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West Michigan regional competition boasts variety of artwork

by Emma Palova

A wide variety of artwork and many new artists, that is what the annual staple show at the Lowell Area Arts Council is all about. And this year, it's also about realism.

"The show feels very balanced," said the arts council director Lorain Smalligan. "It exposes people to new artists and a wide variety of work."

The 24th annual West Michigan regional competition is highly competitive, according to Smalligan. Only about one third of entries makes it in.

This year's juror was Armin Mersmann, of Midland, known for his intense naturalistic graphite drawings.

"The high amount of works entered in this show was quite refreshing," he writes in the juror's statement. "However, these positive factors made the selection process very difficult."

Adam DeKraker's toned silver print photograph 'Inward/Outward' won first place.

"It is a wonder of composition and strong narrative undertones at the same time - very enigmatic," he wrote. "So, strong was

this work that for a few days it literally haunted me."

Lisa Ambrose's oil painting called 'Angel' received second place.

"It is a marvel of young life depicted in an almost flawless painting technique," Mersmann writes.

Larry Blovits' landscape

in pastel 'Nelson Bay' got third place.

"It has an amazing sense of place, spontaneous yet controlled," Mersmann wrote.

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This year's regional show features a great variety including sculptures.

Council rejects Unison's easement proposal

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's city council decided Monday night that it was the wrong time for a perpetual easement of a city downtown tower.

Unison proposed purchasing a perpetual easement for the use of the tower which sits atop the building where Lowell Cable television was located.

The proposal would have required the city to assign its rights to receive all rental revenues (\$1,900.16 a month) or would receive pursuant an existing agreement with Verizon.

In turn, Unison proposed making a one-time, up-front cash payment to the City of \$159,613.

However, the tower then could never be taken down without Unison's approval. Any approval could be tied to a dollar figure.

"We don't know what we want to do with the building going forward," said Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison. "This proposed agreement would tie up the building."

Commissioner Andrew Schrauben added that the tower and building's potential going forward is not known yet or understood yet by the city.

Unison did offer to split any future tower rental revenues with the city. At the end of the discussion the council told city attorney Dick Wendt it was not interested in the Unison's proposal.

"Perpetual is just a long time," said Mayor James Hodges.

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Author self-publishes comics in print and on web

by Emma Palova

Some people have a creative bug, but comics author Nick Myers harbors a creative monster.

"I have to constantly feed that," he said. "I was born with a pad of paper and a pencil."

Apart from his regular daytime insurance job and a family, Myers has a drive that keeps him both writing and illustrating.

After completing

a graphic novel 'Oasis Omnibus,' Myers embarked on a comics journey in print and on the web.

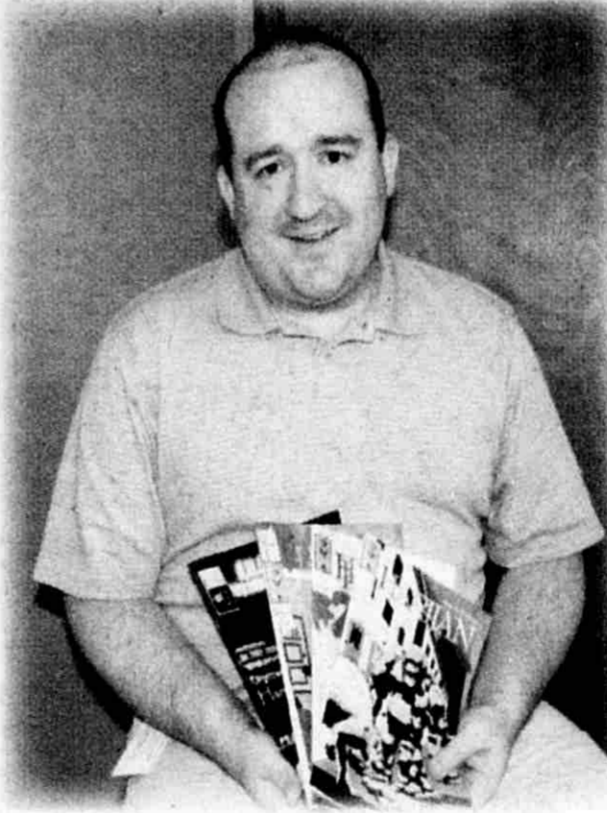
"I just grab stuff out of my head and see if it works," Myers said. "Ideas float around in my head."

In his comic 'Harijan' Myers is inspired by the basic inequality in life between different classes, like in India.

"There is this lowest class in India, the

untouchables," he said. "Gandhi called them the children of God."

His work often deals with the struggles of children trying to survive, humans rising above and those forgotten and left behind.



Nick Myers

Retirement brings about additional United Water employee proposal

by Thad Kraus

Filling a vacancy, which will be created by a retirement, will become the responsibility of United Water.

Waste Water Treatment Plant city employee of 37 1/2 years, Frank Martin, announced he will retire in July.

Mark Mundt, plant manager, proposed that Martin be replaced with an experienced United Water

operator rather than having the city hire an entry level employee.

"We feel this is the best option for the City and United Water," Mundt said. "By using an experienced employee we can 'hit the ground running' so to speak."

The new hire would be experienced in waste water

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New ground cover for Creekside Kingdom

by Thad Kraus

Financial conditions and the limited life of the 15 year-old Creekside Kingdom were key elements in the City's decision in allocating funds for new ground cover.

The old wood mulch/chips around the play areas of Creekside Kingdom, which was constructed in 1994, was removed by Pollution Control Services of Kalkaska. The work was carried out for \$19,399.14. It was paid for through a

Lowell Area Community Fund allocation of \$22,500.

The old wood mulch/chips will be replaced by pea stone at a cost of \$5,580. Tip Top Gravel will do the work.

The City will use the remaining \$3,100 from the Lowell Area Community Fund and \$2,500 allocated from the Lee Fund to provide the pea stone ground cover.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Invest in your mother's future

Mother's Day is almost upon us. This year, in addition to giving Mom some flowers and a card, why not brighten her day — and her future — by making a financial gift?

Your first thought might be that giving your mother a check may seem “tacky.” But these days, everyone can use a little extra cash. However, you can find other types of financial gifts that can have a longer-lasting impact. Here are a few ideas to consider:

• Help Mom fund her IRA. If your mother is still working, she can contribute to an IRA — and she should. Either a traditional or Roth IRA is a great way to build tax-advantaged savings for retirement. Yet most people don't fully fund their IRAs each year. In 2010, your

mother can put in \$5,000 to her IRA, or \$6,000 if she's 50 or older. While you can't directly contribute to her IRA, you can write a check for that purpose.

• Purchase an investment for Mom. If you can afford it, consider giving a few shares of stock, possibly issued by companies that make products or services your mother uses. (If you give shares that you own, you'll need to keep records of your initial sales price; this information will be useful to your mother if she ever sells the shares and needs to pay capital gains taxes.) If you think your mother could benefit from an increase in her cash flow, you might consider giving her a corporate or government bond, which can provide regular interest payments.

• Take care of a debt payment. The lower your mother's debt payments, the more she can put away for retirement. While you probably aren't in a position to pay off all her debts, perhaps you could handle a car or credit card payment as a Mother's Day gift.

• Make a charitable gift in Mom's name. Your mother probably supports many worthy causes — and a financial gift to any one of them, in her name, would probably please her greatly. Furthermore, your generosity may provide you with an immediate tax deduction, assuming the group to which you donate meets the tax deductibility guidelines established by the IRS. In fact, if you donated an appreciated asset, such as a stock, you could possibly get two tax breaks: a deduction on this year's taxes and the avoidance of capital gains taxes that will result from the eventual sale of an asset. Before donating this type of asset, though, consult with your tax advisor.

• Provide Mom with some financial education. If your mother doesn't know much about investing, you might get her a book on the topic. Or, better yet, if you have a financial advisor whom you trust, introduce him or her to your mother. Once your mother enters her pre-retirement and retirement years, she may have many

issues — such as cash flow management, estate planning and investing to stay ahead of inflation — for which she could use the help of a financial professional.

Mother's Day comes and goes in a day — but by making the right type of financial gift to your mother, your generosity can be felt for years to come.

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75 years of Social Security

What you may not have realized when you rang in 2010 was that you also were ringing in the 75th anniversary of Social Security.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law. Since then, Social Security has been a cornerstone of our nation, touching the lives of almost every American at one time or another — for 75 years.

When President Roosevelt signed Social Security into law, he said, “The civilization of the past hundred years, with its startling industrial changes,

has tended more and more to make life insecure. Young people have come to wonder what would be their lot when they came to old age. The man with a job has wondered how long the job would last. This law, too, represents a cornerstone in a structure which is being built but is by no means complete. It is, in short, a law that will take care of human needs and at the same time provide the United States an economic structure of vastly greater soundness.”

