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## Pile up on Main Street

**A** Public Works crew spent the night clearing piled snow from city streets following last Tuesday's snowfall. Lowell received eight inches between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., causing snow pileups throughout downtown. Todd Phillips loaded snow from along the curb in front of the Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable office last Thursday. Public Works piled the snow at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds, on property along Front Street, and at the far end of the Englehardt Library parking lot.

## Litehouse expands for better production capacity

By Dan Schneider

**W**ith construction complete on the addition to its Foreman Road location, Litehouse, Inc. has begun utilizing the space to better serve its eastern-U.S. customers.

"We are going to fill our warehouse from our Idaho location," said director of operations, Susan Serne. "Then we are going to start distributing to certain parts of the eastern United States, and then the full eastern part of the United States."

The company is filling the space in its new refrigerated warehouse with products such as Litehouse blue cheese, ranch and sweet red French dressings. A total of about 160 different products will come in this week from Sand Point, Idaho.

This is part of a transition period for the company. It will fill the warehouse with these products from Idaho for delivery out east while it gradually ramps up production at the Foreman facility.

"As production gears up, we will start making the products here," said materials manager, Keith Rouse.

"We had a lot of extra production capacity; even before the addition, we could easily double production," Litehouse co-owner, Wendell Christoff said. "Our biggest trouble has been not having the refrigeration capacity."

The addition adds about 35,000 square feet of refrigerated warehouse. This has allowed Litehouse to consolidate its operations. Off-site warehousing and packaging has been brought under the same roof as production.

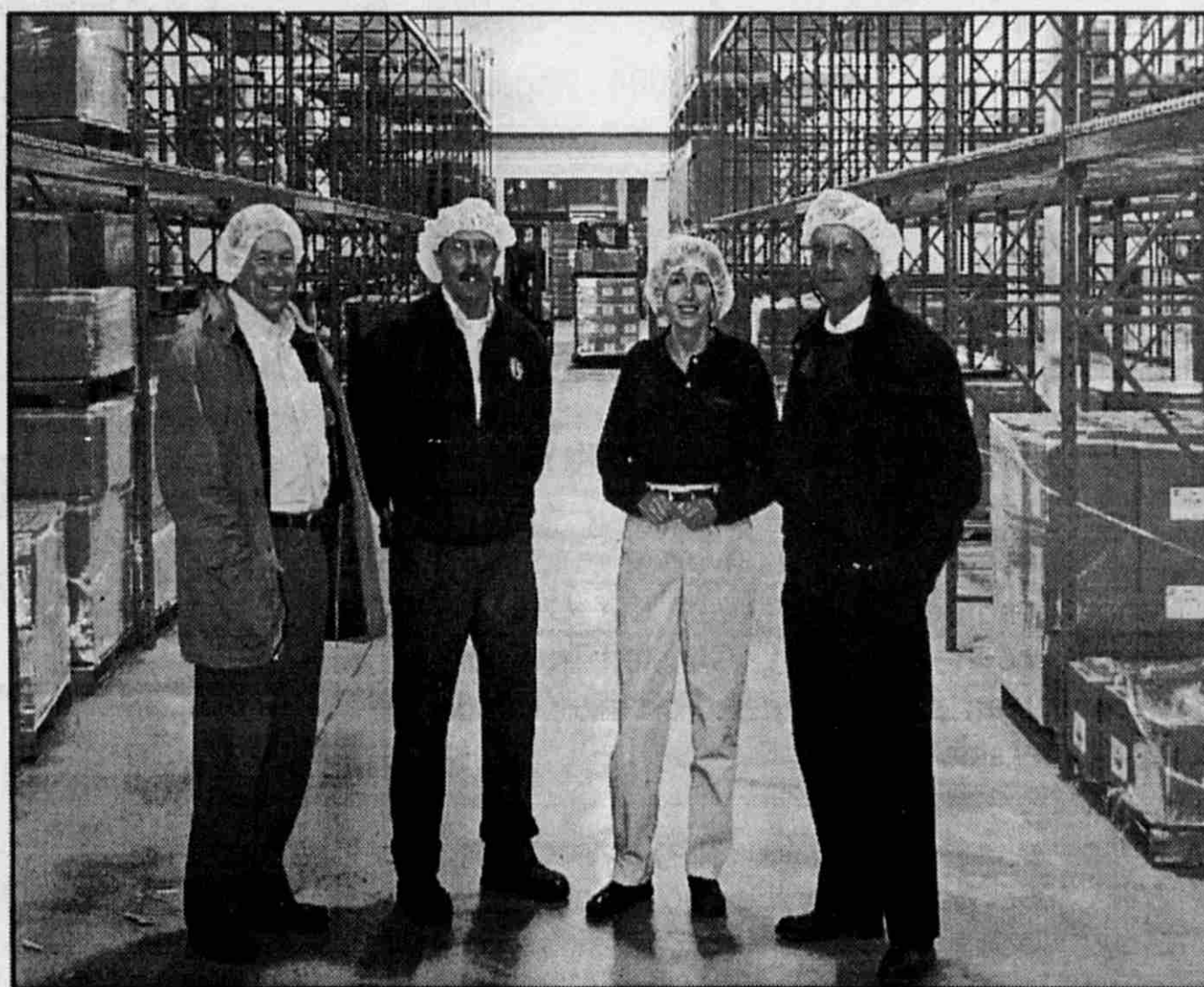
"We aren't going to have to shuttle supplies in," Serne said.

The storage space to the south of the production floor will now be used entirely for raw ingredients. Finished product will come off the line to a new palletizing area east of the line. Then it is fork-lifted through a set of slick automated doors into the new refrigerated storage.

"The product can basically come right off the line into the storage facility," Christoff said.

From the storage facility, with its giant blue shelving units towering over wide fork-lift aisles, the dressings and other products will be loaded onto trucks bound for the East.

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Litehouse co-owner, Wendell Christoff with, from left, warehouse manager Brian DeLoof, director of operations Susan Serne and materials manager Keith Rouse standing in the refrigerated new addition to the Foreman Road production facility.

## Eighth graders create business to help Little League

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

When Will Bryan participated in the Lowell Little League program last summer, he had heard of the desire to put fences around three of the ball fields. Such an action would be beneficial to the group ... especially in being able to host all-star and team tournaments. Currently, Lowell teams must travel to

other fields in the area to participate in these events.

Upon entering the eighth grade honors reading program at Lowell Middle School, Bryan learned students in the class were required to participate in a social action project helping to benefit others, and it was at that moment Bryan knew what he was going to do. "I thought it would be a good project to raise the money to get the fence," he

said, after making a presentation to the Lowell City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

He quickly found a partner, Cory Hagerman who, like Bryan, thought it was a great idea to do something for the community, and ended up in front of the Little League Board. "They showed up to the board, told us their idea and we were surprised," said Little League board vice

president Dan Stephens, who estimated that the fences would cost about \$17,000 but was hoping that by providing the labor, the cost could be brought down to around \$12,000.

To help raise money, the eighth-graders came up with selling signage on fence similar to what is found in other

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## OBITUARIES

**KUILEMA** - Robert Jay Kuilema, child of God, loving husband and best friend of Ginny (Virginia Pontier) Kuilema, father of Rachael Kuilema Klein and Daniel Klein of Philadelphia, Joe Kuilema of Grand Rapids and Laura Grace Kuilema, went to be with God on January 30, 2004 at home in the arms of his family. Bob was born July 9, 1950 to Harriet (Van Boven) Kuilema of Grand Rapids and Jacob Kuilema (deceased). The family includes David and Mary Kuilema of Lowell, Susan (Kuilema) and Steve DeWitt of Alpena; father-in-law Anthony Pontier of Goshen, NY, Ruth (Pontier) and John Husselman of Midland Park, NJ, Lorraine (Pontier) and Jim White of

McDowell, VA and Bruce and Barb Pontier of Lacombe, LA. Bob was a graduate of Kalamazoo Christian High, Calvin College and Seidman School of Business. He worked most recently as director of finance at Calvin College. Besieged with Hodgkin's disease in 1975, depression, paraplegia and angiosarcoma, by grace Bob remained faithful in his journey with God. Special thanks and God's blessings to Brian Laarman and Bonnie Barnes of Visiting Nurse and Hospice and to the communities of Church of the Servant CRC (COS) and Calvin College for their prayers, support and consolation. In Bob's memory, please consider investing in the life of a child with a contribution to Camp Tall Turf. Memorial service will be held at COS on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m.

## Cloggers "hog" the spotlight



Hannah and her father, Charlie Knudstrup of Lowell, enjoying a partner dance at the clog hog.

The 4th annual Mid-Winter Hot Dog Clog Hog was held Jan. 10 at Historic Bownes Mills in Hastings.

Bob Warner, head instructor of the Thunder Floor Cloggers based out of Lake Odessa, said the event is the main fundraiser for them. Cloggers from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio came to clog to lots of different kinds of music as well as learn some new routines and steps.

Clogging groups present were the Corunna Country Kickers, Thunder Floor

Cloggers, Gull Creek Cloggers, Michiana Cloggers, Celery City Cloggers and the LA Cloggers.

A silent auction with items donated by some 66 businesses from Lansing to Lowell, Gun Lake to Belding and Ionia, took place in the afternoon. It has been the annual fundraiser for the hosting Thunder Floor Cloggers portable stage and expenses.

## Parade of men deliver birthday flowers

By Dan Schneider

Nancy Roth received 50 flowers last Tuesday (Jan. 27) in recognition of her birthday of that many years. Fifty men,

most of them friends but a few relative strangers, delivered the flowers to Roth while she worked at her window in the Lowell post office.

