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## Lowell's dropping the pounds for the new year

By Dan Schneider

**T**his year's Lowell Community Wellness weight loss challenge is off and running  
Or, in some cases, it is off and swimming, walking, cross-country skiing, or just generally eating better. People in Lowell are finding various ways to lose weight.

At last Tuesday's weigh-in, the first of this year's challenge and one week into the 10-week weight-loss schedule, a total of 57 teams weighed in. Each team of four gets weighed all together on the same scale. In terms of numbers of participants, the challenge is down slightly from last year.

But by last Tuesday's weigh-in, the 57 teams had already dropped 576 pounds. That's more than a quarter of the way to this year's goal of shedding 2,006 pounds from Lowell's collective waistline.

Lowell Community Wellness director Patty Sellner attributes the fast start partially to people's familiarity with the challenge. Many people knew about it from last year and were ready to hit the ground running.

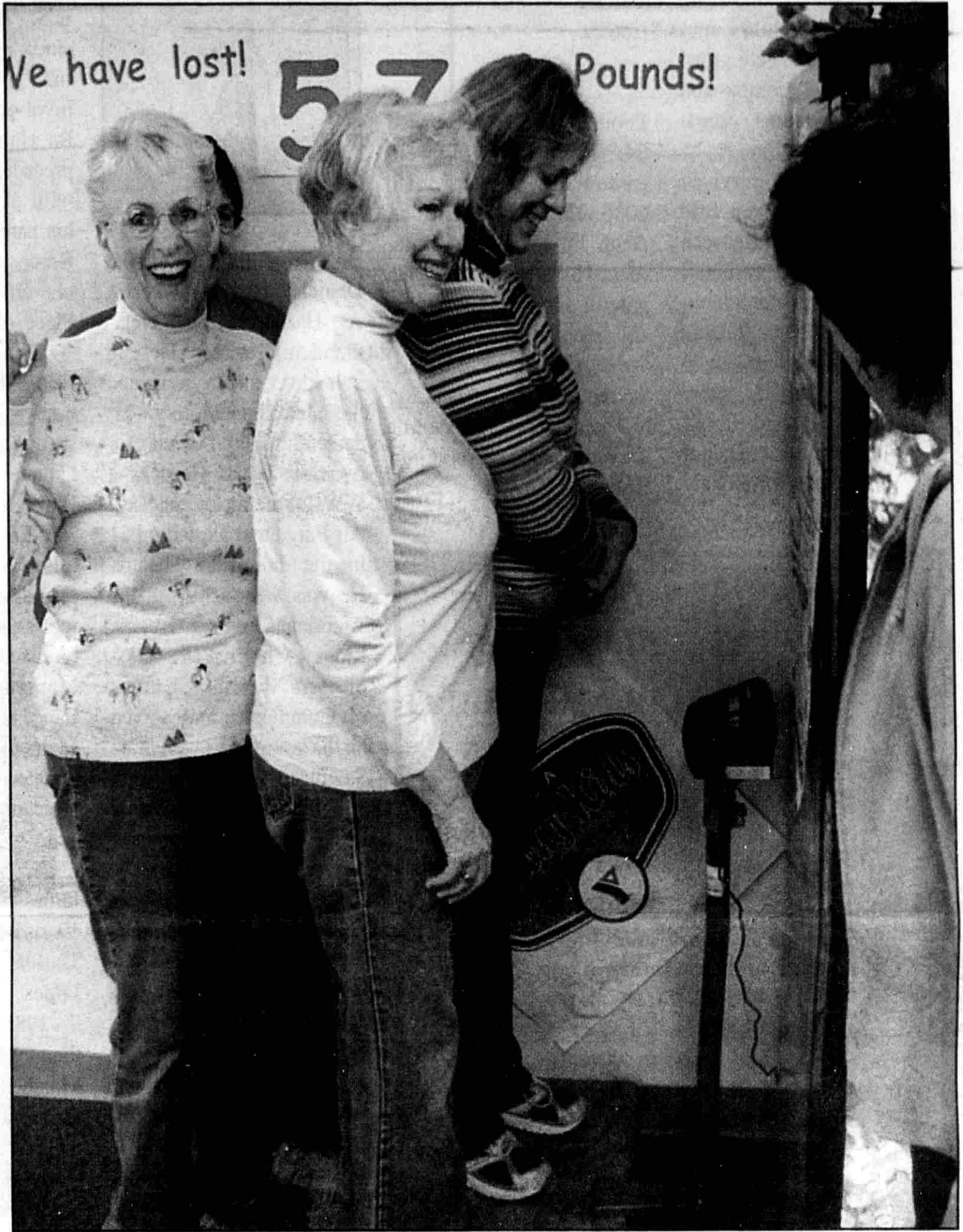
"I think this year it was 57 teams of people who knew what they were signing up for," Sellner said.

The community's enthusiasm is visible at weigh-ins, she added.

"Tuesday, when I was down where the scale is at the Y (Lowell YMCA), it was amazing," Sellner said. "There's a lot of people trying to get a little healthier in the new year."

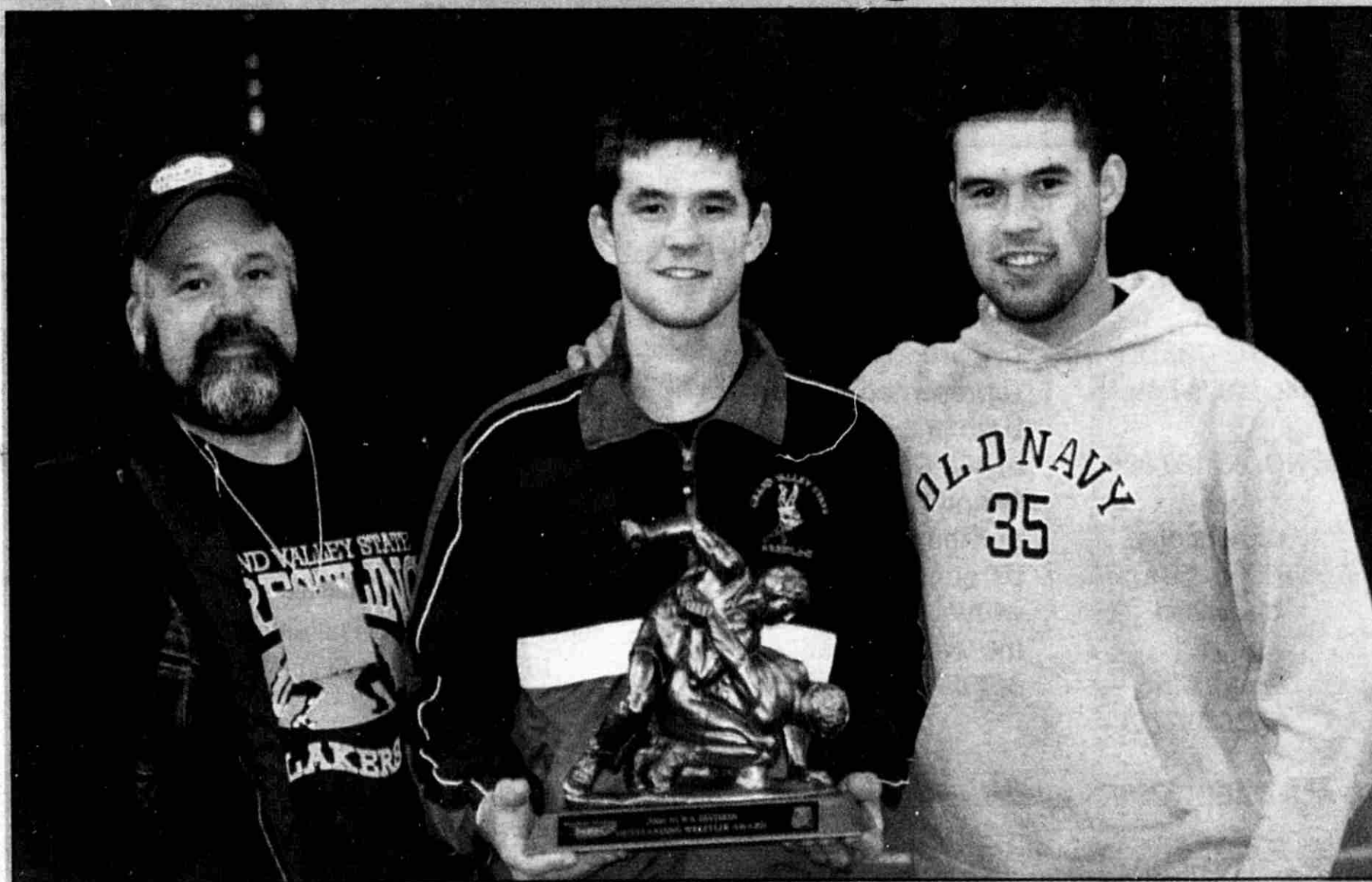
"Healthier" is a key term in the community weight loss challenge. Participants receive weekly tips on healthful eating and exercise. This is targeted at building healthy lifestyles and getting away from so-called "fad diets," which are seen as less sustainable than a general healthy lifestyle.

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Members of the Lowell Community Weight Loss Challenge team "The Losers" on the scale Tuesday at the Lowell YMCA. Pictured from left to right are Dorothea VanderVeen, Sue Wester, Gerry Yonker and Mary DeVlieger.

## Lowell's outstanding wrestler



**L**owell High School graduate Joe Mendez, pictured with his father, Tom Mendez, and brother, John Mendez, won the Outstanding Wrestler award at the Cliff Keen National Duals in Cedar Falls, Iowa, recognizing him as the top individual wrestler at the event. Wrestling for Grand Valley State University (GVSU), Mendez went 3-0 at the event held at the University of Northern Iowa; he defeated wrestlers from the University of Central Florida, the University of Iowa Central and the University of New Hampshire. Mendez was a four-time state champion when he wrestled for Lowell High School.

GVSU is the host for this year's National Collegiate Wrestling Association's national tournament. The event will take place March 3 and 4 at the Delta Plex in Comstock Park. GVSU will be one of 80 national teams competing. For tickets, call the 20-20 desk at GVSU, 616-331-2020, or call coach Dave Mills at 262-0654.

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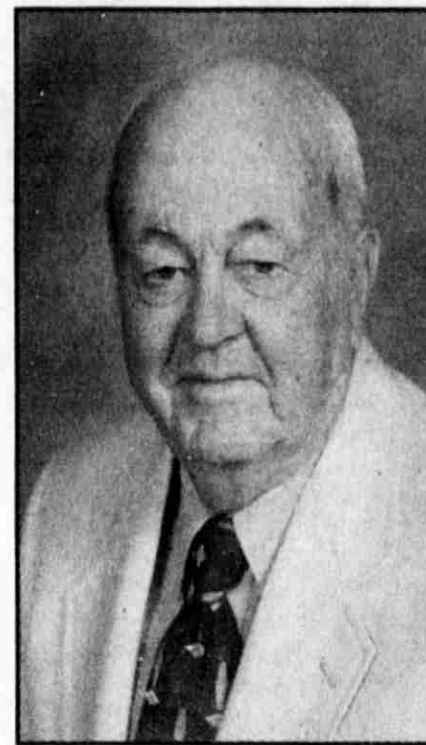
  
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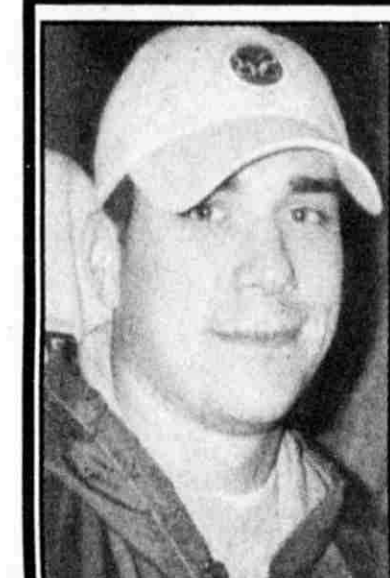
DEHAAN
Timothy John DeHaan, aged 52, of Grand Rapids, passed away at home on Saturday, January 14, 2006, after a long battle with cancer.

JACKSON
Leonard E. Jackson, aged 84, formerly of Lowell, passed away January 15, 2006.



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In Loving Memory of ALDEN RICHARD HAMILTON

Our Shining Star whose life was suddenly taken 5 years ago on January 26, 2001

Happy Birthday Alden on your 27th birthday.

NOTICE OF REZONING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that at the regular meeting of January 16, 2006, the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned 64 acres of property located at 5214 Bancroft Avenue SE.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

children Bill C. Harrison, Daniel T. Harrison, Chelsea A. Harrison; four great-grandchildren. Mr. Jackson owned and operated the Jackson Motors car dealership in Lowell for over 30 years.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-180,888-DE

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Date of birth 07/26/1927

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

PLACE
Richard Clarence Place, of Wacousta, MI, went to be with his Lord on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2005.

and friend. James will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He is survived by his father Larry Rasch of Belding; his mother Marshelle and Steve Tanner of Stanton; sisters and brothers Jennifer and William Ostermeyer of Toana, VA, Denise and Erik Eiswirth of Chesterfield, MO, Christopher Rasch of Stanton; step-brother Jacob Tanner of Stanton; grandparents Carl and Julia Rasch of Lowell, Rose Kerns of Grand Rapids; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

RASCH
James Edward Rasch, aged 20, of Belding, passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

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VANWYK
Kenneth W. VanWyk, aged 64, beloved husband, father and grandfather, went to be with his Lord, January 16, 2006.

RASMUSSEN
Lucille (Griffith) Rasmussen, known as Lucy, aged 83, of Grand Rapids, died Thursday, January 19, 2006 in Grand Rapids.

