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## Rail to trail group making steady progress

by Emma Palova

With the pending acquisition of the Lowell to Ionia trail by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the splitting of the trail project into another piece, from Lowell to Greenville, the local group marked progress last week.

The group consisting of representatives from three counties, Ionia, Kent and Montcalm, made a \$50,000 down payment towards the purchase from the Meijer Foundation to continue the option to buy. In the meantime Belding will be applying for an enhancement grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation to complete the purchase of the Lowell to Greenville portion.

Both trails will connect into the existing trail systems in Ionia and Greenville. Due to upcoming participation

in the community expos in March, the group discussed the naming of the trails for marketing purposes. The Lowell to Ionia trail will be an extension of the existing trail in Ionia, and will carry its name.

"Separating the corridors helped move the project along," said chairwoman Carolyn Kane of West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition.

The Lowell to Greenville portion may be named the Flat River Trail, if Greenville agrees to the name. Also, a purchase agreement with the Mid Michigan railroad will have to be extended past April, along with the next down payment. Rail banking on the Lowell to Greenville trail has been renewed in December.

The question of the trail management again resurfaced. A single entity such as an interlocal agreement may manage

the trail and apply for grants on behalf of all the involved parties.

Roger Sabine of Kent County Parks said a single agency will better position the group to apply for grants, rather than compete against each other.

"One agency will be responsible as the fiduciary," said Sabine.

Currently, crews are surveying the Lowell to Greenville portion, according to Dave Austin of Williams and Works.

A video, maps and a sign up sheet along with other information and giveaways will be available at the community expos in March, in Ionia, Greenville and Lowell. The Lowell Expo will be held on March 28.

## Tae kwon do teaches discipline, relieves stress

by Emma Palova

His driveway is lined with American and Korean flags. A large banner states, "the House of Discipline."

Thomas Young Hoon Park of Seoul, Korea, now in residence in Ada, just outside of Lowell, is a grand master of the ancient old

martial art of tae kwon do. Park has a seventh degree black belt from the World Taekwondo Federation.

What does exactly tae kwon do mean?

Word by word, it means kicking, punching and a way of life. Yes, that is Park's mission to teach the martial arts way of life to the free spirited American children and adults.

"Here kids are free, sometimes they lack discipline, respect," he said. "In Korea it's all about respect and discipline."

So, Park wants to use tae kwon do as an educational tool to others, maybe those who want to lose weight, learn discipline in eating and other lifestyle habits.

"It's like elementary school, you keep on training," he said.

Under his belt, Park has 36 years of training in tae kwon do. That translates into being a grand father of tae kwon do. He is also a marathon runner with medals from both California and Michigan. Park opened his tae kwon do academy at 9580 E. Fulton in September of last year.

He built a big pole barn that serves as a gym for the training and exercises. It takes approximately three months to master the basic skills of tae kwon do, and to lose weight and gain more muscle, according to Park.

"Kids become more respectful, positive," he said. "Adults become more flexible."

And the exercise does not necessarily have to be coupled with a diet, as long as the proposed regiment is at least three times a week for about an hour.

Throughout his years of training others and himself, Park has found out that women are more flexible than men, even though men are stronger in the moves.

"There is a difference in muscle," he said. "Men and women do the same exercises but gain different skills."

There is a certain ritual to each tae kwon do exercise. First, the students bow to the flag, and then to

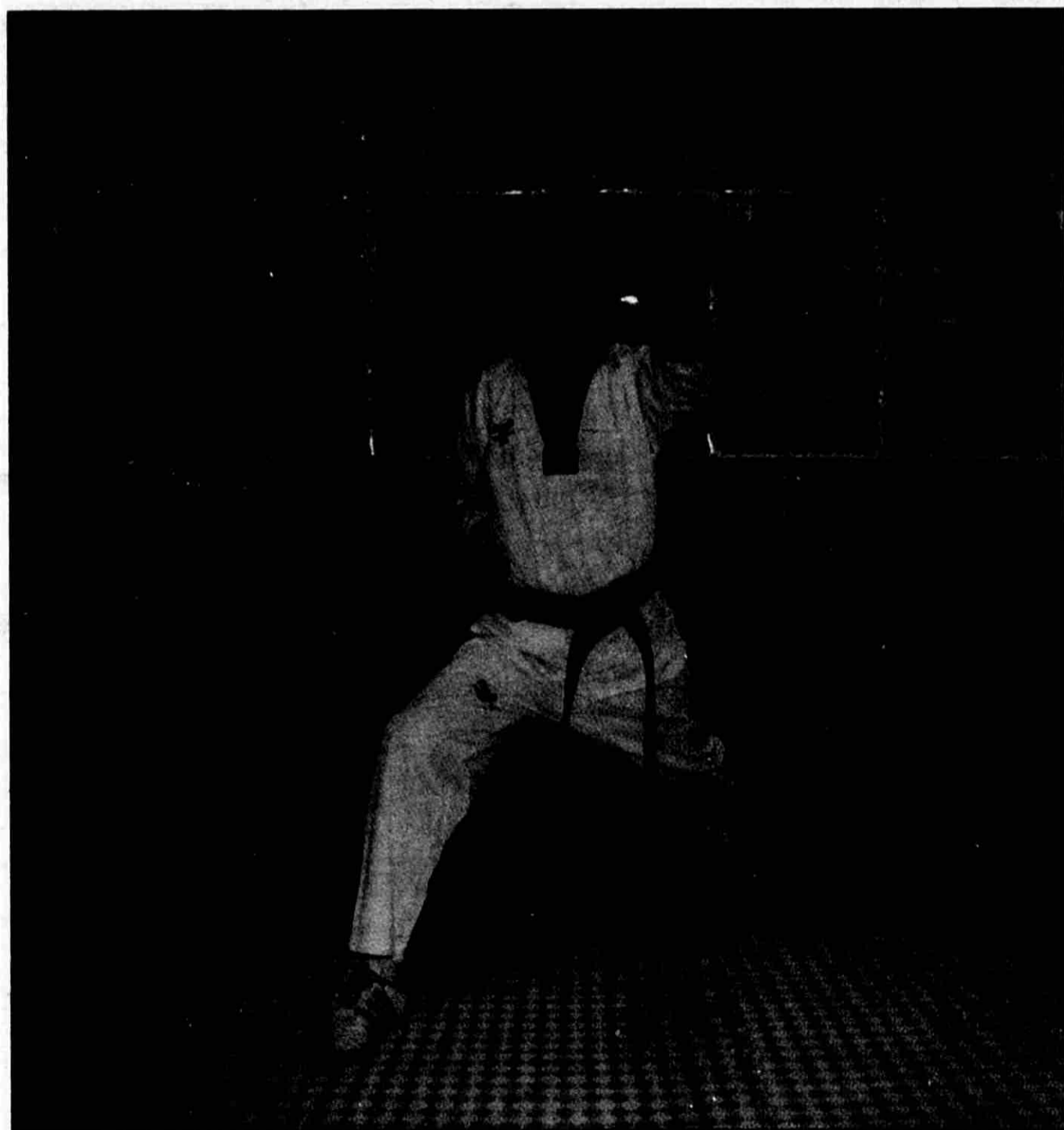
the master. This exemplifies that country comes first before the individual. The attire is also important. The beginning student wears a white 'dobok' or uniform with a white belt.

"That means vacancy," said Park.

Most exercises are performed barefoot to massage all the major points in the body, much like in acupuncture. The exercises also build up strong mentality and relieve stress.

Many people have asked Park the difference between tae kwon do and karate or kung fu. Tae kwon do has more kicking, approximately 80 percent, while karate and kung fu use more hand motions. Tai chi is a slower version of tae kwon do.

Park, who teaches tae kwon do full time, plans to study law at Thomas Cooley law school; that is why he moved from California.



Grand master Thomas Young Hoon Park teaches tae kwon do.

## January is School Board Appreciation Month

The Lowell School Board held its regular meeting Monday night. Hannah Oberlin, Treasurer for the Student Council, offered an update on student council activities. Over the holidays the student council adopted two families and purchased over two hundred dollars in gifts. A can drive was also

held by several clubs at the high school and donations went to God's Kitchen.

January serves as Board of Education Appreciation month and the administration presented certificates and gifts to the Board members. Serving the school board are members: Mark Lessens, Jim Turner, Pat Nugent, Maureen Fleet, Dan

Brubaker, Peter Haefner, and Nancy Hopkins. "It is our pleasure to thank the school board for the work that goes on throughout the year; they have a difficult job with large decisions," said Superintendent Greg Pratt. "It is a tremendous honor to serve our community; we are here because we want to be," said Nancy Hopkins Board Member. "It

is good to be on this board of education," said Mark Lessens, Board President.

John Zielinski offered a budget update and report to the board. There were some minor adjustments to the budget, as more variables regarding state funding are

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# Obituaries

**GELDERSMA**  
Lillian Mae Geldersma, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, January 7, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell E. Geldersma in 2008. She is survived by her children, Keith (Sandy) Geldersma, Jim (Kelly) Geldersma, June (John) Joling, Mark Geldersma, Carol Geldersma; grandchildren, David, Timothy, Benjamin and Kyle Geldersma, Keegan (Brent) Folsom, Michael (Lisa) Joling, Brent Joling, Gus and Joshua Geldersma; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Nathaniel and

## Ehlers nominates local students to U.S. Service Academies

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers has nominated 34 students from West Michigan for consideration by U.S. Service Academies. The nominees will be considered for acceptance into the 2013 class of the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Students who desire to apply to U.S. Service Academies must receive a congressional nomination to be considered for acceptance, and

nominees are not guaranteed admission. The nomination is a requirement of the application process at each academy.

"I am pleased and honored to nominate these exceptional students for consideration by U.S. Service Academies," said Congressman Ehlers. "I offer these future leaders the best of luck in the application process to attend these prestigious academies."

The following are students from Michigan's 3rd Congressional District were nominated by Congressman Ehlers:

- U.S. Military Academy - West Point, NY:*  
Raymond Seese - Lowell HS & Michigan State University
- U.S. Naval Academy - Annapolis, MD:*  
Cheyenne Brown - Lowell HS; Raymond Seese - Lowell HS & Michigan State University; U.S. Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs, CO; Cheyenne Brown - Lowell HS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08,186-201-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOHN F. BROGGER, who lived at 1842 ORCHARD LANE NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN died 10/20/2008.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 09,186-192-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

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William J. Connelly 1227 Grand Canyon Brea, CA 92821 714-329-4080

### A Remembrance and Celebration of the life of ...

DARL L. DECATOR

Please join friends and family to share stories, laugh and remember a truly great individual. He wore many hats: a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a brother, an uncle, a fisherman, a hunter and last, but not least, a friend.

WHEN: Sunday, January 18, 2009 3-5 p.m.