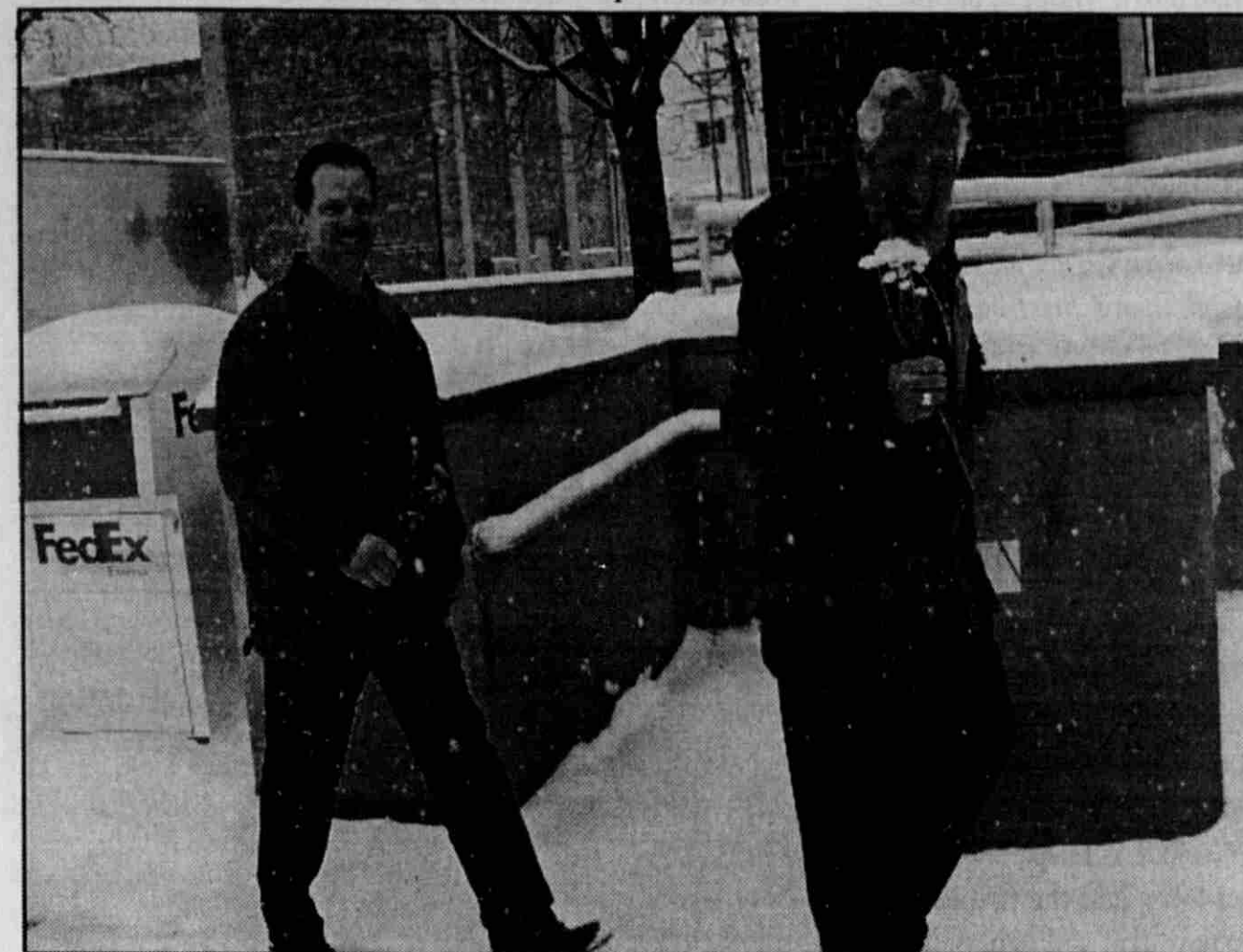
By the end of the day, the flowers were just about spilling out of a very large vase. "It's a little overwhelming," Roth said following one of the deliveries.

Deb Collins and Karen Ford, who graduated with Roth from Lowell High School in 1972, arranged for the delivery. The three women have been conspiring in pairs to outdo each other in celebrating birthdays. In December, Ford and Roth took Collins to a Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert.

"We thought we ought to do something a little different for Nance," Collins said. "It just kind of escalated into the boy parade."

Collins and Ford called 60 area men and left 50 flowers at the Ledger office. By the end of the day, all 50 had been delivered.

"Nancy is a very generous person so we had no trouble getting a bunch of people to help out," Collins said.



Chuck Bassett (left) and John Hadley were among 50 men who delivered flowers to Nancy Roth on her 50th birthday last Tuesday, Jan. 27.

**The family of our "Darling Angel"**  
**NATHAN MICHAEL THOMET**  
want to express our appreciation to our friends and family for the tremendous love and support that was shown to us at the loss of our "sweet" baby Nathan. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses at DeVos Children's Hospital, Pediatric Intensive Care floor. We also want to thank Mark and Dave Gerst for all of their personal touches and to Rev. Mike Conklin for all that he said and did for us. Mostly we want to thank all of you for the cards, flowers, food and prayers during our time of need.

Sincerely,  
Travis and Catherine Thomet  
Jack & Gail Thomet  
Carrie and Brian Fox  
Marilyn & Duke Thomet  
Bill and Sandy Rasmussen

### SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 20, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the January 5, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the collection of the summer property taxes for 2004 for Lowell Area School District.
- Motion to approve a five-year license renewal agreement between the City of Lowell and the Wendell L. Christoff Trust for a pedestrian path between Foreman Road and Creekside Park.
- Motion to approve the following projects for 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant funding (1) North Kent Transit senior and handicapped assistance, \$6,000, (2) the Foreman-Gee sidewalk \$45,100 and (3) Rockford Ambulance - Automatic Vehicle Locators, \$2,000.
- Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.
- Motion to return to open session at 8:34 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2004.

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



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk  
City of Lowell

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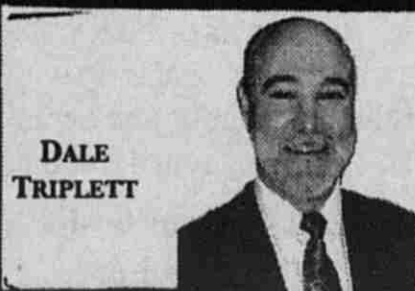
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Nancy Roth smiles with her bouquet of flowers at her window in the post office. The picture was taken halfway through a day of flower deliveries in honor of Roth's birthday.

## A perfect hand

By Dan Schneider

Tom Beggs of North Washington Street in Lowell got a perfect hand in cribbage last Wednesday.

Beggs, 49, played the hand at approximately 10:30 p.m., according to his mother, Flo Beggs. Rare in cribbage, a perfect hand consists of four

fives and a jack with the cut five matching the jack in suit. The hand is worth 29 points.

"That's the only time you can get a 29 in cribbage," Flo Beggs said. "My father-in-law played all his life and he lived to be 89, and he only got one once, so it's quite a feat."

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# Reflections Of Faith

**Pastor Joe Fremer**  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Do you find, as I do, that you enjoy a movie more where the story has some basis in fact? Of course, story line, character development, and the actors' skills are the most important ingredients of good films like *Radio* and *Seabiscuit*, but something happens when you read those words after the opening credits: "Inspired by actual events."

You are somehow tuned in differently. When you submit your attention to a fictional entertainment, there is an unwritten rule that you willingly enter into a state of suspended disbelief, a sort of grown-up "let's pretend." But when the entertainment claims to be more than a fiction, the contract between the audience and the story-teller changes. It ups the ante. We instinctively sense that the stakes are higher; there is more risk of criticism (by eyewitnesses of the actual events), but there is also a greater reward for having been told a tale that really happened.

Christianity is based on the telling of a story, but the story is not fiction. The Bible records historical events, and the supernatural interpretation of the causes of those events. There

is plenty of archaeological and scientific evidence to show that the things recorded really happened. Unfortunately, there are many preachers and seminary professors who ignore this evidence. I feel sorry for those blind guides, and even more sorry for those under their leadership. They piously proclaim that the Bible is a book about spiritual truth, not about history or biology or cosmology. They would make the Garden of Eden into a Kiplingesque "Just So Story," and Jonah's misadventure with the big fish into a whopper about the one that got away. They would even deny the Easter story by saying that the resurrection of Jesus is merely a matter of His ideas living on in His followers. They would not be upset if a grave were found that had Jesus' bones in it.

I would be. I hope you would be too. If Jesus didn't really come to life again after being executed, then we are all in big trouble. *For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not*

*been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.* (1 Corinthians 15:16ff NIV) If the heart of the Christian message is fiction, then it doesn't matter if it's a great story. It's a lie. Maybe it tugs at our heartstrings, but it has no power to really change our situation.

Fortunately, they are wrong. Easter did happen. And it did happen to a man who really was born of a virgin, because His father was God Himself. Real human beings were eyewitnesses of these events, and they wrote it down, with God's Spirit guiding them to keep the message straight and supply information they couldn't possibly dream up. We have hope precisely because we are, quite literally, "Inspired by actual events."

## Still time to attend "Harp Throbs" at Life Process Center

Organizers of the pre-Valentine's Day "Harp Throbs" event at the Franciscan Life Process Center have sold most of the tickets but can still make room for more reservations. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and \$35 for a family of four or more.

The concert features accomplished harpists from around West Michigan, some playing in duets with flute and clarinet. A harp concert is a rare thing and the proceeds from the event will benefit the music program at the FLPC. Call 897-7842 to make a reservation.

