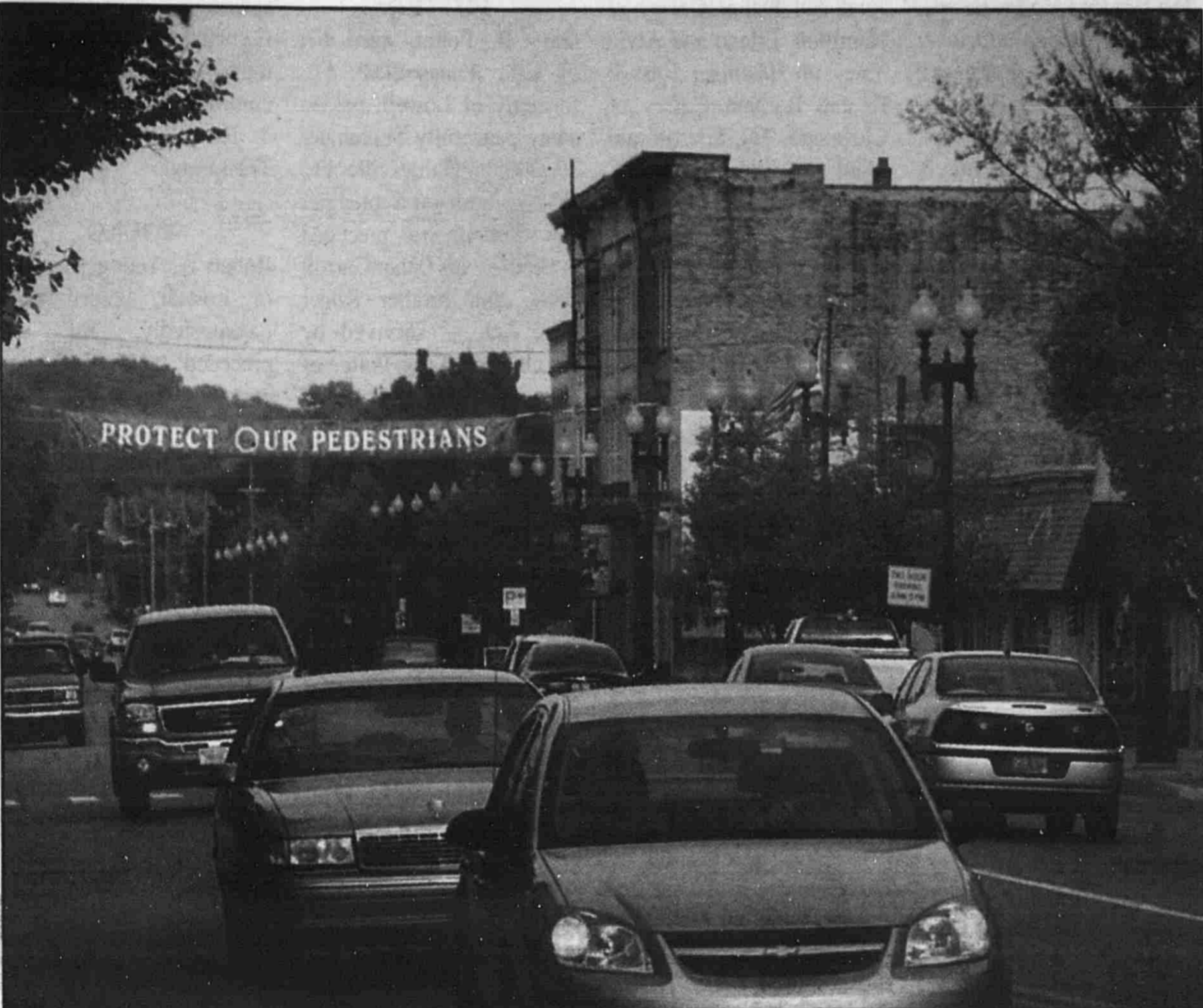


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Heavy traffic, such as this rush hour traffic photographed Monday evening, is sometimes a problem for pedestrians trying to cross Main Street.

Not enough traffic for signal on Main Street, says MDOT

By Dan Schneider

With new shops opening every year in Lowell's historic downtown district, the area is becoming more and more appealing for visiting shoppers.

And Main Street, also known as state highway M-21, hasn't gotten any less popular with cars, semi-trucks or any of the other types of traffic that constantly flow through Lowell.

To some, including downtown business owners, those two facts are in conflict with each other. The shop owners, who envision Lowell as a place where people can spend an afternoon shopping, eating and enjoying the river views, see free pedestrian movement as a vital part of that future. And the constant flow of traffic makes it hard for pedestrians.

Pedestrian movement is an important part of making Lowell what Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker calls a "destination city."

"We think it's vital to the downtown ambiance we're trying to create," Baker said. "I just think it's very important for us to make it a more pedestrian-friendly street."

It has been a topic of discussion for more than a year at meetings of Lowell's Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The DDA started with a desire for a signal light, preferably at Main Street's intersection with Monroe Street. But the Michigan Department of Transportation (M-DOT) shot that idea down, citing too little traffic on Monroe to warrant a signal. When five representatives from M-DOT came to last Thursday's meeting, they restated that obstacle.

"These warrants are very strict," said Art Green, development manager for the Grand Region, which consists of eight counties including Kent.

Traffic volume on cross streets is at the top of the list of warrants the state uses to determine whether traffic signals are justified. And it is traffic volume, not speed, that is hampering pedestrian crossing of Main Street. This has been reinforced since the Lowell Police Department began using its speed board on Main Street.

"The studies we have done so far show that traffic is moving at legal speeds," DDA board member Dean Lonick said.

The DDA hired the engineering company Wade Trim to

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Lowell Harvest Festival this weekend

The annual Lowell Harvest Celebration hits the ground running this Saturday.

First on the list of events is the inaugural Harvest Hustle 5K Run/Walk. The race begins at 8 a.m. on the north side of City Hall on Avery Street. More information and an application are available by calling Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781.

After a good run of 3.1 miles or so, there's no better way to wind down than by building a scarecrow. Visit the Lowell Fairgrounds between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and use your creative juices to build a scarecrow for Main Street; all supplies are provided.

While the scarecrows are being built, chili will be cooked. Larkin's fourth annual Chili Madness Chili Cook-off gets started at 11 a.m. as several chili artists heat up their pots. Public tasting is from 3-7 p.m. There will also be bluegrass music at Larkin's from 2-6 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Lowell Area Historical Museum's third annual historic home tour will get started at 10 a.m. with various historic homes and businesses throughout Lowell. Tours lasts until 5 p.m.

Take a stroll along Lowell's Riverwalk Plaza where antiques will be for sale from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Vendor space is still available. Contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 for more details.

City changes waste hauler- costs remain the same

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell will be changing its waste hauler, but residents—for now—won't have to worry about a price increase, for waste, yard and recycling services.

At its Monday night meeting, Lowell City Council, acting on a recommendation from city staff, unanimously agreed to change haulers from Waste Management to Allied Waste Industries, formerly Sunset Waste Services. The change

goes into effect Nov. 1 with the contract concluding Oct. 31, 2008.

City manager David Pasquale said the city was coming to the end of a three-year contract with current waste hauler Waste Management. According to city policy, staff sought bids with four companies; only two, Allied and Waste Management, submitted bids for the services.