WHERE: Keiser's Kitchen 700 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331

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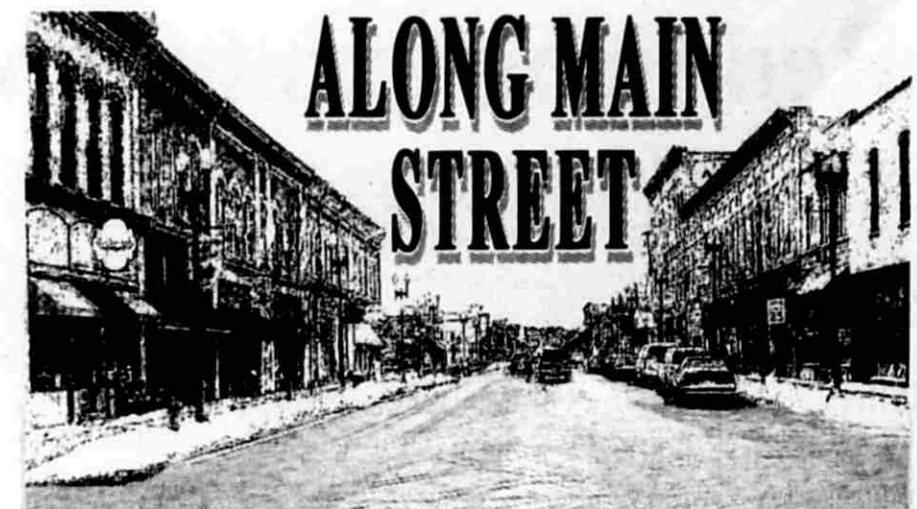
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## Troop #102 salutes Lowell's first Eagle Scout

Lowell Eagle Scouts helped Sam Yeiter celebrate his 91st birthday at the American Legion-VFW Hall on Friday, Jan. 3. Yeiter was the guest of many who turned out to help him celebrate his 91st birthday. The party was the idea of his wife, Jeanette Yeiter and was attended by Eagle scouts who were on hand to salute the first Eagle Scout

from Troop #102. Yeiter earned that title as a thirteen year old boy back in 1931, the first to achieve that lofty goal from Troop #103. His birthday was celebrated at the Veteran's Center south of Lowell by family, friends, and members of both the VFW #8303, Post Commander, Herm Estate, and the American Legion Post #152, Dave Thompson, Post Commander. He is a WWII veteran who fought through the North American Campaign in the 1st Armored Division against German Field Marshall Rommel and then on and up the boot of Italy, where he received the Silver Star for gallantry and many other decorations. As a young Lieutenant he was the forward RECON leader



### THEBES PLAYERS

Call for auditions for Nunsense, a musical comedy. Seeking five adult female actresses. Dates of production are Mar. 20-29. Audition dates are: Thurs., Jan. 15, 7-9 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 16, 7-9 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 17, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St. For more information call or visit the LAAC, 897-8545.

### PERSON OF THE YEAR

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Person of the Year. If you know someone who deserves this award, please submit in writing your nomination to LACC, PO Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331 or email to info@lowellchamber.org or fax to 897-9101. Deadline is Jan. 16.

### LHS GYMNASTICS TEAMS

Looking for all former coaches and gymnasts of Lowell High School's gymnastics teams from the past. We are having an Alumni night at the first home meet on Monday, Jan. 19. Be at the LHS at 5:45 p.m. and RSVP to Michele at rayg.gymnastics@att.net. The meet starts at 6:30 p.m.

### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is opening its newest traveling exhibit entitled "Cutters to Corvettes," Wed., Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at Good Chevrolet. This exhibit will provide a historical overview of the Lowell dealerships, gas stations and garages and how they impacted our community.

### COLLAGE CONCERT

Select performances by members of the Lowell Area Schools music department will be held Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door for a suggested \$5 donation. This concert is to benefit Lowell Music Boosters. There will also be refreshments, a silent auction, and 50/50 raffle beginning at 6 p.m.

### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Please join the museum for an informative program about "Fur Trading - Yesterday & Today" in Michigan. This event will take place on Thurs., Jan. 29 at the Lowell Township Hall. Questions please call 897-7688.

### COAT DRIVE FOR VETERANS

Please join the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion in Lowell area in collecting semi-new or used coats for our veterans in the Veterans Home located in Grand Rapids. Drop off locations are: The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza; Curtis Cleaners, 1410 W. Main St.; and VFW Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash (Tues. and Thurs. in Jan. from 2-4 p.m.) Women's coats are also needed.

### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is pleased to announce "Family Tree Night" (Genealogy) at the museum. Beginning in Jan. on the second and fourth Thurs. of every month, from 4-8 p.m. Volunteers will be present to help with your search.

### FROM FOOD PANTRY

The FROM Food Pantry is presently in need of canned fruit, soup, crackers, canned vegetables, paper products, juice, and boxed potatoes. Please help if you are able.

### PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Classes for 3 and 4 year old girls and boys are available through Red Arrow Youth Gymnastics. Classes are Wednesday nights and are held in the Runciman gym. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Call Michele at 318-4747 for more information.

### LOWELL TAKES IT OFF

There's still time to register for the Lowell Takes It Off vs Greenville, community weight loss challenge. We can help you find a team and new teams welcome. Cost is \$20/person. Go to Good Chevrolet Buick on Wednesdays to join the fun. For info call Patty at 340-7781 or www.lowellcommunitywellness.org.

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**NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

All qualified electors of the Township of Bowne are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Bowne on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Electors who wish to vote in the Special Election must be registered to vote no later than Monday, January 26, 2009. Persons residing in the Township of Bowne registering after January 26, 2009 will not be eligible to vote at the Special Election. Person planning to register must determine when the office of the Township Clerk, the office of the County Clerk, or a Secretary of State Branch Office will be open for registration in person. Registration by mail may be used by obtaining and completing a Mail voter Registration Application and forwarding it to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

The February 24, 2009 Special Election will be conducted in the Township of Bowne for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

#### Proposal for Bowne Township Fire Department Millage Renewal

This is a proposal to renew the expired Bowne Township Fire Department millage at the rate of 1.7911 mills for 10 years.

The full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained during normal business hours at the Bowne Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash, SE Alto, MI 49302.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Township Clerk  
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Sam Yeiter, Eagle Scout 1931, salutes fellow Eagle Scouts, left to right: Del Rockwell III, 2008; Alex Brock, 2008; Aaron Sterling, 2004; Kyle Riley, 2008; Randy Jesberg, 1993; Del Rockwell, Jr., 1977; Rich Riley, not an Eagle; Dirk Ritzema, 1973.

## Business Matters

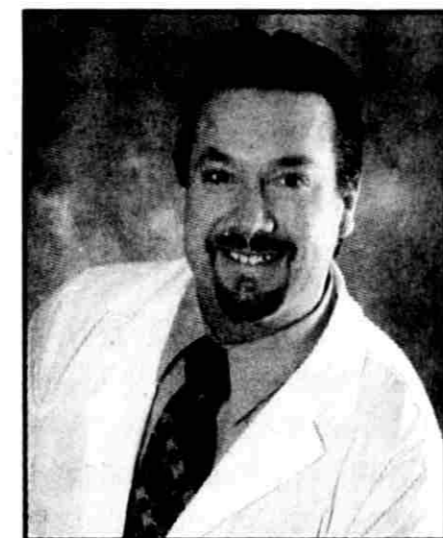
Greenidge Realty announced that Ryan Wittenbach received Realtor of the Month in Dec.

This award recognizes Wittenbach for his outstanding success and achievements.

Lowell has a new doctor in the community. Dr. Troy LeBaron is an experienced National Board of Examiners in Optometry Certified Optometrist that is joining the Advanced Eyecare Professionals practice that has offices in Lowell, Ionia and Hastings.

Dr. LeBaron, originally from Greenville, started his Doctor of Optometry Program in Davie, Flor. at Nova Southeastern University and then finished the Doctor of Optometry degree in Memphis, Tenn. at the Southern College of Optometry in March of

2006. Dr. LeBaron is even an Honorary Sheriff's Deputy in Shelby County, Tenn. An



Dr. Troy LeBaron

honor that was bestowed upon him because the men and women serving Shelby County felt he provided them outstanding eyecare. Dr. LeBaron is currently a member of the American Optometric Association, Michigan Optometric Association and the West Michigan Optometric Association.

Dr. LeBaron is excited to be back in Michigan and working in all of Advanced Eyecare Professionals locations. Dr. LeBaron looks forward to helping members of each community with

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# Red Frog expands with new computer retail and service



Ron Bianchi and Kirk Gee at the new location of Red Frog computer service in the old Nextel building.

by Emma Palova

So, what used to be the home of Dogs & Suds, later Pizza Hut and Nextel is now the fully renovated Red Frog computer retail and service store on M21.

Owners Ron Bianchi and Kirk Gee are excited about the new location. When they moved in, there was still grease on the walls from the former restaurants.

"We redid the supports and took down some walls," said Gee.

They had to clean the debris from the tech room, the most important room in the house. The meat locker was made into a conference room. And now, they're ready to do business again with a completely new computer retail line. The business sells new and used computers, as well as parts, hard to find cables and internal components.

Red Frog offers Internet services, broad band DSL, wireless broad band, and high speed dial up. To provide Internet out in the

country, Red Frog has dishes on three towers on Biggs, Alden Nash and Downes roads.

Their newest gig is outfitting hot spots or apartment complexes with wireless Internet as an amenity. So far, they've done Stoneridge and Key Heights, and Red Frog will be working on getting wireless Internet to Valley Vista.

The company does component repair and printers, as well as house calls and network setting with five independent contractors.

Their plans include going nationwide, but staying in a small town like Lowell.

"We're like a small town Radio Shack, only for computers," said Bianchi. "We want to provide a big town service at a good price. We expect to grow."

Gee said the company plans to expand the Internet through the entire city and to the outskirts.

"We want to provide a service and give a choice," he said.

## Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



### WINTER ADVENTURE

The crunch of snowshoes breaking through a layer of crusty snow and the sound of labored breath interrupted the stillness of the early winter morning. Snow laden pine boughs insulated the tranquil scene from a brisk northwest wind. A dusting of new snow provided a fresh canvas upon which forest dramas were painted, leaving the observer to ponder what occurred before the human visitor arrived.

Tracks left by a red fox create a straight-line weaving through the landscape tracing the animal's path as it investigated the hiding places of burrowing rodents. A doe dashes for cover, her long white tail held high and wheezing loudly to announce the presence of the unexpected stranger. From under the snow-covered branches of a small pine tree, a large black form explodes into the air just feet from the startled hiker whose heart rate accelerates as fast as the wild turkey disappears into the snowy woods.

A more serious event took place earlier along the trail in an open area. Clear imprints of flight feathers from the outstretched wings of a large bird bracketed a pocket in the snow where bright red flecks were clearly visible on the

white background. There were no footprints leading to the spot, suggesting a winged predator had made a meal of a small bird. Everyone has to make a living.

The trail crosses a small stream which is still open despite the frigid temperature. Ice crystals clinging to stones, logs and overhanging branches create a scene which appears to be made of glass. The sound of flowing water and the distant call of a pileated woodpecker completes the tableau.

Around another bend in the trail, a rustic cabin sits near a swamp. There are no roads or power lines visible in the area. Could this be a trapper's cabin surviving from the days when Michigan was wilderness and fur was king?

Was the hiker in this story exploring the backwoods of the Upper Peninsula or Alaskan wilderness? The answer is no. I was the hiker and this all took place over time just outside the city of Lowell near residential areas where the trails of the Wittenbach Wege Agriscience Environmental Center provided the backdrop for this adventure.

There are other local venues which can provide a quality outdoor experience. County parkland and state recreation areas offer easy access. Venturing out on non-holidays or weekdays in the early morning increases the chances of being the only stranger in the woods and discovering the secrets of nature.

Take it slow and quiet, and be observant, so you can be part of the drama that unfolds everyday in places where nature has been allowed to take its own course.

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are now known. John also reported he will begin contract talks soon with bus drivers.

Roger Bearup reported there are still no MEAP results from Lansing; he hopes to have them in the next few weeks and will offer a report to the board in an upcoming meeting. There are several training opportunities coming up for teachers and administrators regarding technology use. An igoogle tools training for teachers will take place January 14 at the middle school. Administrators will be receiving training on use of RSS feeds.

The school board also approved the purchase of three new buses from Capital City International. All three buses are 2010 models and will arrive in time for use in the 2009-2010 school year. Recommendations for the purchase came with approval from the transportation supervisor, bus drivers, as well as mechanics.

Greg Pratt gave a Superintendent's report. He announced there would be some upcoming community forums regarding Young 5's. "The work of our team is amazing; the teachers are well rested from Christmas Break and have now returned to the classrooms," said Pratt.

# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on an article in the Jan. 7 edition of the Lowell Ledger. In the article it stated that the City Council turned some challenges in 2008 in to accomplishments specifying the Cable TV Fund and creating the North Washington St. park.

I believe in giving credit where credit is due, but I believe that statement is just plain hooey. It all depends on what you consider an accomplishment.

