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## Once the largest in Michigan, Flat River Antique Mall set to close its doors in February

By Dan Schneider

With "4 Floors of Antiques" and "More Antiques Downstairs," according to signs posted around the place, the Flat River Antique Mall is a giant of antique commerce.

The basement has old clothes and antique fabrics. On the main level are chairs, toys and books. The second floor, the one with the low ceiling, has antique Coleman lanterns. There are light fixtures hanging all over on the upper floor, next to a high-ceilinged room full of rusting garden ornaments.

Antiques made of colored glass are everywhere.

Children are often seen there, though it might not be the best place to take them—either because of the glass or because there's a chance they might get lost in the "4 Floors of Antiques."

The antique mall has been on Lowell's Main Street almost 20 years. At its peak, it filled nearly a whole city block and had five floors of antiques. The mall will close at the end of February, about three days before its 20th anniversary.

"We hate to see it close, we love it here, but that's what's happening," said



In its almost 20 years in business, the Flat River Antique Mall drew quite a bit of traffic to Lowell. The mall used to have five floors of antiques.

Marilyn Hedges. "End of an era."

Hedges, proprietor of booth B18, has been a dealer at the mall for nearly as long as the mall has been there ... 18 years.

There are certainly older businesses in Lowell. But the antique mall is one that has defined the city for many people who traveled here to shop there.

"They have had a huge impact on bringing visitors in as a destination," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker said.

The mall will stay open seven days a week until Feb. 12. After that, the operation will gradually shut down. Feb. 26 will be its final day. March 1 would have been its 20th anniversary.

Flat River Antique Mall's owners, Ron, 58, and Laura, 55, McCollum, are gearing down for an early retirement, Laura McCollum said. They will be shifting their focus to their other business, Storm Hill Nursery in Cascade Township.

She said with the economy in the shape it is in, it is becoming more difficult to sustain such a large antique operation. And the auction web site Ebay has changed the landscape of antique dealing, McCollum added.

When the McCollum's first bought the building, they did so out of an interest in renovating historic buildings. The antique mall idea came later. It started on the cusp of a boom for antique malls that lasted into the early 1990s.

"We became the largest antique mall in Michigan

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## Township approves rezoning of land approved for PDR program

By Dan Schneider

A farmer in Lowell Township is hoping to get a better price for the development rights on his land after the township board approved rezoning the land to a less strict agricultural designation.

Joe Merriman's 64 acres on the south side of 52nd Street between Alden Nash and Bancroft avenues was among the top priorities on the county's list of land to preserve under the fledgling Purchase of Development Rights program. The program seeks to keep land in agriculture by paying owners for an easement that prevents development of the property.

In the case of the Merriman farm, the process went smoothly until it came to determining a price for the development rights. Merriman submitted an application to have 64 of his 80 acres entered into the program during Kent County's first PDR application cycle in 2003. Also in that year, the township approved the land for preservation through the program. The appraiser the county hired

determined the value of the development rights on the land to be \$153,600, or \$2,400 per acre.

"I was grossly unhappy with his appraisal," Merriman said at the township board meeting Monday.

Merriman hired his own appraiser, which is acceptable under the county PDR ordinance. But the county agricultural preservation board did not accept the appraisal, Merriman explained.

"They said they didn't think his appraisal took Lowell Township's Ag-1 zoning into enough consideration," Merriman said.

Lowell Township has two degrees of agricultural zoning. Ag-1, or prime agricultural, allows eight houses per square mile.

"If your land is zoned Ag-1, then you really are pretty much restricted from building houses on it," said Lowell

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# Obituaries



**CALVI**  
Lois T. Calvi, aged 46, of Lowell, passed away January 13, 2006 after a long courageous battle with cancer for 14 years. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Bart; children Brad, Mary and Al; parents

Roger and Doris Timmer of Grand Rapids, Mary Timmer and Ed Bryan of Byron Center; mother-in-law Zelma Calvi; siblings Jim (Jean) Timmer of Troy, Cathy (Virgil) Cotter of Caledonia, Linda Kirby of Fairbault, MN, Barb (Steve) Schulle, Missouri City, Texas; brother-in-law Doyle (Peggy) Calvi of Hamilton, Ohio; step-sister Kelly Moody and Steve Bulson. Funeral service was held Jan. 16 at Ada Bible Church, Rev. Bill Search officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Gilda's Club, 1806 Bridge St. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on an application by New Cingular Wireless for a special land use so as to authorize the co-location of communications antennas on an existing communications tower, and for accessory facilities associated with such antenna, on land commonly described as 6610 Nugent Avenue, N.E., which is legally described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4, Section 17, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing 1220.48 feet North 00°00'03" East along the North-South 1/4 line from the center of the Section; thence North 88°59'04" West 1583.32 feet; thence North 01°32'58" West 200.00 feet; thence North 88°59'04" West 600.60 feet; thence South 01°32'58" East 200.00 feet; thence North 88°59'04" West 394.08 feet more or less, to the West section line; thence North along the West section line to the North section line; thence East along the North section line to the North-South 1/4 line; thence South to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

Information concerning the requested special land use is on file and may be examined at the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, during office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: January 13, 2006

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

### HALLER

Royal Forest Haller, aged 88, of Saranac, passed away January 14, 2006 in Ionia. He was born May 15, 1917 in Berlin Twp., the son of Royal E. and Racie (Leopard) Haller. Royal married Helen Bever on November 25, 1937 and she preceded him in death on December 4, 1998. He married Doris Wheelock on October 31, 2001. He was a member of West Berlin Wesleyan Church, Best Years Fellowship and was involved in the Missions Committee at church. Royal is survived by his loving wife Doris of Saranac; son Gary and Beverly Haller of Lake Odessa; step-children Bruce and Marge Wheelock of Colorado, Jeanne and Edwin Hare of Wyoming, Mich., Marilyn and Art Williams of Texas, Marla and Terry Life of West Virginia; sister Lola Haller of Lake Odessa; brother-in-law Freeman and Ellen Bever; sister-in-law Geraldine Bever of Florida; grandchildren Lori and Donald Shepard of Lowell, Todd and Donna Haller of Lowell, Terry Haller and Shawn of Belding, Becky Haller and David Leiter of Ionia, Kristen and Bruce Harding of Ionia, Edward and Caryn Haller of California, Ann and Chad Leiter of Lake Odessa, Kari Haller of Kentucky; 14 step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several

step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Terry C. Haller, daughter-in-law Barbara Haller, brother Keith Haller, sister-in-law Helen Haller. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Rev. Mark Lipscomb officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives Wednesday at 12 p.m. until time of service. Memorial contributions may be made in Royal's name to West Berlin Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

### HUBBARTH

Evelyn Barbara Hubbarth, aged 81, of Ada, died Saturday, January 7, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Charles and brothers Buzzy and Eugene Jasinski. She is survived by her children Charles "Chip" Hubbarth of Kalamazoo, Steve (Nancy) Hubbarth of Lowell, Chris (Ann) Hubbarth of Royal Oak, Tom (Vickie) Hubbarth of Tulsa, Lori Bechtel of Battle Creek; sisters Jerry McCreery, Linda Pirwitz; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Wednesday, Jan. 11 at St. Patrick Church, Parnell, Rev. Badgerow, presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

## Free elms available under matching grant program

The new Matching Tree Grant Program for 2006 has been announced by Elm Research Institute (ERI), a nonprofit organization based in Keene, NH. This unique, community-oriented promotion features disease-resistant American Liberty Elms which are the only street proven, purebred, native American elms with a Lifetime Warranty against Dutch elm disease.

*Here's how the Matching Tree Grant Program works:* For every inch of caliper purchased, in trees 3 inch caliper and larger, ERI will donate an equal total in 1 inch or 2 inch caliper trees to be presented as a gift to the municipality of your choice for planting on public property.

*Example:* Should the town, a local business or resident purchase (1) 6-inch tree and ERI donates (3) 2-inch caliper, valued at \$300 each, as a tax deductible gift, to a community or college of your choice. This tree grant will help Elm Research Institute fulfill its mission to "Re-elm" the streets of America. Contact Elm Research Institute for all the details of this unique offer. Receiving cities pay only for shipping charges for the gift trees. These trees are not available from commercial nurseries... you can get them only from Elm Research Institute.

*Tree specifiers eligible*  
"Liberty Elms have become extremely popular with new home owners, landscape architects, developers and contractors," says John P. Hansel, founder of ERI. "We will extend the Matching Tree Grant Program to those who are specifying and planting American Liberty Elms."

The American Liberty Elms, with their classic American elm form, lend themselves to many

landscape designs, including elm-lined drives, elm groves and specimen elms in choice locations. As the elms mature, they raise their wide canopies to heights that afford clear views of the architectural details of buildings and deep shade for people to enjoy.

Having elms as a landscape element again, designers can continue the tradition of Fredrick Law Olmsted, who included American elms in his plans for the U.S. Capitol grounds, New York City's Central Park and other projects.

*Liberty Elms field tested for more than 20 years*

The American Liberty Elm, during its research phase, showed superior resistance to disease fungus inoculations in eight successive years, the Institute reports. Now the tree has had more than 20 years of "street testing," growing in communities where Dutch elm disease is present. ERI calls this "the ultimate field test." Losses among the over 300,000 trees distributed have been less than 1 per cent. "With more elms now on the market claiming resistance," Hansel says, "you need to ask the right questions. As a consumer, you have the right to inquire about the origin and track record of any elm you are considering."

For more information about the Matching Tree Grant Program, phone Elm Research Institute at 1-800-367-3567 (FOR-ELMS), online at www.landscapeelms.com or write Elm Research Institute, 11 Kit St., Keene, NH 03431. Individuals may also get a free 2-3 ft. tree with a \$45 membership.

## City now offering passport services

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

Planning on traveling overseas in the next couple of months? Got a student who's looking to study in France or Spain this summer?

Well, you won't have to plan a special trip out of town to get that passport.

In fact, you don't even need to go to the Grand Rapids post office or city office because the Lowell City Clerk's office can now process passport applications.

Clerk Betty Morlock said for several years, the federal government has been expanding the sites that can process passport applications. Post office locations have been offering the service for a while and the Alto post office has

provided it for the last several years.

"When I had to get a passport four years ago, I went to the Alto post office," Morlock said.

More recently, the federal government has expanded the program to municipalities, and many are picking up the opportunity because "with tight budgets it's another way to bring in some income," Morlock explained.

One-day training was offered on Plainfield where several city staff members including Morlock attended. On Friday, Morlock processed her first three applications.

The passport fee is \$97 with \$30 going to the city of Lowell. Morlock said this is the rate that the federal government has established for all locations.

To expedite an application, which assures that it is sent overnight to the U.S. Department of State, it is an extra \$60 on top of the \$97 fee.

To get a passport, a person must either fill out the application form at City Hall or have it downloaded from www.travel.state.gov. The person must also bring in proof of U.S. citizenship, i.e., an original birth certificate with a raised seal, a photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan ID, and two passport photos, which can be done at either Modern Photo or Meijer.

City staff will review the application to make sure it is completed correctly, check the proofs, and the photos before sending it to the U.S. Department of State for processing.

Sometimes the process can get a little tricky when it's a minor or a person with divorced parents or other family situations, Morlock said, adding that most of the time the process is pretty simple.

Appointments are not necessary but passport applications are only accepted between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Morlock said the 4 p.m. deadline is to ensure that the application can be hand delivered to the post office for that night's mail.

City of Lowell is the only office in the Lowell area currently offering the passport service. The next closest facilities are the Alto post office and Ada Township Hall.

## Still many candidates interested in Lowell school superintendent position

By Dan Schneider

A high level of interest continues for the Lowell Area Schools' superintendent position.

As of Monday, the Michigan Leadership Institute, which is conducting the candidate search under contract to the district, had received 25 inquiries about the position.

"There has been very active interest in the position which has been very encouraging," said Lowell Area Schools board of education president Nancy Hopkins.

## College News

Austin A. Blough, who will graduate this spring from Lowell High School, is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year at Northwood University.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly, provided criteria is met.

Blough, the son of Arthur and Veronica Blough of Lowell, will work toward a business degree from Northwood University in Midland.

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She added that one interested candidate has even toured the district.

Applications are due back by Friday, Feb. 3. The district hopes to identify the successful candidate by March 13. Under the selection process timeline, the new superintendent will start no later than July 1.

After that date, Hopkins said, the new superintendent's first order of business will be to familiarize him or herself with the district.

Understanding the "organization of the district,

building relationships with the union groups, getting to know the improvements we've made to the curriculum over the last several years" will all be important, Hopkins said.

Immersion in the Lowell community will also be one of the first steps for the new superintendent.

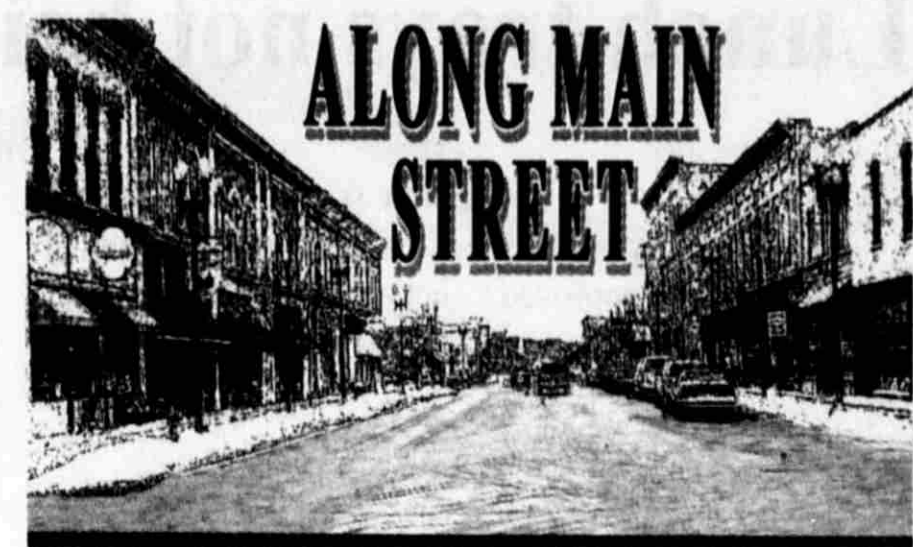
"Another important part of their responsibility will be getting involved in the community and getting to know the community," Hopkins said. "That will be an important characteristic we're looking for... how

they were involved in their communities."

