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## Women in Sports conference hosted by Lowell High School



Nearly 100 girls attended the Women in Sports Leadership conference held last Friday at Lowell High School.

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School hosted female athletes from all over West Michigan last Friday for a Women in Sports Leadership Symposium.

The all-day event included speeches and activities encouraging the young women in attendance to be active in the sports world and the world in general. Nearly 100 women attended the conference. They represented Lowell, Greenville, West Ottawa, Byron Center, Northview,

Middleville and Grand Rapids Creston high schools.

One of the speakers was East Kentwood teacher and softball coach Sue Barthold. She gave a speech titled "We've come a long way, baby" that related her personal experiences in women's athletics. For instance, when she was in high school, there were none.

"We didn't have any in my school whatsoever," she said.

In high school, Barthold had to travel across the state to Ann Arbor to swim

competitively. A basketball team she was on her senior year of high school went undefeated by winning the one and only game they played that season.

Now that high schools offer several girls' sports every season, Barthold encouraged those in attendance to take advantage of that.

"They have options now, whereas before they didn't," she said.

Barthold also encouraged the attendees to stay involved in women's

sports after they graduate from high school, such as coaching or officiating women's athletics.

Walker City police chief Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom gave a speech on women in leadership roles and gender equity issues in the workplace. Michigan State Police post commander 1st Lt. Andrea Nerbonne spoke about character traits to develop for life after high school.

"They heard from women who were athletes and they heard from women

who went in non-traditional roles," Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) assistant director Kathy Westdorp said.

The MHSAA has sponsored Women in Sports Leadership conferences for several years in Lansing. This is the first year they have issued grants for individual schools to host regional conferences.

"We're one of only three schools in the whole state who are hosting one," said Lowell girls

varsity basketball coach Dee Crowley who helped organize Lowell's event.

The conference inspired some of the Lowell student-athletes to be more involved in supporting the girls' sports at their high school. They felt that while females have caught up with males in terms of the number of sports offered them, they still have a way to go to attain the same level of recognition.

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## Ball's Softee Creme is bestowed this year's business appreciation award

By Dan Schneider

This year, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Appreciation Award went to Ball's Softee Creme.

Located at the corner of Main Street and North Jefferson, the ice cream shop has been in operation since 1971.

"Back 35 years ago, there wasn't a whole lot in town," Softee Creme owner and operator Jim Ball said. He accepted the award last Thursday night at the chamber's annual meeting of the membership and dinner.

Ball's parents, Harold and Rose Ball, started the business in what was formerly a Citgo station. They purchased a repossessed ice cream machine from the local bank and a used soda bar. "They basically stuck those things in there, set it up, had a little make-shift cooler," Ball said.

Ice cream sold for 10 cents a cone and the Balls built

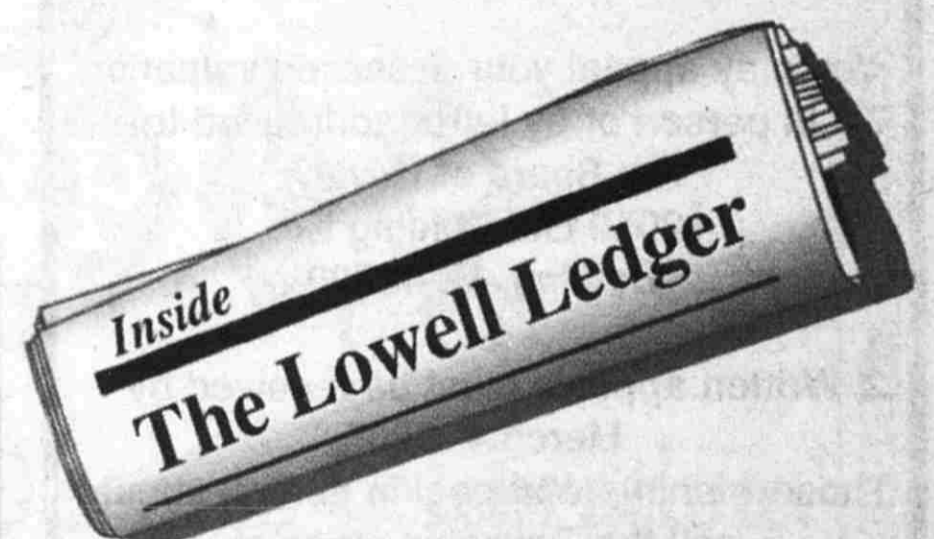
the business up from suggestions of their customers. Now, the establishment boasts four ice cream machines, a full soda bar, a slush machine and a full kitchen.

Ball, who took ownership of the business in 1992, credited his parents' work ethic for the success of the business.

"I feel like I was accepting that award for all the hard work my mom and dad have done," he said. "I think that people of my father's era and my mother's era have the strongest wills of anybody I've ever seen."

About eight years ago, Harold and Rose Ball moved their house, which was located next to the ice cream shop, to N. Division Street. They then installed a larger parking lot and a garden that has since become a showpiece for the entire town. Every summer, the garden spills over with flowers in just about every

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# Obituaries

**HESSLER** - Arthur P. Hessler, aged 68, of Grattan Township, Belding, passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2005 in Grand Rapids. Arthur was born on August 8, 1936 in Grattan, the son of Paul and Mildred Cranmer Hessler. Art was a lifelong orchard farmer and a member of the Belding Fruit Sales. He was married on August 6, 1955 to Doris Scott and she survives along with their children Debbie Hessler of Grattan, Dawn and Bernard Talbot of Rockford, Scott Hessler of Grattan, Denise Hessler of Grattan, Craig and Lisa Hessler of Clarksville; grandchildren Victoria, Paul, John, Emily, Ryan, Jake; mother Mildred Hessler; sister and brother-in-law Joan and Paul Reeves; brother and sister-in-law Earl and Carol Scott; many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services were held Saturday at Shiloh Community Church with Pastors Kendall Harger and Don Baker officiating. Interment in Rest Haven Memory Gardens, Belding. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of one's choice.

**MERRITT** - Ardrist Ann (Stauffer) Merritt, aged 59, passed away February 14, 2005. Born in Grand Rapids, she grew up in Lowell. She married Michael Merritt and later settled in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her father Lester E. Stauffer preceded her in death. Surviving are her husband Michael; son Scott; daughter Tina (Paul) Sanchez, all of Albuquerque, NM, daughter Angela (John) Sanchez of Los Lunas, NM; mother



Jesusita Stauffer; sisters Arva and Shirley Stauffer; brother Roger Stauffer all of Lowell, sister Ardelle Klein of Albuquerque, NM, sister Karen Torres of Kyle, Texas, brother Lee (Gladys) Stauffer of Dewitt, MI, sister Janice (Pete) Bosanic of Manistique, MI, brother Robert (Sandra) Stauffer of Mason, MI; 10 grandchildren. A memorial service is being held by the family in Albuquerque, NM. Interment at Sunset Gardens, Albuquerque.

**THOMPSON** - James E. Thompson, aged 62, of Middleville, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. He was actively involved in music and teaching ministries of First Baptist Church and was a member of the Kentwood Community

Band. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Martha M. Thompson; sons Chas M. Thompson of Kentwood, Timothy L. (Jane) Thompson of Lowell, William J. (Meagan) Thompson of Middleville; grandchildren Jakob, Jonas, Josie, Benjamin Thompson; parents Edward H. and Susanna Thompson of Grass Lake, MI; brother Gerald (Anne) Thompson; sisters Judith (Jerry) Walker, Kay Campbell, Sue (Phil) Gimlich, Nancy Wallen, Mary (Lee) Shinabery, Lynette Thompson; brother-in-law Richard Hutson; many nieces, nephews, friends. Funeral services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Middleville, Pastor Douglas Beason officiating. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Middleville.

**VANDERWOLF** - LaRaine Vivian (Seites) VanderWolf, aged 85, passed away on Friday, February 18, 2005. She was born in Muskegon on October 28, 1919 to Clifford and Hazel (Gould) Cooper. She graduated from Muskegon Heights High School. She married George Douglas Seites on January 9, 1938 and moved to Kent City in 1950 where they owned and operated Seites Service. It was converted

into a restaurant and party store known as Kountry Korner which she sold in 1998. She married family friend, George VanderWolf on February 19, 1977. She was preceded in death by her husbands Douglas Seites on July 28, 1973, George VanderWolf in 1979, son-in-law James Surdam, sisters Hazel Lively, Barbara Smith, Lenola Welch, Dortha Wheeler, sister-in-law Donna Cooper. She is survived by her children Margaret Surdam, Sandra Wylie, Morrie and Karen Seites all of Kent City, Sherry and Gary Boersma of AZ, Terry and Sharon VanderWolf, Dick and Teresa VanderWolf all of Lowell; grandchildren LaRaine and Robert Waldron, Annette Stein, Bobbi and Charlie Shirey, Neal and Kristin Wylie, Michael and Sara Surdam, Heather Seites, Douglas Seites; great-grandchildren, several step-grand and step-great-grandchildren; sisters Elaine Cox of FL, Louella and Jack VanDyke of Texas, Jackie and Dick Ferris, Doris Parrott, Delores Mahan, Caold and Clifford Norman all of Muskegon; brother David Cooper of Muskegon; several nieces and nephews. She was blessed with many special friends such as Bob Wylie and Clare Kidder. She was a member of Mamrelund

Lutheran Church, life-time member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 123. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 11 a.m. at Mamrelund Lutheran Church with Rev. Leonard Dahlgren officiating. Interment in Idlewild Cemetery, Kent City. Memorial contributions may be made to Tyrone Township Fire Dept. or Kent City Ball Creek Park for Trees in memory of Lorraine.

**YOUNG** - Hugh A. Young, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away February 18, 2005. He was preceded in death by his sisters Hazel Virginia and Elizabeth (Betty) Alice. He is survived by his wife Marceline; son Bob Young; step-children Jim (Sharon) McFall, David (Diane) Gnass, Gale Fonger, Michael Gnass, Deborah (Don) Schluebler; brother Richard (Evelyn) Young; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor of First Congregational Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

## Lowell Area Community Fund awards several grants to local causes

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Community Fund approved a large sum of grants earlier this month to benefit several local causes.

The \$190,334 in grants will support various initiatives including traffic control, trail construction, and diversity education.

The city of Lowell received a \$7,000 grant. This will allow the Lowell Police Department to purchase a speed board—a trailer with radar instruments that displays vehicles' speeds—to be used around town. Lowell police officer Steve Bukala cited a study in which such a

device caused 72 percent of drivers in a school zone to drive at or below the posted speed limit.

In addition to speed control, the device is equipped to study traffic trends. The machine can keep track of the number of speeding vehicles daily, the times of day with the most speeders, and straight traffic counts.

"That will actually provide us with the data to maximize our road patrol so instead of guessing when we have the most speeders, we'll actually know," Bukala said.

The speed board will spend most of its time on

Main Street. LPD expects to take delivery of the machine within a month.

Friends of the Englehardt Library received a grant of \$8,636 to create a teen space in the northwest corner of the library. Improvements to the area will include new furnishings such as tables and chairs for studying. A watercooler will be installed and a scrolling LED display to advertise new books and upcoming activities for teens. New nonfiction books will be added to the collection as well as a computer with games and chess and checkers games.

Other aesthetic improvements to the teen

space include a new area rug and new paint. In the interest of setting the teen area apart, the library will host a night for teens to contribute to creating a graffiti-themed mural on one of its walls. An open house and "graffiti party" will take place Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A contest is being planned to name the teen space. Once completed, the space will host some new teen programs. A teen book discussion group, for instance, will have its first meeting there Monday, May 9.

*Community fund grants, cont'd., pg. 4*

## Journey through the new Bradford Dickinson White Preserve



A program on the Bradford Dickinson White Nature Preserve south of Lowell will be held at the Englehardt Library on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. Stunning photos will guide you along the creek and through the forest of this 45-acre nature preserve which was donated to the Land Conservancy of West

Michigan by Evangeline White in memory of her husband. The preserve includes a creek, extensive

wetlands and mature forest. It will officially open to the public this spring

and will be celebrated with a dedication ceremony.

## CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 2005 at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005  
AT 10:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005  
FROM 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.,  
AND 1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
AND 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., if necessary

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 11, 2005. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

|                      |        |        |
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| Industrial Property  | 50.00% | 1.0000 |
| Residential Property | 50.00% | 1.0000 |
| Personal Property    | 50.00% | 1.0000 |

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor  
James Marfia, Assessor

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-178,994-DE Estate of SAMUEL D. WINGEIER Date of birth: 01/10/1907

barred unless presented to ROBERT J. ELZINGA, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 615 Elizabeth, Lowell, Michigan 49331 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

TO ALL CREDITORS: 02/15/05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Michael J. Tummino, Jr. P-21618 311 E. Main Lowell, MI 49331 897-5931

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O SON OF THE MASK (PG)  
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O HITCH (PG-13)  
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Community members and parents are invited to attend school meetings regarding the 2005-06 budget. Learn more about the budget process and contribute ideas on how to prepare for next year's budget.

