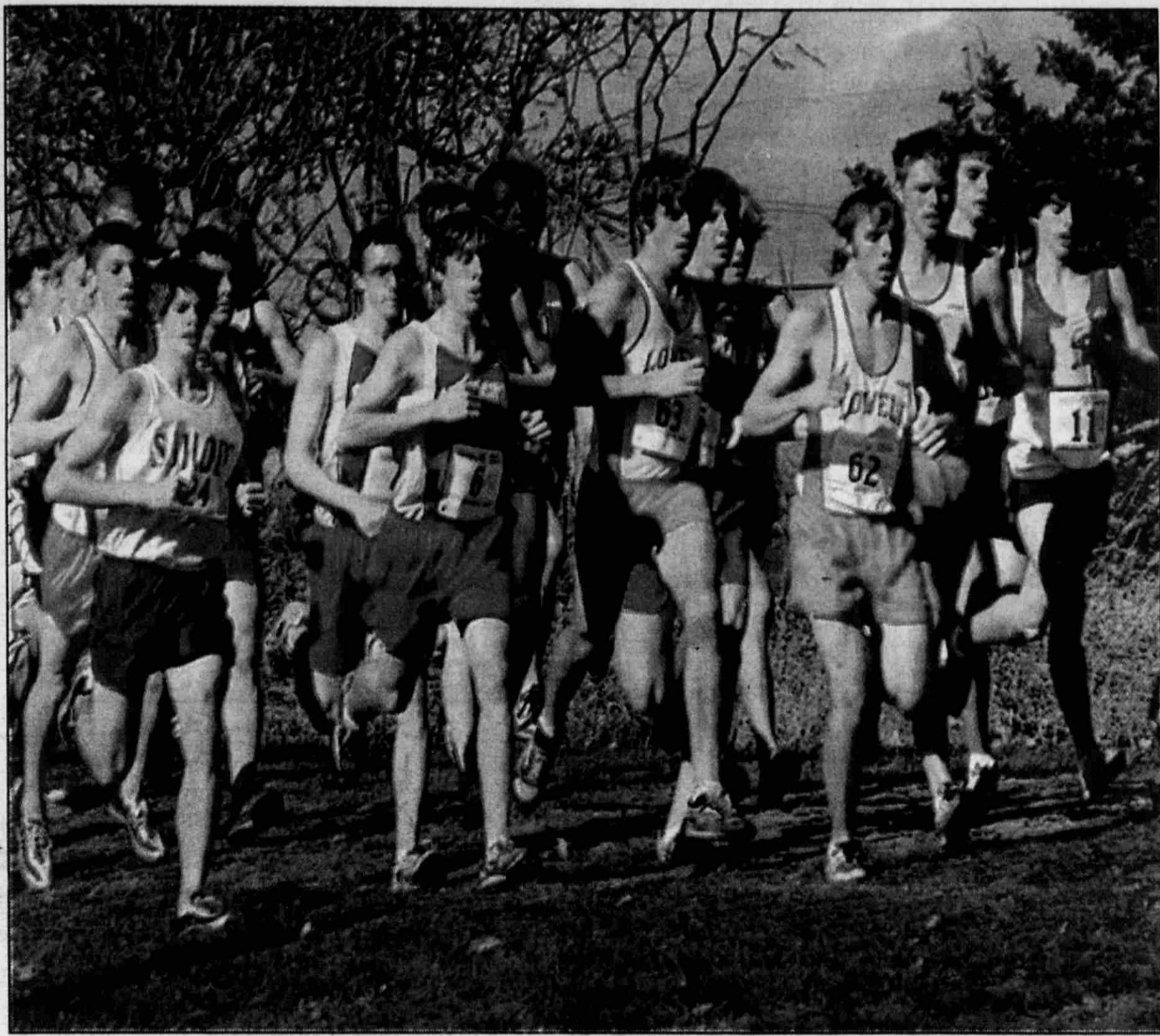


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## On To State!

**L**owell's Mitch Solon, Eric Schumm and Steve Ellison led the Red Arrows off to a strong start in Saturday's division II cross country regional at Lowell High School. Lowell finished third to qualify for the state meet this Saturday.

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## More than trails for the new Lowell Area Recreation Authority

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

launch, and ice skating at Richards Park.

**A**s details behind the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) are put in place, some in the city of Lowell are eyeing the possibility of the authority assuming the care and maintenance of the city parks.

Various groups use the parks, including the YMCA, and while some have agreements to help cover costs of lighting and other needs, the city does not charge a fee to use the fields, said Public Works director Dan DesJarden.

In an era of tightening budgets, the expense of the parks versus those who use them is not adding up. For its 2004-2005 budget, the city is estimating to spend \$114,168.46 on its seven parks which include Creekside, Stoney Lake, Richards, McMahon, Upper Bridge, Recreation Park (the fairgrounds), and Rogers Field, an undeveloped park. The city also receives funding from the Lee Fund, this year totaling \$22,200, which the Parks and Recreation Commission has used on such items as new lighting at Burch Field, gravel for the boat

In a recent study of YMCA participants, the city learned that less than 25 percent were city residents. This has made one city councilman, Jim Pfaller, question whether the parks should be placed under a cooperative with the cost of maintenance shared in much the same way as the city's equipment needs for the fire department.

"Things are tight and I feel we really need to take a look at who is using our parks," said Pfaller.

Recreation authority may take on more than trails, cont'd., pg. 8

## City of Lowell may grow by 177 acres

By Dan Schneider

The first step has been taken toward the annexation of 177 acres of land to the city of Lowell.

On Oct. 13 the state boundary commission certified a petition by DuRay Development, LLC to annex the parcel at the corner of Alden Nash and Vergennes Ave. It is across Alden Nash from Lowell High School.

The boundary commission must review and make a recommendation on the application. This process takes up to nine months and includes a local public hearing.

DuRay has an option to buy the land. It is the agent for the property's owner, Jim

Cook, in the annexation application. The company plans to build a residential development on the site.

"The main advantage is we'd be able to get all the utilities and services from the city of Lowell," DuRay owner Rob Munger said of the annexation.

City services include sewer, water, cable, and police and fire protection.

"It would provide a means to extend services," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "From the city's standpoint, we're supportive ... it provides an opportunity to expand our tax base."

Vergennes, meanwhile, would lose the land and the

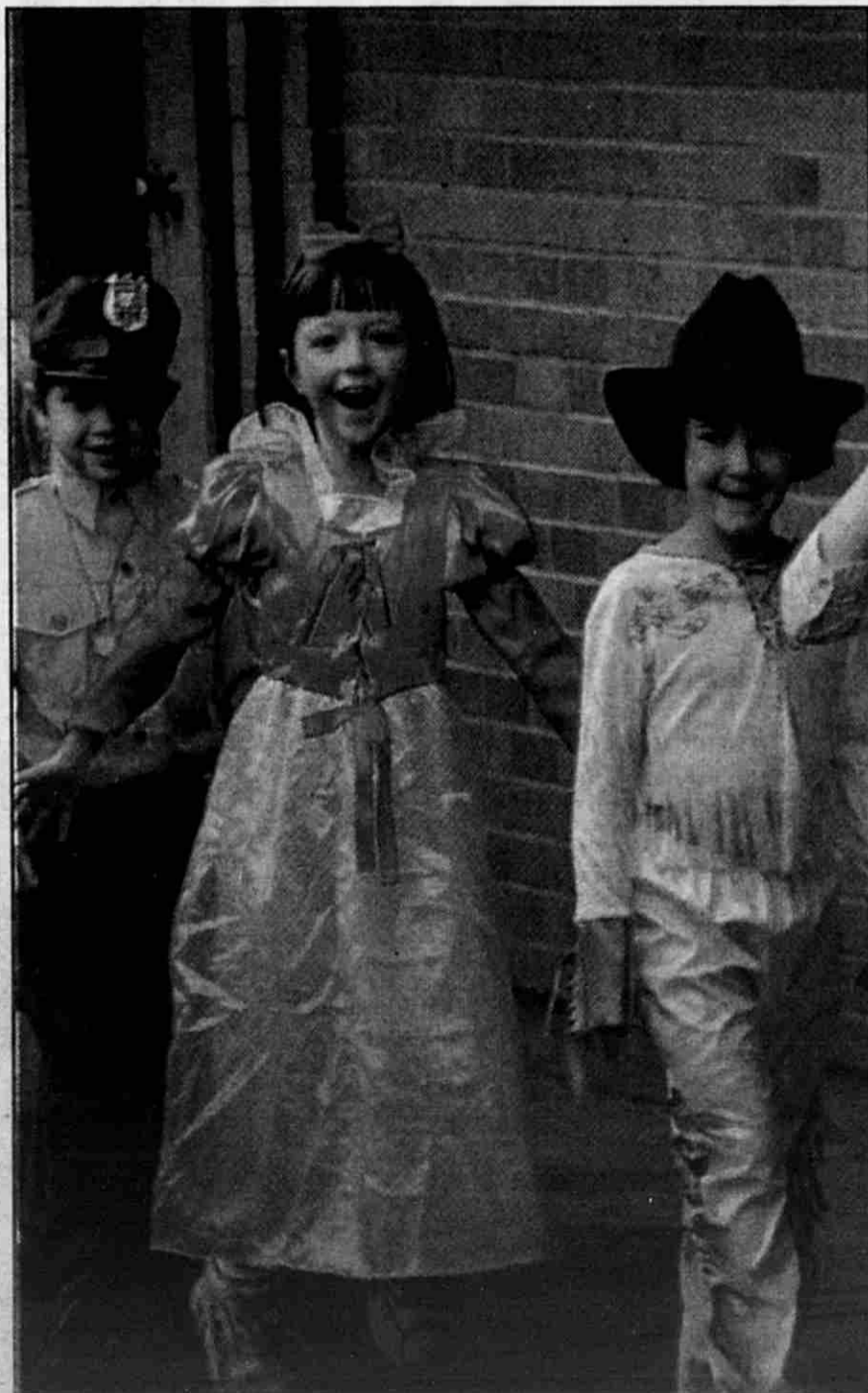
potential for the development to increase its tax base.

"I don't think it will be perceived as a positive thing," Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach said. "It makes the township

smaller. You like to be growing, not shrinking."

The property is in two sections connected at the corners by a small triangle of land.

More land in Lowell, cont'd., pg. 9



## Halloween around town

Kindergartner Avery Cunningham was thrilled to go as Snow White for Halloween, and to be marching in the costume parade at Bushnell Elementary. More pictures of Halloween happenings on pages 10 and 11.

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## OBITUARIES

**BERG** - Margaret I. Berg, aged 81, of Caledonia, formerly of Barryton, died Thursday, October 28, 2004 at Home of Hope in Grand Rapids. She was born April 17, 1923, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Arthur and Esther (Wilson) Adams and graduated from Barryton High School. On December 20, 1941, she married James "Glen" Berg, who preceded her in death in February of this year. Margaret was a loving wife and mother. Surviving are four sons Robert (Mary) of Alto, Donald (Sharon) of Wyoming, David (Roxanne) of Fremont, Larry (Dawn) of Lowell; two daughters Luanne Cunningham of

Lowell, Valerie (Wendel) Haight of Wyoming; 23 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; two sisters-in-law Betty (Robert) Park, Lillian Mondrella, both of Big Rapids; several nieces and nephews. Along with her husband, a brother Roy J. Adams also preceded her in death. Funeral services were held Nov. 1 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with Rev. Steven Stark officiating. Burial in Pine Plains Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Hospice-of-Michigan would be appreciated.

### Lee F. Rich

Feb. 4, 1955 - Oct. 30, 1995

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved one shines down to let us know he is happy.