The successful candidate will have some time to settle in before contract negotiations get started in the district.

"Contract negotiations will start up again probably not until that fall so that person will be here several months before that comes to the top of the list," Hopkins explained.

The district will be negotiating new contracts with its union staff for the 2006-2007 school year.



### GOSPELMEN CONCERT

The Gospelmen will be in a concert of worship on Sunday, Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main from 9:30 - 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

### LHS CLASS TRIP

A parents' meeting regarding the LHS class of 2006 senior trip is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the math room at Lowell High School.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

A multi-media art show on "Michigan Rural Character" will be presented April 12 - May 10 at Vergennes Township Hall. Submission deadline: March 29. For info./registration forms: www.vergenneswp.org; for hard copies call Mari Stone at 897-5671. Sponsored by Open Space Citizen Committee of Vergennes Township.

### HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Lowell Head Start is now enrolling for the 2006-2007 school year. To qualify for this free preschool program, children must be three years old by Dec. 1, 2006 and the family must meet income requirements. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Call 897-7920 for more information.

### MATH PARENT NIGHT

There will be a math parent night at Cherry Creek Elementary on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No childcare will be available for this event.

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# Lunch trays not being recycled, still just trash

By Dan Schneider

Almost a year after district officials approved the recycling of lunch trays at Lowell High School, the polystyrene trays are still going out with the garbage. Last March, the Ledger reported high school and lunchroom officials and then-Lowell Area Schools' superintendent Shari Miller signed off on a plan for recycling the trays. The

high school Environmental Club had worked for the better part of a year to get the recycling approved. According to Environmental Club president Lori Smith, there is still a will to get the recycling going on the part of both the club and the administration. "They're all for it," Smith said of district officials.

During the time the Environmental Club was working to get the project's approval, the prime objections to the program were the cost and the length of time the trays would be waiting for pickup. The club found a company, Dart Container Corp., that would pick up the trays for free ... every other week.

"We had that set up, but

we just need a trailer to store it," Smith said. The length of time between collections in the Dart recycling program added to concerns that the dirty trays would attract vermin while in storage. But prior to last March, Rockford High School had already started a successful tray recycling program, including the construction

of an animal-proof storage unit, so tray recycling won approval in Lowell. Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said the tray recycling will likely be underway by the end of the school year. "I think it will probably get started early in the next semester here," he said. "I know it's one of their (the Environmental Club's) priorities."

The project, he said, may have been hampered by the fact that the Environmental Club has a new advisor. "Ranger Steve" Mueller is adjusting to that role in addition to his other responsibilities as director of the Wittenbach-Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center.

In March and April, informational meetings will be held regarding the non-homestead renewal issue and ways you can help. Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Interim Superintendent Pat Murphy, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or pmurphy@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com).

tax. The present non-homestead property tax expires on June 30, 2006. At their February board meeting, the Board of Education will be deciding on the ballot wording for the non-homestead property tax renewal. As someone new to LAS (however, not to the education business), I am continually impressed with the quality of our school district and the quality of the Lowell community. The highly successful academic and co-curricular programs are a treasure for everyone. This success only happens with the hard work and support of everyone in the community. This only happens where people truly care about each other, their children, and their community. This success will continue along with your continued support of Lowell Area Schools.



## Sharing The Vision

With Pat Murphy  
Interim Superintendent

As we look forward to the coming of spring, we also look forward to the regular school election on May 2, 2006. In addition to the importance of electing two Board of Education members, Lowell Area Schools needs your continued support for reinstating the non-homestead property

## HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



### INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

Infectious mononucleosis (mono) is something we see during the fall and winter months as the increase in

viral infections becomes apparent. Mono is caused by the Epstein-Barr Virus. It is usually not a serious infection, but many people who contract it feel very tired and may have achy joints for several weeks.

Mono is most common in older children, teenagers and young adults, and is usually spread by contact with the saliva of a person who had the infection within the past few months. Mono can be spread by kissing a person who is infected or by sharing a glass, bottle, or eating utensils.

Symptoms of mono usually include sore throat, fever, swollen glands, and typically pus on the tonsils. The liver and spleen might be tender and larger than usual. The diagnosis is made by a blood test.

There is no treatment to cure mono, because it is viral in origin. Antibiotics are of no value. Symptomatic treatment includes rest, drinking plenty of fluids, using Tylenol or Motrin for fever or pain, and avoid spreading the virus to others.

Mono is self-limiting and usually resolves within two to four weeks. Because the spleen may enlarge, it is recommended that people with mono avoid contact sports for about six weeks.

## Defibrillator purchase approved

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Charter Township will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Feb. 21 on the 2006-2007 budget.

The preliminary budget presented at Monday's township board meeting estimated revenues to be \$576,980 and estimated expenditures at \$565,985.

"We've got less than \$11,000 to work with," said township clerk Linda Regan.

Meanwhile, the township has received requests from Rockford Ambulance for \$16,000 to help finance an expansion of the Look Memorial Fire Station in Lowell. The township has also received a request from the Lowell Area Historical Museum for \$5,000 for operating expenses since the budget estimates were put together.

Approved by the township was the purchase of a defibrillator with cabinet for the Township Hall, pending a review of the device's maintenance requirements.

"A simple gadget, but if you need it, you need it bad," township supervisor John Timpson said of the defibrillator. The device will cost \$2,388 and is the same make and model as those used by the Bowne Township Fire Department.

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# Viewpoint



Two weeks ago I shared an anonymous piece that came to me in an e-mail from a friend. It extolled the virtues that some of us share by having grown up in an era without modern toys, electronics, communications and other distractions.

The column prompted an e-mail response from a childhood friend and neighbor. The article I re-printed referred to BB guns at ten, falling out of trees and other rough and tumble fun. The e-mailer had trouble believing I wasn't the author of the piece because it pretty much "nailed" our formative years. Yeah ... us and a few million other Baby-Boomers!

The e-mailer recounted some childhood memories involving our antics. The first was an instance where I was able to combine BB guns with falling out of a tree.

We had a huge white pine in our backyard. It was great for climbing except for the sap, which didn't bother us as much as it did my mother on washday. I don't recall the events that led to climax but I somehow found myself at the top of that big pine tree with the guys on the ground blazing away at me with BB guns. I'm guessing I had it coming.

By scrambling around in the crown of the tree, the branches offered some semblance of cover from the relentless hail of fire. BB's were cheap. A branch may have broken. I may have missed a handhold. All I know is that I fell from the very top of the tree.

All accounts say it took quite awhile because the fall was partially broken as I passed through each layer of boughs. I hit the ground with a thud. There were lots of scrapes, scratches and bruises, but no serious cuts or broken bones. My attackers scattered when they discovered they hadn't killed me.

Another of the friend's recollections also involved BB guns. Days when the weather kept us indoors, we'd retreat to our basement. My brothers and I slept in one end of the basement; the rest was our shooting gallery. We would carefully set up a huge collection of "army men", then take our positions and blaze away with BB guns. The ricocheting BB's would occasionally take out a jar of my mom's canned peaches or a light bulb, but never an eye.

For the most unfortunate "army men" there was a

special demise in store. We'd douse them with a squirt of lighter fluid, then drop an old style "strike anywhere ... can't buy 'em anymore" kitchen match down the barrel of a BB gun. The match would ignite on impact. Of course, the "army man" would burst into flames and melt into a puddle of plastic. No, the fire department was never called.

Finally, the friend's e-mail dredged up memories of our "capture the flag" games. These neighborhood games weren't run of the mill capture the flag where you seize an opponent by tagging or maybe even tackling them. No, we fashioned swords from sticks and beat the crap out of each other. You had to have some serious nerve to make a run at the enemy's flag. That, or possess some good speed for a hasty retreat.

The friend said in his e-mail that he remembered my dad rounding up all the weapons and destroying them. He probably got one too many phone calls from irate mothers having to dress wounds.

One of our pranks involved the e-mailer, but he didn't mention it in his letter. We "borrowed" my dad's pump-up garden sprayer and filled it with water. By pumping it to the max and adjusting the nozzle, it would shoot a good stream a fair distance. Yes, it had great potential as a troublemaker!

On a hot summer night we hid in the weeds near a neighborhood stop sign. When a car pulled up we'd give 'em a shot through the open window. They'd cuss and swear but never figure out what had happened. Finally, one guy put two and two together, got out of his car and chased us out of the weeds. He couldn't catch us and we were soon back at it.

Unfortunately, the driver had reported us to the local constable. The constable was really a plumber who kept the peace in our little town by driving around at night in his big blue Buick with a red light on the dashboard. If memory serves me, we gave him a squirt before we realized who it was. He couldn't catch us either.

Using accepted police practices of the day, the constable pinned it on the e-mailer's younger brother. The reason ... he'd seen a big kid in a white T-shirt running away. I was the "other" big kid in the neighborhood, and we all wore white T-shirts in the summer. The constable had a fifty-fifty chance of getting the right kid. My lucky day, I guess.

My friend closed his e-mail with a simple statement that anyone close to our age and from our little town can relate to. "Bob Davis actually survived his teen years!" Bob Davis was far and away the most out of control kid in our collective memories. He was also one of my very best friends. But those teen years were altogether different from what we've been talking about here. Things got really dangerous ... motorcycles, cherry bombs, etc. I might cover some of those stories someday. Then again, maybe I'd better not.

Thanks for the e-mail, Lynn.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to alert our great community of a true gem within our midst. I encourage each/all, young and old, to make an effort to visit the current exhibit "Passport to Europe" at the Lowell Area Arts Council's Hudson Street Gallery. It truly glitters and is one of the more beautiful shows I have ever seen.

Perhaps the very best part is that it features the work of three Lowell artists, Ann Breckon, Kathleen Mooney, and Judith Tummino. Also due kudos are Jan Johnson, curator, and her installation group.

The exhibit is on view through Feb. 4. All I can say are three little words: Wow! Really wow!!!

David Davis

## Letters... We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger - welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they not exceed 250 words and not be strictly thank you letters. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

## Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 19, 1881

Wood is selling on the street at \$1 to \$1.50 a cord. Diphtheria closed the school in District #6, Paris Township, last week.

Charles Wilcox of Charlotte had a 50-foot tapeworm removed.

"No wedding notices printed without being properly vouched for. We have only one wig and don't want to lose that."

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 18, 1906

"Kid White," as former Lowell boy Billy Whiting is known in Seattle, is sentenced to death there for a murder he denies.

School District #1 wants 50-100 cords of 18" green beech and maple wood.

The "Donkey Club," long ears and all, after a long absence, is again annoying Methodist church-goers at dismissal time on the front steps.

Rain and sloop on the 15th, big snow on the 17th.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 15, 1931

Thousands of workers are called back for full or part time in Detroit.

Michigan electric and gas utilities plan on about \$40 million in new construction this year throughout the state.

Harvey Blough sets up his old sawmill south of the pickle factory to saw beams for reconstruction at King Milling. The old whistle is also being used.

A farmer near Collins is attacked by his two-year-old bull, but saved by his collie dog's counterattack.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 19, 1956

Lowell schools must change the district name under new state rules, but the title "Fourth Class School District" (based on size) won't be the official one adopted for this top-rated organization.

A grass fire on 36th Street is the first time the fire department has been called out for 54 days.

The Boy Scouts hope for plenty of good-paying phone books for their paper drive, kicking off again at the corner of Main and Hudson.

A former resident's letter informs that Carl Munroe's grocery was the Blain Dry Goods in 1887, then the Mount grocery, then a millinery shop, before Munroe bought it.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANUARY 14, 1981

Sesquicentennial chairpersons are named and getting started, says chair Delores Dey, and the Lions Club has already donated \$500.

Four small-print pages for the County Commission minutes this time.

A public hearing is called to discuss what to do about the Division Street bridge: rehab, replace or demolish.

A very slow growth is predicted for 1981, with oil prices reflecting the Iran-Iraq conflict, and higher food prices



# Weddings

## Wojciakowski/Newman



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wojciakowski

St. Patrick's Church in Parnell was the setting for the July 23, 2005 wedding of Amorena Eve Newman and Michael Edward Wojciakowski.

Parents of the couple are Jim Newman and Shelley Stevens-Newman and Ed and Sally Wojciakowski.