Alto School - March 3 - 7:00 p.m.

Secondary Schools (Middle School, High School, Unity) at Lowell Middle School Media Center - March 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Bushnell/Cherry Creek at Cherry Creek - March 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Murray Lake School - March 29 - 6:30 p.m.

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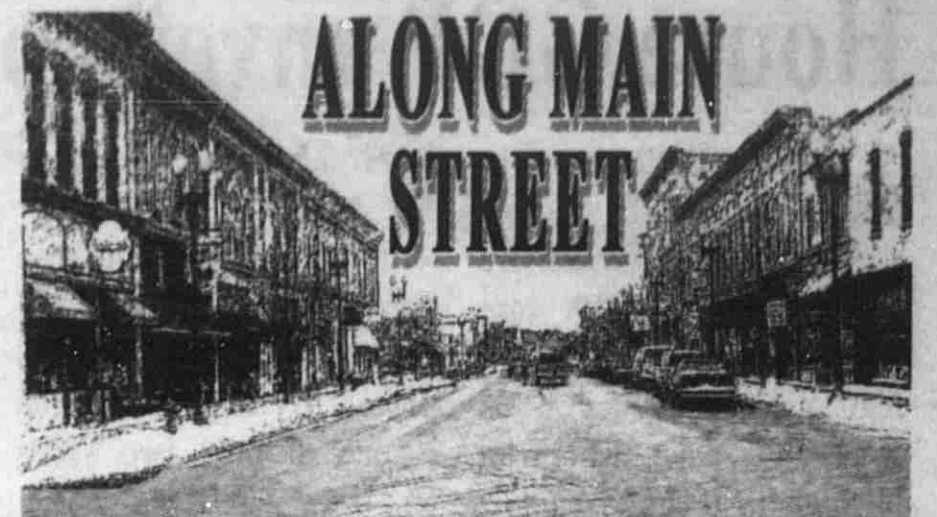
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005  
Between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon  
To receive the assessment roll And  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005  
Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon  
And  
From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose Of reviewing the assessment roll and Hearing all claims  
Additional Hearings will be scheduled For 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. if required.

You may appeal your assessed valuation In person or by letter addressed to The Board of Review, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809

Written appeals must be received by March 4, 2005  
Those wishing to appeal in person should call the Township office at 691-8450 before March 15, 2005 to prearrange an appearance.

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**8TH GRADE ORIENTATION**  
Eighth grade students and parents are invited to Lowell High School for high school orientation, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Call S.S.C. at 987-2908.

**LACROSSE MEETING**  
Lowell middle and high school students interested in registering for a Lacrosse team should attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria. Parents should attend with their athlete; physical cards can be turned in.

**COMMODITIES AT MOOSE LODGE**  
Low income families are welcome to free food at Moose Lodge, 1320 E. Main, March 3 from 9-4 p.m. Must have proof of income/S.S.#'s for entire family. Bring paper bags. 897-5150/897-8754.

**INDOOR GARAGE SALE**  
Lowell High School cafeteria will have an indoor garage sale, sponsored by class of 2007, Saturday, March 5, 9-2 p.m. Admission: \$1. Proceeds to vendors and sophomore class.

**MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL**  
A pancake breakfast will be served at the Wittenbach and Wege Center on Saturday, March 5, 10-2 p.m. \$3. Activity booklets also \$3.

**LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND**  
Sunday, March 6 is Lowell Day at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club in Lakeland. 1 p.m. buffet. Call Mary 863-683-6336.

**DEADLINE FOR SENIOR CLASS TRIP**  
March 1 is the final sign-up deadline, \$25 deposit; total payment \$180 due March 17.

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**  
Various merchants in Lowell are promoting a "girls night out" event on Thursday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m. Call the chamber (897-9161) or visit the website www.lowellchamber.org.

**F.R.O.M. NEEDS DONATIONS**  
The food pantry is in need of tuna, spaghetti sauce, soda crackers, hot cereals, macaroni and cheese, if you can help.

# House GOP unveils plan to aid businesses with health care costs

Small businesses in Michigan could lower their tax burden and more easily provide health care to employees under reform legislation unveiled this week by West Michigan lawmakers in Grand Rapids. House Republicans recently held a news conference at RoMan Manufacturing and Engineering in Grand Rapids to announce the initiative. The measure completely removes health-care costs

from the Single Business Tax by 2006. Current law will reduce the amount an employer is taxed on health-care premium expenses to 50 percent by 2007. Michigan is one of only two states to tax employer health-care payments. As a result, companies face a significant government-imposed obstacle to providing health benefits to employees. "We need to do what is best for employees and employers," said State

Rep Dave Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "It doesn't make sense to tax employers for providing health care for their employees. That's why the House Republicans are working to change this situation. We're serious about wanting to change the business climate in this state, and eliminating the tax on health-care coverage sends a loud message that Michigan puts people first." Taxing employer health-care payments is particularly

damaging to Michigan's manufacturing industry. A total of 42 percent of companies indicated they are laying off workers or slowing down hiring to cope with yearly health-care premium costs, according to the Michigan Manufacturers Association. House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, said: "On one side, the health-care market is pressuring our employers with higher

and higher insurance costs. Hildenbrand said health-care costs have risen dramatically in recent years. Premiums have continued to increase much faster than overall inflation. The most common solutions for companies to control rising costs have been to increase employee co-pays for premiums and increase or establish co-pays for prescription drugs.

The city of Lowell is seeking to annex 177 acres from Vergennes Township to be used for a high density, mixed use development by DuRay Developers. While Vergennes Township residents are fighting the destruction of our master plan and degradation of our wetlands, citizens of the city of Lowell have a lot more to lose than citizens of Vergennes Township.



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**MAKE SURE TO SAVE IMPORTANT TAX RECORDS**  
As you prepare to do your taxes, you're probably gathering documents from a variety of sources. Then, once you've filed, you may issue a sigh of relief and shove all your paperwork in a corner somewhere. But you might want to hang on to some of it - because it can come in handy. What records should you keep? If you're like most people, you've got a lot of records, statements, receipts, etc. Do you have to hold onto every single slip of paper? Maybe not, but please check with your tax professional for specifics. Some documents are more important than others. As a general rule, you'll want to keep records of your annual income and your deductible expenses. These are the items that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will ask for if you are chosen for an audit.

- Consequently, you'll want to keep these tax records and receipts:
- Earned income (W-2 forms)
  - Investment income (Form 1099s and other brokerage statements)
  - Medical expenses
  - Taxes paid
  - Charitable contributions
  - Child care expenses (Some are deductible)

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005**  
at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.  
Daryl and Cheryl Wisdom have made application for a variance from Section 2.0 of the Words and Terms Defined Home Occupation - to allow for an employee to assist them at the Wisdom Wellness Center which is located at their home, 11015 Cascade Road, Lowell, MI, Permanent Parcel Number 41-20-19-400-001.  
Written comments should be received by Tuesday, March 1, 2005 and can be mailed to: Lowell Charter Township, Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.  
Linda S. Regan, Clerk

- Business expenses
  - Professional/union dues
  - Education expenses (some are deductible)
  - Automobile/travel costs (if they are deductible for your work)
- You'll also want to hang onto your old tax returns. You'll find these returns to be quite useful when you file your taxes in the future. For example, when you're preparing your return, and you look over previous years' returns, you may be reminded of important deductions you had forgotten.
- How long should you keep records?  
Unless you own a warehouse, you probably don't want to accumulate tax records and documents indefinitely. So, how long should you keep them?  
Generally speaking, it's a good idea to retain your paperwork until the chance of a tax audit passes—usually three years after filing. However, if the IRS thinks you might have underreported your income by 25 percent, it has six years to check up on you. Consequently, you may want to keep your tax documents for at least that long.  
Nonetheless, there are exceptions to the six-year-rule—and the biggest one may have to do with your home. Years

ago, if you sold your home, your profits might have been taxable. But the tax rules have changed: You can now net a tax-free capital gain of \$500,000 (for married couples) or \$250,000 (for single filers) when you sell your home. To determine if the sale profits fall within the tax-free limits, you must verify the "tax basis" (the value of your home when you bought it). Therefore, you need to keep all records such as settlement papers and receipts for improvements and additions, related to the worth of your home.  
Where should you keep your records?  
Keeping your records won't do you any good if you can't find them. So, set up a record-keeping system that works for you. You may want to devote a filing cabinet specifically for tax records. Designate individual folders for old tax returns, income, deductions, etc.  
Of course, you can also store many records electronically. But if you do, make sure that you've backed them up in some way.  
Once you've established a record-keeping process, you'll find it fairly easy to maintain. If you don't have one yet, get started soon—the quicker you organize your tax records, the better.

## Community grants, continued... From pg. 3

A total of \$84,430 in seven grants went to Lowell Area Schools. One grant will fund an upgrade of the video production suite at the high school to accommodate more students and more advanced skills. With another grant, the district will install an emergency and security communications system. Another grant will fund community forums on the topic of diversity in the Lowell and Alto areas.  
Lowell Youth Football

received a \$13,140 grant for the installation of safe seating at Burch Field.  
Lowell Area Historical Museum will be able to hire an education and program director to create historical programs for the community in general and school children in particular. The Community Fund granted \$11,440 for that purpose.  
Lowell Area Arts Council received a \$25,000 grant to support its programs and services. A further

\$13,500 grant will fund this year's Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts and a \$1,500 grant will be used to purchase costumes at the Illusions Costume Shop in Grand Rapids. The costumes are for the Thebes Players and the Lowell High School drama department.  
Lowell Area Recreation Authority received a \$15,000 grant to fund engineering work necessary to begin the first phase of the community trail system.  
Another trail-related grant of \$2,688 went to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan to establish trailheads, boundaries and trails in the new Bradford Dickinson White nature preserve south of Lowell.

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David Lane, ICNB's Lowell office manager, has served as captain of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life team at ICNB for the past two years. As captain, David organizes various fundraising events to raise the necessary funds to help this community-based volunteer health organization reach its goals.

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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor


**Dear Editor,**  
The city of Lowell is seeking to annex 177 acres from Vergennes Township to be used for a high density, mixed use development by DuRay Developers. While Vergennes Township residents are fighting the destruction of our master plan and degradation of our wetlands, citizens of the city of Lowell have a lot more to lose than citizens of Vergennes Township.  
Farmland, open space, industrial and commercial properties make money for local governments by producing \$1 in property taxes and other revenue sources in exchange for only seven to 79 cents of costs. Residential development is quite the opposite. "Studies completed around the country show that residential land and property demands from \$1.02 to \$1.25 in facilities and direct services for every dollar contributed in revenue." [Fiscal Impacts of Alternative Development Patterns: Broadwater and Gallatin Counties]  
DuRay Developers is coy about the number of houses they intend to erect but they're seeking R-3 zoning that could, theoretically, allow 10 units per acre for a total of 1,770 units total. They suggest they will probably build less than half that number of structures but they're unwilling to submit even general plans or provide more than vague information about their intentions. Whether it's 800 homes or 1770 homes, each \$200,000 home will pay about \$4,100 to the city of Lowell in property taxes and will cost the city of Lowell between \$4,182 and \$5,125 in services. That's an annual net loss to the city of Lowell ranging from a low of \$65,600 to a high of just shy of \$2 million. Less expensive and more expensive housing would produce the same proportional income/expense imbalance.

DuRay Developers suggest commercial ventures might include veterinary services, medical services and coffee shops. Currently, Vergennes Township has land zoned for commercial development less than a mile from the proposed DuRay development. There have been no applications to place a commercial development on that land because there is no demand for commercial development in that area. While the DuRay development could theoretically double the population of the Vergennes Township area, from about 4,000 to almost 8,000, that's not going to provide enough people to support commercial development. The city of Lowell will inevitably end up with more vacant commercial buildings to compete with downtown revitalization efforts.  
In addition to costing the city of Lowell quite a bit of money, the development proposed by DuRay will gobble up almost all the sewer capacity that became available when Attwood closed its doors. That once again puts the Lowell sewer system near capacity. If new industry seeks to come to Lowell, the city may well be unable to offer them sewer services. The only way to continue profitable growth of the city will be for Lowell citizens to pay for an expansion of the current sewer system.  
This annexation attempt is a lose/lose proposition. Vergennes Township loses 177 acres of land intended for medium density housing and preservation of wetlands. We also lose a real sense of community by helplessly watching our land be kidnapped from us. The city of Lowell loses a lot of money, no matter how you examine this proposal. The citizens of Lowell will have to make up the difference.  
Let's get rational about this. Come to the Michigan Boundary Commission hearing on Thursday, March 3 at 4 p.m. in the Lowell City Hall. Tell the boundary commissioners how you feel about increasing your expenses, limiting your ability to attract new industry, threatening your downtown development, and alienating your neighbors. This isn't good for anybody.  
Carolyn Medendorp

## Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

By Priscilla Lussmyer



**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEBRUARY 25, 1880**  
"L.E. Strong has a new 2,900 pound safe."  
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**100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 23, 1905**  
"Phone the news to 200."  
Chas. Francisco and Geo. Headley caught a 21-pound pickerel at Murray's Lake yesterday.  
The Avon correspondent reports a real Dakota blizzard there last week, and mail service only one day, on part of a route.  
It took three engines to clear the track of snow around Freeport Sunday-Monday.  
St. Valentine's day was observed by all the downstairs rooms at the school.

