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## Snowy Christmas Festivities ring in the holidays

by Emma Palova

**O**n a chilly December night in historic downtown Lowell, the second annual nighttime

parade took to the street to ring in the holiday spirit last Saturday.

More than 63 units signed up, and many kept with this year's parade green theme.

The first place for the best parade float went to Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. The Lowell Area Schools Bus Association received second place for

their green theme decorated bus.

Bus driver Betty Nelson was behind the whole idea focusing on reducing waste,

reusing and recycling of materials. "It's a green Christmas," she said.

The bus was decorated with tin can luminaries, milk jug globes and green two-liter pop bottles that formed a Christmas tree. Wreaths were made of pop cans. There was a total of 10 bus drivers walking, and one driving.

"We do something every year," said Nelson. "We want the Lowell community to know that bus drivers are involved. It's great to be exposed, to let them know we're here. It's just fun."

The third place went to Equine Medical LLC.

In the ice sculpting contest, first place People's Choice award went to Nicole Cantrelle for Penguin, second place to Natasha Buck for Seahorse, and third place to Jennifer Zirkle for Venus Fly Trap. The contest was under the direction of Bob Schultz, professor of hospitality from Grand Rapids Community College.

"Hundreds of volunteers made this year's parade a success," said chamber director Liz Baker.

This year's Girls Night Out winner Jennifer Depew of Alto was the queen of the parade riding in a Good Chevrolet vehicle along with a court composed of friends, Tanya Steffen and Sheri Litchfield.

Resident Jim Hall lit the town Christmas tree with energy efficient lights. Some of the mainstays in the parade included last year's winner, Backwater Café with the Red Neck theme, a live nativity scene, middle school band, the Calliope by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the showboat replica, created last year by Ivan Blough.

Santa will still be available for photos in his room on the Showboat Wednesdays Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 with a special Friday night on Dec. 12 and Saturdays on Dec. 13 and Dec. 20.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in Lowell Saturday night. Photo submitted by Bruce Doll

## New supervisor takes office in Lowell Township

by Emma Palova

**J**erry Hale took office of the supervisor in Lowell Township on Nov. 20. He won over incumbent Paula Blumm by a slim margin in the August primary.

Hale, a Republican, plans to continue work started

by Blumm. Most recently, the township signed an agreement with the city that will create an authority governing the fire department. This agreement covers fire department services between the city, Lowell and Vergennes townships. It splits the costs between the

three municipalities based on population, state equalized value and the number of fire runs.

Also recently, the township board approved the wind energy ordinance.

"I want to continue to run the township effectively," he said. "And to take care of citizens' needs."

Hale will now start working on the township budget which is due by April 1. He wants to continue the communication, perhaps in form of a newsletter, started by Blumm.

"We are facing the challenges of a growing community," he said.

Hale feels that all three municipalities could accomplish a lot more if they worked more closely together.

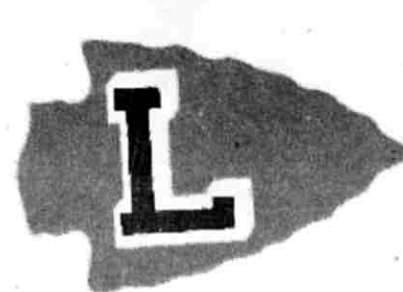
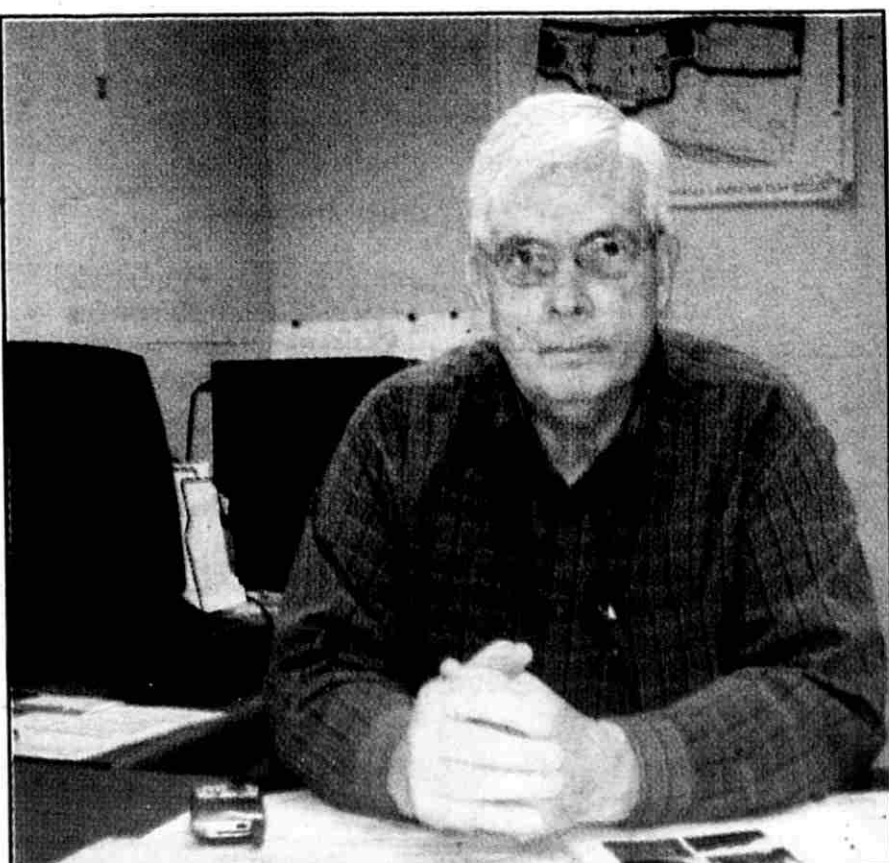
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Bus driver Betty Nelson with her parade-ready ride.



