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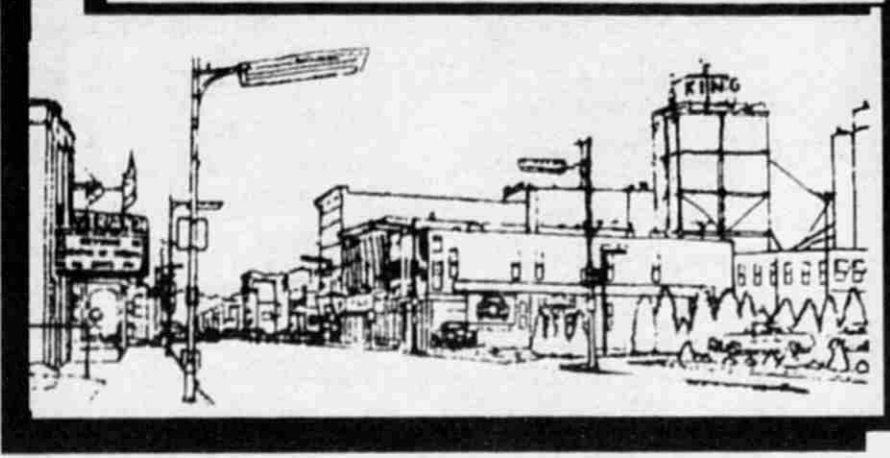
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Along Main Street



LOWELL FFA HOG ROAST & AUCTION

The Lowell FFA will hold a hog roast and auction on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Lowell High School cafeteria. Pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and drinks will be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m., auction at 7 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$5; children 5 and under are free.

YMCA NIGHT AT THE GRIFFINS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Attention Lowell community. On Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. the YMCA will be hosting a night out at the Grand Rapids Griffins game vs. the Michigan K-Wings. It will be a great night out for the whole family. Tickets are \$8 per person and are still available through Friday, Oct. 25. Call the YMCA at 897-8445 for further information.

YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT

The Grand Rapids Youth Symphony will be performing at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Sunday, October 27. The *Fall Classical Concert* will be under the direction of conductor John Varineau with the program starting at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door; adults-\$6; student/senior - \$4. The Lowell Performing Arts Center is located at 11700 Vergennes, just 12 minutes east of Ada.

LMS EIGHTH-GRADE DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS "WELCOME TO THE HAUNTED HOUSE"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the chilling comedy, *Welcome to the Haunted House* on Monday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafetorium at 750 Foreman. Don't miss this free evening of entertainment.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Lowell Area Historical Association is having a fund-raising spaghetti dinner and program on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Cherry Creek Elementary. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and the program will be from 7:30 to 8:30; adults, \$6 and children \$4. Contact Jim Reagan at 897-9656 with any questions. The program is for business and building owners to maintain and repair their property such as how to maintain double hung windows and how to repaint and repair mortar and bricks. The Acquisition/Collection Committee of L.A.H.A. will have a display of historic Lowell artifacts that will also be worth the visit.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "RAW TALENT"

The Lowell High School Drama Club presents an evening of entertainment on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. This year's programs are being titled *Raw Talent*. The one act skits, instrumental and vocal music along with monologs will be presented by the drama club starting at 6:30 in the evening. Admission is free.

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Some area merchants uncomfortable with proposed development of historic district ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

People by nature are sometimes unnerved by the thought of change.

By the nature of their questions, it is apparent some city merchants are hesitant about an ordinance that may restrict their ability to freely undertake change to the structure of their building.

"The historic district ordinance is not a program that is going to be thrust upon owners," said Lowell Historic District study committee member, Jim Doyle.

All the commercial buildings within the historic boundary are grandfathered in. Historic district guidelines will only go into effect when changes to the buildings are made. "No one will have to do a thing if this ordinance is approved," Doyle said.

The boundaries for the historical district were based on the integrity of the properties in the district. Where decline began is where the boundary lines were drawn. "It is uncommon for industrial and new properties to be in a historic district," Doyle said.

