, it was EGR 21; Lowell 71; Sparta 88; Cedar Springs 124;

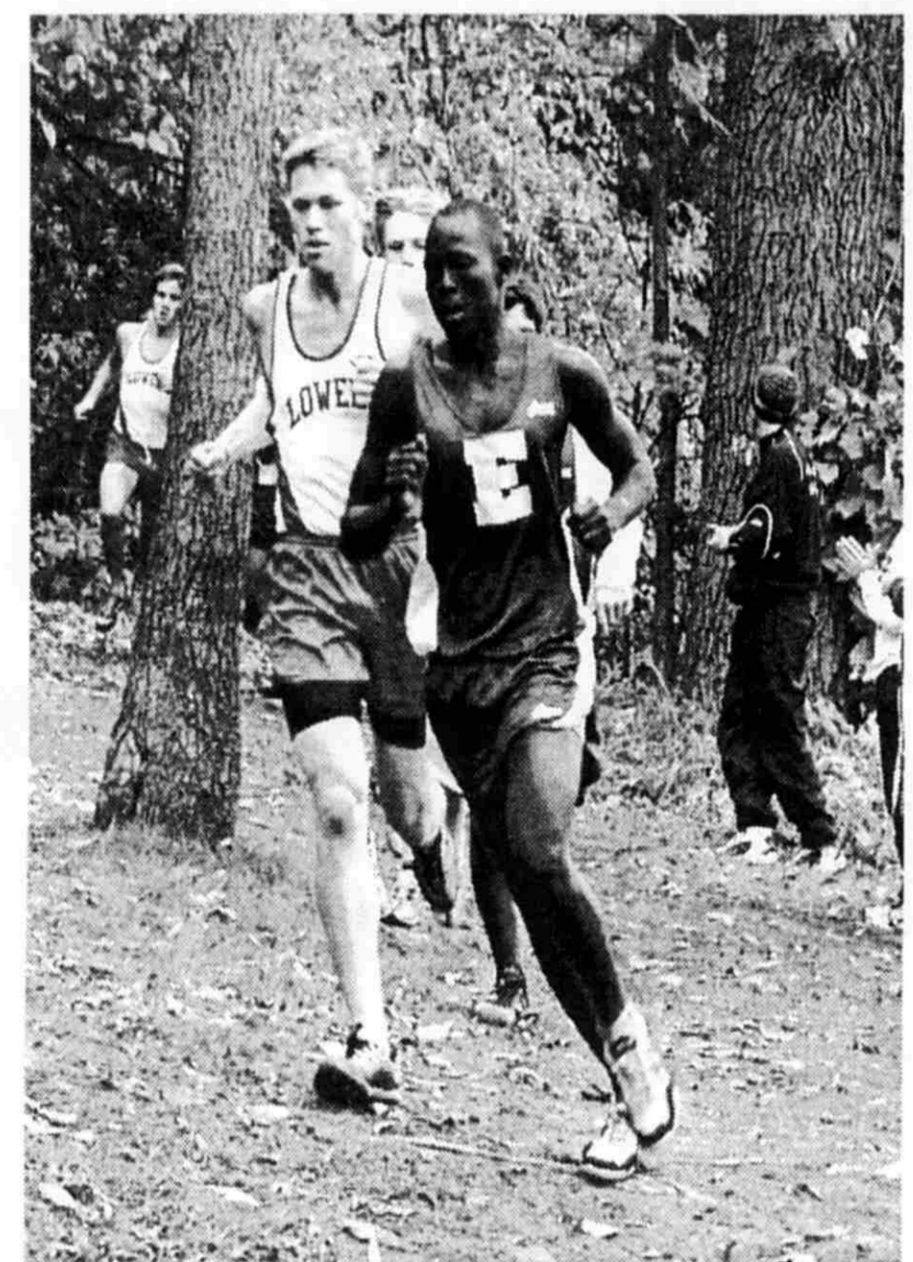
Northview 132; Greenville 140; Unity Christian 147; and Kenowa Hills 237.

The Red Arrows' top five finishers were Sarah Swab, seventh, 20:54; Abbie Debiak, 11th, 21:06; Monica Fitzpatrick, 14th, 21:21; Erin Beddows, 19th, 21:52; and Brittany Dietz, 20th, 21:56.

The Division I Regional is this Saturday.



Abbie Debiak makes the push toward the end of the 3.2 track at Johnson Park.



Lowell's second place finish Saturday assured the Red Arrows of a second overall.

At left, Steve Ellison led all Red Arrow boys in Lowell's second place finish.

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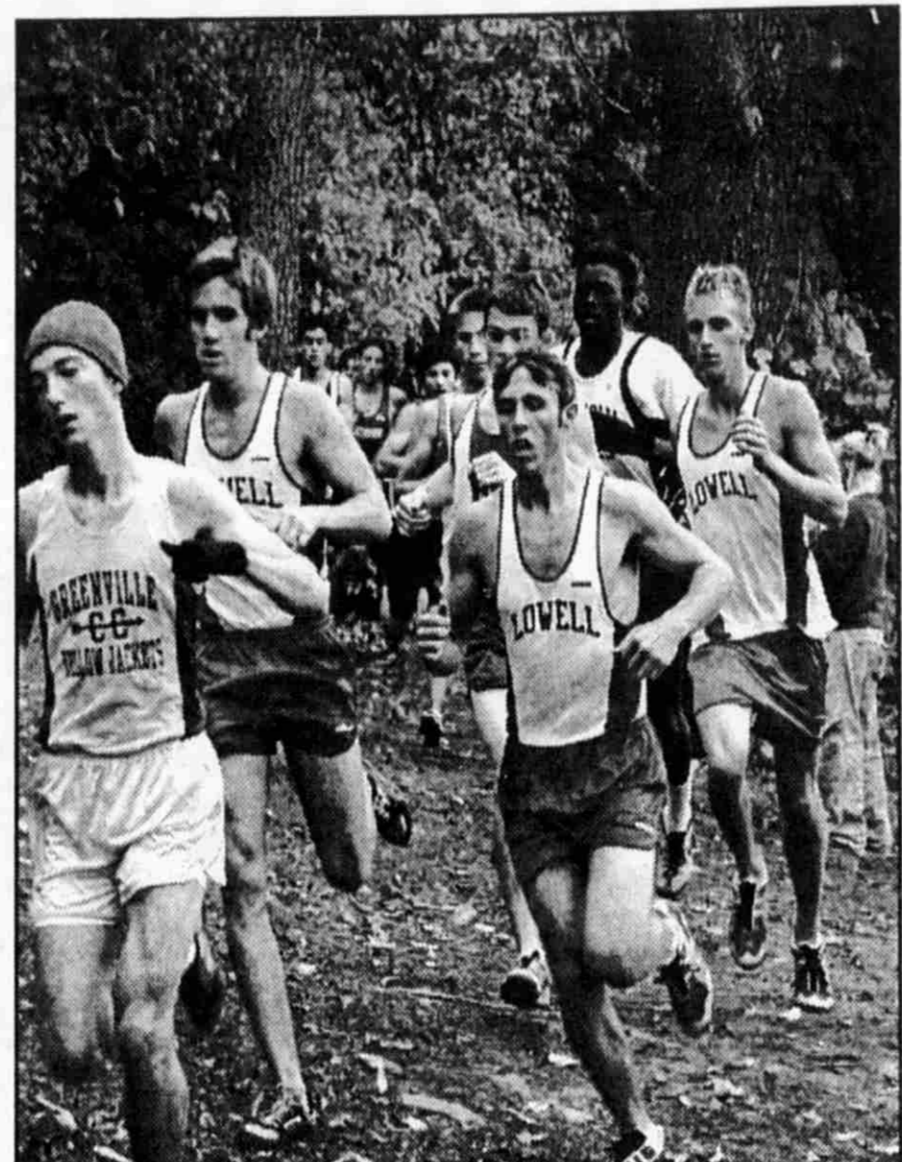
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## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of October 13, 2003