At left, Tanya Steffen, Jennifer Depew, Girls Night Out Queen of the Parade and Sheri Litchfield.



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# Obituaries

## Christmas dinner held at LAHM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum held its second annual Christmas fundraiser dinner in the Victorian dining room last week.

Always an entertaining and exciting fundraiser for the museum it is also a great way to start the holiday season.

The Flat River Grill caters the full menu that starts with appetizers, and finished with an incredible dessert. The cost for the dinner is \$50 per person and the museum receives fifty percent of that for the fundraiser, which goes for operational support.

Pictured at the table for the Victorian Dinner, starting at the left, are Linda Barnes, Dianne LaWarre, Bill Roth, Dottie Roth, Nancy Kuyers, Roger LaWarre, Connie Phillips, and Nancy Roth. Not shown in the picture are George and Pat Allchin.



## Social Security improves disability program with compassionate allowances

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Social Security is making the disability process much faster for people with rare diseases and cancers.

That's because Social Security has begun the first phase of its Compassionate

Allowances initiative - a way to expedite the processing of disability claims for applicants whose medical conditions are so severe that their conditions obviously meet Social Security's standards.

The improvements to the disability determination

process are the result of a series of public hearings where Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, received information from leading experts on cancers and rare diseases. Social Security also has been receiving technical assistance from the National Institutes of Health to ensure that the Compassionate Allowances initiative is based on sound, up-to-date medical science.

"Getting benefits quickly to people with the most severe medical conditions is both the right and the compassionate thing to do," Commissioner Astrue said. "This initiative will allow us to make decisions

on these cases in a matter of days, rather than months or years."

Social Security is launching this expedited decision process with a total of 50 conditions. Over time, more diseases and conditions will be added. A list of the first 50 impairments - 25 rare diseases and 25 cancers - as well as more information about Compassionate Allowances can be found online at www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.



### FRAZER

Bruce John Frazer, aged 62, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away December 4, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Rachel Frazer, Jr. He is survived by

his fiancé, Gerri Piechocki; sisters, Audrey Frazer and Iola Frazer (Louis Stora); brothers, Ben (Pat) Frazer, Robert (Donna) Frazer, Harry (Jean) Frazer; step-children, Penny, Michelle, and Edward; step-grandchildren, Kyle, Kalee, Mackenzie and Abbeigh; several nieces, nephews and many friends. He served two terms in the US Army during the Vietnam Crisis. Bruce drove truck for Classic Transportation over 12 years and was a truck driver for Carestar. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

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## Lowell Education Foundation organizes food drive to benefit F.R.O.M.



Lowell Area Schools staff members pose amongst over 1,200 items that were donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. The Lowell Education Association organized the event in an effort to bolster the FROM food pantry in these difficult economic times. The schools were engaged in a friendly competition to win the treasured "Golden Can" trophy which was awarded to Unity High School as their staff tallied an astounding 24 items-per-person average donation. Rounding out the top three schools: Alto had a 12 items-per-person average donation and Cherry Creek had a 16 items-per-person average donation, as well as the highest total of any school bringing in 454 items.

## College News

Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design has announced

the students who have received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in August 2008.

Students from Blair Jeffers, Lindsey Kicz, Kristie Kurth, Graham Otten, Alyssa Spielmaker, Tricia Trombly, and Ryan Walker.

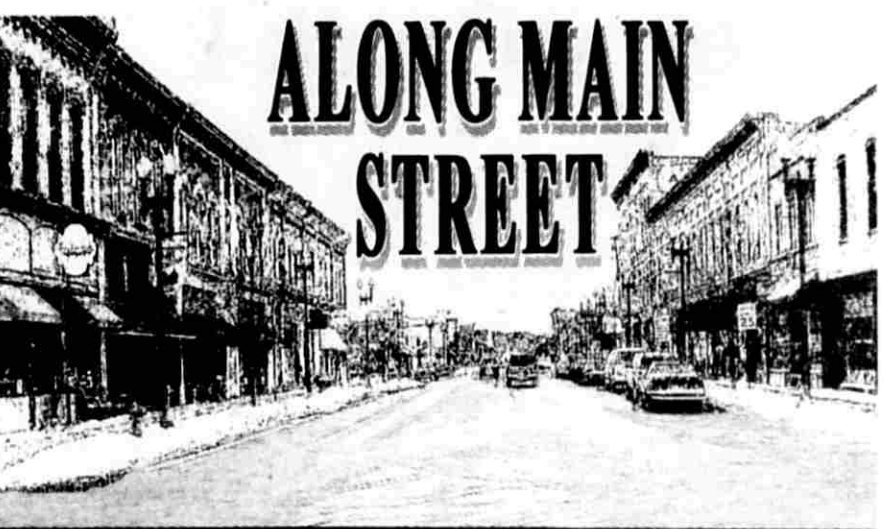
Students from Alto included: Lauren Alexander, Allen Devoll, and Judith Mendez.