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Vennen dealership burgled, arrest made

By Dan Schneider

An 18-year-old man from Lowell was arrested last Tuesday on charges of breaking and entering.

The breaking and entering took place during the weekend of Aug. 12, 2005 at Vennen Chrysler Dodge in Lowell. Cash in an amount less than \$500 was stolen from within the building. Lowell police said the car dealership did not report the theft at the time.

"They knew the money was gone but at the time, they thought it was an internal problem because there were no signs of forced entry," said Lowell police officer James Hinton.

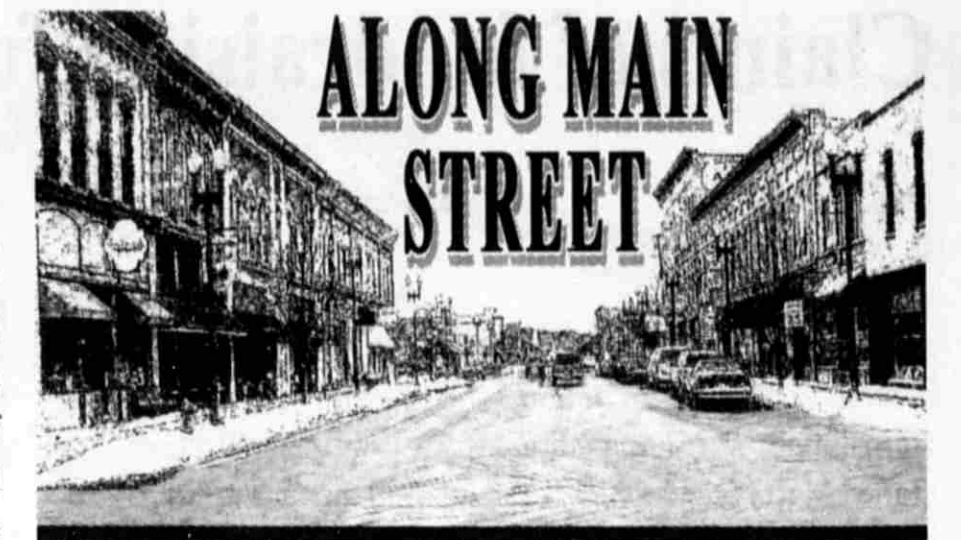
Suspicion of a break-in did not arise until a few months later when on Nov. 17, police executed a drug-related search warrant on a house on Donna Drive. They found small amounts

of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia, but also business documents from Vennen. Police called the dealership to see if they were missing money from the dates on the documents.

They were, so the subject, who is awaiting trial on charges of operating a drug house from the Donna Drive drug bust, was arrested last Tuesday, charged with

breaking and entering. Police did not reveal how the man allegedly gained access to the building; he was a former employee of Vennen. He is scheduled for arraignment on those charges Wednesday.

Breaking and entering with intent is a felony charge and carries a maximum prison sentence of 10 years.



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.

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.

LACROSSE PARENT MEETING
For 5th-8th graders interested in playing Lacrosse this spring, a parent/player meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 30 in the LMS cafeteria at 7 p.m. ??? call Kristi Alguire at 897-9227.

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.

LOWELL LACROSSE SIGN-UPS
Final registration for both 5th - 8th grades and J.V./Varsity will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m. in the Cherry Creek cafeteria. Call Kristi Alguire at 897-9227 with questions.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

HARPTHROBS
The Franciscan Life Process Center will present its annual harpists' concert Feb. 18 and 19. Call 897-7842.

Council is mum on upcoming raises for mayor, councilmembers

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

For the first time in 15 years, the city's mayor and councilmembers will receive a raise.

The Local Officers Compensation Commission, which meets bi-annually, recommended the raises after reviewing current salaries of other municipalities of similar size. The group recommended a raise of \$10 per meeting for both the mayor and councilmembers.

The mayor would receive \$40 per meeting with a cap of \$1,000 per year and councilmembers would receive \$35 per meeting with a cap of \$875 per year. This would cover 25 meetings.

"We feel we have competent people on the city council and we want to keep these people on the council," said Barbara Zandstra, who serves on the commission. Zandstra said there is no way the commission could give a monetary value to the time and commitment that the members of the council

give to the community in serving, but they did feel that an increase was in order since the last one was in 1991.

Council member Jeanne Shores said she knew that last time, the council rejected the offer by a two-thirds vote per the city's charter; she felt it bothered the commission who had gone through all the work to prepare the proposal. She was in favor of going ahead with the increases.

They were filed with the city clerk's office on Jan. 8. The council can reject the increase by a vote or if it chooses to do nothing, the increases will automatically go into effect 30 days after filing, said city manager David Pasquale.

Compared to other municipalities, the city of Lowell is still low on its compensation to its council. The mayor in Rockford has a \$1,500 stipend plus \$25 per meeting and councilmembers receive a \$600 stipend plus \$25 per meeting. The Zeeland mayor receives \$3,000 per year plus \$75 per meeting up to \$900 and councilmembers receive \$1,380 plus \$75 up to \$450. In Belding, the mayor receives \$35 per month plus \$10 per meeting and councilmembers receive \$25 per month and \$10 per meeting.

City decides to bank community development block grant money

Discovering it didn't have as much as it had originally thought in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money, the Lowell City Council decided to put \$6,000 toward the North Kent Transit and bank the rest.

City manager David Pasquale said after discussions with the Kent County Community Development Department, which oversees the federal program, it was determined that the city only had \$19,694.23 of the proposed \$39,570. About \$20,000 was used toward a sidewalk project in 2005, Pasquale explained.

Taking out the allocation of \$6,000 for the North Kent Transit leaves about \$13,694.23 for the city, which could be banked, Pasquale said. He added that the city needed to spend the money within three years.

"It made common sense to me when I read it," said councilman Al Mathews who supported councilman Jim Pfaller's motion to make the contribution to the North Kent Transit and bank the rest.

The city had been considering sidewalk projects and an ice skating/roller rink. A portion of the sidewalks could have been completed at a cost

of about \$15,000, Pasquale said. As for the ice skating/roller rink, the Kent County Community Development Department felt it was more of a regional program, making it questionable whether it would qualify for funding, he said.

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# Claims of fundraising found to be false when police are solicited

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

When John Muha received a phone solicitation from an organization claiming to raise money for the Lowell Police and Fire departments, he was just a little surprised.

Muha is a lieutenant for the fire department and has been with the department for more than 20 years, and he had never heard of the organization nor seen any of the funds it claimed to have contributed. A quick phone call to chief of police Jim Valentine confirmed Muha's suspicion: this was a phone scam.

"When he asked to speak to a supervisor about it, he was mysteriously cut off," Valentine said. "He had caller ID and when I called the number back, it said it was contacting you about a subscription to The New Yorker."

The lesson, according to Valentine, is that residents should never give any personal information over the phone to organizations that are claiming to raise funds for the police, fire or any nonprofit group. Most of the time, the nonprofits never get any of the money, he said.

"If a person really wants to contribute to the police or fire departments, they should just make a donation directly to the department," Valentine said.

# Commission settles on revised canopy/awning ordinance

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

After getting holes shot through its proposed canopy and awning ordinance, the Lowell Planning Commission sent a revised version to the city council for its approval.

At its Monday night meeting, the commission hosted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance that is designed to give the city regulations for those wanting to install canopies and awnings.

The original proposal included height and signage restrictions that Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden questioned. DesJarden pointed out examples of awnings and canopies, including those on City Hall, local gas stations, and drive-thru bank areas, that would still fall outside of the proposed ordinance.

DesJarden also had concerns with restricting the height to a maximum of 10 feet since this would not allow awnings on second floors.

Reviewing the proposed ordinance, the commission decided to take out the height restrictions and the words "without signage." Chair Clarke Jahnke said if an awning contains signage, the awning would need to comply with the new ordinance and the signage would need to comply with the city's ordinances on signage.

The only vote against the proposed ordinance came from commission member Mark Mundt, who felt the ordinance was just another ordinance that would not be enforced and wasn't really necessary.

Mundt pointed out that there were a number of awnings and canopies within the city, and that the system in place seems to be working well in governing how these items are treated.

City manager David Pasquale said the Downtown Historic Commission refuses to develop an ordinance on awnings and canopies, but indicated it would comply with whatever is in the city zoning. When the Downtown Historic Commission is contacted about an awning or canopy, it looks at the location, the brick work, and how it will appear in determining the location, Pasquale said.

This is exactly what the commission did when the awnings were installed on City Hall, said DesJarden.

With the changes, the ordinance defines a canopy and awning, states there

is no limit as to the number on a building, and that canopies/awnings shall not encroach beyond the public sidewalk into the street. Those requiring foundations would still fall under structured building requirements.

Pasquale felt even with the number of changes, that the ordinance could go before the city council on Feb. 6, probably hold another public hearing, and vote on final approval.

# Council extends current city water and sewer rates

Because the city is still waiting for the results of a rate study analysis on its water and sewer rates, the Lowell City Council has decided to extend its current rates through the February billing cycle.

City manager David Pasquale said the report is close to being completed and he is confident it will be done in time for the city to make adjustments before the March billing.

Extending the current rates would give the council enough time to review and consider the study, Pasquale said.

Through the February billing, city residents will pay a consumption charge of \$1.68 per thousand gallons for water and a consumption charge of \$1.80 per thousand gallons for sewer.

# New website offers easier accessibility for media and taxpayer information

The House GOP Web site, and all member Online Offices, have undergone reconstruction, and are now up and running to serve the public and the media, announced state Rep. Dave Hildenbrand.

The new Web site offers a more streamlined appearance, easier accessibility and increased speed for viewing, among other features.

"My Online Office is an excellent tool available

to taxpayers and the media when they need quick access to information regarding my legislative activities," said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "It is also an effective way to contact me and my office."

Hildenbrand's Online

Office contains links to useful publications such as senior and veteran's newsletters, outdoor hunting and sporting guides, as well as resources for job seekers and seniors.

Easier printing capabilities from the site are available as well as quicker viewing times. Rep. Hildenbrand's Online Office also maintains information regarding current and past legislation, as well as his biography, contact information, press releases, audio clips and photos.

"My Online Office is a great way for people to be informed about legislation and other events, even if they cannot make it to Lansing," Hildenbrand said. Features of the new Web site include cleaner, tighter graphics, easier navigation capabilities and decreased download time.

The Online Office can be found at [www.gophouse.com/hildenbrand.htm](http://www.gophouse.com/hildenbrand.htm).

Rep. Hildenbrand's staff may be contacted by calling 1 (877) DAVE-086; by e-mail at [rephildenbrand@house.mi.gov](mailto:rephildenbrand@house.mi.gov); or by sending mail to Rep. Dave Hildenbrand, N1190 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514.

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# Viewpoint



I've been using our neighborhood, old-fashioned "barn raising" approach to dock building as an excuse to not write a column for about a month now. The docks are pretty much re-built or repaired. Since I was obsessed with these projects for all that time, I can't think of much else to write about. So, we're going to re-cap the dock projects.

My next-door-neighbor and I built our own docks about two years ago. They both came through Hurricane Wilma with little damage. All of a sudden we were "dock experts."

We started with a dock for a single, retired woman whose dock had been completely destroyed. She had come to me for advice. I volunteered to build her a new dock and got three neighbors to help. My hook was that these neighbors could use my equipment on their docks and I'd help them.

Somewhere along the line I realized that everybody was getting something out of this effort except me and my next-door-neighbor. He was "volunteered" because he still kinda owed me for the use of my equipment. It's the "Godfather" approach to calling in favors. I saw it in a movie.

Of course, if you've ever volunteered your time and effort for a good cause, you know as well as I do that you often end up with the biggest reward of all. That reward can be pretty intangible, but it's there.

Day after day we worked off the borrowed pontoon boat we used as a work barge. A lot of the work was right in the water. We drilled two holes, hauled piles, stood them up and jetted them in. We'd move the barge, tie off to the last two piles and do two more holes. Sounds easy until you consider that the holes are five feet deep, we were working in up to four feet of water and the piles were sometimes 20 feet long weighing several hundred pounds. Oh, and don't forget, all the guys on our crew were about my age.

A week or so into our work, salvation for our aching backs arrived in the form of two young guys from Wisconsin. They were nephews of one of our crew, laid-off for the winter and looking for work. A little extra cash was found on each dock project to hire these guys. You've probably already guessed that much of the heavy lifting was readily diffused to them.

The first dock was complete in less than two weeks. We were all pretty puffed up about that. A local contractor that builds these docks has a crew larger than ours. If they get eight piles in for a day, they knock off, go to the bar and the contractor buys. One day we did fifteen piles. My crew wanted to know why we weren't at the "Tiki Bar" with me picking up the tab.

The work was grueling, but I have to tell you, I enjoyed every minute of it. I think it was the instant gratification that came with watching those piles go in. That, and the camaraderie. We had a ball picking at each other, laughing at pratfalls and joking with the two young guys. It was sure a nice break from publishing a real estate magazine.

One of the crew is a really big guy. He is always knocking the door at 300 pounds. We all managed to accidentally step in a drilled hole at least once. You can imagine the consequence of being in waist deep water, perhaps carrying something heavy and stepping into a five-foot hole. The big guy stepped in a hole at least once a day. And, we all got a big belly laugh out of it every time.

The same guy fell off the barge one day. Two of us witnessed the most uncoordinated fall you can imagine, followed by a 300-pound "belly-flop." When the wide-eyed victim surfaced, I contained my laughter long enough to hold up an imaginary sign and hollered out "SIX!" as if I were an Olympic diving judge. The other witness was doubled over with laughter but was able to gasp. "Six, nothin' ... that was a TEN!" I screamed. "The Russian judge has given him a TEN!" The big guy was not amused, but he couldn't say much because his dock was next on the list.

