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Residents vote for change with three new faces on council

By Emma Palova

In a sweeping victory, newcomer candidate Sharon Ellison was the top vote getter with 409 votes in the Nov. 6 city council election. Trailing right behind was newcomer Jeff Altoft with 292 votes. Incumbent Jim Hodges came in third, securing himself another two years on the council.



Sharon Ellison

North Washington property. "I think voters sent a clear message they are ready for a change," she said. "The citizens want to be heard."

Ellison's plans for a change include a proposal to turn North Washington property into a natural park, an agreement with the owners of a rental home on that property, replacing the abandoned amphitheatre on the river

with a pedestrian friendly park. Ellison, assistant to the middle school principal and a rookie to city politics,

got involved because of the city's lack of action on preserving the North Washington property.

Ellison formed a citizens group to help preserve the property. She also circulated petitions in support of preservation. During the election, Ellison had a poll watcher observing who has voted.

"She did active campaigning," said city clerk Betty Morlock, "I've never had a poll watcher in a city election. It was good to see all that campaigning."

Morlock also acknowledged the need for a change.

"People were more aware than usual," said Morlock.



Jeff Altoft

On the other hand, long-time politicians Chuck Myers and Al Mathews took the biggest hits in terms of number of votes. The lowest vote getter was Mathews with 116 votes.

Mathews took his defeat with humor promising a big comeback as a township

politician because he intends to move out of the city.

"I am still having a good time over this," said Mathews Monday in a telephone interview.

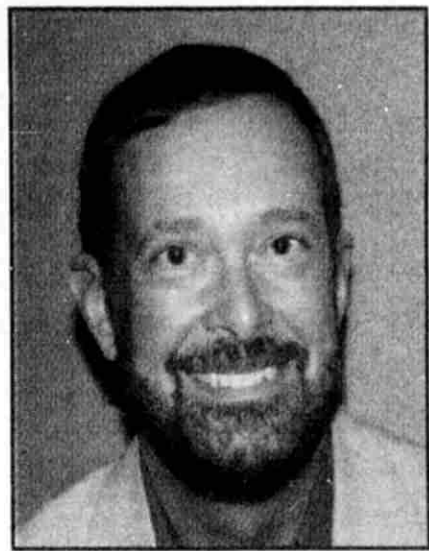
Mathews credits two major things contributing to his defeat. First of all, public misconception about his stance on North Washington property.

"I never wanted it developed," he said. "People believed what they heard and read."

Secondly, an advertisement published in the Buyers

Guide against Mathews and Myers.

"At first I was upset but



Jim Hodges

I got other important things to do," laughed Mathews. "The cable upset a lot of people, but I've always been against cutting trees and developing North Washington

property. "The taxes in the city are terrible."

Myers said he suspected his defeat because the

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Christmas through Lowell showcases local talent

by Emma Palova

The 16th annual Christmas through Lowell will kick off the holiday season in the historic downtown area, as well as in the outlying neighborhoods.

Organized by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the event will showcase more than 200 artists and crafters and 48 homes, churches and businesses that are unique.

This year the talented duo Dorla West and Beth

Haner decided to join in with their "Angels Among Us" original artwork for the home and the garden.

They will be selling snowmen made from the electric poles as seasonal door greeters that can stay outside all winter long.

"I try to repurpose," said West.

However, don't expect to find angels at 525 Front Street. Instead there will be metal butterflies and dragon flies.

Also new on the tour is Monroe Mistletoe

presenting unique contemporary jewelry, handbags, live holiday centerpieces and buttery homemade caramel corn located at 704 Monroe.

Family Treasures at 529 Avery Street represent three generations of arts and crafts, homemade soaps and a variety of Christmas ornaments.

Other newcomers include the Backyard Boutique, Wildflowers, Flat River Cottage, Simple

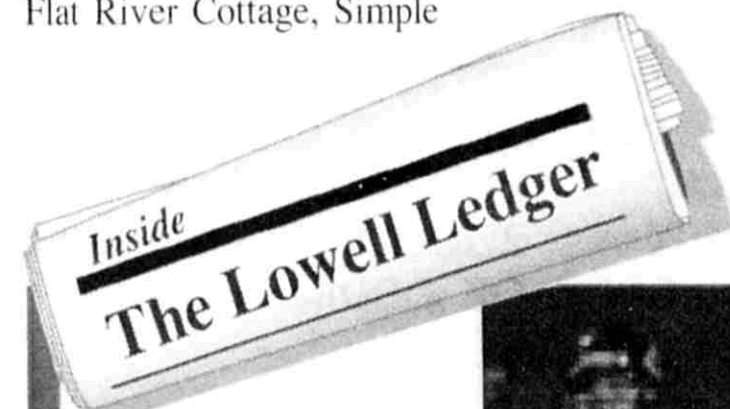
Pleasures and Off the Cuff.

"Christmas through Lowell is a three-day extravaganza that attracts shoppers from all over the state," said chamber director Liz Baker. "You will find handmade treasures, folk art and much much more."

Christmas through Lowell will take place Nov. 16 - 18. For more information go to www.christmasthroughlowell.org.



Dorla West joined the event this year with "Angels Among Us" station showcasing snowmen made from electric poles.



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First Buck Contest

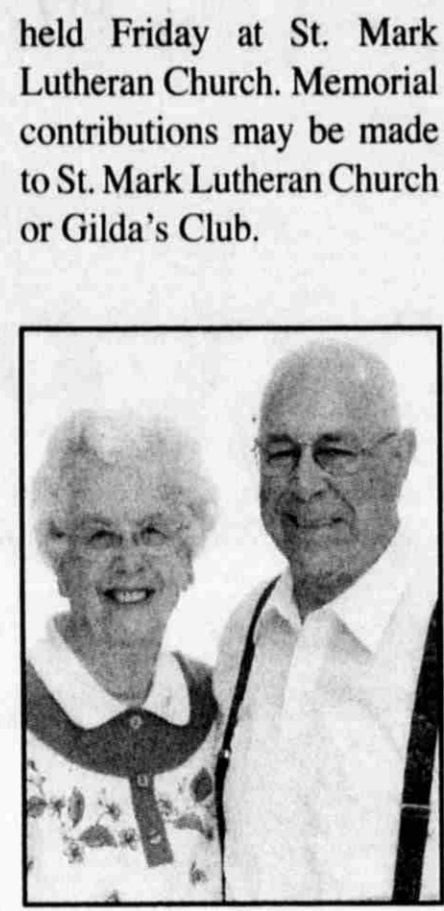
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Obituaries

BAUGHMAN
Phoebe Sayles Baughman (Pinckney) was two months shy of living 100 years. She passed gently "into that good night" at the home of her daughter, Pat Leete on November 3, 2007. Her loving husband of 54 years, Benjamin, passed away in 1981. Along with Pat, Phoebe leaves her son, Paul Baughman and special friend, Sally Kammeraad; her grandchildren: Bradley (Dawn) Leete of Grand Rapids, Rick (Cheryl) Leete of Frederic, Rob (Beth) Leete of Holt, Stuart Leete of Santa Cruz, CA, Mark (Ann) Baughman of Lowell, Tom (Sherr) Baughman of Ann Arbor, and Howard (Julie) Baughman of Tampa, FL. She leaves 8 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and her lifelong friend, Jessie Barry. Phoebe was born in Lansing, MI and devoted her life to her family and friends. She loved her husband dearly. She was the anchor of her

Haven, Andy and Danny of Florida; three daughters, Debbie Flynn of Woodland, Cathy Noffke of Lowell and Patricia (Timothy) Stillson of Grand Rapids; a great many grandchildren and great grandchildren; one brother, Mike Flynn of Cedar Springs, and two sisters, Susan (Stan) Swedwa and Karen (Mick) Lyons also of Grand Rapids. Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert and Katherine Flynn and a sister, Patty. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Memorial Alternatives, 2432 Fuller Ave. N.E., Grand Rapids, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Please send flowers on Tuesday.

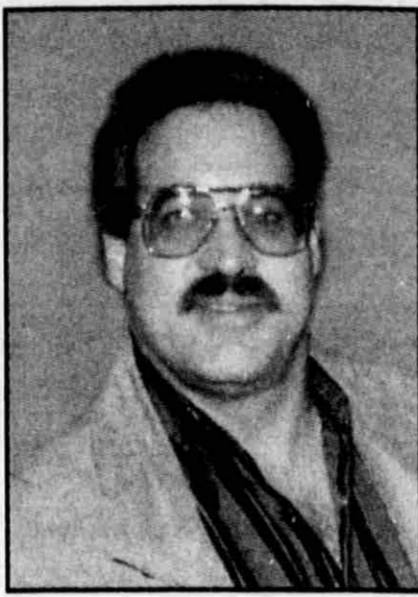
GLENDENNING
Steve Robert Glendenning, aged 52 of Vergennes Township, went to be with his Lord, Monday, November 5, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sherry; mother, Gerrie Glendenning; brother, Bruce Glendenning; sister, Linda Glendenning. Steve worked for Amway for 32 years. Funeral services were



HATCH
Florence Arlene Hatch aged 93 passed away Saturday, November 3, 2007 and Willis "Ish" Myzeal Hatch aged 92 passed away Tuesday, November 6, 2007 of Alto/Lowell from accidental automobile injuries. Arlene was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry Behler; Ish was preceded in death by his brother, Doyme Hatch and sister, Evelyn Bartlett. They are survived by their nephew, Michael (Deborah) Behler and their daughter, Jessica Behler of Lake Odessa; niece, Quenda (Donn) Story of Okemos and their children, Alison

(Mac) Dambro, Brian (Robin) Story; sister-in-law, Virginia Behler of Haslett, MI; very close friends, Gilbert (Sandy) VanWeelden of Lowell and Steve (Joan) VanderZiel of Alto; also many cousins and friends. Arlene and Ish were married in Lake Odessa in 1950 by her father Allen Behler (Justice of the Peace). They lived in the farmhouse that had been in Arlene's family for over a hundred years. Ish worked the 300-acre farm and raised cattle until he retired. Arlene taught in the Lowell Public Schools for 33 years until she retired. Ish was a Veteran of WWII, member of Masonic Lodge Lincoln 523 in Macy, Indiana, and the Alto Lion's Club. Arlene belonged to the Eastern Star in Macy, Indiana and Lowell Women's Club, both belonged to Alto United Methodist Church. Funeral services for Mr. & Mrs. Hatch were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St, Lowell with Rev. Roger LaWarre from First Congregational Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alto United Methodist Church.

KETCHUM
Scott Richard "Popeye" Ketchum aged 44 of Lowell



passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 10, 2007. He is survived by his parents, Al and Phyllis Ketchum; brother, Mike (Dawn) Ketchum; sisters, Sue (Don) Sherwood and Brenda Schullo; grandma, Hazel Strouse; nieces and nephews, Ken (Tiffany) Sherwood, Craig Sherwood, Alex, Brent and Erika Ketchum, Zachary Treadwell. Scott loved his job and employees at LD. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St, Lowell with Rev. Roger LaWarre from First Congregational Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Family of Scott Ketchum, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral.

Lions club donates to Alto Elementary



The Alto Lions Club presented a \$1000 check to Alto Elementary. The money will be used for library books in the media center. Pictured are (L-R) Chris Godbold, from the Lions Club; Christine Beachler, the LAS director of media services; and Mary Ann Schramm, the principal at Alto Elementary.