The City Council, from almost day one, was against a LCTV Endowment Fund Advisory Board and if it wasn't for a private group and their lawyer, an advisory board would not have come about.

After a two year long controversy, the City Council demanded the final say in how the funds will be spent and also makes the decisions who will be on the advisory board.

I believe that shows the council's dictatorial form of governing.

Now let us talk about the North Washington St. property being considered a park. A two year long controversy was about the preservation of the North Washington St. property and not about making it into a park. It is now a park by name only and if the truth be known, the North Washington St. property isn't any closer to being preserved than it was at the beginning of day one.

I see nothing there that makes me believe that our City Council is the servant to the community.

Jim Howard



## Exploring Nature

With Meggan Johnson, Director of the Wittenbach/Wege Center

We have two main rules:

- Please keep your dogs leashed.
- Please clean up after your dogs.

Unleashed dogs can pose a potential threat to wildlife living here at the Center through the following ways:

- Disturb the nests of ground nesting birds and mammals
- Trample rare wildflowers
- Spread undesirable seeds throughout the property
- Potentially injure and/or kill wildlife.

They can also be a potential threat to other visitors and their canine companions they encounter on the trail. Keep in mind not all visitors, especially children, are dog lovers. For some children, encountering an unleashed dog while on a field trip here could be a nightmare and that is not the experience we want them to have while visiting.

Nothing puts a damper on a field trip like stepping in dog poop. I'm fortunate that none of my students stepped in dog poop this fall but unfortunately I did twice! Just ask the kids how great my shoes smelled - I'm sure they'll remember and that's not exactly what I want them to remember about their visit to the Center. Dog waste can also spread diseases to other dogs and wild animals so please pick up after your dogs.

By working together to be responsible pet owners, we can all help keep the WWC a fun and safe place to walk your pets!



## 2009: A year for progress

With Senator Carl Levin

In the past year, as the global credit crisis dragged the entire nation into recession, leaders across the country have recognized the urgent need for a strong, coordinated government response, which we in Michigan have been advocating for so long.

We began to make progress in December with the emergency bridge loans extended to help American automakers survive the credit crisis. Because so many consumers lost access to credit, auto sales fell off a cliff in 2008 and automakers, already in the midst of major restructuring efforts, were hit hard and were unable to borrow money in private financing markets. The companies are working on viability plans that they will complete by

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## Writing to the editor ...

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence.
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- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
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By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JANUARY 16, 1884

The Saranac Local has changed its name for the better. A number of Lowellites will go south soon to see what they can see.

Mrs. I. E. Strong will sing in the "Spy of Shiloh" each evening.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 14, 1909

Mrs. Laura Mattern, wife of Jacob A. Mattern, disappeared from her home in this village between 5:30 and 6:30 yesterday morning, and up to the hour The Ledger goes to press has not been located.

Mrs. Mattern left her bed early that morning leaving her husband and daughter Ruth still sleeping in the rooms upstairs.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JANUARY 18, 1934

A safety patrol is being organized at the Central School building for the protection of the children attending school.

A boy from the seventh or eighth grade will be on duty at Monroe and High Streets, and Monroe and King Streets, each morning, noon, and afternoon during dismissal.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 15, 1959

At the meeting of the Lowell School P.T.A. on Monday evening, January 19, the projected plans of the school board will be presented for the erection of more elementary school facilities. Drawings and specifications for an addition to the present Runciman Elementary School of 8 classrooms prepared by school architect Pat Crowe, will be shown to the group and a discussion of the needs for the future will be made.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANUARY 18, 1984

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# Weddings

## Poehlman/Gingerich

Jennifer Kathleen Gingerich and Gerald William Poehlman were united in matrimony on June 28, 2008 at St. Robert Newminster in Ada. Parents of the couple are Bob and Kathy Gingerich of Lowell and Jerry and Rosemarie Poehlman of Madison Heights.

Maid of honor was Josie DeJong. Bridesmaids were Amy Hamel and Michelle Seymore.

Best man was Michael Melton. Groomsmen were Brian Dishman and Bobby Gingerich. Ushers were Thomas Fleet and Tim Gingerich.

The couple currently reside in Casa Grande, Arizona. Jennifer is an elementary school teacher at Cottonwood Elementary. Jerry is a senior correctional officer at Correction Corp of America.



Jennifer and Gerald Poehlman

# Engagements

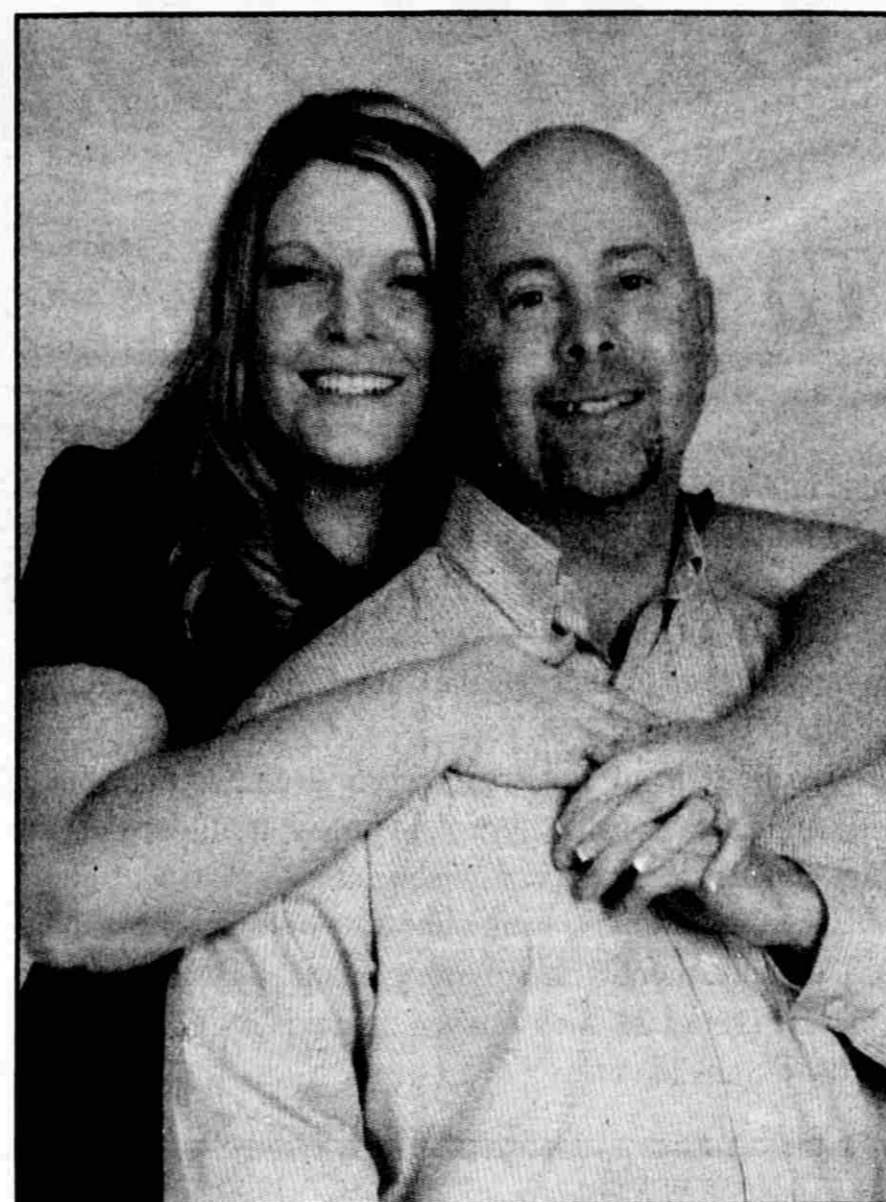
## DesJarden/Jean

Daniel and Linda DesJarden of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Beth to Severin Joseph Jean. Severin is the son of the late Harold and Frances Jean of Holt. The couple currently reside in Lansing. The May 9, 2009 nuptials will be held at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

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*By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.*

- Socrates  
(469 BC - 399 BC)



Kelli DesJarden and Severin Jean

# Reflections of faith

## RESOLVED!

We all experience it...and enough time has already passed this New Year to have reneged on our resolutions we made as we hung up our fresh calendar! Or did you make any resolutions? Someone told me that his only New Year's resolution was to NOT make any resolutions, then he wouldn't have to worry about breaking any! But, under the sovereign hand of almighty God, resolving to advance or recommit is actually a good thing.

Yes, resolutions can be good. I'm glad that Luther resolved to discuss his 95 thesis. I'm grateful that Paul the Apostle did not back off from going to Rome. I am glad that the Pilgrims and our forefathers resolved to begin again in religious freedom. I am glad that the Wright brothers didn't give up in attempting flight. I am glad that Joshua

resolved that he and his family would serve the Lord. I am encouraged by King David who resolved not to fail again by God's grace. I'm indebted to those brave Allies who resolved not to lose the Battle of the Bulge. I'm thankful for leadership resolved to prevent another 9-11. Everything we are and have has been affected by someone else's resolve of some kind.

Everything we do is important in God's sight, because every decision, everything we resolve to do, has impact. Someone reminded us that just a thought leads to an action. Actions lead to habits. Habits lead to lifestyle. Lifestyle leads to reputation. Reputation leaves behind your legacy. Such is life. Life is a compilation of choices, a montage of motivations, a collage of considerations, which determines our ultimate direction. It is true, that on our own, we will never be truly successful (Is 64:6-7; Prov 16:25). And it is true that only with God can we make successful choices (Prov 16:1,2,3,4,9; 19:21). But it is also true that we must choose, and we are responsible for our deciding. Thus, may we resolve to let truth inform our choices in every way this year. That is the way to real success.

Resolved! Take up the cause again. It was resoluteness that elevated the biblical Patriarchs to honor: Noah said "I will build and preach." Job said, "I will make a covenant with my eyes," and "I will trust God regardless." Abraham said, "I will go anywhere, 'and' I will sacrifice my best." It was decisions that made the faithful into heroes: Joseph said, "I will not offend God." Caleb said, "I will drive the enemy out." Esther said, "I will risk my life." It is commitment that transforms trials into joy: Job said, "Yet I will praise the Lord," David affirmed, "I will yet trust." Daniel said, "I will remain true." And it is determination that turned sad failures into our good examples: The once-immoral King David said, "I will confess my sin." The once-deserting disciples said, "We will obey God rather than men." The once-persecuting Paul said, "I will forget what is behind and press on to what is ahead."

Friends, life is a patchwork quilt of our resolutions designed by the pattern of our desires and tied together by the threads of our decisions. Let's all be resolved to make something beautiful this year!

# Gospelmen concert this weekend

Do you enjoy fresh and exciting Gospel music? Be it the latest in Southern Gospel or the hymns of the church, the Gospelmen do it all. The Gospelmen began "presenting the gospel through song" in 1985. They are from Genesee, which is approximately 10 miles northeast of Flint.

While there are several denominations represented in this group, each member proclaims, "Jesus Christ as Lord" and each member is also a born again Christian. Also, each member feels a definite call on his life to serve and work diligently for the cause of Christ. The Gospelmen also work full time jobs through the week, then travel throughout the Midwest on the weekends. They are also members of the Midwest Quartet Association (MWQA).

Members of the Gospelmen are Tim Herbert,



tenor; Brian Wright, lead; Gregg Martin, baritone and manager; R.W. Hammond, bass; and Todd Brewer, sound engineer.

In June 2007, the Gospelmen signed a recording contract with the

Eddie Crook Company and record exclusively on the 4 Square label.

The Gospelmen will be in concert Sunday, Jan. 18 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lowell. The public is

invited to attend this free music ministry. A free will offering will be taken to help cover expenses. If you have any questions please contact First Baptist Church at 897-7168.