We will always love and miss you, Lee, Marlene, Dad & Mom, Kirk & Sue, Craig & Sandy, Val & Jay, Your Aunts & Uncles, Your Nephews & Nieces & The Birdies

### SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 16, 2004

Minutes of the October 4, 2004 meeting were approved as written and accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the state trunkline maintenance contract with MDOT from 2004-2009.
- Motion to adopt the resolution declaring intent to reimburse the City cost related to acquisition of custom pumper fire apparatus.
- Motion to approve the expenditure from Harding Enterprises of \$4,500 through the Airport Fund for crack sealing the main runway.
- Motion to approve the cost of \$5,000 to repair the Library with a bid from Great Lakes Systems Inc. allocated from the Library Repair and Maintenance line item within the General Fund.
- Motion to approved Change Order No. 3, - 2003 Sidewalk Project For \$39,611.29 utilizing Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2004.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331

Betty R. Morlock,  
City Clerk  
City of Lowell



**HULL** - Russell Edward Hull, aged 87, of Ionia, passed away October 26, 2004 at Cumberland Manor in Lowell. He was born October 12, 1917 in Gratiot County, the son of William and Mary (Fisk) Hull. Russell married Irma Evans December 27, 1940 in Newport, Kentucky, who preceded

him in death in 1998. He was a WWII Army veteran and a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Ionia. He is survived by his sons Edward (Pam) Hull of Ionia, Douglas (Marilla) Hull of Zeeland; daughters Sharon (Jerry) Hopkins of Belmont, Phyllis (Robert) Bender of Lowell,

Susan (Kenneth) Davis of Ionia, Patricia Misner of Portland; sister Bernice Gilson of Carson City; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held Friday at Church of the Nazarene in Ionia with Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating. Interment Balcom Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Russell's name to Church of the Nazarene or Ionia Area Hospice.

## Winter hazards awareness week

To focus attention on winter safety precautions, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has declared Nov. 7-13 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan.

Heavy snow, extreme cold, ice and wind routinely affect Michigan during winter and individually or together, pose dangers to life and property. However, Michigan residents must remember that it does not necessarily take record-breaking low temperatures or mountains of snow to make winter in Michigan dangerous. The abrupt changes in winter weather are enough to turn en-

joyment of the season into tragedy.

On average, a major winter storm hits part of Michigan at least once per month between October and April. Since 1970, more than 50 persons have died as a direct result of severe winter weather. This is in addition to victims of auto accidents due to slippery roads and those who suffer heart attacks while shoveling snow. The following are frequently asked questions about winter weather.

*What is wind chill?* Wind

chill is the perceived temperature resulting from the effect of wind, in combination with cold air, which increases the rate of heat loss from the human body.

*What is frostbite and how can you treat it?* Frostbite is damage to body tissue caused by a direct result of severe winter weather. This is in addition to victims of auto accidents due to slippery roads and those who suffer heart attacks while shoveling snow. The following are frequently asked questions about winter weather.

*How do you treat hypothermia?* If you have mild to moderate hypothermia (body temp is greater than 90 degrees F., conscious, shivering, able to walk), dry, remove from cold and insulate; rewarm by warming the body core first, rehydrate with warm broth. For severe hypothermia (temp less than 90 degrees F., unconscious, not shivering), seek medical attention immediately.

*What is hypothermia and what are warning signs?* Hypothermia occurs when the body temperature

### SYNOPSIS BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Board Meeting October 18, 2004 - 7:30 p.m.

Motions Approved:  
Minutes approved for September meeting.

List of Invoices approved.

- Motion to retain Law, Weathers, Richardson as legal counsel re: appeal of ZBA decision.
- Motion to approve use of vinyl railing on museum.
- Motion to authorize Treasurer to place delinquent sewer maintenance on tax bills.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE, PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302 or on line at [www.bownetwp.cc](http://www.bownetwp.cc).

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Twp. Clerk

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### SENIOR GRADUATION ITEMS

Jostens will be meeting with seniors on Thursday, Nov. 4 to distribute cap and gown orders and graduation announcement orders. Orders will be due the next week. A deposit of \$50 is required.

### FATHER/SON BASKETBALL CLINIC

Boys in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to a one-day fall shooting clinic on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Lowell High School, 8-10:30 a.m. with coach Jeff McDonald. Registration forms are available: [www.lowellbasketball.com](http://www.lowellbasketball.com)

### HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences at Lowell High School will be on Monday, Nov. 8 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 10 and 11 from 3:30-7p.m. Call 987-2900 with questions.

### WANTED: BINGO PLAYERS

VFW Post 8303 is looking for Bingo players Sunday afternoons. Doors open at 11 a.m. at 3116 Alden Nash Ave. 1st game starts at 1 p.m. Michigan Progressive Game.

### ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The LHS academic boosters will meet Thursday, Nov. 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room of the high school. Call Julie at 897-6353 with questions. All parents are welcome to attend.

### FFA HOG ROAST/AUCTION

The Lowell FFA hog roast and scholarship auction will be held Friday, Nov. 12 at the Lowell High School cafeteria. Meal: 5:30 - 7 p.m.; auction 6:30 p.m. \$5 per person; kids 5 and under are free.

### YEARBOOK CONTEST

Lowell Middle School students need to have their entries in by Nov. 12 for the yearbook cover contest. Submission guidelines are available in the office.

### CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

Fliers are now available for the Christmas shopping event, scheduled for Nov. 19, 20 and 21, at the following locations: River Hollow, Dream Pieces, The Black and White Store, Glass House Designs, Crooked Tree Gallery, Chimera Design/Lowell Fine Jewelers, and Voyages Coffee Shop. Friday hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call the chamber with questions: 897-9161.

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SURVIVING CHRISTMAS (PG-13)  
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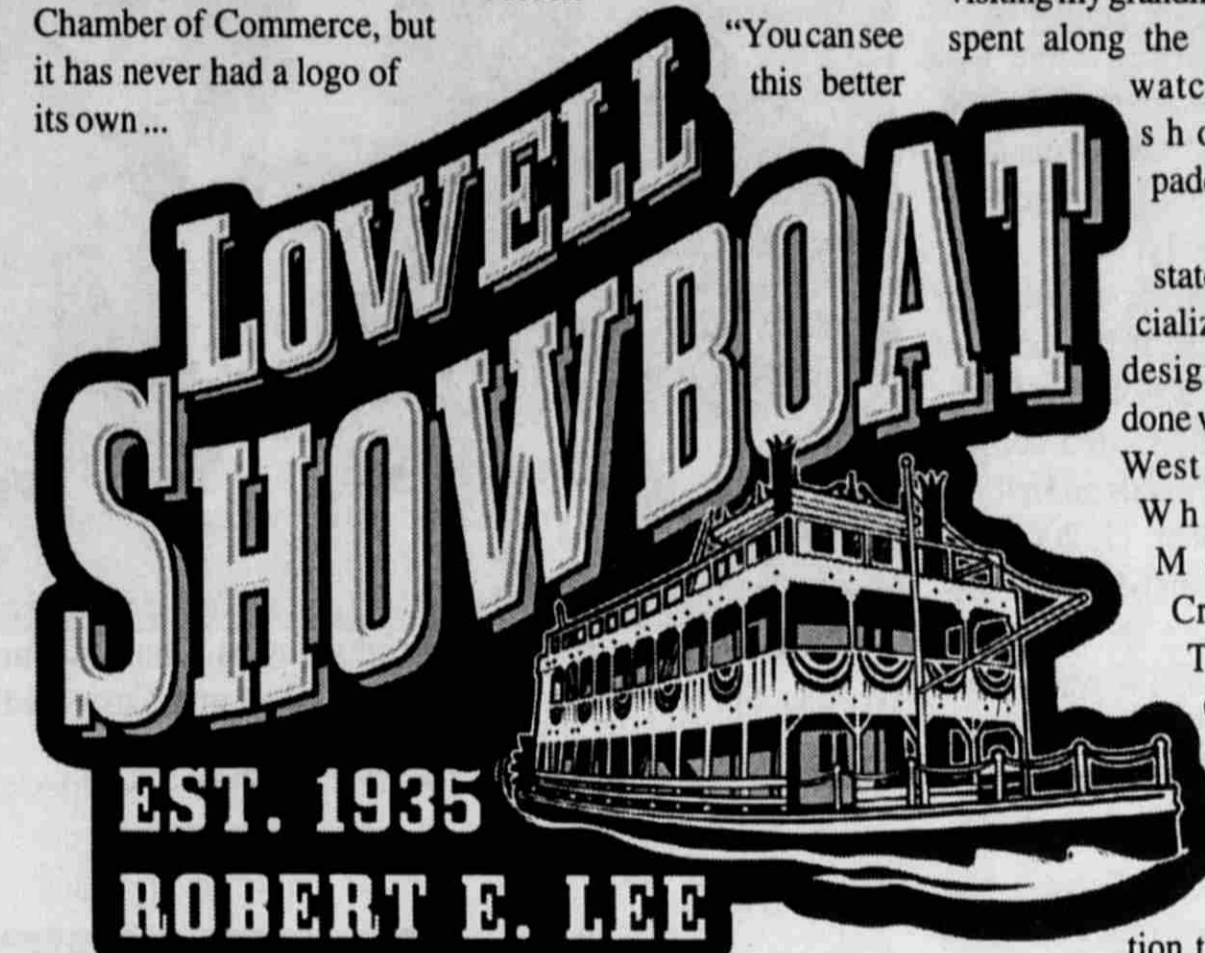
## Showboat to have its own logo

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell showboat has been the main symbol in many city logos from the city's flag to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, but it has never had a logo of its own...

ing that he particularly liked the shadowed letters and the way they appeared to be moving. A couple of other council members said the other choice was a little stark and had no border.

"You can see this better



2004-2005 initiative to repair and repaint the boat. In a letter to Baker, Oesch wrote, "My father's family is from the Lowell area and many weekends of my youth while visiting my grandmother were spent along the Flat River watching the showboat paddle by."

Oesch stated he specializes in logo design and has done work for the West Michigan Whitecaps, Meijer, Creston, and Timber Creek Enterprise. Because of this connection to the Lowell community, he offered to create the logo at no charge to the chamber.

Baker said the logo would be used in promotion of the showboat, which can be rented for various functions including weddings. The logo also gives the facility an identity and meshes with the chamber's other programs such as Lowell Leadership, Expo, and Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, all of which had logos.

Currently the chamber is working to develop a maintenance fund for the showboat by selling ornaments featuring the Robert E. Lee and marking the 25th anniversary of the boat's performance life. The ornaments are \$12 and if the chamber sells all 800, it will raise around \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the fund which is overseen by the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation.

Baker said she felt the city should have the final decision on the logo, since the city owns the showboat.

that is until Monday night.

In a unanimous decision, the Lowell City Council selected one of two drawings presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The designs were created by Grand Rapids' graphic designer Brian Oesch.

"I like 'b' because of its look of nostalgia," said councilman Charles Myers, add-

ferred to create the logo at no charge to the chamber.

from a window," Myers said. "The logo also reprints nicely in both black and white and in color," said chamber executive director Liz Baker, who added that the logo selected was the one the chamber board liked as well.

Oesch contacted Baker in July about creating a logo for the showboat after reading about the Lowell Leadership

## Serne wins award for essay

Katie Serne, a senior at Lowell High School, is the winner of the 2004 essay contest sponsored by state representative Jim Koetje.

The contest, "Why President George W. Bush Should Be Relected as President of the United States of America," was open to all high school seniors, private, public and home schooled in Kent County.

Serne plans to attend Michigan State University next fall and major in pre-veterinary medicine. Upon her enrollment, Koetje will award the \$1,000 scholarship on her behalf.

## Lowell FFA Hog Roast & Scholarship Auction

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
AT THE LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MEAL: 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

\$5 per person, kids 5 & under are free

AUCTION: 6:30 PM

A good place to socialize with friends, meet new people, bid in the auction, and have a GREAT TIME!

The auction will go towards FFA scholarships.

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# Local teens trick-or-treat for the needy

By Dan Schneider

Seven local teens favored wagons and walking shoes to costumes and candy bags this Halloween. Instead of collecting Snickers bars and Starbursts, they made their rounds seeking canned goods such as creamed corn and green beans.