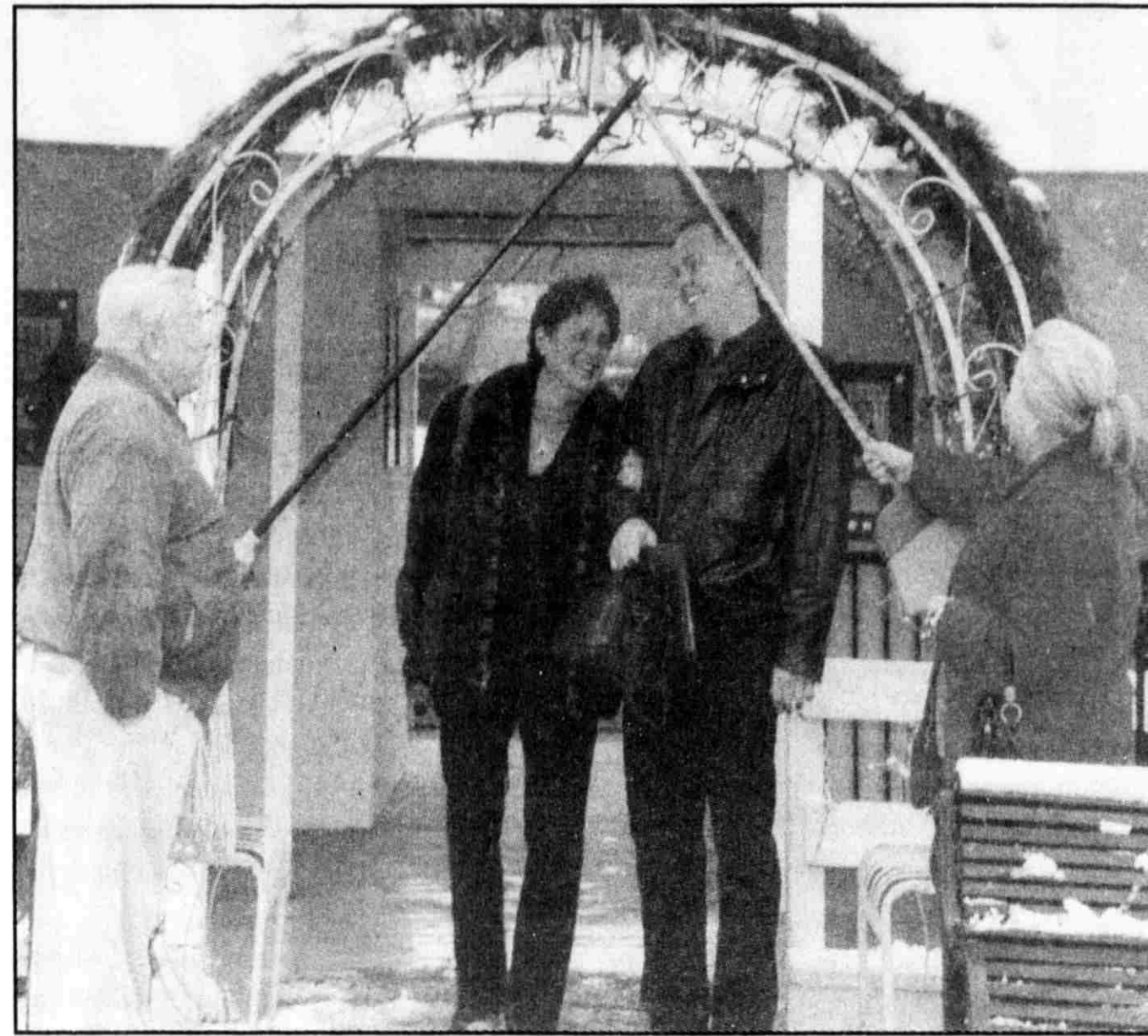
Maid of honor was Ashley Newman. Bridesmaids were Lisa Wojciakowski, Michelle Swift, Ashley Mynsberge, Tamara Harnden and Jennifer Flanders. Flower girls were Charlie, Lucy and Lily Pietryga.

John Wojciakowski served as best man. Groomsmen were Brian Sheedy, Nathan Kaiser, Andrew Sak, Seth Newman and Matt McWilliams.

A wedding reception was held in the Wege Ballroom at Aquinas College.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and now reside in Grand Rapids.

## Yankovich/DeVoe



Julie DeVoe and Cliff Yankovich, of Chimera Design in Lowell, were wed in a private ceremony New Year's Eve Day at 11 a.m. The Lowell Showboat was the site of the wedding. Lou VanderMeer, pastor of the New Community Church in Grand Rapids, presided over the ceremony. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker and her husband, Mike, were witnesses. Dave and Jan Thompson, of Lowell, held crossed broomsticks over the showboat exit as the happy couple descended onto Riverwalk Plaza. The gesture was meant to evoke a U.S. military tradition, Dave Thompson being a Navy veteran and brooms being the closest approximation to swords available at the time.

# Reflections of faith

Dean Bailey, pastor  
Alto/Bowen Center United Methodist Churches

At a weekend retreat to assist persons with developing their self-esteem, participants were urged to adopt new names for themselves, to leave behind old names like fear, anxiety, worry, rude and angry, and move into newness like confident, purposeful, compassionate, thoughtful, encouraging.

One participant confessed that his old name so dominated his life that he found even considering what a new name could be impossible. He said his old name had been given to him by his father when he was just a young child and had never changed. His name was "not good

enough." No matter what he did, no matter how well he accomplished a task, no matter what honors he achieved, the verdict of his father was "not good enough." He desperately desired and sought his father's commendation and approval and never received it. He grew into an adult whose self-concept was dominated by "not good enough."

All of us could use a new name to propel us into a new future of satisfying relationships and competent actions.

When Jesus presented himself for baptism by his cousin John, Mark records (Mark 1:9-11) God's name for Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Jesus' approval by his heavenly Father was the solid foundation of his ministry of caring and compassion. He invited women, men and children into the kingdom of God, a new dimension of living in which we are so grounded in God's love, forgiveness and approval that we have a new name and live creative and loving lives.

God is waiting patiently for us to step into his presence daily and respond affirmatively to his invitation to be "beloved."

# Happy Birthday

JANUARY 19: Tim Stencil, Susan Cook, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney, Evelyn Powell.

JANUARY 20: Shelby Baird.

JANUARY 21: James Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Eunice VanderVeen, Krysta Jankowski.

JANUARY 22: Cheryl DeYoung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, Jenni Magner,

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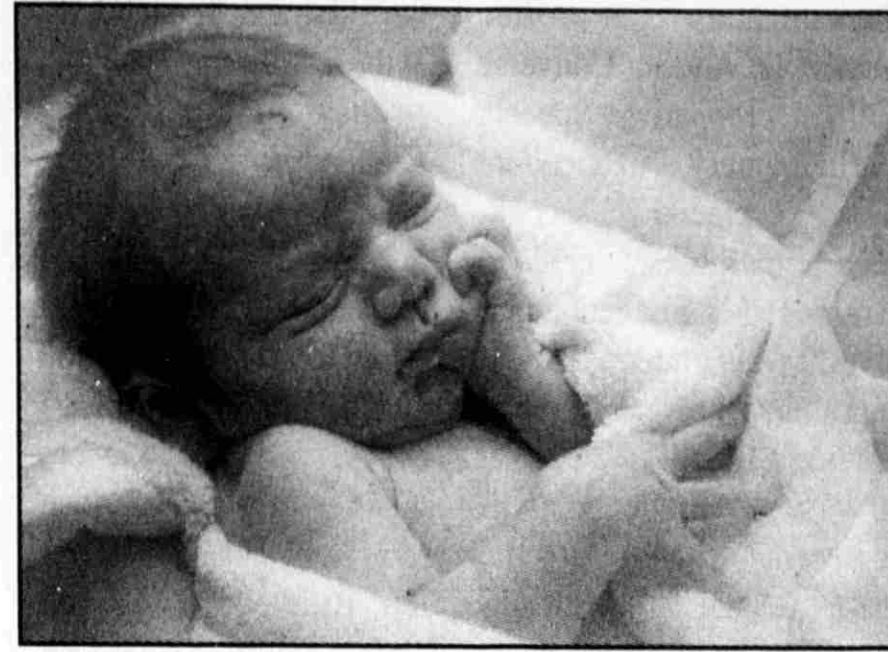
JANUARY 23: Amanda Wingeier, Zach Stauffer.

JANUARY 24: David Szymczak, Allan Baird, Haleigh Timmers, Mackenzie Stiles.

JANUARY 25: Dave Harding, Molly Doyle, Dean Olin.

# New Arrivals

## Roth



Jonah Taylor Roth

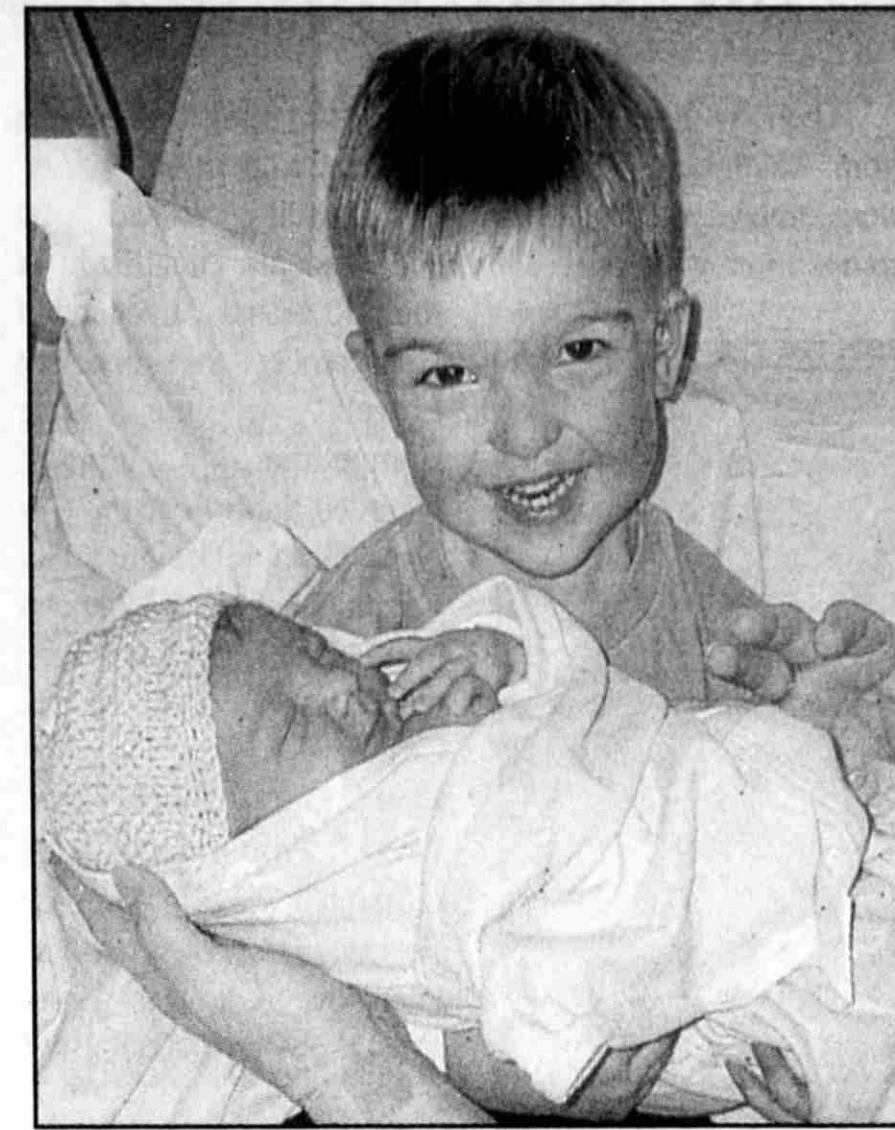
Becka, Noah and Diana are excited to announce the arrival of their new baby brother! Jonah Taylor was born December 31, 2005 at 10:45 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are

Aaron and Barbara Roth of Lowell.

Proud grandparents are Roger and Pat Kropf and Steve and Barb Roth; great-grandparents are Ed and Doris Roth and Herb and Sylvia Huizing.

## Williams



Nicholas Allen Williams and big brother Zach

Brian and Joanna Williams, together with big brothers Keith, Jared and Zachary, are happy to announce the arrival of their son and baby brother,

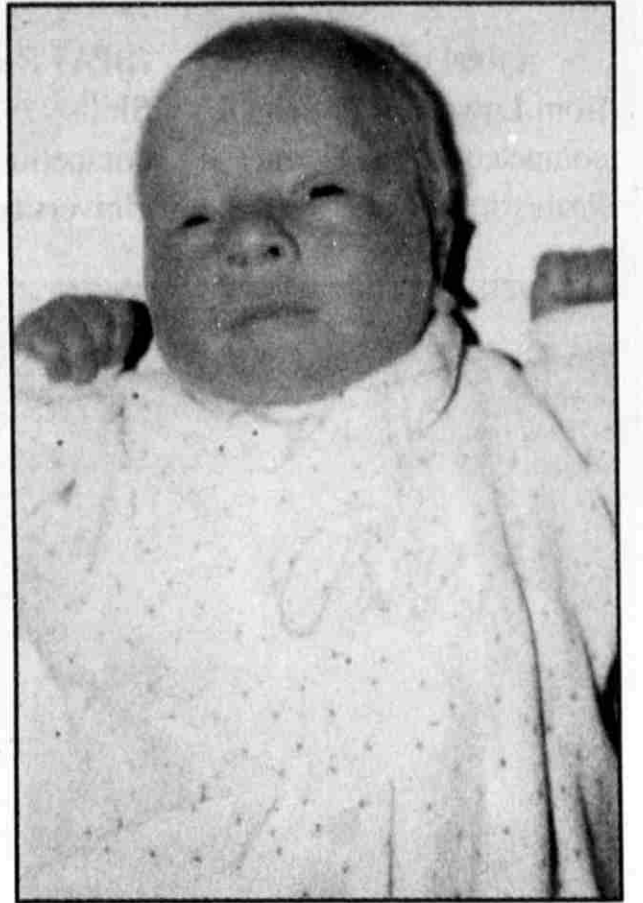
Nicholas Allen Williams. Nicholas was born November 23, 2005 at 12:53 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches.

