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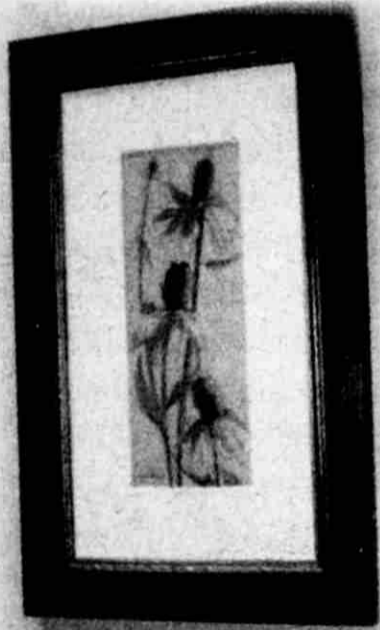
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## February MDOT meeting to brief shareholders on bridge project

by Emma Palova

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold a shareholders' meeting about the upcoming bridge replacement project at 8 a.m. on Feb. 18.

"We have a contractor now; the project has been let and we will be implementing the construction," said Art Green of Michigan Department of Transportation Grand Rapids Transportation Center. (MDOT TSC)

MDOT representatives, including delivery manager Tom Tellier and design consultants HH Engineering, will be present to explain the project and to answer questions.

The bridge project is

on schedule to start next month according to Green. The design is called a superstructure replacement in which the beams, the deck, the railing and sidewalks will all be replaced.

Since the bridge sits on a dam, at some point the water in the river will be lowered by two feet.

One lane traffic will be maintained in the eastbound direction, while the westbound traffic will be detoured via Jackson to Grand River, Grand River to Hudson and Hudson back to M21. The detour is approximately a mile long.

The timing of the new semaphore will be adjusted to the increase in traffic.

City manager Dave



The downtown bridge work to start in mid March, but no detour yet.

Pasquale said the idea of the meeting is that the people impacted by the project should be a part of the process.

"There should be a common bond between a number of people who do business here," he said. "The more people will get involved, the smoother it will be."

Present should be MDOT, city officials, police chief

and Department of Public Works.

Al Halbeisen of HH Engineering, consultant to the project, said MDOT will give an overview of the project, a timeline, schedule and what to expect.

There will be general signs that businesses are open during the construction, but specific individual signs for businesses cannot obstruct MDOT signs.

Some prep work will start on March 15 on sidewalks, but there will be no detour yet.

Halbeisen anticipates a smooth project. However, some of the challenges may include the lowering of the water in the dam in two different phases. One will take place in April, the other in mid July to August. Projected completion is Oct. 1.

## Husband and wife team reap Lowell Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award for 2010

by Emma Palova

Some know him better as Seemore, the lovable hobo clown, or the solo man behind the big clown parade during the Harvest Festival in October of 2006.

Always ready to have fun, Dave Thompson wanted to celebrate the city's 175th birthday in style with a parade and music. When he

was told to do it, Thompson went ahead and did it. Just like everything else in his life.

And that was just a fraction of his lifelong involvement in the community.

But his work wouldn't be complete without his better part, wife of 14 years, Jan.

Together, the husband and wife team has exemplified

what volunteerism is all about. For that, they have been named, the Person of the Year by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

For Dave and Jan, volunteering and community work are like second nature. For the last 14 years, the team has been on a revolving on-call list for many local organizations, clubs and

foundations, not to mention the leadership on various boards.

"You always get the two of us," laughed Dave. "Doing things together has made volunteering much more fun."

Both have volunteered since a young age, only in different places.

"I've lived in large cities where I have always volunteered, but I have found my niche in Lowell. I have totally enjoyed being a part of the volunteer force in Lowell. It is truly the 'Only Place to Be!'"

Dave, on the other hand has long roots in the area, as a descendent of the first pioneers in Vergennes Township in 1833. At that time Lowell only had a trading post and Lowell Township didn't exist yet.

"There is something magical about smaller towns and Lowell is unique in so many ways," he said. "I only wish my 1833 pioneering relatives could see Lowell as we see it today."

And Lowell owes a lot to volunteers like the

Thompsons who helped craft it into a small town that everyone loves.

Throughout the years, Dave and Jan have been involved in almost every club and organization. They have both been instrumental in organizations like the Fallsburg Historical Society, the Garden Club, the American Legion, the chamber, the Flat River Outreach Ministries, the arts council and the Lowell Board of Gilda's Club.

"They always get a team," Dave laughed. "Our business is volunteering."

But, they also each had their own niches. For Dave, it was definitely the clown parade. That afternoon he watched the parade from the sidewalk with great satisfaction.

"It was a tremendous amount of work, but it was worth it," he said.

This parade had 87 marching units which included 17 music units because people had



Dave and Jan Thompson, recipients of the Person of the Year award.

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# Bridge buildings remodeled to 1920s look

by Emma Palova  
The buildings located on the northwest end of the bridge, originally slated for condemnation, are getting a major facelift. Owner and general contractor Greg Canfield

purchased the buildings, built in the 1880s, last year. "It keeps the downtown business district intact and adds to the beauty of the downtown," he said. The three buildings will be combined into one and restored to the 1920s look. During the gutting of the building, it was discovered there used to be a second floor. So, Canfield decided to put on the second story. The first floor will have a large 1,500 square-foot apartment. The first floor

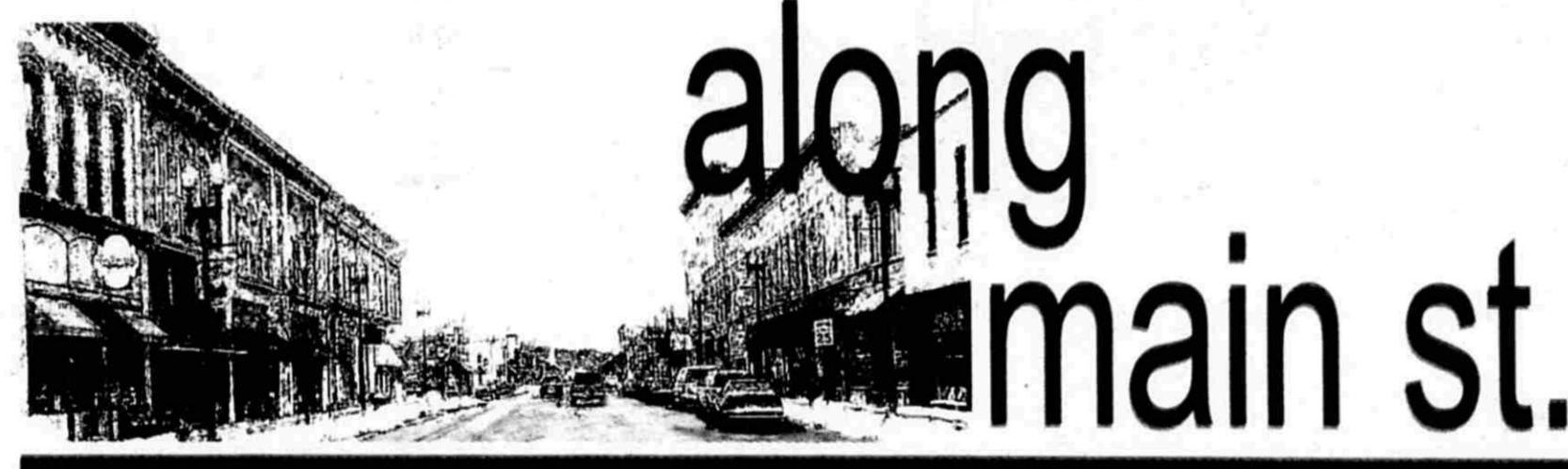
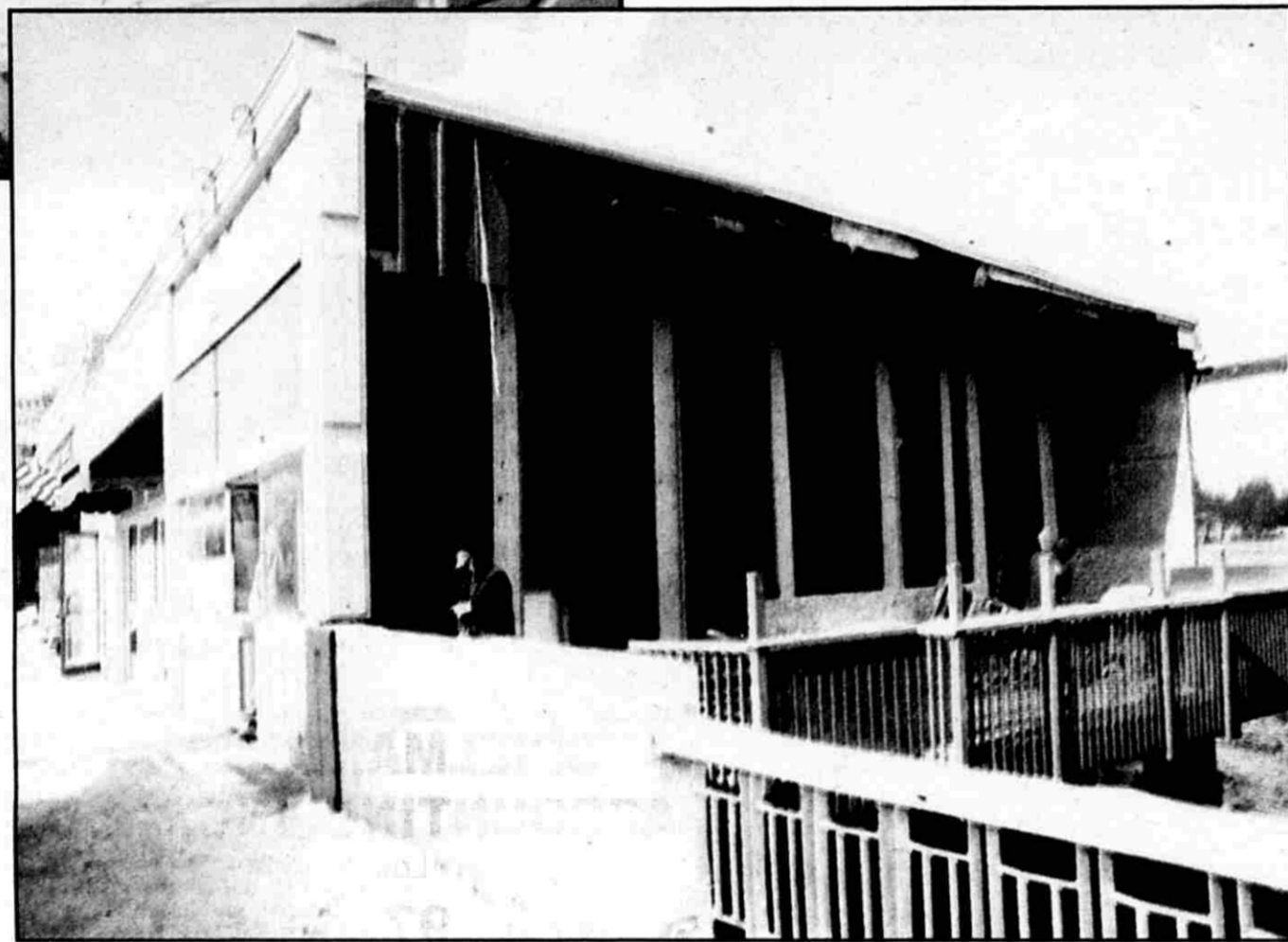
is 2,000 square feet and a local tenant may locate there. The project hasn't been easy, according to contractor Matt Garrison of Ridgeline. Ridgeline, last summer, worked on shoring up the foundation of the buildings. "We worked in waders up to our waist in water," said Garrison. The buildings had rubble foundation which had to be encapsulated. "We almost poured an entirely new foundation," said Garrison. Also, the crew had to work hand in hand with Michigan Department of Transportation because of the upcoming bridge project and with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) since the foundation is in water. Ridgeline worked with the city because Downtown Development Authority (DDA) appropriated monies toward the project.

"We facilitated a lot of that," said Garrison. "It was a tight road block." But once finished in approximately six months, it will add to the city's tax base. "The buildings will fit in very well," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "The project shows a commitment for downtown improvement. It speaks well for what we're doing. It's a definite positive for downtown and commercial districts."

Canfield said the project was a lot more work than expected. "It took twice as long and cost twice as much," he said. "But, the results will be worth it." Professional designer Aaron Jenks of E3S2 said the design fits with the character of Main Street. The building will have a cornice, historic window size and front facade details. "It's a nice look for the area," said Jenks. "The buildings were supposed to be demolished and to turn it around like this, is amazing." Canfield used all local contractors. The project should be completed within six months.



Buildings on the bridge were completely gutted and will be remodeled to the 1920s look. Greg Canfield is pictured working on the property.



Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations and The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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## CITY OF LOWELL PLANNING COMMISSION - CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Subsections I and J and add new Subsection J to Section 4.08, "Accessory Building and Uses," amend Subsection B and add new Subsection B to Section 4.10, "Temporary Uses of Buildings requiring Zoning Enforcement Officer Authorization;" and add Section 4.24, "Temporary Garages in Residential Districts;" to Chapter 4, "General Provisions" of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinance are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us)

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



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

# Arts council to hold fundraising party at Deer Run

Fun and frivolity will not be in short supply at this year's "Art Attack" fundraiser and auction on Saturday, March 6 at Deer Run Golf Club.

Besides the wonderful and unique food selections, the decorating committee has conjured up a nighttime theme that is sure to please the eye. The evening starts with a "celebrity" entrance for you, our special guests. Don't be surprised to see photographers there to chronicle all the gaiety. Everyone is welcome—come join them to support the arts. And what would an auction be without auction items? Do you feel lucky? Then place a daring bid on your favorite item and feel the thrill when you win the bid. There will be silent and live bidding for many desirable items. Besides works of original art and jewelry by many outstanding Lowell and Grand Rapids artists, there will be other great items, such as a weekend at River House at Bridgewater Place, timeshares, golf outings, and dinner party packages - think Cajun, Tuscan - or a barbecue after a fun pontoon ride. Many of these items are available for bidding right now on the Arts Council's website at [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org)

The 'piece de resistance' of the evening will be the spirited live auction. Here the action will get hot and heavy in real time as some truly wonderful prizes go up for a great bargain price. Try your bravado out by bidding on our top items - you will be the envy of the evening!