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** - Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board and audience members spent a few moments in silence to reflect upon Charlie Pierce's contributions to the school and community.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Matt Hansen reported that students participated in many homecoming activities last week. Classes again made floats for the parade, the girls Jr. class vs. Sr. class powder-puff football game ended in a tie, and the homecoming dance was held on Saturday.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION** - Board members recognized the following student: **Middle School Dignity and Respect Award** - Lauren Dood, a 6th grader

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Bus Mechanics** - Duane Hamilton and Leo Bowen were recognized for their outstanding work in preparing buses for inspection and in maintaining the bus fleet throughout the school year.

**Jim White** - A retirement plaque was presented to Jim White for his 31 years with Lowell Area Schools.

**REPORTS - Athletic Department Update** - Barry Hobia gave a brief report on last year's athletic programs.

**Demographics Committee Update** - Jim White explained the work to date of the Demographics Committee and that they hope to bring a recommendation for boundary and grade configurations for Murray Lake Elementary School to the November Board meeting.

**Summer School and Community Ed Report** - Marlene Heemstra reported on the success of the summer school and the new classes being offered through Community Education.

**MEAP Update** - Jim White reported on the MEAP scores the district recently received for tests given last Spring for grades 4, 5, 7 and 8. Lowell students continue to score well above the state average.

**ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following Gifts:

- In memory of Tony Stormzand donation of \$500 to help kids that can't afford to play baseball.
- Kris & Peggy Kropf donation of computer desk, hutch, and office chair valued at \$150 to be used by the Lowell Middle School math department.
- Scott & Kristie Whaley donation of a microwave oven valued at \$50 to be used by the Readiness program.

Richard & Susan Dues donation of a rocking chair and small trampoline valued at \$50 to be used by the Cherry Creek Elementary school.

Leo Pfaller donation of "Handwriting Without Tears" wooden letters, material, and labor valued at \$3,080 to be used by the elementary reading program.

Jim & Bobbie White donation of a computer and monitor valued at \$200 to be used by the Lowell Tech Department.

Paula Doane donation of a playpen, stuffed animals, and miscellaneous toys valued at \$250 to be used by the TOTS program.

Approved October 19-25 as Lowell Area Schools Character Week

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/accepted were:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Minutes of September 8, 2003 Regular Meeting, September 8, 2003 Closed Session, September 22, 2003 Workshop Session, September 22, 2003 Closed Session, September 29, 2003 Special Meeting, and September 29, 2003 Closed Session |              |
| The following payment of bills for August 2003:   | \$989,572.75 |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>   |              |
| <b>SCHOOL SERVICES FUND</b>   |              |
| A. Food Service Fund  | \$50,241.65  |
| B. Athletic Fund  | \$11,486.19  |
| <b>2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND</b>   | \$856,060.90 |
| <b>TRUST AND AGENCY FUND</b>  | \$13,130.21  |
| Scholarship Fund  | \$1,500.00   |

**New Hires:**

- Brianne Daye Middle School Part-time Math
- Katie Hawk Middle School Part-time Science
- Paulette Bach Middle School Special Ed

Contract/wage settlements for administrators, bus mechanics, technology staff, central office support staff, and independent personnel for the 2003-2004 school year

Seek bids for not more than 4 new buses for the 2004-2005 school year

Resolution certifying that Lowell Area Schools will provide preschool education to eligible four-year-old children during the 2003-2004 school year

Overnight student trips for the 2003-2004 school year

Resolution to amend and restate its Cafeteria Plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended

**BUDGET UPDATE** - Connie Gillette reported on the state budget shortfall of \$800 million and that the district may receive a mid-year cut in the pupil allowance. A budget amendment will come to the Board in November or December, and the current student enrollment is flat.

**NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE** - Connie Gillette gave a brief review of current contract negotiations with the teachers and support staff.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** - A Cell Phone policy and Energy policy were two new Board policies discussed. These will come back to the November meeting for possible adoption on their second reading.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Dave Thompson invited everyone to the annual "Dinner with Friends", a fund raiser for the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. The following people addressed the Board regarding contract negotiations: Tracy Loughlin, Gary Fredline, Mark MacDonald, Bill Stouffer, Bonnie Meiste, Laurie Kuna, Carmon Campbell, Jane Bushell, Kate Bredwell, Sharon MacDermaid, Dale Latva, Karen Latva, Tom Rhein, Kris Kropf, Patrick Russell, Laurie Summerfield, Mike Stephens, Paul Jacobus, Peggy Kropf.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Shari Miller thanked staff and community members for their support during her hospitalization and illness and said it was great to be back. She thanked those employee groups who settled their contracts. Mention was made of Charlie Pierce's passing and his service to Lowell students. A milk machine will be placed at the high school. County superintendents have agreed upon a common calendar for 2004-05. Shari stated that she has consistently presented the need for a minimum of a 10% fund equity. Teachers who were eligible did receive their step increase on the salary schedule at the beginning of the school year. The homecoming parade was great and so was the football game.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
Board Workshop  
Monday, October 27, 2003  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 2003  
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# Lowell makes points with running game; Esbaugh carries Lowell to win

Lowell's offensive transformation is complete and the proof is in the yards the Red Arrow ground game has rolled over its opponents.