## Vickers

Steve and Christine Vickers of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Dale. He was born Monday, November 21, 2005 at 12:39 p.m. at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches.

He was also welcomed home by big brothers Christopher and Kenney and big sister Stephanie.

Proud grandparents are Ron and Helen Vickers of Ada, Michael and Julie Kenney of Lowell, and great-grandfather Joseph Kenney of Sebring, Fla.



Thomas Dale Vickers

## Malone

Steve and Kathie Malone of Lowell are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Lauren Grace on December 29, 2005. Lauren weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 inches. Big

brothers, Jack and Aiden welcome her home.

Proud grandparents are Terry and Gerre Abel and Steve and Liz Malone, all of Lowell.

## The Gospelmen return to perform

The Gospelmen, back for their 11th visit, will present the Gospel through song on Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main.

The members, all from Genesee, represent several denominations and each is a born again Christian.

The Gospelmen are Tim Herbert, tenor; Brian Wright, lead; Gregg Martin, baritone and manager; R.W. Hammond, bass; and Jeff Groat, sound engineer.

The group has worked with some of the finest Gospel musicians: Brian Free & Assurance, Classic Voices, Dottie Rambo, The Toney Brothers and Ivan Parker, to name a few.

They have also produced several recordings over the years.

The public is invited to this concert of fresh and exciting Gospel music, held this Sunday from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

The Gospelmen will sing at First Baptist Church on Jan. 22



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Chinese Proverb

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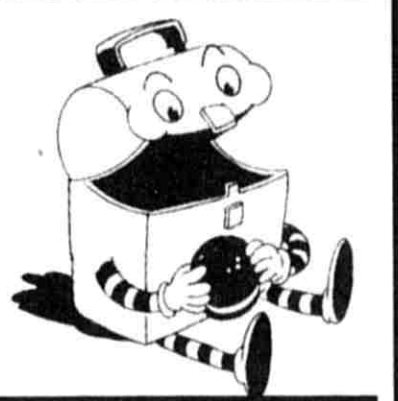
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WED: Chicken patty, fresh vegetables & dip, assorted fruit, hot pretzel, milk.

THURS: Danimals yogurt w/cheese wedge, green beans, assorted fruit, pretzel rod, milk.

FRI: Hotdog on bun, diced carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS</b> If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell</p> <p>Across the street from the Vermont Dodge dealership 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p>	<p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p><b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b> Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332</p> <p>Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>
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## Local students prepare for state competition

A total of 20 students from Lowell High School competed in the Business Professionals of America

(BPA) Regional Workplace Skills Assessment competition at Davenport University on Jan. 6.

Over 20 schools from southwest Michigan were represented at the competition with over 850

students taking part in the all-day competition.

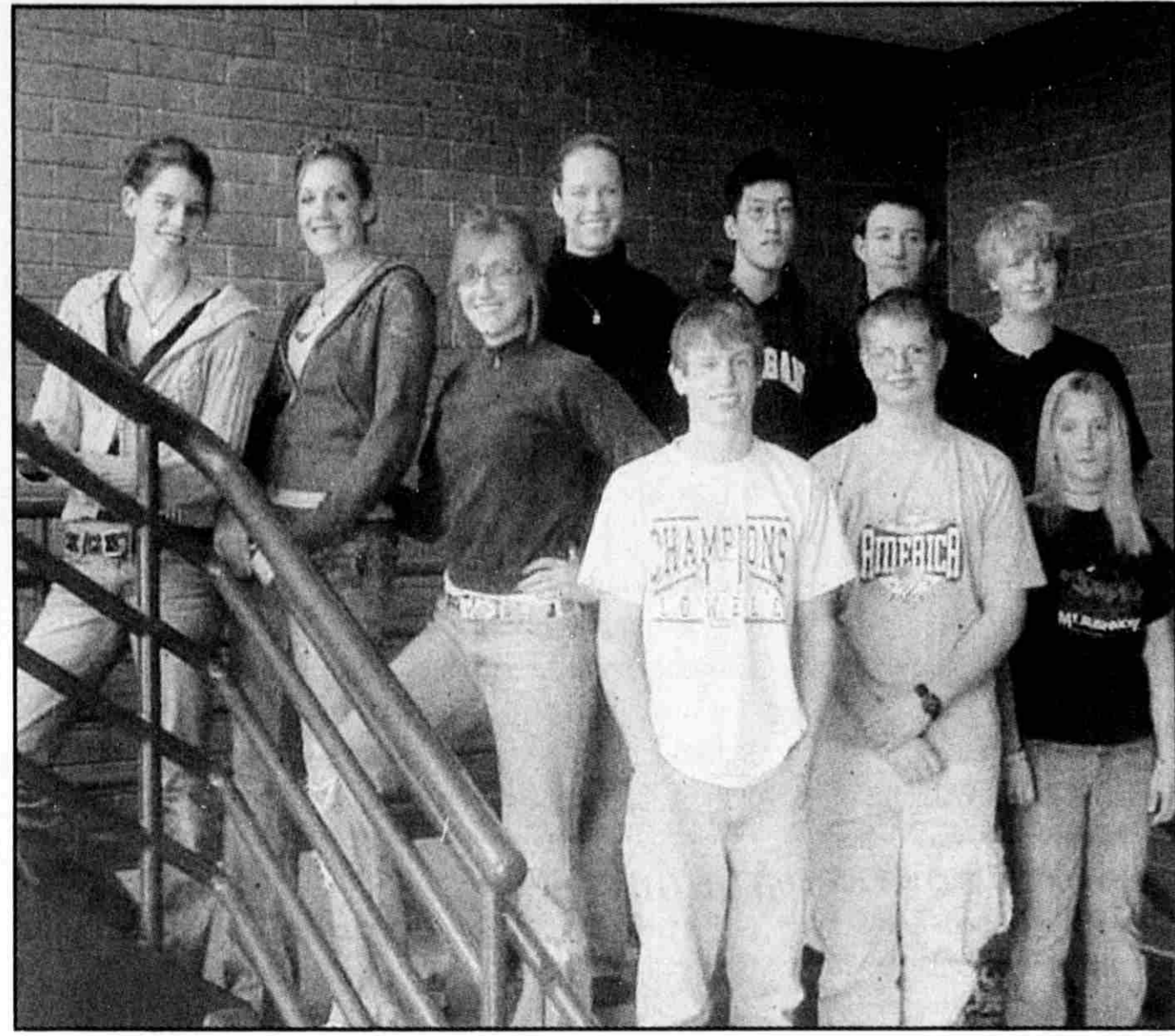
Lowell shined as 13 students qualified at the Regional Leadership Conference to represent Lowell at the State Competition. Winners included Scott Beatson (1st place) Graphic Design; Adam Ingraham (1st) Financial Math, (5th) Parliamentary Procedure Concepts; Kelsey Crowley (2nd) Financial Math, (3rd) Fundamental Word Processing; Alex Carpenter (2nd) Graphic Design; Ian Fowler (2nd) Interview Skills; Jesi Hook (2nd) Prepared Speech; Brad

Corlett (2nd) Digital Media Production; Austin Blough (3rd) Graphic Design; Ben DenHouter (4th) Parliamentary Procedure Concepts; Andrea Converse (7th) Prepared Speech. Parliamentary Procedure Team placed second; team members included Brittney Shellenbarger, Ben DenHouter, Adam Ingraham, Lori Smith and Anthony Everitt.

These students will represent Lowell at the 2006 State Leadership Conference on March 17-19 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel where they will

compete with students from across Michigan and attend workshops designed to aid in professional development. Top students at the state conference will advance to the National Leadership Conference held in Orlando, Florida, in May.

Other Lowell students attending the competition included Rebecca Duley, Kristin Johnson, Jennifer Zoodsma, Josh Morrison, Nate Stoliker, Jon Riddle and Crystal Smith. Advisors were Dee Crowley, Cari Slot and Bill McElroy.



Students placing at the BPA Regional Competition. Back row, left to right, are: Andrea Converse, Brittney Shellenbarger, Jesi Hook, Kelsey Crowley, Adam Ingraham, Anthony Everitt and Ben DenHouter; front row: Alex Carpenter, Scott Beatson and Lori Smith. Not available for the picture are Austin Blough, Ian Fowler and Brad Corlett.

## Low impact development means smart growth for Michigan

Land development in many Michigan communities is creating water quality problems in our lakes and streams, with recent studies showing that watersheds in rapidly developing areas including Grand Rapids are most at risk.

Development generally causes increased stormwater runoff, which occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces

like parking lots, driveways, streets and sidewalks prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, wetland or coastal water.

The good news is that communities can take steps to lessen the impact of new development by

encouraging low impact development (LID). LID practices are built upon the premise that stormwater can be controlled close to the source to keep pollutants out of the stormwater stream. This is accomplished by protecting native vegetation, reducing the amount of hard surfaces and compaction of soil, treating stormwater runoff close to where it starts, and slowing the flow of stormwater runoff so that it is closer to conditions found prior to the site being developed.

Common LID practices include: rain gardens; rooftop gardens (green roofs); sidewalk storage; vegetated swales, buffers, and strips; tree preservation; roof leader disconnection; rain barrels and cisterns;

permeable pavers; soil amendments; impervious surface reduction and disconnection; pollution prevention; and good housekeeping.

Some communities are receiving grant funding to implement LID practices. In West Michigan alone, grant projects include a green roof installed at the city of Battle Creek Police Station, and approximately 20 rain gardens that have been or will be installed in the West Michigan area within the next two years. These projects and others like them result from a combination of grant

moneys from the Department of Environmental Quality, and local match from the surrounding communities.

DEQ, along with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is also pursuing grant funding to provide local land-use decision makers with the tools necessary to implement LID in Michigan. This would be achieved by developing a LID manual and brochures, and then using them to facilitate implementation through networking and workshops. This work has the potential to come to fruition within the next year.

Other communities are adopting LID strategies on their own with technical assistance from the DEQ. Communities in urbanized areas are committing to actions that will lessen the likelihood of contaminated stormwater runoff and that encourage new development to utilize LID.

Private citizens are even able to do their part by directing runoff from their gutters to rain barrels or rain gardens as opposed to directing it to a storm sewer.

Low impact development can certainly go a long way towards protecting the integrity of Michigan's lakes and streams and improve the aesthetics of the local community. For anyone interested in LID and what all of us can do, contact a local DEQ office, or visit the DEQ Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>.

## Antique mall closing, continued

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and one of the largest in the United States," McCollum said. "Really, the antique mall concept was fairly new, and we just grew with it. We definitely never planned on it being that huge."

But they enjoyed owning the biggest antique mall in Michigan.

"We've loved it and we've loved being in Lowell and watching Lowell grow," McCollum said.

Over the years, the mall started seeing more dealers retiring and fewer young dealers coming along to take their place. They sold the easternmost portion of

the mall in 2004. It now holds condominiums, a clothing store, a hair salon and a real estate office. They also sold the building the mall currently occupies, and have been leasing the space since.

Once the antique mall closes, it will leave a hole along Main Street at least for a while.

"It's definitely a big void in the middle of downtown," Baker said.

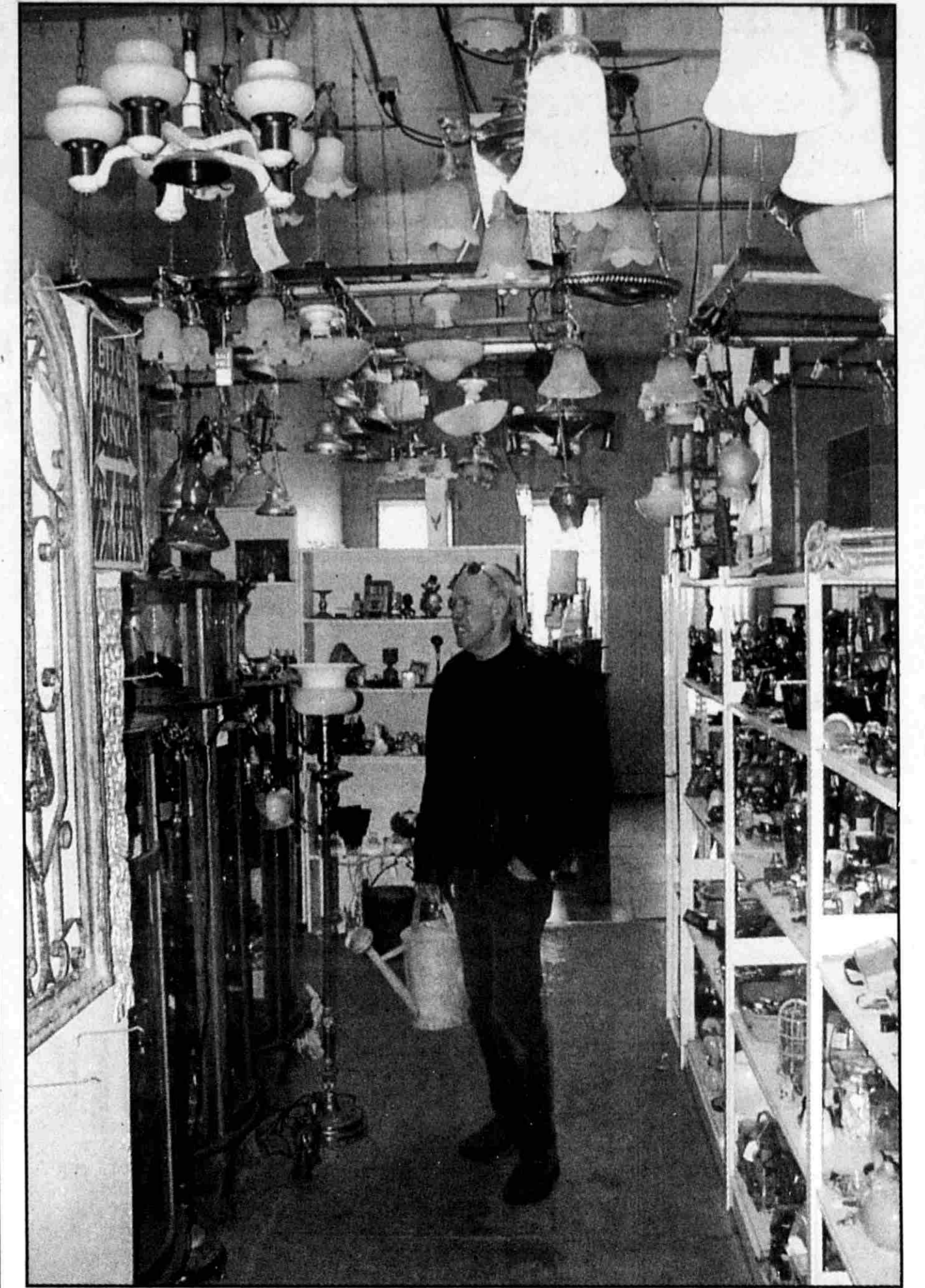
Todd Schaal, chief executive officer of Estes Group, the Grand Rapids company that now owns the building, hopes it will

not stay that way for long. The company has plans to renovate the interior and exterior of the building.