Change and economic insecurity were regular parts of everyday life in those days, just as they are today. Social Security is

our nation's most successful domestic program and has a rich history. We will be commemorating the anniversary throughout the year by showcasing milestones in Social Security's 75-year history on our website. We encourage you to learn more by visiting Social Security's History Page at www.socialsecurity.gov/history.

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viewpoint

understanding insurance



Dave Emmette

What an umbrella policy is and why you might need it

Most Americans view auto insurance as necessary to protect against the costs of a car accident.

Likewise, it's common knowledge that homeowners insurance helps families rebuild their lives and homes. An “umbrella” policy is not as well known, but anyone who owns a home or any assets should consider buying it.

Umbrella liability insurance covers you in many situations if you are held responsible for bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury. The product got its name because it adds a higher level of protection above auto, homeowners and boat policies, which are “primary” policies. Umbrella coverage kicks in after primary insurance

is exhausted. What's more, an umbrella policy offers primary coverage for losses not covered by other insurance.

Typically, insurance agents sell an umbrella policy in conjunction with auto and homeowners coverage. You can usually add \$1 million-plus of liability insurance for a few hundred dollars per year and multiple-policy discounts often can be had. One tactic insurance pros suggest: raise deductibles on auto and homeowners policies and use the premium savings to pay for umbrella coverage.

What does primary insurance pay for? Liability insurance under auto and homeowners policies pays expenses (for example, an injured person's medical

care, rehabilitation and lost wages) because the policyholder was at fault through negligent actions. Liability coverage also pays for costs of defending against a claim or lawsuit.

It's common for a driver, vehicle owner, homeowner, or boat operator/owner to be held responsible for someone else's injuries, property damage, lost wage and/or expenses. An at-fault driver also can be held liable for personal injury (which is distinct from bodily injury), including psychological injury such as “pain and suffering.”

What does umbrella coverage do? The umbrella is a shield to protect an individual from having to tap into savings or sell assets to pay a judgement or claim. The umbrella policy keeps the hands of the claimant from the personal, family and business assets of the negligent person.

Intoxicated drivers leaving a party at your home, dog bites and the

neighbor kid falling off the trampoline - these incidents can cause financial losses. Even lending a friend a ski house or lake house for the weekend can create a claim. A tree in your yard that blows over in a storm and crushes the neighbor's car is another example. A home-based business that requires visitors to come to your house may create a loss that's excluded from homeowners coverage.

All these incidents may cause bodily injury, personal injury and loss of wages. These losses might exceed (or be excluded from) primary insurance limits and coverages.

Who should consider an umbrella policy? Most homeowners should consider an umbrella, but especially those active in community affairs. Serving in civic, charitable and religious organizations can lead to conflicts, claims and even lawsuits. Even if a lawsuit is thrown out of court, you still must defend yourself. Umbrella liability coverage

picks up these costs, whether or not a person is actually found to be liable. Defense costs generally are covered in addition to the liability limits of the umbrella policy.

Conversely, a person might face a damaging situation such as a false arrest

or imprisonment, defamation, invasion of privacy, wrongful entry, eviction or malicious prosecution. Most will want to defend themselves, but will face legal and other costs to do so. Homeowners coverage won't cover it; umbrella coverage can.

ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouer Ph.D.

Do you get headaches? Neck and back pain? Have you been losing hair or having skin rashes? Do you have stomach upsets or hassles with heartburn? If yes, your body is probably telling you that you are dealing with too much stress and it's causing some “wear and tear” on your body and mind. Stress is everywhere and, a true enemy of health and productive living. All of us have what I call body “hot spots” that yell “help” when you have too much stress (for instance, the stomach generates too much acid or breathing becomes labored because of asthma). Body “hot spots” are different for everybody, but the message is the same: REDUCE THE STRESS! The next five articles will discuss what stress does to your body and mind and will present several tips on how to handle stress.

The first and next article will be entitled, “What can stress do to you?” We will

look at the psychological aspects as well as the physiological response of stress. The second article will discuss the age factors and stress. It is titled “What stress does to aging.” The next article is on, “How to prevent stress” and will give you tips on how to balance your life so that you can avoid stress. The fourth article entitled “How to cope with stress” will present “on-the-spot” recovery techniques and a plan that will help you manage stress. Finally, the last article in this series will be an “activity specific” plan that will help you remove the residual effects of stress. This is also indicated in the title “Canceling the ill effects of stress.”

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By Shelly MacNaughton

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
March 7, 1935

The proposed purchase of an additional fire truck for the village brought forth spirited discussion among councilmembers at last Monday night's regular meeting. Two of the members waxed warm in their declaration that the village could not afford to make the purchase at this time, while other members were of the opinion that the purchase should be made in order to augment the town's firefighting facilities.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
March 3, 1960

Monroe "Pete" Geldersma, aged 42, of 100th Street, Route 2, Alto, was electrocuted Friday afternoon, February 26, in a freak accident at the White Products Corp. tank plant in Middleville. Mr. Geldersma is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; one daughter, Karen Sue; three sons, Kenneth Lee, Ronald Jay and Paul Allen; all at home.

About 3,500 boys and girls in Kent County will join in observing National 4-H Club week from March 5 to 12. These local youth, ages 10-21 years of age, are among the two and a half million 4-H'ers in America and 70,000 members in Michigan belonging to clubs.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
March 6, 1985

An Ada man was ordered to pay \$5,000 for two hunting dogs that he shot on property owned by his father on Bailey Dr. in Vergennes Township. The award stems from a Jan. 1983 incident in which two dogs belonging to Patrick Bigelow were shot on property owned by William Scheur, Sr. Bigelow sued both Scheurs claiming that the dead dog was "willfully and wantonly" killed. The Scheurs argued that Bigelow and his dogs were hunting illegally. The elder Scheur claimed that dogs had killed deer on his property in the past and that he and Bigelow had previously clashed over trespassing.

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
March 4, 1885

It is reported that there are agents in town selling silver-plated ware at exorbitant prices. It is best to know what you are buying also the value of the article before purchasing.

The sparkling and enterprising paper — the Grand Rapids Telegram — has been enlarged to a seven column folio. This evidence of prosperity is gratifying to the many readers of that excellent daily.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
March 3, 1910

Announcement is made by Western Union Telegraph Company that it will shortly be prepared to handle long night messages at the rates customarily charged for ten-hour day messages. It appears that the Western Union has a large unemployed milage of wire which is not earning. To be taken at those rates "night letters" must be written in plain English language, that is to say, code words or communications written in foreign languages will not be accepted.

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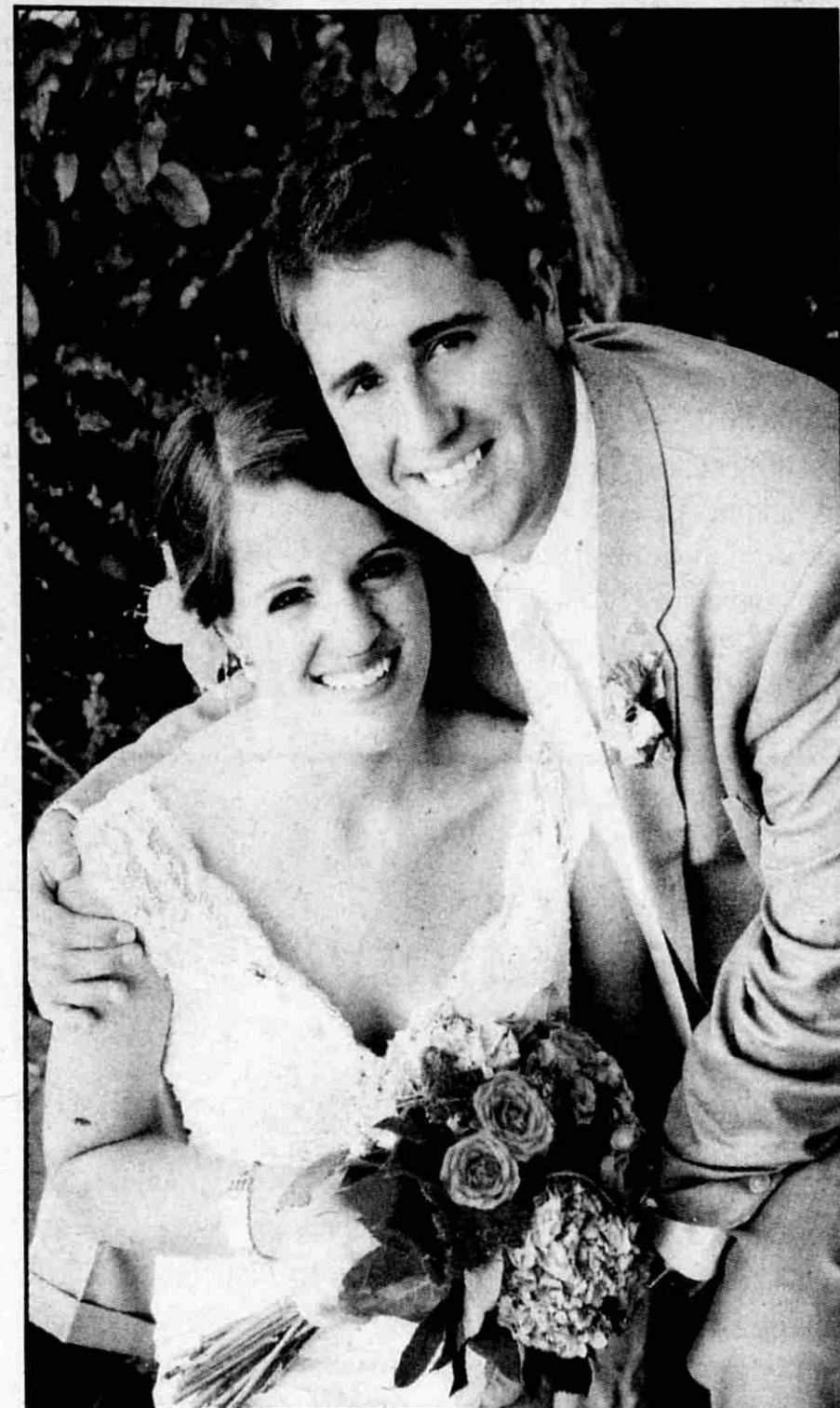
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Traditional Irish music and dance