Radon mitigation doesn't have to be "Extreme"

In Sunday night's episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," a Cheyenne, Wyo., home was demolished due to a radon problem that supposedly couldn't be fixed. While homes in Michigan should be tested for radon to determine if there is a problem, elevated radon levels do not require homeowners to go to such "extreme" measures to keep their families safe. Some homes can be fixed by simply caulking and sealing radon entry points, while others will require a simple vent system that can be installed by a trained contractor, generally for no more than \$800 to \$1,500, including warranty.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among nonsmokers. Radon is not linked to other respiratory problems, however, such as asthma or bronchitis. Test kits for radon are readily available from local health departments and can also be found in some retail stores, with the typical price ranging from \$10 to \$30. For more information about radon, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/deq/radon>, or call the DEQ's Radon Program at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642) for a free packet of information.

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Lowell man killed in crash on Alden Nash

A Lowell man was killed Saturday night after crashing his truck on Alden Nash Ave. SE, just north of 36th St. in Lowell Township.

Scott Ketchum, 44, was driving north on Alden Nash when he attempted to pass a vehicle in a no-passing zone.

Ketchum ran off the roadway to the left, lost control and re-entered Alden Nash before swerving again, to the right.

colliding with a utility pole. He was then ejected from the vehicle and sustained fatal injuries.

The Kent County Sheriff Department said Ketchum collided with an embankment, causing the vehicle to flip before

No one else was in the vehicle, and no other vehicles were involved in the crash.

Speed is believed to be a factor in the crash.

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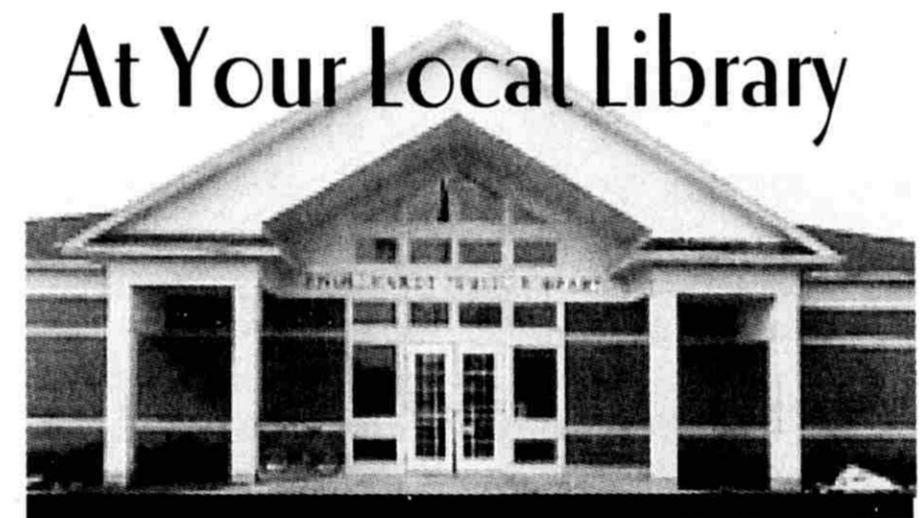
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ONE-STROKE PAINTING CLASS OFFERED
Learn a new and easy painting technique at the Alto branch of the Kent District Library on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Beginners and expert decorative painters alike will enjoy this class while making an ornament for the holiday season.
For more information, please contact the Alto branch at 647-3820 or visit the Kent District Library online at www.kdl.org. The Alto branch is located at 6071 Linfield in Alto.

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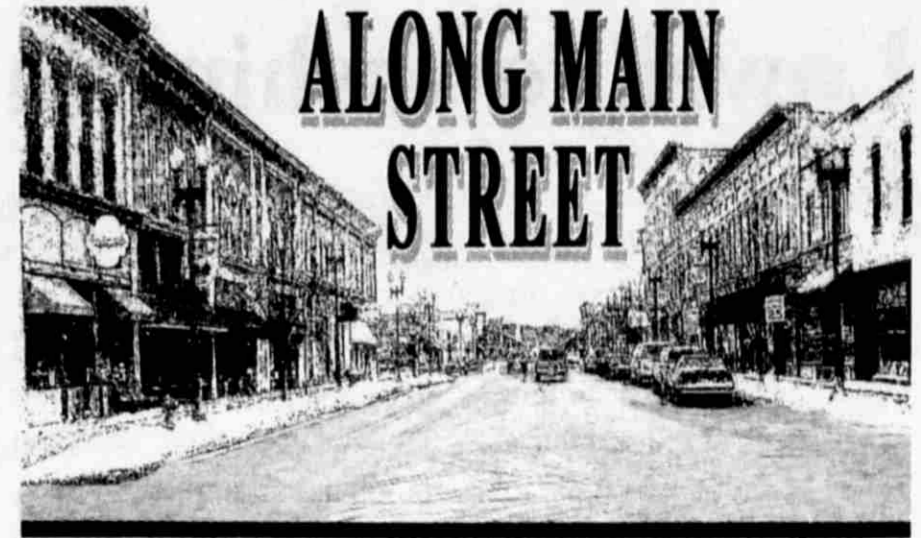
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CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL
Kick off your holiday shopping season in Historic Lowell at the 16th annual Christmas through Lowell event, on Fri., Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Sun., Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the website at www.christmasthroughlowell.org for a complete listing and map or call the Chamber at 897-9161 for details.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON
The Lowell Women's Club is sponsoring their 5th Christmas Through Lowell luncheon on Nov. 16 and 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring homemade soups, pies and hot sandwiches. Take outs available. Proceeds support the Lowell High School senior girls scholarship fund.

F.R.O.M. HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
Flat River Outreach Ministries presents an evening of music on Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Larkin's The Other Place. Donate a child's toy or love offering at the door for admission. Doors open at 8 p.m.

BLUEGRASS HOTBANDS FUNDRAISER
Two band, big jam session, and food on Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at TJ's Sports Bar & Grille in Lowell. All for \$5.

LOWELL VS MIDLAND
The semifinal football game will be played Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing. Parking is off Stabler or Cavanaugh. Ticket booth opens at 11 a.m. and gates open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the LHAS Athletic Office on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$6 each.

MUSIC BOOSTERS
Music boosters meeting will be Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School band room.

BLOOD DRIVE
Impact - A Wesleyan Church, is partnering with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at 1070 N. Hudson St. All donors will receive a Red Cross winter stocking cap. To give blood you must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. You can call 897-8304 ext. 200 for more information or if you prefer to make an appointment.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM
The museum will be hosting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" in our lovely parlor, decorated for Christmas, on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Cost per person is \$20 and seating is limited. Please call the museum for more information 897-7688.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM
The museum would like to start your Christmas holidays off right with an elegant Christmas dinner in our Victorian dining room on Dec. 4, 5 & 6 starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. We have seats for 12 each night so call for your reservation early; cost for this unique evening is \$50 per person. For more information and the fabulous menu please call the museum at 897-7688.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 2.19A TO CHAPTER 2, "DEFINITIONS," AND SECTION 4.08A TO CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF "APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-10 adding Section 2.19A to Chapter 2, "Definitions," and Section 4.08A to Chapter 4, "General Provisions" to "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on November 5, 2007. Ordinance No. 07-10 defines a temporary storage unit and prescribes the requirements for the placement of temporary storage units in the City.

Ordinance No. 07-10 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Lowell township planning commission discusses splits in Ag1

By Emma Palova

In an ongoing master plan update process, the Lowell township planning commission discussed land splits in rural agricultural zone Monday in light of another potential exit off I-96.

According to a recent master plan survey,

residents favored splits on a sliding scale on large parcels of agricultural land.

Larger parcels for the construction of homes would allow the township to keep its rural character. Chairman Dave Simmonds proposed the minimum size of a buildable lot in Ag1 to be 80 acres.

However, planner Tim Johnson suggested 40 acres.

"We need to come up with something that the public can react to," said Johnson. "We can also allow houses to be built through a special use permit."

Simmonds' theory was

"if you own enough land you get to do splits."

Other options for splits included allowing more homes per quarter section and cluster PUD housing.

The planning commission will also address in the future changing the minimum road frontage requirements from

300 feet to 250 feet to create more lots.

In related business, the commission set a public hearing for Mainline Coffee on M21 west of town for Dec. 10. The caboose-style coffee shop needs a setback variance due to the flood plain in the back of the parcel.

Other future business will include work on-site plan review, special land use ordinance, wind generator ordinance and RV parking ordinance.

Timpson's request to accommodate their trucking operation in the township will be up for discussion in January.



To Raise Or Not To Raise Taxes

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

School district set to receive a 25-acre donation of property

by Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell School board held its regular meeting Monday night. The board approved a donation of property from Betty Yeiter. Yeiter is donating 25 acres of land located on Cascade Road near the intersection of Cascade and Alden Nash. Superintendent Pratt stated future use of this land could include a small school or athletic facility.

"We really appreciate Betty Yeiter's generosity," said Mark Lessens, Board president.

Contract talks have taken place with the administrators and central offices support staff. Both contracts received minor language adjustments with the administrators receiving

between a 1.5 and 2.2 percent increase.

A settlement was reached for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years. Central Office support staff will receive a 2 percent increase for the 07-08 year.

Roger Bearup offered a curriculum update and shared with the board various ways he uses data to evaluate decisions regarding curriculum. Surveying teachers, staff, and administrators help to make decisions.

Teachers have been surveyed regarding curriculum updates as well as their use and understanding of the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) program. This is a program used to evaluate student progress. Teachers were given a variety of questions and

able to offer comments to Bearup.

"Looking at data can open dialogue between teachers and administrators allowing us to evaluate and design instruction going forward," said Bearup.

John Zelinski updated the board on the budget information coming from Lansing. Legislators have passed a State Aid Bill, and it looks like the district will receive a \$96 per pupil increase.

"This money is tied to the revenue coming from the new sales tax on services that the State is attempting to repeal, so things are still a bit uncertain at this point," said Zelinski.

Tyler Barkacs, student council representative, updated the board on some student council initiatives.

He said Homecoming was a great success, with the Student Council partnering with the Make a Wish foundation. They raised \$6,000 to grant one wish.

Barkacs recognized the collaborative effort put forth in this fundraiser by all schools in the district as well as community members. The students also organized a blood drive that collected 69 pints of blood.

Several members from the Murray Lake student council attended the school board meeting. The students in grades 3-5 gave a presentation to the board. They offered some background on what they do in student council, as well as the projects they are currently working on.

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election boiled down to emotionally-charged issues by single issue candidates.

"Unfortunately the election results do not reflect on the conscientious work done by the council," he said.

Hodges was the only incumbent securing another term on the city council.

"The other candidates

are fitting in with me," he said about the newcomers. "New faces are always good, change is good."

However, Hodges refused to make any predictions about the future direction of the city council.

"I am always surprised," he said. "There were six good people running."

Altoft, who got the second highest number of votes, said he was going to take it slowly and first find out a few things.

"I want to know why the taxes are so high and

why is there no money for the streets," he said.

According to the final tally, 539 people voted out of 2,663 registered voters.

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.