After review, Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden recommended going with

Allied because of cost and record of service in the community.

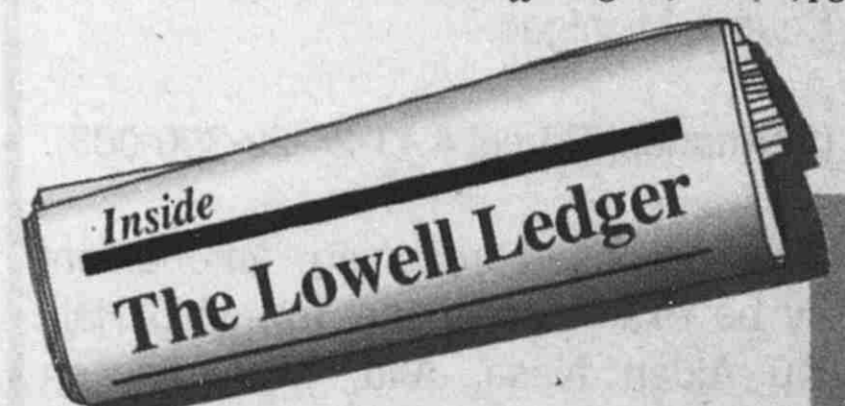
For waste haul services, Allied came in almost 25 cents less than Waste Management with a bid of \$1.01 per bag for the first year. There would be a three- and four-cent increase per year over the next two years of the contract.

As for recycling, Allied was 45 cents less, coming in at \$2.83 per month per resident for the first year with prices increasing about 10 cents per year for the

remainder of the contract. In yard waste, the company was 70 cents cheaper at 96 cents per bag the first year and increasing about three cents per year after that.

City residents currently pay \$1 per bag for garbage and rubbish, and yard waste. The city's current cost is much less than that. For now, the city council decided not to change those rates until the next budget period, since combined garbage and yard waste, the

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Weddings

Briggs/Mettler

Cynthia Jean Mettler and William Howard Briggs were united in marriage on September 17, 2005, at their home in Saranac. Special music was provided by the Lowell String Ensemble.

The groom, a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University, is the son of Howard and Barbara Briggs of Lowell.

The bride, a graduate of Beaverton High School, is the daughter of Vincent and Dawn Mettler of Midland.

Also attending the ceremony were grandmothers Pauline Burtle of Lowell and Alice Steadman of Buffalo, New York.



Mr. and Mrs. William Briggs

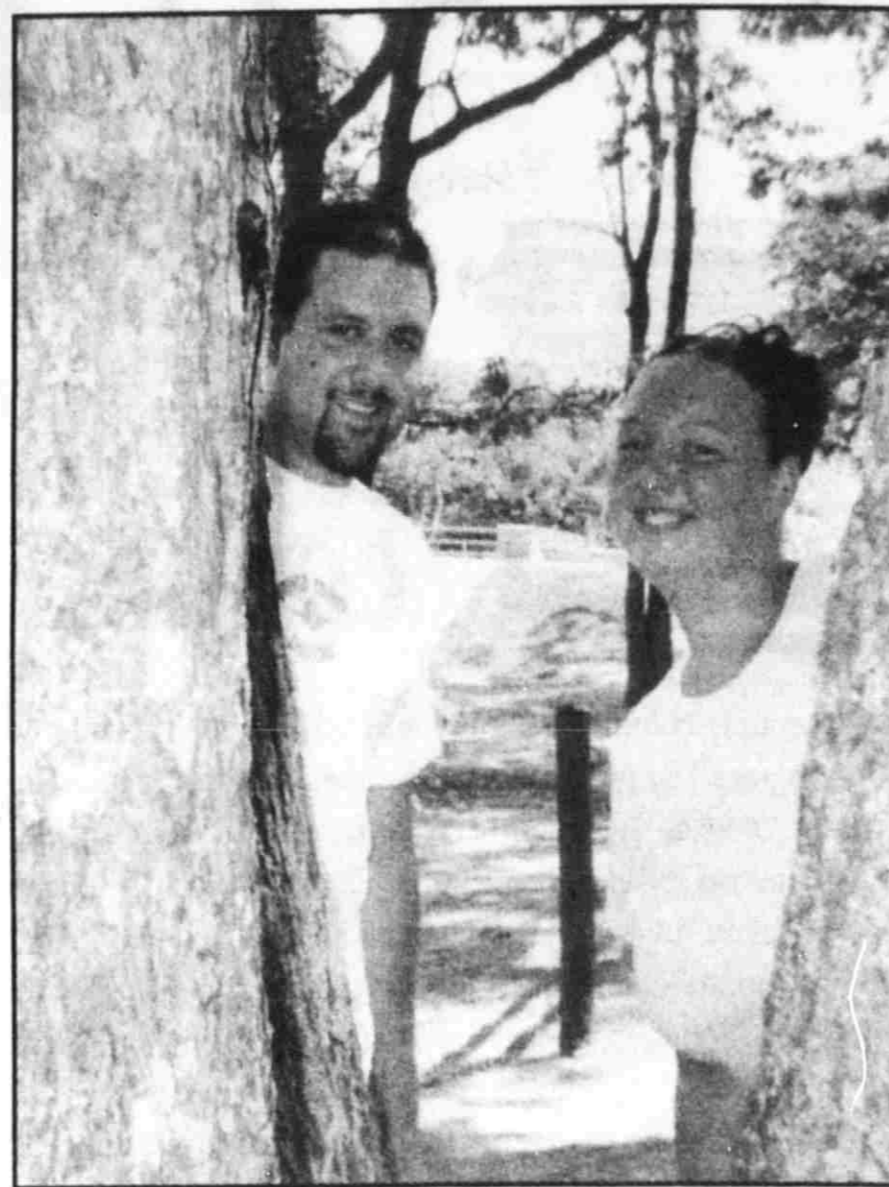
Engagements

Porter/Wendt

Leanne Porter and Curtis Wendt, both of Lowell, will exchange wedding vows aboard the Carnival Cruise Line on Nov. 13, 2005.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School in 2000 and currently works as a customer service rep/data entry. She is the daughter of Kevin and Gabriele Porter of Lowell.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School and currently works as an automotive technician. He is the son of Jeffrey Wendt of Baroda and Christina Wendt of Auburn Hills.



Curtis Wendt and Leanne Porter

Reflections of faith

David O. Sims, pastor
First Baptist Church

Extreme Makeover. Home Improvement. "New and Improved!" So go some of the titles and slogans of the TV shows and commercials along with the countless sales fliers that cram our mailboxes and bloat our newspapers.

Every generation is looking for a better way to do whatever. And, aren't we glad for every helpful improvement? I'm glad I don't have to carry the water at home (I used

to have to do that at the cabin of my youth). I'm glad I don't have to light the kerosene lamp for light at night (I just did that 3 weeks ago in a U.P. power outage). I'm glad I'm sitting at a much better computer than the dinosaur I got to work on in tech school in the '70s. I'm thankful for better things.

I am also thankful for a God who has better things for us. He really does have good things in mind for us, and it is more than just interesting to check through the Bible for those times He tells us what is "better" for us. You'll find it to be enlightening ... and challenging, too. If you looked up the word, you would find God has an improvement program for living, and by choosing such things as patience, good friends, obedience, trust, wisdom, fellowship, accountability, contentment, peace and prayer, you would truly experience a better life.