Leara Glinzak, Tanya Baker, Heather Spratt, Mallory Hines, Heather Jousma, Casie Pedley and Kim Kline, all ninth and tenth grade students, met with wagons in the parking lot of Ball's Softee Cream Sunday evening. They pulled the wagons through Lowell neighborhoods collecting canned goods for Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.).

"Some people were kind of shocked," Glinzak said.

"We had one person ask if we were serious."

But people gave them food. Glinzak estimated the group collected more than 500 food items for F.R.O.M.

"We'd like to thank all the people that donated," Glinzak said.

This is the fourth year that Glinzak, 14, has recruited friends to trick-or-treat for the hungry. She started collecting canned goods on Halloween after Sept. 11, 2001.

"She wanted to do something to help the people in New York and Washington," said her mother, Lynnea Glinzak.

She suggested her daughter try a more local approach. "Somehow I wanted to help people and I couldn't just ask for money and send it to New York or anything," Glinzak



Pictured, front row, left to right: Leara Glinzak, Tanya Baker and Heather Jousma; back row, left to right: Heather Spratt, Mallory Hines, Kim Kline and Casie Pedley.

said. "So I decided to just start in my community and help the people out."

F.R.O.M. food pantry director Jody Haybarker said these kinds of efforts help the pantry in more ways than just putting food on its shelves. They also bring attention to F.R.O.M. and its mission.

"They might go to a door and someone might not know that we have a food pantry," Haybarker said.

This is an important time of year for the pantry. They step up efforts every year to bring food in for the holiday

season. F.R.O.M. provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for needy families.

Last year, the pantry distributed 210 food boxes to families in the Lowell area.

Haybarker expects the need to be even greater this year.

five more books in various genres can enter a drawing to win a three-day getaway. Participants can register at the kickoff program as well as at all 18 branches beginning in December. For more information, call 784-2007.

HOP ON THE POLAR EXPRESS With the "Polar Express" movie scheduled to arrive in Grand Rapids this November, all 18 branch libraries are gearing up for a party where kids, ages six and under, will make a reindeer craft, play games and hunt for the magical silver bell.

The program will be at the Alto branch on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. (647-3820) and at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920).

The "Polar Express," by Grand Rapids' author Chris Van Allsburg, is a classic tale of a magical train ride on Christmas Eve.

Adults with a visit from best-selling author Joseph Finder. The event will take place at Frederik Meijer Gardens on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Finder is the author of best-selling thrillers *The Moscow Club*, *Paranoia*, and *Extraordinary Powers*. His fourth novel, *High Crimes*, has been made into a major motion picture starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman.

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Kent District Library kicks off its annual "Let It Snow Reading Club for

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# Viewpoint

## Sharing The Vision

SHARI MILLER  
Lowell Schools Superintendent



One component of our Lowell Area Schools' vision is the physical health of our students. A significant health concern for children in Lowell and across the United States is childhood obesity. Consequently, state and federal legislators are looking at more nutritional school lunches, bans upon high calorie/fat vending machine products sold during school hours, and increased physical activity.

Over the last 30 years, the obesity rate has more than doubled for children from ages 2-5 and 12-19, and more than tripled for children between the ages of 6 and 11. These increased obesity rates may lead to serious health issues for our children as they grow older. For babies born in the year 2000, 30 percent of the boys and 40 percent of the girls are at risk for Type II diabetes. Sixty percent of overweight children run the risk of later developing cardiovascular disease.

We as parents, grandparents, and community members want our children to grow up to be healthy adults. In order for this to happen, we need to pay attention now to the need for healthy meals and increased physical activity for our youth. We have taken a small step in the right direction in

Lowell Area Schools. Our children no longer can buy soft drinks during the lunch hour at the high school. While our food service revenues have decreased due to this change, we are moving in the right direction to better serve the overall needs of our students. We will review ways in which we can offer more nutritional meals and will continue the recess and physical education periods that provide activity for our students.

We also need to take appropriate steps in our homes. Our children (and we as adults) need to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables on a daily basis and make healthy choices when eating from fast food restaurants.

We also need to increase our outdoor activities as individuals and as families. Walking is an easy, accessible and inexpensive method to increase our caloric use and improve our physical stamina. Please take time to consider this article as it relates to your family and children. We want the best for our children and that most definitely includes a healthy lifestyle.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or [smiller@lowellschools.com](mailto:smiller@lowellschools.com) (check out our Web page at [www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com) or make comments to the Board of Education at [boardofed@lowellschools.com](mailto:boardofed@lowellschools.com)



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

## Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS  
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
NOVEMBER 5, 1879

Bring in firewood now to trade for a subscription. The apple crop is wormy and rotting, from the very warm fall early weather.

Diphtheria and scarlet fever have closed schools in the Sand Lake area.

The village barbers' agreement to close on Sundays did not hold.

Four inches of snow last Saturday night.

100 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
NOVEMBER 3, 1904

"The greatest contest in local football history" will be played Saturday, between the Independents teams of Belding and Lowell.

An "immense crowd" meets one train of state candidates and packs Train's Hall, but another train is late so the big parade does not happen.

The Pickle Bachelor Club holds its seventh annual banquet at Train's Hall. Dr. Towlesley is toastmaster.

Thursday afternoon is Ladies Day at the Hotel Waverley bowling alley.

Several Mason "society belles" and their boy friends looted several hen roosts, then had a grand chicken banquet a few days later. Farmers plan action.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND THE ALTO SOLO  
NOVEMBER 7, 1929

The reporter relates the M66 rerouting to the LHS football defeat of Belding, 56-0.

On Nov. 11, the Charles W. Clark Post of the American Legion will sponsor three free showings of a movie at the Strand; in between, the Legion band will play, and a banquet at City Hall will be free to all veterans.

The fight over the "Mill Tax" for roads continues. The city supervisors walked out of the county commission meeting.

The big Lowell-East game will be at 2 p.m. Friday. No school that afternoon, a reward to athletics having interfered very little with school work this year.

Auctioneer A. W. Hilzey says to reserve dates early, as he is very busy this month.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
NOVEMBER 4, 1954

Democrats sweep state offices and G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams is governor.

Lowell's "Gateway" pillars are torn down for M21 widening. They were built of fieldstone in the late '30s by stonemason Harry Edwards, who also built the residence-turned-realty office on the south side of the road.

The new medical building on North Center opens for business.

Several Lowell people attend the Librace concert at Grand Rapids Stadium Tuesday evening.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
NOVEMBER 1, 1979

Dick Beimers closes the gas station he has operated at the corner of Main and Hudson since 1947.

Carol Raymor of Refloat the Showboat contacts Boots Randolph, a favorite past performer, who promises a benefit concert.

Don Rocheleau of Attwood Corp. is elected chairman of the Boating Industry Association of America.

Neighbors harvest Harold Rittenger's corn for him while he is laid up with open-heart surgery.

Fall colors are gorgeous, signaling time to remove the Main Street planters to aid snow removal.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Thanks so much for Dan Schneider's nice article about my book "Enslaved By Ducks" in the Oct. 27 issue. I'm very impressed by Dan and by his writing.

Bob Tarte

## Financial Focus

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### AVOID PUTTING TOO MUCH COMPANY STOCK IN 401(K)

Here's a scary statistic: Nearly 58 percent of Enron employees' 401(k) assets were invested in Enron stock as it fell 98.8 percent in value during 2001, according to the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). And here's a still more frightening piece of information: Even after the fall of Enron, many employees have maintained even larger percentages of their 401(k) assets in their company stock.

Of course, Enron was an extreme example; most companies don't flame out in that fashion. Yet, almost all companies go through ups and downs—and, if you're overloaded on company stock, these "downs" can take a pretty good whack at your 401(k) balance.

To complicate matters, your employer may use various methods to encourage you to make company stock a significant part of your 401(k). For one thing, you may be able to buy the stock for less than the current market price—and it's hard to resist the temptation of a "good deal." Also, you may be able to defer a higher percentage of your salary to your 401(k) if you're buying company stock. And your employer may even choose to make matching contributions in stock, rather than cash.

You need to be aware of this potential institutional "bias"

toward using your employer's stock in your 401(k). Even if your company is truly worth investing in, you'll be doing yourself a favor by limiting your exposure to company stock. In fact, many experts recommend that you limit company stock to no more than 10 percent of your 401(k) portfolio.

Diversify. Diversify. Diversify.

To avoid getting "bogged down" with company stock, you'll need to make a conscious effort to spread your 401(k) dollars among the various investment options in your plan. Diversification is the key to investment success outside your 401(k)—and it's just as important within your plan, too.

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With all these choices, how can you know the proper way to diversify your 401(k)? Actually, there's no one "right" answer for everyone. To effectively allocate your assets inside your 401(k), you need to take into account your tolerance for risk and time horizon. So, for example, if you are by nature an aggressive investor, you'll probably want to weight your 401(k) more heavily toward the stock accounts. Also, if you're just starting out in your career, you have a lot of time to overcome any "down" periods in the market, so you might want to invest more aggressively than you would if you were nearing retirement. It's a good idea to review your 401(k) asset allocation at least once a year to see if it still fits your needs and goals.

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When I drive around during election season, I try to count political signs. It is my informal way of "polling the neighborhoods." Of course, it is not very scientific. In fact, the outcome depends on my route, what neighborhoods I drive through, and

A garden wedding at Shady Acres was the setting for the September 11, 2004 wedding of Nicole DeVries and Adam Robinson. Parents of the couple are Doug and Doreen DeVries of Lowell and Shirley Robinson of Belding and the late Frank Robinson.

Maid of honor was Alicia Eisentrager, bridesmaid was Shanen Karsen and flower girl was Hannah Robinson.

Myron Palmer served as best man with Chad Remelts as groomsmen. Mike DeVries was usher and Tyler Robinson.

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how many signs were stolen the night before. The nice thing about my polling method is that if I do not like the outcome by the time I reach my destination, I can always go around the block until I get a favorable result.

Many people I know are sick of the polls, the pundits, and the pandering. In fact, I have heard of several people who are so sick of the mud slinging they are not even going to vote this year. It is very disheartening to me when I hear people of faith with this kind of attitude. One person said that no candidate will be able to cure the ills of society so he's not even going to bother to vote. This person followed that shocking statement with something about authority and "Giving to God what is God's."

True enough, the text referenced, Luke 20:25, is about giving God the authority he deserves. However, this same text also says, and it is Jesus speaking, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's." Jesus was saying that the religious leaders of his day had a civic responsibility to recognize the authority of their political leader. This was in addition to their religious responsibility to God. In the first century, people did not have a vote for Caesar. If they would have had an election, there would have been only one candidate on the ballot and Caesar would have had a landslide victory.

Tuesday we had an election. Hopefully by now we have settled the outcome. My one prediction is that it was not a landslide victory. While apathetic voters may have played a small part in this, I'm sure there are other reasons. In terms of who really governs our life, one thing is for sure, as I drive around during election season I never see many "Vote for Jesus" signs in people's yards. Is this because the voters are apathetic in this area too? Or were all those signs simply stolen?

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# Lowell High School students sample the real world of business

By Dan Schneider

The cognitively impaired (CI) class at Lowell High School could probably open its own restaurant by now.

For the last six weeks, they have spent Tuesday mornings getting the buffet ready for the lunch crowd at Vitale's

Pizzeria and Pub in Ada. They divide and conquer various tasks, from filling the ice bin behind the bar to organizing the salt and pepper shakers—the pepper must always be set south of the salt.

"We actually take over the whole bar area and restaurant,

and the kids do everything," said teacher Keith Boeve.

They cook food, preferring to make large breadsticks. They clean the walls and when they're finished, the dining room looks the best it's looked all week.

"We get so much extra work done ... this place gets detailed when they're here," said Vitale's server Emily Janes, who gets the restaurant ready to open the other days of the week. The work improves motor skills and builds

the students' confidence in their job skills.

"The kids have looked at the waitress and said, 'You know what, I think I could do that,'" Boeve said.