- James Thurber (1894 - 1961)

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

To the Editor

This letter is to thank, Chuck Meyers, a man who I feel has given this great city and its people his heart and soul. He moved us forward, and was tireless in his devotion to the people and city. Maybe he made some mad, maybe he was misunderstood at times, but he did what some never have. He got us talking about how WE can do better for ourselves and Lowell. I fear we have lost the knowledge of a sound financial advisor who was only trying to keep this city moving forward, in a time when money is tight. He always had time to listen to us the folks of Lowell, no matter how big or small the trouble, maybe some members should learn from this. No way am I making it like Chuck was the only one on the council. There were other members who brought us back to watching our local government. And I thank them too. I will watch this new council with a sharp eye to see if it was empty promises, or are they going to do as they said? And watching them will be more fun with my Friend Mr. Meyers. So for him or not, we need to say thank you chuck and thank you to all who give their time to move us on into the future. Lowell is a great place to be.

Don Welch

To The Editor,

Lowell citizens are looking for change!!! Why??

Many feel that our public servants are manipulating events for their power and convenience rather than for public good. There is a conviction that our desires are neither considered nor heard before action is taken. There is outrage brewing over the cable company sale, the cutting of old shade trees, and the threat to develop the beautiful river property at the end of Washington Street. The citizens feel that there is a great lack of communication.

And then there is my story. I, Janet J. Bieri, had my water disconnected two weeks ago due to the late payment of a water bill. Two men and a truck came to my home and disconnected my water supply without a phone call or note left on the door. When I arrived home in the evening, I was unaware that the bill was not paid and engaged my neighbors in a flashlight examination of every aspect of my property to find the reason for a water disruption. When no cause was found, I slept very fitfully feeling that something was certainly wrong and I might wake up to a flood or other costly problem in the morning. Imagine my surprise when I called our city hall and was told that it was more cost and time effective to turn off the water than to phone me and ask if I had a problem in paying my bill. They told me that this is their policy and that they would not consider making a phone call because they are too busy. After talking to a city clerk, I asked to see the city manager who affirmed this policy. People of Lowell, I felt like a criminal who was being judged without a hearing. I have been a resident of this area for 48 years. I have taught in Lowell Area Schools and worked in credit and collections at Atwood Corporation for over 10 years. If I had treated a student or customer in this manner, I might have received a reprimand or threat of being late or delinquent. Yet our city hall feels no remorse for this gross inconvenience or unnecessary embarrassment. To add insult to injury, I was charged \$35 to restore my water service. I timed the two men and a truck at less than two minutes to do this job at my home. The truck maybe runs on water and the men were probably unpaid volunteers so that the job was cheaper than making one phone call. I am asking my fellow citizens to support me in asking for a change in this grossly outrageous city policy.

Sincerely, Jan Bieri

Dear Editor:

As a former Scoutmaster of Troop 102 and a resident of an outlying township, I read with great interest the letters by the Halls, published in the November 7th Ledger. Mr. Hall rightly points out that the city of Lowell has "other property" available beyond the land now used by the Scouts.



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL NOVEMBER 15, 1882

Our streets are now illuminated by the glow of 10 new street lamps.

First snow of the season came Monday, Nov. 18.

A large number of our streets are being graveled and graded. Let the good work continue.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 14, 1907

Mrs. Emerette P. White, one of Lowell's few remaining pioneers, died Friday morning Nov. 8, 1907 at her home in this village, aged nearly 82 years.

Ad: "Sultana" Olive Oil - The real juice of the fruit of the oldest olive trees in the world...D.G. Look, The Drug and Book Store.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 10, 1932

Headline: "School Asks Cooperation in Preventing Whooping Cough" - The superintendent of the Lowell schools has issued a letter to patrons regarding whooping cough.

"Pack Up Your Troubles" the new feature starring Laurel and Hardy comes to the Strand this Sunday and Monday laden heavy with that brand of hilarious and riotous fun that is their particular brand.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 14, 1957

Headline: "Swimming Pool Fund Nears \$10,000 Mark" - The treasures of the Lowell Lions Club, Bernard Kropf, reports receipt of a check from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for \$119. This brings the total in "The Fund" near \$10,000.

The Lowell High School bands, in an attempt to raise money for band uniforms, are conducting a pre-Christmas fruitcake sale.

Three from Lowell were among the 18 school bus drivers from this area to have completed the recent beginners class of the Michigan School Bus Drivers Education program held at Forest Hills School.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 10, 1982

A barrage of burglaries in the Vergennes Township area has prompted residents to organize an informed neighborhood watch program.

A group of Lowell Township citizens is urging other residents of the township to attend a Lowell Township Board meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The persons making the pleas say that input from residents is important in deciding what route the township will take in the matter of cable TV.

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Reflections of faith

by Rev Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

During our evening worship times we spend much time in prayer. This has led us to a study of the Lord's prayer. This past Sunday we spent time looking at the phrase "your kingdom come." If this phrase conjures up Lord of the Rings imagery, it should. To have a kingdom implies that there is a king, a lord, or someone who rules. Having a kingdom also means that there are vassals or subjects. The equation is not difficult to figure out from here. We are the subjects and God is the King. God reigns. We submit. An old document written long before Middle Earth was discovered says it this way, "Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you." I wonder what a real king sitting on a golden throne with a scepter in hand would think of flippant usage of his name? I wonder what that king would think of lazy subjects who carve out hunks

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



GUIDELINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The period from a little before Thanksgiving to just after the New Year creates extraordinary stress on people. There are cultural, religious, social and business pressures on people unlike other times of the year. The not so pressured times of the year I often refer to as the "ordinary times" because the stress levels are less and more predictable. The holiday stress is greater especially if you are a "Michiganander." The bad economy and poor business climate in our state compounds the stress that we feel. Our budgets are stretched further.

In my years of working as a therapist, I have found that many people fall "prey" to these unusual pressures. Those individuals who are prone to acting out and those that are impulsive are at the greatest risk. The end result of this acting out often is costly and the individual will re-enact the traumas of their past. They might overeat, overspend, over-imbibe in alcohol, or do reckless sexual behaviors. The intent is to alleviate the anxieties, but this acting-out behavior doesn't work. It makes matters worse. What helps is for the individual to become aware of this tendency for re-enactment. Once the individual gains that awareness, the chances of controlling the negative acting-out in a more positive way is greater.

To prevent loss and pain during the holidays, it is

of the kingdom and "secretly" reserve some of the profits for themselves?

"Your kingdom come" also means we ask God not to let the kingdom shrink. It also means that we want it to grow. Of course we know God's Spirit takes the largest role in preserving and advancing the kingdom. However what would a real king think of us sitting on the sidelines while he does all the work? Occasionally you might read about a king who serves a subject but many times this comes with test of loyalty or guise of secrecy. So then for us to maintain and promote kingdom causes becomes our joyful task as we become motivated intentional servants.

If the kingdom can be stalled or diminished, there must be something that is working to hurt its growth. God calls this destruction of kingdom evil. God's "public enemy number one" is the devil. Revolt, resistance, conspiracy, and sabotage actively chip away at kingdom advancement, while apathy and indifference passively prevent health. What would a real king do when you decide to partner with such deviant forces? The Bible, in particular Revelation, shows us how God will destroy the devil's work and at the same time comfort us by clearing our record.

"Your kingdom come" means that God has through Jesus Christ completely cleaned us up so that we will be

advisable to not make any major life decisions between just before Thanksgiving through January 15th. Major life choices would include selling a house, getting engaged, married or divorced or changing jobs. These just add to the stress of the holidays, and can put individuals into "overload" very quickly. Anything that is very important probably can wait for a few weeks. I call this putting a "moratorium" on major life changes. You want to create as many win-win situations as you can. Delaying making these decisions once you are out of the holiday pressures is just a good common sense move. While you are in the middle of the holidays, just enjoy your family, friends and the spirit of the season, and may you all have a blessed holiday this year.

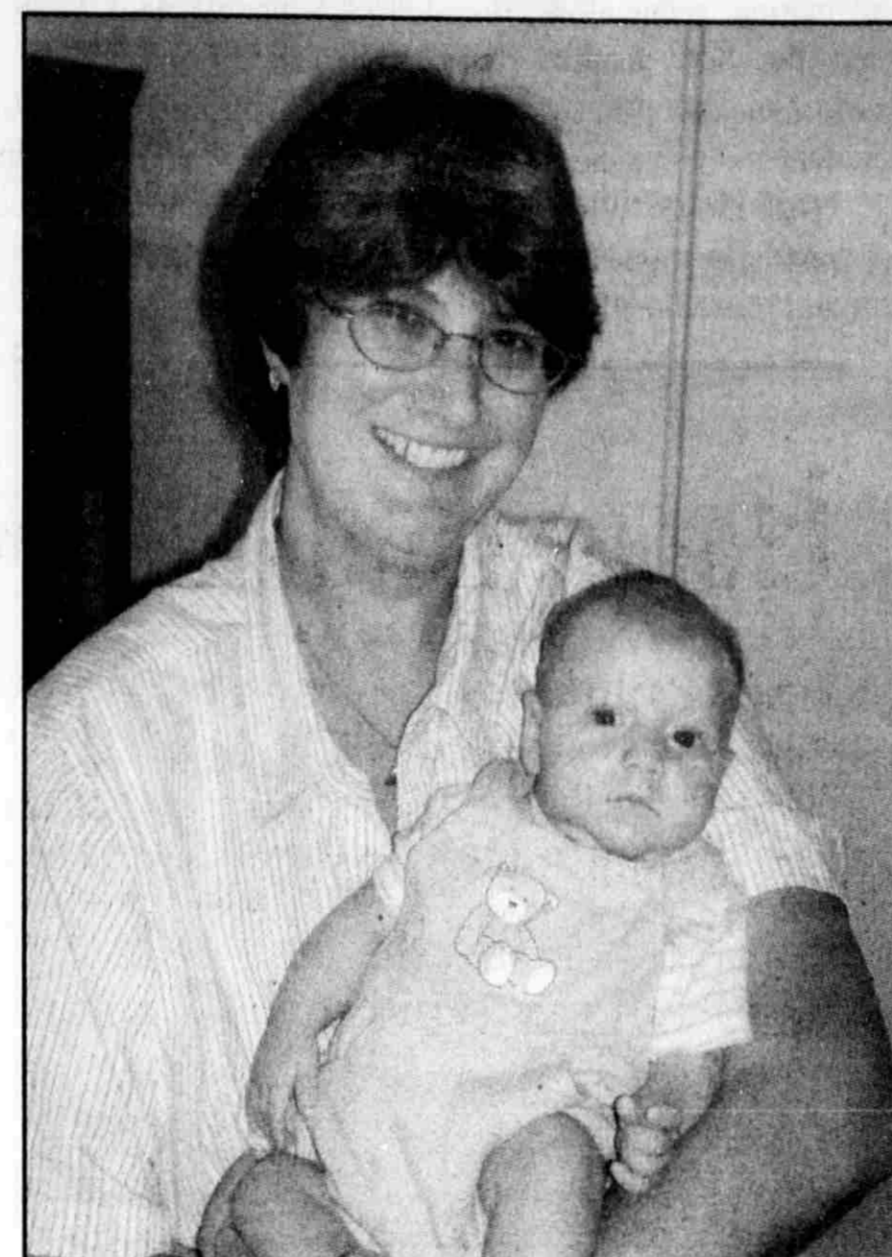
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- NOVEMBER 20:** Brian Brown, John Butler Sr., Michelle Wernet.

welcomed into the kingdom as heirs to the throne. Our status of "fellow heirs" comes with our adoption into God's family through the work of Jesus. Participation in kingdom life bubbles out of this reality within and around us. God is perfecting and completing the kingdom. Often we miss it. Occasionally we join in.