During these four weeks of October, I'd like to

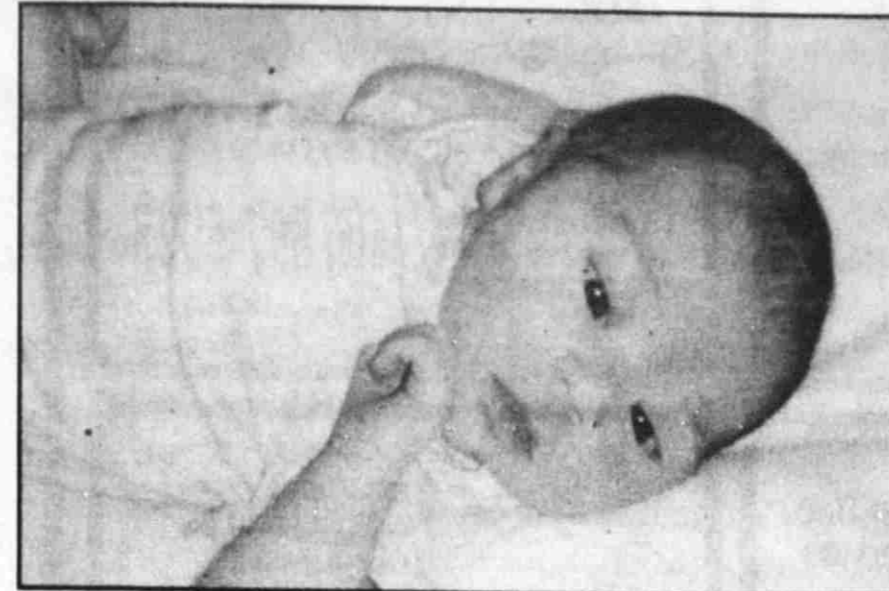
look at four other keys to personal improvement and an inner makeover. Interestingly, in this day of "new and improved," our level of appreciation for the "old ways" is steadily decreasing along with a sort of disbelief that any credible level of wisdom could have existed prior to our technologically enlightened age.

Modern man has cast off a high view of scripture, insisting that it is hopelessly outdated, ancient words marooned on a desert island of worn out middle east culture. Yet, study the Mayans, the Incas, the pyramids ... and we come up woefully short of the know-how of such preceding civilizations. And when we take a look at the Bible, we find it thoroughly consistent, self-authenticated, relevant and sufficient for today. Notice God's "improvement formula" in Psalm 119:72 - "The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces."

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New Arrivals

Tesimu



Adriyanna Teatu Tesimu

Adriyanna Teatu Tesimu are Jay and Oranda May of Lowell and Godwin and Lowell and Sammy Tesimu of the Solomon Islands on September 11, 2005, in Roswell, New Mexico.

Proud grandparents are Jay and Oranda May of Lowell and Godwin and Doris Tesimu of the Solomon Islands. Godparents are her aunt, Tabitha May of Lowell, and Sammy Ramoni of the Solomon Islands.

Davidson

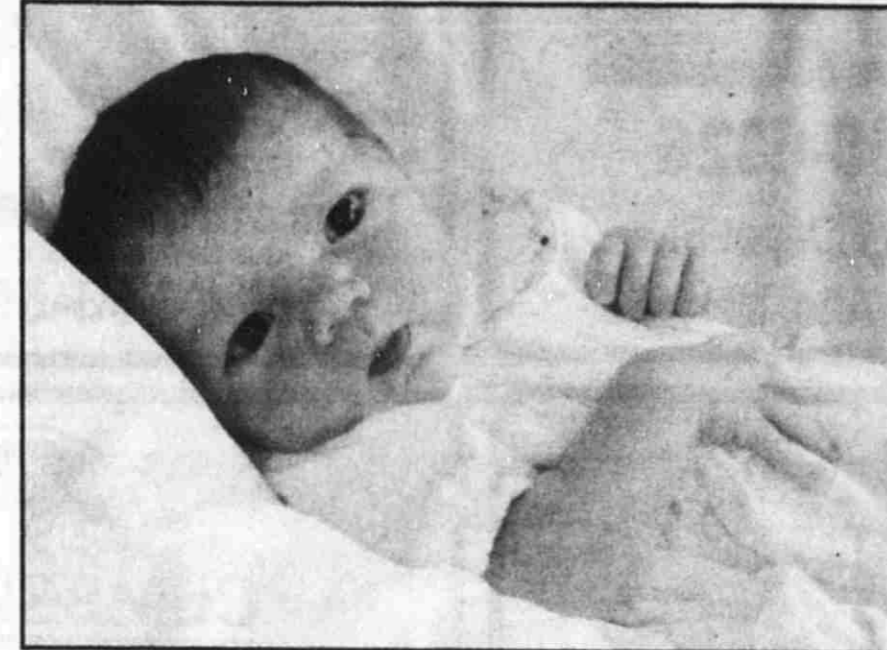
Jesse and Dianna Davidson are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Jacob Phillip. He was born September 10, 2005, at 4:23 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Happy grandparents are Steve and Nancy Hubbard and Phil and Sherry Johnson.



Jacob Phillip Davidson

Pate



Madelyn Elizabeth Pate

Big brother Nicholas Roger Pate is excited to announce the birth of his baby sister, Madelyn Elizabeth. She was born August 31, 2005, at 12:44 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are Roger and Melissa Pate.

Welcoming her home

are grandparents Daryl and Barb Anderson of Lowell, Kathleen Pate of Sterling Heights, and Charles and Robin Pate of Metamora; great-grandparents Kenneth Anderson of Lowell, Jean Pate of Harrison Twp., and Cecilia Raska of Sterling Heights, as well as many aunts and uncles.

Happy Birthday

OCT. 6: Steven J. Ayres, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser.

OCT. 7: Fred Ray, Jennifer Idema.

OCT. 8: Maxwell Stormzand, Jeremy Darby, Abigail Kastanek, Kelsay Myers, Chris Borton.

OCT. 9: Jerrid Uzarski, Cameron Kiczinski, Ralph Clouser.

OCT. 10: Traci Newhouse, Michele DeHaan.

OCT. 11: Susan Merriman, Ashley Hendrick.

OCT. 12: Neille Stephens, Becky Batt.

There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written or badly written.

Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

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So note with me how to find a BETTER life: 1) A personal word from God offers more than all that money can buy. King David recorded this truth, a man who had it all! Things can be stolen or lost, but the gift of hearing and having a Word from God in your mind, spirit and soul cannot. Things are useless in the hour of death, just when God's promises become most dear!

2) Living by God's Word enables the blessings of God for good. Lining yourself up with God's principles and truth puts you in a place of being "in sync" with Him. To have God for us is so much more valuable than whatever temporary assets our funds can purchase.

Walking in God's Word provides wisdom for life-choices. (see 119:66) It brings good judgment and discernment and an ability to sort out good from bad, better from best.