**75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 20, 1930**  
Judge Homer Ferguson rebuts an article claiming that Gov. Green sponsored a dinner marked by disorder and drinking; the judge was one of the honored guests.  
The village caucus, 75 attending, goes "smooth as a greased pig"; all present officers re-elected by voice vote in nine minutes.  
However, Vern Ashley, Board of Trade president, says that other possible leaders should have had a chance to be nominated.  
Three persons were killed and 16 injured in auto accidents yesterday in Kent and Ottawa counties.  
The Lowell varsity, second team and junior high team win five games over the weekend, against Rockford and Sand Lake.

**50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 24, 1955**  
One of Ernie Foreman's White Leghorn hens wins a national contest, with 327 eggs in 350 days.  
Lowell Rotary celebrates its own 20th anniversary as well as Rotary's 50th.  
Lions Club is sponsoring a Skating Show by the Grand Rapids figure skating club at the 4-H building rink tomorrow.  
The U.S. Supreme Court will hand down its decision on segregation in schools when the present vacancy is filled. "White Christmas" is playing at the Strand Theatre.

**25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER FEBRUARY 20, 1980**  
The Strand Theatre reopens with a showing of "Animal House."  
Lowell Rotary will sponsor Monroe McPherson's "Cruise to England" travelogue at the LHS auditorium. The estimate is that 228,600 dozen pencils will be needed for this year's census.  
Bids for 150 tubular-framed picnic tables start Kent County Road and Park Commission's plans to eventually replace all 1500 county park wooden tables.  
Dog licenses must be renewed by Monday, March 3; after that, a \$5 penalty will be added.

**Budget Sets Wrong Priorities**



Senator Carl Levin  
senior U.S. senator from Michigan

Today our nation is faced with enormous challenges. With the war in Iraq, the loss of millions of manufacturing jobs, the continuing rise in health care costs and exploding deficits, there are significant priorities that we must address. Sadly, the President's budget proposal for the upcoming year once again puts cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans over addressing our country's severe fiscal problems.  
Earlier this month, President Bush told the Detroit Economic Club that it was his job as President to confront problems, not to pass them on to future generations. But in his budget the President ignores his own job description and proposes a staggering \$427 billion deficit for this year alone. This is a bill our children and their children will be forced to pay.  
In many regards, what is most notable about the President's budget is not what is in the plan, but what has been left out. To create the impression that the budget meets its target of cutting the deficit in half by 2009 and to conceal the damage it is doing to the nation's fiscal outlook, the White House omits several major expenses. These omissions include the 30,000-person planned increase in the army, the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which currently average \$5 billion per month, and the huge cost of the President's plan to privatize Social Security. The budget also does not address the hundreds of billions of dollars it will cost to correct the Alternative Minimum Tax, which will otherwise result in a tax increase for middle-income taxpayers.  
Moreover, by limiting itself to a five-year period instead of the usual 10-year projection, the budget grossly underestimates the cost to make permanent the tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 as proposed by the President. The budget shows extending the tax cuts would cost \$53 billion in the next five years. But hidden just beyond that budget window is the exploding cost of the President's proposals, amounting to nearly \$1.1 trillion after 2010. By using five-year projections instead of the customary 10-year numbers, the Administration attempts to hide from Congress and the American public the full economic impact of the tax cuts.  
President Bush's unwise tax cuts have been a major factor in our nation's swing from budget surplus into an increasingly deep deficit ditch. At this rate, by 2015, each American's share of the debt will be at least \$30,000. In addition to threaten-

ing the nation's long-term economic security, the proposed tax cuts shift an increasing burden onto the middle class. If implemented, the average tax cut for the wealthiest one percent would be nearly 90 times larger than the average tax cut for middle-income households.  
To help pay for these fiscally irresponsible tax cuts, the White House proposes slashing essential domestic programs that affect America's families and communities. For instance, the budget eliminates funding for 48 education programs, including vocational education training, education technology and programs to keep schools safe and drug-free. This represents the first cut in overall education spending in a decade and comes at a time when schools already face cuts in state education funding.  
There is also little in the President's budget to address devastating job losses, particularly in the manufacturing industry, even though our country is in the midst of the slowest jobs recovery since the 1930s. In fact, the budget imposes a 60 percent cut to the successful Manufacturing Extension Program—which helps our country's manufacturers be more productive and competitive, thus keeping jobs here at home—and it proposes eliminating the Advanced Technology Partnership Program, which provides assistance to U.S. businesses and joint research-and-development ventures.  
Unfortunately, these are not the only programs hurt by this budget. The President's proposal raises health care costs for America's veterans. It proposes \$4.5 billion in Medicaid cuts for the poor and disabled when health care costs are rising. The budget makes our streets less safe by cutting 96 percent of funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services program. The budget also cuts funding for first responders, highways and sewers, environmental protections and small business loans. It would end the successful Community Development Block Program, which provided over \$147 million last year for housing projects and economic development, and puts in its place a new program with 21 percent less funding. Yet even slashing spending on all these vital programs would have a small impact on the deficit compared with the President's deficit-swelling tax cuts that significantly lower the nation's revenue. The President has his priorities all wrong. Cutting spending on programs aimed at helping working families obtain an education or health care or a job, in order to extend massive and fiscally irresponsible tax cuts for the very wealthy, is the wrong priority. Using hide-and-seek accounting to mask the damage to our economy only compounds the problem.  
The American people deserve a budget that invests in the future, protects the most vulnerable among us and helps to create jobs and economic security. This budget fails to meet that standard.



## Murray Lake Elementary staff member of the month

Staff members at Murray Lake Elementary recognized Patti Sanborn as their January staff member. Sanborn has worked for Lowell Schools for 13 years. Murray Lake principal Brent



Pictured, left to right, are: Sue Wilterink, Grant Peterson, Trevor Crist, Patti Sanborn and Michael Fogarty-Thomas.

Noskey said, "Patti is a team player. She does whatever is asked of her with a smile on her face. She is a wonderful lady who truly cares about all of our students." She currently works with second and third graders in the resource room with teacher Sue Wilterink. "Patti is a wonderful person. She does a fantastic job with our kids! She also bakes a 'mean' pound cake from scratch and the kids love it," quoted Wilterink. Sanborn and her husband Jack have one son, Bill, who is a 1999 Lowell High School graduate. The best part of her job, said Sanborn, are the kids. She enjoys helping them learn to read.

## Women in Sports, cont'd... From Page 1

"Nobody recognizes girls' sports," senior Rebekah Woods said. "It shows girls that they have to go and support other girls' teams and not just go to the guys' (games)," senior Maloree Trierweiler said. "I go to a lot of basketball and soccer, but I never go to tennis games, and it makes me realize they practice just as hard as we do. Why not go support them?" Woods said. During the afternoon, the attendees participated in exercise sessions to encourage continued physical fitness. Instructors from East Hills Athletic Club taught kick boxing, yoga/pilates and belly dancing. Lowell High School athletic trainer Patty Sellner wrote to the MHSAA for the grant last October. The Lowell Girls Varsity Club helped put the event together and gave visitors a tour around the school. Club president Amy Oberlin gave a speech at the start of the day about the club and what it does—a big part of which is mentoring younger girls. Lowell High School is one of the few schools with a girls varsity club. The event was sponsored by the Lowell Education Foundation, the MHSAA and the East Hills Athletic Club.

## February Students of the Month

During February Lowell High School is honoring four students as Students of the Month. They were selected by the faculty because of their expertise and ambition in a particular area.

**Jon Walker** is being recognized by the Science Department. The senior is the son of Richard and Heidi Walker of Lowell. His extracurricular activities include LAS Outreach, Project Pals, SADD, track and soccer. Walker plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall. His teacher nominator said he consistently works hard and achieves excellent results.

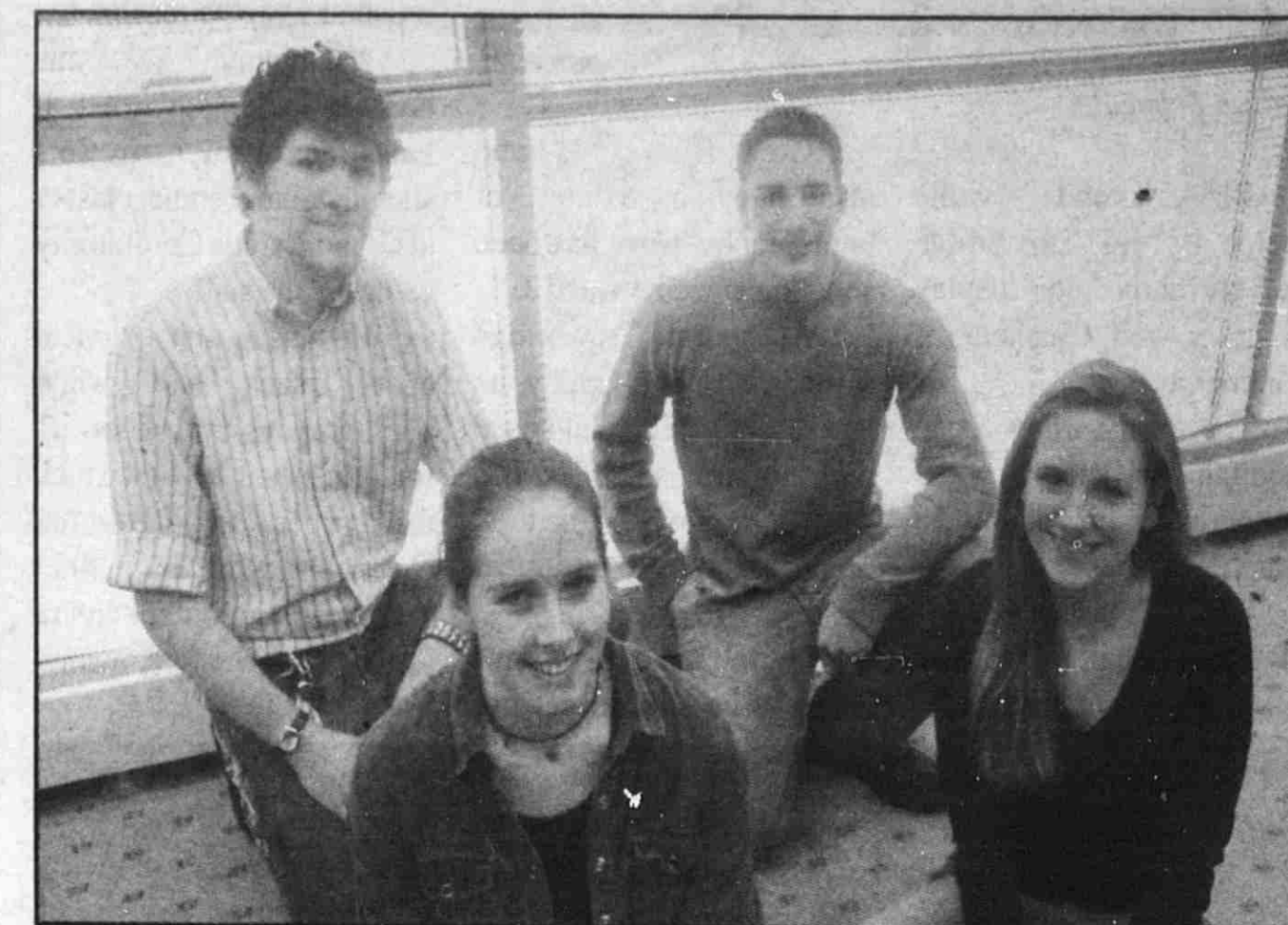
**David Sefton** is the choice of the Music Department. He is a senior and the son of David and

Crystal Sefton of Lowell. His extracurricular activities include president of the Concert Choir, Prayer Zone Leadership Team, FFA and Project Pals; he was also the recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award. In addition, Sefton is employed at Meijer and is a member of Shiloh Community Church. He plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College next fall and take correspondence courses from Moody Bible Institute. His teacher nominator said as president of the Concert Choir, Sefton exhibits great leadership and exemplifies all positive character traits.