Four of the students are in the hospitality program at the Kent Transition Center, so working at a restaurant Tuesday mornings fits into that training. For the other CI students, the experience helps make connections with things learned in the classroom.

"Many of them are concrete learners and this helps them take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real world experiences," said Pam Thomas, Lowell Area

Schools director of educational support services.

"We're trying to make this connection for them because it doesn't always happen on its own."

The CI class spends mornings in the classroom studying standard academic subjects; afternoons are spent doing vocational studies. Vitale's work hour is in the morning because that is when owners' Angela and Joe Policci need the work done.

Boeve said the class tries to make at least two field trips per week. Trips this year have included an all-day camping trip and a trip to Klackle's Orchards.

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### TYLENOL POISONING

Many people believe that if a medicine does not require a prescription, then it must be very safe. There is not a better example of this than Tylenol (acetaminophen). This medicine is used in many different products available over the counter. The most common uses are for pain, fevers, and headaches. Unfortunately, this drug can have serious side effects if taken chronically and in large doses.

Acetaminophen is metabolized by the liver. In doses larger than four grams in a 24-hour period, the liver is unable to process the drug. This results in the death of liver cells. Chronic use is also very hard on the kidneys. Those who already have underlying kidney or liver disease, or consume alcohol on a chronic basis, are very much at risk for damage due to this drug. I typically see at least one person a week who is taking over four grams of Tylenol per day, usually for chronic headaches.

Acute overdosing is especially dangerous. Symptoms do not usually appear until 10 to 12 hours later and are nonspecific (nausea, vomiting, decreased appetite). The liver continues to die over several days, and results in total liver failure and death.

As you can see, Tylenol is a drug that can have serious side effects. If you are taking other medicines, or have liver or kidney disease, please follow the dosing guidelines, or see your doctor to address any concerns.

## Osteoporosis prevention starts early

In a report released in October, the United States Surgeon General announced a nationwide call-to-action to address a serious, yet "silent" health problem: osteoporosis. By 2020, one in two Americans over age 50 have or will be at high risk of developing osteoporosis if steps are not taken now to prevent this disease. While often thought of as a disease affecting older adults, osteoporosis is now recognized as a pediatric disease with geriatric consequences.

The core components include a calcium-rich diet, particularly from milk and

products, physical activity, preventing falls, and having osteoporosis detected and treated early. The report emphasizes the need to begin prevention at a very young age as children and teenagers are at high risk of developing osteoporosis because of a calcium-poor diet. The increase in soft drinks and the decline in milk consumption are identified as major factors contributing to low calcium intakes.

How does osteoporosis affect Michigan residents? According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1.5 million Michigan men and

women, aged 50 and over, had osteoporosis and low bone mass in 2002. By 2020, the incidence is predicted to jump to 1.9 million.

For the past six years, Michigan has been hard at work to help reverse this trend. The Michigan Osteoporosis program aims to reduce the prevalence of osteoporosis and related fractures through consumer awareness and education, community interventions, and health professional education and tools. It reaches out to schools, osteoporosis clinics, hospitals and health departments. Since the program's inception, thou-

sands are eating healthier, becoming more physically active, and being diagnosed and treated for low bone mass at an earlier stage. Once considered a normal part of the aging process, it is now recognized as a largely preventable and treatable disease. The key is prevention.

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## Recreation authority may take on more than trails...Continued From Page 1

He added that he would like to see that the costs are equally divided among the municipalities whose citizens are enjoying the park facilities.

Currently, according to Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson, a soccer group does pay a fee to use the Grand River Riverfront Park, the township's park. Timpson said the group sets up for an entire season in the park. Ver-

gennes Township only has Fallasburg Park, which is operated by the county.

The idea of an authority overseeing recreation programs is not new to the area. Several years ago, the city of Lowell, the townships of Vergennes and Lowell, and Lowell Area Schools when Bert Bleke was superintendent, looked into the possibility that focused on creating a pool facility as well. Costs at

that time placed the idea on the back burner.

The new LARA is designed to develop and maintain trail routes within the three municipalities. While school officials have discussed the program, the school district will not be part of the author-

ity, said city manager David Pasquale.

"They could be added in the future," he explained, "but currently the terms only include the three [municipalities]."

Pasquale said adding the

city's parks to the authority jurisdiction is also another possibility, but for now the group working on the authority wants to first get it established and underway before looking to add additional responsibilities.

The three municipalities, the city of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township, are scheduled to review and vote on the Lowell Area Recreational Authority at their Nov. 15 meetings.



### Vintage Mustangs alongside new models at local dealership

Premiere Night at Harold Zeigler Ford last Thursday evening featured new models as well as 17 vintage Mustangs from the West Michigan Mustang Club. The five new models introduced were the Ford 500, Freestyle, Escape Hybrid, F Series Super Duty, and the Mustang. The new Mustang was a big hit. The Mustang debuted in 1965 and the 2005 Mustang reflects the look of the early Mustangs with modern technology.

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**DEAR JONATHAN:** I am a widow. I was told by a friend that I should put my house in my trust for probate avoidance. Does this make sense? What happens if I want to sell my house? How is the transfer completed? Do I lose any control - I don't want someone else telling me what I can and cannot do on my own home.  
**JONATHAN SAYS:** Yes. If the house is titled solely in your name and remains that way through the date of death, then the house would have to go through probate prior to passing to the beneficiaries named in your will or trust. If you want to avoid having the house probated, then you can transfer the house to your trust while you are alive. By doing so, the house will not need to go through probate upon your death. If, in fact, you are attempting to have your estate avoid being probated at your death, then it would make sense to transfer your house, along with other assets, to your trust while you are alive.  
If you ever want to sell your home, having the trust being the owner of the house would not be a problem. You would simply sell the home out of the trust. In this regard, the trustee

of the trust would be the seller on the buy/sell agreement, the closing documents and deed delivered at closing.

I assume from your question that you have a living trust already in existence. If not, you will need to first create a living trust. Once the trust is in existence, then a deed needs to be prepared transferring the home from your name to your trust. If you are your own trustee, then the deed needs to be made out to you as trustee of your trust. Once you have created the deed transferring your home to your trust, you should:

- Execute the deed and record it with the county register of deed's office.
- Prepare and file a property transfer affidavit with the city assessor's office notifying them of the transfer to your trust. This should be done within 45 days of the date of the transfer.

The filing of a property transfer affidavit advises the assessor that a "transfer of ownership" has taken place and, if there is no applicable exemption available, allows the assessor to uncap the property's taxable value for the purpose of reassessing that property. However, there is an applicable exemption available for a person who transfers their home to their trust of which they are the sole beneficiary. Consequently, there is no transfer of ownership and no uncapping of the property's taxable value will be required. In order to take advantage of this exemption, you must check off the applicable section of the property transfer affidavit so as to advise the assessor that the transfer is from yourself to your trust and that it is not a transfer of ownership.

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## More land in Lowell, continued...From Page 1

The southeastern section abuts on the city boundary at Cherry Creek Elementary's property line. The land is currently in an open, grassland state, with rolling hills and tree lines.

The development will likely be built in three sections, according to Munger, with starter, mid-level and high end houses.

"There's not going to be any mobile homes on the site," Munger said. "There's going to be an overall architectural scheme to it, that way we can preserve the integrity of the property and the open space and everything."

DuRay intends to contract with an out-of-state architectural firm to design the project.

Munger said the layout will stress walkability.

"We want to tie into the (proposed Lowell Area Trailway) trail system and that would allow children to walk to the high school," Munger said.

He said the development

will likely be built in one phase as a planned unit development. The earliest that construction could begin would be in the fall of 2005. DuRay has completed developments in Caledonia, Hastings and Rockford among other locations.

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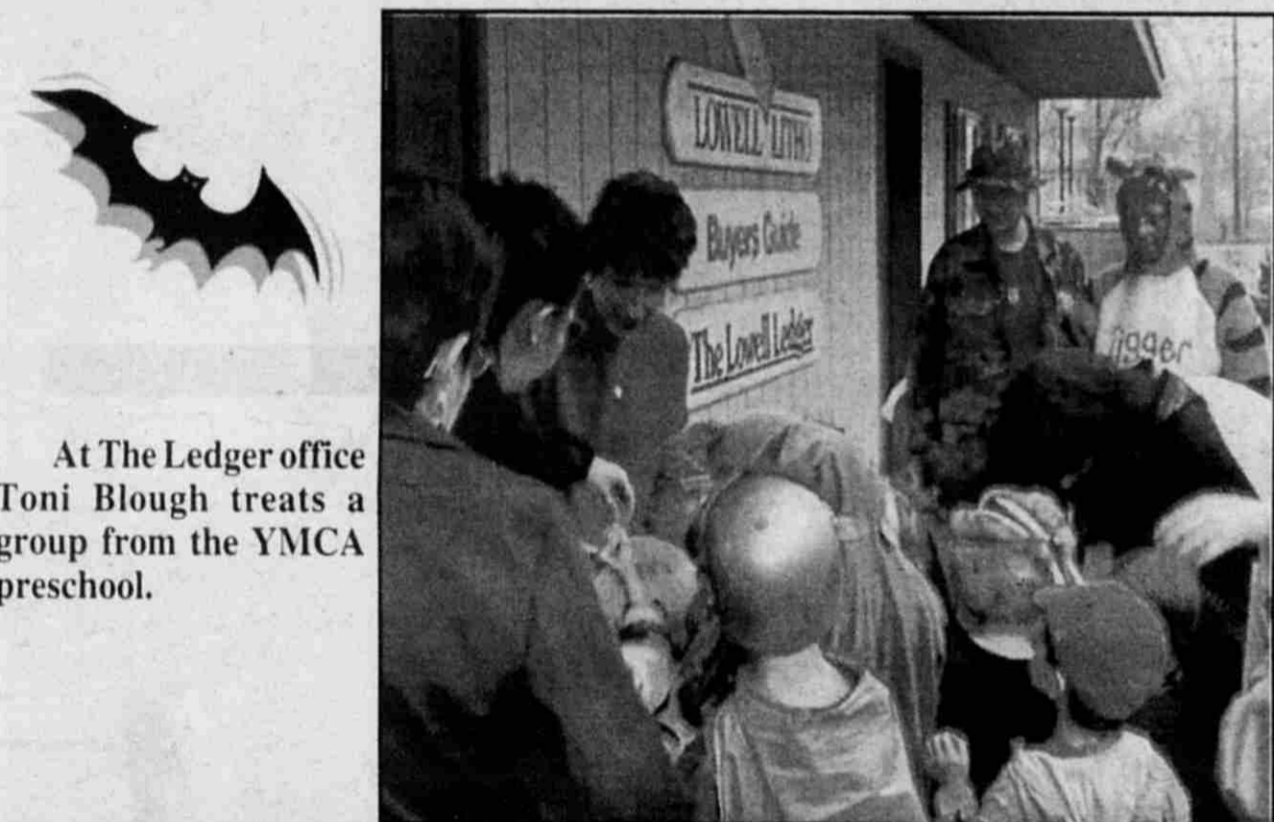
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# Cloaked, costumed & camouflaged-all ages celebrate Halloween



Above, from left to right: a small bee marches in the parade; costumed kids parade outside Bushnell Elementary Friday for Halloween and though cowboys are given wider acclaim in stories of the Wild West, chicken-riders are at least given their due on Halloween, as evidenced by preschooler Colby DeVries' costume.



At The Ledger office Toni Blough treats a group from the YMCA preschool.



At left, hippies Michelle and Brian Ellison, and above Marianne Menger and Brett Kincaid frolic at the Lowell Area Arts Council's Masquerade party. At right, George Bush (aka our own Dan Schneider) with his blue ribbon for "Scariest Costume."



# And the winner is...

We picked the staff at Ionia County National Bank who dressed up as pirates and maidens for their "dedication to theme." We're not too sure about that batman. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: James Summers, Linda Stewart, MaryBeth Rosekrans, Dave Lane and Barb Williams. On the pirate ship are Denise Amidon and Marilyn McDougall. The pirate ship was returned to the Lowell High School marching band in time for Friday's halftime performance. For their efforts they will be treated to pizza lunch, courtesy of Faro's Pizza.