Schaal said, on the street level, they will "probably divide the space up for smaller spaces for lease, retail or office."

He said the upper level will be a "logical" place for residential development, but "we don't have any plans for it right now. I see that happening down the road."

The company had planned to start the renovations already last year, but weather caused a delay.



Dick Meyers has a look at some light fixtures for sale on the top floor of the Flat River Antique Mall.



Flat River Antique Mall customers had their purchases rung up at the first-floor sales counter Monday, framed by displays on the second floor that reflect the eclectic nature of the antiques offered for sale.

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## CITY OF LOWELL

### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regular scheduled meeting of Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Sections 2.02 (Awning) and 2.04 (Canopy) of Chapter 2, "Definitions," and add Section 4.23 of Chapter 4, "General Provisions," of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



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### BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowne Township Offices located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, PO Box 35, Alto to hear the following variance application:

Tim Nurenberg is requesting a variance on 12360 92nd Street, located in the NW quarter of Section 27, parcel number 41-24-27-100-014. The variance request is for Article 3.02 (f) Accessory Structures and Uses in the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance in order to erect an accessory structure larger than allowed.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to [clerk@bownetwp.cc](mailto:clerk@bownetwp.cc).

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## Local automobile dealership owner/manager retires

By Dan Schneider

Stew Thomet can't remember the first car he ever sold.

But he figures odds are it was a Chevy pickup truck.

"Probably was a pickup truck," Thomet said. "Coming from a rural area, I had a lot of farm acquaintances."

Pickup trucks are still popular in Lowell. The Thomet lot is still full of them, as are other car dealerships in town. So that hasn't changed.

But a lot has changed about cars since September of 1969.

"The cars, certainly, technology-wise and quality,

it's a big improvement," Thomet said. "Way back in the '70s, when (a car) hit 50,000 miles, people were trading it off. Now it's not unusual for people to hit 150-200,000 miles."

September 1969 was when Thomet's brother, Alfred "Duke" Thomet, bought the dealership at 1250

West Main Street. Stew Thomet came along to work for his brother.

"There weren't any employees here when we started, so we did a little bit of everything," Thomet said.

Without a particular interest in cars, Thomet hired on "just to go in and

work for my brother. He was opening the dealership and he needed help."

But he grew to like cars.

"Any kid likes cars," Thomet said. "And the people. You meet a lot of very interesting, fantastic people over the years."

Thomet owned the dealership himself for a while, up until three years ago when he sold it and stayed on as general manager. Now he has retired from that position.

He and his wife left for Florida Saturday, staying for the winter. After that, he doesn't have any set plans.

"I gotta do something, but I'm not sure what I'll do," Thomet said.

Thomet, who lives near Alto, owns 180 acres of farmland that he currently rents out.

"Whether or not I'll go back into that, I don't know," he said.

Meanwhile, Rodger Garner has taken over as general manager of Thomet Chevrolet Buick. He comes to the job after several years of experience as a sales manager for GMAC financing.

"That's how I know the dealership, they've been a client of mine for over 15 years," Garner said. "They've got a great customer base, great employees, everything is set here to do well."

Garner said having a role in the community is important for the dealership.

"We're going to support the high school sports, we're going to support the Little League," Garner

said. "I think it's important for business and personal reasons. I've had kids who played the sports and were in theater, and people supported them, so now I'm in the position where I can do the same thing."

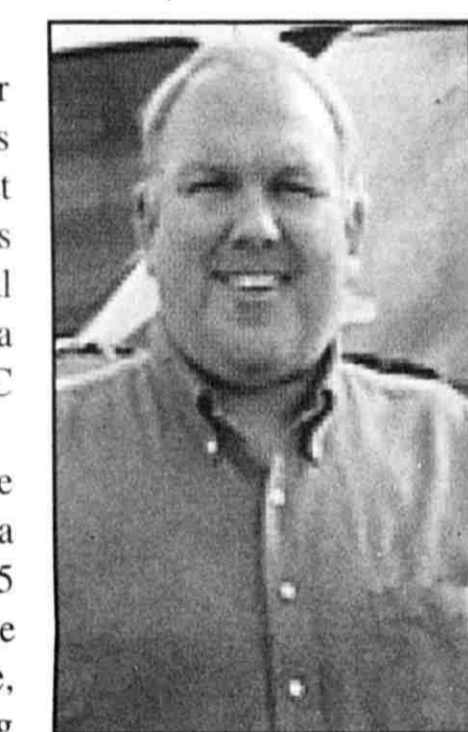
Long term, Garner plans to build up his inventory and upgrade the facilities, including a new showroom and new service bays.

"It will be a whole new dealership in a couple of years," Garner said.

In the near term, he plans to add lighting to the car lot.

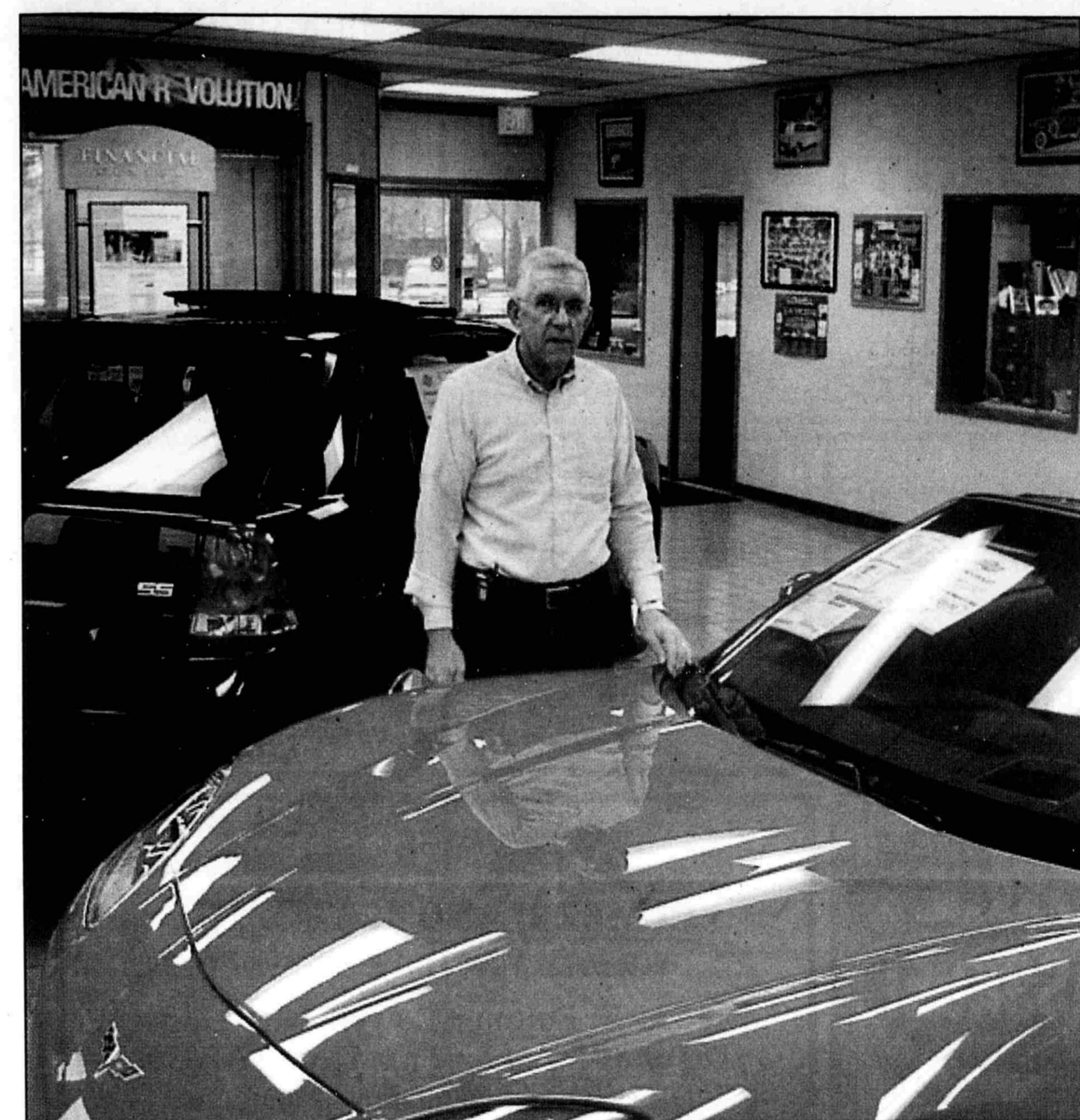
"Two weeks from now, this place will be shining at night, whereas right now you can barely tell it's open," he said.

The employees will mostly remain the same, though some have been moved into other positions. After the retirement of Stew Thomet, there will still be



Rodger Garner, new Thomet Chevrolet general manager.

a Thomet at the dealership. Steve Thomet is staying on as inventory/internet manager.



Stew Thomet has retired as general manager of Thomet Chevrolet Buick after 35 years with the company.

## LMS students are tops in geography

Lowell Middle School eighth-grade students Dylan Olin (middle) and Christian Crook (left) finished first and second, respectively, in the recent middle school geography bee.

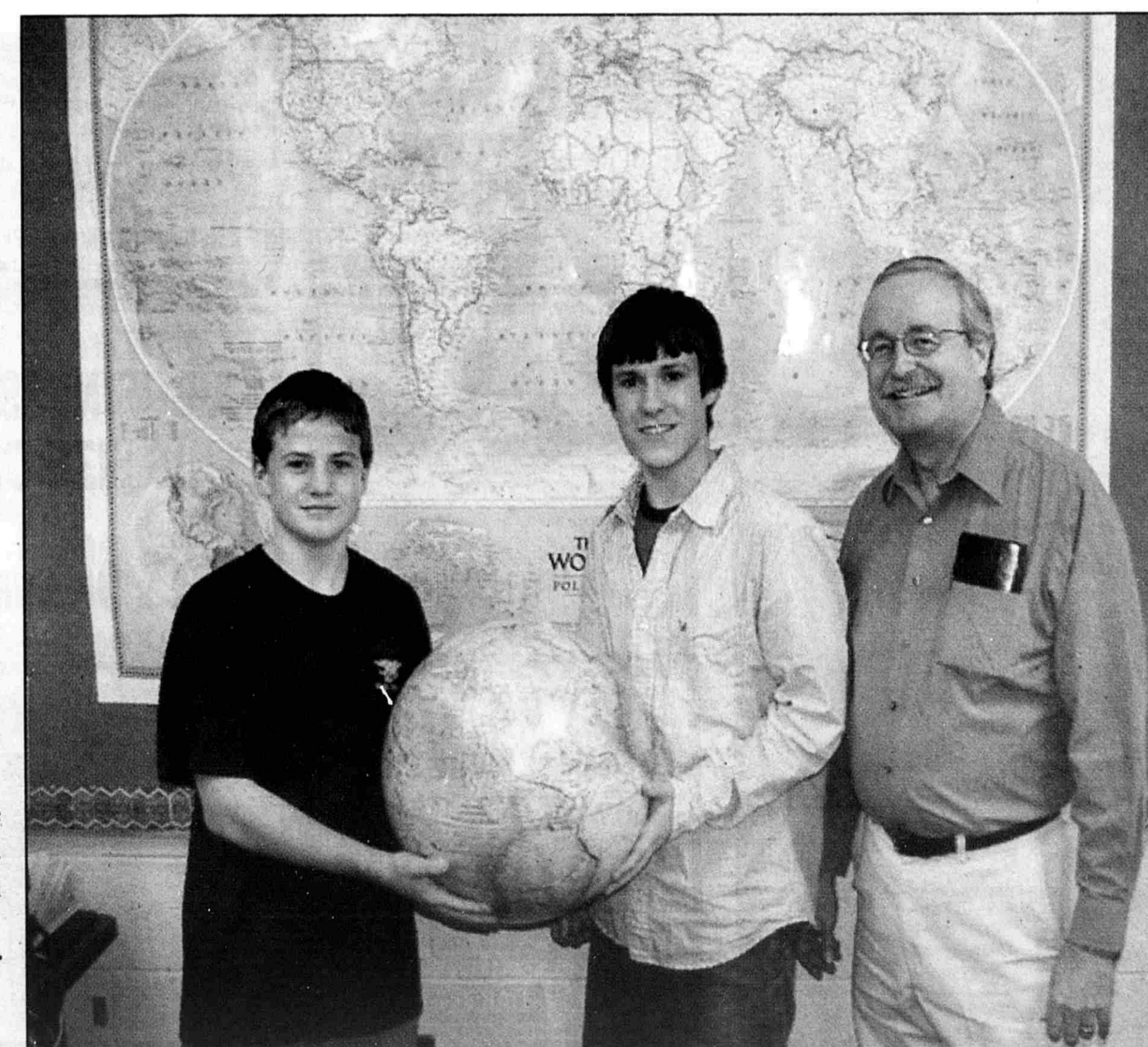
"They're both sharp, there were some tough questions," said seventh-grade social studies teacher and geography bee organizer Jim Hubbard, pictured at right.