# Afternoon with the arts celebrates Latin music

Each year the Franciscan Life Process Center Music Department holds a benefit harp concert to support its community-wide programs. This year's benefit concert will feature music from Latin America, interpreted by a harp ensemble and additional musicians. Afternoon with the Arts:

LA MUSICA DE LATINOAMERICA also includes a Latin dance performance by a Cook Arts Center dance troupe. All will take place Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Decorating the walls of the concert space in the Bonaventure Gallery is an on-going art exhibit by young students from the Cook Center. Formerly Grandville Academy, Cook Arts Center works with Grandville Avenue neighborhood youth ages six to sixteen, providing a facility where they can celebrate their community's cultural heritage. The Center's curriculum includes pottery, dance, visual arts, voice and instrumental music, sewing, photography, gardening, theatre and creative writing.

Tickets for the afternoon are \$20/person and gift certificates are available. The price includes appetizers and beverages. For further information, visit the Franciscan Center's website at [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org) or call (616) 897-7842, or e-mail [registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org](mailto:registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org). The student art show will be on display from Jan. 31 through Mar. 29 in the Center's Bonaventure Gallery.

# Happy Birthday

## JANUARY 14:

Angie Nowak, Ryan Burns, Tim Yonker.

## JANUARY 19:

Tim Stencil, Susan Cook, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney, Mark Ries.

## JANUARY 15:

Dennis Burns.

## JANUARY 20:

Shelby Baird, Josh Rinard.

## JANUARY 16:

Alex Stuckey.

## JANUARY 17:

Kevin Rasch, Joe Potter.








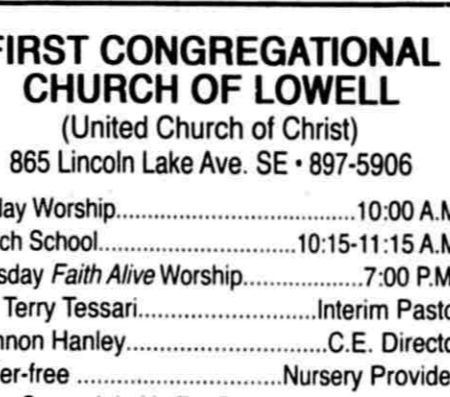
## JANUARY 18:

Margie Potter Sullivan, Shelby Weston.

# College News

Stacey Underwood of Alto, Andrea Converse of Lowell, and Rebekah Woods of Lowell have been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year at Hope College. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

 <p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M. <b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b> Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332 Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Nursery &amp; Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> Rev. Randy Meyers • 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p> 	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 <a href="http://www.lowellumc.com">www.lowellumc.com</a> WORSHIP.....8:30 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b> 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Lead Pastor John King, Youth Pastor <b>SUNDAYS:</b> 10:00 a.m. - Worship &amp; Evening; LIFE home Groups &amp; "The Source" Youth <b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> Family Night: (for all ages) 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m. Loving God... Loving People!</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 <a href="http://www.stmary-lowell.com">www.stmary-lowell.com</a> Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906 Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M. Rev. Terry Tesson.....Interim Pastor Shannon Hamley.....C.E. Director Barrier-free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>
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We would like to thank all who came to celebrate with Sam on his 91st birthday. Especially a BIG THANK YOU to past/present local Eagle Scouts and leaders. That surprised Sam on his birthday. It was very heartwarming and meant a lot to Sam. He will never forget!

John, Renee, Judy, Herm, Jan, Dave  
Thank you for your part in making this possible.

Much love and thanks,  
Sam and Jeannette Yeiter

# HEALTH



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

## GLUCOSAMINE AND OSTEOARTHRITIS

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The U.S. government does not strictly regulate supplements. Although using glucosamine to treat osteoarthritis has been tested, there is no guarantee that it works or is safe. Different brands may be made with different ingredients. You should always read the label. It is not known if it is safe to take glucosamine if you are pregnant. Side effects from glucosamine are usually minor (stomach pain, heartburn, or diarrhea). Glucosamine is made from the shells of shellfish. Even though people who are allergic to shellfish react to the meat, not the shell, people with these allergies should still be careful when taking Glucosamine. If you have asthma, it could make your symptoms worse.

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- TOM ALBERTS

**Position:** Owner of TJ's Sports Bar & Grille  
**Residence:** Whites Bridge Road  
**Education:** West Catholic Hight School  
 Two years at Davenport College  
**Experience:** 27 years at Steelcase as machine operator, two years in bar management  
**Family:** Children Matt, Kevin, Tom Jr. and Jessie  
**Hobbies:** Golf, bowling, pool



## Sports bar owner loves the hospitality business

by Emma Palova  
 Tom Alberts, owner of TJ's Sports Bar & Grille, likes the TV show 'Cheers.' "It's really like that," he says about the bar business. For three years before he bought the bar, Alberts had been reading in the Lowell Ledger that there was nothing to do in Lowell. He took early retirement from Steelcase, after working there for 27 years. Since he

had always wanted to work for himself, he decided to buy the bar, that had a history of brief ownerships and frequent fights. "I was going to make it, give something to people to do in Lowell," he said. "I wish I had done it earlier." Alberts hasn't regretted since. You have to be a people person to thrive in the hospitality business,

according to Alberts. Coming every day to work at 8:30 a.m., getting ready to open at 11 a.m., can get monotonous, but not for Alberts. He looks forward to his regulars, and transients passing by the bar en route to other locations. Location, yeah, that can be a problem or an advantage. Most bars in Lowell are saturated in the downtown area. TJ's is

located on the eastern most outskirts of town in Lowell Township. Alberts, who used to play in the band 'Weekender' for 25 years, naturally offers live bands on weekends from September to June as a special draw to customers. "You learn as you go," he said. "You try to make as many people happy as you can." So, he hand dips his

onion rings, and has a big selection of brews on tap. His goal is to put an addition to the kitchen for the coolers, and a long term goal is to create a sports complex on the 10 acres. Alberts wants to put in two softball diamonds, a beach volleyball court and a concession stand within two to three years. Right now, he coaches varsity bowling, and he used to coach football and basketball. Alberts is an easy-going boss to his eight to 10 part time employees. "I am one of the easiest bosses that anybody can get along with," he said. "Our pricing is fair, the food is excellent and we service everybody to the best of our ability." Alberts calls the bar, a family type of deal, since he has made so many friends through the place. It is not unusual for people to just stop by, and help out with whatever is needed, like shoveling snow. "Everybody around here helps out," he said.



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- David Rockefeller (1915 -)



## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold  
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### WILL NEW ADMINISTRATION AFFECT YOUR INVESTMENT MOVES?

Next week, President-elect Obama will become President Obama. Like people across the country, you will no doubt be greatly interested in how his actions will affect a wide variety of domestic and foreign-policy issues. But from a personal point of view, you may also be thinking about what an Obama Administration will mean for your investment strategy.

In reality, the actions of any administration generally have only a limited impact on the financial markets. In our complex, interconnected world, a variety of factors — from actions of the Federal Reserve to corporate profits to oil prices to political instability abroad — all play a key role in determining the fortunes of the stock and bond markets.

Consequently, you need to take a truly global perspective on your investment strategy — and avoid getting caught up in the potential ramifications of who's in charge in Washington. Nonetheless, you may still want to pay some attention to potential changes introduced by the new administration. Here are a couple of areas to consider:

- **New legislation** - You may want to follow the progress of new legislation proposed by the Obama Administration. For example, will a successful push toward "green" energy benefit renewable energy companies? Right now, no one can answer this question. In fact, even if these changes are enacted, it will take some time to sort them out to determine what, if any, impact they could have on various market sectors. So, your best bet is to watch the course of legislation and its aftermath.
- **Investment taxes** - It seems likely that the Obama Administration and Congress will allow the Bush tax cuts on capital gains and dividends to expire. While you need to be aware of this development, you don't necessarily have to make major changes to your investment strategy. In the case of capital gains taxes, you can delay them by simply holding on to your stocks for the long term — which you should be doing anyway, as stocks are a long-term investment. And even if the dividend tax increases, dividend-paying

stocks may still be good investment choices, because they usually represent solid, profitable companies that seek to reward their investors. However, if you are concerned about the effect of higher capital gains and dividend taxes, you might want to consider an investment such as tax-exempt municipal bonds. You'll benefit most from these "munis" if you're in one of the higher tax brackets.

As you review possible changes in your investment strategy due to moves made by the new administration, you may want to take the opportunity to "rebalance" your portfolio by adjusting your investment mix. Under normal circumstances, such rebalancing could involve capital gains considerations, since you might be selling appreciated assets. However, given the steep market decline of recent months, it's quite possible that you can now sell part of your assets at a loss to offset any gains you might have — and if you don't have any gains, you can carry the loss forward to future years.

So, pay attention to what's happening in Washington, and, at the same time, look for opportunities to rebalance. But keep in mind that your long-term investment strategy should be based on your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And that's true in all political and economic environments.



- JAY MARTINEZ

**Position:** Owner of Aim Hi  
**Residence:** Ada  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree in political science from Eastern Illinois University  
**Experience:** 3 years with Aim Hi  
**Family:** Wife Laurie, children Zackary, Noah and Tara  
**Hobbies:** Baseball, gardening, baseball coach



## Unique company delivers fun to all

by Emma Palova

Jay Martinez is not your typical "carnie" that wears a muscle shirt with snakes tattooed on his biceps and a cigarette hanging from his mouth. Although his company Aim Hi provides organized fun and entertainment for school carnivals, churches and companies, Martinez with co-owner Dave Haines are professionals. The duo delivers fun wherever they go with

their games and prizes, inflatables and music. They even invented a game called "The Pork Chop Speedway" where colorful pigs race against each other. "We bring Walt Disney to schools," said Martinez. That is the entire idea behind Aim Hi to bring organized fun, often to help schools raise money at their events. Their geysers scientific experiment with mentos shooting 25 feet high was

a big success at the Forest Hills Schools. The fun started when Martinez met Haines at a pep rally at Holy Spirit School gymnasium three years ago through a Reader's Digest program. Within two weeks, the duo formed a carnival company, Aim Hi starting in their garage. They made a carnival commercial at Blessed Sacrament Church, that later ran at Ada Lowell 5.

The first challenges on the job included not enough space in the garage, and getting customers comfortable with the carnival company. "We realized there was a need for somebody to organize school carnivals," Martinez said. "We identified a need." Their first big project was a full service carnival for Knapp Charter School in April of 2006. Looking back

today, Martinez, said it was the easiest project ever. The carnival included 15 carnival games, set-up of a prize room and then dismantling of everything. "It is the least expensive entertainment for a family," said Martinez. Among the goals Martinez sets for himself and the company is providing a high level of customer service and high integrity. "We want to provide the best experience," said Martinez, "we set the standards for ourselves."

Every game has a certain value. The school makes money, as the parents sell the tickets. Sometimes, Martinez may pick a family to play a game in front of everybody at pep rallies. "It's a modified version of a game show," said Martinez. And the economy, so far, has not touched this business. "As long as the schools are in business, we are in business," said Martinez. The duo is well known for bringing into schools, cows for a milking contest, entertainers and BMX shows. His long range plan, if Martinez doesn't find national partners, is to be in the entire state of Michigan in five years. "We want to find a company to partner to become a national company with headquarters in Michigan," said Martinez. The company was one of the sponsors of last year's Riverwalk; they work with the Grand Rapids Griffins Youth Foundation and Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. An open house will be held on Jan. 15 at 1250 W. Main Street from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



## Angel Baby campaign runs through February 22

The fourth annual Angel Baby campaign has begun. Angel Baby was created through a partnership with the Lowell Education Support Personnel Association (LESPPA), the Lowell Education Association (LEA), the Salvation Army's Early Childhood program, and other Kent County school employees. The goal of the partnership is to provide early childhood care and educational activities to infants and young children in need in Lowell and throughout Kent County. The local campaign, which began Jan. 5, is coordinated by the Lowell Area Schools' food service workers, paraprofes-

sionals, school secretaries, custodians, maintenance workers, and teachers. Donations will be accepted through Feb. 22, 2009. Donated items may be dropped off at any Lowell school or at the Salvation Army, 1215 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids. Needed items include a variety of things for infants through five years of age. High priority items include educational toys and games, books, infant clothing, diapers, formula, baby food, blankets, baby soap and shampoo, and infant furniture (car seats and high chairs). A unique component of the Angel Baby

program is to provide educational opportunities to disadvantaged children. LESPPA and LEA volunteers will also collect tickets to area attractions such as John Ball Zoo, Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids Children's Museum and to local theatre and events. "Infants and young children are often especially impacted during difficult economic times," said Vicki Fredline, President of LESPPA. "We are thrilled that our partnership with the Salvation Army for the Angel Baby initiative will positively impact the quality of life for so many needy children in and around our community."