Below the staff at Cumberland Retirement Village caused confusion for motorists after clocking out of work last Friday. They are, from left, Sally, Kelly, Melissa, Cindy, Heather, Dee, Luann, Lynette, Missy, Cassie, Jennifer, Carrie, Casey, Al, Leonna and Rick.



Below, Amanda Geiger, a fairy, and Jeff Mullins, a pirate at Lowell Light and Power.



At left, Doctor Jim Reagan's office dressed for an eclectic Halloween. Front row, from left are: Dr. Jim, Lori, Becky, Gail and Rebecca; back row: Carrie and Jean.



At right, Suzie Reinbold (a cross between the Marlboro Man, a hillbilly moonshiner, and a gold prospector) and hippie Nick Thornton celebrate Halloween at the Hoppough and Associates Coldwell Banker Office.

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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief, may submit by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

**SUN.:** V.F.W. Post 8303 Bingo. Doors open: 11 a.m.; 1st game: 1 p.m. at Lowell Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except holidays.

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

**MON.:** Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

**MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

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

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

**2ND MON.:** Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

**3RD MON.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

**3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

**3RD MON.:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

**4TH MON.:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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

**TUES.:** Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce@imagesofvision.com.

**TUES.:** Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**TUES.:** Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

**1ST TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

**2ND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

**2ND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call Sandy 285-0621 or June 231-780-1249 for more information.

**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.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meets at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments are served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

**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. Call 897-8694.

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

**WED.:** 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at Lowell First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

**WED.:** Lowell Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., 5-12 yrs. 897-8800.

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

**2ND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Woman's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

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

**THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

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

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

**1ST THURS.:** Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m., Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus Multipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller Ave. N.E.

**1ST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

**2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.-?

**2ND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** 4 Health Wellness Center in

Saranac. Parent Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for information.

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

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

**3RD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

**3RD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30.

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

**FRI.:** Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

**2ND SAT.:** Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**2ND 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.

**FRI., SAT. AND SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** WED., NOV. 3: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Check; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

**THURS., NOV. 4:** 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Sav-A-Lot.

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Tues.- Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

**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.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:**

Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

**THURS., NOV. 4:** Lowell Vergennes Cooperative Club, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickert, Shirley Weeks. Make reservations for Dec. 2 Christmas dinner, 12 p.m. now; \$7 per person.

**SAT., NOV. 6:** Father/son basketball clinic at LHS, 8-10:30 a.m. 4th-6th grades. Call coach Jeff McDonald at 987-2907 with questions.

**SAT., NOV. 6:** Almost new sale, 9 a.m. - noon at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to participate.

**SAT., NOV. 6:** St. Patrick/Parnell craft show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch, baked goods, raffles. Booths still available. Proceeds for altar supplies.

**SAT. & SUN., NOV. 6-7:** Rockford Sportman's Club annual hunter sight-in days, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Northland Dr. between 13 and 14 Mile roads. \$5 per gun requested.

## LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 897-5949

**MON.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**TUES.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**WED., NOV. 3:** 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Check; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

**THURS., NOV. 4:** 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Sav-A-Lot.

**FRI., NOV. 5:** 9 a.m. Bowling; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

**MON., NOV. 8:** 11 a.m. Prescription Discounts; 12 p.m. Salad & Pizza; 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

**TUES., NOV. 9:** 10:30 a.m. Out & About Program.

**WED., NOV. 10:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Russ's."

**THURS., NOV. 11:** 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside Complex.

**FRI., NOV. 12:** 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch at Grandville.

**WED., NOV. 10:** Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE family style turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; ages 5-12: \$2.

**THURS., NOV. 11:** Academic boosters meet at 8:30 a.m. in volunteer room of high school. Parents are welcome.

**FRI., NOV. 12:** Lowell FFA hog roast and auction at high school cafeteria. Meal: 5:30-7 p.m.; auction: 6:30; \$5 per person; kids 5/under are free.

**FRI., NOV. 12:** Deadline for Lowell Middle School students to get yearbook cover contest submissions in. Guidelines in the office.

**SAT., NOV. 13:** Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds, in Foreman Building, 10-11 a.m. Bring box or bag for mostly produce by F.R.O.M.

**NOV. 19, 20, 21:** Christmas Through Lowell. Flyers available at local merchants. Call 897-9161 with questions.

**SAT., NOV. 20:** Lowell First United Methodist Church craft fair (9-3 p.m.) and luncheon (11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) Booths are still available. Call Joyce at 897-7259.

# LHS November Students of the Month

Lowell High School students were recently selected by several departments to be November Students of the Month. The following students are to be congratulated:

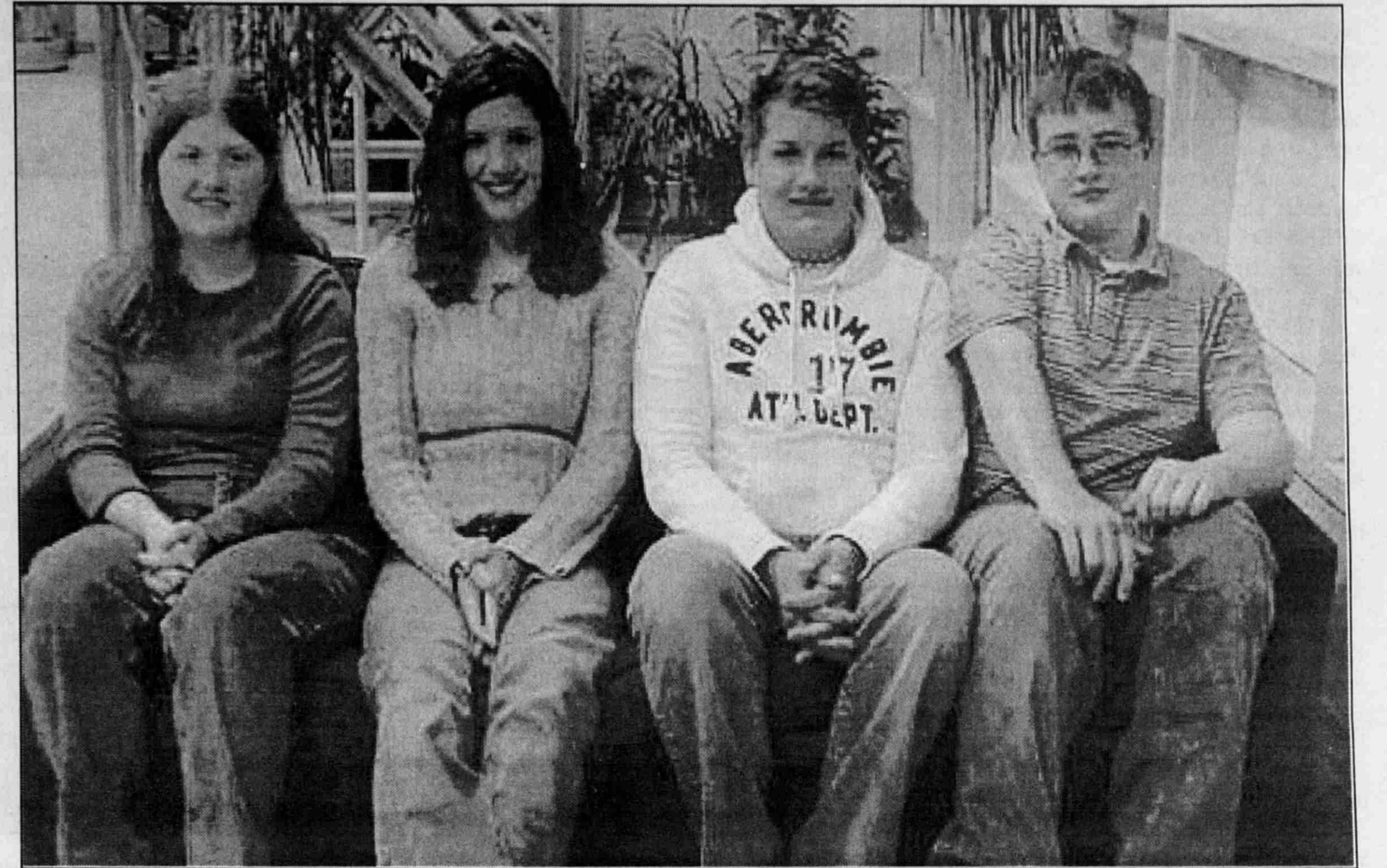
**Kevin Eggebeen** was selected by the Science Department. A senior, he is the son of Kim and Diane Eggebeen of Lowell. He is active in Model UN, LAS Outreach, Rotary and National Honor Society. In addition, he is employed at Meijer. Eggebeen plans to attend MSU next year, majoring in chemistry. His teacher nominator says he is an outstanding student, well organized and does detailed, thorough work.

**Maliree Trierweiler** was chosen by the Life Management Department. The senior is a member of Student Council, Lady Arrows Varsity Club and the LHS varsity soccer team. She is also employed at The Crown Jewel spa. Trierweiler plans to attend college next year to study nursing. Her teacher nominator says she is a pleasant and excellent student to have in class who takes a leadership role in group projects and makes sure things are done with excellence in mind. She is the daughter of Mark and Maliree Trierweiler of Alto.

**Bradley C. Koza** was the choice of the Social Studies Department. He is the son of Jim Koza and Maryann Courter of Lowell. Koza is active in the LHS band as head clarinet, LAS Outreach and International Club. He plans to attend GRCC next year and study architecture. His teacher nominator says he is doing a great job in U.S. Government. His grade is as high as his interest and he participates consistently and positively.

**Heather VanderHeide** is being honored by the English Department. The senior is the daughter of Mark and Tammy VanderHeide of Lowell. She participates in marching band, Destination Imagination and Art Club. VanderHeide plans to attend Cornerstone University next year. Her teacher nominator says she shows wonderful comprehension of difficult material.

VanderHeide is also active in helping her fellow classmates understand concepts, motifs and symbolism, both in small group work and whole-group discussion.



The November students of the month are pictured, left to right: Heather VanderHeide, Maliree Trierweiler, Brad Koza and Kevin Eggebeen.

## Legal Ease, continued...From Page 9

You should also check with your assessor to determine whether they will require you to file a new principal residence exemption (formerly known as homestead exemption). Some assessors require this form and others don't. This exemption allows the owner of a principal residence to receive a principal residence exemption from school taxes.

You should also contact your homeowner insurance agent for the purpose of naming the trust as the insured on your homeowners insurance policy. You want to make sure that if you ever have to file a claim against your homeowner insurance policy that the correct titleholder of the property is the named insured on the policy.

Assuming you are the sole trustee of your trust, then so long as you are the sole trustee, you totally control all assets owned by your trust, including your house. Consequently, you don't have to worry about someone else controlling your property once it is transferred to your trust.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney to further discuss how to go about making the

transfer of your home to your trust and to make sure that the deed and other documents that need to be prepared are prepared properly.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES:

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Full day for students

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES:

3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Full day for students

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2004  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES:

3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Full day for students

## COLLEGE NEWS

**Justin Peterson**, a freshman at Albion College, is a new member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service.

The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service. Institute members come from all academic majors and complete course work concerning political science, history and ethics.

Peterson is a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Kay Oligney of Lowell.