Jim Reagan, chairman of the Downtown Development Association and a member of the historic committee, said

Lee's Landing is a good example of what the historic district ordinance can prevent.

"With the historic ordinance in place, the historic commission can suggest a merchant fix something. If the merchant refuses, the commission can fix it and then assess the owner," Reagan said. "If maintenance procedures had been followed, Lee's Landing would still be standing. Lee's Landing has to come down because it has been neglected over a 10-year period."

The charge of the ordinance is to guide and help merchants keep and maintain the downtown's historical character.

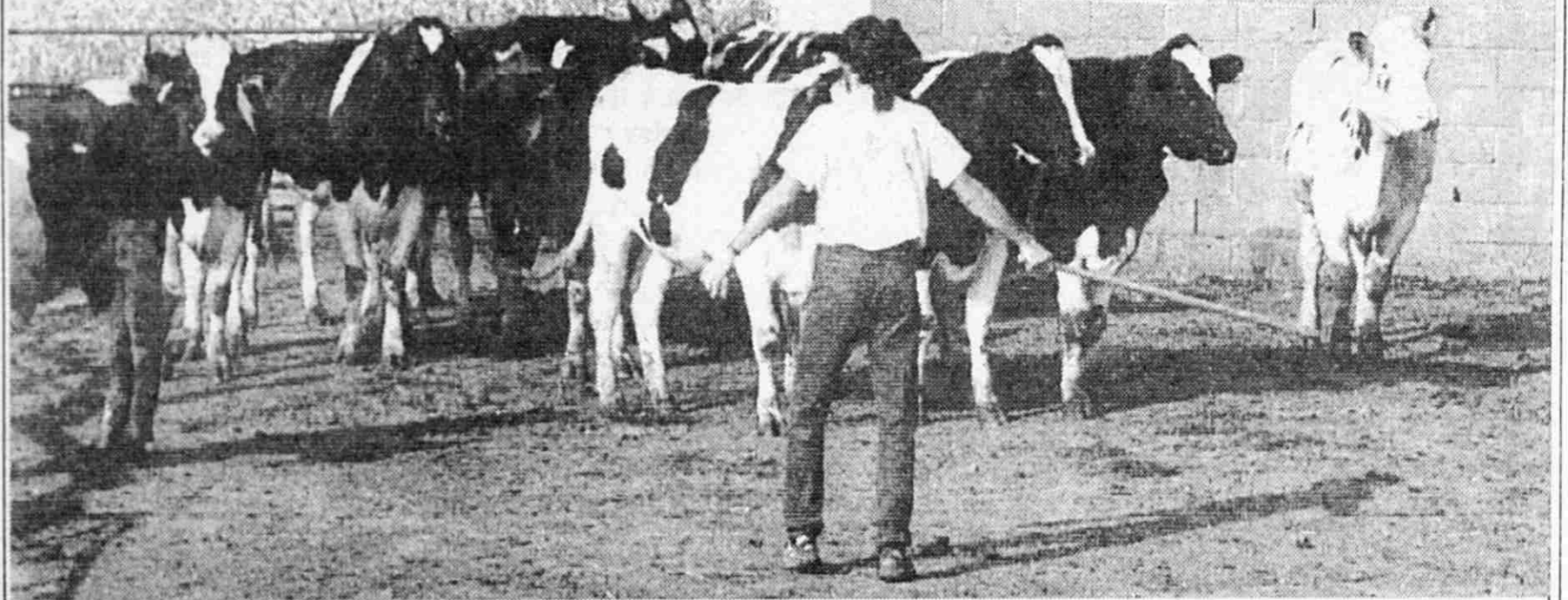
The commission members must be residents and have demonstrated an interest in historic preservation.

River City Beer Store owner Tom Speerstra said merchants are reluctant to allow the city to start a program that is going to ask merchants to reach into their pockets. "Over the last two-three months, downtown merchants have paid for the DDA project," Speerstra said.

Lowell Historic District study committee member Mike Blough said the historic district ordinance will help provide merchants access to creative means of attaining funding to

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Back Bossy, Back!