What does "Your kingdom come" look like? It looks like enjoyment of a picturesque sunset over Lake Michigan attributing the rich color combinations to God's divine palette. It looks like picking up trash along a stretch of "adopt a mile" highway and imagining, without much more of a stretch, that God did the same thing with your soul. It looks like a Lowell High Jr. Rotarian who saved \$50 dollars of her birthday money to buy a water filter that will provide six people in the Dominican Republic with clean drinking water. And it looks like an hour less time in front of the TV this week freeing up an hour more for something that really matters. This could be just about anything. Especially when you think about a real king, on a real throne, with real subjects, in a real kingdom, which is here and still coming. What does "Your kingdom come" look like to you? Go ahead, develop kingdom habits and see what you are praying.

Fund set up for former Lowell resident injured in moving accident



by Molly Benningfield
Editor

A fund has been set up at Fifth Third Bank in Lowell for a former resident who sustained injuries during a move in Escanaba, Mich. Karen (Saldino) Ham, 40, was injured in a freak moving accident that crushed both of her legs. Ham has been in the hospital for more than a month, with numerous surgeries on her lower limbs. After the surgeries, it will take extensive rehabilitation efforts to regain strength. Ham recently gave

birth to a son, Alex James, three months ago, with her husband, Bill, originally from Greenville.

Ham was born and raised in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School. Her family has moved back to Lowell while she undergoes surgeries.

Prior to the moving accident, Bill lost his job, prompting their move.

Karen is the daughter of Howard and Gail Acheson, who still live in Lowell, and Bill is the son of Bill and Peggy Ham.

Karen (Saldino) Ham is shown with her son, Alex James at 6 weeks old.

In The Service

Army Reserve Pvt. Stephanie Francis has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core

reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Laura Yanna of Bay City, Mich., and niece of Marge Tyler of Saranac, Mich.

Francis is a 2007 graduate of Bay City Western High School, Auburn, Mich.

College News

Jennifer L. Dykstra, of Lowell, graduated from Iowa State University in August with a Ph.D in psychology.

equipment; Patrick Johnson, of Lowell, with a Master of Science degree in criminal justice administration; Keith Kemen, of Lowell, with a Bachelor of Science degree in manufacturing engineering technology; and Michael Whitman, of Lowell, with a Bachelor of Science degree in technical education, graduating Cum Laude.

Ferris State University, located in Big Rapids, Mich., has announced its academic honors list for the semester ending August 2007. Local students include: Karri Bailey, Tamara Coffey, Jill Eglar, Amanda Ezinga, Brittany Huisman, Linda Stretton, Andrew Vogel and Michael Whitman, all of Lowell.

HEALTH

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



SOLID FOOD IN INFANTS

Recommendations on when to introduce solid foods in the infants' diet have varied over the past several years. Most physicians now feel that solid food should not be given before four months of age because earlier introduction may increase the risk of allergies. Despite this recommendation there have been no definitive studies supporting this opinion. Estimates are that more than 50 percent of non-breastfed infants and 29 percent of breastfed infants receive cereal at 2-3 months of age.

A recent review of the medical literature regarding this topic appeared in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine. The authors were attempting to determine whether early introduction of solids increased the risk of allergic diseases in infants. They defined allergic diseases as asthma, eczema, food or pollen allergies, animal dander allergies or allergic rhinitis.

Of the articles reviewed, these studies showed that early introduction to solids was associated with eczema while four studies showed no correlation with eczema. One study showed an association with development of pollen allergies. No evidence was found indicating a link between early solid introduction and asthma, food allergies, allergic rhinitis or animal dander allergies.

The author concluded that introduction of solid foods before four months of age may increase risk for eczema but that there is little evidence to support the association with other allergic disorders.

Allergic disorders have increased dramatically in infants and children. Be sure to discuss when to start your children on solids with your physician. There isn't one right answer for everyone.

I am not young enough to know everything.

- Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

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Bow and arrow hunter: Good hunters don't take bad shots

by Emma Palova

Fast and silent is the compound bow with aluminum arrows as they swish into the tranquil woods without even the slightest twang of the strings.

For hunter Bill Nagy of Alto, hunting with a bow and arrow is a gratifying experience regardless of whether he takes a shot or not. Although the bow and arrow season doesn't have the high impact and intensity of the upcoming firearm season, it presents a magic of its own.

"I see coyotes, fox, turkeys, hawks and pheasants," he said, "all the wildlife in natural state."

And although Nagy still hunts with a slug barrel gun, he prefers bow and arrow hunting because of the acquired skill after many years of practicing.

"You can't just take a

shot, you have to practice," he said. "You have to be close within 25 yards. It's months worth of practice."

On top of practice, when hunting with a bow and arrow, all the conditions of the surrounding environment come into play such as the rain, the wind and changing feeding patterns.

Sometimes while scouting, Nagy runs into an entire herd with bucks or does fighting. He rarely sees another human being.

"You could hear their horns clicking," he said. "I just let them go."

Now, Nagy has already shot an eight-point buck with bow and arrow as he readies for the firearm season, that is not quite as peaceful.

"It's kind of helter skelter," he said. "Everything is disturbed running around. You worry about your backdrop."

Sometimes the frightened animals turn nocturnal, as they are constantly on the run.

The hunting equipment too has evolved since Nagy got his hunter's certificate at 12 from semi-accurate recurve or a long bow to the accurate new generation compound bow. The new bow is light, fast, silent - it has let-offs with sights and releases.

Nagy uses broad head arrows with carbide tips that zip right through.

"It's a good, clean, quick, humane shot," he said. "Good hunters don't take bad shots. You have to be knowledgeable about the animal and its environment."

And more time goes into bow hunting, as well as responsibility. Nagy first patterns the herd during scouting, because the

patterns change from year to year as the herd and its runs change.

"You have to set up in their pattern," he said. "The animals are not being pushed."

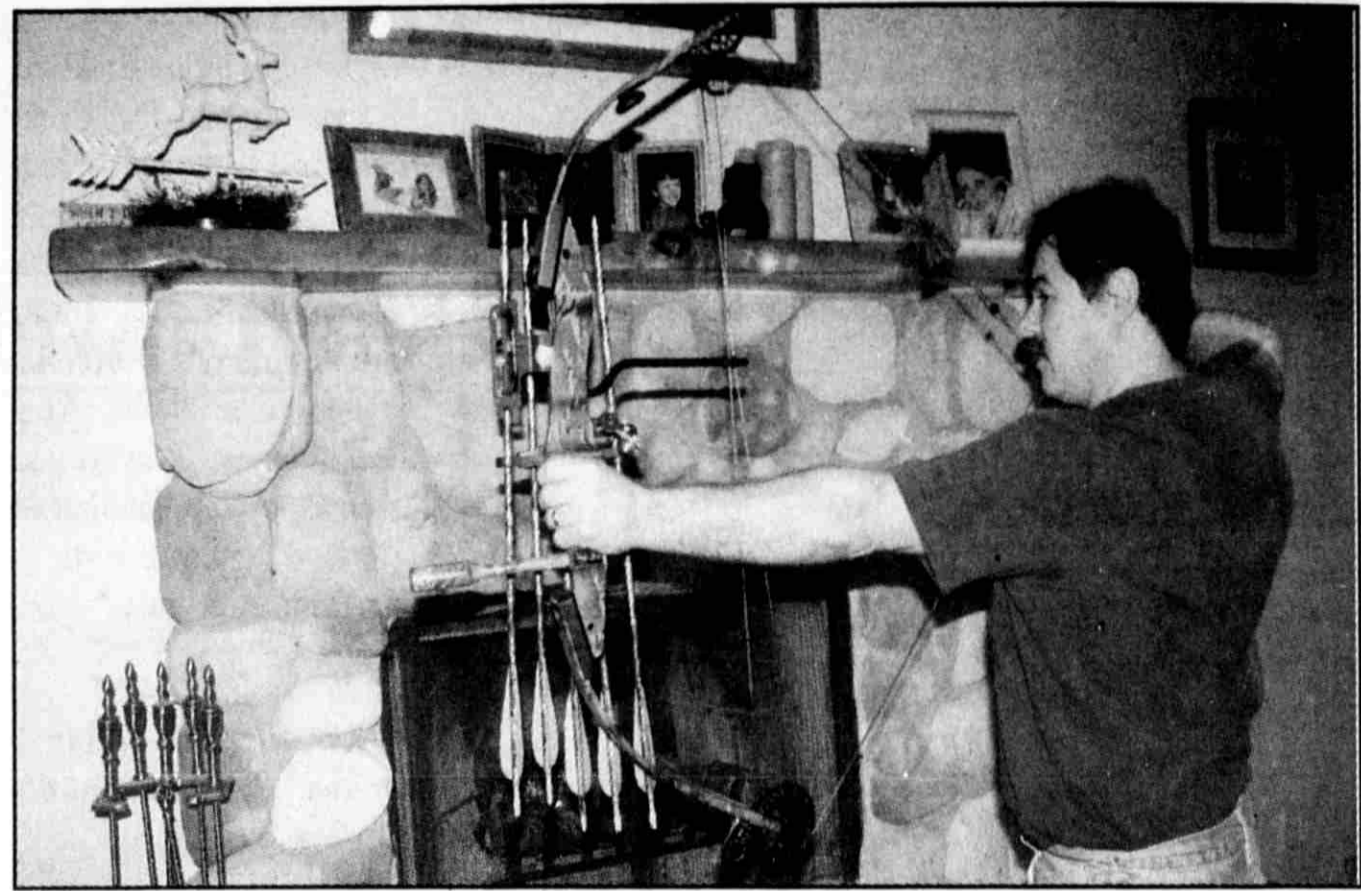
For example shooting a button buck, a fawn born in the spring, is like shooting next year's crop, said Nagy.

But taking older does to keep the herd healthy is prudent to also prevent car accidents.

Nagy primarily hunts for meat. He uses the back straps, which he marinates

and throws on the grill. He also makes jerky by first curing it and drying it in the oven at 200 to 250 degrees Fahrenheit for an hour in five pound batches out of hind quarter meat.

"It's like candy," he said.



Bill Nagy of Alto uses compound bow with silencers for hunting deer.

Michigan wildlife conservancy asks deer hunters for help

Michigan deer hunters can play a vital role in helping identify and protect an endangered species while hunting this season, according to David Haywood, president of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy (MWC), a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to helping people help wildlife through restoring wildlife habitat and educational programming.

For the past nine years, the MWC has conducted research on big cats, which were once thought to have vanished from the state by the early 1900s. Fieldwork by the Conservancy, published in a peer-reviewed scientific article, detected cougars in widely-separated areas of both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

"Cougars (mountain lions) are often sighted in areas with plentiful deer and adequate cover," said Haywood. That's why the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy is asking Michigan's 750,000+ gun and bow hunters to take video or still cameras with them when hunting.

"With the expanded use of trail cameras by hunters, the odds of getting more photographs of the big cats

have increased," he said. "Michigan deer hunters can be a real help in documenting the distribution of this elusive predator."