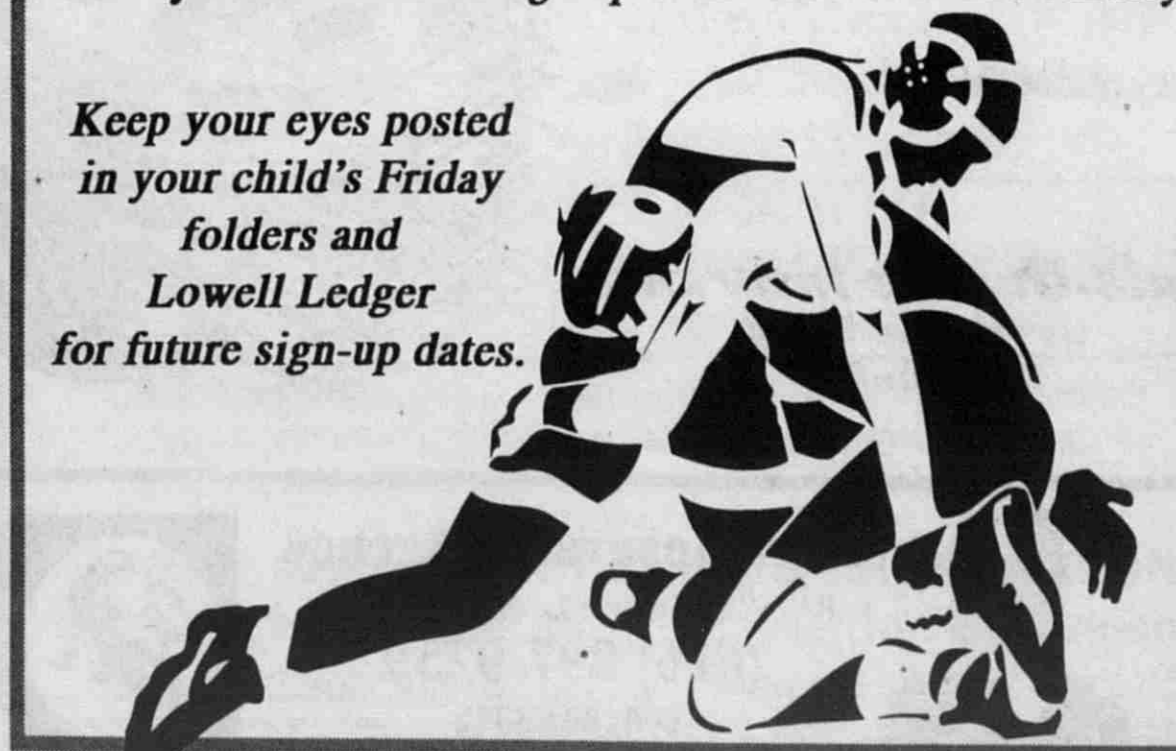
## LOWELL YOUTH WRESTLING SIGN-UPS

Please bring a copy of your Birth Certificate if you have not been a Lowell Wrestling Club member in the past 2 years.  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 • 6:00 -7:00 PM**  
At The Middle School Gym Mezzanine Loft Area  
Cost: Folkstyle (Nov-Feb) - \$50  
Freestyle (Feb-May) - \$75  
Combination - \$85

**Voluntary Practice On November 11, 18 & 23**  
6:00-7:30 PM  
At The Middle School  
(prep for those who wish to participate in early season December tournaments)

**SECOND SIGN-UP DATE**  
**NOVEMBER 30**  
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## Boys x-country bound for state meet - girls finish 8th at regionals

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys cross country team earned a trip to the state meet Saturday.

The Red Arrows ran on their home course to a third-place, state-qualifying position in the division two regionals. They finished behind East Grand Rapids and regional champions Grand Rapids Christian.

"This is probably one of the best races we've run all season," said Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf.

This is the first boys team to go to state since 1991.

Lowell's top finishers at the regionals were Eric Schumm (ninth, 17:37), Steve Ellison (12th, 17:45), Andy Mark (29th, 18:24), Jon Riddle (30, 18:25), Mitch Solon (31, 18:31), Kenny Hayes (61, 19:29) and Casey Randolph (75, 20:07).

"That's what we needed to have in there to make a run at the finals," said VanderWarf.

Heavy wind slowed down all the teams at the regional, keeping Mark, Riddle and Solon from breaking into the 17s.

"Even though their times were in the 18s, their times likely would have been in the 17s had it not been so windy," VanderWarf said.

The team had been training to peak at the regionals to secure a shot at state.

"We've been doing a lot of speed work and hills to get them ready for this stage," said VanderWarf. "I was real happy for them that they finally get to experience the finals there at the speedway."

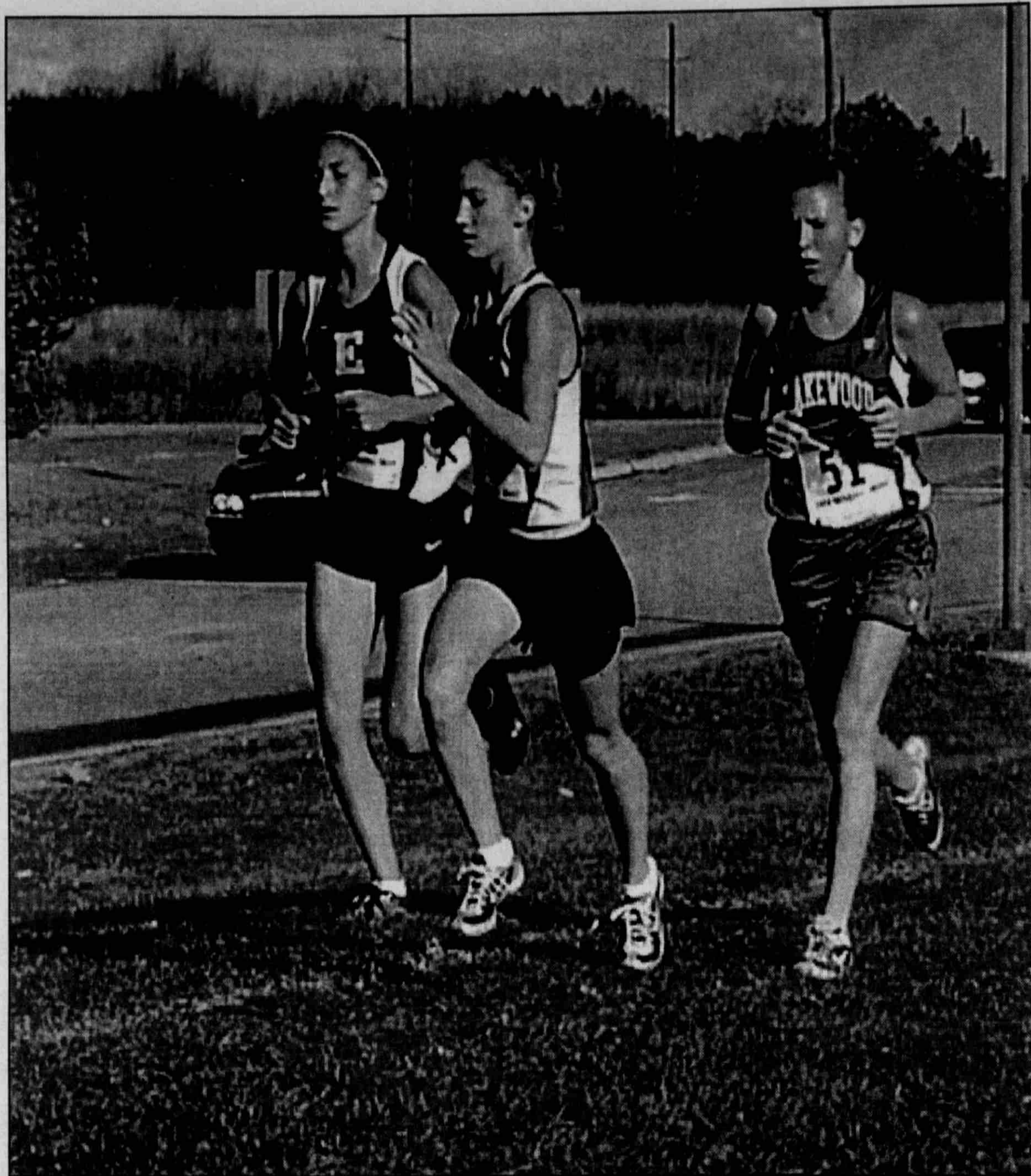
Lowell's team score was 108. Christian won with 65 while East's runners added up to 90. Lowell finished ahead of Grand Rapids Catholic Central, whose team total was 125.

The Red Arrow girls team finished eighth in the division two regional. With a team score of 183, they were right behind seventh-place Grand Rapids Catholic Central, whose score was 181. East Grand Rapids was the girls regional champion in the division.

Lowell's top finishers were Karen Judd (23rd, 21:25), Monica Fitzpatrick (27th, 21:35), Abbie Debiak (31st, 21:49), Emily Gerard (50th, 22:56) and Rebekah Woods (52nd, 23:00).

Lowell also hosted the division three regional. Grand Rapids West Catholic won the boys regional championship; Allendale won the girls.

The boys division two cross country state finals will take place Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Michigan International Speedway in Brookly, Mich.



Lowell's Karen Judd runs ahead of two competitors in Saturday's girls division II cross country regional. Judd led the girls team, taking 23rd in the race in 21:25.

## Clinic held at LHS for young hoopsters

Aspiring Red Arrows are shooting for the hoop during a basketball clinic hosted at Lowell High School on Saturday.

"It's a shooting clinic but we work on squaring up, we work on v-cuts, and we work

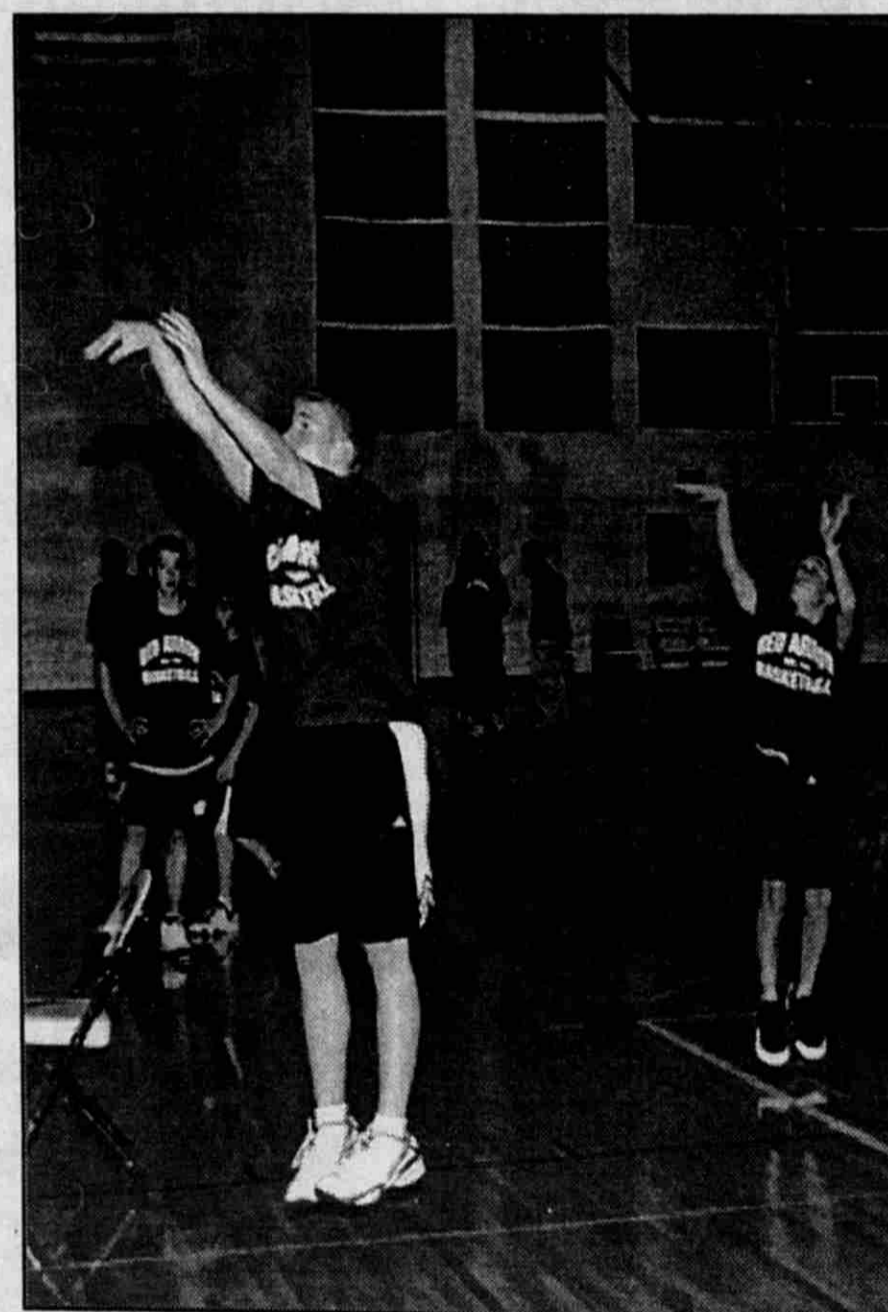
on a lot of screens to get our teammates open," explained Lowell boys varsity basketball coach Jeff McDonald.