Lowell entered Friday night's game against Cedar

Springs having run the ball for over 250 yards against previous foes' Unity Christian, Greenville and Northview.

Against the Red Hawks, the Red Arrows churned up 213 yards with 171 of those

accounted for through the bruising running of Ryan Esbaugh.

"Offensively, we are a transformed team," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean. "We've re-established our

running game and now have things rolling."

Lowell rolled to a 35-21 win over Cedar Springs. The Red Arrows built a 28-8 half-time lead and then allowed Cedar Springs to get back into the game in the second half.

"The boys did a really nice job of building a 28-0 lead in the first half, then they relaxed," Dean said. "A few turnovers and Cedar Springs snuck their way back into the game. We're young and lack that killer instinct ... not putting a team to bed when we have the opportunity."

Esbaugh carried the ball 18 times with his biggest run from the line of scrimmage coming on his third carry. Esbaugh broke through the Red Hawk line and raced 61 yards for Lowell's first of five touchdowns. The extra point was missed, and the Red Arrows led 6-0.

Lowell quickly added to

its lead moments later when Frank Mulder picked up a Cedar Springs fumble and raced 33 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was successful and the Red Arrows led 14-0.

A Ryan Dykhouse four-yard touchdown pass, early in the second quarter, to Mike Koster stretched Lowell's lead to 21-0.

A Red Hawk fumble gave the ball back to Lowell at the Cedar Springs 32. Three plays later, a 13-yard touchdown pass from Dykhouse to Jeremy Holliman extended Lowell's lead to 28-0.

"Our kids played hard. We played a heck of a football team tonight," said Cedar Springs' coach, Jim Gallery.

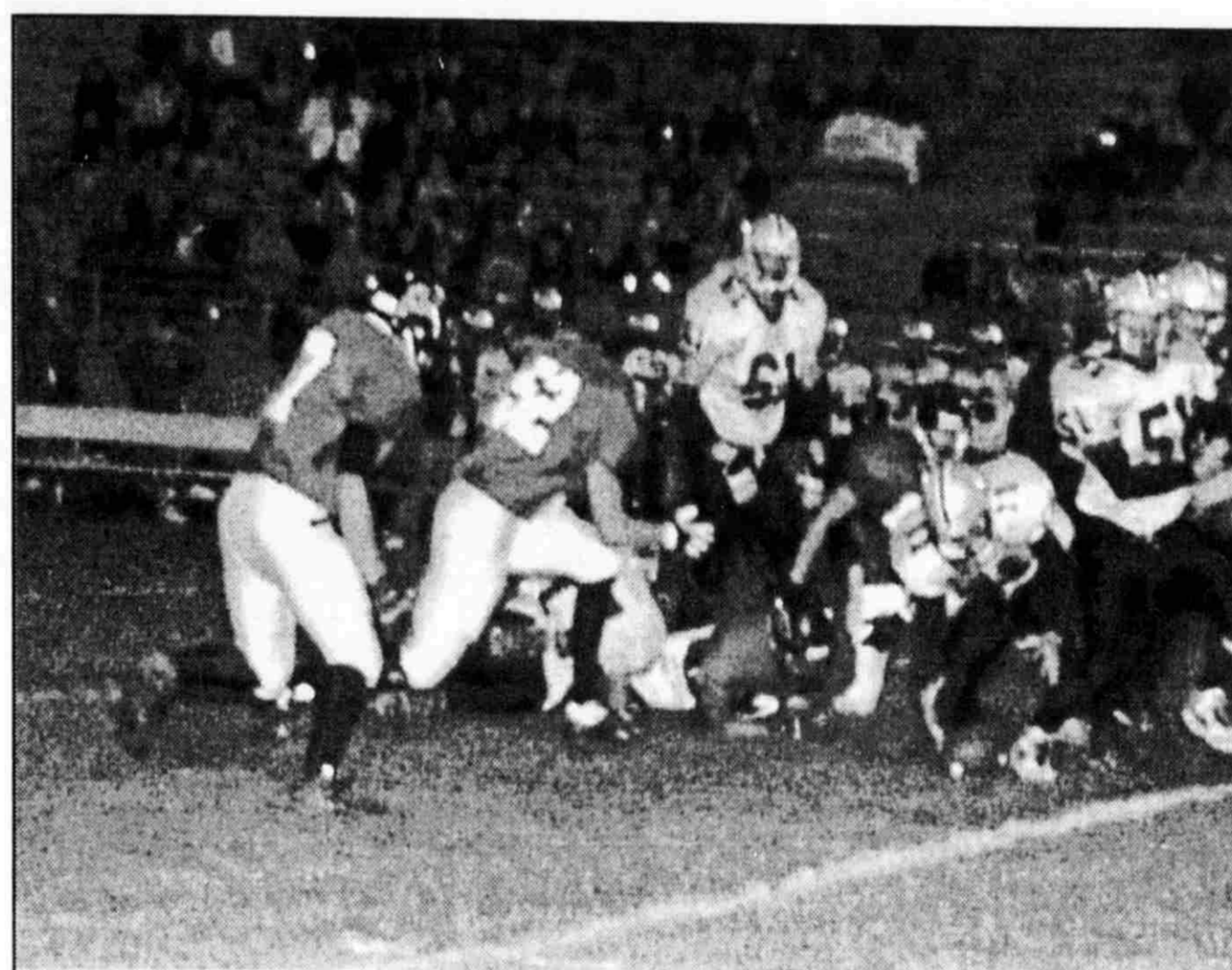
"Mistakes hurt us in that first half. When you make mistakes against a good football team, they make you pay. Lowell turned our mistakes into 21 points."