Students from Lowell included: Corinne Cozzaglio, Brittany Huisman, Whitney Jernigan, Andrew Kelly, Blake Spoelman, Linda Stretton, Marissa Thaler, and Andrew Vogel.

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"We need to continue the cooperation," he said. The township has cooperated with the city on creating uniform standards along the M21 corridor, mainly signage and lighting standards. "I look forward to doing this," Hale said. "And to serving the people of Lowell Township."

According to Hale, Walgreens has completed the purchase of property on M21 and Bowes Road. They plan to break ground in January.



**CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce nighttime Christmas parade will be shown on Channel 20 on Wed., Dec. 10 at 12 noon, Thurs., Dec 11 at 6 p.m., Fri., Dec 12 at 5 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.

**TOTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
An event especially for families with preschoolers; crafts, songs, games and cookie decorating. Thurs., Dec. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 300 High St., gym. \$1 per child, under one free. Questions contact Kathy Cole, 987-2532.

**CHRISTMAS IN FALLSBURG**  
Please join us for our community celebration. "Christmas in Fallsburg" on Sat., Dec. 13, 6-8 p.m. at the Fallsburg Schoolhouse, 13944 Covered Bridge Rd. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults, which will go to the continued preservation of our historic village. For additional information, 897-7161 or www.fallsburg.org.

**LESSONS & CAROLS**  
The Lowell Congregational Choir, under the direction of organist Joel Gray will present "Lessons & Carols" on Sun., Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Please come.

**RETIREMENT PARTY**  
There will be a retirement party for Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine on Tues., Dec. 16, 4-6 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, Council Chambers. Public welcome.

**FAMILY TREE NIGHT AT LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
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## LOWELL RED ARROW WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

### Long season will serve Lowell's inexperience well

by Thad Kraus  
Sophomore inexperience sprinkled in with senior leadership and what do you have? Lowell second-year coach Dani Gallert, believes by the end of the 2008-09 season, a pretty good basketball team. "It's going to take some mingling, playing together and evolving, but we're going to end up a better basketball team," Gallert said. "It will take some time."

The Lowell coach calls this year's club deeper than last year's 11-9 team. "We have any one of four sophomores who are capable of stepping up for us."

The four sophomores, who fans will be hearing a lot about over the next three years, are Katie Tompkins, Bryleigh Loughlin, Taylor Flanagan and Kallie Holzhueter.

Tompkins and Holzhueter are strong outside shooters. Tompkins has a strong inside presence.

Gallert calls Flanagan the next Hannah Oberlin. "She can play inside or outside, handles the ball well and can block shots," Gallert said.

Loughlin is the fighter. She's the one diving to the floor for a loose ball, working tenaciously on

defense and pulling down an offensive rebound.

The Red Arrow core four is senior-laden. Oberlin is the most versatile Lowell player. She can play outside or inside, is a stellar defensive player and can score.

Logan DeClercq is the fire. The senior provides the defensive heat. "She plays in-your-face defense and is very quick," Gallert explains.

Kara Rasch may be Lowell's best scorer on the roster. She runs the floor quite well and knows how to get to the basket.

Sarah Fetzer is the team hustler. "She also gives us a solid presence in the middle. Sarah works hard and is not afraid to be physical," Gallert said.

Seniors Krista Foster and Sara Messing should also contribute. Foster is a threat from behind the arc and Messing is a good all-around player.

"I think we're pretty balanced offensively. Defensively, I see us pressing more than we did a year ago," Gallert explains. "Our keys to being successful will be playing together better, cutting down on our turnovers and our sophomores gaining experience."

Like it or not the league has been strengthened by the addition of perennial basketball power Grand Rapids Christian. Gallert calls the Eagles the conference favorites with Northview and East Grand Rapids not too far behind.

First row, left to right: Taylor Flanagan, Logan DeClercq, Krista Foster, Sara Messing, and Kallie Holzhueter; second row, left to right: Danielle Gallert, Katie Tompkins, Hannah Oberlin, Bryleigh Loughlin, Sarah Fetzer, and Kara Rasch.



### Non-traditional approach may spell hardwood success

by Thad Kraus  
Missing are an honorable mention and two all-conference starters from the 12-7, 2007-08 Lowell basketball team.

Leaving eighth-year head coach Jeff MacDonald to a nontraditional approach which will deploy four players on the perimeter and one in the post.

The scheme is intended to help dictate tempo and force opposing guards into doing something they are not accustomed to... guarding the post.

"In this offense our guards will be posting up their defenders," MacDonald explained. "We'd like to be able to change the tempo of game with our approach."

With graduation, the Red Arrows lost 83 percent of their scoring from a year ago. They will look to senior shooting guard Tim Hettinga for a big year. "He will play a lot of minutes. He's a great kid with skill," MacDonald said.

His ability to find the open shot will be enhanced by the point guard play of Jon Hanson and Jacob Meyer. Both will battle for play at the point guard position.