**Nikki Baker** was selected by the English Department. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and

Catherine Baker of Lowell. The senior is active in Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, the school musical and girls varsity tennis. She plans to attend Kalamazoo College in the fall. Baker's teacher nominator said she was chosen for her continued excellence in Advanced Placement Literature and demonstrates an excellent understanding of literature through her writing and contributions to classroom discussions.

**Laura Crimmins** is the Math Department's choice. She is the daughter of Ed and Sue Crimmins of Lowell. At LHS, she is a member of the soccer team, International Club and a cast member of the all-school play. In addition, Crimmins plays club soccer and participates in Habitat for Humanity. Her teacher nominator said the junior has worked extremely hard and consistently and that her efforts have earned her the third highest grade in her calculus class.



February Students of the Month are pictured front row, left to right: Laura Crimmins and Nikki Baker; back row are: Jon Walker and David Sefton.

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## Featured Artists

Ira Trowbridge & Greg Bliss

By Dan Schneider

Black and white photos by Ira Trowbridge are currently on display at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

The artist has been shooting black and white photographs for about 10 years.

"It hasn't been a lifelong thing like it has for a lot of people," Trowbridge said.

Greg Bliss, 44, who also has an exhibit of photographs there, has been shooting since he was 12.

At the time Trowbridge started into photography, he had recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. His passion being rivers, he took up photography to document them.

"I felt like I wasn't going to be able to get out

on them and fish and enjoy them," Trowbridge said.

He started taking snapshots with some very basic equipment, but wasn't satisfied with the results.

"I thought, gee, this doesn't look like what it looks like in my brain, so I started taking some classes at Grand Rapids Community College," he said.

He was at first skeptical about black and white photography, but it lit up for him when he first stuck the paper in darkroom chemicals. Now, he mainly shoots with an older camera - a Crown Graphic, which



Ira Trowbridge's "Orchids," also one of the works on display at the chamber.

is a metal field camera - on four-by-five inch film.

Bliss uses a field camera as well, but his is a Zone VI four-by-five wood camera.

"I've always liked wood and it does what I want it to do," Bliss explained.

His camera has fixtures and devices allowing him to correct perspectives on buildings and the Civilian Conservation Corps trees at the Howard Christian Nature Center.

Bliss shoots nature and city-scapes. In the past, he spent a lot of time shooting mountains out west.

"We don't have any of those large objects so I kind of fall into shooting those city-scapes," Bliss said. "Especially at night, I get a lot of dramatic shadows."

Bliss prints very straightforward. Trowbridge uses a wider range of chemicals.

"I use a lot of toners

involved in most of my photos," Trowbridge explained.

His prints have a brownish cast and look misty and old-timey. Bliss doesn't use toners, but he experiments with the shooting. His photograph "Circle and Square" was taken with a lens out of something other than a camera. The resulting photograph is a circular image in gray tones - grass and weeds and everything - surrounded by a back square.

"That was an experiment with a new kind of lens, a very old, different lens," he said. Most of Trowbridge's photographs are of natural scenes.

"I think there's a lot of really cool things around the world to look at ... I look around and here's all these huge, massive grandeurs,"

he said. "A lot of the things I photograph are really small items."

Arriving at a nature scene, both often take 10 minutes or more to pick out a small piece of the scene they want to capture.

"We spend more time looking and pondering and doing the figuring in our heads before we take a picture," Bliss said. "Most of the time we're out in the middle of nowhere doing our own thing in the solitude of what's there."

Trowbridge also shoots flowers at home in artificial light.

"My wife is a florist and so I've kind of got a feeling for flowers too," he said.

An artists' reception will take place Saturday, March 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the chamber. The photographs will be on display through March 22.



Greg Bliss's "Circle and Square," one of the works on display at the LACC.

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## Business Award, cont'd.... From Page 1

color imaginable, with tables scattered throughout for the eating of ice cream.

Cliff Yankovich, president of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce,

presented the award to Ball. Unfortunately, of the 122 people in attendance that evening, Harold and Rose Ball were unable to make the trip back from Puerto Rico for the event.

"We chose Ball's because of their 35 years of involvement in the community," Yankovich said. "They employed a lot of people in that time and Harold and Rose have made a lot of contributions to the Lowell area, not the least of which is their gorgeous garden every year."

"It's kind of like a lifetime achievement award for my mom and dad and everything they've done for this town," Ball said of the Business Appreciation Award. "It's been a family business for 35 years and I'm glad they're getting the recognition they deserve."

"We really appreciate Lowell for the community it is," he continued. "It's been really good to us."

Ball's Softee Creme plans to open this year the week of March 20.

## Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Jayne Overbeck, Jackie Rinks, Kim Schwacha and Elaine Wingeier were 2004 Shining Star award winners. This award recognizes them for their outstanding success and achievements.



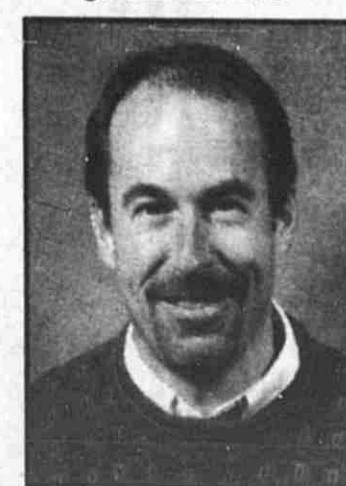
Jayne Overbeck



Jackie Rinks



Elaine Wingeier



Kim Schwacha

## West Michigan Regional Competition on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Arts Council is currently hosting its most eclectic show of the year.

The 19th annual West Michigan Regional Competition includes about 70 pieces of art, as many as juror Mark Chatterley could fit on the walls.

"I wanted to let more in

but the space wouldn't allow it," Chatterley said.

The pieces on display are especially personal expressions of the artists, he said.

"I eliminated a lot of watercolor and landscape, and I was looking for very personal work where the artist was seen in the paintings or sculptures,"

said Chatterley, a sculptor from Williamston.

All of the pieces taking prizes are in some combination of mixed media. The top prize, Best of Show, went to "A Walk in the Mountains" by Ann Willey of Comstock Park. It's simple and small with thick colors depicting a child walking hand-in-wing with a dove in a dress.

"Even though it was sort of primitive in its subject, it was very sophisticated in the way it was set up," Chatterley explained.

He said the composition is built on the Golden Mean, a ratio of 1.6:1 that is very pleasing to the human eye. Willey said she first sketched the piece after reading a story in the local newspaper.

"I was following this story in the news about a toddler who wandered away from home and up into the mountains," she said.

The child was sketch safe. She made the sketch on the theme of guardian



"Family Gathering" by Susan Boehme took first place in the competition.

angels. The depth of color in the work was achieved using a mixture of pastels, acrylic paint and colored pencil.

Chatterley said the piece impacts the viewer "by going back to childhood and having a childhood innocence in a sophisticated way."

First place went to Susan Boehme of Twin Lake, whose piece "Family Gathering" is an earthy cabinet of reddish small sculptures. Jodie Mohrhardt of Allendale took second place with

"Flight of Imagination #6," a composition of human figures and wheels and shapes. Annie Morgan of Grand Haven took third place for "Freedoms Dance."

Originally created for an art show in Holland, Morgan's piece is sculptural, found objects put together on an old tabletop-clock cabinet. It is the first piece that has taken Morgan away from the more two-dimensional assemblage and collage she's done in the past.

These entries will be on display through March 24.

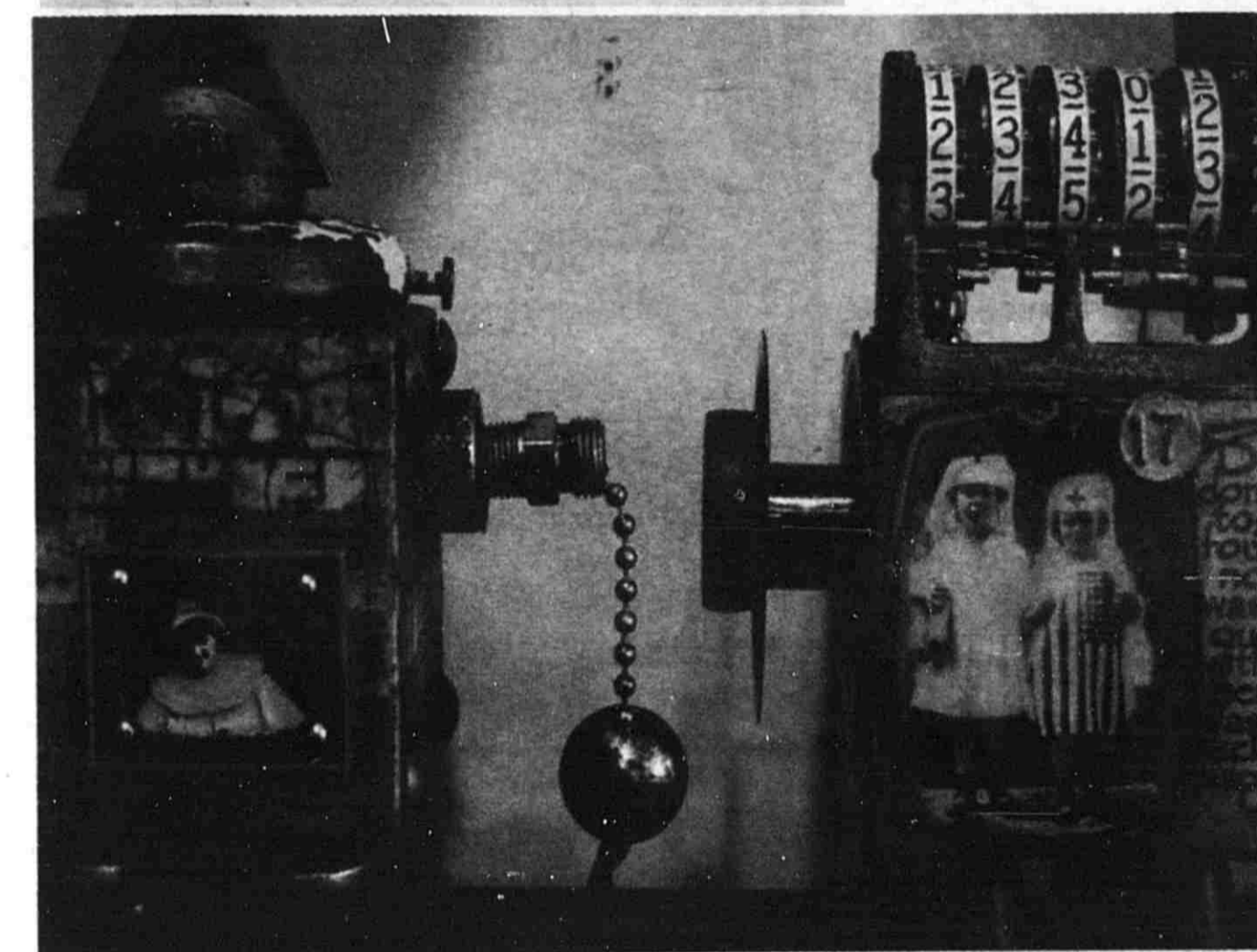
"It's just a really exciting adventure for me because it's taking off in a whole new direction," she said.

Honorable mention went to Kelly Allen of Grand Rapids for "Finch Picnic." Multi-colored and crazy, the composition includes a cold-cut sandwich, songbirds and a tree.