Listening to God's Word reveals the purposes for human affliction. (see 119:59,67,71,75) How much better

it is to use trouble for good, to let it push you closer to God than away from Him, and to trust Him for still being good even when things feel so bad. Only God's speech, His Word, can make us better instead of bitter. And His Word has come to us, written and living. Jesus is THE WORD and receiving Him alone is the only way to surely find a better life here and forever. (John 1:1,12; 3:36)

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The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Monday, Oct. 10 for prospective volunteer tutors. The session is held at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE on the third floor in the Vander Veen Center.

The information session allows persons interested in becoming tutors to find out more about the council and its programs. It is free and lasts one hour. Registration is necessary. Call 459-5151.

AARP free brochure

With enrollment for the new Medicare prescription drug benefit right around the corner, AARP is offering a free publication to help those eligible make informed decisions about whether the program is right for them. "Consumers need information that's not only clear and reliable, but that will help cut through the red tape and make the enrollment process work for them," said AARP Michigan State director Steve Gools. "This 24-page booklet is an indispensable tool for doing just that. With insurers and others about to start marketing their drug policies to those who are eligible, now is the time to get credible information from AARP."

The booklet is "The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: What You Need to Know." It is available online at www.aarp.org or by calling 1-888-687-2277.

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a late afternoon fuel stop. This, coupled with the discovery that my tachometer cable had broken, caused a considerable delay. A local Good Samaritan loaned me an old tach and cable that we jury-rigged in the airplane. We flew on up into Georgia and got a room for the night. We hadn't gotten as far as we had hoped.

Trying to make up time, we got an early start the next morning. Our route took us over some very rugged and desolate yellow pine forest. Those rugged pines were pretty much what we had flown over in northern Florida, more of the same in Georgia and still more as we flew on into Alabama. I got in the habit of looking for places I might be able to "put down" if the engine quit. There weren't many.

At fuel stops I was becoming concerned about an increase in oil consumption. Also, the oil leaks hadn't been corrected and the plane needed to be wiped down at each stop. The difficulty in starting was also getting to be more than an annoyance. I was beginning to think maybe Bobby hadn't been such a bargain after all.

Near Huntsville, Alabama, we picked up the Tennessee River and followed it on up toward our ultimate destination for the day, an airstrip operated by the Lake Barkley State Park Lodge in western Kentucky. We continued up the Tennessee River, across the Land-Between-The-Lakes and

up the Cumberland River to Lake Barkley. The weather was perfect and flying just doesn't get much better than this was. We did a little sight-seeing tour around the lodge and lake, then put down at the strip.

I "greased" a landing (nobody to see it), taxied to the ramp, idled back to scope out a place to park and the engine quit. It hasn't run since. Not even a cough. The "re-built" engine had run for a whopping twelve hours.

The bad news was, we had experienced an engine failure at a remote airstrip with no services, mechanics, hangars, etc. The good news was, we had experienced an engine failure on the ground.

It was late Friday afternoon of a holiday weekend. We had been flying for two days and were tired. We got a room at the lodge and chose to address the problem in the morning. Sleeping on it didn't help. Nor did phone calls to Bobby and other mechanics. They all had a lot of advice to try this and that, but nothing worked.

So, there I was stranded in western Kentucky with my wife. She had been a real trooper about the whole thing, but was beginning to develop an attitude. Her opinion of flying cross-country in an antique biplane was rapidly heading south. After getting a eyeful of Bobby's operation, experiencing the engine failure, then calculating all the

"what-ifs" of going down in the ocean, Everglades, cane fields, pine forest, rivers, etc., it's safe to say she may choose to stay home next time.

Like I said, this story is becoming a saga. I'm going to leave you here and pick this up next week. As Granny used to say on the "Beverly Hillbillies" ... "Y'all come back now, ya hear?" Sounds like Bobby and the boys.

I feel about airplanes the way I feel about diets. It seems to me they are wonderful things for other people to go on.

- Jean Kerr

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Local athlete finding success in cycling, triathlons

By Dan Schneider

The countryside around Alto has better roads for bicycling than the roads on the east side of the state.

That's one of the reasons why 2004 Lowell High School graduate and triathlete Scott Riddle likes coming home in the summer.

"It's a lot harder to ride out here in Ann Arbor because there aren't the nice country roads," Riddle said. "So I like going home where there's the good roads."

Riddle, 19, is a sophomore in the predoctoral program at the University of Michigan. He rides with the U of M cycling team, but also keeps up an ambitious schedule of bicycle racing and triathlons on his own. His most recent triathlon was Autumn Colors in Clarkston, Sept. 18. He won the event.

"That was the first triathlon I ever won," Riddle said.

He started cycling in the

fall of his junior year of high school and began racing in 2003. His first were the regular Wednesday night races at Grattan Raceway.

"I kind of got started at Grattan and that got me a little bit of experience, and I went on to the other ones," Riddle said.

His first major road race was the 2003 Major Taylor Race State Championships held in Grand Blanc. He won the junior category for ages 17-18.

Spring is his major cycling season.

"What I'll usually do is all cycling, all road racing in the spring," Riddle said.

He'll ride two races a week when he's home for the summer, including Wednesday nights at Grattan.

Toward the end of summer, he transitions to triathlons. Riddle placed seventh Sept. 10 at the Reeds Lake Triathlon in East Grand Rapids. The next-youngest



Scott Riddle pulled away from the pack to win Category 3 of the June 5 Dan Cihak Memorial Tour of Cedar Creek in Twin Lake, Mich.

athlete in the top 10 was 27 years old. Riddle ran cross country

in high school. Swimming is his least favorite triathlon event.

"For triathlons, it's definitely my down side," Riddle said.

During the summer, he does do some swimming in local lakes. But he spends most of his time riding and running.

Riddle's triathlon season ended with the Autumn Colors Triathlon. His next

event will be the Detroit Marathon Oct. 23.

"It's kind of my off-season for bicycling. I get more excited about biking in the spring," Riddle said.

In the winter, he uses a bike trainer to stay in shape while keeping up with his studies. "One of his biggest

issues is how does he work so much and study at the same time," his mother, Susan Riddle, said.

His cycling goal is to compete in the National Championships in the 19-23 age group. For triathlons, he plans to compete in the Wisconsin Ironman next fall. His goal there will be a top-three finish to qualify for Ironman Hawaii.

"Hawaii is cool, of course," Riddle said. "It's the one pretty much everybody wants to get to."

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city should break about even on costs.

The city does pick up the cost for recycling; there was a question about keeping an accurate count on the number of residents who do use the service. City clerk Betty Morlock said she

has worked on keeping the recycling records updated as much as possible, which has helped. Allied officials said they would look into seeing if they could help keep track of that, as well.

As far as the city being able to contact Allied in regards to complaints from either the city or residents, the company offered three numbers at which representatives could be reached. The Allied official at the meeting also said the

company would agree to an annual review with the city council on how things were going.

As part of the agreement, the council stipulated that all the current times and days for waste haul removal and other related services were to remain the same. Councilman Charles Myers felt this was important for residents who were already used to the current schedule.

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Arson blamed in Grattan one-room schoolhouse fire

By Dan Schneider

The fire that damaged an abandoned one-room schoolhouse in Grattan Township Friday was intentionally set, local fire officials said.

"We know it was arson but exactly what the accelerant was we don't know," Grattan Fire Department deputy chief Anna Ward said.

The department received the call at 5:30 a.m. and arrived on the scene in time to see flames coming out of the front.