## AREA BIRTHS



Kendra Plotner and Eric Anible of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Zander Eric. He was born

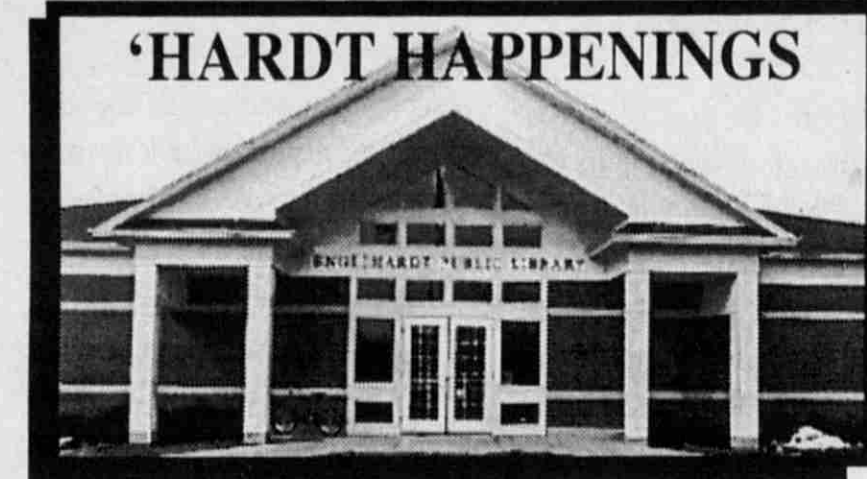
on January 22, 2004, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Keith and Pam Plotner and Dave and Recie Anible of Lowell.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**FEBRUARY 5:** Ann Mulder, Kenneth Gregersen Sr., Colleen Myers, Mandy Schneider, Joe Barnes.  
**FEBRUARY 6:** Donna Oesch, Reed Stormzand, Norm Johnson, Angie Blough.  
**FEBRUARY 7:** Margaret Peckham, Gordie Barry, Peggy Covert.  
**FEBRUARY 8:** Clare Krebs, Laurie Chambers, Maya Newhouse, Steve Estes.

**FEBRUARY 9:** Tom Covell, Alan Ryder, Inga Weeks, Noah Newhouse, Allee Brenk, David Potter, "AJ" Alvin Davis Brenk II, Adrian Sterzick, Brady Foster, Dave VanKeulen.  
**FEBRUARY 10:** Richard Korb, Eric Kimble.  
**FEBRUARY 11:** Gladys Thorne, Julie Kenney, Judy Goodwin.



### 'HARDT HAPPENINGS

**JUNIE B. JONES DAY THIS MONTH**  
Come celebrate Junie B. and her series of books at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Children, ages six and up, are invited to party with games and crafts. Registration is required.

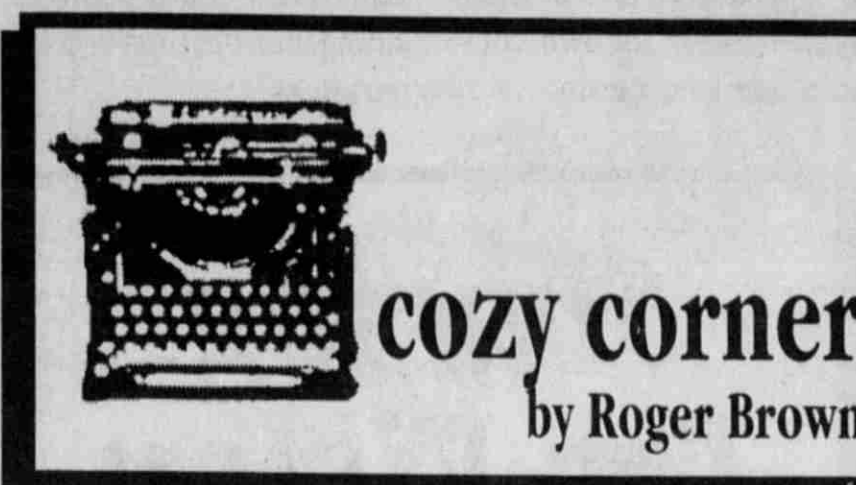
The Junie B. Jones series is about a young girl and her experience going to school for the first time. Titles include *Her Big Fat Mouth*, *Sneaky Pecky Spying* and *Little Monkey Business*. To register call 647-3920.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri) Synod Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Sunday School/Adult Bible Study...9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship...10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p><b>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. At 215 1/2 W. Main, Lowell (entrance in rear of building) CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>
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# Viewpoint . . .



Super Bowl XXXVIII is history. (That's thirty-eight for those of you who are Roman numerically challenged. I had to add it up on my fingers.) Pardon my lack of enthusiasm, but XXXVIII is just another year without my Lions making it to the big game. And, I'm afraid there may be a few more X's in the title before I do get to see them there.

Sure, I watched the game. Like most of us with no dog in the hunt, I was in it for the commercials. Again this year the ad agencies came up a bit short. I'm not sure what it says about us as a nation when sponsors pay \$2.3 million for a 30 second spot. (Sorry, my Roman numeral capabilities don't extend into the millions range.) They then subject 100 million viewers to kids having their mouths washed out with soap for swearing, a groin biting dog or a horse passing gas. I laughed, but I'm not sure that's a good thing.

Pepsi had my two (II) favorites. I liked the bears ransacking the cabin. Not finding any Pepsi, they used the bearded mountain-man cabin owner's photo I.D. to write a bogus check for a twelve pack (XII pack) of the stuff. The convenience store owner looks at the bear, then the I.D. and says, "O.K." Cute.

My vote for the best ad has to go to the 12-year-old (that's XII in Roman numerals.) Jimi Hendrix is buying a Pepsi from a vending machine in front of a pawn shop with an electric guitar in the window. Across the street there is a coke machine in front of an accordion store. The Pepsi machine must have been in front of the print shop in my little town.

Terese and I watched the game at a neighborhood party. I bet a guy ten bucks (That's X\$.) on the coin toss. Lost. Between my wife and me, we had eight squares on the 100 square (that's C squares.) pool. The squares were five dollars (That's V\$.) and the pool paid off \$125 (CXXV\$) per quarter. A seach quarter neared its end, I reviewed our numbers and worked possible scoring scenarios that might pay off for us. Unfortunately, all our possibilities worked out in terms of hat tricks, grand slam homers, one-on-one free throws, etc. Anything but possible football scores.

Then there was the game. If you like football, it was an exciting contest. I believe I heard that going well into the second quarter with no score was a Super Bowl record. Then somebody flipped a switch and 61 (LXI, I think) points were scored before the end of the game. Holy...whoops...don't want to end up with a bar of soap in my mouth like the kid in the Chevy SSR commercial.

Since the big game, all the news media wants to talk about is the Janet Jackson halftime thing. If she weren't so old, and a different sex, Michael might want to kiss her for taking some of the heat off him for awhile.

I missed it! Of course I miss all the Super Bowl entertainment every year. Pre-game and halftime is when I use the bathroom and/or load up on another plate of food. I don't care if the entertainment is country, hip-hop, crooners or heavy-metal. To me it's always a bunch of lip-synched prancing around with some pyrotechnics thrown in. Who cares?

My wife and I agreed that instead of over-priced, so-called entertainers at halftime, why not feature a couple (II) top-notch college marching bands. After all, the Super Bowl is a football game, and what could be more "football" than a marching band?

That's my wrap-up on Super Bowl XXXVIII. Now it's officially history. We can all go back to using regular numbers until next year. Go Lions! SuperBowl IXXXX! Or is it IXL? Or is it XXXVIII? I'll have to look that up sometime between now and next January.



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

**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEBRUARY 5, 1879**  
The Michigan Legislature visits state institutions this week. "New and beautiful scenery" is being painted for Music Hall. Wm. Walsh caught a 14-pound pickerel at Murray Lake last Sunday. There were 30,000 California salmon fry planted in Grand River. Approximately 340,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed in Lowell by three shippers since last harvest.

**100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 4, 1904**  
The third annual contest of Lowell Central School will be tomorrow night, with music and individual athletic contests for boys and girls. R.D. Stocking sells the best parlor organs, plus sheet music of the latest publications. A Milwaukee scientist has discovered that there are 96,090,423 germs on a single dollar bill. Benton Harbor teachers have quit on account of low wages. A carload of hogs passed through Lansing Tuesday. They had all frozen to death.

**75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 7, 1929**  
A bill goes to the Michigan Legislature to apportion a third of the gas tax to townships, since county and state roads get all of it now. A design of a huge memorial to Abraham Lincoln, to cost more than \$1 million, is hoped to be built at his birthplace, a farm on the Ohio River. Standard Oil engineer B.A. Powell will show government and doctors' tests on gasoline, whether it is sweet or sour. Free program. The Michigan Legislature discusses how and what taxes can be raised to maintain and build state institutional buildings. CRS (Curley Rural School) in Bowne Township has a chatty column that mentions Curley's hill has great sledding this week.

**50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 4, 1954**  
The Ledger wins the Michigan Press Association award for style, makeup and general layout. Garbage collection for Lowell will cost \$10,000 this year. Bery Bros. will combine a lecture on raising chickens with bingo-like "Chick Time" game cards and prizes at the Alto Grange Hall Monday night. Lowell "Red-hot" Arrows break a seven-year jinx to beat East Grand Rapids, 86-70. The Board of Education hosts the annual dinner for 110 board members of nearby district rural schools.



**GIVE IT A TRY**  
Now that the fall hunting seasons are behind us, it is time to take advantage of wintertime opportunities. Ice fishing for panfish can shorten-up a long Michigan winter. It seems as if fewer people are out fishing on the frozen lakes than in years past. The distractions of our lifestyle may be affecting participation in outdoor activities here in Michigan. If you have never fished through the ice or gave it up earlier in life, now might be a good time to consider getting into the game.

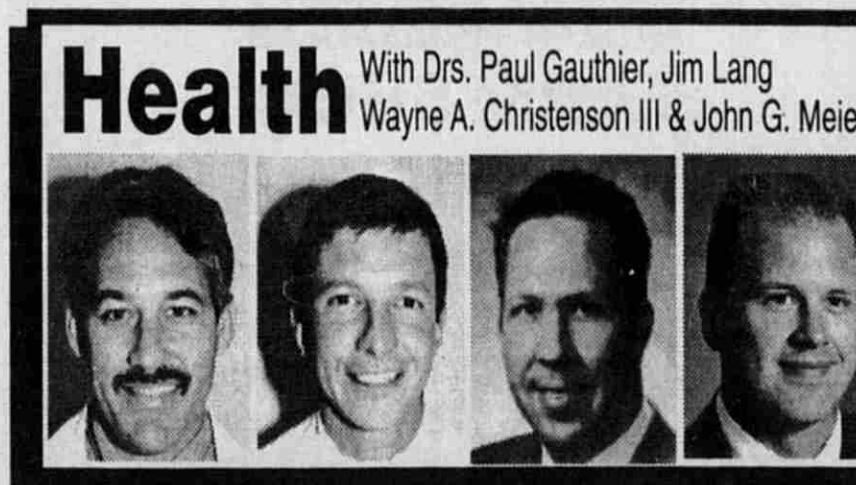
Only a few basic pieces of equipment are necessary for someone starting out. You will need a short glass rod with a spool to wind-up the line. Two- or four-pound test line is strong enough to land fish and light enough not to spook them. A spring bobber attached to the tip of the rod will reveal the slightest nibble. The most expensive piece of equipment is an auger to cut holes in the ice. A hand auger can be bought for less than \$30. Tear drop jigs in size 10 or 12 in a variety of colors will attract fish. Tip the jig with a wax worm to spice-up

the offering for fish that have become less active because of cold water. Have a clip-on weight for finding the depth of water.