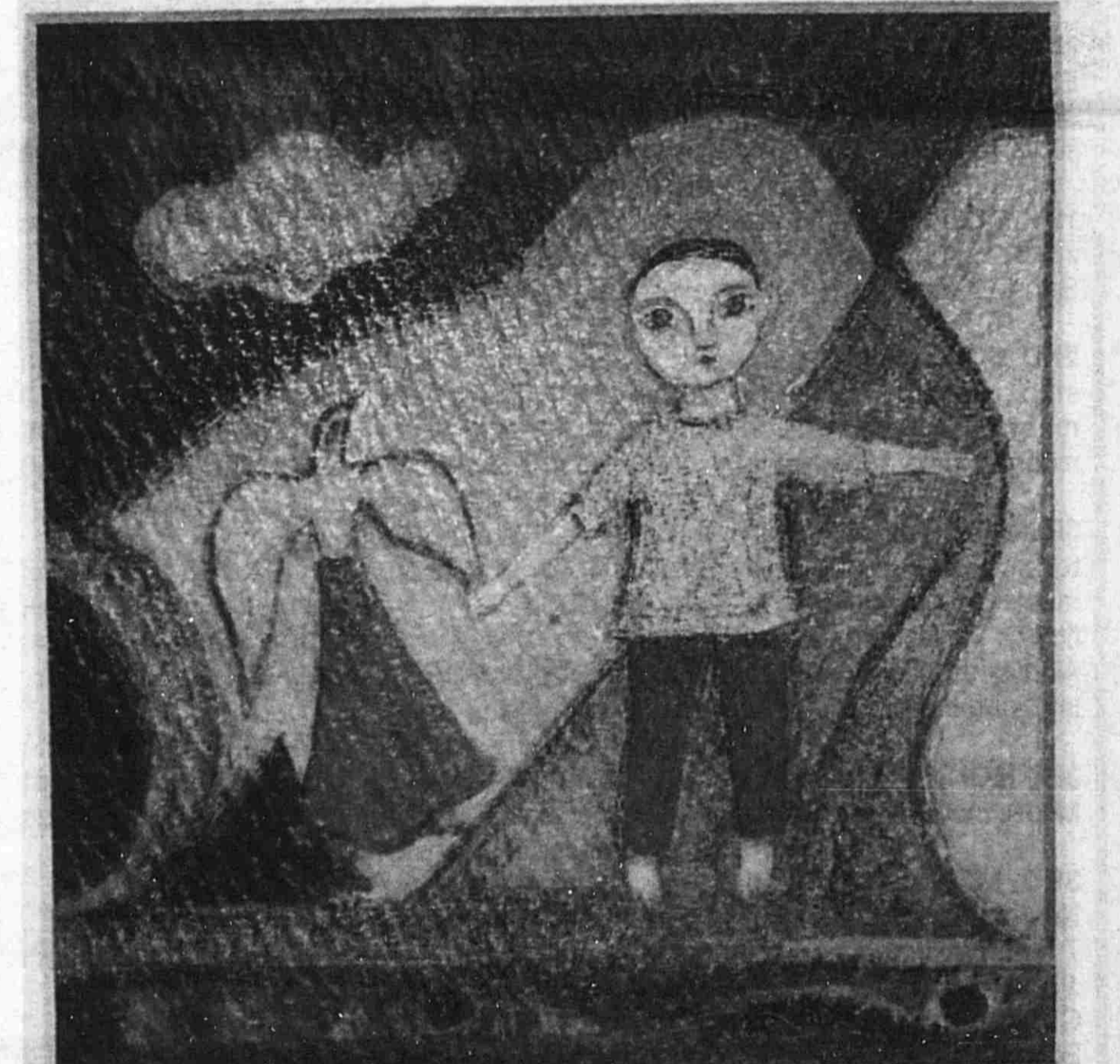
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At left, Jodie Mohrhardt's "Flight of Imagination #6" took second place in the competition.

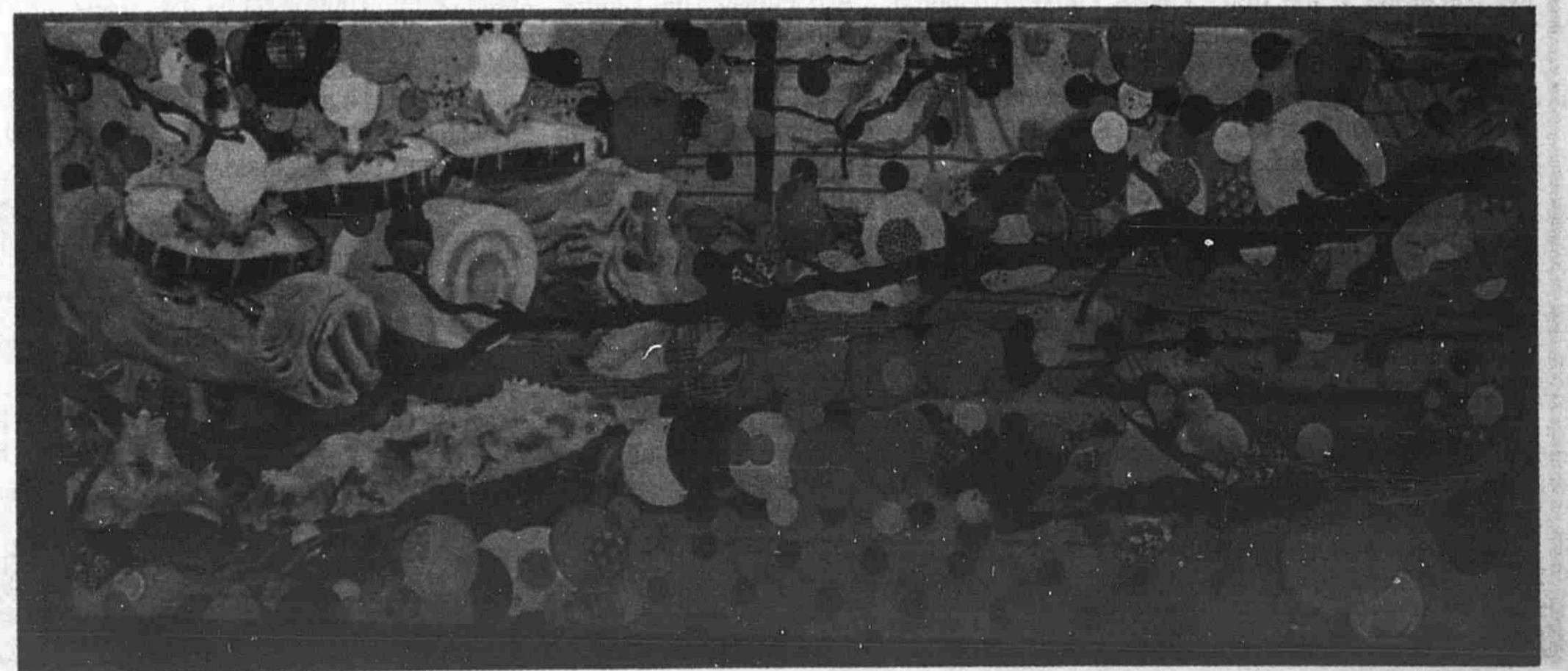


A detail from Annie Morgan's "Freedoms Dance," which took third place.



Ann Willey's "A Walk in the Mountains" took the Best of Show prize.

Pictured at right, Kelly Allen's "Finch Picnic" received honorable mention in the West Michigan Regional Competition.





## Red Arrows get two rematches with Northview at conference tournament

By Dan Schneider

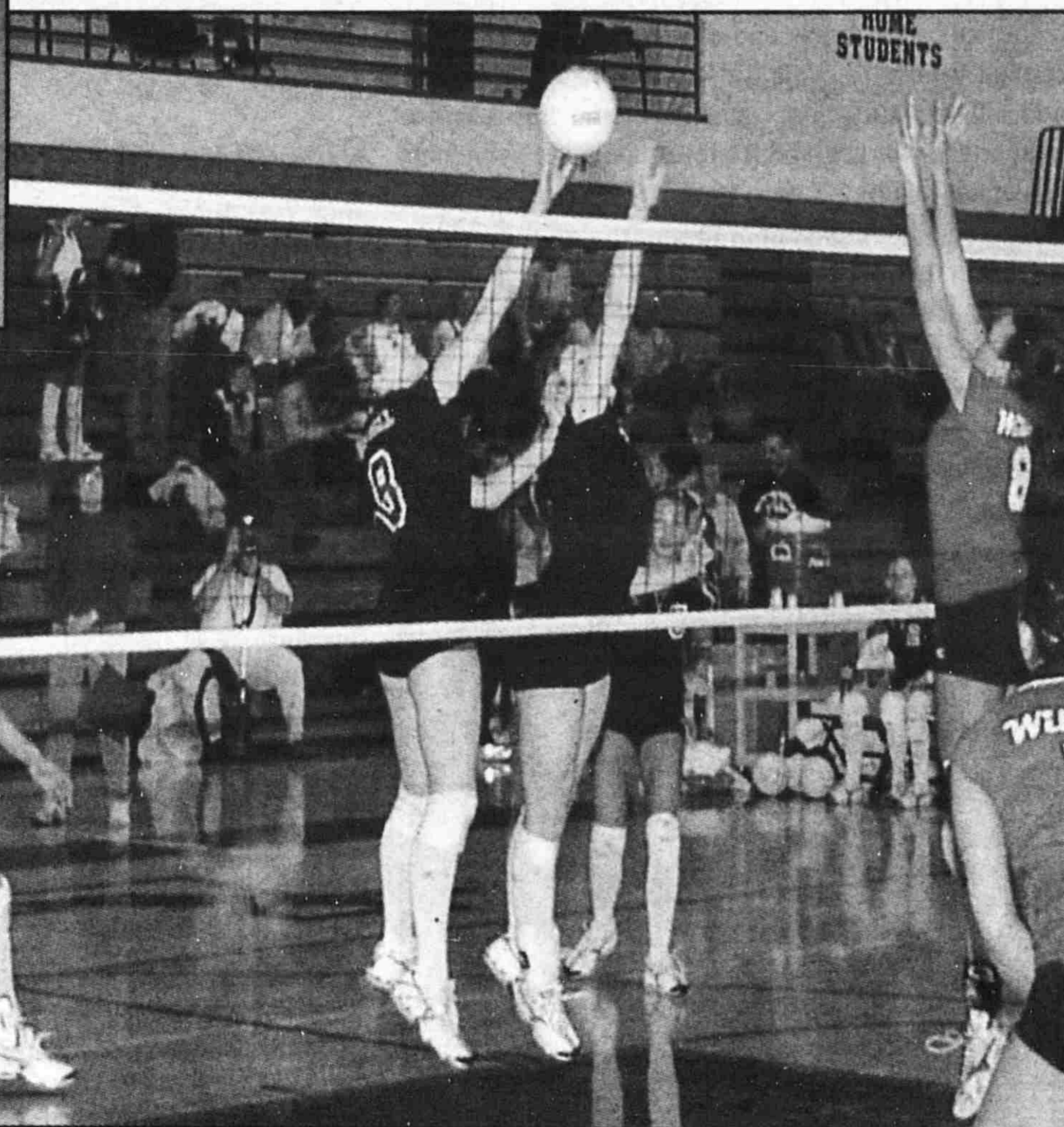
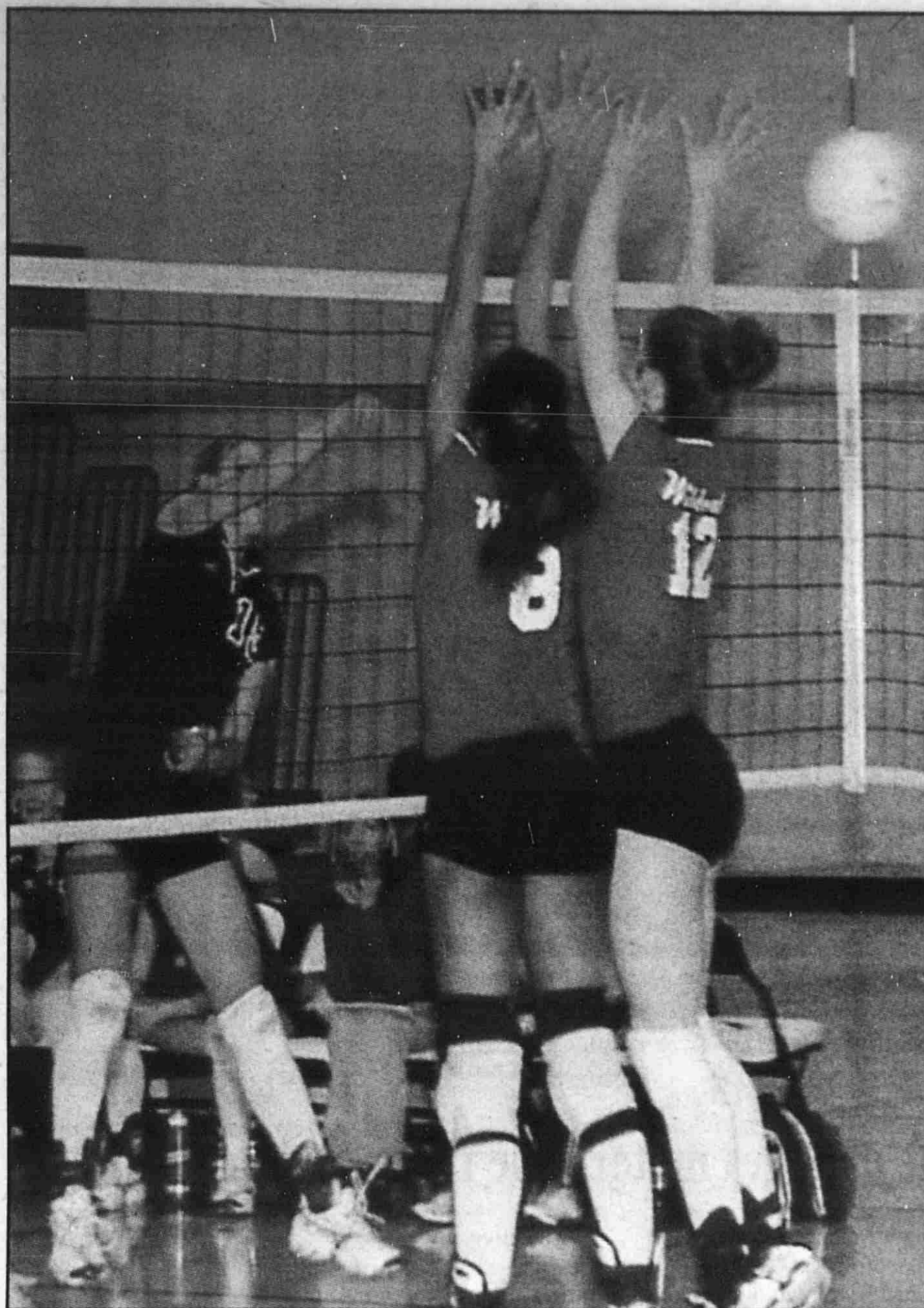
The host Lowell Red Arrows had looked forward to a rematch with the Northview Wildcats at Saturday's OK White conference tournament.