The Red Hawks drove the ball 78 yards in 11 plays in the final five minutes of the first half with Jimmy Booth completing a nine-yard touchdown pass to Jacob White. The two-point conversion was good and Lowell's lead was 20 at 28-8.

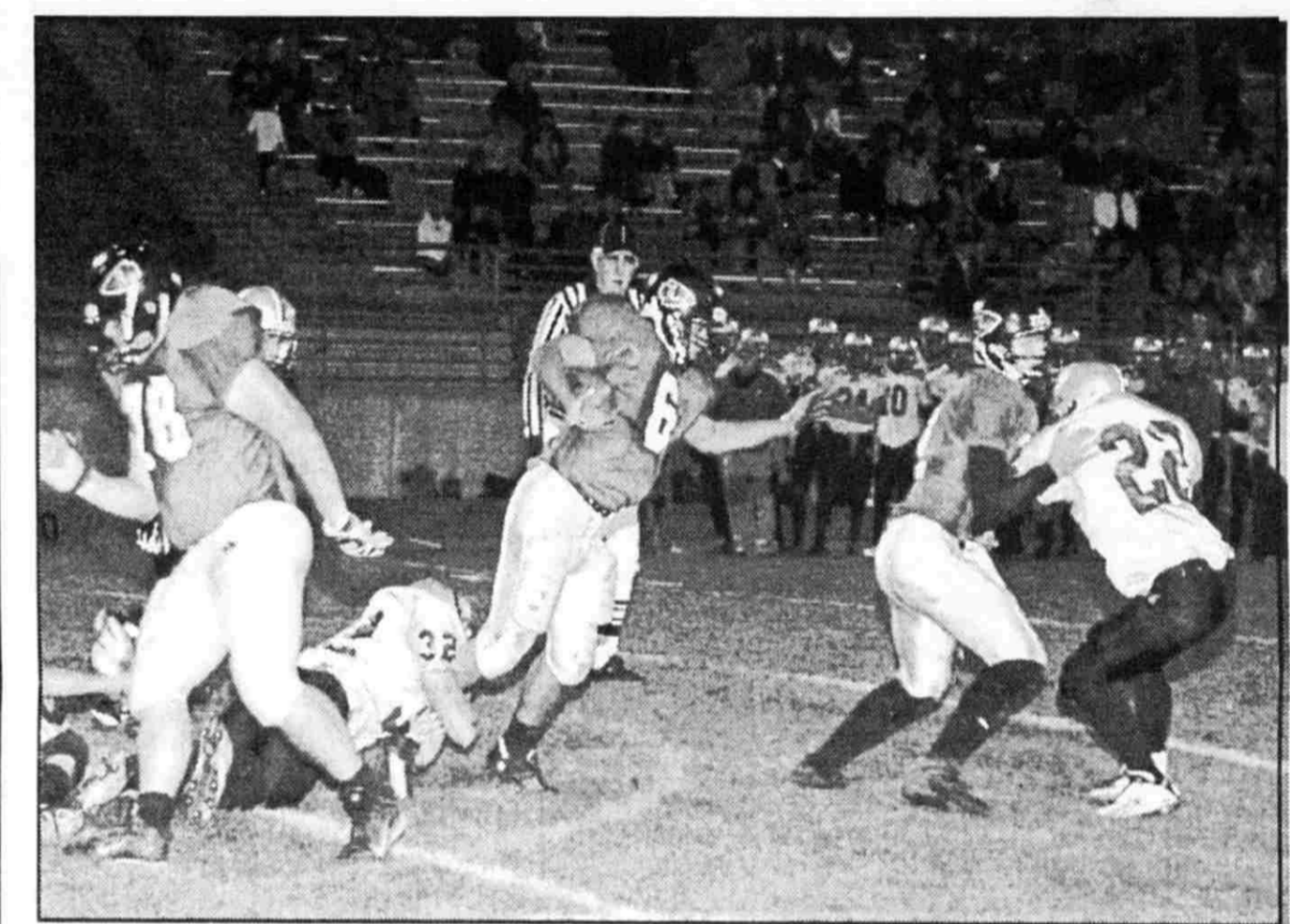
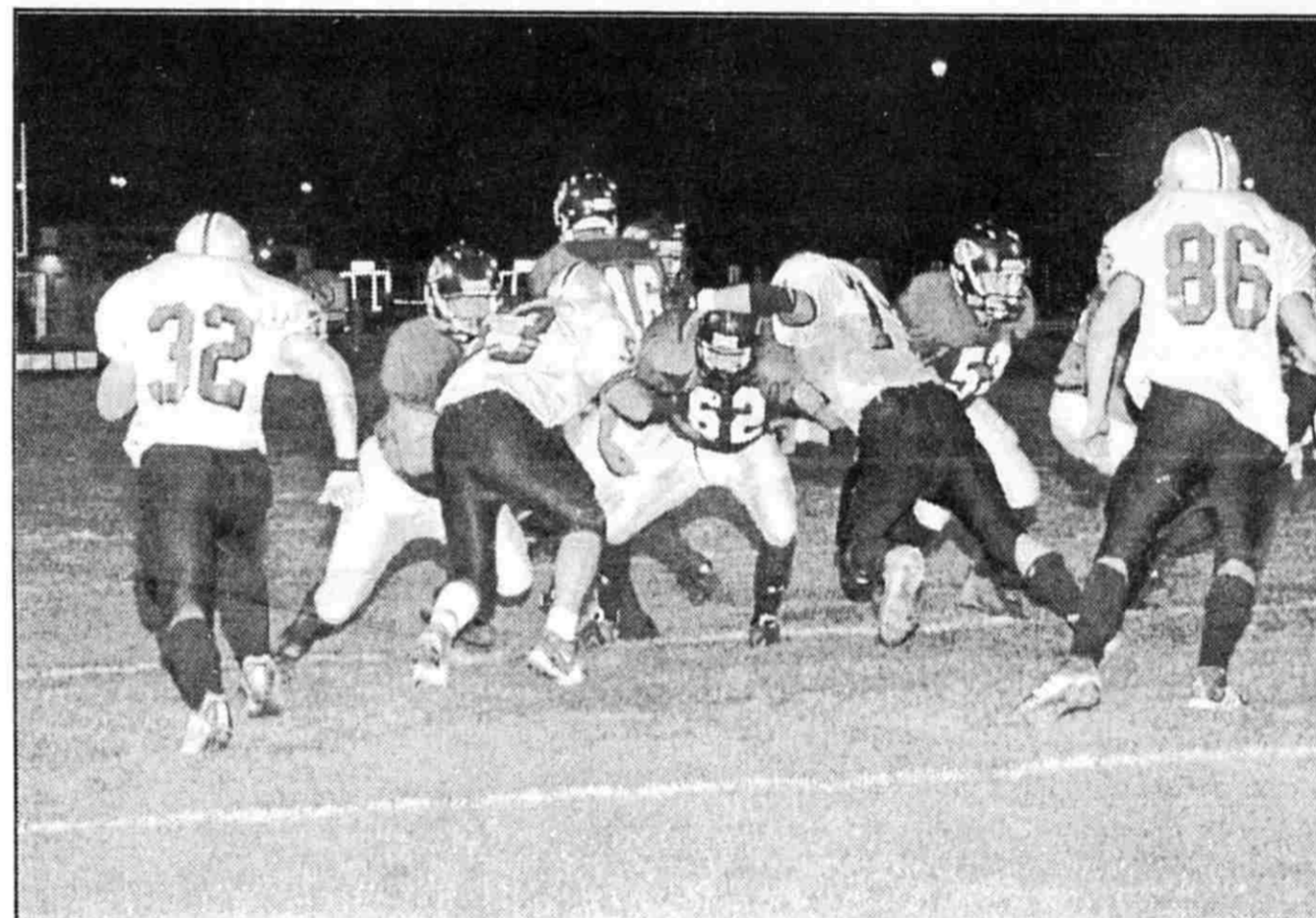
Lowell opened the second half with its final scoring drive of the game, ending with a 13-yard scoring strike from Dykhouse to Koster.