Once equipped, it is time to locate some fish. There are reasons why the beginner should find a lake where other fishermen are out in numbers. First, there is a better chance that the ice is safe if there is a crowd out there, but always be cautious. Second, fishermen congregate where fish are being caught or have been caught in the past. None of the above are guaranteed, but the odds are with you and would be a good place to give it a try. Dress as warm as possible. Pick a nice day to go out, especially if youngsters are going along. If a first-time fisherman goes out on a bitter windy day, it may be the last time he or she ventures out on the ice.

Once on the lake, find an open hole or drill one, check the depth, bait-up, and then jig by twitching the rod tip while lifting and lowering the rod. Sometimes you have to set the hook by lifting the rod sharply at the first hint of a bite and other times you must let them take it longer. You will likely notice fishermen on the ice with portable shelters, propane heaters, gas powered augers, spinning reels, electronic fish finders with color display, and underwater cameras. Don't be intimidated—just toss your gear in a plastic bucket which you can also use to sit on.

If you like ice fishing, you can pick up all that other stuff later. Catching panfish through the ice is fun and wintertime bluegills make a great tasting meal. Who knows? You may get hooked yourself and keep going back for more.



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**ECZEMA**  
Eczema is a skin disease that tends to itch, cause redness and skin cracking. The skin also turns much drier than usual. In adults, eczema may develop on the inside of the elbows, back of the knee, the hands, and the backs of the elbows. In young children, the rash often develops on the face. Eczema is most common in people whose relatives have allergic conditions like asthma or hay fever. Up to 10 percent of children may get eczema.

The exact cause of eczema is not known. We do know, however, that certain things will worsen or provoke its appearance:

- Soaps, laundry detergents, and perfumes.
- Allergies like outdoor pollens, pet hair or dander, food, feathers, and dust mites.
- Low humidity, dryness in the air.
- Emotional stress.

Treatment of eczema depends on the age of the patient and the severity of the rash and symptoms. Certainly, skin care is very important. During dry months, use a good skin moisturizer (Keri lotion, Eucerin, Moisturel). Avoid very hot water in the bath or shower. Hotter water causes the skin to become more dry.

If conservative therapies fail, topical steroid creams tend to work well. For mild eczema, over-the-counter one percent hydrocortisone cream is sufficient. For more resistant rashes, prescription steroid cream may be indicated.

**THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER FEBRUARY 7, 1979**  
Refloat the Showboat's Vegas Night nets nearly \$4,000. The Popeye comic strip is 50 years old. It started before that with just Olive Oyl and her family: Cole, Castor and Nana. Lowell Senior Neighbors Center celebrates its fifth anniversary. Hearings on widening and resurfacing Alden Nash from Foreman to Vergennes are held. City Manager Ray Quada explains the complex effects of the Headlee Amendment on property taxes.

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# Results of "Education Yes" school report cards in question

By Dan Schneider

The Michigan Department of Education released its "Education Yes" report cards last Friday. However, it is unclear what they say about Lowell schools.

Of the five school buildings that received grades on the report card, four are in an appeal process. Alto Elementary is the only exception. Unity High School has too few students to receive a grade.

The report card has two parts, a preliminary grade and a composite grade. The preliminary grade indicates a school building's achievement in three areas: student achievement status, student achievement change and school performance indicators.

Student achievement status is based on the 2002-2003

MEAP test results. Student achievement change is based on test results relative to a state-established timeline for progress. For the "indicators of school performance" portion, schools self-evaluated areas such as teacher quality, arts education, curriculum alignment, family involvement and school attendance, and graduation rate.

The composite grade puts the preliminary grade together with federal standards under the No Child Left Behind Act. This portion is called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). It is a pass-or-fail grade based on whether the building's test scores are at or above state targets. The targets progress from school year to school year to 100 percent proficiency on MEAP language arts and math tests by

the 2013-2014 school year. The composite grades for LAS's buildings are as follows:

- High School-B
- Middle School-B
- Cherry Creek Elem.-C
- Bushnell Elem.-no grade
- Alto Elem.-B

"If there was an area it did poorly on, it's the achievement change over time," said Mark Kasmer, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

In that portion of the preliminary grade, the LAS buildings fared as follows:

- High School-D
- Middle School-C
- Cherry Creek Elem.-F
- Bushnell Elem.-F
- Alto Elem.-C

Kasmer said the state's current timeline calculation creates a flawed perspective

on achievement change. For instance, Cherry Creek progress is based disproportionately on math test results from the 1997-1998 school year. Students scored unusually high that year.

"It was a great year but it was a blip," Kasmer said.

A part of the report card grades is based on student test-participation rates. Inaccuracies in these numbers are the main reason Kasmer is appealing the grades. Also, the report card indicates that Bushnell failed to make AYP. That is impossible since Bushnell uses the same MEAP results as Cherry Creek, which did make AYP.

Kasmer said he is confident in the performance of Lowell schools. He expects that state-level problems with

the new report cards will be remedied. It may take a while, since many other districts are also appealing their scores.

The district is also beginning work on its own common assessment tests.

"The state is like an external monitor, but we monitor ourselves internally," LAS superintendent, Shari Miller said. "I don't think you'll find stronger critics than we are of ourselves."



Nancy Hopkins, President  
Board of Education

One of the most important tasks of the school board is the superintendent's evaluation. This task is undertaken in stages throughout the year at Lowell Area Schools. Shari Miller and the board have been working on a mid-year review that provides the board with a checkpoint for assessing her progress in meeting the goals set by the board in her final evaluation of the last school year.

What general elements does the board include in the superintendent evaluation process?

- Insuring that student achievement is the single most important goal of the district
- Holding oneself accountable for instruction and student achievement
- Matching professional development to the needs of the staff

- Working with the board and other local officials
- Getting the best possible budget for the district
- Attracting and choosing the best possible staff
- Putting initiatives into action and making them work
- Giving principals the support and backing they need

What specific goals has the board given Superintendent Miller to focus on during the 2004-05 school year?

- Lead the district toward a long-term district improvement plan.
- Establish a process for developing such a plan, discussing desired

- Outcomes and methods of measurement.
- Share more of your "outsider's" perspective and personal expertise for increasing productivity and achievement in the district, especially in the face of limited resources.

- Develop and communicate specific organizational structures for the district's character program, implementation of new administrative structures (in light of the opening of new buildings and the hiring of a new assistant superintendent), and implementation of NCLB and Education Yes requirements.
- Continue to refine and honor hiring processes, so that mutual respect and a commitment to excellence are evident from the school building to the board levels.

- Identify key performance measures that can be clearly quantified and concretely measured, especially in the areas of staff performance review and student academic achievement.
- Balance personal and professional commitments to prevent "burnout" and to promote your personal health and family relationships.

The board's evaluation of the superintendent is an important tool for staying firmly focused, and a good marker of both the board and superintendent's effectiveness in implementing their respective roles and responsibilities.

# Local artist's exhibit at LACC

By Dan Schneider

Paintings by Ardie Post will be on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce through March 2.

The artist graduated from Lowell High School in 1949. She has been painting most of her life. When she retired 10 years ago, it allowed her time to take her painting more seriously.

"I love doing people, landscapes and flowers," Post said. "I started out doing flowers but I love doing people."

"Mostly people with character. I did one one time of an old man sleeping; fell asleep on a bench and I like things like that that have depth."

The Cascade artist uses oils and pastels for her portraits, and primarily watercolor for landscapes and floral paintings. Recent examples of all three are on display at the chamber.



Ardie Post stands next to her painting titled "Sunset on the Dunes." Her work—oil and watercolor paintings, and pastel drawings—are on display at the LACC.

Also on display are designs for the Christmas cards she makes every year.

Post, 72, took some evening art classes at Kendall

College in Grand Rapids when it first opened and at the University of New Mexico where she went to college. In more recent years, she has learned watercolor painting from

Loretta Sailors and Bert Broersma, and a six-week course at the Lowell Area Arts Council taught by David Davis.

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## Litehouse expansion continued...From Page 1

"Currently our eastern United States' customers have to get products shipped all the way from the west coast," Serne said. "By producing it here, we're getting it out to the east faster so the product is fresher."

Litehouse currently ships about 20 truckloads per week. That will probably double by the end of the year.

Production at the Lowell plant will make a substantial shift from food-service products to retail.