They ended up with two. In the first match of the tournament, Lowell beat the Wildcats in two games, 25-20 and 25-23.

At left, Lowell's Kristin Johnson spikes the ball past Northview defenders in the first round of the OK White conference tournament at Lowell Saturday.

Below, Lowell's Katie Baker and Malley Cahoon put the ball over the net against the Wildcats in the conference tournament.

"The girls knew they had the two matches they've wanted back all year ... they're getting both of them," said Lowell coach Gigi Peal. Unfortunately for Lowell, the result in the next round against Kenowa Hills was the same as it had been during the regular conference season, with the Knights coming out on top. Lowell fell to Cedar Springs in two games in the third round of the double-elimination tournament. This set up another rematch with Northview, this time with the Wildcats holding the grudge. But Lowell won the fifth-place match as well, 25-17 and 25-22. Lowell played a crossover match with the OK Gold Monday. The district tournament starts Friday.



## Red Arrows claim district wrestling championship

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell wrestling team took the first step in the defense of its state championship last Thursday with a 61-11 victory over Forest Hills Central in the district final.

But the road gets a lot harder from here on out. Lowell will face Northview in the first round of regionals Wednesday night. Although Lowell prevailed in their last meeting, the Wildcats gave them a run for their money.

Then the challenge of Sparta, the OK White powerhouse this season, likely looms on the horizon.

"We know we still have to take it up another level before next Wednesday, we're very well aware of that," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc.

After a disappointing conference tournament, Strejc was encouraged by Lowell's performance against the Rangers.

"I like what I saw tonight," Strejc said. "They showed a lot of heart, they're really coming around. Tonight is the first time I've seen that kind of effort all the way up and down the line."



The Lowell wrestling team with the 2005 district championship trophy.

Chris Roeloffs got things started for Lowell with a

pin at 1:54. He defeated Jay Thorpe for Lowell's first six points.

Forest Hills Central's Scott Carpenter won a 7-6 decision in the 145 match against Ryan Karasiewicz. Travis Eiser technical-falled John Fleet in the 152 match to put the Rangers up 8-6.

Then Alex Fleet put Lowell back on top, pinning Josh Swore in 3:01 in the 160 match. Lowell's Matt Francisco won an 8-2 decision against Neil Delaney in the 171 match. Lowell's Brock Graham pinned Alan Delaney in 3:46 at 189. Lowell's

Ryan Esbaugh pinned Mike Romence in 1:00 to win the 215 match. Dominic Doyle caught Forest Hills Central's Josiah Roberts for a pin in 3:30 at 275 for Lowell.

Ray Seese won an 11-2 major decision over Forest Hills Central's Barret Johnson at 103. Cory Fitzpatrick pinned Ty Kelly in :46 at 112 for Lowell. Rob Karasiewicz pinned Tom Gillese in 1:14, giving Lowell a win at 119.

Lowell's Mike Thomas pinned Jake Mills in :57 at 125. Forest Hills Central's Brian Sinclair defeated Justin Boss 13-7 in the 130 match.

Lowell's Joe Mendez won the 135 match by void.

Lowell defeated East Grand Rapids 78-6 in the first round of the district tournament.

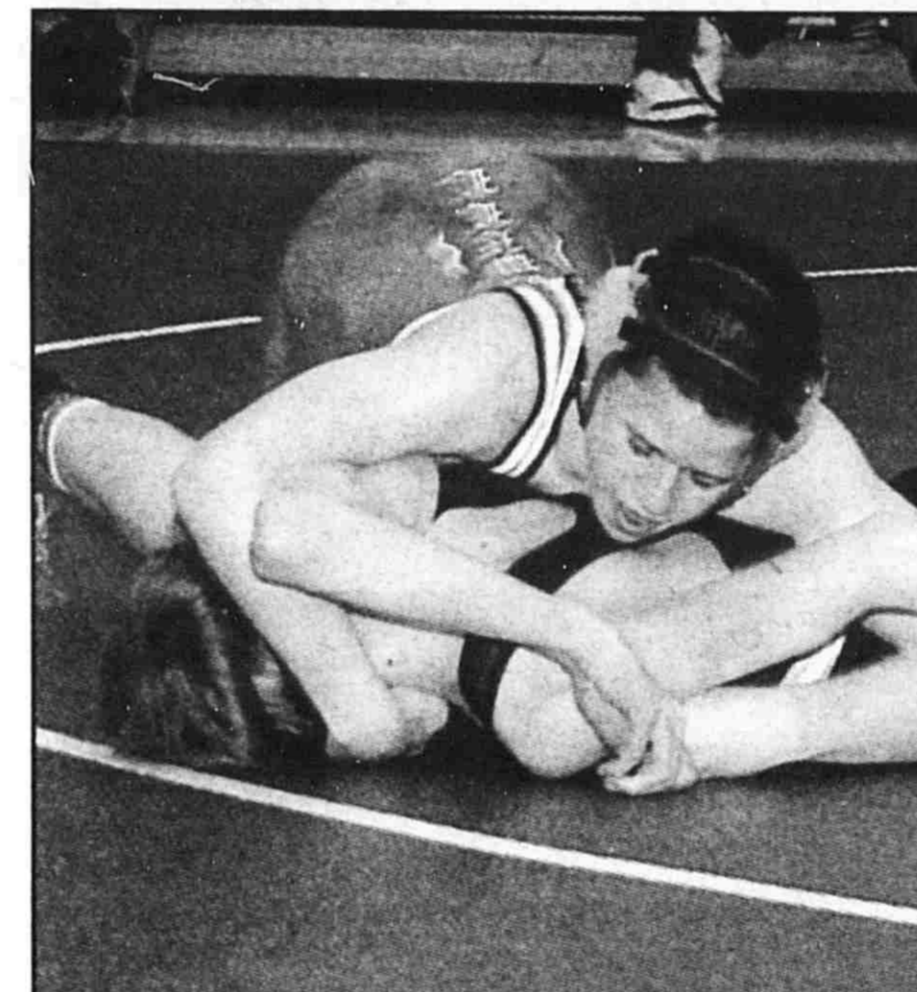
Six Lowell wrestlers advanced to the individual regionals last Saturday at the district tournament at Northview.

Joe Mendez won a district championship at 135, pinning Wayland's Jordan Shoup in 3:52. Rob Karasiewicz advanced to 119 district championship match, where he lost by a 3-

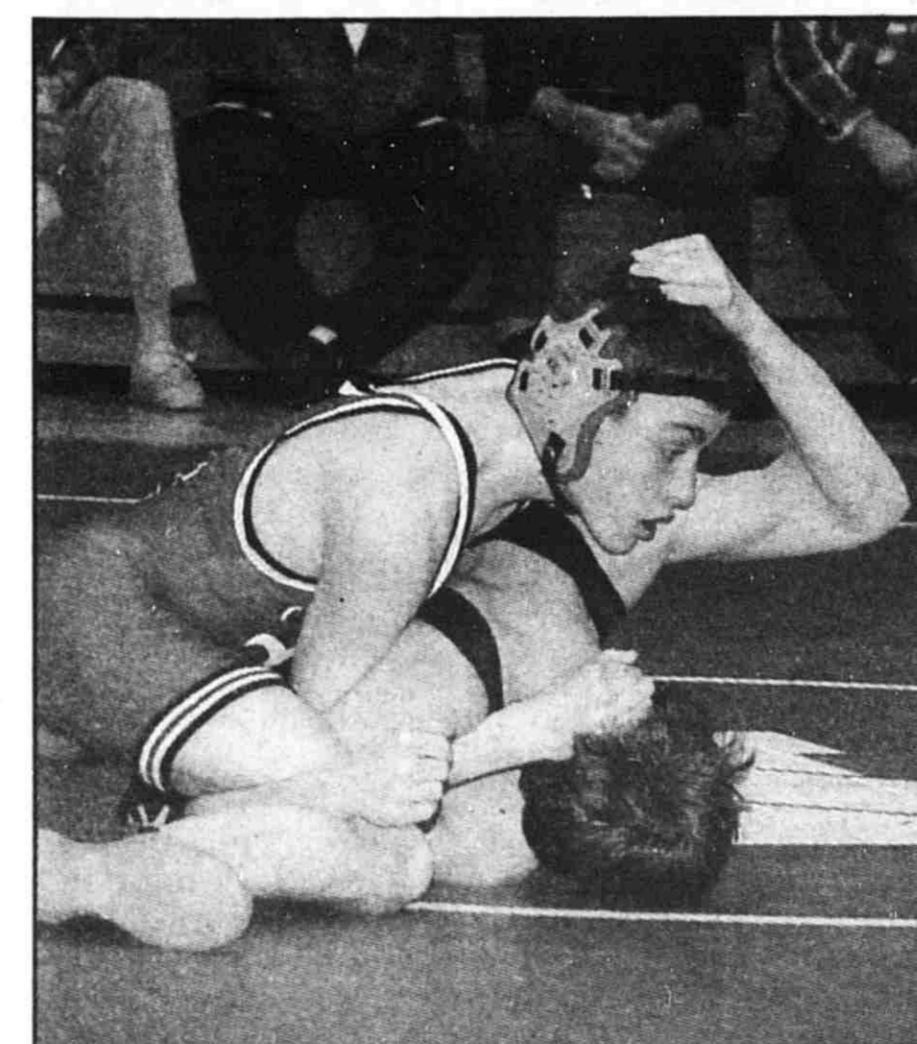
2 decision to Grand Rapids Central's Ray Valdez.

Ray Seese won the 103 consolation match, beating Northview's Navarre Hale 6-0. Hale had beaten Seese the previous weekend in the OK White conference tournament.

Ryan Karasiewicz won the 145 consolation match by forfeit. Alex Fleet won a major decision in the 160 consolation match, defeating Ashton King of Hastings 12-2. Matt Francisco lost 6-4 to Middleville's Travis Young in overtime.



Lowell's Rob Karasiewicz turns over Tom Gillese. He pinned Gillese in 1:14 to win the 119 match.



Lowell's Ray Seese works on Forest Hills Central's Barret Johnson. He won the 103 match by decision.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The March board of review of Lowell Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall on:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005**

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005**

Between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1.) To appear at the Board of Review, call on Tuesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., (616) 897-7600, to schedule an appointment

OR

- 2.) By letter addressed to: Lowell Township/Assessor 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331

**\*MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO MARCH 11, 2005**

Linda Regan  
Lowell Township Clerk

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the proposed 2005-06 budget during a special meeting of the board to be held March 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. The board meets at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 6 pm on March 7th by the Township Clerk. They can be sent to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail to [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org).

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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# Lowell-Caledonia hockey suffers two losses

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia hockey team put up a good fight last Friday against league-unbeaten Grand Haven, but the visiting Buccaneers won the game 6-3.

"It was a rather good

game, though, solid play on both sides," said Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike Ballard.

The score was 1-1 after the first period. Penalties and a few mistakes cost the Red Arrows in the second, and Grand Haven increased

its lead to 4-1. Two Lowell-Caledonia goals early in the third shortened the gap for Lowell, but "we just couldn't quite get over the hump and they ended up scoring a few more," said Ballard.

Ted McCoy had a hat trick in the game for Lowell-

Caledonia, assisted on the third goal by Cory Kelly and Pat McMahon.

The win secured first place for Grand Haven in Tier 3 of the OK hockey league.

Lowell-Caledonia finished the league season

in third place behind West Ottawa.

The Arrows lost 3-0 Saturday in a non-league game against Forest Hills Northern at Standard Federal Ice Arena.