"We were able to stop it, which I was pleasantly surprised, but the whole

top of it was gone," Ward said. "When we got there, there were flames coming out of the front peak of the building and smoke coming out of the eaves. But we were able to knock it down fairly quickly."

Known as the Talbot School, after the farmer who donated the land on which it was built, the building is located at the corner of Five Mile and Murray Lake Avenue. When the schoolhouse was closed in the mid-1950s, grades one through eight were being taught there.

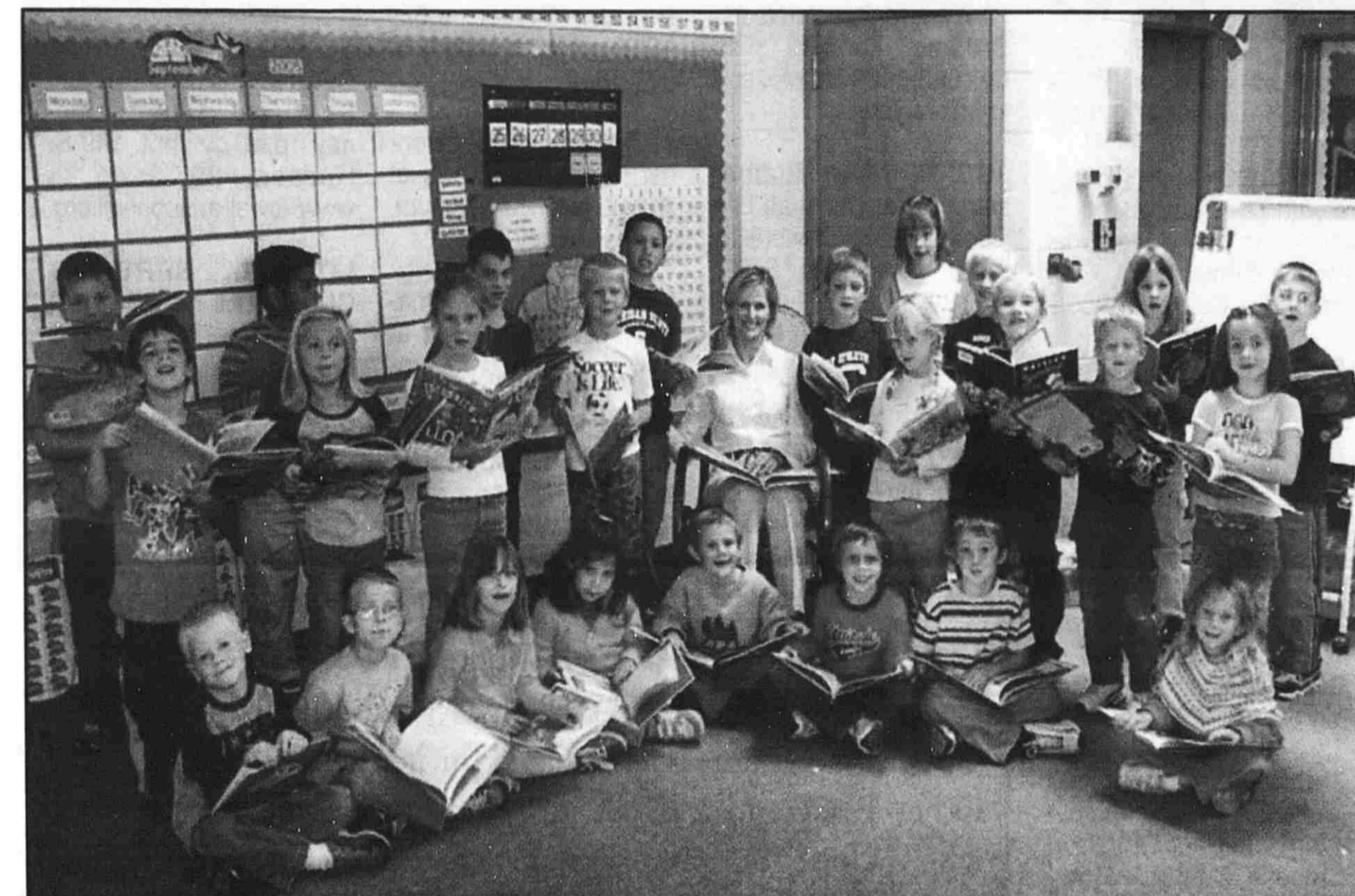
"My daughter, I think, was in the second grade

there (when it was closed), so that must have been 1956 or so," said Glenn Lyons, who lives down the street from the schoolhouse.

The building has been boarded up for years. Its floor was gone, having rotted away, long before the fire.

About a dozen firefighters responded to the blaze. Grattan Township Fire Department sent two engines and a tanker. Cannonsburg Fire Department sent a tanker.

The long-abandoned Talbot School in Grattan Township after being damaged by fire early Friday morning.



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Lowell beats two Forest Hills teams in one week

By Dan Schneider

Looking at Lowell's final score at the end of last week's basketball win over Forest Hills Central, most wouldn't guess it was a close game for 16 minutes.

The Red Arrows won the game 62-33. But the score was tied at 11 after one quarter, and it took a last-second layup by Kelsey Crowley to put Lowell up 22-21 at halftime.

The events that quickly unfolded for Lowell in the opening minutes of the second half gave a very different look to the scoreboard. The plays went like this: defensive rebound,

Lowell; three-pointer by Brittany Lyman; steal; Brittany Bueche triple; steal; nothing; defensive rebound; inside to Lyman, who forced up a shot while falling to the floor. The basket dropped. Lowell was up 30-21 before the Rangers could catch their breath.

And they didn't look back from there. The Arrows allowed only 12 points in the second half while hitting shots, getting rebounds and forcing turnovers.

"We just needed to hit one of those threes to get us going, and we hit those two, so that took off some of the pressure," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley. "We did that the other night at Northern where we just had a combination of steals and that really fires the girls up."

Lowell won the game against Forest Hills Northern 49-33.

On defense against the Rangers, Lowell did a good job of preventing shots. Even

though the score was close in the first half, Lowell took more shots than Forest Hills Central, 27-16. The Arrows hit more of their shots in the second half.

They also benefited from another strong performance on the boards, and converted five of their 10 offensive rebounds into scores.

Lyman led the Lowell offense with 22 points, becoming the first to top the 20-point mark in a single game this season. Bueche scored 12 points and Amanda Geelhoed added seven. After a cold first half behind the arc, Lowell hit 6 three-pointers in the second half. Lowell committed only six turnovers while forcing 17 from the Rangers.

Crowley and Geelhoed led Lowell on the boards with five rebounds each. Crowley and Nicole Shepard each had three assists. Lowell outrebounded Forest Hills Central, 26-20.