A helper works to keep the cows from the barn fire at Allan and Judy Baird's.

Firefighters dowse blaze before significant damage is caused

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A fire that started outside a barn at 13738 Three Mile Rd. was contained, avoiding any internal damage to the barn.

Lowell firefighters were called to the farm of Allan and Judy Baird at approximately 10:18 a.m. Thursday.

"I was the only one here," Judy Baird said. "I saw some smoke coming from behind the barn and then went back and saw that a fire had started. I called 911 and drove my car down the road to Wittenbach's where my son David was working."

David and his helpers successfully removed a dozen cattle from the barn and away from the smoke.

Judy Baird said she also removed some of her 25-30 dogs they raise and breed (shelties, border collies and Jack Russell terriers) from their shelters.

Baird said the fire started in an old brush pile which included an old hog pen that had fallen down.

Assistant fire chief Frank Leasure said the cause of the fire was not known.

Firefighters remained on the scene until 1 p.m.

Township sets guidelines for driveway access to major roadways

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Potential businesses eyeing property along M-21 in Lowell Charter Township will have a new set of guidelines to follow before they set up shop.

Under a recommendation of the township's planning commission, the township board agreed to pass an access management ordinance which will "minimize congestion and accident potential" on M-21 and other township roads.

The ordinance coincides with the planning commission's update of the land use plan.

"This will help make connecting roads and lots, and provide fewer cuts into (M)-21 in particular," said commission chairman Mel Beers, before board approval. "We have no control at this point."

After reading it over several times, the board said they could find no problems with the ordinance and unanimously passed it.

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OBITUARIES

HEUKELS - Thomas C. Heukels, aged 53, of Grand Rapids, died October 19, 1996. He is survived by his children Deborah (Brian) Morrison of Dor, Vanessa, Julia and Rebecca "Becky" Heukels all of Lowell. Scott Heukels of Grand Rapids;

parents, Kenneth Heukels of Ada and Dortha Gillesse of Clarksville; sister Marian Heukels of Lowell; brother Donald (Sandy) Heukels of Ada; granddaughters Emily Ray and Harley Kym Heukels; a very dear friend Linda Fricke of Grand Rapids; also several nieces and nephews. The Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Fr. David Harpe of St. Robert of Newminster Church officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, 72 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

KING - Joan Phyllis King, aged 67, of Lowell, died Sunday, October 20, 1996 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was born April 5, 1929 to Roy and Ella (Crawford) Kee Sr. She married Jack S. King who preceded her in death on October 19, 1981. She lived her youth in the Fennville area graduating from Fennville High School she then moved to the Grand Rapids area where she lived for many years. She was a member of the Lowell United Methodist Church. She

is survived by four sons Charles C. (Janet) King of Sand Lake, Michael S. (Shelley) King of Fennville; Lance P. (Terese) King of Belding, Mark R. (Shelly) King of Wyoming; two daughters Mrs. Michael (Pat) Stone of Wyoming, Mrs. Robert (Kolleen) Scheid of Lowell; 15 grandchildren; mother

Ella C. Kee, of Fennville; brother Roy Kee Jr. of Goshen, IN. She was preceded in death by sister Gerry Johnson. The funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 1 p.m. at Chappell Funeral Home in Fennville. Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. Interment Fennville Cemetery.

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TOWN TALK

Now that the majority of the Downtown Development work has been completed in year one, what are your feelings on what you see?



Verna Rogers
I like what they did now that it is finally done. It was worth it.



Jan Bieri
I like what I see. The lights are neat. I am anxious for the trees to be put in place. I'm also glad we have use of the lanes again.