Lowell teachers and support personnel presented donated items to the Salvation Army after Angel Baby's 2008 campaign

# OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

A wise man once said it is better to remain quiet and be thought a fool than to speak up and remove all doubt! Well, let it be said I did not read that wise man's book. I spoke up foolishly back on Dec. 10, brashly declaring my innate college football bowl-picking wisdom. It went something like this: "I believe I can correctly pick the winner of all 34 games. At the very least pick more winners than any of those who dare do the same." Thirteen Lowell Ledger subscribers read my picks, chuckled, and said "Game On." Further into my Dec. 10th column I noted that if there

were any participants who chose more games correctly than I, their names would be put into a hat and one winner would be picked. That lucky person would receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Victory Club. Of the 13 who mailed or dropped off an entry form, nine selected more winners than I did. It's hard to believe; I checked and rechecked the totals a half dozen or more times, but the number is still nine. The bar I set for everybody to beat was 14 of 34 (41 percent). It sounds more like I was playing limbo! Bad for me, good for just about everybody else. Before I continue, I would be remiss if I did not thank those who tried but failed to beat that magic number. My debt of gratitude goes out to Cathy Acker (10), Nancy Stroosnyder (13), and Jeanne Boss (14). The laundry list of those who surpassed 14 were Jim Sowle (20), Don DeHaan (19), Dave Clements (18), Zeth Dean (17), Ann Sowle (17), Kanon Dean (17), Darby Dean

(17), Jon Jacobs (16), Darwin LaLone (15), and Doak Dean (15). Yes, that makes 10, however, Jon Jacobs, Buyers Guide/Lowell Ledger publisher extraordinaire, was not eligible. He entered because my column annoyed him so! One last thing before I disclose who won the \$50 gift card from the Victory Club. Let it be said I too fade faster than: Phil Michelson on a Sunday afternoon at any of the four majors; the Chicago Cubs in the post season; the Super Bowl loser; and the Detroit Lions' Super Bowl hopes. The winner of the \$50 Victory Club gift card is Lowell's Darwin LaLone. To all the rest who kicked my tail, a hardy hand shake and a pat on the back will have to do. Thanks to all who participated and we will do this again. I may even try a more humble approach next time!

# BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

ORLANDO - Welcome to OR - LAND - O. First a perspective. The bigger the bowl, the bigger the stage and therefore the greater and broader the interest. A Jan. 1 bowl is a pretty big draw. National and local interest is peaked. For example, college friends I have not talked with for 38 years are calling. These same kind of lifetime relationships probably resurfaced for hundreds of other close football fanatic friends. On a local scale, I actually ran into three Lowell coaches at or near the stadium on game day... Dean, Ingram and former coach Kemp. Their attraction to this Jan. 1 Bowl was Florida 750, a Lowell Senior fullback, the anticipation of what the quarterback play might be next fall and a much improved Spartan football program...yes, a nationally televised FOOTBALL game, Jan. 1 on ABC prime time 1 p.m., second fiddle this day only to the Rose Bowl at 5 p.m. on ABC. Yes, football at all levels from youth football to high school football to college football to the Super Bowl is inspiring and to the football enthusiast, the idea called "football" can be down right intoxicating. That is why I like to put things in perspective. So, "I tell you the truth" said Jesus in Matthew. So, my friends, I tell you the truth, football is one of the many experiences in our present society that in some ways prepares

the human race for the ultimate bowl game. What date is that game? Jan. 1...No. Jan 6? No, when then? The ultimate bowl game is at eternity time. Yes, Heaven. So enjoy football, faith, friends, family and vocation and keep it in perspective. Onward. The bowl games generally have interesting pre-game activities. Here in Orlando, I went to a Spartan football team practice with other parents on Tuesday. Then we went to the Spartan press conference that followed the Georgia press conference. Much of the local Orlando media and some outstate media asked the four Spartan captains a variety of questions. In fact, I caught much of Georgia's captains' press conference. It was all good. The Spartans and the Bulldogs were set for a great fight called The Capital One Bowl. Yes, Sir. Now a brief recap of the Big Ten Bowl results. As you all know, Iowa is the only Big Ten team that was victorious. Ohio State darn near pulled off a win, except for the last play of the game. The rest were overmatched. In week one, I wrote that the format of this column would not be to focus on one team or one or two players. The rest of this final column will be devoted to the Spartans and two Lowell athletes. Keith Nichol was in Orlando. Keith told me that he couldn't be happier at MSU. "It's the greatest place to go to school and play football at the same time. Jeff (McPherson) and I like being at Michigan State." Nichol, as most of Lowell and West Michigan know, recently transferred from Oklahoma in June and was red shirted this past season. He was selected by the coaches as Scout Offensive Player of the Year at the 2008 Spartan Football Banquet this fall. This spring Keith will compete for the quarterback job. Look for Keith and Kirk Cousins from Holland to have a lot of fun competing. The other Lowell player, as much of Lowell knows is

5th year senior fullback Jeff McPherson. "It's been a long, very fun trip for me, coming from being a walk-on and being awarded a scholarship. I'm very grateful and this last game means everything to me," said McPherson in Orlando prior to the Jan 1st game. Coach Dantonio is the first Spartan head coach to win seven or more games in each of his first two seasons. In my opinion, his leadership of staff and the team has been outstanding. In fact Coach D invests a lot of trust in his seniors. Said McPherson in an Orlando interview with the media. "I have to thank last year's seniors for their leadership. And somewhere down the road - it could be next year, it could be two years, who knows - it will definitely be very satisfying to look back and think that my senior class, and all the underclassmen, were part of something special at MSU." To this point, Dantonio said, "I'll remember last year's seniors forever, same for this year's." Next let's take a general preview of the Big Ten this fall. Look for Michigan to improve. I'm really going out on a limb on that one aren't I? Look for the Buckeyes and Penn State to be tough. And expect every head coach in the Big Ten to want to do their very best to be contenders. It's a tough league. Everyone wants to win every game. That is not the case in all conferences. My forecast for the Spartans, as it is every year, is 12 - 0. I figure 12 - 0 will happen two to three times this century. So, it might as well be this fall. I'm confident that the Spartans will win eight to 12 regular season games this fall.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Rockford tourney leaves Lowell gymnasts with challenges

by Thad Kraus

Saturday's Flip Flop Invitational at Rockford left the Lowell girls' gymnastics team with plenty to work on. "We definitely will get better throughout the season," said Lowell gymnastic coach Skye Fisher. "The good news is we had inexperienced gymnasts, who battled their

jitters and came through and did what was needed." Freshman Morgan Rogalke, a prime example, competed on the bars for the first time. On the not so good news front, Lowell senior Andrea Coffey pinched a nerve in her back and was only able to compete in the floor exercise and on the vault. "That was a big loss.

Andrea is one of our highest scorers," Fisher said. Lowell finished in back of the pack with 108.40. Normally the Red Arrows would score somewhere between 120 and 130 points. Farmington won the event with 143.85 points. Kenowa Hills/Grandville placed fourth at 136.50. Rockford Black was fifth

with 136.05 while Forest Hills finished sixth at 134.20. Lowell's Kelsey Teft earned eighth overall in the all-around with 33.225 points. "Kelsey had a good day. She will be strong for us all year," Fisher said. On the vault Teft and Richelle Kimble led all Red

Arrows with an 8.7, tying them for ninth place. Coffey came off the apparatus with a 7.8. Sarah Piell recorded a 7.15. Kimble was the only Red Arrow to place on the uneven bars with a mark of 8.0 (placing her 10th). In the floor exercise, Teft finished in a three-way tie for first with a score of

9.175. Kimble tallied an 8.375 while Coffey finished at 7.6. Teft and Kimble led all Red Arrows on the balance beam with marks of 7.8 and 7.65 respectively. Lowell travels to Kenowa Hills on Wednesday (Jan. 14) to battle the Knights and Forest Hills.

## Lowell/Caledonia hockey team loses two

Lowell's hockey team dropped a pair of games this past week. The Red Arrows lost decisively to Grandville, 9-1. Lowell/Caledonia then lost 4-3 later in the week to West Catholic. "Though we lost 9-1 to Grandville, it was the most disciplined game we've played this year,"

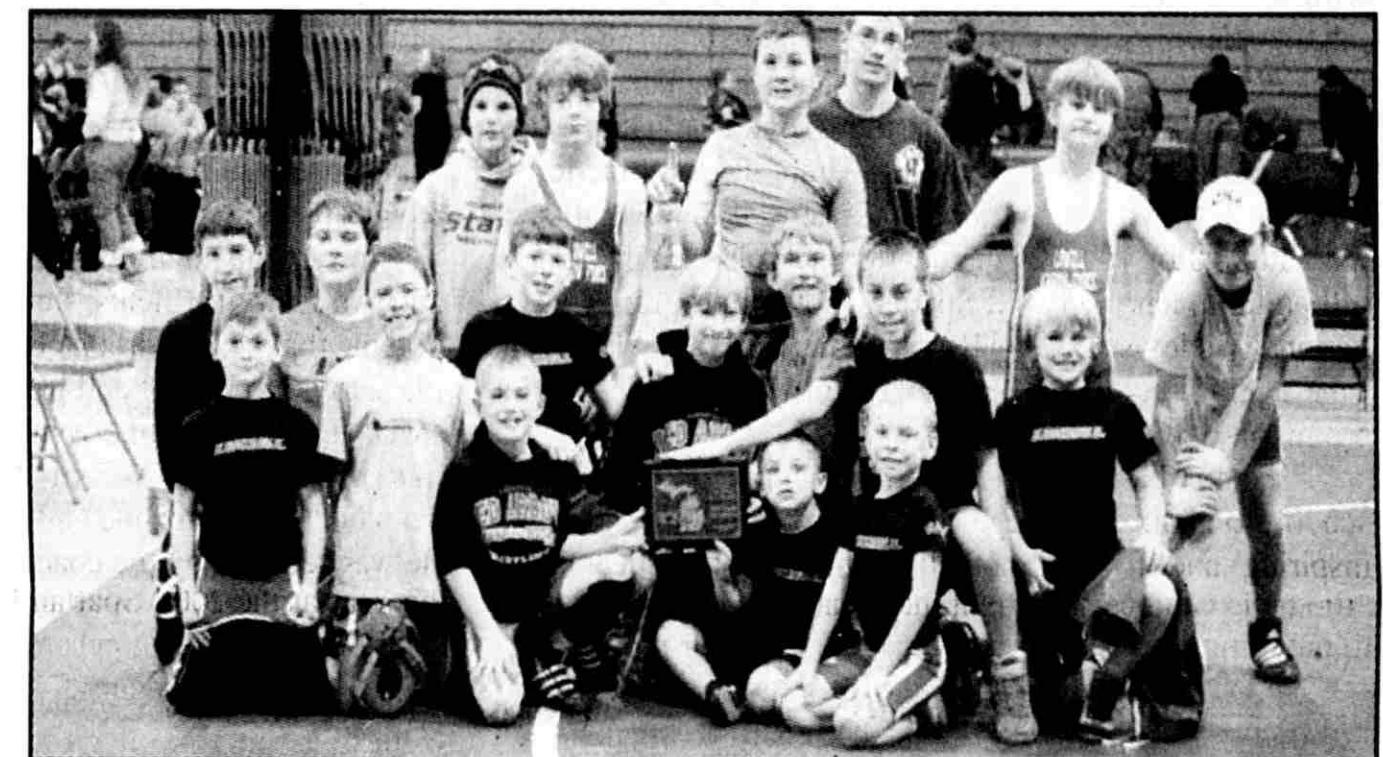
said Lowell/Caledonia coach Mike Ballard. The Red Arrows fell behind 4-0 to West Catholic at the 39 second mark of the third period before rallying with three three-period goals. "The team gathered itself and responded before falling a goal short," Ballard said.