Meibeyer/Gerard



Emily and Zane Meibeyer

Emily Gerard and Zane Meibeyer were united in marriage July 11, 2009 in an outdoor ceremony at Thornapple Pointe Golf Club. Parents of the couple are John and Lori Gerard of Lowell and Greg and Deanna Meibeyer of Fremont. Maid of honor was Elizabeth Gerard. Bridesmaids were Jessie Meibeyer-Folkema, Amy Scholten, Megan Meibeyer, Whitney Cerak, Jennifer

Casey and Allison Lehman. Flower girl was Malia Meibeyer-Folkema. Best man was Benjamin Briggs. Groomsmen were Jason Folkema, Brian Gerard, Joe Ksiazek, Nick Davis, Will Casey and Zac Banks. Ushers were Bill Johnson and Daniel Gerard. The couple currently resides in Boston, MA while attending graduate school.

Sova/Termini



Mary Sova and Chuck Termini

Mary Sova and Chuck Termini will be pronounced husband and wife on April 11 in Phoenix, AZ. The bride to be is a graduate of Lowell High School. Her parents are Mark and Sue Sova of Lowell. The future groom is a graduate of Dear Valley High School and is a United States Air Force Veteran. His parents are Charles and Cheryl Termini of Phoenix.

Irish reels and jigs, ballads and dance are just part of the celebration of traditional Irish music at the Franciscan Life Process Center's *Afternoon with the Arts: a Celtic Lore*. The annual music department benefit concert will be held Saturday, March 6, beginning at 1 p.m. This year's program includes solo and ensemble harp, vocal and instrumental pieces, and Irish step dance. A performance by the young dancers from Grand Rapids' Quinn School of Irish Dance and the beautiful sound of the Uilleann pipes, played by Rockford's Albert Valk, adds a special touch to the Franciscan Center music department's event. Tickets and gift certificates may be purchased in advance by calling 897-7842 or e-mailing registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org. The \$20 ticket will also be available at the door. Admission includes tea and scones. For more information, see the Franciscan Center website at www.lifeprocesscenter.org

area births

Lyons

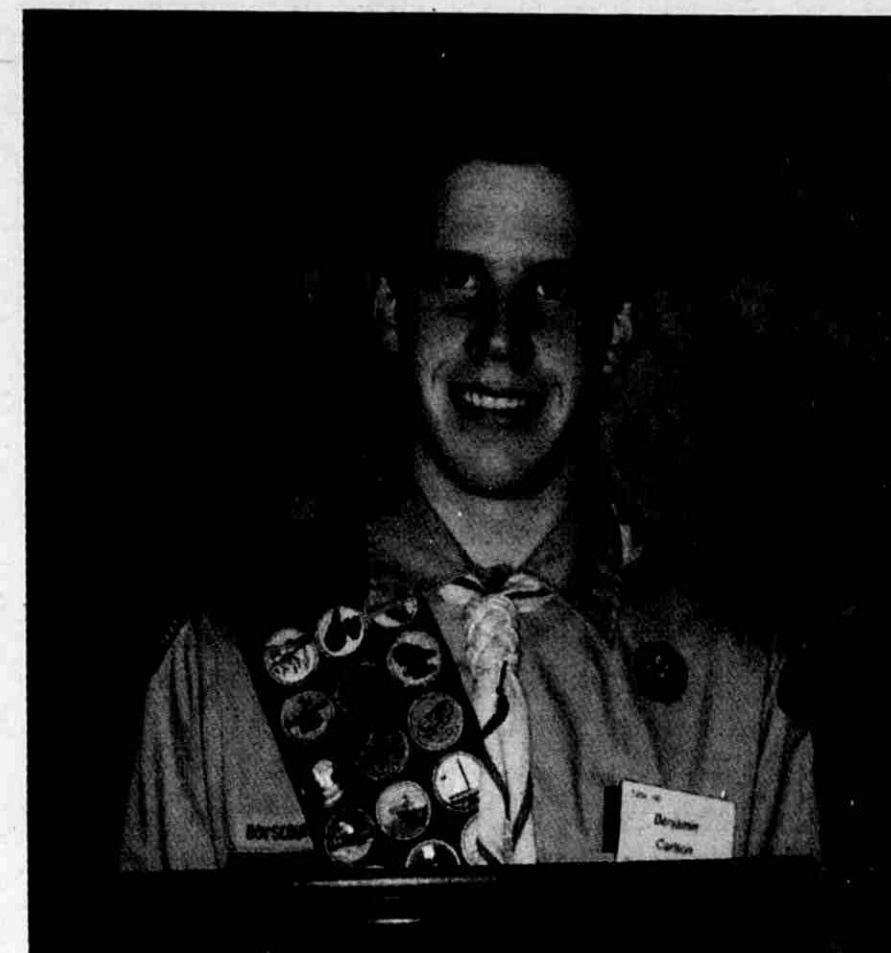


Fisher Bradley Lyons with siblings

Easton, Charlie and Gage Lyons are excited to introduce their new brother, Fisher Bradley. Fisher was born October 2, 2009 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Proud parents are Brad and Lisa Lyons of Alto. Grandparents are Dick and Pam Posthumus of Alto and Ron and Dianna Lyons of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Lola Posthumus of Alto, Marilyn Lambson and the late Glenn Lyons, both of Lowell.

Six Lowell scouts honored at banquet

The Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) had a recognition banquet on Feb. 18 at DeVos Place in honor of the 204 young men within the surrounding 12 counties who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout or Silver Award in 2009. The number of recipients was a record breaking year for the council. The event, which also celebrated the 100th year of scouting, included attendees from the 477 scouting units within the council. Among those honored for achieving their Eagle Scout



rank were: Mark Johnson, Maxwell Stormzand, Parker Liu, Devon Chopp and Ben Carlson, all from Troop 102 in Lowell. Jeremiah Gauger, from Crew 102 in Lowell, was among four Silver Award recipients recognized. Ben Carlson was the single scout honored as the 'Eagle Scout of the Year.' Carlson, who was also the Troop 102 Scout of the Year, has held numerous leadership positions within the Lowell based troop and

crèw. He was also the crew leader for the Gerald R. Ford Council contingent that went to Philmont National Scout Camp in New Mexico last summer. Governor Mitt Romney provided the key note address in an event attended by approximately 1,000 guests and included community leaders such as Dick DeVos and Fred Meijer. Randy Jesberg, Scoutmaster for Troop 102, and several other Troop 102 mentors,

Dirk Ritzema, Gary Liu, and Del Rockwell were in attendance to support the Lowell scouts. According to Mike Sulgrove, GRFC executive, there are more than 5,000 registered adult volunteers who spend their time and talents helping more than 21,000 youths in this Council understand the values based program of Scouting. Troop 102 and Crew 102 are both chartered through the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Troop 102 meets on Monday evenings in the Scout Cabin at the end of Washington Street in Lowell.

Ben "Chili" Carlson was honored as Gerald R. Ford Council's Eagle Scout of the Year.

Comics, continued

"Sometimes it's also coming of age," he said, "realizing our potential." Myers, on the web, publishes every Tuesday and Thursday. 'The Precarious Adventures of Newton von Brisby.' It is about the main character's search for his parents who were kidnapped and brought into another dimension. Myers distributes his comics through Rookies and partner web site Ana Comics with Adrian Wilkins and Anthony Hary at www.anacomics.com/web comics. He published the print version through www.ka-blam.com. He also sells on Indy Planet.

Myers likes working by himself to stay in full control of his work. "I enjoy the storytelling and the art," he said. "I like working on my own stuff. I don't want to change my style to fit somebody else's idea." The goal of Ana Comics partnership is to help people in the same position as Myers. Creating is a form of release for Myers. "I start getting anxious if I don't produce," he said.