The front line will be

anchored by the man in the middle, Josh Faulkner (6'3" 245 pounds). "Josh has shown incredible improvement. He's strong, has great hands and when he wants the ball in the post he will get it," MacDonald explained.

Juniors Isaac Tawney and Derrick Cornish will both see time. "Derrick makes plays and Isaac has really been a pleasant surprise for us thus far," MacDonald said.

Seniors Danny Lane and Mitchell Malling are also expected to contribute. "Danny is our junkyard dog. He's active and plays extremely hard. Mitchell didn't play much last year due to a bad ankle injury, but he's healthy, athletic, runs the floor well and can jump," MacDonald explained.

Senior Lance Fargo had limited playing time last year, but his high energy will earn him some time in 2008-09.

Offensive success will depend on spacing and Lowell's ability to drive to the basket or enter into the post effectively.

Kevin Luyk and Zach Noskey, role players, are also expected to contribute.

The league in which Lowell finished second last year has changed, but predictions of East Grand Rapids being a favorite has not. "East will be very good and they have a big guy (6'7" 250 pounds) in the

middle who is also good." MacDonald said.

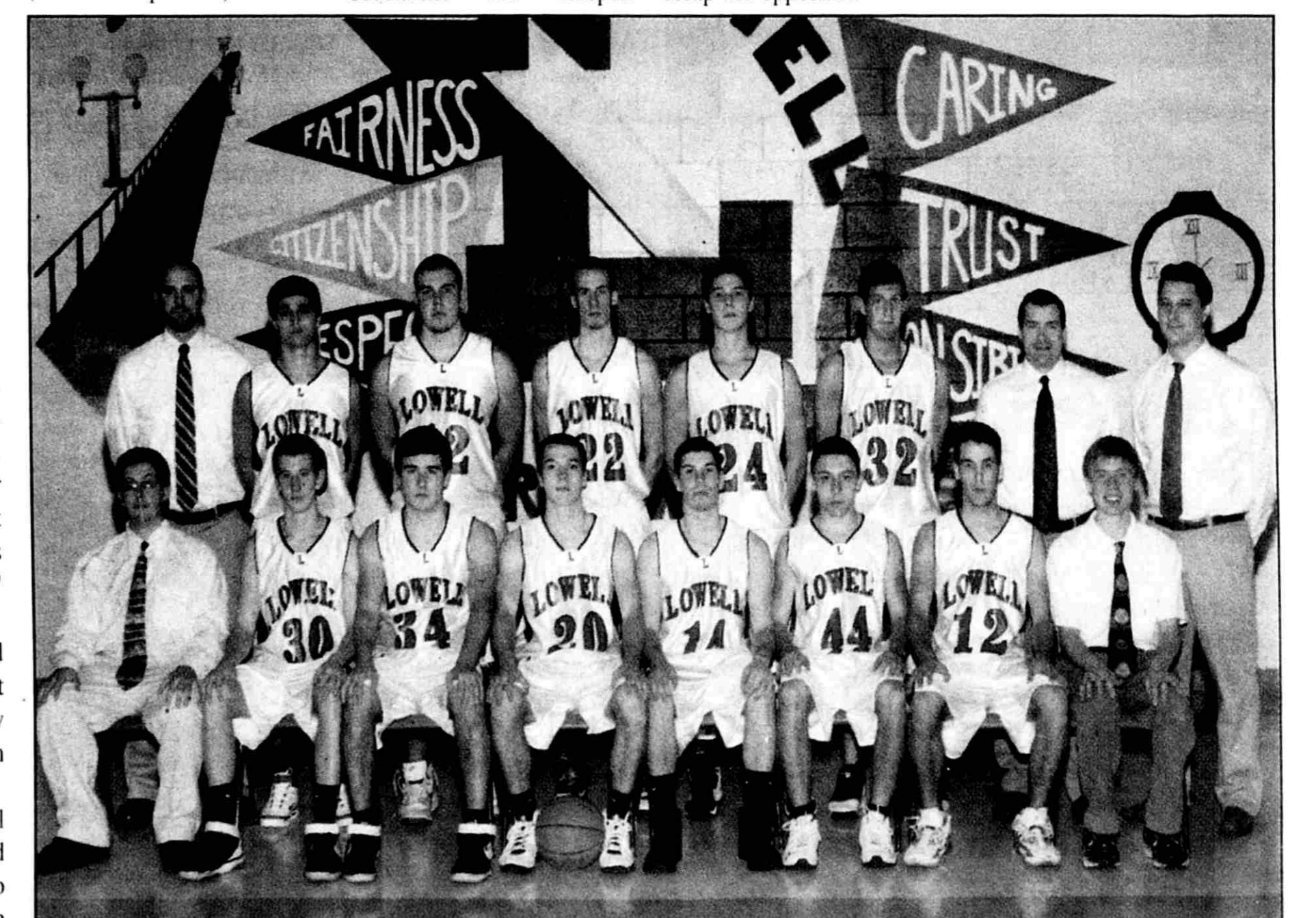
Grand Rapids Christian, new to the O-K White this year, is also expected to be good.

MacDonald calls Greenville the sleeper.

"You don't want to be caught sleeping against the Yellowjackets."