Cedar Springs' second-half scores came from a second Booth to White touchdown pass, this one of three yards, and a one-yard, fourth quarter run by Adam Emery.

Lowell will host South Christian in a cross over game on Friday. Lowell finished second in the OK White to East Grand Rapids; South Christian was second in the OK Gold to Wayland.



Cedar Springs' quarterback, Jimmy Booth locates the ball after a momentary fumble.



Ryan Esbaugh yanks the eventual tackler for a few more yards in first-half action against Cedar Springs.

Lowell's offensive has been a major contributor to the Red Arrow transformation with its running blocking.

## JV Arrows drop one to Cedar Springs

The JV Arrows started out strong against the Red Hawks last Thursday with Gabe Delnick taking the first play from scrimmage for a 65-yard rushing touchdown. The extra point by Gary Osborne was good.

The Red Hawks came back on their next possession for a touchdown and a successful two-point conversion, making the score 8-7 Hawks. Late in the first quarter a great defensive play by Andy Schultz caused a Red Hawk fumble that was recovered and returned by Kam Blake for an Arrow touchdown. Another 57-yard touchdown run by Blake and the extra point by Osborne late in the second quarter made the score 20-8 at the half.

In the third quarter Delnick added another touchdown on a 23-yard run; a two-point conversion pass to Brad Shea brought the score to 28-8. A touchdown run by Mike McElroy and a two-point con-

version run by Delnick with time running out in the third quarter made the score 36-8.

Another score by McElroy in the fourth quarter and two touchdowns by Cedar Springs finished the scoring for a final score of Lowell 42 - Cedar Springs 22.

The JV Arrows' record stands at 6-2 going into their final game of the season this Thursday against South Christian.

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The proposed plans and the Lowell township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

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Lowell Charter Township

## Lowell easily fends off Bulldogs in crossover game

From start to finish, the Red Arrow soccer team was always a step ahead of the visiting Bulldogs from Byron Center.

Lowell dominated play and the final score (5-1), lifting their regular season record to 14-3-2, the best in school history. The Red Arrows were 8-1-1 in league play.

"We pretty much dominated from the start. Coming off such a huge emotional win (against Unity Christian), the boys went out there tonight and got the result they needed," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge.

Defensively, the Red Arrows allowed just one shot on goal. "Unfortunately, that shot found the net," Legge said.

Five of Lowell's shots creased the net including two from Sam Oberlin, and single goals by Kevin Gillman, Shane Stokes and David Kropf.

Lowell opens district play this week against Ionia. The district includes Middleville, East Grand Rapids, Greenville and the number one ranked team in Division II, Grand Rapids Christian.

"Christian is very good, but our guys are confident that they can play with them," Legge said. "Right now they are playing as well as they have all season."

Legge's comments are

based partially on the improved communication exhibited on the field by his Red Arrows.

## LHS golf -10th at regional; Scheider & Tomczak earn all conference honors

It wasn't the result Lowell golf coach, Jack Ogle had hoped for, but it didn't dampen what was a good year of boys' golf at LHS.

Lowell finished the year third in the OK White (5-2) and 7-2 overall.

The season included many successes outside league play, including winning the Wayland Invitational, placing third at the Lakeview and Lowell Invitational, and finishing fourth at the Kent



Luke Tomczak, left, and Matt Scheider

County Golf Invitational.

"I'm pleased with the season the boys had both in conference play and the successes they enjoyed out of conference," Ogle explained.

Lowell finished 10th in the regional at the Kaufman Golf Course with a round of 335.

The top three Division I schools advanced to the state tournament. They were Mona Shores 308, Grandville 313 and Zeeland 326.