"But I am my own worst critic." Right now, he is barely covering his costs, but Myers wants to be able to justify the time creating away from family. He is beginning to hear from other professionals positive things about his work. "Overall it is rewarding," he said. "People are looking at my work in a different light." He will have a book signing at Rookies on May 1.



Nick Myers has self-published comic books in print and on the web.

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Creekside Park is the place to get a workout and burn calories

Submitted by,
Susan Maxwell Stevens

While many were stuck in a gym or on their treadmill at home, Lowell area residents

enjoyed the sound of birds twittering in the fresh air while they felt the burn. Lowell Community Wellness

brought Eco Trek to Lowell as part of the Lowell Weight Loss Challenge.

Eco Trek Fitness takes advantage of the beautiful surroundings of West Michigan parks to bring together nature and a healthy lifestyle. Exercising outdoors and varying the workout each time keeps the boredom at bay and can help participants stick with a fitness plan.

Connecting the mind with nature adds another dimension to the workout. Using the natural surroundings to balance on rocks, scamper through the snow, and leap across puddles or ditches, keeps participants focused on what is around them and helps calm the mind.

"I didn't think I would have as much fun as I did," said Catherine Bek. "I had to force myself to go outside, but I am so glad I did. It was a lot of fun and it was a great workout! The time flew by!"

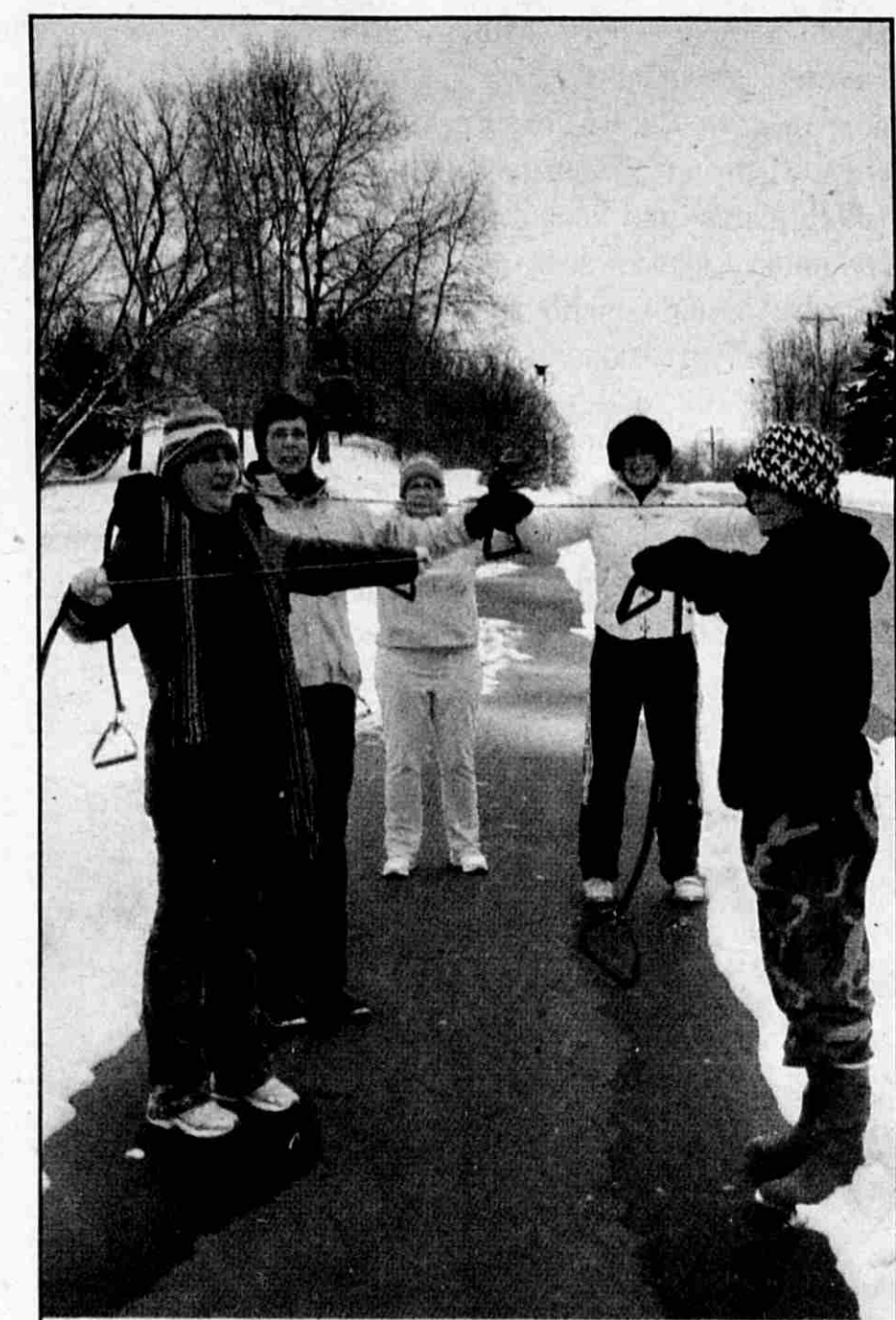
Eco Trek Fitness was created by Cari Draft, of Spring Lake, to offer a fresh approach to her fitness

clients and spotlight the best of West Michigan. "Being out in the fresh air makes you feel like a kid again and keeps you motivated to stick to your fitness goals," she said.

Lowell Community Wellness wanted to bring Eco Trek to Weight Loss Challenge participants to help motivate them to keep moving and keep losing. The Weight Loss Challenge continues until March 10

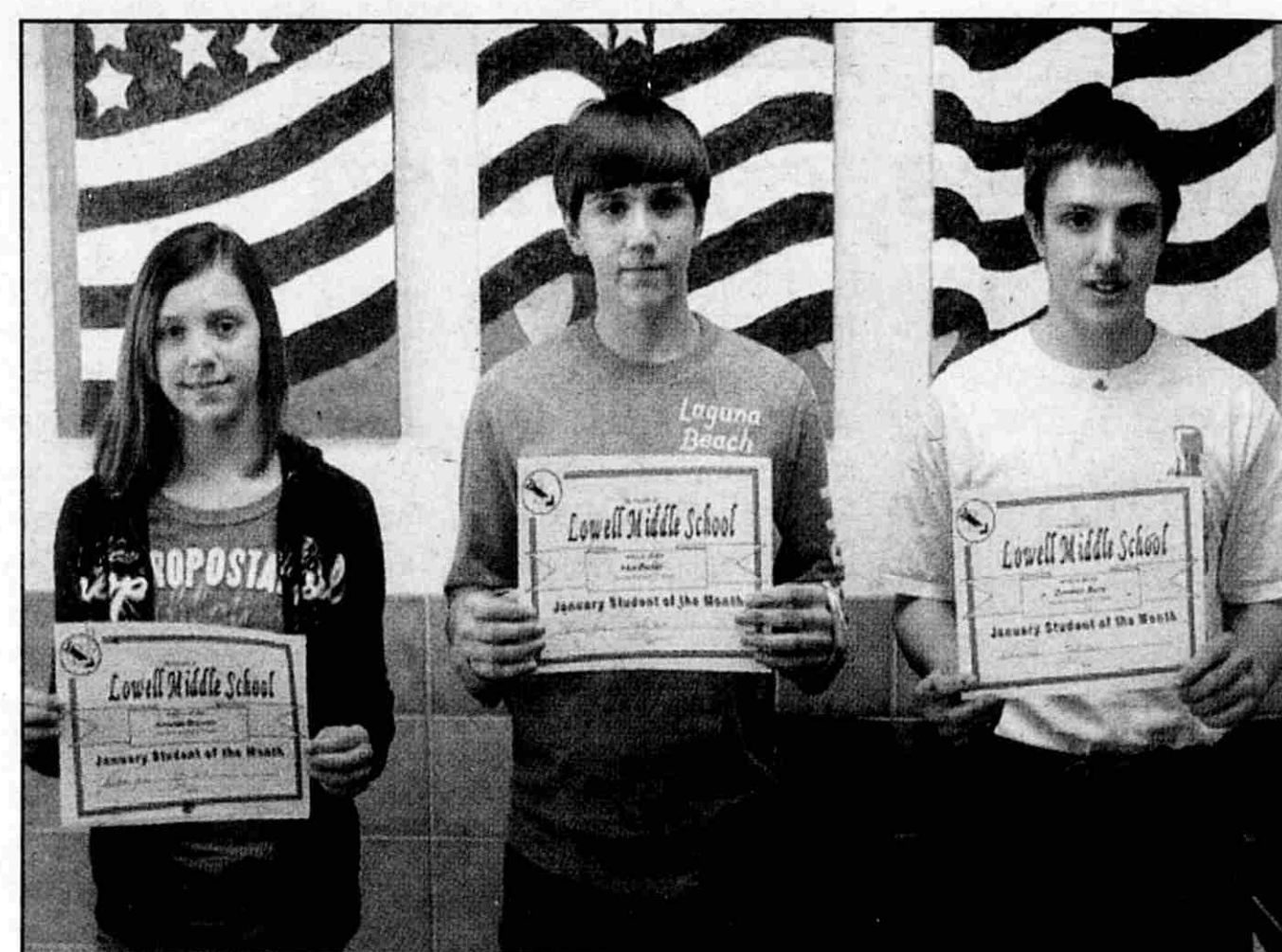
when the winning team will be determined by how many pounds they have lost together. Teams totaling 88 people have lost a total of 759 pounds already.