Games, you say? Well, yes, we have lots of games to play. You can go home a winner by playing the prize wheel, cashanator (money-grab game), and 50/50 drawings. Entertainment? Well, yes, only the best in Roger MacNaughton and Cindy Kropf to kick out an eclectic variety of original tunes. The price of admission includes all the fun mentioned above with endless appetizer dining and desserts. Tickets are \$40 each in advance or \$50 at the door. Tables of eight are available in advance for \$320. As an extra incentive to bring all your friends and co-workers, table purchasers will also receive bidding bucks to use during the auctions, game coupons, and a photo of your table of friends. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Arts Council at 897-8545 or emailing [info@lowellartscouncil.org](mailto:info@lowellartscouncil.org) or stop down at the Arts Council gallery, 149 S. Hudson. The doors open at 6 p.m. and they'll stay open until way past dark! Deer Run Golf Club is located at 13955 Cascade Road, Lowell.

# Person of the Year, continued

complained we never had enough music," Dave said. On top of that he accomplished the unimaginable at that time - that was getting the parked cars off Main Street during the clown parade and all the parades to come. Among his other leadership accomplishments are president of the Rotary for two years, secretary to the arts council for one year, post commander of the American Legion, and vice-chairperson for fund-raising for the Lowell Education Foundation. During his tenure on various organizations such as the education foundation, there was an increase in annual funds raised or during his years with the Garden Club, there was an increase in membership. Dave has been in charge of the annual Memorial Day program at the Oakwood Cemetery. "We always have an educational component," he said. Most recently, Dave

organized a Hero's welcome for Sgt. Shane Sherer where 300 people were present at the Gerald Ford International Airport. "I'd want Dave as my campaign manager," laughed Lowell mayor Jim Hodges after the welcome. The couple enjoys fun activities levitating and following each other like the quarterly dinners at the Legion that have become a must for both. Jan is proud of her activities in Wives of American Legion & VFW, and the Lowell Women's Club, these included: a Father's Day drive that provided desserts for 350 people at God's Kitchen and a cookie drive in December that rendered 1,600 cookies for the Veteran's Home in Grand Rapids. "I couldn't smell chocolate for a week," Jan said. She was the chair for FROM's fundraiser, "Sunday Afternoon with FROM" in October of 2009. These will all become annual fundraisers. Jan has been the volunteer ice sculptor judge for the Christmas sculpting challenge for 13 years. Then there are the little things that sometimes go unnoticed like Dave's famous Old Dutch spaghetti dinners, donations of flags, signs and flower baskets. "It's a feeling of satisfaction knowing that you've done something that needs to be done," he said. "Your time is free, and it's a tremendous amount of work but you're feeling good."

Jan said that volunteering is one responsibility that makes you feel good. "I was flabbergasted when I found out about the award," she said. Dave said he didn't expect the award. "I was humbled," he said. The couple will be presented their award at the annual Winter Gathering on Feb. 18 starting at 6 p.m. held at Grand Volute Ballrooms. "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." - Bill Cosby (1937 - )

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Offices of Lowell City Hall, Lowell Police, Light and Power and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2010 in observance of President's Day.

ALSO

Due to President's Day, the Lowell City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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## 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE City of Lowell 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2010 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 2nd, 9:00 a.m. - Organizational Meeting  
Tuesday, **March 9th**, 3:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m - **Appeal Hearing**  
Thursday, **March 11th**, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - **Appeal Hearing**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2010 assessments.  
**By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 5th, 2010.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2010 are as follows:  
Commercial.....49.78%.....1.0044  
Residential.....50.44%.....0.9912  
Industrial.....53.56%.....0.9335  
Personal Property.....50.00%.....1.0000

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The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3 days notice.  
Contact: Dave Pasquale - City Manager, ph. 616.897.8457

### Female high school athletes inspired by success story

submitted by Taryn Endres  
 Female athletes constantly compete to be successful both within and away from athletics. Being a female athlete, it is hard to get recognized considering athletics have been dominant towards males for so long. On Thursday, Jan. 28, the female varsity athletes of Lowell High School that are members of the very popular "Lady Arrow Varsity Club" enjoyed a luncheon at The BOB in downtown Grand Rapids.

This growing club consists of athletes who have earned their varsity letter and have been doing their best to be role models for the female athletes to come in the future. The Varsity Club previously hosted a father daughter dance for Lowell elementary girls. They are organized by a group of female teachers at Lowell High School who were all very successful athletes. The Lady Arrow Varsity Club is a way for female athletes from

all sports to interact and not worry about competing with each other. During their luncheon, they enjoyed dressing up in high heels and dresses, a change in style not always seen. They were joined by previous high school and college athlete Jane Bos. Bos shared her success story and what it was like for her to play sports competitively and enter a male workforce. She constantly had encounters that reminded her of male

dominance in society. Her story hit home with a lot of the young athletes. She shared how she juggled three sports in high school and made a choice to play just one sport in college. After college, Bos discussed becoming a sports editor and writer. The members of the Lady Arrow Varsity Club were grateful for her input and plan to use her story to help create a success of their own.

### Marketing class to put on G.R. Pacers halftime show

submitted by Britny Peckham

On Friday, Feb. 19, the Lowell High School sports marketing class will be putting on an entertaining halftime show. The Grand Rapids Pacers wheelchair basketball team will be playing demonstration games during both the boys' and girls' varsity basketball halftimes. The varsity basketball teams will be battling against rivals East Grand Rapids.

The Pacers are part of a great organization. The Grand Rapids Wheelchair Sports Association is a nonprofit organization to help children and adults with physical challenges to

use a wheelchair to play competitive sports. The organization has helped many people learn to play anything from basketball to water-skiing.

So come and join the community and fill the stands to watch the Grand Rapids Pacers play during halftimes of the varsity games. The girls' varsity game starts at 6 p.m. with the boys' game following after. Admission cost is \$5. All Lowell teachers will be admitted free and be recognized before the start of the boys' game. This event is sponsored by the Lowell Education Association (LEA).

### college news

Abbot Kastanek of Lowell has earned a place on the College of Engineering Technology Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester at Ferris State University. The minimum requirement for the Dean's List is a 3.50 honor point average for a 12 credit load. He is the son of Raymond and Melody Kastanek.

both of Ada, qualified with a grade point average of 4.00. The following students have qualified with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99: Nicholas Leach, Kati Niekerk, Keith Sabin, Kelly Shaheen, Gregory Smale, and Sarah Wisniewski, all of Ada; Patricia Lawrence, Seth Mayhew, and Chelsea Smit, all of Lowell.

Northern Michigan University has announced the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. Katrina Beatson and Thomas Beddows,

Leara Glinzak, of Lowell, was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Seton Hill University.

Spring Arbor University is pleased to announce that Nicole Praniewicz, of Clarksville, graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is the daughter of Gregory and Jennifer Praniewicz.

Macquarrie, Stephanie Mathias, Kathryn May, Edward Myers, Jacqueline Scholz, Doug Stutzman, Heidi White, and Carolyn Wolters, all of Ada.

Western Michigan University has announced the fall 2009 Dean's List and the following students were recognized: Luke Burley, Jesse Heys, Josephine Isaac, and Erik Jacobson, all of Alto; Mark Biener and Lisa Brown, both of Lowell; and Alvin Aquino, Elizabeth Block, Steven Datema, Naomi Droge, Whitney Dykhouse, Lindsay Follett, Gwynnd Lammas, Lachlan

Michigan State University has recognized the following students to the fall 2009 Dean's List: Carolyn Butcher, Stephanie Forton, Charles Maines, Amy Nelsen, Robert Reed, and John Ricketts, all of Alto; Randy Adams, Collette Benmark, Laura Blanton, Bradley Corlett, Derek DiCesare, Paula Lawrence, Nancy Maschke, Alisha McGlamery, and Michael Nichols, all of Lowell.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

I got myself an ear full when I attended the Feb. 1 council meeting over a debate about a loan to buy a dump truck. Instead of the city going to the bank and borrowing the money and having to pay interest they transferred the money from one fund to another. I applaud councilmember Ellison for her determination to get the subject clarified. But what wasn't explained and I believe is the most important part of the transaction is why wasn't there enough money in the equipment fund in the first place? Has the city been borrowing from one fund to nurture another fund in the past? Are those symptoms part of a failing system? Putting that aside it was gratifying to see our city council act as the servant for what they were voted into office to be. In a brief summary about a controversy over waste hauling and recycling, the council seemed

to come to the forefront and confirm the wishes of the constituents. Even though the council hasn't voted on the subject yet I believe that the majority of the council's votes will represent the will of the people. But before there is a final decision, what the council will be voting on should be clarified and brought to the constituents in a public hearing for comments.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

Dear Editor,

I read the story about Republican legislators visiting with ideas on how to fix Michigan with some interest. I could not attend because I had to work. Might I suggest that the answer is not going to come from Lansing? These gentlemen are members of the same Republican

party that voted themselves the biggest pay raise in history when they were in control of the government in our state. Our legislators are the second or third highest paid in the country while our state economy has been in the bottom five for the last 5-10 years. When our economy officially tanked at the end of 2008, these same legislators (both parties) took the "impressive" action of a pay cut - to take effect in 2011. What a joke. How nice to have a guaranteed salary while the state economy goes down the toilet.

My point is this - I am not looking for answers from men and women who vote themselves raises with our tax money and enjoy one of the best health care plans available. Just think - if they stick it out for six years, then they can enjoy said health care for the rest of their lives.

What can we do to rescue Michigan? How about looking to places like BuyMichiganNow.com? If everyone directed just \$10 a week of their grocery

budget to food produced in Michigan, it keeps \$37 million dollars in the state. Buy cereal from Kellogg's; buy dressings from Litehouse; buy milk, beer, and wine that is produced in our state. Eat potatoes from Michigan. Purchase bread made locally. If we all do that to the tune of a \$10 bill we keep MILLIONS in our state every week. More and more of the products in the stores are clearly labeled.

I am not suggesting that loading up on Michigan made products will solve all our problems, but it is a way all of us can make a huge difference. Supporting local, regional, and Michigan based businesses just requires common sense - something rare in Lansing. Cliff Yankovich  
Chimera Design  
Lowell

Dear Editor,

I want to thank The Ledger and Emma Palova for the great cover page story (Republican legislators

share ideas on how to fix Michigan). We were pleased that so many legislators as well as citizens turned out for this event. I'm aware that some questions may not have been answered in full detail, and for those questioners I would suggest follow up with your representative either by email, regular mail or a phone call. This is what they're there for! I would also like to share that the East Kent County Republicans are a

grassroots group supporting the mission of the Kent GOP.

We meet every second Saturday at the Lowell Chamber office from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Please join us with your thoughts and ideas to help bring our government back to the people!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Stroosnyder  
East Kent County  
Republicans

**outdoors**  
 Evolution on ice  
 Dave Stegehuis

Fishing through the ice has remained a significant wintertime venture for generations of Michigan anglers. Ice fishing is fun and can provide a source of great tasting fresh fish. Panfish such as bluegills and perch can be found in most inland lakes and ponds across the state.

Catching fish is a matter of locating fish that are biting and then figuring out what they want to eat and then getting the bait to them. The need to solve this puzzle has remained the same, but the methods have changed considerably over the last half century. Fishermen have not been left behind as evolving technology becomes part of our everyday lives. A piece of pipe with a steel wedge welded on the end was used to chop a

hole through the ice in the old days. A Swedish auger with a blade shaped like a cupped hand and sharpened along a semi-circular edge became the tool of choice for drilling holes in the 60's. Then a fluted auger similar to a wood working brace and bit replaced the Swedish auger. More recently, a small gas engine or battery powered motor replaced the hand crank on the auger so fishermen can drill more holes faster in search of elusive fish.

Finding fish in the past was always a trial and error proposition. Now, many fishermen use sonar flashers or graphs and underwater video cameras to locate all species of fish. Paper or digital lake maps provide useful bottom structure

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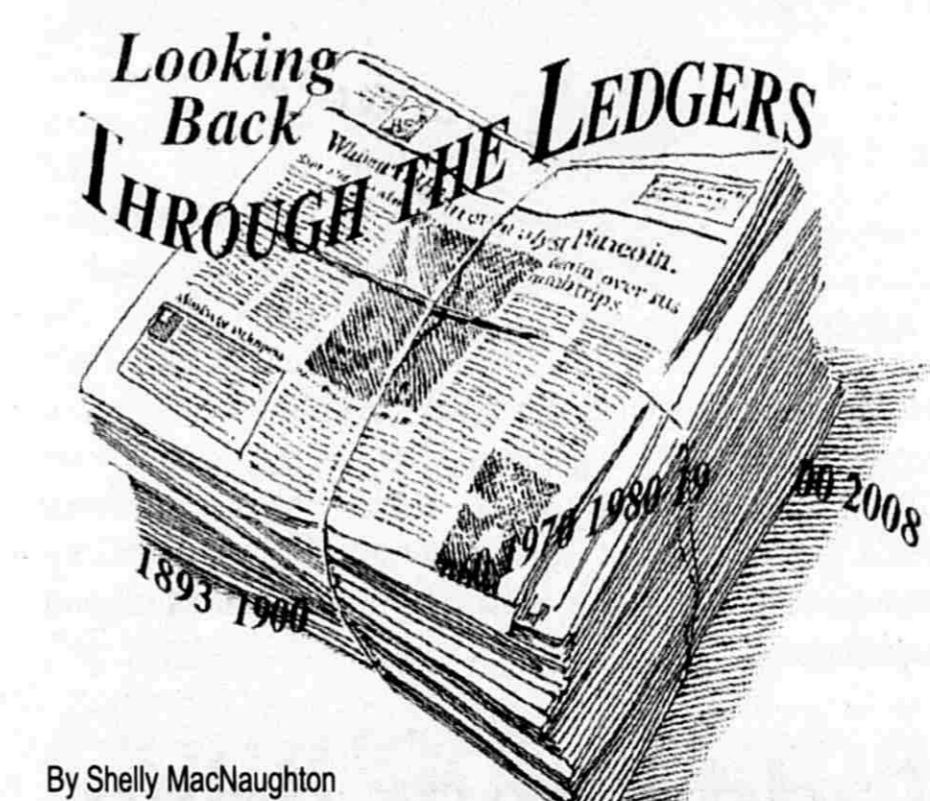
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By Shelly MacNaughton

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo February 14, 1935

Bruno Richard Hauptmann was condemned to the electric chair late Wednesday night by the jury in Flemington, N. J. that tried him for the kidnap-murder of baby Lindbergh.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of two energetic young men, there has been a revivification of scouting activities in Lowell. Wendell Emery and Bruce Walter, two newcomers to the school faculty, have assumed the responsibility of leadership in the movement and the response made by the boys proves beyond a doubt that scouting will become the major activity of the boys in the teen age.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 11, 1960

The Lowell Board of Education plans to offer the Riverview and Boynton school properties for sale in the near future. These buildings have been declared excess and there are no plans to use them in the future. The Riverview school is located 2 miles west of the village on M-21. The Boynton school is located on Vergennes Street about six and a half miles northwest of Lowell.