Lowell-Caledonia takes on Northview this Friday at

8 p.m. at Belknap Ice Arena in Grand Rapids, their last regular season game. Next Monday at 7:30 p.m. the state hockey tournament begins with Lowell-Caledonia taking on East Kentwood at East Kentwood High School.

# Bowling teams finish third in conference meet

By Dan Schneider

Both Lowell bowling teams claimed third place finishes last Saturday in the OK White conference meet at Lowell Lanes.

Both Sparta teams took top honors in the competitions. The boys had a total pin score of 2100 for the day while the girls scored 1,735 pins. Unity Christian took second place in both

boys and girls competition. Lowell boys had a total pin score of 2064 while the girls' total was 1532.

Lowell boys beat Sparta last Wednesday, winning their match 24-6 in a dual contest. The girls lost 28 1/2 to 1 1/2. The half point came from Ashley Nawrocki's game-one tie with Brittany Hyde at 155.

Nawrocki rolled a 159 in game two for Lowell's

highest score and other point. Dana Cameron of Sparta claimed the highest

score of the night with a 170 in game one.

Anthony Everitt was the

high-roller for the Lowell boys. He followed a 215 in game one with a 218 in

game two. Both scores were the highest for the night.

# Lowell gymnasts rock at Mona Shores

By Dan Schneider

Everything came together for the Lowell gymnasts last week at Mona Shores.

"They did excellent last

night," said Lowell coach Michele DeHaan.

Four stuck beam routines and three 9s on floor exercise contributed to a season's best 135.65 for Lowell. The score vaulted Lowell past the Sailors, whose score was 133.7.

"This is definitely the best way to finish up the dual season," DeHaan said. "They finally peaked at the perfect time too, so this is going to give them confidence and momentum as they go into conference and regionals."

The beam event is what helped Lowell reach that score. Four gymnasts made it through their routines without a single fall.

Rebecca Underwood had the top score for Lowell with a 9.1. Jenna Dickerman was next with an 8.75 followed by Amanda Rau (8.5) and Kelli Kowalski (8.15).

On the floor exercise, three consecutive Lowell gymnasts scored 9s. It started with Underwood's 9.1. Then Dickerman scored 9.05 on her routine. Rau was up next.

"She says, 'Wow, tough crowd to follow,' and she turned around and did exactly the same thing," DeHaan said.

Rau's 9.3 was the top floor score of the night. Leannah Seese had Lowell's fourth-highest floor exercise score with an 8.4.

Top vault scores were made by Rau (8.95), Dickerman (8.75), Kowalski (8.45) and Underwood (8.25).

On bars, Dickerman led with an 8.65 followed by Rau (7.65), Kowalski (7.5) and Underwood (7.1).

Lowell placed fifth in Saturday's conference meet at Rockford. The fifth-place finish combined with their

regular season record was good enough to put Lowell in fourth-place tie with Mona Shores in the conference overall. Lowell's team score for the conference meet was 126.0.

Top scorers for Lowell on vault were Dickerman, whose 8.4 tied her for 14th in the tournament. Rau scored 8.15; Underwood, 8.1; and Kowalski, 7.8.

Top scores on bars were made by Dickerman (8.15), Rau (7.85), Kowalski (7.0) and Underwood (6.7).

Beam scores were handed in by Underwood (7.925), Dickerman (7.35), Kowalski (7.3) and Rau (6.825).

In the floor exercise, Underwood's 8.8 was Lowell's highest score and the 13th-highest score at the meet. Rau and Dickerman both scored 8.75 on floor to tie for 14th place. Seese scored 8.15.

# Lowell stuffs Greenville 51-29, falters at Unity

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity basketball team won decisively last week against Greenville.

The host Red Arrows beat the Yellow Jackets 51-29 in what was primarily a defensive game. And defense worked well for Lowell, whose full-court press frustrated Greenville for the duration of the game. Lowell also forced Greenville to work on the outside, which made things harder offensively.

Lowell had the run of the court for the first half. The Arrows allowed only three points in the first quarter, all of them from free throws. They were up 15-3 after the first and outscored the Jackets in each subsequent quarter. The score was 28-11 at halftime, after which Greenville brought in some new players and started putting an offense together. Greenville matched up with Lowell better in the second

half, but they'd started too far behind.

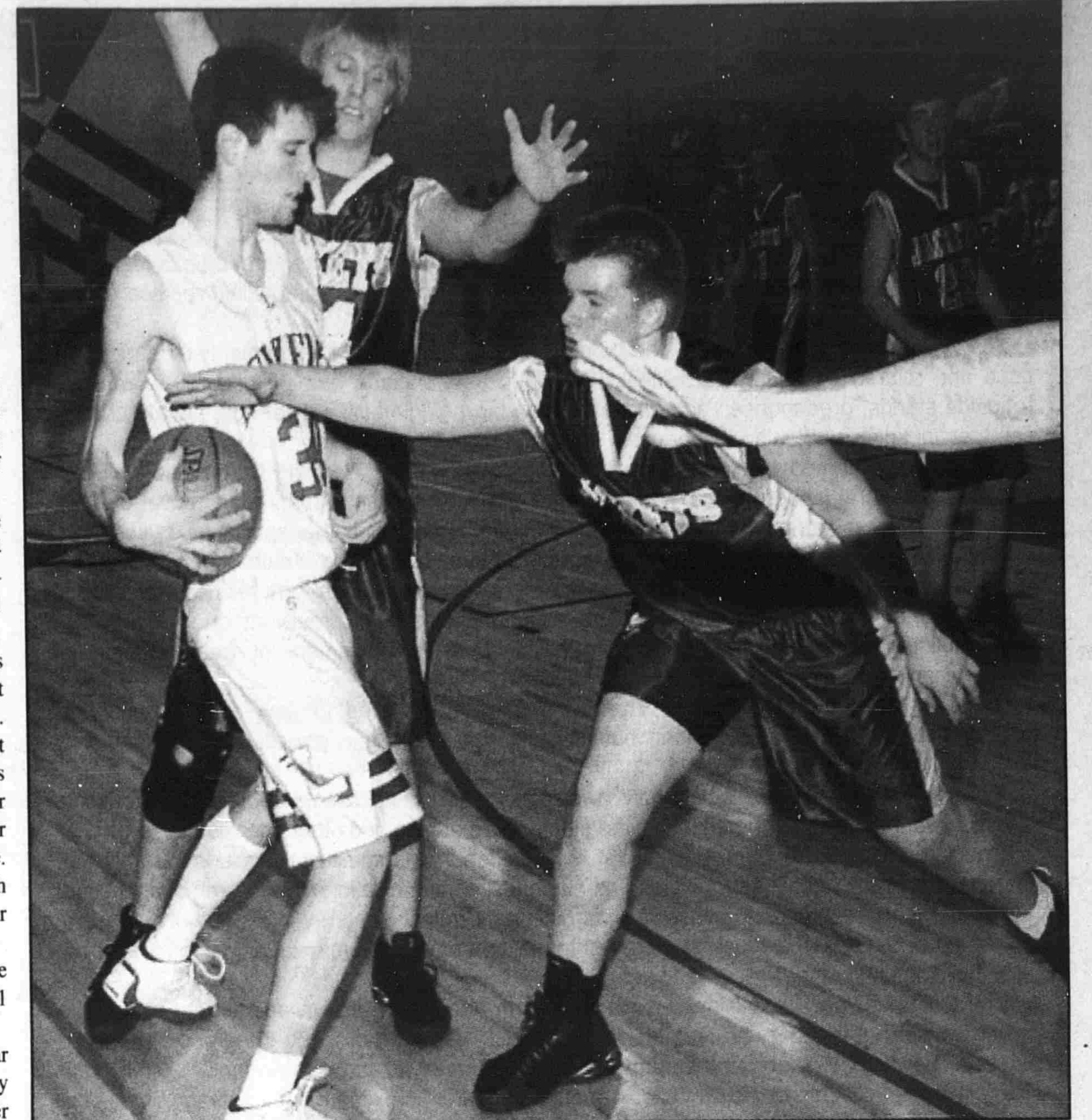
Greenville coach Rick Lewis blamed the loss on "a combination of them playing good defense and a lack of discipline on our part."

Josh Hettinga led the Lowell offense, scoring 14 points and hitting two 3-pointers. Brad Shea had 11 points for Lowell.

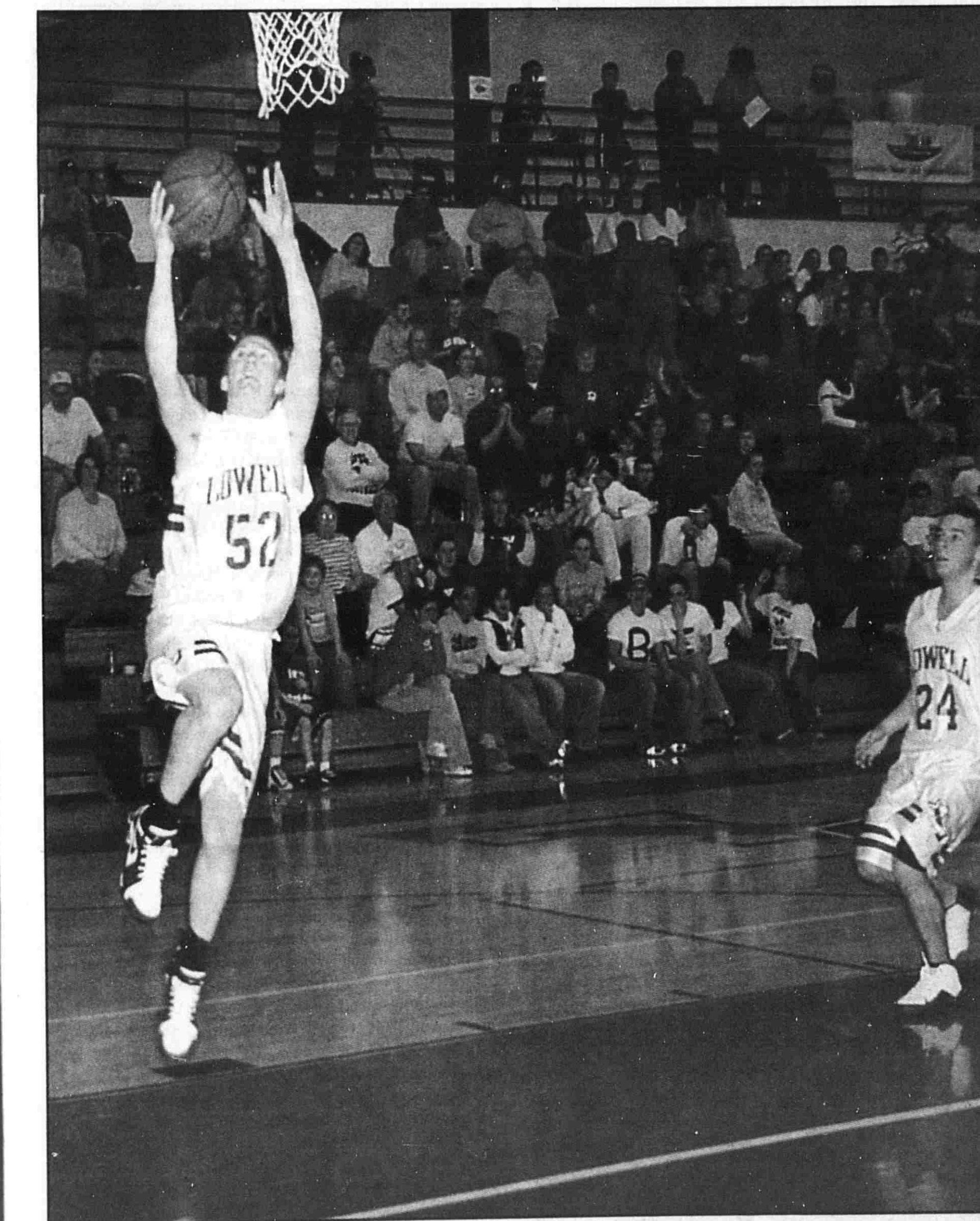
The Red Arrows suffered a road loss last Friday at Unity Christian. Lowell led in the first quarter but the Crusaders had a strong second quarter and held on to the lead for the remainder of the game. Hettinga led Lowell with 12 points and Mike Koster scored seven.

The Red Arrows are 5-8 in conference and 7-11 overall this season.

They faced Cedar Springs at home Tuesday and will play a crossover game with the OK Gold conference Friday.



Lowell's Casey Randolph holds the ball as time runs out last Tuesday against Greenville.



Lowell's Mike McElroy goes up for a fast-break layup as a Greenville defender runs past behind him. Lowell's defense created several fast-break opportunities against the Yellow Jackets.

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# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of February 14, 2005

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA** - The Board added a request for an overnight student trip to the consent items on the agenda.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He reported that the students are appreciative of the refinished stage floor at the LPAC, funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund. The Student Council will be joined by the Alto Student Council at their upcoming meeting at the high school. A blood drive sponsored by the Student Council will be held on March 4.