Lowell's success, according to its coach, will be determined in part on its hustle and willingness to out scrap the opponent.

The Red Arrows open its season at home against Cedar Springs on Dec. 12. That will be followed by away games at Lakewood and Northview.



First row, left to right: Matthew Spickler, Jon Hanson, Zach Noskey, Tim Hettinga, Lance Fargo, Jacob Meyer, Derek Cornish, and Jeff Kropf; second row, left to right: Nic Bond, Mitchell Malling, Josh Faulkner, Danny Lane, Isaac Tawney, Kevin Luyk, Jeff McDonald, and Jordan Beel.



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## Qualifying for regional could be just a few good tumbles away



by Thad Kraus

Kari Dawson, Lowell's competitive cheer coach, hopes her club takes a number of tumbles this year. Furthermore, she hopes they're doozies.

"For us to take the next step we must develop more gymnastic/tumbling skills," Dawson said. "We have to manufacture harder tumbling skills. This is the round that could hold us back from qualifying for the regional."

Of the 19 girls on this year's roster, 13 competed at the varsity level last year. "This is the strongest group I've had in three years. These girls went to cheer camp at

Alma College for three days over the summer and learned new material, and garnered new ideas and experience from a new staff," Dawson said. At the end of the three-day camp, Lowell was awarded top team honors. Anchoring the 2008-09 Red Arrow competitive cheer team are seniors Sydney Burrows, Theresa Buist, Alex Herb and Kylee Karas. "Sydney is the reliable one. Knows everything about everything. Theresa is fearless. She'll do whatever it takes to compete and win. Alex is our rock. We depend on her for all the extra things. Kylee is our

ice breaker. When we need a laugh she's there for us," Dawson explained.

Competitive cheer competition is broken down into three rounds, leadership (presence and flat cheer), 10 count/five skills and tumbling and stunting.

Lowell opens its schedule against Comstock Park.

The nine-team O-K Rainbow league favorite is Kenowa Hills. Grand Rapids Christian and Sparta could be a challenge according to Dawson. "We finished fourth in a six-team conference last year. Our goal is to compete and to finish high up in the league," Dawson said.

First row, left to right: Sarah Baughman, Theresa Buist, and Hailey DeGrote; second row, left to right: Becky Chamberlain, Kate Scudder, Ericka Claypool, Anna Scudder, and Erin Fleet; third row, left to right: Alex Cooley, Rachel Copeyon, Alex Herb, Kylee Karas, Cassidy Venneman, and Lindsey Stehley; fourth row, left to right: Christen Baerwalde, Lauren Gurd, Sydney Burrows, Molly Fizer, and Montana Bergy.

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## OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

It doesn't officially start until Dec. 20, but let's have some fun before the bowl season begins.

There are 34 bowl games in all. I'm here to tell all you fine readers of the Lowell Ledger that I believe I can correctly pick the winner of all 34.

At the very least pick more winners than any of those who dare do the same.

Here's the deal, I'm picking all the winners this week. I encourage any and all readers to do the same before 5 p.m. on Dec. 19 and either drop off or mail their selections to the Ledger office.

If there are any participants who choose more games correctly than I do, The Ledger will put those names in a hat and pick a winner. The winner will receive a \$50 certificate to the Victory Club.

If, which is likely, none of you do, than Thad will go!

### Here are the games:

- Navy vs Wake Forest
- Colorado State vs Fresno State
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- BYU vs Arizona
- Troy vs Southern Mississippi
- Boise State vs TCU
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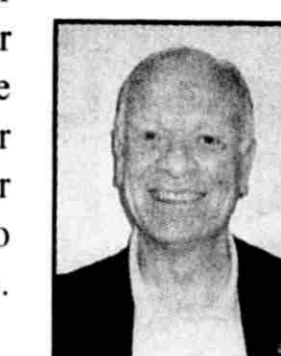
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## BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

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 The weekend has finally arrived for determining bowl destinations. Meanwhile we attended the local worship service where we frequent. The sermon/homily was "Faith...in Times Like These." The theme was based on Hebrew 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Excellent message.

Now, for the reason of including the sermon on faith in this column. First, a few general comments. 1. How bad is the economy? We all know it's a little shaky. Plus the Michigan unemployment rate is 9 percent. Right? So doesn't that mean that 91 percent are employed? So let's get that 91 percent to fix it. Easier said than done. Yet...I like those odds. Keep looking up, friends. Keep looking up.

So it's official. Penn State will play USC in the Rose Bowl on Jan 1.

The Spartans will play Georgia in The Capitol One in Orlando on Jan 1.

Northwestern will play Missouri in The Alamo.

The Hawkeyes will play South Carolina in The Outback.

The Gophers will play Kansas in The Insight.

And The Badgers will play Florida State in the Champs Sports Bowl.

As we get closer to Christmas, maybe I will predict the number of wins for the Big Ten. For now, expect the Big Ten to play tough.

2. Spartan Coach Dantonio arrived at Duffy Daugherty Football Building two years ago (Hire date 11/28/2006). Coach D did not have evidence that he could see a 7-5 and 9-3 season. In fact he arrived in a program that was in disarray. He did have faith that when things are done right, when unifying leadership is central, when through an accurate assessment of players is done, when consistent tough training is mandated and at the core every day, and when off the field activity is regarded as just as important as on the field production, good things will happen. Now two years later, we know the rest of the story.