Consumers Power Company area manager Bob C. Davis announced this week that ceremonies will be held Monday, February 15, to turn the valve that will bring natural gas to Lowell.

### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal February 11, 1885

Rowland Hull, of Keene, was a powder boy in Perry's fleet at the battle of Lake Erie. He was not regularly enrolled, going as a volunteer for that particular expedition and therefore draws no pension. During the engagement he was severely wounded by a splinter from a mast which was struck by a cannon ball; the scar from which is now plainly visible. Mr. Hull is 85 years old.

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 10, 1910

Ecker's planning mill with all contents: machinery, tools, stock, manufactured and in process product, was totally destroyed last night by fire which was discovered about 12:30. The loss is over \$10,000 with but small insurance, the rate being prohibitive. The mill and its contents represented a life's work. The loss is total and the blow a heavy one to Mr. Ecker who has the sympathy of his fellow townsmen in his misfortune.

### 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger February 18, 1985

The Lowell High School was paid an unexpected visit by royalty last week. "Miss Michigan," Barbara Jean Crandall, stopped by to visit Mike Doyle, an L.H.S. student that has recently received cancer treatment at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Nashville, TN. Miss Crandall made her appearance in full regalia, complete with crown, and simply delighted everyone that had a chance to meet her. Miss Crandall's talent is ventriloquism. High school principal Richard Korb was thoroughly impressed with her ability.

**financial focus**  
 Christopher C. Godbold

Financial gifts for your Valentine

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, so you'd better get going with the flowers and chocolates for your sweetie. But this year, why not go beyond the traditional gifts and give a present that can make a difference in your loved one's life for years to come? Specifically, why not give a financial gift?

Of course, you could always put some cash or a check in a card, but with a little creativity, you can make a financial gift that has a longer-lasting and more profound impact. Here are a few suggestions:

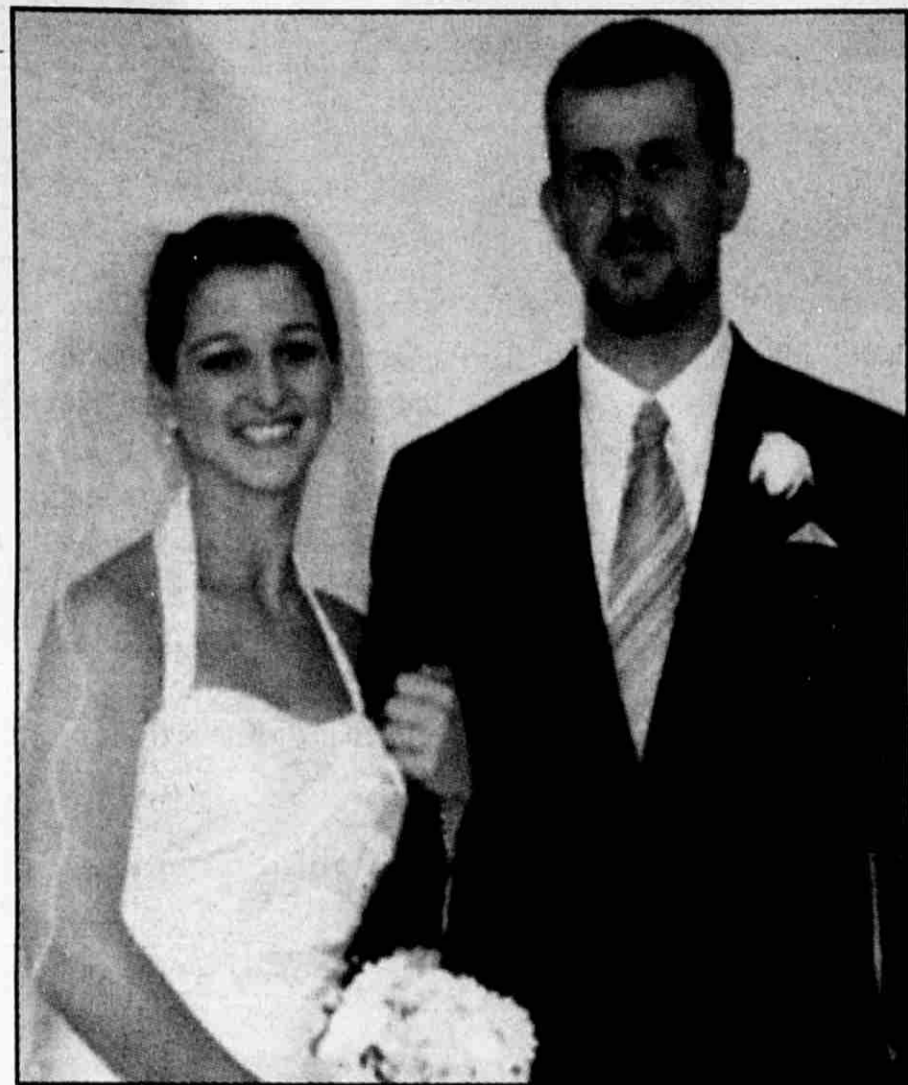
• **Give stocks.** You will almost certainly surprise someone by giving a gift of stock, perhaps representing a company that makes products or services favored by the recipient. If you're giving shares of stock that you own, you can give up to a value of \$13,000 per year without incurring gift taxes. Since the recipient will be liable for income taxes if he or she eventually sells the stock for a gain, you will need to provide the recipient

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weddings

Gingerich/Festin

VanKalker/Freed



Nichole and Josh VanKalker

Nichole (Nicki) Freed and Josh VanKalker were united in matrimony on September 19, 2009, at the Clarksville Bible Church. Parents of the couple are Greg and Chris Freed of Clarksville and Brian and Deb VanKalker of Alto. Maid of honor was Chelsea Freed.



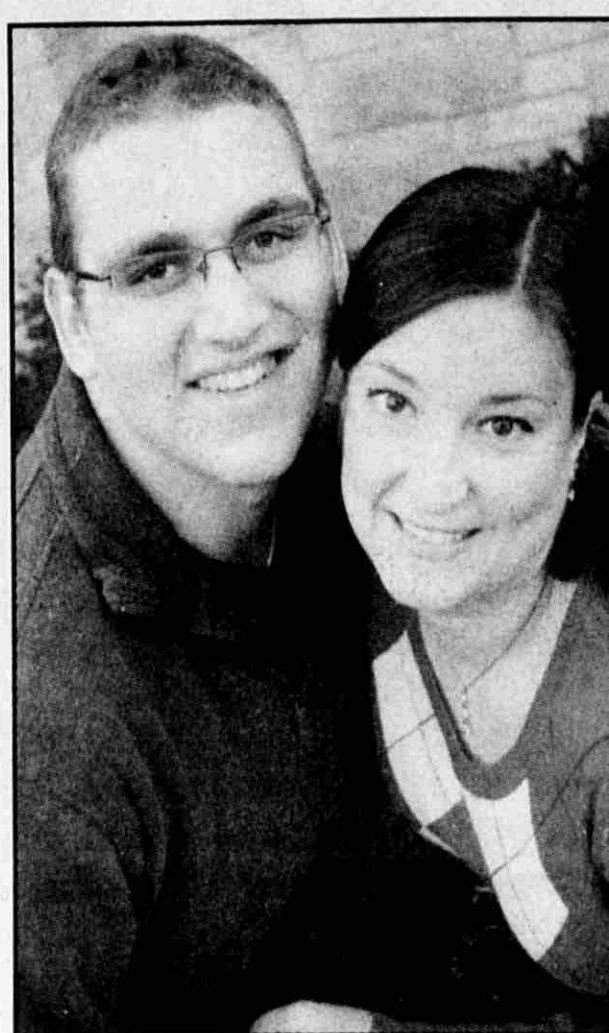
Ashley and Robert Gingerich

Ashley Eileen Festin and Robert Michael Gingerich Jr. were united in matrimony on October 10, 2009 at St. Alphonsus Church in Lemont, IL. Parents of the couple are Dan and Lee Ann Festin of Lemont, IL and Bob and Kathy Gingerich of Lowell. Maid of honor was Lori Ludwig. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Poehlman, Jennifer

Matthews, Erin Wagner, and Elaine McLaughlin. Best man was Nick Willette. Groomsmen were Tim Gingerich, Scott Festin, Kyle Anderson, and Brandon Kinney. The couple currently resides in Aurora, IL. Ashley is a kindergarten teacher at Oakwood Elementary. Bobby is a branch manager for The Fastenal Company.

engagements

Janofski/Freed

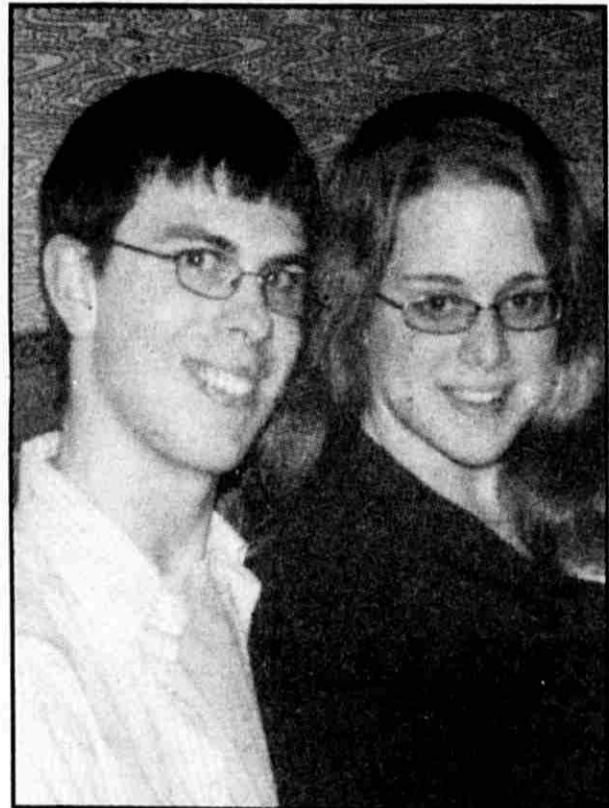


Timothy Freed and Elizabeth Janofski

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Janofski of Fairmount, Indiana and Rev. and Mrs. Gregory Freed of Clarksville are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth Christine Janofski and Timothy Alan Freed. The bride-to-be is originally from St. Louis, attended Olivet Nazarene University and is currently an editor at the Nazarene Publishing House in Kansas City, Missouri. The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and is pursuing a career in mechanical engineering. The couple is planning a March wedding in Kansas City, Missouri, with family and close friends, where they will reside.

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Freed/Kastanek



Abbot Kastanek and Chelsea Freed

An August wedding is being planned for Chelsea Christine Freed and Abbot MelKastanek, both 2006 graduates of Lowell High School. Rev. and Mrs. Gregory Freed of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kastanek of Lowell are pleased to announce their engagement. The future bride will be graduating from Olivet Nazarene University in May with a degree in mechanical engineering. Her fiance graduated from GRCC with an associate degree and is currently attending Ferris State University working toward a degree in facility management. The couple is planning to reside in the Grand Rapids area.

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In The Service

Air Force Airman The airman completed 1st Class Cody P. Walsh an intensive, eight-week program that included military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and



basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Jennifer Fish of Lowell and Patrick Walsh of Sparta. Walsh is a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School.

area churches

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 www.lowellumc.com WORSHIP..... 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:30 a.m. Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 4-4:45 PM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 280, ENTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

Teddy bear drive

St. Patrick School, St. Mary Church, and Curtis Cleaners in Lowell are drop off points for Blare's Bears Drive to give kids in Haiti something to hug. Blare, who has Haitian ancestry, is a student at St. Thomas School in Grand Rapids. After the devastating earthquake, Blare made a goal to collect 2,000 new and gently used teddy bears to send to Haiti. He reached his goal in one week and has updated it to 20,000. The bears will be shipped to Haiti through Rays of Hope in Grand Rapids. The Middle School Youth Group at St. Mary Church and the students at St. Patrick School are joining to help collect the teddy bears. Curtis Cleaners will be donating the cleaning of the used bears. New or gently used bears may be dropped off at St. Mary Church, Curtis Cleaners, or St. Patrick School, Parnell, until Monday, March 1. For information call St. Patrick School, 691-8833.

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Artist depicts peaceful landscapes, flowers

by Emma Palova

In her painting "My Space," pastel artist Elizabeth Dean depicted the space she had created for herself on a beach between tall grasses at Hoffmaster Park.

She spends time there in the summertime admiring the lake and the nature. That is the main subject theme in her paintings, landscapes and flowers.

"I just sit there and watch the water. I love being outdoors," she said. "I love to wander around and walk through the woods."

The show "Landscape & Flowers" is now on exhibit at the Franciscan Life Process Center through April 10.

Dean is enticed by various shapes of nature, what she

calls God's handiwork. "The shapes call to me," she said. "They call me to paint."

She was also inspired by her mother, who taught Dean to garden and appreciate the beauty of flowers.

"That means more flowers and shapes to try and capture on canvas," she said.

And although she says that painting on-site is absolutely the best way to see all the colors, Dean mostly takes photos, sketches, memories and feelings from a place home and works in her studio.

She started painting more seriously 10 years ago at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Dean joined the Grand Valley Artists and the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

For the last two years, Dean has been taking the "Paint In Paint Out" workshops at the center that have helped her with her paintings immensely.

"We can all work on our own and we help each other," she said.

Dean likes going outside the painting studio to admire an oak tree.

"There's a marvelous oak tree that I want to paint again," she said.



happy birthday!

FEBRUARY 10 Richard Korb, Eric Kimble.

FEBRUARY 11 Julie Kenney, Judy Goodwin, Terry Nugent.

FEBRUARY 12 Peg Stanford, Kurt Roudabush, Travis Bergy, Jan Herb.

FEBRUARY 13 Deb Heydenburg, Emily Gerard, Jodi Kennedy, Alyssa Ellis-Roach, Thomas Alberts Jr.

FEBRUARY 14 Heather Claypool, Carol Leyman, Gerri Ellison, Scott Treglia, Lori Rice.

FEBRUARY 15 Jim VanKyke, DeeAnn Merriman, Deanne Newell, Marcus Kline, Adam Confer.

FEBRUARY 16 Matthew Schuitema, Tracey Main.

Outdoors, continued

information. Downloading a digital map to a G.P.S. unit makes it convenient to find and record active areas.

Extremely cold temperatures and especially wind can make fishing on frozen water a chilling experience. This problem was solved early by industrious anglers who used scavenged materials to construct one of a kind shanties to provide shelter from the elements. These structures were heavy and tended to freeze into the ice, and if left until break-up sank to the bottom of the lake. Portable shanties from a number of manufacturers now dominate the ice. These canvas fold-down shelters are easy to pull to and from fishing sites by hand or all terrain vehicles.