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

- Sheri Woolery donation of infant formula, infant car seat carrier and infant stroller to be used by the Unity High School nursery.
- Altior donation of computer monitors valued at \$3950 to be used by the technology department.

Approved the amendment to the 2004-2005 general fund budget

Approved the Driver Training Program Fees at \$280 for 2005

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

- Minutes for January 10, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, January 10, 2005 Regular Meeting, and January 24, 2005 Workshop

• The following payment of bills for January 2005:

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| GENERAL FUND.....         | \$1,079,106.45 |
| SCHOOL SERVICES FUND      |                |
| A. Food Service Fund..... | \$67,128.44    |
| B. Athletic Fund.....     | \$6,019.85     |

|                             |              |
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| 2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND..... | \$9,587.42   |
| 2004 ENERGY BOND FUND.....  | \$135,926.00 |
| TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....  | \$30,796.75  |

- Schools of Choice Resolution
- Personal Property Taxes Stricken
- Overnight Student Trip - LHS Dance Team to Detroit on March 4, 5, and 6

**FACILITY UPDATE** - Larry Mikulski reported on the Honeywell projects taking place in the buildings. Larry and a representative from Honeywell will be at the March Board meeting to give a final report and share cost savings as a result of this project.

**TRANSPORTATION UPDATE** - Larry Mikulski and parent, Dee McKendrick, reported on the Safe Walk to School program. Collaboration with the City's Dept. of Public Works and the Police Department has made this endeavor a success. Another Walk to School day is being planned for one day this spring.

**CURRICULUM REPORT** - Mark Kasmer reported on the MEAP testing changes. This year's 11th graders will be taking the MEAP just prior to Spring Break. Staff members recently received diversity training by Dr. Steve Robbins entitled "Unintentional Intolerance". New science textbooks will be reviewed in the near future.

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT** - Shari Miller updated the Board on district technology. Computer labs have been added at Cherry Creek, Middle School and High School. K-12 Technology Curriculum continues to be developed and software is continually being analyzed to meet student needs.

**BOARD BYLAWS REVISION** - Due to changes in election law, the Board bylaws need to be revised concerning the school election. This item will be brought to the March meeting for adoption on its second reading.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Shari Miller congratulated Dee Crowley and Susan Langford as well as high school students who participated in the Business Professionals Association (BPA) Regional Competition. Nine out of the 12 students who attended advanced to State Competition. On February 2, 59 FFA members from Lowell traveled to Saranac to compete in the District Leadership contest. Of the twelve teams Lowell had competing at the district contests, five of them advanced to the Regional contests. Shari thanked Kevin Nugent for his great efforts with the FFA. School building visits are highlights of the work week, and Shari offered thanks to parents and staff for all their efforts in helping students learn.

**PRINCIPAL WEEK RECOGNITION** - Board members presented principals with leadership books in honor of Principals Week.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Board Workshop  
Monday, February 28, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
- Board Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2005  
Runciman Administration Building -  
Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL 10381 BAILEY DRIVE, LOWELL, MI, 49331 ON

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and also on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

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1. By letter addressed to:  
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P.O. Box 208  
Lowell, MI 49331-0208

Letters must be received by March 11, 2005

Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning two ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

**Ordinance No. 1.** This ordinance would add Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District and Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District to the zoning ordinance. These articles would replace current Article 6, the A Agricultural District, in its entirety.

**1. A-1 Agricultural District.** The proposed A-1 District is intended primarily for agricultural uses and related agricultural activities. Permitted uses include farming and farm dwellings, roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries, non-farm single-family dwellings, private stables, commercial riding stables and other uses.

Certain special land uses are permitted if approved by the Planning Commission. These include agricultural labor housing, kennels, retail greenhouses and nurseries, removal of sand, gravel and other resources, processing of agricultural products and other special land uses.

The district includes provisions on the number of lots that may be created out of a parcel of land, in addition to an existing principal dwelling. Lots created for non-farm residential purposes are to be of a specified minimum size. The district includes other provisions on minimum yard sizes, building height, maximum lot coverage, minimum and maximum lot area, minimum lot width, minimum dwelling size and other provisions.

**2. A-2 Agricultural District.** The A-2 District is intended for low density residential development in a rural environment, but including farm land and providing for protection of valued natural features.

Permitted uses include single-family dwellings, general and specialized farming, roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries, private stables, cemeteries and other specified uses.

Special land uses, subject to approval by the Planning Commission, include kennels and veterinary hospitals, retail greenhouses and nurseries, communications towers, removal of sand, gravel and other resources, processing of agricultural products, country clubs and golf courses, athletic grounds, bed and breakfast establishments, churches, commercial riding stables, public utility buildings and other special land uses.

The district includes provisions on the maximum number of lots, in addition to an existing principal dwelling, that may be created out of a parcel of land, based on the gross area of the parcel. The district includes other provisions on minimum lot area, minimum lot width, yard sizes, maximum width to depth ratio, agricultural buffer, maximum lot coverage, minimum dwelling unit size and other provisions.

**3. Other Provisions in the Ordinance.** Sections 3.49 and 14.17 of the Township zoning ordinance would be amended so as to make appropriate references to the A-1 and the A-2 zoning districts and so as to adopt certain minor changes in the existing provisions.

**Ordinance No. 2.** This ordinance would amend Section 5.03 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the zoning map, so as to rezone lands in the Township as follows:

**1.** To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the proposed A-1 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township Proposed A-1 Zoning."

**2.** To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the proposed A-2 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township Proposed A-2 Zoning District."

**3.** The above-stated ordinance to rezone the described lands would become effective only on or following the effective date of the ordinance adopting proposed Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District, and proposed Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District.

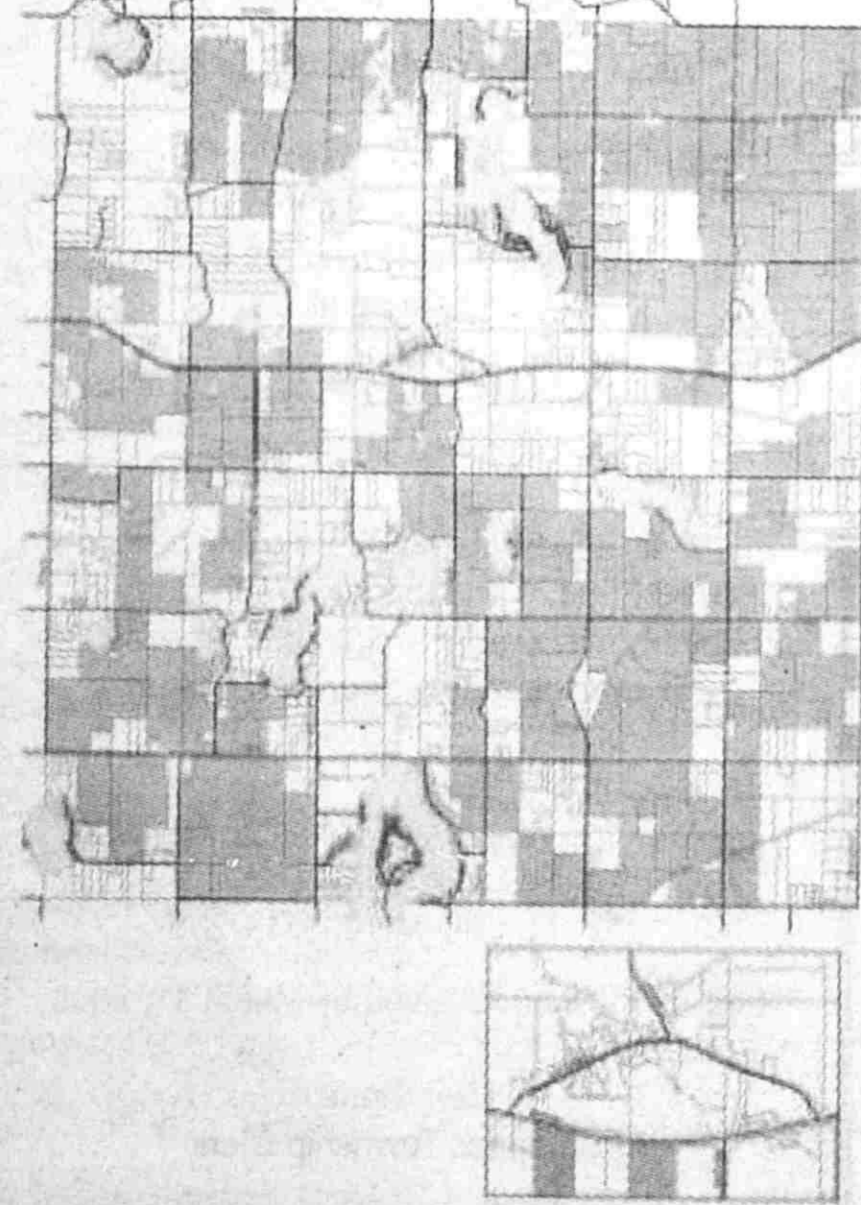
All interested persons may attend the public hearing on the above-stated amending ordinances. Written comments concerning the ordinances may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: February 7, 2005

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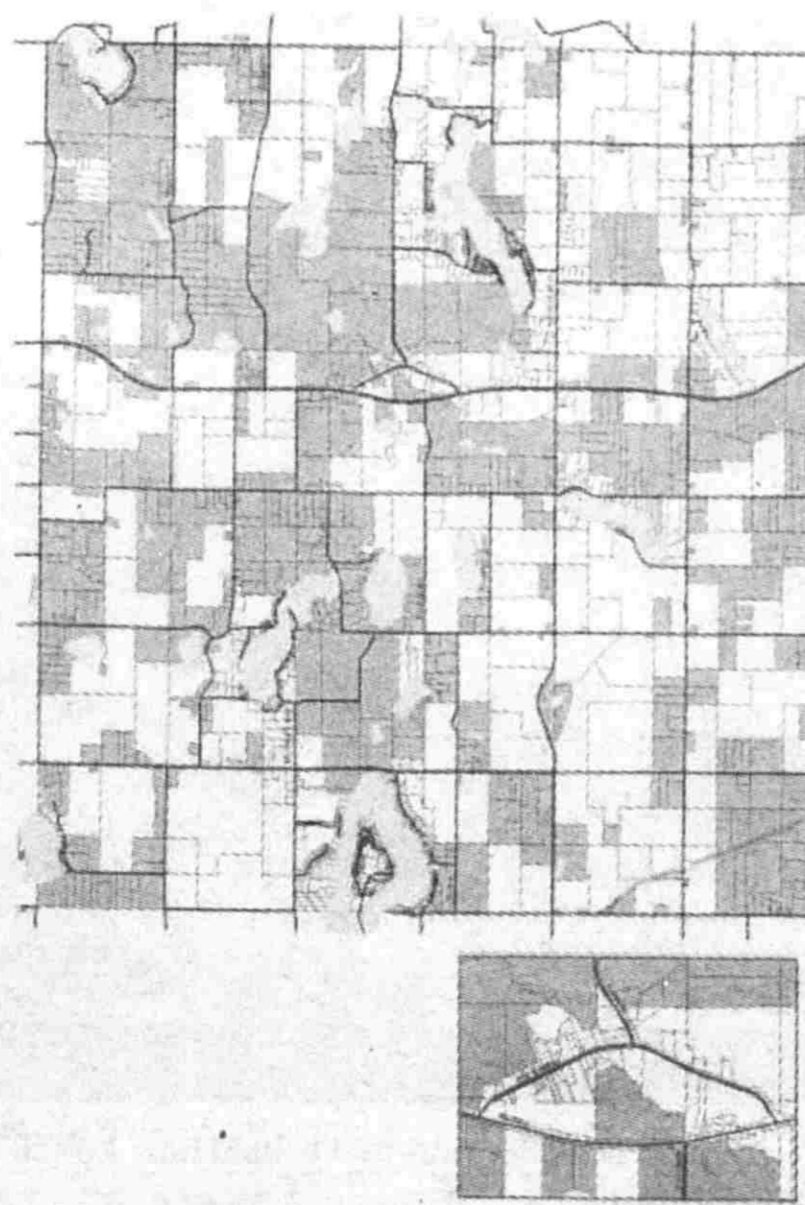
### EXHIBIT A

**Grattan Township  
Proposed A-1 Zoning**



### EXHIBIT B

**Grattan Township  
Proposed A-2 Zoning District**



## Missing honorees

If you were sure you made the honor roll and did not appear in last week's paper - check again. The high school gave the Ledger an incomplete listing and the error was not caught until after publication.

So chalk this up as a D- for the high school. But for the students who were supposed to be on the list and were not, we hope this clears things up at home.

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#### 10th Grade

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