In its fourth year, this year the clinic was a father-son event. Parents were in attendance with notebooks in hand to take down suggestions and drills for the driveway back home.

"I think it's invaluable that we have someone at home who can work with you and teach you the fundamentals of shooting," said McDonald.

There were 58 seventh and eighth graders in attendance at the clinic. Eight coaches and 12 high school players assisted.

"I think shooting is the name of the game and I want our kids to take pride in their



shooting form," McDonald said.

Another clinic will be held this Saturday for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. It will take place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in both gyms at the high school. The cost is \$30 which includes a T-shirt and entrance to all of this year's home varsity basketball games.

### THANK YOU

I wish to thank my wife, family, friends, Lowell Rotary Club and arts council, and I especially want to thank our office staff and customers during my surgery and time of recovery.

Dale Triplett



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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.  
—William Morrow

## Lowell rocks Greenville (again) in district opener

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrows charged into the 2004 football playoffs Friday, beating Greenville even more convincingly than when the teams met during OK White conference play. The final score was 56-0.

Lowell wasted no time on offense. Their first play of the game was a Keith Nichol pass to Mike Koster for 66 yards and a touchdown.

The Yellow Jacket defense slowed the Red Arrows for the rest of the first quarter. They forced a punt and later took over on downs at the start of the second. But Frank Mulder regained possession quickly for Lowell. He intercepted Greenville quarterback Jake Waldorf's pass and ran the ball back 47 yards for the touchdown. Greenville blocked the extra-point kick.

The second quarter was all Lowell's. After exchanging fumble recoveries with Greenville, the Arrows scored on their next drive. It was another pass to Koster, this time for 43 yards. Nichol also connected with Koster for the two-point conversion. At the end of the next drive, Nichol was running to the left and completed a slick, short pass to Brad Shea in the end zone.

Then the Lowell defense scored again, with Eric Zigmont returning a fumble 39 yards for the touchdown. Lowell hit the halftime locker room up 35-0.

Lowell's first offensive unit stayed on the field longer in the second half than in Lowell's other shutouts this season.

"It's the playoffs and you just need to make sure the kids are ready to play," said Lowell coach Noel Dean.

There were a few bright spots in an otherwise bleak game for the Yellow Jackets. Besides the extra-point block, Greenville ran a successful punt fake to keep alive their final drive of the second quarter. Alex Banister also sacked Nichol for a loss of 15 yards in the third.

Other than that, it was all Lowell. Mulder returned another interception for a touchdown in the third. Nichol kept the ball for 10 yards and another six points. Gabe Delnick ran the ball 35 yards for Lowell's final touchdown of the evening.

"We played a very good first quarter," said Greenville coach David Moore, following the loss. "They're just a great team; I don't know how else to say it. I can't think of anything they do that they don't do well."

Ryan Esbaugh again led Lowell's running game. He ran for 83 yards on 13 carries. Delnick carried the ball six times for 73 yards. Nichol completed six of eight passing attempts for 174 yards and three touchdowns. Koster was the leading receiver, with three receptions for 135 yards and two touchdowns.

Lowell had 368 total offensive yards and held the Yellow Jackets to only 104.

Kameron Blake led Lowell in tackles with seven; Scott Perdaris had six.

"We've got some nice kids and they can go a lot of different directions," Dean

said. But in the playoffs "it's not about what you have, it's about what the next team has."

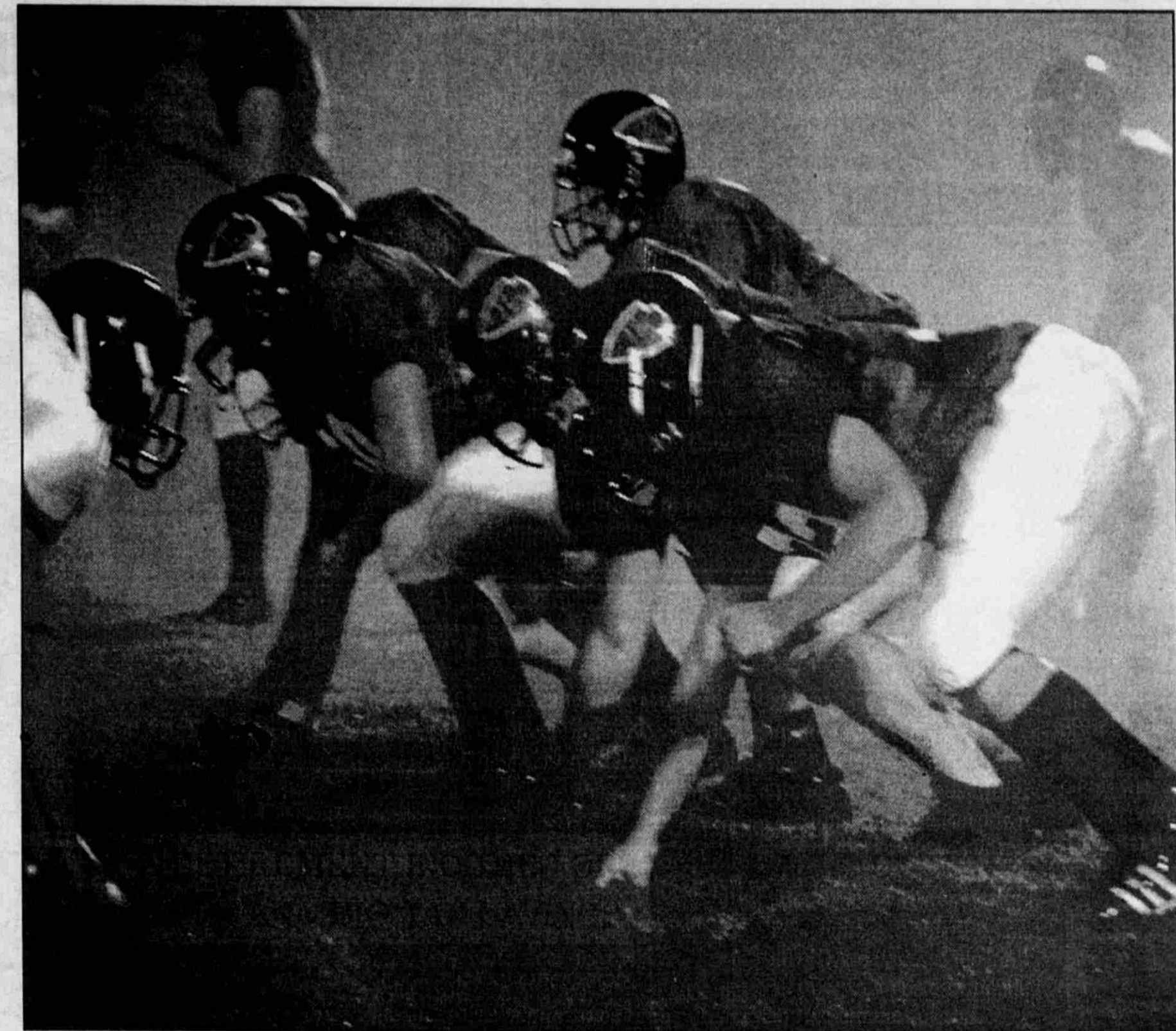
In this case, the next team

is Mt. Pleasant. The Oilers won a lopsided contest at Ionia on Friday, 49-6.

"Big backs, quality quarterback, defense likes to

run," Dean said about the Oilers.

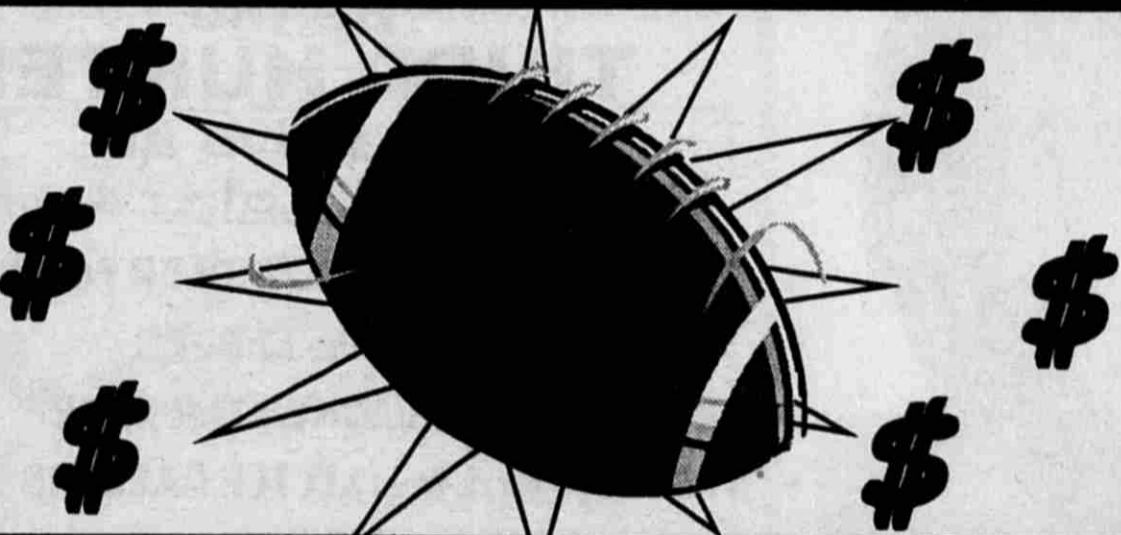
That game will be held at Red Arrow Stadium this Friday at 7 p.m.



Lowell's offense lines up before the snap in the fog early in the game.

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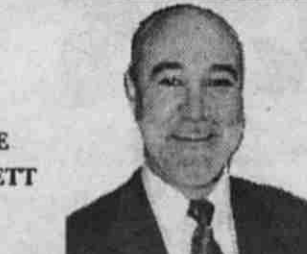
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## Three-point shots play in win over Wildcats

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls basketball team used an unselfish offense to obliterate the Wildcats at Northview last Thursday, 58-37.

The Red Arrows rocketed to a 46-16 lead in the first half, scoring 23 points in each of the first two quarters of play.

"I thought we came out in the first half with probably one of our best performances all year," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley.

The Arrows' aggressiveness created a lot of possessions for them in the game.

"Any looseball was ours," Crowley said.

Lowell's defense repeatedly frustrated the Wildcats. Northview would often dribble to mid-court and find no one open to pass to. Instead of making strikes at the hoop, they were forced to pass the ball around the outside without much efficacy. Lowell didn't leave very many openings.

Meanwhile, Lowell was able to pass the ball anywhere they wanted on the offensive side of the court.

"We were hitting our open shots but we were making ex-

cellent passes to get those shots," Crowley said.

Lowell's Kendra Gallert hit 3 three-pointers in the first half. Devon Collins led the Arrows' scoring with 14, hitting 4 three-pointers in the game. Kelsey Crowley posted 10 points. The rest of the scoring was a team effort: Heather Graham had eight, Brittany Bueche scored seven. Several Arrows scored four points, including Brook VanEck.