Wooden ice fishing sticks with pegs fastened

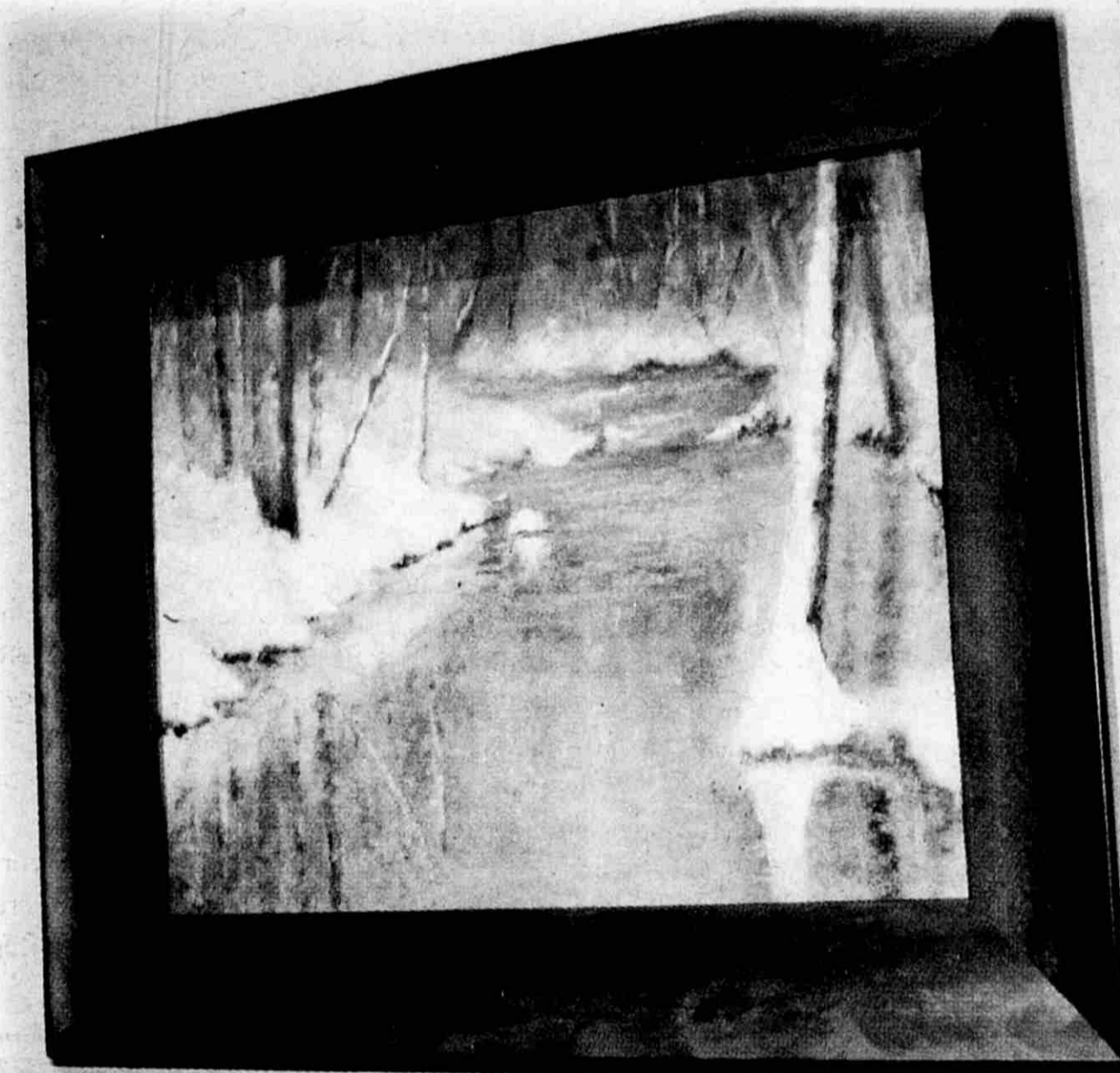
to the handle on which to wrap nylon line with a cork bobber required walking backwards to pull a fish onto the surface. Today, ultralight spinning reels spooled with fluorocarbon line and graphite rods with spring bobbers make it easy to detect bites and reel in a fish.

Clothing designed for ice fishermen provides comfort and convenience. Blue replaces camo as the most fashionable color in ice fishing apparel. Large insulated boots keep feet warm, but tossing in chemical warming packs or plugging in electric socks will insure comfort.

All of this equipment and technology is helpful, but is not required or necessary to have a good

time fishing. Dress warm and go out with a fiberglass rod with a plastic line spool and some live bait. Look for abandoned open holes in areas where fishermen congregate and you could do as well as anybody there. The main thing is to get outside and take advantage of the opportunity to have fun and stay active. With some luck, a panfish dinner will be a bonus.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Jeffries' win helps Red Arrows secure league title

by Thad Kraus

Whether it's your first one or your fourth one, winning a conference championship is fun.

Zack Jeffries won his first individual O-K White conference championship Friday night at Northview High School. To accomplish that feat he had to defeat an opponent (Ryan Hansen, Greenville) who'd beaten him four straight times.

Jackson Morse won his fourth consecutive league championship. To accomplish that feat the senior had to defeat an opponent (Adam Bonner, Greenville) who defeated Morse (8-7) in a dual meet earlier in the season.

"Hansen is a really tough wrestler. If I was going to beat him this is where it should happen," Jeffries explained. "I had to up my game a lot."

Keys to Jeffries improved game were positioning, staying physical and being tough on top.

Jeffries, wrestling at 112 pounds, defeated Hansen 5-1.

"What you saw tonight was a guy who wrestled six straight minutes with an attitude," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean said. "It's gotta be his confidence. I am really proud of him. Zack is stepping up big for us. He's a great athlete. He has been making progress in little steps for quite a while. Then I think it occurred to him, why can't it be him?"

For Morse, his fourth and final individual O-K White conference championship was the biggest of the four.

"Yeah, this is probably the biggest one of the four. I lost to Bonner (his only loss of the year) earlier in the year by a point and I wanted to avenge that loss tonight," Morse said. "The key tonight was I slowed down the match and just took points where I could. The last time I came out looking for bonus points, and I tired myself out." The result was a decisive 7-2 decision.

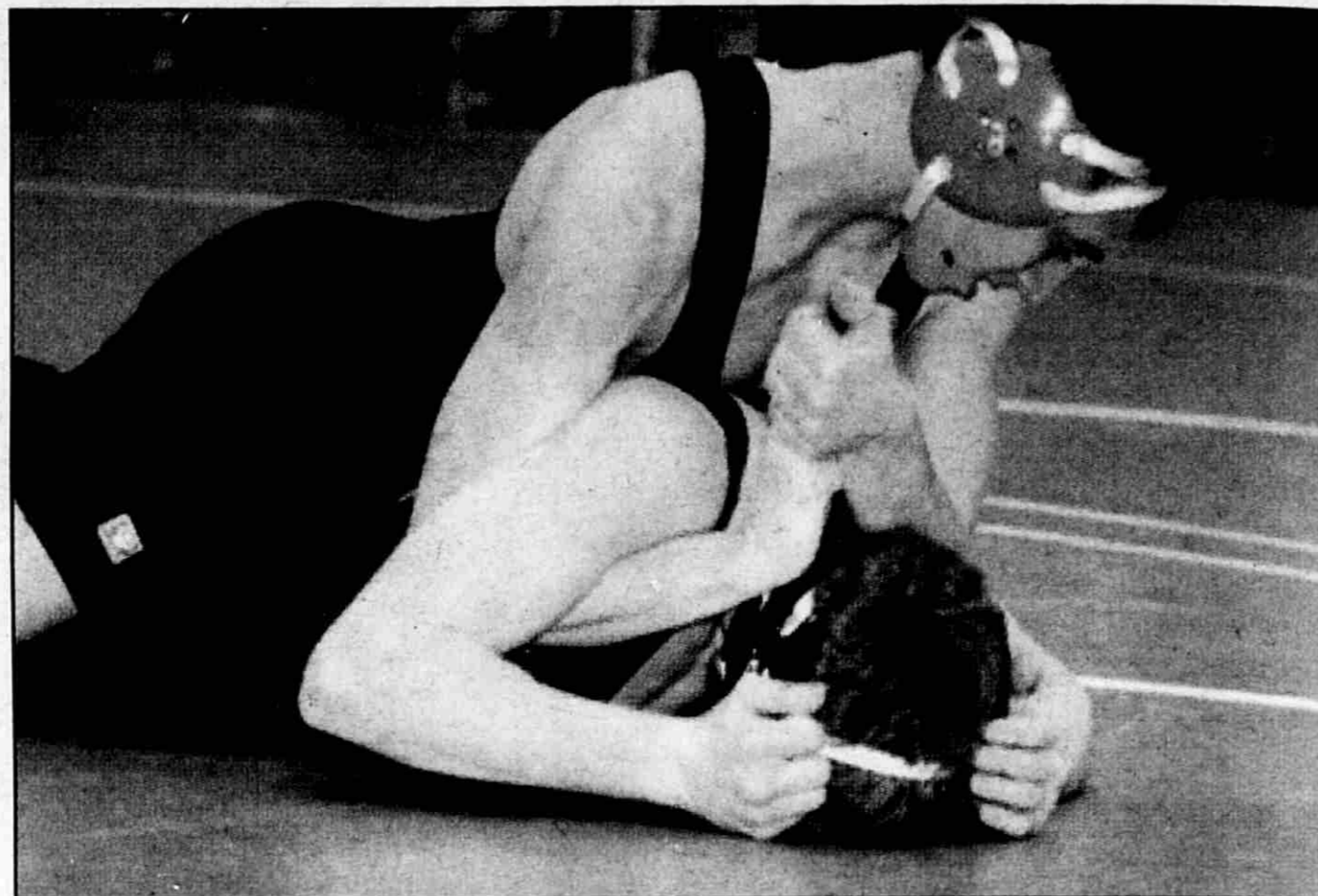
Morse and Jeffries were just two of Lowell's nine individual wrestlers crowned conference champions. The result was an O-K White conference tournament championship and the outright O-K White conference championship. Lowell shared the league honors with Greenville back in 2006-07. The Red Arrows' last outright title was in 2004.

Lowell edged Greenville Friday night by five-and-a-half points. The Red Arrows finished with 272 points. Greenville was second with 266.5. Northview finished third with 197 followed by East Grand Rapids 91, Creston 68.5 and Grand Rapids Christian 50.

"Nine champions, I feel really good about that. The boys have been very consistent. They've been taking steps forward every week," Dean said. "They will need to take more steps. The teams ahead of us that we will face are very good. We will enjoy this, but the guys have more goals than this (conference title).

Similar words were spoken from Greenville coach Paul Johnson. "We've won two outright championships and tied for two others over the last four years. Sure, we would have liked to have won tonight. Lowell has a quality team and we're hanging as tight as we are with them, we're happy with that. We will use this as a springboard into the districts."

Other Red Arrows who will use their conference tourney success (individual titles) as they move forward include Matt Griffioen, 125; Gabe Morse, 135; Andrew Morse, 145; Dan Fleet, 152; Gabe Dean, 189; Ryan Olep,



Zack Jeffries posted a huge 5-1 decision over Greenville's Ryan Hansen at the O-K White conference meet.

215; and Connor Kruse (HWT). Jake Gould was runner-up at 140 pounds while Calvin Meyer (119) and

Jake Fillingham (130) both finished third. Martin Brubaker (103) and Jake Stehley (160) finished fourth.

**140 LBS**  
Collin Fuller, Greenville def. Jake Gould, Lowell, Pin, 5:48

**145 LBS**  
Andrew Morse, Lowell def. Josh Juarez, Greenville, Pin, 0:52

**152 LBS**  
Dan Fleet, Lowell def. Luke Preston, Grand Rapids Northview, Decision, 2-0

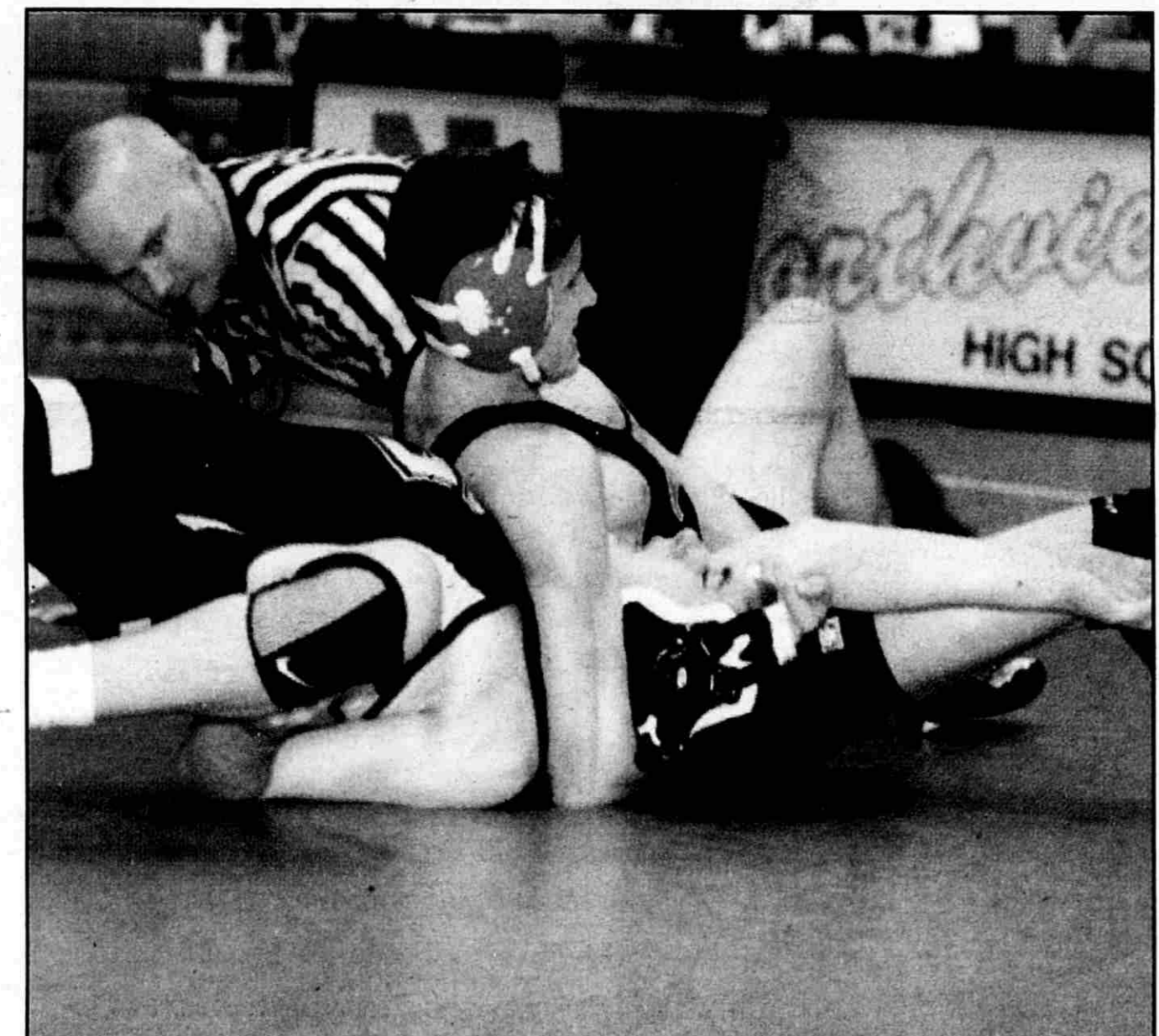
**160 LBS**  
Jordan Thomas, Greenville def. Nico Garcia, Grand Rapids Creston, Pin, 2:39

**171 LBS**  
Jackson Morse, Lowell def. Adam Bonner, Greenville, Decision, 7-2

**189 LBS**  
Gabe Dean, Lowell def. Jose Torrez, Grand Rapids Northview, Pin, 5:49

**215 LBS**  
Ryan Olep, Lowell def. Juan Borja, Greenville, Technical Fall, 17-1

**285 LBS**  
Connor Kruse, Lowell def. Justin Zimmer, Greenville, Decision, 7-2.



Matt Griffioen was crowned league champion at 125 pounds with his 10-5 decision against Devon Lehman of Greenville.