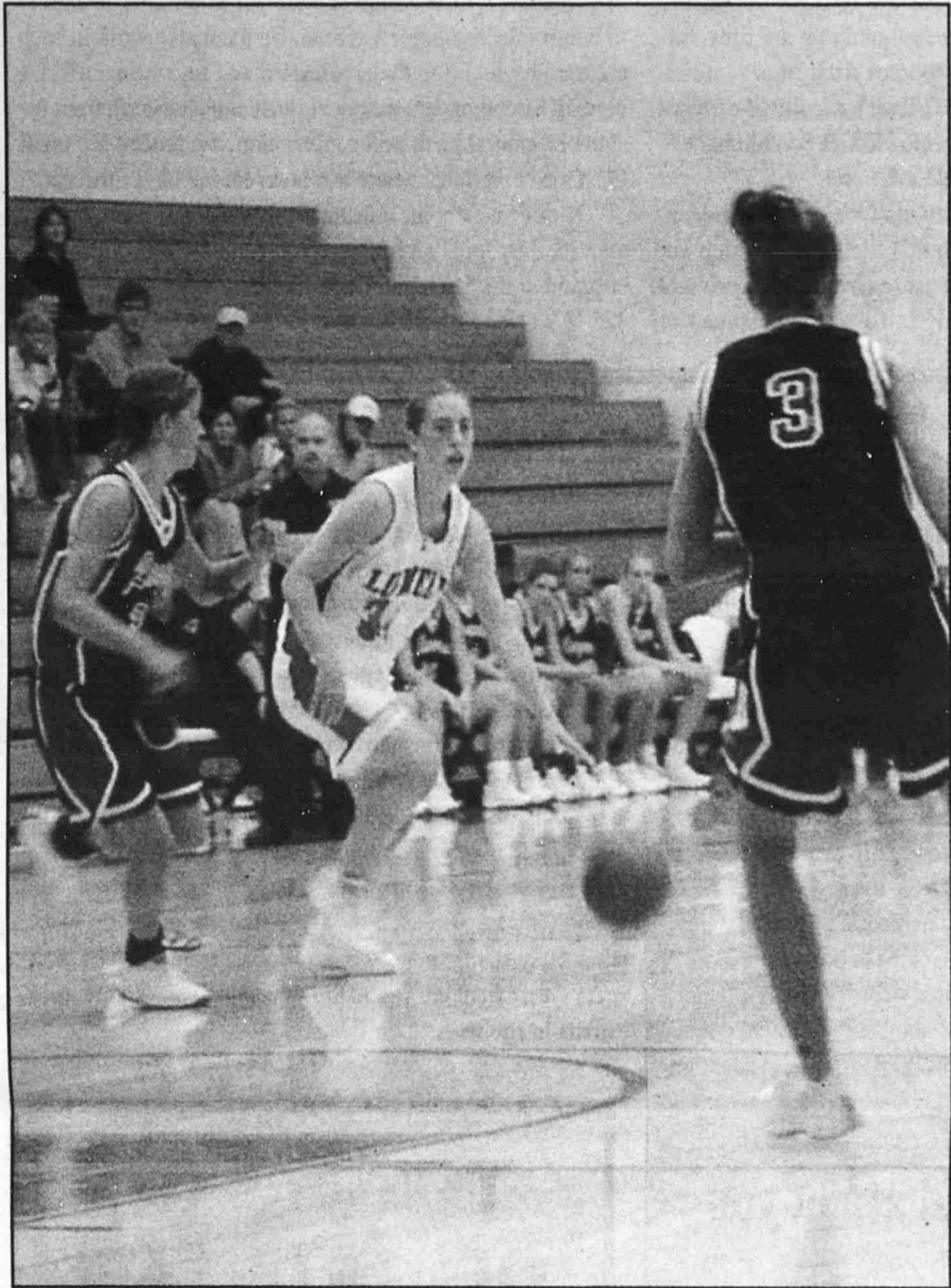
Last Tuesday, the Arrows

dispatched Forest Hills Northern 49-33. Crowley had 16 points, Lyman scored nine and Brook VanEck, seven.

The middle two quarters were once again Lowell's strong suit. Down 9-7 after the first quarter, Lowell outscored the Huskies 31-15 in the third and fourth quarters, allowing only six points in the second.

"We had a stretch of a combination of steals right in a row," Crowley said. "We had one stretch where we stole the ball four or five times in a minute and scored."

Lowell has a pair of tough contests on the schedule this week. The Arrows hosted Ionia Tuesday. The Bulldogs received honorable mention in last week's Class B state poll. Lowell plays at Grand Rapids Christian Saturday. The Eagles were ranked sixth in Class A in the same poll.



Above: Lowell's Nicole Shepard (in home whites) moves the ball around the top of the key during last Thursday's game against Forest Hills Central.

At right: Lowell's Kelsey Crowley defends against Forest Hills Central's Brittany Bowen. The Red Arrow defense allowed the Rangers to score only 12 points in the second half of the game.



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Lowell football wins big over Reeths-Puffer

Red Arrows run the clock against Rockets

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's offense was hitting on all cylinders in the Red Arrows' 43-7 stomping of Muskegon Reeths-Puffer Friday at Red Arrow Stadium.

The same can be said of Lowell's defense, which limited the Rockets to only 61 yards on the ground and 52 yards passing.

If the running-dominated win over Greenville was old-school Lowell, and big passing is the current standard, then Friday's Red Arrows were somewhere in between. Lowell ran for 216 yards and passed for 240.

"It was just a good mix," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "It was great to have our kids come out and execute and play the way we have."

Quarterback Keith Nichol threw for three Lowell touchdowns and ran the other three in himself. The game got off to a rough start for Nichol, who was hurried into throwing an interception on the first play of the game. But the defense sacked Reeths-Puffer quarterback Jonathan Sykes on a fourth and five try. With the ball back, Nichol made up for the pick by leading a 70-yard scoring drive capped by a 24-yard touchdown pass to Brad Shea. A 38-yard pass to Shea on the third play of the drive put Lowell in scoring position.

After stopping Reeths-Puffer's next drive, Nichol found Shea again for a 49-yard gain that put Lowell on the Reeths-Puffer 10-yard line. Add a five-yard facemask penalty against the Rockets, and it set the stage for Nichol to run in Lowell's second score. Kory Stevens ran in the two-point conversion.

Reeths-Puffer's next possession took the game

into the second quarter and the ball into the end zone. Sykes ran the ball in from the one-yard line for the Rockets' only score of the game.

In the second quarter, Nichol found Brock Graham and Mike McElroy for short touchdown passes. Nichol also ran in a score from three yards out.

On first and ten in the third quarter, Nichol set the clock running with a 29-yard touchdown run.