When we got to the big guy's dock we established a new world record. At least we think it is. Start to finish ... 40 piles, bents, stringers, through-bolting and decking ... just five and one half days! We all agreed we should go into the dock building business. We also agreed that it would probably kill us.

We spent a few more days repairing other docks, putting in some piles for a boat-lift and then it was over. It was time to go back to our mundane jobs and working on our own stuff. Who'd ever think dock building could be so much fun? I'm sure gonna miss watching Big Mike go outta sight every time he stepped in a hole.

P.S. Remember what I said about rewards for volunteer work being intangible? One of the guys had a 1,000-watt Honda generator that we used on these projects. I mentioned that a 2,000 watt version was on my wish list of tools I couldn't afford. The Big Guy bought me one. Nothin' intangible about that!!!

# Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL**  
JANUARY 26, 1881

"Surprise parties are all the rage in Lowell this winter."

J.C. West has a new brand of cigar called "Daisy", which is declared "immense" by the Ledger office.

The Marble Works offers 15 percent off monuments and gravestones if ordered within the next 90 days.

General Custer's mess kit, found near the scene of the massacre, has been sold in Mt. Pleasant, Illinois, for \$300.

**100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**  
JANUARY 25, 1906

Grand Rapids mayoral candidate "Deacon" George E. Ellis offers to make an emergency loan of \$50,000 at a low 4 percent interest to the city.

Work on construction of the Grand Rapids & Ionia Interurban (the "Electric Road") goes on at Cascade, with some interruption from the storm and high water.

Meantime, another electric road has been started from Albion, to run through Charlotte, Hastings and Lowell to Ionia.

Last week's snow storm continued through Friday and sleighing was excellent. Then rain and mild temperatures came and by Saturday noon sleighs had a scratch-gravel time getting home.

**75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO**  
JANUARY 22, 1931

Lowell Sprayer decides to add poultry equipment to its output, such as fountains and nests.

Michigan's tourist and resort industry plans a survey, hoping to prove that theirs is the second largest Michigan industry.

Strand Theatre manager Hollis Drew shows the Ledger staff his modern projection room with two projectors: one for movies and one for sound.

Three-year-old Foreman Farms is shipping thousands of pullets and eggs all over the U.S.

**50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**  
JANUARY 26, 1956

The 10,000-gallon fuel tank for the new elementary school has to be partially filled during installation, to keep it from floating when water is struck 10 feet down. Fire departments from Ionia, Saranac, Lowell, Hastings, Greenville and Belding are called to a warehouse fire at the Ionia Reformatory.

The Lions Club and fire department are in charge of ice skating every evening at the fairgrounds building.

Nick Kloosterman retires from driving mail trucks for 30 years; he was late to work only twice.

**25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER**  
JANUARY 21, 1931

Both City Council and attendees are in favor of demolishing the old Division Street bridge and building a new one.

The whiskers are sprouting under Charlie Doyle's supervision of "Brothers of the Brush" for the Sesquicentennial.

A giant icicle at the Ledger tipped over with warmer temperatures, and took the phone line with it.

The Meijer Club luncheon Friday with Buck Matthews will benefit St. Mary's school.

# To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
Do you enjoy the out-of-doors? Are you feeling cabin fever with the long winter? If so, I would like to encourage you to join Nancy for the family walks at the Wittenbach/Wege Center, the first Sunday of each month.

I appreciated the interesting and entertaining information she had to share and just getting out to enjoy their wonderful trails. This is a family activity well worth your time. Come join us the first Sunday afternoon of each month for these walks.

Peggy Covert

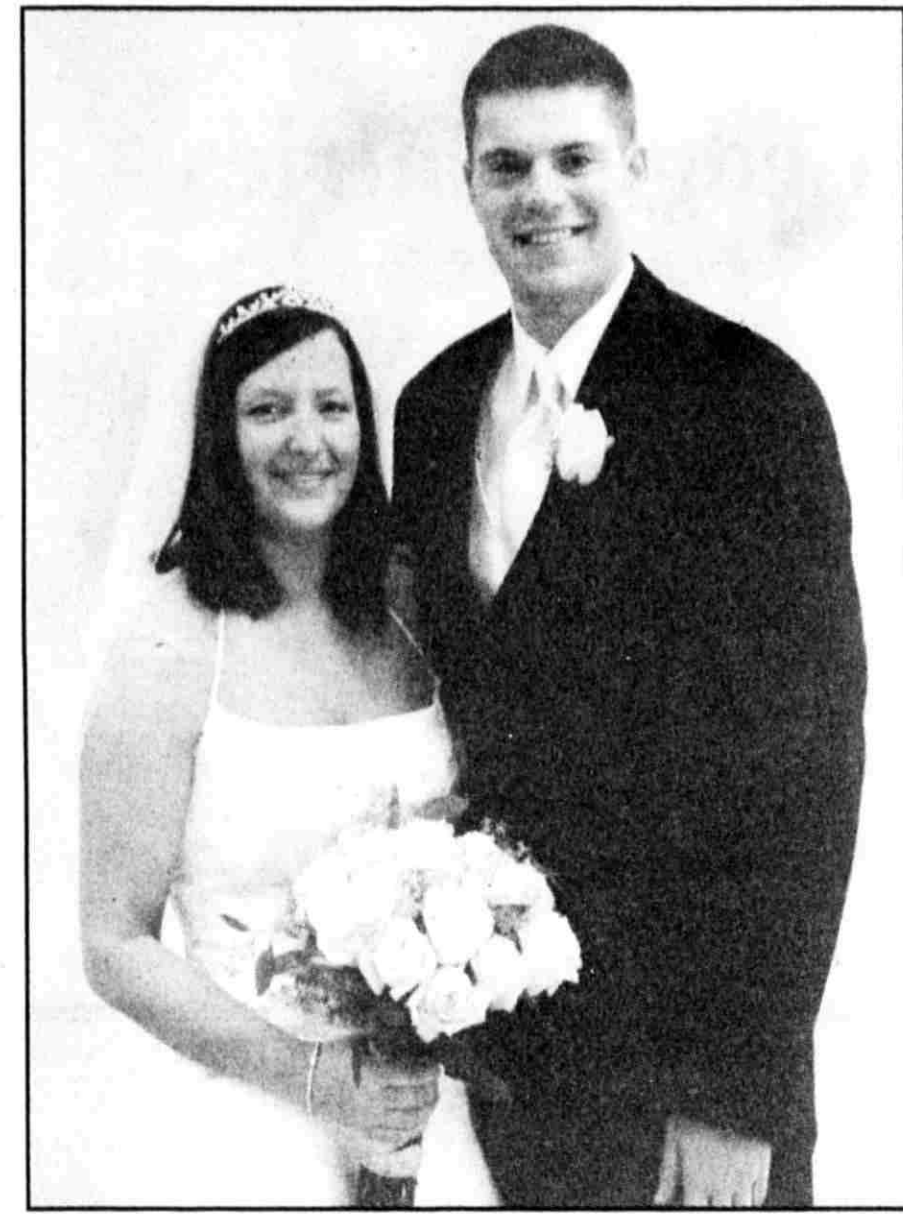
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# Weddings

Wernet/O'Dell



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wernet

The marriage of Kelly Umlauf, Morgan Scheid and Michael Wernet Amy Snell. Flower girl was celebrated on July 8, 2005 at St. Mary's Church in Lowell. Groomsmen were Katelyn VanLaan, Meghan Tom and Laurie Wernet, all of Lowell.

Best man was Chris Wieland. Groomsmen were Mac Wernet, Scott Smith, Blaine Haywood, Andy Smith, Kevin Schmidt and Aaron Mathis. Ring bearer was Melissa Mier. Bridesmaids were Katelyn VanLaan, Meghan Geer, Kim Chatman, Erin

Umlauf, Morgan Scheid and Amy Snell. Flower girl was Andrea Coffey. Best man was Chris Wieland. Groomsmen were Mac Wernet, Scott Smith, Blaine Haywood, Andy Smith, Kevin Schmidt and Aaron Mathis. Ring bearer was Robby Coffey. The couple reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

## February love & respect video conference

One key word can revolutionize any marriage, according to Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, author of the new book "Love & Respect." Love is vital, especially for the wife, but the author says respect is equally important, especially for the husband.

Eggerichs left the pastorate to launch the Love and Respect Conferences in 1999. He and his wife Sarah have shared their message with thousands of couples and receive confirmations daily that it is working. The author outlined his message to Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family" radio audience last year.

Now, the Love and Respect Video Conference will be held Feb. 10-11 at the Saranac High School Auditorium. If you are interested in more information about the conference or would like a registration form, go to [www.daybible.org](http://www.daybible.org). Send it to Day Bible Chapel, Box 594, Saranac, MI 48881.

## Lend A Hand

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County for prospective volunteer Literacy Council has tutors. This session is held scheduled an information at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one session on Thursday, Feb. 2 hour. It allows persons

interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Gaines Township Library, 421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

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*There is no remedy for love but to love more.*

- Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)



## New Arrivals

Bethia Shrum of DeWitt and Joshua Maxim of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Pierce William Maxim**. He was born at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing on January 9, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. Proud grandparents are Mark and Linda Shrum of DeWitt and Deborah Maxim of Lowell.

## Happy Birthday

**JANUARY 26:** Victor Weeks, Steven Uzarski, Kitty Brenk, Andy Nowak, Alex Dommer.  
**JANUARY 27:** Jacqueline Saylor, Brittani Anderson, Nancy Roth, Dianna Rhodes, Lori Smith, Andrea Dewey.  
**JANUARY 28:** Ryan White, Cher Mastenbrook, Amy Newhouse, Renee DeBold, Bill Wierenga, Robert (Dr. Bob) Kysar.  
**JANUARY 29:** Brenda Traetz, Kim Call.  
**JANUARY 30:** Susan Roudabush, Nicholas Kinsley, Tyler Call, Josh Dietz, Shirley Stevens.  
**JANUARY 31:** Rick Fonger, Brian Rasch.  
**FEBRUARY 1:** Ivan Blough, Lila Grummet, Chris Vezino, Ryan Teelander, Sommer Mercer, J. Johnson, Monica Burt.

## Reflections of faith

Dean Bailey, pastor  
Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist churches

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord..."

The Apostles' Creed, a traditional credo or affirmation of faith of Christians around the world, is a fundamental and

foundational statement of belief to which millions of people say "yes." We give mental assent to a summary of what we believe.

Consider the nuances of the difference between belief and faith. Belief is saying "I believe in God, in Christ." In other words, that they exist. Faith points to a relationship of trust in God, in Christ. In addition to believing they exist, we actually place our lives in their hands - we trust them. In them "we live and move and have our being."

Some years ago (so the story goes) a wire walker stretched a high wire across the Niagara River Gorge at Niagara Falls. He announced he would walk the wire pushing a wheelbarrow the next Saturday. On Friday night the excitement and the betting reached fever pitch. One man

was adamant that it not only could be done, but that it would be successful, attracted the attention of the wire walker. The man persisted in his conviction of a successful walk by taking all bets, insisting "I believe you will do it." "You really believe I can do it tomorrow?" asked the wire walker.

"Yes, I truly believe," replied the better. "Then will you ride in the wheelbarrow?" asked the wire walker.

You see when we believe to the point of faith, we trust our very lives into the care of a God whose compassion, forgiveness and love are revealed in Christ. Belief, faith and trust form the solid foundation of an exciting life in an uncertain world.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

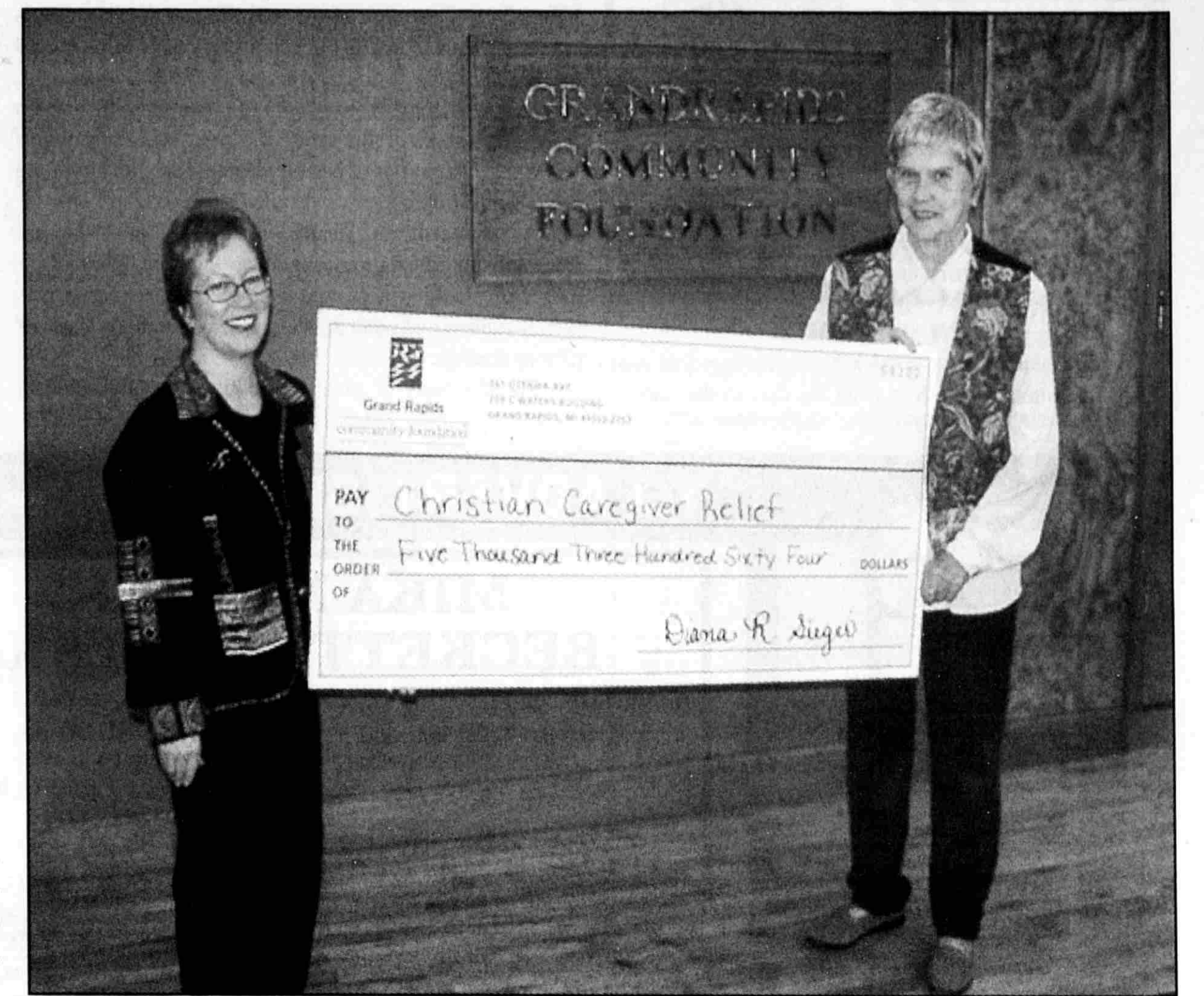
<p><b>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS</b> If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning 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.  OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332 Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. 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 <a href="http://www.aplighthouse.com">www.aplighthouse.com</a></p>
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## Christian Caregiver Relief presented with \$5,000 check