## Youth wrestlers win regionals, ready for state

The Lowell Elementary team placed first at the Ionia Regional Duals on Sunday, Feb. 8. Represented were teams from Ionia, Central Montcalm, Lakewood, Sparta, Alma and Byron Center. Lowell defeated Lakewood in the finals to win the championship. The Lowell Elementary team will head to the State tournament on Sunday, Feb. 28 in Battle Creek.

Pictured are, back row, left to right: Logan VanderMuelen, Austin Engle, Danny Kruse, Garret Pratt, Nate Stephens, Keagan Yuhas, Brad DePew, Garret Taylor, Eli Bolton, Brandon Churches, Trevor VanDyke, Logan Blough, and Max Bishop; middle row, left to right: John-Luc Richmond, Tyler Lynch, Lane Ryan, David Kruse, Jarrod Hough, Jacob Hough, Carter Blough, and Ramsey Mutschler; front row, left to right: Grant Pratt, Caden Engle, Logan Ryan, Doak Dean, Avery Mutschler, Zach Ward, and Matthew Stephens.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Two wins elevate Lowell to 4-3 in O-K White

by Thad Kraus

It wasn't the strong four-quarter performance Lowell girls' basketball coach Danielle Gallert was looking for, but the finish provided the result she desired.

The Red Arrows struggled to score six points over the opening eight minutes, but then awoke and tallied 48 over the final 24 minutes to post a 54-18 win over Creston.

The win evened Lowell's overall record at 7-7 and improved its O-K White ledger to 4-3.

"We struggled at the start, but then we stopped standing

still and began to move the ball well," Gallert said. "The girls were aggressive to the bucket and they rebounded well."

Katie Tompkins led all Red Arrows with 13 points and Bryleigh Loughlin tallied 11 while Brooke Curtis contributed with 10.

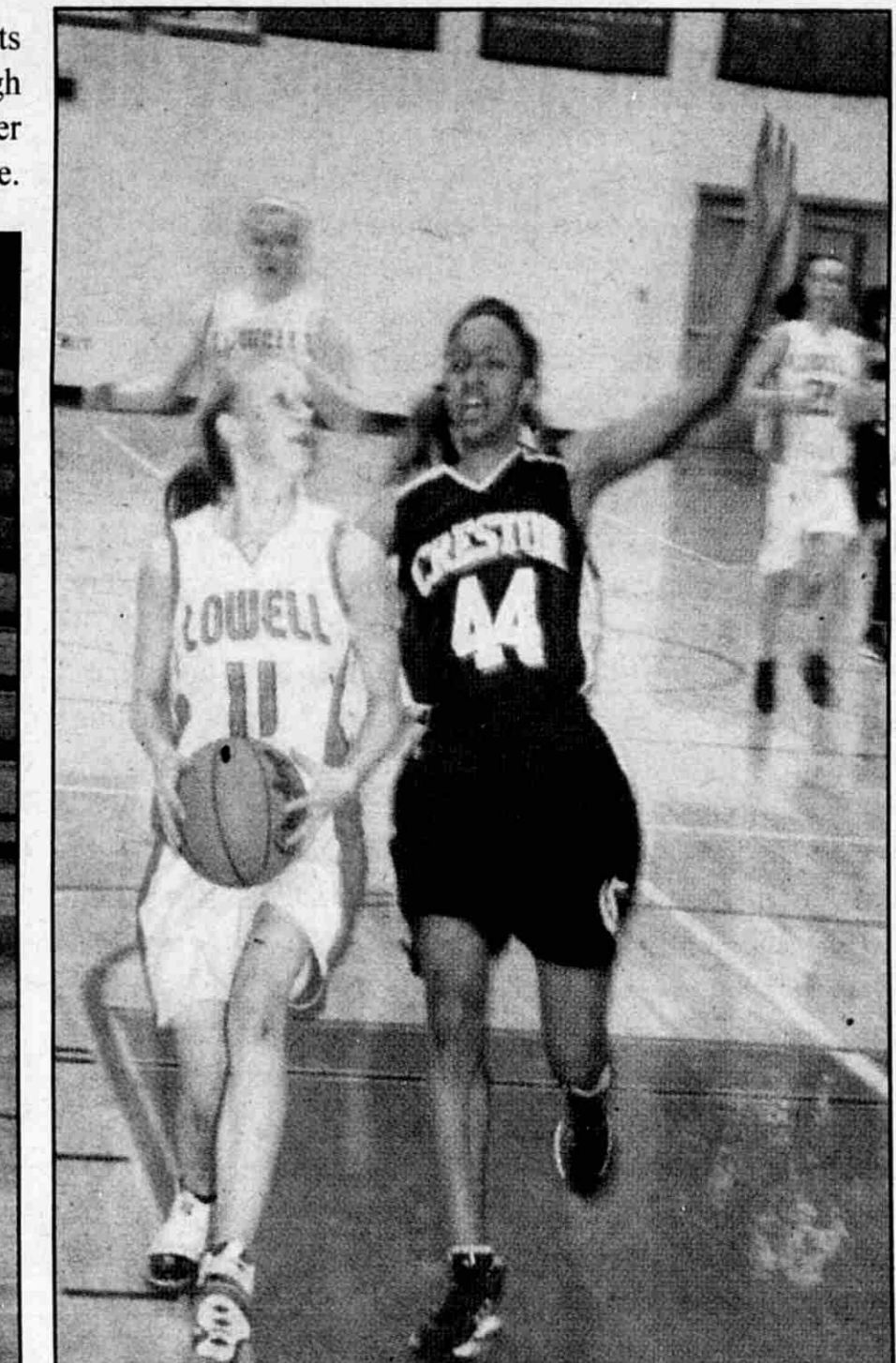
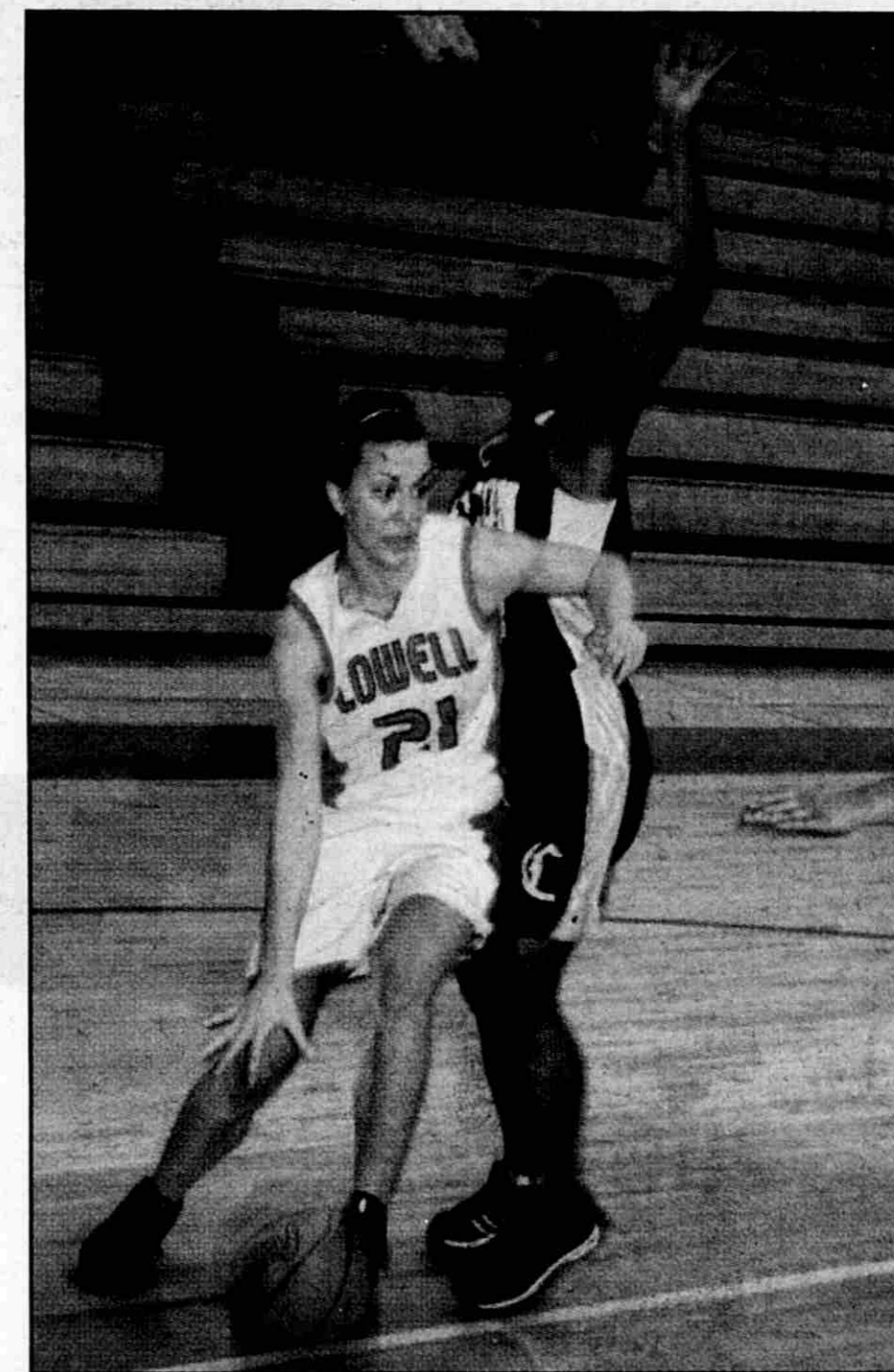
Lowell led 6-5 after one quarter, 25-11 at halftime and 40-18 after three quarters of play.

The Red Arrows started their week with a 44-26 conference win over Greenville.

"I was pleased with our defensive effort, actually I

was happy with our entire play," Gallert said. Lowell had balanced scoring. Stephanie Stevens

led the way with nine points and Katie Tompkins, Bryleigh Loughlin and Sam Visscher all netted eight points apiece.



Brooke Curtis breaks out ahead on a fast-break for the Red Arrows during the first half against the Polar Bears.

## Lowell changes script in win over Polar Bears

by Thad Kraus

Enough was enough! Lowell's boys' basketball team had been there a few times before, close in the latter minutes of a game only to see victory snatched from its clutches.

Not this time. This time, Friday night against Creston, the Red Arrows rewrote the script.

Lowell was up four against Creston with roughly three minutes to play. A Lowell turnover and a couple poor

shot selections and the Polar Bears were even with a little less than a minute to play.

Off a nice entry pass, Isaac Tawney drained a medium-range jumper to give Lowell a 47-45 lead.

Creston missed its next shot and Lowell's Jon Hanson rebounded and went to the

line for a one-and-one. The senior missed but scrambled to get his own rebound.

After a missed foul shot, Creston got the ball back with 11 seconds to play. With two fouls to give, Lowell was able to run the clock-down to single digits.

Creston's only shot at

the basket came on a throw in and a failed attempted tip with three-tenths of a second remaining.

"The boys battled and played the game at our pace," said Lowell boys' basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "I like to see hard work get rewarded. This group of players have stuck together and have kept great attitudes."

Lowell trailed 12-8 after the first quarter. The Red Arrows and Polar Bears were tied at 28-28 after two. Lowell took a 39-35 lead into the final eight minutes.

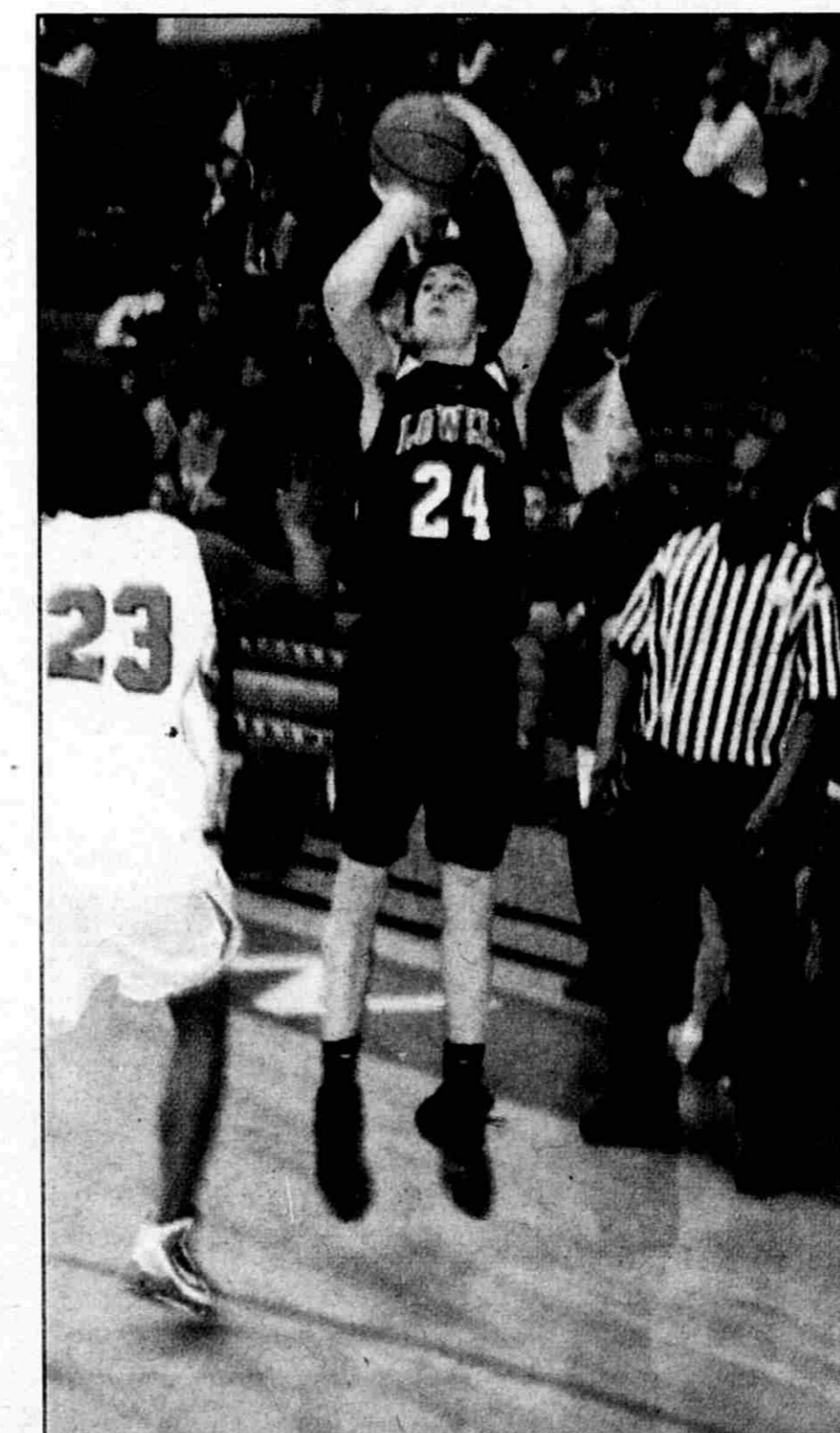
Isaac Tawney led all scorers with 17 points. Derek Cornish netted 13 and Jacob Meyer added 10.