3. Iowa struggled early in the season, and actually won five conference games and eight total wins. They have a tough defensive line.

4. Minnesota surprised most everyone and will be going bowling.

5. Wisconsin struggled through a disappointing October partly because of offensive line injuries and then finished strong.

So have faith. The word "faith," starts with the letter "f." Lots of healthy words start with "f." Faith, friends, family and FOOTBALL.

See you next week and allow me to leave you with this...Give, then save, then plan your work and work your plan, then make more good decisions. What is the sign of a good decision? It's feeling confident...even in uncertain times. Yes, have faith especially in uncertain times with friends, family and football.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell girls unable to overcome hardwood turnovers

by Thad Kraus

After three games, and more turnovers than she dare count, Lowell's Dani Gallerts had this advice for her Red Arrow girls' basketball team, "Calm down you're doing things too fast."

Lowell has averaged nearly 30 turnovers a game in its opening three games. The results were a 54-41 loss to Kentwood, a 46-44 defeat at the hands of Ottawa Hills and a 46-32 beating at the hands of Forest Hills Northern.

"We're just not taking care of the ball. The girls are rushing and doing things in a panic mode," Gallert said. "We had 17 steals in our loss to Northern, but we gave them all back and then some."  
The Red Arrows turned

the ball over 36 times against the Huskies. "The majority of the turnovers haven't even been forced," Gallert explained. Despite the turnovers, Lowell trailed by only four at half-time, 20-16.

The Red Arrows, however, were bitten by third-quarter scoring woes for a third consecutive game.

Lowell was outscored by FHN 11-2, pushing a four-point deficit to 13 at 31-18.

In three games Lowell has scored a combined 13

points in the third quarter. Hannah Oberlin led all Lowell players with 12 points and Kara Rasch added eight.

In its loss to Ottawa Hills, Lowell could not protect a five-point (33-28) advantage over the last eight minutes. Ottawa Hills outscored the Red Arrows 18-11 in the fourth quarter.

Dominique Gordon led the victors with 14 points and Arielle Edwards contributed with 12.

Rasch led Lowell with 16 and Oberlin chipped in with 12.

Lowell played its best game against the best team (Kentwood) its played thus far.

The Red Arrow defense held Kentwood's leading scorer (Crompton) to seven points, but was hurt by her teammate (Gordon) who threw in 22.

Lowell led 29-28 after two quarters, but a 14-4 Kentwood burst in the third quarter gave the Falcons a 42-34 lead with a quarter to play. Rasch led Lowell in scoring with 13 points and Hannah Oberlin tallied 11.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Late decision helps Lowell "Kruse" to 34-32 victory

by Thad Kraus

Wrestling for the first time this season and as the feature act at its high school pep assembly, Lowell battled back from a huge deficit to defeat Detroit Catholic Central 34-32.

"It was a nice quality win. Our guys came through," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean.

Lowell dropped six of its opening eight matches and found itself looking up at a 29-10 deficit going into its 152-pound match. Who better to start a comeback than Jackson Morse, the club's best wrestler. The junior had to work before posting a 20-6 major decision and cutting the deficit to 14 at 29-15.

Gabe Dean, 160 pounds, controlled his match throughout, before giving up some points late, in earning a 12-8 decision.

With Catholic Central's lead cut to 11 (29-18), Tim Gingerich brought the deficit (29-24) into single digits as he levied a pin at 3:44 of the second period.

Detroit Catholic Central's void at 189

propelled Lowell into its first lead of the afternoon at 30-29.