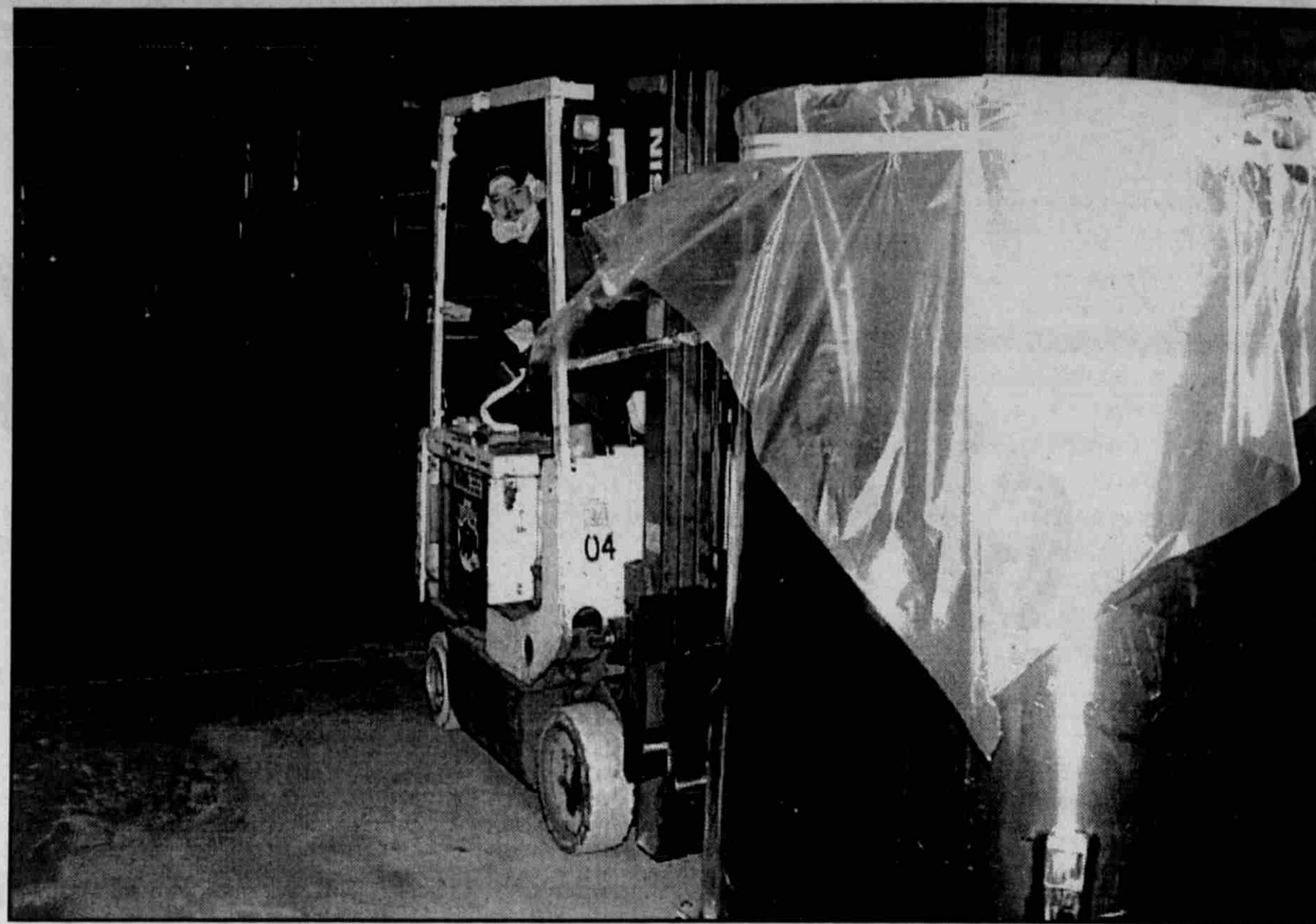
"If I had to guess, I'd say we're probably going to be 70 percent retail, 30 percent food service," Serne said.

The majority of production is currently creating products to supply restaurants; only about 25 percent is sold retail.

In total, the Lowell expansion project will result in 20 new jobs.

"Many of those jobs have been hired since the start of building construction," Serne said.

The addition cost about \$1.7 million to build. Excavation started on the site last spring with building construction beginning in July. A.J. Veneklasen, Inc., of Grand Rapids, was the general contractor on the addition.



Harold Seaman moves a giant stainless-steel tub of salsa into the new warehouse addition at Litehouse.

## Debate team travels to state tournament

The Lowell High School debate team is sending two teams to the Feb. 5-7 state tournament in Detroit. The affirmative team of Charles Roelofs and Drew Ingraham and the negative team of Dustin Pedley and Andy Hewitt qualified for the state tournament at the Jan. 8 district tournament at Midland High School.

Debate coach, Heidi Kolp believes this is the first state tournament appearance for Lowell debaters since 1991. They will debate on the topic "Resolved: That the United States federal government should create an ocean policy substantially increasing protection of marine natural resources."



Last month, we discussed self-esteem, emphasizing that it is the "most important gift you can give your child."

Dr. Nathaniel Branden, author of "The Six Pillars of Self-Esteem," classifies the pillars as living consciously, self-acceptance, self-responsibility, self-assertiveness, living purposefully and personal integrity.

Before we look at the first pillar, there are some common misunderstandings about self-esteem.

1.) *The more we tell our children how wonderful they are, the higher their self-esteem will be.* This thinking is somewhat magical since true self-esteem is determined by how the individual feels about themselves independent of others' reactions toward them. Granted, for the first early years of a child's life, the parents and/or significant others act as "mirrors" to the child. If they see the value of their child, validate their worth, and offer them opportunities to develop their gifts, the child does feel valued. However, at some point the indi-

vidual child needs to begin to set goals at their level. At this point, the inner talk of the child begins to formulate positive judgments about themselves. Self-esteem then becomes their responsibility. Self-esteem is something we work at by setting meaningful goals and then by achieving them over time until finally, we learn to trust and value ourselves.

2.) *Self-esteem/self-image and how we and others see ourselves.* A question often asked is, "Am I attractive to others?" This is not necessarily true since many plain-looking and even unattractive people can have a high self-esteem. It has an internal evaluative component, meaning that self-esteem is determined by how fairly we judge ourselves. If we are harsh in our self-judgment, our self-esteem is low. Our internal acceptance of ourselves is different than how we appear to others.

3.) *If we please others around us, then we must have high self-esteem.* On the contrary... to obtain high self-esteem, the individual has to respect their individuality and not spend an inordinate amount of time shaping their personality to please others. To quote Branden's work, "To trust one's mind and to know that one is worthy of happiness is the essence of self-esteem."

The first pillar is learning to live consciously. This refers to making the decision to be a thinking rather than a non-thinking person. This decision makes all the difference in one's level of self-esteem. Living consciously will be discussed next month.

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# Recreation Park Ballfield leak means new water service

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

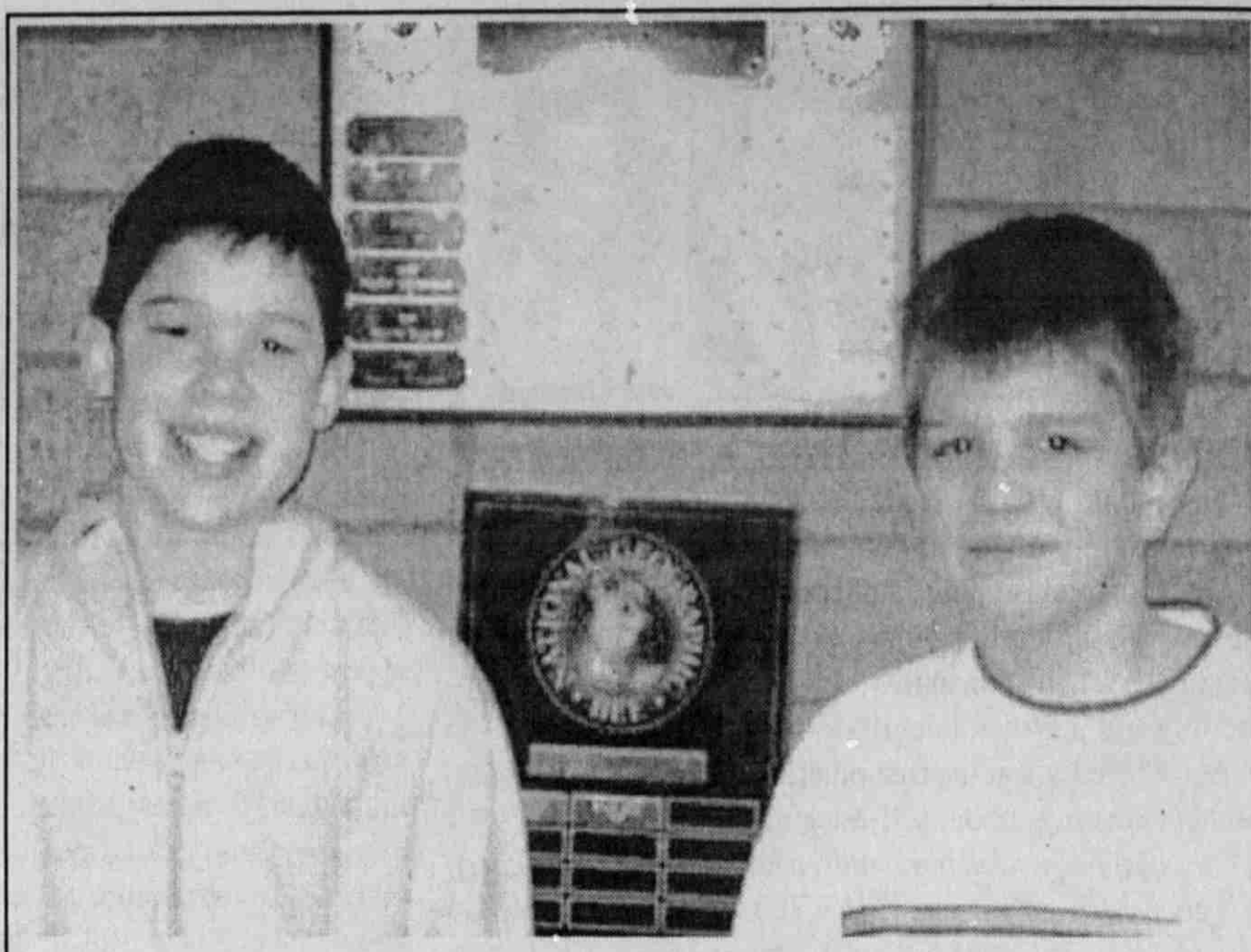
There is a leak in the water service at the Recreation Park ballfield which the Lowell Public Works Department staff know about ... the frustrating part has been trying to figure out where it is.

DPW director, Dan DesJarden said it was finally determined there was a leak after shutting off the water at the pump, only to watch as the

meter's numbers still turned. Due to the nature of the area, finding the leak has been next to impossible. DesJarden said, adding he is concerned that the lack of water could burn up the bearings, rendering the pump useless. The solution is to replace the old three-quarter galvanized water service with a new one-inch copper line circling around the ballfield rather than through it.