## Youth wrestlers find success in Ionia

Lowell Elementary's Dual Wrestling team placed first at the Ionia Duals on Sunday. They competed against five other schools in the round-robin tournament. The teams included Bronson, Ionia, Sparta, Springport, Belding and Lowell. Lowell Middle School also wrestled on Sunday placing third. Both teams will be traveling to New Lothrop on Sunday, Jan. 18 for Team Duals. Pictured, at right, front row, left to right: Avry Mutchler, Alex Paiz, Sage Serbenta,

Doak Dean, and Matt Stephens; second row, left to right: Bradon Churches, Baily VanAmburgh, Jason Nagy, Jake Denison, Garret

Taylor, Nate Stephens, and Jared Hough; back row, left to right: Zeth Dean, John Blough, Not pictured: JohnLuc Richmond.



Senior Jeff McPherson and Red Shirt Keith Nichol at the 2008 MSU Football Banquet.

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Finally, thanks to The Ledger for publishing Big Ten Talk. Also, thanks to you the readers. It has been fun chatting with you all on the street and in the stores. I personally really enjoyed sharing the up-close point of view that a parent of a player has, in particular after witnessing the university experience for 10 seasons from many different perspectives including athletic, academic and administrative. Thank you and keep looking up.

First quote of the week: "Being back home and close to friends and family is great. I look forward to them being at games." Keith Nichol. Second and final quote of the week: "Learning and growing together as players and men is a natural process which makes football such a special game. We really value family and brotherhood within the team." Jeff McPherson.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Tenacious start lifts Lowell past Greenville

by Thad Kraus

Lowell was anxious to put a 20-point defeat behind it, and it showed.

The Red Arrows' boys basketball team raced out to a 13-2 lead over the visitors from Greenville, en route to a 54-46 O-K White win over its neighbors to the north.

Lowell never trailed and never saw its lead drop below eight in lifting its record to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the O-K White.

A kick in the seat of the pants to boot may have inspired its attack mode style of play.

"Our first two games of the season, we were the kind of personality and team I want our kids to be," said Lowell basketball coach Jeff MacDonald. "The last two games we were passive and not attacking."

Lowell opened with a 13-2 burst and led 16-8 after one quarter of play. The Red Arrows grew the lead to 10 (27-17) at half time.

"Lowell came out ready to play and we didn't," said Greenville basketball coach Mark Haist. "Just when we thought we were going to make a run Lowell hit a big shot." Lowell's Derek Cornish led all scorers with a game-high 15 points. Jon

Hanson contributed with 13.

"When we win the floor burn battle and those kind of stats we have a chance to be in all of our games," MacDonald said. "I was so happy with the way we played tonight in terms of effort and rebounding."

Jared Hinken led all

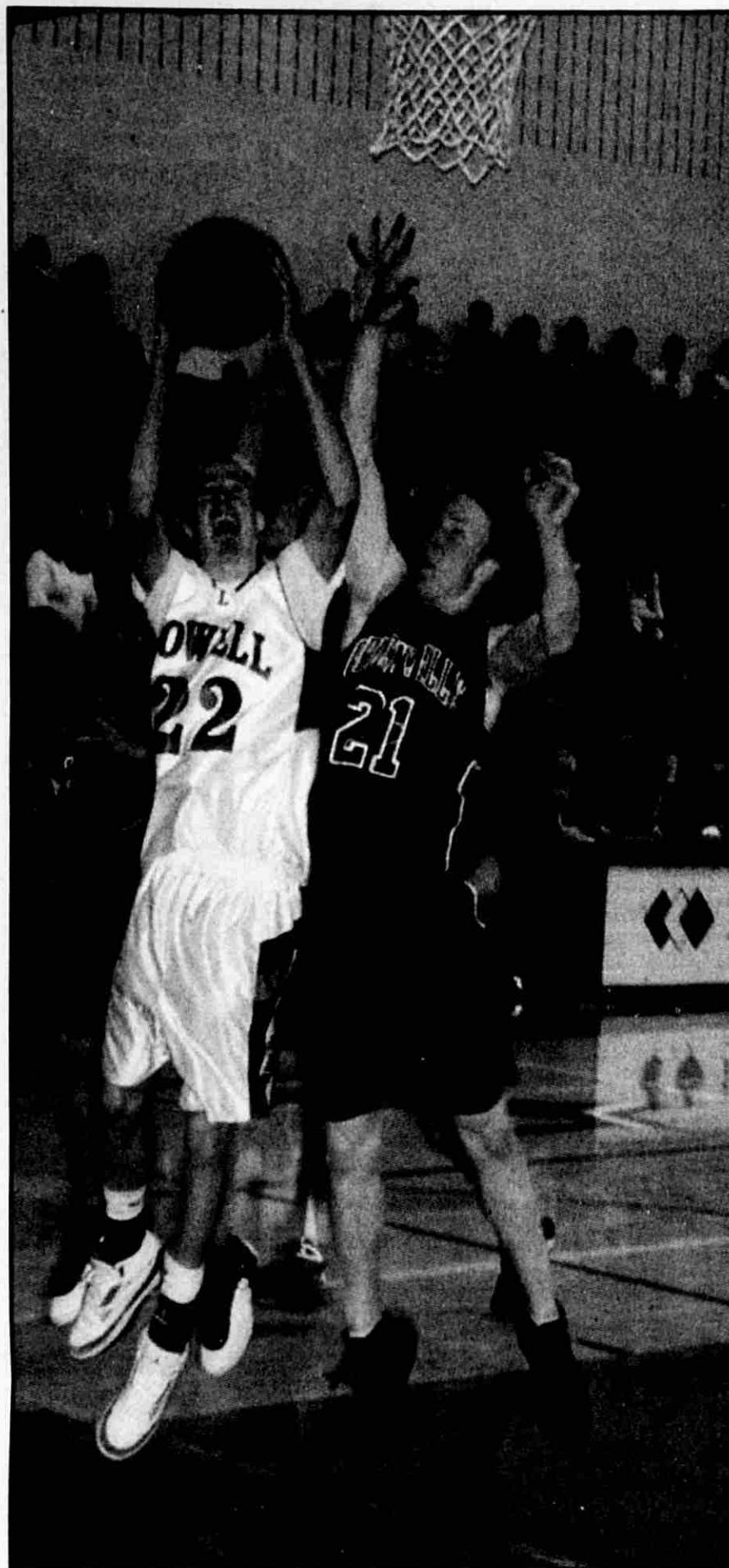
Yellow jackets with 14 points. Mitch Barker chipped in with 12.

Lowell's defensive tenacity to start the game helped build the Red Arrow lead as it turned over Greenville.

"Lowell always plays aggressive defense. If we execute our options

in our offense I think we're able to counter their aggressiveness," Haist said. "The bottom line is Lowell came out ready to play and we didn't. We have to put together 32 minutes of basketball."

With the loss Greenville slip to 2-5 overall and 0-2 in the O-K White.



Daniel Lane works the offensive boards in second half action against Greenville Friday night.



Jon Hanson drives past a defender on his way to the basket. Hanson finished with 13 points.

## Lowell's intense approach too much for Creston

by Thad Kraus

Lowell girls basketball team reached the .500 plateau with a 55-15 win over a struggling Creston squad.

The win improved the Red Arrows to 4-4 overall and 2-0 in the O-K White.

The win sets up an important stretch of games for Lowell. The Red Arrows

face Union early in the week and conference favorite Grand Rapids Christian on Friday.

"We came out with with intensity and played good

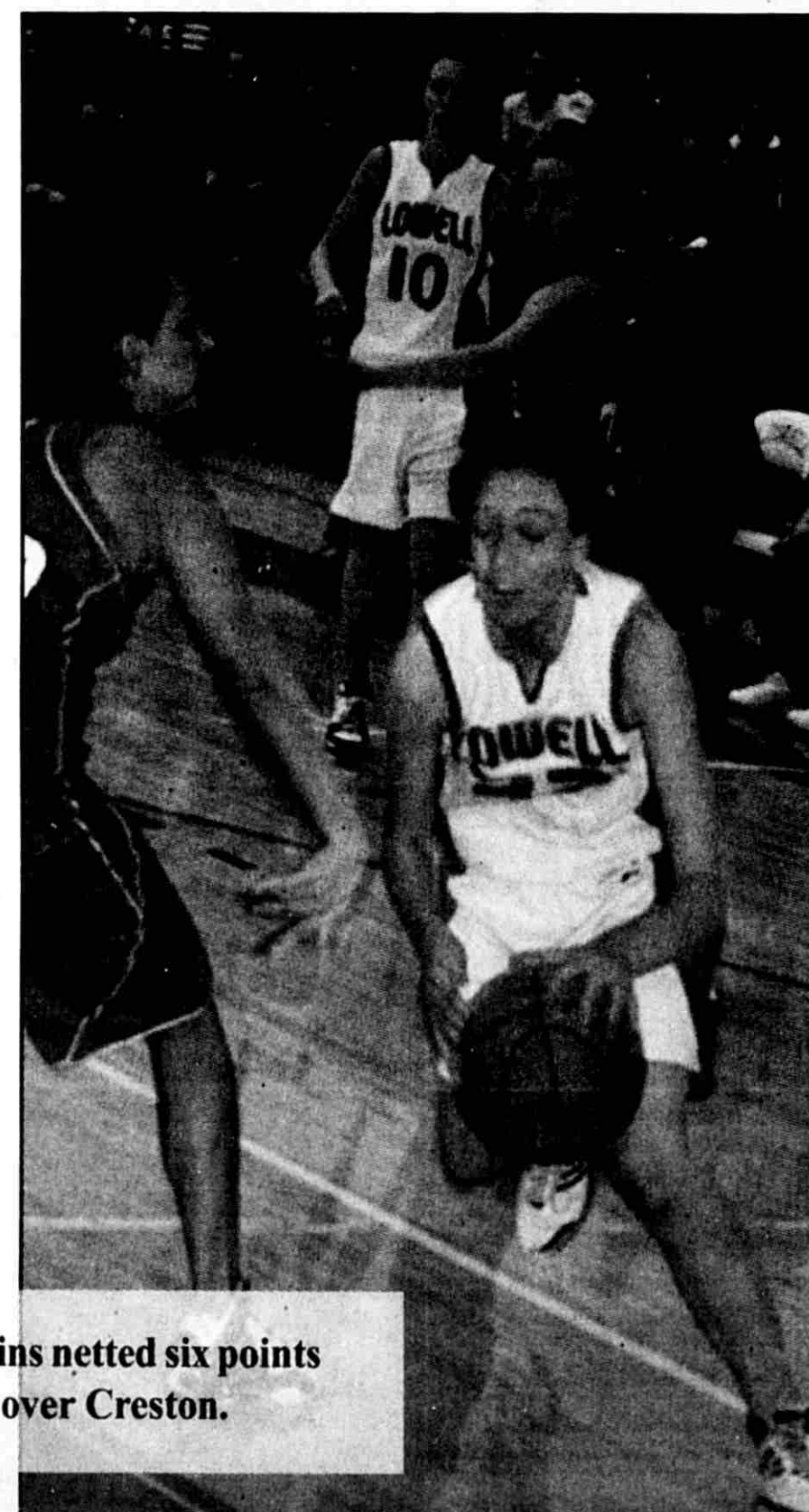
defense," said Lowell coach Dani Gallert. "Once we got the lead the girls got lazy. I told the girls to compete against better teams we have to be ready to play an entire 32 minutes."