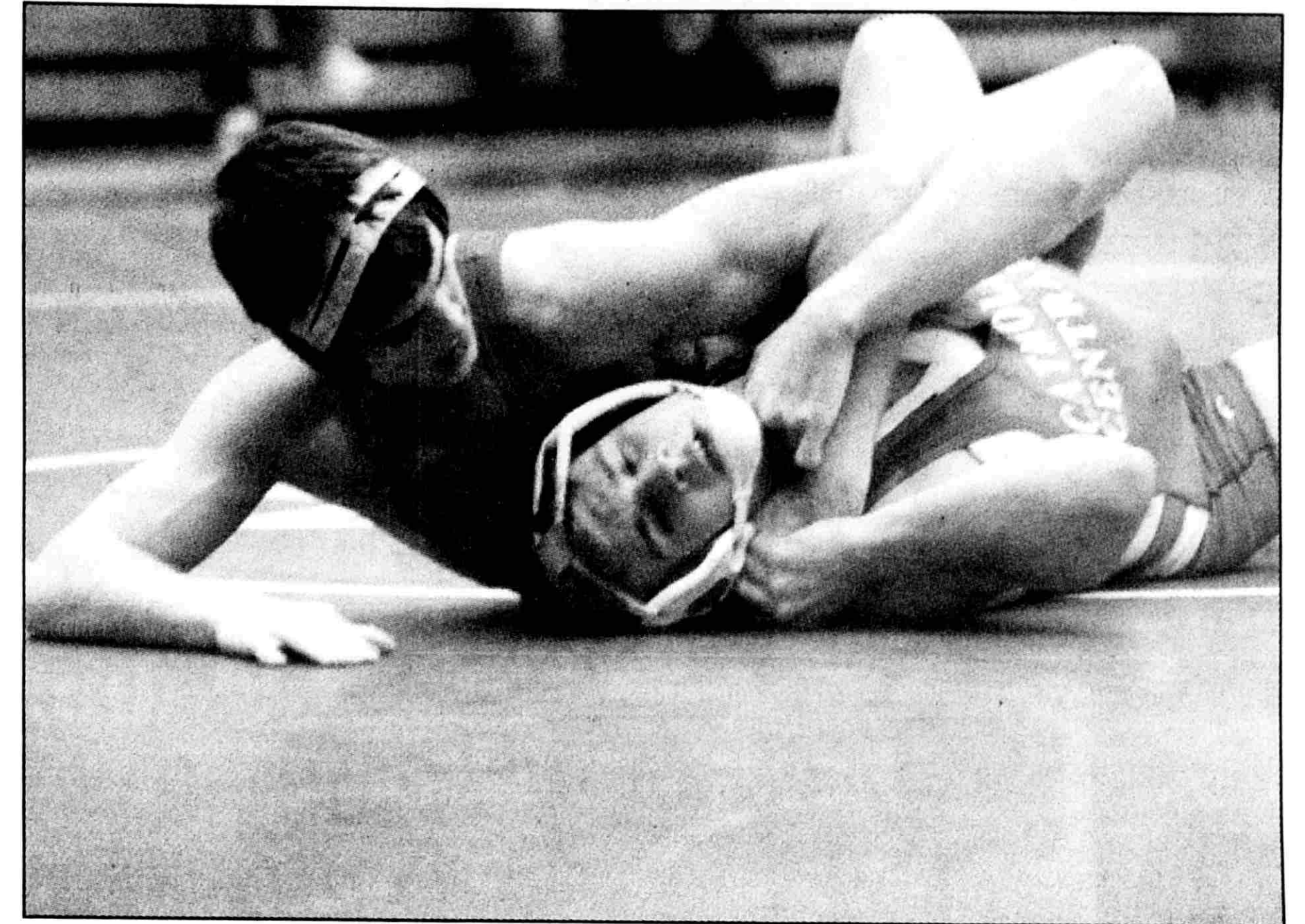
It was short lived as Red Arrow Tom Fleet lost a bruising 8-3 decision at 215 pounds, giving Central a precarious 32-30 advantage with one match to wrestle. Lowell heavyweight Connor Kruse, using a distinct size advantage, bullied his way to a 14-6 decision, giving Lowell a thrilling two-point victory.

"That was the epitome of high school wrestling," said Detroit Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock. "Our kids fought and learned against a well trained, well coached Lowel team. The difference was Lowell earned more bonus points."

The visitors jumped out to a 23-0 advantage with pins at 103 and 125, a void at 119 and a major decision at 112.

"That's a better wrestling team than I realized," Dean said. "They are well coached and their kids have sound technique and maintain great positioning."

Tyler Jack, wrestling at 130 pounds, posted Lowell's



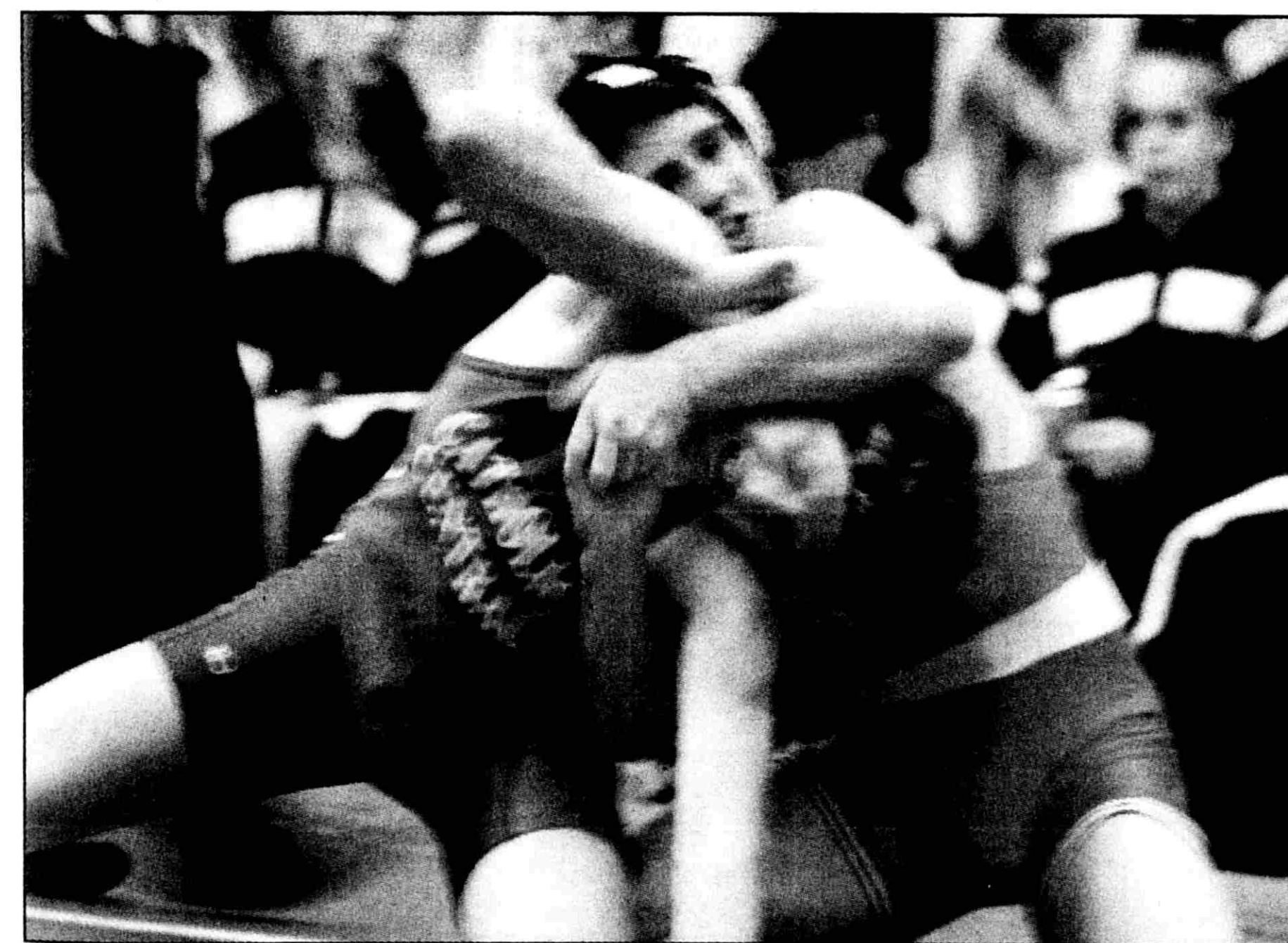
Jackson Morse, 152, sparked Lowell's comeback victory against Detroit Catholic Central with a 20-6 technical fall.