Two contractors bid on the project to run 290 feet of piping around the field. A bid of \$3,000 by Lee's Trenching Service of Byron Center came in \$1,000 less than DeWitt Trenching Contractors, Inc. of Grandville. Water distribution supervisor, Bob Robinson recommended Lee's bid; the council unanimously accepted. The amount includes some work to run the line underneath the power lines and repair the field, DesJarden said, adding that the amount may be split between departments to cover the cost.

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—Henry Miller



## Spelling Bee Winners

The annual fifth grade Spelling Bee was held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Jan. 22; there were 32 students who participated in the event. This year's winners are Caleb Schultz (left), first place winner, and Jared Williams, runner-up. The two students are from Mike Fillman's class. The winning word was "shriek."

## Eighth-grade business, cont'd...From Page 1

ball parks like Caledonia, and the bigger playing fields. "I just moved from Massachusetts," Bryan said. "These signs are provided on the fields." The amount of signage, which includes a 2 by 6, 4 by 4, and 2 by 8, depends on the amount of donation. The current idea, Bryan said, is for a donation of from \$50 to \$199 to include a mention in the Lowell Ledger; a dona-

tion of from \$200 to \$399 would include the mention and one sign, \$400 to \$699 would be for the mention and two signs, and on up. "Someone could buy enough space to have four 4 by 4's for a large message," Hagerman said. The signs would be removed during the off-season which will help with the lifespan of the sign, estimated to last at least five years. After getting the green

light from the Little League, the boys discovered they had some political work to do. Signage needs to be approved by the city council. At the council meeting, they faced some "tough" questions: would a renewal fee be required for the sign to be put back up? Answer: yes. Would there be storage space? Answer: The Little League has some storage space where the signs could be kept.

"This is a good project," said mayor, Jeanne Shores. "Now we'll be like the big boys." The council gave its unanimous approval to the signage which means Bryan and Hagerman can now start selling the space. As to where to start, councilman, Al Mathews had one: "Tip Top Gravel. That's me." For anyone else interested in the project, call the Little League office at 752-8109.

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V  
DALE P. TEMPLE, JR.  
P.O. Box 124, 18301 E. 46  
Howard City, MI  
(Last known address)

TO: DALE P. TEMPLE, JR.

IT IS ORDERED:  
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 March 1, 2004. 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.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to DALE P. TEMPLE, JR. at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.  
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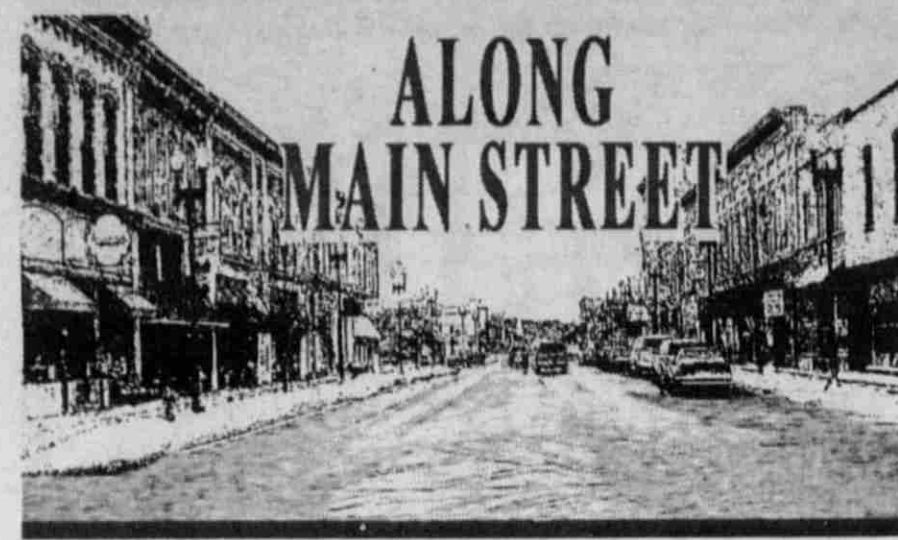


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**PAPER TRUCK IS BACK!**

The Lowell softball team is happy to announce that beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4, the truck will be placed on the north side of the high school by the loading dock. The team appreciates the community's patience and support.

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2004 PARENTS**

Please check the Senior Parent Update notice at [www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com). There is important information on fundraising and payments for the Senior Class trip.

**LAAC PLAY THIS WEEKEND**

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" by Thebes Players, Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 at Larkin's Other Place. Sunday matinee, Feb. 8 & 15. Prices - dinner & theater: \$21 - \$26; theater only: \$8-\$10. For reservations call 897-8545 or visit the arts council at 149 S. Hudson.

**SAVE YOUR RETURNABLES!**

The LaCrosse team is sponsoring a car drive on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please save your returnables and drop them off in the former Family Fare parking lot - to benefit the program.

**EXHIBIT AT BANK**

Freeport artist, Dixie Olin, will have her oil and water-color paintings on display at the Huntington Galleria, 414 E. Main through March 9 during regular business hours. For more information call Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

**VARIETY SHOW**

The Lowell High School Variety Show will be held at the LPAC on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Presale tickets are available during lunch for \$4; \$5 at the door; family price \$15. Call Robin at 897-9904 for more information.

**ARTISTS COMPETITION**

The 18th West Michigan Regional Competition at LAAC Gallery, Feb. 15 - March 20. Drop off entry forms Feb. 5-7. Call 897-8545.

**FOODMOBILE**

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 10-11 a.m. Mostly produce. Bring own box or bag. Distributed by FROM.

**KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

St. Patrick School will offer a kindergarten info. night on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Kindergarten Round-up is March 12; call 691-8833 for more info.

**Volleyball second at Belding, defeats Greenville**

By Dan Schneider

"That was the best game of volleyball we've put together all year," Lowell coach Gigi Peal said.

They lost the first game of the semi-finals 16-14 against Belding, then won 15-11 and 17-15.

"Devon Collins and Steph Wagner just played incredible defense," Peal said.

In the final, Lowell fell to Otsego in two games, 15-10 and 15-8. Otsego is state-ranked in Class B.

"We went into the finals pretty well spent from the long day," Peal said.

Taylor Verdon had 66 assists and 19 aces for the day

for Lowell. Heather Becker had 30 kills and 20 blocks. Amy Oberlin had 25 kills and 12 blocks. Kristin Johnson had 22 kills. Samantha Mol had 18 kills and 10 aces for the day.

Oberlin led the Arrows with 11 kills on the night. Becker had nine kills and eight blocks. Johnson and Mol each had eight kills. Verdon and Jessica Hamp each had 12 assists on the night.

The next game for Lowell volleyball is Thursday at home against Unity Christian.

blocks. Johnson had six kills. Collins, Mol and Oberlin each had five kills.

On Monday night, the Arrows made short work of two teams at Ionia. They beat the Middleville Trojans 15-3 and 15-3. Then they beat Ionia 15-0 and 15-3.

Verdon had 22 assists against the Yellowjackets. Becker had 10 kills and six



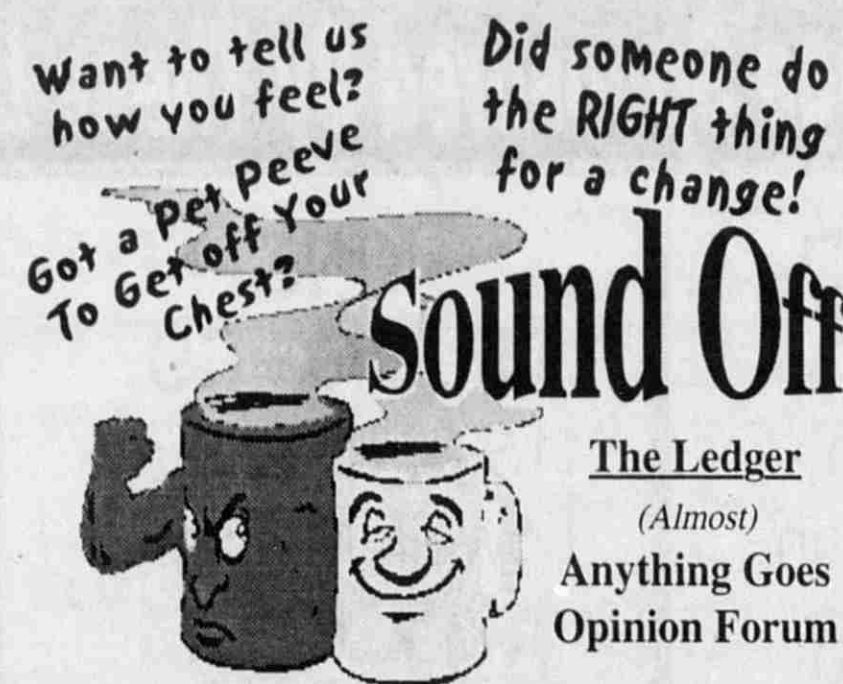
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Why would Lowell Area Schools hold a day of school knowing 12 hours in advance that we're getting 10 inches of snow and then decide to close school an hour early and expect buses to drive in all this snow when they could have just canceled school and made it a lot easier on all of us.

Lowell's busing needs to cut cost but not at the expense of our children. Freezing temperatures and our children's safety will be compromised if we implement a walk zone.

To the two women who sat behind me in the Lowell theater on Thursday at 12:00. With only eight seats taken, why did you have to sit there and talk, talk talk all the time? Rude

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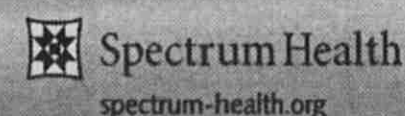
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**COMING EVENTS**

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.

**SUNDAYS:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

**EVERY MON.:** LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

**THIRD MON.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. 897-7161 for info.

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

**SECOND MON.:** Bowne Township Historical Society meeting at Historical Museum, 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

**THIRD MON.:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

**MON. OR TUES.:** Cub Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

**FOURTH MON.:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30.

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

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

**1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowses 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, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

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

**EVERY TUES.:** Flat River Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

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

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

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

**EVERY THIRD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

**EVERY WED.:** Lowell Church of the Nazarene

Caravan children's program at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 years. Call 897-8800.