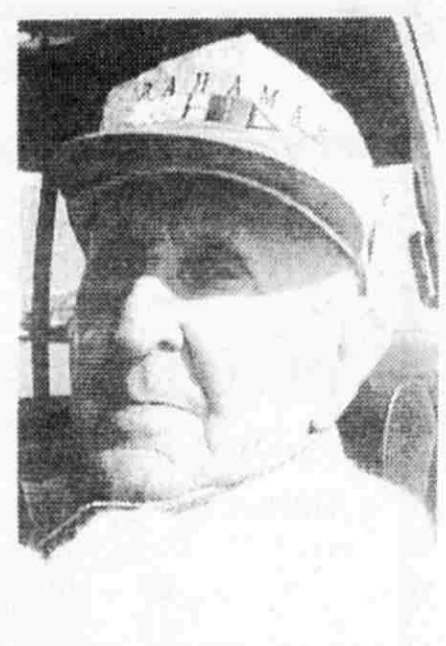
Diane Smith
It looks good. I like the old-fashioned lights.



Sandy Kerrigan
Yeah, I like it now that it is finally done. I like the bricks and the lights. It was just a pain with the construction taking so long.



Violet Gill
So far I like what I see. I like the lights. Now, they just have to get that building fixed up. Our downtown can be really pretty with the river and all.



Gus Abel
I have lived here so long and put up with whatever the village has done. It is better than what it was. I like the new lights.



Missy Beckhorn
I like the new street lights. I just wish they would have gone farther east with them.



Pam Jones
It looks great. It's been needed for a long time. It adds to the town's history. The Riverwalk is really nice. It is going to be great for the use of festivals and city events.

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Zandstra hoofs it solo along the Appalachian Trail

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As Bev Zandstra lay on her wooden slat, cushioned only by her mat and sleeping bag, exhaustion exuded from her body.

This tired state drew her attention to the sound of rats scurrying about and the days that lie ahead on the Smoky

Mountains' Appalachian Trail.

A mishap had changed the course of events before the hike commenced and had left Zandstra the lone member of her party.

Zandstra and her brother Allen Benson had planned the trip for months. The moment had arrived. They stood at the

trail's entrance at Fontana Dam with packs on their backs ready to begin their six-day, 65-mile hike through the Smoky Mountains.

Just prior to beginning the journey, Zandstra's brother slipped off a curb and sprained his ankle.

With her brother no longer able to set out on the journey,

Zandstra chose to make the hike alone.

"I had prepared myself for the walk and come this far," Zandstra said. "I was going to make the trip."

After repacking her back pack, which now weighed roughly 50 pounds, Zandstra began her first day of hiking.

Approximately five hours

ell and on her treadmill did not prepare her for the steepness of the Smoky Mountains.

"I did not sleep real well that first night. I was so exhausted and I was hearing a number of different noises."

The shelters were stone on three sides with wire fronts to keep the bears out.

On her second day,

physical shape."

At Spence Field, Zandstra met up with four men who helped her lighten her pack and prepare dinner.

"We had such a great sitting around the fire at night sharing hiking stories," Zandstra recalls. "I was blessed in that there was always someone at one of

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA:

Notice is hereby given that an election on a special Township proposal will be held in the Township of Grattan from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 5, 1996, the same day as the November General Election:

Shall the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, (1) borrow a sum not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) and issue its general obligation bonds secured by the faith and credit of the Township for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and furnishing a new Township Hall and community Center and related improvements; and (2) increase the tax rate limitation on general ad valorem property taxes within the Township in an amount sufficient to make debt service payments on the bonds, but not to exceed one (1) mill on each dollar (\$1.00 on each \$1,000) of taxable valuation for the period of 1997 through 2012, both inclusive, or until such bonds are repaid in full, whichever occurs first, and levy such increase in millage? (If approved, such increase is estimated to provide revenue of \$73,700 in the first calendar year of the increase.)