Deer hunters observing cougars are encouraged to submit a sighting report along with any images they may have taken. An MWC

Cougar Observation Report Form can be obtained by contacting the Conservancy directly at (517) 641-7677 or can be downloaded from the organization's website at: www.miwildlife.org. Citizens can also report cougar sightings and related information to the Michigan

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Sheriff offers tips for safe hunting

Michigan's fields and forests will soon be alive with blaze orange hunting gear. Sheriff Stelma wants both visitors and residents of Kent County to know some important safety rules before setting out to deer camp.

Your hunting license and the identification used to purchase it (Michigan driver's license, identification card, or DNR sport card) must be carried with you at all times while hunting.

All hunters must wear an item of clothing (hat, cap, vest, jacket, or rain gear) in "hunter orange"; it must be the outermost garment; and it must be visible from all sides. If it is camouflage, at least 50 percent of the garment must be orange.

Hunting hours begin approximately one-half hour before sunrise and last until approximately one-half hour after sunset.

Safety zones include all areas within 150 yards

(450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, barn, or other farm building. You may not hunt in this area or shoot at any animal within this area, unless you have the written permission of the property owner.

It is illegal to drink alcohol or use intoxicating drugs before hunting.

Sheriff Stelma also wants hunters to take the following precautions to prevent injury or death while hunting this season:

- Familiarize yourself with the area where you will be hunting
- Never assume you are alone in the woods
- Never assume other hunters are acting responsibly.

If sitting against a rock or tree, make sure it is wider than your shoulders so you are not mistaken for a target.

Be 100 percent sure of your target before shooting.

Sheriff Stelma urges all hunters to act responsibly this season. "Reacquaint yourself with Michigan's hunting laws and follow these safety tips to prevent a tragedy from happening this year."

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Christmas Through Lowell featured artist works with colorful wood

by Emma Palova

Local woodcarver Joe Knauf uses colorful types of wood in his intricate wooden designs.

Purple heart, blood wood, maple and cherry wood are all intertwined in his lovely one bud vases or napkin holders.

New this year are his carved bookmarks made of blood wood or lace wood, as well as jewelry. Knauf's designs are contemporary and elegant with clean simple lines.

"I use all local wood," he said.

Handy and interesting is his sofa table made of oak that can be used for anything including writing.

Recently, Knauf has designed a helicopter toy with a CD top and a wooden whistle. Knauf stressed

he doesn't use lead based paint. Actually, he tries to keep everything as natural as possible.

His items range from \$2 bowling cups to a \$250 exquisite jewelry box. Knauf also carves flag display cases, and dog and cat dishes.

In hard economic times, the Knaufs are hoping to maintain at least the same level of sales as in the past.

"We get a lot of repeat business," said Knauf.

This year, the tour may draw more business to the northeast region of Lowell due to newcomers like St. Pat's, Arrowhead Golf Course, Hidden Treasures and Paige Creek Creations.

Knauf's woodworking is No. 4 on the tour located at 1950 Parnell.



Joe Knauf uses colorful wood in his designs.

Featured Artist

Judy Potter

by Emma Palova

The "Autumn Pears" watercolor painting by Judy Potter shows a level of advancement much like her in-depth "Trilliums."

Although primarily a watercolor artist, Potter has also drawn with colored pencils impressive peaches and shells in soft pinks and shades of purple.

"I just want to see if I can do it," said Potter about her work.

The biggest challenge for Potter is the execution of a painting, not the subject matter or the format or the media.

"The way I visualize it is not always the way it comes out," she said. "That's a good thing, sometimes it's just a happy accident."

As a student of David Davis, Potter strives for perfection when painting a model, or anything else for that matter.

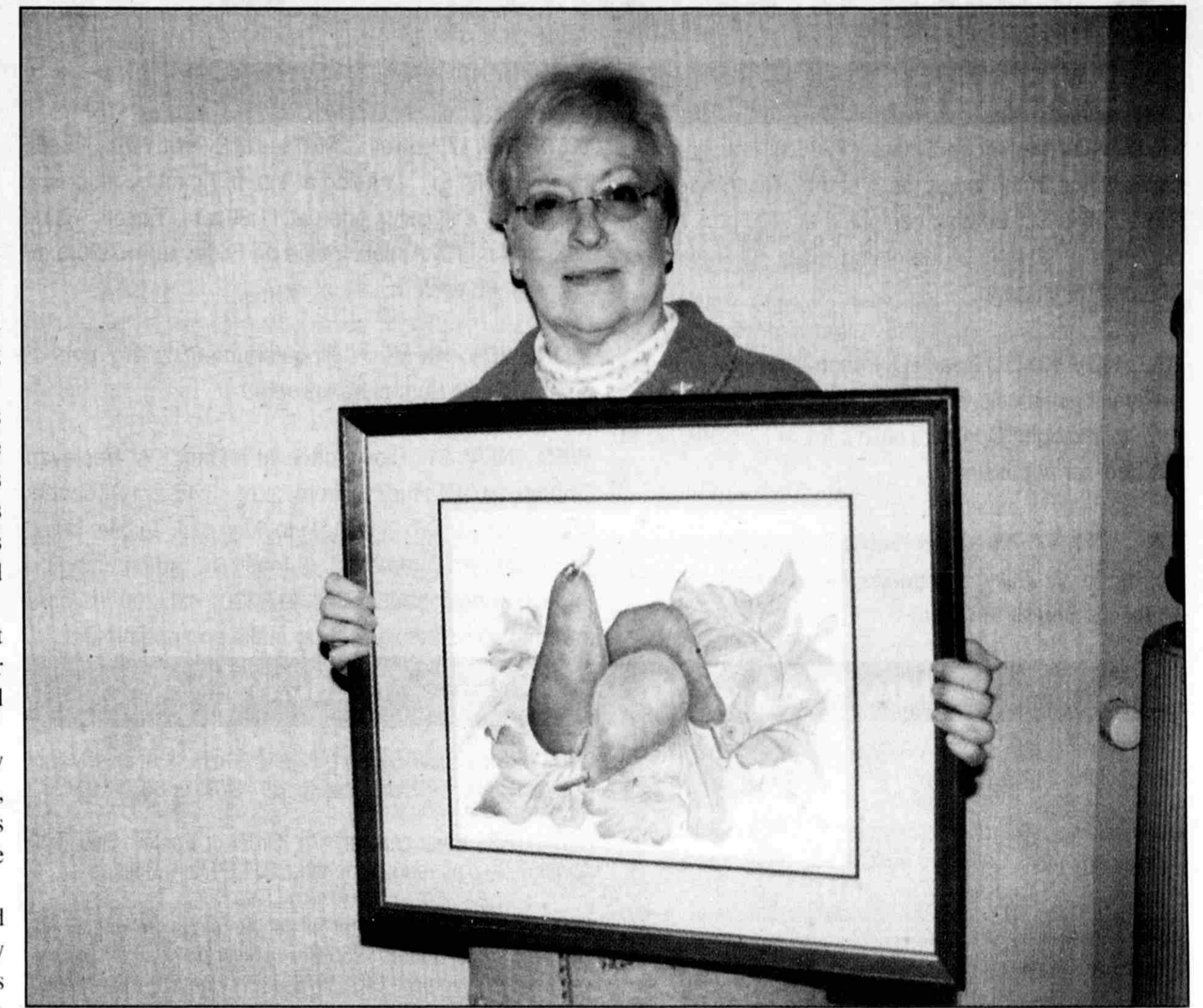
"I am a disciplinarian," said Davis. "I want my students to do it right and to know why they are doing it."

Davis' circle of artists has grown into an entire school in its own class bearing the teacher's imprint. In Potter's case it is the bold rendering of the red pears.

"Each time you paint you want to create a bigger explosion of colors," said Davis.

Potter is primarily inspired by local landscapes, as well as what she calls everyday things across the road.

A pond in the backyard with koi fish as it dramatically changes with the seasons has inspired Potter to create "On the pond" pastel series. The study shows reflections in the water, as well as the ever changing dynamics of an aquatic ecosystem.



Judy Potter with her "Autumn Pears."

"Sometimes I am surprised," she said, "how did I do that?"

For still life paintings, the class quite often uses material from the local Farmer's Market. Painting the produce often becomes the basis of an assignment for Davis' students.

So, the results vary much like the artists do. "She's making every mark count," said Davis.

And to get the artists' work out in the public venues like Huntington Galleria or the Riverwalk Gallery and the Lowell

Area Arts Council is a great advantage, according to Davis.

So Potter's first solo show at the Galleria after three years of painting is just as important to the artist, as it is to the public.

"The more works of art in public places, the better for the community," said Davis.

Potter said she was excited about the exhibit, hoping to sell some work

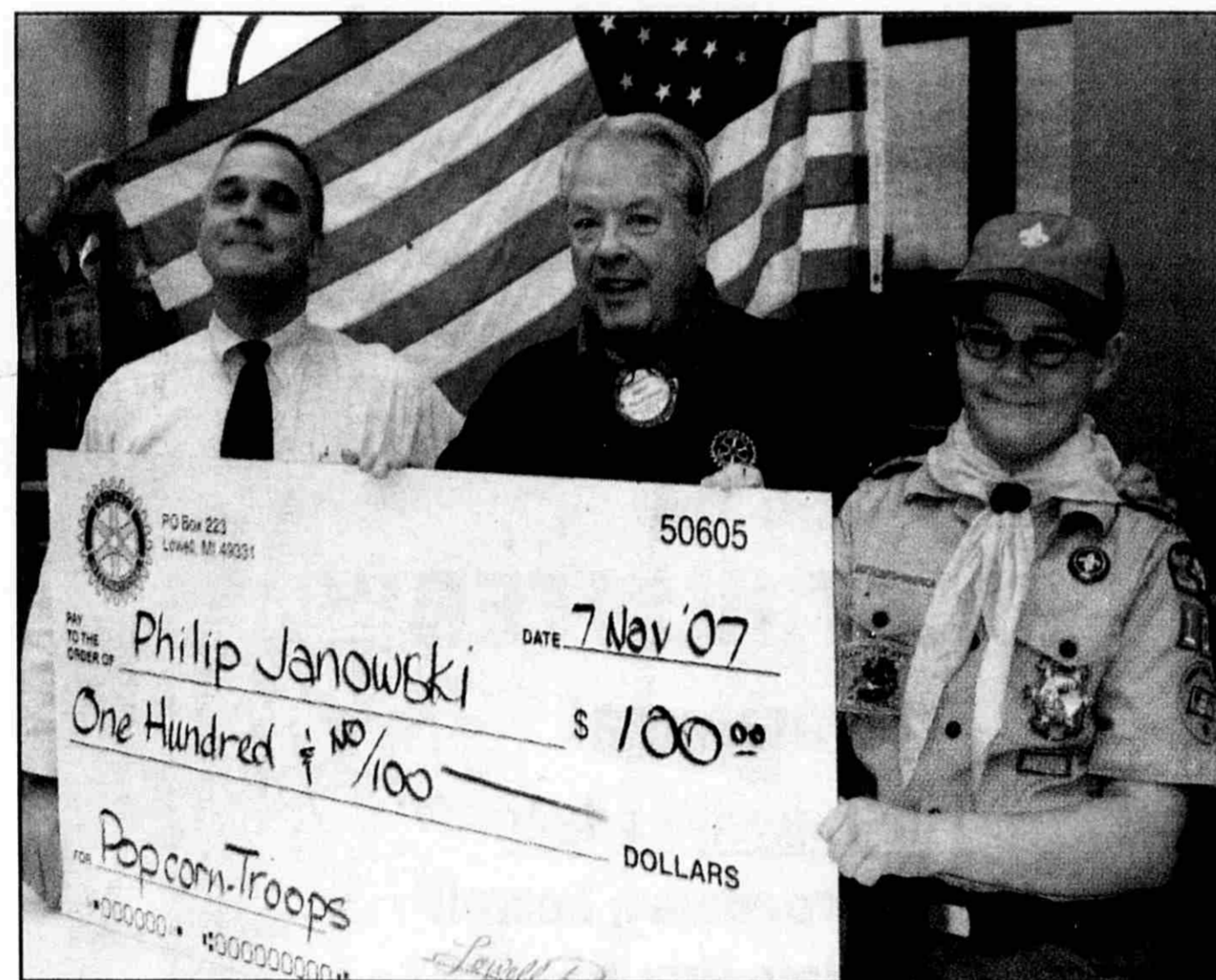
and get some positive encouraging feedback.