**EVERY WED.:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** Lowell Women's Club, noon, community room, Schneider Manor, 725 Bowses Rd.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

**EVERY THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info., 800-651-6000.

**EVERY SECOND THURS.:** Loyol Order of the Moose, men's general meeting at 7:30 p.m. - ? All members in good standing are invited to attend.

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

**EVERY THURS.:** Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

**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 meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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

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

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping group, Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create 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, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

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

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

**SECOND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club, Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**SECOND SAT.:** Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**SECOND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appt.: 676-9346.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-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. Call 897-2037.

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m. Thurs.: 12 - 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.

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**SAT., FEB. 14:** Foodmobile, free food, at 4-H Fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Distributed by FROM.

**TUES., FEB. 17:** Lowell Area Historical Museum/Lowell Middle School Benjamin Morse Society program at Lowell Twp. Hall, 7 p.m. on American Civil War: Lowell, Its People and the Civil War.

**TUES., FEB. 17:** Kindergarten info. night at St. Patrick School at 7 p.m. Call 691-8833 for more info. Round-up is March 12.

**WED., FEB. 18:** Lecture Series at Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main. 6:30-8 p.m. Dr. Michael Valitutto, D.O. "How to Prevent Diabetes." Free to public, no registration is required.

**FEB. 15 - MARCH 20:** West Michigan Regional Competition. Deadline for artists two entries: Feb. 5-7. Call LAAC at 897-8545 or email [info@lowellartscouncil.org](mailto:info@lowellartscouncil.org).

**MON., MARCH 1:** Deadline for musicians to send in CD/cass., biography and picture of group for Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, beginning June 17. Call LAAC (897-9161) or LACC (897-9161).

**LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS**  
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**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR**

- WED., FEB. 4:** 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Check & Eye Glass Adjustment; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.
- FRI., FEB. 13:** 11 a.m. Cardiac Prevention; Noon Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
- THURS., FEB. 5:** 11 a.m. Deny Therapy.
- MON., FEB. 16:** 12 p.m. Dory Therapy.
- FRI., FEB. 6:** 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Tour Lowell High School.
- TUES., FEB. 17:** 12:45 p.m. Shop Wal-Mart & Dollar Store; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study; 4:30 p.m. Deer Run Dinner.
- MON., FEB. 9:** 12:45 p.m. Travelogue.
- WED., FEB. 18:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.
- TUES., FEB. 10:** 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.
- THURS., FEB. 19:** 11:30 a.m. Dinner at St. Anne's.
- WED., FEB. 11:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.
- FRI., FEB. 20:** 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
- THURS., FEB. 12:** 11 a.m. Long-term Care; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Chinese Restaurant in Ionia.
- MON., FEB. 23:** 12:45 p.m. Syl Mosier.



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## Red Arrows best Greenville

By Dan Schneider

In the last conference wrestling match at home for Lowell's seniors, the Red Arrows beat the Greenville Yellowjackets 52-9.

"I'm starting to see glimpses in this team now that remind me of what made our 2002 state championship team so strong," Lowell coach Dave Strejc said. "I think you're starting to see some of the fruits of our labor for having such a tough season."

"They don't get frustrated when something goes wrong. They stay the course for the whole six minutes of the match."

Most of the matches last

Thursday went the full six minutes. Varsity started at the 112 weight where Rob Karasiewicz won a 8-2 decision against Greenville's Ryan Ritter. Mike Nearing had the first Red Arrow pin of the night, putting Zach Brown on the mat in 3:07 in the 119 match.

Kevin Frazier, Ryan Dykhouse and Brock Graham also won their matches by pin.

Greenville had two match victories on the night. Peter Hansen beat Ray Seese 7-0 in the 103 match. Ted Murray won by Jayme DeLiefde's disqualification. DeLiefde was disqualified for injuring Murray in an illegal slam. The slam was accidental, Strejc said.

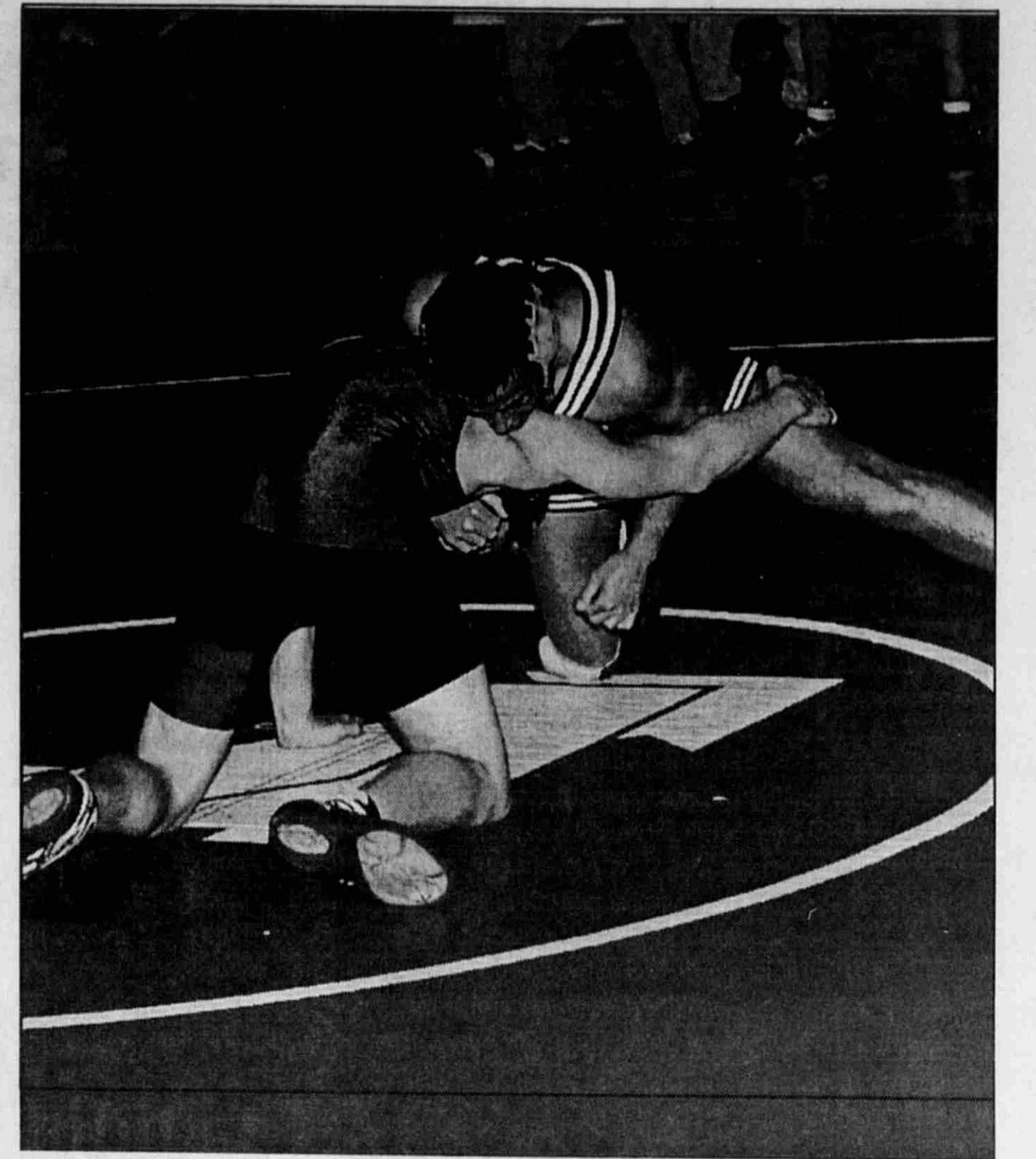
Joe Mendez won a technical fall for Lowell in the 130 match, outscoring Scott Johnson 21-6.

Greenville coach Paul Johnson looked at the night on an individual-match basis.

"We'd try an offensive move and we couldn't finish or they'd capitalize on a mistake when we made of move," Johnson said. "(It was a) pretty humbling experience."

The loss puts the Yellowjackets record at 16-2 for the season. They are 4-2 in conference.

"We've been doing that to a few teams, this time we got a taste of our own medicine," Johnson said. "I don't think we've been beat that bad in about nine years."



Lowell's Matt Kilmartin works on a takedown against Greenville's Jordan Garner. Kilmartin won a decision in the 135 match, 22-10.

Here are the rest of the matches by weight:

At 125, Lowell's David Kropf won a 8-3 decision over Chad Saladin.

At 135, Matt Kilmartin won 22-10 against Greenville's Jordan Garner.

Frazier's pin was in 2:53 against Nate Cooper at 140. At 152, Dan Lyman beat

Greenville's Josh Brodie, 5-3.

At 160, Jason Nearing of Lowell beat Mitch Bennett, 10-4.