List of polling place locations:

Precinct 1: Grattan Township Hall
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The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended:

STATEMENT OF ALL VOTED INCREASES IN THE TOTAL TAX RATE LIMITATION

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I, John K. Boerema, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Kent, State of Michigan, hereby certify that all of Grattan Township is located within the boundaries of said County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said Township as follows:

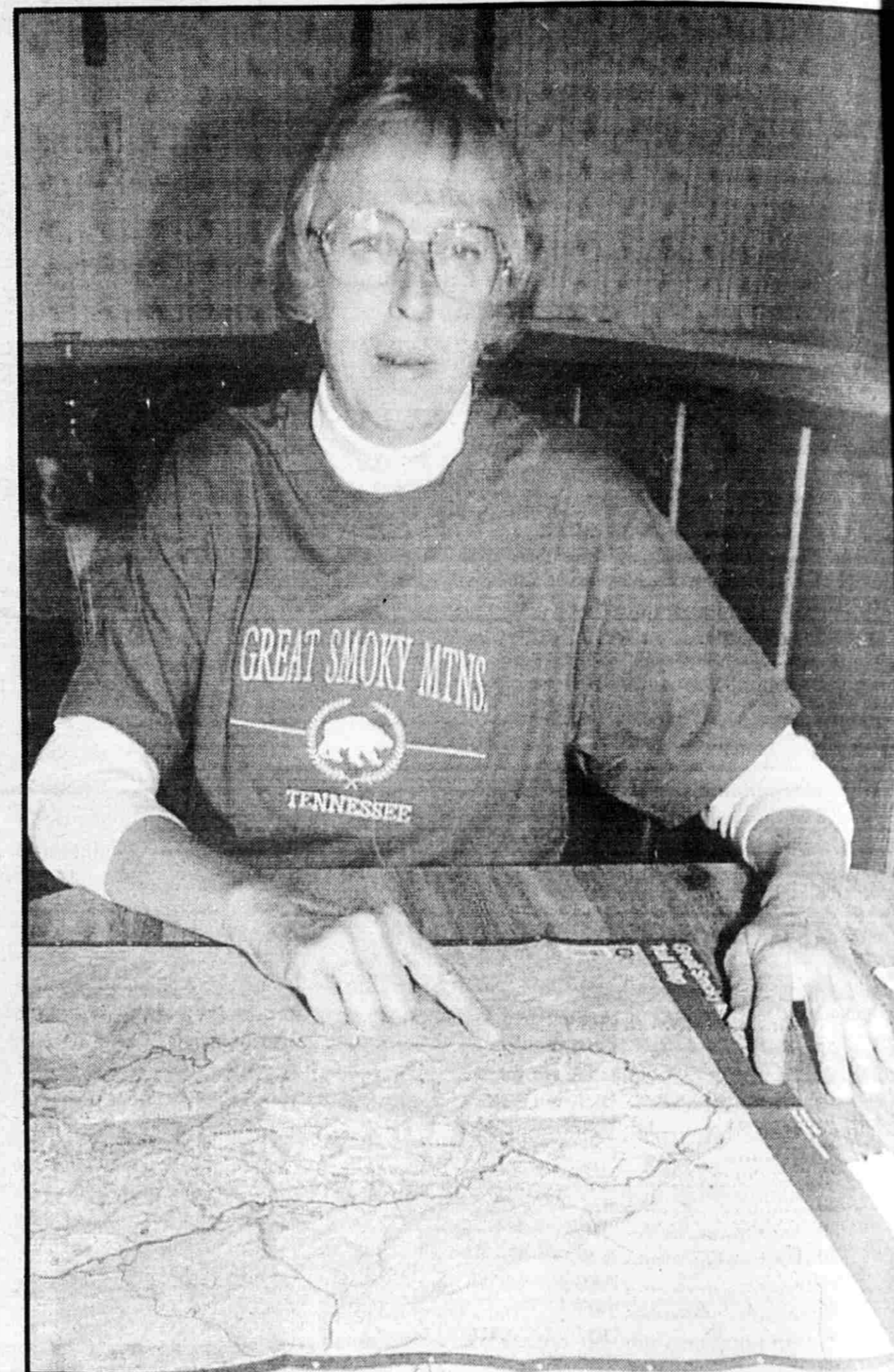
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John K. Boerema
Kent County Treasurer

Dated: September 26, 1996, at
Grand Rapids, Michigan

This Notice is given by the Township of Grattan.

Peggy Gurney, Clerk
Township of Grattan



Zandstra points to Fontana Dam the starting point of her four-day journey along the Smoky Mountains' Appalachian Trail.

away was her first resting place (shelter).