Olin, last year's runner-up, took a test to qualify for the state bee, which will be held in Mount Pleasant March 31 at Central Michigan University. Test results are pending.

To win the Lowell Middle School bee, Olin correctly answered the following question:

"In April 2005, Pope John Paul the Second's funeral procession crossed St. Peter's Square in which small European country?"

The correct answer was "Vatican City" or "The Vatican."







## Free-throw champs

There were 52 participants in the Knights of Columbus Free-throw Championship. Winners of the locally-sponsored basketball event will advance to the district level on Feb. 4. Winners are pictured, back row, left to right: Cole Wade (boys 14), Zach Noskey (boys 13), Megan Montgomery (girls 12), Jake Boelens (boys 11) and Tyler Wallner (boys 12); front row: Julie Smith (girls 10), Katie Holzhueter (girls 9), Alexis Foster (girls 11), Matthew Milstead (boys 9) and Derek Bitterman (boys 10).

## Rezoning, continued ...From Page 1

Township planning commission chair Dave Simmonds.

Ag-2, which is what the township board rezoned Merriman's property to Monday by a 6-1 vote, allows one house per four acres. Zoned for higher density, the land might now be more valuable. Merriman said he has no intention of selling it.

"As far as a developer coming along, that's not going to

happen," Merriman said. "My whole goal in this is to have a farm to give my kids."

He hoped the rezoning would lead the agricultural preservation board to accept a higher appraisal and enter the land in the PDR program.

"As far as I know, if this rezoning goes through, it's a done deal, it's in the program," Merriman said.

But Dennis Hefron, chair of the preservation board, said in a prior interview that is not the case.

"If he gets his rezoning, then he'd have to start over, basically," Hefron said. "His original application he filled out, there are things he will have to change based on the zoning."

Applications to the PDR program are scored based on several criteria. One of them is the presence or absence of township zoning that protects it as agriculture. Farmland parcels that are accepted into the county program are ranked according to their score. Farms near the top of the list are entered into the program when funding becomes available.

This is the first time in Kent County that land has been rezoned after being accepted into the program.

"I have not heard of this being brought up from any other counties, although it (PDR) is relatively new," Hefron said.

Merriman applied for the rezoning last August. On Dec. 12, the planning commission voted 4-1 to make a recommendation in favor of the rezoning. The land was master-planned to eventually become Ag-2, as was a parcel across the street. Two small parcels of land across Bancroft Avenue were already zoned Ag-2. Merriman's property includes 14 acres along Alden Nash, separated from the 64 acres by a drainage ditch, that are master planned to become light industrial. They are currently zoned Ag-1.



## Top spellers

Murray Lake Elementary's fifth grade spelling bee winner was Kanon Dean; runner-up was Maggie Wissman. Kanon won in the 17th round by spelling the word "grammar." Both students will advance to the regional competition to be held in February.

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# COMING EVENTS

## JANUARY

**WED., JAN. 18:** Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**THURS., JAN. 19:** Pancake Lunch at noon. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**FRI., JAN. 20:** 12 p.m. Birthday Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Bowling. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**SUN., JAN. 22:** Half-A-Ton of Praise at Palo Methodist Church, 5 p.m. Light lunch following; public invited.

**SUN., JAN. 22:** Gospelmen concert at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 9:30-11 a.m. Public is welcome.

**MON., JAN. 23:** 12:45 p.m. Games at Center. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

### MONDAYS

LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weigh-ins. Brenda 897-9141.

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

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

**1ST MON.:** Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

**2ND MON.:** Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street. (Note: except April which is the 3rd Monday).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY OTHER MON.:** The Lowell Area Juggling Club meets in the Community room at Englehardt Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Anyone 12 or older who can juggle 3 balls is welcome. No dues. Call 897-9879.

### TUESDAYS

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

Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Clarence Whittum at 897-8194 after 11 a.m.

Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before meeting. 800-651-6000.

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

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

**TUES., JAN. 24:** 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Big O Fish, Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**FRI., JAN. 27 & SAT., JAN. 28:** Mid-winter used book sale in Community Room of Englehardt Library. Friday, 10-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10-4 p.m.

**MON., JAN. 30:** LHS class of 2006 parent meeting regarding senior trip, in high school math room at 7 p.m.

**TUES., JAN. 31:** Math Parent Night at Cherry Creek Elementary, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No childcare available.

**ENROLL FOR HEAD START:** Lowell Head Start is enrolling for the 2006-2007 school year. The free preschool program is for children 3 years old by Dec. 1, 2006 and family must meet income requirements. Two sessions: morning and afternoon. Call 897-7920 for info.

### TUESDAYS

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

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

**2ND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/ 7 p.m. program Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 info.

**2ND & 3RD TUES.:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. Winter leagues start 1st week of January. Go to [www.qua-ke-zik.org](http://www.qua-ke-zik.org).

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers... because mothering matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304.

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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

**1ST WED.:** GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

**2ND WED.:** Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

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

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

**3RD WED.:** GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

### THURSDAYS

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

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

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Tues., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m.. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon.- Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 9:30-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

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

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS:** (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:** Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

### THURSDAYS

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

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

**1ST THURS.:** Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

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

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield. 868-6371.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

**1ST & 3RD FRI.:** Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

**2ND & 4TH FRI.:** GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10-3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

**FRI.:** Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

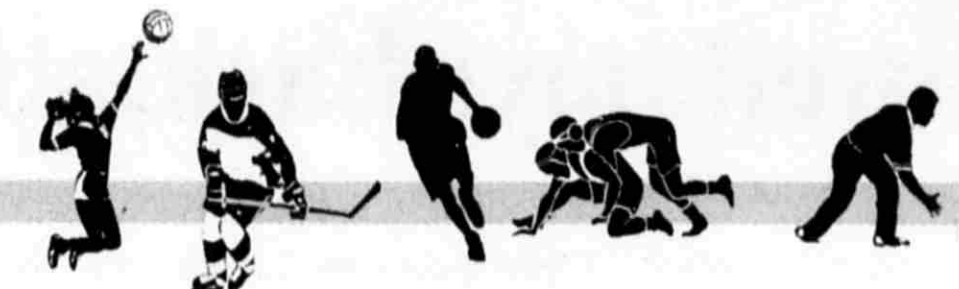
**2ND SAT.:** Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**2ND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Lowell gymnastics team competitive in home opener

By Dan Schneider

Lowell gymnastics fell just short last Wednesday against a cooperative made up of gymnasts from East Grand Rapids, Caledonia, and Grand Rapids West Catholic (ECWC).

Lowell scored 124.4 to ECWC's 128.3.

Top Red Arrow scorers on vault were Richelle Kimble (8.15), Leannah Seese (8.05), Becca Underwood (8.05) and Kelli Kowalski (7.9).

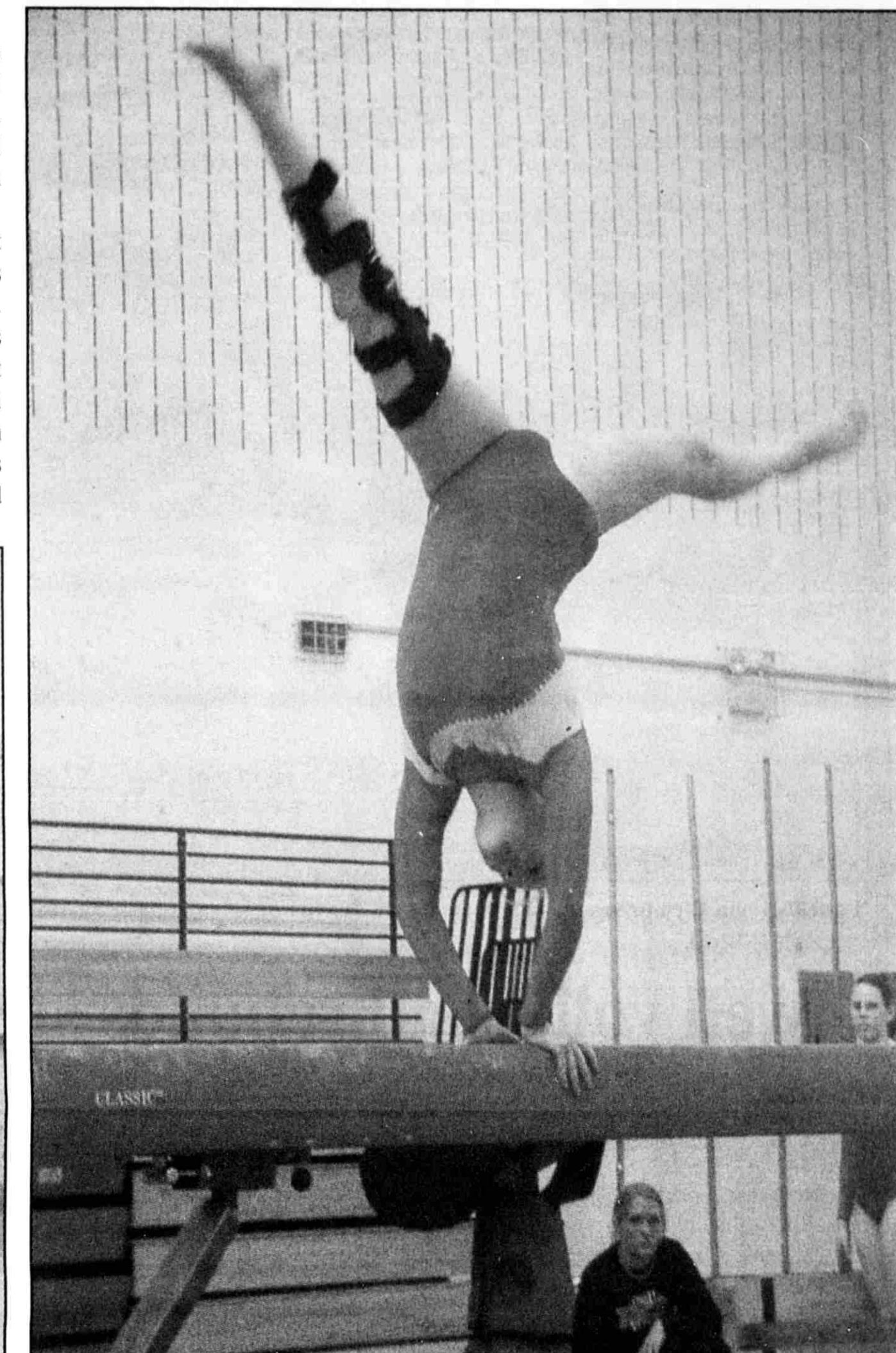
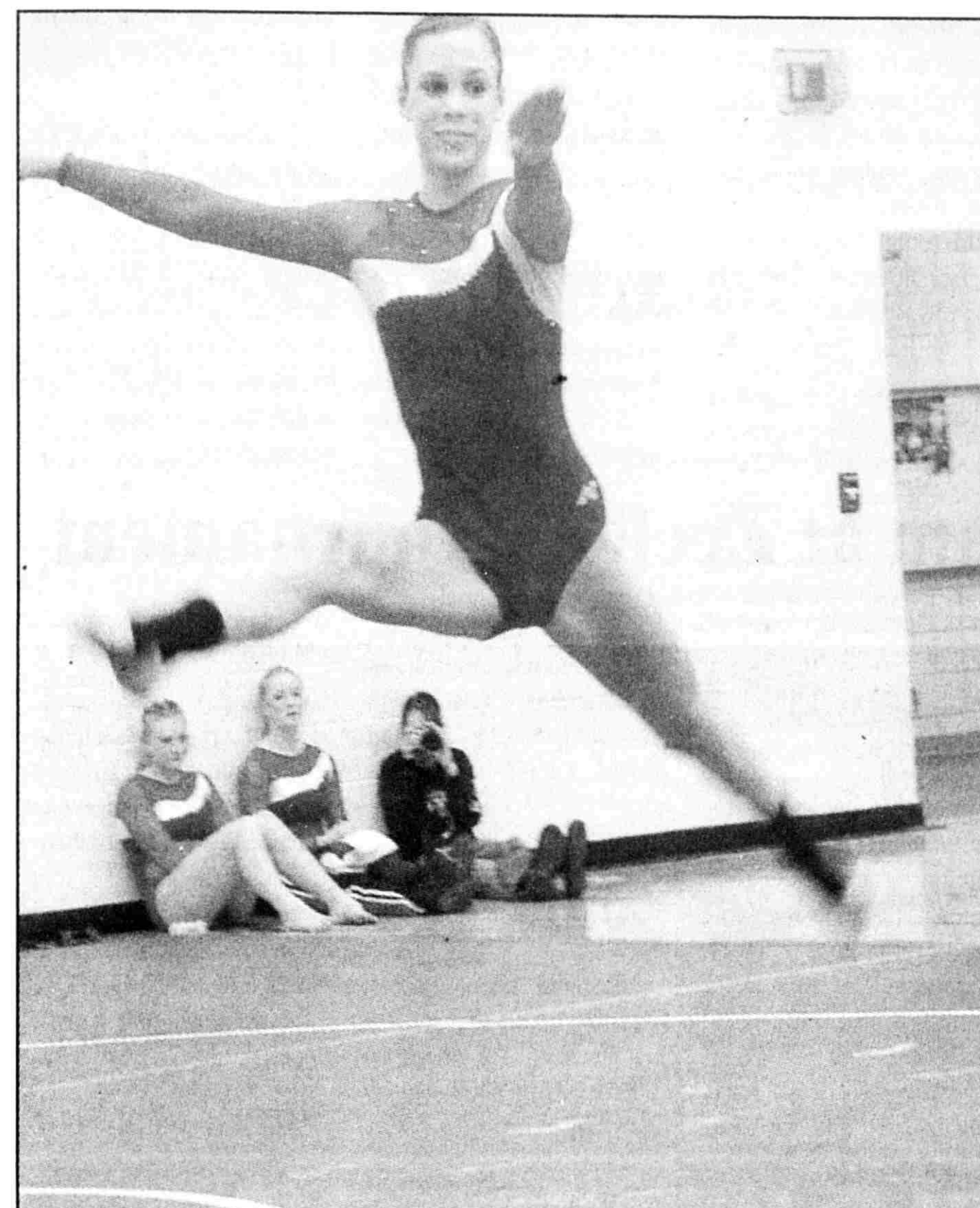
On uneven bars, Underwood scored 7.65, Kimble and Kowalski both scored 7.35, and Seese scored 6.15.