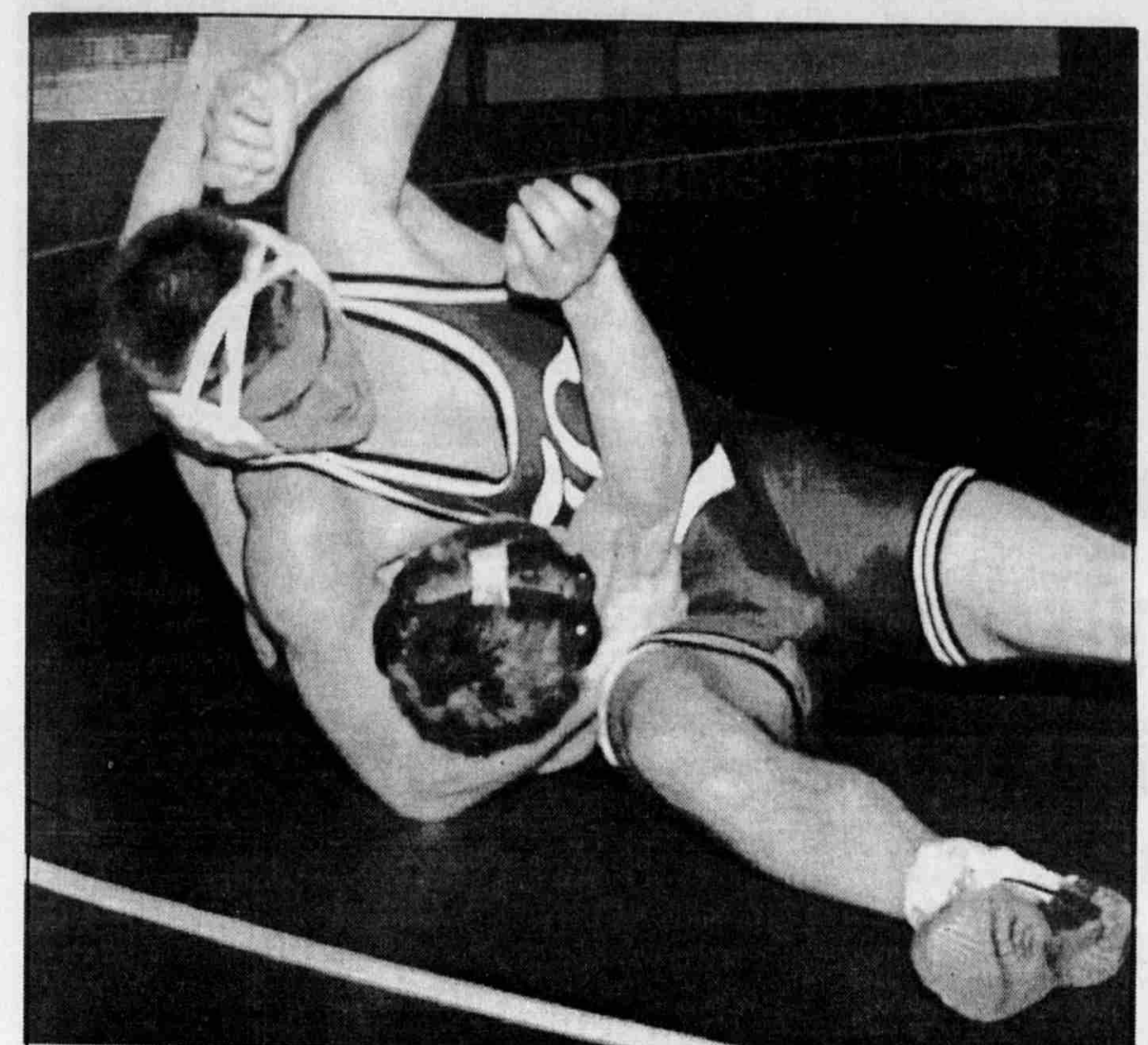
At 171, Dykhouse pinned Ian Wilberding in 1:10.

At 189, Josh Vaught of Lowell beat Jeremy Stilson, 16-6.

Lowell's Ryan Esbaugh won a close match against Adam Tipton at 215, winning 4-3.

At Heavyweight, Graham pinned Dustin Addis in 0:44.

Lowell travels to Unity Christian Thursday and to the Goodrich Tournament Saturday.



At left, Lowell's Kevin Frazier works to pin Nat Cooper of Greenville. Frazier had the pin in 2:53 in the 140 match.

## Bowling update

By Dan Schneider

Recovering from their first loss of the season last week against Wayland, the Lowell boys' bowling team beat the Thornapple Kellogg Trojans 22 1/2 to 7 1/2.

Anthony Everett rolled a total of 420 for two games for the Arrows, with 212 and 208 games. Sean Adrianse rolled 193 and 177. Jim Denney had a 159 and a 210 game. John Eickhoff rolled 185 and 177.

The girls lost their match 24-6. Coach Rocky Eickhoff said in the last few weeks, the girls have been competitive in individual games, losing by only 15 or 20 pins, and this keeps them from scoring match points.

"They had a good night. I was happy with the way they bowled," Eickhoff said.

Rachel Nawrocki rolled 318 for two games. Lisa Brown rolled 129 and 128. Carey Crout rolled 215 for two games.

"She was over her average for both games so I was happy," Eickhoff said.

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# Best score of the year wins tight meet for Lowell gymnastics

By Dan Schneider

With its best team score of the season, the Red Arrow gymnastics team beat East-Caledonia-West Catholic (ECWC) by the slimmest of margins last Wednesday.



Jenna Dickerman on the uneven bars against ECWC. She scored an 8.6 on bars that night and a 9.0 on floor.

ECWC, a three-school cooperative team, had a team score of 131.4. Lowell's score was 131.8.

"Last year we lost to Holland by a tenth and that was hard," Lowell coach, Michele DeHaan said. "It took me a long time to get over that, and to be on the other end of a close one, that feels good."

Last Wednesday's score was a season-high score for ECWC as well.

"They had a lot of dance on floor, they had a lot of energy on floor so that kind of balanced out our falls on beam," ECWC coach, Lynne Piccard said.

ECWC competed with only four of the five girls on its roster, the minimum number to score as a team in gymnastics.

"That's difficult because when a girl is gone, if anybody else is gone, then we don't have a team," Piccard said.

Carrie Kozak of West Catholic had the highest all-around gymnast score for the night with 35.55. Lowell's Jenna Dickerman, scoring 9.0

on floor, was second with 34.95.

The performances on beam and vault made the difference for the Arrows.

"Beam was definitely another good event because the four scores that counted didn't get y falls," DeHaan said.

The four scorers for Lowell on beam were Amandaau (7.75), Amanda Vezino (7.), Kelli Kowalski (8.1) and Dickerman (8.6).

Rau and LynnAnn Bell did new vaults in the meet.

"That definitely bumped up our vault score because they both got 8.6 and normally they're in the sevens," DeHaan said.

The girls did handsprings with full twists, which are worth a possible 9.4 points. The half-twist handsprings they had done previously are worth a maximum 8.8.

The other scorers for Lowell on vault were Kaylee Yonker (8.0) and Dickerman (8.6).

Other event scores for Lowell are:



Kelli Kowalski on the balance beam last Wednesday against ECWC. Kowalski was one of the top scorers on the balance beam with an 8.1.

On bars: Rebecca Underwood (7.55), Bell (7.65), Rau (7.65), and Dickerman (8.6).

On floor: Kowalski (8.2), Bell (8.25), Rau (8.65) and Dickerman (9.0).

Lowell took sixth in a field of 10 teams at the Kenowa Hills Invitational over the weekend. Forest Hills won with a team score of 138.0. Lowell's team score was 127.225.

Underwood was the tenth place overall gymnast at the invitational, scoring a total of 32.6. Dickerman scored 33.25

all-around to take sixth place overall. With an 8.9, Dickerman took second place on floor at the invitational.

The Rockford Rams beat Lowell Monday with a team score of 132.9 to Lowell's 126.7.

The night saw new gymnasts posting top scores for Lowell, like Rau's 8.4 on vault and Underwood's 8.75 on floor. Dickerman had Lowell's best scores on bars (8.3) and beam (8.0).

Their next meet is tonight (Wednesday) at Holland.

## Unity Christian hands Lowell basketball a tough loss

By Dan Schneider

The Unity Christian Crusaders dominated the scoreboard last Friday against Lowell. The Arrows lost 76-50 in the away conference game.

"They shot the ball better than we had seen all year," Lowell coach, Jeff McDonald said. "They came in and hit their first three shots to go up 8-0 so we had to call a time

out. Then they came back and hit another shot and made it 10-0."

It was the biggest offensive performance against Lowell all year. Lowell had previously allowed an average of 48 points per conference game.

The Crusaders were up 25-4 at the end of the first quarter. Lowell stayed in the hole until the end. The Crusaders hit 10 three-pointers on the night.

"They just shot really well—tough shots, too, fading away, not uncontested shots," McDonald said. "We hung in there, we thought we could weather the storm, but the storm never passed."

Paul Nysse was the leading scorer for Unity Christian with 19 points, five of them three-pointers. Kurt Gruppen had 16 points for the Crusaders. Andrew Dykstra put in 14.

High scorers for Lowell were Sam Oberlin with 23 points, Frank Mulder with seven and Mike Koster with six.

Lowell's game last Tuesday at Ionia was rescheduled due to snow. The new date is Monday, Feb. 16. They played Tuesday at home against Cedar Springs and face Sparta on Friday.

# Lowell/Caledonia varsity hockey pulls off upset against G.R. Christian

Leading the city league undefeated, G.R. Christian thought they had "no worries." In late night action at Jolly Roger Ice Arena on Saturday, Jan. 30, the Lowell/Caledonia Red Arrows proved otherwise.

The Arrows set the tone when Kyle Austin (assist Pat McMahan) scored at 11:43 in the first period. Two minutes later Lowell/Caledonia scored again when Brandon John and Corey Kelly set up Ted

McCoy for the goal. With several penalties, the Red Arrows were still able to score as Josh John (assist Will Holland) outmaneuvered the G.R. Christian goalie. The period ended with the Red Arrows ahead 3-2 but

going into the second period on a five-minute penalty.

GRC got the first goal of the second period. But McCoy (Brandon John, David Maylone) responded, putting the Red Arrows ahead again.

Unfortunately, the Red Arrows received a couple of back-to-back penalties, putting them in a 3 on 5 situation. GRC scored twice more, taking advantage of the man advantage both times.

With play resuming, Brandon John (McCoy) answered the call, bringing the Red Arrows ahead 5-4. GRC scored two more, only to have McCoy (McMahon) get a hat trick and tie the score 6-6 at

the end of the period. The game ended in a tie as McCoy (assists to David Blair, Brandon John) scored, bringing the game to a score of 7-7.

Maylone, Red Arrow goaltender, averted 32 shots in the first two periods and another 10 in the third. Coach Mike Ballard said he "credited the Red Arrow tie to solid teamwork and a restructuring of his three lines."

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Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors.

Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online on ACT's website—<http://www.act.org>. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

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The family of Harold and Greta Kettner wish to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for your many kind words, prayers and cards of sympathy, flowers and contributions to Hospice of Michigan. We appreciate very much your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. Sincerely, The Kettners Harold, Beth & family Michael, Diane & family

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