However, Potter definitely does not paint for money but mostly for fun.

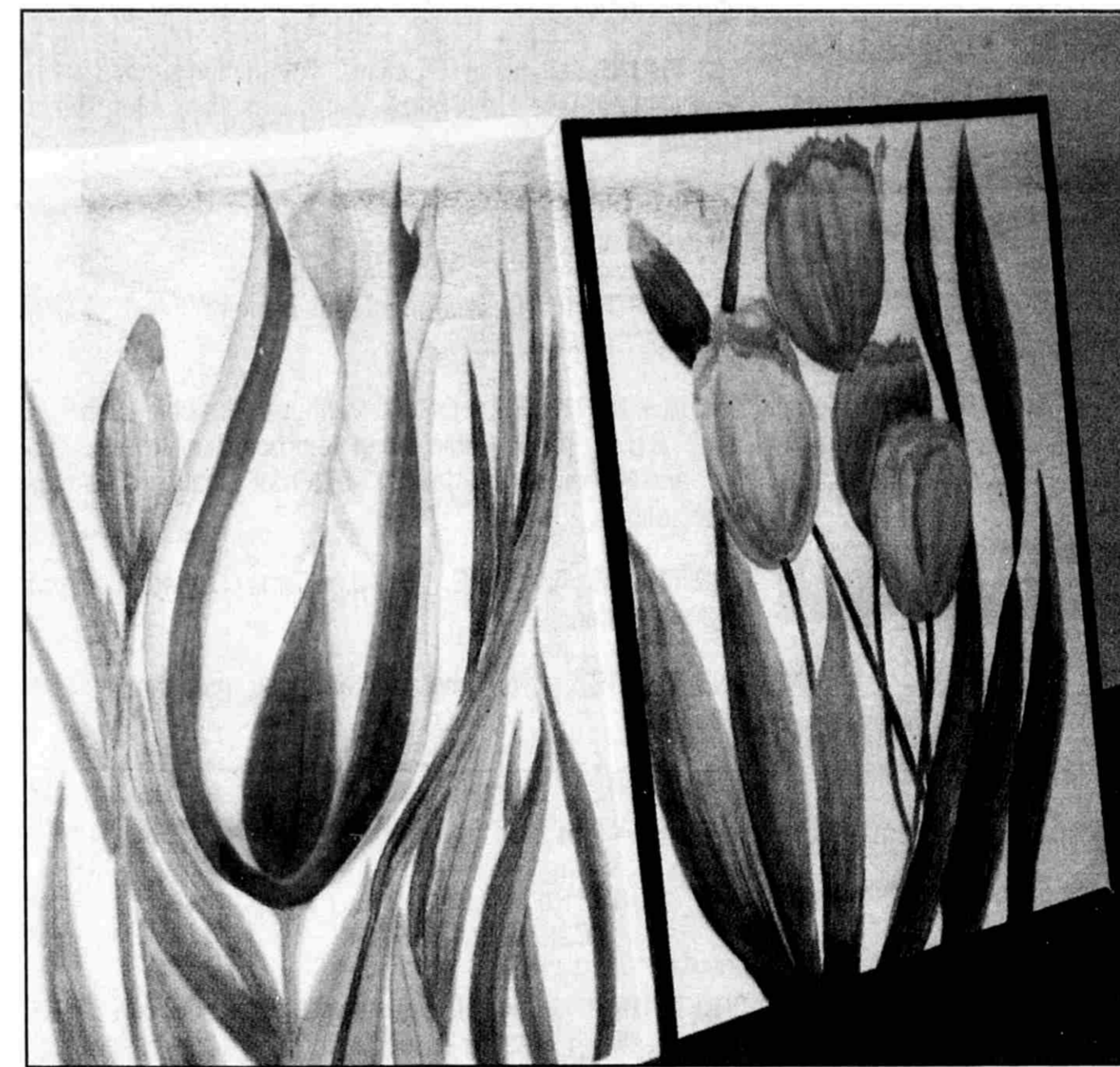
Both Davis and Potter agreed the next class assignment should be interesting. It will be the painting of rocks.

"I like my classes less formal," said Davis, "students learn better in a fun environment. Stiffness frightens."

Popcorn for the troops



Rotary president-elect Eric Lundstrom and president Dave Thompson presented a check for \$100 to Boy Scout Phillip Janowski for raising money for popcorn for the troops. Janowski has raised \$500 by placing money jars at the local businesses. "He epitomizes the attitude of service above self," said Thompson. Popcorn packets will be mailed to the troops shortly.



Judy Potter's "Tulips."

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AGING PARENTS' ISSUES SURFACE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

In Lowell, Michigan, baby boomers visiting aging parents during the holidays may be in for a shocking surprise, warns Certified Senior Advisor (**Carrie Pattee, Administrator for Fountain View of Lowell**). The pristine house and yard of the past now look shabby and neglected. Dirty dishes fill the sink and the kitchen table is covered in crumbs. Unopened bills are stacked haphazardly all over the countertops. Mom seems unfocused and Dad is having trouble getting around. It's clear that help is needed but what should family members do?

Ms. Pattee encourages clients to take advantage of the time when everyone is gathered together to initiate a conversation with parents and family members about "what if" scenarios and health and financial concerns.

Eldercare Link, one of the nation's leading free eldercare referral services agrees. CEO Robert Brooks says that historically, the week after Thanksgiving generates more requests from anxious family members than any other week of the year.

The holidays are a good time, the organization says, for family members to be alert for signs that elderly relatives may need help - physical, mental or financial. The most important thing, they say, is to look for signs of change in mood, health and living conditions. Checking in with people who visit the relative frequently can indicate whether there have been recent changes.

Some signs to look for include:

- Personal hygiene problems
- Home in disarray or needing to be cleaned
- Weight loss or weight gain - check for spoiled food or insufficient food at home
- Failure to manage medications or medical appointments
- Increased difficulty with mobility (such as climbing stairs or using a bathtub)
- Changes in judgment, mood or overall behavior
- Increased forgetfulness-check for unopened mail or unread newspapers
- Missed bill payments or other financial difficulties
- Unusual or extravagant purchases that are out of character
- Decreased social activities or failing to maintain friendships

Experts warn that it isn't necessary to panic if you recognize a few changes. Some are simply part of the aging process. Slowing down doesn't automatically mean that your parents are ready move to an assisted living facility or in with you.

This is a good time Ms. Pattee says to talk about concerns and ask parents what kind of help they would like. Start researching the options. There are many organizations that can provide expert advice about a range of senior services ranging from home health aides, visiting nurses, Meals on Wheels and Adult Day Care to financial planning and legal issues.

While you are visiting, take a look around and learn more about the community where your parents live. Visit facilities, contact senior organizations, take notes and start a file so you will know whom to call when something needs to be done. Keep adding to it and pretty soon you will be able to treat your parents to home-delivered meals or arrange for a senior companion to take your parents to meetings and special events.

When you get back home, check out some of the websites offering gadgets that can help safeguard your parents and ease your worries. Video monitors, for example, enable you to keep an eye on how your parents are coping and automated medication carousels ensure that they are taking their pills in the right dosage and at the right time.

If you feel there are legal, financial and insurance questions that need discussion, go to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging website at www.eldercare.gov for a checklist of these topics.

Ms. Pattee adds a few parting words of advice. One of the most difficult aspects of dealing with aging parents is dealing with siblings, other family members and outsiders. Everybody has an opinion or an agenda. Take the lead and encourage everyone in your family to really listen to one another, respond with respect, keep a sense of humor, and stay focused on the prize - providing your parents with the best possible quality of life.



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TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE SAVERS AND INVESTORS

Ideally, our children should learn good behavior from us. But when it comes to living within our means, and saving and investing for the future, we're not setting such a good example. Consider the following:

- Savings are low - The personal savings rate in the U.S. in 2006 and 2005 was negative - something that hadn't happened since the Great Depression. Thus far in 2007, the savings rate has crept into positive territory, but it's still anemic.
- Debt is high - Household debt, as measured by the ratio of debt payments to disposable personal income, has reached record highs over the past couple of years.

Of course, your children aren't responsible for our discouraging savings and debt trends. But if you'd like to help them boost their chances for achieving financial stability in their adult lives, you can take a number of steps, including the following:

- Reward children for saving. Children, like adults, tend to repeat behavior that is rewarded in some way. So, if you want your children to become good savers, you might want to match their contributions, either fully or partially, whenever they put money away, whether it's in a big jar or a bank account. Once they've saved a certain amount, you may want to let them withdraw part of it to purchase something they want.
- Exhibit restraint in spending. When you want to teach your children an important lesson, what you do is sometimes more important than what you say. So, if you want to stress the importance of delaying immediate gratification and avoiding excessive debts, you might want to talk about something like your car, if it's older, and say you wish you could get a new one. When your child asks why you don't, you can respond that you don't have the money for it now, and you don't want to borrow too

much money to get one, because that would just mean a big payment later on.

- Explain principles of investing. Even fairly young children can typically understand what it means to invest in stocks, if it's carefully explained to them. Use examples of the companies with which they may be familiar - Disney, McDonald's, etc. - and stick to the basics, such as the ability of anyone to own small pieces of these businesses. You might even decide to buy a few shares of one of these stocks and, along with your children, follow its returns.

- Give examples of inflation. If you want your children to become financially literate, they'll need to understand the effects of inflation. Start them out with simple examples, such as the cost of candy or milk when you were a child versus those costs today. Then, explain that as the cost of virtually everything goes up over time, you need to put some of your money in investments that can potentially grow faster than the rate of inflation.

By following these basic suggestions, you can help your children develop financial behaviors that can serve them well throughout their lives.



Insuring Our Children

With Senator Carl Levin

We in the United States are fortunate to have some of the best medical facilities and services in the world. Yet, shamefully, 2005 US Census data estimates that there are 46.6 million people in our country - approximately 15.9 percent of the population - who are uninsured.

How to provide everyone in our country access to affordable, quality health care is the subject of extensive debate. Over the years, though, we have made some progress in making sure that the most vulnerable members of our communities - including children - can receive basic medical services.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was created in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 in recognition of the need to provide medical services for children from lower income families. In the past 10 years, CHIP has received about \$40 billion in appropriations, and the program currently has about 6.6 million children enrolled. Seventy percent of those children come from families with incomes below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (\$25,752 for a family of three), and more than 90 percent

are from families with incomes below \$35,000 a year for a family of three.