Marcia Rapp, vice president of programs for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation (at left) and Caroline Dadd, Lowell area volunteer coordinator for Christian Caregiver Relief, with an oversized check representing a grant from the foundation to support the organization's work. Through its volunteers, Christian Caregiver Relief offers four-hour breaks to home caregivers, such as people caring for elderly relatives. The sum of \$5,364 on the check represents the total of two grants: one was from the Lowell Area Community Fund for \$1,640; the other from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation for \$3,724.

Christian Caregiver Relief recruits volunteers from local churches; they team up in groups of two to give the breaks. The organization has grown to include 289 volunteers who have given 259 breaks in three states. The program has 220 volunteers in Michigan. Lowell currently has 12 volunteers and four caregivers receiving breaks.

Christian Caregiver Relief hopes to increase both of those numbers. Caregivers in need of a respite and volunteers interested in participating in the program should contact Carter Ryan, the organization's founder, at the toll-free number 1-866-623-2868.



## Cub Scouts collect stuffed toys for Afghan children

Tiger Cub Scouts from pack #3106 at St. Patrick's Church in Parnell collected tiger used Beanie Babies and stuffed animals for children in Afghanistan. The toys were sent to Afghanistan Jan. 20 with the American flag pictured in the background. In the photo are Tiger Cubs' Logan Jamison, Matt Bloom, Ryan Morris, Seth Salinas, Jack Malone, Brendan Juarez and Nekotah Mask with the collected toys.



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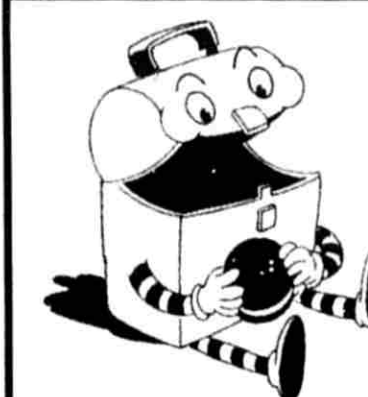
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on February 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Consumers Energy Company for a special land use to permit the construction and operation of an electrical substation located on lands in the A-1 Agricultural District.

The proposed special land use would consist of the equipment comprising an electrical substation, together with associated driveway and other site features. The lands requested for approval for such use are located on the east side of Lincoln Lake Avenue, north of Heffron Street and are legally described as follows:

That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section, thence North 240 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning, thence continuing North along the West Section line 207 feet, thence East 410 feet, thence South 207 feet, thence West to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: January 20, 2006  
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



### LUNCH MENU

#### ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of Jan. 30, 2006

**MON:** Mozzarella sticks w/pizza dipping sauce, broccoli, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Pancakes w/ maple syrup, sausage, hash brown potato, fruit or juice, milk.

**WED:** Macaroni & cheese w/cinnamon roll (Three meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli, assorted fruit, milk.

**THURS:** Pepperoni Pizza (Cheeseburger on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), mixed vegetables, assorted fruit, milk.

**FRI:** Hot Dog on bun (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), baked beans, gelatin w/fruit, milk.



# HEALTH

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



## PLANTAR FASCIITIS

The plantar fascia is a thick band of tissue that runs along the bottom of the foot from the toes to the heel. It

helps to form the arch of the foot. Plantar fasciitis occurs when the plantar fascial attachment at the heel becomes inflamed.

The most common symptom of plantar fasciitis is pain from the bottom of the heel. The pain is usually worse when you first get out of bed or when standing up after long periods of sitting.

Anyone can get plantar fasciitis. People who are overweight or spend most of their work day on their feet are more likely to experience this condition. Overuse, sometimes seen in runners and other athletes, is also a common cause of plantar fasciitis.

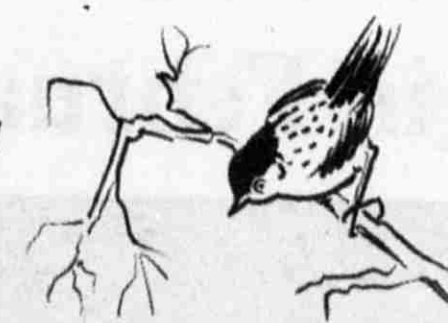
The diagnosis of plantar fasciitis is usually made in

the office by obtaining the history and carefully examining the foot. Often the pain can be recreated by pressing on the bottom of the foot during the exam. Occasionally an X-ray will be performed that may reveal a small heel spur where the plantar fascia attaches to the heel.

Treatment of plantar fasciitis consists of avoiding activities that aggravate the condition, soaking in warm water, wearing comfortable shoes with good support, using orthotic shoe inserts, and taking anti-inflammatory medications. It's also important to stretch the bottom of the foot. In resistant cases, your physician may inject the painful area with cortisone to decrease the local inflammation. Physical therapy is also useful in some cases. Rarely, surgery may be needed.

# Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



## LOOKING AHEAD

Springtime may seem to be far off, but there is plenty to prepare for between now and then. Here are some dates you may want to check off on your mid-winter calendar.

For example, Michigan spring turkey hunting applications must be in by Feb. 1. There are many seasons and areas to choose from so take time to study the options before applying. Pick up a turkey hunting guide at a license agent or go online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) for details. Also, out of state big game license applications for the fall hunting season are required in states that have a draw system for issuing tags.

Michigan state park campground reservations can be made by phone or online at the DNR website above. This year you can reserve a specific campsite if it is still available when you make contact. Sites at popular parks fill up fast. Be prepared for rate increases this year.

A number of shows which focus on a variety of outdoor activities are coming to our area over the next few months. Most of the shows feature seminars, lots of new gear, and the sale of related products.

The Grand Rapids Boat Show comes to DeVos Place on Feb. 15 and runs through the 19th. Just about every size and type of watercraft is pulled into the facility. The Ultimate Sport and RV show is also coming to DeVos Place March 16-19. This show will appeal to folks who camp, fish, travel or hunt. The taxidermy and woodcarving displays are always outstanding.

The Huntin' Time Expo-West takes place at the Delta Plex Arena on Jan. 27, 28 and 29, and features lots of hunting gear as well as guides and outfitters from around the world. The show is a convenient way to explore hunting opportunities and book a hunt.

For those interested in traditional bow-hunting or are thinking about taking the "high-tech" out of the hunting experience, the 11th annual Traditional Bowhunters Expo will be held at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds in Kalamazoo on Jan. 27, 28 and 29.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs' Outdoorama will be at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi from Feb.

22 - 26. This show is for anyone interested in the outdoors. The event proceeds support the conservation work at MUCC.

The Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing Feb. 10-12. This show usually features a large display of trophy deer mounts.

These shows provide the opportunity to see what is new, gather information, buy stuff or book an adventure and, most of all, break up a long winter by getting excited about looking forward to a new season.

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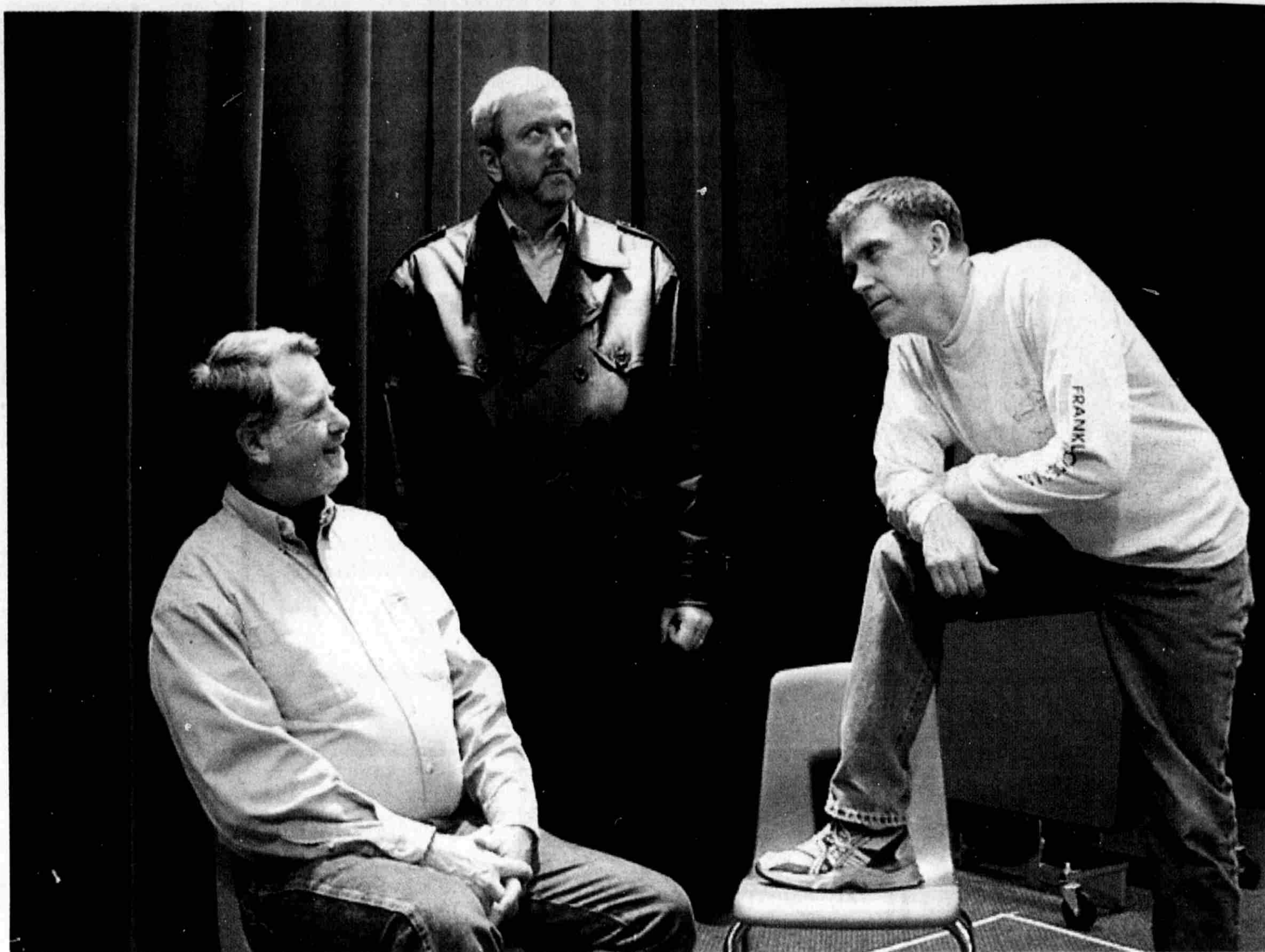
## Thebes Players present "The Foreigner" in February

Comedy by Larry Shue will be the next production of the Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players.

The setting of "The Foreigner" is a small fishing lodge in rural Georgia. The lodge's proprietor, Betty Meeks (played by Mary Ann Heinen) is fascinated by foreign countries, the people who live in them, and the people who travel to them.

One such person, a man who both comes from another country and frequently visits foreign nations, is "Froggy LeSueur (Ken Parrish), a British demolition expert. The reason he is in rural Georgia is because he occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. On these same occasions, he always stays at the fishing lodge. And on one particular occasion, he brings along Charlie Baker (Marc-David Freed).

Baker, an extremely shy person, shrinks from any kind of social interaction. With this in mind, LeSueur advises Meeks to avoid conversation with him at any cost. He adds that Baker is from an extremely exotic foreign country and doesn't



Marc-David Freed (from left), Ken Parrish and Dean Borth in a scene from the Thebes Players' production of "The Foreigner."

understand a word of English. Thus, nobody does much talking to him. This would be fine and there would be few plot complications in the play if

## Dropping pounds, continued ...From Page 1

Still, Sellner doesn't expect that fast pace to continue for the entire 10 weeks. It was the same way last year, she said, with people shedding much of their weight early in the challenge.

"A lot of times, people will just start eating better and then the weight will go away," she explained.