"Participants are working hard to stay on track and boost their weight loss. We partnered with Eco Trek to bring this program to them for free, with a small fee for non-challenge participants," said Maegan Malone, committee chairman, Weight Loss Challenge and board member, Lowell Community Wellness. "We hope this helps them get that extra boost as we approach the finish line."



Pictured, left to right, are: Kim Malone, Catherine Bek, Caroline Jamison, Teresa Beachum, and Liz Baker.

Middle school Students of the Month



Students of the Month, from left to right: Amanda Brenner, Max Barber and Dominic Beers.

Lowell Middle School has announced the January Students of the Month.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
March 8, 2010

MON: No School - Records Day.

TUES: Tony's Pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, warm baked apples, milk.

WED: Beef & cheese nachos (rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/low fat dressing, pineapple, milk.

THURS: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner roll (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes, peaches, milk.

FRI: Macaroni & cheese (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), steamed carrots, fresh fruit, cinnamon roll, milk.

They are: Dominic Beers, Max Barber and Amanda Brenner.

Beers is an eighth grade student who likes hunting, fishing and working hard. His favorite subject is Math.

His favorite thing about LMS is getting to see all of his friends.

Barber is a seventh grade student who enjoys sports, drawing and reading. Social

Studies is his favorite class because he likes learning about the past. Being able to interact with friends as well as learn is his favorite part of going to LMS.

Brenner is a sixth grade student who enjoys writing stories and English class. Her hobbies include basketball, dance, acting and playing the flute. Brenner really likes the nice teachers at LMS.

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Experience: 30 years in design at the Buyers Guide
Family: Husband Gary, children, Jeff, Billy (deceased), Cody, Connor, Kyle
Hobbies: Watching football, reading, gardening, farming

Jeanne Boss

Position: Partner/Lowell City Directory
Residence: The Planet Youron
Education: Majored in photography & graphic design
Experience: With Ledger/Buyers Guide since 1991 - editor/design
Family: Husband James, 3 daughters
Hobbies: Sailing, photography, gardening, kayaking and kurautling (wandering with purpose)

Tammy Janowiak

Position: Partner/Lowell City Directory
Residence: Cascade
Education: Lowell High School/1988
Experience: Office manager/Lowell Ledger & Buyers Guide
Family: Husband Brad, daughter Calihan, stepsons, Bill and Bobby
Hobbies: Farmville, camping, gardening

Entrepreneurial women carry on with unique product

by Emma Palova

When it's crunch time for the staff at the Lowell City Directory it means nobody goes anywhere until every last detail is finished. Then the directory is sent off to the printer, J-Ad Graphics/Lowell Litho, awaiting the official annual unveiling at the Lowell Expo, always in March.

Local and compact, the Lowell City Directory (LCD) is a much sought after product that has been around for the last 35 years. Most local people don't even use what they call the "big book" or the Grand Rapids phone book.

But, it wasn't until 1995, when three entrepreneurial women took it over from former Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide publisher Roger Brown, that it changed remarkably.

When Brown no longer wanted to publish the book, the trio, president Catherine Acker, vice-president Jeanne Boss and secretary Tammy Janowiak, formed the Lowell City Directory, LLC.

"We like offering that service of the small town book to the community," said Acker.

Acker, with 30 years of design experience from the Buyers Guide, composes ads for the directory and organizes data.

Boss, who is in charge of design, layout and photography for the directory, said the biggest competitive advantage of the directory is the fact that it is local and unique.

"When Roger gave it up, we decided to continue it because people in town liked it," said Boss. "It's easy to use and specific to Lowell."

Among the changes were that the directory went from paid to free during the years of competition with an out of town phone book. It went from paste-up and shooting of negatives to being fully computer generated.

And the covers reflect the local beat, whether it was the 2008 cover with a squirrel in a tree or the 2009 iconic barn out on Lincoln Lake.

"Our squirrel was created during the time when everyone was upset about the trees being cut down," said Boss.

Janowiak's role is to keep everything on track making sure the database is correct. She sells the ads and is also the treasurer.

"I am the organizer," she said. "I get everything organized."

Although the team each has their own part in the project, they all agree the biggest challenge remains the database, also known as the list. The elusive list remains in a constant state of flux.

"We are always trying to make sure the database is correct," said Janowiak.

The LCD purchases a database program and compares it to the existing database.

"We've gotten better at double checking for accuracy," Janowiak said.

In the beginning, one of the challenges was the big transition in desktop publishing programs. InDesign came along and combined the graphics programs, text programs and layout.

"The whole process became smoother," said Boss. "The most important part is that the directory remains consistent and easy for customers to use."

So, were there times when any one of these women wanted to quit the directory? Absolutely.

For Acker and Boss, it was that one stormy February night when the computer crashed and they lost the whole setup ready to go to the printer.

"We lost the entire thing," said Boss. "It took us until 5 a.m. to recover the entire directory. It was a sick feeling."

But, they stayed with it because the next day the directory had to go to the printer.

"I am lucky to be working with two people who wouldn't let me stop if I begged them," laughed Boss.

For Janowiak, it was two years ago when there was a lot going on in her life.

"I didn't want to let Cathy and Jeanne down," she said.

So, the team stayed in tact for the rewarding aspects of the directory. That includes extra income, satisfaction from completing a project

on time, and for the high demand of the directory.

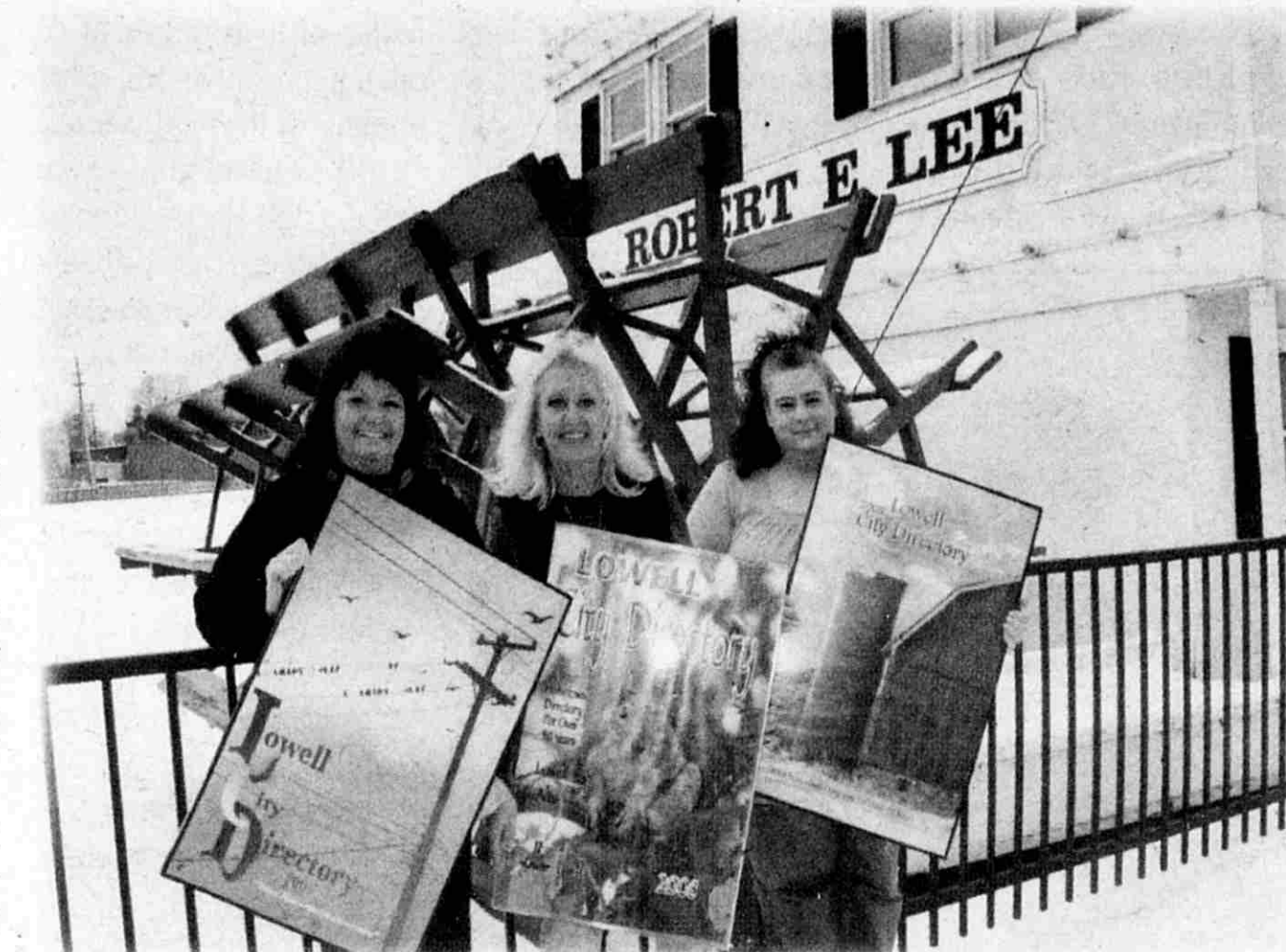
"It's a neat little publication," said Boss. "The fact that we've been a team for so long, it's hard to break that run."