**Greenville 50 Lowell 46**

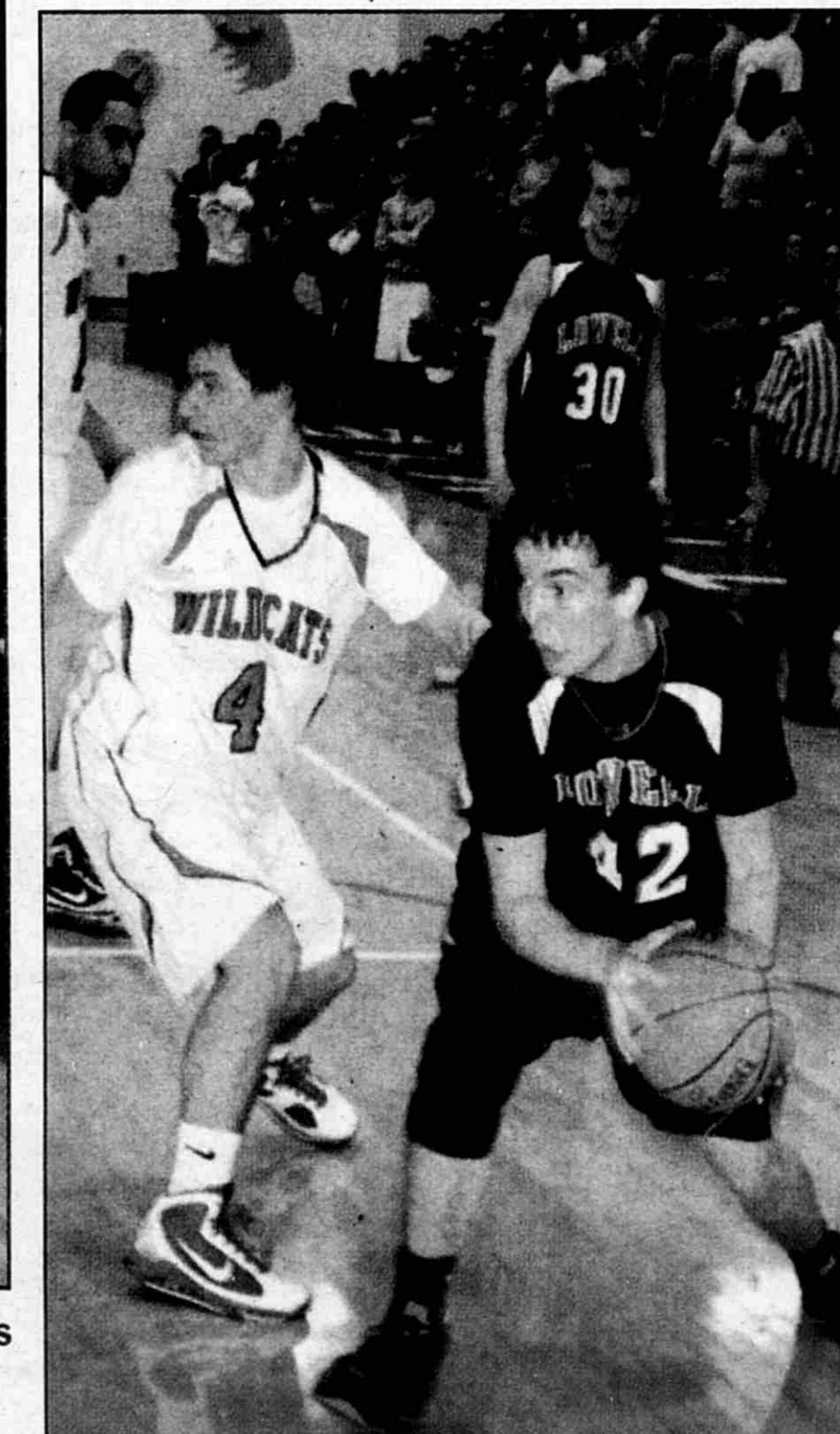
Lowell boys' basketball coach Jeff McDonald called it the best 32 minutes of basketball his club has played all year.

However, it wasn't enough, as Greenville outscored Lowell 6-2 in the

Dan Wernet and the Red Arrows clipped Creston Friday night 47-45.



Isaac Tawney led all scorers with 17 points in Lowell's win over Creston.



### LUNCH MENU

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
Week of  
Feb. 15, 2010

**MON:** Mid Winter Break

**TUES:** Mid Winter Break

**WED:** Cheese pizza (burrito w/cheese sauce also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh broccoli, cinnamon apple slices, milk.

**THURS:** Hot dog on bun (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven baked beans, fresh mini carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

**FRI:** Cinnamon glazed pancakes or cereal w/ graham crackers & scrambled eggs, fresh fruit/ applesauce, milk.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## McVey and Bennett learning quickly in year one

by Thad Kraus  
If at first you don't see, go to the tape. Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan admits when she watches her club at a meet she tends to focus on the mistakes. It's not until she goes to the tape later that evening at home that she realizes things may not have been as bad as she perceived.

Two positives that came with the Red Arrows' 127.85-97.525 win over East Kentwood were the performances of freshmen Jorie Bennett on the vault and Morgan McVey on the vault and uneven bars.

"Jorie and Morgan have caught on so quickly on the vault," DeHaan explained. "Morgan has also put together a good bar routine which includes all eight skills. Now we just have to increase the difficulty."

Lowell's overall day on the vault against the Falcons was not limited to McVey and Bennett. "The girls are starting to trust themselves and executing tricks which gives their routines higher start value," DeHaan said.

The Lowell coach

is impressed with the confidence exhibited by McVey. "She doesn't appear to get nervous. She carries herself confidently."

Lowell's team point total was its highest of the year. DeHaan and the Lowell program will host a "Dawn Fisher championship meet on Feb. 21.

"Dawn was our voice when I first started coaching gymnastics. She always fought for the little guy," DeHaan said.

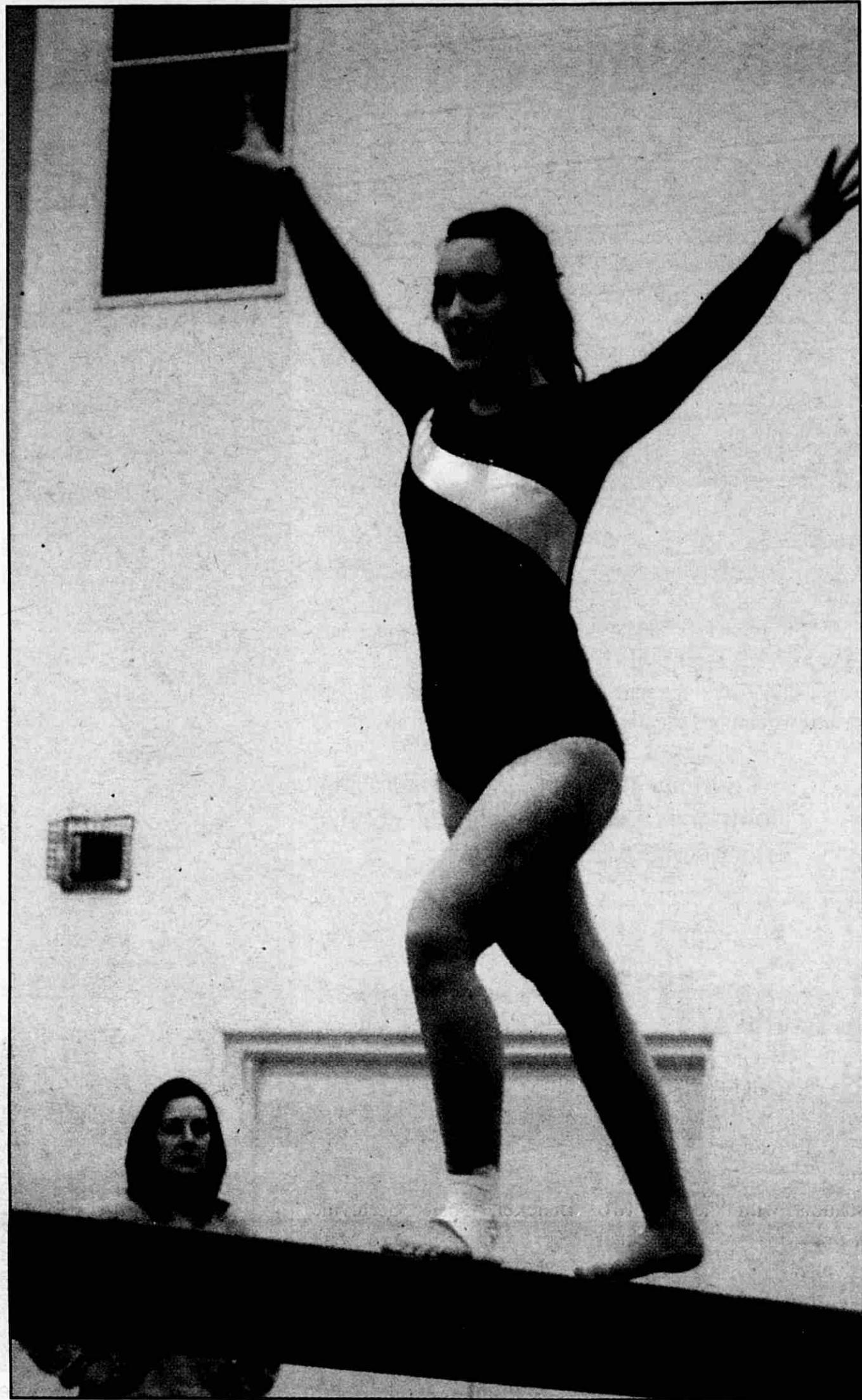
The meet, as Fisher would have wanted, will give girls who don't qualify for the regional an opportunity to come and compete and win medals.

"The meet will be for anyone who wants to compete. I've e-mailed

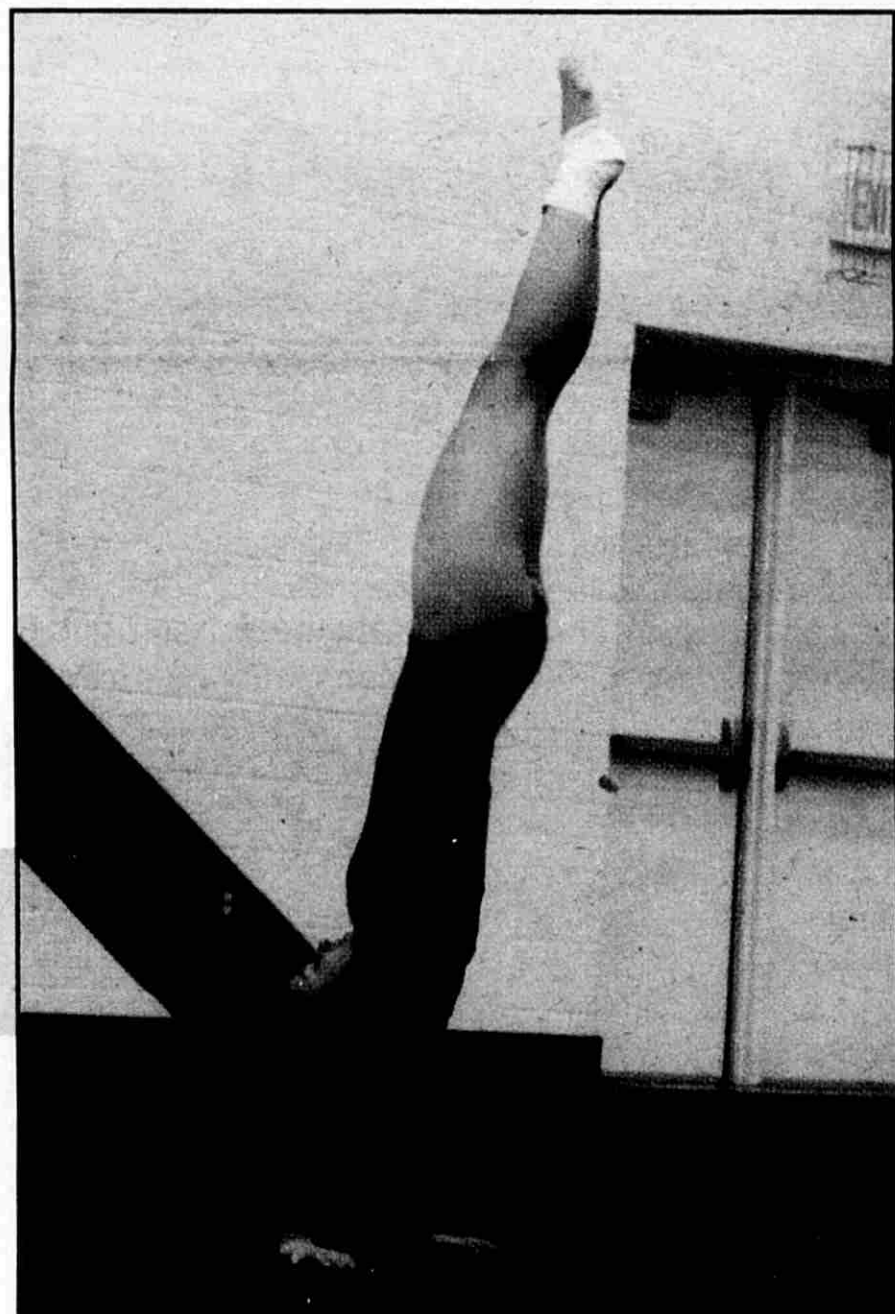
coaches in our conference and have contacted the Michigan High School Coaches and Judges Association," DeHaan said.