This year, Sellner said, there are a lot of businesses getting teams involved in the challenge. This approach helps form solidarity within the teams, as members help support each other in eating right and exercising. But it has sparked some heated competition. For instance, last week, a weight-loss team from Hooper Printing delivered a half-dozen raspberry-jelly donuts to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, which has its own team.

Proceeds from the challenge will benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries again this year. The challenge has a title sponsor, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, which Sellner said helps to pay for most of the expenses associated with the event.

"That will offset all the costs, so that's cool because it just means more money for charity," Sellner said.

It is not too late to sign up a team. Contact Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781 for more information. The next weigh-in is Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 9 a.m.

the fishing lodge were just an occasional hang-out for British demolition experts and their mute-by-choice associates. But the fishing lodge also happens to be the place where rural Georgians with diabolical plans like to come and discuss them.

A two-faced minister, Rev. David Marshall Lee (Rob Freund) and his redneck friend/henchman Owen Musser (Dean Borth) are the rural Georgians. They conduct these discussions in front of Baker, not believing he understands a word they are saying. Among the secrets revealed is that the minister's fiancée Catherine Simms (Jennifer Reyers) is pregnant.

These revelations, coupled with the way Baker responds to them through the filter of his ultra-shy personality, are what create the complications and ensuing hilarity in the play. What will happen? Will the nefarious plots be foiled? Find out Feb. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. or Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for students, seniors and Lowell Area Arts Council members, and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more.

The play is directed by Sue Stephenson-Bradford. Casey Berg plays Ellard Simms, the younger brother of Catherine Simms in the play.

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL NOW ACCEPTS PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

City of Lowell is pleased to announce that it now accepts passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

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## Elementary students rollerskating and meeting new friends

By Dan Schneider

At least once each week, elementary students from Lowell schools meet at Rollaway Bowling, Skating and Laser Tag.

The community skate nights are both exercise and a social mixer. With several miles between Alto, Lowell and Murray Lake, young students don't get a chance during the school day to hang out with their peers at other elementaries. So, organizers said, skating gives the kids a chance to get to know each

other in advance of attending the same middle school.

"The initial goal is to get the kids to get to know each other in a non-competitive atmosphere," said Angela Denison, a Lowell Area Schools bus driver who organized the district-wide skate nights.

She said the other advantage to the way the skate nights are put together is skaters are divided up by grade level. This allows younger children to skate freely without getting run over by older kids, in

addition to setting up grade-level-specific social mixing.

Alto Elementary has been having its own nights at Rollaway for eight years. Alto fourth grade teacher Sharon Vensas started the Alto skating program as a fundraiser for an annual fourth grade science trip to go test water in Muskegon. The fundraiser became necessary after the school lost state funding for the program. Alto receives a portion of the door receipts from its skate nights to help fund the trip.

Elementary Once in the schools, the money raised is used for classroom expenses. Denison said Cherry Creek uses its proceeds from the skate nights to purchase software upgrades for its Accelerated Reading (AR) program and to buy math materials.

Cherry Creek Elementary principal Maureen Dorrough said skating is popular with Cherry Creek students.

"I went to a couple last year and they're



really well attended by Cherry Creek," she said. "We have a lot of kids who take advantage of that."

Like the Alto Elementary skate nights, the district-wide nights raise money for the schools. One dollar of every \$3.75 admission price goes to the participant's school.

"We ask kids what school they're from when they come in," said Rollaway owner Bob Van Noller. "All this stuff about lack of funds, we hope this will help."

"It really helps the teachers promote it," Van Noller said.

Denison said it's a good night out for parents and their kids, and helps district parents become acquainted. "It's a good chance for the parents to get together and chat," Denison said.

She is asked questions about skate nights from students on her bus route.

- 8:30 p.m. Third graders can skate Feb. 6 from 6:30 - 8:30. On Feb. 13, second grade students skate from 6 - 8 p.m. The next fourth grade skate night is Feb. 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Skate nights continue through March and April. This is the second year of the district-wide event. Community skate nights start following football season and end the last of April.



## Around The Town PUZZLE

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Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax - 897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

# COMING EVENTS

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY

**FRI., JAN. 27 & SAT., JAN. 28:** Mid-winter used book sale at Englehardt Library, Fri. 10-7 p.m.; Sat. 10-4 p.m.

**MON., JAN. 30:** LHS class of 2006 parent meeting regarding senior trip, 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.

**TUES., JAN. 31:** Lowell Senior Neighbors. 12:45 p.m. Egyptian exhibit at Van Andel.

**ENROLL FOR LOWELL HEAD START:** '06-07 school year. Call 897-7920 for info.

**FRI., FEB. 3:** 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Bowling; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Deer Run. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**TUES., FEB. 7:** 12:45 p.m. Ford Museum Teddy Roosevelt exhibit. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**WED., FEB. 8:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for Michigan Community Blood Center, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**SUN., FEB. 12:** Annual Lowell alumni hockey game, 7-8:30 p.m. at Patterson Ice Rink.

**SAT., FEB. 18 & SUN., FEB. 19:** Annual harpists' concert at Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842 for ticket information.

**TUES., FEB. 21:** Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson, Rick Warren's 6 week series on 40 days of purpose, 40 days of community. Public invited. Call 897-8304 for info.

### 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 Vanderwulp 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.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 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.

### 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.

**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. Beltline) 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.

### THURSDAYS

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

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## Lowell "Junior Arrow" gymnasts put on performance

The Lowell Community Education "Junior Arrows" gymnastics students gave a performance Dec. 13. The young gymnasts were judged and given medals based on placement in various events, though they were not told their scores. Community Education gymnastics instructor Michele DeHaan said the performances, which take place twice annually, help the gymnasts get comfortable performing in front of judges and a large audience. This will help them when they transition into varsity level gymnastics.

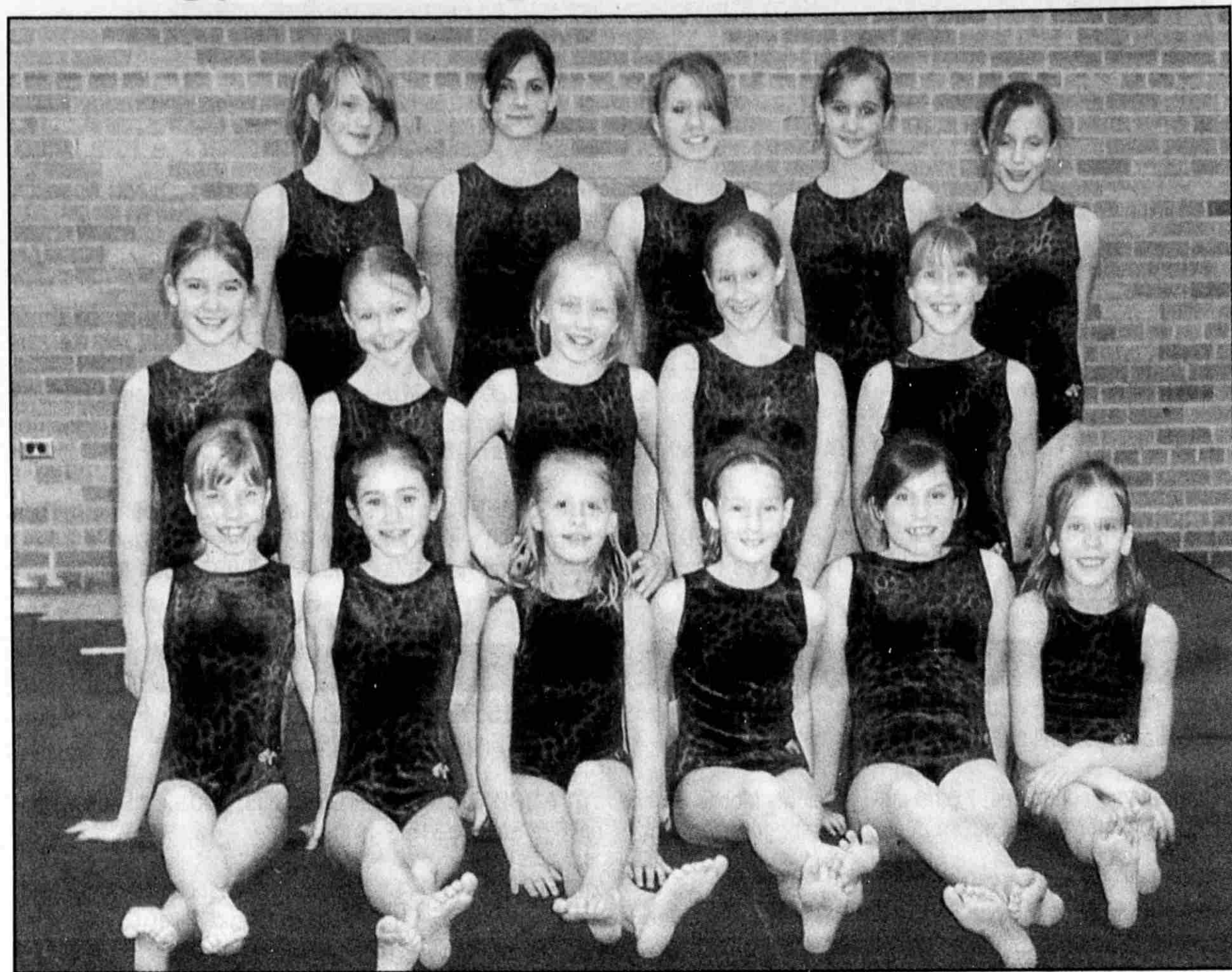
A total of 17 elementary and middle school girls participate in the Junior Arrows. They are split into two divisions: division 2 (middle school) and division 1 (elementary). Taking first place in division 1 vault at the December performance was Jordan Lytle. Lauren

DeHaan took first place on bars. Kortney Beachler placed first on beam and also first overall. Morgan McVey placed first on floor exercise.

In division 2, Kelsey Teft placed first on vault, bars, floor and all-around while Emily Borup placed first on beam.

The Junior Arrows will give their next performance at the end of May.

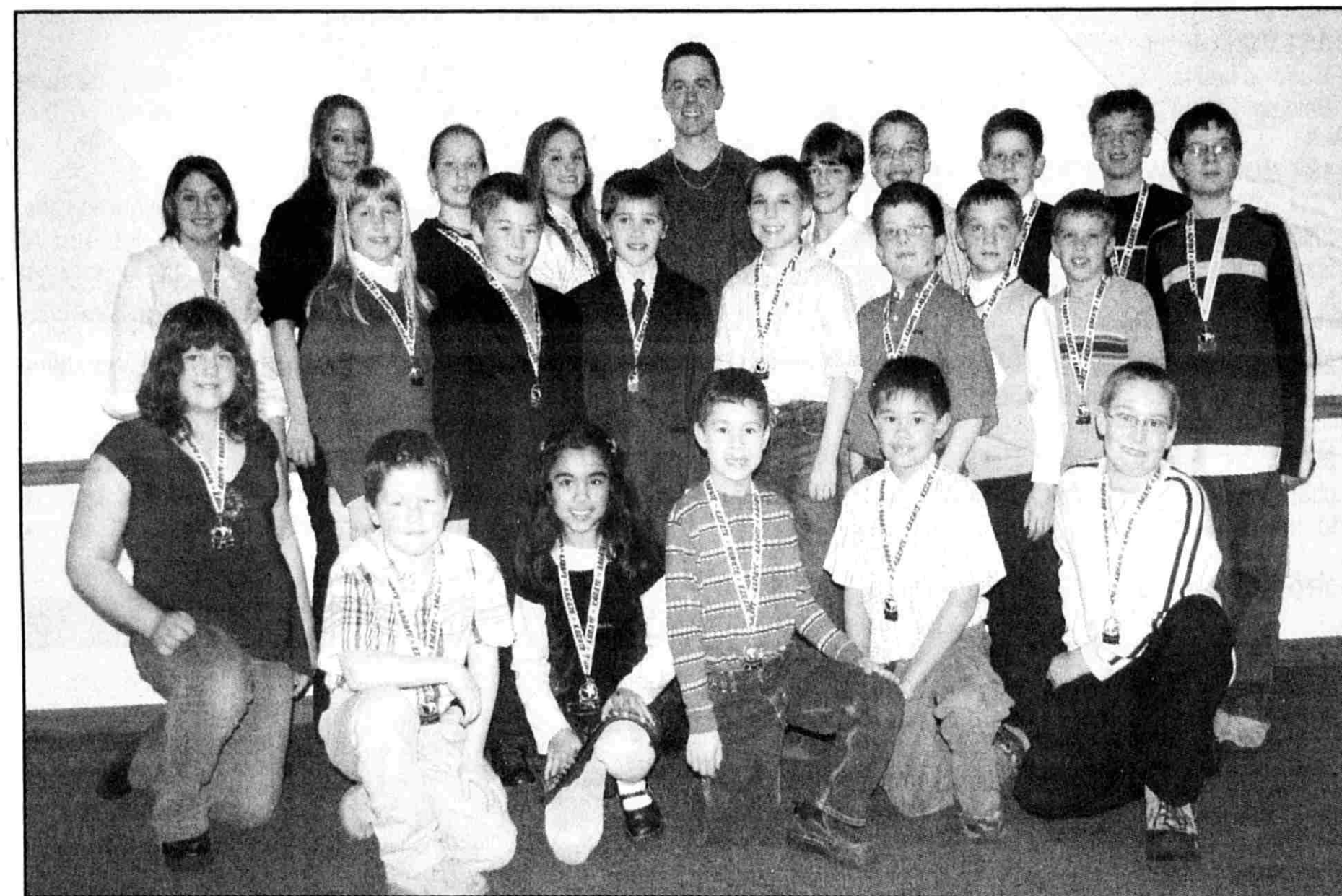
**Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Allison Warren, Sarah Piell, Becky Chamberlain, Kelsey Teft and Ally Young; middle row: Morgan McVey, Lauren DeHaan, Jordan Lytle, Nicole Lange and Emily Borup; front row: Leah Brogger, Kortney Beachler, Morgan Taylor, Katie Haan, Bailey Roberts and Kaezi Bladey. Not available for the picture is Alexis Balczak.**



## Lowell Ro-Ken Karate Association holds awards banquet

The Lowell Ro-Ken Karate Association of the YMCA held its annual awards banquet on Jan. 13. Sensei Aaron Bailey presented each of his students with a medal.