The annual goal remains getting out the directory for the Lowell Expo. This year, it will be unveiled on March 27.

"Right now, it's crunch time. It's up to the printer to get it done on time," said Janowiak.

The advantages of the directory include year-round advertising opportunities, special listings, no rate increase in two years and flexible payment options.

"The cost is manageable," said Acker. "We offer a



Acker, Boss and Janowiak with some recent directory covers.

product at a reasonable price. The directory is one of the longest running businesses in town."

The LCD team sees the future of the directory in its growth and increase in

value. "We'd like to see more advertisers and we'd like to see it grow," said Acker. "We're open to improving it and we're always willing to listen to new ideas."

Janowiak said she'd like to see every business in Lowell advertise in the directory.

"I'd like to see it bigger and better," she said.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell struck down by Rich and the Wildcats

by Thad Kraus
In Lowell's effort to contain Darren Kapustka, a rising star shone brightly for Northview.

Kevin Rich tallied a game-high 22 points in leading the Wildcats to a 53-44 O-K White conference

win over the Red Arrows. "Rich is a star in the making," said Lowell boys' basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "We came into the game wanting to contain Kapustka using a box-in-one or some other junk type defenses. Both Kapustka

and Rich are all-league type players." Rich scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, including two threes in the opening two-and-a-half minutes of the final stanza. "Kevin had a big second half for us. He made some big buckets," Northview coach Trevor Chalmers said. "Lowell made a conscious effort to take Darren out of the game and Kevin stepped up for us."

Rich's fast-starting fourth quarter built a five-point third-quarter lead to 11 at 49-38. "I was happy with our play in the second half. We have been giving ourselves a chance to win the games in the second half of the season," said Chalmers. "We've been playing well."

Northview finishes its league play at 5-5 and is 7-12 overall.

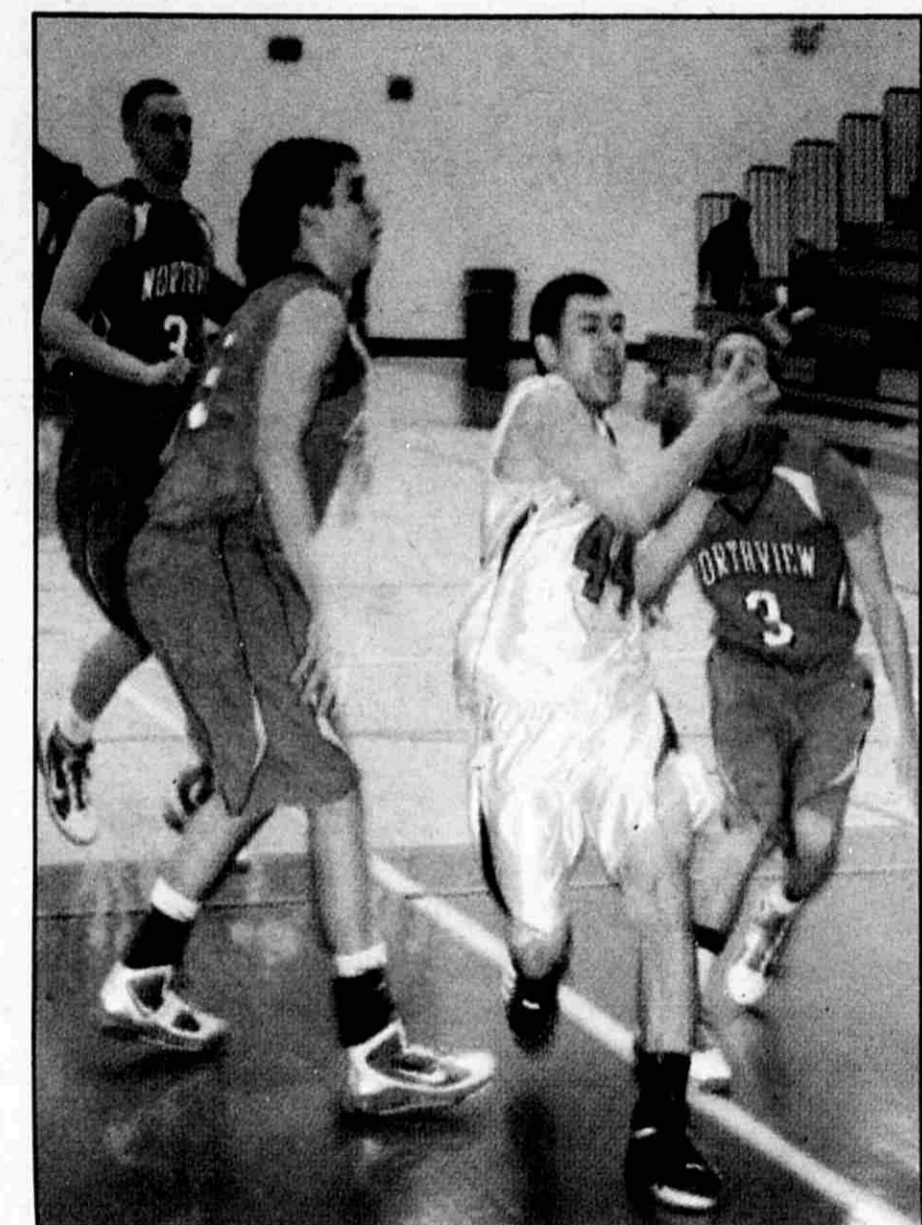
Lowell trailed 16-15 after the opening eight minutes. The two clubs were tied 23-23 at half time. Northview created space with an 18-13 scoring advantage in the third quarter and then finished out the

game with a 12-8 advantage over the final eight minutes. Lowell closed an 11-point deficit to five with 1:19 to play. The Red Arrows, however, went scoreless over the final 79 seconds while Northview netted four of eight free throws.

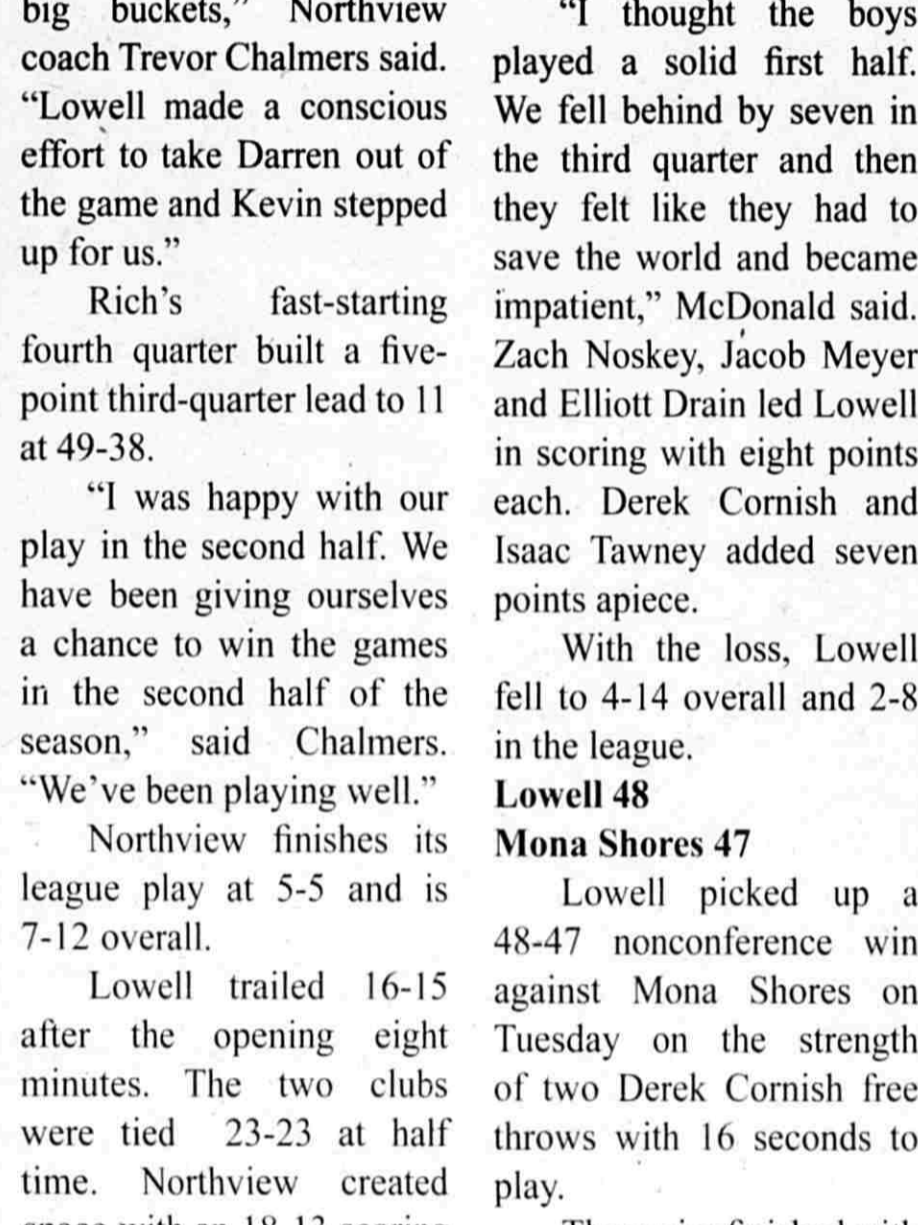
"I thought the boys played a solid first half. We fell behind by seven in the third quarter and then they felt like they had to save the world and became impatient," McDonald said. Zach Noskey, Jacob Meyer and Elliott Drain led Lowell in scoring with eight points each. Derek Cornish and Isaac Tawney added seven points apiece.