**Vault**  
Kelsey Teft 8.95  
Sarah Piell 8.45  
Jorie Bennett 8.3  
Abby Rogalke 8.2  
**Uneven Bars**  
Kelsey Teft 8.225  
Lauren Trasky 6.75  
Sarah Piell 6.75  
Morgan McVey 5.925

**Balance Beam**  
Kelsey Teft 9.15  
Morgan McVey 8.7  
Cassie Miles 8.4  
Abby Rogalke 7.7  
**Floor**  
Kelsey Teft 9.025  
Morgan McVey 8.2  
Sarah Piell 7.625  
Abby Rogalke 7.5



Jorie Bennett works here on the balance beam in Lowell's win over East Kentwood. She tallied a mark of 8.3 on the vault.



Kelsey Teft executes the handstand during her floor routine.

## Lowell girls roll up big win; boys tie

by Thad Kraus  
Lowell's bowling teams posted a win and a tie against Grand Rapids Christian.

The Red Arrow girls recorded wins in both baker games and won seven of 10 individual matches before walking away with a 27-3 victory over the Eagles.

Winning their matches were Jessie Alberts (144), Kristin Bouwhuis (166, 158), Sammi Geldersma (187, 164), Molly Doering (119), and Amber Geldersma/Jessie Alberts (119).

In the boys' match, Lowell won both baker games and split the 10

individual matches as the two teams finished in a tie 15-15.

Winning their matches were Alec Bobko (158), Jordan Dennie (157), Jake Hornbrook (207), Dillon Buck (159), and Logan Phenix (202).

## Lowell cheer rises above adversity to post season's best

by Thad Kraus

Illness left the Lowell competitive cheer team a person short, depth helped propel the Red Arrows to their highest overall total of the season.

"We had to rework all three of our rounds on the bus ride there, in the locker room and in the warm up area," said Lowell coach Kari Dawson.

In round two, senior Erin Fleet stepped in and stepped up to perform in the skills round of the competition.

Fleet and her teammates ended up with their highest second round score of the season.

In round three, tumbling and stunting, freshman Kelsey Schoon worked the base in the opening.

"Erin and Kelsey did a truly amazing job. I was very proud of them as well as all the girls who made adjustments in stunting, tumbling, formations and helped fill the void," Dawson explained. "This is such a difficult thing to ask of any cheerleader."

Lowell tallied a score of 203 in round one, 194.37 in round two, and 279.8 in round three for a total of 679.8 placing the Red Arrows fifth in the second conference meet of the year.

Kenowa Hills took top honors with 779.2336 points.

"Our overall total is also our highest of the season. I could not have asked the girls to perform any better. We had a strong round one and kept building from there," Dawson said. "It was a very stressful evening that turned into a learning and growing experience for everyone who was involved."

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Well, I'm glad I'm not a betting man. At least this past weekend I wasn't.

My money would have gone with the Colts.

However, I must say the fact that no one was giving the Saints much of a chance should have been a red flag. When that happens the favorite usually goes down in smoke.

You think I'm nuts? History says otherwise. The New York Giants over the Patriots 17-14; the Giants over the Bills 20-19; the Patriots win over the Rams 20-17; and go way back to the Jets 16-7 win over the Colts.

There wasn't an incident, player or coach on either side

that had me pulling strongly either way.

So now that the Saints have won their first Super Bowl, can you name the four NFL teams that haven't?

### BORE BOWL

So did you watch that compelling Pro Bowl?

You know, that game where nearly none of the players who were voted into the game actually play in the game.

A game of sorts. There is no rushing, there is hardly any tackling, and defense, what stinking defense?

I don't know that I have ever watched a Pro Bowl.

It is a waste of time. The only people who benefit are the voted in players whose contracts have incentives and the NFL who makes money from the networks.

The players who are voted in don't even care about the game. They care about being honored by being named a Pro Bowl player and the money attached to the distinction, but the game.... skip it.

Of the players voted into the Pro Bowl, 33 said no to playing in the actual game. Why? 17 said they were hurt; 14 had to play in Sunday's Super Bowl and there were

two unexcused absences.

Listening to sports talk radio, I heard someone suggest that the reward for the conference who wins the Pro Bowl should be its Super Bowl representative gets to decide whether it receives or kicks to start the Super Bowl. I question why allow a game with no relevance to have any impact on the Super Bowl?

Remember a few short years ago when baseball's All-Star game was stopped because both sides ran out of pitchers? It wasn't that important! Who cares if it ends in a tie?

The commissioner (I can

think of many other names I'd like to call him) took a big public relations hit for his decision. He then compounded the problem by allowing FOX (baseball's TV network) to talk him into giving the winning league home field advantage for the World Series.

A 'game with no importance' which he allowed to end in a tie and yet then turns around and lets it decide something as important as home field advantage. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, you're a dope! There, I said it and I feel better!

## FFA teams advance to regionals

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, 40 FFA members from Lowell traveled to Ionia to compete in the District Leadership contest. The events are designed to help students develop leadership skills and prepare them for future careers. Students research chosen topics in any area of agriculture and demonstrate their knowledge through speeches and presentations.

The contest areas range from public speaking events to Job Interview and Parliamentary Procedure. Students from Lowell competed against students from five area schools with the top two teams from each event advancing to compete at the regional level.

Lowell had members advance to the regional level in five of the nine contests in which they competed. From the middle school, the team of Maria Blough, Amy Carpenter, Emma Clouser, Paul Crosby, Kelliann Jacobs, Jacob Poll and Brice Warner advanced to the regional level in the Jr. High Conduct of Meetings contest.

Freshmen Sarah Crosby and John Mark participated in the Greenhand Public Speaking contest. Crosby and Mark each prepared and presented a 6-8 minute speech on an agricultural

In the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, Kendra Merriman was given 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. She also will be moving on to the regional contests.

Emma Roderick will be representing Lowell in the Job Interview contest after preparing a resume and cover letter and successfully going through a mock interview.

The remaining students were all recognized with either a gold or silver award at the competitions but failed to advance. In Parliamentary Procedure, the team of Emma Bencker, Josh Corteville, Bob Crosby, Tom Mark, Josh Phelps, Mary Walsh and Jack Weeber were named the alternate to the regional contests. Alternates from Lowell in the individual contests were Emma Blough in Jr. High Public Speaking, Paula Blough in Prepared Public Speaking, Kelsey Langlois in Job Interview and Jacey Culross and Molly Denison tied for the alternate position in the Creed Speaking contest.

Also competing for Lowell were Kaitlyn Johnson in Creed Speaking, Kirsten Mork in Job Interview, and Cassie Rybicki in Prepared Public Speaking. There were three teams from Lowell in



Members of the middle school conduct of meetings team are, left to right: Paul Crosby, Emma Clouser, Brice Warner, Maria Blough, Amy Carpenter, Kelliann Jacobs, and Jacob Poll.

the Demonstration contest: Katie Bartholomew and Kelsey Ward; Chelsea Pipkins and Jennifer Stevens; and Kari Bery, Sara Fosburg and Mackenzie Roerig.

The regional contest will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Lowell High School. The top teams will advance to compete at the state convention March 10-12 at Michigan State University.

FFA is a national youth

leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 100 members in grades 7-12.

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# obituaries

## ADAMSKI

Annette Marie Adamski, aged 89, of Lowell, passed away Friday, February 5, 2010. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Mark Wylie; and brother, Robert Smith. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Vincent; daughters, Patricia Horn and Roberta Wylie; grandchildren, Tim (Lacy) Wolfe; great-grandchildren, Nicholas Wylie and Lauren Wolfe; sisters-in-law, Teresa Smith and Virginia (Chester) Jancezko; and nieces and nephews. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Mogor, Spectrum Visiting Nurses, Spectrum Hospice, Robin, Michelle, Ruthie, Carol and Connie. Cremation has taken place. Following her wishes there will be no formal services held. Memorial contributions may be made to Marianist Mission, Mt. Saint John, 4435 F. Patterson Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45481.

## DEKOK

Our precious infant son, Noah Domic DeKok was born December 18, 2009 and went to his heavenly home on February 1, 2010. He now rests peacefully in the arms of Jesus where he joins his sister, Lani Elizabeth and his grandma Ruth, as well as other loved ones. Noah is loved by his parents, John and Michelle DeKok; his brothers, Conner and Logan DeKok; as well as his grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and many

friends. Noah touched countless lives and our lives are forever blessed because of his precious life. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 4 at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell with Dr. Paul M'Pindi officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. The family is forever grateful for the love and care shown to Noah by all his special caregivers at Saint Mary's Health Center NICU. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Noah at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) or Saint Mary's NICU.

## LIGMAN

Jeffrey B. Ligman, aged 51, of Lowell, passed away Friday, February 5, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Tracey; children, Melanie (Montgomery) Knapp, Zachary (Monica Vigil), Kelsey (Andy DeDonado), Maxin; and best buddy, Isabelle the Grizzler; parents,

Donald and Joyce Ligman; sister, Ann (Len) Straight; brother, David (Kim) Ligman; father-in-law, Earl Koorndyk; brothers-in-law, Scott, Guy, Earl (Amy) Koorndyk; sister-in-law, Lisa (Richard) Thomas; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Sally Koorndyk. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the "hood," his co-workers at United Rentals, and anyone who ever knew him. Memorial funeral services will be held Saturday, February 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson with Rev. Matthew Porter, officiating. Visitation Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Rockford Lowell Ambulance for all they did and Spectrum Health Foundation for the wonderful nurses and doctors in Five Heart that took care of him and his family during this difficult time.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA PINAL COUNTY

DEBORAH ELAINE FIGUROWSKI Plaintiff

DO-2 00802009

JOHN MATTHEW FIGUROWSKI Defendant

SUMMONS Division 7 Judge Kevin D. White

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**BOY SCOUT TROOP 102** - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

## services

**JOB NEEDED - Management financial & some medical background. Computer skills. Ada, Lowell, Cascade area. 616-841-1871.**

**CASH PAID FOR OLD STUFF!** - Buying advertising items, military related, toys & games, jewelry, knives, lighters, hunting & fishing AND MUCH MORE. Call 616-550-0521.

## card of thanks

**DEAR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY** Thank you for your concerns and prayers after my fall. Also for the phone calls and cards while in the hospital and at Laurels of Kent. Blessing to all, Don Anderson

**THANK YOU** so much for the beautiful cards and notes I received. They made my 100th birthday very special. Evelyn Lane

# Community Calendar

**PLEASE NOTE** - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. They are run on a space available basis & are not guaranteed to run. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809 or email: [classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com), by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION** - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS** - Every Monday 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. For info call Thomas at 891-1147. Nicotine Anonymous is a fellowship of men & women helping each other to live free of nicotine. There are no dues or fees.

**WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY** - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or [www.womenforsobriety.org](http://www.womenforsobriety.org).

**QUAKE-ZIK SPORTS MAN'S CLUB** - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to [www.quake-zik.org](http://www.quake-zik.org) for information. New members welcome.

**COFFEE BREAK/LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Sept. - May, Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. No church membership or experience required. Bring preschoolers for Story Hour & Craft. Free nursery for younger children. There's an evening class on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. No children's class. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, M-21 across from Burger King. 897-7060.

**ALTO AMERICAN LEGION POST 528 AUXILIARY** - meets 2nd Monday of the month - 7 p.m.

# NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Friday, the 26th day of February, 2010, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "HOWARD, DOYLE & HOWARD COUNTY DRAIN", and the apportionment thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

## AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

- 41-12-31-  
200-015; 400-014, -026, -030, -032, -035 thru -039;
- 41-12-32-  
300-003
- 41-16-05-  
100-006 thru -008; 300-001, -004, -005; 400-002;
- 41-16-06-  
200-002, -004 thru -008; 300-009; 400-001, -002, -005 thru -007;
- 41-16-07-  
200-005, -008 thru -015; 289-001; 400-008, -009;
- 41-16-08-  
100-004, -006, -007, -009, -012 thru -017; 200-002; 300-001, -002; 400-002, -003, -010, -015, -020;
- 41-16-17-  
100-001, -002;

Grattan Township and Vergennes Township at large, and the County of Kent on account of roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake - Clerk of Kent County, Franklin Force - Grattan Township Supervisor, Tim Wittenbach - Vergennes Township Supervisor and Jon Rice - Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Howard, Doyle and Howard County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010.

William R. Byl,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner

## Financial Focus, continued

with the stock's "cost basis" — the amount you paid for the stock.

• *Give bonds.* Some people may not think of bonds as particularly exciting investments, but they have much to offer — including regular interest payments. Furthermore, if you give a municipal bond, you may also be supporting a local infrastructure project, such as the construction or improvement of a hospital or school, that can benefit the community in which your valentine lives. And the interest payments on a tax-free "muni" are exempt from federal taxes and may also be exempt from state and local taxes. (Municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.)

• *Help fund an IRA.* If your valentine has an IRA, he or she has chosen a good vehicle in which to save for retirement. A traditional IRA's earnings grow tax deferred, while a Roth IRA's earnings can grow tax free. (However, distributions from a Roth IRA may be subject to taxes and a 10 percent penalty if the account is less than five years old and the account holder is under age 59½.) While you can't make a direct contribution to someone else's IRA, you can write a check for that purpose. And it will likely be appreciated, because many people have trouble fully funding their IRAs each year. (In 2010, the IRA contribution limit is \$5,000, or \$6,000 if the IRA owner is over age 50, although these limits may be increased if they're indexed for inflation.)

• *Make a charitable gift in your valentine's name.* Charitable organizations need financial assistance more than ever. Consider making a gift to a charity that's important to your valentine. You'll be supporting a worthy cause, and as an added bonus, you may receive a tax deduction yourself.

• *Issue a "Get Out of Debt" card.* You probably can't take all your valentine's debts, but you may want to give a card stating you'll handle one car payment or a monthly credit card bill. The lower your valentine's debt load, the more he or she can invest for the future.

By taking any of these steps, you can help make Valentine's Day even more meaningful for your loved one — and your gift will be remembered long after the holiday is over.