The Students Choice Award went to Purple Belt, Mariah Moore, 12. Orange Belt, Nicole Cummings, 10, received the Most Improved Award.



Lowell Ro-Ken karate students 2005-2006

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ADOPTION Ordinance 2006-1

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted an amendment to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance at the Regular meeting held on **Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI.** The following is a summary of Ordinance 2006-1:

#### Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (C) (14), adds a new section requiring a special exception use permit for certain types of rental storage.

#### Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations

Section 201.431 (B) adds language referencing the new section to be added to Chapter 3. This section is designed for older farm type buildings where no dwelling exists on the property for rental storage of RV and other items. There are conditions and standards for review and approval.

The complete text of Ordinance 2006-1 can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** [fax 897-5674] or on the website at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org). This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

### Lowell Area Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

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Must have good rapport and patience with early elementary children. Duties include monitoring the Bushnell lunchroom for a brief time, monitoring playground when children are outside for recess, classroom monitoring on indoor recess days, and redirecting children who exhibit inappropriate behaviors. Person must be a team player, working with other adults.

**For a specific job description or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Burd, Bushnell principal at 987-2650.**

Letters of interest should be addressed to Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent, but sent to the attention of her assistant, Sean Smart by 12 noon, January 31, 2006.

The KIA Award went to two students this year: Orange Belt, Jacob Hoofman, 9, and White Belt Black Stripe Aiden Remar, 7.

Moore also received the Most Dedicated Award.

The final award, the Robert Kendall Memorial Award, was given to Blue Belt, Jeff Waltz, 12, in honor of the late Bob Kendall, founder of the Ro-Ken Association.

Now celebrating its fifth year, the program has students competing and placing at local, state, regional, and even national levels of competition.



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## RED ARROW SPORTS



## Lowell volleyball stopped short in first home match

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell volleyball team suffered a tough loss last week hosting Forest Hills Northern.

They lost in three games by scores of 25-12, 25-19 and 25-19. Northern is the

third ranked team in the latest state coaches poll.

"I was still happy with the way the girls game out," said Lowell coach Gigi Peal.

Despite losing the match, Peal felt the Lowell squad got a chance to see what it

takes to beat an elite team.

"I think our girls took away (from the match) that we can play with anyone if we want to," Peal said.

In the second match, Lowell held a 9-4 lead before Northern rallied back to tie it 11-11, then went on to win.

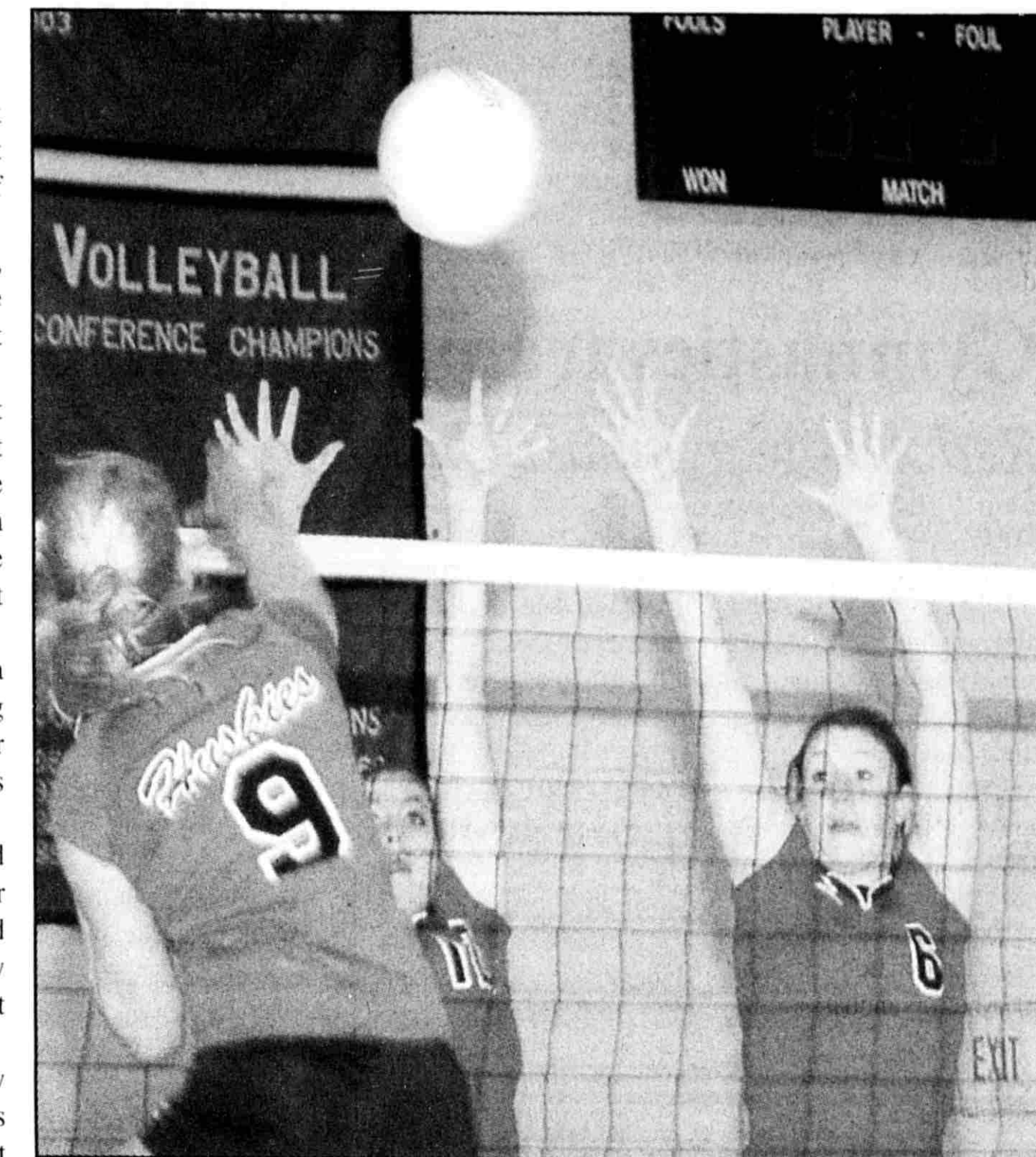
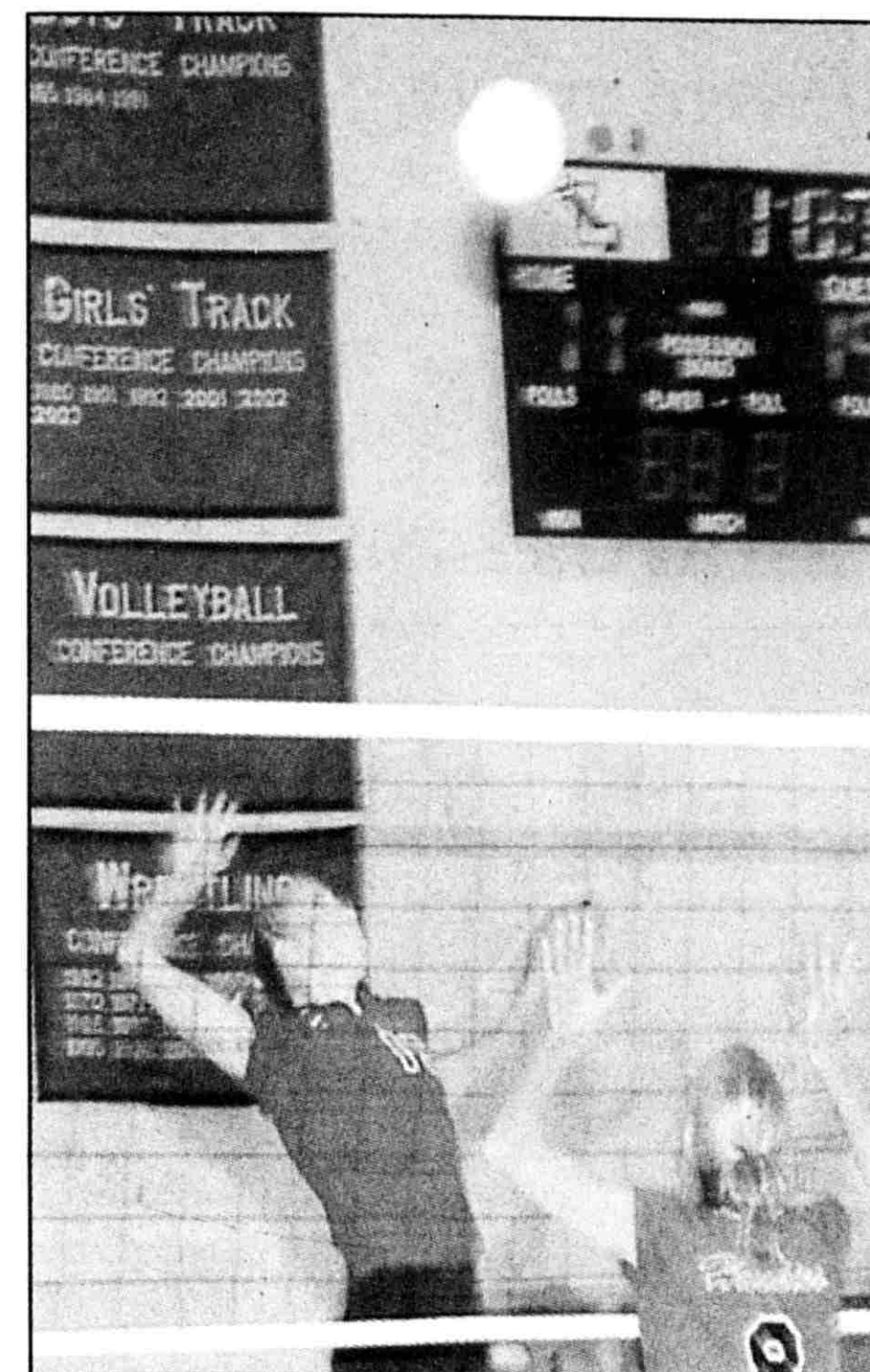
One of the most frustrating things about the Huskies was they were frequently able to defend a shot that looked like a sure point for Lowell, then set it up for a kill.

"If we can frustrate a team by constantly picking up balls, that takes a toll after a time," said Forest Hills Northern coach Chip Will.

Those unexpected spikes caused trouble for Lowell's coverage behind the blockers, which may have been Lowell's greatest weakness that night.

"Our blockers did a very good job of getting touches on the ball and we didn't cover our side of the court very well," Peal said.

At left: Kristin Johnson gets ready to spike the ball during last Thursday's volleyball match against Forest Hills Northern.



Lowell's Malley Cahoon and Amanda Geelhoed (behind Forest Hills Northern player) elevate to try to block a shot during last Wednesday's match.

Kristin Johnson led the Lowell offense with eight kills. Sam Mol and Taryn Schumacher each had 12 assists. Amanda Geelhoed

had six blocks for Lowell and Malley Cahoon had five.

The Arrows' next match is Thursday at Forest Hills Central. They travel to the

West Ottawa Invitational Saturday and to a tri-match with Ionia and Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg on Monday.

## Lowell boys basketball falls to Northview, beats Greenville

By Dan Schneider

Against a tough Northview squad Friday, the visiting Lowell boys basketball team lost 68-49.

The Wildcats, who received honorable mention in the latest class A state poll, led 16-10 after a quarter of play. Lowell pulled to within three, 28-25 by halftime.

Lowell coach Jeff McDonald credits his team's first half performance to their ability to control the pace of play.

"We had longer possessions on offense and we were being pretty disciplined with our shot selection," McDonald said.

But the Wildcats emerged strong in the second half. They jumped out to a lead and took Lowell out of their slower tempo.

"When we fell behind by seven or nine in the second half, we started shooting the ball too fast," McDonald said.

This led to missed shots, turnovers, and a fast-break game that favored Northview. The Wildcats

outscored Lowell 26-9 in the third quarter. They were up 54-34 at the end of the quarter.

Lowell outscored Northview in the fourth quarter, 15-14, but couldn't chip much off the considerable Wildcat lead.

"They are very athletic,

they are quick, they have all the pieces of the puzzle," McDonald said of the Wildcats.

For Lowell, the lesson was to stay focused on the offensive side of the court, no matter which team has the advantage on the scoreboard.

"When we get behind by seven or nine, we still have to stay disciplined and keep our heads about us," McDonald said. "It was a good first half, we just have to put two halves together."

The Arrows had a good night at the free throw line, hitting 16 of 22. Mike

McElroy led the Lowell offense with 14 points. Josh Hettinga scored 12, Justin Harden had nine and Drew Hattie, six.

Lowell beat Greenville 47-41 Monday at the Van Andel Arena. More on that game, the tenth of the season, in next week's Ledger. They

enter the season's second half this Friday, hosting Kenowa Hills. They play East Grand Rapids next Tuesday at home.