The Red Arrows continue to get good offensive output from Kara Rasch. The Lowell senior tallied a game-leading 17 points.

"Kara is beginning to make the 15 footers," Gallert said.

Kallie Holzhueter chipped in with nine points.

"We got to play everyone tonight and we also had an opportunity to work on our press," Gallert explained. "We also keep improving on our turnovers. Game to game that number keeps getting better."



Katie Tompkins netted six points in Lowell's win over Creston.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell subdues Wildcats; eyes No. 1 Yellow Jackets

by Thad Kraus

If the minds of Lowell wrestlers were thinking ahead to Wednesday's showdown with Greenville, a well-coached, physical Northview squad righted the Red Arrow wrong on Lowell's way to a 47-22 O-K White win.

Northview, riding the wave of emotion that comes with wrestling the number two team in Division II, laid claim to four of the first six matches to build a 16-11 advantage.

"We weren't looking

past Northview. They are a well coached, physical group," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean said.

At the very least, the strength of the Wildcats' lineup matched up well against the Red Arrows in the early matches.

The match started at 189, with Lowell's Ryan Olep winning via a forfeit.

Trailing 6-0, Northview strung together wins in four of the next five matches to take a short-lived 16-11 advantage.

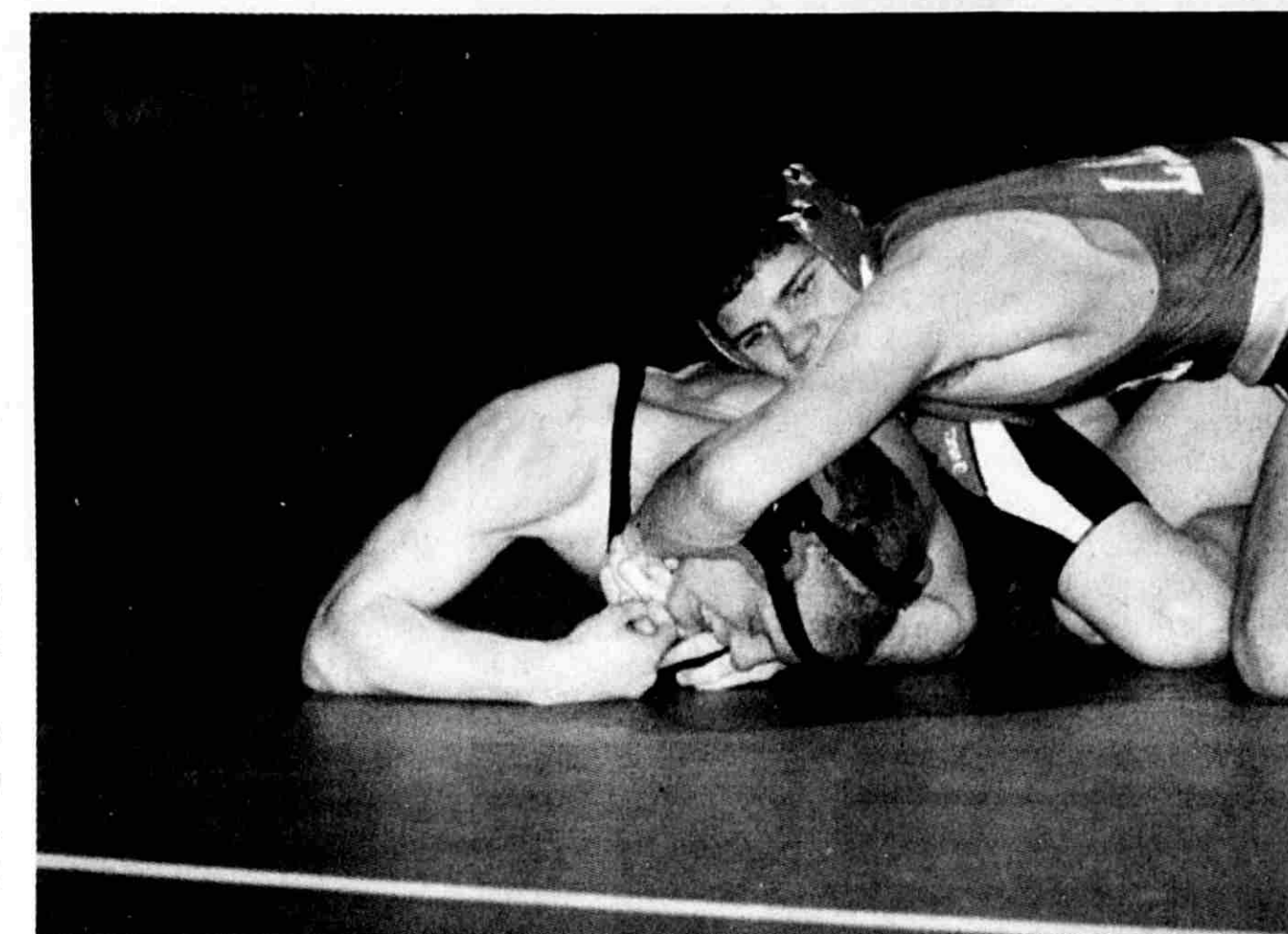
Jay Whitley (215)

defeated Tom Fleet 3-2. Zach Keur (103) decisioned Aaron Nowak 10-6. Travis Krauss (112) major decisioned Zach Jeffries 12-3 and Jake Livingston (119) pinned Taylor Martin at 1:21 of the first period.

"In close matches against good wrestlers you have to make good decisions. We didn't always do that tonight," Dean explained.

What Lowell did do was flex its muscle in the middle weights.

The Red Arrows won



Dan Fleet earned a 12-3 major decision against Northview's Evan Kovaly.

seven of the final eight matches including the last six in a row.

Four of those matches were via the pin and one was by way of a technical fall.

Posting pins were Tyler Jack (125), Andrew Morse (140), Ryan Dean (145), and Jackson Morse (171).

Dan Fleet (135) recorded a 12-3 major decision against Evan Kovaly.

Lowell's Rocky Pabon (152) penciled in a 3-2 decision against Luke Preston while Tim Gingerich earned a 23-8 technical fall against Northview's Skylar Callendar.

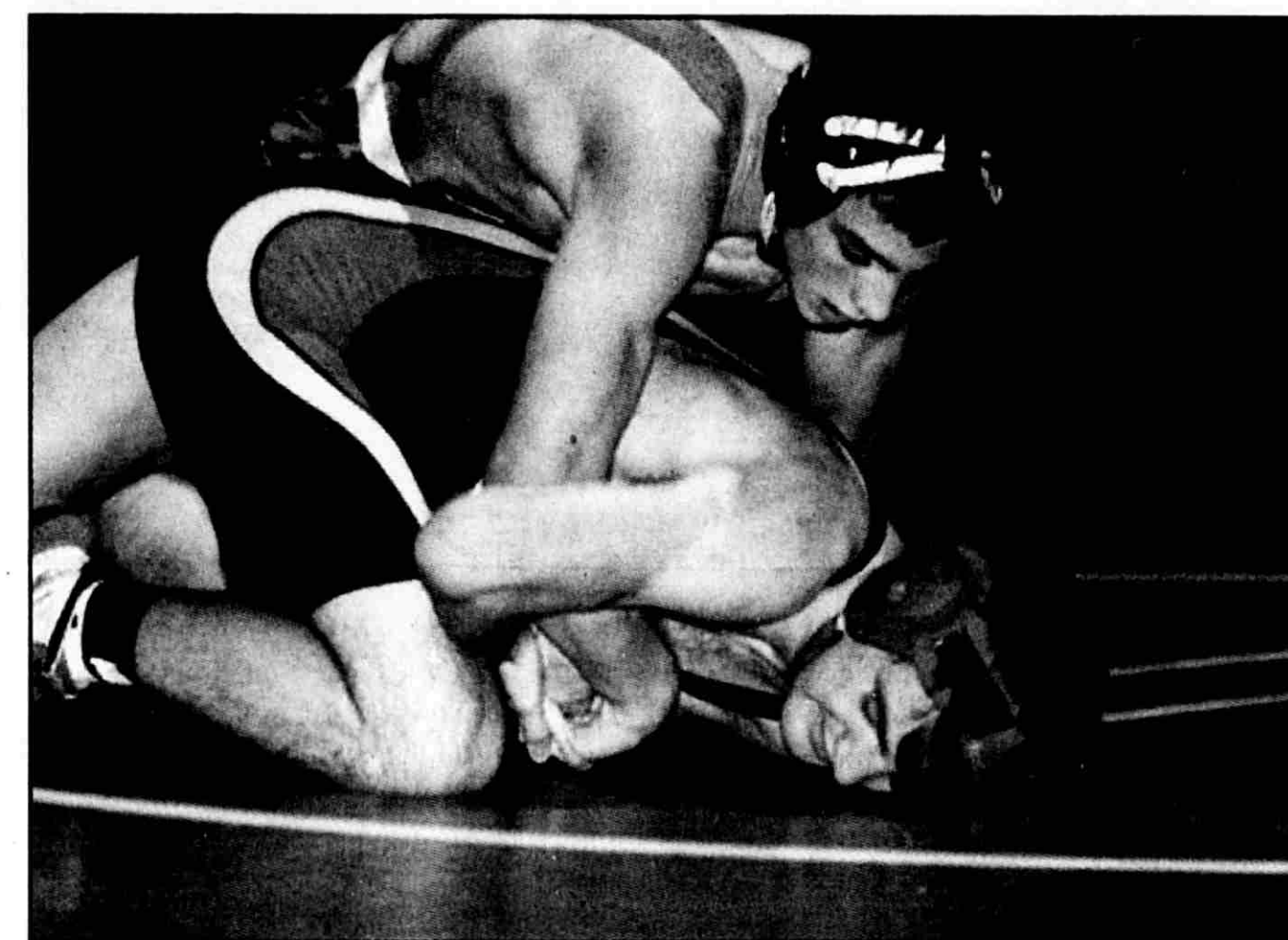
"Northview is a hardworking team," Gingerich said. "We all stepped it up tonight."

The Wildcats only win over the last eight matches came at 130 pounds. Dyllon Churchard pinned Gabe Morse at 5:56 of the third period.

"We're getting better," Northview coach B.J. Schroder said. "Greenville and Lowell are the Goliaths in the O-K White. We just want people to know that Northview is here."

The Lowell win sets up a much anticipated match between Greenville, the defending state champion and number one team in Division II and Lowell ranked second in Division II.

"Northview did a good job of taking advantage of our issues," Dean said. "We had some kids falter tonight, but nobody got down and we came back."



Andrew Morse picked up a pin against Wildcat Jake Burns.

## Lowell girls roll to victory at tourney; Red Arrow boys finish third

by Thad Kraus

Ask Lowell's bowling coach how his two teams are doing and he has to stop and think.

Yes, he's been paying attention, but due to inclement weather his Red Arrow rollers haven't been able to get onto the lanes.

"The pre-conference tournament was only our second match/tournament

of the year," Tom Alberts explained. "We've had two matches canceled due to the weather."

The inactivity didn't hinder the Red Arrow girls as they easily out rolled both Northview and Grand Rapids Christian in the pre-conference tournament.