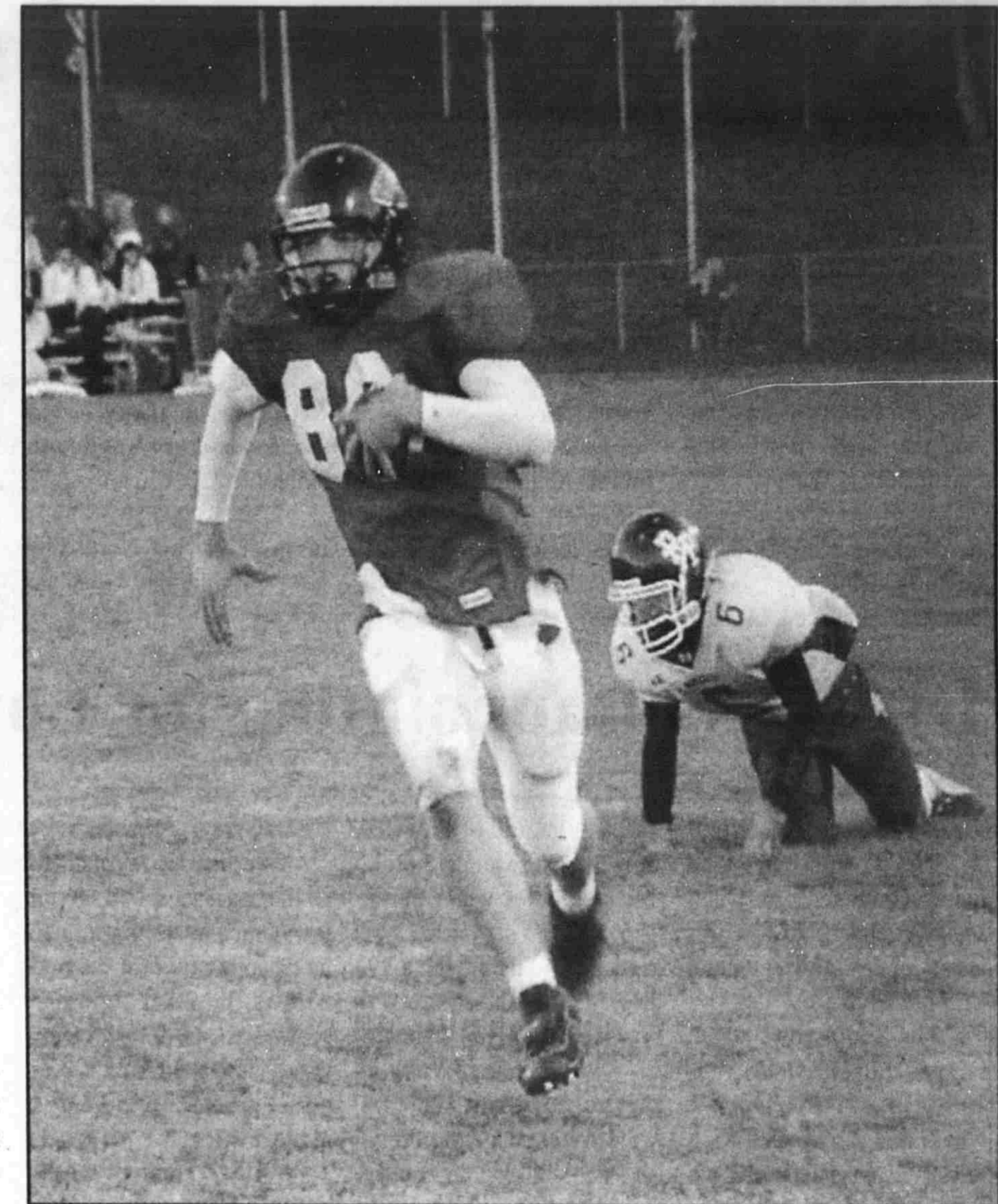
The second string held the score at 43-7 the remainder of the game for Lowell.

"Our receivers were open a lot tonight, so that was nice, and Keith (Nichol)

made some great decisions," Dean said.

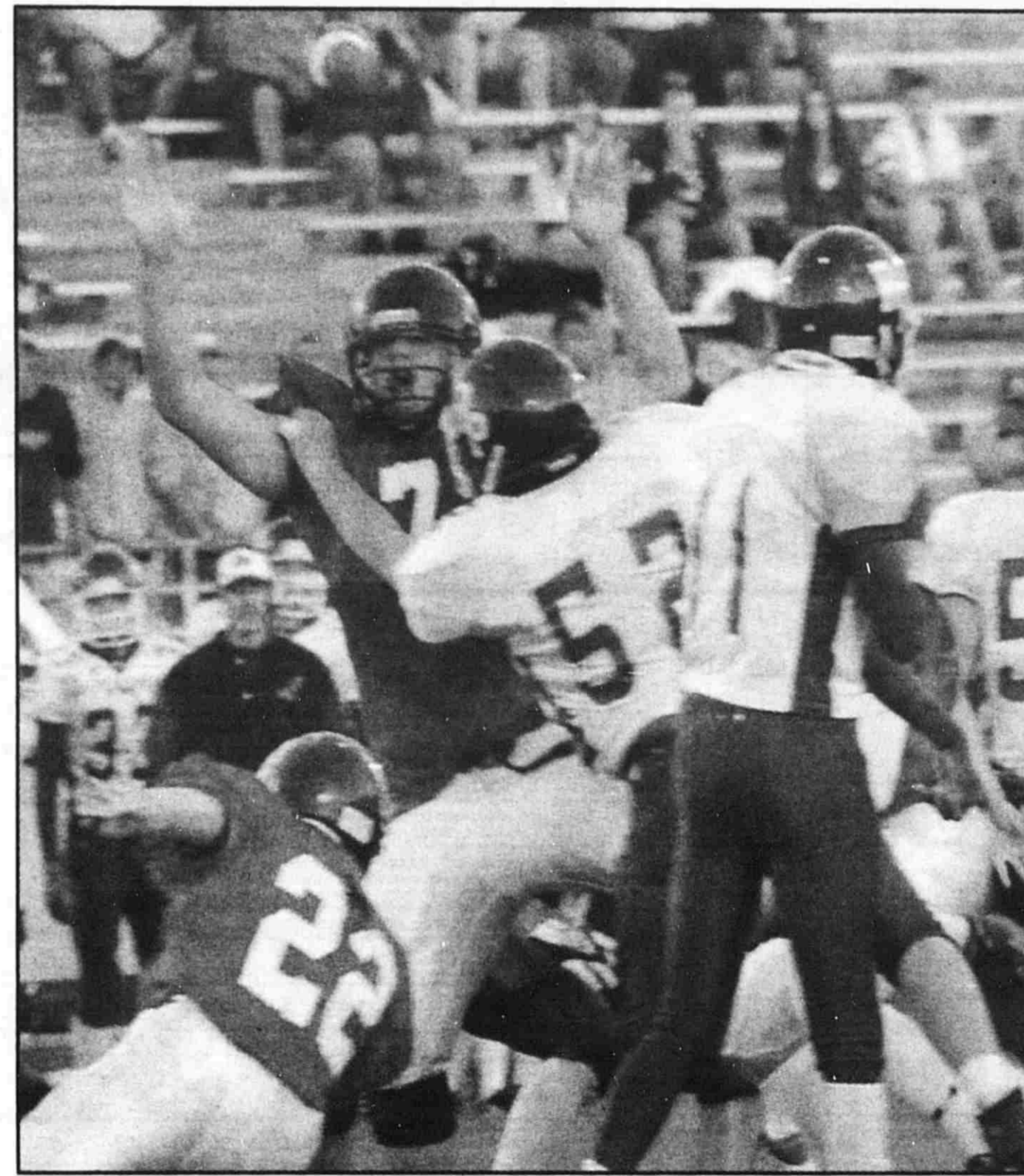
Nichol completed 10 of 15 passing attempts for 240 yards. Shea was the leading receiver with three catches for 109 yards. McElroy had three receptions for 68 yards. Nichol carried the ball 13 times for 128 yards. Gabe Delnick ran 61 yards on nine carries. Ryan Meachney and Justin Harden led the Lowell defense with five tackles each.

Lowell travels to Forest Hills Northern on Friday. A win would qualify Lowell for the playoffs. The Arrows and the Huskies last met in 2002, when Lowell beat them 42-14.