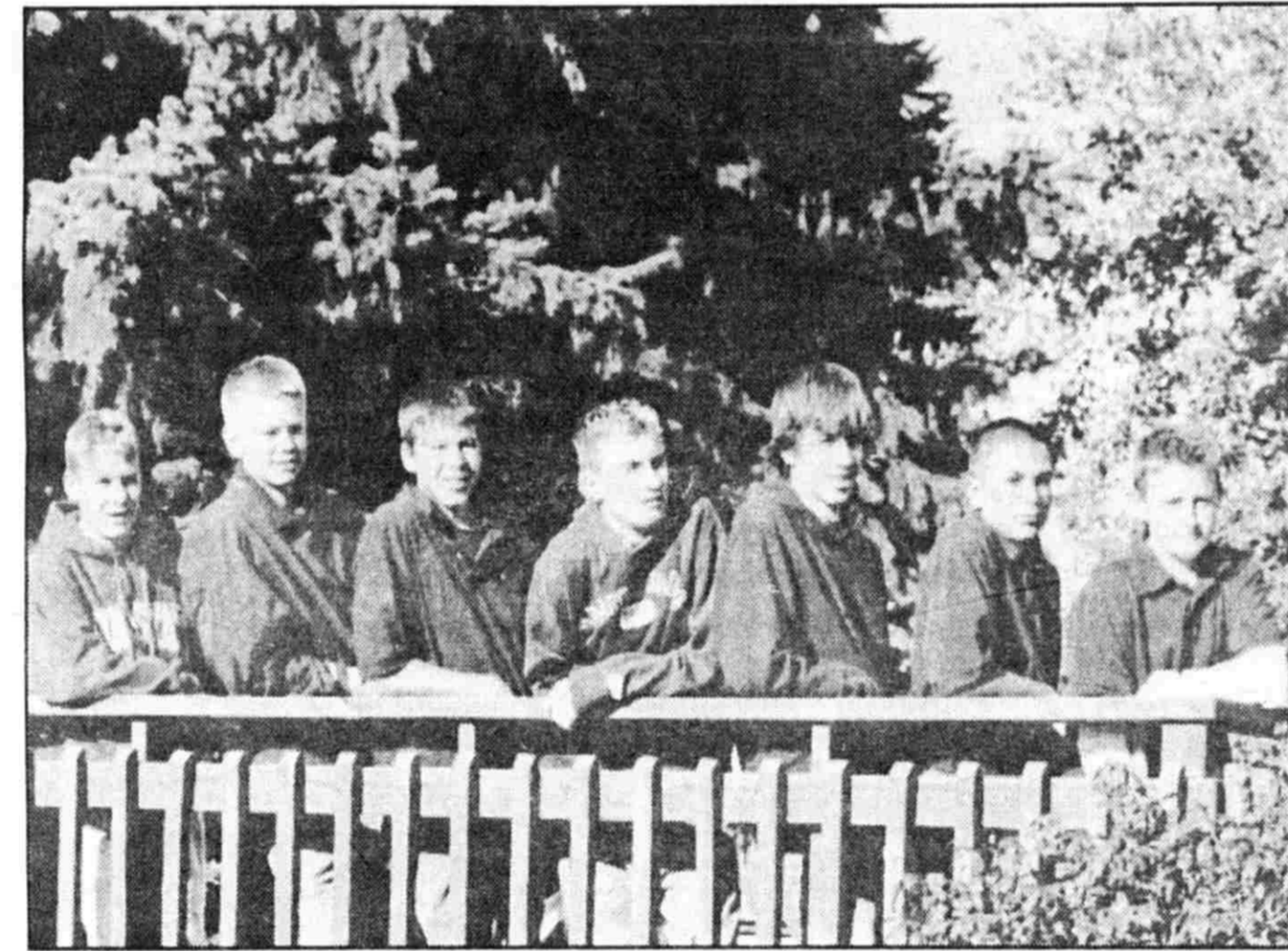
"I was hoping we would qualify for the state; we finished just nine shots back, but there were a whole bunch of teams in the same boat," Ogle said.

Luke Tomczak led all Red Arrows with a round of 79 followed by Matt Scheider 81, Kyle Wittenbach 87 and Nick DuBois 88.

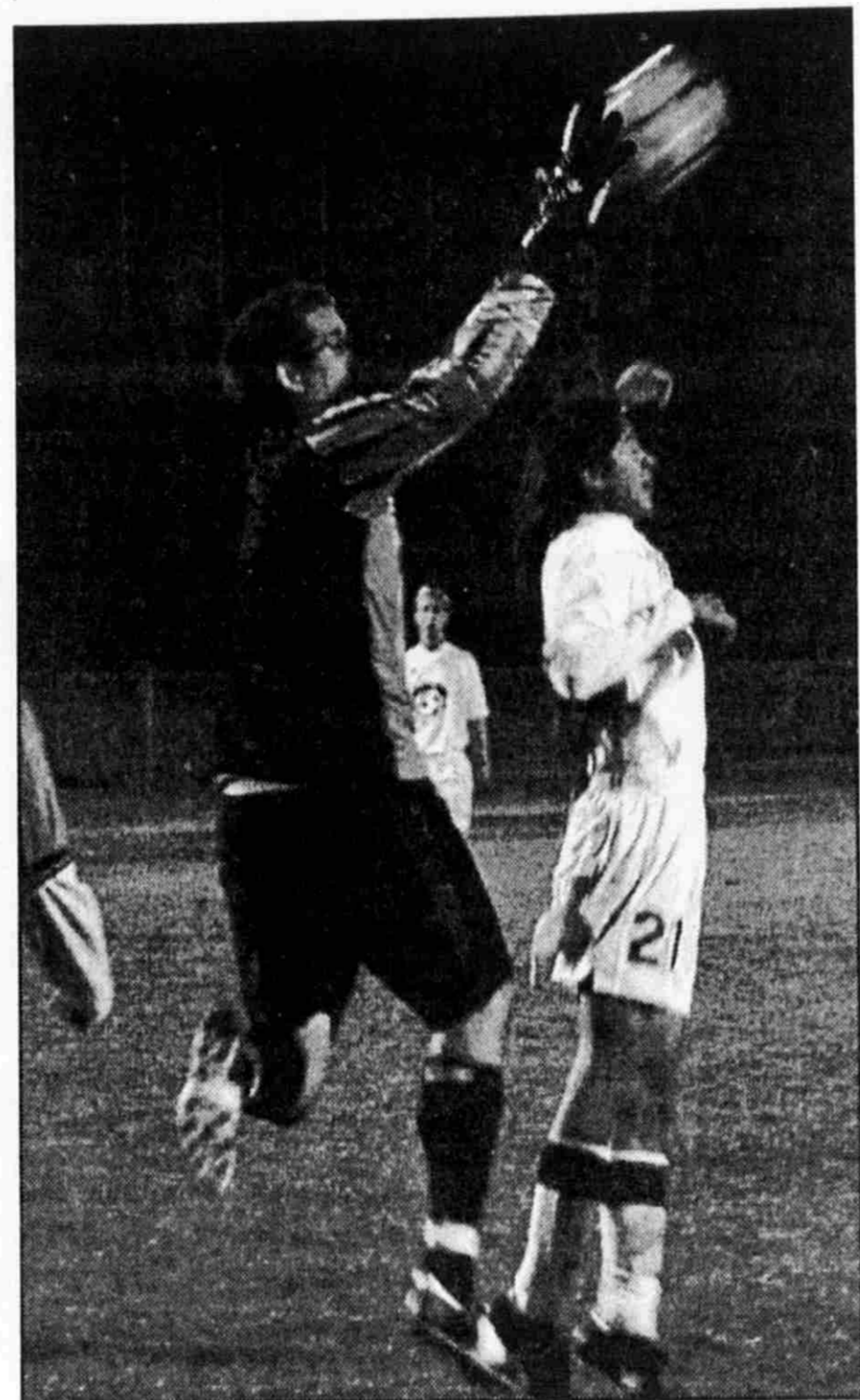
Tomczak and Scheider also earned all conference kudos for their golf this year in the OK White.