first crooked number with a pin at 4:52 of the third period. Following Dan Fleet's tough 6-4 loss at 135 pounds, Andrew Morse

earned a convincing 17-6 win at 140 pounds. Detroit Catholic Central answered back with a 6-2 decision

over Red Arrow Rocky Palbon. "Tyler came through for us and he had to fight to get it done," Dean said.

"That was also a hard fought six minutes that Tom Fleet gave us. After a match like this our kids' eyes are wide open."



Gabe Dean earned a 12-8 decision in his 160-pound match.

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dent in the 10,000 lives that can be reached," said Struckmeyer.

The church will work together with the high school and middle school, and YMCA to meet the needs of teens and families with teens.

"It's a multi-generational church that wants to meet the needs of teens and families with teens," said Struckmeyer.

Struckmeyer said Ignite is very interested in Larkin's Other Place.

"All spaces are sacred from the coffee shop to the theater," he said. "God is

there as much as anywhere else. That's where people want to go, to entertainment venues and be there with God. It's all about people banding together to try to love God, one another and the world we live in."

Larkin's Other Place would serve more as a community center than a traditional church with family programming and community events.

According to Struckmeyer, churches are allowed to make a certain percentage of profit in a for profit entity like the coffee shop.

"It's not a money maker but a social space in the community," he said. "We want to maintain the coffee shop to gather and talk about life and the daily grind."

The goal is for the coffee shop to be self-sustaining rather than receiving money from the church. Struckmeyer likened the coffee shop to a barber shop of the 1950s.

"It's where people are at," he said. "Not some location where you go for one hour once a week. It's about the people not the building."

Struckmeyer, born and raised Catholic, doesn't think of himself as leaving the Catholic church. He was a high school teacher and a coach, and did student ministry.

Church planting is part of a global and national movement to revitalize faith.

"Church in America is dying," he said. "US is the third largest mission field."

Struckmeyer expects to have a purchase agreement for Larkin's Other Place by the end of the year. He hopes to start renovations

in January pending approval from West Michigan District of the Wesleyan Church for approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 in renovations. He is planning a soft launch in March, with completion by fall of 2009.

"We will continue to planting movement," he said. "Reaching new lives."

Mike Larkin said, "We're still in negotiations. It's a back and forth situation. Churches don't have a lot of money. We're still booking."

Ignite is partnering with

Calvary Christian Reformed Church to create a new planting.

Rachel Stadt and Marsha Johnson are co-managers of Voyages. Stadt previously worked at the coffee shop.

"I love seeing people meeting," she said. "The business has been steady all along."

Voyages no longer serves sandwiches, but does serve soup in bread bowls. They added sozo coffee, and East End Pastries will also stay.

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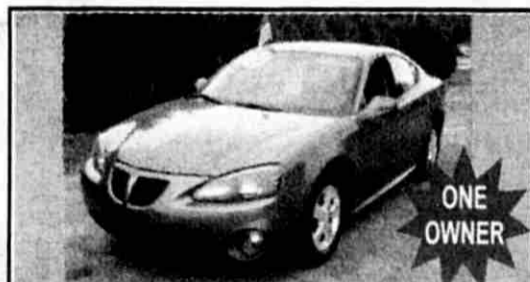


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