Michigan's CHIP program, called MICHild, has had particularly impressive results: Michigan currently has the second lowest rate of uninsured children in the nation, trailing only Vermont, which provides universal coverage.

In the past ten years, we have seen that CHIP coverage leads to better access to preventative and primary care services, better quality of care, better health outcomes and improved performance in school.

While CHIP has been a successful program nationwide, many children who qualify for the program are unable to receive insurance because of inadequate funding. There are still 9 million uninsured children nationwide, 6 million of whom are eligible for either Medicaid or CHIP. In Michigan, 55,000 children are covered under CHIP, and 90,000 Michigan children are currently eligible for Medicaid or CHIP but are not receiving services.

To help address this problem, the Senate and House have both passed a bipartisan bill - the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 - that would increase funding for the program by approximately \$35 billion over five years and allow well over three million additional children to enroll beyond the 6.6 million children already in CHIP. Michigan would receive an additional \$64 million in funding for children's health in 2008 under this proposal, which is 44 percent more funding than the state would receive if the program was maintained at status quo. Up to 80,900 more Michigan children would have access to much-needed health insurance.

Although both houses of Congress approved the CHIP bill by large majorities - and it has the support of 43 state governors - President Bush vetoed the bill, citing opposition to the \$35 billion expansion, particularly because it is funded

through increased tobacco taxes. The administration's approach, which would add only one-seventh of the funding in the bill, would likely not even sustain the current levels of coverage and certainly would not help the millions of children still without health insurance.

Although the Senate passed the bill by a veto-proof majority of 67 votes, the vote in the House of Representatives fell 25 votes short of overriding a veto. We in Congress are now working hard to create a new bipartisan bill that addresses the items to which President Bush objected so that our children can begin to receive the care that they need.

A hardworking mother from Royal Oak, Mich., wrote: "As a single working mother, I could not afford the family insurance that my employer offered, and definitely could not afford private [insurance]. Without this insurance I do not know what I would have done. [CHIP] offered us options, doctors instead of emergency rooms, less time missed at work and school."

We have a moral obligation to provide Americans access to affordable and high quality health care. No person, young or old, should be denied access to adequate health care, and the expanded and improved Children's Health Insurance Program is an important step toward achieving that goal.

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Lowell football stuns Hudsonville in regional win

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

It was a rematch the whole team was waiting to avenge. After losing in Week 2 to Hudsonville,

Lowell again traveled to Eagles Stadium Friday night for the Regional finals. Both teams were coming off of big upsets against previously played teams; Lowell defeated Caledonia for the

District final and Hudsonville shocked Muskegon to move on.

The Eagles that outplayed a young Arrow team in August were not the same team Friday night. But

neither was Lowell. The team has steadily improved since Week 1, proving their relatively young team can match up against other big teams in the area, and more importantly, match up

against Lowell teams of the past.

Coach Noel Dean said the team just needed time.

"I said 'give me nine weeks and we'll see what these boys are made of,'" Dean said. "I'm a better man for knowing these kids."

The Red Arrows won 28-13 to move them one step closer to Ford Field and achieve their first Regional title since 2004. The team will play Midland on Saturday in the State semi-finals.

Hudsonville scored twice in the first quarter, on 34- and 18-yard runs by Jordan Jonker. Sophomore Austin Graham put Lowell on the board with an 8-yard run in the first quarter, and Kyle Nichol scored on a 3-yard run in the second to put the Arrows ahead at halftime, 14-13.

The second half belonged to the Arrows, as Nichol would dominate on offense, scoring on 1- and 61-yard runs in the third and fourth quarters.

Dean said that without the earlier match-up, his team wouldn't have made it so far.

"Without that first game, we wouldn't have had this game," Dean said.

Lowell outmatched Hudsonville both in the air and on the ground. The Arrows had 256 rushing yards and 144 passing yards, compared to Hudsonville's 244 in rushing and 28 yards in passing.

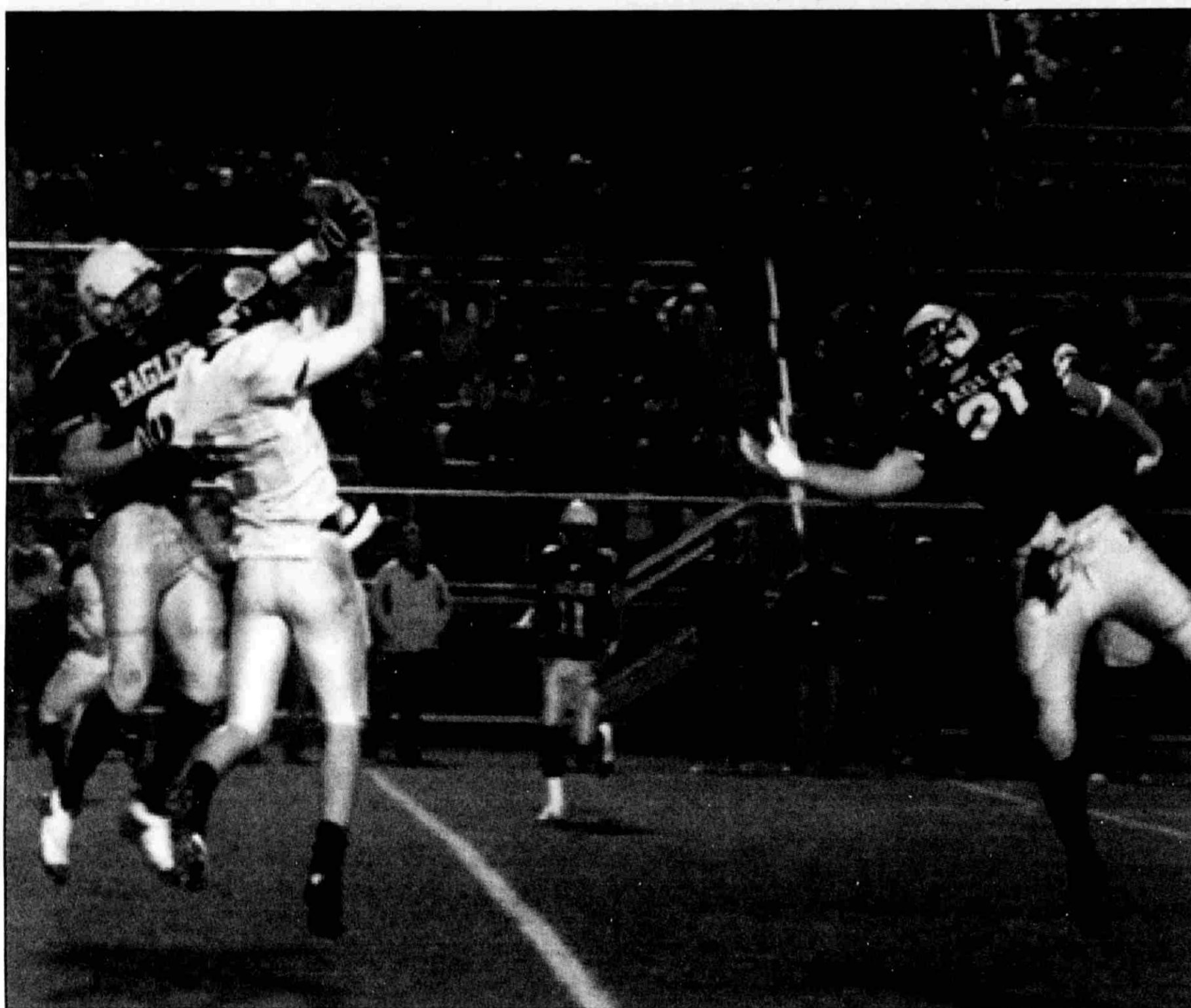
Nichol led the Arrows in rushing, with 14 attempts for 124 yards. Graham had 24 attempts for 119 yards. Alex Debnjak had 16 attempts for 161 yards for the Eagles.

Nichol was 8-12 in passing, with 65 yards. Torsten Boss was 1-1 with 79 yards. Brian Grysen was 2-8 for 17 yards for Hudsonville.

Boss led the Arrows in receiving, with 7 receptions for 134 yards, while Jacob Swift had 1 reception for 79 yards. Travis Martin had 1 reception for 12 yards for the Eagles.

Boss also led the defense, finishing with a stellar 13 tackles. Trevor Lucas of Hudsonville had 8 tackles.

More game pictures, pg. 17



Torsten Boss (4) makes a spectacular catch against two Eagle defenders.



Fall wrap up in Nov. 21 issue

Check out the Nov. 21 issue of the Lowell Ledger for a wrap up of the fall season. The All-Conference athletes in cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball will be featured, as well as the conclusion for each sport.