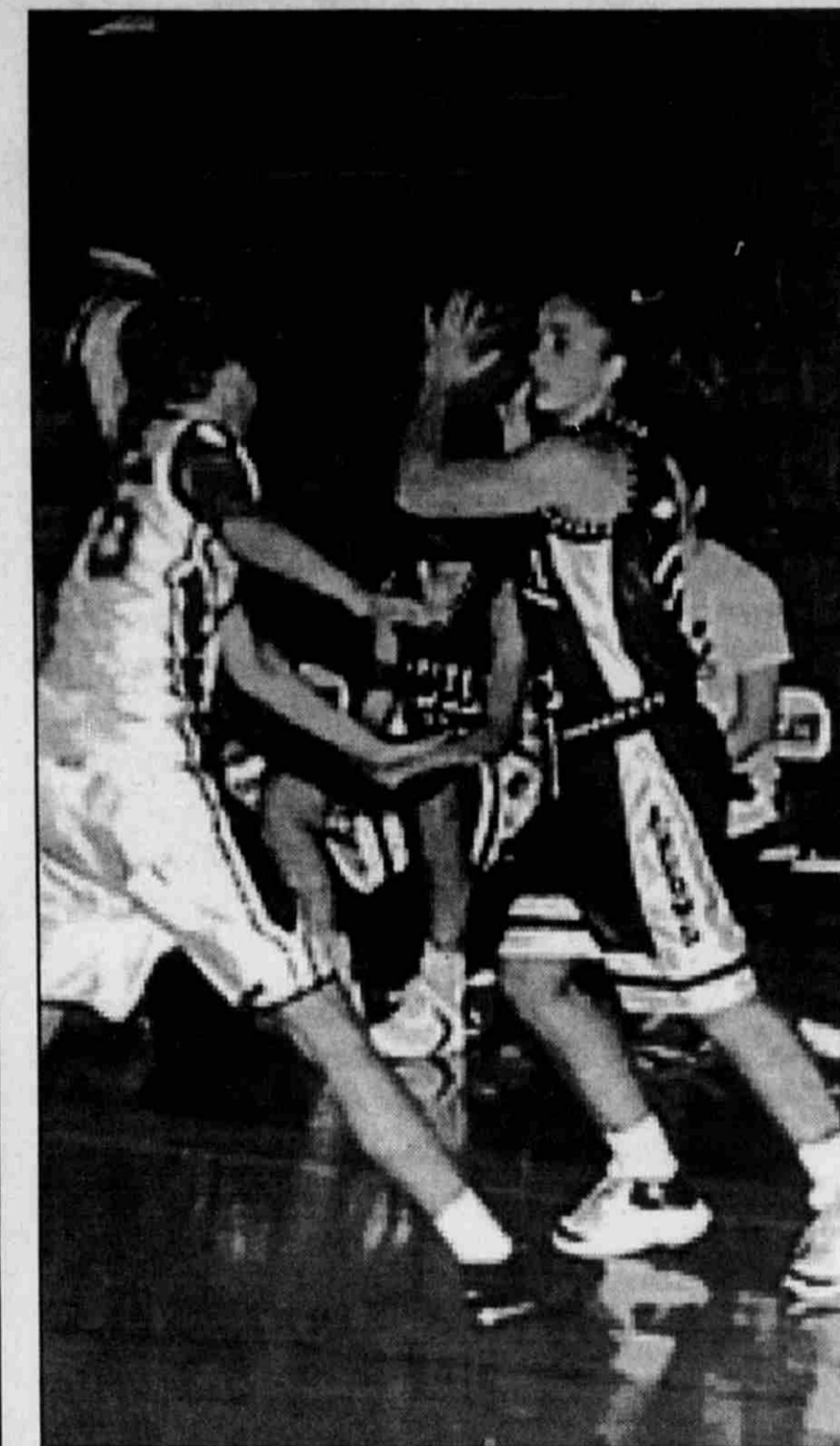
"She was responsible for a whole lot more (points) just because of her effort and rebounding," Crowley said.

In the fourth quarter, Northview was able to turn some loose-ball recoveries into fast breaks. They pulled the deficit closer but Lowell still remained well ahead.

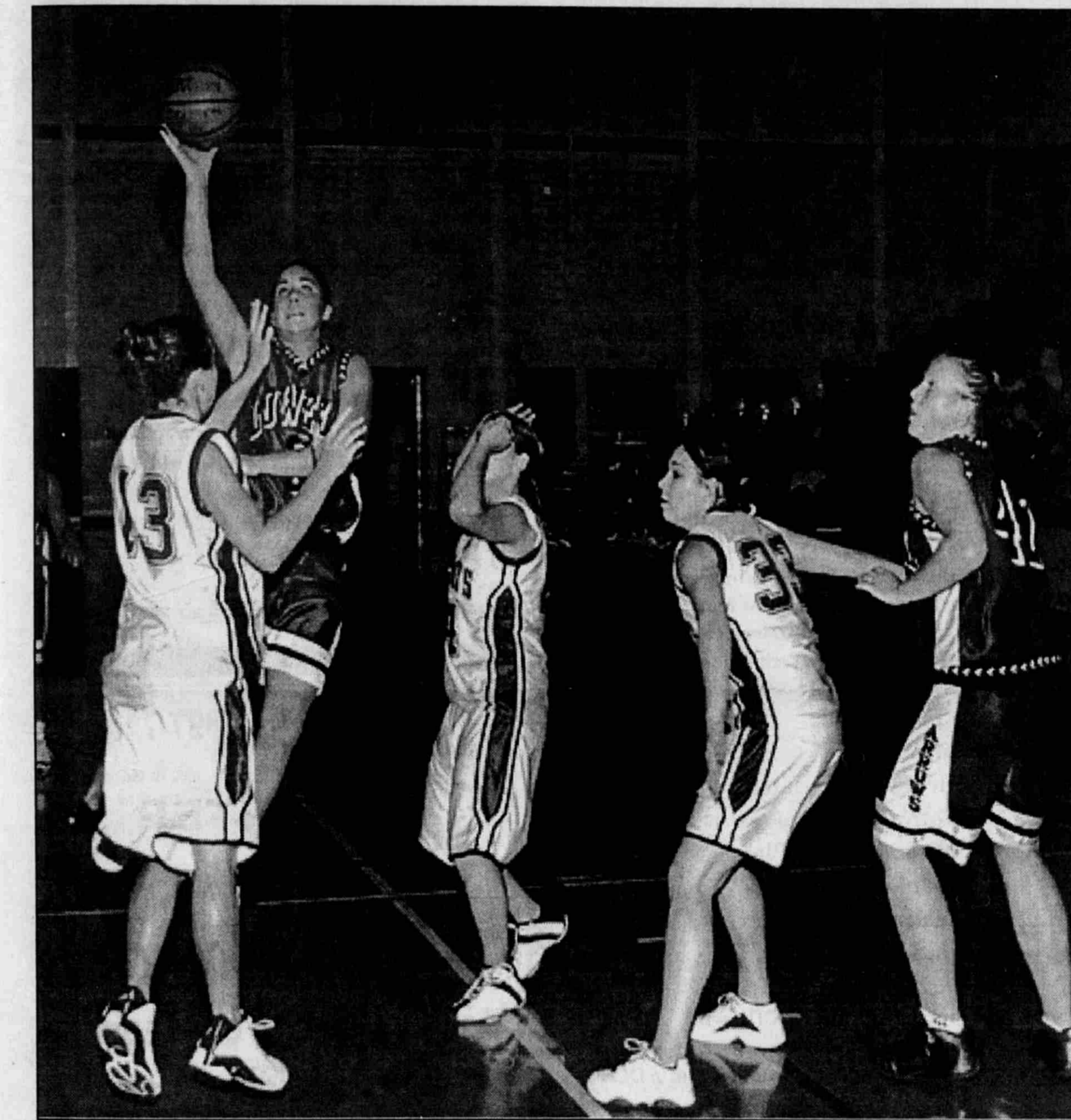
Lowell traveled to Kenowa Hills last Tuesday. With the Arrows up 29-6 at the half, the Lowell bench got a workout, helping the team to a 44-25 victory.

"We moved the ball very well in the first half, got a lot of shots," Crowley said.

Gallert led Lowell in scoring with 14 points. Amy Oberlin was next with 10.



Lowell's Kendra Gallert looks to pass around Northview's Maddie Burnett.



Lowell's Devon Collins shoots over Northview's Jennifer Branch in last Thursday's Red Arrow victory. Collins led Lowell scorers with 14 points, including four three-point field goals.

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-Deb Duiven, producer

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Off I have come to the conclusion that Lowell has some of the same sorry caliber of people that Oklahoma does.

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Thank you to the city of Lowell for keeping Halloween on Halloween. Certain groups shouldn't be able to govern when & how other people celebrate their holidays.

Congratulations Steve, Eric, Mitch, John, Andy, Casey and Kenny -Lowell's Boys Cross Country team for making it to the state finals!  
Your hard work paid off!  
- Mary Mark

Congratulations to coach Dean and the Lowell Red Arrow football team. We are pleased with your victories and we're very proud of how you win. Keep up the good sportsmanship.

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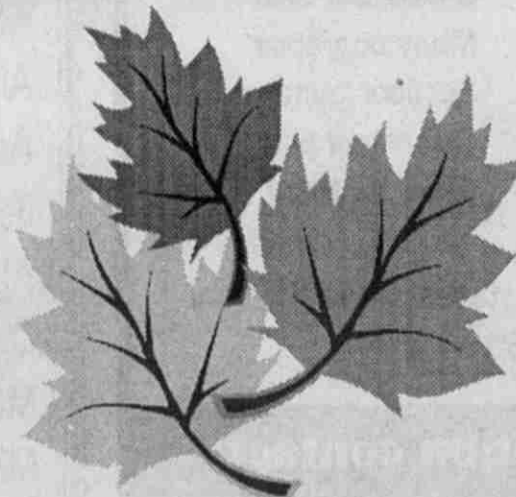
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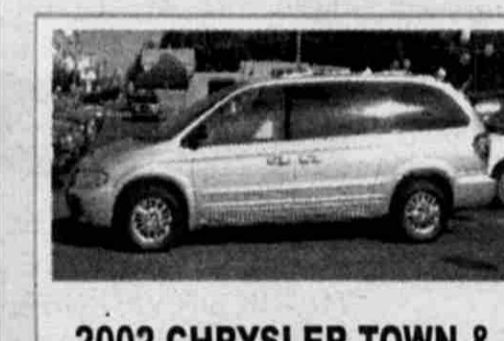
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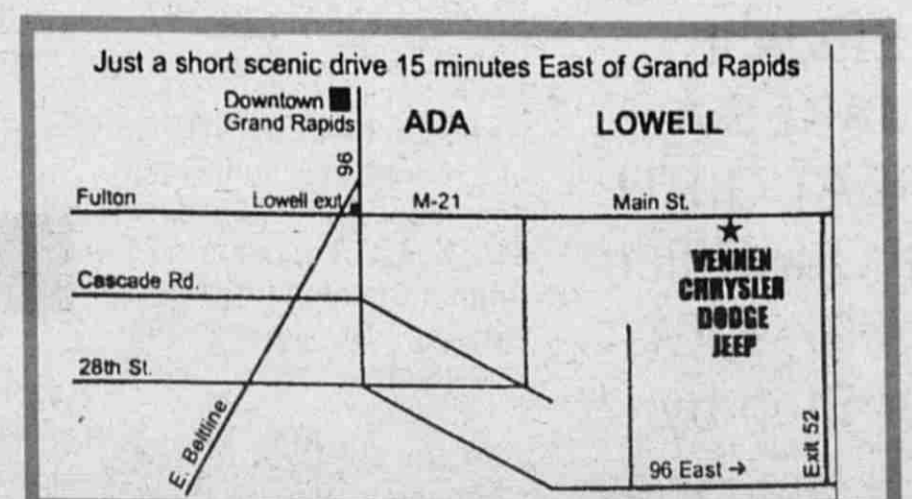


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