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## Sound Off!

The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

The Ledger reserves the right to choose what is printed, and reminds the public that views expressed in Sound Off!, unless otherwise stated, are not the opinions of The Ledger staff or its publishers.

**Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 is the most over rated video game ever! Don't even play, it's stupid.**

**To the person who wrote that Emma Palova is a terrible writer. Maybe you should be sure you know the meaning of the word haunting before you say bad things about people. To me the word haunting means unforgettable. Also, how wimpy not to sign your name. Emma you're the best!!**

- Catherine

**I wanted to thank the great guys at Zeigler Ford who rushed out into the intersection, during rush hour to push my car - that died - out of the way of traffic.**

-Amy Brittle

**Hi ! Just got the Feb. 3rd Ledger. What a great edition. So much news in it and so nice to see down here in Florida. Keep up the great work and have a great winter - what's left of it.**

## last week's Sound Off poll result:

**Would the recent recalls stop you from buying a Toyota?**

- YES .....17%
- NO .....25%
- I only buy American made cars .....58%



## February 3 - February 9

- Snow-packed Washington to get hit again with up to 20 more inches of snow.
- Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, 77, dies after complications from gallbladder surgery.
- Connecticut power plant blast kills five.
- Iran informed the U.N. nuclear watchdog Monday that it will begin enriching uranium to 20 percent.
- Uranium enriched to 20 percent is considered "highly enriched" says the U.S. National Research Council on its website.
- The New Orleans Saints wins its first Super Bowl over the Colts with a score of 31-17.
- Super Bowl XLIV draws 106 million. Unseats M\*A\*S\*H finale as most-watched TV show ever.

# Kid Scoop

For puzzle answers, games, opinion polls and much more go to: [www.thelowellledger.com](http://www.thelowellledger.com) AND CLICK ON KIDS SCOOP BUTTON

## VANCOUVER 2010

# The Science of the Olympics

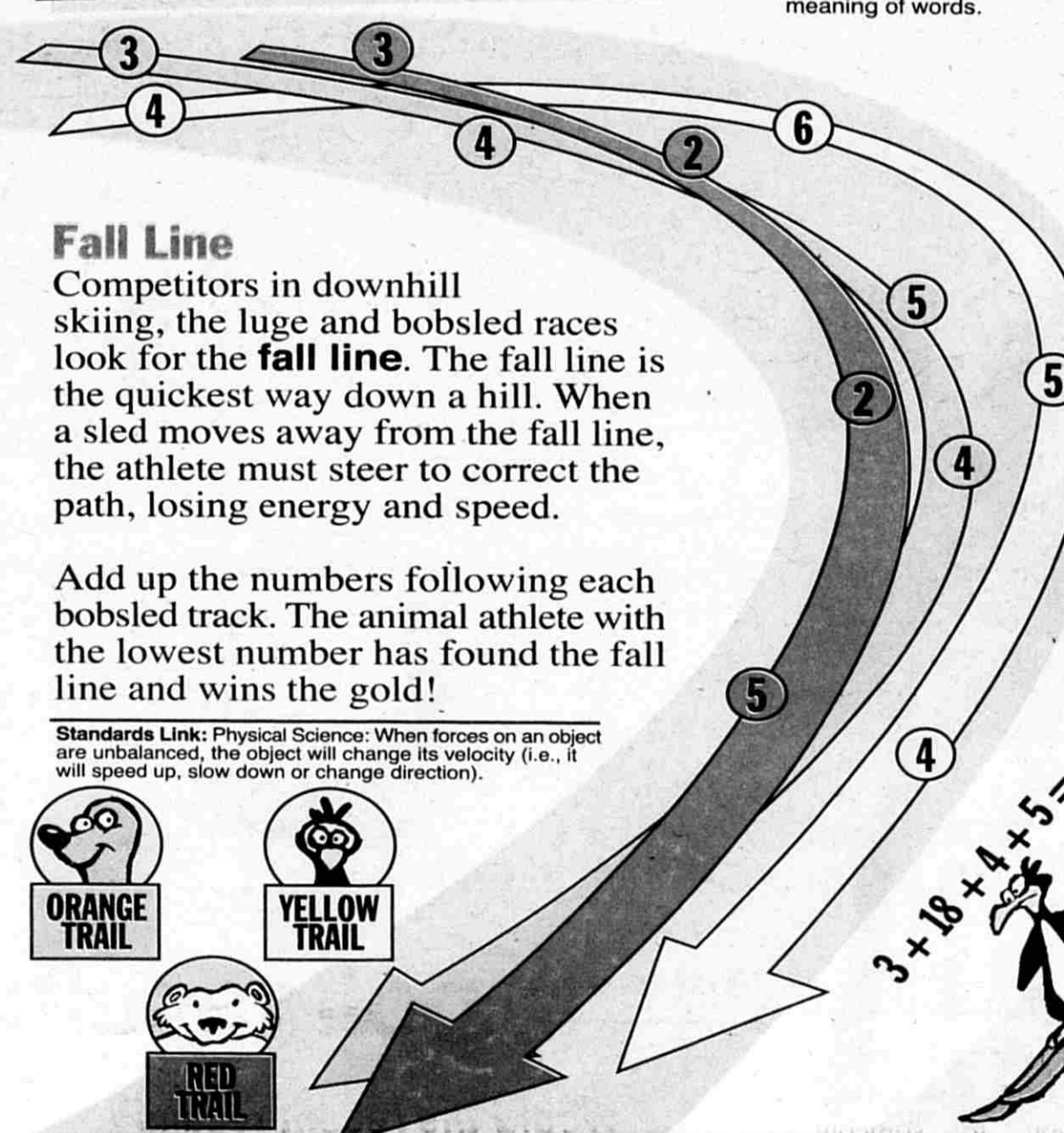
### GOLD MEDAL DICTIONARY

Fall Line: \_\_\_\_\_  
Friction: \_\_\_\_\_  
Drag: \_\_\_\_\_

The people who compete in the Winter Olympics are more than great athletes. They are also masters of science. Gold Medal athletes know about the science of a fall line, drag and friction.

Find the definition of each of these words on the page. Write the definition in the Gold Medal Dictionary.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development; Use a dictionary or context clues to find the meaning of words.



**Fall Line**  
Competitors in downhill skiing, the luge and bobsled races look for the fall line. The fall line is the quickest way down a hill. When a sled moves away from the fall line, the athlete must steer to correct the path, losing energy and speed.

Add up the numbers following each bobsled track. The animal athlete with the lowest number has found the fall line and wins the gold!

Standards Link: Physical Science: When forces on an object are unbalanced, the object will change its velocity (i.e., it will speed up, slow down or change direction).



### Cutting Down on Drag

While we don't always feel air, we are always moving against it. The faster we move, the more we can feel the air rushing past us. Air is actually slowing down our motion. This is called drag.

Downhill skiers crouch with their chests to their knees. They try to be very small, so that only a little of their body is in contact with the air. This lessens the drag. Skiers who have the least amount of drag will ski faster.

### Drag Racers

Look at the three skiers. They are all skiing down the fall line. The one with the least drag will win. Circle the skier you think will win. To find out each skier's time, add up the numbers above each skier. The skier with the fastest time wins the gold!

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 30.

### What is Friction?

Friction is the rubbing of one object or surface against another.

Place your two palms together with your palms only lightly touching each other. Slide your palms back and forth against each other. There is only a little friction and your hands move easily. Push your palms tightly together and try to move them back and forth. It will be harder to move your palms because there is a lot of friction and that slows the motion.

Now put soap and water on your hands. This will reduce the friction and your hands should move together faster. Athletes wax skis, boards and runners to lower friction and help them go faster.

Standards Link: Science: Identify forces that can act on an object, including friction.

### SNOWBOARD CHALLENGE

The athlete who did the best job waxing their board will win this race. (The lowest number is the fastest time.)

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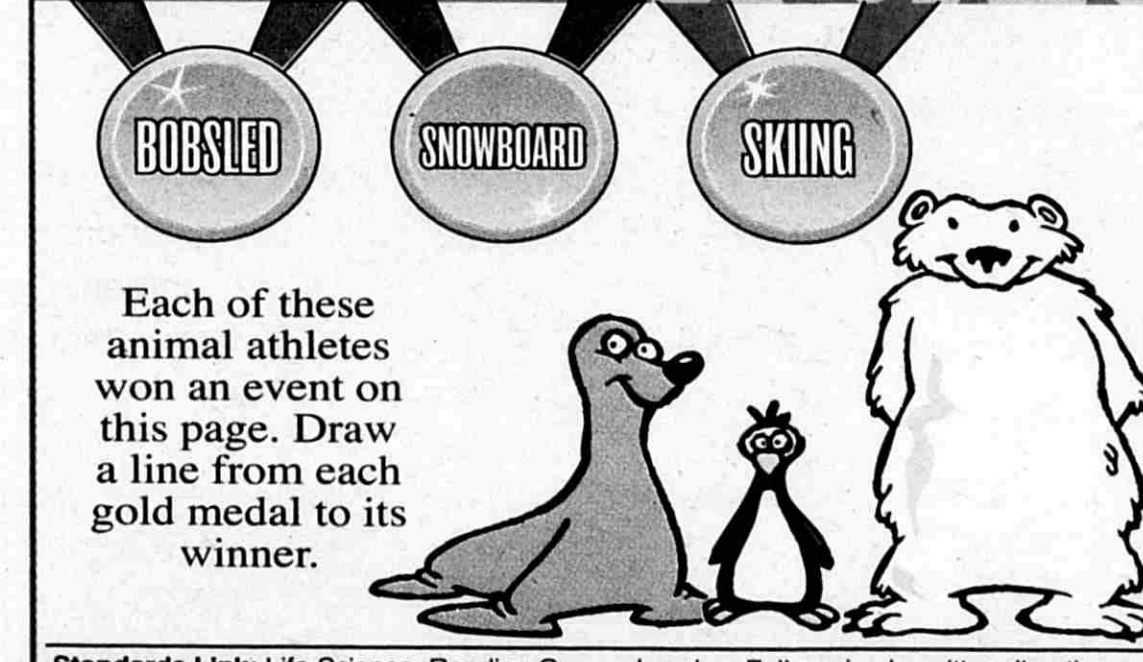
### Extra! Extra!

#### Faster, Higher, Stronger

Look through the newspaper to find pictures and words that represent the above words. Make a Spirit of the Olympics poster with your findings.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Understand and apply media techniques and processes.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler



Each of these animal athletes won an event on this page. Draw a line from each gold medal to its winner.

Standards Link: Life Science: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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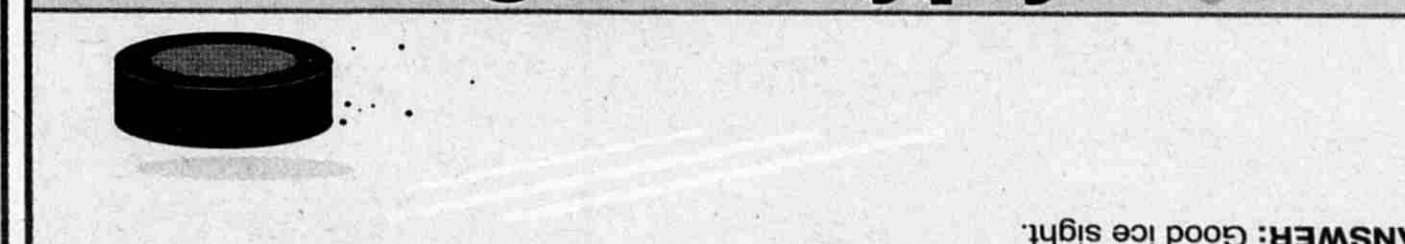
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Science Behind the Scenes**  
The communities that host the Olympic games must respect the environment. Look through the newspaper for ways people protect the environment. Can you find any ideas for protecting the environment during the games?

Standards Link: Earth Science: Know ways in which humans can change ecosystems.

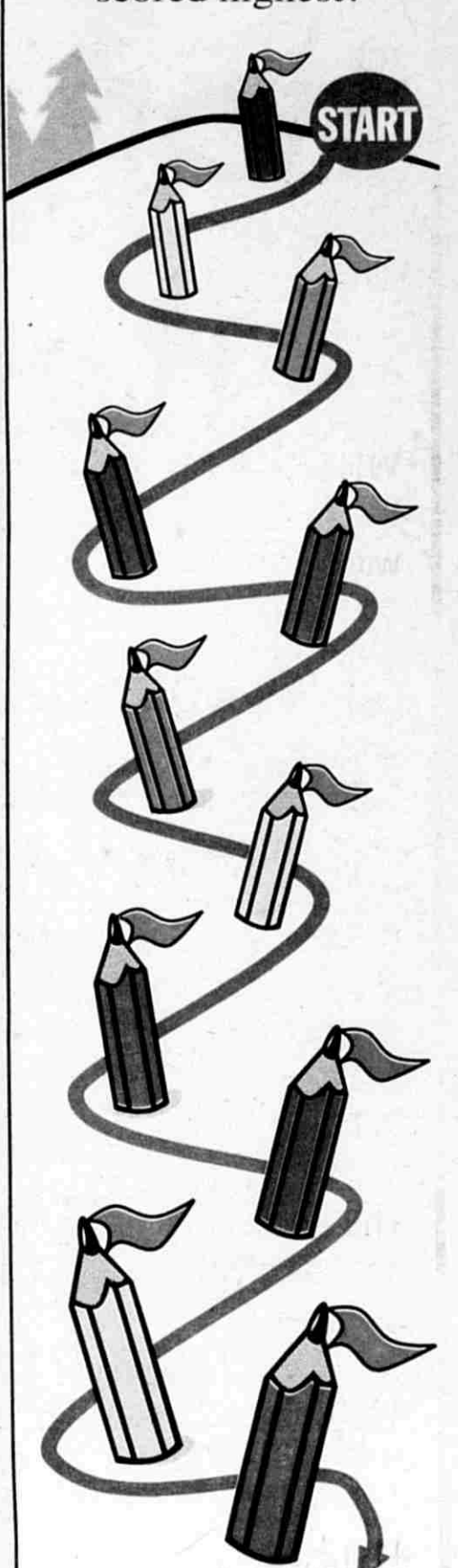
### What does an athlete need most to be a great hockey player?



ANSWER: Good ice sight!

### Kid Scoop Together: Slalom Racers

Place a pencil on START. Close your eyes. Trace the curving path down the slalom run. Score 1 point for each slalom flag cleared. Now have a friend try. Who scored highest?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SKIER in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: LUGE

The noun luge means a racing sled where riders lie on their backs with feet pointing forward.

There are luge competitions in the Winter Olympics.

Try to use the word luge in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### Write On!

#### Best Olympic Sport

Which Winter Olympics competition do you like best? Why?



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