"Over those five miles, I climbed about 2,000 feet," Zandstra said. "There were no signs along the way indicating how far you'd gone." Her destination was Birch Springs Gap.

Because of the weight of her back pack, Zandstra did not remove it unless there was something high to set it on.

"I was afraid if I set it on the ground, I wouldn't be able to lift it back onto my back," Zandstra said.

The Lowell resident came upon her first shelter mid to late afternoon.

"At every shelter I met up with some high caliber people," Zandstra said. "I never had a moment of fear throughout the trip."

As she lay on her wood slat that first evening, it was clear to Zandstra that all the walking she did around Low-

Zandstra dealt with 2,500 feet of elevation. Her destination was Mollies Ridge. "It was by far the toughest day. The last mile was labeled as an extreme climb. I couldn't believe it would be worse than what I had already been through," she said. "About every 20-30 feet, I would stop, lean forward on my walking stick and breathe."

Arriving in the rain at Mollies Ridge, Zandstra met up with a 28-year-old man named Trey.

"He was like a guardian angel," she explains. "He helped me with my wet back-pack and got a fire going while I changed into dry clothes. He was such a help and such a gentleman."

Her journey on the third day of the trip took her to Spence Field. "It was not as bad as day two," Zandstra explained. "It was obvious that I needed to be in better

shelters who provided for me. It was like someone was looking out for me."

However, Zandstra decided during her third day of hiking that she would not be able to make it the full six days.

On the fourth day, she hiked to Townsend Visitor's Center with one of the four men she met at Spence Field. From there, he drove her back to the location where she had parked her car four days earlier.

"The hike to the center was about eight to nine miles, but it was all downhill," Zandstra said with a look of relief.

Zandstra said she was so glad that she decided to hike alone. "The trees, mountains and colors were gorgeous," she said. "I am so glad I did it. I plan on returning and finishing the walk."