With the loss, Lowell fell to 4-14 overall and 2-8 in the league.

Lowell 48
Mona Shores 47
Lowell picked up a 48-47 nonconference win against Mona Shores on Tuesday on the strength of two Derek Cornish free throws with 16 seconds to play. The senior finished with 17 points and Isaac Tawney led Lowell in scoring with 19.



Jacob Meyer drives to the bucket in first-half action against Northview.



Isaac Tawney releases a short jumper with a Northview defender under him.

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Someone had to say it!

Thad Kraus

millions who planned their Sunday afternoon around a game that garnered the highest rating hockey has seen since the Miracle.

To put the numbers in perspective, Sunday's game drew a higher overnight rating than every World Series game since 2004 (including every game of Yankees/Phillies last year), every NBA Finals telecast since 1998, and every NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four game since at least '98.

Excluding the NFL, the 17.6 overnight for the game is the second-highest of the year for any sporting event, behind only the Texas/Alabama BCS National Championship Game in January (18.2).

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrow bowlers roll on to state; 2nd at regional

by Thad Kraus
Lowell senior Kristin Bouwhuis understands the game of high school bowling more than most.

"One day you're the best and the next day you're not," Bouwhuis said. "You just never know. The game is so inconsistent."

Lowell finished second to Northview in the O-K White. The Red Arrows turned things around Friday, at the Division 2 regional at Lincoln Lanes, as it finished ahead of Northview, but finished runner-up to Sparta.

Sparta won the regional with 3,289 followed by Lowell with 3,159, and the Wildcats were third with 3,050.

The second-place finish assured Lowell of a fourth straight appearance at the state tournament.

"That was our goal and

we're happy to be going to state," Bouwhuis said. Lowell rolled six baker games totaling 922 pins. Its three team scores were 797, 752 and 688.

"The girls were outstanding today," said Lowell girls' bowling coach Eva Geldersma. "I think they fired a little bit in that last game, but we're doing well. Second seems to be our track record. The girls finished second to Northview in the league but turned around and finished second today and beat them."

In the individual regional at Lincoln Lanes on Saturday, Bouwhuis and Sarah Mogor both qualified for the state individual tournament. Bouwhuis' total pin count was 937 and Mogor finished with 933.

"Bowling is one ball

at a time and picking up your spares," Geldersma explained. "The other key is not to get mad. Once you do that your game is done."

The Lowell boys' bowling team placed seventh in a field of 13 at the team regional. Lowell finished with a pin count of 3,132.

Union won the regional with 3,676. Mona Shores was second at 3,621 and Kenowa Hills was third with 3,599. The top three teams qualified for the state tournament.

None of the Red Arrow boys qualified for the state meet at the individual regional on Saturday.

Lowell was fourth at the O-K White conference tournament with a pin total of 2,343. Northview was first at 2,645, followed by Grand Rapids Christian, 2,585, and Creston, 2,561.



Lowell girls' bowling team qualified for the team state tournament with its second-place finish at the regional on Friday.

Lowell's state eight are Palace bound

by Thad Kraus
Eight Lowell wrestlers will travel east to the Palace in Auburn Hills for the Division I individual state wrestling tournament which begins on Thursday night.

"The state individual tournament is all about minimizing stress, organization, rest and being on task," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean. "You win when you're focused on the how to, the method and not just winning."

Andrew and Jackson Morse represent Lowell's most favored wrestlers to return from the Palace with state titles.

"Yes, they are favored, but you still have to put four good matches together. One at a time," Dean explained. "I always feel confident when Jackson (160) walks onto the mat and Andrew (145) is probably a heavy favorite."

Gabe Dean (189) and Ryan (189) Olep (171) have positioned themselves well for a run at a state championship.

"Ryan has a great opportunity to be in the finals. His two biggest competitors will face-off before the finals," Dean said. "Gabe is in a weight

class just filled with great athletes."

Of the eight Lowell wrestlers who qualified for state, Jake Fillingham (130) is probably the pleasant surprise of the state eight.

"It would be great to see him get in there and place," Dean said.

Connor Kruse, who placed seventh a year ago in Division 2, is in a competitive field but one Dean believes he can win.

"On any given day Connor is capable of winning," Dean said.

With the splash of Andrew and Jackson Morse

around him, Dan Fleet is an easy wrestler to overlook.

"He's one of six wrestlers at 152 pounds who could win the whole thing," Dean said.

Gabe Morse (135) has the unenviable task of wrestling in the toughest weight class.

"It's loaded with great athletes. Gabe has worked like a champion to position himself for an opportunity at a state title," Dean said.

First Round Matches:
130 Jake Fillingham 28-16 Chase Snider, Hartland, 46-10.

135 Gabe Morse 37-7 Kyle Horr, Monroe, 54-5.

145 Andrew Morse 42-1 Tyler Jackson, Holt, 32-15.

152 Dan Fleet 37-7 Brent Winekoff, Canton, 57-0.

160 Jackson Morse 43-1 Matt Waszkiewicz, Rochester Hills, 33-14.

171 Ryan Olep 33-3 Matt Vandermeer, Clarkston, 37-11.

189 Gabe Dean 32-3 Bobby Lahiff, Northville, 51-11.

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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.

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February 24 - March 2

- Death toll rises to over 700 after a major earthquake in Chile. Tsunami warnings generated for Hawaii and other Pacific islands fortunately do not pan out.
The 2010 Vancouver, B.C. Olympics come to an end as Canada wins the gold beating out the U.S. in hockey, 3-2.
In Orlando, Florida, a trainer at Sea World is dragged into the water and killed by a 12,000 lb. killer whale in front of spectators. This is the third time this particular whale has killed.
An Abercrombie and Fitch employee is fired for wearing a headscarf. The Muslim girl is told the headwear does not conform to the company's "look policy."
Marie Osmond's 18 year-old son commits suicide by jumping off a 15-story building in Los Angeles.

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To the lady in her 60s or 70s in a black coat Monday around 12:30 p.m. - Thank you for stealing my bottle return slip. Was the 80 cents worth it?

I, along with others, miss having the T.V. guide in the Ledger. Why was it taken out? Will it ever be put back in? Please comment in this week's issue.

Editor's note: We would love to provide the listings but the cable providers no longer advertise. The best place to start is with them.

To Mr. Brown with the airplane of renown - miss the stories about the Stearman, wonder if it survived the bad storms in Florida?

- E. Marshall

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows surprise 'Cats, 26-18

by Thad Kraus

Following its 26-18 win over Northview, Red Arrow girls' basketball coach Danielle Gallert summed things up this way, "It feels good to win."

There were a number of reasons to feel good.

Lowell improved its league record to 5-5, its overall record to 10-10, showed some aggressiveness at the offensive end, and it beat a team (Northview) that it will likely see again on Wednesday in district play at Greenville.

The Wildcats open district play against Greenville with the winner playing Lowell.

"This was definitely a game we wanted to win going into the district," Gallert explained.

It wasn't how Northview coach Mike Kapustka wanted his Wildcats to finish up the regular season.

"This is not suppose to happen. We had two great days of practice," he explained. "Yes, we didn't shoot well, but we didn't do anything else well either."

Both teams struggled to score throughout the contest. Lowell led 6-2 after one quarter of play and 8-6 at halftime. The two teams traded buckets in the third quarter with Lowell leading 14-12 going into the final stanza.