On beam, Kimble scored 8.15; Kowalski, 7.8; Underwood, 7.4; and Seese, 7.3.

The top scorers on floor exercise were Underwood (8.8), Seese (8.15), Kimble (8.15) and Kowalski (8.0). "Richelle Kimble, my freshman, did really well on

beam; that's the first time she's competed," Lowell coach Skye Fisher said. "And we scored really well on bars. Kelli Kowalski did really well on bars."

Lowell finished 12th out of 16 teams at Saturday's Holland Invitational. Lowell's team score was 118.675. It was just short of a fourth team regional qualifying score (a team regional qualifying score is 119 or better), which would



Lowell's Leannah Seese performs on the balance beam during last Wednesday's meet against East Grand Rapids-Caledonia-West Catholic at Lowell High School.

At left: Richelle Kimble mid-floor exercise at last Wednesday's gymnastics meet.

## Girls bowling rolling high

Lowell boys team also off to strong start

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls bowling team is rolling this season.

The Red Arrow girls team took a 6-0 dual-match record to a non-conference match at Muskegon Reeths Puffer Monday.

Last Wednesday, Lowell hosted Northview and defeated the Wildcats 22-8. Lowell split the bakers double but dominated the regular games to take the win. Bakers are the games that start each match in which five players from each team bowl two frames each to put together a full game.

"Bakers are killing us right now," said Lowell coach Rocky Eickhoff. "When it comes down to settling in and playing our regular games, they're just cashing in."

Lowell's high rollers were Ashley Nawrocki with a score of 362 for two games and Erin Sowles with a 288 for two games.

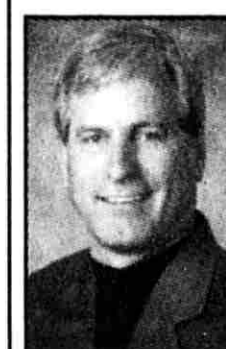
Last Monday hosting Rockford, the Lowell girls lost both bakers games but pulled off the win anyway, 17-13.

"It was the first time in three years, since I was coaching here, that we ever beat the (Rockford) girls," Eickhoff said.

Losing the bakers put them in a 10-0 hole, but again they made up for it in the regular games.

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# Lowell boys basketball falls to Forest Hills Central

By Dan Schneider

Lowell boys basketball played a strong second half

Friday against Forest Hills Central. The problem was, the outcome of the game was pretty much determined by the time the first half ended,

as Lowell was in a 38-14 hole at halftime. After going up 15-9 in the first quarter, the Rangers took advantage of turnovers and some offensive rebounds to push the pace and build their lead. Their defense also stalled the Red Arrow offense, isolating Lowell on the perimeter.

"We are all extremely disappointed with the way we played in the first half," Lowell coach Jeff McDonald said. "We got outlasted in the first half and I think this was a good wakeup call for us."

In the third quarter, Lowell accomplished all the things they were unable to do in the first half: defensive stops, penetration on offense, ball movement, speed and forcing turnovers. Lowell shaved the deficit to nine points in the third quarter, trailing 43-28 after the quarter. The Rangers held tough the rest of the game, however. The final score was 62-44.

"I was proud of our effort in the second half," McDonald said.

"I thought the difference

was our first half defensive intensity," Forest Hills Central coach Ken George said. "I thought we set the tone with a lot of effort and a lot of energy in the game and we were able to score off our defense."

It was the failure to match that intensity that hurt Lowell.

"We just have to show up at tipoff and play our butts off because we're not talented enough to not play hard," McDonald said. "We have to play hard every single night and every minute of every game."

Last Tuesday at Godwin Heights, Lowell lost 53-40. The Arrows played a competitive game, even outrebounding the Wolverines 35-27, but struggled to make the shots necessary for victory. Lowell was 12 for 33 in the paint.

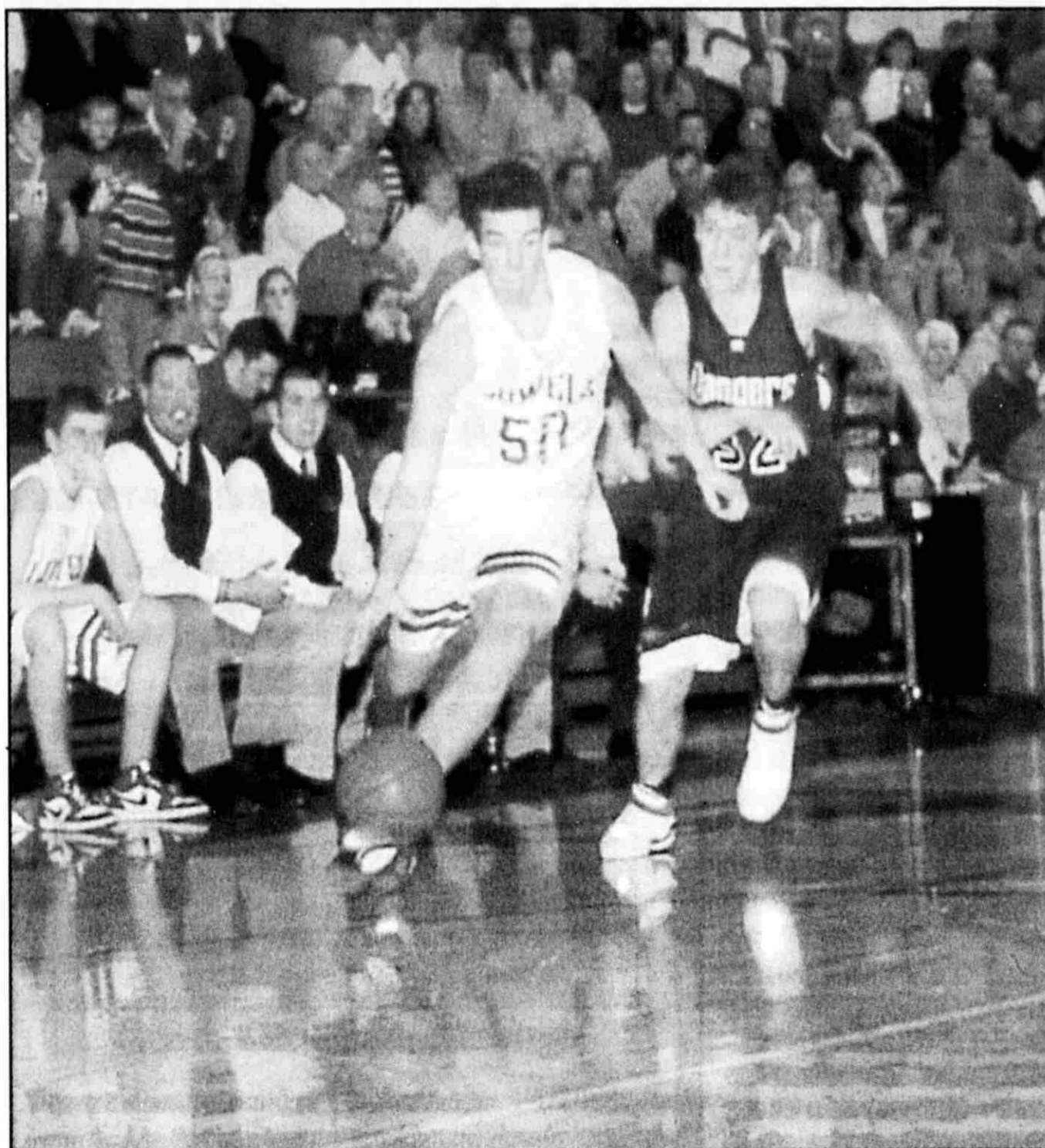
"I was proud of our team, we played well against a good team in a tough environment," said McDonald. "We did most things right, there was just a lid on the rim the whole night."

Lowell only trailed 16-15 after one quarter of play. They were down 28-21 at halftime and maintained that margin through the third quarter, trailing 37-30 at the start of the final quarter of play.

Justin Harden led Lowell offensively with 11 points. Ryan Lane scored eight and Drew Happie and Josh Hettinga each added six. Mike McElroy had four, Brett McMahon had three and Travis Hippey scored two.

Lowell's next game is Friday at Northview. Lowell plays Monday at Van Andel Arena in the Pepsi Jam. The Arrows will play Greenville at 6:15 p.m. That game is followed by Hudsonville Unity Christian versus Holland Christian.

Tickets are \$6 for both games prior to Monday or \$8 at the door. They are available at the Lowell High School athletic office, at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place box offices, by phone at 456-3333 and online at ticketmaster.com/venue/65737.



Lowell's Colin Rich drives the ball in the fourth quarter of Friday's game against Forest Hills Central.

# Lowell volleyball rebuilds steam at Zeeland Tournament

By Dan Schneider

Lowell volleyball used Saturday's Zeeland Invitational to rebuild after a deflating loss at Muskegon Reeths Puffer last Thursday. Finishing third at Zeeland, Lowell lost to Zeeland in the semifinals. Zeeland went on to win the championship.

"Overall, it was a really good day out, trying to do some regrouping after a

really bad loss Thursday at Reeths Puffer," said Lowell coach Gigi Peal. "When things are going well and you end up with a loss like that, you need to have a regrouping stage to get back where you were."

The loss against Reeths Puffer was by a score of 25-14, 19-25, 25-20, 17-25, 12-15. Lowell won the first and third games, but struggled in the others.

"We never emotionally got into the game," Peal said. "I think the kids mentally were in the game but there was no emotion there."

In pool play at Saturday's tournament, Lowell started with a win over Wyoming Park, 25-18, 25-9. Then the Red Arrows fell to Mattawan 23-25, 25-14, 15-8.

Lowell beat Hudsonville 25-20, 27-25 in game one of the power pool. The Arrows

placed first in the power pool by beating Holland 25-21, 18-25, 15-11.

Lowell faced Hudsonville again in the tournament quarterfinal, winning another close match. This time the score was 21-25, 25-23, 19-17. Zeeland beat Lowell in the semifinals by a score of 25-21, 25-23.

"We were just really kind of tired and we never

managed to take control, but we were always right there," Peal said of the Zeeland match. "I think had we not come off an emotionally huge match just before (Hudsonville, round 2), it would have been a different story."

Zeeland beat Kenowa Hills in the final match.

Statistics for the day show a really good day of blocking for Lowell.

Malley Cahoon led in blocks with 17 in addition to 14 kills. Amanda Geelhoed had 14 blocks to go with 12 kills. Mary VanderLaan had nine blocks and 14 kills. Amanda Schneider had seven blocks, 26 kills and six aces. Kristin Johnson had 35 kills.

"Obviously a great blocking day," Peal said.

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# Red Arrows beat Sparta, host Lowell Invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell wrestling team took a fourth place Saturday in the Lowell Invitational, also known as the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament.

Lowell wrestled in Pool D, first beating Big Rapids 62-12, then Byron Center 55-10. Lowell dominated Whitehall, 55-3, in the final match of the pool to earn a berth in the championship tournament.

The Red Arrows ran into Martin in the tournament semifinal, a Division 4 school that turned out to be a brick wall. Martin wrestled with intensity, going for a pin at just about every weight. Against Lowell, the Clippers were opportunistic. They sometimes took advantage of an opportunity to throw a pin, and sometimes made an

opportunity where it didn't look like there was one.

They ended up beating Lowell 43-36.

Lowell coach Dave Dean said it was a good learning opportunity for Lowell, with the lesson being to wrestle a full six minutes and never let your guard down, no matter what the score.

"We had some guys just looking to hang on for a win, and they were hanging on and they got pinned," Dean said. "There were some matches where we were winning fairly sizeably and we just got pinned."

Martin had five wrestlers who placed individually at state last year. Dean said that kind of experience made the difference between them and Lowell.

"I think we're going

to be able to use it quite a bit to grow as a program because I think a lot of guys understand what happened," Dean said.