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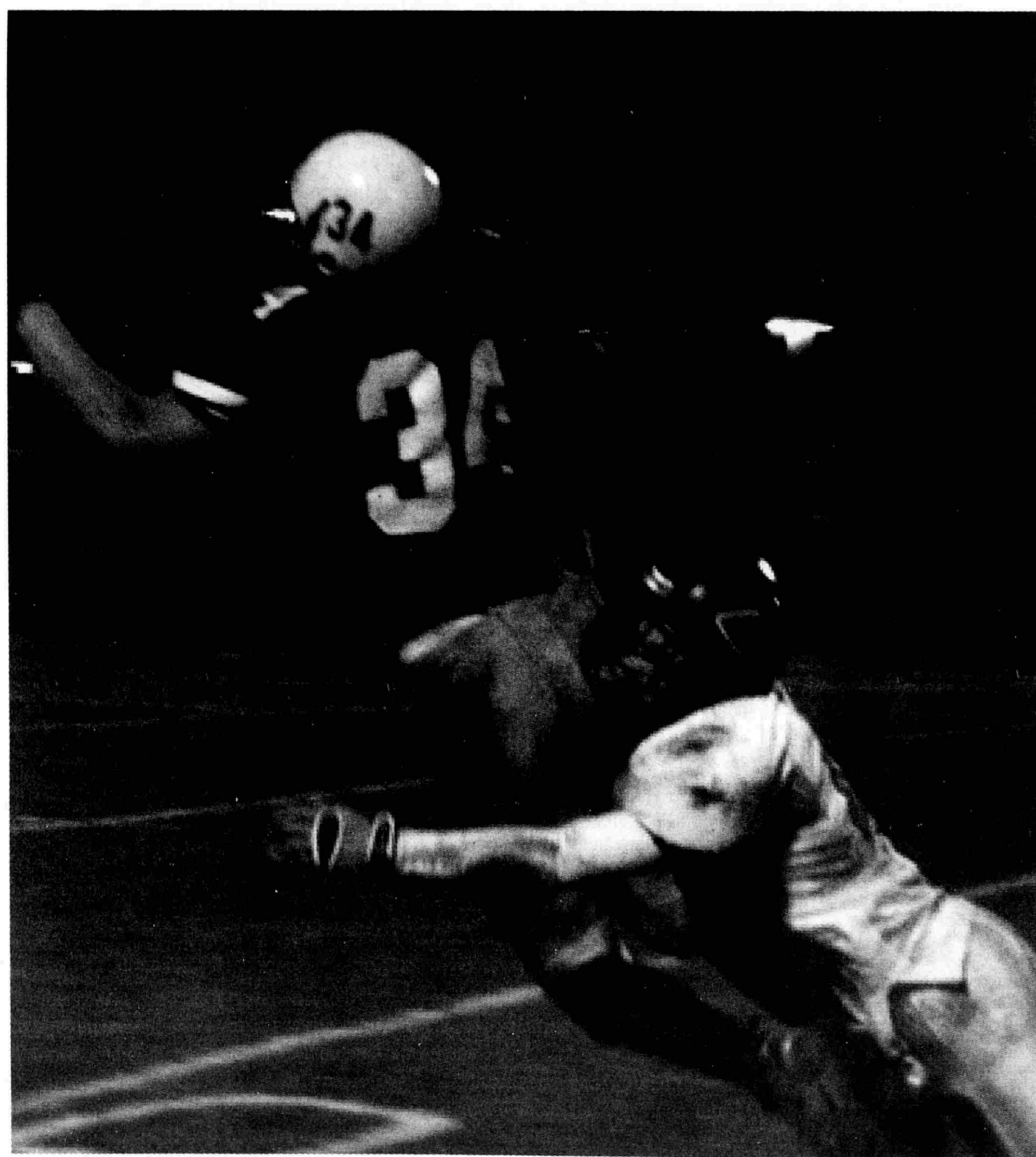
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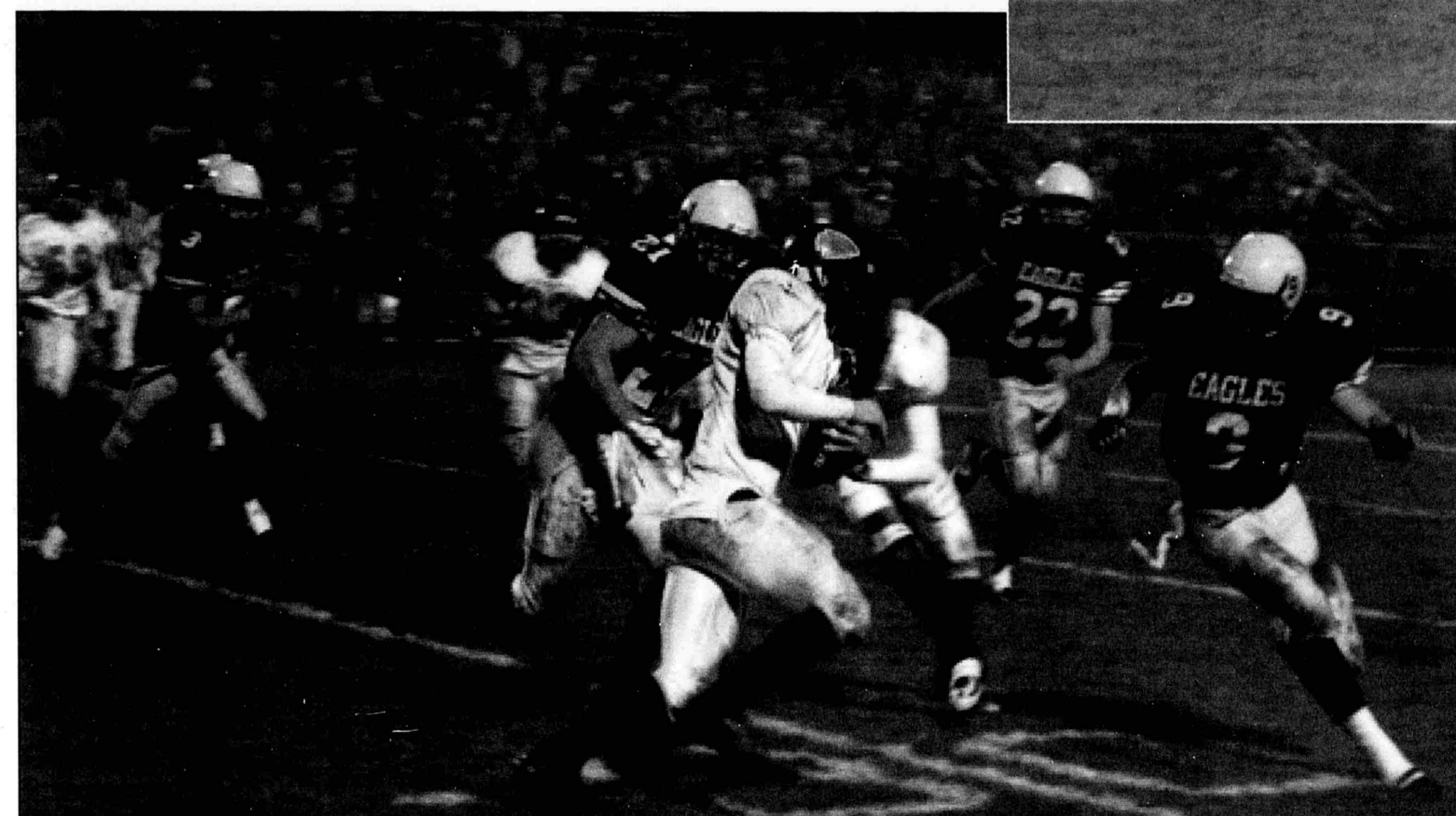
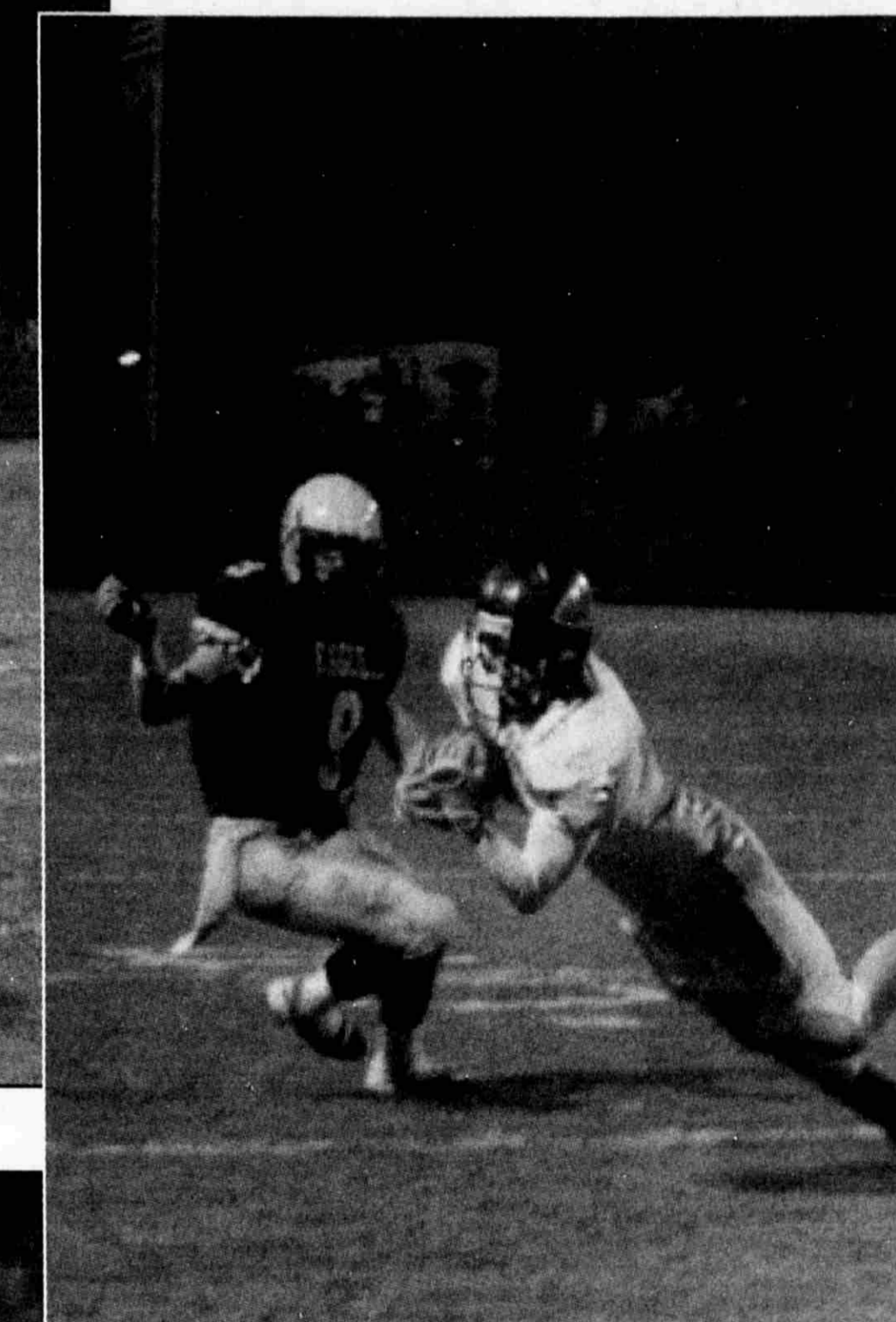
A Lowell defender tackles a Hudsonville player.

Regional champs, continued... From Page 16



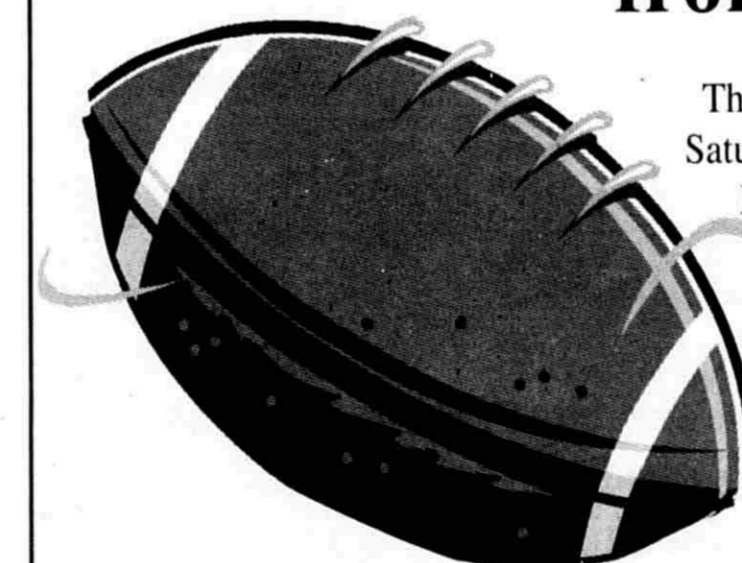
At left, Austin Graham (33) pumps his fist while Connor Kruse (55) looks on.

Below, Torsten Boss (4) makes a great catch Friday night.



Kyle Nichol (3) takes the ball up the field.

Saturday game is one step away from Ford Field



The Red Arrows (10-2) will travel to Lansing Saturday afternoon to face the Chemics of Midland (10-2). The game starts at 1 p.m. at Everett High School.

On the road to Ford Field, Lowell beat Hudsonville 28-13 last Friday to win the Regional title in Division 2. They also beat Caledonia 45-27 for the District title and Portage Central 42-7 in the first round of playoffs.

Midland defeated Davison last Friday 7-3 for their Regional finals. They have also defeated Bay City Central 48-6 and Saginaw Arthur Hill 43-29 in the 2007 playoffs.

Lowell played Davison in the first game of the season, defeating the Cardinals 7-0.

The winner of Lowell-Midland will go on to play the winner of Rochester Adams (11-1)-Detroit Martin Luther King (12-0) at Ford Field in Detroit on Friday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m.

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