Only two players from this year's squad return next year, but Ogle says a nice crop of junior varsity players will fill in.

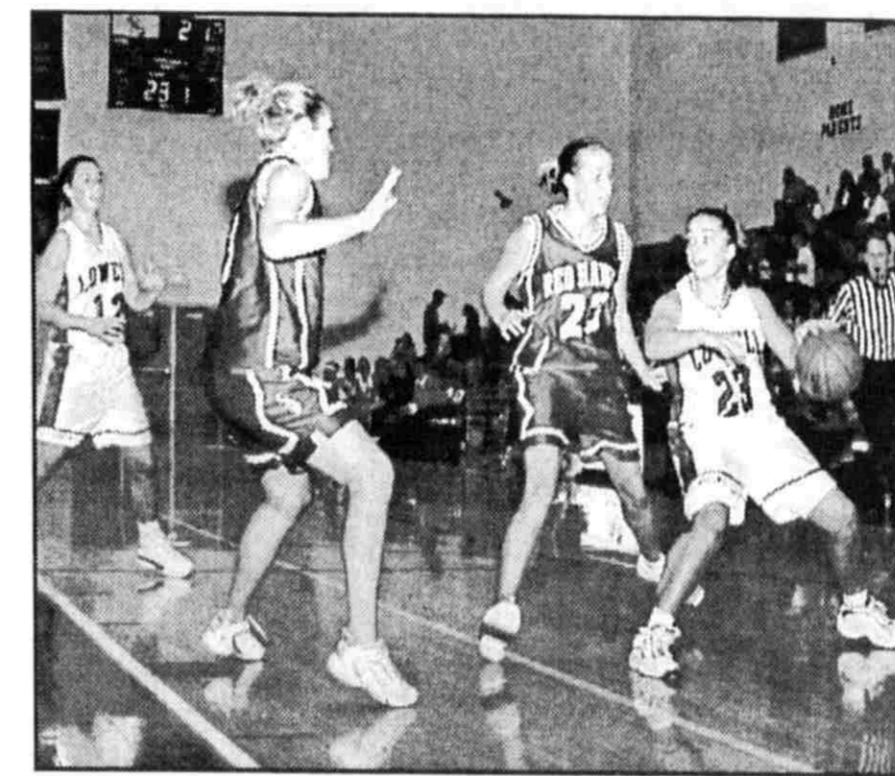
But will Ogle, completing his 19th year, return to coach them? "I haven't decided yet. It will depend on a number of factors. I won't make that decision until spring."



A Josh Tapia header clears the ball away from Lowell's net.



## Red Arrows need overtime to squelch Red Hawks' upset hopes



Lowell's Keni Gallert looks between two defenders as she looks to make a pass into the post.

Lowell girls basketball team had Tuesday night off, and nearly got knocked off on Thursday.

"I don't like not having a game on Tuesday," Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley explained after watching her club struggle to a 56-48 overtime win against Cedar Springs.

"Cedar is a good team ... a club you can't take lightly," Crowley said. "Tonight, I thought they played good defense. They did a good job of getting our shooters out of their 1-2-2 matchup zone and made it tough for Amy (Oberlin) to get her shot off inside."

In overtime, the Red Hawks failed to get out on Devon Collins and the junior made them pay as she buried a shot from behind the arc, giving Lowell a 50-47 lead with 1:36 to play.

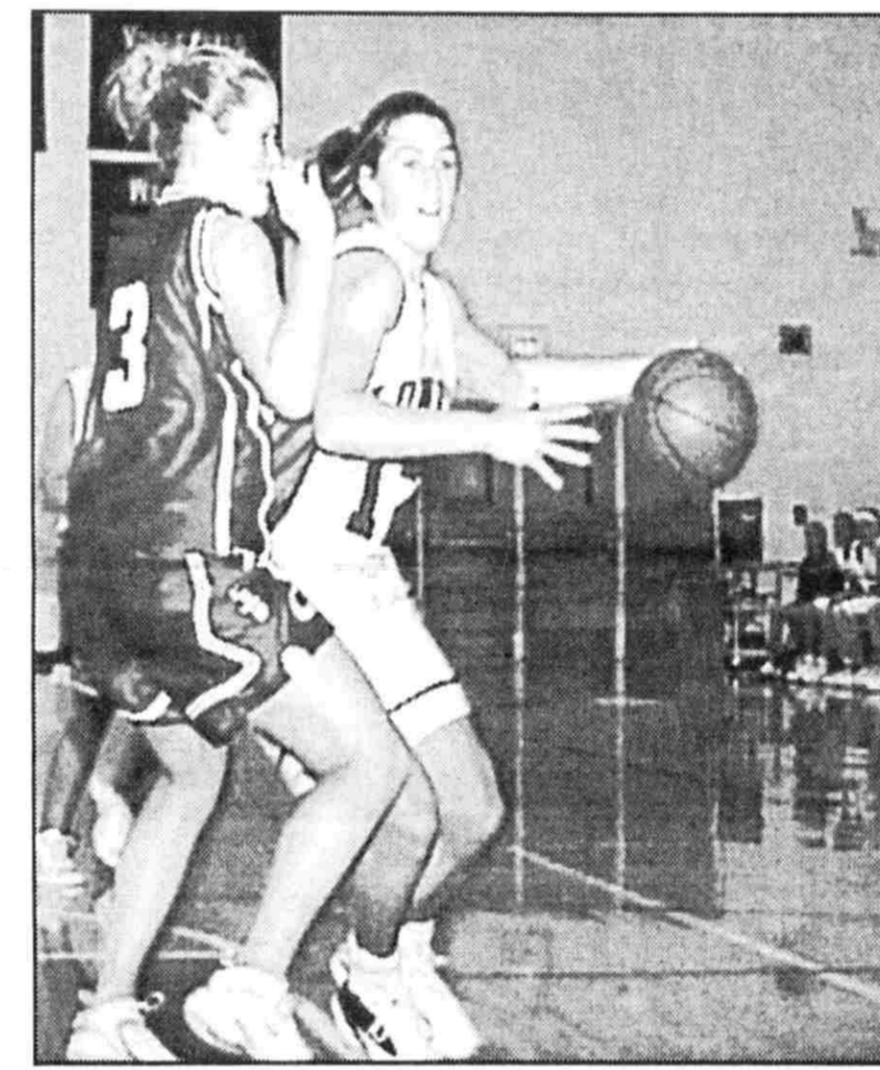
"We had a chance to win, but I thought we lacked a little bit of confidence down the stretch. Lowell's been there before and they usually take good shots," said Cedar Springs coach, Jeff Walker.