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# Lowell wrestling beats Huskies, goes 3-1 at invitational

By Dan Schneider

Wrestling against several tough teams Saturday, Lowell had a strong showing at Stevensville-Lakeshore, and they easily handled the short-rostered Forest Hills Northern team last Thursday.

The Lakeshore Tournament was a collection of several of the state's top teams wrestling dual matches against each other. There was no tournament bracket, but there was plenty

of competition. Lowell went 3-1 on the day.

Lowell started the day against Traverse City Central, a state-ranked division 1 team. The Red Arrows beat the Trojans 40-29.

"They wrestled well against Traverse City Central," said Lowell coach Dave Dean.

Lowell had a tough time in the next match, however, wrestling against division 1, third-ranked Rockford. The

Rams won 53-15, though Brock Graham (189), Alex Fleet (215) and Dominic Doyle (275) won their matches ... Fleet and Doyle by pin.

"Rockford has some very, very good kids and we weren't ready to wrestle," Dean said. "If you're going to give yourself a chance in a match like that, you gotta win the close ones."

Lowell recovered with a victory over Stevensville-Lakeshore, 41-29.

"They really did come together as a team in this dual," Dean said.

The Lancers were the runners-up at the Lowell Invitational, held here Jan. 14.

In their last dual Saturday, Lowell wrestled Three Rivers and won 53-24.

A short-handed Forest Hills Northern team was defeated by Lowell last Thursday.

"They had some tough

kids, they just don't have the depth at the moment," Dean said.

The dual started at 125, where Cody Toomey pinned Drew Kunkel in :42.

At 145, Lowell freshman Rocky Pabone was pinned in 5:21 by Zach Kueser. Eric Dean was bumped up to 160, where he lost 10-7 to Northern's Nate Banks.

Phil Burton pinned Shawn Wille in :57 at 215 for Lowell. Doyle won by pin for Lowell at 275 at the

four-minute mark against Carson Mutchler.

Arrow Tyler Jack (103) lost 18-2 to Jared Hoxie. Ryan Dean (112) lost to Northern's Matt Hoodhood, 10-2, and Lowell's Zach Baum (119) pinned Andrew Stepanovich in 1:00.

Josh Nowak (130), Tim Gingerich (135), Justin Boss (140), Bujar Selimi (152), Nate Vaught (171) and Alex Fleet (189) won by forfeit. The Arrows host Forest Hills Central Thursday.

# Gymnastics team places sixth at Mona Shores Invitational

Red Arrow gymnast Underwood a medalist in three different events

By Dan Schneider

Some girls were doing flips, walking on balance beams, and swinging on bars last week at Lowell High School.

This wasn't unusual ... it was a gymnastics meet. They happen almost every week, although this year Lowell doesn't have a lot of home meets on its schedule.

A week ago Monday,

Lowell was hosting Rockford, one of the top teams in the area.

The Red Arrows put together a team score of 117.2. Rockford's team score was 130.275. Lowell's top gymnasts on vault were Richelle Kimble and Kelli Kowalski, both scoring a 7.8, followed by Becca Underwood (7.625) and Leannah Seese (6.9).

On bars, it was Underwood (7.35), Kimble (6.9), Kowalski (6.85) and Seese (5.9).

Top scorers on beam were Underwood (8.0), Mandy Vezino (7.5), Andrea Coffey (7.25) and Seese (7.2).

Underwood had the top score on floor for Lowell with a 8.425; she was followed by Seese (7.525), Alicia Weeber (7.1), Vezino (7.075) and Coffey (7.075).

The Red Arrows qualified for this year's regionals, scoring 121.6 as a team at Ludington last Wednesday, but fell short of the Orioles' team score of 127.

Lowell's top scorers on vault: Kowalski (8.6), Kimble (8.3), Underwood (8.3) and Seese (7.9).

On bars: Underwood (7.95), Kimble (7.65), Kowalski (7.55) and Seese (5.65).

On beam, the top scorers were Underwood (7.2),

Weeber (7.1), Seese (6.7) and Coffey (6.6).

On floor: Underwood (8.65), Kimble (8.2), Seese (7.9) and Kowalski (7.35).

Lowell placed sixth Saturday at the Mona Shores Invitational with a team score of 120.55.

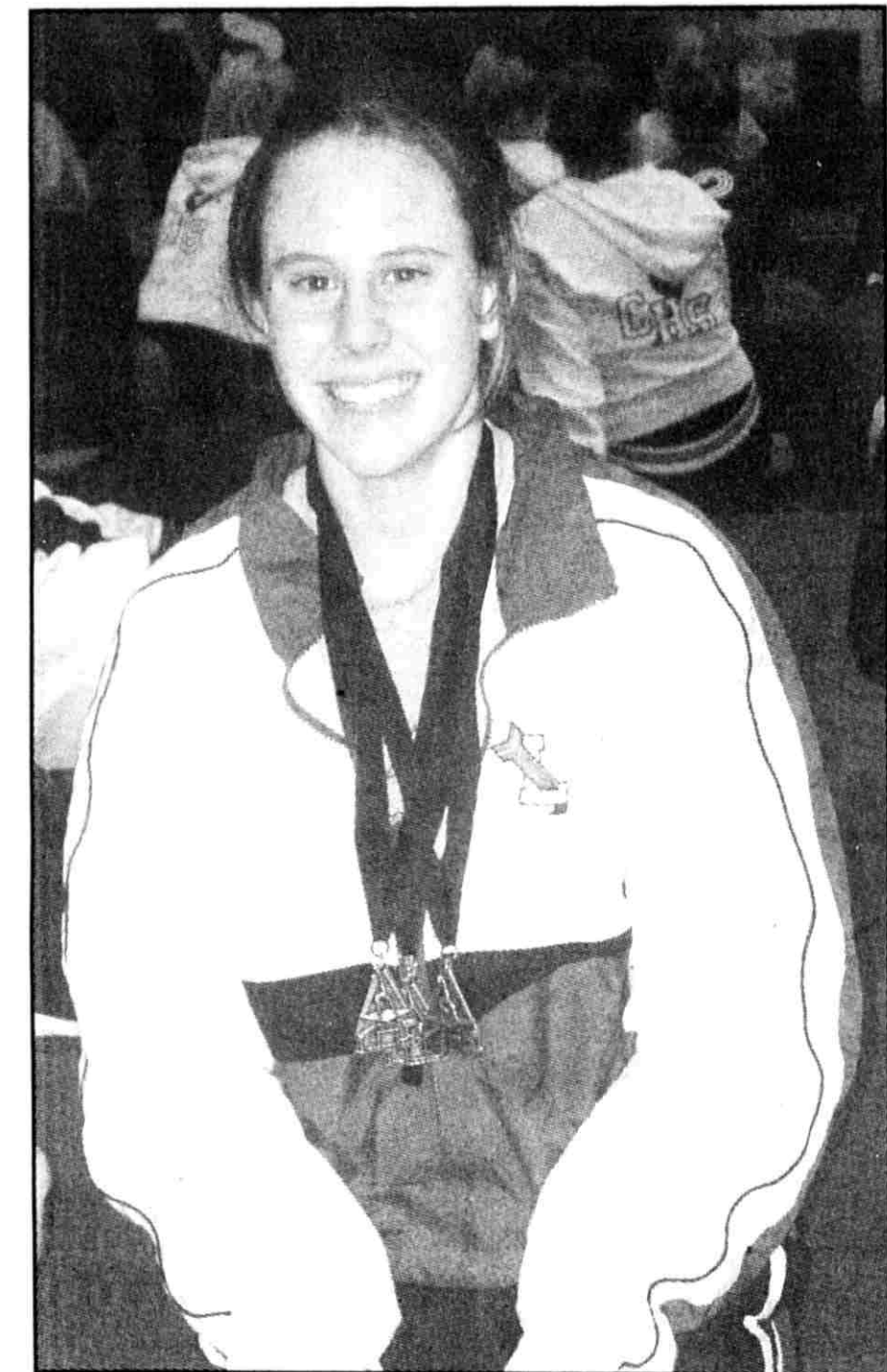
Top scorers for Lowell on vault were: Underwood (8.15), Kimble (8), Seese (7.85) and Coffey (7.65).

On bars: Underwood (7.4), Kimble (7.3), Seese (6.75) and Coffey (5.2).

On beam: Underwood (8.55), Vezino (7.55), Weeber (7.25) and Coffey (6.7).

On floor, Lowell's leaders were Underwood, who placed first overall in the event as an individual with an 8.95; Seese (8.05); Kimble (7.65) and Weeber (7.55).

The Arrows' next gymnastics meet is Wednesday at Holland. They compete Saturday at the Kenowa Hills Invitational.



Lowell's Becca Underwood won three medals at Saturday's Mona Shores Invitational, including one for first place in the floor exercise.

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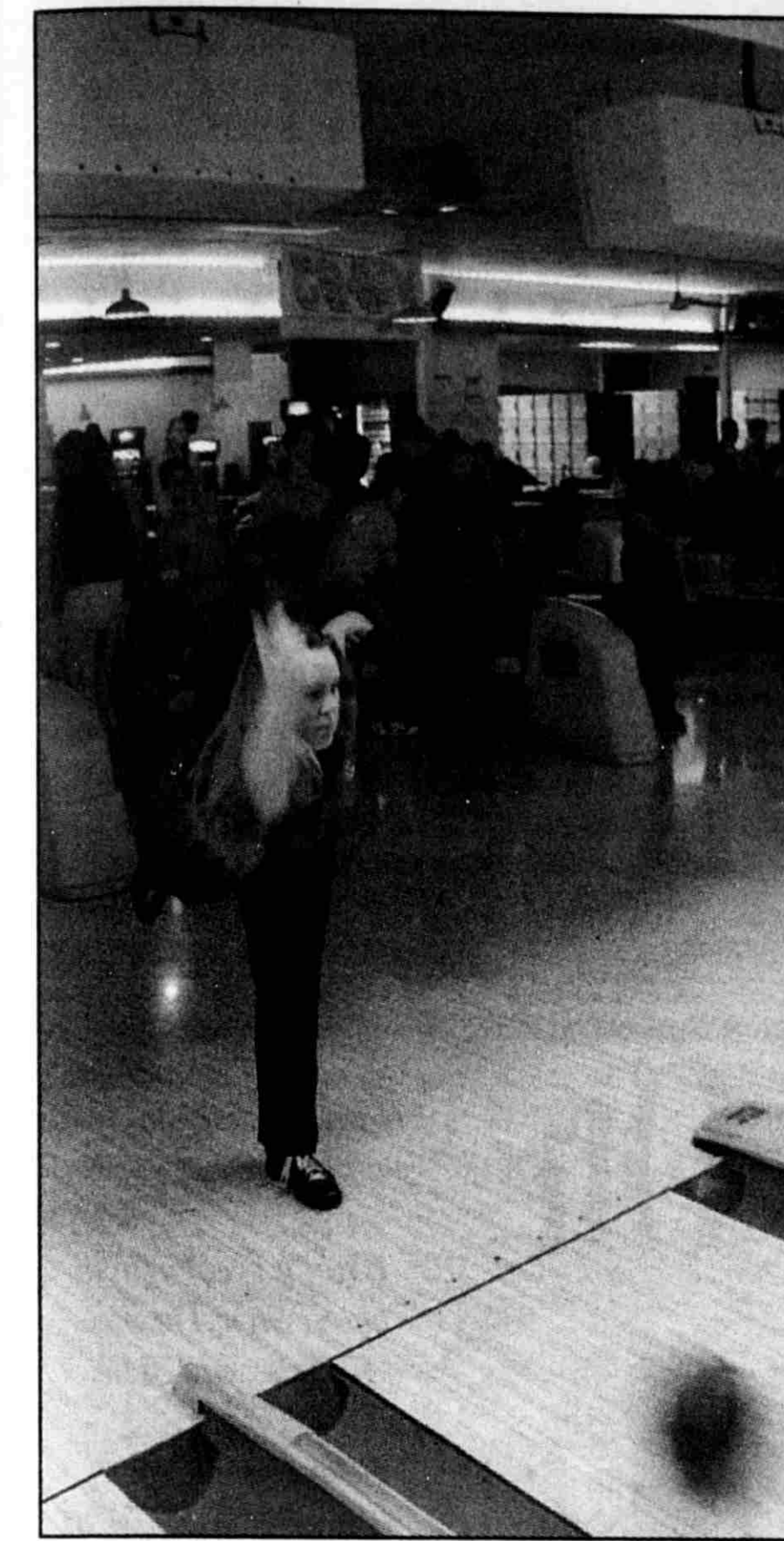
Information concerning the requested special land use is on file and may be examined at the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, during office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments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

Dated: January 18, 2006

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

# Lowell boys, girls bowling win two matches each

By Dan Schneider



The Lowell boys bowling team rolled its way to a shutout in Muskegon and was one point shy of another

at home in last week's lane action. Visiting Muskegon Reeths Puffer last Monday, the Red Arrows beat the

Rockets 30-0, winning both Bakers Doubles and claiming all 10 top scores in the regular games. High games for Lowell

were Anthony Everitt's 254 and 224, Sean Adrianse's 214 and 202, Brandon Jahnke's 210, Josh Vaughn's 192 and 190, and Eric Bouwhuis's 185.

Last Wednesday hosting Forest Hills Northern, Lowell once again won both Baker games. The only thing that stood between the Arrows and another shutout was Mike Van Solkema's 174 during the regular games for the Huskies. Lowell won both Bakers and nine of the 10 regular games in the 29-1 victory.

Rolling the top games for Lowell were Jahnke with a 214 in his second regular game, Bouwhuis with scores of 193 and 199, Adrianse with a 194 in his second regular game, and Greg Sherman with a 182 in his first regular game.