He said Lowell has been the victim of ups and downs on the emotional level this season. The up to this down was when Lowell beat Greenville on Jan. 5.

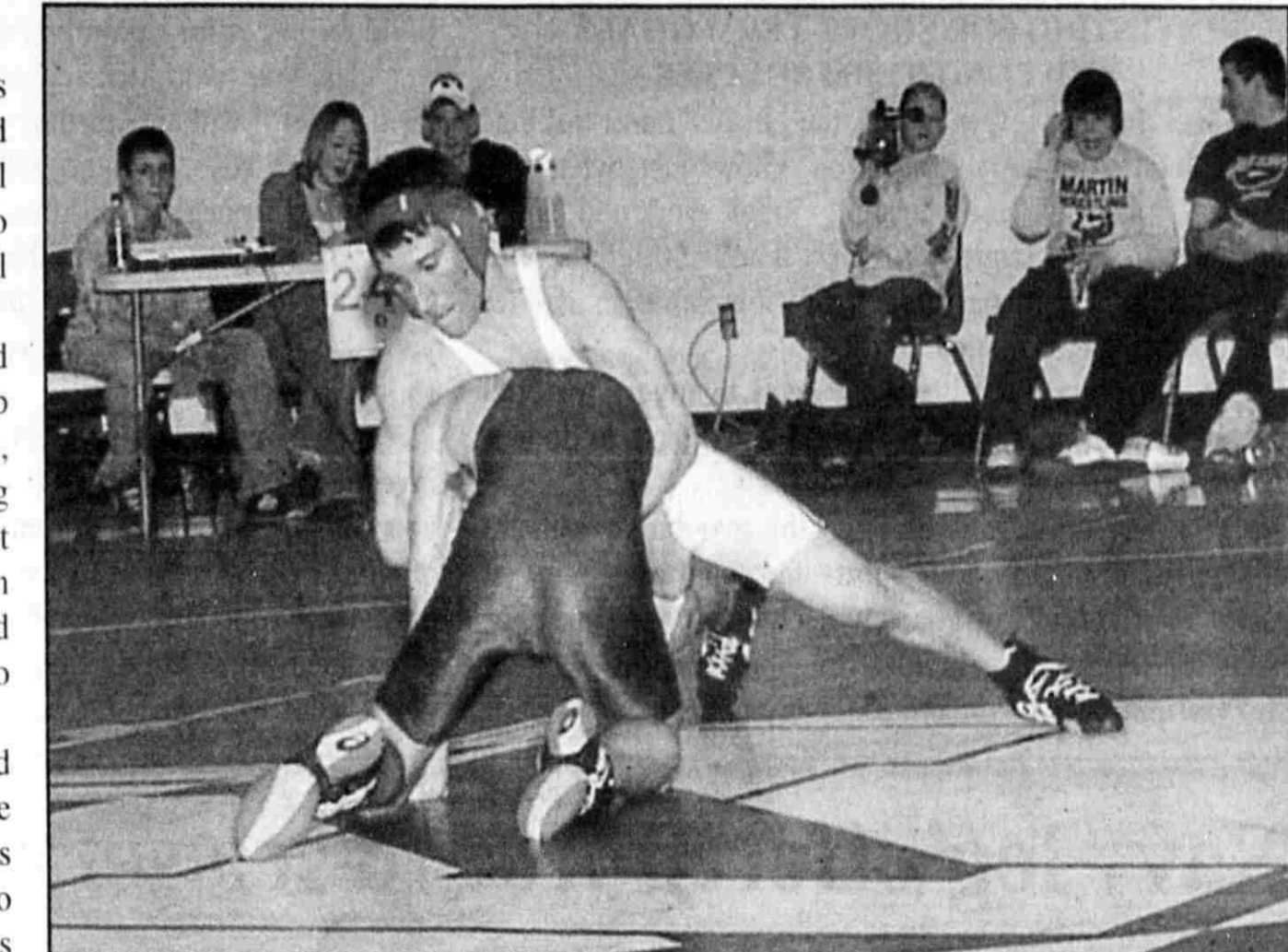
"When we beat a good team one week, we end up going out the next weekend, we go out and try to hang on," Dean said. "We're not the kind of team that can hang on and win. We need to come out and compete to win."

Lowell wrestled Hastings in the third-place match, falling to the Saxons 34-28. Martin went on to beat Lakeshore in the finals for the championship, 38-36.

Last Thursday, the Red Arrows wrestled Sparta, beating the Spartans 40-

29. Lowell's next match is Thursday at Forest Hills Northern. The Arrows

wrestle Saturday at the Lakeshore Tournament.



Lowell's Cody Toomey wrestles against Martin in the semifinal round of the Lowell Invitational.

# Volleyball, continued...From Page 16

"And that's where we find we're successful is when we're blocking well and getting touches on the ball."

Peal was experimenting with two setters during the day.

"Sam Mol had 54 assists and also 24 kills and six aces," Peal said. "Taryn Schumacher was the other setter of the two setter system and got 68 assists."

The Lowell coach

credited Lisa Johnson for her defensive effort and talked about a few role players on the team.

"Eva Wilcox just came in for everyone in key positions and on key points

in close matches," Peal said.

Amy VanEns played in her first varsity matches, having sat out the early season recovering from a severed nerve in her hand.

"She stepped in, in the semifinals and quarterfinals and played really well," Peal said.

The varsity coach has spent a lot of the early season tinkering with the lineup.

"I'm so deep that there has been a lot of competition between players and a lot of finding out who fits the best in different roles on this team," Peal said.

Lowell will need all its depth and all the steam it built up Saturday for the next two matches.

"We definitely have our toughest two weeks of conference play back to back," she said.

The Red Arrows have their home opener Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Lowell hosts Forest Hills Northern, the third-ranked team in the latest Class A state coaches' poll. Next Thursday, Lowell travels to Forest Hills Central. The Rangers received honorable mention in the same poll.

# Bowling, continued...From Page 15

Top Red Arrow bowlers were Sowles with a 358 for two games, and Nawrocki and Liberty Clark with 352 for two games.

At the Fruitport Invitational on Jan. 7, the Lowell girls finished in third place. It was a tough field that included Rockford, Hudsonville, Grand Haven and Grand Rapids West Catholic.

"We had a lot of good teams that are right up there with us ... and the girls went

in there and took care of what they had to take care of," Eickhoff said.

The team is working on consistent rolling and adding pins to their scores.

"They're in the ballpark where they've got a chance to win it all the time, and that's what we're doing," Eickhoff said.

The Lowell boys team has also had a strong season, though they didn't do as well as the girls in the last two matches.

Lowell fell to Northview 17-13. The top Red Arrow bowlers were Brandon

Jahnke (474 for two games), Greg Sherman (386), Eric Bouwhuis (366), Anthony Everitt (352) and Sean Adrianse (336).

Against Rockford, the boys also struggled in the bakers, losing both. The Rams eventually won 22-8 after the regular games.

"We won the first one by eight and lost the second one by 40-50 pins," Lowell boys coach Dave Adrianse said. "It was a good match."

Top Red Arrow bowlers were Jahnke (471 for two games), Adrianse (391), Bouwhuis (372), Sherman

(322) and Everitt (314).

The Lowell boys finished second to West Catholic at the Fruitport Invitational. They were 4-2 in dual matches going into Monday's match at Muskegon Reeths Puffer.

Lowell hosts Forest Hills Northern on Wednesday and travels to Kenowa Hills next Monday.

In addition to Lowell, the bowling conference includes Kenowa Hills, Forest Hills Northern, Rockford, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Central and Northview.

# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

## Regular Meeting of January 9, 2006 STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Student Services Center has been busy getting new schedules out for the second semester. The Freshman Center will be sponsoring a dance in February, and students have the opportunity this year to participate in a dodge ball tournament. The Senior Class is looking at doing a memorial at the Red Arrow Stadium, and a student will address the Board concerning this at the next board meeting.

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION** - To honor the Board members for their dedication in serving the Lowell Area Schools, Pat Murphy announced their years of service and presented them with a certificate.

## REPORTS - Elementary Science

Mike Fillman, Murray Lake elementary teacher, presented a report on the usage of the Battle Creek Science Kits which is an inquiry based learning program and is aligned with State curriculum standards. The students are asked a question, and then the students investigate and draw conclusions. This has been a great learning tool for the students.

## Literacy

Teachers Susan Gordon Jackie Krygier, and Rachel Bowen gave a presentation on the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills) program which identifies the literacy skill level of students to find students at risk. Intervention measures are then put in

place for these students. Marlene Heemstra then explained how common strategies are used by teachers kindergarten through 12th grade to help with literacy. **Middle School Feasibility Study Preliminary Report** Larry Mikulski gave an update on the various air quality studies that have been taking place at the Middle School. A committee will review the final reports and will make a recommendation to the Board.

## ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gifts:  
 • Dean Transportation donation of \$250 to be used for Christmas gift certificates for families in need.  
 • Valeri Chumney donation of 20 violins valued at \$1200 to be used as a fund raiser for the Orchestra Program.

## CONSENT ITEMS -

Approved/adopted were:  
 • Minutes for December 12, 2005 Special Meeting and December 12, 2005 Regular Meeting  
 • The following payment of bills for December 2005:

GENERAL FUND.....\$1,103,651.96	
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$77,285.44
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$4,157.66
1990 Debt Fund.....	\$1,739.38
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2004 Debt Fund.....	\$42.51
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$30,995.47
• Resolution to Modify the 403B Plan and Amend and Re-state the LAS Deferred Compensation Plan (457)	
• Resolution - Designation of Title I Coordinator	
• Administrative Regulation #8670-R for Administering Medication	

**CURRICULUM REPORT** - Mark Kasper thanked the staff members who presented curriculum information at the meeting. The Middle School science curriculum is being reviewed and a report will be shared on this towards the end of the school year.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Pat Murphy again thanked the Board members for their dedication and service to the students and Lowell community. The Board will be going into closed sessions to discuss negotiations. The regular election will be held on May 2, 2006 and the deadline for filing nominating petitions is February 7.

**CLOSED SESSION** - The Board went into closed session to discuss negotiations.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop  
 Monday, January 23, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, February 13, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.  
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# Hockey scores

The Lowell-Caledonia hockey team lost a pair of non-league games over the weekend.

Lowell-Caledonia traveled to Kalamazoo for a game against the Kalamazoo Eagles, a cooperative team, Friday. The Eagles won 3-1. Against Forest Hills Northern on Saturday, as the away team at the Patterson Ice Center, Lowell-Caledonia fell 5-3.

The next game for Lowell-Caledonia is Saturday versus South Christian at Patterson. The game starts at 3 p.m.

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### INVESTING FOR SHORT-TERM GOALS - AND LONG-TERM SUCCESS

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Specifically, you will likely need to invest for both short-term and long-term goals. And you'll have to do it at the same time.

Your first step toward achieving this two-part investment strategy is to identify your short- and long-term financial goals. Your short-term goals will change over time. For example, when you're first starting out in your working life, you may want to make a down payment on a house.

In the middle of your career, you may want to take your whole family on a round-the-world trip. And then, as you near retirement, you might decide to purchase a vacation home.

Your long-term goals, by definition, will likely remain fairly fixed. So, when you first have children, you might decide that you will save and invest for 18 years to help pay for college. And your biggest long-term goal will be to build resources for a comfortable retirement.

Can you work to achieve both short- and long-term goals - without hurting your progress toward one or another? Yes - but you will need to follow different investment strategies for different goals.

Let's suppose you're at the beginning of your career. You want to save for a down payment on your home, but you also want to start a retirement savings plan. What should you do?

For your down payment, you'll need to rely on investments that you can be fairly certain will provide you with the money you'll need in a relatively short period of time - perhaps three to five years. Consequently, you may want to consider certificates of deposit (CDs) or investment-grade bonds that mature at exactly the time you'll want to make your down payment. You'll receive

regular interest payments, but even more importantly, you'll get your principal back - just when you need it.

During these same years, you may be contributing to your 401(k) at work, and, if you can afford it, to an IRA as well. And, since you are investing for retirement, which is likely many decades away, you need to take quite a different approach to the one you used when saving for a down payment. In short, you can afford to be a much more aggressive investor. That means you should include a mix of high-quality, growth-oriented stocks in your 401(k) or IRA. Will these stocks fluctuate in value over the years? Certainly. But the longer you hold these stocks, the greater the likelihood that you will overcome the short-term "down" periods and potentially achieve significant gains.

So, there you have it: One point in your life, two different goals, two different investment strategies. And you will find that you may need to follow this "dual-track" approach many times over the years. To coordinate your different investment approaches, you may want to work with an investment professional who can help you draw up a comprehensive financial plan for your financial future.

By choosing the right investments, you can move toward your short- and long-term goals at the same time. That's a "win-today," "win-tomorrow" situation.

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## Air Zoo offers telescope workshop

With the holiday season over, the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo is hosting an "Introduction to Telescopes" workshop to help those who received a telescope for Christmas or who are thinking of buying one.

Members from the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society will be on hand Friday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. to teach participants about the different types of telescopes and how they

work. Those participating in the workshop are encouraged to bring their telescopes for individual assistance. Weather permitting, there will be an after-workshop view session.

The cost is \$10 for Air Zoo members (\$20 for a family) and \$15 for non-members (\$25 for non-member families). Advanced registration with payment is required. For more information, contact the Air Zoo at 269-382-6555 or visit www.airzoo.org.

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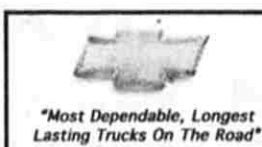
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