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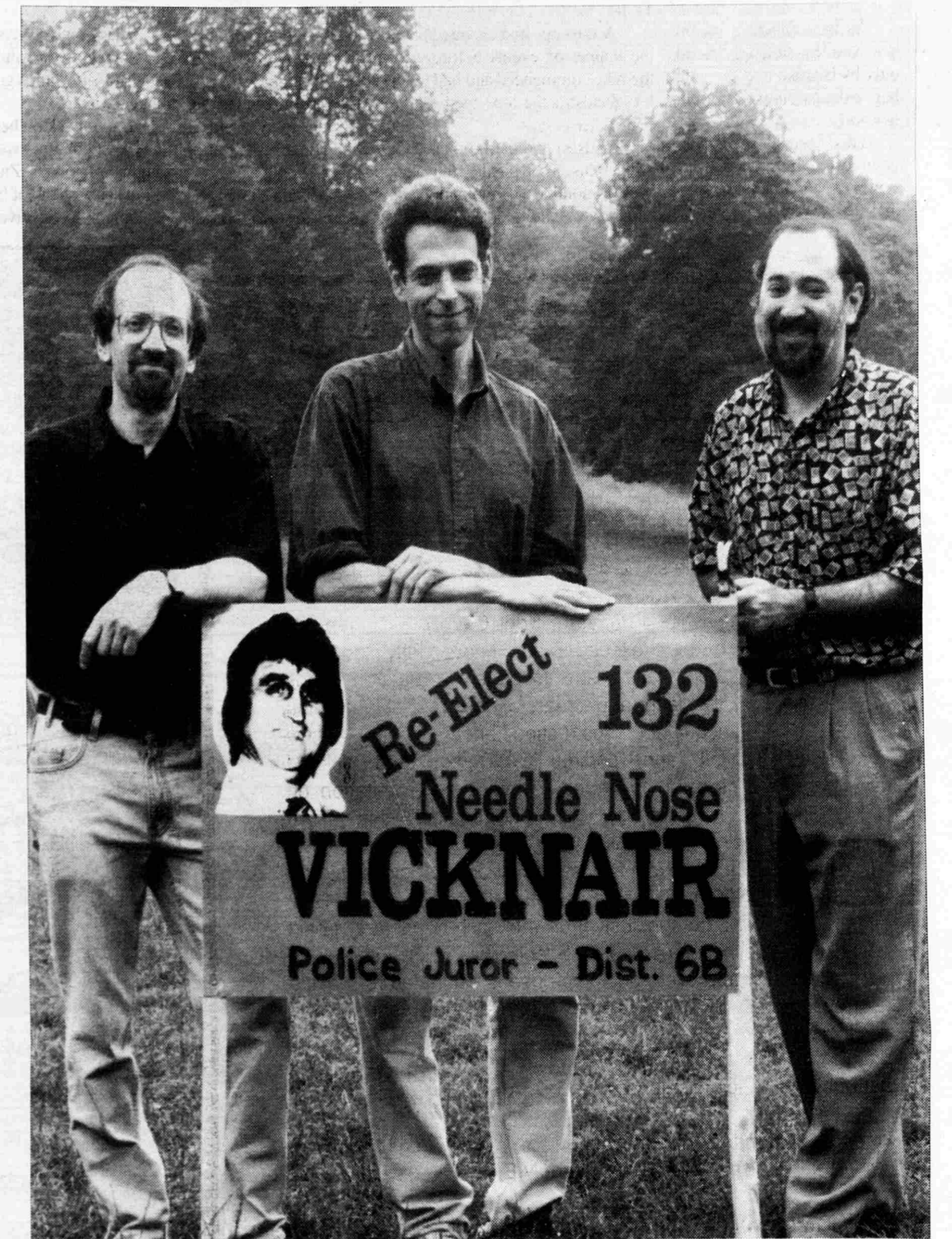
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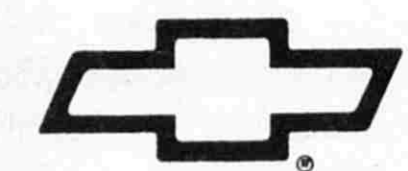
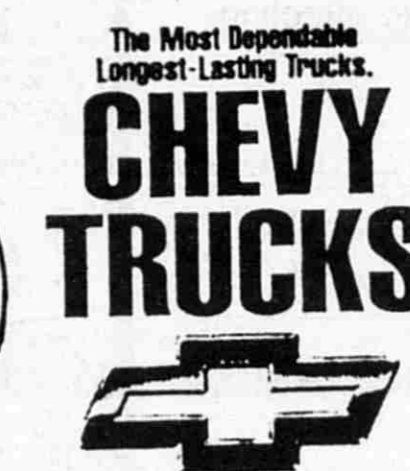


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Where did the time go? Only the storm really knows!

... A passing thunderstorm gave Lowell's girls basketball game with Middleville a haunting feeling.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

By now it's probably been blown out into the Atlantic Ocean, but somewhere there are 60 seconds of playing time that the Lowell girls' basketball team would like to recapture.

With Lowell trailing by four at Middleville Thursday night, lightning struck. Before the short power outage there was 1-48 to play; when the power returned, there were 48 seconds to play.

"The girls played well enough to win," Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers said. "We got some bad breaks in that final quarter."

The Trojans used those breaks and held off the Red Arrows to secure a 50-46 nonconference victory.

Trailing by four, Lowell scored to pull within two at 48-46 with 20 seconds left on the clock. "Four of our players called for a time-out," Akers said. "Four of our players called for a time-out after that basket."

However, the officials did not reward Lowell with a time-

out. Middleville got the ball threw it the length of the court for an easy basket and with it netted the victory.

"The game went back and forth with neither team ever leading by more than four points," Akers said. "We were two evenly matched squads."

Lisa Murphy led the Red Arrows in scoring with 14 points. Jenny Borg tallied 12. Emily Dunn added nine and grabbed a dozen rebounds while Rachael Fredline scored four points and dished out three assists.

Hudsonville 64 Lowell 48

Lowell ran into a buzz saw as the Eagles may have played their best game of the year in defeating the Red Arrows.