Lowell finished with a 2820. Northview was



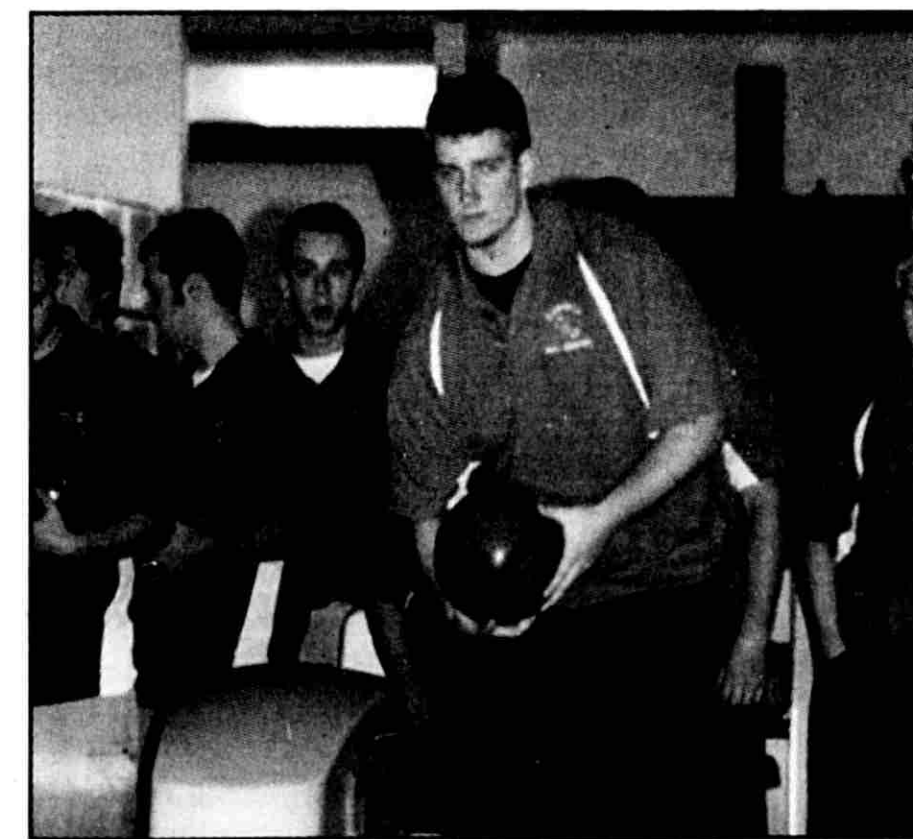
Liberty Clark's high game was a 170.

a distant second at 2489 followed by Grand Rapids Christian's 2465.

Kristin Bouwhuis and Liberty Clark, co-captains, battled for the top spot.

Bouwhuis' earned the honor with a 555 series. She rolled a 212, 176 and a 167.

Clark finished with a 477 rolling games of 170, 160 and 147.



Tom Alberts Jr. rolled a 562 series in the pre-conference tournament.

"Those two girls always seem to do well competing against one another," Alberts explained. "The girls started shaky, but relaxed and bowled well."

Other notable scores were handed in by Red Arrow Jessica Alberts (189) and Sammi Geldersma (175).

Competing against four other schools, Lowell boys' team placed third.

Northview earned top honors with a 3321 followed by Grand Rapids Christian, 3012 and Lowell, 2926.

Creston was fourth at 2795 and East Grand Rapids finished fifth with a 2360.

Lowell's top bowler for the day was Tom Alberts Jr. He rolled a 562 series

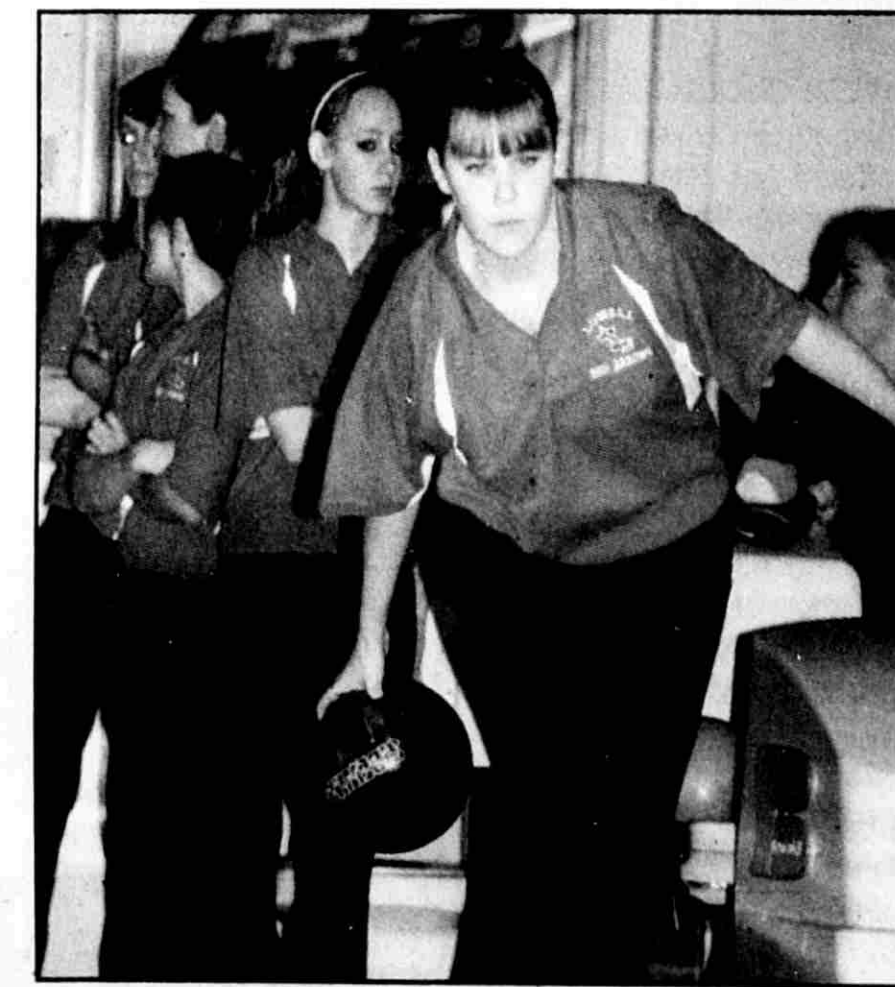
(172-211-179). Brian Hook finished with a 526 (181-172-173). Dillon Buck rolled a 484 with games of 166, 164 and 154.

Jacob Hornbrook was Lowell's fourth man with a 473 series (186-145-142).

"Spare shooting remains our big question

mark. We're young and gaining experience and that's what is going to make us better," Alberts said. "Matches and tournaments can be intimidating to young bowlers."

Lowell rolls in its first league match on Friday against Creston.



Kristin Bouwhuis led all Lowell bowlers with a 555 series.

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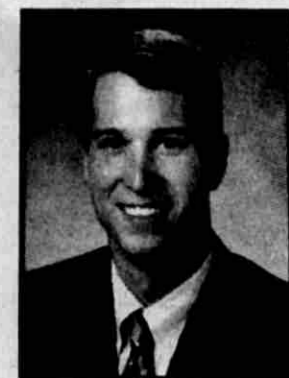
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With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

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Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in almost any kind of soil or rock. It travels through the ground, and is quickly diluted when released to the atmosphere, however when it seeps into homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, it can build up to unhealthy levels. "Radon is tasteless, odorless, and colorless, which too often makes it easy to ignore," said Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Steven Chester. "The reality is that nearly one in eight Michigan homes could have an indoor radon problem and the only way to know if your family is at risk is to test your home."

The DEQ is partnering with local health departments to ensure a source of low-cost test kits in every county this year. Most local health departments offer the kits for \$15 or less,

and many will be selling them at discounted prices during the month of January. Kits obtained from the local health departments include the postage to mail the device to an out-of-state laboratory, the fees for having the device analyzed, and a report sent back to the user.

For those who cannot get to their local health department during normal business hours, kits can be obtained online at <http://mi.radon.com>. Like the local health department kits, these kits include postage and lab fees in the price.

Test kits may also be available from some hardware stores or home improvement centers, but not all include postage and analysis, so citizens are urged to read the packaging before making their purchase.

The National Academy of Sciences estimates that

about 15,000 Americans die annually from radon-related lung cancer, and a Michigan Public Health Institute report estimates more than 600 new lung cancer cases in Michigan are attributable to indoor radon each year.

Radon tests should be done in the lowest livable level of the home during the cooler months of the year, when windows and doors are normally kept closed. If the test indicates an elevated radon level, more testing should be done to confirm the problem and appropriate actions taken to reduce the levels when needed.

To find out more about radon, visit the DEQ web site at [www.michigan.gov/deq/radon](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/radon) or call the DEQ Radon Program at 1-800-RADON-GAS (1-800-723-6642) for a free packet of information.

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March - these plans and the completion of other restructuring efforts can help our domestic automotive industry once again lead the world in innovation and fuel job creation and economic growth in America.

The auto industry is not the only sector of our economy that is suffering right now. That's why Congress is already working on an economic recovery package that we are hoping to complete quickly for President Obama to sign into law in his first weeks in office. The package needs to include tax cuts for working families as well as funding for infrastructure projects that will help create jobs and strengthen our communities for future economic growth. It should also include assistance for homeowners threatened by foreclosure and for state governments so that schools, health care, public safety and other state and local budget items are not slashed as tax revenues decrease during this recession.

It is also critical that we renew our commitment to manufacturing and vastly increase our efforts to encourage the development of advanced technologies. For example, ending our nation's dependence on foreign oil will require a new generation of advanced batteries for consumer and commercial use - and this same technology has vital military applications. I will continue to push for funding to help manufacturers establish domestic manufacturing capability for this and other critical technologies that will determine the

future of our industrial base in America.

Another problem that demands our attention is the increasing cost of health care, along with the gaps in our health care system that leave too many Americans with inadequate insurance or without any insurance at all. I am hopeful that this year we can finally make progress on measures like expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program and moving towards universal health care.

Just as health care is critical for our economic competitiveness, achieving sustained prosperity for future generations of Americans requires that we start investing more in education for our children. Far too often, our education system is falling short for our kids, and, despite progress in the last Congress to improve federal financial aid, too many families cannot afford the college or technical training that is so important for success in the 21st century economy. I am hopeful that we can continue this year to move towards a system that provides resources to meet high standards for all of our children's academic progress.

While our immediate focus is necessarily on economic issues, protecting our nation's security will require a significant re-engagement with the world community, matching our military might with visionary diplomacy to restore our nation's standing as a beacon of freedom and hope around the world. As Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee I will work with the new administration to bring most of our troops home from Iraq promptly and safely, and to formulate a strategically sound approach to our military engagement in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

The crises America faces today are like none we have confronted in generations, making this a challenging and historic time for our nation. This year it will be critical to set aside partisan differences and pass significant legislation to get our nation back on track. With new leadership and a bipartisan commitment to working together for change, I am confident that we can emerge from our current economic troubles stronger, safer, and more prosperous than ever before.

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## Bird count results

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Fifty-four participants observed 56 bird species on count day with three additional species during count week. If you missed this year's count, consider joining us on Jan. 2, 2010 for next year's count. See Table one for results.

From Dec. 14, 2008 through Jan. 5, 2009, tens

of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas took part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations. Families and students, birders and scientists, armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists went out on an annual mission - often before dawn. For over one hundred years, the desire to both make a difference and to experience the beauty of nature has driven dedicated people to leave the comfort of a warm house during the holiday season.

Each of the citizen scientists who annually braves snow, wind, or rain, to take part in the Christmas Bird Count makes an enormous contribution to conservation. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations - and to help guide conservation action.

Contact Ranger Steve (Mueller) for information about the count or the Grand Rapids Audubon Club, [Odybrook@chartermi.net](mailto:Odybrook@chartermi.net) or 616-696-1753.

The club web site is: <http://www.glsqa.org/grac.htm>.

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**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
Week of  
Jan. 19, 2008

**MON:** Tony's cheese pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), green beans, applesauce, milk.

**TUES:** Cheeseburger on bun (taco salad w/tortilla chips also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek, Bushnell & Murray Lake), lettuce/fresh vegetables, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**WED:** Chicken nuggets w/ dinner roll (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

**THURS:** Bosco sticks (cheese stuffed breadsticks) w/pizza dipping sauce (stacked ham/cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), green beans, applesauce, milk.

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**ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** - at Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday. Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m.

**COFFEE WITH THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL** - First Saturday each month, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Chamber office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Concerns & ideas welcome.

**STORYTIME AT THE CLARKVILLE AREA LIBRARY** - Thursdays at 10 a.m.

### EVENTS

**ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER** - 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available.

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**LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB** - 2nd Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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