Above: Lowell's Brad Shea takes a pass for a big gain in the first quarter of the Red Arrows' win over Muskegon Reeths-Puffer.

At Left: Lowell's Dominic Doyle tries to get a hand up to block a pass by Muskegon Reeths-Puffer's Jonathan Sykes (#11). The Red Arrows held the Rockets to only 52 passing yards in the win.



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The ordinance amends, in part, Section 16.05 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering signs in agricultural districts. The amendments pertain to restrictions on the type, size and other aspects of signs for farms, roadside stands and agricultural processing. The ordinance also makes minor, sign-related amendments in Section 3.28 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering roadside stands, and in Section 13.15 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering agricultural processing.

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New lightbulbs for city streets

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's Main Street will be brighter at night after the installation of new bulbs in all 163 old-time looking downtown streetlights.

The new bulbs will actually be smaller wattage than the ones currently on the lampposts. They will be 100 watts instead of 175. But the current lightbulbs are between six and eight years old and have outlived their peak brightness.

"The new 100 watt light bulbs that are going up will probably look brighter than the (eight)-year-old 175-watt bulbs," electrical contractor Clark Jahnke said.

He is part owner of Spring Electric, Inc., the company that submitted the winning bid. Replacing the bulbs and ballasts on the lamps will cost the city \$21,785. Jahnke said the project will take about a month to complete: two

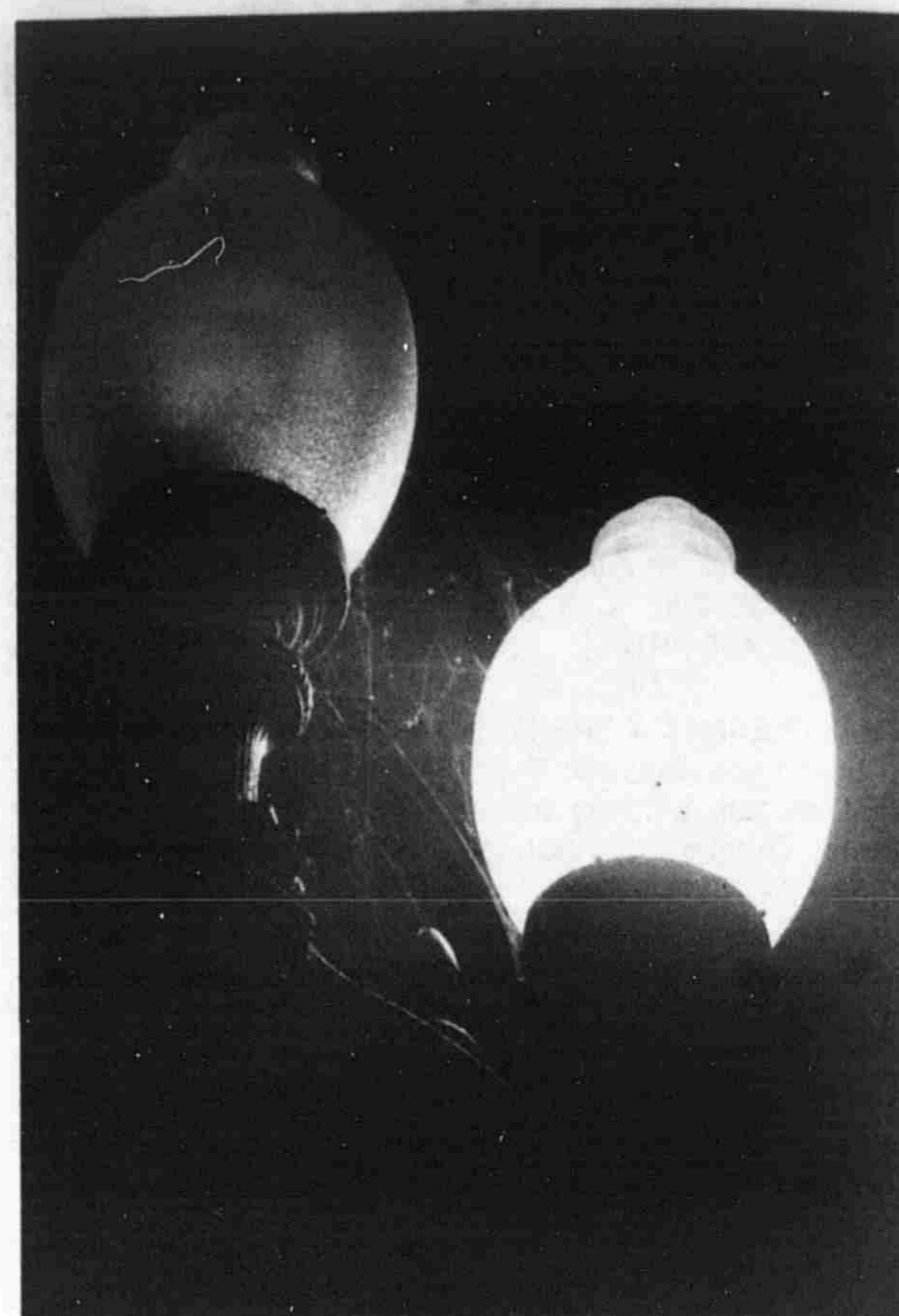
weeks to get parts and another two weeks to complete the labor.

The city asked the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to look into the streetlights earlier this year to try to find a way to cut energy costs. The first idea was to replace the double fixtures with single lights on top of the poles. But after this configuration was tested on a few poles at the east end of town, the DDA decided to look for another option for aesthetic reasons. So at last Thursday's meeting, they decided to reduce the wattage of the bulbs.

"They're the same fixtures, we're not going to be changing the fixtures at all," Jahnke said.

The city is anticipating a four-year payback on the light replacement project. Even after a few years, the reduced wattage will not likely have a very negative impact on the amount of light on the downtown sidewalks.

"It hasn't dimmed the light that much that there's a



Cobwebs and extinguished lightbulbs will be a thing of the past for Lowell's downtown streetlights after a project is completed to replace the lightbulbs in 163 fixtures.

safety concern," city manager Dave Pasquale said in reference to some lights near the Englehardt Library that have already been replaced as a test project.

The first of the original street lights were installed in 1997, with the project being completed in 1999. One side benefit of replacing the light bulbs in addition to lowering the city's costs is that several bulbs which don't work will be replaced in the process.

Another benefit will be more efficient light output.

"With the 175-watt bulbs, it lit the buildings and a lot of sky above it," Jahnke said.

So the lower-powered bulbs will be good news to the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association. The club's James C. Veen Observatory, located on Kissing Rock Avenue, has for years been the victim of increasing light pollution.

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draw up some preliminary ideas to make crossing the street easier. The plans included measures ranging from sidewalk bump-outs to mid-street pedestrian islands. Green said the measures depicted in the plans, particularly the six-foot pedestrian medians, would likely cause problems for state plow crews in the winter.

"I don't think we're going to be in favor of a six-foot median," he said.

Green said a 12-foot-wide median would be more in line with what the department has done in the past. But to install that width on Main Street would cost streetside parking, something downtown merchants are not likely to give up.

Green also said the new crosswalk lines that have been painted on Main Street should be given a chance to prove whether or not they are effective. Other ideas that have been put in place include the red banner strung across Main Street asking motorists to "Protect our Pedestrians."



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