The Red Arrows opened the final quarter of play on an 11-3 run to take a commanding 25-15 advantage.

"Our girls did a great job of finding their scorers and getting a hand up," Gallert said. "The girls also did a good job of getting the ball and boxing out."

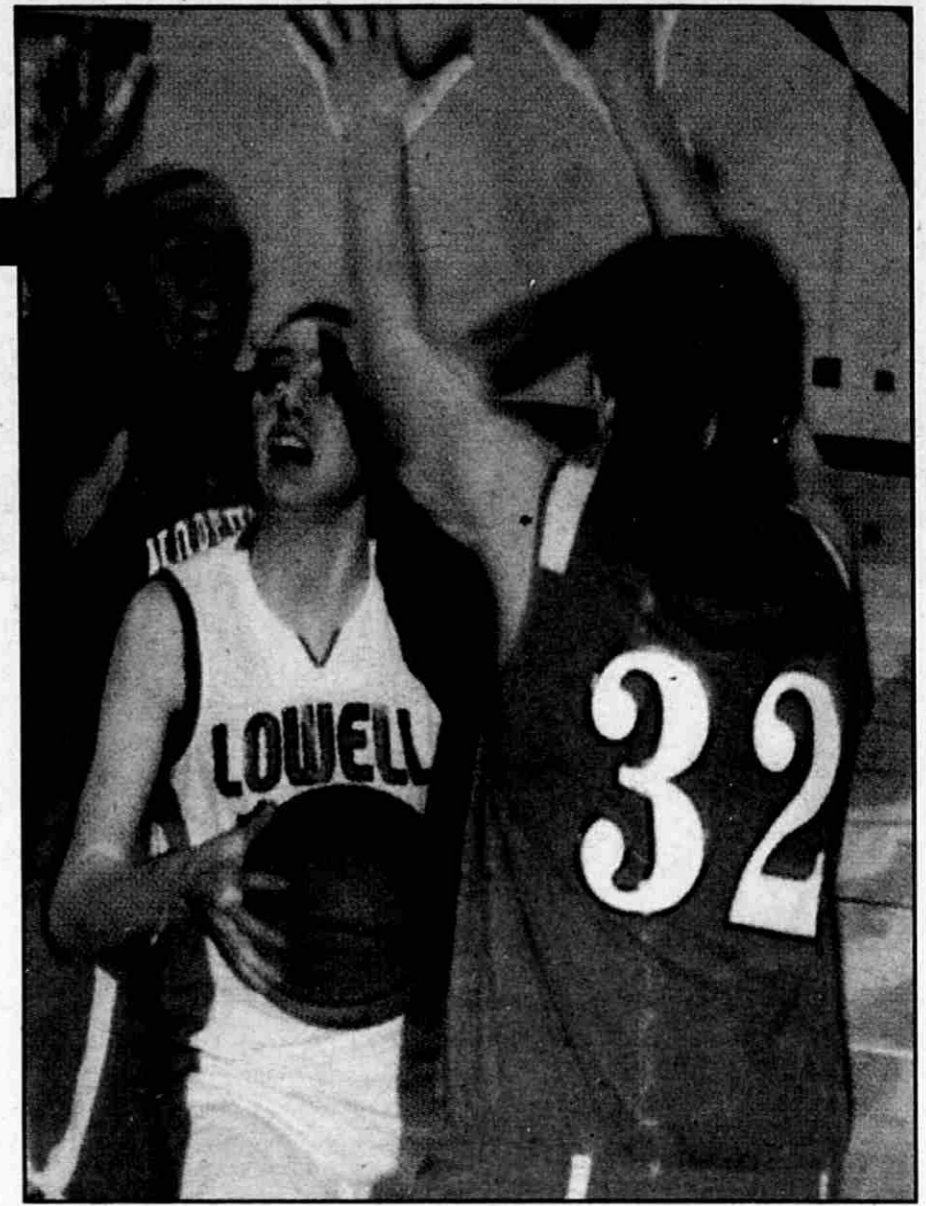
Katie Tompkins led all scorers with 10 points and Brooke Curtis contributed with six.

In a nonconference loss to Mona Shores, Lowell was minus the energy as it fell 41-28.

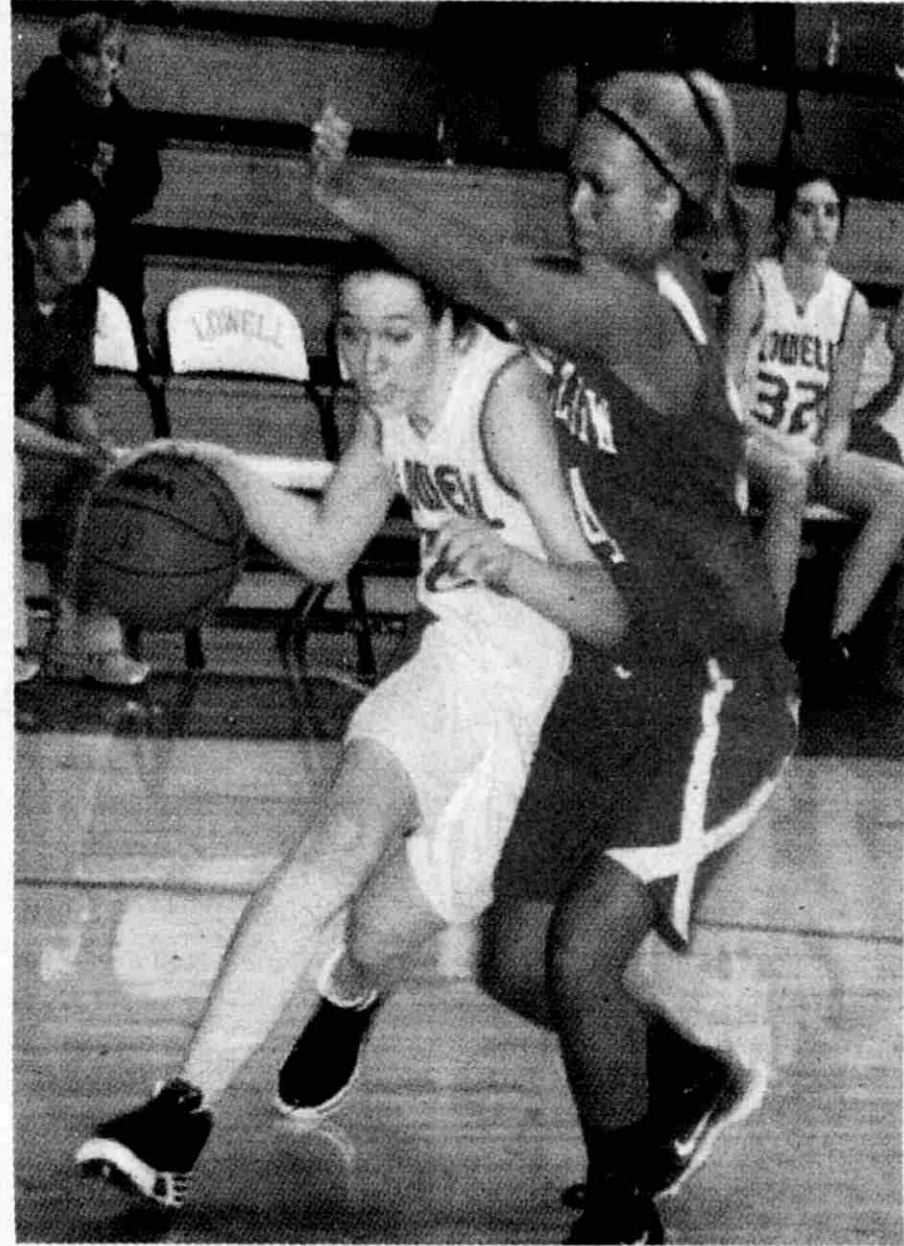
"The girls just didn't play well," Gallert said.

Lowell trailed 23-16 at halftime and 30-21 going into the fourth quarter.

Stephanie Stevens led the Arrows in scoring with 10 points.



Stephanie Stevens finds her way into the lane in Lowell's 26-18 victory over Northview.



Katie Tompkins slips between defenders in action against Northview Friday night.

Hockey team wins regular season finale

A Billy Watson slap shot from the point, in overtime, lifted the Lowell-Caledonia hockey team to a 3-2 win over West Ottawa.

In the overtime period Lowell-Caledonia took a penalty that put them down a skater. A long-clearing pass deflected off a referee onto the stick of Jacob Anderson as he skated down on a

breakaway. It appeared as though he was pulled down from behind, but no penalty was called.

The ensuing face-off, now with 4-on-4 hockey, resulted in the game winner as Watson found the upper left corner of the net.

West Ottawa opened the scoring, in the first period, on a carom off of a Lowell-

Caledonia player. Kolin Morgan tied it up with about a minute left in the second period. Morgan scored again in the third period to give Lowell-Caledonia a 2-1 advantage.

That didn't last long as West Ottawa scored on a power play goal to send the game into overtime.

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