The Red Arrows were also good shots from the foul line in overtime. Lowell netted eight-of-10 from the stripe. They were five-of-seven in the fourth quarter and 15-for-22 for the game.

Lowell trailed 27-23 at halftime and the two clubs were tied at 35-35 entering the final eight minutes.

Cedar Springs jumped to a 38-35 advantage on a three-point play by Angela Klementowski.

Collins answered with a three-point shot to tie the



Amy Oberlin backs her defender down as she sets up a shot in action against Cedar Springs.

game. That ignited a 10-3 run for the Red Arrows, building a 45-41 advantage with 2:43 to play in the game.

However, Lowell did not score during the remainder of the fourth quarter while Cedar Springs got a bucket from Marissa Walker and two foul shots in the final minute of play to tie the game at 45-45.

"Our shooting was decent tonight against a very good defense. You don't get easy buckets against Lowell's defense," Walker said.

Collins led all scorers with 19 points. Oberlin and Vallen VanZyll both netted 11 while Keni Gallert added seven.

"The girls didn't penetrate against Cedar's defense very well tonight. We did a lot of standing and passing around the three-point line," Crowley said.

The win improves Lowell's record to 11-2 overall and 8-0 in the OK White.

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JV golfers, from left to right, are: Eric Mundt, Ryan Kalman, Sean Donahue, Mark Cerajewski, Vinnie Larkin, Josh Gilliard and Brian Scheider. Missing from the picture are Lance Perkins and Gary Kilgore.

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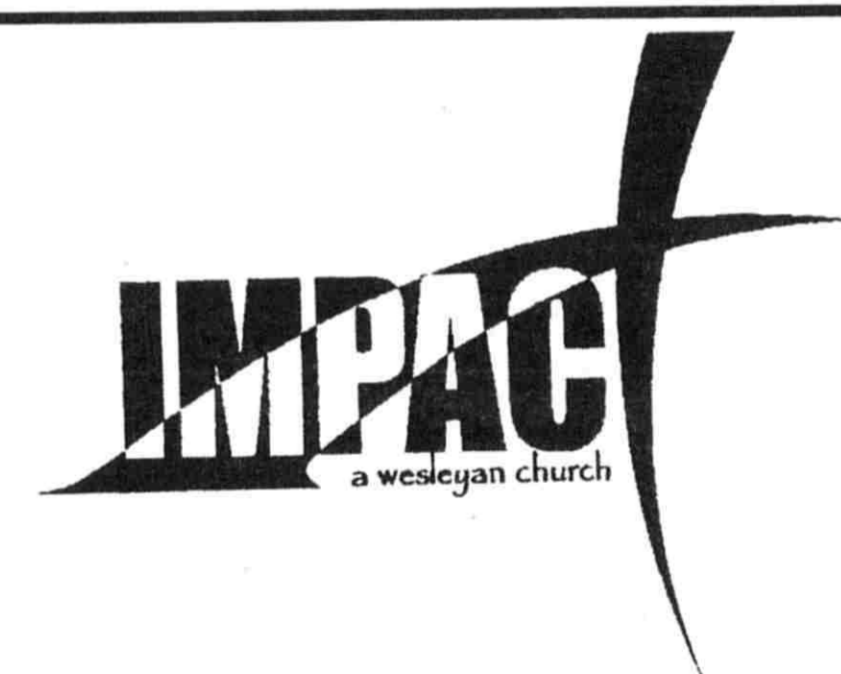
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SALES

**GARAGE SALE** - 980 Fero (Lincoln Lake to Bailey to Fero). Baby accessories, clothes, infants to toddlers, misc. October 25, 9-3 p.m.

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**4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - Oct. 24 & 25, 9-5 p.m. 12280 36th St. 2 sets of bunk beds, baby items, and lots more!

**GARAGE SALE** - Fri., Oct. 24, 9-3 p.m. 8707 36th Street, between Buttrick & Snow.

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**GARAGE SALE** - Thursday Oct. 23 & Friday, Oct. 24, 10:00 a.m. - ? 47 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE

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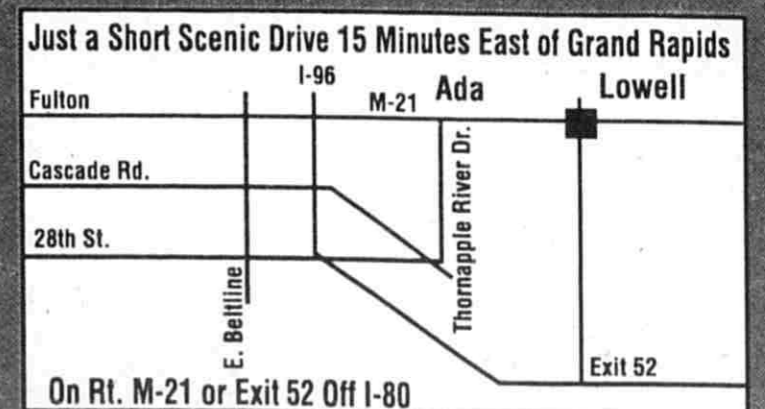
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