"Hudsonville played an outstanding game against us," Lowell coach Ken Akers said. "Our defense wasn't very good, but Hudsonville played very well. When you give up over 60 points, you're not going to win many games."

Hudsonville was able to work the ball inside off the half court offense. Lowell did not have an answer for the Eagles' size.

Down the stretch Hudsonville was able to keep Lowell at bay from the foul line. For the game Hudsonville was 21 of 26 from the charity stripe.

Lowell, on the other hand, was 15 of 31. Jenny Borg led all Lowell scorers with 18 points. Shannon Laux had eight and eight rebounds while Lisa Murphy contributed with seven points.

Lowell finished the week at 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the O-K White.

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"It will be a lot of work to implement (it), but it's a good start," said township supervisor John Timpson.

Besides addressing concerns on M-21, the plan will help with access points on Alden Nash and 52nd Street. The plan gives the commission authority to require a frontage road or rear service drive for certain properties, limits the number of driveways, requires connecting parking lots and driveway sharing, directly aligns opposite driveways, and re-

stricts or prohibits specific turning movements.

The ordinance also sets standards for driveway spacing, deceleration lanes and tapers as well as design and construction of rear service drives, frontage roads, and parking lot connections.

"(This) controls the access on not only M-21, but any major road," Beers said.

Lowell soccer team loses lightning-shortened game to Rangers; ties for second in O-K White

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lightning cut short the Lowell/Forest Hills Central soccer game by approximately four-and-a-half minutes and with any chance of the Red Arrows rallying from a 3-2 deficit.

With lightning in the area, officials stopped the game. After a delay of 10 minutes, they called the game.

Lowell coach Dave Wydock said he was disappointed that officials didn't wait up to a half hour before calling the game.

"With the way we were playing, I truly believe we had a good chance of scoring again," Wydock said.

Forest Hills scored the game's first goal on a quick throw in and a kick from about 25 yards out from Michael Munch. Lowell's Ryan Teelander tied the score late in the first half on a shot from about midfield. The ball was lofted into the air and carried over the Ranger goalkeeper's (Sam Governale) head.

Tied 1-1 at halftime, Forest Hills Central took charge early in the second half. Central scored the first goal of the second half on a breakaway. Munch slipped past a fallen Red Arrow defender and then finished off the breakaway, shooting one

past Lowell goalkeeper Ben Michael, giving FHC a 2-1 lead. Munch scored his third goal of the game a little later on a free kick from around the box.

Lowell pulled to within one, at 3-2, when Matt Maatman scored off a crossing pass and headed the ball into the far post. Lowell's Denny Briggs got a red card - one Wydock did not feel was justified.

"Denny turned to clear the ball and get on defense. The defender had slipped and Denny accidentally kicked the guy in the head," Wydock said. "It wasn't intentional."

The Lowell coach said he was pleased with the way his club came back from the call and played well down the stretch. "We were really pounding their net," Wydock said. "The kids really rallied and did not roll over and play dead when things were going against them."

With the defeat, Lowell finished its O-K White season with a record of 8-4-2, tying them for second with the Rangers. East Grand Rapids won the conference title with a 4-1 decision over Hastings.

"We had a couple of heartbreaking losses," Wydock said. "This is the best soccer team I've coached while at Lowell. I also think from a technical standpoint, we are as good as

anyone in the league. The boys have shown they have skill, speed and heart.

Lowell 5 Wyoming Park 0

The Red Arrows arrived for the game three-and-a-half hours early, and then struggled the first half before pulling away from the Vikings.

"Our scheduling got messed up. We thought the game started at four and it didn't start until seven," Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock said.

Matt Maatman got the first of five goals for Lowell on an assist from Nick Blough.

Maatman scored his second goal of the game and the Red Arrows' fourth off a throw in from Ben Cowan.

Jake Brown made it 2-0 Lowell when he scored with an assist from Shaun Precious.

Aaron Skidmore assisted Cowan on Lowell's third goal of the half.

Nathan Reimbold completed the scoring with Lowell's fifth goal of the game. He scored off a throw in from Cowan.

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