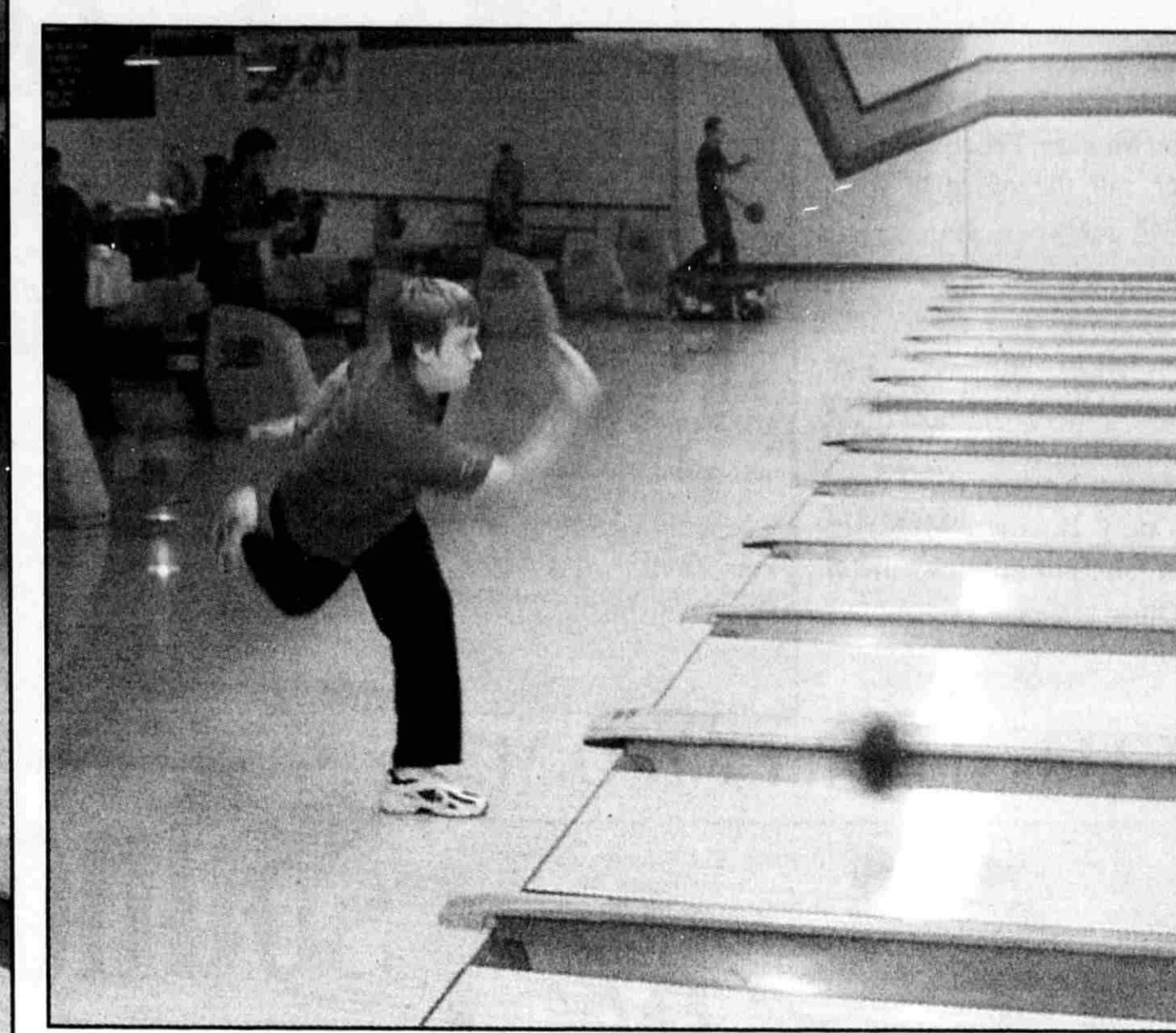
When the boys swept Muskegon Reeths Puffer last week, the girls' team bowled against Fruitport and came close to a sweep in their match. They defeated the Trojans 29-1, winning both Baker games and nine of the 10 regular matches.

Top scorers for the Lowell girls in that match were Liberty Clark with games of 180 and 177, Ashley Nawrocki with games of 170 and 174, Erin Sowles with a 162 in the first regular game, and Chelsea Freed with a 158 in her second game.

The girls did pull off a shutout against visiting Forest Hills Northern last Wednesday. They won both Bakers Doubles and every regular game for the 30-0 score.

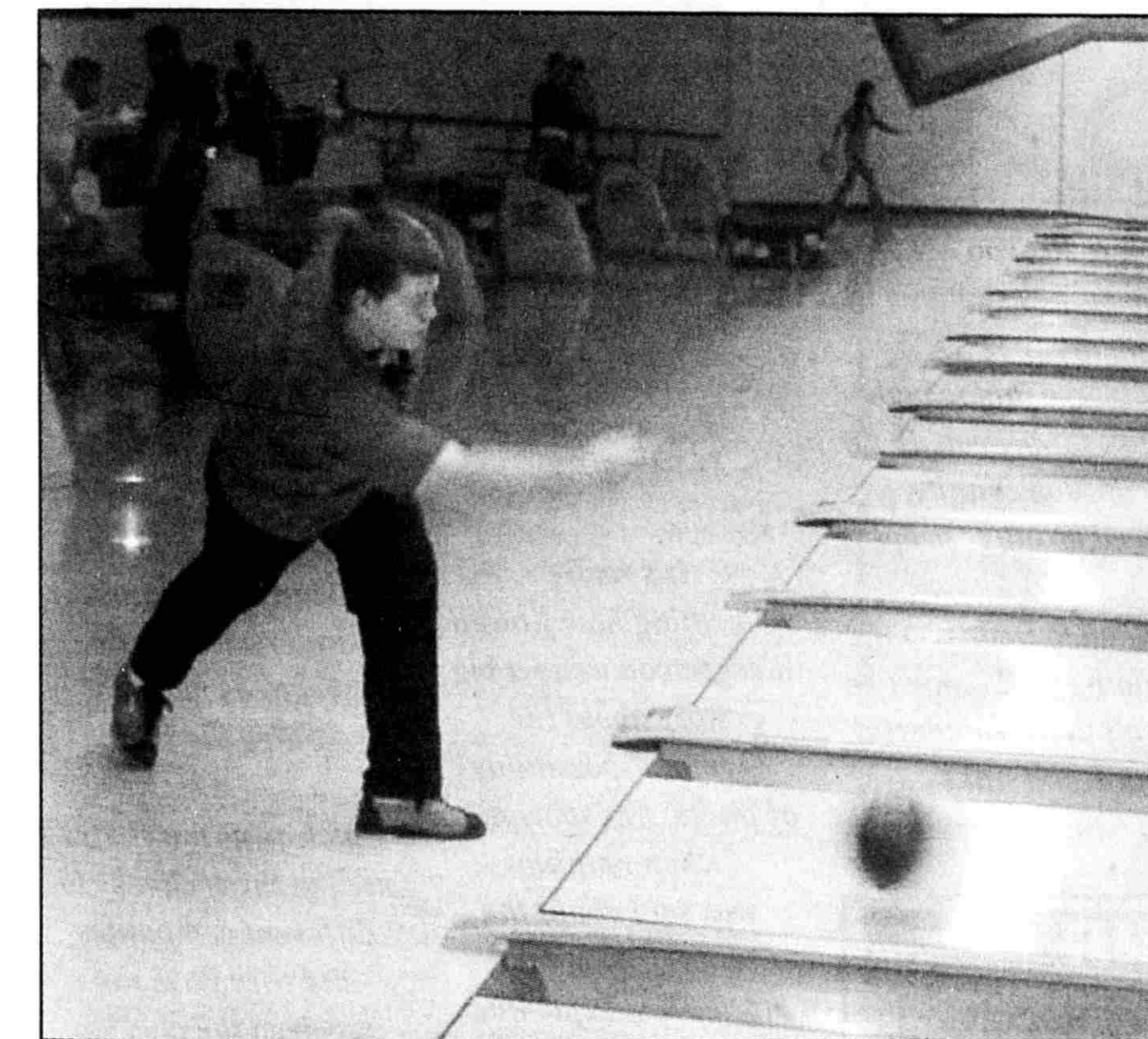
Rolling high games were Clark (174, 155), Sowles (160, 156), Nawrocki (158) and Freed (147).

Lowell bowled at Kenowa Hills Monday. The Red Arrows bowl at East Grand Rapids Wednesday and host Forest Hills Central next Monday.

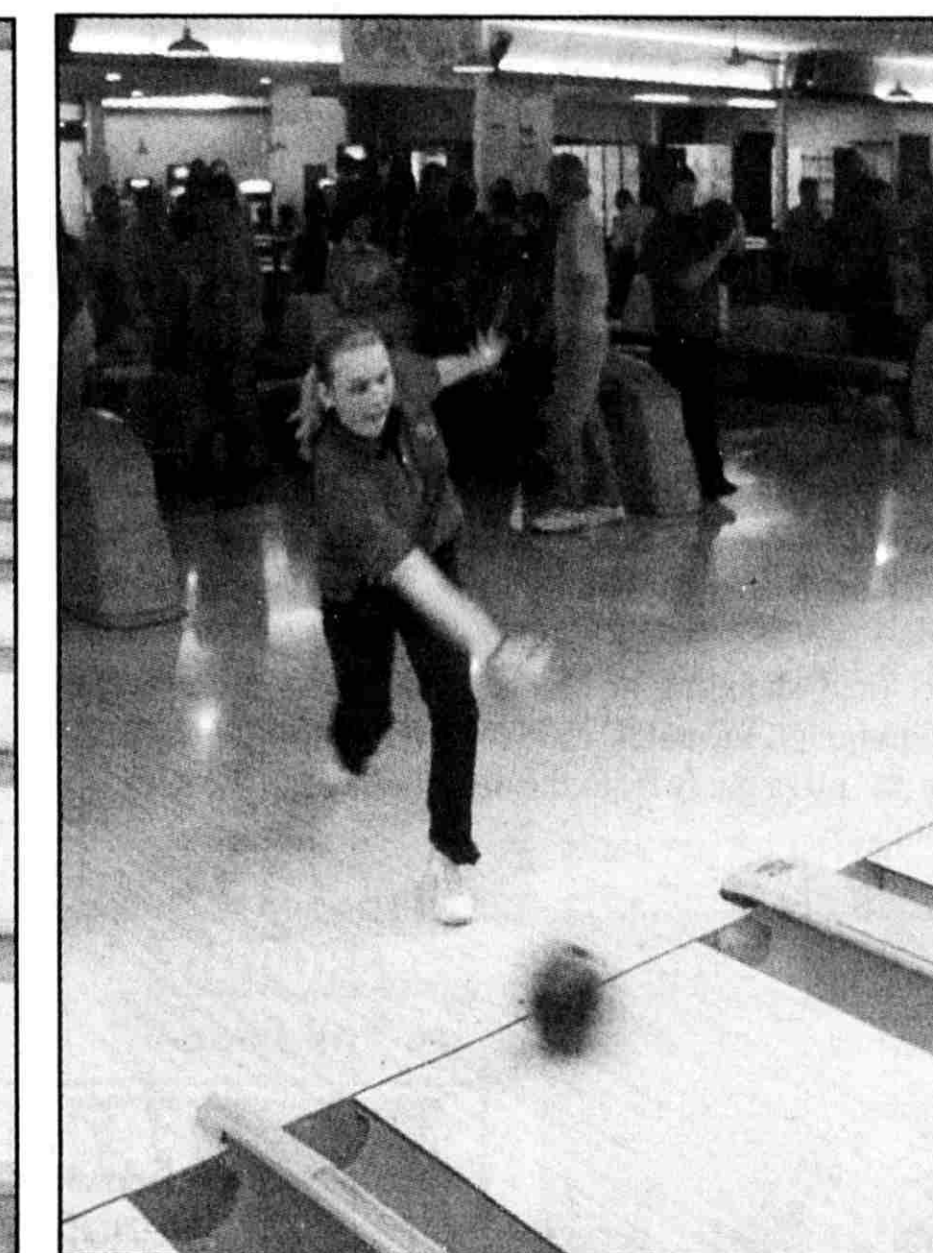


Lowell's Eric Bouwhuis sends the ball toward the pins in last Wednesday's match against Forest Hills Northern.

At left: Lowell's Erin Sowles lets the ball fly during last week's home match against Forest Hills Northern.



Lowell's Sean Adrianse rolls during warmups before the match against Forest Hills Northern.



Lowell's Nicole Videan rolls a warmup ball before last week's match at Lowell Lanes.

# Lowell-Caledonia hockey loses pair of league games

The Lowell-Caledonia hockey team suffered a pair of league losses last week.

Last Thursday, Lowell-Caledonia traveled to the Walker Ice Center to take on Kenowa Hills. The Knights won that matchup 9-3.

Lowell-Caledonia fell just short in a close game against South Christian, this time on the home ice of Patterson Ice Center. The score was 2-1.

Lowell-Caledonia hosts

Wayland Saturday at 3 p.m. at Patterson. The last time the two teams met, Lowell-Caledonia won 6-4.

The Red Arrows/Fighting Scots are currently 1-3 in league play and 2-12 overall.

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Classes with Young Champions are offered for ages 4-18 years. Sign-ups for the next session will be held at Bushnell Elementary on Monday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. or call the office at 616-538-2888.



Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Paige Lewis, Mikayla Harden and Olivia Starkweather; second row: Alexis Cook Tabitha Fockler, Brittany Fockler and Payton Russell; third row: Mercedes Holsinger, Emily Haefner, McKayla Holsinger and Autumn Chrisman; back row is head coach Mandy Vezino.

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